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## SINGAPORE POST LIMITED

(Incorporated in the Republic of Singapore) Company Registration Number: 199201623M

# CIRCULAR TO SHAREHOLDERS IN RELATION TO

- (1) THE PROPOSED RENEWAL OF THE SHAREHOLDERS MANDATE FOR INTERESTED PERSON TRANSACTIONS; AND
- (2) THE PROPOSED RENEWAL OF THE SHARE PURCHASE MANDATE.

## **IMPORTANT DATES AND TIMES:**

Last date and time for lodgement of Proxy Form : 28 June 2011 at 10.45 a.m.

Date and time of Extraordinary General Meeting : 30 June 2011 at 10.45 a.m. (or so soon

thereafter following the conclusion or adjournment of the 19th Annual General Meeting of the Company to be held at 10.30 a.m. on the same day and at the same place)

Place of Extraordinary General Meeting : 10 Eunos Road 8

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# **DEFINITIONS**

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

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

"2010 Circular" : The Company's Circular to Shareholders dated 8 June 2010.

"Companies Act" : The Companies Act, Chapter 50 of Singapore.

"Company" : Singapore Post Limited.

"Directors" : The directors of the Company for the time being.

"EGM" : The extraordinary general meeting of the Company, notice of

which is given on pages 30 to 32 of this Circular.

"2010 EGM" : The extraordinary general meeting of the Company held on

30 June 2010.

"Group" : The Company and its subsidiaries.

"IDA" : Info-communications Development Authority of Singapore.

"Latest Practicable Date" : The latest practicable date prior to the printing of this Circular,

being 10 May 2011.

"Listing Manual" : The listing manual of the SGX-ST, including any amendments

made thereto up to the Latest Practicable Date.

"Market Day" : A day on which the SGX-ST is open for trading in securities.

"Market Purchase" : An on-market purchase of Shares by the Company effected on

the SGX-ST, or on any other stock exchange on which the Shares may for the time being be listed and quoted, through one or more duly licensed dealers appointed by the Company

for the purpose.

"Maximum Price" : The maximum price to be paid for the Shares as determined by

the Directors under paragraph 3.3.4 of the Letter to

Shareholders contained in this Circular.

"Off-Market Purchase" : An off-market purchase of Shares by the Company effected

otherwise than on a stock exchange, in accordance with an

equal access scheme.

"Postal Competition Code" : The Postal Competition Code 2008 issued by the IDA on 2

May 2008.

"Postal Services Act" : The Postal Services Act, Chapter 237A of Singapore.

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

"Share Purchase Mandate" : The mandate to enable the Company to purchase or otherwise

acquire its issued Shares.

## **DEFINITIONS**

"Shareholders" : Registered holders of Shares except that where the registered

holder is CDP, the term "Shareholders" shall, in relation to such Shares and where the context admits, mean the Depositors whose securities accounts are credited with

Shares.

"Shareholders Mandate" : The mandate to enable the Company, its subsidiaries and

associated companies that are entities at risk (as that term is used in Chapter 9 of the Listing Manual) to enter into certain

interested person transactions.

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

"SingTel" : Singapore Telecommunications Limited.

"Take-over Code" : The Singapore Code on Take-overs and Mergers.

"Temasek" : Temasek (Holdings) Private Limited.

"S\$", "\$" and "cents" : Singapore dollars and cents, respectively.

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

The terms "**Depositor**", "**Depository**" and "**Depository Register**" shall have the meanings ascribed to them respectively in Section 130A of the Companies Act.

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.

Any reference in this Circular 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 any statutory modification thereof and not otherwise defined in this Circular shall have the same meaning assigned to it under the Companies Act or any statutory modification thereof, as the case may be.

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

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

Any discrepancies in the tables in this Circular between the listed amounts and the totals thereof are due to rounding.

#### SINGAPORE POST LIMITED

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#### **Directors:**

Lim Ho Kee (Chairman and non-executive non-independent Director)
Keith Tay Ah Kee (non-executive lead independent Director)
Kenneth Michael Tan Wee Kheng (non-executive independent Director)
Tan Yam Pin (non-executive independent Director)
Zulkifli Bin Baharudin (non-executive independent Director)
Professor Low Teck Seng (non-executive independent Director)
Lee Chong Kwee (non-executive independent Director)
Timothy Chia Chee Ming (non-executive independent Director)
Michael James Murphy (non-executive non-independent Director)
Bill Chang York Chye (non-executive non-independent Director)

Registered Office:

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8 June 2011

To: The Shareholders of Singapore Post Limited

Dear Sir/Madam

## 1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 **EGM**. The Directors are convening an EGM to be held on 30 June 2011 to seek Shareholders' approval for the following proposals:
  - (a) the proposed renewal of the Shareholders Mandate; and
  - (b) the proposed renewal of the Share Purchase Mandate.
- 1.2 **Circular**. The purpose of this Circular is to provide Shareholders with information relating to the proposals to be tabled at the EGM.

## 2. THE PROPOSED RENEWAL OF THE SHAREHOLDERS MANDATE

- 2.1 Shareholders Mandate. At the 2010 EGM, approval of the Shareholders was obtained for the renewal of the Shareholders Mandate to enable the Company, its subsidiaries and associated companies that are entities at risk (as that term is used in Chapter 9 of the Listing Manual) to enter into certain interested person transactions with the classes of interested persons as set out in the Shareholders Mandate. Particulars of the Shareholders Mandate are set out in the Appendix to the 2010 Circular.
- 2.2 **Proposed Renewal of the Shareholders Mandate**. At the 2010 EGM, the Shareholders Mandate was expressed to take effect until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting of the Company, being the 19th Annual General Meeting which is scheduled to be held on 30 June 2011. Accordingly, the Directors propose that the Shareholders Mandate be renewed at the EGM, to take effect until the 20th Annual General Meeting of the Company.

The particulars of the interested person transactions in respect of which the Shareholders Mandate is sought to be renewed remain unchanged.

- 2.3 **Appendix**. The Shareholders Mandate, including the rationale for, and the benefits to, the Company, the review procedures for determining transaction prices and other general information relating to Chapter 9 of the Listing Manual, are set out in the Appendix to this Circular.
- 2.4 **Audit Committee's Statement**. The Audit Committee (currently comprising Keith Tay Ah Kee, Kenneth Michael Tan Wee Kheng and Tan Yam Pin) confirms that:
  - (a) the methods or procedures for determining transaction prices under the Shareholders Mandate have not changed since the 2010 EGM; and
  - (b) the methods or procedures referred to in sub-paragraph (a) above 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 Company and its minority Shareholders.
- 2.5 **Abstention from Voting**. Temasek, SingTel and their respective associates, being interested persons (as described in paragraph 4.1 of the Appendix), will abstain from voting their Shares, if any, in respect of Resolution 1, being the Ordinary Resolution relating to the proposed renewal of the Shareholders Mandate to be proposed at the EGM.

The Directors, being interested persons (as described in paragraph 4.1 of the Appendix), will abstain, and will procure their associates to abstain, from voting their Shares, if any, in respect of Resolution 1, being the Ordinary Resolution relating to the proposed renewal of the Shareholders Mandate to be proposed at the EGM. Each of the Directors will also decline to accept appointment as proxy for any Shareholder to vote in respect of Resolution 1, unless the Shareholder concerned shall have given instructions in his Proxy Form as to the manner in which his votes are to be cast in respect of Resolution 1.

# 3. THE PROPOSED RENEWAL OF THE SHARE PURCHASE MANDATE

3.1 **Background**. Shareholders had approved the renewal of the Share Purchase Mandate at the 2010 EGM. The authority and limitations on the Share Purchase Mandate were set out in the 2010 Circular and Ordinary Resolution 2 set out in the Notice of the 2010 EGM.

The Share Purchase Mandate was expressed to take effect on the date of the passing of Ordinary Resolution 2 at the 2010 EGM and will expire on the date of the forthcoming 19th Annual General Meeting to be held on 30 June 2011. Accordingly, Shareholders' approval is being sought for the renewal of the Share Purchase Mandate at the EGM, immediately following the 19th Annual General Meeting of the Company convened to be held on the same date.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, the Company had purchased or acquired an aggregate of 8,597,000 Shares by way of Market Purchases pursuant to the Share Purchase Mandate approved by Shareholders at the 2010 EGM. The highest and lowest price paid was S\$1.13 and S\$1.12 per Share respectively and the total consideration paid for all purchases was S\$9,694,930, excluding commission, brokerage and goods and services tax.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, 8,597,000 Shares purchased or acquired by the Company are held as treasury shares.

