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**RIMBUNAN SAWIT BERHAD**

(Company No. 691393-U)

(Incorporated in Malaysia)

**CIRCULAR TO SHAREHOLDERS**

*in relation to*

- (I) PROPOSED SHAREHOLDER RATIFICATION FOR RECURRENT RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS OF A REVENUE OR TRADING NATURE**
- (II) PROPOSED RENEWAL OF AND NEW SHAREHOLDER MANDATE FOR RECURRENT RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS OF A REVENUE OR TRADING NATURE**

**IMPORTANT DATES AND TIMES :-**

Last date and time for lodgement of form of proxy	:	Saturday, 7 May 2011 at 11.30 am
Date and time of annual general meeting	:	Monday, 9 May 2011 at 11.30 am
Place of annual general meeting	:	Function Room, 1st Floor No. 41 & 42, Pusat Suria Permata Jalan Upper Lanang 96000 Sibu, Sarawak

## DEFINITIONS

In this circular, the following definitions apply throughout unless otherwise stated :-

“AGM”	Annual general meeting
“Board”	The Board of Directors of RSB
“Bursa Securities”	Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad
“Companies Act”	The Malaysian Companies Act, 1965, as amended from time to time and any enactment thereof
“CPO”	Crude palm oil
“Date of Acquisition”	15 September 2010, the date where Rimbunan Sawit Berhad (“RSB”) completed the acquisition of the equity interests in nine (9) plantation companies and the commercial rights of a plantation estate from the respective vendors as announced on 30 December 2009
“Directors”	The directors for the time being of RSB, and shall have the same meaning given in Section 2(1) of the Capital Markets and Services Act, 2007 and includes any person who is or was within the preceding six (6) months of the date on which the terms of the transactions were agreed upon, a director or chief executive of RSB, its subsidiary or holding company
“FFB”	Fresh fruit bunches
“Group” or “RSB Group”	RSB and its subsidiaries
“Listing Requirements”	The Main Market Listing Requirements of Bursa Securities, as amended from time to time and any enactment thereof
“Major Shareholder”	<p>A person who has an interest or interests in one (1) or more voting shares in a corporation and the nominal amount of that share, or the aggregate of the nominal amounts of those shares, is :-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) 10% or more of the aggregate of the nominal amounts of all the voting shares in the corporation; or</li><li>(b) 5% or more of the aggregate of the nominal amounts of all the voting shares in the corporation where such person is the largest shareholder of the corporation</li></ul> <p>Includes any person who is or was within the preceding six (6) months of the date on which the terms of the transactions were agreed upon, a major shareholder of RSB or any other corporation which is its subsidiary or holding company</p> <p>For the purpose of this definition, “interest in shares” shall have the same meaning given in Section 6A of the Companies Act</p>
“Persons Connected”	This shall have the same meaning as in Paragraph 1.01 of the Listing Requirements
“PK”	Palm kernel
“Proposed Shareholder Mandate”	Proposed Shareholder Mandate for both the existing and new RRPT

Proposed Shareholder Ratification	Proposed shareholder ratification for RRPT entered into or to be entered into from the Date of Acquisition until the date of the forthcoming AGM of RSB
“related party”	A director, major shareholder or person connected with such director or major shareholder. For the purpose of this definition, “director”, “major shareholder” and their person connected shall have the same meanings given as above
“related party transaction”	A transaction entered into by the listed issuer or its subsidiaries which involves the interest, direct or indirect, of a related party
“RM”	Ringgit Malaysia
“RRPT”	A related party transaction which is recurrent, of a revenue or trading nature and which is necessary for day-to-day operations of RSB Group and which has been made or will be made by RSB Group at least once in three (3) years in the ordinary course of business of RSB Group
“RSB” or “the Company”	Rimbunan Sawit Berhad
“Shares”	Ordinary shares of RM0.50 each
“Shareholder Mandate”	Shareholder mandate pursuant to Paragraph 10.09 of the Listing Requirements

*Words importing the singular shall, where applicable, include the plural and vice versa, and words importing the masculine gender shall, where applicable, include the feminine and neuter genders. Words importing persons include corporations.*

*Any reference to any enactment is a reference to that enactment as for the time being amended or re-enacted. Any word defined under the Companies Act and used in this circular shall have the meaning assigned to it under the Companies Act.*

*Any reference to a time of day shall be a reference to Malaysian time.*

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*Registered office:*

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Sarawak

15 April 2011

## **Board of Directors :-**

Tan Sri Datuk Sir Diong Hiew King @ Tiong Hiew King	- Executive Chairman
Tiong Kiong King	- Non-Independent Non-Executive Vice Chairman
Tiong Chiong Ong	- Managing Director
Tiong Chiong Ie	- Non-Independent Non-Executive Director
Bong Wei Leong	- Independent Director
Tiong Ing Ming	- Independent Director

## **To : The Shareholders of Rimbulan Sawit Berhad**

Dear Sir/Madam

### **(I) PROPOSED SHAREHOLDER RATIFICATION FOR RECURRENT RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS OF A REVENUE OR TRADING NATURE**

### **(II) PROPOSED RENEWAL OF AND NEW SHAREHOLDER MANDATE FOR RECURRENT RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS OF A REVENUE OR TRADING NATURE**

#### **1. INTRODUCTION**

At the Company's AGM held on 10 February 2010, your Board obtained Shareholder Mandate for RSB Group to enter into RRPT. The existing Shareholder Mandate shall, in accordance with the Listing Requirements, lapse at the conclusion of the forthcoming AGM, which has been scheduled for 9 May 2011, unless it is renewed.

