

Advanced Systems Automation Limited

(Incorporated in the Republic of Singapore)
Company Registration Number: 198600740M

- (A) DRAWDOWN OF ST03 TO ST04 OF TRANCHE 2 OF THE REDEEMABLE CONVERTIBLE NOTES AMOUNTING TO SGD1.0 MILLION
- (B) RE-ALLOCATION AND UPDATE ON USE OF NET PROCEEDS FROM THE PROPOSED RCN ISSUANCE
- (C) REPAYMENT OF THE DEBT TO ASTI HOLDINGS LIMITED

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The board of directors (the "Board" or "Directors") of Advanced Systems Automation Limited (the "Company") refers to the Company's (a) circular to shareholders of the Company dated 5 July 2024, in relation to, *inter alia*, the Proposed RCN Issuance (the "July 2024 Circular"); (b) announcements dated 27 October 2023, 31 October 2023, 28 May 2024, 14 June 2024, 2 July 2024, 26 July 2024 and 1 August 2024, in relation to the Proposed RCN Issuance ("RCN Announcements"); (c) announcement dated 20 July 2024, in relation to the results of the Company's extraordinary general meeting held on 20 July 2024 ("July 2024 EGM") ("July 2024 EGM Results Announcement"); (d) announcement dated 24 July 2024, in relation to the update on events post July 2024 EGM ("July 2024 EGM Update Announcement"); and (e) announcement dated 24 July 2024, in relation to the receipt of Listing and Quotation Notice for the new shares to be allotted and issued pursuant to, *inter alia*, the Proposed RCN Issuance ("LQN Announcement").

The Board further refers to the Company's announcements dated 2 July 2024, 16 July 2024 and 17 July 2024 ("**ASTI Debt Announcements**") in relation to the receipt of a letter of demand from ASTI Holdings Limited ("**ASTI**") and a statutory demand letter dated 12 July 2024 (the "**ASTI Statutory Demand Letter**") from ASTI, through its lawyers.

Unless otherwise defined, all capitalised terms used in this announcement shall have the same meanings ascribed to them in the RCN Announcements, July 2024 Circular, July 2024 EGM Results Announcement, July 2024 EGM Update Announcement, LQN Announcement and ASTI Debt Announcements.

2. DRAWDOWN OF T2 NOTES

As announced by the Company on 1 August 2024, the Company has on 30 July 2024 successfully carried out a drawdown under the Proposed RCN Issuance to offer and issue ST01 to ST02 of the second tranche of the Notes ("**T2 Notes**") in an aggregate nominal amount of SGD1.0 million which were subscribed for by Advance Opportunities Fund I.

The Board wishes to announce that the Company has on 1 August 2024 successfully carried out a further drawdown under the Proposed RCN Issuance to offer and issue ST03 to ST04 of the T2 Notes in an aggregate nominal amount of SGD1.0 million which were subscribed for by Advance Opportunities Fund I.

3. RE-ALLOCATION AND UPDATE ON USE OF NET PROCEEDS FROM THE PROPOSED RCN ISSUANCE

3.1 As at 2 August 2024, the Company has drawdown an aggregate of SGD4.5 million from the Proposed RCN Issuance.

Pursuant to Rule 704(30) of the Catalist Rules, the Board wishes to announce that the Company has made a reallocation of the entire amount of SGD1.0 million originally allocated for "Future expansion plans and investments" as disclosed in the July 2024 Circular and the Company's announcement dated 1 August 2024 to be utilised for "General working capital" instead ("Amended Allocation").

