

ASCENT BRIDGE LIMITED
(Incorporated in the Republic of Singapore)
Co. Registration No. 198300506G

ANNOUNCEMENT

QUARTERLY UPDATE PURSUANT TO RULE 1313(2) OF THE LISTING MANUAL

Ascent Bridge Limited (the “**Company**” and together with its subsidiaries, the “**Group**”) was placed on the watch-list under the financial entry criteria pursuant to Rule 1311(1) of the Listing Manual of the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited (“**SGX-ST**”) on 4 December 2019.

Pursuant to Rule 1313(2) of the Listing Manual, the Board of Directors (the “**Board**”) of the Company wishes to provide an update as follows:

(1) Proposed acquisition of 80% equity interest in Octopus Distribution Pte. Ltd., 80% equity interest in Nereus Cape Pte. Ltd. (formerly known as Cape Exim Pte. Ltd.) and 39.2% equity interest in Luen Heng F&B Sdn. Bhd (“Proposed Acquisition”)

Reference is made to the Company’s announcement on 24 April 2022 and 20 May 2022 on the Proposed Acquisition (the “**Previous Announcements**”). Capitalised terms used but not defined herein shall have the same meanings ascribed to them in the Previous Announcements.

As announced on 20 May 2022, the Company has submitted the circular for the EGM and additional listing application to the SGX-ST for the issuance of new shares in the capital of the Company as part consideration for the Proposed Acquisition.

Shareholders can refer to the Previous Announcements for details of the Proposed Acquisition.

The Company will make further announcements to update shareholders on the status of the circular and listing application and any material developments regarding the Proposed Acquisitions.

(2) Application to exit from the SGX Watch-List

Reference is made to the Company’s announcement on 18 April 2022 on its application to submission SGX-ST to exit the Watch-List based on the criteria set out in Rule 1314 of the Listing Manual of the SGX-ST (“**Exit Application**”)

On 1 September 2022, the Company announced that the SGX-ST did not approve the Exit Application because the Company has not met the criteria for exit when the non-recurrent income and income generated by activities outside the ordinary course of business is excluded based on its audited financial statements for financial year ended 31 December 2021.

The Company has up till 2 December 2022 to exit the SGX-ST Watch-List. The Company will be submitting an application to seek an extension of time to exit the Watch-List in due course. The Company will keep the shareholders informed of any material developments in this regard and will make such further announcements as and when appropriate

(3) Change in year end

As announced on 10 August 2022, the Company and its subsidiaries (the “Group”) have changed its financial year end from 31 December to 31 March.

The calendar year end 31 December is traditionally the busiest period for the Group’s liquor business. The change in financial year end to 31 March will better reflect the business performance of the Group and facilitate better management of resources and internal processes for a smooth flow of business operation.

The majority of companies listed on the SGX-ST has a December year end. The change in financial year end to 31 March will allow the Group to better plan its audit schedule, financial reporting and holding of its Annual General Meeting during the off-peak period.

Following the change in financial year end, the financial year of the Group will end on 31 March annually and the current financial year will cover a period of 15 months from 1 January 2022 to 31 March 2023. The next annual general meeting will be held on or before 31 July 2023 in respect of the 15-month financial period from 1 January 2022 to 31 March 2023.

(4) Financial performance and financial position

The Group reported a revenue of \$0.3 million and net loss after tax of \$2.9 million for 1H FY2022 as compared to revenue of \$7.7 million and net profit of \$15.6 million for 1H FY2021. Revenue for 1H FY2022 were generated from sales and distribution of alcoholic beverage, while revenue for the 1H FY2021 were mainly generated from sales of aluminium extrusion business which had been disposed as at 29 June 2022 with effect from 1 January 2022. As the acquisition of MTBL Global group was only completed on 15 March 2022, revenue from sales of new business only contribute to the group after 16 March 2022. As a result, in 1H FY2022, the Group’s revenue only included sales and distribution of Moutai Bulao products for the period from 16 March 2022 to 30 June 2022, and resulted in the net loss for 1H FY2022.

Please refer to the unaudited financial statements of the Group for the half year ended 30 June 2022 released on SGXNET on 10 August 2022 for more details.

(5) Update on future direction

Management has intensified promotion and marketing of the liquor products of its new business under MTBL Global Pte Ltd to drive the Group’s revenue and profitability following the easing of COVID restrictions in its markets. Other than the Proposed Acquisition, the Group will continue to seek opportunities in potential profitable businesses to expand and grow the Group.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

Foo Soon Soo
Company Secretary

3 October 2022