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WILLAS-ARRAY
WILLAS-ARRAY ELECTRONICS (HOLDINGS) LIMITED
威雅利電子(集團)有限公司
(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)
(Hong Kong stock code: 854)
(Singapore stock code: BDR)

**APPLICATION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO ANNOUNCE THE
AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE NINE MONTHS
ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

INTRODUCTION

The board of directors (the “**Board**” or “**Directors**”) of Willas-Array Electronics (Holdings) Limited (the “**Company**” and together with its subsidiaries, the “**Group**”) wishes to announce that the Company has submitted an application to the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited (the “**SGX-ST**”) to seek approval for an extension of time of 30 days (the “**Extension Application**”) to announce its financial statements for the nine months ended 31 December 2024 (“**FY2024**”) pursuant to Rule 705(1) of the Listing Manual of the SGX-ST (the “**Listing Rules**”).

Pursuant to Rule 705(1) of the Listing Rules, an issuer must announce the financial statements for the full financial year (as set out in Appendix 7.2) immediately after the figures are available, but in any event not later than 60 days after the relevant financial period. Accordingly, the Company is required to announce its financial statements for FY2024 by 1 March 2025 (the “**Results Announcement**”).

REASONS FOR SEEKING THE EXTENSION APPLICATION

The Extension Application is made for the reasons set out below:

- (a) The Company intends to undertake a change of its auditors (the “**Proposed Change of Auditor**”). Under Hong Kong regulations, the Proposed Change of Auditor requires prior approval by the Accounting and Financial Reporting Council (“**AFRC**”) before the announcement and circular regarding the change can be published and issued. This approval is expected to be obtained around the end of February 2025.

As the incoming auditor, being an overseas auditor, must be recognised as a Public Interest Entity auditor by the AFRC before its engagement, they cannot commence the audit for FY2024 (“**FY2024 Audit**”) until such approval is obtained. Additionally, the incoming auditors must perform additional work to check the opening balances and complete the client acceptance procedures before commencing their audit work.

Given the Company’s practice to announce only its audited financial statements for the full financial year, additional time is required to finalise the Results Announcement. Based on discussions with the incoming auditor, the Company understands that they would need at least five (5) weeks to complete the FY2024 Audit, including opening balance checks, and to prepare the Results Announcement. The Company will make the necessary arrangements to convene an extraordinary general meeting to seek approval of the shareholders of the Company (the “**Shareholders**”) for the Proposed Change of Auditor. A circular to containing, among others, further details on the Proposed Change of Auditor, together with the notice of extraordinary general meeting, will be issued to the Shareholders in due course.

- (b) As announced on 21 October 2024, the Company has changed its financial year end date from 31 March to 31 December to align with the financial year end of its parent company, Shanghai YCT Electronics Group Co., Ltd. (“**Shanghai YCT**”), which is listed on the Shenzhen Stock Exchange. This change follows the completion of the voluntary unconditional offers on 27 September 2024.

With February being a peak reporting season for many listed companies with a 31 December year end, and the Chinese New Year holidays commencing at the end of January, the Company’s workflow during this period will face additional pressure. These challenges are compounded by the fact that this is the first reporting period after the change in the financial year end. Consequently, the Company will require additional time and resources to prepare its financial statements in compliance with the Listing Rules and applicable financial reporting standards.

In addition, the Company understands that the Group's annual results for FY2024 may also need to be disclosed or incorporated into Shanghai YCT's financial statements for the relevant financial period. As this will be the first time for disclosure of the relevant full year financial statements following the Company becoming an indirect subsidiary of Shanghai YCT, the Company will require more time to prepare and finalise the Group's financial statements for FY2024 in accordance with the relevant accounting standards. This process will involve coordination with Shanghai YCT to ensure that the relevant financial statements are prepared in a manner that allows both parties to meet their respective obligations under the requirements of their respective stock exchanges and applicable financial reporting standards in their jurisdictions.

Based on the foregoing, the Company expects that additional time will be required for the Company to prepare the Results Announcement. Accordingly, the Company has submitted the Extension Application to request for an extension of time of 30 days for the Company to announce its Results Announcement by 31 March 2025.

FURTHER UPDATES

The Company will keep the Shareholders updated on any developments and make the appropriate announcements as and when there are any material updates on the Extension Application.

By Order of the Board
Willas-Array Electronics (Holdings) Limited
Xie Lishu
Chairman and Executive Director

Hong Kong/Singapore, 23 January 2025

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises two executive Directors, namely Xie Lishu (Chairman) and Fan Qinsheng; one Non-executive Director, namely Huang Shaoli; and four Independent Non-executive Directors, namely Chong Eng Wee (Lead Independent Director), Lau Chin Huat, Tso Sze Wai and Jiang Maolin.

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