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If you are in any doubt as to the action you should take, you should consult your stockbroker, bank manager, solicitor, accountant or other professional adviser immediately.

This Appendix is circulated to Shareholders of Thakral Corporation Ltd (the "Company") together with the Company's annual report for the year ended 31 December 2023 ("Annual Report"). Its purpose is to explain to Shareholders the rationale and provide information pertaining to the proposed renewal of the Shareholders' General Mandate for Interested Person Transactions (as defined in this Appendix) to be tabled at the Annual General Meeting of the Company to be held on 26 April 2024 at 10.30 a.m. at Pacific 1, Level 1, Pan Pacific Singapore, 7 Raffles Boulevard, Marina Square, Singapore 039595.

The Notice of the Annual General Meeting and a Proxy Form are enclosed with the Annual Report.

If you have sold or transferred all your shares in the Company, you should immediately forward this Appendix, the Annual Report and Proxy Form to the purchaser or transferee or to the bank, stockbroker or other agent through whom the sale or transfer was effected for onward transmission to the purchaser or transferee.

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(Incorporated in Singapore) (Company Registration No. 199306606E)

# **APPENDIX TO ANNUAL REPORT 2023**

in relation to

THE PROPOSED RENEWAL OF THE SHAREHOLDERS' GENERAL MANDATE FOR INTERESTED PERSON TRANSACTIONS

## **DEFINITIONS**

In this Appendix, the following definitions apply throughout unless otherwise stated:

"AGM" : The Annual General Meeting of the Company to be held on 26

April 2024 at 10.30 a.m..

"Appendix" : This appendix to the Company's Annual Report 2023 dated 11

April 2024.

"associate" : In the case of a company,

(a) in relation to any director, chief executive officer, substantial shareholder or controlling shareholder (being an individual) means:-

(i) his immediate family;

(ii) the trustees of any trust of which he or his immediate family is a beneficiary or, in the case of a discretionary trust, is a discretionary object; and

(iii) any company in which he and his immediate family together (directly or indirectly) have an interest of 30% or more; and

(b) in relation to a substantial shareholder or a controlling shareholder (being a company) means any other company which is its subsidiary or holding company or is a subsidiary of such holding company or one in the equity of which it and/or such other company or companies taken together (directly or indirectly) have an interest of 30% or more.

In the case of an individual,

(a) his immediate family;

(b) the trustees of any trust of which he or his immediate family is a beneficiary or, in the case of a discretionary trust, is a discretionary object; and

(c) any company in which he and his immediate family together (directly or indirectly) have an interest of 30% or more;

"Audit Committee" : The audit committee of the Company comprising Natarajan

Subramaniam, Nagaraj Sivaram and Janice Wu Sung Sung.

"Board" : The board of Directors of the Company as at the date of this

Appendix.

"CDP" : The Central Depository (Pte) Limited.

"Chief Financial Officer" : The chief financial officer of the Company who is not an

Interested Person.

"Companies Act" or "Act" : The Companies Act 1967 of Singapore, as amended or modified

from time to time.

"Company" : Thakral Corporation Ltd.

"Director" : A director of the Company as at the date of this Appendix.

"FY" : Financial year ended or ending 31 December.

"Group" : The Company, its subsidiaries and/or its associated companies.

"Immediate Family" : In relation to a person, means the person's spouse, child,

adopted child, step-child, sibling and parent.

"Independent Directors" : Has the meaning as ascribed to it in Section 8.1 of this Appendix.

"Interested Person Transactions" : Has the meaning as ascribed to it under Section 2.4.1 of this

Appendix.

"Interested Persons" : The Thakral Family Companies, and "Interested Person" means

any of the Thakral Family Companies.

"IPT Circular" : The Company's circular dated 13 April 2011.

"IPT Mandate" : A Shareholders' general mandate pursuant to Chapter 9 of the

Listing Manual permitting the Company, its subsidiaries and associated companies or any of them, to enter into Interested Person Transactions with the Interested Persons and has the

meaning ascribed to it in Section 2.1.5 of this Appendix.

"Listing Manual" : The Listing Manual of the SGX-ST, as amended, modified or

supplemented from time to time.

"Lock Out Agreement" : The agreement entered into by the Company, Mr. Kartar Singh

Thakral, Thakral Brothers (Private) Limited and Dartmoor Pte Ltd dated 24 November 1995 in relation to the parties' trading activities with their consumer electronic product customers

worldwide and between themselves.

