

SOUTHERN ALLIANCE MINING LTD.
(Incorporated in the Republic of Singapore)
(Company Registration No. 201931423D)

CLARIFICATION ON ARTICLES REFERRING TO DATO' SRI PEK KOK SAM AND THE COMPANY

The board of directors (the “**Board**” or “**Directors**”) of Southern Alliance Mining Ltd (the “**Company**”, and together with its subsidiaries, the “**Group**”) refers to:

- (a) the article published on the website of Malaysia Corporate – Driven by insight on 2 July 2025 entitled “Sabah Minerals Scandal: Singaporean Company Tycoon Financier Datuk Albert Tei Bribed Sabah UMNO Leaders Exposed!” (<https://themalaysiancorporate.com/2025/07/02/skandal-mineral-sabah-taikun-syarikat-singapura-pembiaya-datuk-albert-tei-beri-rasuah-pemimpin-umno-sabah-terbongkar/>);
 - (b) the article published in the physical print edition of the New Straits Times on 3 July 2025 entitled “Probe into S’pore tycoon’s role in Sabah mining scandal”; and
 - (c) other articles with the same nature of contents published by various sources
- (collectively, the “**Articles**”).

The Articles refer to the alleged involvement of Dato’ Sri Pek Kok Sam (“**Dato’ Sri Pek**”), the Managing Director of the Company, in corruption activities for funding bribes involving a whistle-blower and state politicians in securing mineral prospecting licences in the state of Sabah.

The Group and Dato’ Sri Pek collectively strongly deny and refute the allegations, which are highly defamatory and factually inaccurate.

Facts:

- (1) In the Year 2022, the Group became aware that the Sabah state government had issued multiple prospecting licences to various parties. This represents an opportunity to the Group to venture into the exploration of valuable minerals in the state of Sabah. The promoters of the respective companies mentioned in the Articles, specifically Teguh Permata Sdn Bhd (“**TPSB**”) and Bumi Kinabalu Resources Sdn Bhd (“**BKRSB**”) had approached the Company to invest in the exploration of minerals in the state of Sabah. As this provided a good opportunity for the Group to diversify the mineral portfolios, the Board agreed to venture into the business by forming joint ventures with the prominent partners to acquire TPSB and BKRSB which had already obtained prospecting licences to commence exploration activities at the sites.
- (2) The Group has appointed a legal counsel to undertake the acquisitions which were duly disclosed in our full year results announcement for financial year ended 31 July 2023. Dato’ Albert Tei, as mentioned in the Articles at all material time points was not a director or shareholder or officer of any of the above companies. Payment of consideration for the acquisition of these companies by the Company were made directly to the promoters of these respective companies. This is contrary to the allegations made in the Articles.

- (3) The Group and Dato' Sri Pek would like to reiterate that no funding to any party for the purpose of obtaining mineral licence by way of political corruption and/or bribery for any projects was provided by the Group nor Dato' Sri Pek.

The Board wishes to clarify that the Group is not involved in the transactions referred to in the Articles in any capacity. The business and operations of the Group are also not affected by the allegations.

The Group had issued a Letter of Demand for the defamatory statements made against Dato' Sri Pek and the Company in the Malaysia Corporate Article dated 2 July 2025 and also had lodged a police report on the matter. The Company had appointed legal counsel to advise the Company on the necessary legal action for the false, misleading and defamatory statements. The Group and Dato' Sri Pek will fully cooperate with any investigative authorities, if necessary.

Dato' Sri Pek has undertaken to keep the Board updated on the progress of the allegations and the Company will make further announcements on subsequent developments as and when appropriate.

The Board will continue to monitor the progress of the allegations.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

Dato' Sri Pek Kok Sam
Managing Director

4 July 2025

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