



**AVARGA LIMITED**  
(Formerly known as UPP Holdings Limited)  
(Incorporated in the Republic of Singapore)  
(Company Registration Number: 196700346M)  
(the “**Company**”)

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## RESPONSE TO SGX-ST'S QUERY REGARDING TRADING ACTIVITY

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The board of directors (the “**Board**”) of Avarga Limited (the “**Company**”) refers to the queries from the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited (“SGX-ST”) on 24 August 2020 regarding the unusual price movements in the Company’s shares and wishes to respond to the queries as follows:

**Question 1:** Are you (the issuer) aware of any information not previously announced concerning you, your subsidiaries or associated companies which, if known, might explain the trading? Such information may include events that are potentially material and price-sensitive, such as discussions and negotiations that may lead to joint ventures, mergers, acquisitions or purchase or sale of a significant asset. You may refer to paragraph 8 in Appendix 7.1 of the Mainboard Rules for further examples.  
- If yes, the information shall be announced immediately.

**Company’s response :**

The Board and the Company’s management are not aware of the reason for the trading. However, as an investment company focused on creating value through strategic investments, the Company is constantly considering possible corporate actions and exercises to increase shareholder returns.

At present, the Company is exploring opportunities relating to its paper manufacturing business. These opportunities include the expansion and/or a potential listing of this business. However, such exploration is still at a preliminary stage. There is no assurance as to whether any transaction will materialise or as to the structure of any such transaction. The Company will make appropriate announcements in the event that there are any material developments in this regard.

The Company has also been considering a possible transaction which will allow it to monetise its investment in the power plant located in Yangon, Myanmar. The terms of such possible transaction are still not finalised and are still under consideration. Again, there is no assurance as to whether any transaction will materialise or as to whether any definitive agreement will be reached. The Company will also make appropriate announcements in the event that there are any material developments in this regard.

In addition, the Company’s subsidiary, Taiga Building Products Ltd, reported strong earnings growth for the period ended 30 June 2020. In this regard, the Company notes that companies in the building materials industry in North America have generally performed strongly in the stock market given recent strong demand in housing and home renovation projects.

**Question 2:** Are you aware of any other possible explanation for the trading? Such information may include public circulation of information by rumours or reports.

**Company’s response :**

Save for the information disclosed above and in public announcements issued by the Company, the Company is not aware of any other possible explanation for the trading.

**Question 3:** Can you confirm your compliance with the listing rules and, in particular, Mainboard Rule 703?

**Company's response :**

The Company confirms that it is in compliance with the listing rules and in particular, Mainboard Rule 703.

**BY ORDER OF THE BOARD**

**Ian Tong**  
Chief Executive Officer

24 August 2020