Bursa Securities had vide its letter dated 9 November 2010, approved the Company's application for extension of time to procure shareholder ratification for RRPT entered into from the Date of Acquisition up to the Company's next AGM or EGM, whichever occurs first.

Subsequently on 24 March 2011 and 31 March 2011, the Company announced through Bursa Securities that the Board proposes to seek Shareholder Ratification and Shareholder Mandate for both the existing and new RRPT at the AGM.

The purpose of this circular is to provide shareholders with details, effects and rationale pertaining to this proposal and to seek shareholders' approval for the resolutions, which are to be tabled as ordinary resolutions at the forthcoming AGM scheduled to be held on 9 May 2011.

#### **2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION OF PROVISIONS IN THE LISTING REQUIREMENTS**

Paragraph 10.09(2) of the Listing Requirements states that with regard to related party transactions which are recurrent, of a revenue or trading nature and which are necessary for day-to-day operations, the Company may seek a mandate from its shareholders, subject to the following :-

- (a) the transactions are in the ordinary course of business and are on terms not more favourable to the related party than those generally available to the public;
- (b) the Shareholder Mandate is subject to annual renewal and disclosure is made in the annual report of the aggregate value of transactions conducted pursuant to the Shareholder Mandate during the financial year where the aggregate value is equal to or more than the threshold prescribed under Paragraph 10.09(1) of the Listing Requirements;

- (c) the Company's circular to shareholders for the Shareholder Mandate shall include the information as may be prescribed by Bursa Securities. The draft circular must be submitted to Bursa Securities together with a checklist showing compliance with such information;
- (d) in a meeting to obtain Shareholder Mandate, the interested director, interested major shareholder or interested person connected with a director or major shareholder; and where it involves the interest of an interested person connected with a director or major shareholder, such director or major shareholder, must not vote on the resolution to approve the transactions. An interested director or interested major shareholder must ensure that persons connected with him abstain from voting on the resolution approving the transactions; and
- (e) the Company must immediately announce to Bursa Securities when the actual value of a RRPT entered into by the Company, exceeds the estimated value of the RRPT disclosed in the circular by ten percent (10%) or more and the Company must include the information as may be prescribed by Bursa Securities in its announcement.

### 3. FEATURES OF THE PROPOSED SHAREHOLDER RATIFICATION AND MANDATE

#### (a) Principal activities of RSB Group

RSB is principally an investment holding company whilst the subsidiaries are mainly involved in the cultivation of oil palm, processing of palm oil and other ancillary activities.

The subsidiaries of RSB as at 15 March 2011, with principal activities are as follows : -

Name of subsidiary	Effective equity interest held (%)	Principal activities
1. R.H. Plantation Sdn Bhd ("RHP")	100	Cultivation of oil palm and processing of palm oil
2. Timrest Sdn Bhd ("TR")	100	Cultivation of oil palm
3. Rimbunan Sawit Holdings Berhad ("RSHB")	100	Investment holding
4. Midas Plantation Sdn Bhd ("MP") - subsidiary of RSHB	100	Special purpose vehicle incorporated to facilitate the issuance of the Islamic debt instruments pursuant to a sale and leaseback arrangement involving some of the assets of RHP and TR
5. Baram Trading Sdn Bhd ("BT")	85	Cultivation of oil palm
6. Nescaya Palma Sdn Bhd ("NP")	85	Cultivation of oil palm
7. Lumiera Enterprise Sdn Bhd ("LME")	100	Cultivation of oil palm (under development)
8. Woodijaya Sdn Bhd ("WJ")	85	Cultivation of oil palm (under development)
9. Jayamax Plantation Sdn Bhd ("JYX")	100	Cultivation of oil palm
10. Novelpac-Puncakdana Plantation Sdn Bhd ("NVP")	85	Cultivation of oil palm
11. Lubuk Tiara Sdn Bhd ("LT")	65	Cultivation of oil palm

Name of subsidiary	Effective equity interest held (%)	Principal activities
12. Pelita-Splendid Plantation Sdn Bhd (“PSP”)	70	Cultivation of oil palm
13. PJP Pelita Biawak Plantation Sdn Bhd (“PBW”)	70	Cultivation of oil palm
14. PJP Pelita Ekang-Banyok Plantation Sdn Bhd (“PEB”)	60	Cultivation of oil palm
15. PJP Pelita Lundu Plantation Sdn Bhd (“PLD”)	60	Cultivation of oil palm
16. PJP Pelita Selangau Plantation Sdn Bhd (“PSG”)	60	Cultivation of oil palm
17. PJP Pelita Ulu Teru Plantation Sdn Bhd (“PUT”)	60	Cultivation of oil palm

**(b) RRPT**

In accordance to the Listing Requirements and the directive of Bursa Securities, RSB needs to seek Shareholder Ratification and Shareholder Mandate on RRPT.

These RRPT are all incurred in the Group’s normal course of business and the names of the companies (hereinafter referred as “Related Parties”), details of the RRPT, the names of Directors, Major Shareholders and Persons Connected with them who are interested in these RRPT are outlined on pages 4 to 41 of this circular.

