

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF QUALIFICATION OF AUDITED ACCOUNTS**

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The Board of Directors of Casa Holdings Limited (“ the Company”) wishes to announce the following:

**Background**

The Company has a 25.06% (2013: 25.53%) shareholding interest in Fiamma Holdings Berhad (“Fiamma”), a company listed on the Main Board of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad. The accounts of Fiamma is audited by KPMG Malaysia, (“the Component auditor”). The accounts of Fiamma is not qualified.

The Company’s investment in Fiamma Holdings Berhad (“Fiamma”), an associated company, is accounted for using the equity method, and is carried at \$31.6 million (2013: \$28.9 million) in the consolidated balance sheet as at 30 September 2014. The Group’s share of Fiamma’s results of \$4.0 million (2013: \$3.5 million) and other comprehensive loss of Nil (2013: \$0.1 million) are included in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income for the year then ended.

The clarified Singapore Standard on Auditing (SSA) 600 Special Considerations – Audits of Group Financial Statements (Including the Work of Component Auditors) provides that the group auditor is responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the group audit engagement, (the “Clarified SSA 600”).

In complying the Clarified SSA 600, Nexia TS, the Group Auditor, has issued an audit instruction to the Component Auditors. The Component Auditors, upon receipt of the instruction, is unable to obtain internal clearance in completing the audit instructions citing Bursa Listing Rule as the reason.

*Para 9.08(2) of the Main Market Listing Requirement states that a listed issuer must ensure that no disclosure of material information is made on an individual or selective basis to analysts, shareholders, journalists of other persons unless such information has previously been fully disclosed and disseminated to the public. In the event, that material information is inadvertently disclosed on the occasion of any meetings with analysts, shareholders, journalists or others, it must be publicly disseminated as promptly as possible.*

**Qualified Opinion**

On 18 December 2014, Nexia TS issued a qualified audit opinion on the Company and the basis for Qualified Opinion as followed:

“...Fiamma is a listed company on the Main Market of Bursa Malaysia. The component auditor cited Listing Rules of Bursa Malaysia as a factor in not being able to allow us access to themselves or their audit working papers. The component auditor was not agreeable to discuss the financial affairs and the audit of Fiamma. We were not allowed access to their audit working papers and we were also not able to perform any other satisfactory alternative procedures for us to fulfil the requirements of Singapore Standard on Auditing 600, Special Considerations – Audit of Group Financial Statements (including the Work of Component Auditors). Therefore, we were unable to obtain sufficient appropriate evidence to ascertain the carrying amount of the Group’s investment in Fiamma as at 30 September 2014 and the Group’s share of Fiamma’s results and other comprehensive income for the year then ended, and were unable to determine whether adjustments, if any, to these amounts were necessary....”

## **Going Forward**

For the past three years, the Group Auditor and the Component Auditor have tried to cooperate but failed to find a workable solution or reach an agreement in complying with their respective regulatory and other requirements. The Board is of the view that even though the Company has significant influence over Fiamma, it does not have authority to dictate what the Component Auditor can or cannot do to assist the Group Auditor, and hence there is nothing much the Company can do in changing the situation. So going forward, the Company foresees that the audit opinion shall remain status quo unless there is a change in rules and regulation and its implementation.

By order of the Board  
Margaret Chak Lee Hung  
Joint Company Secretary

23 December 2014