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富佳木業有限公司  
**FOCUS LUMBER BERHAD**

Registration No. 198901011405 (188710-V)

*(Incorporated in Malaysia)*

**STATEMENT TO SHAREHOLDERS**

**IN RELATION TO THE**

**PROPOSED RENEWAL OF SHAREHOLDERS' MANDATE FOR THE  
AUTHORITY TO THE COMPANY TO PURCHASE ITS OWN SHARES UP TO TEN  
PER CENTUM (10%) OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF ISSUED SHARES  
("PROPOSED RENEWAL OF SHARE BUY-BACK MANDATE")**

The resolution in respect of the above proposal will be tabled as Special Business at the 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting ("33<sup>rd</sup> AGM") of Focus Lumber Berhad ("Focus Lumber" or "Company"), which will be conducted entirely through live streaming from the broadcast venue at Leadership Room, Unit 32-01, Level 32, Tower A, Vertical Business Suite, Avenue 3, Bangsar South, No. 8, Jalan Kerinchi, 59200 Kuala Lumpur ("Broadcast Venue") on Friday, 19 May 2023 at 2.00 p.m. or any adjournment thereof via Remote Participation and Voting ("RPV") facilities provided by Tricor Investor & Issuing House Services Sdn Bhd via its TIIH Online website at <https://tiih.online>.

Shareholders will not be allowed to attend the 33<sup>rd</sup> AGM in person at the Broadcast Venue on the day of the meeting. This Statement is available at <http://focuslumber.com.my/investors-relations/annual-report/> together with the 2022 Annual Report, Notice of the 33<sup>rd</sup> AGM, Proxy Form and the Administrative Guide to the 33<sup>rd</sup> AGM of the Company. Please follow the procedures in the Administrative Guide for the 33<sup>rd</sup> AGM in order to participate remotely via RPV.

You are entitled to attend and vote at the 33<sup>rd</sup> AGM of the Company or to appoint a proxy or proxies to attend, participate and vote on your behalf. The Proxy Form must be completed and deposited at the Company's Share Registrar at Tricor Investor & Issuing House Services Sdn Bhd [Registration No. 197101000970 (11324-H)] of Unit 32-01, Level 32, Tower A, Vertical Business Suite, Avenue 3, Bangsar South, No. 8, Jalan Kerinchi, 59200 Kuala Lumpur or alternatively, the Customer Services Centre at Unit G-3, Ground Floor, Vertical Podium, Avenue 3, Bangsar South, No. 8, Jalan Kerinchi, 59200 Kuala Lumpur, not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the 33<sup>rd</sup> AGM or any adjournment thereof.

You can also have the option to lodge the proxy appointment electronically via TIIH Online at <https://tiih.online> before the proxy form lodgement cut-off time as mentioned below. For further information on the electronic lodgement of proxy form, kindly refer to the Administrative Guide for the 33<sup>rd</sup> AGM. The lodging of the Proxy Form 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 the Proxy Form : Wednesday, 17 May 2023, 2.00 p.m.

Date and time of the 33<sup>rd</sup> AGM : Friday, 19 May 2023, 2.00 p.m.

This Statement is dated 20 April 2023.

## DEFINITIONS

Except where the context otherwise requires, the following definitions shall apply throughout this Statement:-

Act	: Companies Act 2016, as amended from time to time and any re-enactment thereof (including the corresponding previous written law)
AGM	: Annual General Meeting
Board	: Board of Directors of Focus Lumber
Bursa Securities	: Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad [Registration No. 200301033577 (635998-W)]
Code	: Malaysian Code on Take-Overs and Mergers 2016, including any amendments that may be made from time to time
CMSA	: Capital Markets and Services Act 2007 including any amendments that may be made from time to time
Directors	: Has the meaning given in Section 2(1) of the CMSA
EPS	: Earnings per share
ESOS	: Employees' Share Option Scheme
Focus Lumber or the Company	: Focus Lumber Berhad [198901011405 (188710-V)]
Focus Lumber Group or Group	: Focus Lumber and its subsidiaries, Untung Ria Sdn Bhd and Focus Layo Flooring Sdn Bhd (in the process of striking off) collectively
Listing Requirements	: Main Market Listing Requirements of Bursa Securities and any amendments that may be made from time to time
LPD	: 6 April 2023, being the latest practicable date prior to the printing of this Statement
Market Day	: A day on which the stock market of Bursa Securities is open for trading in securities, which may include a Surprise Holiday
NA	: Net Assets
Proposal Share Buy-Back	: Proposed purchase of up to ten per centum (10%) of Focus Lumber's total number of issued shares
Proposed Renewal of Share Buy-Back Mandate or Proposal	: Proposed renewal of shareholders' mandate for the authority to the Company to purchase its own shares up to ten per centum (10%) of its total number of issued shares
Purchased Shares	: Focus Lumber Shares to be purchased by the Company pursuant to the Proposed Renewal of Share Buy-Back Mandate
RM and sen	: Ringgit Malaysia and sen, respectively

SC	: Securities Commission Malaysia
Surprise Holiday	A day that is declared as a public holiday in the Federal Territory of Kuala Lumpur that has not been gazetted as a public holiday at the beginning of the calendar year
Focus Lumber Shares or Shares	: Ordinary share(s) in Focus Lumber

All references to “you” in this statement are referred to Focus Lumber’s shareholders.

