

**HITCHINS GROUP LTD.**  
(Incorporated in the Republic of Singapore)  
(Company Registration No.196600189D)

- (1) THE PROPOSED INVESTMENT IN HITCHINS GROUP LTD. (THE "COMPANY") BY M.E. DEVELOPMENT L.L.C (THE "SUBSCRIBER"):-
- (A) THE PROPOSED ALLOTMENT AND ISSUANCE OF 120,000,000 NEW ORDINARY SHARES IN THE CAPITAL OF THE COMPANY ("SHARES") TO THE SUBSCRIBER AT AN ISSUE PRICE OF S\$0.05 EACH FOR AN AGGREGATE CASH CONSIDERATION OF APPROXIMATELY S\$6.00 MILLION (THE "SUBSCRIPTION");
- (B) THE PROPOSED GRANT TO THE SUBSCRIBER OF AN OPTION TO REQUIRE THE COMPANY TO ALLOT AND ISSUE UP TO 120,000,000 NEW SHARES AT AN ISSUE PRICE OF S\$0.05 EACH (THE "OPTION SHARES") TO THE SUBSCRIBER (THE "CALL OPTION").
- (2) THE PROPOSED ALLOTMENT AND ISSUANCE OF UP TO 20,000,000 NEW SHARES AT THE ISSUE PRICE OF S\$0.05 EACH (THE "PLACEMENT SHARES") IN THE CAPITAL OF THE COMPANY TO PLACEES TO BE PROCURED ON A BEST EFFORT BASIS, BY A PLACEMENT AGENT TO BE APPOINTED (THE "PLACEMENT").
- (3) THE PROPOSED RENOUNCEABLE NON-UNDERWRITTEN RIGHTS ISSUE OF UP TO 126,562,500 NEW SHARES AT AN ISSUE PRICE OF S\$0.05 EACH (THE "RIGHTS SHARES"), ON THE BASIS OF ONE (1) RIGHTS SHARE FOR EVERY TWO (2) EXISTING SHARES HELD BY SHAREHOLDERS OF THE COMPANY ("SHAREHOLDERS") AS AT A BOOKS CLOSURE DATE TO BE DETERMINED BY THE COMPANY, FRACTIONAL ENTITLEMENTS TO BE DISREGARDED (THE "RIGHTS ISSUE").
- (4) THE PROPOSED MODIFICATION TO THE HITCHINS EMPLOYEE SHARE OPTION SCHEME.
- (5) THE PROPOSED CHANGE OF NAME BY THE COMPANY.

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- COMPLETION OF THE SUBSCRIPTION
  - CHANGE OF NAME OF THE COMPANY

Further to the announcement made by the Company on 20 September 2006 via the SGXNET relating to, *inter alia*, the Subscription, the Placement and the Rights Issue, the directors of the Company are pleased to announce that:-

- (A) completion of the Subscription took place today and 120,000,000 ordinary shares in the capital of the Company (the "**Subscription Shares**") were allotted and issued to the Subscriber. The Subscription Shares shall rank *pari passu* in all respects with the existing Shares. Listing and quotation of the Subscription

Shares is expected to take place with effect from 9.00 a.m. on 19 January 2007;  
and

- (B) pursuant to the approval of the Company's shareholders at the Extraordinary General Meeting held on 29 December 2006, the Company's name has been changed from "Hitchins Group Ltd." to "Middle East Development Singapore Ltd." with effect from 18 January 2007.

**BY ORDER OF THE BOARD**

Wong Seong Khuen  
Chairman

Singapore  
18 January 2007