



## THE STRAITS TRADING COMPANY LIMITED

### **Development at PT Koba Tin, the 75% Owned Subsidiary of Malaysia Smelting Corporation Berhad, the Group's Subsidiary**

The Board of Directors of The Straits Trading Company Limited ('Company') wishes to announce that allegations have been made against two of PT Koba Tin's appointed subcontractors in respect of their mining in a forest area within PT Koba Tin's Contract of Work ('CoW') area. PT Koba Tin's internal control measures and investigations have however, confirmed that all production from its appointed subcontractors have been derived from mining activities carried out within PT Koba Tin's CoW and outside of the forest area.

The management of PT Koba Tin is seeking clarification and assistance with relevant authorities on the actions taken by the local police for PT Koba Tin to stop receiving tin ore from its subcontractors and production of tin ingots from its smelting operations, with the aim of restoring PT Koba Tin's operations back to normality as soon as possible. Please refer to the announcement released by Malaysia Smelting Corporation Berhad ('MSC') this evening for further details.

Mr. Norman Ip Ka Cheung and Mr. Razman Ariffin, Directors of the Company, are chairman and director of MSC respectively; as well as members of the Board of Commissioner of PT Koba Tin.

The Directors of the Company (including those who may have delegated detailed supervision of this announcement) have taken all reasonable care to ensure that the facts stated in this announcement are fair and accurate and that no material facts have been omitted from this announcement, and they jointly and severally accept responsibility accordingly. Where any information has been extracted or reproduced from published or otherwise publicly available sources, the sole responsibility of the Directors of the Company has been to ensure through reasonable enquires that such information is accurately extracted from such sources or, as the case may be, reflected or reproduced in this announcement.

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