"NTA" : Net tangible assets.

"Rights to Lock-Out" : Has the meaning as ascribed to it in Section 3.2.2 of this

Appendix.

"Sales Director" : The sales director of a major subsidiary of the Company who is

not an Interested Person.

"Securities Account" : Securities accounts maintained by a Depositor with CDP but not

including securities sub-accounts maintained with a Depository

Agent.

"SGX-ST" : The Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited.

"Shareholders" : The registered holders of Shares except where the registered

holder is CDP, the term "Shareholders" shall, in relation to such Shares, mean the Depositors into whose Securities Accounts those Shares are credited. Any reference to Shares held by Shareholders shall include Shares standing to the credit of the

respective Shareholders' Securities Accounts.

"Shares" : Ordinary shares in the share capital of the Company.

"Subsidiaries" : Has the meaning as ascribed to it by Section 5 of the Companies

Act.

"Substantial Shareholder" : Has the meaning as ascribed it by Section 81 of the Companies

Act.

"TCL Territories": Hong Kong, the People's Republic of China, Taiwan, Japan, the

Philippines and such other countries as may be agreed by the

parties to the Lock Out Agreement from time to time.

"TFC Sale in TCL Territories" : Sale by any of the Thakral Family Companies of consumer

electronic products (i) to parties in the TCL Territories or (ii) to parties outside the TCL Territories which they know to be

destined for resale in or into the TCL Territories.

"Thakral Controlling Company" : Thakral Group Limited (as Trustee of the S S Thakral Trust)

and/or any company (i) that will be deemed as a controlling shareholder of the Company within the definition of the Listing Manual and (ii) in which a Thakral Family Director or his

associate has an interest.

"Thakral Controlling Shareholder" : Any of Mr. Kartar Singh Thakral, Mr. Inderbethal Singh Thakral

and/or any individual who (i) will be deemed as a controlling shareholder of the Company within the definition of the Listing Manual and (ii) is a Thakral Family Director or an associate of a

Thakral Family Director.

"Thakral Family Directors" : Mr. Kartar Singh Thakral, Mr. Inderbethal Singh Thakral, Mr.

Bikramjit Singh Thakral and/or Mr. Ashmit Singh Thakral.

"Thakral Family Company" : (1) a company in which any Thakral Family Director and his Immediate Family together (directly or indirectly) have an

interest of 30% or more: or

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(2) a company in which any Thakral Controlling Shareholder and his Immediate Family together (directly or indirectly)

have an interest of 30% or more; or

(3) a Thakral Controlling Company; or

of any Thakral Controlling Company or a subsidiary of such holding company or a company in the equity of the

Thakral Controlling Company and/or such other company or companies taken together (directly or indirectly) have

a company which is a subsidiary or holding company

an interest of 30% or more.

excluding the Group from time to time, and "Thakral Family

Companies" shall be construed accordingly.

"S\$" : Singapore Dollars, the lawful currency

of the Republic of Singapore.

"%" or "per cent" : Per centum.

The terms "Depositor" and "Depository Agent" shall have the meanings ascribed to them respectively by Section 81SF of the Securities and Futures Act 2001 of Singapore or any statutory modification thereof, as the case may be.

Words importing the singular shall, where applicable, include the plural and *vice versa*. Words importing the masculine gender shall, where applicable, include the feminine and neuter genders. References to persons shall include corporations.

The headings in this Appendix are inserted for convenience only and shall be ignored in construing this Appendix.

Any reference to a time of day in this Appendix is made by reference to Singapore time unless otherwise stated.

Any reference in this Appendix to any enactment is a reference to that enactment as for the time being amended or re-enacted. Any word defined under the Companies Act or the Listing Manual or any statutory modification thereof and used in this Appendix shall, where applicable, not otherwise defined in this Appendix shall have the meaning ascribed to it under the Companies Act or the Listing Manual or any statutory modification thereof, as the case may be, unless otherwise provided.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Directors of the Company propose to renew the existing shareholders' mandate for interested person transactions ("*IPT Mandate*") pursuant to Chapter 9 of the Listing Manual.
- 1.2 The purpose of this Appendix, circulated together with the Annual Report, is to explain the rationale and provide information to Shareholders for the proposed renewal of the IPT Mandate.

