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## News Release

12 September 2017

### Singapore Sustainability Reporting Award

#### **MAKING BUSINESS SENSE OF SUSTAINABILITY PERFORMANCE – CDL RECOGNISED FOR OUTSTANDING VALUE CREATION MODEL AND STRATEGIC REPORTING**

- *Accorded 'Best Sustainability Report for Established Reporters (Mainboard and Catalist)' at inaugural Singapore Sustainability Reporting Awards*
- *Forward-looking sustainability blueprint 'CDL Future Value 2030' to future-proof its business with ambitious targets*
- *Setting benchmark for sustainability reporting with quarterly update on progress of key Environmental, Social and Governance goals*
- *Emerged as Regional Sector Leader for the Office Sector in Asia for the Global Real Estate Sustainability Benchmark (GRESB)*

City Developments Limited (CDL) has been recognised for its outstanding leadership in sustainability performance and reporting. At the inaugural Singapore Sustainability Reporting Awards (SSRA) presented by Mr Chan Chun Sing, Minister in the Prime Minister's Office and Secretary-General, National Trades Union Congress, this morning at the Singapore Institute of Director (SID) Directors' Conference 2017, CDL was accorded 'Best Sustainability Report for Established Reporters (Mainboard and Catalist)'. Organised by SID, in partnership with EY Singapore and supported by Singapore Exchange (SGX), the award recognises excellence among SGX Mainboard and Catalist listed companies that have been producing sustainability reports.

CDL has also been named the Regional Sector Leader for the Office Sector in Asia in the 2017 Global Real Estate Sustainability Benchmark (GRESB). It is ranked first out of 31 participants in this category of the leading Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) benchmark for real estate sector. GRESB's investor members, representing over USD17 trillion in institutional capital, use GRESB data to better manage ESG risks and enhance returns of their real asset investments worldwide.

In addition, CDL continues to be listed in the Dow Jones Sustainability Indices. The company is thus listed on 12 leading global sustainability benchmarks including FTSE4Good Index Series (since 2002), MSCI Global Sustainability Indexes (since 2009), Global 100 Most Sustainable Corporations (since 2010) and Dow Jones Sustainability Indices (since 2011).

Ms Esther An, CDL Chief Sustainability Officer, said, "There is increasing recognition of the strategic connection between sustainability and business performance. Governments and the international investment community are also increasingly holding corporations accountable for ESG factors. For instance, businesses can no longer ignore the impact of climate change risks on their bottom line. In Singapore, businesses that do not adopt sustainable practices may face reputational or operational risks that will impact their license to operate, and be exposed to higher operating costs, with the water price increase and impending carbon tax."

"Furthermore, there has been greater investor demand for ESG data which influence investment decisions. Sustainability reporting has also become mandatory for listed companies in many Asian markets, including Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, Indonesia and Taiwan.

Beyond our annual Integrated Sustainability Report, CDL has taken the initiative to create a dedicated sustainability microsite and provide quarterly updates on our sustainability-related initiatives and key ESG performance in a timelier manner.”

The judging panel for the SSRA has commended CDL for its strategic ESG integration and value creation model, as well as its new sustainability blueprint ‘CDL Future Value 2030’ introduced earlier this year (See Annex).

For more than two decades, since 1995, sustainability has been integrated into CDL’s business and operations. Founded on the ethos of ‘Conserving as we Construct’, CDL has been committed to future-proofing its business through a three-pronged strategy as a developer, an asset owner and a corporate citizen. It develops green buildings, manages them in an energy- and resource-efficient way, and engages stakeholders on sustainable development. This unique ESG integration model has created sustained growth and long-lasting value for its brand, business operations, stakeholders, customers, investors and the community.

In line with the Paris Agreement, Singapore’s Climate Action Plan and the Sustainable Singapore Blueprint, the forward-looking ‘CDL Future Value 2030’ encapsulates the company’s long-standing sustainability commitment and establishes clear long-term ESG goals and targets towards 2030 – an important year under the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and Paris Agreement on climate change. Furthermore, CDL has aligned these goals and targets to support nine relevant United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Over the last decade, CDL has also been advancing its sustainability reporting in line with global reporting frameworks. In 2008, CDL was the first Singapore company to publish a Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) Application Level checked sustainability report. In 2012, it became the first developer in Singapore to receive GRI Level A+ for its report. In 2015, CDL became the first property developer in Singapore to adopt the International Integrated Reporting Council’s Integrated Reporting <IR> framework and published its inaugural Integrated Sustainability Report. This has helped CDL make stronger business and financial sense of ESG integration, and enabled the company to articulate its ESG strategies and key performances with investors effectively.

In 2017, CDL became the first Singapore developer to adopt the new GRI Standards for its Integrated Sustainability Report.

More information on CDL’s sustainability efforts and its full Integrated Sustainability Report 2017 can be found on [www.cdlsustainability.com](http://www.cdlsustainability.com)

