
QUARTERLY UPDATE PURSUANT TO RULE 1313(2) OF THE LISTING MANUAL

Nico Steel Holdings Limited (the “**Company**”) was placed on the watch-list under the Financial Entry Criteria pursuant to Rule 1311(1) of the Listing Manual of the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited (“**SGX-ST**”) on 5 September 2016.

The Company was also placed on the watch-list pursuant to Rule 1311(2) of the Listing Manual with effect from 5 June 2017 due to the Minimum Trading Price Entry Criterion (the “**MTP**”). The MTP was removed by the SGX-ST on 1 June 2020 as a criterion for placing a company on the watch-list under Rule 1311(2) of the Listing Manual.

As announced on 19 October 2020, the Company received a delisting notification from the SGX-ST (“**Delisting Notice**”) after its application to the SGX-ST for a further extension period of time to comply with Rule 1314(1) of the Listing Manual was rejected.

On 16 November 2020, pursuant to the Delisting Notice, the Company’s shares were suspended from trading and continue to be suspended. Pursuant to the Delisting Notice, the Company’s controlling shareholders and/or the Company would, pursuant to Rule 1315 of the Listing Manual, have to provide a reasonable exit offer pending which the Company’s shares were suspended until such an exit offer is made.

As announced on 9 March 2023, the Company received a letter from the SGX-ST in relation to the notification of delisting (“**Notification Letter**”) after several correspondences with SGX-ST. In the Notification Letter, the SGX-ST has stated the Company would need to obtain shareholders’ approval for its delisting without an exit offer made to the Company’s shareholders and holders of any other classes of listed securities to be delisted pursuant to Rule 1309 of the Listing Manual.

Pursuant to Rule 1313(2) of the Listing Manual, the Board of Directors of the Company wishes to provide an update as follows:

- (1) To date, the Company has submitted the Shareholders’ circular (“**Circular**”) to SGX-ST for reviewing. Under the Notification Letter, the Circular on the aforesaid matter is to contain the following disclosures:-
 - (a) The exit options considered and assessed by the Board of Directors including the reasons for not proceeding with any of these exit options and why it is proposing to delist without an exit offer; and
 - (b) The Board of Directors’ opinion as to whether this proposal is in the best interests of the Company and its minority shareholders as compared to other considered exit options, and the bases for such an opinion.

- (2) The shareholders' resolution for the Company's delisting without an exit offer shall be tabled at a general meeting of the Company to be convened not be later than 30 June 2023.
- (3) As of the financial year ended 28 February 2023, the Company reported a net profit before tax of US\$347,000.

The Company will update shareholders as and when the Circular has been cleared and notice of the extraordinary general meeting in connection therewith is published on the SGXNet and the Company's website and/or if there is material development in respect of an exit offer.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

Tan Chee Khiong Danny
Executive Chairman & President

Date: 27 April 2023