

## EMERGING TOWNS & CITIES SINGAPORE LTD. (Incorporated in the Republic of Singapore)

## (Co Registration No: 198003839Z)

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

## **To All Shareholders**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual General Meeting of the shareholders ("Shareholders") of EMERGING TOWNS & CITIES SINGAPORE LTD. (the "Company") will be held at 160 Robinson Road, #06-01 SBF Center, Singapore 068914 on Friday, 12 June 2020 at 10.30 a.m. to transact the following businesses:

#### **Ordinary Business** To receive and adopt the Directors' Statement and Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2019 and the Auditors' Report thereon. Resolution 1 To re-elect Mr Zhu Xiaolin as Director, who shall retire pursuant to Regulation 87 of the Company's Constitution. Resolution 2 {See Explanatory Note (1)} To re-elect Mr Teo Cheng Kwee as Director, who shall retire pursuant to Regulation 87 of the Company's Constitution. Resolution 3 3. {See Explanatory Note (1)} To approve the payment of the proposed directors' fees of up to \$\$180,000 to be paid quarterly in arrears for the financial year ending 31 December 2021. Resolution 4 4. 5. To re-appoint Foo Kon Tan LLP as Auditors of the Company and to authorise the Directors to fix its remuneration. Resolution 5 6.

To transact any other business which may be properly transacted at an Annual General Meeting.

## **Special Business**

To consider and, if thought fit, to pass the following as Ordinary Resolutions with or without modifications:

Authority to issue shares in the capital of the Company pursuant to Rule 806 of the Listing Manual - Section B: Rules of Catalist of the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited ("SGX-ST") 7. That pursuant to Section 161 of the Companies Act, Chapter 50 of Singapore and Rule 806 of the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited ("SGX-ST") Listing Manual Section B: Rules of Catalist (the "Catalist Rules"), authority be and is hereby given to the Directors to:

(a) (i) issue shares in the Company ("Shares") whether by way of rights, bonus or otherwise; and/or

- (ii) make or grant offers, agreements or options (collectively, "Instruments") that might or would require shares to be issued, including but not limited to the creation and issue of (as well as adjustments to) options, warrants, debentures or other instruments convertible into shares,
- at any time and upon such terms and conditions and for such purposes and to such persons as the Directors of the Company may in their absolute discretion deem fit; and,

(notwithstanding the authority conferred by this Resolution may have ceased to be in force) issue shares in pursuance of any Instruments made or granted by the Directors of the Company while this Resolution was in force, (b)

### provided that:

- (1) the aggregate number of shares (including shares to be issued in pursuance of the Instruments, made or granted pursuant to this Resolution) to be issued pursuant to this Resolution shall not exceed 100% of the total number of issued shares (excluding treasury shares and subsidiary holdings) in the capital of the Company (as calculated in accordance with subparagraph (2) below), of which the aggregate number of shares to be issued other than on a pro-rata basis to Shareholders of the Company shall not exceed 50% of the total number of issued shares (excluding treasury shares and subsidiary holdings) in the capital of the Company (as calculated in accordance with sub-paragraph (2) below);
- (subject to such calculation as may be prescribed by the SGX-ST) for the purpose of determining the aggregate number of shares that may be issued under sub-paragraph (1) above, the total number of issued shares (excluding treasury shares and subsidiary holdings) shall be based on the total number of issued shares (excluding treasury shares and subsidiary holdings) in the capital of the Company at the time of the passing of this Resolution, after adjusting for:
  - (a) new shares arising from the conversion or exercise of any convertible securities;
  - new shares arising from exercising share options or vesting of share awards outstanding or subsisting at the time of the passing of this Resolution, provided the options or awards were granted in compliance with Part VIII of Chapter 8 of the Catalist Rules; and (b)
  - (c) any subsequent bonus issue, consolidation or subdivision of shares;
- in exercising the authority conferred by this Resolution, the Company shall comply with the provisions of the Catalist Rules for the time being in force (unless such compliance has been waived by the (3)SGX-ST) and the Constitution of the Company: and
- unless revoked or varied by the Company in a general meeting, such authority shall continue in force until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting of the Company or the date by which the next Annual General Meeting of the Company is required by law to be held. (4)Resolution 6

