



THE STRAITS TRADING COMPANY LIMITED

(Incorporated in Singapore)

(Company Registration Number: 188700008D)

NOTICE OF BOOKS CLOSURE DATE FOR SPECIAL DIVIDEND

The Board of Directors of The Straits Trading Company Limited (the "**Company**") refers to the special cash dividend of S\$1.50 (the "**Special Dividend**") per ordinary share ("**Share**") to be paid to holders of Shares ("**Shareholders**"). The Shareholders have, at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on 13 June 2008, approved the Ordinary Resolution in relation to the payment of the Special Dividend and the Special Resolution in relation to the giving of any financial assistance by the Company, directly or indirectly, within the meaning of Section 76 of the Companies Act, Chapter 50 of Singapore, for the purpose of, or in connection with, the acquisition of Shares by The Cairns Pte. Ltd. or other Shareholders, by way of the payment of the Special Dividend (the "**Financial Assistance**").

The Board wishes to announce that, based on the results of the searches conducted with the High Court of the Republic of Singapore (the "**Court**"), no application has been made to the Court opposing the giving of the Financial Assistance by the Company during the 21-day statutory period which commenced on 17 June 2008 (being the date following the publication of the notice of Financial Assistance by the Company) and ended on 7 July 2008.

Accordingly, the Board wishes to announce that the Register of Members and Share Transfer Books of the Company will be closed on 22 July 2008 (the "**Books Closure Date**") up to and including 24 July 2008, to determine Shareholders' entitlements to the Special Dividend. Duly completed transfers received by the Company's Share Registrar, Tricor Barbinder Share Registration Services (a division of Tricor Singapore Pte. Ltd.) at 8 Cross Street, #11-00, PWC Building, Singapore 048424, up to the close of business at 5.00 p.m. on 22 July 2008 will be registered to determine entitlements to the Special Dividend. Payment of the Special Dividend will be made on 31 July 2008.

As stated in the circular to Shareholders dated 20 May 2008 in relation to the Special Dividend and the Financial Assistance, Shareholders with Shares standing to the credit of their Securities Account as at the Books Closure Date will have the cheques for payment of their entitlements to the Special Dividend despatched to them by ordinary post at their own risk or, in the case where such Shareholders have designated their bank accounts for direct crediting of their dividends and other distributions, have the payment directly credited to their designated bank accounts. Shareholders (other than CDP) whose names are registered in the Register of Members of the Company as at the Books Closure Date will have the cheques for payment of their entitlements to the Special Dividend despatched to them by ordinary post at their own risk.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

Emily Teo
Company Secretary
7 July 2008

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