

VOLUNTARY UNCONDITIONAL CASH OFFER

by

EXCEL FIRST INVESTMENTS LIMITED

卓先投資有限公司

(BVI Company Number 1017021)
(Incorporated in the British Virgin Islands)

for all the issued and paid-up ordinary shares in the capital of

KINGBOARD COPPER FOIL HOLDINGS LIMITED

(Company Registration No. 26998)
(Incorporated in Bermuda)
(Singapore Stock Code: K14)

other than those which are owned, controlled or agreed to be acquired by the Offeror or by parties acting in concert or deemed to be acting in concert with the Offeror in relation to the Offer

OFFER ANNOUNCEMENT

1. INTRODUCTION

Excel First Investments Limited 卓先投資有限公司 ("**Offeror**") wishes to announce that it intends to make a voluntary unconditional cash offer ("**Offer**") for all the issued and paid-up ordinary shares of a par value of US\$0.10 each ("**Shares**") in the capital of Kingboard Copper Foil Holdings Limited ("**Company**"), other than those which are owned, controlled or agreed to be acquired by the Offeror or by parties acting in concert or deemed to be acting in concert with the Offeror in relation to the Offer ("**Concert Parties**" and such Shares, "**Offer Shares**"), with a view to delist the Company from the Main Board of Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited ("**SGX-ST**").

2. OFFER

2.1 General

The Offer will be made on the terms and conditions set out in this Announcement and the offer document to be issued by the Offeror ("**Offer Document**"), and in accordance with Section 139 of the Securities and Futures Act, Chapter 289 of Singapore and the Singapore Code on Takeovers and Mergers.

2.2 Offer Price

The Offer will be made at:

S\$0.60 in cash for each Offer Share ("**Offer Price**").

2.3 Offer Shares

The Offer will be extended to all the Offer Shares. The Offer does not extend to the Shares owned, controlled or agreed to be acquired by the Offeror or its Concert Parties, including the Shares held directly and indirectly by the Offeror and its Concert Parties as at the date hereof ("**Announcement Date**") as set out in **Schedule 1**.

2.4 Rights and Encumbrances

The Offer Shares will be acquired:

- (a) fully paid;
- (b) free from all claims, charges, liens, mortgages, encumbrances, hypothecations, retention of title, power of sale, equity, options, rights of pre-emption, rights of first refusal or other third party rights or interests of any nature whatsoever; and
- (c) together with all rights, benefits and entitlements attached thereto as at the Announcement Date and hereafter attaching thereto, including the right to receive and retain all dividends, rights, other distributions and return of capital ("**Distributions**") (if any) which may be announced, declared, paid or made by the Company, the Record Date for which falls on or after the Announcement Date. For the purpose of this Announcement, "**Record Date**" means, in relation to any Distributions, the date on which Shareholders must be registered with the Company or with The Central Depository (Pte) Limited ("**CDP**"), as the case may be, in order to participate in such Distributions.

If any Distribution is announced, declared, paid or made by the Company on or after the Announcement Date, and the Offeror is not entitled to receive such Distribution in full in respect of any Offer Share tendered in acceptance of the Offer, the Offer Price payable in respect of such Offer Share will be reduced by the amount of such Distribution.

2.5 Offer Unconditional

The Offer will not be subject to any conditions and will be unconditional in all respects.

2.6 Offer Document

Further information on the Offer shall be set out in the Offer Document to be issued by the Offeror.

2.7 No Options Proposal

Based on the latest information available to the Offeror, there are no outstanding options to subscribe for new Shares granted under any employee share scheme of the Company ("**Options**") as at the Announcement Date. In view of the foregoing, the Offeror will not make an offer to acquire any Options.

3. INFORMATION ON THE OFFEROR

The Offeror is a BVI business company incorporated in the British Virgin Islands on 22 March 2006. Its principal activity is that of investment holding. As at the Announcement Date, the Offeror has issued only one (1) share with a par value of US\$1.00 per share. As at the Announcement Date, the directors of the Offeror ("**Directors**") are Mr. Cheung Kwok Wa, Mr. Cheung Kwok Ping and Mr. Cheung Ka Ho.

