### ISR CAPITAL LIMITED

## Company No. 200104762G (Incorporated in the Republic of Singapore)

# APPLICATION FOR WAIVER OF COMPLIANCE FROM RULES 705(1) AND 707(1) OF THE LISTING MANUAL OF THE SINGAPORE EXCHANGE SECURITIES TRADING LIMITED (THE "SGX-ST") AND EXTENSION OF TIMELINES

The Board of Directors (the "**Board**") of ISR Capital Limited (the "**Company**" and together with its subsidiaries, the "**Group**") refers to the announcement dated 1 March 2019 in relation to the Application (as defined below). The Board wishes to announce that the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited (the "**SGX-ST**") has on 4 March 2019 advised that it has no objection to the Company's application for the following:-

- (a) a 1-month extension of time from 28 February 2019 to comply with Listing Rule 705(1) and announce its full year financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2018 (the "**FY2018 financial statements**") by 31 March 2019; and
- (b) a 1-month extension of time from 30 April 2019 to comply with Listing Rule 707(1) to hold the Company's 2019 Annual General Meeting ("**AGM**") by 31 May 2019,

(collectively, the "Waiver") (the "Application"), subject to the following:-

- the Company announcing the Waiver granted, the reasons for seeking the Waiver, the conditions as required under Rule 107 of the Listing Manual and if the Waiver conditions have been satisfied;
- (2) the Company convening the FY2018 AGM by 31 May 2019; and
- (3) submission of a written confirmation from the Company that as at the date of the Application, it was not aware of any information that will have a material bearing on investors' decision which has yet to be announced (the "Written Confirmation").

The Company has submitted the Written Confirmation to the SGX-ST on 22 February 2019.

The reasons for seeking the Waiver are as follows:-

#### FY2018 financial statements

- (i) The Company has recently completed its acquisition of a 60% shareholding interest in Tantalum Holding (Mauritius) Ltd (the "Target Company") from REO Magnetic Pte. Ltd. (the "Vendor") (the "Acquisition"). As announced on 3 January 2019, the Vendor had on 28 December 2018, transferred its shares of the Target Company representing a 60% stake to ISR Global Pte. Ltd., a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company (the "Transfer"). The consideration for the Acquisition, being 747,257,307 ordinary shares in the Company (the "Consideration Shares"), was also satisfied by the Company on the allotment and issue of the Consideration Shares to the Vendor on 3 January 2019.
- (ii) In the course of the preliminary discussions between the Company and their group auditors, RT LLP on the Company's FY2018 consolidated financial statements, the Company and RT LLP had arrived at the conclusion that, unless findings in the audit suggest otherwise, the Target Company and its wholly-owned Madagascar subsidiary, Tantalum Rare Earth Malagasy

S.A.R.L.U. (the "**Operating Company**") should be considered the Company's subsidiaries as at 31 December 2018.

(iii) In addition, the accounting service providers engaged by the Target Company and the Operating Company for the preparation of their management accounts are still in the process of finalising these management accounts of the Target Company and the Operating Company and are unable to provide the relevant unaudited consolidated financial statements to the Company for Consolidation in time for an announcement to be made by the Company in compliance with Rule 705(1). The Company expects to receive the draft unaudited consolidated financial statements of the Target Company and its subsidiaries for the financial year ended 31 December 2018 in the second half of March. The Company would require some time to review these financial statements and to prepare and finalise the Company's unaudited consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2018, but endeavours to announce its FY2018 unaudited consolidated financial statements by 31 March 2019.

#### FY2018 audited financial statements

- (iv) As at the date of the Application, the Target Company was in the process of replacing its auditors with PricewaterhouseCoopers Ltd, Mauritius ("PwC Mauritius"). The Operating Company was also in the process of appointing PricewaterhouseCoopers S.A.R.L., Madagascar ("PwC Madagascar") as its auditors. Such appointments were expected to be finalised by end February and PwC Mauritius and PwC Madagascar were expected to commence their audit of these entities' FY2018 financial statements as soon as possible. As at the date hereof, PwC Madagascar has been appointed while the Target Company is in the midst of finalising PwC Mauritius' appointment.
- (v) The Company expects delays in respect of the audit of the Target Company's FY2018 consolidated financial statements as the Target Company has historically taken an extended period of time to finalise the audit of its financial statements. For example, the existing auditor of the Target Company is still in the process of completing the audit of the Target Company's consolidated financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2017. Taking into account the expected delays as well as the 14-day notice period for an annual general meeting, the Company endeavours to convene its annual general meeting by 31 May 2019.

The Company may from time to time face integration difficulties following an acquisition, and in this case, the preparation of the Target Company's and its subsidiaries' financial statements in a timely manner. The Company believes that business integration requires time but is also currently considering different solutions and plans to address this issue. Such plans include:

- Increasing the strength of the Company's finance team and dedicate specific finance team members to look after the financials of the Target Company and its subsidiaries.
- Conducting an internal review of the existing service providers of the Target Company and its subsidiaries which are unable to meet the Company's deadlines and expectations and replacing such services providers. To this end, the Company has seen that PwC Mauritius and PwC Madagascar will be the auditors of the Target Company and the Operating Company going forward.
- Assessing and considering the engagement of auditors from the same "Big 4" network for each of the Company and its subsidiaries, in order to better manage and control the preparation of Group financial statements going forward.

The Company will be making an application to the Accounting and Corporate Regulatory Authority for an extension of time of 1 month to hold the Company's AGM by 31 May 2019 and will make an announcement on the outcome of the application in due course.

The Company is not aware of any information that will have a material bearing on investor's decision which has yet to be announced.

#### By Order of the Board

Chen Tong Executive Chairman

5 March 2019