## {See Explanatory Note (2)}

## Mandate to Directors to issue Shares under the ETC Employee Share Option Scheme

That approval be and is hereby given to the Directors to offer and grant options over ordinary shares in the Company in accordance with the rules of the ETC Employee Share Option Scheme (the "Scheme"); and pursuant to Section 161 of the Companies Act, Chapter 50 of Singapore, to allot and issue from time to time such number of shares in the capital of the Company (the "Scheme Shares") as may be required to be issued pursuant to the exercise of the options that may be granted under the Scheme provided always that the aggregate number of the Scheme Shares (excluding treasury shares and subsidiary holdings) available under the Scheme shall not exceed 15% of the total issued share capital of the Company from time to time, as determined in accordance with the rules of the Scheme. Resolution 7

# {See Explanatory Note (3)}

Mandate to Directors to issue Shares under the ETC Performance Share Plan

That approval be and is hereby given to the Directors to offer and grant awards of ordinary shares in the Company in accordance with the rules of the ETC Performance Share Plan (the "Plan"); and pursuant to Section 161 of the Companies Act, Chapter 50 of Singapore, to allot and issue from time to time such number of shares in the capital of the Company (the "**Plan Shares**") as may be required to be issued comprised in the awards that may be granted under the Plan provided always that the aggregate number of the Plan Shares (excluding treasury shares and subsidiary holdings) available under the Plan shall not exceed 15% of the total issued share capital of the Company from time to time, as determined in accordance with the rules of the Plan.

Resolution 8

## {See Explanatory Note (4)}

## 10. Proposed renewal of the Share Purchase Mandate

All capitalised terms in the Resolution 9 below and defined in the Letter to Shareholders dated 15 April 2020 (the "Letter") shall, unless otherwise defined herein, have the respective meanings ascribed thereto in the Letter.

That:

- (a) for the purposes of Sections 76C and 76E of the Companies Act, Chapter 50 of Singapore (the "**Companies Act**"), and such other laws and regulations as may for the time being be applicable, the exercise by the Directors of all the powers of the Company to purchase or otherwise acquire issued ordinary shares in the share capital of the Company ("**Shares**") not exceeding in aggregate the Prescribed Limit (as hereafter defined), at such price(s) as may be determined by the Directors from time to time up to the Maximum Price (as hereafter defined), whether by way of:
  - (i) on-market purchases ("Market Purchase"), transacted on the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited ("SGX-ST"); and/or
  - off-market purchases ("Off-Market Purchase") (if effected otherwise than on the SGX-ST) in accordance with an equal access scheme(s) as may be determined or formulated by the Directors as they may consider fit, which scheme(s) shall satisfy all the conditions prescribed by the Companies Act and the Catalist Rules, (ii)

## (the "Share Purchase Mandate");

- any Share that is purchased or otherwise acquired by the Company pursuant to the Share Purchase Mandate shall, at the discretion of the Directors, either be cancelled or held in treasury and dealt (b) with in accordance with the Companies Act;
- unless varied or revoked by the Company in general meeting, the authority conferred on the Directors pursuant to the Share Purchase Mandate may be exercised by the Directors at any time and from time to time during the period commencing from the passing of this Resolution and the expiring on the earliest of: (C)
- (i) the date on which the next Annual General Meeting of the Company is held or required by law to be held;
  - the date on which the share purchases are carried out to the full extent mandated; or (ii)
  - (iii) the date on which the authority contained in the Share Purchase Mandate is varied or revoked;

