



Hiap Hoe Limited

(Registration No. : 199400676Z)

(Incorporated in Singapore)

PROPOSED RENOUNCEABLE NON-UNDERWRITTEN RIGHTS ISSUE OF 75,929,272 NEW ORDINARY SHARES (THE "RIGHTS SHARES") IN THE CAPITAL OF HIAP HOE LIMITED (THE "COMPANY") AT AN ISSUE PRICE OF S\$0.28 FOR EACH RIGHTS SHARE, ON THE BASIS OF ONE (1) RIGHTS SHARE FOR EVERY FOUR (4) EXISTING ORDINARY SHARES IN THE CAPITAL OF THE COMPANY HELD BY SHAREHOLDERS OF THE COMPANY ("SHAREHOLDERS") AS AT THE BOOKS CLOSURE DATE (AS DEFINED HEREIN), FRACTIONAL ENTITLEMENTS TO BE DISREGARDED (THE "RIGHTS ISSUE")

– APPROVAL IN-PRINCIPLE FROM THE SINGAPORE EXCHANGE SECURITIES TRADING LIMITED (THE "SGX-ST")

The Company refers to the announcement dated 14 May 2008 in relation to the Rights Issue (the "**Rights Issue Announcement**"). Unless otherwise defined, all terms used herein shall bear the respective meanings ascribed thereto in the Rights Issue Announcement.

Further to the Rights Issue Announcement, an application has been made on behalf of the Company to the SGX-ST for the listing of and quotation for the Rights Shares on the Official List of the SGX-ST.

The board of directors of the Company (the "**Board**") is pleased to announce that the Company has today obtained approval in-principle from the SGX-ST for the listing of and quotation for the Rights Shares on the Official List of the SGX-ST, subject to an undertaking by the Company to provide a status report on the use of proceeds from the Rights Issue in its annual report.

The approval in-principle granted from the SGX-ST is not to be taken as an indication of the merits of the Company, its subsidiaries, the Rights Issue or the Rights Shares.

As mentioned in the Rights Issue Announcement, the Company had obtained a general share issue mandate at its annual general meeting held on 24 April 2008 and as such, no further Shareholders' approval is required for the Rights Issue and the issue of the Rights Shares.

Notice of the books closure date for the Rights Issue will be announced by the Company in due course. Information on the details of the Rights Issue will be set out in the Offer Information Statement to be despatched to Shareholders in due course.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

Submitted by Lai Foon Kuen, Company Secretary on 9 June 2008 to the SGX-ST