

## **ANNOUNCEMENT**

S\$225,000,000 4.30 per cent. Notes due 2016 (ISIN: SG6Q91975459) (the "Notes") issued by The Straits Trading Company Limited (the "Company") pursuant to its S\$500,000,000 Multicurrency Debt Issuance Programme established on 13 October 2011

## Invitation by the Company in connection with the Notes

The Company wishes to announce that it has today commenced an invitation to holders (the "Noteholders") of the Notes to offer to sell, on the terms and conditions set out in the Invitation Memorandum dated 19 June 2014 (the "Invitation Memorandum"), any and all of the outstanding Notes held by it by submitting a tender application form. The tender/repurchase of the Notes will be coupled with a consent solicitation exercise to amend the terms of the Notes to provide the Issuer with the option to redeem all or some of the Notes then outstanding (other than Notes which have already been accepted for purchase by the Company) (the "Invitation"). The Company is also pleased to announce that it has mandated DBS Bank Ltd. as dealer manager for the Invitation.

The Company also intends to convene a meeting of the Noteholders to seek their approval (by way of extraordinary resolution at such meeting) to, *inter alia*:

- (i) insert a new Condition 5(j) in the Conditions of the Notes to provide that the Company has the option to redeem all or some of the Notes then outstanding (other than Notes which have already been accepted for purchase by the Company) at 100 per cent. of the principal amount of the Notes, together with any accrued interest (calculated up to (but excluding) the date of such redemption) on the Notes; and
- (ii) authorise, where applicable, the Trustee to execute all documents, notices, forms, instruments, consents or agreements, and also to concur in and execute and do all acts, things and documents as the Trustee might consider necessary, desirable or expedient, to give effect to paragraph (i) above.

For further details on the Invitation, Noteholders are advised to refer to the notice of meeting published in *The Business Times* and announced via SGXNET on 19 June 2014.

A copy of the Invitation Memorandum will be mailed to the Noteholders with an address in Singapore. In order to avoid any violation of laws applicable in countries other than Singapore, the Invitation Memorandum has not been and will not be mailed to Noteholders who do not presently have an address in Singapore ("Foreign Noteholders"). Foreign Noteholders who wish to obtain a copy of the Invitation Memorandum should provide in writing such address in Singapore to Deutsche Bank AG, Singapore Branch, as tender agent and delegate in connection with the Invitation, not later than five days before the Early Consent Deadline (as defined in the Invitation Memorandum).

In addition, Noteholders may collect copies of the Invitation Memorandum from the office of Deutsche Bank AG, Singapore Branch, as tender agent and delegate in connection with the Invitation, at One Raffles Quay, #13-00 South Tower (Central Mail Room), Singapore 048583, from 19 June 2014, between 9.00 a.m. and 5.00 p.m. (Singapore time) from Mondays to Fridays (excluding public holidays), up to 10.00 a.m. (Singapore time) on 9 July 2014.

Questions and requests for further information and assistance in relation to the Invitation regarding the Notes should be directed to the Dealer Manager: DBS Bank Ltd. at its address and telephone number set forth on the back of the Invitation Memorandum. Questions and requests for assistance in relation to the submission of the Tender Application Forms should be directed to the Tender

Agent: Deutsche Bank AG, Singapore Branch at its address and telephone number set forth on the back of the Invitation Memorandum. Questions and requests for assistance in relation to the submission of the Voting Instruction Forms should be directed to the Delegate: Deutsche Bank AG, Singapore Branch, at its address and telephone number set forth at the back of the Invitation Memorandum.

By Order of the Board

The Straits Trading Company Limited

Aldric Tan Jee Wei Company Secretary 19 June 2014

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

## **About The Straits Trading Company Limited**

Incorporated in 1887 as a tin smelting company, The Straits Trading Company Limited today has stakes in real estate, hospitality, resources and investments that span the Asia Pacific region. It owns a 89.5% stake in Straits Real Estate, a co-investment vehicle that seeks out real estate related investments & opportunities. It also owns a 20.1% stake in SGX-listed ARA Asset Management Limited, one of the largest real estate fund managers in the region and has a 30% interest in Far East Hospitality Holdings, one of the largest hospitality operators in Asia Pacific. Straits Trading also engages in tin mining and smelting through its 54.8% owned subsidiary, Malaysia Smelting Corporation Berhad, that is dual listed on Bursa Malaysia and SGX-ST.