Words denoting the singular shall, where applicable, include the plural and vice versa. Words denoting the masculine gender shall, where applicable, include the feminine and neuter genders and vice versa. Any reference to persons shall include corporations, unless otherwise specified.

Any reference in this Statement to any enactment is a reference to that enactment as for the time being amended or re-enacted. Any reference to a time of a day in this Statement shall be a reference to Malaysian time, unless otherwise specified.

Any discrepancy in the tables between the amounts listed and the totals in this Statement are due to rounding.

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**Registered Office:**

12A, Jalan Teluk Likas,  
88450 Kota Kinabalu,  
Sabah.

20 April 2023

**Board of Directors:**

Datuk Aznam Bin Mansor (Chairman/ Independent Non-Executive Director)  
Lin, Hao-Wen (Managing Director)  
Lin, Hao-Yu (Executive Director)  
Lin, Pei-Wen (Executive Director)  
Teh Yong Khim (Executive Director)  
Wong Yoke Nyen (Independent Non-Executive Director)  
Ng Tian Meng (Independent Non-Executive Director)  
Nar Chin Keow (Independent Non-Executive Director)

**To: The Shareholders of Focus Lumber**

Dear Sir/ Madam,

**PROPOSED RENEWAL OF SHARE BUY-BACK MANDATE**

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**1. INTRODUCTION**

At the Thirty Second (32<sup>nd</sup>) AGM of the Company held on 20 May 2022, the Company had obtained the shareholders' mandate for the Proposed Share Buy-Back by Focus Lumber of up to 10% of its total number of issued shares of the Company at any point of time through Bursa Securities. The said mandate shall lapse at the conclusion of the forthcoming Thirty-Third (33<sup>rd</sup>) AGM unless the approval for its renewal is obtained from the shareholders at the forthcoming 33<sup>rd</sup> AGM.

On 27 March 2023, the Board announced that the Company proposes to seek shareholders' approval for the Proposed Renewal of Share Buy-Back Mandate at the forthcoming 33<sup>rd</sup> AGM.

The purpose of this Statement is to provide you with information on the Proposal and to seek your approval on the Ordinary Resolution pertaining to the Proposed Renewal of Share Buy-Back Mandate to be tabled at the forthcoming 33<sup>rd</sup> AGM of the Company, to be held on 19 May 2023. This Statement is available at <<http://focuslumber.com.my/investors-relations/generalmeetings/>> together with the 2022 Annual Report, Notice of the 33<sup>rd</sup> AGM, Proxy Form and the Administrative Guide to the 33<sup>rd</sup> AGM of the Company.

**SHAREHOLDERS ARE ADVISED TO READ THE CONTENTS OF THIS STATEMENT CAREFULLY BEFORE VOTING ON THE RESOLUTION TO GIVE EFFECT TO THE PROPOSAL.**

## **2. DETAILS OF THE PROPOSED SHARE BUY-BACK**

The Company had at its 32<sup>nd</sup> AGM held on 20 May 2022 obtained an approval from its shareholders to purchase up to ten per centum (10%) of the total number of issued shares and the said approval will be expiring at the conclusion of the forthcoming 33<sup>rd</sup> AGM of the Company unless the approval is renewed.

The Company proposes to seek the approval from the shareholders of the Company at the forthcoming 33<sup>rd</sup> AGM for the Proposed Renewal of Share Buy-Back Mandate.

The approval from the shareholders would be effective immediately upon the passing of the ordinary resolution for the Proposed Renewal of Share Buy-Back Mandate at the forthcoming 33<sup>rd</sup> AGM and shall continue to be in force until:-

- (a) the conclusion of the next AGM of the Company following the general meeting at which such resolution is passed, at which time it will lapse, unless by an ordinary resolution passed at that meeting, the authority is renewed, either unconditionally or subject to conditions;
- (b) the expiration of the period within which the next AGM after that date is required by law to be held; or
- (c) revoked or varied by ordinary resolution passed by the shareholders in general meeting;

whichever occurs first.

## **3. MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PERCENTAGE OF SHARES TO BE ACQUIRED**

The maximum number of Focus Lumber Shares which may be purchased by the Company shall not exceed ten percent (10%) of the total number of issued shares of the Company in compliance with Paragraph 12.09 of the Listing Requirements.

The actual number of Focus Lumber Shares to be purchased by the Company pursuant to the Proposed Renewal of Share Buy-Back Mandate, the total amount of funds involved for each purchase and the timing of the purchase(s) will depend on inter-alia, the market conditions and sentiments, the availability of financial resources and the retained profits of the Company at the time of the purchase(s).

## **4. MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF FUNDS TO BE ALLOCATED AND THE SOURCE OF FUNDS**

The funding for the Proposed Share Buy-Back will be from internally generated funds or external borrowings or a combination of both and the maximum amount of fund to be used for the purchase of Focus Lumber Shares pursuant to the Proposed Share Buy-Back shall not exceed the retained profits of the Company.

