ASTI Holdings Limited
(Company Registration No. 199901514C)
(Incorporated in the Republic of Singapore)

Chinese Company in Advanced Talks with ASTI to Acquire ASTI's Wholly-Owned Subsidiaries, STI Group

- **Total consideration for the potential acquisition in the range of S$105 million to S$115 million, compared to ASTI's current market capitalization of S$31 million**
- **An opportunity to realize the value that ASTI built in STI over years**
- **Potential to substantially increase ASTI's cash balance and shareholder value, for it to grow and strengthen its other businesses and explore investment opportunities**

Singapore, September 19, 2017 - ASTI Holdings Limited ("**ASTI**" or the "**Group**"), an SGX-mainboard listed company providing integrated range of services comprising Backend Equipment Solutions & Technologies ("**BEST**") and Services in the semiconductor industry, announced today that it has entered into non-binding agreement with China Fortune-Tech Capital Co., Ltd. ("**CFTC**"), in relation to CFTC's potential acquisition of some of ASTI's wholly-owned subsidiaries, including Semiconductor Technologies & Instruments Pte Ltd ("**STI**") and other related entities involving the business of STI.

STI designs, builds and markets semiconductor manufacturing equipment used in the production of Integrated Circuits ("**IC**"), which are widely used in industries such as automotive, communications, consumer electronics, data processing and aerospace. With a broad spectrum of quality products, STI has been profitable over the past few years.

CFTC, an active investment platform focused on the IC industry, was incorporated in February 2014 in Shanghai, P. R. China ("**PRC**") by a leading semiconductor foundry in the PRC, a senior investment team and some other shareholders.

CFTC's investments focus on the IC industry including semiconductor materials and electronic materials, IC design, equipment, intellectual property, services and tools.

Since its incorporation, CFTC has established 7 funds and invested in more than 30 projects. The amount of funds currently under CFTC's management has exceeded RMB 3 billion.

The negotiation is still ongoing, and the indicative consideration for the transaction is in the range of S$105 million to S$110 million. In comparison, ASTI has a current market capitalization of approximately S$31 million.

DATO' Michael Loh Soon Gnee, Executive Chairman & CEO of ASTI, comments, ***"ASTI has valuable assets and technologies in our subsidiaries, and it's encouraging to see these value being recognized by investors. STI has been an important part of our business with good profit contributions and the potential acquisition would unlock the value that we have built in STI over years.***

While ASTI is financially and technologically adequate in its current position, the transaction would substantially increase our cash balance and shareholder value. The new robust balance sheet will give all our business units the necessary working capital and resources to explore more opportunities and achieve accelerated growth in future."

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About ASTI Holdings Limited (SGX: 575)

Listed on the mainboard of the Singapore Exchange, ASTI Holdings Limited is a company uniquely positioned to serve the needs of the semiconductor industry. Under the umbrella of the ASTI Group of companies, we provide an integrated range of services comprising Backend Equipment Solutions & Technologies ("BEST") and Services.

A leader in the manufacture of semiconductor equipment, we research, design, develop and manufacture semiconductor equipment for customers. Further enhancing our manufacturing capabilities are our equipment contract manufacturing services, which manufacture precision parts, modules and standalone equipment assembly. Ranked amongst the world's leading semiconductor manufacturing services providers, we strive to continually deliver world-class services to our customers to help them optimise their resource utilisation. We also design and develop advanced packaging solutions for semiconductors, targeting the mobility and 3C convergent markets.

Globally, ASTI has 4 research and development centres, 14 factories and 29 sales offices. Our operations are located in Southeast Asia, Greater China, Korea, the United States of America and the United Kingdom. We have a library of more than 100 patents in vision systems, semiconductor assembly technologies and electromechanical systems.

Through our extensive geographical network, we are able to provide distribution services across many countries in Asia. In aggregate, the ASTI Group of companies has the ability to offer a suite of integrated and synergistic solutions to our customers. ASTI has a controlling equity interest in Dragon Group International Limited ("Dragon Group" or "DGI") and Advanced Systems Automation Limited ("ASA"). The shares of both DGI and ASA are quoted on the Singapore Exchange.

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