MINUTES OF THE 52<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF HOTEL GRAND CENTRAL LIMITED held "live" through an audio-and-video webcast and an audio-only feed pursuant to the Joint Statement dated 13 April 2020 issued by ACRA, MAS and SGX RegCo, at Registered Office, 22 Cavenagh Road, Singapore 229617 on Thursday, 25 June 2020 at 11.00 a.m. (Singapore time)

#### PRESENT:

# On-site at 22 Cavenagh Road, Singapore 229617

Mr. Tan Eng Teong (Executive Chairman and Managing Director, shareholder and proxy

for shareholders)

Ms. Tan Hwa Lian (Executive Director and shareholder)

Mr. Fang Swee Peng (Independent Non-Executive Director and shareholder)

Mr. Hui Chiu Fung (Independent Non-Executive Director)

Ms. Eliza Lim Bee Lian (Company Secretary)

Mr. Anthony Poh (Group Accountant, Finance and Investment)

Ms Hellen Tan (Finance Controller)

Off-site

Mr. Tan Eng How (Non-Independent Non-Executive Director and shareholder)

Mr. Tan Teck Lin (Executive Director)

Mr. Tan Kok Aun (Lead Independent Non-Executive Director)
Mr. Lim Thian Loong (Independent Non-Executive Director)

Mr. Ken Ong (Auditors, Ernst & Young)

## Authenticated shareholders – see listing attached

## **QUORUM**

The Chairman declared the Meeting opened at 11.00 a.m. and informed the Meeting that the Company Secretary has confirmed that members or their proxies present constitute the quorum for the meeting to proceed. He requested Ms Tan Hwa Lian to take the shareholders through the agenda.

Ms. Tan acknowledged the attendance of shareholders at the AGM by way of electronic means and also informed shareholders that all the directors and the Auditors attended the meeting via their respective logins.

#### **NOTICE OF MEETING**

The Notice of the AGM dated 10 June 2020 convening the "live" AGM, having been previously circulated to the Shareholders, was taken as read.

Ms. Tan informed the meeting that:

- (a) To adhere to the Government measures on social distancing measures for the safety and health of all shareholders, this year's AGM for the Company was being held via a "live" audio and-video webcast and an audio-only feed.
- (b) Shareholders would not be able to ask questions in relation to the agenda of the AGM during this "live" AGM audio-and-video webcast and an audio-only feed and there would not be any "live" voting on the resolutions during the AGM.
- (c) All votes on the resolutions tabled at the AGM would be by proxy and only the Chairman of the meeting may be appointed as a proxy.
  - [All resolutions tabled at the AGM would be voted via proxy forms that were submitted to the Company at least 72 hours before the AGM, either by post or electronically via email.]
- (d) The Company made an announcement on 22 June 2020 on the SGXNet and also posted on the Company's website, the presentation slides of the responses to all questions received that were addressed by the management team which includes the Executive Chairman and Managing

Director, and the Executive Directors. The slides on the responses to shareholders' questions are also annexed herewith to the minutes.

- (e) Validity of the proxies submitted by the shareholders by the submission deadline had been reviewed and the votes of all such valid proxies have been counted by the polling agent, Boardroom Corporate & Advisory Services Pte Ltd.
- (f) Samas Management Consultants Pte Ltd was appointed the Scrutineers for the 52<sup>nd</sup> AGM.

# **ADDRESSING THE QUESTIONS OF SHAREHOLDERS**

Ms. Tan shared an overview of the Company's key financial highlights for the financial year ended 31 December 2019 ("FY2019") compared with FY2018. She then led the meeting through the 20 shareholders' questions and the responses that were given by Management.

Ms. Tan proceeded with the formal business of the "live" AGM. All the resolutions and poll voting results were presented during the AGM.