The Offeror is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Kingboard Laminates Holdings Limited ("**Kingboard Laminates**"), which is listed on Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited. As at the Announcement Date, the directors of Kingboard Laminates are Mr. Cheung Kwok Wa, Mr. Cheung Kwok Keung, Mr. Cheung Kwok Ping, Mr. Lam Ka Po, Mr. Cheung Ka Ho, Mr. Liu Min, Mr. Zhou Pei Feng, Mr. Lo Ka Leong, Mr. Leung Tai Chiu, Mr. Ip Shu Kwan, Stephen, Mr.

Zhang Lu Fu and Mr. Lau Ping Cheung, Kaizer.

Kingboard Laminates is, in turn, a 70.93% owned subsidiary of Kingboard Holdings Limited (formerly known as Kingboard Chemical Holdings Limited) ("**Kingboard Holdings**"), and also listed on Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited. The Kingboard Holdings group has business activities ranging from manufacture and sale of, among others, laminates, printed circuit boards, chemicals and magnetic products, and property development and investment. As at the Announcement Date, the directors of Kingboard Holdings are Mr. Cheung Kwok Wing, Mr. Chang Wing Yiu, Mr. Cheung Kwong Kwan, Mr. Ho Yin Sang, Ms. Cheung Wai Lin, Stephanie, Mr. Cheung Ka Shing, Mr. Chen Maosheng, Mr. Cheung Ming Man, Dr. Chong Kin Ki, Mr. Leung Tai Chiu and Mr. Chan Wing Kee.

Additional information on Kingboard Laminates and Kingboard Holdings can be found at their websites at <http://www.kblaminates.com> and <http://www.kingboard.com>, respectively.

The direct and indirect shareholdings of the Offeror and its Concert Parties in the Company as at the Announcement Date are set out in **Schedule 1**.

4. INFORMATION ON THE COMPANY

Based on publicly available information, the Company was incorporated in Bermuda on 10 September 1999 and is listed on the Main Board of the SGX-ST. It is an investment holding company, and its subsidiaries are engaged in the manufacture and trading of polyvinyl butyral and related products and licensing business.

As at the Announcement Date, the directors of the Company are Mr. Lam Ka Po, Mr. Cheung Kwok Ping, Mr. Ho Yin Sang, Mr. Ong Tiong Wee and Mr. Chim Hou Yan.

5. RATIONALE FOR OFFER

5.1 Intention to Delist and Privatise the Company

The Offeror intends to make the Offer with a view to delist the Company from the SGX-ST if, *inter alia*, the Free Float Requirement (as defined in paragraph 6.1 below) is not satisfied and/or it achieves the requisite acceptances for such delisting, in order to facilitate management and operational control and leverage over the Company and its subsequent developments. The Offeror will also exercise any rights of compulsory acquisition that may arise under Section 102 of the Companies Act 1981 of Bermuda ("**Bermuda Companies Act**").

The successful delisting of the Company will enable, amongst others, the Offeror together with the management of the Company to have a longer horizon to manage and plan its business. It will also provide the Offeror and the management more control and flexibility to manage and drive the future business growth of the Company.

5.2 Opportunity for Minority Shareholders to Realise their Investment in the Shares at a Premium

The Offer Price is at a premium above the historical market prices of the Shares of over the last twelve-month period up to the prior to the Announcement Date. The Offer Price represents an approximately 9.1% premium above the closing price on the last traded day, being 1 April 2019, prior to this Announcement ("**Last Traded Day**"), and an approximately 16.1%, 25.3%, 27.4% and 32.5% premium above the volume weighted average price ("**VWAP**") per Share for the

one-month, three-month, six-month and 12-month period prior to and including the Last Traded Day, respectively.

Shareholders who tender their Shares pursuant to the Offer will have an opportunity to realise their investment in the Company for a cash consideration at a premium above the historical market share prices, without incurring any brokerage and other trading costs.

5.3 Compliance Costs of Maintaining Listing

The Company incurs compliance and other related costs associated with maintaining its listing status. The delisting of the Company will eliminate listing related expenses which can be channelled towards its business operations.

