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TIH IN STRATEGIC TIE-UP WITH COMCRAFT ASIA PACIFIC TO TAP

**INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN INDIA** 

Signs MOU to set up an India focused joint venture investment company

To invest in Indian companies with long term growth potential and

special situation opportunities

Singapore, November 10, 2014 - TIH Limited ("TIH" or the "Company"), a

Mainboard-listed private equity fund company, announced today that it has signed a

memorandum of understanding ("MOU") with Comcraft Asia Pacific Pte Ltd

("Comcraft") to set up an India focused joint venture investment company ("India JV"),

with TIH and Comcraft's Nominee as founding shareholders. Investments will be

made through both equity and debt related financing.

Comcraft Asia Pacific is a part of the privately held Comcraft Group, which was

founded by the Chandaria family of Indian origin in East Africa in 1916. A multi-billion

dollar international business conglomerate, Comcraft Group now has more than

40,000 employees in over 40 countries and with interests in a wide spectrum of light

industrial and service sectors. Over the years, the Comcraft Group has built several

leading businesses around the world including Venture Corporation Limited

(VENM.SI) in Singapore. The Comcraft Group has been investing in India for over

five decades, including investments in steel, plastics, auto components and

information technology.

Mr. Neal Chandaria, Senior Executive of the Comcraft Group said: "We expect strong

growth in India over the medium term following the recent Indian elections. With the

combined skills and capabilities of TIH and the Comcraft Group, we look forward to

taking advantage of the opportunities in India."

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Should TIH's investment management arm TIH Investment Management Pte Ltd

("TIH IM") receive approval for the Capital Market License in Fund Management

("CMS"), the India JV will be converted into an investment fund ("Indian Opportunity

Fund") to be managed by TIH IM with support from Comcraft. Both parties will

become anchor investors in the Indian Opportunity Fund. TIH IM will seek to raise

additional investment from third party investors after it receives the necessary CMS

license.

Riding on the growth of the Indian economy, growing consumer affluence and its

importance as a global manufacturing hub, the India JV aims to create value for its

investors by identifying and investing in potential growth businesses in India. It will

also include investments in special situation opportunities. Some investments may

involve the India JV taking controlling stakes in investee companies.

Mr. Allen Wang, CEO of TIH IM said: "With the Comcraft Group's wealth of

experience across industries and strong network in India coupled with the established

investment discipline of TIH, the India JV aims to initiate strategic M&A activities to

accelerate the growth potential and improve valuations of investee companies. We

will also explore opportunities to link Indian investee companies to strategic partners

outside India especially for commercial expansion. Divestment of investee companies

may be through a sale of investment stake to strategic corporate companies in China

and rest of the world."

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"With growing ties between India and the rest of the world and the imminent reform of

its economy, we expect an increasing number of M&A activities by strategic industry

players to get into Indian market in the next three to five years. Our India JV will be

very well positioned to take advantage of the opportunities and become a bridge

between India and strategic players who are looking to get into India. We thank

Argyle Street Management Limited ("ASML") for all the support it has lent us in

inviting the Comcraft Group to be our strategic partner in India," added Mr. Wang

Mr. Kin Chan, Chairman of TIH said: "TIH's controlling shareholder and strategic

partner ASML has a long standing relationship with the Comcraft Group and a very

successful experience in jointly investing with the Comcraft Group in India in an auto

component joint venture business acquired from a distressed US conglomerate.

ASML has received overwhelming inquiries from auto component strategic players all

over the world about its joint venture business in India in the last year. These

inquiries echo our view on the increasing amount of collaboration between India and

the rest of the world."

"The expected overhaul of the Indian economy by the new government will definitely

create a lot of interesting investment opportunities. This strategic partnership will

enable TIH to expand our investment reach to India and tap Comcraft Group's

network to further improve our deal sourcing and asset management capabilities. The

collaboration is also testament to the confidence that is placed in us to help create

value for our partners. We will work hard at enhancing capital return and value in

order to deliver mutually rewarding returns to all our stakeholders," concluded Mr.

Chan.

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## **About TIH**

TIH Limited ("TIH") is a SGX-listed closed-end fund set up in 1994. Throughout its operating history and investment experience, TIH has invested in a broad variety of sectors including Consumer & Industrial Products, Healthcare, Technology, Media & Telecommunications, Food, Manufacturing and Chemicals, with a strong focus and dedication to Asia. TIH has extensive experiences in cross-border private equity investments and divestments, including but not limited to restructuring, mergers & acquisitions, joint ventures and turnaround opportunities.

TIH seeks to work closely with the management of investee companies to create value through strategic, operational and corporate finance inputs.

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