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26 March 2020

The Company Secretary
(ACE Market Listed Corporations)

Via email

Dear Sir/Madam,

EXTENSION OF TIME FOR SUBMISSION OF -

- (A) QUARTERLY AND ANNUAL REPORTS; AND
 - (B) REGULARISATION PLANS BY LISTED CORPORATIONS WHICH TRIGGER THE CRITERIA UNDER RULE 8.03A OR RULE 8.04 (GUIDANCE NOTE 3)
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(A) **INTRODUCTION**

1. Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad (“the Exchange”) is cognizant of the challenges faced by listed issuers in the preparation of the relevant financial reports and documents. Hence, further to our letters to listed issuers dated 17 March 2020 and 24 March 2020, the Exchange would be according additional relief measures to listed issuers on the issuance of quarterly and annual reports, as well as submission of regularisation plans.

(B) **BACKGROUND**

2. The Government had, on 25 March 2020, extended the Movement Control Order (“MCO”) to 14 April 2020 throughout the country.
3. The Exchange takes note that the extended MCO and the COVID-19 pandemic may have caused operational difficulties and practical challenges to listed corporations and their auditors or Sponsors.
4. The Exchange also recognises the need to accord greater flexibility to, and reduce regulatory compliance burdens of, listed corporations in times of crisis, while ensuring that investor interest remains uncompromised.

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(C) EXTENSION OF TIME FOR ISSUANCE OF QUARTERLY REPORTS AND ANNUAL REPORTS

- 5. In view of the above, the Exchange will grant a **one month extension** for issuance of quarterly reports (“QRs”) and annual reports that include annual audited financial statements and the auditors’ and directors’ reports (“AR”), which are due by 31 March 2020 and 30 April 2020.
- 6. Notwithstanding the one month extension in paragraph 5 above, listed corporations are reminded as follows:
 - (a) Listed corporations must continue to comply with the continuing disclosure obligations under the ACE Market Listing Requirements (“ACE LR”), including the obligation to make immediate announcement of any material information under Rule 9.03; and
 - (b) If the preparation of the QR or AR is not adversely affected by the extended MCO or the COVID-19 pandemic, and listed corporations are able to issue the said reports within the prescribed timelines under the ACE LR, they must continue to do so without any undue delay.

This ensures that shareholders and investors continue to receive material and financial information in a timely manner.

(D) EXTENSION OF TIME FOR SUBMISSION OF REGULARISATION PLAN

- 7. Additionally, the Exchange will also be according a longer timeframe for submission of regularisation plans by listed corporations which trigger the criteria under Rules 8.03A or 8.04 (Guidance Note 3) of the ACE LR (collectively, the “Criteria”).

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8. In this regard, listed corporations which trigger and announce the Criteria under paragraph 4.1(a) in Guidance Note 3 of the ACE LR¹ (“**First Announcement**”) from 2 January 2019 to 31 December 2020, will be allowed to submit their regularisation plans to the Exchange, within 24 months (instead of the existing 12 months²) from the date of the First Announcement.
9. For listed corporations which have triggered the Criteria before 2019 and which have been granted an extension of time by the Exchange prior to this Letter, they are still required to submit their regularisation plans within the approved timeframe granted. If further extension of time is required by these listed corporations, an application for the same must be made to the Exchange. The Exchange will consider such applications on a case-to-case basis taking into account, among others, the constraints faced by the listed corporations due to COVID-19 and the MCO.

(E) REBATE OF 50% ON ANNUAL LISTING FEE FOR 2020

10. Apart from the above, the Exchange will also be offering a rebate of 50% of the annual listing fees for the year 2020 for listed corporations that -
- (a) have a market capitalisation below RM500 million as at 31 December 2019; and
 - (b) report financial losses as measured by their group loss after tax in their QR for a quarter ended on any date between 1 April 2020 to 30 June 2020 (inclusive) notwithstanding the date of the submission of QR.

With this, the Exchange hopes to help ease the financial burden of listed corporations during these challenging times.

¹ Under paragraph 4.1(a) of Guidance Note 3, a GN3 Company must announce to the Exchange on an immediate basis upon the GN3 Company triggering one or more of the Prescribed Criteria -

- (i) that the listed corporation is a GN3 Company pursuant to this Guidance Note;
- (ii) the listed corporation’s obligations pursuant to this Guidance Note;
- (iii) the consequences of non-compliance with such obligations; and
- (iv) the status of the listed corporation’s regularisation plan or the status of its endeavours to formulate such a plan, whichever is applicable, or where neither a plan nor any endeavour to formulate such a plan has been undertaken, an appropriate negative statement to such effect.

² Rule 8.04(3)(a)(i) of the ACE LR stipulates that a GN3 Company must, among others, submit a regularisation plan to the Exchange within 12 months from the date it announces that it is a GN3 Company.

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- 11. The Exchange will continue to monitor the situation and will determine if further measures are required.
- 12. In the meantime, if you have any queries on the above, please do not hesitate to contact Listing Advisory, Listing Department at 03-2034 7766.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully,



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