

Financial Statements

And Dividend Announcement

For First Quarter Ended 31 March 2015

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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 31/03/2015 S\$'000	3 months ended 31/03/2014 S\$'000	Increase / (Decrease)
Revenue			
Commission income	55,550	56,276	(1.3)
Interest income	22,888	21,001	9.0
Other operating revenue	11,370	6,716	69.3
Total revenue	89,808	83,993	6.9
Foreign exchange gain	4,414	1,290	242.2
Total income	94,222	85,283	10.5
Costs and expenses			
Commission expenses	(14,650)	(13,918)	
Personnel expenses	(31,851)	(26,059)	
Depreciation expenses Allowance for impairment of trade debtors & bad	(2,180)	(2,291)	(4.8)
debts written off	(259)	(76)	240.8
Allowance for impairment of goodwill	-	(100)	N.M
Net fair value loss on financial assets / liabilities through profit or loss	(527)	(262)	101.1
Finance expenses	(5,895)	(4,947)	19.2
Other operating expenses	(17,256)	(16,876)	2.3
	(72,618)	(64,529)	12.5
Profit before tax	21,604	20,754	4.1
Income tax expense*	(2,866)	(2,631)	8.9
Profit after tax	18,738	18,123	3.4
Other comprehensive income (net of tax):			
Foreign currency translation difference	17,688	1,153	1,434.1
Available-for-sale financial assets	(31)	979	
	17,657	2,132	728.2
Total comprehensive income for the period	36,395	20,255	79.7

^{*}Overprovision of taxation in respect of prior years in the 3 months ended 31 March 2015 is S\$123,126. (3 months ended 31 March 2014: S\$60,811)

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 31/03/2015	3 months ended 31/03/2014	Increase / (Decrease) %			
Profit attributable to:	S\$'000	S\$'000				
Owners of the Company	18,031	17,881	0.8			
Non-controlling interests	707	242	192.1			
	18,738	18,123	3.4			
Total comprehensive income attributable to:						
Owners of the Company	34,738	19,573	77.5			
Non-controlling interests	1,657	682	143.0			
	36.395	20,255	79 7			



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.

	The C	The Group		The Company		
		As at 31/12/2014 S\$'000	As at 31/03/2015 S\$'000			
ASSETS						
Current assets	205.250	400.050	2.00	242		
Cash and bank balances	205,358	180,959	260	313		
Outstanding contracts receivable	740,809	529,252	-	-		
Trade receivables	2,993,910	1,705,153	-	-		
Other financial assets, at fair value through profit or loss	25,640	161	26.297	22.020		
Other current assets Derivative financial instruments	37,056 24	37,653 7	36,387	33,939		
Total current assets	4,002,797	2,453,185	36,647	34,252		
Total Current assets	4,002,797	2,433,163	30,047	34,232		
Non-current assets						
Trade and other receivables	25,870	86,563	206	198		
Goodwill	5,700	5,697	-	-		
Subsidiaries	-	-	349,374	349,374		
Financial assets, available-for-sale	10,018	25,124	-	-		
Trading rights in Exchanges	102	98	-	-		
Memberships in Exchanges	228	217	-	-		
Property, plant and equipment	52,236	53,564	-	-		
Deferred tax assets	2,029	1,841	240.500			
Total non-current assets	96,183	173,104	349,580	349,572		
Total assets	4,098,980	2,626,289	386,227	383,824		
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY						
Current liabilities						
Outstanding contracts payable	712,098	485,000	-	-		
Trade and other payables	110,089	101,527	84,200	82,477		
Other financial liabilities, at fair value through profit or loss	3	-	-	-		
Borrowings	1,528,012	384,206	-	-		
Debts issued	447,262	392,462	-	-		
Income tax payable	13,520	11,464	-	-		
Derivative financial instruments	65	160	- 04.200			
Total current liabilities	2,811,049	1,374,819	84,200	82,477		
Non-current liabilities						
Trade and other payables	2,215	2,215	-	-		
Deferred tax liabilities	1,036	970				
Total non-current liabilities	3,251	3,185				
Total liabilities	2,814,300	1,378,004	84,200	82,477		
Equity						
Capital, reserves and non-controlling interests						
Share capital	110,677	110,677	110,677	110,677		
Reserves	(31,400)	(48,107)	-	-		
Retained earnings	1,185,536	1,167,505	191,350	190,670		
Equity attributable to owners of the Company	1,264,813	1,230,075	302,027	301,347		
Non-controlling interests	19,867	18,210				
Total equity	1,284,680	1,248,285	302,027	301,347		
Total liabilities and equity	4,098,980	2,626,289	386,227	383,824		
Clients' trust / segregated accounts						
Bank balances						
- with related parties	481,672	410,980	-	-		
- with non-related banks	919,436	771,096	-	-		
Margin with clearing houses	16,558	9,372	-	-		
Less: Amounts held in trust	(1,417,666)	(1,191,448)				
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1(b)(ii) Aggregate amount of group's borrowings and debt securities

	The Group					
	As at 31/03/2015		As at 31/12/2014			
	Secured	Unsecured	Secured	Unsecured		
	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000		
Amounts repayable in one year or less, or on demand	1,526,511	1,501	372,771	11,435		
Amounts repayable after one year	-	-	-	-		

