# Circular/Notice to Shareholders

# TASCO BERHAD

Subject

Circular to Shareholders in relation to: (i) Proposed Renewal of Shareholders' Mandate for Recurrent Related Party Transactions of a Revenue or Trading Nature; and (ii) Proposed Share Split involving the subdivision of every one (1) existing Ordinary Share of RM1.00 each into two (2) Ordinary Shares of RM0.50 each In TASCO

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# TASCO Berhad (Company No. 20218-T)

(Incorporated in Malaysia under the Companies Act, 1965)

## **CIRCULAR TO SHAREHOLDERS IN RELATION TO**

## **PART A**

(I) PROPOSED RENEWAL OF SHAREHOLDERS' MANDATE FOR RECURRENT RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS OF A REVENUE OR TRADING NATURE

## **PART B**

(II) PROPOSED SHARE SPLIT INVOLVING THE SUBDIVISION OF EVERY ONE (1) EXISTING ORDINARY SHARE OF RM1.00 EACH INTO TWO (2) ORDINARY SHARES OF RM0.50 EACH IN TASCO

The Notice of the Fortieth Annual General Meeting of TASCO Berhad is enclosed in the 2015 Annual Report and sent to you together with this Circular. The Fortieth Annual General Meeting is to be held at TASCO Berhad, Lot No. 1A, Persiaran Jubli Perak, Jalan 22/1, Seksyen 22, 40300 Shah Alam, Selangor Darul Ehsan on Tuesday, 15 September 2015 at 3.00 p.m. The Form of Proxy is included in the 2015 Annual Report and you are requested to complete the enclosed Form of Proxy and deposit it at the Registered Office at 802, 8th Floor, Block C, Kelana Square, 17 Jalan SS7/26, 47301 Petaling Jaya, Selangor Darul Ehsan on or before the time and date indicated below, should you be unable to attend the Fortieth Annual General Meeting.

Last day and time for lodging the Form of Proxy: Sunday, 13 September 2015 at 3.00 p.m.

Date and time of the Fortieth Annual General Meeting: Tuesday, 15 September 2015 at 3.00 p.m.

## **DEFINITIONS**

Except where the context otherwise requires, the following definitions apply throughout this Circular:-

"Act" : The Companies Act, 1965 as amended from time to time and any re-enactment thereof

"AESSB" : Agate Electro Supplies Sdn. Bhd. (200074-W), a 50% associate of TASCO

"AGM" : Annual General Meeting

"Board" : Board of Directors of TASCO

"BSSB" : Baik Sepakat Sdn. Bhd. (313078-M), a wholly-owned subsidiary of TASCO

"Bursa Depository" : Bursa Depository Sdn. Bhd. (165570-W)

"Bursa Securities" : Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad (635998-W)

"CCM" : Companies Commission of Malaysia

"CMSA" : Capital Markets and Services Act 2007

"Director" : Shall have the same meaning given in Section 4 of the Act and Section 2(1) of the

CMSA. For purposes of the RRPT Mandate, includes any person who is or was within the preceding six (6) months of the date on which the terms of the transaction were

agreed upon:-

(a) a Director of the Company, its subsidiary or holding company; or

(b) a Chief Executive Officer of the Company, its subsidiary or holding company

"Entitlement Date" : A date to be determined by the Board and announced later, on which the shareholders

must be entered in TASCO's Record of Depositors as at 5.00 p.m. in order to be entitled

to the Proposed Share Split

"Entitled Shareholders" : Shareholders of TASCO whose names appear in TASCO's Record of Depositors on the

**Entitlement Date** 

"EPS" : Earnings per Share

"FPE" : Financial period ended

"FYE" : Financial year ended/ending

"ETSB" : Emulsi Teknik Sdn. Bhd. (313946-U), a wholly-owned subsidiary of TASCO

"HS" : Hachiuma Steamship Co Ltd, a shareholder of TASCO

"LPD" : 31 July 2015, being the latest practicable date prior to the printing of the circular

"Listing Requirements" : Bursa Securities Main Market Listing Requirements, as amended or modified from time

to time

"Market Day" : Any day on which Bursa Securities is open for trading of securities

## **DEFINITIONS** (cont'd)

## "Major Shareholder"

- : A person who has an interest or interests in one or more voting shares in the Company and the nominal amount of that share, or the aggregate of the nominal amounts of those shares, is:-
  - (a) equal to or more than 10% of the aggregate of the nominal amounts of all the voting shares in the Company; or
  - equal to or more than 5% of the aggregate of the nominal amounts of all the voting shares in the Company where such person is the largest shareholder of the Company

For the purpose of this definition, "Interest in shares" shall have the meaning given in Section 6A of the Act. A Major Shareholder includes any person who is or was within the preceding six (6) months of the date on which the terms of the transaction were agreed upon, a Major Shareholder of the Company or any other company which is its subsidiary or holding company

"MKSB" : Maya Kekal Sdn. Bhd. (729937-P), a wholly-owned subsidiary of TASCO

"NA" : Net assets

"NYK": Nippon Yusen Kabushiki Kaisha, the ultimate holding company of TASCO

"NYK Group": NYK, its subsidiary companies and affiliates

"OSSB" : Omega Saujana Sdn. Bhd. (516536-M), a 51.22% subsidiary of TASCO

"Person connected"

: In relation to a Director or a Major Shareholder, means such person who falls under any one of the following categories:-

- (a) a member of the Director's or Major Shareholder's family, which family shall have the meaning given in Section 122A of the Act;
- (b) a trustee of a trust (other than a trustee for a share scheme or pension scheme) under which the Director, Major Shareholder or a member of the Director's or Major Shareholder's family is the sole beneficiary;
- (c) a partner of the Director, Major Shareholder or a partner of a person connected with that Director or Major Shareholder;
- (d) a person who is accustomed or under an obligation, whether formal or informal, to act in accordance with the directions, instructions or wishes of the Director or Major Shareholder;
- (e) a person in accordance with whose directions, instructions or wishes the Director or Major Shareholder is accustomed or is under an obligation, whether formal or informal, to act;
- (f) a body corporate or its Directors which/who is/are accustomed or under an obligation, whether formal or informal, to act in accordance with the directions, instructions or wishes of the Director or Major Shareholder;
- (g) a body corporate or its Directors whose directions, instructions or wishes the Director or Major Shareholder is accustomed or under an obligation, whether formal or informal, to act;
- (h) a body corporate in which the Director, Major Shareholder and/or persons connected with him are entitled to exercise, or control the exercise of, not less than 15% of the votes attached to voting shares in the body corporate; or
- (i) a body corporate which is a related corporation

