

FOOD EMPIRE HOLDINGS LIMITED
(Co Registration No: 200001282G)

PURCHASE OF A FREEHOLD PROPERTY

The Board of Directors of Food Empire Holdings Limited (the “Company”) wishes to announce that the Company’s wholly-owned subsidiary, Food Empire Real Estates Pte Ltd (previously known as “Empire Instant Food Pte Ltd”) has purchased a freehold property located at 81 Playfair Road Singapore 367999 (the “Property”) for a total consideration of S\$7.8 million, after taking into account the latest valuation of the Property and current market conditions. The Property has a site area of 997.8 square meters.

Source of funds

The acquisition will be funded by internal resources and/or bank borrowings and will not have any material impact on the consolidated net tangible assets and consolidated earnings per share of the Company and its subsidiaries (the “Group”) for the current financial year.

Rationale

The purchase of the Property is a strategic decision made by the Board. In May 2010, the Group announced the acquisition of a new freehold building located in the up and coming Tai Seng estate along Upper Paya Lebar Road, which now serves as the Group’s global headquarters. The current purchase is of an adjacent site and will allow the company to consider extending its current building whilst leveraging on the common facilities and common area. The site is currently occupied by a three storey detached factory building with an adjoining single-storey workshop building. As the Group already owns property in the area, it is aware of the surrounding real estate market and is optimistic about the long-term performance of properties in the district.

Relative figures in Rule 1006 of the Listing Manual

As the relative figures for the proposed purchase of the Property computed based on each of the applicable bases under Rule 1006 of the Listing Manual do not exceed 5%, the proposed purchase of the Property constitutes a non-discloseable transaction.

Interest of Directors and controlling Shareholders

None of the directors or controlling shareholders of the Company has any direct or indirect interest in the aforesaid transaction except through their shareholdings (if any) in the Company.

By Order of the Board

Tan San-Ju
Company Secretary
21 December 2011