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STRAITS TRADING ANNOUNCES SALE OF STRAITS TRADING BUILDING TO SUN VENTURE GROUP FOR \$450 MILLION

- **Proceeds to be redeployed to pursue higher-yielding real estate opportunities**
- **Redeployment of proceeds to further strengthen its real estate ecosystem**

SINGAPORE, 5 September 2014 – The Straits Trading Company Limited (“Straits Trading” or “Company”) announced today that it has signed an agreement for the sale of the Straits Trading Building to the Sun Venture Group (“Sun Venture”), for \$450 million.

The monetisation is in line with the Company’s strategy of redeploying its capital from its portfolio of high quality, but low yielding investment properties into potentially higher return real estate opportunities.

The redeployment of the proceeds will also strengthen the development of Straits Trading’s real estate ecosystem anchored by its 89.5% interest in Straits Real Estate Pte. Ltd., its 20.1% interest in ARA Asset Management Ltd, and its 5.8% aggregate interest in Suntec REIT.

Ms Chew Gek Khim, Executive Chairman of Straits Trading said, *“The monetisation of the Straits Trading Building is a significant step to unlock value from our property assets and transform our real estate business into an engine of growth. In redeploying the proceeds, we will be able to pursue a wider spectrum of value-accretive real-estate opportunities and also further the development of our real estate ecosystem.”*

The Company is expected to realise an estimated capital gain of \$39 million on the sale of the building based on its latest book value as at 30 June 2014. Based on historical cost, the gain to the Company will be \$373 million.

Sun Venture is a Singapore-based real estate developer and investor which currently owns and manages various commercial real estate in Singapore. Sun Venture's portfolio of commercial assets include an office building at 50 Scotts Road, four floors at Samsung Hub, Westgate Tower and Paya Lebar Square.

The transaction is expected to be completed by the end of 2014.

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About The Straits Trading Company Limited

Incorporated in 1887, The Straits Trading Company Limited has stakes in real estate, hospitality, resources and investments that span the Asia Pacific region. It owns a 89.5% stake in Straits Real Estate Pte. Ltd., a co-investment vehicle that seeks out real estate related investments & opportunities. It also owns a 20.1% stake in SGX-listed ARA Asset Management Limited, one of the largest real estate fund managers in the region and has a 30% interest in Far East Hospitality Holdings, one of the largest hospitality operators in Asia Pacific. Straits Trading also engages in tin mining and smelting through its 54.8% owned subsidiary, Malaysia Smelting Corporation Berhad, that is dual listed on Bursa Malaysia and SGX-ST.

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