## 2. THE PROPOSED RENEWAL OF THE IPT MANDATE

# 2.1 Chapter 9 of the Listing Manual

- 2.1.1 Chapter 9 of the Listing Manual governs transactions between an "entity at risk" and an "interested person", and provides that, subject to certain materiality thresholds and exceptions, such transactions must be approved by the shareholders of the listed company and must be announced immediately.
- 2.1.2 The Thakral Family Companies are "interested persons" for the purposes of Chapter 9 of the Listing Manual.
- 2.1.3 Pursuant to Chapter 9 of the Listing Manual, the approval of Shareholders would have to be obtained for the trading transactions with the Thakral Family Companies if the value of the transaction concerned equals to, or exceeds: (i) 5% of the Group's latest audited NTA; or (ii) 5% of the Group's latest audited NTA, when aggregated with other transactions entered into with the same interested person during the same financial year.
- 2.1.4 Based on the latest audited consolidated accounts of the Group for the financial year ended 31 December 2023, the NTA of the Group was S\$149,406,000. Accordingly, in relation to the Company, for the purposes of Chapter 9 of the Listing Manual, 5% of the Company's latest audited consolidated NTA would be S\$7,470,000.
- 2.1.5 Chapter 9 of the Listing Manual, however, allows a listed company to seek from its shareholders a mandate for recurrent interested person transactions of a revenue or trading nature or those necessary for its day-to-day operations such as the sale and purchase of supplies and materials. This mandate is subject to disclosure in the listed company's annual report of the aggregate value of the transactions conducted pursuant to the mandate during the financial year concerned, and is subject to annual renewal.
- 2.1.6 For the purposes of Chapter 9 of the Listing Manual:-
  - (i) an "entity at risk" means:-
    - (a) the listed company;
    - (b) a subsidiary of the listed company that is not listed on the SGX-ST or an approved exchange; or
    - (c) an associated company of the listed company that is not listed on the SGX-ST or an approved exchange, provided that the listed company and/or its subsidiaries (the "*listed group*"), or the listed group and its interested person(s), has control over the associated company;
  - (ii) an "interested person" means a director, chief executive officer or controlling shareholder of the listed company or an associate of such director, chief executive officer or controlling shareholder;
  - (iii) an "associate" in relation to an interested person who is a director, chief executive officer or controlling shareholder includes an immediate family member (that is, the spouse, child, adopted-child, step-child, sibling or parent) of such director, chief executive officer or controlling shareholder, the trustees of any trust of which the director/his immediate family, the chief executive officer/his immediate family or the controlling shareholder/ his immediate family is a

beneficiary or, in the case of a discretionary trust, is a discretionary object, and any company in which the director/his immediate family, the chief executive officer/his immediate family or controlling shareholder/his immediate family has or have an aggregate interest (directly or indirectly) of 30% or more, and, where a controlling shareholder is a corporation, its subsidiary or holding company or fellow subsidiary or a company in which it and/or they have (directly or indirectly) an interest of 30% or more;

- (iv) an "approved exchange" means a stock exchange that has rules which safeguard the interests of shareholders against interested person transactions according to similar principles as Chapter 9:
- (v) an "interested person transaction" means a transaction between an entity at risk and an interested person; and
- (vi) a "transaction" includes-
  - (a) the provision or receipt of financial assistance;
  - (b) the acquisition, disposal or leasing of assets;
  - (c) the provision or receipt of services;
  - (d) the issuance or subscription of securities;
  - (e) the granting of or being granted options; and
  - (f) the establishment of joint ventures or joint investments,

whether or not in the ordinary course of business, and whether or not entered into directly or indirectly.

## 2.2 Background to the IPT Mandate

- 2.2.1 At an extraordinary general meeting of the Company held on 29 April 2011 ("**EGM**"), the Company was granted a general mandate by its Shareholders pursuant to Chapter 9 of the Listing Manual which permitted the Group to enter into the Interested Person Transactions detailed in Section 2.4.1 below. Details of and the rationale for the existing IPT Mandate were set out in the Company's circular to Shareholders dated 13 April 2011 ("**IPT Circular**") and are restated under Section 2.3 of this Appendix below.
- 2.2.2 The IPT Mandate approved at the Company's EGM was last renewed at the Company's annual general meeting held on 27 April 2023 and is in force until the next annual general meeting of the Company. Accordingly, the existing IPT Mandate will expire at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting ("AGM") to be held on 26 April 2024 and the Directors are proposing to renew the IPT Mandate at the AGM.

