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(Company No. 1225-D) (Incorporated in Malaysia)

## CIRCULAR TO STOCKHOLDERS in relation to the

#### PART A

- PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF 49% EQUITY INTEREST IN ACE SYNERGY INSURANCE BERHAD
  COMPRISING 49,000,000 ORDINARY SHARES OF RM1.00 EACH TO UNITED MERCHANT GROUP
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#### PART B

INDEPENDENT ADVICE LETTER TO THE MINORITY STOCKHOLDERS OF ADVANCE SYNERGY BERHAD IN RELATION TO THE PROPOSED ACE DISPOSAL

# AND NOTICE OF EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

Adviser

Independent Adviser for Part B





Southern Investment Bank Berhad (169955-T)

formerly known as Perdana Merchant Bankers Berhad

### MALAYSIAN INTERNATIONAL MERCHANT BANKERS BERHAD

(Company No. 10209-W) (A member of EON Bank Group)

The Notice of the Extraordinary General Meeting to be held at Dewan Berjaya, Bukit Kiara Equestrian & Country Resort, Jalan Bukit Kiara Off Jalan Damansara, 60000 Kuala Lumpur on Wednesday, 12 June 2002 at 10.30 a.m. is set out in this Circular. Stockholders are advised to refer to the Notice of the Extraordinary General Meeting and the Form of Proxy which are enclosed. The Form of Proxy should be lodged at the registered office of the Company not later than forty-eight (48) hours before the time stipulated for holding the meeting. The lodging of the Form of Proxy will not preclude you from attending and voting in person at the meeting should you subsequently wish to do so.

Last date and time for lodging of Form of Proxy: 10 June 2002 at 10.30 a.m. Date and time of Extraordinary General Meeting: 12 June 2002 at 10.30 a.m.

#### **ABBREVIATIONS**

Unless specifically stated otherwise, the following abbreviations shall have the following meanings:

Persons/Companies

Acquiree Companies :

: UCSB and UCPL, collectively

**ACE** 

: ACE Synergy Insurance Berhad

ACE INA

: ACE INA International Holdings Ltd

ASB or the Company

: Advance Synergy Berhad

ASB Group or Group

: ASB, its subsidiaries and associated companies

**Board of Directors** 

: Board of Directors of ASB

Disposal Company

: ACE

UC Group

: UCSB and UCPL, collectively

**UCPL** 

: Unified Communications Pte Ltd

**UCSB** 

: Unified Communications Sdn Bhd

**UMG** 

: United Merchant Group Berhad

**UMG Group** 

: UMG, its subsidiaries and associated companies

Vendor

: Wong Tze Leng

**WMSB** 

: Worldwide Matrix Sdn Bhd

**Proposals** 

ACE SA

: Supplemental Agreement dated 24 April 2002 between UMG and ASB on

the Proposed ACE Disposal

ACE SPA

: Sale and purchase agreement dated 13 July 2001 between ASB and

UMG on the Proposed ACE Disposal

Proposals

: The Proposed Acquisitions and Proposed ACE Disposal, collectively

**Proposed Acquisitions** 

The Proposed UCSB Acquisition and Proposed UCPL Acquisition,

collectively

Proposed ACE

Disposal

: The proposed disposal of 49% equity interest in ACE Synergy Insurance Berhad comprising 49,000,000 ordinary shares of RM1.00 each to UMG

for a total cash consideration of RM71,000,000

Proposed UCPL

Acquisition

: Proposed acquisition by WMSB, a wholly-owned subsidiary of ASB, of a 70% equity interest comprising 700,000 ordinary shares of SGD1.00

each in Unified Communications Pte Ltd for a total cash consideration of

RM45,000,000

**ABBREVIATIONS** (cont'd)

Proposed UCSB

Acquisition

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RM54,000,000

Rights Issue : Rights Issue of 1 new share for every 3 shares in ACE amounting to

25,000,000 shares at an issue price of RM1.00 per share completed on

24 July 2001

UC SPA : Sale and purchase agreement dated 26 May 2001 between Wong Tze

Leng and Worldwide Matrix Sdn Bhd on the Proposed Acquisitions

UC SA : Supplemental Agreement dated 22 March 2002 between Wong Tze Leng

and Worldwide Matrix Sdn Bhd on the Proposed Acquisitions

Letter : Letter dated 17 May 2002 issued by WMSB to Wong Tze Leng for the

extension of time for the fulfillment of conditions precedent and payment

period

**Securities** 

Sale Shares : 49,000,000 ordinary shares of ACE currently registered in the name of

the Vendor

**Authorities** 

BNM : Bank Negara Malaysia

FIC : Foreign Investment Committee

KLSE : Kuala Lumpur Stock Exchange

SC : Securities Commission

**Adviser** 

MIMB : Malaysian International Merchant Bankers Berhad

SIBB : Southern Investment Bank Berhad

TMI : Tokyo Mitsubishi International (Singapore) Ltd

MZC : Mercer Zainal Consulting Sdn Bhd

**Financial Terms** 

El : Exceptional items

EPS : Earnings per stock unit/Earnings per share

NTA : Net tangible assets

PAT : Profit After Tax

**Others** 

EGM : Extraordinary General Meeting

Listing Requirements : Listing Requirements of the KLSE including any amendment thereto that

may be made from time to time

## ABBREVIATIONS (cont'd)

RM and sen : Ringgit Malaysia and sen respectively

SGD : Singapore Dollars

the Act : Companies Act, 1965 and any amendments thereof

U.S. : United States of America

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