5.4 Offeror's Intentions in relation to the Company

Upon completion of the Offer, the Offeror will undertake a strategic and operational review of the Company and its subsidiaries with a view to realising synergies, scale, cost efficiencies and growth potential.

The Offeror presently has no intention to introduce any major changes to the business of the Company, or to discontinue the employment of any of the existing employees of the Company or re-deploy any of the fixed assets of the Company, other than in the ordinary course of business. The Offeror however retains the flexibility at any time to consider options or opportunities which may present themselves.

6. LISTING STATUS AND COMPULSORY ACQUISITION

6.1 Delisting

The Offeror does not intend to preserve the listing status of the Company. Under Rule 1105 of the Listing Manual of the SGX-ST ("**Listing Manual**"), upon announcement by the Offeror that acceptances have been received that bring the holdings of the Shares owned by the Offeror and its Concert Parties to above 90% of the total number of Shares in issue excluding treasury shares, the SGX-ST may suspend the trading of the Shares on the SGX-ST until such time the SGX-ST is satisfied that at least 10% of the total number of Shares in issue excluding treasury shares are held by at least 500 Shareholders who are members of the public. Under Rule 1303(1) of the Listing Manual, if the Offeror succeeds in garnering acceptances exceeding 90% of the total number of Shares in issue excluding treasury Shares, thus causing the percentage of the total number of Shares in issue excluding treasury shares held in public hands to fall below 10%, the SGX-ST will suspend trading of the Shares on the SGX-ST at the close of the Offer.

Separately, Rule 723 of the Listing Manual requires the Company to ensure that at least 10% of the total number of Shares in issue excluding treasury shares is at all times held by the public ("**Free Float Requirement**"). Rule 724 of the Listing Manual states that, if the Free Float Requirement is not met, the Company must, as soon as practicable, announce that fact, and the SGX-ST may allow the Company a period of three (3) months, or such longer period as the SGX-ST may agree, to raise the percentage of Shares in public hands to at least 10%, failing which the Company may be delisted from the SGX-ST.

In the event that the Company does not meet the Free Float Requirement and the trading of the Shares on the SGX-ST is suspended, the Offeror does not intend to support any action or take any steps to maintain the listing status of the Company or to restore the

Free Float Requirement, consistent with its intention to delist the Company from the SGX-ST.

6.2 Compulsory Acquisition

The Company is incorporated in Bermuda. Under Section 102 of the Bermuda Companies Act, where an offeror has, within four (4) months after the making of an offer under a scheme or contract involving the transfer of shares:

- (a) obtained acceptances from shareholders holding not less than nine-tenths in value of the shares in a Bermuda-incorporated company ("**Target**") whose transfer is involved (other than shares already held, at the date of the offer, by the offeror, the offeror's subsidiaries, and nominees of the offeror or its subsidiaries); and
- (b) where, at the date of the offer, shares in the Target whose transfer is involved, are already held by the offeror, the offeror's subsidiaries, and nominees of the offeror or its subsidiaries to a value greater than 10% of the total issued shares of the Target, such accepting shareholders also represent not less than 75% in number of the holders of such shares (other than shares already held as at the date of the offer, by the offeror, the offeror's subsidiaries, and nominees of the offeror or its subsidiaries), and further provided that the offeror must have made the offer on the same terms to all holders of the shares whose transfer is involved (other than those already held as aforesaid),

("Approval Threshold"), the offeror may at any time within two (2) months beginning from the date on which the Approval Threshold is achieved, give notice under Section 102(1) of the Bermuda Companies Act to any dissenting shareholder that the offeror wishes to acquire his shares ("**Acquisition Notice**"). When such Acquisition Notice is given, upon the expiry of one (1) month from the date on which the notice was given, the offeror shall be entitled and bound to acquire those shares on the same terms as the offer (unless an application is made by the dissenting shareholder(s) to the Supreme Court of Bermuda ("**Court**") within one (1) month from the date on which the notice was given and the Court thinks fit to order otherwise).