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Name of Related Parties	Nature of RRPT	Names of Interested Directors, Interested Major Shareholders of RSB Group and Interested Persons Connected	Manner of relationship with the Related Parties as at 15 March 2011 (the latest practicable date)		Proposed Shareholder Ratification		Proposed Shareholder Mandate
			Director	Shareholder	Actual value transacted from Date of Acquisition to 15 March 2011 (the latest practicable date) (RM)	Estimated value from 16 March 2011 to the date of AGM (RM)	Estimated value from date of AGM to the date of next AGM (RM)
Kejuruteraan Utama Sentiasa Sdn Bhd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Repair of plant &amp; machineries by NVP, PSG</li> <li>Repair of motor vehicles by JYX, NVP, PSG, PLD</li> <li>Purchase of spare parts &amp; POL by PLD, NVP</li> </ul>	Tan Sri Datuk Sir Diong Hiew King @ Tiong Hiew King <sup>1</sup> Tiong Toh Siong Holdings Sdn Bhd <sup>1i</sup> Teck Sing Lik Enterprise Sdn Bhd <sup>1j</sup> Tiong Toh Siong Enterprises Sdn Bhd <sup>1k</sup> Prihartia Development Sdn Bhd <sup>4a</sup> Tiong Chiong Ie <sup>4</sup> Tiong Chiong Siong <sup>4b</sup> Tiong Jin Choo <sup>4c</sup> Datuk Tiong Thai King <sup>5</sup> Fatherland Enterprise Sdn Bhd <sup>3a</sup> Tiong Chiong Hee <sup>3b</sup> Tiong Chiong Yong <sup>5c</sup> Tiong Kiu King <sup>3g</sup> Tiong Kiong King <sup>3</sup> Biru-Hijau Enterprise Sdn Bhd <sup>3a</sup> Dato <sup>7</sup> Sri Dr. Tiong Ik King <sup>1r</sup> Pertumbuhan Abadi Asia Sdn Bhd <sup>1l</sup> Rimbunan Hijau Southeast Asia Sdn Bhd <sup>1m</sup> Datin Tiong Ching <sup>1c</sup> Dato <sup>7</sup> Tiong Ing <sup>1c</sup> Puan Sri Datin Ngu Yii Chuo <sup>1a</sup> Tiong Chiong Ong <sup>2</sup> Tiong Choon <sup>1c</sup> Tiong Chiew <sup>1c</sup>	X	√	23,233.45	19,000.00	60,000.00
			X	√	33,778.19	9,750.00	150,000.00
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Tiong Toh Siong & Sons Sdn Bhd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Purchase of diesel by JYX, LT, PUT, NVP, PSG, PLD</li> <li>• Rental of plant &amp; machineries by PUT</li> </ul>	Tan Sri Datuk Sir Diong Hiew King @ Tiong Hiew King <sup>1</sup> Teck Sing Lik Enterprise Sdn Bhd <sup>1j</sup> Priharta Development Sdn Bhd <sup>4a</sup> Tiong Kiong King <sup>3</sup> Datuk Tiong Thai King <sup>5</sup> Tiong Chiong Ong <sup>2</sup> Tiong Choon <sup>1c</sup> Dato' Sri Dr. Tiong Ik King <sup>1f</sup> Tiong Kiu King <sup>1g</sup> Tiong Chiong Ie <sup>4</sup> Tiong Chiong Siong <sup>4b</sup> Tiong Jin Choo <sup>4c</sup> Fatherland Enterprise Sdn Bhd <sup>5a</sup> Tiong Chiong Hee <sup>5b</sup> Tiong Chiong Yong <sup>5c</sup> Datin Tiong Ching <sup>1c</sup> Dato' Tiong Ing <sup>1c</sup> Puan Sri Datin Ngu Yui Chuo <sup>1a</sup> Tiong Chiew <sup>1c</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>√</li> <li>X</li> <li>X</li> <li>X</li> <li>√</li> <li>√</li> <li>√</li> <li>X</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>√</li> </ul>	2,918,048.22	1,860,000.00	7,500,000.00
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3. (c) **Deviation between the actual value of the RRPT transacted pursuant to the existing Shareholder Mandate and the estimated value of the RRPT as disclosed in the preceding year's circular to shareholders dated 19 January 2010 ('Circular').**

The actual value of each RRPT transacted pursuant to the existing Shareholder Mandate obtained on 10 February 2010 up to 15 March 2011 (being the latest practicable date prior to printing of this circular) does not exceed the estimated value of the respective RRPT as disclosed in the Circular, by ten percent (10%) or more.

