BOLDTEK HOLDINGS LIMITED

(Incorporated in the Republic of Singapore)
(Company Registration No. 201224643D)

APPLICATION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO COMPLY WITH RULE 1304(1) OF THE CATALIST RULES

1. INTRODUCTION

The Board of Directors (the "**Board**") of Boldtek Holdings Limited (the "**Company**" and together with its subsidiaries, the "**Group**") wishes to announce that the Company has on 11 January 2024 made an application, through the Company's Sponsor, to the Singapore Exchange Regulation ("**SGX RegCo**") to seek approval for an extension of time of up to 12 months to comply with the requirements of Rule 1304(1) of the SGX-ST Listing Manual Section B: Rules of Catalist (the "**Catalist Rules**"), which states that an issuer suspended under Rule 1303(3) must "*submit a proposal (or proposals) through its sponsor to the Exchange with a view to resuming training in the issuer's securities ("resumption proposals") within 12 months of the date of suspension…*" to submit its proposal with a view to resume trading in its securities (the "**Resumption Proposal**") (the "**Extension Application**") for the reasons set out in paragraph 2 below.

2. RATIONALE

The rationale for the Extension Application are as follows:

(a) On 16 January 2023, the Company had voluntarily requested for a suspension in trading of its securities due to a material uncertainty as to going concern. It had also been announced that the Company intended to proactively engage all of its stakeholders, including customers and creditors for their continued support of the Group through these circumstances, identifying potential investors and exploring the sale of the Group's completed properties in Malaysia and Singapore to generate the necessary financial resources to improve the Group's financial position.

(b) Since then, the Group has entered into a sale and purchase agreement in respect of the sale of its property in Malaysia and is in the midst of finalising certain administrative matters before handing over the property to the purchaser. In addition, whilst the Group had endeavoured to obtain the continued support of its customers and creditors, it had also started receiving claims and letters of demand from its various stakeholders since early 2023. On 21 July 2023, as announced, Logistics Construction Pte. Ltd. ("**LCPL**"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Group, had made an application in the General Division of the High Court of Singapore for the grant of a moratorium under Section 64 of the Insolvency Restructuring and Dissolution Act 2018 (No. 40 of 2018) ("**IRDA**"). This had resulted in a moratorium for LCPL, which had subsequently expired in November 2023. On 19 November 2023, the Group subsequently announced that LCPL had on 17 November 2023 filed an application under Section 91 of the IRDA for amongst others, LCPL to be placed under judicial management and for a judicial manager to be appointed to manage the affairs, business and property of LCPL. At the same time the Group had also identified and entered into a non-binding term sheet with Mr Ee Chin Keong (the "**Purchaser Representative**") in relation to the divestment of LCPL (the "**Term Sheet**"). Under the terms of the Term Sheet, it is intended for, amongst others, a restructuring of the liabilities of the LCPL. The Group had also considered that the Term Sheet represented an opportunity for the Company to monetise its interest in LCPL notwithstanding the insolvency status of LCPL, and at the same time provide a better prospect of recovery to LCPL's creditors. At this stage however, the Company remains in negotiation with the Purchaser Representative on, amongst others, the terms of the restructuring and the definitive agreement.

(c) In light of the abovementioned, the Company has been unable to submit its Resumption Proposal in the past 12 months. The Company is requesting for a 12-month extension of time to, amongst others, undertake the following:

(i) Restructure the Group, including divesting its subsidiary, LCPL, which is unprofitable. As abovementioned, the Company has entered into the Term Sheet and remains in negotiations on finalising the terms of the restructuring and definitive agreement. Further to the rationale for the proposed divestment as set out in paragraph 3(b) above, the divestment of LCPL will allow the Group to improve its financial position on a consolidated basis and will also allow the Group to focus its efforts on its other operating subsidiary, Boldtek Projects Pte Ltd ("**BPPL**") to amongst others, increase its revenue;

(ii) Increase the order books of BPPL. BPPL, similar to LCPL, is also principally engaged in providing building construction services, interior decoration and fitting out services in Singapore, save that as BPPL is involved in smaller projects as compared to LCPL, BPPL has the benefit of a faster turnaround time. Over the past few months, the order books of BPPL has increased to S$15.3 million;

(iii) For the Company to enter into a restructuring agreement with its creditors. The Company is amongst others, a guarantor for performance bond(s) and loan(s) undertaken by LCPL. As announced on 21 December 2023, the Company has appointed Mazars Consulting Pte Ltd as the financial advisor of the Company (the "**Financial Advisor**") with a view to seek a holistic restructuring plan for the Group. The Financial Advisor has been in discussions with banks and will require some time to come to terms on a restructuring arrangement;

(iv) The Company has also been in talks with investors to source for funds and has reached the next stage of negotiations with one of the investors, with the view of entering into a term sheet soon;

(v) The Company also requires time to hold its annual general meeting for the financial year ended 30 June 2023 ("**AGM FY2023**") by 31 March 2024. The Company had earlier made an application for, and was granted by the SGX RegCo, an extension of time to hold its AGM FY2023, as announced on 10 October 2023. The Company is in the process of making preparations for audit to be conducted on its FY2023 accounts, as well as for the issuance of its sustainability report and annual report by mid-March 2024.

(vi) The Company is also cognisant that since the resignations of Mr Pao Kiew Tee and Mr Sim Mong Keang Kenny on 1 July 2023 and 8 December 2023 respectively, it has been facing difficulties in finding high-calibre candidates with sufficient and appropriate experience and expertise to appoint as its Independent Directors. The Company had extended its network sourcing for candidates with relevant accounting or related financial management expertise or experience. The Company further notes that potential candidates have indicated the current financial position of the Company and the uncertainty of its restructuring plans as reasons for not considering to take up the role. The Company intends to focus its efforts on its restructuring plans so that it can be in a better position to attract such high-calibre candidates.

(d) The Company therefore anticipates that whilst it is not able to do so by 15 January 2024, barring unforeseen circumstances and having addressed or completed the matters set out above, it will be in a position to make a Resumption Proposal no later than 15 January 2025.

The Board will inform shareholders as and when there are any material developments relating to any of the abovementioned matters.

Trading in the shares of the Company has been halted on 12 January 2023 and subsequently suspended since 16 January 2023 for reasons set out in the Company's announcements on 14 January 2023.

Although the Company's shares are under suspension, shareholders and investors are advised to read this announcement and any past and future announcements by the Company carefully when dealing with the shares of the Company. Shareholders and investors should consult their stockbrokers, bank managers, solicitors or other professional advisors if they have any doubt about the actions they should take or when dealing with their shares in the Company.

By Order of the Board

Phua Lam Soon
Chief Executive Officer
12 January 2024

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*This announcement has been prepared by the Company and reviewed by the Company's sponsor, RHT Capital Pte. Ltd. ("**Sponsor**"), for compliance with the relevant rules of the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited ("**SGX-ST**").*

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