- 3.2 **Rationale for the Share Purchase Mandate**. The rationale for the Company to undertake the purchase or acquisition of its Shares, as previously stated in the 2010 Circular, is as follows:
  - (a) In managing the business of the Group, management strives to increase Shareholders' value by improving, *inter alia*, the return on equity of the Group. Share purchases are one of the ways through which the return on equity of the Group may be enhanced.
  - (b) The Share Purchase Mandate is an expedient, effective and cost-efficient way for the Company to return surplus cash which is in excess of the financial and possible investment needs of the Group to Shareholders. In addition, the Share Purchase Mandate will allow the Company to have greater flexibility over, *inter alia*, the Company's share capital structure and its dividend policy.
  - (c) Share repurchase programmes help buffer short-term share price volatility and off-set the effects of short-term speculators and investors and, in turn, bolster shareholder confidence and employee morale.

The approval of the renewal of the Share Purchase Mandate authorising the Company to purchase or acquire its Shares would give the Company the flexibility to undertake share purchases or acquisitions at any time, subject to market conditions, during the period when the Share Purchase Mandate is in force.

While the Share Purchase Mandate would authorise a purchase or acquisition of Shares up to the 10% limit described in paragraph 3.3.1 below, it should be noted that purchases or acquisitions of Shares pursuant to the Share Purchase Mandate may not be carried out to the full 10% limit as authorised, and no purchases or acquisitions of Shares would be made in circumstances which would have or may have a material adverse effect on the financial position of the Company.

3.3 **Authority and Limits of the Share Purchase Mandate**. The authority and limitations placed on the Share Purchase Mandate, if renewed at the EGM, are substantially the same as were previously approved by Shareholders at the 2010 EGM, and are summarised below:

## 3.3.1 Maximum Number of Shares

The total number of Shares which may be purchased or acquired by the Company pursuant to the Share Purchase Mandate is limited to that number of Shares representing not more than 10% of the total number of issued Shares of the Company as at the date of the EGM. Any of the Shares which are held as treasury shares will be disregarded for purposes of computing the 10% limit.

Purely for illustrative purposes, on the basis of 1,930,326,618 Shares in issue as at the Latest Practicable Date and disregarding the 8,597,000 Shares held in treasury as at the Latest Practicable Date, and assuming no further Shares are issued and no Shares are purchased or acquired by the Company, or held as treasury shares, on or prior to the EGM, not more than 192,172,961 Shares (representing 10% of the Shares in issue as at that date and disregarding the 8,597,000 Shares held in treasury) may be purchased or acquired by the Company pursuant to the proposed Share Purchase Mandate.

## 3.3.2 **Duration of Authority**

Purchases or acquisitions of Shares may be made, at any time and from time to time, on and from the date of the EGM at which the renewal of the Share Purchase Mandate is approved, up to:

- the date on which the next Annual General Meeting of the Company is held or required by law to be held;
- (b) the date on which the authority conferred by the Share Purchase Mandate is revoked or varied; or
- (c) the date on which purchases and acquisitions of Shares pursuant to the Share Purchase Mandate are carried out to the full extent mandated,

whichever is the earliest.

## 3.3.3 Manner of Purchases or Acquisitions of Shares

Purchases or acquisitions of Shares may be made by way of:

- (a) Market Purchases; and/or
- (b) Off-Market Purchases.

The Directors may impose such terms and conditions which are not inconsistent with the Share Purchase Mandate, the Listing Manual and the Companies Act as they consider fit in the interests of the Company in connection with or in relation to any equal access scheme or schemes. An Off-Market Purchase must, however, satisfy all the following conditions:

- (i) offers for the purchase or acquisition of Shares shall be made to every person who holds Shares to purchase or acquire the same percentage of their Shares;
- (ii) all of those persons shall be given a reasonable opportunity to accept the offers made: and
- (iii) the terms of all the offers shall be the same, except that there shall be disregarded (1) differences in consideration attributable to the fact that offers may relate to Shares with different accrued dividend entitlements, and (2) differences in the offers introduced solely to ensure that each person is left with a whole number of Shares.

If the Company wishes to make an Off-Market Purchase in accordance with an equal access scheme, it will issue an offer document containing at least the following information:

- (1) terms and conditions of the offer;
- (2) period and procedures for acceptances; and
- (3) information required under Rule 883(2), (3), (4) and (5) of the Listing Manual.

#### 3.3.4 Purchase Price

The purchase price (excluding brokerage, commission, applicable goods and services tax and other related expenses) to be paid for a Share will be determined by the Directors. The Maximum Price to be paid for the Shares as determined by the Directors must not exceed:

- (a) in the case of a Market Purchase, 105% of the Average Closing Price of the Shares; and
- (b) in the case of an Off-Market Purchase, 110% of the Average Closing Price of the Shares.

in either case, excluding related expenses of the purchase or acquisition.

For the above purposes:

"Average Closing Price" means the average of the last dealt prices of a Share for the five consecutive Market Days on which the Shares are transacted on the SGX-ST or, as the case may be, such stock exchange on which the Shares are listed or quoted, immediately preceding the date of the Market Purchase by the Company or, as the case may be, the date of the making of the offer pursuant to the Off-Market Purchase, and deemed to be adjusted in accordance with the listing rules of the SGX-ST for any corporate action which occurs after the relevant five-day period; and

"date of the making of the offer" means the date on which the Company announces its intention to make an offer for an Off-Market Purchase, stating therein the purchase price (which shall not be more than the Maximum Price for an Off-Market Purchase calculated on the foregoing basis) for each Share and the relevant terms of the equal access scheme for effecting the Off-Market Purchase.

3.4 **Source of Funds**. Under the Companies Act, the Company may purchase or acquire its Shares out of its profits and/or capital so long as the Company is solvent.

The Company intends to use internal and external sources of funds to finance its purchase or acquisition of Shares. The Directors do not propose to exercise the Share Purchase Mandate in a manner and to such extent that the Group's working capital requirements, current dividend policy for the financial year ending 31 March 2012 and ability to service its debts would be adversely affected.

- 3.5 **Status of Purchased Shares**. Shares purchased or acquired by the Company are deemed cancelled immediately on purchase or acquisition (and all rights and privileges attached to those Shares will expire on such cancellation) unless such Shares are held by the Company as treasury shares. The total number of issued Shares will be diminished by the number of Shares purchased or acquired by the Company and which are not held as treasury shares.
- 3.6 **Treasury Shares**. Under the Companies Act, Shares purchased or acquired by the Company may be held or dealt with as treasury shares. Some of the provisions on treasury shares under the Companies Act are summarised below:

## 3.6.1 *Maximum Holdings*

The number of Shares held as treasury shares cannot at any time exceed 10% of the total number of issued Shares.

## 3.6.2 Voting and Other Rights

The Company cannot exercise any right in respect of treasury shares. In particular, the Company cannot exercise any right to attend or vote at meetings and for the purposes of the Companies Act, the Company shall be treated as having no right to vote and the treasury shares shall be treated as having no voting rights.

In addition, no dividend may be paid, and no other distribution of the Company's assets may be made to the Company in respect of treasury shares. However, the allotment of shares as fully paid bonus shares in respect of treasury shares is allowed. A subdivision or consolidation of any treasury share into treasury shares of a smaller amount is also allowed so long as the total value of the treasury shares after the subdivision or consolidation is the same as before.

## 3.6.3 Disposal and Cancellation

Where Shares are held as treasury shares, the Company may at any time (but subject always to the Take-over Code):

- (a) sell the treasury shares for cash;
- (b) transfer the treasury shares for the purposes of or pursuant to an employees' share scheme;
- transfer the treasury shares as consideration for the acquisition of shares in or assets of another company or assets of a person;
- (d) cancel the treasury shares; or
- (e) sell, transfer or otherwise use the treasury shares for such other purposes as may be prescribed by the Minister for Finance.

In addition, under the Listing Manual, an immediate announcement must be made of any sale, transfer, cancellation and/or use of treasury shares. Such announcement must include details such as the date of the sale, transfer, cancellation and/or use of such treasury shares, the purpose of such sale, transfer, cancellation and/or use of such treasury shares, the number of treasury shares which have been sold, transferred, cancelled and/or used, the number of treasury shares before and after such sale, transfer, cancellation and/or use, the percentage of the number of treasury shares against the total number of issued shares (of the same class as the treasury shares) which are listed before and after such sale, transfer, cancellation and/or use and the value of the treasury shares if they are used for a sale or transfer, or cancelled.

3.7 **Financial Effects**. The financial effects on the Company and the Group arising from purchases or acquisitions of Shares which may be made pursuant to the Share Purchase Mandate will depend on, *inter alia*, whether the Shares are purchased or acquired out of profits and/or capital of the Company, the number of Shares purchased or acquired, the price paid for such Shares and whether the Shares purchased or acquired are held in treasury or cancelled.