The retained profits of the Company based on the Audited Financial Statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2022 was RM92,744,876.

The Proposed Share Buy-Back, if funded through internally generated funds, is not expected to have a material impact on the cash flow position of the Company. In the event the Company purchases and holds its own Shares using external borrowings, the Board will ensure that the Company has sufficient funds to repay the external borrowings and the repayment is not expected to have a material effect on the cash flow of the Company. In addition, the Board will ensure that the Company satisfies the solvency test as stated in Section 112(2) of the Act before implementing the Proposed Share Buy-Back.

## **5. TREATMENT OF SHARES PURCHASED**

In accordance with Section 127(4) of the Act, the Directors may, at its discretion, deal with the Purchased Shares until all the Purchased Shares have been dealt with in the following manner:-

- (a) To cancel all or part of the Purchased Shares; or
- (b) To retain all or part of the Purchased Shares as treasury shares as defined in Section 127 of the Act.

Based on Section 127(7) of the Act, where such Purchased Shares are held as treasury shares, our Directors may at their discretion:

- (a) distribute all or part of the treasury shares as dividends to our shareholders, such dividends to be known as “shares dividends”;
- (b) resell all or part of the treasury shares in accordance with the Listing Requirements;
- (c) transfer all or part of the treasury shares for the purposes of or under an employees’ share scheme established by the Company and/or its’ subsidiaries;
- (d) transfer all or part of the treasury shares as purchase consideration;
- (e) cancel all or part of the treasury shares;
- (f) sell, transfer or otherwise use the shares for such other purposes as the Minister charged with the responsibility for companies may by order prescribe; and/or
- (g) deal with the treasury shares in the manners as allowed by the Act, Listing Requirements, applicable laws, rules, regulations, guidelines, requirements and/or orders of any relevant authorities from the time being in force.

While the Purchased Shares are held as the treasury shares, the treasury shares shall not be taken into account in calculating the number or percentage of shares, or of a class of shares in our Company for any purposes including, without limiting the generality of the provision of Section 127 of the Act, the provision of any law or the requirements of the Company’s Constitution or the Listing Requirements on substantial shareholdings, take-overs, notices, the requisitioning of meetings, the quorum for a meeting and the result of a vote on a resolution at a meeting. An immediate announcement will be made to Bursa Securities in respect of the intention of the Board on the treatments of the Purchased Shares, i.e. notification of purchase, resale or transfer or cancellation of the Purchased Shares as per the Listing Requirements.

As at the date of this Statement, the Board has yet to make any decision with regards to the treatment of the Shares so purchased in the future.

Where the Directors resolve to cancel the Shares so purchased or cancel any treasury shares, the number of the Company’s issued shares shall be diminished by the cancellation of the Shares so cancelled. It is pertinent to note that the cancellation of Shares made pursuant to Section 127(15) of the Act shall not be deemed to be a reduction in share capital.

## **6. RATIONALE FOR THE PROPOSED SHARE BUY-BACK**

The Proposed Share Buy-Back will enable the Company to utilise its surplus financial resources to purchase its own Shares from the open market of Bursa Securities. The Proposed Share Buy-Back, if implemented, may also assist in stabilising the supply and demand as well as the market price of its Shares traded on Bursa Securities.

The Purchased Shares, whether to be held as treasury shares or subsequently cancelled, will effectively reduce the number of Shares carrying voting and participation rights. Therefore, the shareholders of the Company may enjoy an increase in the value of their investment in Focus Lumber due to improvement to the consolidated EPS and/or NA per Share, as a result of the decreased share capital base used for the computation of the EPS and NA.

The Purchased Shares can be held as treasury shares and resold on the stock market of Bursa Securities at a higher price with the intention of realising capital gain without affecting the total number of issued shares of the Company. Should any treasury shares be distributed as share dividends, this would serve to reward the shareholders of the Company.

## **7. POTENTIAL ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES OF THE PROPOSED SHARE BUY-BACK**

The potential advantages of the Proposed Share Buy-Back to the Company and its shareholders are as follows:-

- (i) The Proposed Share Buy-Back, if implemented, will allow the Company to utilise its surplus financial resources not immediately required for use, to purchase Focus Lumber Shares. If the Focus Lumber Shares purchased are held as treasury shares or cancelled immediately, this may improve the consolidated EPS and NA per share;
- (ii) The Proposed Share Buy-Back may also stabilise the supply and demand of Focus Lumber Shares traded on the stock market of Bursa Securities which will reduce the volatility of Focus Lumber Share prices. The stability of Focus Lumber Share prices is important to maintain investors' confidence in order to facilitate future fund-raising exercises of the Company via the equity market;
- (iii) The Proposed Share Buy-Back will provide the Company the opportunities for potential capital gains if the purchased Focus Lumber Shares which are retained as treasury shares are resold at prices higher than the purchase prices and such proceeds may be subsequently used for investment opportunities arising in the future, working capital and/or to be distributed as dividends to shareholders; and
- (iv) In the event the treasury shares are distributed as share dividends, it may serve to reward the shareholders of Focus Lumber.