### **DEFINITIONS** (cont'd)

"PFSB" : Precious Fortunes Sdn. Bhd. (194250-V), a wholly-owned subsidiary of TASCO

"PKSB" : Piala Kristal (M) Sdn. Bhd. (514004-U), a 51.22% subsidiary of TASCO

"Proposed Renewal of Shareholders' Mandate" : Proposed renewal of shareholders' mandate for the RRPT to be entered into by the Group from the date of the forthcoming Fortieth AGM or any adjournment

thereof, until the conclusion of next AGM as set out in Section 2.3.2

"Proposed Share Split" : Proposed share split involving the subdivision of every one (1) existing ordinary share

of RM1.00 each in TASCO into two (2) ordinary shares of RM0.50 each in TASCO

"Recurrent Transactions"

or "RRPT"

: Transactions entered into by the Company and/or its subsidiary companies involving the interest, direct or indirect, of related parties involving recurrent transactions of a revenue or trading nature which are necessary for the day-to-day operations and are in the ordinary course of business of the Group

"Related Party(ies)" : A Director, Major Shareholder of TASCO or person connected with such Director or

Major Shareholder

"RFPSB" : Real Fortune Portfolio Sdn. Bhd. (733254-U), a substantial shareholder of TASCO

"RM" or "Sen" : Ringgit Malaysia and sen, respectively

"Share(s) or TASCO

Share(s)"

: Ordinary Shares of RM1.00 each in TASCO

"Subdivided Shares": The ordinary shares of RM0.50 each in TASCO after the Proposed Share Split

"TASCO" or "Company" : TASCO Berhad (20218-T)

"TASCO Group" or

"Group"

: TASCO and its group of subsidiaries

"TASPL" : Trans-Asia Shipping Pte Ltd (200101000W), a wholly-owned subsidiary of TASCO

"TCLSB" : Tunas Cergas Logistik Sdn. Bhd. (317636-X), a wholly-owned subsidiary of TASCO

"TESB" : TASCO Express Sdn. Bhd. (616494-X), a wholly-owned subsidiary of TASCO

"TPSB": Titian Pelangi Sdn. Bhd. (259422-V), a wholly-owned subsidiary of TASCO

"YLK" : Yusen Logistics Co. Ltd, a Major Shareholder of TASCO

"YLSG" : Yusen Logistics (Singapore) Pte Ltd (197900428R), a Major Shareholder of TASCO

"YUSEN Group": YLK, its subsidiary companies and affiliates

Words importing the singular shall, where applicable, include the plural and vice versa and words importing the masculine gender shall, where applicable, include the feminine and neuter genders and vice versa. Reference to persons shall include corporation, unless otherwise specified.

Any reference in this Circular to any enactment is a reference to that enactment as for the time being amended or re-enacted.

Any reference to a time of day in this Circular shall be a reference to a Malaysian time, unless otherwise stated.

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(Incorporated in Malaysia under the Companies Act, 1965)

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24 August 2015

### **Directors:-**

Mr. Lee Check Poh (Executive Chairman)

Mr. Lim Jew Kiat (Managing Director)

Mr. Tan Kim Yong (Deputy Managing Director)

Mr. Masaki Ogane (Executive Director)

Mr. Yasushi Ooka (Non-Independent Non-Executive Director)

Mr. Lee Wan Kai (Executive Director)

Mr. Raymond Cha Kar Siang (Independent Non-Executive Director)

Mr. Kwong Hoi Meng (Independent Non-Executive Director)

Mr. Raippan s/o Yagappan @ Raiappan Peter (Independent Non-Executive Director)

To: The Shareholders of TASCO

Dear Sir/Madam,

# PROPOSED RENEWAL OF SHAREHOLDERS' MANDATE FOR RECURRENT RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS OF A REVENUE OR TRADING NATURE

## 1. INTRODUCTION

At the previous AGM held on 10 September 2014, the shareholders of the Company approved, *inter alia*, a shareholders' mandate for the Company and/or its subsidiaries to enter into Recurrent Transactions. The shareholders' mandate shall, in accordance with the Listing Requirements, lapse at the conclusion of the forthcoming AGM unless authority for its renewal is obtained from the shareholders of the Company at the AGM.

Accordingly, the Board had on 14 July 2015 announced the Company's intention to seek its shareholders' approval for the Proposed Renewal of Shareholders' Mandate.

The purpose of this Circular is to provide you with the relevant details of the Proposed Renewal of Shareholders' Mandate and to seek your approval for the ordinary resolution therein to be tabled at the forthcoming AGM which will be convened at TASCO Berhad, Lot No. 1A, Persiaran Jubli Perak, Jalan 22/1, Seksyen 22, 40300 Shah Alam, Selangor Darul Ehsan on Tuesday, 15 September 2015 at 3.00 p.m.

SHAREHOLDERS OF THE COMPANY ARE ADVISED TO READ AND CONSIDER THE CONTENTS OF THIS CIRCULAR CAREFULLY BEFORE VOTING ON THE ORDINARY RESOLUTION PERTAINING TO THE PROPOSED RENEWAL OF SHAREHOLDERS' MANDATE AT THE FORTHCOMING AGM.