## 2.3 Rationale for Renewal of the IPT Mandate

2.3.1 The Group has, from time to time, been sourcing consumer electronics and electrical products from the Thakral Family Companies and vice versa. The Thakral Family Companies and the Group have only been sourcing such products through each other when it is mutually advantageous to trade with or through one another rather than directly with suppliers. The Group has only been sourcing products for the Thakral Family Companies where it has a better relationship with the suppliers than the Thakral Family Companies. Similarly, the Group has only been sourcing such products from the Thakral Family Companies where the Thakral Family Companies have a better relationship with the suppliers than the Group. The parties therefore wish to continue with the existing relationship as regards to trading in consumer electronics and electrical products.

2.3.2 In view of the time-sensitive and recurrent nature of commercial transactions, the renewal of the IPT Mandate, pursuant to Chapter 9 of the Listing Manual will enable the Group, in the ordinary course of its business, to enter into the transactions with the Thakral Family Companies as set out above, provided that such transactions are made on normal commercial terms. Please refer to Section 2.5 of this Appendix below for the benefits of the IPT Mandate to the Shareholders.

## 2.4 Classes of Interested Persons and Description of Interested Persons Transactions

- 2.4.1 The IPT Mandate, if renewed, will apply to interested person transactions, being the sales and purchase of consumer electronics and electrical products ("Interested Person Transactions"), which are carried out with the Thakral Family Companies only.
- 2.4.2 Transactions with Interested Persons that do not fall within the ambit of the renewed IPT Mandate shall be subject to the provisions of Chapter 9 of the Listing Manual and/or other relevant provisions of the Listing Manual.
- 2.4.3 The renewed IPT Mandate will not cover any Interested Person Transaction that is below \$\$100,000 in value as the threshold and aggregation requirements of Chapter 9 of the Listing Manual would not apply to such transactions. In addition, the IPT Mandate will not include transactions for the purchase and sale of assets, undertakings or businesses.

#### 2.5 Benefits to Shareholders

- 2.5.1 The renewal of the IPT Mandate eliminates the need to convene separate general meetings from time to time to seek Shareholders' approval as and when the need to enter or renew the transactions with the Thakral Family Companies arises, thereby reducing substantially the administrative time and expense in convening such meetings, without compromising the corporate objectives and adversely affecting the business opportunities available to the Group.
- 2.5.2 The renewed IPT Mandate is intended to facilitate transactions contemplated therein which are entered into in the ordinary course of business and which are transacted from time to time with the Thakral Family Companies, provided that they are carried out at arm's length and on normal commercial terms and are not prejudicial to the interests of the Company and its minority shareholders.

# 3. REVIEW PROCEDURES FOR THE INTERESTED PERSON TRANSACTIONS WITH THE THAKRAL FAMILY COMPANIES

## 3.1 General

In general, the Company has established various procedures to ensure that the Interested Person Transactions with the Thakral Family Companies are undertaken on normal commercial terms and will not be prejudicial to the interests of the Company and its minority shareholders. In general, the Group will only enter into transactions with the Interested Persons if: (i) the terms offered by the Interested Persons to the Group are not less favourable than the terms that may be obtainable by the Group from unrelated third parties; and/or (ii) the terms extended by the Group to unrelated third parties.

# 3.2 Lock Out Agreement

3.2.1 The Lock Out Agreement was entered into in 1995 to minimize potential conflict of interest that may arise as a result of certain members of the Thakral family's interests in the Group. It was terminated with effect from 28 September 2007 upon certain terms and conditions so as to allow the Company to trade freely in the relevant territories without being subject to restrictions on the Group under the Lock Out Agreement.

