

14th May 2025

Mr. Renuke Wijayawardhane
Chief Regulatory Officer
Colombo Stock Exchange
04-01,
West Block,
World Trade Centre
Echelon Square,
Colombo 1.

Dear Sir,

**DECLARATION OF RS. 32.00 PER SHARE AS THE FIRST INTERIM DIVIDEND FOR
THE PERIOD OF THREE MONTHS ENDING 31ST MARCH 2025**

In compliance with the Listing Rules of the Colombo Stock Exchange we wish to announce that the Board of Directors, pursuant to the authority given by Article 124 of the Articles of Association of the Company and having reviewed the profit estimate for the period of three months to 31st March 2025 and further having concluded that there are reasonable grounds to believe the company would satisfy the solvency test immediately after the distribution of dividend, **Resolved** on 14th May 2025 to pay the First Interim Dividend in respect of the period 12 months ending 31st December 2025 of **Rs. 32.00 (Rupees Thirty-Two only)** per share (being a gross dividend and subject to Withholding Taxes) on 12th June 2025 on the issued number of shares of the Company to all shareholders of the Company as at end of trading on the market day prior to “(XD)” date which has been determined by Colombo Stock Exchange as 23rd May 2025 and the Record Date for this purpose shall be 26th May 2025. Provided however, in instances where the shareholder has given accurate dividend disposal instructions to the Central Depository Systems (Pvt) Limited by providing the bank account number, the dividend payment will be directly credited to such bank account on or before 29th May 2025. **Please note that our transfer books will be kept open.**

As per our Articles shareholder approval is not required for this dividend payment.

The following documents are attached herewith

- o An extract of the Board Resolution, passed by the Board of Directors approving the dividend payment and further stating the “Board has reasonable grounds for believing that the entity



would satisfy solvency test immediately after the dividend distribution", signed by the Finance Director and the Company Secretary.

- o Statement of Solvency from the Board of Directors signed by the Finance Director and one Independent Non-Executive Director.

A certificate of solvency from the Auditors will be forwarded to you prior to the dispatch of dividend warrants.

Yours faithfully,

CEYLON TOBACCO COMPANY PLC

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Zahrah Cader', written over the company name.

Zahrah Cader
Company Secretary