

Financial Statements

And Dividend Announcement

For First Quarter Ended 31 March 2012



These figures have not been audited.

1(a) A comprehensive income statement (for the group) together with a comparative statement for the corresponding period of the immediately preceding financial year.

COMPREHENSIVE INCOME STATEMENT		The Group	
	3 months ended 31/03/2012 S\$'000	3 months ended 31/03/2011 S\$'000	Increase / (Decrease) %
Revenue			
Commission income	65,845	85,599	(23.1)
Interest income	14,910	18,332	(18.7)
Dividend from quoted / unquoted securities	40	330	(87.9)
Other operating revenue	4,322	3,184	35.7
Total revenue	85,117	107,445	(20.8)
Foreign exchange gain	543	1,246	(56.4)
Total income	85,660	108,691	(21.2)
Costs and expenses			
Commission expenses	(16,106)	(21,625)	(25.5)
Personnel expenses	(23,535)	(30,201)	(22.1)
Depreciation expenses Write back of / (Allowance for) impairment of trade debtors & bad debts written off	(2,493)	(2,337)	
Net fair value gain on financial assets / liabilities	21	(54)	(138.9)
through profit or loss	1,505	7	N.M
Finance expenses	(3,161)	(3,599)	(12.2)
Other operating expenses	(15,071)	(12,836)	17.4
	(58,840)	(70,645)	(16.7)
Profit before tax	26,820	38,046	(29.5)
Income tax expense*	(3,184)	(6,576)	(51.6)
Profit after tax	23,636	31,470	(24.9)
Other comprehensive (expense) / income (net of tax):			
Foreign currency translation difference	(10,639)	(7,868)	(35.2)
Available-for-sale financial assets	1,067	(218)	
	(9,572)	(8,086)	(18.4)
Total comprehensive income for the period	14,064	23,384	(39.9)

<sup>\*</sup>Overprovision of taxation in respect of prior years in the 3 months ended 31 March 2012 is S\$10,977. (3 months ended 31 March 2011: S\$10,020)

N.M. = Not Meaningful.



1(a) A comprehensive income statement (for the group) together with a comparative statement for the corresponding period of the immediately preceding financial year (continued)

COMPREHENSIVE INCOME STATEMENT (continued)		The Group						
	3 months ended 31/03/2012	3 months ended 31/03/2011	Increase / (Decrease)					
Profit attributable to:	S\$'000	S\$'000						
Owners of the Company	23,158	31,076	(25.5)					
Non-controlling interests	478	394	21.3					
	23,636	31,470	(24.9)					
Total comprehensive income attributable to:								
Owners of the Company	13,789	23,499	(41.3)					
Non-controlling interests	275	(115)	339.1					
	14,064	23,384	(39.9)					



1(b)(i) A balance sheet (for the issuer and group), together with a comparative statement as at the end of the immediately preceding financial year.

financial year.					
		The Group As at 31/03/2012 As at 31/12/2011		npany As at 31/12/2011	
	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	
ASSETS Current assets					
Cash and bank balances	204,378	357,746	133	5,228	
Outstanding contracts receivable	865,159	404,040	-	-	
Trade receivables	1,423,116	1,229,849	_	_	
Other financial assets, at fair value through profit or loss	30,202	30,149	-	-	
Other current assets	26,819	22,873	32,056	19,778	
Derivative financial instruments	13	14		_	
Total current assets	2,549,687	2,044,671	32,189	25,006	
Non-current assets					
Trade receivables	17,591	79,292	-	-	
Goodwill	5,141	5,188	-	-	
Subsidiaries	-	-	243,273	243,273	
Financial assets, available-for-sale	18,034	13,821	-	-	
Trading rights in Exchanges	95	97	-	-	
Memberships in Exchanges	405	441	-	-	
Property, plant and equipment	63,755	65,231	-	-	
Deferred tax assets	1,367	724			
Total non-current assets  Total assets	106,388	164,794	243,273	243,273	
	2,656,075	2,209,465	275,462	268,279	
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY					
<u>Current liabilities</u>	04-00-				
Outstanding contracts payable	817,003	377,162	-	-	
Trade and other payables	86,053	96,646	25,996	18,743	
Other financial liabilities, at fair value through profit or loss	30	200.752	-	-	
Borrowings Debts issued	317,563	308,752 295,711	-	-	
Income tax payable	286,550 19,908	16,652	-	-	
Derivative financial instruments	824	679	_	_	
Total current liabilities	1,527,931	1,095,602	25,996	18,743	
		1,055,002	23,570	10,713	
Non-current liabilities Trade and other payables	3,636	3,636	_	_	
Deferred tax liabilities	2,271	1,834	_		
Total non-current liabilities	5,907	5,470	_	_	
Total liabilities	1,533,838	1,101,072	25,996	18,743	
<b>Equity</b>					
Capital, reserves and non-controlling interests					
Share capital	72,471	72,471	72,471	72,471	
Reserves	(52,463)	(43,174)	-	-	
Retained earnings	1,080,629	1,057,501	176,995	177,065	
Equity attributable to owners of the Company Non-controlling interests	1,100,637 21,600	1,086,798 21,595	249,466 -	249,536	
Total equity	1,122,237	1,108,393	249,466	249,536	
Total liabilities and equity	2,656,075	2,209,465	275,462	268,279	
Clients' trust / segregated accounts					
Bank balances					
- with related parties	213,843	181,430	_	-	
- with non-related banks	599,910	628,485	-	-	
Margin with clearing houses	10,938	12,976	_	-	
Less: Amounts held in trust	(824,691)	(822,891)			