(d) **The Related Parties**

<b>Name of Director and Major Shareholder of RSB Group</b>	<b>Persons/Companies connected</b>	<b>Relationship</b>
<b>1</b> Tan Sri Datuk Sir Diong Hiew King @ Tiong Hiew King - <i>Directors of RSB, RHP, TR, NVP, BT, ME and WJ, and Major Shareholder of RSB</i>	<b>1a</b> Puan Sri Datin Ngu Yii Chuo <b>1b</b> Tiong Chiong Ong <sup>2</sup> <b>1c</b> Tiong Choon, Datin Tiong Ching, Dato' Tiong Ing and Tiong Chiew <b>1d</b> Tiong Kiong King <sup>3</sup> ; <b>1e</b> Datuk Tiong Thai King <sup>5</sup> ; <b>1f</b> Dato' Sri Dr. Tiong Ik King; and <b>1g</b> Tiong Kiu King  <b>1h</b> Ko Yeu Ying and James Lau Sze Yuan  <b>1i</b> Tiong Toh Siong Holdings Sdn Bhd - <i>Major Shareholder of RSB</i> ; <b>1j</b> Teck Sing Lik Enterprise Sdn Bhd - <i>Major Shareholder of RSB</i> ; <b>1k</b> Tiong Toh Siong Enterprises Sdn Bhd - <i>Major Shareholder of RSB</i> ; <b>1l</b> Pertumbuhan Abadi Asia Sdn Bhd - <i>Major Shareholder of RSB</i> ; <b>1m</b> Rimbunan Hijau Southeast Asia Sdn Bhd - <i>Major Shareholder of RSB</i> ; <b>1n</b> Rimbunan Hijau (Sarawak) Sdn Bhd <b>1o</b> Pemandangan Jauh Plantation Sdn Bhd; and <b>1p</b> Kendaie Oil Palm Plantation Sdn Bhd.	} Spouse } Son } Daughters } } Brothers } } } Sons-in-law } } } } Substantial } interests in } shareholdings } } } } } } } } }
<b>2</b> Tiong Chiong Ong - <i>Directors of RSHB, RSB, RHP, TR, MP, LME, NP, WJ, JYX, NVP, PSP, PBW, LT, PEB, PLD, PSG and PUT.</i>	<b>2a</b> Leong Soon May	} Spouse
<b>3</b> Tiong Kiong King - <i>Directors of RSHB, RSB, TR, JYX, LT, PBW, PEB, PLD, PSG, PUT and PSP.</i>	<b>3a</b> Biru-Hijau Enterprise Sdn Bhd	} Substantial } interests in } shareholdings
<b>4</b> Tiong Chiong Ie - <i>Directors of RSB, BT and LT</i>	<b>4a</b> Prihartta Development Sdn Bhd  <b>4b</b> Tiong Chiong Siong <b>4c</b> Tiong Jin Choo	} Substantial } interest in } shareholdings } Brother } Sister
<b>5</b> Datuk Tiong Thai King - <i>Directors of TR, RHP, NP, JYX, NVP and LT.</i>	<b>5a</b> Fatherland Enterprise Sdn Bhd  <b>5b</b> Tiong Chiong Hee; and <b>5c</b> Tiong Chiong Yong	} Substantial } interest in } shareholdings  } Son } Son

**(e) Review method or procedures for RRPT**

The Board has in place an internal control system, which includes review procedures and guidelines to ensure that transactions with Mandated Related Parties are undertaken on normal commercial terms not prejudicial to the interests of the minority shareholders. These procedures are in place to ensure that each major Mandated Related Party transactions is approved and reviewed by the Directors or authorized personnel, based on the prices and terms not more favourable to the Mandated Related Parties than those generally available to the public, on arms length basis and are not to the detriment of the minority shareholders, giving due consideration to all circumstances of each transaction.

These procedures include the following :-

- (i) market surveys will be conducted to gather information to compare the prices, fees or charges quoted by third parties and Mandated Related Parties for the purpose of determining the competitive market price, fee or charges of materials, goods and services. It is the normal practice of RSB to purchase materials, goods or services from related parties when the prices, fees or charges are competitive with prices, fees or charges obtained from third parties. Other factors such as availability of raw material or resources, reliability of supply, delivery, services and quality of material or goods will also be taken into consideration for evaluation purposes;
- (ii) the terms and conditions on purchases and sales are determined by market force, under similar commercial terms for transaction with third parties which depend on the demand and supply of the products and subject to the availability of the products in the market;
- (iii) market value will be used to determine the rental sum in respect of renting of premises;
- (iv) all RRPTs are reviewed by the Audit Committee of the Company periodically;
- (v) the cost plus method will be used where appropriate in the determination of fair price or contract rates. This method determines the arm's length price or rate by adding an appropriate handling charges;
- (vi) a list of the Related Parties mandated pursuant to the Proposed Shareholder Mandate will be circulated within the Group with notification that all RRPTs are required to be undertaken on arm's length basis and on normal commercial terms which are not more favourable to the Related Parties than those generally available to the public and are not to the detriment of the minority shareholders;
- (vii) records are maintained by our Company on all RRPTs which are entered into pursuant to the Shareholder Mandate;
- (viii) on a periodic basis, the procedures and guidelines pertaining to Mandated Related Party transactions will be reviewed by senior management of RSB and the Audit Committee to ensure that the prices and terms of the transactions are not more favourable to the Mandated Related Parties than those generally available to the public, and are not to the detriment of the minority shareholders;
- (ix) the annual internal audit plan shall incorporate a review of all related party transactions to ensure that the relevant approvals have been obtained and the review procedures in respect of such transactions are adhered to. Should any discrepancies arise relating to the procedures and guidelines, proper steps would be taken to rectify them accordingly;
- (x) the Audit Committee shall, amongst others, review these internal audit plan and reports on RRPT and any conflict of interests situation that may arise within RSB and the Group, including any transaction, procedure or course of conduct that raises questions of management integrity; and
- (xi) at least two (2) other contemporaneous transactions with unrelated third parties for similar products/services and/or quantities will be used as comparison, wherever possible, to determine whether the price and terms offered by the Mandated Related Parties are fair and reasonable and comparable to those offered by other unrelated third parties for the same or substantially similar type of products/services and/or quantities.

In the event that quotation or comparative pricing from unrelated third parties cannot be obtained, the transaction price will be based on prevailing market rates/prices that are agreed upon under similar commercial terms for transactions with third parties, business practices and policies and on terms which are generally in line with industry norms and that the RRPT is not detrimental to the Company or the Group.

**(f) Threshold of Authority**

There are no specific thresholds for approval of RRPTs within the Group. However, all RRPTs are subject to the approval of the appropriate levels of authority as determined by the senior management and/or the Board from time to time, subject to the provisions in the Listing Requirements and/or the Act, where necessary. Where any Director has an interest (direct or indirect) in any RRPT, such Director shall abstain from deliberation and decision making.

