



THE STRAITS TRADING COMPANY LIMITED

(Incorporated in Singapore)

(Company Registration No.: 188700008D)

ANNOUNCEMENT

**CONDITIONAL CASH OFFERS
TO ACQUIRE ALL THE ISSUED ORDINARY SHARES IN THE CAPITAL OF
THE STRAITS TRADING COMPANY LIMITED**

1. INTRODUCTION

The Board of Directors (the “**Board**”) of The Straits Trading Company Limited (the “**Company**”) refers to:

- (i) the voluntary conditional cash offer by Standard Chartered Bank (“**SCB**”) for and on behalf of The Cairns Pte. Ltd. (“**TCPL**”) to acquire all the issued ordinary shares in the capital of the Company other than those already owned, controlled or agreed to be acquired by TCPL; and
- (ii) the mandatory conditional cash offer by Credit Suisse (Singapore) Limited and Oversea-Chinese Banking Corporation Limited for and on behalf of Knowledge Two Investment Pte Ltd (“**KTIPL**”) to acquire all the issued ordinary shares in the capital of the Company other than those already owned or agreed to be acquired by KTIPL and the Lee Family Companies.

All capitalised terms and references used in this Announcement shall, unless otherwise defined herein, have the same meaning and construction as defined in the Second Offeree Circular (as defined below).

2. CLOSE OF THE OFFERS

Shareholders of the Company should note that it was announced on 18 February 2008 by SCB, for and on behalf of TCPL, that the Final TCPL Offer will remain open for acceptance until **5.30 p.m. on 6 March 2008** and that TCPL does not intend to extend the Final TCPL Offer beyond 5.30 p.m. on 6 March 2008 except where the Final TCPL Offer becomes unconditional as to acceptances or where TCPL incurs a mandatory offer obligation under Rule 14 of the Code during the offer period through the acquisition of Shares (other than pursuant to acceptances of the Final TCPL Offer).

Shareholders should note that the KTIPL Offer Document states that acceptances for the Revised KTIPL Offer should be received by the close of the Revised KTIPL Offer at **5.30 p.m. on 13 March 2008, or such later date(s) as may be announced from time to time by or on behalf of KTIPL.**

3. **DESPATCH OF THE SECOND OFFEREE CIRCULAR**

The Board wishes to announce that the Company has today despatched to Shareholders, a circular dated 23 February 2008 (the "**Second Offeree Circular**") setting out, *inter alia*, the advice of CIMB-GK, the independent financial adviser to the Independent Directors in relation to the Final TCPL Offer and the Revised KTIPL Offer and the recommendations of the Independent Directors in respect of the Final TCPL Offer and the Revised KTIPL Offer. A copy of the Second Offeree Circular is attached to this Announcement and will also be available on the website of the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited at www.sgx.com.

Shareholders who do not receive the Second Offeree Circular within a week from the date hereof may obtain a copy of it from the office of the share registrar of the Company, at the following address, during normal business hours on any day (other than a public holiday, Saturday or Sunday) up to the KTIPL Offer Closing Date:

Tricor Barbinder Share Registration Services
8 Cross Street
#11-00 PWC Building
Singapore 048424
Tel: (65) 6236 3333

4. **RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT**

The Directors of the Company (including any who may have delegated detailed supervision of this Announcement) have taken all reasonable care to ensure that the facts stated and all opinions expressed 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 publicly available sources, the sole responsibility of the Directors of the Company has been to ensure through reasonable enquiries that such information is accurately extracted from such sources or, as the case may be, reflected or reproduced in this Announcement.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

Emily Teo
Company Secretary

Singapore, 26 February 2008

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