Under the Companies Act, purchases or acquisitions of Shares by the Company may be made out of the Company's profits and/or capital so long as the Company is solvent.

Where the consideration paid by the Company for the purchase or acquisition of Shares is made out of profits, such consideration (excluding brokerage, commission, goods and services tax and other related expenses) will correspondingly reduce the amount available for the distribution of cash dividends by the Company.

Where the consideration paid by the Company for the purchase or acquisition of Shares is made out of capital, the amount available for the distribution of cash dividends by the Company will not be reduced.

The financial effects on the Company and the Group, based on the audited financial statements of the Company and the Group for the financial year ended 31 March 2011, are based on the assumptions set out below.

## 3.7.1 Number of Shares Acquired or Purchased

Purely for illustrative purposes, on the basis of 1,930,326,618 Shares in issue as at the Latest Practicable Date and disregarding the 8,597,000 Shares held in treasury as at the Latest Practicable Date, and assuming no further Shares are issued and no Shares are purchased or acquired by the Company, or held as treasury shares, on or prior to the EGM, not more than 192,172,961 Shares (representing 10% of the Shares in issue as at that date and disregarding the 8,597,000 Shares held in treasury) may be purchased or acquired by the Company pursuant to the proposed Share Purchase Mandate.

## 3.7.2 Maximum Price Paid for Shares Acquired or Purchased

In the case of Market Purchases by the Company and assuming that the Company purchases or acquires 192,172,961 Shares at the maximum price of S\$1.2033 for one Share (being the price equivalent to 5% above the Average Closing Price of the Shares for the five consecutive Market Days on which the Shares were traded on the SGX-ST immediately preceding the Latest Practicable Date), the maximum amount of funds required for the purchase or acquisition of 192,172,961 Shares is S\$231,241,724.

In the case of Off-Market Purchases by the Company and assuming that the Company purchases or acquires 192,172,961 Shares at the maximum price of S\$1.2606 for one Share (being the price equivalent to 10% above the Average Closing Price of the Shares for the five consecutive Market Days on which the Shares were traded on the SGX-ST immediately preceding the Latest Practicable Date), the maximum amount of funds required for the purchase or acquisition of 192,172,961 Shares is S\$242,253,235.

## 3.7.3 Illustrative Financial Effects

For illustrative purposes only and on the basis of the assumptions set out in paragraphs 3.7.1 and 3.7.2 above, the financial effects of the purchase or acquisition of Shares by the Company pursuant to the Share Purchase Mandate on the audited financial statements of the Group and the Company for the financial year ended 31 March 2011 are set out below and assuming the following:

(a) the purchase or acquisition of 10% of the Shares by the Company pursuant to the Share Purchase Mandate by way of Market Purchases, made as to 6% out of profits and as to 4% out of capital and cancelled or held in treasury; and

(b) the purchase or acquisition of 10% of the Shares by the Company pursuant to the Share Purchase Mandate by way of Off-Market Purchases, made as to 6% out of profits and as to 4% out of capital and cancelled or held in treasury.

#### Market Purchases

The financial effects set out below are for illustrative purposes only. The illustrations are based on historical numbers for the financial year ended 31 March 2011 and are not necessarily representative of future financial performance.

Although the Share Purchase Mandate would authorise the Company to purchase or acquire up to 10% of the issued Shares, the Company may not necessarily purchase or acquire part of or the entire 10% of the issued Shares. In addition, the Company may cancel all or part of the Shares repurchased or hold all or part of the Shares repurchased in treasury.

Even if the Share Purchase Mandate is approved, the Directors will not exercise the Share Purchase Mandate if the Group's working capital requirements, current dividend policy for the financial year ending 31 March 2012 and ability to service its debts would be adversely affected.

Scenario 1(A)

Market Purchases of up to 10% made as to 6% out of profits and as to 4% out of capital and cancelled Croup

Company

	Group		Company	
	Before Share Purchase	After Share Purchase	Before Share Purchase	After Share Purchase
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
As at 31 March 2011				
Share Capital	118,789	26,292	118,789	26,292
Capital Reserves	_	_	_	_
Other Reserves	883	883	3,449	3,449
Revenue Reserves	216,171	77,426	184,056	45,311
	335,843	104,601	306,294	75,052
Treasury Shares	(9,695)	(9,695)	(9,695)	(9,695)
Shareholders' Funds	326,148	94,906	296,599	65,357
Net Tangible Assets (NTA)	243,687	12,445	296,419	65,177
Current Assets	488,721	257,479	430,775	199,533
Current Liabilities	238,279	238,279	222,033	222,033
Total Borrowings	503,009	503,009	503,009	503,009
Cash and Cash Equivalents	338,734	107,492	308,087	76,845
Number of Shares ('000)	1,921,730	1,729,557	1,921,730	1,729,557
Financial Ratios				
Basic Earnings per Share (cents)	8.37	9.30	7.84	8.71
NTA per Share (cents)	12.68	0.72	15.42	3.77
Gross Gearing (%)	154.2	530.0	169.6	769.6
Net Gearing (%)	50.4	416.7	65.7	652.1
Current Ratio (%)	205.1	108.1	194.0	89.9

Scenario 1(B)

Market Purchases of up to 10% made as to 6% out of profits and as to 4% out of capital and held in treasury

	Group		Company	
	Before Share After Share Purchase Purchase		Before Share Purchase	After Share Purchase
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
As at 31 March 2011				
Share Capital	118,789	118,789	118,789	118,789
Capital Reserves	_	_	_	_
Other Reserves	883	883	3,449	3,449
Revenue Reserves	216,171	216,171	184,056	184,056
	335,843	335,843	306,294	306,294
Treasury Shares	(9,695)	(240,937)	(9,695)	(240,937)
Shareholders' Funds	326,148	94,906	296,599	65,357
Net Tangible Assets (NTA)	243,687	12,445	296,419	65,177
Current Assets	488,721	257,479	430,775	199,533
Current Liabilities	238,279	238,279	222,033	222,033
Total Borrowings	503,009	503,009	503,009	503,009
Cash and Cash Equivalents	338,734	107,492	308,087	76,845
Number of Shares ('000)	1,921,730	1,729,557	1,921,730	1,729,557
Financial Ratios				
Basic Earnings per Share (cents)	8.37	9.30	7.84	8.71
NTA per Share (cents)	12.68	0.72	15.42	3.77
Gross Gearing (%)	154.2	530.0	169.6	769.6
Net Gearing (%)	50.4	416.7	65.7	652.1
Current Ratio (%)	205.1	108.1	194.0	89.9

#### Off-Market Purchases

The financial effects set out below are for illustrative purposes only. The illustrations are based on historical numbers for the financial year ended 31 March 2011 and are not necessarily representative of future financial performance.

Although the Share Purchase Mandate would authorise the Company to purchase or acquire up to 10% of the issued Shares, the Company may not necessarily purchase or acquire part of or the entire 10% of the issued Shares. In addition, the Company may cancel all or part of the Shares repurchased or hold all or part of the Shares repurchased in treasury.

Even if the Share Purchase Mandate is approved, the Directors will not exercise the Share Purchase Mandate if the Group's working capital requirements, current dividend policy for the financial year ending 31 March 2012 and ability to service its debts would be adversely affected.

Scenario 2(A)

Off-Market Purchases of up to 10% made as to 6% out of profits and as to 4% out of capital and cancelled

	Group		Company	
	Before Share Purchase	After Share Purchase	Before Share Purchase	After Share Purchase
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
As at 31 March 2011				
Share Capital	118,789	21,888	118,789	21,888
Capital Reserves	_	_	_	_
Other Reserves	883	883	3,449	3,449
Revenue Reserves	216,171	70,819	184,056	38,704
	335,843	93,590	306,294	64,041
Treasury Shares	(9,695)	(9,695)	(9,695)	(9,695)
Shareholders' Funds	326,148	83,895	296,599	54,346
Net Tangible Assets (NTA)	243,687	1,434	296,419	54,166
Current Assets	488,721	246,468	430,775	188,522
Current Liabilities	238,279	238,279	222,033	222,033
Total Borrowings	503,009	503,009	503,009	503,009
Cash and Cash Equivalents	338,734	96,481	308,087	65,834
Number of Shares ('000)	1,921,730	1,729,557	1,921,730	1,729,557
Financial Ratios				
Basic Earnings per Share (cents)	8.37	9.30	7.84	8.71
NTA per Share (cents)	12.68	0.08	15.42	3.13
Gross Gearing (%)	154.2	599.6	169.6	925.6
Net Gearing (%)	50.4	484.6	65.7	804.4
Current Ratio (%)	205.1	103.4	194.0	84.9

Scenario 2(B)