- 3.2.2 Notwithstanding the termination of the Lock Out Agreement, the Audit Committee has the right to require the provisions of the Lock Out Agreement to re-apply to the parties of the Lock Out Agreement ("Rights to Lock-Out") if the shareholding of the Thakral Family Directors and/or their family members in the Company is 15% or more than 15%, or when the quantum of a transaction relating to the TFC Sale in TCL Territories is of a value equal to, or exceeding:
  - (i) 3% of the Group's latest audited consolidated NTA; or
  - (ii) 3% of the Group's latest audited consolidated NTA, when aggregated with the values of all other TFC Sales in TCL Territories during the same financial year of the Company.
- 3.2.3 The Audit Committee will review the shareholding information contained in the Register of Directors' Shareholdings and Register of Substantial Shareholders maintained by the Company to ascertain whether the shareholding of the Thakral Family Directors and/or their family members in the Company is 15% or more than 15%, and if so, whether the Rights to Lock-Out should be exercised by the Audit Committee.
- 3.2.4 The Thakral Family Directors will deliver to the Company, not later than 30 days after 31 March, 30 June, 30 September and 31 December in each year, a certificate signed by any one of the Thakral Family Directors certifying the aggregate amount of TFC Sales in TCL Territories for that quarter, and setting out the names of the Thakral Family Companies which carried out such TFC Sales in TCL Territories and a breakdown of the amount of such TFC Sales in TCL Territories and the number of customers in respect of each relevant country for that quarter ("Quarterly Certificates").
- 3.2.5 The Audit Committee will review, and if considered appropriate, request the Thakral Family Companies identified in the Quarterly Certificates referred to in paragraph 3.2.4 or such other Thakral Family Companies as the Company may reasonably request in writing ("Relevant TF Companies") to procure from the auditors of the Relevant TF Companies a certificate signed by the auditors certifying the aggregate amount of TFC Sales in the TCL Territories undertaken by such Relevant TF Company for that year, and setting out a breakdown of the amount of such TFC Sales in TCL Territories and the number of customers in respect of each country for that year. Such auditors' certification shall be made at the expense of the Company. The Relevant TF Company is required to procure the audit certificate within 30 days of the request from the Company.
- 3.2.6 The Company shall maintain and make available to the Audit Committee, on a regular basis, the shareholding information, the Quarterly Certificates, all Interested Person Transactions and such other relevant information which it may reasonably require with the co-operation of the Company and the Thakral Family Directors.
- 3.2.7 The Audit Committee has reviewed the above information during FY2023 to determine whether the Rights to Lock-Out had become exercisable and should be exercised by the Audit Committee. After due consideration, taking into account that the Group would likely benefit more than the relevant Thakral Family Companies if the Lock Out Agreement was not reinstated, the Audit Committee took the view that it was advantageous to all Shareholders including minority shareholders that the Audit Committee not exercise the Rights to Lock-Out and not reinstate the Lock Out Agreement.

#### 3.3 Other Review Procedures

- 3.3.1 In addition, the Company has implemented and will continue to maintain the following procedures:
  - (a) the Company or relevant Group company will seek to obtain third party quotations from the market and/or from comparable transactions undertaken by the Group with third parties to decide whether the Interested Person Transactions should be transacted. In the event that it is not possible or practicable to obtain third party quotations (for example, where the relevant Thakral Family Company is the sole supplier of the relevant consumer electronics and electrical products in certain regions), the Company or relevant Group company will generally only enter into the Interested Person Transactions if, *inter alia*, the profits based on the transaction prices are within the acceptable margins set by the Company or relevant Group company. In such cases, the Sales Director shall record such Interested Person Transactions and report the

same to the Audit Committee on a quarterly basis. The Audit Committee will review such Interested Person Transactions to ascertain whether the Interested Person Transactions are conducted on normal commercial terms, at arm's length and will not be prejudicial to the interests of the Company and its minority shareholders; and

- (b) the Group has supplemented its internal systems by setting threshold limits in respect of the Interested Person Transactions with review procedures in place to ensure that all categories of Interested Person Transactions are undertaken on an arm's length basis, on normal commercial terms and are not prejudicial to the interests of the Group and its minority shareholders. Interested Person Transactions are categorised pursuant to such review procedures as follows:
  - (i) a Category 1 transaction is one in which the transaction value exceeds \$\$100,000.00 but is less than or is equal to \$\$500,000.00;
  - (ii) a Category 2 transaction is one in which the transaction value exceeds \$\$500,000.00, but is less than or is equal to \$\$1,000,000.00; and
  - (iii) a Category 3 transaction is one where the transaction value exceeds S\$1,000,000.00.

Category 1 transactions are subject to the review and approval of the Sales Director prior to being transacted. Category 2 transactions are subject to the review and approval of the Chief Financial Officer prior to being transacted. Category 3 transactions are subject to the review and approval of the Audit Committee prior to being transacted.

The threshold limits set out above are based on expected and past sale and purchases volume of the Group as well as the need for commercial efficiency.

