



NATSTEEL LTD

(Incorporated in the Republic of Singapore)

ANNOUNCEMENT

**ANNOUNCEMENT BY G.K. GOH STOCKBROKERS PTE LTD (“GK GOH”) ON
BEHALF OF SANION ENTERPRISES LIMITED (“SANION”) ON 3 DECEMBER 2002
(THE “SANION 3 DECEMBER ANNOUNCEMENT”)**

The Board of Directors (the “Board”) of NatSteel Ltd (“NatSteel” or the “Company”) refers to the above announcement made on behalf of Sanion regarding Sanion, 99 Holdings Pte Ltd (“99 Holdings”) and Mr Oei Hong Leong (“Mr Oei”) who were considering the making of a pre-conditional voluntary cash offer for the ordinary shares of S\$0.50 each (the “Shares”) in the capital of the Company (the “Proposed Sanion Offer”).

The Board notes that the Sanion 3 December Announcement states that in view of SIC’s ruling that, inter alia, the pre-conditions to the making of the Proposed Sanion Offer did not satisfy Rule 15.1 of the Singapore Code on Take-overs and Mergers (the “Code”), Sanion will keep its position on NatSteel under review. The Board further notes that the Sanion 3 December Announcement states that:

“Nothing in this announcement should be construed as Sanion, 99 Holdings or Mr Oei having a firm intention to make an offer for the Company”

The Board therefore notes that as at the time of this announcement, there is no competing offer from Sanion, 99 Holdings or Mr Oei for the Shares of NatSteel. However, Shareholders continue to have a choice to decide between the Revised 98 Holdings Offer¹ and the CCL Offer¹.

The Board wishes to remind Shareholders that the extraordinary general meeting to be convened at 10am on 4 December 2002 in relation to, inter alia, the CCL Offer will still take place.

The Board wishes to remind Shareholders that the Revised 98 Holdings Offer still remains open for acceptances and that the Closing Date¹ of the Revised 98 Holdings Offer remains 3.30pm on 4 December 2002 (unless revised by 98 Holdings¹).

The Board will continue to keep Shareholders informed as developments, including any further announcements by Sanion, 99 Holdings or Mr Oei, warrant.

In the meantime, Shareholders are advised to refrain from taking any action in relation to their Shares in NatSteel which may be prejudicial to their interests.

The Directors of the Company (including those who have delegated detailed supervision of this announcement) have taken all reasonable care to ensure that the facts stated in this announcement are fair and accurate, and that no material facts have been omitted and they jointly and severally accept responsibility accordingly.

Where any information has been extracted from published or otherwise publicly available sources or is otherwise provided by or on behalf of other parties, the sole responsibility of

¹ As defined in the NatSteel circular to Shareholders dated 27 November 2002.

the Directors of the Company has been to ensure that such information has been accurately and correctly extracted from such sources or as the case may be, accurately reflected or reproduced in this announcement.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

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4 DECEMBER 2002

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