

Proposed divestment of Block 5006 Techplace II for S\$38 million

24 August 2012, Singapore – Ascendas Funds Management (S) Limited (the “**Manager**”), the manager of Ascendas Real Estate Investment Trust (“**A-REIT**”) is pleased to announce that HSBC Institutional Trust Services (Singapore) Limited (in its capacity as trustee of A-REIT) (the “**Trustee**”) has entered into a Put and Call Option Agreement (“**PCOA**”) with Venture Corporation Limited (the “**Venture**”) for the divestment of its leasehold estate, (i.e. a tenure of about 40 years), in Block 5006 Techplace II (“**Block 5006 Techplace II**”) at a price of S\$38 million. This is an unsolicited offer to purchase from Venture and the price was arrived at through negotiation on a willing-buyer, willing-seller basis.

Mr Tan Ser Ping, Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer of the Manager said, “The divestment is in-line with the Manager’s proactive asset management strategy where it seeks to extract value from its existing portfolio through regular review and rejuvenation of its assets.”

Block 5006 Techplace II is one of the six blocks of flatted factory buildings at Techplace II located at Ang Mo Kio Avenue 5 and has a gross floor area of approximately 18,018 sqm. Venture is currently the largest tenant at Techplace II.

The divestment is subject to approval of the relevant authorities and is expected to be completed within the current financial year. In-principle approval has been obtained from JTC.

The proforma impact on A-REIT’s net property income and distribution per unit for FY11/12 is approximately S\$1.46 million and 0.01 cents respectively, assuming that the divestment was completed on 1 April 2011.

The proceeds from the divestment will be used as A-REIT’s working capital.

This is a voluntary announcement as the divestment is not a disclosable transaction.

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About A-REIT (www.a-reit.com)

A-REIT is Singapore's first listed business space and industrial real estate investment trust. It currently has a diversified portfolio of 101 properties in Singapore, comprising business and science park properties, hi-tech industrial properties, light industrial properties, and logistics and distribution centres, and 1 business park property in China. As at 30 June 2012, total assets amount to about S\$6.6 billion. These properties house a tenant base of over 1,100 international and local companies from a wide range of industries and activities, including research and development, life sciences, information technology, engineering, light manufacturing, logistics service providers, electronics, telecommunications, manufacturing services and back-room office support in service industries. Major tenants include SingTel, C&P Logistics, Siemens, Honeywell, Zuellig Pharma, LFD (Singapore), OSIM International, Venture Corporation, Federal Express, Baidu, Inc., Johnson & Johnson, RSH, Infineon Technologies, Procter & Gamble and Hyflux.

A-REIT is listed in several indices. These include the Morgan Stanley Capital International, Inc (MSCI) Index, the European Public Real Estate Association/National Association of Real Estate Investment Trusts (EPRA/NAREIT) Global Real Estate Index and Global Property Research (GPR) Asia 250 and FTSE ST Mid Cap. A-REIT has a corporate family rating of "A3" by Moody's Investor Services.

A-REIT is managed by Ascendas Funds Management (S) Limited (in its capacity as manager of A-REIT), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Singapore-based Ascendas Group.

About the Ascendas Group (www.ascendas.com)

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Ascendas is also a leading real estate fund management player focused on the management of public-listed property trusts and private real estate funds, investing in a diverse range of industrial and commercial real estate properties across Asia. Listed on the main board of Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited are Ascendas Real Estate Investment Trust (A-REIT), Singapore's first business space trust, and Ascendas India Trust (a-iTrust), Asia and Singapore's first Indian property trust. The Ascendas Group also manages a range of private real estate funds which invest in business space in India, China, South Korea and ASEAN. All the funds are supported by Ascendas' strong fund management and real estate expertise, and are testament to its commitment to each of its markets.

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