## **HOCK LIAN SENG HOLDINGS LIMITED**

(Company Registration No.: 200908903E)

## RESPONSE TO SGX QUERY ON ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2013

The Board of Directors of Hock Lian Seng Holdings Limited (the "Company") wishes to provide additional information in response to the query received from the SGX with respect to the Company's Annual Report for the financial year ended 31 December 2013 (the "Annual Report 2013").

## SGX Query:

We refer to Hock Lian Seng Holdings Limited ("Hock Lian Seng" or the "Company") Annual Report 2013.

Please provide further information on the following in an announcement to be released via SGXNET by 23 April 2014. In your announcement, please disclose our questions and your corresponding answers to enable investors to understand the matters raised by the Exchange.

As required by paragraph 11.3 of the Code of Corporate Governance 2012 (the "Code"), please make disclosures on the Company's risk management systems as recommended in paragraph 11.3 of the Code or otherwise explain the reason(s) for the deviation from the following Code recommendations.

Paragraph 11.3 states that the Board should comment on the adequacy and effectiveness of the internal controls, including financial, operational, compliance and information technology controls, and risk management systems, in the company's Annual Report.

## Company's response:

The Company refers to the statements made on the Group's internal controls as set out under the section entitled "Principle 11 and 12" on page 26 of its Annual Report 2013 and confirms the following opinion should be inclusive of risk management system in compliance with the Code of Corporate Governance paragraph 11.3 as below:

Based on the internal controls established and maintained by the Group, work performed by the internal and external auditors and reviews performed by management, Audit and Risk Management Committees and the Board, the Board with the concurrence of the Audit and Risk Management Committee is of the opinion that the systems of the internal controls is adequate to address the financial, operational, compliance risks, information technology controls, and <u>risk management systems</u> are adequate and effective as at 31 December 2013.

By Order of the Board

Chew Kok Liang Company Secretary 23 April 2014