

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

## TO THE MEMBERS OF SBS TRANSIT LTD

### REPORT ON THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### Opinion

We have audited the accompanying Financial Statements of SBS Transit Ltd (the "Company") and its subsidiaries (the "Group") which comprise the Statements of Financial Position of the Group and the Company as at 31 December 2022, and the Group Income Statement, Group Comprehensive Income Statement, Group Statement of Changes in Equity and Group Cash Flow Statement and the Statement of Changes in Equity of the Company for the year then ended, and notes to the Financial Statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, as set out on pages 82 to 125.

In our opinion, the accompanying Consolidated Financial Statements of the Group and the Statement of Financial Position and the Statement of Changes in Equity of the Company are properly drawn up in accordance with the provisions of the Singapore Companies Act 1967 (the "Act") and Singapore Financial Reporting Standards (International) ("SFRS(I)s") so as to give a true and fair view of the consolidated financial position of the Group and the financial position of the Company as at 31 December 2022 and of the consolidated financial performance, consolidated changes in equity and consolidated cash flows of the Group and changes in equity of the Company for the year ended on that date.

#### Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Singapore Standards on Auditing ("SSAs"). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Group in accordance with the Accounting and Corporate Regulatory Authority *Code of Professional Conduct and Ethics for Public Accountants and Accounting Entities* ("ACRA Code") together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the Financial Statements in Singapore, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the ACRA Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### Key Audit Matters

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgement, were of most significance in our audit of the Financial Statements of the current year. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the Financial Statements as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

(a) Provision for rail contract

On 11 November 2021, the Company entered into a framework agreement with the Land Transport Authority of Singapore ("LTA") and SBS Transit DTL Pte. Ltd. to transit the Downtown Line ("DTL") to the second version of the New Rail Financing Framework Version 2 ("NRFF (Version 2)"). North East Line ("NEL") and Sengkang Punggol Light Rail Transit System ("SPLRT") are already on NRFF Version 2 since 2018. As part of the framework agreement, the LTA has issued a consolidated rail licence to SBS Transit Ltd's wholly-owned subsidiary, SBS Transit Rail Pte. Ltd., to operate the DTL, NEL and SPLRT for a period of 11 years commencing 1 January 2022, and ending on 31 December 2032 (the "Consolidated Rail Licence").

As disclosed in Note 3 to the Financial Statements, in projecting the future financial performance of the Consolidated Rail Licence, significant judgement is exercised in key assumptions relating to ridership, fare adjustments and availability of grants from the Authorities, after taking into consideration the ridership patterns and fare adjustments.

Our audit procedures focused on evaluating the areas of significant judgement made by Management in their projection of the future financial performance of the DTL, NEL and SPLRT after considering the new terms under the Consolidated Rail Licence.

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### Key Audit Matters (cont'd)

(a) Provision for rail contract (cont'd)

We obtained and read the framework agreement and certain key correspondences between the Authorities and the Group. We discussed with Management on the areas of significant judgement in their projection of the future financial performance of the DTL, NEL and SPLRT. We obtained the projected future financial performance of the DTL, NEL and SPLRT up to the end of the licence period and challenged key assumptions made by Management, including reviewing relevant corroborative documentation of ridership projection, projected future fare adjustments and availability of grants from the Authorities.

We have assessed the adequacy and appropriateness of the related disclosures in the Financial Statements.

(b) Valuation and Completeness of Provision for Accident Claims

The valuation and completeness of provision for settlement of accident claims (Note 16) involves estimation uncertainty and judgment (Note 3). In determining the provision for accident claims as at 31 December 2022, Management considers the probability and amount of the expected settlement claims based on the number of claims lodged, recent settlements, third party settlement data and accident claims statistics.

Our audit procedures included understanding the process used to determine the provision for accident claims. We independently evaluated the reasonableness of Management's basis and the key estimates and assumptions used in the provision estimated by Management, including reviewing the number of claims lodged, recent settlements, third party settlement data and accident claims statistics.

We have assessed the adequacy and appropriateness of the related disclosures in the Financial Statements.

### Information Other than the Financial Statements and Auditor's Report Thereon

Management is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report but does not include the Financial Statements and our auditor's report thereon. The Directors' Statement was obtained prior to the date of this auditor's report and the remaining other information included in the annual report is expected to be made available to us after that date.

Our opinion on the Financial Statements does not cover the other information and we do not and will not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the Financial Statements, our responsibility is to read the other information identified above when it becomes available and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the Financial Statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed on the other information that we obtained prior to the date of this auditor's report, we conclude that there is material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

When we read the other information included in the annual report, if we conclude that there is a material misstatement therein, we are required to communicate the matter to those charged with governance and take appropriate actions in accordance with SSAs.

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### Responsibilities of Management and Directors for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation of Financial Statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with the provisions of the Act and SFRS(I)s, and for devising and maintaining a system of internal accounting controls sufficient to provide a reasonable assurance that assets are safeguarded against loss from unauthorised use or disposition; and transactions are properly authorised and that they are recorded as necessary to permit the preparation of true and fair Financial Statements and to maintain accountability of assets.

In preparing the Financial Statements, Management is responsible for assessing the Group's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless Management either intends to liquidate the Group or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Directors' responsibilities include overseeing the Group's financial reporting process.

### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Financial Statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with SSAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these Financial Statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with SSAs, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- (a) Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the Financial Statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- (b) Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Group's internal control.
- (c) Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by Management.
- (d) Conclude on the appropriateness of Management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Group's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the Financial Statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Group to cease to continue as a going concern.
- (e) Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the Financial Statements, including the disclosures, and whether the Financial Statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- (f) Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Group to express an opinion on the Consolidated Financial Statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the Group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

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### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements (cont'd)

We communicate with the Directors regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide the Directors with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

From the matters communicated with the Directors, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the Financial Statements of the current year and are therefore the key audit matters. We describe these matters in our auditor's report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter or when, in extremely rare circumstances, we determine that a matter should not be communicated in our report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.

### Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

In our opinion, the accounting and other records required by the Act to be kept by the Company and by the subsidiary corporations incorporated in Singapore of which we are the auditors have been properly kept in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

The engagement partner on the audit resulting in this independent auditor's report is Mr. Yang Chi Chih.

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