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## Issuer & Securities

### Issuer/ Manager

DARCO WATER TECHNOLOGIES LIMITED

### Securities

DARCO WATER TECHNOLOGIES LTD - SG1CC9000009 - BLR

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No

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## Announcement Details

### Announcement Title

Change - Announcement of Cessation

### Date & Time of Broadcast

26-Jun-2020 22:16:18

### Status

New

### Announcement Sub Title

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CESSATION OF NON-EXECUTIVE INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR

### Announcement Reference

SG200626OTHRUG9C

### Submitted By (Co./ Ind. Name)

Poh Kok Hong

### Designation

Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer

### Description (Please provide a detailed description of the event in the box below)

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CESSATION OF NON-EXECUTIVE INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR

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## Additional Details

### Name Of Person

Tay Von Kian

### Age

47

### Is effective date of cessation known?

Yes

### If yes, please provide the date

26/06/2020

[Detailed Reason \(s\) for cessation](#)

Mr Tay Von Kian was not re-elected as a Director of the Company at its Annual General Meeting held on 26 June 2020 and has accordingly retired.

[Are there any unresolved differences in opinion on material matters between the person and the board of directors, including matters which would have a material impact on the group or its financial reporting?](#)

Yes

[If Yes, Please provide full details](#)

I have not been in favour of the Company venturing into the Nambo project. The Board had noted my objection prior to entering into the agreement. My observation then was a director was the main driving force behind the project, while the rest of the Board was trying to mitigate the Company's exposure. This observation remain my view of the matter and should not be construed as a fact.

While the Company announced that it has experience (not under current management) in the solid waste business, I have doubts about the ability of the Company to execute the project effectively. There is material uncertainty on how the project will be funded. The recent announcement on the unwillingness of West Java Government to renegotiate the terms of the Cooperation Agreement indicates that the Company may not have entered into a mutually beneficial arrangement. Again, this is my own view on the matter.

I have further noted an article published by Business Times dated 26 Jun 2020 on the same subject matter further reinforce my stance on the matter.

[Is there any matter in relation to the cessation that needs to be brought to the attention of the shareholders of the listed issuer?](#)

Yes

[If Yes, Please provide full details](#)

With the cessation of two longer serving Independent Directors, I feel that the Company's corporate governance will need to improve moving forward. The recent negative issues highlighted in recent Business Times article reinforce the above point.

In particular, the article reported circumstances surrounding Qarah Consultancy and the unusual trading pattern observed by an investor. This will no doubt cause certain level of discomfort to me as a director of

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enough to stay on.

[Any other relevant information to be provided to shareholders of the listed issuer?](#)

Yes

[If Yes, Please provide full details](#)

I had voiced my reservations about the Share Placement announced earlier to the Board. Without going into details, I was relieved that the Company had not proceeded with the placement, when the offer from the investor(s) lapsed. I was uncomfortable with certain aspects of the deal.

[Date of Appointment to current position](#)

14/08/2015

[Does the AC have a minimum of 3 members \(taking into account this cessation\)?](#)

No

[Number of Independent Directors currently resident in Singapore \(taking into account this cessation\)](#)

2

Number of cessations of appointments specified in Listing Rule 704 (7) or Catalist Rule 704 (6) over the past 12 months

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Job Title (e.g. Lead ID, AC Chairman, AC Member etc.)

Non-Executive Independent Director, AC Member and RC Member

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Role and responsibilities

Non-Executive Independent Director

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Familial relationship with any director and/ or substantial shareholder of the listed issuer or of any of its principal subsidiaries

No

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Shareholding interest in the listed issuer and its subsidiaries?

No

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Past (for the last 5 years)

Nil

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Present

- T. K. Tay (Holdings) Sdn Bhd
  - Serep Pty Ltd (Australia)
  - Weldan Marine Services Sdn Bhd
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