

## ANNOUNCEMENT

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### CLARIFICATION OF ARTICLE IN THE BUSINESS TIMES ON 26 AUGUST 2014

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The Straits Trading Company Limited (the "**Company**") refers to the article in The Business Times on 26 August 2014 entitled "Deal brewing for Straits Trading Building", in which it was mentioned that "[a]dvanced discussions are believed to be going on for the Straits Trading Building".

The Company also refers to its announcement dated 30 April 2014 in respect of the presentation slides for the presentation to shareholders of the Company at the Company's Annual General Meeting on 30 April 2014 (the "**Presentation**"). In the Presentation, the Company highlighted that in relation to its existing property portfolio, it intends to, amongst others, maximise yield, and divest non-core assets and redeploy capital.

The Company wishes to inform shareholders that the Company has been in discussions with a potential buyer in connection with a possible transaction, which may or may not lead to the sale of the Straits Trading Building. Discussions are on-going and there is no certainty whatsoever that these discussions will result in any definitive agreement or transaction.

The Company will, in compliance with the applicable rules (including the Corporate Disclosure Policy of the Listing Manual of the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited), make further announcements as appropriate. The Company wishes to advise the shareholders of the Company to take note of the above and refrain from taking any action in respect of their shares in the Company which may be prejudicial to their interests.

By Order of the Board

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

26 August 2014  
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 as a tin smelting company, The Straits Trading Company Limited today 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. It also owns a 20.1% stake in SGX-listed 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, one of the largest hospitality operators in Asia Pacific. 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 SGX-ST.