
ANNOUNCEMENT OF LITIGATION – RECEIPT OF WRIT OF SUMMONS

Introduction

The board of directors (the “**Board**”) of Mercurius Capital Investment Limited (the “**Company**”, and together with its subsidiaries, the “**Group**”) wishes to announce that the Company was served with a writ of summons by Dennis Ng Kok Kee (the “**Plaintiff**”) on 2 September 2021 at the registered address of the Company. The service of the writ of summons only came to the Company’s attention on 9 September 2021 due to the work-from-home arrangements currently adopted by the Company. The Company has appointed Chancery Law Corporation as its legal advisers and in this regard, has filed a memorandum of appearance with the High Court of Singapore on 10 September 2021.

Background and the Plaintiff’s Claim

- (a) The Company announced on 29 July 2019 that the Company had entered into an agreement dated 25 July 2019 (the “**Agreement**”) with the Plaintiff, among others, to allot and issue 10,000,000 new ordinary shares in the share capital of the Company (“**New Shares**”) at an issue price of S\$0.04 per New Share, in lieu of cash payment of commission of S\$400,000 by the Company to the Plaintiff for his referral of the Company’s joint venture (the “**Joint Venture**”) with Apex Development Public Company Limited (“**APEX**”) and Grand Bay Hotel Co., Ltd.
- (b) Pursuant to the Agreement, the completion of the proposed issuance of the New Shares is subject to the completion of the Joint Venture agreement signed on 12 January 2019 between APEX and the Company, *among other conditions*.
- (c) The Plaintiff’s main allegation is that following the completion of the Joint Venture, the Company has not issued the New Shares to the Plaintiff.
- (d) The Plaintiff is claiming primarily for specific performance of the Agreement including allotting and issuing the New Shares to the Plaintiff and/or damages (the “**Claim**”). The quantum of the damages has not been specified as at the date of this announcement.

General

The Company is in consultation with its advisers, including its auditors, to assess the potential financial impact to the Group arising from the Claim. The Company intends to defend the Claim rigorously and is taking legal advice as mentioned. The Company will release further announcements on any material developments in relation to the aforesaid matters as and when appropriate.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

Chang Wei Lu

Executive Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

14 September 2021

This announcement has been prepared by the Company and reviewed by the Company's sponsor, Novus Corporate Finance Pte. Ltd. (the "Sponsor"), in compliance with Rule 226(2)(b) of the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited (the "SGX-ST") Listing Manual Section B: Rules of Catalist.

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