Section 102(2) of the Bermuda Companies Act provides that where, pursuant to such a scheme or contract, shares in the Target are transferred to an offeror or its nominee, and those shares together with any other shares in the Target held by, or by a nominee for, the offeror or its subsidiary at the date of the transfer comprise nine-tenths in value of the shares in the Target, the offeror must within one (1) month from the date of the transfer give notice of that fact to the dissenting shareholder(s) of the Target, and any such shareholder may within three (3) months from the giving of the said notice to him, give notice (an "**Offeree Notice**") requiring the offeror to acquire his shares in the Target. Where a dissenting shareholder gives an Offeree Notice with respect to any shares in the Target, the offeror shall be entitled and bound to acquire those shares on the same terms of the original offer (or on such other terms as may be agreed or as the Court, on the application of either the offeror or the dissenting shareholder, thinks fit to order).

Under Section 103 of the Bermuda Companies Act, the holders of not less than 95% of the shares in a Bermuda-incorporated company ("**Purchasers**") may give notice ("**Section 103 Acquisition Notice**") to the remaining shareholders of the intention to acquire their shares on the terms set out in the Section 103 Acquisition Notice. When such Section 103 Acquisition Notice is given, the Purchasers shall be entitled and bound to acquire the shares of the remaining shareholders on the terms set out in the Section 103 Acquisition Notice unless a remaining shareholder applies to the Court to have the Court appraise the value of such shares.

The Offeror intends to make the Company its wholly-owned subsidiary. **Accordingly, if entitled, the Offeror intends to exercise its right of compulsory acquisition under Section**

102 and Section 103 of the Bermuda Companies Act.

Shareholders who are in doubt of their position under the Bermuda Companies Act are advised to seek their own independent legal advice.

7. FINANCIAL EVALUATION OF OFFER

The Offer Price represents the following premia over the prices of the Shares traded on the SGX-ST on the following date and over the following periods:

Reference Date / Period	Reference Price⁽²⁾	Offer Price Premium
Last traded price per Share on 1 April 2019, being the Last Traded Day	S\$0.550	9.1%
VWAP ⁽¹⁾ per Share for the one-month period prior to and including the Last Traded Day	S\$0.517	16.1%
VWAP per Share for the three-month period prior to and including the Last Traded Day	S\$0.479	25.3%
VWAP per Share for the six-month period prior to and including the Last Traded Day	S\$0.471	27.4%
VWAP per Share for the 12-month period prior to and including the Last Traded Day	S\$0.453	32.5%

Notes:

(1) *The figures are based on data extracted from Bloomberg L.P..*

(2) *Rounded to the nearest three (3) decimal places.*

8. CONFIRMATION OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES

UOB Kay Hian Private Limited has confirmed that the Offeror has sufficient financial resources to satisfy full acceptance of the Offer for the Offer Shares at the Offer Price.

9. DISCLOSURE OF SHAREHOLDINGS AND DEALINGS

9.1 Share Capital

As at the Announcement Date:

- (a) the Company has only one class of Shares in issue, the Shares, and there are 722,500,000 Shares in issue, none of which is held in treasury; and
- (b) there are no instruments convertible into Shares, or any options, rights or warrants for the issuance of any new Shares, outstanding.

9.2 Disclosures

Schedule 1 to this Announcement sets out the number of Shares owned, controlled or agreed to be acquired by (i) the Offeror or the Directors, (ii) Kingboard Laminates and its directors or

(iii) Kingboard Holdings and its directors (each a "**Relevant Person**") as at the Announcement Date.

Save as disclosed in this Announcement, as at the Announcement Date, none of the Relevant Persons:

- (a) owns, controls or has agreed to acquire any (i) any Shares, (ii) any securities which carry voting rights in the Company and (iii) any convertible securities, warrants, options or derivatives in respect of any Shares or securities referred to in (i) and (ii) above ("**Relevant Securities**");
- (b) has dealt for value in any Relevant Securities in the three-month period immediately preceding the Announcement Date and up to the Announcement Date ("**Reference Period**");
- (c) has received any irrevocable undertaking from any person to accept, approve or reject the Offer in respect of any Relevant Securities;
- (d) has entered into any arrangement (whether by way of option, indemnity or otherwise) in relation to any Relevant Securities which might be material to the Offer;
- (e) has granted any security interest in respect of any Relevant Securities in favour of any other person, whether through a charge, pledge or otherwise;
- (f) has borrowed any Relevant Securities from any other person (excluding borrowed Relevant Securities which have been on-lent or sold); or
- (g) has lent any Relevant Securities to any other person.