The potential disadvantages of the Proposed Share Buy-Back to the Company and its shareholders are as follows:-

- (i) The Proposed Share Buy-Back, if implemented, will reduce the amount of financial resources available for distribution to the shareholders of the Company;
- (ii) If the Company decides to utilise bank borrowings to finance the Proposed Share Buy-Back, the cash flow of the Company may be affected to the extent of the interest costs associated with such borrowings;
- (iii) The funds allocated for the Proposed Share Buy-Back could be used for other investment opportunities which may emerge in the future; and
- (iv) As the Proposed Share Buy-Back must be made wholly out of the Company's retained profits, the amount of retained profits available for distribution as dividends to the shareholders will be reduced accordingly.

The Proposed Share Buy-Back, however, is not expected to have any potential material disadvantages to the Company and its shareholders, as it will be implemented only after in-depth consideration of the financial resources of Focus Lumber which need to be balanced against investment opportunities and other proposals that can enhance the value to its shareholders. The Board is mindful of the interests of the Company and its shareholders with respect to the above exercise.



## 8. FINANCIAL EFFECTS TO THE PROPOSED SHARE BUY-BACK

The financial effects of the Proposed Share Buy-Back on the share capital, earnings, working capital, NA, dividends and shareholdings of Directors and Substantial Shareholders of the Company or Group are set out below:-

### 8.1 Share Capital

The effect of the Proposed Share Buy-Back on the issued share capital of the Company will depend on whether the Purchased Shares are cancelled or retained as treasury shares. The Proposed Share Buy-Back will result in a reduction of the issued shares capital of the Company if the Purchased Shares are cancelled.

For illustration purposes only, the following scenarios are taken into consideration:

(a) Minimum Scenario

Assuming that the shares and/or options granted under the ESOS are not exercised prior to Focus Lumber's purchase of its own Shares pursuant to the Proposed Share Buy-Back.

(b) Maximum Scenario

Assuming all the outstanding options granted under the ESOS as at LPD are fully exercised into new Focus Lumber Shares, prior to Focus Lumber's purchase of its own Shares pursuant to the Proposed Share Buy-Back.

In the event the Proposed Share Buy-Back is carried out in full and all the Purchased Shares are cancelled, the present issued share capital of the Company will be reduced by the number of Shares so cancelled as follows:-

	<b>After the Proposed Share Buy-Back</b>		
	<b>As at LPD No. of Shares</b>	<b>Minimum Scenario No. of Shares</b>	<b>Maximum Scenario No. of Shares</b>
Existing share capital as at LPD (inclusive of 11,988,332 treasury shares)	230,420,000	230,420,000	230,420,000
Assuming full exercise of all outstanding options granted under ESOS	-	-	3,888,000 <sup>(1)</sup>
Enlarged total number of issued Shares	230,420,000	230,420,000	234,308,000
Assuming all the Purchased Shares pursuant to the Proposed Share Buy-Back are to be cancelled <sup>(2)</sup>	(23,042,000)	(23,042,000)	(23,430,800)
<b>Resultant ordinary issued share capital</b>	<b>207,378,000</b>	<b>207,378,000</b>	<b>210,877,200</b>

Note:

(1) Based on all outstanding options granted under the ESOS as at the LPD.

(2) Inclusive of the 11,988,332 Shares as at LPD that have been purchased and retained as treasury shares.

If the Purchased Shares are retained as treasury shares, the Proposed Share Buy-Back will not have any effect on the issued share capital of Focus Lumber. Nevertheless, certain rights attached to the Purchased Shares are suspended while they are held as treasury shares.

## **8.2 Earnings**

The effects of the Proposed Share Buy-Back on the EPS of Focus Lumber Group is dependent on the number and the purchase prices of the Purchase Shares, the effective cost of funding and/or the interest income foregone in connection with funding such Purchased Shares.

If Purchased Shares are retained as treasury shares or cancelled subsequently, the number of shares applied in the computation of the EPS will be reduced and this may improve the consolidated EPS of the Group.

## **8.3 NA**

The effect of the Proposed Share Buy-Back on NA of Focus Lumber Group is dependent on the number of Purchased Shares, the purchase price of Focus Lumber Shares, the effective cost of funding and the treatment of the shares purchased.

The Proposed Share Buy-Back will reduce the NA per Share if the purchase price is more than the NA per Share at the time of purchase. On the contrary, the NA per Share will increase if the purchase price is less than the NA per Share at the time of purchase.

## **8.4 Working Capital**

The Proposed Share Buy-Back, as and when implemented, will result in an outflow of cash and thereby reduce the working capital and cash flow of Focus Lumber Group. The quantum of reduction in working capital is dependent on the purchase price and number of Focus Lumber Shares purchased.

However, for Focus Lumber Shares so purchased and kept as treasury shares, upon their resale at a higher selling price than the initial purchase price, the working capital and the cash flow of Focus Lumber Group will increase. The quantum of the increase in the working capital and cash flow will depend on the actual selling price(s) of the treasury shares and the number of treasury shares resold.

## **8.5 Dividends**

The Proposed Share Buy-Back is not expected to have any impact on the dividend payment as the Board will take into consideration the Company's profit, cash flow and the capital commitments before proposing any dividend payment.

