

TIH LIMITED
(Incorporated in the Republic of Singapore)
(Unique Entity Number. 199400941K)
(the “**Company**” or “**TIH**”)

**JOINT VENTURE IN RELATION TO ASM CONNAUGHT HOUSE GENERAL PARTNER
II LIMITED**

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The board of directors (“**Board**”) of the Company (and together with its subsidiaries, the “**Group**”) wishes to announce that its wholly-owned subsidiary, Killian Court Pte. Ltd. (“**Killian Court**”), has on 5 July 2016 entered into a joint venture (“**Joint Venture**”) with Argyle Street Management Holdings Limited (“**ASMHL**”) in respect of ASM Connaught House General Partner II Limited (the “**General Partner**”) pursuant to which:
- (i) Killian Court has subscribed for 99,000 ordinary shares of par value US\$0.01 each in the capital of the General Partner (“**GP Shares**”) (“**Killian Court Subscription Shares**”) at an issue price of US\$100 for each GP Share (“**Issue Price**”), representing approximately 49.5% of the issued GP Shares, for an aggregate subscription amount of US\$9,900,000 (“**Killian Court Subscription Consideration**”) (the “**Subscription**”); and
 - (ii) ASMHL has subscribed for 101,000 GP Shares (“**ASMHL Subscription Shares**”) at the Issue Price, representing approximately 50.5% of the issued GP Shares, for an aggregate subscription amount of US\$10,100,000 (“**ASMHL Subscription Consideration**”).
- 1.2 As at the date of this announcement, the Killian Court Subscription Shares and the ASMHL Subscription Shares have been issued without the Killian Court Subscription Consideration and ASMHL Subscription Consideration having been paid. ASMHL and Killian Court hold approximately 50.5% and 49.5% of the issued share capital of the General Partner respectively (“**Shareholding Percentages**”).
- 1.3 ASMHL is a deemed controlling shareholder of the Company and an interested person as defined under the Listing Manual Section A: Mainboard Rules (“**Listing Manual**”) of the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited (“**SGX-ST**”).
- 1.4 Killian Court and ASMHL have agreed to participate in the Joint Venture based on the terms and conditions set out in the shareholders’ agreement dated 5 July 2016 entered into between Killian Court, ASMHL and the General Partner (“**Shareholders’ Agreement**”).

2. INFORMATION ON THE SUBSCRIPTION

- 2.1 The Company’s total capital commitment in the General Partner, as represented by the Killian Court Subscription Consideration, is US\$9.9 million.
- 2.2 Payment of the Killian Court Subscription Consideration is conditional upon certain conditions having been fulfilled, including:
- (i) TIH Investment Management Pte. Ltd. (“**TIH IM**”), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, having obtained a capital markets services licence (“**CMS Licence**”) from the Monetary Authority of Singapore; and

- (ii) the execution of an investment advisory agreement between TIH IM and the General Partner,

(“Killian Court Funding Conditions”).

- 2.3 The Killian Court Subscription Consideration is to be satisfied in the form of capital contributions following the satisfaction of the Killian Court Funding Conditions, and pursuant to the receipt of a capital call notice by Killian Court issued by the General Partner to it.
- 2.4 The Killian Court Subscription Consideration will be funded entirely through internal funds of the Group.

3. INFORMATION ON THE JOINT VENTURE

3.1 Information on the General Partner

- 3.1.1 The General Partner was recently incorporated on 24 May 2016 as an exempted limited liability company in the Cayman Islands to facilitate the Joint Venture and associated establishment of the CHF II Fund. None of ASMHL or its affiliates has had any existing equity interest in the General Partner other than a temporary nominal holding for the purpose of the incorporation of the General Partner.
- 3.1.2 The General Partner will serve as the general partner to investment funds, including a fund named “ASM Connaught House Fund II LP” which is constituted in the Cayman Islands as an exempted limited partnership (**“CHF II Fund”**). The limited partners and the General Partner of the CHF II Fund have executed and entered into a limited partnership agreement (**“CHF II Limited Partnership Agreement”**) on 30 June 2016. The General Partner will make a capital commitment of US\$20 million into the CHF II Fund under the CHF II Limited Partnership Agreement. The General Partner intends to satisfy such capital commitment from the cash to be received from the Killian Court Subscription Consideration and the ASMHL Subscription Consideration.
- 3.1.3 The General Partner has on 30 June 2016 entered into an investment management agreement (**“IMA”**) with Argyle Street Management Limited (**“ASML”**) to appoint ASML as the investment manager to several funds including the CHF II Fund. ASML is a deemed controlling shareholder of the Company and an interested person as defined under the Listing Manual.
- 3.1.4 As a term of the Shareholders’ Agreement, Killian Court shall procure that TIH IM enter into an investment advisory agreement with the General Partner in relation to several funds including the CHF II Fund as soon as practicable after the CMS Licence has been issued to TIH IM. Killian Court and ASMHL further agree that, in the ordinary course of business and absent any supervening circumstances, the ratio of the (i) investment management fees payable by the General Partner to ASML in respect of ASML acting as investment manager to various funds including the CHF II Fund on the one hand; and the (ii) investment advisory fees payable by the General Partner to TIH IM in respect of TIH IM acting as investment advisor to various funds including CHF II on the other hand, shall be equal to the Shareholding Percentages.