In the event that the Sales Director, Chief Financial Officer or a member of the Audit Committee (where applicable) is deemed to be an interested person (as defined in the Listing Manual) in any Interested Person Transaction, he will abstain from reviewing that particular transaction. Approval of that transaction will accordingly be undertaken by a suitable person nominated by the Audit Committee or by the remaining members of the Audit Committee (where applicable).

- 3.3.2 The Audit Committee will review the procedures described in paragraph 3.3.1 above for determining transaction prices between the Group and the Thakral Family Companies, to assess if such procedures, if complied with, are sufficient to ensure that the transactions with the Thakral Family Companies as regards to trading in consumer electronics and electrical products, are on normal commercial terms and will not be prejudicial to the interests of minority shareholders.
- 3.3.3 The Audit Committee will review any actual or potential conflicts of interest in relation to sales of consumer electronics and electrical products in TCL Territories that may involve any Thakral Family Director disclosed by him to the Board and the exercise of his fiduciary duties in this respect. Upon disclosure of an actual or potential conflict of interest by any Thakral Family Director, the Audit Committee will evaluate whether it considers a conflict of interest does in fact exist. The review will include an examination of the nature of the conflict and such relevant supporting data, as the Audit Committee may deem reasonably necessary.
- 3.3.4 The Audit Committee will review from time to time the procedures established to monitor TFC Sales in TCL Territories to determine if such procedures are adequate and/or commercially practicable for the purpose of monitoring TFC Sales in TCL Territories. If, during its periodic review, the Audit Committee believes that the procedures as stated above have become inappropriate or are no longer sufficient to monitor TFC Sales in TCL Territories, the Audit Committee will improve on and/or adopt new procedures to deal with potential conflict of interest between the relevant members of the Thakral family and the Group in relation to sales in the TCL Territories.

- 3.3.5 The Thakral Family Directors will abstain from participating in Board discussions involving, and voting at the Board in respect of, any matter and/or business opportunity relating to sales of consumer electronics and electrical products in the TCL Territories where there is any conflict of interest arising between the relevant Thakral Family Director and the Group in respect of such matter and/or business opportunity.
- 3.3.6 All transactions between the Group and the Thakral Family Companies are subject to the quarterly review of the Audit Committee to ensure that they are carried out on an arm's length and commercial basis. In the event that a member of the Audit Committee is interested in any Interested Person Transaction, he will abstain from reviewing that particular transaction.
- 3.3.7 If during periodic reviews by the Audit Committee, the Audit Committee is of the view that the review procedures as stated above have become inappropriate or insufficient in view of changes to the nature of, or the manner in which, the business activities of the Group are conducted, the Company will revert to Shareholders for a fresh mandate based on new guidelines and review procedures to ensure that the interested person transactions with the Thakral Family Companies will be carried out on an arm's length basis and normal commercial terms, and will not be prejudicial to the interests of the Company and the minority shareholders.

# 4. DIRECTORS' AND SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS' INTEREST IN THE COMPANY

4.1 The interests of Directors and Substantial Shareholders in the Company are set out under the Directors' Statement and Shareholders' Information sections respectively in the Annual Report.

#### 5. VALIDITY PERIOD OF THE RENEWED IPT MANDATE

5.1 The renewed IPT Mandate will take effect from the passing of the ordinary resolution relating thereto, and will (unless revoked or varied by the Company in general meeting) continue in force until the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company. Approval from Shareholders will be sought for the renewal of the IPT Mandate at the next annual general meeting and at each subsequent annual general meeting of the Company, subject to satisfactory review by the Audit Committee of its continued application to the transactions with the Thakral Family Companies.

## 6. DISCLOSURE IN ANNUAL REPORT

- 6.1 The Company will announce the aggregate value of transactions conducted with the Interested Persons pursuant to the IPT Mandate for the relevant financial periods which the Company is required to report on pursuant to the Listing Manual and within the time required for the announcement of such reports.
- 6.2 Disclosure will also be made in the Company's annual report of the aggregate value of transactions conducted with the Interested Persons pursuant to the IPT Mandate during the financial year, and in the annual reports for subsequent financial years that the IPT Mandate continues in force, in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 9 of the Listing Manual.

