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- INVESTMENT CERTIFICATE TO ESTABLISH NTPM (VIETNAM) CO., LTD. AND TO IMPLEMENT INVESTMENT PROJECT

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Please refer to the attachment for details of the announcement.

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1. INTRODUCTION

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- First stage starts from 2014: manufacturing toilet paper and facial tissue from the semi-finished paper rolls; and
- Second stage starts from 2015: manufacturing semi-finished paper rolls, toilet paper, and facial tissue from paper pulp and recycled paper pulp;

(hereinafter referred to as "Investment Project")

2. DETAILS OF THE INVESTMENT PROJECT

The total investment capital for the Investment Project is USD19.067 million, of which USD5.0 million will be capital contribution (charter capital) from NTPM International. The charter capital of 104,000,000,000 VND (One Hundred and Four Billion Vietnam Dong) which is equivalent to: 5,000,000 USD (Five million United State Dollars) shall be contributed within 24 months from the date of the issuance of the Investment Certificate.

In conjunction with the issuance of the Investment Certificate, NTPM Vietnam has committed to lease the Land measuring about 100,000 square meters in Vietnam Singapore Industrial Park ("VSIP") II ("VSIP II") in Vietnam for a total cash consideration of about US\$4,950,000 as previously announced by the Company to implement the Investment Project.

The duration of operation of the Investment Project as stipulated in the Investment Certificate is from the date of issuance of the Investment Certificate to 19 March 2058.

The establishment of NTPM Vietnam is part of a long term plan of the Group to gain a regional footprint in markets with abundant labor and low costs to expand its production capacity.

NTPM Vietnam is expected to commence business operation by January 2014.

3. FUNDING OF INVESTMENT PROJECT

The total investment capital including the charter capital will be funded by internally generated funds and bank borrowings.

Pursuant to the Investment Certificate, the Investment Project will be performed in two stages as mentioned under Section 1 above and the fund will be in stages depending on the progress of the Investment, which is expected to complete in 3 years period.

4. RISK FACTOR

Risk factors affecting the Investment Project including execution risks such as availability of skilled manpower and material, changes in prices of materials, and changes in political, economic and regulatory conditions.

However, NTHB Group has, throughout the years, established its track records and expertise to handle such projects. As such, the Management believes that NTHB Group is able to mitigate the above mentioned risk factors.

5. FINANCIAL EFFECTS

5.1 Share Capital and Substantial Shareholding

The establishment of NTPM Vietnam and Investment Project will not have any effect on the issued and paid-up share capital and shareholdings of substantial shareholders of NTHB.

5.2 Earnings

The establishment of NTPM Vietnam and Investment Project are not expected to have any material effect on the earnings of the NTHB Group for the financial year ending 30 April 2013.

5.3 Net Assets and Gearing

Save for the Investment Project is to be partly funded by the bank borrowings which will eventually increase the gearing by approximately 2%, the establishment of NTPM Vietnam and the Investment Project are not expected to have material effect on NTHB Group's Net Assets and gearing for the financial year ending 30 April 2013.

6. HIGHEST PERCENTAGE RATIO APPLICABLE

The highest percentage ratio applicable to the Investment Project is 21.3% pursuant to paragraph 10.02(g) of the Main Market Listing Requirements of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad.

7. APPROVAL REQUIRED

The establishment of NTPM Vietnam and Investment Project do not require the approval of the NTHB's shareholders and any government or approving authorities.

8. INTERESTS OF DIRECTORS, MAJOR SHAREHOLDERS AND PERSONS CONNECTED WITH THEM

None of the Directors and/or major shareholders and/or persons connected with them has any interest, direct or indirect, in the establishment of NTPM Vietnam and Investment Project.

9. DIRECTORS' STATEMENT

The Board of Directors of the Company is of the opinion that the establishment of NTPM Vietnam and Investment Project are in the best interest of NTHB Group.

This announcement is dated 19 November 2012.