

SECURITIES INDUSTRY COUNCIL ("SIC")
PRESS STATEMENT
SERIAL SYSTEM LTD ("SERIAL SYSTEM" OR THE "COMPANY")

On 10 Apr 2001, the SIC announced that Eddie Chng Weng Wah ("Chng") had been given another extension to 8 May 2001 to comply fully with the SIC's directions set out in its 8 Mar 2001 press statement (Appendix 1).

2. Chng has informed the SIC today that he is unable to comply with the SIC's direction to make a take-over offer at \$0.67 for each Serial System share in accordance with Rule 33 of the Singapore Code on Take-overs and Mergers to those persons who held Serial System shares as at the close of trading on 26 Feb 2001 and are still holding those same shares.

3. In its press release on 8 Mar 2001, the SIC also directed Chng to compensate those persons who held Serial System shares as at the close of trading on 26 Feb 2001 but who have since sold some or all of those shares in the open market at less than \$0.67, from 27 Feb 2001 until the time Chng announces his take-over offer.

4. The SIC will convene a hearing soon into Chng's breach of Rule 33 of the Take-over Code and his failure to comply with the SIC's directions.

5. One of the matters that the SIC will consider is whether, and if so how much, compensation should be directed to be paid to persons who were holding Serial System shares as at the close of trading on 26 Feb 2001. Such persons should note that **the question of compensation has yet to be determined.**

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