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Attention: Encik Johan Abdullah

Dear Sirs

STRAITS TRADING AMALGAMATED RESOURCES SDN BHD ("STAR (M)"), A WHOLLY-OWNED SUBSIDIARY OF THE STRAITS TRADING COMPANY LIMITED ("STC")

UNCONDITIONAL TAKE-OVER OFFER BY STAR (M) TO ACQUIRE 14,849,100 ORDINARY SHARES OF RM1.00 EACH IN MALAYSIA SMELTING CORPORATION BERHAD ("MSC") ("MSC SHARES") REPRESENTING 19.80% OF THE ISSUED AND PAID-UP SHARE CAPITAL OF MSC NOT ALREADY OWNED BY STAR (M) AND PERSONS ACTING IN CONCERT WITH IT, FOR A CASH CONSIDERATION OF RM6.12 PER MSC SHARE ("OFFER")

We refer to the above. On 26 November 2004, Commerce International Merchant Bankers Berhad ("CIMB") on behalf of STC made an announcement under Section 12(1) of the Malaysian Code on Take-overs and Mergers, 1998 ("Code") on the Offer in accordance with Practice Note 2.1 of the Code.

Under Section 32(3) of the Code, the offeror, STAR (M) and the persons acting in concert with it ("PAC") are required to disclose their dealings in the securities of MSC.

On behalf of STAR (M), CIMB wishes to inform Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad on the following dealings in the securities of MSC by STAR (M) in accordance with Section 32(4) of the Code:

STAR (M)

Transaction date	Counter	Acquisition	Disposal	Average Price (RM)
5 April 2005	MSC shares	12,000	-	6.0500

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully
for **COMMERCE INTERNATIONAL
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