## 2. DETAILS OF THE PROPOSED RENEWAL OF SHAREHOLDERS' MANDATE

# 2.1 Provision under the Listing Requirements

Paragraph 10.09 of the Listing Requirements and Practice Note 12 allow the Company to seek a shareholders' mandate in respect of RRPT subject to the following:

- (a) the transactions are in the ordinary course of business and are on terms not more favourable to the Related Parties than those generally available to the public and not to the detriment of minority shareholders;
- (b) the shareholders' mandate is subject to annual renewal and disclosure is made in the annual report of the aggregate value of transactions conducted pursuant to the shareholders' mandate during the financial year where:
  - (i) the consideration, value of the assets, capital outlay or cost of the aggregated transactions is RM1 million or more: or
  - (ii) any one of the percentage ratios of such aggregated transactions is 1% or more,

whichever is the higher;

- (c) the issuance of a circular to shareholders by the listed issuer containing information as specified in the Listing Requirements;
- (d) in a meeting to obtain the shareholders' mandate, the interested Director(s), interested Major Shareholder(s) and interested person(s) connected with the Director(s) or Major Shareholder(s); and where it involves the interest of an interested person connected with the Director or Major Shareholders, such Director or Major Shareholder, must not vote on the resolution to approve the transactions. An interested Director or interested Major Shareholder must ensure that persons connected with him abstain from voting on the resolution approving the transactions; and
- (e) an immediate announcement is made to Bursa Securities when the actual value of a RRPT entered into by the listed issuer, exceeds the estimated value of the RRPT disclosed in the circular by 10% or more and the announcement must include the information as may be prescribed by Bursa Securities.

Accordingly, the Board proposes to seek the shareholders' approval for the Proposed Renewal of Shareholders' Mandate. The Proposed Renewal of Shareholders' Mandate is in respect of all the RRPT entered into by the Group from Fortieth AGM to the date of the next AGM of the Company. The Proposed Renewal of Shareholders' Mandate will allow the Group, in the normal course of business, to enter into the RRPT referred to in Section 2.3 with the Related Parties, provided that such transactions are made at arm's length, on the Group's normal commercial terms and on terms not more favourable to the Related Parties than those generally available to the public which will not be to the detriment of the minority shareholders. The RRPT will also be subject to the review procedures set out in Section 2.4 below.

The Proposed Renewal of Shareholders' Mandate will, if approved by shareholders at the forthcoming AGM, be subject to annual renewal. In this respect, any authority conferred by the Proposed Renewal of Shareholders' Mandate shall only continue to be in force until:

- (a) the conclusion of the next AGM of the Company following the general meeting at which such Proposed Renewal of Shareholders' Mandate was passed, at which time it will lapse, unless by a resolution passed at the AGM, the authority is renewed; or
- (b) the expiration of the period within which the next AGM after that date is required to be held pursuant to Section 143(1) of the Act (but shall not extend to such extension as may be allowed pursuant to Section 143(2) of the Act); or

(c) revoked or varied by resolution passed by the shareholders of the Company in general meeting; whichever is earlier.

# 2.2 Principal Activities

The Company is principally engaged as a total logistics solutions provider while the principal activities of its subsidiaries and associate are as follows:-

Name of Company	Principal Activities	Effective equity interest as at 31 July 2015
Subsidiary Companies		
BSSB	Truck rental and insurance agency services	100%
ETSB	Truck rental and logistics services	100%
MKSB	Trading	100%
TESB	Dormant	100%
PFSB	Warehouse rental	100%
TCLSB	Truck rental, in-house truck repair and maintenance and provision of other related logistics services	100%
TASPL	Customs broking, handling agency and freight forwarding services	100%
TPSB	Warehouse rental	100%
OSSB	Freight forwarding services	51.22%
PKSB	Freight forwarding services	51.22%
Associated Company		
AESSB	Warehouse rental	50.00%

# 2.3 Classes and Nature of RRPT

The Proposed Renewal of Shareholders' Mandate would apply to transactions with Related Parties comprising Directors and/or Major Shareholders of the Company and/or persons connected with such Directors and/or Major Shareholders and includes any person who is or was within the preceding six (6) months of the date on which the terms of the transactions were agreed upon, a Director or Major Shareholder of the Company or any other company which is its subsidiary. Such Related Parties are as described below:-

# 2.3.1 Classes of Related Parties

# **Directors:**

Related Parties	Nature of Relationships
Mr. Masaki Ogane	A Director of TASCO and authorised representative of YLK.
Mr. Yasushi Ooka	A Director of TASCO and authorised representative of NYK.

# Major Shareholders and Persons Connected with them:

Related Parties	Principal Activities	Nature of Relationships
NYK	Global logistics based on international marine transportation business, cruises, terminal and harbour transport, shipping-related services and real estate.	Ultimate holding company of TASCO and deemed interested by virtue of its subsidiary companies, YLK, YLSG, HS, equity interests in TASCO.
YLK	Air cargo consolidation business, freight forwarding, warehousing and logistic operations.	A Major Shareholder of TASCO and a subsidiary of NYK.
YLSG	Provision of freight forwarding, transportation, warehousing and logistic operations.	A Major shareholder of TASCO and a subsidiary of YLK.
HS	A ship operator and ship owner.	A shareholder of TASCO and a subsidiary of NYK.

The details of the direct and indirect interests of the Directors and Major Shareholders and persons connected with them are indicated in Section 7 below.

# 2.3.2 Nature of RRPT

The RRPT set out below, are general transactions entered into/to be entered into by the Group relating to the provisions of or obtaining of products and services to or from the Related Parties in the ordinary course of business, under the Proposed Renewal of Shareholders' Mandate:-

