

STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITY

The Directors are responsible, under Sections 150 (1), 151, 152 (1), 153 (1) and 153 (2) of the Companies Act No. 07 of 2007 ('the Companies Act'), to ensure compliance with the requirements set out therein to prepare Financial Statements for each financial year giving a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and the Group as at the end of the financial year and of the profit and loss of the Company and the Group for the financial year.

The Directors are also responsible, under Section 148, of the Companies Act to ensure that proper accounting records are kept to enable, determination of the financial position with reasonable accuracy, preparation of Financial Statements and audit of such statements to be carried out readily and properly.

The Board accepts responsibility for the integrity and objectivity of the Financial Statements presented. The Directors confirm that in preparing the Financial Statements, appropriate accounting policies have been selected and applied consistently while reasonable and prudent judgements have been made so that the form and substance of transactions are properly reflected. They also confirm that the Financial Statements have been prepared and presented in accordance with the Sri Lanka Accounting Standards (SLFRS/LKAS), the Companies Act and the Listing Rules of the Colombo Stock Exchange.

The Directors are of the opinion, based on their knowledge of the Company, key operations and specific inquiries that adequate resources exist to support the Company on a going concern basis over the next year. These Financial Statements have been prepared on that basis.

The Directors have taken proper and sufficient measures to safeguard the assets of the Group and, in that context, have instituted appropriate systems of internal control and accounting records to prevent and detect frauds and other irregularities. These have been reviewed, evaluated and updated on an ongoing basis.

The Directors have confirmed that the Company satisfied the solvency test requirement under Section 56 of the Companies Act for all dividends paid. Auditors' solvency certificates have been obtained as required.

The External Auditors, Messrs Ernst & Young, Chartered Accountants who were re-appointed in terms of the Companies Act were provided with every opportunity to undertake the inspections they considered appropriate to enable them to form their opinion on the Financial Statements. The Report of the Auditors, shown on pages 250 and 251 sets out their responsibilities in relation to the Financial Statements.

COMPLIANCE REPORT

The Directors confirm that to the best of their knowledge, all statutory payments relating to employees and the Government that were due in respect of the Company and its subsidiaries as at the Balance Sheet date have been paid or provided where relevant.

By Order of the Board,



Hayleys Group Services (Private) Limited
Secretaries

16th May 2024