

INFORMATICS EDUCATION LTD.

(Company Registration Number: 198303419G)

(Incorporated in Republic of Singapore)

(the “**Company**”)

OUTCOME OF THE APPLICATION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO:

- (I) **RELEASE THE ANNOUNCEMENT ON THE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021 (“1QFY2022 RESULTS”);**
 - (II) **PROVIDE A QUARTERLY UPDATE ON ITS EFFORTS AND THE PROGRESS MADE IN MEETING THE EXIT CRITERIA OF THE WATCH-LIST FOR 1QFY2022 RESULTS;**
 - (III) **HOLD THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (“AGM”) FOR FY2021;**
 - (IV) **ISSUE THE ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY2021; AND**
 - (V) **ISSUE THE SUSTAINABILITY REPORT FOR FY2021 (“SUSTAINABILITY REPORT”).**
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1. The Board of Directors (the “**Board**”) of Informatics Education Ltd. (the “**Company**”, and together with its subsidiaries, the “**Group**”) refers to the announcement dated 14 September 2021 in relation to the application for extension of time to the Singapore Exchange Regulation (“**SGX RegCo**”) for an extension of time to comply with the following Listing Rules:

- (a) Rule 705(2) of the Listing Manual in relation to the requirement to release the announcement on the first quarter results for the financial period ended 30 September 2021 within 45 days after the relevant financial period (i.e. 14 November 2021) by 31 December 2021 (“**1Q Results Extension**”);
- (b) Rule 1313(2) of the Listing Manual in relation to the requirement to provide a quarterly update on its efforts and the progress made in meeting the exit criteria of the watch-list for 1QFY2022 Results (i.e. 14 November 2021) by 31 December 2021 (“**Quarterly Update Extension**”);
- (c) Rule 707(1) of the Listing Manual in relation to the requirement to hold its AGM within 4 months from the financial year end (i.e. 31 October 2021) by 31 December 2021 (“**AGM Extension**”);
- (d) Rule 707(2) of the Listing Manual in relation to the requirement to issue its annual report to the shareholders and the Exchange at least 14 days before the date of its AGM by 16 December 2021 (“**Annual Report Extension**”); and
- (e) Rule 711A of the Listing Manual in relation to the requirement to issue a sustainability report for its financial year no later than 5 months after the end of the financial year by 16 December 2021 (“**Sustainability Report Extension**”),

(collectively, the “**Extension of Time Applications**”).

2. The SGX RegCo has on 28 September 2021 informed the Company that:

- (a) it has no objection to the application for extension of time of six (6) weeks to announce the Company’s 1QFY2022 Results and Quarterly Update for 1QFY2022 by 31 December 2021;
- (b) it has no objection to the application for extension of time of two (2) months to hold its AGM for FY2021 by 31 December 2021; and
- (c) it has no objection to the application for extension of time of two (2) weeks to release its Sustainability Report for FY2021 by 16 December 2021,

(collectively, the “**Waiver**”).

3. The Waiver is subject to:-
- (a) 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;
 - (b) submission of a written confirmation from the Company 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; and
 - (c) submission of a written confirmation from the Ernst & Young LLP United Kingdom ("**EY UK**") that their statutory audits for FY2021 were delayed due to remote working arrangements in response to the COVID-19.

In addition:

- (i) the Company making an immediate disclosure via SGXNet if it is/ will be in contravention of any laws and regulations governing the Company and the constitution of the Company (or the equivalent in the Company's country of incorporation) arising from the Waiver; and
 - (ii) the Company announcing whether and when it had applied to the Accounting and Corporate Regulatory Authority ("**ACRA**") (where applicable) for the Waiver and the outcome of its application.
4. As stated in the announcement dated 14 September 2021, the Company has made the Extension of Time Applications to SGX RegCo based on reasons as set out below:-

Delay in the finalisation of audit for the Group's subsidiary in the United Kingdom