No.	Nature of Transactions	Transacting Parties	Interested Related Parties	Estimated value <sup>(3)</sup> of RRPT from the date of the forthcoming AGM until the next AGM	Estimated aggregate value as disclosed in the preceding year's circular to shareholders dated 19 August 2014	Actual value transacted from 10 September 2014 to LPD
				(RM′000)	Value (RM'000)	Value (RM'000) <sup>(4)</sup>
1.	Various agency agreements entered into between TASCO and the respective NYK Group's subsidiaries to act as the handling agents in the respective countries and facilitate the operations of each other.	TASCO/ NYK Group, NYK, YLK, YLSG and HS	Mr. Masaki Ogane, Mr. Yasushi Ooka and NYK Group	Sales <sup>(1)</sup> : 120,000 Purchases <sup>(2)</sup> : 120,000	Sales 120,000 Purchases 120,000	Sales 71,422 Purchases 53,680
2.	Various staff secondment agreements entered into between TASCO and the NYK Group's subsidiaries whereby NYK Group's subsidiaries agree to second and TASCO agrees to engage the expatriate who shall be regarded as a member of TASCO's staff and shall be subject to TASCO's rules and regulations.	TASCO/ NYK Group, NYK, YLK, YLSG and HS	Mr. Masaki Ogane, Mr. Yasushi Ooka and NYK Group	1,050	1,050	446
3.	Software agreements entered into between TASCO and NYK Group's subsidiaries to grant TASCO for the use of computer software for its various logistics services.	TASCO/ NYK Group, NYK, YLK, YLSG and HS	Mr. Masaki Ogane, Mr. Yasushi Ooka and NYK Group	1,400	1,400	491
4.	Management service agreements entered into between TASCO and NYK Group's subsidiaries for the provision of business development, sales, marketing and related activities by NYK Group to TASCO.	TASCO/ NYK Group, NYK, YLK, YLSG and HS	Mr. Masaki Ogane, Mr. Yasushi Ooka and NYK Group	5,000	5,000	2,917
5.	Provision of freight services by NYK Group's subsidiaries to TASCO.	TASCO/ NYK Group, NYK, YLK, YLSG and HS	Mr. Masaki Ogane, Mr. Yasushi Ooka and NYK Group	10,000	10,000	4,908

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				(RM'000)	Estimated Value (RM'000)	Actual Value (RM'000) <sup>(4)</sup>
6.	Various lease agreement entered into between TASCO and the respective NYK Group's subsidiaries for the usage of the NYK Group's office / warehouse facilities by TASCO and also for the usage of TASCO's office by NYK Group's subsidiaries.	TASCO/ NYK Group, NYK, YLK, YLSG and HS	Mr. Masaki Ogane, Mr. Yasushi Ooka and NYK Group			
	Rented by NYK Line (M) Sdn. Bhd. from TASCO  Location: Lot No. 1A, Persiaran Jubli Perak, Jalan 22/1, Seksyen 22, 40300 Shah Alam, Selangor Darul Ehsan. Area: Approximately 929 square metre Rental received: RM300,000/year Tenancy term: 1 year Frequency of Rental Payment: Monthly			450	450	275

# Notes :-

- (1) Sales are in respect of handling agency fees received by the Group from NYK Group where the Group acted as the handling agent for NYK Group.
- (2) Purchases are in respect of handling agency fees paid to NYK Group by the Group where NYK Group acted as the handling agent for the Group.
- (3) The estimated value was arrived at based on, amongst others, the actual transaction value during the previous financial year, information available at the point of estimation and the current state of the market and freight rates or based on prevailing prices obtained from the Related Parties which are reasonable market-competitive prices. The estimated value is further based on the assumptions that current level of operations will continue and all external conditions will remain constant. Due to the nature of such transactions, the actual value of the transactions may vary from the estimated value disclosed above.
- (4) None of the Actual Value of the RRPT has exceeded the Estimated Value by 10% or more.

As at LPD, the breakdown of the principal sum and interest for the total outstanding amount due under the RRPT which exceeded the following credit term are as follows:-

Exceeded credit terms for	Outstanding Trade Related	
	Principal (RM)	Interest (RM)
a period of 1 year or less	8,752,118	Nil
a period of more than 1 year to 3 years	57,497	Nil
a period of more than 3 years to 5 years	Nil	Nil
a period of more than 5 years	Nil	Nil

No late charges were imposed as the amount exceeding credit terms arose due to various operation complications and disputes in some of these shipments, which resulted in NYK and Yusen Group delay in settling the outstanding debts. The management monitors and analyses the outstanding debts on regular basis and follow up on the status of the case and will take appropriate action to recover the outstanding amounts.

The Board of Directors is aware of the outstanding amount that exceeded the credit period and opined that outstanding debts exceeding the credit period do occur in the normal course of business. Further, the Board of Directors is of the opinion that the above outstanding debts are collectable and has instructed the management to monitor and follow up to ensure all the outstanding debts are collected. The management would monitor and analyse the monthly aging statements and follow up with the related parties on the collection.

### 2.4 Review Methods or Procedures of RRPT

#### 2.4.1 Review Methods or Procedures

The Group has established various procedures to ensure that such RRPT are undertaken on an arm's length basis and on the Group's normal commercial terms, which are consistent with the Group's usual business arrangements, practices and policies and on transaction prices and terms not more favourable to the Related Parties than those generally available to the public and will not be detrimental to minority shareholders. On the provision for freight services, where there is no agreement, it is not practical for the Group to get approval from Audit Committee/Board of Directors every time it wants to provide freight service.

In this respect, the Group has implemented the following review and disclosure procedures with regard to RRPT:-

(a) The transaction prices and terms are determined based on the prevailing market rates which are determined by market forces, demand and supply, specifications, exchange rates and other relevant factors. Where practical and feasible, quotations and/or tenders from at least 2 other contemporaneous transactions with unrelated third parties for similar products/services and/or quantities will be obtained and used as comparison to determine whether the price and terms offered to/by the related parties are fair and reasonable and comparable to those offered to/by other unrelated third parties for the same or substantially similar type of products/services and/or quantities.

In the event that quotation or comparative pricing from unrelated parties cannot be obtained, the transaction price will be determined by the Group based on the usual business practices to ensure that the RRPTs are not detrimental to the Group.

- (b) Records will be maintained by the Company's Finance Department to capture all RRPT which are entered into pursuant to the Proposed Renewal of Shareholders' Mandate. The Finance Department will be monitoring, tracking and identifying RRPT transactions and reporting to the Senior Management for presenting to the Audit Committee for review.
- (c) There are no specific thresholds for approval of Recurrent Transactions. All Recurrent Transactions are reviewed by Audit Committee and approved by Board of Directors, provided always that the interested directors are abstained from deliberating and voting on the said resolution.