### (d) in this Ordinary Resolution:

"Prescribed Limit" means 10% of the total number of Shares as at the date of passing of this Resolution (excluding any treasury shares that may be held by the Company from time to time and subsidiary holdings), unless the Company has effected a reduction of the share capital of the Company in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Companies Act, at any time during the Relevant Period, in which event the total number of Shares of the Company shall be taken to be the total number of Shares of the Company as altered;

"Relevant Period" means the period commencing from the date of passing of this Resolution and expiring on the date the next annual general meeting of the Company is held or is required by law to be held, whichever is the earlier;

"Maximum Price" in relation to a Share to be purchased, means an amount (excluding related brokerage, commission, applicable goods and services tax, stamp duties, clearance fees and other related expenses) not exceeding:

in the case of a Market Purchase, 105% of the Average Closing Price; and (i)

(ii) in the case of an Off-Market Purchase, 115% of the Average Closing Price;

where:

"Average Closing Price" means the average of the closing market prices of a Share over the last five (5) Market Days, on which transactions in the Shares were recorded, immediately preceding the date of making the Market Purchase or, as the case may be, the day of the making of an offer pursuant to the Off-Market Purchase, and deemed to be adjusted for any corporate action that occurs during the relevant five (5) day period and the day on which the purchases are made;

"day of the making of the offer" means the day on which the Company announces its intention to make an offer for the purchase of Shares from Shareholders, stating the purchase price (which shall not be more than the Maximum Price calculated on the foregoing basis) for each Share and the relevant terms of the equal access scheme for effecting the Off-Market Purchase; and "Market Day" means a day on which the SGX-ST is open for trading in securities; and

the Directors and each of them be and are hereby authorised to do all acts and things (including, without limitation, executing all such documents as may be required) as they or each of them deem desirable, necessary or expedient to give effect to the Share Purchase Mandate as they or each of them may in their or each of their absolute discretion deem fit in the interests of the Company. (e) {See Explanatory Note (5)} Resolution 9

By Order of the Board Ong Beng Hong Tan Swee Gek Joint Secretaries Singapore

15 April 2020

## **Explanatory Notes**

#### Ordinary Resolutions 2 and 3 - To re-elect Mr Zhu Xiaolin and Mr Teo Cheng Kwee as Directors, who shall retire pursuant to Regulation 87 of the Constitution of the Company (1)

If re-elected, Mr Zhu Xiaolin will remain as an Executive Director and Group President of the Company, and a member of the Nominating & Corporate Governance Committee.

## If re-elected, Mr Teo Cheng Kwee will remain as a Non-Executive Director of the Company and a member of the Audit Committee and Remuneration Committee.

### (2) Ordinary Resolution 6 - Authority to issue shares in the capital of the Company pursuant to Rule 806 of the Listing Manual - Section B: Rules of Catalist of the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited ('SGX-ST")

The Ordinary Resolution 6 proposed in item 7 above, if passed, will authorise the Directors of the Company, effective until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting of the Company, or the date by which the next Annual General Meeting of the Company is required by law to be held or such authority is varied or revoked by the Company in a general meeting, whichever is earlier, to issue shares, make or grant Instruments convertible into shares and to issue shares pursuant to such authority, up to a number not exceeding, in total, 100% of the total number of issued shares (excluding treasure) shares and subsidiary holdings) in the capital of the Company, of which up to 50% may be issued other than on a pro-rata basis to shareholders.

For determining the aggregate number of shares that may be issued, the total number of issued shares (excluding treasury shares and subsidiary holdings) will be calculated based on the total number of issued shares (excluding treasury shares and subsidiary holdings) in the capital of the Company at the time this Ordinary Resolution is passed after adjusting for new shares arising from the conversion or exercise of any convertible securities or share options or vesting of share awards which are outstanding or subsisting at the time when this Ordinary Resolution is passed and any subsequent bonus issue, consolidation or subdivision of shares.