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## 8.6 Directors' and Substantial Shareholders' Shareholdings

Based on the Register of Directors' Shareholding and Register of Substantial Shareholders of Focus Lumber as at LPD and assuming that the Proposed Share Buy-Back is implemented up to the maximum of 10% of the total number of issued shares of the Company and that the Purchased Shares are from the shareholders other than the Directors and Substantial Shareholders of Focus Lumber, the effect of the Proposed Share Buy-Back on the shareholdings of the Directors and Substantial Shareholders of Focus Lumber are set out below:-

### Minimum Scenario

	Number of Shares held as at LPD*				After Proposed Share Buy-Back^			
	Direct	%	Indirect	%	Direct	%	Indirect	%
<b>Directors</b>								
Datuk Aznam Bin Mansor	1,591,200	0.728	-	-	1,591,200	0.767	-	-
Lin, Hao-Wen	27,002,041	12.362	-	-	27,002,041	13.021	-	-
Wong Yoke Nyen	1,690,000	0.774	-	-	1,690,000	0.815	-	-
Ng Tian Meng	3,200,000	1.465	-	-	3,200,000	1.543	-	-
Lin, Hao-Yu	29,272,223	13.401	-	-	29,272,223	14.115	-	-
Lin, Pei-Wen	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nar Chin Keow	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Teh Yong Khim	1,040,000	0.476	-	-	1,040,000	0.501	-	-
<b>Substantial Shareholders</b>								
Lin, Hao-Wen	27,002,041	12.362	-	-	27,002,041	13.021	-	-
Lin, Hao-Yu	29,272,223	13.401	-	-	29,272,223	14.115	-	-

Notes:-

\* Based on 218,431,668 total number of issued shares of the Company (excluding 11,988,332 treasury shares as at LPD)

^ Assuming the Proposed Share Buy-Back is implemented in full, i.e. up to 10% of total number of issued shares of the Company, the Purchased Shares are held as treasury shares and that the Directors and the substantial shareholders' shareholdings in Focus Lumber remain unchanged.

### Maximum Scenario

	Number of Shares held as at LPD *				After ESOS #				After ESOS and Proposed Share Buy-Back ^			
	Direct	%	Indirect	%	Direct	%	Indirect	%	Direct	%	Indirect	%
<b>Directors</b>												
Datuk Aznam Bin Mansor	1,591,200	0.728	-	-	3,091,200	1.390	-	-	3,091,200	1.463	-	-
Lin, Hao-Wen	27,002,041	12.362	-	-	27,302,041	12.280	-	-	27,302,041	12.923	-	-
Wong Yoke Nyen	1,690,000	0.774	-	-	2,430,000	1.093	-	-	2,430,000	1.152	-	-
Ng Tian Meng	3,200,000	1.465	-	-	3,200,000	1.439	-	-	3,200,000	1.515	-	-
Lin, Hao-Yu	29,272,223	13.401	-	-	29,552,223	13.293	-	-	29,552,223	13.988	-	-
Lin, Pei-Wen	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nar Chin Keow	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Teh Yong Khim	1,040,000	0.476	-	-	1,040,000	0.468	-	-	1,040,000	0.492	-	-
<b>Substantial Shareholders</b>												
Lin, Hao-Wen	27,002,041	12.362	-	-	27,302,041	12.280	-	-	27,302,041	12.923	-	-
Lin, Hao-Yu	29,272,223	13.401	-	-	29,552,223	13.293	-	-	29,552,223	13.988	-	-

Notes:-

\* Based on 218,431,668 total number of issued shares of the Company (excluding 11,988,332 treasury shares as at LPD)

# Assuming full exercise of all outstanding options granted under ESOS

^ Assuming full exercise of all outstanding options granted under ESOS and the Proposed Share Buy-Back is implemented in full, i.e. up to 10% of total number of issued shares of the Company, the Purchased Shares are held as treasury shares

## **9. PUBLIC SHAREHOLDING SPREAD**

As at LPD, the public shareholding spread of the Company was 70.794%. The Proposed Renewal of Share Buy-Back Mandate will be carried out in accordance with the prevailing laws at the time of the purchase including compliance with 25% public shareholding spread as required under Paragraph 8.02(1) of the Listing Requirements.

The Board will endeavour to ensure that the Company complies with the public shareholding spread requirements and shall not buy back the Company's Shares if the purchase would result in the public shareholding spread requirements not being met.

## **10. IMPLICATION OF THE CODE**

If any one of the Directors, Substantial Shareholders and/or their respective parties acting in concert with them, as a result of the Proposed Share Buy-Back:

- (a) obtains control in the Company (which is the holding of, or entitlement to exercise or control the exercise of, more than 33% of the voting shares or voting rights of the Company); or
- (b) increases his/their existing shareholdings of the Company (which is more than 33% but not more than 50% of the voting shares or voting rights of the Company) by more than 2% in any six (6) months period,

the affected Director, Substantial Shareholder and/or parties acting in concert with them ("Affected Person(s)") would be obliged to undertake a mandatory offer for the remainder Focus Lumber Shares not already owned by them pursuant to the Code. However, a waiver to undertake a mandatory offer may be granted by the SC under the Code upon application by the Affected Person(s) before triggering the mandatory offer and subject to the affected Director, Substantial Shareholder and/or parties acting in concert with them complying with certain conditions.