3.2 Pursuant to the Amended Allocation, the Company wishes to provide an update on the utilisation of the net proceeds of SGD4.5 million raised from the Proposed RCN Issuance as at 2 August 2024, as follows:

Use of RCN Net Proceeds	Amount Allocated as per July 2024 Circular	Amended Allocation	Drawndown and Utilised as at the date of this announcement	Balance (not drawndown)
Bridging Loan ⁽¹⁾	SGD2,000,000	SGD2,000,000	SGD2,000,000	-
General working capital ⁽²⁾	SGD2,000,000	SGD3,000,000	SGD2,500,000	SGD500,000
Future expansion plans and investments	SGD1,000,000	-	-	-
Total	SGD5,000,000	SGD5,000,000	SGD4,500,000	SGD500,000

Notes:

(2) Breakdown of general working capital

(1) The Company has on 31 October 2023 issued and the Subscribers have subscribed for T1 in an aggregate nominal amount of SGD2.5 million. Of the SGD2.5 million proceeds received by the Company, SGD2.0 million has been lent to the Vendors pursuant to the Bridging Loan, whilst the rest has been utilised for general working capital of the Company.

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(a) Repayment of 1st instalment to ASTI pursuant to the Second Addendum (b) Partial repayment of the Debt (as defined below) to ASTI pursuant to the ASTI Statutory Demand Letter (c) Payment of Administrative Fees amounting to 6% of the sum of SGD4.5 million drawndown pursuant to the Proposed RCN Issuance (d) Professional expenses related to acquisition of LSO Organization Holdings Pte Ltd (e) Payroll related costs (f) Others 1.00 million 0.67 million 0.28 million 0.16 million 0.03 million

Total <u>2.50 million</u>

- 3.3 The Company is of the view that the original allocation for future expansion plans and investments of SGD1.0 million would be better utilised for the Group's general working capital considering the repayments that the Company has to make to its respective creditors. In view of the Company's impending repayment obligations, the Company had re-allocated the full amount of SGD1.0 million to fund the general working capital requirements of the Company. The Amended Allocation proceeds will be progressively disbursed based on the Company's general working capital requirements.
- 3.4 The Board considers that the Amended Allocation is advantageous to the Company and in the best interests of the Company and its Shareholders as a whole. The Company will make period announcements via SGXNET on the utilisation of the net proceeds (based on the Amended Allocation) as and when they are materially disbursed.
- 3.5 Save for the Amended Allocation as disclosed above, the utilisation of net proceeds raised from the Proposed RCN Issuance set out in the table under section 3.2 of this announcement is in accordance with the intended use and allocation of the net proceeds for the Proposed RCN Issuance as disclosed in the July 2024 Circular.

4. REPAYMENT PURSUANT TO THE ASTI STATUTORY DEMAND LETTER

The Company wishes to announce that the Company has on 2 August 2024, in response to the ASTI Statutory Demand Letter, with the intention that it serves as full and final settlement of the repayment demanded by the ASTI, the Company has paid to ASTI, in cash, in satisfaction of the outstanding debt amount demanded for being, SGD886,283.72 ("**Debt**") to ASTI. The Company has utilised the proceeds it has received from the Proposed RCN Issuance as disclosed above under section 3 of this announcement and its internal funds for the cash repayment of the Debt.

The Board is of the view that the cash repayment of the Debt is in the best interests of the Company and that the repayment is not expected to have a material impact on the Company's financial position for the current financial year ending 31 December 2024.

As the Company has yet to receive any confirmation or acknowledgment from ASTI on the receipt and acceptance of the cash repayment of the Debt and ASTI had stated in the ASTI Statutory Demand Letter that it had reserved its rights in relation to the Debt, the Board will make further announcements on any material developments of the above, as and when necessary.

5. CAUTIONARY STATEMENT

Shareholders and potential investors are advised to exercise caution when dealing or trading in the Shares. Shareholders and potential investors are advised to read this announcement and any further announcements by the Company carefully. Shareholders and potential investors should consult their stockbrokers, bank managers, solicitors or other professional advisers if they have any doubt about the actions that they should take.

6. FURTHER ANNOUNEMENTS

The Company will make further announcements in relation to the Proposed RCN Issuance and the ASTI Statutory Demand Letter (if any) as and when appropriate.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD ADVANCED SYSTEMS AUTOMATION LIMITED

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2 August 2024

This announcement has been prepared by the Company and its contents have been reviewed by the Company's sponsor, ZICO Capital Pte. Ltd. ("Sponsor"), in accordance with Rule 226(2)(b) of the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited ("SGX-ST") Listing Manual Section B: Rules of Catalist.

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