

## ANNOUNCEMENT

### RESPONSE TO SGX-ST'S QUERY ON THE ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

The Board of Directors of The Straits Trading Company Limited (the "**Company**") refers to the query raised by The Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited ("**SGX-ST**") in relation to the Company's Annual Report for the financial year ended 31 December 2017 ("**2017 Annual Report**") and wishes to provide further information as follows:

#### SGX-ST's Query

For purpose of compliance with Listing Rules 715 and/or 716, please confirm whether the Company has appointed suitable auditing firm for ALL its subsidiaries and significant associated companies and if not, what are the reasons apart from the reason that there is no audit requirement in place of incorporation for such entities.

#### The Company's Response

As disclosed on pages 141 to 145 of the 2017 Annual Report, the following entities were not required to be audited and they are not significant subsidiaries.

Name of subsidiaries	Effective shareholding
STC Management Holdings Limited	100%
SDF R.E. Holdings Limited	89%
SDF R.E. Services Limited	89%
SDF Canberra Investments Limited	89%
SDF R.E. Holdings II Limited	89%
SDF Canberra Investments II Limited	89%
SDF R.E. Holdings III Limited	89%
SDF Canberra Investments III Limited	89%
SDF R.E. Holdings IV Limited	89%
SDF Canberra Investments IV-I Limited	89%
SDF Canberra Investments IV-II Limited	89%
SRE Investment 1 (Australia) Pty Ltd	88%
45SGT Unit Trust	85%

**Note:** Listing Rule 718 states that a subsidiary or associated company is considered significant if its net tangible assets represent 20% or more of the issuer's consolidated net tangible assets, or its pre-tax profits account for 20% or more of the issuer's consolidated pre-tax profits.

By Order of the Board

Aldric Tan Jee Wei  
Company Secretary  
The Straits Trading Company

17 April 2018

This Announcement will be available at the Company's website at <http://www.stc.com.sg>

### **About The Straits Trading Company Limited**

Incorporated in 1887, The Straits Trading Company Limited has stakes in real estate, hospitality, resources and investments that span the Asia Pacific region. It owns a 89.5% stake in Straits Real Estate, a co-investment vehicle that seeks out real estate related investments & opportunities globally. It also owns a 20.95% stake in ARA Asset Management Limited, one of the largest real estate fund managers in the region, and has a 30% interest in Far East Hospitality Holdings, an established international hospitality owner and operator. Straits Trading also engages in tin mining and smelting through its 54.8%-owned subsidiary, Malaysia Smelting Corporation Berhad that is dual listed on Bursa Malaysia and the SGX-ST.