



AEDGE GROUP LIMITED

Registration No: 201933214E

Incorporated in the Republic of Singapore

PROPOSED APPOINTMENT OF MOORE STEPHENS LLP AS AUDITOR

1. INTRODUCTION

The Board of Directors ("**Board**" or "**Directors**") of Aedge Group Limited (the "**Company**", together with its subsidiaries, the "**Group**") wishes to announce that the Company proposes to appoint Moore Stephens LLP ("**MS**") as the auditor of the Company and its subsidiaries in place of the retiring auditors, KPMG LLP ("**KPMG**") ("**Proposed Appointment of Auditor**").

2. THE PROPOSED APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

- 2.1** The Company has received the notice of nomination from a shareholder, Ms Fam Yien Fung dated 5 August 2021 on the appointment of MS in place of the retiring Auditors, KPMG. KPMG has served as the Auditors of the Company since the financial year ended 2020 and its subsidiaries since the financial year ended 2018.
- 2.2** The Audit and Risk Committee ("**ARC**") is of the view that the change of Auditors is in the best interests of the Company as it would enable the Company to benefit from a change of perspectives and save costs. The change of Auditors is expected to result in a reduction of audit costs by approximately 33% based on the previous audit fees for the financial year ended 30 June 2021.
- 2.3** There will be no change in the scope of the audit to be undertaken by MS. The ARC has also considered the Audit Quality Indicators listed in the Audit Quality Indicators Disclosure Framework issued by the Accounting and Corporate Regulatory Authority of Singapore ("**ACRA**") in assessing the suitability of MS as the Company's new Auditors. Upon recommendation from the ARC and after due deliberation, the Board is of the view that it would be in the best interests of the Company to effect a change of Auditors with effect from the financial year ending 30 June 2022. Accordingly, KPMG will not be seeking re-appointment at the forthcoming annual general meeting ("**AGM**") of the Company.
- 2.4** In connection with the Proposed Appointment of Auditor, MS had on 5 October 2021, given its written consent to be appointed as the Company's auditor, subject to Shareholders' approval being obtained at the AGM.
- 2.5** Pursuant to Rule 712 (3) of the Listing Manual Section B: Rules of Catalist of the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited ("**Catalist Rules**"), the appointment of MS as the Group's new auditors must be specifically approved by Shareholders at a general meeting. The appointment of MS would take effect upon the approval of the Shareholders at the AGM and, if appointed, MS will hold office until the conclusion of the next AGM to be held in 2022.

2.6 Further in accordance with Rule 712(3):

- (a) the outgoing auditor, KPMG, has confirmed to MS, by way of their letter dated 27 September 2021, that they are not aware of any professional reasons why the new auditors, MS, should not accept the appointment as auditors of the Company;
- (b) the Company confirms that there were no disagreements with KPMG on accounting treatments within the last 12 months;
- (c) the Company confirms that it is not aware of any circumstances connected with the Proposed Appointment of Auditor that should be brought to the attention of the shareholders of the Company;
- (d) the specific reasons for the Proposed Appointment of Auditor have been disclosed above. The Proposed Appointment of Auditor is not due to resignation of KPMG as Auditors of the Company, KPMG declining to stand for re-appointment, nor the dismissal of KPMG; and
- (e) the Company confirms that it is in compliance with Rules 712 and 715 of the Catalyst Rules in relation to the appointment of MS as its new auditors.

2.7 In compliance with Rule 715(1) of the Listing Manual, following Shareholders' approval of the Proposed Appointment of Auditor, MS will become the auditor for the Company and all the Singapore-incorporated subsidiaries. The Company does not have any significant associated companies in Singapore. Further, in compliance with Rule 715(2), the Company will also engage a suitable auditing firm for its significant foreign-incorporated subsidiaries and associated companies, if any. As at the date of this announcement, the Group does not have any foreign-incorporated significant subsidiaries or associated companies

2.8 The Board would like to take this opportunity to express their appreciation for the past services rendered by KPMG.

3. NOTICE OF AGM

The notice of the AGM and the details the Proposed Appointment of Auditor will be made available on SGXNet and the Company's website.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

Poh Soon Keng
Executive Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
5 October 2021

*Aedge Group Limited (the "**Company**") was listed on Catalyst of the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited (the "**SGX-ST**") on 14 December 2020. The initial public offering ("**IPO**") of the Company was sponsored by UOB Kay Hian Private Limited (the "**Sponsor**").*

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