Off-Market Purchases of up to 10% made as to 6% out of profits and as to 4% out of capital and held in treasury

	Group		Company	
	Before Share Purchase	After Share Purchase	Before Share Purchase	After Share Purchase
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
As at 31 March 2011				
Share Capital	118,789	118,789	118,789	118,789
Capital Reserves	_	_	_	_
Other Reserves	883	883	3,449	3,449
Revenue Reserves	216,171	216,171	184,056	184,056
	335,843	335,843	306,294	306,294
Treasury Shares	(9,695)	(251,948)	(9,695)	(251,948)
Shareholders' Funds	326,148	83,895	296,599	54,346
Net Tangible Assets (NTA)	243,687	1,434	296,419	54,166
Current Assets	488,721	246,476	430,775	188,530
Current Liabilities	238,279	238,279	222,033	222,033
Total Borrowings	503,009	503,009	503,009	503,009
Cash and Cash Equivalents	338,734	96,481	308,087	65,834
Number of Shares ('000)	1,921,730	1,729,557	1,921,730	1,729,557
Financial Ratios				
Basic Earnings per Share (cents)	8.37	9.30	7.84	8.71
NTA per Share (cents)	12.68	0.08	15.42	3.13
Gross Gearing (%)	154.2	599.6	169.6	925.6
Net Gearing (%)	50.4	484.6	65.7	804.4
Current Ratio (%)	149.8	537.5	164.2	785.5

3.8 Listing Status of the Shares. The Listing Manual requires a listed company to ensure that at least 10% of equity securities (excluding treasury shares, preference shares and convertible equity securities) in a class that is listed is at all times held by the public. As at the Latest Practicable Date, SingTel has a direct interest in 494,000,000 Shares representing approximately 25.71% of the issued Shares (excluding the Shares held in treasury) as at that date, and Temasek has a deemed interest in 498,350,497 Shares (including the Shares held by SingTel) representing approximately 25.93% of the issued Shares (excluding the Shares held in treasury) as at that date. Approximately 64.87% of the issued Shares (excluding the Shares held in treasury) were held by public Shareholders as at that date. If the Company had purchased or acquired Shares from the public up to the full 10% limit pursuant to the proposed Share Purchase Mandate on the Latest Practicable Date, approximately 60.97% of the issued Shares (excluding the Shares held in treasury) would have been held by public Shareholders as at that date.

The Company will ensure that there is a sufficient number of Shares in issue held by public Shareholders which would permit the Company to undertake purchases or acquisitions of its Shares through Market Purchases up to the full 10% limit pursuant to the proposed Share Purchase Mandate without affecting the listing status of the Shares on the SGX-ST, causing market illiquidity or affecting orderly trading.

- 3.9 **Shareholding Limits**. The Postal Services Act currently provides, *inter alia*, that:
  - (a) no person shall, whether through a series of transactions over a period of time or otherwise, become a 12% controller or a 30% controller of a designated postal licensee (the "Prescribed Limits"); and
  - (b) no person shall enter into any other transaction that constitutes a consolidation with a designated postal licensee,

without obtaining the prior approval of the IDA.

For the purposes of the Postal Services Act:

"designated postal licensee" means a postal licensee (i) which has been declared by the IDA, by notification published in the *Gazette*, to be a designated postal licensee; or (ii) which is within a class of postal licensees which has been declared by the IDA, by notification published in the *Gazette*, to be a designated class of postal licensees. The Company has been gazetted as a designated postal licensee;

"12% controller" means a person, not being a 30% controller, who alone or together with his associates, (i) holds 12% or more of the total number of voting shares in the designated postal licensee; or (ii) is in a position to control 12% or more of the voting power in the designated postal licensee; and

"30% controller" means a person who alone or together with his associates, (i) holds 30% or more of the total number of voting shares in the designated postal licensee; or (ii) is in a position to control 30% or more of the voting power in the designated postal licensee.

Pursuant to the Postal Services Act, if the IDA is satisfied that a Shareholder and/or his associates have acquired voting Shares or control of voting power in the Company which reaches or exceeds the Prescribed Limits in contravention of the Postal Services Act or that the existing holding, control or acquisition is likely to substantially lessen competition or is against the public interest, or in other specified circumstances, the IDA may make certain directions, including but not limited to requiring such Shareholder and/or his associate to divest all or part of the voting Shares which it may have acquired in the Company, or require the Company to restrict the voting rights or dividend rights that the Shareholder has obtained through the acquisition of such voting Shares.

As a result of a purchase or acquisition of Shares by the Company, the shareholding percentage of a holder of voting Shares (whose voting Shares were not the subject of a share purchase or acquisition by the Company) in the voting Shares in the capital of the Company immediately following any purchase or acquisition of Shares by the Company will increase correspondingly.

The Company wishes to draw the attention of Shareholders to the following consequences of a purchase or acquisition of Shares by the Company pursuant to the Share Purchase Mandate, if the renewal of the Share Purchase Mandate is approved by Shareholders:

A purchase or acquisition of Shares by the Company may inadvertently cause the interest in the Shares of any person to reach or exceed the Prescribed Limits (in particular, a person whose interest in Shares is currently close to any of the Prescribed Limits). Shareholders whose current shareholdings are close to any of the Prescribed Limits and whose shareholdings may exceed any such limits by reason of a purchase or acquisition of Shares by the Company are advised to inform the Company and seek the prior approval of the IDA to continue to hold, on such terms as may be imposed by the IDA, the Shares which they may hold in excess of any of the Prescribed Limits as a consequence of any purchase or acquisition of Shares by the Company. Shareholders who are in any doubt as to the action that they should take should consult their professional advisers.

In addition to the above, Section 8 of the Postal Competition Code also sets out certain requirements in relation to a purchase or acquisition of Shares by the Company pursuant to the Share Purchase Mandate. Section 8 of the Postal Competition Code is currently not in force, but will come into operation on the day the Regulations (as defined in the Postal Competition Code) come into operation. Section 8 provides that before entering into any such transaction, the Company must calculate the percentage of voting Shares held by each Shareholder following such purchase or acquisition. If, as a result of such purchase or acquisition:

- (i) any Shareholder who previously held less than 5% of the total number of voting Shares in the Company would, after the transaction, hold 5% or more, but less than 12% of the voting Shares in the Company, the Company may proceed with such purchase or acquisition and shall file the appropriate notification pursuant to the Postal Competition Code; and
- (ii) any Shareholder will become a 12% Controller, a 30% Controller or will obtain Effective Control over the Company, the Company and that Shareholder must seek the approval of the IDA before the Company proceeds with such purchase or acquisition.

For the purposes of the Postal Competition Code, "**Effective Control**" means the ability to cause the Company to take, or prevent the Company from taking, a decision regarding the management and major operating decisions of the Company.

3.10 **Take-over Implications**. Appendix 2 of the Take-over Code contains the Share Buy-Back Guidance Note. The take-over implications arising from any purchase or acquisition by the Company of its Shares are set out below.

# 3.10.1 Obligation to make a Take-over Offer

If, as a result of any purchase or acquisition by the Company of its Shares, the proportionate interest in the voting capital of the Company of a Shareholder and persons acting in concert with him increases, such increase will be treated as an acquisition for the purposes of Rule 14 of the Take-over Code. Consequently, a Shareholder or a group of Shareholders acting in concert with a Director could obtain or consolidate effective control of the Company and become obliged to make an offer under Rule 14 of the Take-over Code.

## 3.10.2 Persons Acting in Concert

Under the Take-over Code, persons acting in concert comprise individuals or companies who, pursuant to an agreement or understanding (whether formal or informal), co-operate, through the acquisition by any of them of shares in a company to obtain or consolidate effective control of that company.

Unless the contrary is established, the Take-over Code presumes, *inter alia*, the following individuals and companies to be persons acting in concert with each other:

- (a) the following companies:
  - (i) a company;
  - (ii) the parent company of (i);
  - (iii) the subsidiaries of (i);
  - (iv) the fellow subsidiaries of (i);
  - (v) the associated companies of any of (i), (ii), (iii) or (iv);
  - (vi) companies whose associated companies include any of (i), (ii), (iii), (iv) or (v); and
  - (vii) any person who has provided financial assistance (other than a bank in the ordinary course of business) to any of the above for the purchase of voting rights;
- a company with any of its directors (together with their close relatives, related trusts as well as companies controlled by any of the directors, their close relatives and related trusts);
- (c) a company with any of its pension funds and employee share schemes;
- (d) a person with any investment company, unit trust or other fund whose investment such person manages on a discretionary basis, but only in respect of the investment account which such person manages;
- (e) a financial or other professional adviser, including a stockbroker, with its client in respect of the shareholdings of:
  - (i) the adviser and persons controlling, controlled by or under the same control as the adviser; and
  - (ii) all the funds which the adviser manages on a discretionary basis, where the shareholdings of the adviser and any of those funds in the client total 10% or more of the client's equity share capital;

- (f) directors of a company (together with their close relatives, related trusts and companies controlled by any of such directors, their close relatives and related trusts) which is subject to an offer or where the directors have reason to believe a bona fide offer for their company may be imminent;
- (g) partners; and
- (h) the following persons and entities:
  - (i) an individual;
  - (ii) the close relatives of (i);
  - (iii) the related trusts of (i);
  - (iv) any person who is accustomed to act in accordance with the instructions of(i);
  - (v) companies controlled by any of (i), (ii), (iii) or (iv); and
  - (vi) any person who has provided financial assistance (other than a bank in the ordinary course of business) to any of the above for the purchase of voting rights.

