

## MEDIA RELEASE

### **DR ALBERT HONG MOVES INTO NON-EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN ROLE AT RSP**

- *Takes on non-executive role after over five decades at the helm*
- *Lee Kut Cheung and Lai Huen Poh continue to run RSP*

**Singapore, 13 February 2017** – Rowsley Ltd. today announced that Dr Albert Hong, 81, will step down as Executive Chairman to take on the role of Non-Executive Chairman of subsidiary RSP Architects Planners & Engineers from 1 March 2017, after more than five decades of helming Singapore's leading architectural, engineering and master planning practice.

RSP will continue to be led by Managing Directors Mr Lee Kut Cheung and Mr Lai Huen Poh. Mr Lai is also an Executive Director of Rowsley.

Dr Hong, one of Singapore's most eminent architects and businessmen, has built RSP since 1964 into one of the largest Singapore-based integrated professional architectural and engineering consultancies with offices in six countries.

RSP, which became part of Rowsley in 2013, offers a comprehensive range of professional services including town and master planning, urban design, architecture, interior design, civil & structural and mechanical & electrical engineering.

Dr Hong led RSP's expansion in Asia and the Middle East. He was conferred the Public Service Star Award twice in 1980 and 1996 by the Singapore government for his contributions to public housing and the industry.



Dr Hong said: “It has been a greatly satisfying experience to see RSP grow into a leading design, engineering and master planning practice in the region. It’s time for me to take a back seat and let the next generation take RSP to even greater heights.

“I would like to thank our clients, my fellow Board members and all my colleagues for their support and good counsel through the decades. I am confident that RSP will continue to lead in design excellence and building innovation for many years to come.”

Rowsley Chairman Ng Ser Miang said: “Dr Hong is a giant in Singapore’s architectural and corporate landscape. He has been instrumental in leading RSP to where it is now, reputed around the region for its high standards of designing built environments that enrich and transform people’s lives.

“On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to thank Dr Hong for his dedicated and outstanding service.”

Dr Hong was named Businessman of the Year in 1994 for his achievements as an entrepreneur and a businessman. In 2008, he was given the distinguished awards of Panglima Negara Bintang Sarawak, with the title of Dato Sri, for his contributions to Malaysia’s development. He was also awarded the Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire in 2009 for his efforts in forging strong links between Singapore and the British business communities.

In 2014, Dr Hong was named the Singapore Institute of Architect’s first Patron for his exemplary efforts in promoting and supporting architectural education and the profession.

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### **About Rowsley**

Rowsley Ltd. is a real estate company with businesses in real estate consultancy, real estate development and hospitality. Our major assets include RSP Architects Planners & Engineers, one of the most established architectural practices in the region, Squire Mech, a leading mechanical and electrical engineering consultancy, and Vantage Bay Healthcare City in Iskandar Malaysia. Rowsley also owns Hotel Football, Cafe Football, Stock Exchange Hotel, GG Collections which provides hospitality management services. A joint venture agreement has been signed for St. Michael's, a landmark mixed-use development in Manchester. It has also announced plans to acquire Ariva, a fast growing hospitality company in Asia. Rowsley Ltd. has been listed on the Singapore Exchange since 2002.

### **About RSP**

RSP started out as a small partnership, Raglan Squire & Partners in 1956 in Singapore. It has since then grown in scope and scale, to become one of the leading multidisciplinary practices in Singapore and the region. With a team of 1,300 professionals worldwide, RSP provides its services to clients within Asia, Middle East, Africa and Europe.

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