3.2 Rationale for the Joint Venture

- 3.2.1 The Joint Venture between ASMHL and Killian Court provides TIH IM the opportunity to leverage on the existing ASMHL and ASML investment track record and investor base for fund raising. The Joint Venture will help TIH IM to jump start its fund management business initiative and help TIH IM to start establishing its fund management track records.

- 3.2.2 TIH IM and ASML professionals have been working together on various transactions in the past in a long standing collaboration between ASML and TIH IM even before the Joint Venture.

3.3 **Information on the CHF II Fund**

- 3.3.1 The CHF II Fund was recently formed on 24 May 2016 as an exempted limited partnership in the Cayman Islands. The CHF II Fund has been established to focus on special situation opportunities, particularly companies adversely affected by withdrawal of liquidity in the region, or where financial market volatility or currency shocks have created unusually low valuations. However, CHF II Fund looks for investment opportunities, not trading opportunities. The knowledge, expertise and relationships define the geographic scope: ASEAN countries, Greater China, and to a more limited extent, Australia and India.

- 3.3.2 Amongst other things, the CHF II Fund may invest in:

- (a) shares of listed or unlisted companies or closed-end investment funds;
- (b) convertible debt instruments;
- (c) deep discount debt instruments;
- (d) portfolios of bank loans or distressed assets; and
- (e) making private structured/mezzanine loans.

4 **FINANCIAL EFFECTS**

- 4.1 The investment in the Joint Venture is done in the ordinary course of the Company's business and is classified as an investment at fair value through profit or loss. The Company's total capital commitment in the Joint Venture, as represented by the Killian Court Subscription Consideration, of approximately US\$9.9 million (equivalent to approximately S\$13.29 million at an exchange rate of US\$1.00: S\$1.3425) is about 13.22% of the Group's net asset value ("**NAV**") as at 31 December 2015 and 10.78% of the Company's market capitalisation as at the date of this announcement (based on the last traded share price on 5 July 2016 of S\$0.51 and approximately 242 million issued shares).

- 4.2 The pro forma financial effects of the Joint Venture presented below are purely for illustration purposes only, and are based on the audited financial statements of the Company for the financial year ended 31 December 2015:

- (a) **NAV.** For illustrative purposes only, and assuming that the transaction had been completed, and Killian Court Subscription Consideration had been fully paid, on 31 December 2015, the investment has no impact on the NAV of the Company as the cash consideration is replaced by an investment at fair value through profit or loss.
- (b) **Earnings.** The transaction is classified as investment at fair value through profit or loss. Accordingly, any change in revaluation of the investment will have an impact on the Company's earnings. Assuming no immediate revaluation from this investment, there would be no impact on the Company's earnings if the transaction was completed on 1 January 2015.
- (c) **Share Capital.** The transaction will not have any impact on the issued share capital of the Company.

5 INTERESTED PERSON TRANSACTION

- 5.1 **Interested Person.** ASMHL and ASML, both being deemed controlling shareholders of the Company, are each considered an “interested person” for the purposes of Chapter 9 of the Listing Manual. Accordingly, the Joint Venture (including the Subscription and the entry into the IMA and the Shareholders’ Agreement) is an interested person transaction.
- 5.2 **Value of Interested Person Transactions.** For the current financial year commencing on 1 January 2016 and up to the date of this announcement, (i) save for the Joint Venture, the total value of all transactions by the Group with all interested persons is approximately S\$10.79 million, and (ii) the total value of all transactions, including the Joint Venture, entered into by the Group with ASMHL, ASML, or their affiliates is S\$24.08 million. As the total aggregate value of all transactions with ASMHL, ASML and their affiliates during the same financial year exceeds 5% of the Group’s NAV as at 31 December 2015, Rule 906 of the Listing Manual is applicable.
- 5.3 **Rule 916(2) of the Listing Manual.** Having considered the terms of the Joint Venture, the Audit Committee of the Company is of the view that: (i) the risks and rewards of the Joint Venture are in proportion to the equity of each Joint Venture partner; and (ii) the terms of the Joint Venture are not prejudicial to the interests of the Company and its minority shareholders. Therefore, shareholders’ approval is not required for the Joint Venture under Rule 916(2) of the Listing Manual.

6 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 6.1 **Directors’ Service Contracts:** No person is proposed to be appointed as a director of the Company in connection with the Joint Venture. Accordingly, no service contract is proposed to be entered into between the Company and any such person.
- 6.2 **Interests of Directors and Controlling Shareholders of the Company:** Save as disclosed in this announcement and save for their shareholdings in the Company, none of the directors or controlling shareholders of the Company has any interest, direct or indirect, in the transactions contemplated by the Joint Venture.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

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