

(Constituted in the Republic of Singapore pursuant to a trust deed dated 9 October 2002 (as amended))

## Clarification on Business Times' article: Autron evicted from its S'pore HQ

**16 August 2010, Singapore** – With regards to the article, "Autron evicted from its S'pore HQ" in the Business Times of 16 August 2010, Ascendas Funds Management (S) Limited ("AFM"), the Manager of Ascendas Real Estate Investment Trust ("A-REIT"), wishes to state the following:

A-REIT had disclosed the repossession of 53 Serangoon North Avenue 4 in its 1Q FY10/11 results on 17 July 2010.

Autron Singapore Pte Ltd ("Autron Singapore"), a subsidiary of Autron Corporation Limited, was A-REIT's tenant at 53 Serangoon North Avenue 4 occupying 8,329 sqm of space (or 0.4% of A-REIT's net lettable area) and its monthly rental accounts for about 0.5% of A-REIT's gross rental revenue. Autron Singapore was in arrears since 4Q2009 and to mitigate potential loss of income, the Manager repossessed the property and has since re-let about 40.4% of the space repossessed. The Manager continues to market the remaining 4,964 sqm actively. Based on this occupancy, A-REIT has security deposit from Autron Singapore which could be used to top up the rental to the original amount for about 11 months. As such, the Manager does not expect any material negative impact on A-REIT's financial results for FY10/11.

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The past performance of A-REIT is not necessarily indicative of the future performance of A-REIT.

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