## 1(b)(ii) Aggregate amount of group's borrowings and debt securities

	The Group					
	As at 31/03/2012		As at 31/12/2011			
	Secured	Unsecured	Secured	Unsecured		
	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000		
Amounts repayable in one year or less, or on demand	301,305	16,258	207,857	100,895		
Amounts repayable after one year	-	-	-	-		

As at period end, the Group had debts issued amounting to S\$286,550,374. The debts issued, with derivative in the form of an embedded credit default swap or a put option, allow the Group to transfer the underlying assets to the note holders as full and final settlement upon the occurrence of a credit event.

#### Details of any collateral

Bank overdrafts and short term loans of subsidiaries amounting to S\$301,304,927 are secured by a fixed charge over immovable fixed assets and a floating charge over all assets.

# 1(c) A cash flow statement (for the group), together with a comparative statement for the corresponding period of the immediately preceding financial year.

	The C	Group
	3 months ended 31/03/2012 S\$'000	3 months ended 31/03/2011 \$\$'000
Operating activities		
Profit before income tax	26,820	38,046
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation expenses	2,493	2,337
Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment	(15)	(2)
Dividend income from quoted / unquoted securities	(40)	(330)
Finance expenses	3,161	3,599
Exchange differences	(11,773)	(7,447)
Operating cash flow before working capital changes	20,646	36,203
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Financial assets / liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	(23)	119
Trade, outstanding contracts and other receivables	(605,791)	(118,781)
Trade, outstanding contracts and other payables	429,393	117,785
Cash (used in) / generated from operations	(155,775)	35,326
Interest paid	(3,161)	(3,599)
Income tax paid	(447)	(438)
Net cash (used in) / provided by operating activities	(159,383)	31,289
Investing activities		
Payments for property, plant and equipment	(1,114)	(506)
Payments for financial assets, available-for-sale	(2,966)	-
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment	21	8
Proceeds from disposal of financial assets, available-for-sale	20	-
Dividends received from quoted / unquoted securities	40	330
Net cash used in investing activities	(3,999)	(168)
Financing activities		
Repayment of short-term bank loans	(24,160)	(111,686)
Payment to non-controlling interest for additional interest in a subsidiary	(220)	(42)
Net cash used in financing activities	(24,380)	(111,728)
Effects of exchange rate changes on the balance of cash and cash equivalents		
held in foreign currencies	1,422	(303)



1(c) A cash flow statement (for the group), together with a comparative statement for the corresponding period of the immediately preceding financial year. (continued)

	The Group				
	3 months ended 3	3 months ended3 months ended			
	31/03/2012	31/03/2011			
	S\$'000	S\$'000			
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents during the financial					
period	(186,340)	(80,910)			
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the financial period	353,605	274,330			
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the financial period	167,265	193,420			

For the purpose of consolidated cash flow statement, the consolidated cash and cash equivalents comprise the following:

	i ne Group		
	As at 31/03/2012 S\$'000	As at 31/03/2011 S\$'000	
Cash and bank balances	204,378	208,987	
Less: Bank overdrafts	(37,113)	(15,567)	
Cash and cash equivalents per consolidated cash flow statement	167,265	193,420	

1(d)(i) A statement (for the issuer and group) showing either (i) all changes in equity or (ii) changes in equity other than those arising from capitalisation issues and distributions to shareholders, together with a comparative statement for the corresponding period of the immediately preceding financial year.

