VOLUNTARY UNCONDITIONAL CASH OFFER

by



CREDIT SUISSE (SINGAPORE) LIMITED

(Incorporated in the Republic of Singapore) (Company Registration No.: 197702363D)

for and on behalf of

FINCANTIERI OIL & GAS S.p.A.

(Incorporated in Italy) (Company Registration No.: 04795811001)

a direct wholly-owned subsidiary of

FINCANTIERI

FINCANTIERI S.p.A. (Incorporated in Italy) (Company Registration No.: 00397130584)

to acquire all of the issued ordinary shares in the capital of



a **Fincantieri** company

VARD HOLDINGS LIMITED (Incorporated in the Republic of Singapore) (Company Registration No.: 201012504K)

other than those already owned, controlled or agreed to be acquired by Fincantieri Oil & Gas S.p.A., its related corporations and their respective nominees

EXTENSION OF CLOSING DATE ANNOUNCEMENT

1. INTRODUCTION

Credit Suisse (Singapore) Limited ("Credit Suisse") refers to:

- (i) the offer announcement dated 13 November 2016;
- (ii) the offer document dated 1 December 2016 (the "Offer Document"); and
- (iii) the reduction of acceptance condition and offer declared unconditional announcement dated 12 January 2017,

released by Credit Suisse, for and on behalf of Fincantieri Oil & Gas S.p.A. (the "Offeror"), which is a direct wholly-owned subsidiary of Fincantieri S.p.A., in connection with the voluntary unconditional cash offer (the "Offer") for all of the

issued ordinary shares ("**Shares**") in the capital of VARD Holdings Limited (the "**Company**"), other than those already owned, controlled or agreed to be acquired by the Offeror, its related corporations and their respective nominees.

All capitalised terms used and not defined herein shall have the same meanings given to them in the Offer Document.

2. EXTENSION OF CLOSING DATE

Credit Suisse wishes to announce, for and on behalf of the Offeror, that the Closing Date for the Offer is extended from 5.30 p.m. (Singapore time) on 16 February 2017 to 5.30 p.m. (Singapore time) on 10 March 2017 or such later date(s) as may be announced from time to time by or on behalf of the Offeror.

Accordingly, the Offer shall close at 5.30 p.m. (Singapore time) on 10 March 2017 or such later date(s) as may be announced from time to time by or on behalf of the Offeror.

All other terms of the Offer set out in the Offer Document remain unchanged.

3. PROCEDURES FOR ACCEPTANCE OF THE OFFER

- 3.1 The procedures for acceptance of the Offer by a Shareholder are set out in Appendix 2 to the Offer Document and in the accompanying Form of Acceptance and Authorisation for Offer Shares (the "FAA") and/or the Form of Acceptance and Transfer for Offer Shares (the "FAA", and together with the FAA, the "Acceptance Forms"). Shareholders who wish to accept the Offer, or Shareholders who have already accepted the Offer in respect of some but not all of their Offer Shares and who wish to accept the Offer in respect of additional Offer Shares, may do so by completing and returning the relevant Acceptance Form.
- **3.2** Shareholders who do not have the relevant Acceptance Form should contact The Central Depository (Pte) Limited (for a Depositor) or RHT Corporate Advisory Pte. Ltd. (for a scrip holder), as the case may be, immediately at the addresses and telephone numbers set out below:

RHT Corporate Advisory Pte. Ltd.
9 Raffles Place
#29-01 Republic Plaza Tower 1
Singapore 048619
Tel: +65 6381 6888

Electronic copies of the Acceptance Forms are available on the website of the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited at <u>www.sgx.com</u>.

3.3 Investors who have purchased Shares using their The Central Provident Fund ("CPF") contributions pursuant to the Central Provident Fund Investment Scheme ("CPFIS Investors") and investors who have purchased Shares pursuant to The Supplementary Retirement Scheme ("SRS", and such investors "SRS Investors") should receive further information on how to accept the Offer from their respective

agent banks included under CPF ("CPF Agent Banks") and SRS ("SRS Agent Banks"), respectively. CPFIS Investors and SRS Investors are advised to consult their respective CPF Agent Banks and SRS Agent Banks should they require further information, and if they are in any doubt as to the action they should take, CPFIS Investors and SRS Investors should seek independent professional advice. CPFIS Investors and SRS Investors who wish to accept the Offer are to reply to their respective CPF Agent Banks and SRS Agent Banks by the deadline stated in the letter from their respective CPF Agent Banks and SRS Agent Banks by the deadline stated in the letter from their respective CPF Agent Banks and SRS Agent Banks, which may be earlier than the Closing Date.

3.4 The views of the directors of the Company who are considered independent for the purposes of the Offer (the "Independent Directors") on the Offer and the independent financial adviser to the Independent Directors on the Offer has been made available to Shareholders in the Company's circular to Shareholders dated 15 December 2016 (the "Shareholders' Circular"). Shareholders may wish to consider their advice before taking any action in relation to the Offer. An electronic copy of the Shareholders' Circular is available on the website of the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited at <u>www.sgx.com</u>.

3.5 If any Shareholder is in doubt about the Offer, he should consult his stockbroker, bank manager, solicitor or other professional adviser immediately.

4. **RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT**

The directors of the Offeror (including any who may have delegated detailed supervision of this Announcement) have taken all reasonable care to ensure that the facts stated and all opinions expressed in this Announcement are fair and accurate and that no material facts have been omitted from this Announcement, and they jointly and severally accept responsibility accordingly. Where any information has been extracted or reproduced from published or otherwise publicly available sources (including, without limitation, in relation to the Company), the sole responsibility of the directors of the Offeror has been to ensure through reasonable enquiries that such information has been accurately and correctly extracted from such sources or, as the case may be, reflected or reproduced in this Announcement.

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For and on behalf of

FINCANTIERI OIL & GAS S.p.A.

16 February 2017

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