#### **ORDINARY BUSINESS:**

# **DIRECTORS' STATEMENTS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Ms Tan Hwa Lian pointed out that the Statement of the Directors and the Statutory Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2019 having been circulated, were in the hands of the shareholders. The Directors' Report and Audited Financial Statements of the Company for FY2019, were received and adopted by the shareholders by unanimous votes cast in favour of the adoption.

## **FINAL DIVIDEND**

Ms Tan Hwa Lian informed the Meeting that the Directors had recommend a final one-tier tax exempt ordinary dividend of 4.0 cents per ordinary share in respect of the financial year ended 31 December 2019. The final cash dividend was unanimously voted and approved for payment.

## **DIRECTORS' FEES**

Continuing to the next item on the payment of S\$345,705 as Directors' fees for the year ended 31 December 2019, the fee was unanimously voted and approved for payment.

#### **RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**

Ms. Tan informed the shareholders that under the provisions of the Company's Constitution, Mr. Tan Teck Lin and herself retired at this AGM. They have consented to remain in office.

## Re-election of Mr. Tan Teck Lin

Mr. Tan Teck Lin was re-elected as Director with majority votes cast in favour of the re-election.

## Re-election of Ms. Tan Hwa Lian

Ms. Tan Hwa Lian was unanimously re-elected as Director of the Company.

## **AUDITORS**

On the re-appointment of auditors, Ms Tan Hwa Lian informed the Meeting that the Audit Committee had recommended to the Board, the re-appointment of Messrs Ernst & Young LLP as Auditors of the Company for another year and that Messrs Ernst & Young LLP had expressed their willingness to accept re-appointment. There was no other nomination.

The re-appointment of Messrs Ernst & Young LLP as Auditors of the Company for another year was recorded by the cast of majority votes in favour of the re-appointment.

# <u>AUTHORITY TO ISSUE SHARES PURSUANT TO SECTION 161 OF THE COMPANIES ACT, CAP 50</u>

Ms Tan Hwa Lian proceeded to seek shareholders' authority to issue shares pursuant to Section 161 of the Companies Act, Cap 50, the text of the Ordinary Resolution No. 7 being set out in the Notice of Meeting as follows:

"THAT pursuant to Section 161 of the Act, Chapter 50 and the listing rules of the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited (SGX-ST), authority be and is hereby given to the Directors of the Company to (a) issue shares in the capital of the Company (whether by way of rights, bonus or otherwise); (b) make or grant offers, agreements or options (collectively "Instruments") that might or would require shares to be issued or other transferable rights to subscribe for or purchase shares including but not limited to the creation and issue of warrants, debentures or other instruments convertible into shares; (c) issue additional Instruments arising from adjustments made to the number of Instruments previously issued in the event of rights, bonus or capitalisation issues, at any time and upon such terms and conditions and for such purposes and to such persons as the Directors may in their absolute discretion deem fit; and (d) (notwithstanding that the authority conferred by this Resolution may have ceased to be in force) to issue shares in pursuance of any Instruments made or granted by the Directors while this Resolution was in force, provided that:-

- (i) the aggregate number of shares to be issued pursuant to this Resolution (including shares to be issued in pursuance of Instruments made or granted pursuant to this Resolution) does not exceed 50% of the total issued shares in the capital of the Company, of which the aggregate number of shares to be issued other than on a pro-rata basis to shareholders of the Company (including shares to be issued in pursuance of Instruments made or granted pursuant to this Resolution) does not exceed 20% of the total issued shares in the capital of the Company;
- (ii) for the purpose of determining the aggregate number of shares that may be issued (subject to such manner of calculation as may be prescribed by SGX-ST) under (i) above, the percentage of issued share capital shall be based on the issued shares in the capital of the Company at the time this Resolution is passed, after adjusting for (1) new shares arising from the conversion or exercise of any convertible securities or share options or vesting of share awards that are outstanding or subsisting when this Resolution is passed; and (2) any subsequent consolidation or sub-division of shares;
- (iii) in exercising the authority conferred by this Resolution, the Company shall comply with the provisions of the Listing Manual of the SGX-ST for the time being in force (unless such compliance is waived by the SGX-ST) and the Company's Constitution; and

(iv) unless revoked or varied by the Company in General Meeting, such authority shall continue in force until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting of the Company or the date by which the next Annual General Meeting of the Company is required by law to be held, whichever is the earlier."

