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Dear Sirs

## SembCorp Industries Ltd Rule 12g3-2(b) file No. 825109

The enclosed is the announcement submitted to the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited being furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") on behalf of SembCorp Industries Ltd (the "Company") pursuant to the exemption from the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act") afforded by Rule 12g3-2(b) thereunder.

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Yours faithfully

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### SEMBCORP INDUSTRIES LTD

# SEMBCORP INDUSTRIES DIVESTS ITS CHINA LEISURE COMPANIES FOR S\$10.9 MILLION IN CASH

## SembCorp Industries divests its China leisure companies for S\$10.9 million in cash

SembCorp Industries announces that its wholly-owned subsidiary, STIC Investments Pte Ltd ("STICI"), has sold its entire equity stakes in its China leisure companies and assigned all shareholder's loans extended to the divested companies to Straco Corporation Pte Limited.

The divested companies and the shareholdings divested are:

- Infotainment Development & Management Pte Ltd (30 per cent);
- Shanghai Ocean Aguarium Co Ltd (20 per cent):
- Xian Lintong Zhongxin Tourism Development Co Ltd (20 per cent); and
- Zhengzhou Yellow River Tourism Development Co Ltd (20 per cent).

## Rationale for the Divestment

This sale is part of SembCorp Industries' divestment programme of its non-core operations.

## The Transaction:

The cash consideration of S\$10.9 million has been received in full. The consideration was arrived at on a willing buyer, willing seller basis taking into account the book values of these companies and shareholders' loans.

The net book value of these companies and the shareholder's loans extended to them amounted to S\$1.4 million.

#### **Financial Impact**

The disposal will result in a write-back of S\$9.5 million of a prior years' provision in FY 2003.

Assuming that the transaction was completed on January 1, 2002, the Group's proforma EPS for FY2002 would have been 10.42 cents instead of 9.89 cents and NTA per share would have been 81.88 cents instead of 81.36 cents.

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