The circumstances under which Shareholders, including Directors and persons acting in concert with them respectively, will incur an obligation to make a take-over offer under Rule 14 of the Take-over Code after a purchase or acquisition of Shares by the Company are set out in Appendix 2 of the Take-over Code.

## 3.10.3 Effect of Rule 14 and Appendix 2

In general terms, the effect of Rule 14 and Appendix 2 of the Take-over Code is that, unless exempted, Directors and persons acting in concert with them will incur an obligation to make a take-over offer under Rule 14 if, as a result of the Company purchasing or acquiring Shares, the voting rights of such Directors and their concert parties would increase to 30% or more, or in the event that such Directors and their concert parties hold between 30% and 50% of the Company's voting rights, if the voting rights of such Directors and their concert parties would increase by more than 1% in any period of six months. In calculating the percentages of voting rights of such Directors and their concert parties, treasury shares shall be excluded.

Under Appendix 2 of the Take-over Code, a Shareholder not acting in concert with the Directors will not be required to make a take-over offer under Rule 14 if, as a result of the Company purchasing or acquiring its Shares, the voting rights of such Shareholder would increase to 30% or more, or, if such Shareholder holds between 30% and 50% of the Company's voting rights, the voting rights of such Shareholder would increase by more than 1% in any period of six months. Such Shareholder need not abstain from voting in respect of the resolution authorising the Share Purchase Mandate.

Based on substantial Shareholder notifications received by the Company under Division 4, Part IV of the Companies Act as at the Latest Practicable Date as set out in paragraph 4.2 below, none of the substantial Shareholders would become obliged to make a take-over offer for the Company under Rule 14 of the Take-over Code as a result of the purchase by the Company of the maximum limit of 10% of its issued Shares as at the Latest Practicable Date.

Shareholders who are in doubt as to their obligations, if any, to make a mandatory take-over offer under the Take-over Code as a result of any purchase or acquisition of Shares by the Company should consult the Securities Industry Council and/or their professional advisers at the earliest opportunity.

- 3.11 **Reporting Requirements**. The Listing Manual specifies that a listed company shall report all purchases or acquisitions of its shares to the SGX-ST not later than 9.00 a.m. (i) in the case of a Market Purchase, on the market day following the day of purchase or acquisition of any of its shares, and (ii) in the case of an Off-Market Purchase under an equal access scheme, on the second market day after the close of acceptances of the offer. Such announcement (which must be in the form of Appendix 8.3.1 to the Listing Manual) must include, *inter alia*, details of the date of the purchase, the total number of shares purchased, the number of shares cancelled, the number of shares held as treasury shares, the purchase price per share or the highest and lowest prices paid for such shares, as applicable, the total consideration (including stamp duties and clearing charges) paid or payable for the shares, the number of shares purchased as at the date of announcement (on a cumulative basis), the number of issued shares excluding treasury shares and the number of treasury shares held after the purchase.
- 3.12 No Purchases During Price Sensitive Developments. While the Listing Manual does not expressly prohibit any purchase of shares by a listed company during any particular time or times, because the listed company would be regarded as an "insider" in relation to any proposed purchase or acquisition of its issued shares, the Company will not undertake any purchase or acquisition of Shares pursuant to the proposed Share Purchase Mandate at any time after a price sensitive development has occurred or has been the subject of a decision until the price sensitive information has been publicly announced. In particular, the Company will not purchase or acquire any Shares through Market Purchases or Off-Market Purchases during the period of two weeks immediately preceding the announcement of the Company's results for each of the first three quarters of the financial year, and during the period of one month immediately preceding the announcement of the Company's annual results.

## 4. DIRECTORS' AND SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS' INTERESTS

4.1 **Directors' Interests.** The interests of the Directors in the Shares, as extracted from the Register of Directors' Shareholdings, as at the Latest Practicable Date, are set out below:

	Number of Shares			
	Direct	Deemed	Total	% of Issued
	Interest	Interest	Interest	Shares <sup>(1)</sup>
Lim Ho Kee	428,350	1,300,000(2)	1,728,350	0.09
Keith Tay Ah Kee	128,350	_	128,350	0.01
Kenneth Michael Tan Wee Kheng	230,000	60,000 <sup>(3)</sup>	290,000	0.02
Tan Yam Pin	500,000	_	500,000	0.03
Zulkifli Bin Baharudin	_	_	_	_
Professor Low Teck Seng	_	40,000 <sup>(4)</sup>	40,000	n.m. <sup>(5)</sup>
Lee Chong Kwee	50,000	_	50,000	n.m. <sup>(5)</sup>
Timothy Chia Chee Ming	_	_	_	_
Michael James Murphy	_	_	_	_
Bill Chang York Chye	_	_	_	_

#### Notes:

4.2 **Substantial Shareholders' Interests**. The interests of the Substantial Shareholders in the Shares, as extracted from the Register of Substantial Shareholders, as at the Latest Practicable Date, are set out below:

	Number of Shares			
	Direct Interest	Deemed Interest	Total Interest	% of Issued Shares <sup>(1)</sup>
Temasek Holdings (Private) Limited	_	498,350,497 <sup>(2)</sup>	498,350,497	25.93
Singapore Telecommunications Limited	494,000,000	_	494,000,000	25.71
The Capital Group Companies, Inc.	_	173,949,000 <sup>(3)</sup>	173,949,000	9.05

## Notes:

<sup>(1)</sup> The percentage of issued ordinary shares is calculated based on the number of issued shares as at the Latest Practicable Date, excluding any ordinary shares held in treasury as at that date.

<sup>(2)</sup> Deemed interests through a trust arrangement where Mr Lim is a beneficiary of the trust

<sup>(3)</sup> Deemed interests through spouse

<sup>(4)</sup> Deemed interests through spouse

<sup>(5) &</sup>quot;n.m." means "not meaningful"

<sup>(1)</sup> The percentage of issued ordinary shares is calculated based on the number of issued shares as at the Latest Practicable Date, excluding any ordinary shares held in treasury as at that date.

<sup>(2)</sup> Deemed through its subsidiaries, Singapore Telecommunications Limited and Fullerton Fund Management Company Limited; and its associated company, DBS Group Holdings Ltd.

<sup>(3)</sup> Deemed through DBS Nominees Pte. Ltd. and Raffles Nominees Pte. Ltd.

#### 5. DIRECTORS' RECOMMENDATION

The Directors are of the opinion that the proposed renewal of the Share Purchase Mandate is in the best interests of the Company. Accordingly, they recommend that Shareholders vote in favour of Resolution 2, being the Ordinary Resolution relating to the proposed renewal of the Share Purchase Mandate to be proposed at the EGM.

#### 6. EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

The EGM, notice of which is set out on pages 30 to 32 of this Circular, will be held at 10 Eunos Road 8, Singapore Post Centre, SingPost Pavilion (Theatrette) #05-30, Singapore 408600 on Thursday, 30 June 2011 at 10.45 a.m. (or so soon thereafter following the conclusion or adjournment of the 19th Annual General Meeting of the Company to be held at 10.30 a.m. on the same day and at the same place) for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing with or without modifications, the Ordinary Resolutions set out in the Notice of EGM.

#### 7. ACTION TO BE TAKEN BY SHAREHOLDERS

- 7.1 **Appointment of Proxies**. Shareholders who are unable to attend the EGM and wish to appoint a proxy to attend and vote at the EGM on their behalf will find attached to this Circular a Proxy Form which they are requested to complete, sign and return in accordance with the instructions printed thereon as soon as possible and in any event so as to arrive at the registered office of the Company not less than 48 hours before the time fixed for the EGM. The sending of a Proxy Form by a Shareholder does not preclude him from attending and voting in person at the EGM if he finds that he is able to do so. In such event, the relevant Proxy Forms will be deemed to be revoked.
- 7.2 **When Depositor regarded as Shareholder**. A Depositor shall not be regarded as a Shareholder of the Company entitled to attend the EGM and to speak and vote thereat unless his name appears on the Depository Register at least 48 hours before the EGM.

