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## **NEWS RELEASE**

## ST GROUP DRAWS STRONG DEMAND FOR IPO

- All 30,077,000 Placement Shares fully placed out
- Cornerstone investors have subscribed for 6,923,000 shares
- Gross proceeds of approximately S\$9.6 million raised
- Expected trading debut on Catalist of the SGX-ST at 9.00 a.m. on 3 July 2019

*Singapore, 2 July 2019* – ST Group Food Industries Holdings Limited (the "**Company**", and together with its subsidiaries, "**ST Group**" or the "**Group**"), an established F&B group headquartered in Australia with a diversified portfolio of six internationally popular brands, namely, "PappaRich", "NeNe Chicken", "Gong Cha", "Hokkaido Baked Cheese Tart", "IPPUDO" and "iDarts", as well as two of its own brand concepts, "PAFU" and "KURIMU", is pleased to announce that it has received positive interest for its initial public offering ("IPO") of 30,077,000 new shares (the "**Placement Shares**") at S\$0.26 for each Placement Share (the "**Issue Price**"), in conjunction with its listing on the Catalist board ("**Catalist**") of the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited ("**SGX-ST**").

At the close of the Placement at 12.00 noon on 1 July 2019, all 30,077,000 Placement Shares available under the Placement were validly subscribed for with application monies received for these Placement Shares amounting to S\$7.8 million. Concurrently but separate from the Placement, certain cornerstone investors have subscribed for an aggregate of 6,923,000 new shares ("**Cornerstone Shares**") at the Issue Price. The details of each cornerstone investor are as follows:

- Chikaranomoto Global Holdings Pte. Ltd. (3,846,100 shares)
- Hyein Foods Co., Ltd. (3,076,900 shares)

Chikaranomoto Global Holdings Pte. Ltd. is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Chikaranomoto Holdings Co., Ltd., which is listed on the Tokyo Stock Exchange and is the owner of the "IPPUDO" brand. Hyein Foods Co., Ltd. is a private company incorporated in the Republic of Korea, and is the owner of the "NeNe Chicken" brand.

An aggregate of 37,000,000 Placement Shares and Cornerstone Shares were issued to raise gross proceeds of approximately S\$9.6 million. The Placement Shares and the Cornerstone Shares will in aggregate represent approximately 15.0% of the Company's post-Placement share capital.

Mr. Saw Tatt Ghee (蘇達義), Executive Chairman and CEO of the Company, said, "We would like to extend a warm welcome to all our new shareholders. Thank you for your vote of confidence, and for believing in the growth story and future of ST Group. We are extremely excited to embark on this new journey with you. Our status as a listed company provides us a platform to enhance the visibility of our brands across our key geographical markets. Alongside the enlarged capital base from our successful listing, we believe we are now better-placed to build on our successes over the past seven years and elevate our business to the next level."

The Group intends to use the estimated net proceeds of S\$6.2 million raised from the IPO for business expansion, including the expansion of the Group's franchise network and introduction of new brands and concepts; the acquisition of new equipment and machinery and the expansion of the Group's existing Central Kitchen and corporate office in Australia; the establishment of a new central kitchen and corporate office in Malaysia; and general working capital purposes.

ST Group's post-Placement market capitalisation is approximately S\$64.0 million, based on the Issue Price and the Company's enlarged share capital of 246,000,000 shares.

The shares are expected to commence trading on a "ready" basis on Catalist at 9.00 a.m. on 3 July 2019.

United Overseas Bank Limited ("**UOB**") is the Sponsor and Issue Manager and Placement Agent for the IPO.

## About ST Group Food Industries Holdings Limited

Founded in 2011, ST Group holds the exclusive franchise and licence rights to six internationally popular F&B brands, namely, "PappaRich", "NeNe Chicken", "Gong Cha", "Hokkaido Baked Cheese Tart", "IPPUDO" and "iDarts", in various territories. It has also developed two of its own brand concepts, "PAFU" and "KURIMU".

ST Group operates in the key geographical markets of Australia, New Zealand and Malaysia through four main business segments - F&B retail sales under the various brands through outlets owned and operated by the Group, the sub-franchising and sub-licensing of brands to its sub-franchisees and sub-licensees, the sale of F&B ingredients and other supplies to its franchise network through its Central Kitchen, and receipt of machine income from electronic dart machines installed at sub-franchised "iDarts" outlets. As at 31 May 2019, being the Latest Practicable Date, ST Group had a network of 101 outlets comprising 38 Group-owned outlets and 63 outlets owned and operated by its sub-franchisees and sub-licensees across its key geographical markets. In June 2019, the Group made headway into England, United Kingdom through the launch of its first "Gong Cha" outlet at City Tower, Manchester, England. The Group also went on to establish two additional Group-owned outlets and two sub-franchised outlets, bringing its total outlet count to 106 outlets as at 2 July 2019, comprising 41 Group-owned outlets and 65 outlets owned and operated by its sub-franchisees.

For more information, please visit <a href="http://stgroup.net.au/">http://stgroup.net.au/</a>

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