- (a) The Group's subsidiary in the United Kingdom, NCC Education Ltd ("**NCC**"), contributes to more than 50% of the Group's revenue and is a significant subsidiary of the Group.
- (b) The statutory audit for NCC for the financial year ended 30 June 2020 was only completed and signed off on 31 July 2021. Following that, there was a delay in the commencement of the audit for FY2021.
- (c) NCC finance team has also been facing staff turnover, and experiencing staff absences due to medical condition during this period. As a result, the NCC finance team has not been operating at full capacity during the year-end closing and audit period.
- (d) While the United Kingdom has lifted its COVID-19 restrictions from 19 July 2021, and all businesses can open and the government is no longer instructing people to work from home, the audit for NCC continues to be carried out remotely, with the NCC finance team having to transmit voluminous amount of supporting documents (due to huge sample sizes) electronically to NCC's local statutory auditors, EY UK. Extraction and delivery of these documents to EY UK require more time and effort from the NCC finance team. As a result, this had led to delay in the progress of the audit for FY2021.
- (e) In light of the increase in losses recorded by NCC for FY2021, EY UK has indicated that they need more time to audit the cash flow projections prepared by management, which are used for NCC's impairment assessment and going concern assessment for this financial year. The Company's auditors, Ernst & Young LLP Singapore ("**EY Singapore**") are expecting audit clearance from EY UK by 15 October 2021, and would expect to complete their review of the audit clearance received by 31 October 2021.

Going concern assessment for the Group

- (f) As announced in the Group's full year results announcement for FY2021 on 27 August 2021, the Group reported a loss for the year of S\$1.5 million. As the Group recorded cash outflow of S\$0.8 million from its operating activities during FY2021 and the Group's operations in Singapore is currently undergoing restructuring, EY Singapore has raised concerns over the Group's ability to meet its cash flow obligations and continue as a going concern.
 - (g) While the Company has received the letter of financial support from its penultimate holding company, Berjaya Land Berhad ("**Berjaya Land**"), to provide continuing financial support to the Group to enable it to continue its operations and meet its liabilities as and when they fall due, an assessment on the financial ability of Berjaya Land to provide the required financial support will need to be performed when the audited financial statements Berjaya Land are available. Based on enquiry with the Berjaya Land finance team, the full year audited financial statements of Berjaya Land is expected to be finalised by end of October 2021, and EY Singapore will then need up to 2 weeks to complete the audit on the going concern assessment for the Group.
 - (h) In view of the above, more time would be required for the Company's auditors to complete and finalise the independent auditors' report in respect of the consolidated financial statements of the Company for FY2021. From the Company's perspective, following the issuance of the independent auditors' report for FY2021, the Company will also need some time to finalise the contents within the annual report, and complete the administrative and procedural matters in relation to the AGM for FY2021, while observing 14 days' notice to its shareholders. The Group's audited financial statements for FY2021 may not be finalised in time for inclusion in its annual report for FY2021 ("**Annual Report**") for issuance to the Company's shareholders within the stipulated deadline. Hence, the Company believes that the interests of its shareholders will be best served by the AGM Extension and Annual Report Extension.
 - (i) As the Company's sustainability report traditionally makes reference to its annual report to allow shareholders a comprehensive review of the Company's activities in the past financial year, the Company is seeking the Sustainability Report Extension together with the Annual Report Extension. The Sustainability Report will be published within the Annual Report.
 - (j) As the Company is focusing its resources on completing its audited financial statements for FY2021, this will in turn delay the Company's preparation of the 1QFY2022 Results as the opening balances are dependent on the ending balance of the FY2021 Results. The Company's quarterly update under Rule 1313(2) of the Listing Manual is made with respect to its 1QFY2022 Results. Accordingly, the Company is concurrently seeking a 1Q Results Extension and a Quarterly Update Extension.
5. With reference to paragraph 3 above, the Company and the Board wishes to confirm that:
- (a) the Company has announced the Waiver granted and conditions as required under Rule 107 of the Listing Manual in this Announcement;
 - (b) the reasons for seeking the Waiver was announced on 14 September 2021 and in this Announcement;
 - (c) the Company is not aware of any information that will have a material bearing on investors' decision which has yet to be announced by the Company and will be submitting a written confirmation of the same;
 - (d) the Company will not be in contravention of any laws and regulations governing the Company and the Constitution of the Company arising from the Waiver;

- (e) EY UK will be submitting a written confirmation that their statutory audits for FY2021 were delayed due to remote working arrangements in response to the COVID-19 in due course;
 - (f) the Company will be submitting an application to ACRA for an extension to hold its AGM and file its Annual Return under Sections 175 and 197 of the Companies Act, Chapter 50. The Company will provide an update on the outcome of the Extension of Time Applications in due course; and
 - (g) the Company will make an update announcement when the conditions for the Waiver have all been met.
6. The Company wishes to inform the shareholders that the Annual Report of the Company for FY2021 will be issued no later than 14 days before the date of its AGM.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

Yau Su Peng
Executive Director

28 September 2021