## 8. INSPECTION OF DOCUMENTS

The following documents are available for inspection at the registered office of the Company at 10 Eunos Road 8, Singapore Post Centre, Singapore 408600, during normal business hours from the date of this Circular up to the date of the EGM:

- (a) the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company;
- (b) the Annual Report of the Company for the financial year ended 31 March 2011; and
- (c) the 2010 Circular.

## 9. DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT

The Directors collectively and individually accept responsibility for the accuracy of the information given in this Circular and confirm, having made all reasonable enquiries, that to the best of their knowledge and belief, the facts stated and the opinions expressed in this Circular are fair and accurate and that there are no material facts the omission of which would make any statement in this Circular misleading.

Yours faithfully for and on behalf of the Board of Directors of SINGAPORE POST LIMITED

Lim Ho Kee Chairman

## THE SHAREHOLDERS MANDATE

### 1. Chapter 9 of the Listing Manual

- 1.1 Chapter 9 of the listing manual (the "Listing Manual") of the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited ("SGX-ST") governs transactions by a listed company, as well as transactions by its subsidiaries and associated companies that are considered to be at risk, with the listed company's interested persons. When this Chapter applies to a transaction and the value of that transaction alone or on aggregation with other transactions conducted with the interested person during the financial year reaches, or exceeds, certain materiality thresholds, the listed company is required to make an immediate announcement, or to make an immediate announcement and seek its shareholders' approval for that transaction.
- 1.2 Except for certain transactions which, by reason of the nature of such transactions, are not considered to put the listed company at risk to its interested person and hence are excluded from the ambit of Chapter 9, immediate announcement and shareholders' approval would be required in respect of transactions with interested persons if certain financial thresholds (which are based on the value of the transaction as compared with the listed company's latest audited consolidated net tangible assets ("NTA")) are reached or exceeded. In particular, shareholders' approval is required for an interested person transaction of a value equal to, or which exceeds:
  - (a) 5% of the listed company's latest audited consolidated NTA; or
  - (b) 5% of the listed company's latest audited consolidated NTA, when aggregated with other transactions entered into with the same interested person (as such term is construed under Chapter 9 of the Listing Manual) during the same financial year.
- 1.3 Based on the latest audited consolidated accounts of Singapore Post Limited ("SingPost") and its subsidiaries (the "SingPost Group") for the financial year ended 31 March 2011, the consolidated NTA of the SingPost Group was \$\$243,687,000. In relation to SingPost, for the purposes of Chapter 9, in the current financial year and until such time as the consolidated audited accounts of the SingPost Group for the financial year ending 31 March 2012 are published, 5% of the latest audited consolidated NTA of the SingPost Group would be \$\$12,184,350.
- 1.4 Chapter 9 of the Listing Manual permits a listed company, however, to seek a mandate from its shareholders for recurrent transactions of a revenue or trading nature or those necessary for its day-to-day operations such as the purchase and sale of supplies and materials (but not in respect of the purchase or sale of assets, undertakings or businesses) that may be carried out with the listed company's interested persons.
- 1.5 Under the Listing Manual:
  - (a) an "entity at risk" means:
    - (i) the listed company;
    - (ii) a subsidiary of the listed company that is not listed on the SGX-ST or an approved exchange; or

- (iii) 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;
- (b) (in the case of a company) 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;
- (c) (in the case of a company) an "associate" in relation to an interested person who is a director, chief executive officer or controlling shareholder means 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 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 an aggregate interest (directly or indirectly) of 30% or more, and, where a controlling shareholder is a corporation, means 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;
- (d) an "approved exchange" means a stock exchange that has rules which safeguard the interests of shareholders against interested person transactions according to similar principles to Chapter 9; and
- (e) an "**interested person transaction**" means a transaction between an entity at risk and an interested person.

## 2. Rationale for the Shareholders Mandate and Benefits to Shareholders

- 2.1 It is envisaged that in the ordinary course of their businesses, transactions between companies in the EAR Group (as defined below) and SingPost's interested persons are likely to occur from time to time. Such transactions would include, but are not limited to, the provision of goods and services in the ordinary course of business of the EAR Group to SingPost's interested persons or the obtaining of goods and services from them.
- 2.2 In view of the time-sensitive nature of commercial transactions, the renewal of the Shareholders Mandate pursuant to Chapter 9 of the Listing Manual will enable:
  - (a) SingPost;
  - (b) subsidiaries of SingPost (other than a subsidiary that is listed on the SGX-ST or an approved exchange, if any); and
  - (c) associated companies of SingPost (other than an associated company that is listed on the SGX-ST or an approved exchange, if any) over which the SingPost Group, or the SingPost Group and interested person(s) of SingPost has or have control,

(together, the "EAR Group"), or any of them, in the ordinary course of their businesses, to enter into the categories of transactions ("Interested Person Transactions") set out in paragraph 5 below with the specified classes of SingPost's interested persons (the "Interested Persons") set

out in paragraph 4.1 below, provided such Interested Person Transactions are made on normal commercial terms and are not prejudicial to the interests of the Company and its minority Shareholders.

- 2.3 The Shareholders Mandate, and its subsequent renewal thereafter on an annual basis, will enhance the ability of companies in the EAR Group to pursue business opportunities which are time-sensitive in nature, and will eliminate the need for SingPost to announce, or to announce and convene separate general meetings on each occasion to seek Shareholders' prior approval for the entry by the relevant company in the EAR Group into such transactions. This will substantially reduce the expenses associated with the convening of general meetings on an ad hoc basis, improve administrative efficacy considerably, and allow manpower resources and time to be channelled towards attaining other corporate objectives.
- 2.4 The Shareholders Mandate is intended to facilitate transactions in the normal course of business of the EAR Group which are transacted from time to time with the specified classes of Interested Persons, provided that they are carried out on normal commercial terms and are not prejudicial to the interests of the Company and its minority Shareholders.
- 2.5 The EAR Group will benefit from having access to competitive quotes from the different companies in the different industries within the Temasek Group (as defined in paragraph 4.1(a) below) and the SingTel Group (as defined in paragraph 4.1(b) below) in addition to obtaining quotes from, or transacting with, non-Interested Persons.

## 3. The Shareholders Mandate and Validity Period

- 3.1 The Shareholders Mandate covers a wide range of activities undertaken by the SingPost Group. These activities are set out in detail in paragraph 5 below.
- 3.2 The Shareholders Mandate does not cover an Interested Person Transaction which has a value of below S\$100,000 as the threshold and aggregation requirements contained in Chapter 9 of the Listing Manual would not apply to such an Interested Person Transaction.
- 3.3 Transactions with interested persons (including the Interested Persons) that do not fall within the ambit of the Shareholders Mandate will be subject to the relevant provisions of Chapter 9 of the Listing Manual and/or other applicable provisions of the Listing Manual.
- 3.4 The renewal of the Shareholders Mandate will take effect from the date of the passing of the Ordinary Resolution relating thereto to be proposed at the Extraordinary General Meeting to be held on 30 June 2011 until the next Annual General Meeting of the Company. Thereafter, it is intended that approval from Shareholders for a subsequent renewal of the Shareholders Mandate will be sought at each subsequent Annual General Meeting of the Company.

## 4. Classes of Interested Persons

- 4.1 The Shareholders Mandate applies to Interested Person Transactions which are carried out with the following classes of Interested Persons:
  - (a) Temasek Holdings (Private) Limited and its associates (excluding Singapore Telecommunications Limited ("SingTel") and its associates) (the "Temasek Group");
  - (b) SingTel and its associates (the "SingTel Group"); and

- (c) Directors, Chief Executive Officer(s) and controlling shareholders of the Company (other than the controlling shareholders described in sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) above) and their respective associates.
- 4.2 Transactions with Interested Persons which do not fall within the ambit of the Shareholders Mandate shall be subject to the relevant provisions of Chapter 9 of the Listing Manual.