## Ordinary Resolution 7 - Mandate to Directors to issue Shares under the ETC Employee Share Option Scheme

Ordinary Resolution 7 proposed in item 8 above is to allow the Directors to issue shares in the Company pursuant to the exercise of options granted or to be granted under the Scheme provided that the aggregate number of shares to be issued under the Scheme, when aggregated with shares issued or to be issued under the Plan and/or any other existing share options or share schemes of the Company, excluding treasury shares and subsidiary holdings, if any, from time to time. The Scheme was first approved by the Shareholders at the Extraordinary General Meeting held on 21 November 2016. Details of the Scheme may also be found in the Circular to Shareholders dated 28 October 2016.

### Ordinary Resolution 8 - Mandate to Directors to issue Shares under the ETC Share Performance Plan (4)

Ordinary Resolution 8 proposed in item 9 above is to allow the Directors to issue shares in the Company pursuant to awards granted or to be granted under the Plan provided that the aggregate number of shares to be issued comprised in the awards that may be granted under the Plan, when aggregated with shares issued or to be issued under the Scheme and/or any other existing share options or share schemes of the Company does not exceed 15% of the total number of shares issued by the Company, excluding treasury shares and subsidiary holdings, if any, from time to time. The Plan was first approved by the Shareholders at the Extraordinary General Meeting held on 21 November 2016. Details of the Plan may also be found in the Circular to Shareholders dated 28 October 2016.

### (5) Ordinary Resolution 9 - Proposed renewal of the Share Purchase Mandate

Ordinary Resolution 9 proposed in item 10 above is to seek the Shareholders' approval for the proposed renewal of the Share Purchase Mandate. Detailed information on the proposed renewal of the Share Purchase Mandate, including the rationale for the same, is set out in the Letter.

### Notes

- (1) Save for a member who is a relevant intermediary as defined in Note 2, a member entitled to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting ("AGM") is entitled to appoint one or two proxies to attend and vote in his stead. Where a member (other than a relevant intermediary) appoints two proxies, the appointments shall be invalid unless he specifies the proportion of his shareholding (expressed as a percentage of the whole) to be represented by each proxy.
- A member who is a relevant intermediary entitled to attend the AGM and vote is entitled to appoint more than two proxies to attend and vote instead of the member, but each proxy must be appointed to (2)exercise the rights attached to a different Share or Shares held by such member. Where such member appoints more than two proxies, the appointments shall be invalid unless the member specifies the number of Shares in relation to which each proxy has been appointed.

