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UPDATE ON SIMPLIFICATION OF JARDINE MATHESON PARENT COMPANY STRUCTURE AND ACQUISITION OF JARDINE STRATEGIC

Jardine Matheson Holdings Limited confirms that its acquisition of the 15 per cent. of Jardine Strategic Holdings Limited's issued share capital that the Group does not already own (the "**Acquisition**") has today been approved by the shareholders of Jardine Strategic at a Special General Meeting. Jardine Matheson will acquire the shares at a price of US\$33 per Jardine Strategic Share in cash. The Acquisition will become effective on 14 April 2021.

The Acquisition enables Jardine Matheson to progress its plans to simplify the parent company structure of the Group. Following the Acquisition, the Jardine Matheson Board expects to propose a resolution to implement the cancellation of the cross-shareholding in Jardine Matheson through a reduction of capital at the annual general meeting in 2022 and for this to become effective shortly following that meeting.

The simplification will result in a single holding company with a conventional ownership structure. This will provide an increase in the Group's operational efficiency and financial flexibility, while delivering a material enhancement in Jardine Matheson's earnings per share.

Jardine Matheson has received widespread support from its shareholders for the simplification and for the long term benefits it will bring to the Group, as reflected in the share price which has risen 21 per cent. since the announcement as compared to the one-month average prior to the announcement (see Note 1). This compares to the 29 per cent. increase for Jardine Strategic shareholders over the same period based on the acquisition price, providing evidence that a similar value uplift has accrued to all shareholders of the Group as a result of the parent company restructuring.

The Group notes that a number of shareholders in Jardine Strategic voted against the Acquisition, but also that a large number of shares voted against the resolution were held by investors who were not shareholders at the time of the announcement of the Acquisition on 8 March 2021. Some investors have indicated an intention to apply to the Court in Bermuda to appraise the fair value of their shares, in accordance with the process described in the shareholder circular issued by Jardine Strategic in connection with the Acquisition (the "**Circular**").

Jardine Matheson believes that the Acquisition Price represents fair value for the Jardine Strategic Shares and that the process undertaken was fair, transparent and robust. That process included the formation of the Jardine Strategic Transaction Committee, which carefully considered the terms and conditions of the Acquisition, including obtaining independent financial advice, and concluded they were fair and reasonable. Jardine Matheson's strong conviction is that Jardine Strategic Shareholders have been offered fair value for their shares and is confident that any appraisal process by the Court of Bermuda will confirm this position.

The Group delivered a resilient performance in 2020 and while the COVID-19 pandemic means that the outlook remains subject to significant uncertainty, it remains confident in its long-term strategy, rooted in the growth markets of Asia. The Group will continue to engage with all of its shareholders as it moves forward both with the simplification of its parent company structure and the delivery of that long-term strategy.

Unless otherwise defined, terms used in this announcement shall have the same meaning as those used in the Circular.

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Notes:

1. Based on the volume-weighted average closing middle market price of a Jardine Matheson share on the Singapore Exchange over the one-month period ended 5 March 2021 as compared with the closing middle market price on 9 April 2021.
2. Certain figures included in this announcement have been subjected to rounding adjustments. Accordingly, figures shown for the same category may vary slightly and figures shown as totals may not be an arithmetic aggregation of the figures that precede them.

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