
UPDATE ON PROGRESS OF SUBMISSION OF REVISED RESUMPTION OF TRADING PROPOSAL (MARCH 2021)

The board of directors (the “**Board**” or “**Directors**”) of Astaka Holdings Limited (the “**Company**” and together with its subsidiaries, the “**Group**”) refers to the Company’s announcement dated 20 January 2021 (the “**Announcement**”) in relation to the receipt of the no objection letter (the “**Letter**”) from the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited (the “**SGX-ST**”) for an extension of time to 31 December 2021 to submit a revised resumption of trading proposal (“**Revised Resumption Proposal**”) and the Company’s business update announcement dated 26 February 2021. In compliance with the requirements set out in the Letter, the Board wishes to provide a monthly update on the Company’s operations and progress in meeting key milestones for its submission of a Revised Resumption Proposal to the SGX-ST.

1. BUSINESS UPDATES

The Group has resumed its operations in full since 5 March 2021 following the easing of Covid-19 restrictions and reinstatement of the conditional movement control order for Selangor, Kuala Lumpur, Johor and Penang by the Malaysian government. In order to reduce physical interactions at the workplace, the Group has implemented a split team arrangement, with each team returning to the workplace two to three days a week.

Pursuant to the loan agreement entered into between Astaka Padu Sdn Bhd (“**APSB**”), a subsidiary of the Company, and DMR Holdings Sdn Bhd (“**DMR**”), an associate of the Controlling Shareholder of the Company, Dato’ Daing A Malek Bin Daing A Rahman, dated 17 June 2020 and the supplemental loan agreement dated 3 November 2020 (collectively known as the “**DMR Loan Agreements**”), APSB has drawn down RM17.7 million of the loan, with RM42.3 million available for further drawdown as at 29 March 2021. Please refer to the circular issued by the Company on 9 October 2020 for more details on the DMR Loan Agreements.

Save as disclosed above, there have been no material developments since the last business update set out in the announcement dated 26 February 2021.

2. UPDATE ON LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

2.1. Notices of Adjudication from Aliran Asia Sdn Bhd (“**Aliran**”)

The Company refers to the previous announcements dated 19 December 2019, 23 December 2019, 17 March 2020, 28 July 2020 and 17 December 2020 in relation to (i) the Payment Claim from Aliran dated 12 December 2019; (ii) the Notice of Adjudication dated 11 March 2020 from Messrs Gan Partnership (being the lawyers representing Aliran) (“**First Notice of Adjudication**”); (iii) the Additional Claim from Aliran dated 22 July 2020; and (iv) a Notice of Adjudication dated 2 December 2020 (“**Second Notice of Adjudication**”).

There have been no material updates to the Notices of Adjudication since the Company’s announcement dated 26 February 2021. The Company will provide an update to the shareholders once the decisions have been made by the adjudicators.

2.2. Payment Claim from China State Construction Engineering (M) Sdn Bhd (“CSCE”)

The Company refers to the previous announcements dated 27 November 2020, 7 December 2020, 25 January 2021 and 17 February 2021 (collectively, the “**CSCE Announcements**”) in relation to, *inter alia*, the (i) Writ of Summons and Statement of Claim served on APSB in the High Court of Malaya at Johor Bahru (“**JB Court**”) and the stay of proceedings pending referral to arbitration pursuant to section 10 of the Arbitration Act 2005 (“**Stay of Proceedings**”) in relation to CSCE’s Writ of Summons and Statement of Claim (the “**JB Matter**”); and (ii) Originating Summons served on CSCE in the Kuala Lumpur High Court and the notice of application filed seeking for, *inter alia*, an interim injunction to prevent CSCE from commencing and/or proceeding with adjudication proceedings against APSB pursuant to CIPAA until the disposal of the Originating Summons (the “**KL Matter**”).

The Company wishes to update that the hearing of the Stay of Proceedings has been fixed on 4 May 2021 following the case management session held on 24 March 2021 in relation to the JB Matter. However, the Company was informed that the solicitors of CSCE had written to the JB Court for permission to reschedule the hearing date of the Stay of Proceedings due to a scheduling conflict.

There are no significant developments on the KL Matter save as disclosed in the previous CSCE Announcements.

The Company will make further announcement(s) to update shareholders as and when there are material developments with regards to the Company’s operations and the Revised Resumption Proposal.

By Order of the Board

Khong Chung Lun
Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer

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This announcement has been prepared by the Company and reviewed by the Company’s sponsor, Novus Corporate Finance Pte. Ltd. (the “Sponsor”), in compliance with Rule 226(2)(b) of the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited (the “SGX-ST”) Listing Manual Section B: Rules of Catalist.

This announcement has not been examined or approved by the SGX-ST and the SGX-ST assumes no responsibility for the contents of this announcement, including the correctness of any of the statements or opinions made, or reports contained in this announcement.

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