- (d) The internal audit plan will incorporate a review of RRPT entered into pursuant to the Proposed Renewal of Shareholders' Mandate to ensure that the internal control and procedures in respect of the RRPT are adhered to.
- (e) The Audit Committee will review the internal audit report to ascertain that relevant procedures, guidelines and policies established to monitor the RRPT have been complied with.
- (f) The Board and the Audit Committee will have the overall responsibility for the determination of the review procedures, including any addition or variation thereto, where applicable. If a member of the Board or the Audit Committee has an interest in a transaction, he will abstain from any deliberation and decision-making by the Board or the Audit Committee in respect of the said transaction.
- (g) Disclosure will be made in the annual report of the Company in respect of the breakdown of the aggregate value of the RRPT made during the financial year during which a shareholders' mandate is in force, based on the type of the transactions made, the names of the related parties involved in each type of RRPT made and their relationship with the Group.
- (h) The review of these procedures and processes are carried out twice yearly.

The Audit Committee undertakes that procedures are in place to ensure that the RRPT entered into are conducted:

- (a) at arm's length;
- (b) on normal commercial terms;
- (c) on terms not more favourable to the Related Parties than those generally available to the public;
- (d) in the Company's opinion, are not detrimental to the minority shareholders; and
- (e) in the best interest of the Group.

The Board of the Company and the Audit Committee have reviewed the procedures and shall continue to review the procedures as and when required.

## 2.4.2 Abstention from Voting

Categories of persons who will abstain from voting are as follows:-

- a. Any interested Director(s);
- b. Any interested Major Shareholder(s);
- c. Any person(s) connected to the interested Director(s) or interested Major Shareholder(s); and
- d. Any Director(s) or Major Shareholder(s) whose person(s) connected is/are interested in the RRPT.

# 3. STATEMENT BY AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Audit Committee was of the opinion that:

- (a) the Group's procedures and processes, which are reviewed twice a year, is adequate to monitor, track and identify RRPT in a timely and orderly manner; and
- (b) the procedures mentioned in Section 2.4, which are reviewed twice yearly, are sufficient to ensure that RRPT are not more favourable to the Related Parties than those generally available to the public and will be made at arm's length and in accordance with the Group's normal commercial terms, and hence, will not be detrimental to minority shareholders or disadvantageous to the Group.

### 4. RATIONALE AND BENEFITS OF THE PROPOSED RENEWAL OF SHAREHOLDERS' MANDATE

The RRPT entered into by the Group with the Related Parties is in the ordinary course of business and are necessary for its day-to-day operations. The RRPT is a recurring transaction of a revenue or trading nature which are likely to occur with some degree of frequency and arise at any time and from time to time.

The Proposed Renewal of Shareholders' Mandate will enable the Group to enter into the RRPT which is necessary for the Group's day-to-day operations, subject to the transactions being in the ordinary course of business and on normal commercial terms which are not more favourable to the Related Parties than those generally available to the public and are not detrimental to the minority shareholders of the Company.

The obtaining of the Proposed Renewal of Shareholders' Mandate and renewing the same on an annual basis, would eliminate the need to convene separate general meetings from time to time to seek shareholders' approval as and when potential RRPT with Related Parties arise; thereby reducing substantially administrative time, inconvenience and expenses associated with the convening of such meetings, without compromising the corporate objectives of the Group or adversely affecting the business opportunities available to the Group.

The Group should be able to have access to all available markets, products and services with unrelated and related parties. The Group benefits from the RRPT through the synergies that are derived from the related parties' global network (through acting as a handling agent of NYK network, provision of freight services and leasing of office/warehouse by the NYK Group) and expertise (through staff secondments, usage of computer software and provision of management services by the NYK Group). Transacting with the Related Parties enhances the ability of the Group to explore beneficial business opportunities. As such, the Proposed Renewal of Shareholders' Mandate is of paramount importance for the continued success and viability of the Group.

# 5. APPROVAL REQUIRED

The Proposed Renewal of Shareholders' Mandate is subject to the approval being obtained from the shareholders of the Company at the forthcoming AGM to be convened.

#### 6. FINANCIAL EFFECTS

The Proposed Renewal of Shareholders' Mandate, if obtained at the forthcoming AGM, will not have any effect on the EPS and NA per share at the Group level, issued and paid-up share capital, substantial shareholding, gearing and dividend rate of the Company.

#### 7. DIRECTORS' AND MAJOR SHAREHOLDERS' INTERESTS

The direct and indirect interests of the interested Directors including interested Major Shareholders and interested Persons Connected with them as at LPD are as follows:-

Name	<direct int<="" th=""><th colspan="3">&lt;&gt;</th></direct>	<>		
	No. of Shares	%	No. of Shares	%
Interested Directors				
Mr. Masaki Ogane	-	-	-	-
Mr. Yasushi Ooka	-	-	-	-
Interested Major Shareholders				
NYK	9,589,591	9.59	55,379,971 <sup>(1)</sup>	55.38
YLK	29,199,804	29.20	23,990,182 <sup>(2)</sup>	23.99
YLSG	23,990,182	23.99	-	-
HS	2,189,985	2.19	-	-

## Notes:

The interested Directors, Mr. Masaki Ogane and Mr. Yasushi Ooka have abstained and will continue to abstain from deliberation and voting on the resolution at the board meeting of the Company in relation to the Proposed Renewal of Shareholders' Mandate for RRPT which they are interested.

The interested Directors, Mr. Masaki Ogane and Mr. Yasushi Ooka and the interested Major Shareholders, NYK, YLK, YLSG, and HS together with persons connected to them shall abstain from voting in respect of their direct and indirect shareholdings on the resolution which they are interested, and which is to be tabled at the forthcoming AGM.

The interested Directors, Mr. Masaki Ogane and Mr. Yasushi Ooka and the interested Major Shareholders, NYK, YLK, YLSG and HS have undertaken to ensure that persons connected with them will also abstain from voting in respect of their direct and indirect shareholdings on the resolution which they are interested, and which is to be tabled at the forthcoming AGM.

Save as disclosed above, none of the other Directors and/or Major Shareholders of TASCO or persons connected with them has any interest, directly or indirectly, in the Proposed Renewal of Shareholders' Mandate.

