

### **NOBLE GROUP LIMITED** (Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)

#### ANNOUNCEMENT OF BOOKS CLOSURE AND PAYMENT DATES FOR FINAL DIVIDEND AND APPLICATION OF THE SCRIP DIVIDEND SCHEME TO FINAL DIVIDEND

Noble Group Limited (the "Company") refers to:

- (a) the final dividend of US\$0.0091 per ordinary share of HK\$0.25 each ("Share") in the capital of the Company for the financial year ended 31 December 2013 (the "Final Dividend"), which was approved by shareholders of the Company ("Shareholders") during the Company's Annual General Meeting held on 16 April 2014; and
- (b) the announcement dated 21 February 2014 relating to the application of the Noble Group Limited Scrip Dividend Scheme (the "Scrip Dividend Scheme") to the Final Dividend.

### **Books Closure and Payment Dates for Final Dividend**

The Company announces that the Share Transfer Books and Register of Members of the Company will be closed at 5.00 p.m. on 15 May 2014 up to 16 May 2014 for the purpose of determining Shareholders' entitlements to the Final Dividend. The ex-dividend date will be 12 May 2014.

Registrable transfers received by the Company's Share Transfer Agent, B.A.C.S. Private Limited at 63 Cantonment Road, Singapore 089758, up to 5.00 p.m. on 15 May 2014 will be registered and determined for entitlement to the Final Dividend.

The Final Dividend will be paid on 3 July 2014.

### Application of the Scrip Dividend Scheme to the Final Dividend

As announced on 21 February 2014, the Company has determined that the Scrip Dividend Scheme will be applicable to the Final Dividend. As such, eligible shareholders of the Company have the option of taking their Final Dividend in cash or new Shares or (unless a permanent election is made) a combination of part cash and part new Shares.





For the purposes of determining the number of new Shares to be allotted and issued under the Scrip Dividend Scheme and/or the Singapore dollar amount of dividends to be paid, the Final Dividend will be converted into Singapore dollars at an exchange rate to be determined by the Company on the basis of the prevailing US dollars-Singapore dollars conversion rate published on Bloomberg as at 5.00 p.m. on 15 May 2014 (the "**Applicable Exchange Rate**"). The Applicable Exchange Rate, when so determined by the Company, will be announced by way of a subsequent announcement on the SGXNET.

The new Shares will be issued at an issue price, being an amount in Singapore dollars to be determined by the Company (the "**Relevant Amount**"), which Relevant Amount shall not be set at more than a 10% discount to the arithmetic average of the daily volume weighted average price of a Share on the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited for each of the market days during the market days commencing on 12 May 2014 and up to 15 May 2014.

The Notice of Election with respect to eligible shareholders of the Company taking their Final Dividend in cash or new Shares or (unless a permanent election is made) a combination of part cash and part new Shares will be despatched to eligible shareholders on or about 28 May 2014.

Eligible shareholders may participate in the Scrip Dividend Scheme in respect of the Final Dividend subject to the terms and conditions of the Scrip Dividend Scheme and may also make a permanent election to participate in the Scrip Dividend Scheme in respect of all future dividends to which the Scrip Dividend Scheme applies.

Shareholders who have previously made a permanent election to participate in the Scrip Dividend Scheme in respect of all future dividends to which the Scrip Dividend Scheme applies may cancel their permanent election and opt to take their Final Dividend in cash or in a combination of part cash and part new Shares.

Shareholders with registered addresses outside Singapore ("**Overseas Shareholders**") who wish to be eligible to participate in the Scrip Dividend Scheme must provide an address in Singapore for the service of notices and documents by notifying the Company, c/o the Company's Share Transfer Agent, B.A.C.S. Private Limited (the "**Share Transfer Agent**"), at 63 Cantonment Road, Singapore 089758 (or such other address as may be announced by the Company from time to time) or, if the Overseas Shareholder is a Depositor, The Central Depository (Pte) Limited ("**CDP**"), by 7 May 2014. Overseas Shareholders (including those who may have previously made permanent elections to participate in the Scrip Dividend Scheme) who do not have or provide registered addresses in Singapore to the Company, c/o the Share Transfer Agent or CDP, as the case may be, will not be eligible to participate in the





Scrip Dividend Scheme. In view of securities laws applicable in the United States of America or Canada, the participation in the Scrip Dividend Scheme will not be available to Shareholders whose registered addresses are in the United States of America or its territories or in Canada. The new Shares will not be registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933 or under the laws of any state in the United States.

Eligible shareholders who elect to participate in the Scrip Dividend Scheme will be allotted and issued fully paid new Shares. In respect of eligible shareholders who do not elect to participate in the Scrip Dividend Scheme and the Overseas Shareholders who did not provide registered addresses in Singapore to the Company, c/o the Share Transfer Agent or CDP, as the case may be, all of their respective entitlements to the Final Dividend will be paid in cash.

The Company takes no responsibility for the taxation liabilities of Shareholders, the tax consequences of any election made by Shareholders or the correctness or accuracy of any information as to taxation liability set out in this announcement. As individual circumstances and laws vary considerably, specific taxation advice should be obtained by Shareholders if required.

By order of the Board Chee Ying LIM Company Secretary

24 April 2014

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### **About Noble Group**

Noble Group (SGX: N21) manages a portfolio of global supply chains covering a range of agricultural and energy products, as well as metals, minerals and ores. Operating from over 140 locations and employing more than 70 nationalities, Noble facilitates the marketing, processing, financing and transportation of essential raw materials. Sourcing bulk commodities from low cost regions such as South America, South Africa, Australia and Indonesia, the Group supplies high growth demand markets, particularly in Asia and the Middle East. In order to ensure the integrity of its supply chains, the Group has a portfolio of interests in strategic logistics and processing assets which form an integral part of facilitating



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