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VARD PUBLISHES A CIRCULAR TO ITS SHAREHOLDERS IN RELATION TO THE GENERAL OFFER BY FINCANTIERI OIL & GAS

Trieste, December 15, 2016 – FINCANTIERI S.p.A. ("Fincantieri" or the "Company") announces that, in relation to the voluntary conditional general offer ("Offer") launched on November 13, 2016 by its subsidiary Fincantieri Oil & Gas S.p.A. ("Fincantieri O&G") for the ordinary shares of Vard Holdings Limited ("Vard") not already held by Fincantieri O&G and its related corporations, today Vard has published a circular to its shareholders, through which Vard's independent directors have recommended that Vard's shareholders accept the Offer and the independent financial advisor has deemed the Offer as fair and reasonable.

The circular to shareholders is available on Vard's website www.vard.com.

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