**(g) Statement by Audit Committee**

The Audit Committee comprises the following Directors :-

	<b>Name of Members</b>	<b>Designation</b>
1.	Bong Wei Leong	Chairman
2.	Tiong Kiong King	Member
3.	Tiong Ing Ming	Member

The Audit Committee of RSB has seen and reviewed the method and/or procedures stated in point 3(e) on pages 42 to 43 of this circular and is of the view that the existing procedures, processes and guidelines are adequate and sufficient to monitor, track and identify RRPT in a timely and orderly manner. The Audit Committee also viewed that the method and/or procedures as stated in point 3(e) on pages 42 and 43 of this circular are sufficient to ensure that the RRPT are not more favourable to the Related Parties than those generally available to the public and are not to the detriment of the minority shareholders of RSB.

The Audit Committee will review these processes, procedures and guidelines as and when needs arise to ensure all RRPT will be carried out on normal commercial terms which are not prejudicial to the interests of shareholders and on terms not more favourable to the related party than those generally available to the public and are not to the detriment of the minority shareholders of RSB.

**4. EFFECTS OF THE PROPOSED SHAREHOLDER RATIFICATION AND MANDATE**

The Proposed Shareholder Ratification and Mandate will not have any effect on the net assets per share, earnings per share, gearing of the Group, and share capital and substantial shareholders' shareholdings of RSB.

**5. RATIONALE AND BENEFIT OF THE PROPOSED SHAREHOLDER RATIFICATION AND MANDATE**

The RRPT entered and to be entered into by RSB and the Group are all in the ordinary course of business. They are recurring transactions of a revenue or trading nature which are likely to occur with some degree of frequency and arise at any time and from time to time. These transactions may be constrained by the time-sensitive nature and confidentiality of such transactions, and it may be impractical to seek shareholders' approval on a case by case basis before entering into such RRPT described herein to allow the Group to enter into such recurrent transactions made on an arm's length basis and on normal commercial terms not prejudicial to the interest of the shareholders and not more favourable to the Related Parties than those generally available to the public and are not detrimental to the minority shareholders.

RSB and the Group enter into RRPT to take advantage of efficiencies in business dealings, in particular competitive prices, shorter delivery time and reliability in source of materials, goods and services. These Related Parties have long-standing business relationships with RSB Group and the quality of the products have proven to meet the stringent requirements imposed by the Group.

The Proposed Shareholder Ratification is to ratify the RRPT entered and to be entered into from the Date of Acquisition until the forthcoming AGM. By obtaining the Shareholder Mandate, and the renewal of the same on an annual basis, the need to convene separate general meetings from time to time to seek shareholders' approval for the entry by the Group into such RRPT will be eliminated. This will substantially reduce administrative time, inconvenience and expenses associated with the convening of such general meetings without compromising the corporate objectives of the Group or adversely affecting the business opportunities available to the Group.

The RRPT are intended to meet the business needs of RSB Group at the best possible terms. By transacting with the Related Parties, RSB Group would have an advantage of familiarity with the background, financial well-being and management of the Related Parties, thus enabling more informed commercial decisions to be made. In most dealings with the Related Parties, RSB Group and the Related Parties have a good understanding of each other's business needs thus providing a platform where all parties can benefit from conducting the RRPT.

The benefit derived from RRPT pertaining to rental of premises would be the attractive location and reasonable rates of rental charged by the Related Parties, which are not more unfavourable than the market rates.

These would ultimately benefit the Group and the shareholders by enhancing profitability and returns on shareholders' funds.

## **6. CONDITIONS OF THE PROPOSED SHAREHOLDER RATIFICATION AND MANDATE**

The Proposed Shareholder Ratification and Mandate are conditional upon approval being obtained from the shareholders of the Company at the forthcoming AGM. The Proposed Shareholder Mandate is subject to annual renewal and shall continue to be in force until :-

- (i) the conclusion of the next AGM of RSB at which the Proposed Shareholder Mandate was passed, at which time it will lapse, unless by a resolution passed at the meeting, the authority is renewed;
- (ii) the expiration of the period within which the next AGM after that date is required to be held pursuant to Section 143(1) of the Companies Act [but shall not extend to such extension as may be allowed pursuant to Section 143(2) of Companies Act]; or
- (iii) revoked or varied by resolution passed by the shareholders in general meeting,

whichever is the earlier.

A disclosure of a breakdown of the aggregate value of the RRPT conducted pursuant to the Proposed Shareholder Mandate during the financial year shall be made in the annual report where the aggregate value is equal to or more than the threshold prescribed under Paragraph 10.09(1)(a) of the Listing Requirements, amongst others, based on the following information :-

- the type of the RRPT made; and
- the names of the related parties involved in each type of the RRPT made and their relationship with RSB.

In addition, RSB is required to immediately announce to Bursa Securities when the actual value of a RRPT entered into by the Group exceeds the estimated value of the RRPT as outlined on pages 4 to 40 of this circular by ten percent (10%) or more.

## **7. DIRECTORS' AND MAJOR SHAREHOLDERS' INTERESTS**

The interested Directors, namely Tan Sri Datuk Sir Diong Hiew King @ Tiong Hiew King, Tiong Kiong King, Tiong Chiong Ong and Tiong Chiong Ie have abstained, and will continue to abstain from all board deliberations and voting in the board resolutions pertaining to the Proposed Shareholder Ratification and Mandate.

These interested Directors, as named in immediate paragraph above, and the interested Major Shareholders namely, Tiong Toh Siong Holdings Sdn Bhd, Teck Sing Lik Enterprise Sdn Bhd, Tiong Toh Siong Enterprises Sdn Bhd, Pertumbuhan Abadi Asia Sdn Bhd, Rimbunan Hijau Southeast Asia Sdn Bhd, Pemandangan Jauh Plantation Sdn Bhd and Kendaie Oil Palm Plantation Sdn Bhd, and all Persons Connected with them, as mentioned on page 45 of this circular, will abstain from voting in respect of their direct and indirect shareholdings, on the resolution deliberating and approving the Proposed Shareholder Ratification and Mandate at the AGM.