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY - THE GROUP

	Share capital S\$'000	Statutory reserve S\$'000	Equity reserve S\$'000	Fair value reserve S\$'000	Foreign currency translation reserve S\$'000	Retained earnings S\$'000	Total attributable to members of the Company S\$'000	Non- controlling interests \$\$'000	Total Equity S\$'000
Balance at 1 January 2012	72,471	1,541	(1,592)	1,074	(44,197)	1,057,501	1,086,798	21,595	1,108,393
Total comprehensive income for first quarter	-	(14)	-	1,053	(10,408)	23,158	13,789	275	14,064
Acquisition of additional interest in a subsidiary	-	6	44	-	-	-	50	(270)	(220)
Transfer to statutory reserve	-	30	-	-	-	(30)	-	-	-
Balance at 31 March 2012	72,471	1,563	(1,548)	2,127	(54,605)	1,080,629	1,100,637	21,600	1,122,237



1(d)(i) A statement (for the issuer and group) showing either (i) all changes in equity or (ii) changes in equity other than those arising from capitalisation issues and distributions to shareholders, together with a comparative statement for the corresponding period of the immediately preceding financial year. (continued)

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY – THE GROUP (continued)

	Share capital S\$'000	Statutory reserve S\$'000	Equity reserve S\$'000	Fair value reserve S\$'000	Foreign currency translation reserve S\$'000	Retained earnings S\$'000	Total attributable to members of the Company S\$'000	Non- controlling interests S\$'000	Total Equity S\$'000
Balance at 1 January 2011	72,471	1,317	(1,819)	935	(44,249)	1,034,666	1,063,321	20,320	1,083,641
Total comprehensive income for first quarter	-	(33)	-	(228)	(7,316)	31,076	23,499	(115)	23,384
Acquisition of additional interest in a subsidiary	-	-	19	-	-	-	19	(61)	(42)
Transfer to statutory reserve	-	20	-	-	-	(20)	-	-	-
Balance at 31 March 2011	72,471	1,304	(1,800)	707	(51,565)	1,065,722	1,086,839	20,144	1,106,983

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY – THE COMPANY

	Share capital S\$'000	Retained earnings S\$'000	Total S\$'000
Balance at 1 January 2012	72,471	177,065	249,536
Total comprehensive loss for first quarter		(70)	(70)
Balance at 31 March 2012	72,471	176,995	249,466
	Share Capital S\$'000	Retained earnings S\$'000	Total S\$'000
Balance at 1 January 2011	72,471	178,104	250,575
Total comprehensive loss for first quarter	-	(33)	(33)
Balance at 31 March 2011	72,471	178,071	250,542



1(d)(ii) Details of any changes in the company's share capital arising from rights issue, bonus issue, share buy-backs, exercise of share options or warrants, conversion of other issues of equity securities, issue of shares for cash or as consideration for acquisition or for any other purpose since the end of the previous period reported on. State also the number of shares that may be issued on conversion of all the outstanding convertibles, as well as the number of shares held as treasury shares, if any, against the total number of issued shares excluding treasury shares of the issuer, as at the end of the current financial period reported on and as at the end of the corresponding period of the immediately preceding financial year.

NIL

1(d)(iii) To show the total number of issued shares excluding treasury shares as at the end of the current financial period and as at the end of the immediately preceding financial year.

31 March 2012 31 December 2011

No. of shares 724,709,009 724,709,009

1(d)(iv) A statement showing all sales, transfers, disposals, cancellation and / or use of treasury shares as at the end of the current financial period reported on.

Not applicable

Whether the figures have been audited, or reviewed and in accordance with which standard (e.g. the Singapore Standard on Auditing 910. (Engagements to Review Financial Statements), or an equivalent standard)

The figures have not been audited or reviewed by the auditors.