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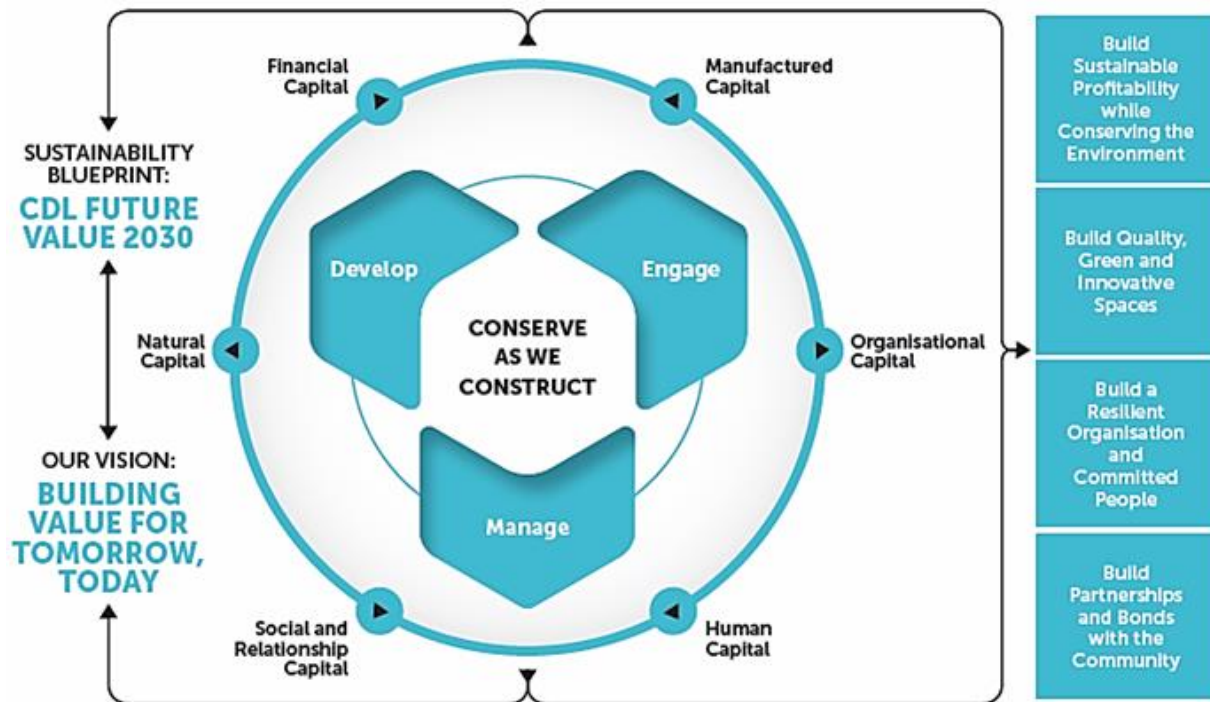
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## Annex

### CDL's Value Creation Model

In 2015, CDL marked its 20 years of sustainability journey by enhancing its strategy to 'Create Future Value'. Founded on the ethos of 'Conserving as we Construct' since 1995, CDL has been committed to future-proofing its business through a three-pronged strategy as a developer, an asset owner and a corporate citizen. Through comprehensive policies and practices, and harnessing the company's six capitals – financial, organisational, natural, manufactured, human as well as social and relationship – CDL's unique ESG integration model has created long lasting value for its brand, business operations, stakeholders, customers, investors and the community.












## CDL Future Value 2030 Goals, Targets and Alignment to SDGs

In line with its corporate vision of 'Building Value for Tomorrow, Today', CDL launched the CDL Future Value 2030 blueprint which articulates how the company's long established sustainability strategy and best practices will continue to add value to its business, investors, stakeholders, community and planet.

Most importantly, it sets out clear directions and ESG goals and targets to guide CDL towards 2030 – an important year under the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and Paris Agreement on climate change.

The blueprint is in line with Singapore's national commitment to the Paris Agreement, Climate Action Plan and the Sustainable Singapore Blueprint. It is also aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) that came into force from January 2016

| CDL Future Value 2030: ESG Goals and Targets (Effective from 2017)  | Supporting Nine Relevant SDGs   |  |
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| <p><b>Goal 1: Building Sustainable Cities and Communities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To achieve Green Mark certification for 80% of CDL owned and/or managed buildings</li> <li>To maintain 100% tenant participation in CDL Green Lease Partnership Programme</li> </ul> |    | <p>SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities</p>      |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To double our commitment to adopt innovations and technology for green buildings</li> </ul>  |   | <p>SDG 9: Resilient and Innovative Infrastructure</p>  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To double resources devoted to advocacy of sustainability practices, stakeholder engagement and capacity building</li> </ul>   |  | <p>SDG 17: Partnership for Sustainable Development</p> |
| <p><b>Goal 2: Reducing Environmental Impact</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To achieve the science-based target of reducing carbon emissions* intensity by 38% from 2007 levels</li> </ul>   |  | <p>SDG 13: Urgent Action to Combat Climate Change</p>  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To reduce the usage intensity of energy and water by 25% from 2007 levels</li> </ul>   |  | <p>SDG 7: Affordable and Clean Energy</p>              |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To reduce total waste disposed by 50% from 2016 levels</li> </ul>  |  | <p>SDG 12: Responsible Consumption and Production</p>  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To ensure 100% of appointed suppliers are certified by recognised environmental standards</li> </ul>   |   |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To ensure that 50% of our construction materials are derived from recycled content, low-carbon sources or certified by recognised environmental organisations</li> </ul>   |  | <p>SDG 15: Biodiversity and Resource Conservation</p>  |
| <p><b>Goal 3: Ensuring Fair, Safe and Inclusive Workplace</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To maintain Zero corruption and fraud incidents across CDL's core operations</li> </ul>  |  | <p>SDG 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions</p>  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To maintain Zero fatality across CDL's operations and direct suppliers in Singapore</li> </ul>   |   | <p>SDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth</p>          |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To maintain Zero occupational diseases across CDL's operations and direct suppliers in Singapore</li> </ul>  |  |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To maintain Zero AFR at CDL corporate office</li> <li>To maintain AFR of one or less for direct suppliers at construction sites and managed properties</li> </ul>  |   |  |