
SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH ALIRAN ASIA SDN BHD

1. INTRODUCTION

The board of directors (the “**Board**”) of Astaka Holdings Limited (the “**Company**”) refers to the Company’s announcements dated 19 December 2019, 23 December 2019, 17 March 2020, 28 July 2020, 17 December 2020, 28 April 2021, 24 May 2021, 2 June 2021, 25 June 2021, 22 July 2021, 10 August 2021, 26 August 2021, 28 September 2021, 1 October 2021, 19 October 2021, 26 October 2021, 2 November 2021, 10 November 2021, 26 November 2021, 30 December 2021 and 7 January 2022 (collectively, the “**Announcements**”) in relation to the ongoing dispute between Astaka Padu Sdn Bhd (“**APSB**”) and Aliran Asia Sdn Bhd (“**Aliran**”) (collectively, the “**Parties**”) (the “**Dispute**”), and in particular:

- (a) the service of the cause papers by Aliran to APSB via email on 24 June 2021, being the Originating Summons No. WA-24C-79- 06/2021 in respect of the enforcement of the adjudication decision dated 7 May 2021 (the “**First Claim Adjudication Decision**”) and the Originating Summons No. WA-24C-80-06/2021 in respect of the enforcement of the adjudication decision dated 20 April 2021 (“**Additional Claim Adjudication Decision**”) (the “**Enforcement Applications**”);
- (b) the Enforcement Applications of the First Claim Adjudication Decision and Additional Claim Adjudication Decision being allowed by the Kuala Lumpur High Court (“**KL Court**”) with costs of RM3,000 each awarded to Aliran on 8 November 2021 and 9 November 2021, respectively;
- (c) the dismissal by the KL Court of the Stay of Proceedings pending reference to arbitration filed by APSB, being the Originating Summons. No. WA-24C-135-08/2021 in respect of the First Claim Adjudication Decision, and Originating Summons. No. WA-24C-136-08/2021 in respect of the Additional Claim Adjudication Decision, on 8 November 2021 and 23 November 2021, respectively;
- (d) the dismissal by the KL Court of the notice of application and originating summons in the KL Court by APSB on 15 October 2021 (“**OS 437**”), seeking a fortuna injunction further to APSB’s receipt of the notice of demand from Aliran dated 29 September 2021;
- (e) the notice of appeal filed by APSB on 24 December 2021 to the Court of Appeal of Malaysia, to appeal against the dismissal by the KL Court in respect of OS 437; and
- (f) the receipt by APSB, of the letter from Malayan Banking Berhad (“**Maybank**”) dated 5 January 2022, informing APSB that Maybank was served with a Garnishee Order to Show Cause from the judgment creditor’s solicitors, being Messrs Gan Partnership, Aliran’s solicitors.

Unless otherwise defined, all capitalised terms shall bear the same meanings as ascribed to them in the Announcements.

2. SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

- 2.1 The Board wishes to announce that, APSB had on 19 January 2022, entered into a settlement agreement with Aliran as full and final settlement and discharge of all the disputes, differences and claims between the Parties in connection with the Dispute (the “**Settlement Agreement**”).
- 2.2 Pursuant to the terms of the Settlement Agreement, without any admission of liability and purely with a view to resolving the Dispute amicably:

- (a) AP SB shall pay Aliran the entire settlement sum of RM3,357,486.93 only (the “**Settlement Sum**”) in two (2) cash installments from AP SB to Aliran. The Settlement Sum will be repaid through the issuance of two (2) cheques (“**Cheques**”) in the following manner:
- (i) Cheque 1: RM2,000,000.00, dated 19 January 2022
 - (ii) Cheque 2: RM1,357,486.93, dated 18 February 2022

The Cheques are to be handed to Messrs Gan Partnership by 19 January 2022;

- (b) Upon clearance of the Cheque 1 by Aliran:
- (i) the Parties shall cause any pending litigation proceedings to be withdrawn or discontinued with no order as to costs and no liberty to file afresh; and
 - (ii) AP SB shall collect all goods in Aliran’s custody, in relation to the abortive works claims certified by a quantity surveyor on an as-is-where-is basis within ten (10) working days from 16 February 2022; and
- (c) Save for the performance of the Settlement Agreement, the Parties shall from 19 January 2022, forever release, waive, relinquish and discharge each other from any and all claims, actions, causes of actions, rights, suits, proceedings, damages, costs, charges, obligations, liabilities, judgments, orders and demands of whatsoever nature whether known or unknown and whether related to and/or arising out of the Dispute, which the Parties may have or may thereafter have against each other.

3. GENERAL

The Company will make further announcements to update its shareholders on any material updates in relation to this matter. Shareholders are advised to refrain from taking any action in respect of their securities in the Company which may be prejudicial to their interests, and to exercise caution when dealing in the securities of the Company. In the event of any doubt, Shareholders and potential investors should consult their stockbrokers, bank managers, solicitors, accountants or other professional advisers.

By Order of the Board

Khong Chung Lun
Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer

19 January 2022

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.

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