#### **ASTAKA HOLDINGS LIMITED**



(Company Registration No: 200814792H) (Incorporated in the Republic of Singapore)

# UPDATE ON PROGRESS OF SUBMISSION OF REVISED RESUMPTION OF TRADING PROPOSAL (FEBRUARY 2021)

The board of directors (the "Board" or "Directors") of Astaka Holdings Limited (the "Company" and together with its subsidiaries, the "Group") refers to the Company's announcement dated 20 January 2021 (the "Announcement") in relation to the receipt of the no objection letter (the "Letter") from the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited (the "SGX-ST") for an extension of time to 31 December 2021 to submit a revised resumption of trading proposal ("Revised Resumption Proposal"). In compliance with the requirements set out in the Letter, the Board wishes to provide a monthly update on the Company's operations and progress in meeting key milestones for its submission of a Revised Resumption Proposal to the SGX-ST.

# 1. BUSINESS UPDATES

The Movement Control Order ("**MCO**") imposed by the Malaysian government since 13 January 2021 to curb the spread of Covid-19 has been extended for the states of Selangor, Johor, and Penang as well as the federal territory of Kuala Lumpur until 4 March 2021. In compliance with the MCO, the Group's business premises and sales galleries in Malaysia have been closed since 13 January 2021, and will remain closed for the extended period until 4 March 2021.

As mentioned in the Company's announcement dated 9 February 2021 on the unaudited consolidated results of the Group for the second quarter ended 31 December 2020, Astaka Padu Sdn Bhd ("APSB"), a subsidiary of the Company, has obtained the approval from the Ministry of International Trade and Industry to allow its employees in the management group (not exceeding 30%) to return to the workplace during the MCO period. The Group will continue to ensure strict adherence to the standard operating procedures during the MCO period to curb the spread of Covid-19, and will resume its operations in full when the MCO expires, subject to any further directives from the Malaysian government.

Further, the Malaysian government has recently announced the implementation of the National Covid-19 Immunisation Programme ("**NIP**") over a period of 12 months starting 24 February 2021. Despite the rollout of NIP in Malaysia, the Group expects the sale of completed properties of the Group to remain challenging in the near term until there are concrete signs of containment in the spread of Covid-19 in Malaysia and easing of international travel bans.

Pursuant to the loan agreement entered into between APSB and DMR Holdings Sdn Bhd ("**DMR**"), an associate of the Controlling Shareholder of the Company, Dato' Daing A Malek Bin Daing A Rahman, dated 17 June 2020 and the supplemental loan agreement dated 3 November 2020 (collectively known as the "**DMR Loan Agreements**"), DMR has granted an unsecured loan in the principal amount of not exceeding RM60 million to APSB for working capital purposes. Please refer to the circular issued by the Company on 9 October 2020 for more details on the DMR Loan Agreements. As at 25 February 2021, APSB has drawn down RM15.7 million of the loan under the DMR Loan Agreements, with RM44.3 million available for drawdown.

The Group will continue its efforts in digital marketing to sell its completed properties and will work closely with the commercial banks to secure bank financing facilities while sourcing for alternative financing options.

Due to the nature and timing of the aforementioned circumstances surrounding the Covid-19 situation in Malaysia, the Group does not expect material developments to its operations until April or May 2021.

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#### 2. UPDATE ON LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

### 2.1. Notices of Adjudication from Aliran Asia Sdn Bhd ("Aliran")

The Company refers to the previous announcements dated 19 December 2019, 23 December 2019, 17 March 2020, 28 July 2020 and 17 December 2020 in relation to (i) the Payment Claim from Aliran dated 12 December 2019; (ii) the Notice of Adjudication dated 11 March 2020 from Messrs Gan Partnership ("GP") (being the lawyers representing Aliran) ("First Notice of Adjudication"); (iii) the Additional Claim from Aliran dated 22 July 2020; and (iv) a Notice of Adjudication dated 2 December 2020 ("Second Notice of Adjudication").

There have been no material updates to the First Notice of Adjudication since the Company's announcement dated 29 January 2021. In respect of the Second Notice of Adjudication, APSB had on 21 February 2021 served a written adjudication response through Mah-Kamariyah & Philip Koh ("**MKP**") (being the lawyers representing APSB) following the receipt of the adjudication claim from Aliran on 8 February 2021. APSB will continue to work with MKP on the above adjudication proceedings.

# 2.2. Payment Claim from China State Construction Engineering (M) Sdn Bhd ("CSCE")

There are no material developments on the legal proceedings between APSB and CSCE save as disclosed in the previous announcements dated 27 November 2020, 7 December 2020, 25 January 2021 and 17 February 2021. The Company will continue to work with its Malaysian legal advisers on the legal proceedings.

The Company will make further announcement(s) to update shareholders as and when there are material developments with regards to the Company's operations and the Revised Resumption Proposal.

## By Order of the Board

Khong Chung Lun
Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer

26 February 2021

This announcement has been prepared by the Company and reviewed by the Company's sponsor, Novus Corporate Finance Pte. Ltd. (the "Sponsor"), in compliance with Rule 226(2)(b) of the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited (the "SGX-ST") Listing Manual Section B: Rules of Catalist.

This announcement has not been examined or approved by the SGX-ST and the SGX-ST assumes no responsibility for the contents of this announcement, including the correctness of any of the statements or opinions made, or reports contained in this announcement.

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