As at period end, the Group had debts issued amounting to \$\$447,262,304. The debts issued, with derivative in the form of an embedded credit default swap, 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\$1,528,012,048 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 31/03/2015 S\$'000	3 months ended 31/03/2014 S\$'000
Operating activities		
Profit before income tax	21,604	20,754
Adjustments for:	2 100	2 201
Depreciation expense Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment	2,180	2,291
(Write back of allowance) Allowance for trade receivables	(103)	(26) 103
Allowance for impairment in goodwill	(103)	100
Interest expense	5,895	4,947
Exchange differences	(4,887)	370
Operating cash flow before working capital changes	24,689	28,539
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Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Other financial assets / liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	(25,235)	35,184
Financial assets available for sale	16,151	(5,527)
Trade, outstanding contracts and other receivables	(1,369,959)	(373,577)
Trade, outstanding contracts and other payables	237,801	167,597
Cash used in operations	(1,116,553)	(147,784)
Interest paid	(5,895)	(4,947)
Income tax paid	(1,033)	(320)
Net cash used in operating activities	(1,123,481)	(153,051)
Investing activities		
Payments for property, plant and equipment	(863)	(460)
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment	50	74
Net cash used in investing activities	(813)	(386)
Financing activities		
Net drawdown of short-term bank loans	1,133,061	136,594
Payment to non-controlling interest for additional interest in a subsidiary	-	(1,193)
Net cash from financing activities	1,133,061	135,401
Effects of exchange rate changes on the balance of cash and cash equivalents		
held in foreign currencies	4,887	(370)



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 C	The Group			
	3 months ended3 months ended				
	31/03/2015	31/03/2014			
	S\$'000	S\$'000			
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents during the					
financial period	13,654	(18,406)			
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the financial period	171,491	234,410			
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the financial period	185,145	216,004			

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

	The Group		
	As at 31/03/2015	As at 31/03/2014	
	S\$'000	S\$'000	
Cash and bank balances	205,358	224,089	
Less: Bank overdrafts	(20,213)	(8,085)	
Cash and cash equivalents per consolidated cash flow statement	185,145	216,004	

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 SS'000	Non- controlling interests S\$'000	Total Equity S\$'000
Balance at 1 January 2015	110,677	1,714	(276)	3,137	(52,682)	1,167,505	1,230,075	18,210	1,248,285
Total comprehensive income for the period									
Profit for the period	-	-	-	-	-	18,031	18,031	707	18,738
Other comprehensive income	-	88	-	30	16,589	-	16,707	950	17,657
Total	-	88	-	30	16,589	18,031	34,738	1,657	36,395
Balance at 31 March 2015	110,677	1,802	(276)	3,167	(36,093)	1,185,536	1,264,813	19,867	1,284,680



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 2014 Total comprehensive income for the period	72,471	1,661	(1,246)	3,090	(68,034)	1,140,166	1,148,108	20,221	1,168,329
Profit for the period	-	-	-	-	-	17,881	17,881	242	18,123
Other comprehensive income	-	2	-	961	729	-	1,692	440	2,132
Total		2	-	961	729	17,881	19,573	682	20,255
Acquisition of additional interest in subsidiary Transfer to statutory reserve	-	32 (81)	754 -	-	-	- 81	786 -	(1,979)	(1,193)
Balance at 31 March 2014	72,471	1,614	(492)	4,051	(67,305)	1,158,128	1,168,467	18,924	1,187,391

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY – THE COMPANY

	Share capital S\$'000	Retained earnings S\$'000	Total S\$'000
Balance at 1 January 2015	110,677	190,670	301,347
Total comprehensive income for first quarter		680	680
Balance at 31 March 2015	110,677	191,350	302,027
	Share Capital S\$'000	Retained earnings S\$'000	Total S\$'000
Balance at 1 January 2014	72,471	197,526	269,997
Total comprehensive loss for first quarter	-	(107)	(107)
Balance at 31 March 2014	72,471	197,419	269,890



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 2015 31 December 2014

No. of shares 750,214,907 750,214,907

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 2014.

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.

6 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 31/03/15	3 months ended 31/03/14	
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	2.40 cents	2.47 cents	
(ii) On a fully diluted basis	2.40 cents	2.47 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 31/03/2015	As at 31/12/2014	As at 31/03/2015	As at 31/12/2014
Net asset value per ordinary share based on existing issued share				
capital as at the end of the period reported on	168.59 cents	163.96 cents	40.26 cents	40.17 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

Investor interest in the Singapore market, our major segment, remained subdued being weighed down by concerns over rising interest rates and unexciting economic prospects. However, this was to a certain extent offset by the buoyant market in Thailand. Against this challenging environment, the Group recorded a pre-tax profit of \$21.6 million (2014: \$20.8m)

Total revenue increased 6.9% from \$84.0m to \$89.8m of which commission income accounted for \$55.6m (2014: \$56.3m). Interest income rose from \$21.0m to \$22.9m with higher financing activities. Other operating income expanded from \$6.7m to \$11.4m, mainly from a placement deal.

Commission and personnel expenses increased along with higher revenue. Finance expenses were higher due to higher funding requirements.

Balance Sheet

The Group's net asset value position remained healthy at \$1.3 billion as at 31 March 2015. There were no significant changes in the composition of Group balance sheet items except for working capital items that fluctuate with prevailing trading volumes towards the end of each reporting period.

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 buoyant Hong Kong and Shanghai markets are expected to spur retail interest in equities regionally. Stabilising oil prices and more benign interest rate outlook in the ensuing quarter will be positive for equity markets generally.

We expect trading environment to be more positive in the second half of 2015.



11 Dividend

(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 2015

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 2015 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 13 May 2015