



HONG LAI HUAT GROUP LIMITED

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LAPSE OF JOINT VENTURE AGREEMENT WITH HSC GROUP FOR THE EXPLORATION AND MINING OF MINERAL RESOURCES

The Board of Directors (the “**Board**” and each director, a “**Director**”) of Hong Lai Huat Group Limited (the “**Company**”, and together with its subsidiaries, the “**Group**”) refers to the announcement dated on 18th October 2021 with regards to the Company’s wholly-owned subsidiary, HLH Agriculture (Cambodia) Co., Ltd (“**HLHA**”) entry into a Joint Venture Agreement (“**JV agreement**”) with HSC Group (“**HSCG**”) for the proposed exploration and mining of mineral resources at the Cambodia- Singapore Agriculture Hub (“**Agri Hub**”).

The Group wishes to update shareholders that the process to secure regulatory approval is still under review by the relevant authorities in Cambodia. However, the agreed period under the JV agreement in which 35% is held by HLHA and balance 65% under HSCG has lapsed, hence, both parties have mutually agreed to terminate the JV agreement.

Both parties further agreed to discharge all duties and responsibilities within the JV agreement and shall not hold any legal liabilities to each other after the termination of the JV agreement.

Going forward, the Group will continue to seek alternative option to continue the exploration and mining project and will provide updates to its shareholders should there be any new development to the proposed exploration and mining of mineral resources project.

The Group wishes to inform that the termination of the JV agreement shall not have any financial impact to the Group financial results ending 31 December 2022.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

Dato Dr Ong Bee Huat
Deputy Chairman and Group CEO
5 January 2023