

## ANNOUNCEMENT

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### NON-BINDING MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH MSC PROPERTIES SDN. BHD.

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The Board of Directors of The Straits Trading Company Limited (the “**Company**” or “**STC**”) wishes to announce that the Company has today signed a non-binding Memorandum of Understanding (“**MOU**”) with MSC Properties Sdn. Bhd. (“**MSCP**”), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Malaysia Smelting Corporation Berhad, in relation to the parcels of land situated in Butterworth, Penang, Malaysia owned by the Company (the “**STC Lands**”) and MSCP (the “**MSCP Lands**”).

The MOU between the Company and MSCP (the “**Parties**”) will serve as the framework for the preparation of the definitive agreement in relation to the STC Lands and MSCP Lands (the “**Lands**”, which term shall include any part or parts thereof). The MOU sets out the principal terms that have been agreed to between the Parties with regard to the Lands, whereby the Parties agreed to cooperate to jointly:

- (a) appoint and/or work with any other parties, if required, to develop the Lands; and/or
- (b) sell the Lands to any subsidiaries, related companies and/or third parties, of which any sale of the Lands should not be undertaken at a price below the Lands’ market value.

As at the date of this Announcement, no definitive or binding agreements have been entered into or reached by the Company in respect of the matters contemplated by the MOU and there is no assurance or certainty that such agreements will be entered into or reached or that such matters will be proceeded with.

The Company will make the appropriate announcement(s) in the event that there are any material developments, in compliance with the provisions of the Listing Manual of the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited.

Shareholders are advised to refrain from taking any action in respect of their shares in the Company which may be prejudicial to their interests and to exercise caution when dealing in the same and, if in doubt as to the course of action which they should take, to consult their stockbrokers, bank managers, solicitors, accountants or other professional advisers immediately.

By Order of the Board

Aldric Tan Jee Wei  
Company Secretary  
**The Straits Trading Company Limited**

27 September 2018  
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 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 globally. It also owns a 20.95% stake in 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, an established international hospitality owner and operator. 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 the SGX-ST.