9.3 Confidentiality

In the interests of confidentiality, the Offeror has not made enquiries in respect of certain other parties who or which are or may be presumed to be Concert Parties. Further enquiries will be made of such persons after the Announcement Date and the relevant disclosures (if any) will be made in the Offer Document.

10. INDICATIVE TIMELINE

10.1 Offer Document

The Offer Document, setting out the terms and conditions of the Offer and enclosing the relevant forms of acceptance and approval of the Offer, will be despatched to Shareholders not earlier than 14 days and not later than 21 days from the Announcement Date.

10.2 Offer

The Offer will remain open for acceptances by Shareholders for a period of at least 28 days after the date on which the Offer Document is posted.

Shareholders of the Company should exercise caution and seek appropriate independent professional advice when dealing in the Shares.

11. OVERSEAS SHAREHOLDERS

The availability of the Offer to persons not resident in Singapore may be affected by the laws and regulations of the relevant jurisdiction. The Offer, will be made solely by the Offer Document and the relevant forms of acceptance accompanying the same, which will contain the full terms and conditions of the Offer, including details of how it may be accepted. For the avoidance of doubt, the Offer is open to all Shareholders holding Shares, including those to whom the Offer Document and relevant forms of acceptance may not be sent.

The release, publication or distribution of this Announcement in certain jurisdictions may be restricted by law and therefore persons in any such jurisdictions into which this Announcement is released, published or distributed should inform themselves about and observe such restrictions.

Shareholders who are not resident in Singapore should inform themselves about, and observe, any applicable requirements in their own jurisdiction. Further details in relation to such overseas Shareholders will be contained in the Offer Document.

12. RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT

The directors of the Offeror, Kingboard Laminates and Kingboard Holdings (including any who may have delegated detailed supervision of this Announcement) have taken all reasonable care to ensure that the facts stated and all opinions expressed in this Announcement are fair and accurate and that no material facts have been omitted from this Announcement, and they jointly and severally accept responsibility accordingly.

Where any information has been extracted or reproduced from published or publicly available sources (including without limitation in relation to the Group), the sole responsibility of the directors of the Offeror, Kingboard Laminates and Kingboard Holdings has been to ensure through reasonable enquiries that such information is accurately extracted from such sources or, as the case may be, reflected or reproduced in this Announcement.

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Schedule 1
Details of Holdings of Company Securities by the Relevant Persons
as at the Announcement Date

Name	Direct Interest		Indirect Interest	
	No. of Shares	% ⁽¹⁾	No. of Shares	% ⁽¹⁾
Offeror ⁽²⁾	547,355,321	75.76	87,714,300	12.14
Kingboard Laminates ⁽³⁾	-	-	635,069,621	87.90
Jamplan (BVI) Limited ⁽⁴⁾	-	-	635,489,621	87.96
Kingboard Holdings ⁽⁴⁾	-	-	635,489,621	87.96
Hallgain Management Limited ⁽⁵⁾	-	-	635,489,621	87.96
Ho Yin Sang ⁽⁶⁾	-	-	2,000	0.00

Notes:

- (1) Calculated based on a total of 722,500,000 Shares in issue as at the Announcement Date.
- (2) The Offeror is deemed to have an interest in the 87,714,300 Shares held by its subsidiary, Kingboard Laminates Limited, directly and through nominees.
- (3) The Offeror is 100% held by Kingboard Laminates.
- (4) Kingboard Laminates is 68.45% held by Jamplan (BVI) Limited ("**Jamplan**") and 2.48% directly held by Kingboard Holdings. Jamplan is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Kingboard Holdings. Jamplan's subsidiary, Kingboard Investments Limited, also holds directly 420,000 Shares.
- (5) Hallgain Management Limited has approximately 39.02% shareholding interest in Kingboard Holdings.
- (6) Mr Ho Yin Sang, a director of the Company and Kingboard Holdings, has a deemed interest in 2,000 Shares via his spouse, Mdm Cheung Wai Kam.