## NOTICE OF ARBITRATION AGAINST BJTJ INDUSTRIAL CO., LIMITED

The Board of Directors (the **"Board"**) of HS Optimus Holdings Limited (the **"Company"**) refers to the Company's announcements dated 10 July 2019, 10 October 2019, 10 January 2020, 10 March 2020 and 11 May 2020, relating to the entry by HS Optimus Resources Sdn Bhd (formerly known as KLW Resources Sdn Bhd) (the **"HSOR**"), which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, into a capital assignment agreement (the **"CAA"**) with BJTJ Industrial Co., Limited (the **"Purchaser"**) in respect of the sale by the Seller of its entire paid-up capital contribution in Key Bay Furniture Co., Ltd, free from all encumbrances, for a total cash consideration of US\$7.02 million (the **"Sale Consideration"**) as well as the Company's announcement dated 8 March 2024 on the service of a letter of demand on the Purchaser.

As announced on 8 March 2024, HSOR had instructed its solicitors, Drew & Napier LLC, to issue a letter of demand to the Purchaser to demand payment of the balance amount of US\$0.351 million (the **"Balance Consideration"**), being an amount equivalent to the remaining 5% of the Sale Consideration.

Despite numerous reminders and the issuance of a letter of demand on the Purchaser, the Balance Consideration remains outstanding and unpaid.

The Company would like to announce that HSOR has on 19 August 2024 instructed its solicitors, Drew & Napier LLC, to file a Notice of Arbitration (the **"NOA"**) with the Singapore International Arbitration Centre to commence arbitration proceedings against the Purchaser in respect of the disputes arising out of and/or in connection with the CAA and to claim against the Purchaser for the Balance Consideration, interest and costs.

The Board is of the view that the commencement of arbitration proceedings against the Purchaser is not expected to have any material impact on the financial position of the Company. The Company will make further announcements as and when there are material development concerning this matter. In the meantime, shareholders and potential investors are advised to exercise caution when dealing with the securities of the Company and, when in doubt as to the action they should take, they should consult their financial, tax and or/other professional advisers(s) immediately.

**By order of the Board** HS Optimus Holdings Limited

Chia Fook Sam Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer 19 August 2024

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