



THE STRAITS TRADING COMPANY LIMITED

(A member of The Tecity Group)

ANNOUNCEMENT ON APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR

The Board is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Tham Kui Seng, age 51, as an independent and non-executive Director of the Company, with effect from 1 October 2009.

Mr. Tham served as Chief Corporate Officer of CapitaLand Limited overseeing the corporate services functions of the listed real estate group, a position he held from 2002 until 31 December 2008. He was the former Chief Executive Officer of CapitaLand Residential Limited and before that, the Chief Operating Officer of Pidemco Land Limited (Pidemco). Prior to joining Pidemco, Mr. Tham was based in the United Kingdom as the Chief Executive of TPL Printers (UK) Limited, a subsidiary of Times Publishing Limited.

Mr. Tham is a director of CapitaLand China Holdings Pte Ltd and Alexandra Health Private Limited. A President's Scholar, Mr. Tham holds a Bachelor of Arts (First Class Honours) in Engineering Science from the University of Oxford, UK.

The Board welcomes Mr. Tham warmly, who brings with him extensive working experience and invaluable commercial expertise, especially in the real estate and hospitality sectors; and looks forward to working with him. With Mr. Tham's appointment, the number of Directors on the Board stands at 9.

Submitted by
Emily Teo (Ms)
Secretary

The Straits Trading Company Limited
(Registration No. 188700008D) on 30/9/2009 to the SGX

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About The Straits Trading Company Limited

The Company is more than 120 years old with its business interests spanning the Asia Pacific region. The Group engages in tin mining and smelting, investments in other metals and mineral resources, hotel investment and management and property operations. Its mining and smelting operations are carried out through its 73% listed subsidiary in Malaysia, Malaysia Smelting Corporation Berhad, whilst the hotels are managed under the RENDEZVOUS or MARQUE brandings through its 100% subsidiary, Rendezvous Hotels International Private Limited group of companies.