



REENOVA INVESTMENT HOLDING LIMITED

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DISCLAIMER OF OPINION BY INDEPENDENT AUDITOR ON THE GROUP'S FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

Pursuant to Rule 704(5) of the Listing Rules of Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited (the “**SGX-ST**”), the Board of Directors (the “**Board**”) of Reenova Investment Holding Limited (the “**Company**” and collectively with its subsidiaries, the “**Group**”) wishes to inform that the Company’s independent auditor, RT LLP (the “**Independent Auditor**”) has in their Independent Auditor’s Report dated 12 April 2021 (the “**Report**”) issued a “disclaimer of opinion” (the “**Disclaimer Opinion**”) in relation to the financial statements of the Group for the financial year ended 31 December 2020 (the “**Audited Financial Statements**”).

The Report is set out in the Company’s Annual Report for the financial year ended 31 December 2020 (“**Annual Report 2020**”) to be released on SGXNET and the Company’s website at <https://reenovagroup.com/> on 13 April 2021. An extract of the Report to the Audited Financial Statements is annexed to this announcement.

On Behalf of the Board
Reenova Investment Holding Limited

Chen Tong
Executive Chairman

13 April 2021

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF REENOVA INVESTMENT HOLDING LIMITED
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Disclaimer of Opinion

We were engaged to audit the financial statements of Reenova Investment Holding Limited (the "**Company**") and its subsidiaries (the "**Group**"), which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position of the Group and the statement of financial position of the Company as at 31 December 2020, and the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, consolidated statement of changes in equity and consolidated statement of cash flows of the Group for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies as set out on pages 55 to 118.

We do not express an opinion on the accompanying financial statements of the Group and the statement of financial position of the Company. Because of the significance of the matters described in the *Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion* section of our report, we have not been able to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to provide a basis for an audit opinion on these financial statements.

Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion

Going Concern

During the financial year ended 31 December 2020, the Group incurred a net loss of S\$7.7 million (2019: S\$4.7 million), recorded net operating cash outflows of S\$3.1 million (2019: S\$2.2 million) and net current liabilities of S\$3.5 million (2019: S\$6.4 million). The cash and cash equivalents in the Group as at 31 December 2020 was S\$ 1.7 million (2019: S\$77,882). These conditions indicate that a material uncertainty exists with a pervasive impact that may cast significant doubt on the Group's ability to continue as a going concern.

The Group had acquired a 60% stake in Reenova Holding (Mauritius) Limited ("**RHM**") in December 2018, which in turn owns 100% of Reenova Rare Earth (Malagasy) S.A.R.L.U. ("**RREM**").

In May 2019, by virtue of enforcement of pledges (see Note 10), the Group increased its shareholding in RHM by 15% to 75%. Consequently, its effective holding in RREM increased to 75%. RREM continues to hold the exploration licence of the greenfield rare earth mine, renewed in November 2018, which is valid for a three-year term from 6 November 2018 till 5 November 2021. The Group had on 18 September 2020 made a formal submission to the Madagascar Mining Cadastral Office (*Bureau du Cadastre Minier de Madagascar*) to apply for the full mining licence (*Permis de Exploitation*) in relation to the Rare Earth Project and the outcome of the application is currently pending.

As elaborated in Note 2.1, the financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the Directors are of the view that:

- (a) the Group will be able to commence pilot production once travel restrictions to Madagascar are lifted, as this is one of the key steps towards bringing the greenfield rare earth mine to commercialisation and revenue generation, and
- (b) upon commencement of the pilot production, the Group will be in a better position to obtain additional financing of up to US\$25 million from an identified offtake party, deemed the buyer of rare earth oxides, or raise additional funds to support the operations of the Rare Earth Project, thus enabling the Group to progress towards commercialisation and revenue generation.

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The validity of the going concern basis on which the financial statements are prepared depends on the Directors' assessment of the Group's ability to operate as a going concern as set forth above. The assumptions are premised on future events, the outcome of which are inherently uncertain.

Accordingly, we were unable to assess the appropriateness of the management's use of the going concern assumption in the preparation of the financial statements. The financial statements of the Group and the Company have been prepared on a going concern basis, which assumes that the Group and the Company will continue in operation at least for a period of twelve months from the reporting date. This means that the financial statements do not include any adjustments relating to the recoverability and classification of recorded asset amounts or to the amounts and classification of liabilities that may be necessary if the Group and the Company are unable to continue in operation in the foreseeable future. Should the going concern assumption be inappropriate, adjustments would have to be made to reflect the situation that assets may need to be realised other than in the normal course of business and at amounts which could differ significantly from the amounts at which they are recorded in the statement of financial position. In addition, the Group and the Company may have to provide for further liabilities that may arise, and to reclassify non-current assets and non-current liabilities as current assets and current liabilities, respectively.

Responsibilities of Management and Directors for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation of financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act, Chapter 50 (the "**Act**") and Singapore Financial Reporting Standards (International), and for devising and maintaining a system of internal accounting controls sufficient to provide a reasonable assurance that assets are safeguarded against loss from unauthorised use or disposition; and transactions are properly authorised and that they are recorded as necessary to permit the preparation of true and fair financial statements and to maintain accountability of assets.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Group's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Group or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so. The directors' responsibilities include overseeing the Group's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our responsibility is to conduct an audit of the Group's financial statements in accordance with Singapore Standards on Auditing and to issue an auditor's report. However, because of the matters described in the *Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion* section of our report, we were not able to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to provide a basis for an audit opinion on these financial statements.

We are independent of the Group in accordance with the Accounting and Corporate Regulatory Authority (ACRA) Code of *Professional Conduct and Ethics for Public Accountants and Accounting Entities* (ACRA Code) together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Singapore, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the ACRA Code.

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Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

In our opinion, the accounting and other records required by the Act to be kept by the Company and by those subsidiary corporations incorporated in Singapore of which we are the auditors have been properly kept in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

The engagement partner on the audit resulting in this independent auditor's report is Mr. Ravinthran Arumugam.

RT LLP

Public Accountants and
Chartered Accountants

Singapore
12 April 2021