3 Where the figures have been audited or reviewed, the auditors' report. (including any qualifications or emphasis of matter)

Not applicable.

4 Whether the same accounting policies and methods of computation as in the issuer's most recently audited annual financial statements have been applied.

The Group and the Company have applied the same accounting policies in the financial statements for the current reporting period compared to the audited financial statements as at 31 December 2011.

If there are any changes in the accounting policies and methods of computation, including any required by an accounting standard, what has changed, as well as the reasons for, and the effect of, the change.

Not applicable.

Earnings per ordinary share of the group for the current period reported on and the corresponding period of the immediately preceding financial year, after deducting any provision for preference dividends.

	The Group		
	3 months ended 31/03/12	3 months ended 31/03/11	
Earnings per ordinary share for the period after deducting any provision for preference dividends:-			
(i) Based on weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue	3.20 cents	4.29 cents	
(ii) On a fully diluted basis	3.20 cents	4.29 cents	



Net asset value (for the issuer and group) per ordinary share based on issued share capital of the issuer at the end of the (a) current period reported on; and (b) immediately preceding financial year.

	The Group		The Company	
	As at 31/03/2012	As at 31/12/2011	As at 31/03/2012	As at 31/12/2011
Net asset value per ordinary share based on existing issued share				
capital as at the end of the period reported on	151.87 cents	149.96 cents	34.42 cents	34.43 cents

A review of the performance of the group, to the extent necessary for a reasonable understanding of the group's business. The review must discuss any significant factors that affect the turnovers, costs, and earnings of the group for the current financial period reported on, including (where applicable) seasonal or cyclical factors. It must also discuss any material factors that affected the cash flow, working capital, assets or liabilities of the group during the current financial period reported on.

#### **Operating Profit and Expenses**

European sovereign debt concerns continue to weigh down investor sentiments. Trading volume improved slightly at the beginning of the quarter but was not sustained. Against this background of a challenging environment, the Group recorded a pre-tax profit of \$26.8 million.

Total revenue was \$85.1 million (2011: \$107.4 million) of which commission income contributed \$65.8 million (2011: \$85.6 million). Interest income decreased to \$14.9 million (2011: \$18.3 million) attributable to lower margin loans across the region.

Total expenses were lower at \$58.8 million (2011: \$70.6 million) due to lower commission payable and funding costs

#### **Balance Sheet**

The Group's net asset value position remains healthy at S\$1.1 billion as at 31 March 2012. There were no significant changes in the composition of Group balance sheet items.

The Group's reserves expressed in SGD decreased \$9.3 million mainly due to a loss on translation of net assets of overseas subsidiaries as a result of a strong SGD vis-à-vis the currencies in the countries where our subsidiaries operate.

9 Where a forecast, or a prospect statement, has been previously disclosed to shareholders, any variance between it and the actual results.

Not applicable.

A commentary at the date of the announcement of the competitive conditions of the industry in which the group operates and any known factors or events that may affect the group in the next reporting period and the next 12 months.

The market conditions improved modestly since the start of the financial year compared with the last quarter of FY2011. Sentiment is expected to remain cautious on moderate trading volumes in the absence of any positive catalysts. These conditions will largely dictate our revenue and profitability in the coming quarters.



(a) Current Financial Period Reported On

Any dividend declared for the current financial period (quarter) reported on?

None

(b) Corresponding Period of the Immediately Preceding Financial Year

Any dividend declared for the corresponding period (quarter) of the immediately preceding financial year?

None

(c) Date payable

Not applicable

(d) Books closure date

Not applicable

12 If no dividend has been declared/recommended, a statement to that effect.

No dividend has been declared / recommended for the quarter ended 31 March 2012

13 If the Group has obtained a general mandate from shareholders for IPTs, the aggregate value of such transactions as required under Rule 920(1)(a)(ii). If no IPTs mandate has been obtained, a statement to that effect.

No IPT mandate has been obtained.

### 14 Confirmation of the Board

The Board of Directors hereby confirms that, to the best of its knowledge, nothing has come to its attention which may render the unaudited financial statements for the quarter ended 31 March 2012 to be false or misleading in any material aspect.

On behalf of the Board of Directors

Wee Ee-chao Esmond Choo Managing Director Executive Director

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

Wee Ee-chao Managing Director 10 May 2012