

### **NetLink NBN Trust**

(a business trust constituted on 19 June 2017 under the laws of the Republic of Singapore and registered under the Business Trusts Act 2004 of Singapore (Registration Number: 2017002))

(Managed by NetLink NBN Management Pte. Ltd.)

# NETLINK NBN TRUST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING TO BE HELD ON 22 JULY 2025 RESPONSES TO SUBSTANTIAL AND RELEVANT QUESTIONS

The Board of Directors of NetLink NBN Management Pte. Ltd. ("Board"), as Trustee-Manager of NetLink NBN Trust, ("NetLink"), would like to thank Unitholders for submitting questions ahead of NetLink's Annual General Meeting to be held on 22 July 2025.

The Board's responses to the questions from Unitholders are set out in Appendix 1 and also published on NetLink's website at <a href="https://www.netlinknbn.com/agm2025.html">https://www.netlinknbn.com/agm2025.html</a>.

Please also refer to the following documents which can be found on NetLink's website at <a href="https://www.netlinknbn.com/agm2025.html">https://www.netlinknbn.com/agm2025.html</a>:-

- (a) NetLink's Annual Report 2025;
- (b) NetLink's Notice of Annual General Meeting ("AGM") dated 23 June 2025; and
- (c) the accompanying announcement released via SGXNet on 23 June 2025 setting out, inter alia, the arrangements for participation at the AGM.

By Order of the Board

#### NetLink NBN Management Pte. Ltd.

(Registration Number: 201704783K) (as trustee-manager of NetLink NBN Trust)

Eunice Hooi Company Secretary 16 July 2025



## Appendix 1

### How sustainable is the DPU when capex is funded significantly by debt?

NetLink's response

NetLink's distributions are fully supported by stable and predictable operating cash flows generated under the Regulated Asset Base (RAB) model. This regulatory framework ensures a fair return on capital investment and provides long-term earnings visibility and sustainability.

Most of NetLink's capital expenditure (capex) is growth-oriented and qualifies under the RAB framework, meaning the investments will be recovered over time with a regulated rate of return. NetLink finances capex through a combination of internal cash flows and debt. As at 31 March 2025, NetLink's gearing ratio remained low at 28%, reflecting our prudent capital management approach.

Our balance sheet remains strong. As at 31 March 2025, NetLink's net debt-to-EBITDA ratio stood at approximately 2.4x, significantly lower than typical global infrastructure peers (4.0–6.0x). This conservative leverage provides headroom to support future investments without compromising financial stability or DPU sustainability.

We will continue to manage our capital structure prudently to ensure that both capex funding and unitholder distributions remain sustainable over the long term.

# 2. A significant portion of interest rate hedges will unwind in 2026. What is the expected impact on DPU upon debt refinancing?

NetLink's response

A portion of our existing interest rate hedges will mature in May 2026. While this introduces some exposure to future interest rate movements, we intend to progressively re-hedge our debt to mitigate volatility in financing costs. Additionally, with the interest rate environment showing signs of easing, we expect to secure competitive rates when we refinance the debt.

NetLink's debt portfolio is actively managed, and our interest expense represents a small proportion of operating cash flow.

Given our current gearing level, interest coverage, and the regulated nature of our business, we do not expect the refinancing of debt to have a material impact on our ability to sustain the DPU.