

HIAP SENG ENGINEERING LTD.
(JUDICIAL MANAGERS APPOINTED)
(Company Registration No. 197100300Z)
(Incorporated in the Republic of Singapore)

UPDATE ON HOLDING OF COMPANY'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ("AGM") AND ISSUANCE OF ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020 ("FY2020")

Hiap Seng Engineering Ltd (Judicial Managers Appointed) (the "**Company**") and together with its subsidiaries, the "**Group**") refers to its announcement dated 15 October 2020 on the Company's applications to (i) the SGX-ST; and (ii) the Accounting and Corporate Regulatory Authority ("**ACRA**"), for an extension of time to convene its annual general meeting for FY2020 (the "**AGM**") (collectively, the "**First Applications**").

The Company wishes to announce that the First Applications had been successful, further details of which are set out below. In addition, the Company wishes to announce that it is in the midst of preparing applications to the SGX-ST and the ACRA for a further extension of time to hold the AGM, and in connection therewith, an extension of time to issue its annual report (collectively, the "**Further Applications**").

Background

As the Company's financial year end is 31 March 2020, the Company would ordinarily be required to hold the AGM by 31 July 2020, pursuant to section 175 of the Companies Act (Cap. 50) and Rule 707(1) of the SGX-ST's Listing Manual (the "**Listing Manual**").

However, in April 2020, the SGX-ST announced an automatic 60-day extension of time (the "**Automatic Extension**") for issuers to hold their AGMs and issue their annual reports. Pursuant thereto, the Company was required to hold the AGM by 29 September 2020 and issue its annual report by 14 September 2020.

The First Applications

Notwithstanding the Automatic Extension, the Company had on 8 September 2020 applied to the SGX-ST and the ACRA seeking an extension of time to hold the AGM by 30 November 2020, and in connection therewith, issue its annual report by 15 November 2020.

Outcome of the First Application to the SGX-ST

The SGX-ST had on 8 October 2020 confirmed that it had no objection to the Company's application for an extension of time to hold the AGM by 30 November 2020 and to issue its annual report by 15 November 2020, provided always that the Company complies with the conditions imposed by the SGX-ST (the "**SGX-ST Waiver**"), details of which are set out in the Company's announcement dated 15 October 2020.

Outcome of the First Application to the ACRA

The SGX-ST Waiver was conditional upon, amongst others, the Company announcing whether and when it had applied to the ACRA for an extension of time and the outcome of its application. The Company wishes to announce that the ACRA had on 5 November 2020 given its approval for the Company to hold the AGM by 28 November 2020 and submit its annual returns by 29 December 2020 (the "**ACRA Waiver**").

Rationale for the Further Applications

Since the commencement of the judicial management of the Company (please refer to the Company's announcement dated 15 September 2020), all the Company's resources are presently focused on the judicial management of the Company. The primary focus of the judicial management is to propose, develop and implement the rehabilitation plans for the Company, so as to maximise the returns for all

stakeholders. The Company and its Judicial Managers believe that the interests of the Shareholders would be best served by ensuring that the consolidated financial statements for FY2020 are thoroughly prepared.

To achieve this, the Company and the Judicial Managers are of the view that the consolidated financial statements for FY2020 can be prepared accurately only towards the conclusion of the judicial management process. Therefore, the Company is seeking a further extension of time to hold the AGM, and to issue its annual report on a date closer to the conclusion of the judicial management process.

In addition to the above, the Company also intends to submit an application to the SGX-ST for an extension of time to announce its unaudited financial statements for the second-quarter and half-year ended 30 September 2020. The Company would ordinarily be required to announce this by 14 November 2020 pursuant to Rule 705(2)(d) of the Listing Manual. However, as all of the Company's resources are devoted towards supporting the Judicial Managers and the judicial management of the Company, the Company requires more time to prepare and complete the same.

The Company will make further announcements to update the outcome of the Further Applications or any other material developments pursuant to any matters in connection therewith as and when it is appropriate to do so.

Cautionary Statement

Shareholders, stakeholders and potential investors of the Company are advised to read this announcement and any further announcements made by the Company and the Judicial Managers carefully. Shareholders are also advised to refrain from taking any action with respect to their securities in the Company which may be prejudicial to their interests, and to exercise caution when dealing in the securities of the Company. Shareholders, stakeholders and potential investors of the Company should consult with their financial, tax or other advisers if they have any doubt about the actions they should take.

Further announcements will be made by the Company and the Judicial Managers via SGXNET as and when there are any material developments.

Oon Su Sun and Lin Yueh Hung
Joint and Several Judicial Manager

Tan Hak Jin
Joint Company Secretary

13 November 2020

The affairs, business and property of the Company are being managed by the Judicial Managers appointed by the High Court of Singapore. The Judicial Managers contract and only act as agents of the Company and disclaim all personal liability of any nature whatsoever for all matters arising out of, in connection with and in respect of the Judicial Management of the Company herein.