## "Relevant intermediary" means:

- a banking corporation licensed under the Banking Act (Cap. 19) of Singapore or a wholly-owned subsidiary of such a banking corporation, whose business includes the provision of nominee services (a) and who holds shares in that capacity;
- (b) a person holding a capital markets services licence to provide custodial services for securities under the Securities and Futures Act (Cap. 289) of Singapore and who holds shares in that capacity; or
- the Central Provident Fund Board established by the Central Provident Fund Act (Cap. 36) of Singapore, in respect of shares purchased under the subsidiary legislation made under that Act providing for the making of investments from the contributions and interest standing to the credit of members of the Central Provident Fund, if the Board holds those shares in the capacity of an intermediary (C) pursuant to or in accordance with that subsidiary legislation.
- A proxy need not be a member of the Company. (3)
- The instrument appointing a proxy/proxies must be (a) deposited at the office of the Company's Share Registrar, B.A.C.S. Private Limited at 8 Robinson Road #03-00, ASO Building, Singapore 048544; or (b) submitted by email to info@etcsingapore.com at least 72 hours before the time set for the AGM or any postponement or adjournment thereof. A Depositor's name must appear in the Depository Register maintained by the Central Depository (Pte) Limited not less than 72 hours before the time appointed for the holding of the AGM in order for him to be entitled to vote at the AGM. (4)
- The instrument appointing a proxy/proxies shall be in writing under the hand of the appointor or of his attorney, or if such appointor is a corporation, under its common seal or under the hand of its officer (5)or attorney, duly authorised in writing.
- In the case of joint shareholders, all holders must sign the instrument appointing a proxy/proxies. (6)
- By attending the AGM and/or any adjournment thereof or submitting an instrument appointing a proxy/proxies and/or representative(s) to attend, speak and vote at the AGM and/or any adjournment thereof, a member of the Company (i) consents to the collection, use and disclosure of the member's personal data by the Company (or its agents) for the purpose of the processing and administration by the Company (or its agents) of proxies and representatives appointed for the AGM (including any adjournment thereof) and the preparation, compilation and publication of the attendance lists, minutes and other documents relating to the AGM (including any adjournment thereof), and in order for the Company (or its agents) to comply with any applicable laws, listing rules, regulations and/or guidelines (collectively, the "**Purposes**"), (ii) warrants that where the member disclosure by the Company (or its agents) of the Company (or its agents), the member has obtained the prior consent of proxy/proxies and/or representative(s) for the collection, use and disclosure by the Company (or its agents) of the personal data of such proxy/proxies and/or representative(s) for the Purposes, and disclosure by the Company (or its agents) of the personal data of such proxy/proxies and/or representative(s) for the Purposes, and disclosure by the Company (or its agents) of the personal data of such proxy/proxies and/or representative(s) for the Purposes, and disclosure by the Company (or its agents) of the personal data of such proxy/proxies and/or representative(s) for the Purposes, and disclosure by the company is proxylenged and/or representative(s) for the Purposes, and disclosure by the member's personal data of such proxylenged and/or representative(s) for the Purposes, and disclosure by the member's personal data of such proxylenged and/or representative(s) for the Purposes, and disclosure by the member's personal data of such proxylenged and/or representative(s) for the purpose of the purposes, and disclosure by the member's personal data (7)and (iii) agrees that the member will indemnify the Company in respect of any penalties, flabilities, claims, demands, losses and damages as a result of the member's breach of warranty.

## Measures to Minimise Risk of COVID-19

In line with the advisories issued by the Ministry of Health ("MOH") in relation to the COVID-19 outbreak, the following steps will be taken for shareholders and others attending the AGM to minimise the risk of community spread of COVID-19:

- All persons attending the AGM will be required to undergo a temperature check and sign a travel/health declaration form. This declaration form will also be used for the purpose of contact tracing, if 1. required
- Any person who has been placed on Quarantine Order, Leave of Absence or issued a Stay-Home Notice, or has recent travel history to any countries or places as specified by MOH in its advisories during the 14 days prior to the date of the AGM (i.e. commencing from and including Friday, 29 May 2020) will not be permitted to attend the AGM. 2.
- Any person who has fever will not be permitted to attend the AGM. We may also at our discretion deny entry to persons exhibiting flu-like symptoms. 3

Shareholders who are feeling unwell on the date of the AGM are advised not to attend the AGM. Shareholders are also advised to arrive at the AGM venue early given that the above-mentioned measures may cause delay in the registration process.

As the COVID-19 situation continues to evolve, the Company will closely monitor the situation and reserves the right to take further measures as appropriate in order to minimise any risk to shareholders and others attending the AGM. In the event that such measures are adopted, the Company will make announcements as appropriate.

The Company seeks the understanding and cooperation of all shareholders to minimise the risk of community spread of COVID-19.

This notice has been prepared by the Company and its contents have been reviewed by the Company's sponsor, RHT Capital Pte. Ltd. (the "**Sponsor**"), for compliance with the relevant rules of the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited ("**SGX-ST**"). The Sponsor has not independently verified the contents of this notice.

This notice has not been examined or approved by the SGX-ST and the SGX-ST assumes no responsibility for the contents of this notice, including the correctness of any of the statements or opinions made or reports contained in this notice.

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