

ANNOUNCEMENT

DESPATCH OF CIRCULAR

1. INTRODUCTION

The board of directors (“**Board**”) of The Straits Trading Company Limited (“**Company**”) refers to the earlier announcement dated 28 October 2013 (“**Announcement**”) in relation to the acquisition of 169,900,000 shares in ARA Asset Management Limited (“**Acquisition**”) and the real estate co-investment with JL Investment Holding (2012) Ltd and JL Equity II Limited (“**Real Estate Co-Investment**”).

2. DESPATCH OF CIRCULAR

The Board wishes to announce that the Company has today despatched to the shareholders of the Company (“**Shareholders**”) a circular dated 23 December 2013 (“**Circular**”) containing, *inter alia*, information on the Acquisition and the Real Estate Co-Investment.

The Circular includes the notice of an extraordinary general meeting of the Shareholders to be held at Meeting Room 334, Level 3, Suntec Singapore Convention & Exhibition Centre, 1 Raffles Boulevard, Suntec City, Singapore 039593 on Wednesday, 8 January 2014 at 10.00 a.m. for the purpose of seeking the ratification of the Shareholders for the Acquisition and the Real Estate Co-Investment.

Shareholders who do not receive the Circular within one week from the date hereof should contact the Company at 9 Battery Road, #28-01, Straits Trading Building, Singapore 049910.

An electronic copy of the Circular will be made available on the website of the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited at www.sgx.com.

By Order of the Board

Aldric Tan Jee Wei
Company Secretary
The Straits Trading Company Limited

23 December 2013
Singapore

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

ABOUT THE STRAITS TRADING COMPANY LIMITED

Incorporated in 1887, The Straits Trading Company Limited is one of the oldest public listed companies in Singapore, with business interests and investments spanning the Asia Pacific region. Through its subsidiary, Malaysia Smelting Corporation Berhad, listed on Bursa Malaysia with a secondary listing on SGX-ST, Straits Trading engages in tin mining and smelting, and resource investments. Straits Trading owns properties and its property business, which includes property investments, development and management primarily in Singapore and Malaysia is driven by its subsidiary, Straits Developments Private Limited. Its hospitality business, which manages and operates a stable of hotels in Asia Pacific entered into a strategic alliance with members of the Far East Organization Group in 2013 to expand the hospitality business in Asia Pacific.