

RESPONSE TO SGX-ST'S QUERY REGARDING TRADING ACTIVITY

The Board of Directors (the "**Board**") of Hong Leong Asia Ltd. (the "**Company**") wishes to state the following in response to the queries raised by the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited ("**SGX-ST**") today:

Question 1: Are you (the issuer) aware of any information not previously announced concerning you, your subsidiaries or associated companies which, if known, might explain the trading? Such information may include events that are potentially material and price-sensitive, such as discussions and negotiations that may lead to joint ventures, mergers, acquisitions or purchase or sale of a significant asset. You may refer to paragraph 8 in Appendix 7.1 of the Mainboard Rules for further examples.

- If yes, the information must be announced immediately.

Company's response

The Company is undertaking a renounceable non-underwritten rights issue (the "**Rights Issue**"), which closed for acceptances and excess applications on 19 October 2018. The details of the valid acceptances and excess applications for the Rights Shares received as at the close of the Rights Issue will be announced by the Company upon validation by The Central Depository (Pte) Limited on or around 23 October 2018. As disclosed in the Company's announcement on the Rights Issue dated 14 August 2018, Hong Leong Corporation Holdings Pte Ltd has undertaken to irrevocably subscribe and pay for (or procure subscription and payment for) its pro-rata entitlements under the Rights Issue as well as for any Rights Shares not taken up by other eligible Shareholders (the "**Irrevocable Undertaking**"). On the basis of the Irrevocable Undertaking, the Rights Issue will, in any case, be subscribed for in full.

Other than as disclosed above, the Board, having made enquiries with and received confirmation from the Senior Management of the Company, is not aware of any information not previously announced concerning the Company, its subsidiaries or associated companies which, if known, might have led to the unusual trading activity of the Company's shares on the SGX-ST today.

Question 2: Are you aware of any other possible explanation for the trading? Such information may include public circulation of information by rumours or reports.

Company's response

The Board is not aware of any other possible explanation for the unusual trading activity of the Company's shares as highlighted by the SGX-ST.

Question 3: Can you confirm your compliance with the listing rules and, in particular, Mainboard Rule 703?

Company's response

The Board confirms that the Company has complied with the Listing Rules of SGX-ST and, in particular, Mainboard Rule 703.

By Order of the Board
HONG LEONG ASIA LTD.

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