## KS ENERGY LIMITED (Under Judicial Management)

(Company Registration No. 198300104G) (Incorporated in the Republic of Singapore)

## UPDATE ON APPLICATION FOR FURTHER EXTENSION OF TIME TO APPOINT AUDIT COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Unless otherwise specified, all capitalised terms shall bear the same meaning ascribed to them in the announcements dated 18 February 2021, 31 March 2021, and 12 May 2021 (the "Announcements").

The Judicial Managers wish to announce that the SGX-ST has informed the Company on 19 May 2021 that it has no objection to granting the Company with a further extension of time of until 11 October 2021 to comply with Rule 704(8) of the Listing Manual (the "Waiver"), subject to the Company announcing the Waiver granted, the reasons for seeking the Waiver, the conditions as required under Mainboard Listing Rule 107 and if the Waiver conditions have been satisfied. If the Waiver conditions have not been met on the date of the announcement, the Company must make an update announcement when the conditions have all been met.

The Company had made the applications of Waiver to the SGX-ST on 18 February 2021 and 12 May 2021 based on the reasons set out below:-

- (a) upon the Company being placed under judicial management, the Judicial Managers are required to achieve one or more of the statutory objectives for judicial management as described in Section 89 of the Insolvency, Restructuring and Dissolution 2018 (No. 40 of 2018) of Singapore ("IRDA"), being the survival of the Company as a going concern, seeking the approval of a compromise or arrangement between the Company and its creditors and/or shareholders, and/or a more advantageous realisation of the Company's assets or property than would be effected on a winding up. Given the changes to the Company's management in quick succession as a result of the resignations of the following key persons of the Company with effect from 13 October 2020:
  - (i) Mr. Soh Gim Teik, who was the Lead Independent Director of the Company, Chairman of the Audit and Risk Management Committee ("ARMC") of the Company, and a member of the Remuneration Committee ("RC") of the Company;
  - (ii) Mr. Lawrence Stephen Basapa, who was an Independent Director of the Company, Chairman of the Nominating Committee ("NC") and a member of the ARMC and RC of the Company;
  - (iii) Mr. Chew Choon Soo, who was an Independent Director of the Company, Chairman of the RC and a member of the ARMC and NC of the Company; and
  - (iv) Mr. Richard James Wiluan, who was an Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer of the Company,

the Judicial Managers have been focusing on various operational matters which are of a greater priority to the Company and its subsidiaries (the "**Group**") including (i) sourcing and discussions with potential investors and interested parties for the Group; and (ii) negotiating and formulating proposals for the restructuring of the Group as quickly as is reasonably practicable. Approval of the Waiver would assist the Judicial Managers to commit their efforts and the limited resources of the Company on the judicial management of the Company;

(b) given the ongoing financially distressed status of the Company, and the Company's inability to pay directors' fees due to its cash-flow difficulties, it is practically difficult for the Company to find appropriate candidates to fill the vacancies in the ARMC. The Judicial Managers are of the view

that the Company would be in a better position to pursue discussions with and attract potential candidates for its Board and board committees (including the ARMC) upon successfully accomplishing the judicial management of the Company; and

(c) pursuant to Section 99(2) of the IRDA, the powers of the Directors of the Company are suspended and assumed by the Judicial Managers during the period in which the Company is placed under judicial management. Further, given the difficulties faced by the Judicial Managers in obtaining and finalising the financial results of the Company which are relevant for the preparation of the Company's financial statements, the Company believes that the role of the ARMC would be limited during the judicial management period of the Company. In view of the above and having regard to the functions of the ARMC as set out under Section 201B of the Companies Act of Singapore (Cap. 50) (the "Act") and the Code of Corporate Governance 2018, the Judicial Managers believe that the Waiver sought would not be prejudicial to the Company.

The Company is of the view that it will not be in contravention of any laws and regulations governing the Company and the constitution of the Company arising from the Waiver. The Company wishes to confirm that it is not aware of any information that will have a material bearing on investors' decision which has yet to be announced by the Company.

The Company also wishes to announce that following the application on 12 May 2021 the Company has been informed by the Accounting and Corporate Regulatory Authority of Singapore ("ACRA") on 17 May 2021 that ACRA will defer any decision regarding the Company's non-compliance with Section 201B of the Act in relation to the appointment of new audit committee member(s) to make up the minimum number of three (3) members until after 11 October 2021.

The Judicial Managers are currently working on the appointment of new members to fill the vacancies in the Company's ARMC. The Judicial Managers will provide further updates on any material developments on this matter.

## SUBMITTED BY THE JUDICIAL MANAGERS

For and On Behalf of the Company Andrew Grimmett and Lim Loo Khoon Judicial Managers 21 May 2021