The Board is aware of the implications of the Code and will be mindful of such implications when making any purchase of Focus Lumber Shares pursuant to the Proposed Renewal of Share Buy-Back Mandate.

However, in the event an obligation to undertake a mandatory offer is expected to arise with respect to any party or parties resulting from the Proposed Share Buy-Back, which is an action outside its direct participation, the relevant parties will make necessary application to the SC for an exemption from undertaking a mandatory offer pursuant to the Code prior to any buy-back of the Shares.

## **11. INTERESTS OF DIRECTORS, SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS AND PERSONS CONNECTED TO THEM**

None of the Directors and/or Substantial Shareholders and/or persons connected to them, has any interest, direct or indirect, in the Proposed Renewal of Share Buy-Back Mandate or the subsequent resale of the treasury shares (if any).

## **12. PURCHASE, RESALE, TRANSFER AND/OR CANCELLATION OF FOCUS LUMBER SHARES IN THE PRECEDING TWELVE (12) MONTHS**

As at LPD, the Company had purchased a total of 11,988,332 of its own Shares and retained as treasury shares in accordance with the provision of Section 127 of the Act.

The details of Shares purchased by the Company in the preceding twelve (12) months from April 2022 to 6 April 2023, being the LPD are as follows:-

Date of Purchased	No. of Shares Purchased	Highest Price (RM)	Lowest Price (RM)	Average Price (RM)	Total Consideration Paid (RM)
13.06.2022	301,800	1.29	1.28	1.290	389,304.00
14.06.2022	110,000	1.28	1.25	1.257	138,296.00
15.06.2022	127,600	1.27	1.23	1.252	159,725.00
16.06.2022	74,700	1.28	1.27	1.273	95,116.00
20.06.2022	374,300	1.26	1.23	1.252	468,549.00
23.06.2022	212,400	1.26	1.23	1.259	267,367.00
05.07.2022	51,200	1.29	1.25	1.273	65,198.00
06.07.2022	59,700	1.30	1.28	1.289	76,924.00
08.07.2022	17,900	1.29	1.25	1.278	22,884.00
12.07.2022	306,900	1.29	1.26	1.288	395,418.00
26.09.2022	37,500	1.32	1.29	1.319	49,456.00
03.10.2022	54,800	1.32	1.29	1.298	71,154.00
04.10.2022	31,600	1.33	1.31	1.320	41,724.00
05.10.2022	35,400	1.34	1.32	1.331	47,112.00
06.10.2022	40,600	1.37	1.35	1.361	55,263.00
07.10.2022	184,700	1.40	1.36	1.394	257,403.00
11.10.2022	84,200	1.38	1.35	1.356	114,148.00
12.10.2022	56,200	1.39	1.37	1.380	77,539.00
13.10.2022	57,800	1.39	1.36	1.378	79,628.00
17.10.2022	54,500	1.39	1.36	1.375	74,921.00
18.10.2022	53,200	1.40	1.38	1.399	74,413.00
20.10.2022	126,300	1.39	1.36	1.369	172,869.00
27.10.2022	67,800	1.37	1.34	1.352	91,675.00
28.10.2022	889,600	1.40	1.37	1.396	1,242,189.00
01.11.2022	9,348,070	(Adjustment due to Company's Bonus Issue)			
09.11.2022	29,600	0.68	0.655	0.672	19,890.00
21.11.2022	30,400	0.66	0.635	0.645	19,613.50
23.11.2022	7,400	0.66	0.66	0.66	4,884.00
13.12.2022	228,000	0.64	0.615	0.625	142,517.50
14.12.2022	266,900	0.65	0.635	0.639	170,681.00
15.12.2022	260,000	0.66	0.64	0.651	169,181.00
19.12.2022	87,100	0.655	0.63	0.645	56,212.50
21.12.2022	16,000	0.65	0.645	0.647	10,350.00
22.12.2022	11,000	0.65	0.645	0.645	7,097.50
23.12.2022	321,200	0.65	0.63	0.636	204,390.00
27.12.2022	67,000	0.64	0.63	0.637	42,662.00
28.12.2022	41,000	0.64	0.63	0.634	25,989.00
29.12.2022	20,000	0.635	0.63	0.631	12,615.00
30.12.2022	63,000	0.635	0.625	0.628	39,559.00
04.01.2023	20,000	0.63	0.62	0.627	12,532.00
05.01.2023	117,100	0.625	0.610	0.613	71,834.00
06.01.2023	120,600	0.61	0.595	0.600	72,372.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,465,070</b>				<b>5,610,655.00</b>

Note: Treasury shares purchased on or after 31 October 2022 was after the price adjustment of bonus issue on the basis of 1 bonus share for each existing Focus Lumber Share held.

