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Datapulse Technology Shareholders To Vote on Board Changes, Business Diversification and Special Dividend on 20 April

Singapore, 26 March 2018 – Datapulse Technology Limited (“Datapulse” or the “Company”) announced today that shareholders will be asked to vote on April 20 on proposed board changes, a business diversification from the loss-making media storage business and the payment of a special dividend following the sale of an industrial building completed recently.

SGX Mainboard-listed Datapulse issued a circular calling for an Extraordinary General Meeting to vote on ten resolutions. The first four relate to requisitions by some shareholders to remove Mr Low Beng Tin, Mr Thomas Ng Der Sian, Mr Rainer Teo Jia Kai (Independent Directors) and Mr Wilson Teng Wai Leung (“Mr Wilson Teng”) who was appointed Executive Director and CEO on 19 March 2018.

The next four resolutions relate to the same requisitionists’ proposals to appoint the following to the board – Mr Ng Boon Yew, Mr Loo Cheng Guan, Mr Koh Wee Seng (as Independent Directors) and Ms Ng Bie Tjin @ Djiniarti Intan (“Ms Intan Ng”) as Non-Independent Director.

The ninth resolution relates to a proposal by the current board to diversify Datapulse’s business to include consumer business and investments (“Proposed Diversification”), following a change of control of Datapulse completed on 22 November 2017.

On that day, Ms Ng Siew Hong (“黄秀凤”) completed the purchase of 63.53 million shares – representing approximately 29% of Datapulse’s total issued share capital (219.07 million shares, excluding treasury shares) – from former Executive Director Mr Ng Cheow Chye (“黄昭才”) and others. The two are not related. Ms Ng Siew Hong is not a member of the Datapulse board.

The three current independent directors, appointed on 11 December 2017, approved the acquisition of Wayco Manufacturing (M) Sdn. Bhd. (“Wayco”) – which manufactures hair care, personal care and other household chemical products in Johor – for S\$3.43 million.

The acquisition, completed on 15 December 2017, is part of a business diversification from Datapulse’s media storage business which had recorded declining revenue between FY2014 and FY2017 (financial year ending 31 July), and operating losses in FY2017 and first half of FY2018 (“1H 2018”).

“Datapulse’s financial performance has deteriorated for several years. The media storage business is not sustainable. The previous board had proposed, and shareholders had approved, the sale of the industrial building (“Tai Seng property”) used for the media storage business. Since November 2017, the former management had already scaled down operations of the media storage business, begun retrenching staff and disposed equipment,” said Mr Wilson Teng.

“Datapulse needs to diversify and has selected Wayco as a profitable business which carries relatively low risk till at least the end of 2018 as we have the right to require the vendor to buy back Wayco at the same consideration if we discover any material adverse matters. With shareholder support to reject the removal of current directors, the board will evaluate strategic options to grow the Wayco business, taking into account a recent strategic review by Ernst & Young,” Mr Teng said.



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The Board said in a joint statement: “We trust shareholders will support our focus on corporate recovery while maintaining the highest levels of corporate governance.”

The tenth resolution is a proposal – tabled by the current directors – to pay a special dividend of 1.0 cent per share following the completion on 31 January 2018 of the sale of the Tai Seng property. The gain on disposal of S\$44.6 million contributed significantly to Datapulse’s S\$36.8 million net profit recorded in 1H 2018.

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About Datapulse Technology Limited (www.datapulse.com.sg)

Incorporated in 1980 and listed on the SGX Mainboard, Datapulse Technology Limited (“Datapulse”) is a leading provider of digital storage media in the Asia-Pacific region. Its current core business is relating to the manufacture and sale of media storage products used in content distribution, including compact discs, digital versatile discs and blu-ray discs.

On 15 December 2017, Datapulse completed the acquisition of Wayco Manufacturing (M) Sdn Bhd (“Wayco”) as part of its strategic diversification into the haircare, cosmetics and other household chemical products industry.

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