

PUBLIC SHAREHOLDINGS SPREAD

HONG LEONG CAPITAL BERHAD

Type	Announcement
Subject	PUBLIC SHAREHOLDINGS SPREAD
Description	HONG LEONG CAPITAL BERHAD (HLCB OR THE COMPANY) Status Announcement on Compliance with the Required Public Shareholding Spread

HLCB makes the following Status Announcement on compliance with the required public shareholding spread, in conjunction with the release of its quarterly results for the fourth quarter of the financial year ended 30 June 2016, pursuant to Section 3.3 of Practice Note 19 of the Main Market Listing Requirements ("Listing Requirements").

The Company currently does not meet the requirement as set out in paragraph 8.02(1) of the Listing Requirements which states that a listed issuer must ensure that at least 25% of its total listed shares (excluding treasury shares) are in the hands of public shareholders.

The public shareholding spread of the Company as at 30 June 2016 was 18.67%.

As announced by the Company on 18 March 2015, Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad had imposed a suspension on the trading of HLCB's shares with effect from 26 March 2015. The suspension will only be uplifted upon full compliance of the public shareholding spread in accordance with paragraph 8.02(1) of the Listing Requirements.

The Company has not identified a satisfactory plan to address the non-compliance with the 25% public shareholding spread requirement. As further announced by the Company on 22 April 2016, KAF Investment Bank Berhad ("KAF") was appointed to advise and propose options available to the Company to achieve the public spread requirement.

KAF had proposed various options to the Company to improve its public shareholding spread. KAF, however, noted that none of the options could be implemented without the approval of the Company's majority shareholder, Hong Leong Financial Group Berhad ("HLFG"). In this regard, KAF recommended that the Company writes to HLFG to determine if its intention of not maintaining the listing status of HLCB, as set out in the notice of takeover offer to HLCB on 14 January 2013, remains unchanged or has otherwise changed. The Company has done so vide its letter dated 5 August 2016 to HLFG and is awaiting HLFG's response.

This announcement is dated 29 August 2016.

Announcement Info

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