The Company had on 30 September 2022 and 30 December 2022, distributed treasury shares as share dividend to its eligible shareholders in the following manner:-

Date	No. of Treasury Shares Distributed	Description
30 September 2022	2,077,330 shares	Interim dividend via share dividend distribution of treasury shares on the basis of one (1) treasury share for every fifty (50) existing ordinary shares held.
30 December 2022	8,414,108 shares	Interim dividend via share dividend distribution of treasury shares on the basis of one (1) treasury share for every twenty-five (25) existing ordinary shares held.

Other than the above, the Company has not resold, transferred or cancelled any of its treasury shares in the preceding twelve (12) months from April 2022 to March 2023.

### 13. MARKET PRICE OF THE COMPANY'S SHARES

The following table sets out the monthly highest and lowest prices of Focus Lumber Shares traded on Bursa Securities for the preceding twelve (12) months from April 2022 up to 6 April 2023, being the LPD are as follows:-

<b>2022</b>	<b><u>Highest (RM)</u></b>	<b><u>Lowest (RM)</u></b>
April	1.68	1.40
May	1.65	1.36
June	1.47	1.22
July	1.36	1.23
August	1.40	1.30
September	1.54	1.27
October		
- From 01.10.2022 to 30.10.2022	1.42	1.27
- On 31.10.2022	0.695	0.68
November	0.70	0.63
December	0.695	0.61
<b>2023</b>		
January	0.655	0.555
February	0.645	0.565
March	0.585	0.51

(Source: RHB BTX)

Note: The share price was adjusted on 31 October 2022 pursuant to the bonus issue on the basis of 1 bonus share for each existing Focus Lumber Share held.

The last transacted market price of Focus Lumber Shares on 6 April 2023 (being the LPD) was RM0.53.

### 14. APPROVAL REQUIRED

The Proposed Renewal of Share Buy-Back Mandate is solely subject to the approval of the shareholders of Focus Lumber at the forthcoming 33<sup>rd</sup> AGM to be convened.

### 15. DIRECTORS' STATEMENT AND RECOMMENDATION

After having taken into consideration the Proposed Renewal of Share Buy-Back Mandate stated above, the Directors are of the opinion that the Proposed Renewal of Share Buy-Back Mandate is in the best interest of the Company. Accordingly, the Directors recommend that the shareholders **VOTE IN FAVOUR** of the ordinary resolution pertaining to the Proposed Renewal of Share Buy-Back Mandate to be tabled at the Company's forthcoming 33<sup>rd</sup> AGM.

## 16. 33<sup>rd</sup> AGM

The Ordinary Resolution in respect of the Proposed Renewal of Share Buy-Back Mandate as set out in the Notice of 33<sup>rd</sup> AGM will be tabled at the forthcoming 33<sup>rd</sup> AGM of the Company. The Statement is available at <http://focuslumber.com.my/investors-relations/generalmeetings/> together with the Annual Report 2022, Notice of 33<sup>rd</sup> AGM, Proxy Form and the Administrative Guide to the 33<sup>rd</sup> AGM of the Company.

The 33<sup>rd</sup> AGM of Focus Lumber will be conducted entirely through live streaming from the broadcast venue at Leadership Room, Unit 32-01, Level 32, Tower A, Vertical Business Suite, Avenue 3, Bangsar South, No. 8, Jalan Kerinchi, 59200 Kuala Lumpur on Friday, 19 May 2023 at 2.00 p.m. or any adjournment thereof, using RPV facilities provided by Tricor Investor & Issuing House Services Sdn. Bhd. via its TIIH Online website at <https://tiih.online>, for the purpose of considering and if thought fit, passing with or without modifications, the Ordinary Resolution on the Proposed Renewal of Share Buy-Back Mandate, under the agenda of Special Business.

Shareholders **will not be allowed** to attend this 33<sup>rd</sup> AGM in person at the Broadcast Venue on the day of the meeting.

**Please read the Notes in the Notice of 33<sup>rd</sup> AGM carefully and follow the procedures in the Administrative Guide for 33<sup>rd</sup> AGM in order to participate remotely via RPV facilities.**

If you are unable to participate in this 33<sup>rd</sup> AGM, you may appoint a proxy(ies) by completing, sign and deposit the Proxy Form in accordance with the instructions therein, to the Company's Share Registrar at Tricor Investor & Issuing House Services Sdn Bhd of Unit 32-01, Level 32, Tower A, Vertical Business Suite, Avenue 3, Bangsar South, No. 8, Jalan Kerinchi, 59200 Kuala Lumpur or alternatively, the Customer Service Centre at Unit G-3, Ground Floor, Vertical Podium, Avenue 3, Bangsar South, No. 8, Jalan Kerinchi, 59200 Kuala Lumpur not later than forty-eight (48) hours before the date and time set for holding the 33<sup>rd</sup> AGM or any adjournment thereof. You may also have the option to lodge the Proxy Form electronically via TIIH Online at <https://tiih.online> before the proxy appointment cut-off time as mentioned above. For further information on the electronic lodgement of Proxy Form, kindly refer to the Administrative Guide to the 33<sup>rd</sup> AGM.

The lodging of the Proxy Form will not preclude you from attending and voting in person at the 33<sup>rd</sup> AGM should you subsequently wish to do.