All the interested Directors and the interested Major Shareholders as named in the paragraphs above have undertaken to ensure that the Persons Connected with them shall also abstain from voting in respect of their direct and indirect shareholdings on the resolution deliberating and approving the Proposed Shareholder Ratification and Mandate at the AGM.

Based on the Record of Depositors as at 29 March 2011, the direct and indirect interests in the Company of the interested Directors, interested Major Shareholders and Persons Connected with them are outlined below :-

Name	Direct		Indirect	
	No. of Shares	%	No. of Shares	%
<b>Interested Directors of RSB :-</b>				
Tan Sri Datuk Sir Diong Hiew King @ Tiong Hiew King - <i>Directors of RSB, RHP, TR, LME and WJ, and Major Shareholder of RSB</i>	300,000	0.19	98,201,194 <sup>(a)</sup>	62.70
Tiong Kiong King - <i>Directors of RSB, TR, JYX, LT, PBW, PEB, PLD, PSG, PUT and PSP.</i>	1,813,600 <sup>(b)</sup>	1.16	2,027,300 <sup>(c)</sup>	1.30
Tiong Chiong Ong - <i>Directors of RSB, RHP, TR, MP, LME, NP, WJ, JYX, NVP, PSP, PBW, PEB, PLD, PSG and PUT.</i>	858,700	0.55	26,000 <sup>(d)</sup>	0.02
Tiong Chiong Ie - <i>Directors of RSB, BT and LT</i>	200,000	0.13	484,000 <sup>(e)</sup>	0.31
<b>Interested Directors of subsidiaries :-</b>				
Datuk Tiong Thai King - <i>Directors of TR and RHP</i>	-	-	-	-
<b>Interested Major Shareholders of RSB :-</b>				
Pemandangan Jauh Plantation Sdn Bhd	12,264,221	7.83	-	-
Kendaie Oil Palm Plantation Sdn Bhd	7,893,579	5.04	-	-
Tiong Toh Siong Holdings Sdn Bhd	35,124,394	22.43	12,264,221 <sup>(f)</sup>	7.83
Rimbunan Hijau Southeast Asia Sdn Bhd	15,073,100	9.63	-	-
Teck Sing Lik Enterprise Sdn Bhd	11,134,300	7.11	51,497,794 <sup>(g)</sup>	32.89
Pertumbuhan Abadi Asia Sdn Bhd	10,903,600	6.96	24,927,479 <sup>(h)</sup>	15.92
Tiong Toh Siong Enterprises Sdn Bhd	1,300,300	0.83	22,966,679 <sup>(i)</sup>	14.67
Tan Sri Datuk Sir Diong Hiew King @ Tiong Hiew King	300,000	0.19	95,754,294 <sup>(j)</sup>	61.15
<b>Persons Connected :-</b>				
Puan Sri Datin Ngu Yii Chuo*	300,000	0.19	-	-
Tiong Choon*	180,000	0.12	901,800 <sup>(k)</sup>	0.70
Dato' Sri Dr. Tiong Ik King*	3,675,800 <sup>(b)</sup>	2.87	-	-
Tiong Kiu King*	2,206,800 <sup>(l)</sup>	1.72	-	-
Ko Yeu Ying*	81,000	0.06	-	-
Rimbunan Hijau (Sarawak) Sdn Bhd*	1,960,800	1.53	-	-
Leong Soon May*	26,000 <sup>(m)</sup>	0.02	-	-
Biru-Hijau Enterprise Sdn Bhd*	2,027,300 <sup>(b)</sup>	1.30	-	-
Priharta Development Sdn Bhd*	484,000	0.31	-	-
Tiong Chiong Siong*	-	-	-	-
Tiong Jin Choo*	-	-	-	-
Fatherland Enterprise Sdn Bhd*	-	-	-	-
Tiong Chiong Hee*	-	-	-	-
Tiong Chiong Yong*	-	-	-	-
Dato' Sri Tiong Chiong Hoo - <i>son of Tan Sri Datuk Sir Diong Hiew King @ Tiong Hiew King</i>	-	-	-	-
Dato' Tiong Ing - <i>daughter of Tan Sri Datuk Sir Diong Hiew King @ Tiong Hiew King</i>	572,000	0.37	33,700 <sup>(n)</sup>	0.02
Tiong Chiew - <i>daughter of Tan Sri Datuk Sir Diong Hiew King @ Tiong Hiew King</i>	229,700	0.15	-	-
Tiong Ching - <i>daughter of Tan Sri Datuk Sir Diong Hiew King @ Tiong Hiew King</i>	229,700	0.15	-	-
Rimbunan Hijau General Trading Sdn Bhd - <i>connected with Tan Sri Datuk Sir Diong Hiew King @ Tiong Hiew King</i>	-	-	-	-
Rejang Healthcare Corporation Sdn Bhd - <i>connected with Tan Sri Datuk Sir Diong Hiew King @ Tiong Hiew King</i>	100,000	0.06	-	-
TC Blessed Holdings Sdn Bhd - <i>connected with Tan Sri Datuk Sir Diong Hiew King @ Tiong Hiew King</i>	901,800	0.58	-	-
ETI Blessed Holdings Sdn Bhd - <i>connected with Tan Sri Datuk Sir Diong Hiew King @ Tiong Hiew King</i>	33,700	0.02	-	-

\* Please refer to table shown on page 41 of this circular for their relationships.