#### 5. Interested Person Transactions

The Interested Person Transactions with the Interested Persons which are covered by the Shareholders Mandate, and the benefits to be derived therefrom, relate to general transactions ("General Transactions") in connection with the provision to, or the obtaining from, Interested Persons of products and services in the normal course of business of the EAR Group or which are necessary for the day-to-day operations of the EAR Group (but not in respect of the purchase or sale of assets, undertakings or businesses) comprising the following:

- (a) provision of postal services;
- (b) provision of fulfilment, warehousing and logistics services;
- (c) provision of agency services;
- (d) provision and distribution of financial services;
- (e) provision of electronic printing and despatching services;
- (f) provision of data, document and mail management services;
- (g) leasing or rental of premises as lessor and/or lessee;
- (h) provision or procurement of software and licensing services, information services, engineering, repair, servicing and technical services;
- (i) selling of advertisement space;
- (j) provision or procurement of transportation, despatching and conveyance services (including air, sea and land) and freight services;
- (k) procurement of communication and all other forms of utility services and products;
- (I) procurement, lease or rental of vehicles, equipment, parts, components, repair and maintenance services;
- (m) procurement of services for the production of stamps, philatelic products and stationeries;
- (n) procurement of security services;
- (o) procurement of insurance;
- (p) procurement of management and consultancy services;
- (q) provision or obtaining of property management, property security, building maintenance services and consultancy services; and

(r) provision or obtaining of such products and/or services which are incidental to or in connection with the provision or obtaining of products and/or services referred to in sub-paragraphs (a) to (q) above.

# 6. Review Procedures for Interested Person Transactions

6.1 In general, there are procedures established by the EAR Group to ensure that transactions with Interested Persons are undertaken on normal commercial terms consistent with the EAR Group's usual business practices and policies, which are generally no more favourable to the Interested Persons than those extended to unrelated third parties.

In particular, the following review procedures have been implemented.

(a) Provision of services or the sale of products

The review procedures are:

- (i) all contracts entered into or transactions with Interested Persons are to be carried out at the prevailing market rates or prices of the service or product providers, on terms which are no more favourable to the Interested Person than the usual commercial terms extended to unrelated third parties (including, where applicable, preferential rates/prices/discounts accorded to corporate customers or for bulk purchases) or otherwise in accordance with applicable industry norms; and
- (ii) where the prevailing market rates or prices are not available due to the nature of service to be provided or the product to be sold, the EAR Group's pricing for such services to be provided or products to be sold to Interested Persons is determined in accordance with the EAR Group's usual business practices and pricing policies, consistent with the usual margin to be obtained by the EAR Group for the same or substantially similar type of contract or transaction with unrelated third parties. In determining the transaction price payable by Interested Persons for such services or products, factors such as, but not limited to, quantity, volume, consumption, customer requirements, specifications, duration of contract and strategic purposes of the transaction will be taken into account.
- (b) Obtaining of services or the purchasing of products

The review procedures are:

(i) all contracts entered into or transactions with Interested Persons are to be carried out by obtaining quotations (wherever possible or available) from at least two other unrelated third party suppliers for similar quantities and/or quality of services or products, prior to the entry into of the contract or transaction with the Interested Person, as a basis for comparison to determine whether the prices and terms offered by the Interested Person are fair and reasonable and comparable to those offered by other unrelated third parties for the same or substantially similar type of services or products. In determining whether the prices and terms offered by the Interested Person are fair and reasonable, factors such as, but not limited to, delivery schedules, specification compliance, track record, experience and expertise, and where applicable, preferential rates, rebates or discounts accorded for bulk purchases, will also be taken into account; and

(ii) in the event that such competitive quotations cannot be obtained (for instance, if there are no unrelated third party vendors of similar products or services, or if the product is a proprietary item), the senior management staff of the relevant company in the EAR Group (with no interest, direct or indirect in the transaction), will determine whether the prices and terms offered by the Interested Person are fair and reasonable.

#### (c) Threshold limits

In addition to the review procedures described above, the EAR Group will also ensure that the Interested Person Transactions are undertaken with Interested Persons on normal commercial terms and are not prejudicial to the Company and its minority Shareholders by categorising the transactions as follows:

- (i) a Category 1 General Transaction is one where the value thereof is equal to or more than 5% of the latest audited consolidated NTA of the SingPost Group; and
- (ii) a Category 2 General Transaction is one where the value is less than 5% of the latest audited consolidated NTA of the SingPost Group.

Category 1 General Transactions must be reviewed and endorsed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board or the Executive Committee or other Board Committees, in accordance with the Company's approval limits, prior to their entry with an Interested Person.

Category 2 General Transactions need not be reviewed and endorsed by the Audit Committee prior to their entry with an Interested Person, but shall be reviewed on a quarterly basis by the Audit Committee.

- 6.2 SingPost will maintain and update the list of companies within the EAR Group and the list of Interested Persons and inform the heads of departments and/or companies within the EAR Group for the purposes of identification of Interested Persons and the recording of all Interested Person Transactions.
- 6.3 SingPost will review the procedures set out above from time to time to ensure that these remain adequate and appropriate.
- 6.4 A register will be maintained by SingPost to record all Interested Person Transactions (and the basis on which they are entered into) which are entered into pursuant to the Shareholders Mandate. The annual internal audit plan of SingPost shall incorporate a review of all Interested Person Transactions entered into in the relevant financial year pursuant to the Shareholders Mandate.
- 6.5 The internal auditors of SingPost shall, on a quarterly basis, report to the Audit Committee on Interested Person Transactions, and the basis of such transactions, entered into by the EAR Group.
- 6.6 The Audit Committee shall review the internal audit reports on Interested Person Transactions to ascertain that the Interested Person Transactions are entered into with Interested Persons on normal commercial terms and are not prejudicial to the interests of the Company and its minority Shareholders and that the established review procedures for the Interested Person Transactions have been complied with.

6.7 In the event that a member of the Audit Committee, Board, Executive Committee or other Board Committees (where applicable) is interested in any Interested Person Transaction, he will abstain from any decision-making in respect of that transaction and the review, endorsement and approval of that transaction will be undertaken by the remaining members of the Audit Committee, Board, Executive Committee and/or other Board Committees.

#### 7. Audit Committee's Statements

- 7.1 The Audit Committee (currently comprising Keith Tay Ah Kee, Kenneth Michael Tan Wee Kheng and Tan Yam Pin) has reviewed the terms of the Shareholders Mandate, as proposed to be renewed, and is satisfied that the review procedures for Interested Person Transactions, as well as the reviews to be made periodically by the Audit Committee (with internal audit assistance) in relation thereto, are sufficient to ensure that Interested Person Transactions will be made with the relevant class of Interested Persons on normal commercial terms and will not be prejudicial to the interests of the Company and its minority Shareholders.
- 7.2 If, during the periodic reviews by the Audit Committee, the Audit Committee is of the view that the established guidelines and procedures are not sufficient to ensure that the Interested Person Transactions will be on normal commercial terms and will not be prejudicial to the interests of the Company and its minority Shareholders, SingPost will revert to Shareholders for a fresh mandate based on new procedures for transactions with Interested Persons.

#### 8. Disclosure

- 8.1 SingPost will announce the aggregate value of transactions conducted with Interested Persons pursuant to the Shareholders Mandate for the quarterly financial periods which SingPost is required to report on pursuant to the Listing Manual and within the time required for the announcement of such report.
- 8.2 Disclosure will also be made in the annual report of SingPost of the aggregate value of Interested Person Transactions conducted pursuant to the Shareholders Mandate during the current financial year, and in the annual reports for the subsequent financial years during which a shareholders mandate is in force, in accordance with the requirements of the Listing Manual.

## NOTICE OF EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

#### SINGAPORE POST LIMITED

(Incorporated in the Republic of Singapore)
Company Registration Number: 199201623M

### NOTICE OF EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of Singapore Post Limited (the "Company") will be held at 10 Eunos Road 8, Singapore Post Centre, SingPost Pavilion (Theatrette) #05-30, Singapore 408600 on Thursday, 30 June 2011 at 10.45 a.m. (or so soon thereafter following the conclusion or adjournment of the 19th Annual General Meeting of the Company to be held at 10.30 a.m. on the same day and at the same place) for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing with or without modifications, the following Resolutions which will be proposed as Ordinary Resolutions:

# Resolution 1: Ordinary Resolution The Proposed Renewal of the Shareholders Mandate for Interested Person Transactions

#### THAT:

- (a) approval be and is hereby given, for the purposes of Chapter 9 of the Listing Manual ("Chapter 9") of the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited ("SGX-ST"), for the Company, its subsidiaries and associated companies that are entities at risk (as that term is used in Chapter 9), or any of them, to enter into any of the transactions falling within the types of interested person transactions described in the Appendix to the Company's Circular to Shareholders dated 8 June 2011 (the "Circular") with any party who is of the class of interested persons described in the Appendix to the Circular, provided that such transactions are made on normal commercial terms and in accordance with the review procedures for such interested person transactions;
- (b) the approval given in paragraph (a) above (the "Shareholders Mandate") shall, 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; and
- (c) 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 all such documents as may be required) as they and/or he may consider expedient or necessary or in the interests of the Company to give effect to the Shareholders Mandate and/or this Resolution.