## 17. FURTHER INFORMATION

Shareholders are advised to refer to the Appendices in this Statement for further information.

Yours faithfully  
For and on behalf of the Board of Directors  
**FOCUS LUMBER BERHAD**

**DATUK AZNAM BIN MANSOR**  
Chairman/ Independent Non-Executive Director



## **APPENDIX I**

### **FURTHER INFORMATION**

#### **1. RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT**

The Directors of Focus Lumber have seen and approved the contents of this Statement and they collectively and individually accept full responsibility for the accuracy of the information given in this Statement and confirm that, after having made all reasonable enquiries and to the best of their knowledge and belief, there are no other facts the omission of which would make any statement in this Statement misleading.

#### **2. DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION**

Copies of the following documents are available for inspection by members of the Company at the registered office of the Company at 12A, Jalan Teluk Likas, 88450 Kota Kinabalu, Sabah during normal business hours from Mondays to Fridays (excluding Public Holidays) from the date of this Statement up to and including the date of the forthcoming 33<sup>rd</sup> AGM:

- (a) Constitution of Focus Lumber; and
- (b) Audited consolidated financial statements of Focus Lumber for the past two (2) financial years ended 31 December 2021 and 31 December 2022.

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## APPENDIX II

### ORDINARY RESOLUTION TO BE TABLED AT THE 33<sup>RD</sup> AGM OF FOCUS LUMBER IN RELATION TO THE PROPOSED RENEWAL OF SHARE BUY-BACK MANDATE

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#### Ordinary Resolution

#### Proposed Renewal of Shareholders' Mandate for the Authority to the Company to Purchase Its Own Shares up to Ten Per Centum (10%) of the Total Number of Issued Shares

THAT subject always to the Companies Act 2016 ("the Act"), the Constitution of the Company, the Main Market Listing Requirements of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad ("Bursa Securities") ("Listing Requirements") and all other applicable laws, guidelines, rules and regulations, the Company be and is hereby authorised, to the fullest extent permitted by law, to purchase such number of issued shares in the Company as may be determined by the Directors of the Company from time to time through Bursa Securities upon such terms and conditions as the Directors may deem fit and expedient in the interest of the Company provided that:

- (i) the aggregate number of issued shares in the Company ("Shares") purchased ("Purchased Shares") and/or held as treasury shares pursuant to this ordinary resolution does not exceed ten per centum (10%) of the total number of issued shares of the Company as quoted on Bursa Securities as at point of purchase; and
- (ii) the maximum fund to be allocated by the Company for the purpose of purchasing the shares shall not exceed the aggregate of the retained profits of the Company based on the latest audited financial statements and/or the latest management accounts (where applicable) available at the time of the purchase,

("Proposed Share Buy-Back").

AND THAT the authority to facilitate the Proposed Share Buy-Back will commence immediately upon passing of this Ordinary Resolution and will continue to be in force until:

- (a) the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting of the Company following the general meeting at which such resolution is passed at which time it will lapse, unless by ordinary resolution passed at the meeting, the authority is renewed, either unconditionally or subject to conditions;
- (b) the expiration of the period within which the next Annual General Meeting of the Company is required by law to be held; or
- (c) revoked or varied by ordinary resolution passed by the shareholders of the Company at a general meeting,

whichever occurs first, but shall not prejudice the completion of purchase(s) by the Company of its own Shares before the aforesaid expiry date and, in any event, in accordance with the Listing Requirements and any applicable laws, rules, regulations, orders, guidelines and requirements issued by any relevant authorities.

AND THAT the Directors of the Company be and are hereby authorised, at their discretion, to deal with the Purchased Shares until all the Purchased Shares have been dealt with by the Directors in the following manner as may be permitted by the Act, Listing Requirements, applicable laws, rules, regulations, guidelines, requirements and/or orders of any relevant authorities for the time being in force:

- (i) To cancel all or part of the Purchased Shares;
- (ii) To retain all or part of the Purchased Shares as treasury shares as defined in Section 127 of the Act;
- (iii) To distribute all or part of the treasury shares as dividends to the shareholders of the Company;
- (iv) To resell all or part of the treasury shares;

- (v) To transfer all or part of the treasury shares for the purposes of or under the employees' share scheme established by the Company and/or its subsidiaries;
- (vi) To transfer all or part of the treasury shares as purchase consideration;
- (vii) To sell, transfer or otherwise use the shares for such other purposes as the Minister charged with responsibility for companies may by order prescribe; and/or
- (viii) To deal with the treasury shares in any other manners as allowed by the Act, Listing Requirements, applicable laws, rules, regulations, guidelines, requirements and/or orders of any relevant authorities for the time being in force.

AND THAT the Directors of the Company be and are authorised to take all such steps as are necessary or expedient [including without limitation, the opening and maintaining of central depository account(s) under Securities Industry (Central Depositories) Act, 1991, and the entering into all other agreements, arrangements and guarantee with any party or parties] to implement, finalise and give full effect to the Proposed Share Buy-Back with full powers to assent to any conditions, modifications, variations and/or amendments (if any) as may be imposed by the relevant authorities.

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