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The Company Secretary (Listed Issuers)

Dear Sir/Madam

CLARIFICATION ON DEFINITION OF "PUBLIC" IN THE LISTING REQUIREMENTS

We refer to the definition of "public" in Chapter 1 of the Listing Requirements ("the said definition").

In view of the Companies (Amendment) Act 2001 (Act A1108), reference to "shareholders who own 5% or more of the issued and paid-up capital of an applicant or a listed issuer" in the said definition shall be taken to mean substantial shareholders as defined in section 69D of the Companies Act 1965.

Further, we would like to clarify the application of paragraph (c) of the said definition in relation to the computation of "public shareholders" referred to under paragraph 3.05 of the Listing Requirements. Kindly note that paragraph (c) refers to 2 categories of persons, namely:-

- associates of directors of an applicant or a listed issuer and its subsidiaries or associated companies; and
- associates of substantial shareholders (as stated above) of an applicant or a listed issuer.

In both the above categories, the associates have to be excluded from the computation of "public shareholders" regardless of the number of shares held by such associates.

For further information or enquiries on the above kindly contact Ms Cynthia Sin (extension 7066) or Mr Lew Tuck Wai (extension 7307) at 2026 7099.

Thank you.

Yours faithful

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