- (a) *Deemed interested by virtue of his interests in Tiong Toh Siong Holdings Sdn Bhd, Teck Sing Lik Enterprise Sdn Bhd, Tiong Toh Siong Enterprises Sdn Bhd, Pertumbuhan Abadi Asia Sdn Bhd, Rimbunan Hijau Southeast Asia Sdn Bhd, Rimbunan Hijau (Sarawak) Sdn Bhd, Rejang Healthcare Corporation Sdn Bhd pursuant to Section 6A of the Companies Act, and the interests of his spouse and children in the Company.*
- (b) *Shares held through Mayban Nominees (Tempatan) Sdn Bhd.*
- (c) *Deemed interested by virtue of his interest in Biru-Hijau Enterprise Sdn Bhd pursuant to Section 6A of the Companies Act.*
- (d) *Deemed interested by virtue of the interest of his spouse in the Company.*
- (e) *Deemed interested by virtue of his interest in Prihartta Development Sdn Bhd pursuant to Section 6A of the Companies Act.*
- (f) *Deemed interested by virtue of its interests in Tiong Toh Siong Holdings Sdn Bhd, Tiong Toh Siong Enterprises Sdn Bhd and Rimbunan Hijau Southeast Asia Sdn Bhd pursuant to Section 6A of the Companies Act.*
- (g) *Deemed interested by virtue of its interests in Rimbunan Hijau Southeast Asia Sdn Bhd and Rimbunan Hijau (Sarawak) Sdn Bhd pursuant to Section 6A of the Companies Act.*
- (h) *Deemed interested by virtue of its interest in Rimbunan Hijau Southeast Asia Sdn Bhd pursuant to Section 6A of the Companies Act.*
- (i) *Deemed interested by virtue of his interests in Tiong Toh Siong Holdings Sdn Bhd, Teck Sing Lik Enterprise Sdn Bhd, Tiong Toh Siong Enterprises Sdn Bhd, Pertumbuhan Abadi Asia Sdn Bhd, Rimbunan Hijau Southeast Asia Sdn Bhd, Rimbunan Hijau (Sarawak) Sdn Bhd and Rejang Healthcare Corporation Sdn Bhd pursuant to Section 6A of the Companies Act.*
- (j) *Deemed interested by virtue of her interest in TC Blessed Holdings Sdn Bhd pursuant to Section 6A of the Companies Act.*
- (k) *Shares held through Kenanga Nominees (Asing) Sdn Bhd.*
- (l) *25,000 shares held through AllianceGroup Nominees (Tempatan) Sdn Bhd.*
- (m) *Deemed interested by virtue of her interest in ETI Blessed Holdings Sdn Bhd pursuant to Section 6A of the Companies Act.*

Save as disclosed above, none of the other Directors, Major Shareholders and/or Persons Connected with them have any interest, direct or indirect, in the Proposed Shareholder Ratification and Mandate.

## **8. RECOMMENDATION BY DIRECTORS**

Your Directors, namely Bong Wei Leong and Tiong Ing Ming (being other than the named Directors who are interested in the Proposed Shareholder Ratification and Mandate as disclosed on page 41 of this circular) having considered all aspects of the Proposed Shareholder Ratification and Mandate, are of the opinion that it is in the best interests of the Company and hereby recommend that shareholders vote in favour of the ordinary resolutions at the AGM.

## **9. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The AGM will be held at Function Room, 1st Floor, No. 41 & 42, Pusat Suria Permata, Jalan Upper Lanang, 96000 Sibul, Sarawak on Monday, 9 May 2011 at 11.30 am and any adjournment thereof for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the ordinary resolutions set out in the notice of AGM.

## **10. ACTION TO BE TAKEN BY SHAREHOLDERS**

If a shareholder is unable to attend the AGM and wishes to appoint a proxy to attend and vote on his behalf, he should complete, sign and return the form of proxy in accordance with the instructions printed thereon as soon as possible and, in any event, so as to reach the registered office of RSB at No. 85 & 86, Pusat Suria Permata, Jalan Upper Lanang 12A, 96000 Sibul, Sarawak not later than 11.30 am on Saturday, 7 May 2011. The completion and return of the form of proxy by a shareholder will not prevent him from attending and voting at the AGM in person if he so wishes.

## **11. FURTHER INFORMATION**

Shareholders are requested to refer to the attached Appendix A for further information.

Yours faithfully

**FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**BONG WEI LEONG**

Senior Independent Director

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### 1. Responsibility Statement

This circular has been seen and approved by the Directors of RSB and they collectively and individually accept full responsibility for the accuracy of the information given and confirm that after making 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 herein misleading.

### 2. Material Contracts

Save as disclosed below, there are no contracts which are or may be material (not being contracts entered into in the ordinary course of business) which have been entered into by RSB Group during the two (2) years immediately preceding the date of this circular :-

