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6 February 2020

**ALLIED TECHNOLOGIES LIMITED** 

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Attn: The Board of Directors

**Dear Sirs** 

ALLIED TECHNOLOGIES LIMITED (THE "COMPANY")

NOTICE OF COMPLIANCE: REQUIREMENT TO PERFORM QUARTERLY REPORTING OF **UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** 

1. Singapore Exchange Regulation ("SGX RegCo" or the "Exchange") refers to:

- SGXNet announcement dated 8 May 2019 (Announcement Reference No: SG190508OTHRVMGL) on the key concerns and observations of the auditors of the Company, Ernst & Young LLP ("8 May 2019 Announcement");
- SGXNet announcement dated 23 May 2019 (Announcement Reference No: SG190523OTHRBZBY) titled "Escrow Monies Deposited with JLC Advisors LLP" (the "23 May 2019 Announcement");
- SGXNet announcement dated 8 May 2019 (Announcement Reference No: (c) SG190508OTHRLP09) on the first Notice of Compliance served on the Company titled "Regulatory Actions By SGX" (the "First Notice of Compliance");
- SGXNet announcement dated 23 May 2019 (Announcement Reference No: SG190523OTHR7EO7) on the second Notice of Compliance served on the Company titled "Regulatory Actions By SGX" (the "Second Notice of Compliance"); and
- SGX RegCo's announcement dated 9 January 2020 titled "SGX RegCo adopts riskbased approach to quarterly reporting, mandates more robust disclosures on matters of high impact".

## **Background**

2. On 9 January 2020, SGX RegCo announced the removal of the market capitalisation threshold as a basis for quarterly reporting ("QR") of financial results. The amended rule 705(2) (the "Amended Rule 705(2)") will take effect from 7 February 2020. Instead, SGX RegCo will take a risk-based approach and will require companies to do QR if (a) auditors have issued a qualified opinion, disclaimer of opinion or adverse opinion (collectively, "modified opinions")

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- or (b) companies that have a material uncertainty relating to going concern as highlighted by their auditors, both based on the latest audited financial statements. In addition, SGX RegCo can also exercise our administrative powers to require QR for companies where we have regulatory concerns.
- 3. SGX RegCo notes that the auditors of the Company, Ernst & Young LLP, had highlighted a number of key concerns and observations in relation to a newly acquired subsidiary of the Company, Asia Box Office Pte Ltd ("ABO"). The auditors also noted that funds of the Company and ABO are held in escrow with a law firm, JLC Advisors LLP ("JLC"). Such escrow funds were purportedly paid out from JLC's Client's Account on the instructions of JLC's partner, Ong Su Aun Jeffrey, which might have been unauthorised.
- 4. In light of these developments, SGX RegCo issued the First Notice of Compliance and Second Notice of Compliance and required, amongst others, a special auditor to look into the above issues and to report solely to SGX RegCo. PricewaterhouseCoopers Risk Services Pte Ltd has been appointed as the special auditor and the special audit is ongoing.

## Exchange's Directive: Requirement to perform Quarterly Reporting

- 5. Your company, Allied Technologies Limited, will be required to perform QR on an ongoing basis from 7 February 2020. This arises from the modified opinion issued by your statutory auditor in your latest annual report.
- In addition, for the purposes of ensuring that the market is fair, orderly and transparent, and in view of the regulatory concerns set out above, pursuant to Catalist Rule 305(1)(b), SGX RegCo requires the Company to continue to do QR in accordance with the requirements set out in the Amended Rule 705(2) on an ongoing basis. The grace period extended under amended Rule 705(2A) is not applicable to your company. For the avoidance of doubt, the Company will report the next set of quarterly financial statements for Q1 period from Jan to Mar 2020 ("QR Commencement Date") by 15 May 2020.
- 7. The Company will need to perform QR until further notice from SGX RegCo.
- 8. In the announcement of your quarterly results, please include a statement on the cover page that the QR announcement is mandatory, made pursuant to the Exchange's requirements, as required under Listing Rule 705(2C).
- 9. Companies with modified opinions that are subject to QR will need to provide: (a) updates on efforts taken to resolve each outstanding audit issue; and (b) confirmation from the Board that the impact of all outstanding audit issues on the financial statements have been adequately disclosed. This will not be required for any audit issue that relates to going concern.
- 10. Please announce the Exchange's directive to the Company and the QR Commencement Date through SGXNet immediately (before 7.30am on 7 February 2020).



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- 11. Pursuant to Catalist Rule 304, failure to comply with the requirements in this notification shall be deemed as a contravention of the Listing Rules.
- 12. Please note that SGX RegCo reserves the right to take disciplinary action against the Company and / or Relevant Persons for breaches of the Listing Rules, including any failure to comply with the requirements imposed by the Exchange.

Yours faithfully

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