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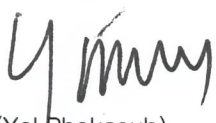
Re: Submission of Joint Press Release related to Sahaviriya Steel Industries plc (SSI) and its subsidiary Sahaviriya Steel industries UK

Siam Commercial Bank Public Company Limited (SCB) wishes to submit a joint press release from SCB and its syndicated lenders related to Sahaviriya Steel Industries plc (SSI) and its subsidiary Sahaviriya Steel industries UK.

Please be informed accordingly.

Yours sincerely,

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**Press Release: 21 September 2015**

**SSI joins hands with its 3 main banks in Financial Restructuring, to stabilize operations particularly in its competitive HRC Business**

Mr. Win Viriyaprapaikit, Group CEO and President of Sahaviriya Steel Industries Plc. (SSI), revealed that on 18 September 2015, the Company has announced the temporary pause of Upstream Business's slab production at SSI Teesside Steelworks, operated by Sahaviriya Steel Industries UK Limited ("SSI UK") which is the Company's wholly-owned subsidiary. The decision to pause production is taken while awaiting the outcome of ongoing discussions with the UK government and stakeholders, to reduce production cost and stop loss at the Upstream Business. The temporary pause is expected to affect only the Upstream Business's revenues to third party customers (52% of 6M/2015 consolidated sales revenue). Notwithstanding that, the operation of the Company's HRC Business will not be impacted as the Company has sufficient slabs inventory and can purchase slabs from the global market competitively.

"Since Upstream Business started its slab production in 2012, it had continuously reduced costs and exported its products to all over the world. However, from Q4/2014 several factors such as severe over-capacity in the global steel market, China's subsidy in steel export, abnormally weak Russian Rubles, and the economic slowdown in China and Russia, have led to the overwhelming volume of steel exports from both countries, which was all-time high. As a result, current slab prices have fallen by more than 40% compared with the average price of more than USD500 per ton in 2014. The price drop exceeded the 30% cost reduction achieved by Upstream Business, thus turning Upstream Business's EBITDA to negative in the first half of 2015."

From the aforementioned situation, SSI UK faced operational losses and had to temporarily pause its operations. SSI UK's stakeholders such as the British Government, trade partners and labor union are still in the process of discussions whether to resume operation. Due to uncertainty arising from uncontrollable factors, the reopening for operation of SSI UK cannot be definitely ascertained. SSI UK's major creditors comprising Siam Commercial Bank, Krungthai Bank, and Tisco Bank have decided to call SSI UK to repay its debt in accordance with the conditions of their loan. With SSI UK's current financial position, SSI UK is, however, unable to repay the debt. The creditors therefore requested SSI, in its capacity as a guarantor of SSI UK's debt, to be jointly responsible for such debt repayment which amounts to approximately USD 790 million or approximately Baht 28 billion. The Company and the creditors will work together in preparing effective financial restructuring and debt repayment schemes taking into account the need to preserve the Company's business value and to protect the Company's employees, customers and trade partners from material adverse impacts.

The creditors are aware of SSI UK's need to temporarily pause its operations and believe in its hot-rolled steel sheet business, in which the

Company is highly competitive, in order to sustain operations. SSI has strong market share and is Thailand's largest manufacturer of hot-rolled steel sheet, which is one of the important raw materials for the automotives industry, energy, logistics and construction. More importantly, SSI has the capability to source steel slab raw materials at low cost despite a temporary pause.

SSI's total debts with the three major creditors stand at approximately 50 billion baht, comprising approximately 22 billion baht held by Siam Commercial Bank, approximately 22 billion baht by Krungthai Bank, and approximately 4.4 billion baht by Tisco Bank. Each creditor has fully set provisions for SSI to prepare for the situation.

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