

# **Media Release**

## SPH TO JOIN IN A KEPPEL CORP-LED OFFER FOR M1

**Singapore**, **27 September 2018** – Singapore Press Holdings Limited ("**SPH**") announced today that it will join Keppel Corporation Limited ("**KCL**") in making a pre-conditional voluntary general offer for M1 Limited ("**M1**") (the "**Offer**") through Konnectivity Pte. Ltd. (the "**Offeror**"), which is majority-held by KCL. The Offer is a strategic initiative to gain majority control of M1, in order to drive business changes in M1 that will enable M1 to compete more effectively in the telecommunications industry.

The Offer is for all outstanding M1 shares, other than those M1 shares already owned, controlled or agreed to be acquired by the Offeror, its related corporations and their respective nominees, at the offer price of S\$2.06 per share in cash.

SPH has undertaken to roll-over its existing 13.45% stake in M1 into the Offeror, and is envisaged to invest up to approximately S\$51.3 million in cash in the Offeror to partially fund the Offer. Upon the close of the Offer, SPH's effective stake in M1 may increase up to 16.13%.

Mr. Ng Yat Chung, Chief Executive Officer of SPH, said: "We are supporting KCL in this Offer as we see the potential for long term value creation in M1 from the growth and business transformation initiatives to be undertaken post close of the Offer. The transaction is earnings accretive for SPH shareholders, and is part of SPH's ongoing strategy to enhance value for its shareholders.

KCL has demonstrated strong commitment to lead M1 in its transformation plans, and we believe they are the right partner to take M1 further. We also see opportunities for SPH to leverage on M1's mobile platform to offer on demand and ready digital content to better serve our customers. We look forward to working together to utilise our resources and expertise to best develop M1."

Approval from the Info-communications Media Development Authority ("**IMDA**") is a precondition to making the Offer. Upon obtaining IMDA's approval, the Offer will be formally made and will become unconditional when the Offeror and its concert parties obtain more than 50 per cent of the issued share capital of M1 by the close of the Offer.

Credit Suisse (Singapore) Limited is the sole financial adviser to SPH in respect of the Offer.



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All capitalised terms which are used in this media release but not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Pre-Conditional Offer Announcement dated 27 September 2018. This media release should be read in conjunction with the full text of the Pre-Conditional Offer Announcement and the announcement released by SPH dated 27 September 2018 which are available on www.sgx.com.

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SPH's core business is publishing of newspapers, magazines and books in both print and digital editions. It also owns other digital products, online classifieds, radio stations and outdoor media.

On the property front, SPH owns 70% in a real estate investment trust called SPH REIT which comprises Paragon, a premier upscale retail mall and medical suite/office property in Orchard Road, The Clementi Mall, a mid-market suburban mall and The Rail Mall, a stretch of shopping and dining outlets along Upper Bukit Timah Road. SPH also owns and operates The Seletar Mall. It is developing a new commercial cum residential site at Woodleigh. It also has a stake in Chinatown Point and acquired a portfolio of Purpose-Built Student Accommodation (PBSA) in the United Kingdom.

It is in the aged care sector and owns Orange Valley, Singapore's largest private nursing home operator.

SPH runs a regional events arm and a chain of Buzz retail outlets. It also invested in the education business.

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