APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF INVESTMENT OFFICER

The Straits Trading Company Limited (the "Company") is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Quah Ban Huat as the Chief Investment Officer of the Company.

Reporting to Ms Chew Gek Khim, Executive Chairman, Mr Quah will join the Company on 1 March 2011 to oversee the investment and investor relation functions of the Group.

Mr Quah, who is a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales and a fellow member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, has extensive experience in both finance & accounting and investments. Prior to joining the Company, Mr Quah was the Chief Financial Officer of Rickmers Trust Management Pte Ltd, the trustee manager of Rickmers Maritime.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

Sng Kiat Huang (Ms) Secretary The Straits Trading Company Limited

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This Announcement will be available at the Company's website at http://www.stc.com.sg

About The Straits Trading Company Limited

One of the oldest listed public companies in Singapore since 1887, The Straits Trading Company Limited has business interests and investments spanning the Asia Pacific region. Through its listed subsidiary on Bursa Malaysia, Malaysia Smelting Corporation Berhad, Straits Trading engages in tin mining and smelting, and resource investments. Its subsidiary Straits Developments Private Limited is in the property business, which includes property investments, development and management primarily in Singapore and Malaysia. Its hotel business is driven by its subsidiary Rendezvous Hospitality Group Private Limited, which owns, operates and manages its stable of hotels in the Asia Pacific region under the Rendezvous and Marque brands. It also holds a significant stake in WBL Corporation, a technology, automotive distribution, property development, and engineering and distribution company listed on the SGX Main Board.