- (a) Conditional sale and purchase agreements for shares dated 31 July 2009 between RSB and Teck Sing Lik Enterprise Sdn Bhd, Pertumbuhan Abadi Asia Sdn Bhd and Kendaie Oil Palm Plantation Sdn Bhd, for the proposed acquisition of 200,000 ordinary shares of RM1.00 each in Lumiera Enterprise Sdn Bhd, representing 100% of its issued and paid-up share capital for a total purchase consideration of RM31,018,000.00 to be satisfied in cash (“Proposed Acquisition 1”);
- (b) Conditional sale and purchase agreements for shares dated 31 July 2009 between RSB and Tumbuh Tiasa Enterprises Sdn Bhd for the proposed acquisition of 10,200 ordinary shares of RM1.00 each in Woodijaya Sdn Bhd, representing 85% of its issued and paid-up share capital for a total purchase consideration of RM27,576,000.00 to be satisfied in cash (“Proposed Acquisition 2”);
- (c) Supplemental sale and purchase agreements dated 30 October 2009 with Teck Sing Lik Enterprise Sdn Bhd, Pertumbuhan Abadi Asia Sdn Bhd and Kendaie Oil Palm Plantation Sdn Bhd whereby the parties have mutually agreed that the period for the fulfilment of the conditions precedent be extended for a further three (3) months from 30 October 2009, to allow Teck Sing Lik Enterprise Sdn Bhd, Pertumbuhan Abadi Asia Sdn Bhd and Kendaie Oil Palm Plantation Sdn Bhd to procure an extension of time/waiver from the relevant authorities to comply with the conditions expressed on the respective land titles of the subject properties to the Proposed Acquisition 1;
- (d) Supplemental sale and purchase agreements dated 30 October 2009 with Tumbuh Tiasa Enterprises Sdn Bhd whereby the parties have mutually agreed that the period for the fulfilment of the conditions precedent be extended for a further three (3) months from 30 October 2009, to allow Tumbuh Tiasa Enterprises Sdn Bhd to procure an extension of time/waiver from the relevant authorities to comply with the conditions expressed on the respective land titles of the subject properties to the Proposed Acquisition 2;
- (e) Nine (9) separate conditional share sale agreements dated 30 December 2009 with the vendors of the following acquirees, as well as an agreement with Rejang Height Sdn Bhd (“Rejang Height”) for the assignment of commercial rights of licences for planted forests issued by the State of Sarawak which permits oil palm planting activities for a special period (“LPF”) held by Rejang Height under LPF No. LPF/0035 (“Simunjan”), for the acquisitions of the following acquirees and the commercial rights of Simunjan respectively, for an aggregate purchase consideration of RM286.10 million to be wholly satisfied via the issuance of 28.33 million new Shares and 191.75 million new irredeemable convertible preference shares of RM0.50 each in the Company (“ICPS”), at an issue price of RM1.30 per Share/ICPS :-
  - (i) Jayamax Plantation Sdn Bhd
  - (ii) Novelpac-Puncakdana Plantation Sdn Bhd
  - (iii) Lubuk Tiara Sdn Bhd
  - (iv) Pelita-Splendid Plantation Sdn Bhd
  - (v) PJP Pelita Biawak Plantation Sdn Bhd
  - (vi) PJP Pelita Ekang-Banyok Plantation Sdn Bhd
  - (vii) PJP Pelita Lundu Plantation Sdn Bhd
  - (viii) PJP Pelita Selangau Plantation Sdn Bhd
  - (ix) PJP Pelita Ulu Teru Plantation Sdn Bhd

(hereinafter referred to as “Proposed Acquisition 3”)

- (f) ten (10) supplemental agreements dated 16 April 2010 with the Vendors as listed in (e) above for the purpose of revising the total purchase consideration of the Proposed Acquisitions 3 from RM286,104,837 to RM288,995,534, as announced on 16 April 2010;
- (g) On 19 January 2011, RSB entered into a share sale agreement with Lembaga Amanah Kebajikan Masjid Negeri Sarawak to dispose 1,680,000 ordinary shares of RM1.00 each in the capital of Lubuk Tiara Sdn Bhd for a total cash consideration sum of RM13,100,723.00;
- (h) On 19 January 2011, RSB entered into a share sale agreement with Lembaga Amanah Kebajikan Masjid Negeri Sarawak to acquire 601,735 ordinary shares of RM1.00 each in the capital of PJP Pelita Biawak Plantation Sdn Bhd for a total cash consideration sum of RM12,700,326.00;
- (i) On 2 February 2011, RSB entered into three (3) conditional share sale agreements with The State Financial Secretary of Sarawak ("SFS") to acquire SFS's interest in the following companies for an aggregate purchase consideration of approximately RM16.02 million to be wholly satisfied through the issuance of 6,964,918 new RSB Shares at an issue price of approximately RM2.30 per Share:-
  - i) Nescaya Palma Sdn Bhd
  - ii) Novelpac-Puncakdana Plantation Sdn Bhd
  - iii) Woodijaya Sdn Bhd.
- (j) On 11 February 2011, RSB entered into a Memorandum with Sheba Resources Sendirian Berhad ("Sheba Resources") with the intention to purchase a parcel of land with Oil Palm Plantation thereon situate at Sungai Luai and Sungai Bawah, Niah for a total consideration sum of RM118,000,000.00, free from all encumbrances; and
- (k) On 28 February 2011, RSB entered into an agreement for extension of time with Sheba Resources to extend the time to enter into a sale and purchase agreement up to 4 April 2011.

### **3. Material Litigation**

Neither the Company nor its subsidiaries are engaged in any litigation, claims or arbitration, either as plaintiff or defendant which has a material effect on the financial position of the Company or its subsidiaries, and the Directors do not know of any proceedings pending or threatened or of any fact likely to give rise to any proceeding which might materially and adversely affect the position or business of the Company or its subsidiaries.

### **4. Documents for Inspection**

Copies of the following documents are available for inspection at the registered office of the Company at No. 85 & 86, Pusat Suria Permata, Jalan Upper Lanang 12A, 96000 Sibul, Sarawak following the publication of this circular from Mondays to Fridays (except public holidays) during business hours up to and including the date of the AGM :-

- (a) the Memorandum and Articles of Association of RSB;
- (b) the audited financial statements of RSB and Group, for the two (2) financial year/period ended 31 August 2009 and 31 December 2010; and
- (c) all material contracts as outlined in point (2) on pages 47 to 48 of this circular.