## 8. DIRECTORS' RECOMMENDATION

The Board, save and except for the interested Directors, Mr. Masaki Ogane and Mr. Yasushi Ooka who have abstained from Board's deliberation and voting on the resolution pertaining to the Proposed Renewal of Shareholders' Mandate at the forthcoming AGM, having considered the rationale and benefits of the Proposed Renewal of Shareholders' Mandate, is of the opinion that the Proposed Renewal of Shareholders' Mandate is in the best interest of the Group and its shareholders. Accordingly, the Directors, save and except for the interested Directors, Mr. Masaki Ogane and Mr. Yasushi Ooka, recommend that you vote in favour of the ordinary resolution pertaining to the Proposed Renewal of Shareholders' Mandate to be tabled at the forthcoming AGM.

### 9. FORTIETH AGM

The Fortieth AGM, notice of which is enclosed in the 2015 Annual Report, will be held on Tuesday, 15 September 2015 for the purpose of considering and if thought fit, passing the ordinary resolution pertaining to the Proposed Renewal of Shareholders' Mandate.

<sup>(1)</sup> Deemed interested by virtue of its subsidiary companies, YLK, YLSG and HS's equity interests in the Company pursuant to Section 6A of the Act.

<sup>(2)</sup> Deemed interested by virtue of its equity interest in YLSG pursuant to Section 6A of the Act.

If you are unable to attend and vote in person at the Fortieth AGM, you are requested to complete, sign and deposit the Form of Proxy which is enclosed in the 2015 Annual Report of the Company in accordance with the instructions printed thereon, at the Registered Office of the Company at 802, 8th Floor, Block C, Kelana Square, 17 Jalan SS7/26, 47301 Petaling Jaya, Selangor Darul Ehsan not later than 48 hours before the time fixed for the Fortieth AGM. The lodging of the Form of Proxy will not preclude you from attending and voting in person at the forthcoming AGM should you subsequently wish to do so.

# 10. FURTHER INFORMATION

Shareholders are requested to refer to the attached Appendices I and II for further information.

Yours faithfully, For and on behalf of the Board of Directors of **TASCO Berhad** 

LEE CHECK POH Executive Chairman

PART B
LETTER TO SHAREHOLDERS IN RELATION TO PROPOSED SHARE SPLIT INVOLVING THE SUBDIVISION OF EVERY ONE (1) EXISTING ORDINARY SHARE OF RM1.00 EACH INTO TWO (2) ORDINARY SHARES OF RM0.50 EACH IN TASCO



# TASCO Berhad (Company No. 20218-T)

(Incorporated in Malaysia under the Companies Act, 1965)

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24 August 2015

#### **Directors:-**

Mr. Lee Check Poh (Executive Chairman)

Mr. Lim Jew Kiat (Managing Director)

Mr. Tan Kim Yong (Deputy Managing Director)

Mr. Masaki Ogane (Executive Director)

Mr. Yasushi Ooka (Non-Independent Non-Executive Director)

Mr. Lee Wan Kai (Executive Director)

Mr. Raymond Cha Kar Siang (Independent Non-Executive Director)

Mr. Kwong Hoi Meng (Independent Non-Executive Director)

Mr. Raippan s/o Yaqappan @ Raiappan Peter (Independent Non-Executive Director)

## To: The Shareholders of TASCO

Dear Sir/Madam,

PROPOSED SHARE SPLIT INVOLVING THE SUBDIVISION OF EVERY ONE (1) EXISTING ORDINARY SHARE OF RM1.00 EACH INTO TWO (2) ORDINARY SHARES OF RM0.50 EACH IN TASCO

## 1. INTRODUCTION

The Company had on 14 July 2015 announced that the Company wishes to undertake the Proposed Share Split.

THE PURPOSE OF THIS CIRCULAR IS TO PROVIDE THE SHAREHOLDERS OF TASCO WITH THE RELEVANT INFORMATION ON THE PROPOSED SHARE SPLIT AS WELL AS TO SEEK THE APPROVAL FROM THE SHAREHOLDERS OF TASCO FOR THE ORDINARY RESOLUTION PERTAINING TO THE PROPOSED SHARE SPLIT TO BE TABLED AT THE FORTHCOMING AGM. THE NOTICE OF THE FORTHCOMING AGM AND THE FORM OF PROXY ARE ENCLOSED TOGETHER WITH THIS CIRCULAR.

SHAREHOLDERS OF TASCO ARE ADVISED TO READ AND CONSIDER CAREFULLY THE CONTENTS OF THIS CIRCULAR TOGETHER WITH THE APPENDICES CONTAINED HEREIN BEFORE VOTING ON THE ORDINARY RESOLUTION PERTAINING TO THE PROPOSED SHARE SPLIT TO BE TABLED AT THE FORTHCOMING AGM.

## 2. Details of the Proposed Share Split

#### 2.1 Basis and number of Subdivided Shares to be issued

The Proposed Share Split entails the subdivision of every existing one (1) TASCO Share held by our Shareholders whose names appear in our Company's Record of Depositors on the Share Split Entitlement Date into two (2) Subdivided Shares.

Pursuant to the Proposed Share Split, the issued and paid-up share capital of TASCO will be subdivided from RM100,000,000 comprising 100,000,000 of RM1.00 each of TASCO Shares into RM100,000,000 comprising 200,000,000 of RM0.50 each Subdivided Shares.

For illustration purposes, the theoretical adjusted market price of the Subdivided Shares upon completion of the Proposed Share Split, computed based on the market price of TASCO Shares of RM 4.30 as at LPD is set out as follows:

	Assumed no. of Shares held	Par value (RM)	Market price per Share (RM)	Total value (RM)
Existing as at LPD <sup>(1)</sup>	100	1.00	4.30	430
After the Proposed Share Split <sup>(2)</sup>	200	0.50	2.15	430

#### Notes:

- (1) Closing price of TASCO Shares of RM 4.30 as at the LPD. (Source: KLSE info)
- (2) Assuming the Proposed Share Split is approved by shareholders of TASCO at the forthcoming AGM.

As illustrated above, the Proposed Share Split is not expected to have any impact on the total value of the Shares held in the Company.

As the TASCO Shares are prescribed securities, under Section 14(5) of the Securities Industry (Central Depositories) Act, 1991 ("SICDA"), the Subdivided Shares will be subjected to the SICDA and the Rules of Bursa Depository. Accordingly, the Subdivided Shares will be credited directly into the respective central depository system accounts of the entitled shareholders and no physical share certificate will be issued.