# Resolution 2: Ordinary Resolution The Proposed Renewal of the Share Purchase Mandate

#### THAT:

- (a) for the purposes of Sections 76C and 76E of the Companies Act, Chapter 50 of Singapore (the "Companies Act"), the exercise by the Directors of the Company of all the powers of the Company to purchase or otherwise acquire issued ordinary shares in the capital of the Company ("Shares") not exceeding in aggregate the Maximum Limit (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), whether by way of:
  - (i) market purchase(s) on the SGX-ST and/or any other stock exchange on which the Shares may for the time being be listed and quoted ("Other Exchange"); and/or

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(ii) off-market purchase(s) (if effected otherwise than on the SGX-ST or, as the case may be, Other Exchange) in accordance with any equal access scheme(s) as may be determined or formulated by the Directors as they consider fit, which scheme(s) shall satisfy all the conditions prescribed by the Companies Act,

and otherwise in accordance with all other laws and regulations and rules of the SGX-ST or, as the case may be, Other Exchange as may for the time being be applicable, be and is hereby authorised and approved generally and unconditionally (the "Share Purchase Mandate");

- (b) unless varied or revoked by the Company in general meeting, the authority conferred on the Directors of the Company pursuant to the Share Purchase 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 earliest of:
  - (i) the date on which the next Annual General Meeting of the Company is held;
  - (ii) the date by which the next Annual General Meeting of the Company is required by law to be held; and
  - (iii) the date on which purchases and acquisitions of Shares pursuant to the Share Purchase Mandate are carried out to the full extent mandated;

## (c) in this Resolution:

"Average Closing Price" means the average of the last dealt prices of a Share for the five consecutive market days on which the Shares are transacted on the SGX-ST or, as the case may be, Other Exchange immediately preceding the date of market purchase by the Company or, as the case may be, the date of the making of the offer pursuant to the off-market purchase, and deemed to be adjusted in accordance with the listing rules of the SGX-ST for any corporate action which occurs after the relevant five-day period;

"date of the making of the offer" means the date on which the Company announces its intention to make an offer for the purchase or acquisition of Shares from holders of Shares, stating therein the purchase price (which shall not be more than the Maximum Price) for each Share and the relevant terms of the equal access scheme for effecting the off-market purchase;

"Maximum Limit" means that number of issued Shares representing 10% of the total number of issued Shares as at the date of the passing of this Resolution (excluding any Shares which are held as treasury shares as at that date); and

"Maximum Price" in relation to a Share to be purchased or acquired, means the purchase price (excluding brokerage, commission, applicable goods and services tax and other related expenses) which shall not exceed:

- (i) in the case of a market purchase of a Share, 105% of the Average Closing Price of the Shares; and
- (ii) in the case of an off-market purchase of a Share pursuant to an equal access scheme, 110% of the Average Closing Price of the Shares; and

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(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 all such documents as may be required) as they and/or he may consider expedient or necessary or in the interests of the Company to give effect to the transactions contemplated and/or authorised by this Resolution.

#### BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

Genevieve Tan McCully (Mrs)

Company Secretary

Singapore 8 June 2011

#### Notes:

- 1. A member entitled to attend and vote at the Extraordinary General Meeting is entitled to appoint a proxy to attend and vote on his/her behalf. A proxy need not be a member of the Company.
- 2. The instrument appointing the proxy that has been executed by a member must be lodged at the registered office of the Company at 10 Eunos Road 8, Singapore Post Centre, Singapore 408600 (Attention: Secretariat), not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for the Extraordinary General Meeting. The sending of a Proxy Form by a member does not preclude him from attending and voting in person at the Extraordinary General Meeting if he finds that he is able to do so. In such event, the relevant Proxy Forms will be deemed to be revoked.
- 3. The Company intends to use internal and external sources of funds to finance its purchase or acquisition of Shares. The amount of financing required for the Company to purchase or acquire its Shares, and the impact on the Company's financial position, cannot be ascertained as at the date of this Notice as these will depend on the number of Shares purchased or acquired, whether the purchase or acquisition is made out of profits or capital, the price at which such Shares were purchased or acquired and whether the Shares purchased or acquired are held in treasury or cancelled.

Based on the existing issued shares of the Company as at 10 May 2011 (the "Latest Practicable Date"), and disregarding the 8,597,000 shares held in treasury as at the Latest Practicable Date, and assuming no further Shares are issued, and no Shares are purchased or acquired by the Company, or held as treasury shares, on or prior to the Extraordinary General Meeting, the purchase by the Company of 10% of its issued Shares will result in the purchase or acquisition of 192,172,961 Shares.

In the case of market purchases by the Company and assuming that the Company purchases or acquires the 192,172,961 Shares at the Maximum Price of S\$1.2033 for one Share (being the price equivalent to 5% above the average of the last dealt prices of the Shares for the five consecutive market days on which the Shares were traded on the SGX-ST immediately preceding the Latest Practicable Date), the maximum amount of funds required for the purchase or acquisition of the 192,172,961 Shares is S\$231,241,724.

In the case of off-market purchases by the Company and assuming that the Company purchases or acquires the 192,172,961 Shares at the Maximum Price of S\$1.2606 for one Share (being the price equivalent to 10% above the average of the last dealt prices of the Shares for the five consecutive market days on which the Shares were traded on the SGX-ST immediately preceding the Latest Practicable Date), the maximum amount of funds required for the purchase or acquisition of the 192,172,961 Shares is S\$242,253,235.

The financial effects of the purchase or acquisition of such Shares by the Company pursuant to the proposed Share Purchase Mandate on the audited financial statements of the Group and the Company for the financial year ended 31 March 2011 based on these assumptions are set out in paragraph 3.7 of the Company's Circular to Shareholders dated 8 June 2011

# SINGAPORE POST LIMITED

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# EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING PROXY FORM

#### **IMPORTANT**

- For investors who have used their CPF monies to buy shares in the capital of Singapore Post Limited (the "Company"), the Circular to Shareholders dated 8 June 2011 is forwarded to them at the request of their CPF Approved Nominees and is sent solely FOR INFORMATION ONLY.
- This Proxy Form is not valid for use by CPF investors and shall be ineffective for all intents and purposes if used or purported to be used by them.

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## **Secretariat**

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#### Notes:

- 1. If you have shares entered against your name in the Depository Register (as defined in Section 130A of the Companies Act, Chapter 50 of Singapore), you should insert that number of shares. If you have shares registered in your name in the Register of Members, you should insert that number of shares. If you have shares entered against your name in the Depository Register and shares registered in your name in the Register of Members, you should insert the aggregate number of shares entered against your name in the Depository Register and registered in your name in the Register of Members. If no number is inserted, the instrument appointing a proxy or proxies shall be deemed to relate to all the shares in the capital of the Company held by you.
- 2. A member of the Company entitled to attend and vote at a meeting of the Company is entitled to appoint not more than two proxies to attend and vote instead of him. A proxy need not be a member of the Company.
- 3. Where a member appoints two proxies, the appointments shall be invalid unless he specifies the proportion of his shareholding (expressed as a percentage of the whole) to be represented by each proxy. In the case of a joint appointment of two proxies, the Chairman of the Extraordinary General Meeting will be a member's proxy by default if either or both of the proxies appointed do not attend the Extraordinary General Meeting. In the case of an appointment of two proxies in the alternative, the Chairman of the Extraordinary General Meeting will be a member's proxy by default if both of the proxies appointed do not attend the Extraordinary General Meeting.
- 4. The instrument appointing a proxy or proxies must be lodged at the registered office of the Company at 10 Eunos Road 8, Singapore Post Centre, Singapore 408600 (Attention: Secretariat) not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for the Extraordinary General Meeting. The sending of a Proxy Form by a member does not preclude him from attending and voting in person at the Extraordinary General Meeting if he finds that he is able to do so. In such event, the relevant Proxy Forms will be deemed to be revoked.
- 5. The instrument appointing a proxy or proxies must be under the hand of the appointor or of his attorney duly authorised in writing. Where the instrument appointing a proxy or proxies is executed by a corporation, it must be executed either under its seal or under the hand of an officer or attorney duly authorised.
- 6. A corporation which is a member may authorise by resolution of its directors or other governing body such person as it thinks fit to act as its representative at the Extraordinary General Meeting, in accordance with Section 179 of the Companies Act, Chapter 50 of Singapore.

#### General:

The Company shall be entitled to reject the instrument appointing a proxy or proxies if it is incomplete, improperly completed or illegible or where the true intentions of the appointor are not ascertainable from the instructions of the appointor specified in the instrument appointing a proxy or proxies. In addition, in the case of shares entered in the Depository Register, the Company may reject any instrument appointing a proxy or proxies lodged if the member, being the appointor, is not shown to have shares entered against his name in the Depository Register as at 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the Extraordinary General Meeting, as certified by The Central Depository (Pte) Limited to the Company.