## 7. STATEMENT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

7.1 Having considered, *inter alia*, the terms, the rationale for and the benefits of renewing the IPT Mandate, the Audit Committee is satisfied that the methods or procedures implemented in FY2023 and which will be maintained by the Company as set out in Section 3 of this Appendix for determining transaction prices of Interested Person Transactions have not changed since the last Shareholders' approval and the current methods or procedures are sufficient to ensure that the Interested Person Transactions will be carried out at arm's length, on normal commercial terms and will not be prejudicial to the interests of the Company and its minority shareholders. As such, an independent financial adviser's opinion is not required for the renewal of the Company's IPT Mandate under Listing Rule 920(1)(c).

7.2 The Audit Committee is also satisfied that, the procedures that have been established to monitor TFC Sales in TCL Territories, as referred to in Section 3 of this Appendix, are adequate and/or commercially practicable for purposes of monitoring the Interested Person Transactions. The Audit Committee will review from time to time such procedures as stated in Section 3 of this Appendix. Should the Audit Committee subsequently no longer be of this opinion, the Company will revert to the Shareholders for a fresh mandate based on the new guidelines and procedures for transactions with interested persons.

#### 8. DIRECTORS' RECOMMENDATION

- 8.1 The Directors who are considered independent for the purpose of making a recommendation to Shareholders on the renewal of the IPT Mandate are Mr. Natarajan Subramaniam, Mr. Nagaraj Sivaram and Ms. Janice Wu Sung Sung (the "Independent Directors").
- The Independent Directors are of the view that the entry into of the Interested Person Transactions between the Group and the Thakral Family Companies in the ordinary course of its business (as described in Section 2.3.1) are in the best interests of the Group. For the reasons as set out in Section 2.5 and taking into consideration the Audit Committee's confirmation in Section 7, the Independent Directors are of the opinion that the current review procedures for the Interested Person Transactions with the Thakral Family Companies are sufficient to ensure that the transactions will be carried out on normal commercial terms, and will not be prejudicial to the interests of the Group and the minority shareholders and recommend that Shareholders vote in favour of the resolution relating to the renewal of the IPT Mandate to be proposed at the AGM.
- 8.3 In accordance with the requirements of Chapter 9 of the Listing Manual, the Thakral Family Directors, being directors of the Thakral Family Companies, have abstained from making any recommendation on the renewal of the IPT Mandate.

# 9. ACTION TO BE TAKEN BY SHAREHOLDERS

9.1 Shareholders who are unable to attend the AGM and who wish to appoint a proxy or proxies to attend and vote on their behalf should complete, sign and return the Proxy Form attached to the Notice of AGM in accordance with the instructions printed therein as soon as possible and, in any event, so as to arrive at the registered office of the Company at 20 Upper Circular Road, #03-06 The Riverwalk, Singapore 058416, not later than 72 hours before the time fixed for the AGM. The appointment of a proxy or proxies by a Shareholder does not preclude him from attending and voting in person at the AGM if he so wishes in place of the proxy.

## 10. SHAREHOLDERS WHO WILL ABSTAIN FROM VOTING

- 10.1 By virtue of their interest in the IPT Mandate, the Thakral Family Companies, being Interested Persons, will abstain and have undertaken to ensure that their associates will abstain from voting on the ordinary resolution relating to the proposed renewal of the IPT Mandate at the forthcoming AGM.
- 10.2 Further, the Thakral Family Companies undertake not to accept and shall ensure that their associates shall not accept the appointment as proxies to vote and attend at the forthcoming AGM in respect of the ordinary resolution relating to the proposed renewal of the IPT Mandate for other Shareholders of the Company unless the Shareholder concerned shall have given specific instructions as to the manner in which his votes are to be cast.

## 11. DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT

11.1 The Directors (including those who may have delegated supervision of this Appendix) collectively and individually accept responsibility for the accuracy of the information given in this Appendix and confirm, having made all reasonable enquiries, that to the best of their knowledge and belief, the facts stated and the opinions expressed (excluding the Independent Directors' recommendations in the case of the Directors who are not Independent Directors) in this Appendix are fair and accurate in all material respects and that no material facts have been omitted which would make any statement in this Appendix misleading in any material respect.

# 12. DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION

- 12.1 Copies of the following documents may be inspected at the registered office of the Company at 20 Upper Circular Road, #03-06 The Riverwalk, Singapore 058416 during normal business hours from the date of this Appendix up to the date of the AGM:
  - (i) the Constitution of the Company; and
  - (ii) the Annual Report of the Company for FY2023.