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SINGAPORE PRESS HOLDINGS LIMITED

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**S\$150,000,000 4.50 PER CENT. SUBORDINATED PERPETUAL SECURITIES ISSUED
PURSUANT TO THE S\$1,000,000,000 MULTICURRENCY DEBT ISSUANCE PROGRAMME**

Singapore Press Holdings Limited (the “**Company**”) refers to its earlier announcements dated 30 May 2019 and 7 June 2019 relating to the issue of S\$150,000,000 in aggregate principal amount of 4.50 per cent. subordinated perpetual securities (the “**Securities**”) under its S\$1,000,000,000 Multicurrency Debt Issuance Programme.

In the pricing supplement dated 4 June 2019 issued by the Company in connection with the offering of the Securities, reference was made to an application to the Inland Revenue Authority of Singapore (the “**IRAS**”) for a ruling that holders of the Securities may enjoy the tax concessions available for qualifying debt securities (the “**QDS**”), provided that the relevant conditions are met.

The Company wishes to announce that, based on such ruling which has been obtained from the IRAS and based on the Return on Debt Securities in respect of the Securities filed with the Monetary Authority of Singapore, the Securities would be regarded as “debt securities” for the purpose of Section 43N(4) of the Income Tax Act, Chapter 134 of Singapore and Regulation 2 of the Income Tax (Qualifying Debt Securities) Regulations and accordingly, the Distributions due and payable on the Securities (including Arrears of Distribution and any Additional Distribution Amounts) would be regarded as interest payable on indebtedness. Correspondingly, the Securities should qualify as QDS and holders of the Securities should therefore be able to enjoy the tax concessions under the QDS scheme subject to the conditions set out in the section “Taxation – Singapore Taxation” of the Information Memorandum dated 2 May 2019.

Holders of the Securities should nonetheless consult their own accounting and tax advisers regarding the Singapore income tax consequences of their acquisition, holding and disposal of the Securities.

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