No suspension will be imposed on the trading on TASCO Shares on Bursa Securities for the purpose of implementing the Proposed Share Split.

The Proposed Share Split is allowed under our Articles of Association and do not require any amendment to the Articles of Association of our Company.

Details of the TASCO shares to be subdivided such as number, type and par value will be announced to Bursa Securities on the Entitlement Date.

# 2.2 Ranking of the Subdivided Shares

The Subdivided Shares to be issued pursuant to the Proposed Share Split shall upon allotment and issue, rank pari passu in all respects with each other.

# 2.3 Listing of and quotation for the Subdivided Shares

The Subdivided Shares shall be listed and quoted on the Main Market of Bursa Securities on the next Market Day following the Share Split Entitlement Date. The Share Split Entitlement Date shall be determined by our Board after the approvals from the shareholders has been obtained. The notice of the Subdivided Shares will be issued and despatched to the entitled shareholders no later than four (4) Market Days after the date of listing of and quotation for the Subdivided Shares on the Main Market of Bursa Securities, or such other period as may be prescribed by Bursa Securities.

## 3. RATIONALE FOR THE PROPOSED SHARE SPLIT

The Proposed Share Split is expected to adjust the market price of TASCO Shares and will result in the Subdivided Shares being more affordable which will enable a wider group of investors to participate in the growth of our Company.

The Proposed Share Split is expected to enhance the marketability and trading liquidity of the ordinary shares of our Company as a result of the increase in the number of shares in issue.

## 4. EFFECTS OF THE PROPOSED SHARE SPLIT

For illustration purpose, the pro-forma effects of the Proposed Share Split on the share capital, earnings, EPS, NA, gearing, and substantial shareholders' shareholdings of TASCO are set out below:

# 4.1 Issued and paid-up share capital

The proforma effects of the Proposed Share Split on the issued and paid-up share capital of TASCO are as follows:

	Par Value (RM)	No. of TASCO Shares ('000)	RM ('000)
Issued and paid-up share capital as at LPD	1.00	100,000	100,000
After the Proposed Share Split	0.50	200,000	100,000

# 4.2 Earnings and EPS

The Proposed Share Split is not expected to have any material effect on the earnings of the TASCO Group for the financial year ending 31 March 2016. However, there will be a corresponding dilution in TASCO's consolidated EPS as a result of the increase in the number of shares arising from the Proposed Share Split as illustrated below:

Group	Audited as at 31 March 2015 RM'000	Proposed Share Split	
Net profit attributable to owners of the Company	30,680	30,680	
No. of shares in issue ('000)	100,000	200,000	
EPS (sen)	30.68	15.34	

# 4.3 NA and gearing

The proforma effects of the Proposed Share Split on the consolidated NA and gearing of TASCO are as follows:

Group	Audited as at 31 March 2015 RM'000	After the Proposed Share Split RM'000
Share capital	100,000	100,000
Share premium	801	801
Revaluation reserve	1,401	1,401
Hedge reserve	241	241
Exchange translation reserve	(147)	(147)
Retained profits	196,801	196,801
Shareholders' funds / NA	299,097	299,097
No. of shares in issue ('000)	100,000	200,000
NA per Share (RM)	2.99	1.50
Total borrowings (RM'000)	54,795	54,795
Gearing (times)	0.18	0.18

# 4.4 Substantial shareholders' shareholdings

The Proposed Share Split will not have any effect on the percentage shareholdings of the substantial shareholders except for the proportionate increase in the number of TASCO Shares pursuant to the Subdivided Shares held pursuant to the Proposed Share Split.

# 4.5 Convertible securities

As at the LPD, the Company does not have any outstanding convertible securities.

# 5. HISTORICAL SHARE PRICES

The monthly highest and lowest prices of TASCO Shares as traded on Bursa Securities for the past twelve (12) months from August 2014 to July 2015 are as follows:

	High	Low RM
	RM	
2014		
August	3.65	2.56
September	3.55	3.28
October	3.40	2.73
November	3.52	2.96
December	3.00	2.44
2015		
January	3.20	2.67
February	3.15	2.94
March	3.90	2.94
April	4.35	3.42
May	4.50	3.99
June	4.20	3.87
July	4.30	3.75

The last transacted price of TASCO Shares on 13 July 2015 (being the last Market Day immediately prior to the announcement of the Proposed Share Split) was RM3.76 per TASCO Share.

The last transacted price of TASCO Shares on 13 August 2015 (being the last practicable Market Day immediately prior to the printing of this Circular) was RM3.78 per TASCO Share.

(Source: KLSE Info)

## 6. APPROVALS REQUIRED

The Proposed Share Split is subject to and conditional upon the following approvals being obtained:

- (i) Bursa Securities (which was obtained, vide its letter dated 28 July 2015) for the Proposed Share Split;
- (ii) the shareholders of TASCO for the Proposed Share Split at an AGM to be convened; and
- (iii) any other relevant authorities, if required.

#### 7. CORPORATE EXERCISES ANNOUNCED BUT PENDING COMPLETION

Our Board is not aware of any outstanding corporate proposal which has been announced by us but are pending implementation or completion prior to the printing of this Circular.

# 8. DIRECTORS' STATEMENT AND RECOMMENDATION

The Directors after having considered all aspects of the Proposed Share Split including its rationale and effects, is of the opinion that the Proposed Share Split is in the best interest of our Company. Accordingly, our Board recommends that you vote in favour of the resolution pertaining to the Proposed Share Split to be tabled at our forthcoming AGM.

## 9. ESTIMATED TIME FRAME OF COMPLETION

Barring any unforeseen circumstances and subject to receipt of all relevant approvals, our Board expects the Proposed Share Split to be completed in the fourth (4th) quarter of 2015.

