

## ANNOUNCEMENT

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### CLARIFICATION OF ONLINE ARTICLES BY THE AUSTRALIAN FINANCIAL REVIEW ON 21 SEPTEMBER 2016 AND THE AUSTRALIAN ON 22 SEPTEMBER 2016

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The Straits Trading Company Limited (the "**Company**") refers to the online articles, recently brought to the Company's attention, by The Australian Financial Review on 21 September 2016, entitled "*Singaporeans make big gain on Melbourne office tower*", and The Australian on 22 September 2016, entitled "*Singapore group cashes in on hot city market*". It was mentioned that "*Singapore investor Straits Real Estate has sold a William Street tower in central Melbourne*".

The Company wishes to inform shareholders that its subsidiary, Straits Real Estate Pte. Ltd., has been in discussions with potential buyers in connection with a possible transaction, which may or may not lead to the sale of the office building located at 114 William Street, Melbourne, Australia. There is no certainty whatsoever that these discussions will result in any definitive agreement or transaction.

The Company will, in compliance with the applicable rules (including the Corporate Disclosure Policy of the Listing Manual of the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited), make further announcements as appropriate. The Company wishes to advise the shareholders of the Company to take note of the above and refrain from taking any action in respect of their shares in the Company which may be prejudicial to their interests.

By Order of the Board

Aldric Tan Jee Wei  
Company Secretary  
**The Straits Trading Company Limited**

22 September 2016  
Singapore

This Announcement will be available at the Company's website at <http://www.stc.com.sg>

#### **About The Straits Trading Company Limited**

Incorporated in 1887, The Straits Trading Company Limited is an investment company with stakes in real estate, hospitality, resources and investments that span the Asia Pacific region. It owns a 89.5% stake in Straits Real Estate, a co-investment vehicle that seeks out real estate related investments & opportunities. It also owns a 20.1% stake in SGX-listed ARA Asset Management Limited, one of the largest real estate fund managers in the region, and has a 30% interest in Far East Hospitality Holdings, one of the largest hospitality operators in Asia Pacific. Straits Trading also engages in tin mining and smelting through its 54.8% owned subsidiary, Malaysia Smelting Corporation Berhad, that is dual listed on Bursa Malaysia and SGX-ST.