
POSITIVE PROFIT GUIDANCE FOR INTERIM RESULTS ANNOUNCEMENT

The Board of Directors of Nico Steel Holdings Limited (the “**Company**” and together with its subsidiaries, the “**Group**”) wishes to inform shareholders that based on the latest management accounts of the Group, the Group expects to report a net profit (excluding other income arising from government’s COVID-19 support grant) for the six months ended 31 August 2020 (“**HY2021**”).

The Group faced unprecedented challenges of the ongoing trade dispute between the United States and China and the global COVID-19 pandemic has been exploring more working opportunities with eminent Chinese brand owners in the mobile communications, consumer electronics, and industrial sectors in China. The lockdowns of cities and new conventional lifestyle of telecommuting, virtual learning, and e-commerce (“live streaming” and online consumer purchasing) led to an increase in demand for and uses of mobile and electronic devices including smartphones, laptops, tablets, electronic payment systems and accessories (headsets and earphones). This, in turn, has driven demand for the Group’s metallurgical and material solutions in the financial period under review, albeit at a slower pace.

The Group is still in the process of finalising the results for HY2021. The Board expects the announcement of the unaudited consolidated interim results of the Group for HY2021 to be released by 15 October 2020.

The Board also wishes to inform shareholders that the Company had on 30 June 2020 and 1 July 2020 submitted an application to the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited (“**SGX-ST**”) and Singapore Exchange Regulation (“**SGX RegCo**”), respectively for an extension of 12 months from 4 September 2020 to meet the requirements relating to the financial exit criteria set in Rule 1314(1) of the listing manual of the SGX-ST. The Company will make further announcement to update shareholders upon receipt of a response from SGX RegCo.

Shareholders and potential investors are advised to exercise caution when dealing in the shares of the Company. Persons who are in doubt as to the action they should take, should consult their stockbrokers, bank managers, solicitors, accountants or other professional advisers before trading in or making any investment decision regarding the Company’s securities.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

Tan Chee Khiong Danny
Executive Chairman & President

Date: 01 October 2020