THE STRAITS TRADING COMPANY LIMITED

Announcement on Appointment of Ms Chew Gek Khim to the Board of The Straits Trading Company Limited

The Board is pleased to announce the appointment of Ms Chew Gek Khim as a non-executive and non-independent Director of the Company with effect from 20 March 2008.

Ms Chew, age 46, is the Executive Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Tecity Group of private investment companies, the controlling shareholders of the Company. A lawyer by training, Ms Chew graduated from the National University of Singapore and practiced law with the local law firm of Drew & Napier, before she joined the Tecity Group in 1987. She is also director of CapitaRetail China Trust Management Limited, a listed trust of the CapitaLand Group with retail malls in China, as well as FJ Benjamin Holdings Ltd, a fashion retailer in Singapore. Ms Chew is also the Deputy Chairman of the Tan Chin Tuan Foundation in Singapore and the Tan Sri Tan Foundation in Malaysia. She is active in community and public service, and serves on the boards of organizations such as Singapore Totalisator Board and National Heritage Board. She is also a member of the Advisory Board of the Faculty of Law at the National University of Singapore and Deputy Chairman of the National Environment Agency Board. The Board is pleased to welcome Ms Chew and looks forward to her contributions and guidance.

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.

Submitted by Emily Teo (Ms) Secretary

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