Resolution No. 7 was approved by majority votes cast in favour of the passing of the resolution.

## **RENEWAL OF SHARES REPURCHASE MANDATE**

The resolution as set out in the Notice of the Meeting relating to the proposed resolution for the renewal of the Shares Repurchase Mandate was as follows:

#### "That: -

- a. for the purposes of Section 76E of the Companies Act, Chapter 50 (the "Companies Act"), the exercise by the Directors of all the powers to purchase or otherwise acquire issued ordinary shares in the capital of Company ("Ordinary Shares") not exceeding in aggregate the Maximum Percentage (as hereafter defined), at such price or prices as may be determined by the Directors from time to time up to the Maximum Price (as hereafter defined), by way of Market Purchase(s) on the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited ("SGX-ST") and otherwise in accordance with all other laws and regulations and rules of the SGX-ST as may for the time being be applicable, be and is hereby authorised and approved generally and unconditionally (the "Shares Repurchase Mandate");
- b. unless varied or revoked by the Company in general meeting, the authority conferred on the Directors of the Company pursuant to the Shares Repurchase Mandate may be exercised by the Directors at any time and from time to time during the period commencing from the date of the passing of this Resolution and expiring on the earlier of: -
  - (i) the date on which the next Annual General Meeting of the Company is held or required by law to be held; or
  - (ii) the date on which the authority conferred by the Shares Repurchase Mandate is revoked or varied; or
  - (iii) the date on which the purchases or acquisitions of Shares by the Company pursuant to the proposed Shares Repurchase Mandate are carried out to the full extent mandated:
- c. in this Resolution:-

"Market Purchase" means market acquisitions of Ordinary Shares through the SGX-ST's Central Limit Order Book trading system undertaken by the Company in accordance with the Companies Act;

<u>Maximum Percentage</u>" means that number of issued Ordinary Shares representing 5 per cent. of the issued ordinary share capital of the Company as at the date of the passing of this Resolution; and

"Maximum Price" in relation to an Ordinary Share to be purchased or acquired, means the maximum purchase price (excluding brokerage, commission, applicable goods and services tax and other related expenses), which shall not exceed 105 per cent. of the average closing price of the Ordinary Shares over the period of five (5) trading days in which transactions in the Ordinary Shares on the SGX-ST were recorded before the day on which such purchase is made and deemed to be adjusted for any corporate action that occurs after the relevant 5-days period.

d. the Directors of the Company and/or any of them be and are hereby authorised to complete and do all such acts and things (including executing such documents as may be required) as they and/or he may consider expedient or necessary to give effect to the transactions contemplated and/or authorised by this Resolution.

Ms. Tan pointed out that the following parties abstained from voting on this Resolution:

- 1. the Directors, Mr. Tan Eng Teong, Mr. Tan Teck Lin and Mr. Tan Eng How; and
- 2. the substantial shareholders, Tan Chee Hoe & Sons Holding Pte Ltd, Tan Eng Teong Pte Ltd, Tan Teck Lin Holdings Sdn Bhd and Aditan Holdings Sdn Bhd; and their concerted parties

Based on proxies received, the following were the votes cast:

- o 84,009,068 votes were cast FOR the resolution.
- o 63,392 votes were AGAINST.
- Abstention votes totalled 511,955,463

Resolution No. 9 was passed by majority votes cast in favour of the passing.

## **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There being no other business of which notice had been received, the Chairman declared the Meeting closed.

Confirmed as True Record of the Proceedings held,

Tan Eng Teong Chairman