The indicative timetable of events leading up to the listing of and quotation for the Subdivided Shares on the Main Market of Bursa Securities is set out below:

lentative date	Events
15 September 2015 4 <sup>th</sup> week of September 2015 1 <sup>st</sup> week of October 2015 End of October 2015	<ul> <li>AGM</li> <li>Announcement of Share Split Entitlement Date</li> <li>Listing of the Subdivided Shares</li> <li>Completion of the Proposed Share Split</li> </ul>

# 10. AGM

The ordinary resolution to approve the Proposed Share Split is set out as Special Business in the Notice of the Fortieth AGM contained in TASCO's Annual Report 2015, which is sent to you together with this Circular dated 24 August 2015. The Fortieth AGM will be held at Lot No. 1A, Persiaran Jubli Perak, Jalan 22/1, Seksyen 22, 40300 Shah Alam, Selangor Darul Ehsan on Tuesday, 15 September 2015 at 3.00 p.m.

If you are unable to attend in person at the Fortieth AGM, you may complete the Form of Proxy in accordance with the instructions contained therein and forward it to the Registered Office of TASCO at 802, 8th Floor, Block C, Kelana Square, 17 Jalan SS7/26, 47301 Petaling Jaya, Selangor Darul Ehsan not later than forty-eight (48) hours before the time fixed for holding the meeting or any adjournment thereof.

The lodging of the Form of Proxy will not preclude you from attending and voting in person at the Fortieth AGM should you subsequently wish to do so.

# 11. FURTHER INFORMATION

You are advised to refer to the Appendices set out in this Circular for further information.

Yours faithfully,
For and on behalf on the Board
TASCO BERHAD

Lee Check Poh **Executive Chairman** 

### APPENDIX I: FURTHER INFORMATION

#### 1. DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT

This Circular has been seen and approved by the Board of Directors of the Company and they individually and collectively accept full responsibility for the accuracy of the information given in this Circular and confirm that after making all reasonable enquiries and to the best of their knowledge and belief, there are no other facts, the omission of which would make any statement herein misleading.

## 2. MATERIAL CONTRACTS

There are no material contracts (including contracts not reduced into writing), not being contracts entered into in the ordinary course of business, which have been entered into by the Company and/or its subsidiary during the two (2) years immediately preceding the date of this Circular.

#### 3. MATERIAL LITIGATION

The Board has confirmed that the Company and/or its subsidiaries are not presently engaged in any material litigation, material claim and arbitration either as plaintiff or defendant and the Directors do not have any knowledge of any proceedings pending or threatened against the Company and/or its subsidiaries or of any facts likely to give rise to any proceedings which may materially affect the financial position or business of the Company and/or its subsidiaries.

#### 4. DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION

Copies of the following documents are available for inspection at the Registered Office of the Company at 802, 8th Floor, Block C, Kelana Square, 17 Jalan SS7/26, 47301 Petaling Jaya, Selangor Darul Ehsan during normal business hours from the date of this Circular up to and including the date of the forthcoming AGM:

- (a) the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company; and
- (b) the statutory audited financial statements of the Company for the two (2) years ended 31 March 2014 and 31 March 2015 and the unaudited quarterly results for the financial period ended 30 June 2015.

#### APPENDIX II: EXTRACT OF RESOLUTIONS



# TASCO Berhad (Company No. 20218-T)

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# EXTRACT OF RESOLUTIONS TO BE TABLED AS SPECIAL BUSINESS AT THE FORTHCOMING AGM

#### **ORDINARY RESOLUTION - 7**

# ■ PROPOSED RENEWAL OF SHAREHOLDERS' MANDATE FOR RECURRENT RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS OF A REVENUE OR TRADING NATURE

"THAT pursuant to Paragraph 10.09 of the Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad Main Market Listing Requirements, the Company and its subsidiaries be and are hereby authorised to enter into and give effect to the Recurrent Transactions with the Related Party as detailed in Section 2.3.2 of the Circular to Shareholders dated 24 August 2015 which are necessary for the Company and its subsidiaries' day-to-day operations in the ordinary course of business on terms not more favourable to the said Related Party than those generally available to the public and not detrimental to minority shareholders of the Company.

**AND THAT** such approval shall continue to be in force until:

- a. the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting ("AGM") of the Company, at which time it will lapse, unless by a resolution passed at the AGM whereby the authority is renewed; or
- b. the expiration of the period within which the next AGM of the Company is required to be held pursuant to Section 143(1) of the Companies Act, 1965 ("Act") (but shall not extend to such extension as may be allowed pursuant to Section 143(2) of the Act); or
- c. revoked or varied by a resolution passed by the shareholders in a general meeting;

whichever is earlier.

**AND THAT** the Directors of the Company be and are hereby authorised to complete and do all such acts and things as they may consider expedient or necessary to give effect to the Proposed Renewal of Shareholders' Mandate for Recurrent Related Party Transactions of a revenue or trading nature."

# **ORDINARY RESOLUTION - 8**

■ PROPOSED SHARE SPLIT INVOLVING THE SUBDIVISION OF EVERY ONE (1) EXISTING ORDINARY SHARE OF RM1.00 EACH IN TASCO BERHAD ("TASCO) INTO TWO (2) ORDINARY SHARES OF RM0.50 EACH IN TASCO

"THAT subject to the approval of all relevant authorities being obtained, approval be and is hereby given to the Board to subdivide each of the ordinary share of RM1.00 each of the Company held by registered shareholders whose names appear in the Company's Record of Depositors as at the close of business on a date to be determined by the Board and announced later, into two (2) fully paid-up ordinary shares of RM0.50 each ("Subdivided Shares") AND THAT the authorised share capital of the Company which is RM200,000,000.00 divided into 200,000,000 ordinary shares of RM1.00 each be and is hereby altered by subdividing the 200,000,000 ordinary shares of RM1.00 each into 400,000,000 ordinary shares of RM0.50 each ("Proposed Share Split").

**THAT** the Subdivided Shares shall rank pari passu in all respects with each other.

**AND THAT** the Board be and is hereby authorised to do all acts and things as they may consider necessary or expedient in the best interest of the Company with full powers to assent to any condition, modification, variation and/or amendments as may be required, or imposed by the relevant authorities, and to take all steps and to enter into all such agreement, arrangement, undertaking, indemnities, transfer, assignment and guarantee with any party or persons and to carry out any other matters as may be required to implement, finalise and give full effect to the Proposed Share Split."