

Financial Statements

And Dividend Announcement

For Full Year Ended 31 December 2018



These figures have not been audited.

1(a)(i) 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 | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|-------------------------------|--|--|-------------------------------|--|--|
| | 12 months ended 31/12/2018 S\$'000 | 12 months ended 31/12/2017 S\$'000 | Increase / (Decrease) % | 3 months ended 31/12/2018 S\$'000 | 3 months ended 31/12/2017 S\$'000 | Increase / (Decrease) % | | |
| Revenue | | | | | | | | |
| Commission income | 238,094 | 250,518 | (5.0) | 45,460 | 66,056 | (31.2) | | |
| Interest income | 110,890 | 97,673 | 13.5 | 31,235 | 28,087 | 11.2 | | |
| Dividend from quoted / unquoted securities | 110 | 49 | 124.5 | 48 | (1) | N.M | | |
| Other operating revenue | 25,879 | 27,980 | (7.5) | 9,340 | 11,163 | (16.3) | | |
| Total revenue | 374,973 | 376,220 | (0.3) | 86,083 | 105,305 | (18.3) | | |
| Foreign exchange gain | 7,353 | 3,300 | 122.8 | 2,931 | 511 | 473.6 | | |
| Total income | 382,326 | 379,520 | 0.7 | 89,014 | 105,816 | (15.9) | | |
| Costs and expenses | | | | | | | | |
| Commission expenses | (53,807) | (56,918) | (5.5) | (11,786) | (14,155) | (16.7) | | |
| Personnel expenses | (130,366) | (126,081) | 3.4 | (33,819) | (36,845) | (8.2) | | |
| Depreciation expenses | (9,018) | (8,948) | 0.8 | (2,296) | (2,327) | (1.3) | | |
| Allowance for impairment of goodwill | (1,049) | (294) | 256.8 | (252) | (188) | 34.0 | | |
| (Allowance) Write back of allowance for impairment of trade debtors & bad debts written off | (72) | 141 | N.M | (103) | 34 | N.M | | |
| Net fair value (loss) gain on financial assets / liabilities through profit or loss | (575) | (1) | N.M | 36 | (176) | N.M | | |
| Finance expenses | (36,978) | (31,662) | 16.8 | (12,022) | (11,106) | 8.2 | | |
| Other operating expenses | (64,073) | (65,696) | (2.5) | (15,710) | (16,222) | (3.2) | | |
| | (295,938) | (289,459) | 2.2 | (75,952) | (80,985) | (6.2) | | |
| Profit before tax | 86,388 | 90,061 | (4.1) | 13,062 | 24,831 | (47.4) | | |
| Income tax expense* | (10,592) | (12,538) | (15.5) | (1,738) | (2,669) | (34.9) | | |
| Profit after tax | 75,796 | 77,523 | (2.2) | 11,324 | 22,162 | (48.9) | | |
| Other comprehensive income / (expense) (net of tax): | | | | | | | | |
| Foreign currency translation difference | 10,432 | (34,016) | N.M | (1,028) | (5,039) | (79.6) | | |
| Available-for-sale financial assets | | 7 | N.M | - | - | N.M | | |
| Acturial gain (loss) on defined benefit plan | 473 | (63) | N.M | 473 | (63) | | | |
| | 10,905 | (34,072) | N.M | (555) | (5,102) | - | | |
| Total comprehensive income for the period | 86,701 | 43,451 | 99.5 | 10,769 | 17,060 | (36.9) | | |

N.M. = Not Meaningful.

^{*}Under provision of taxation in respect of prior years in the 12 months ended 31 December 2018 is \$98,657. [12 months ended 31 December 2017: \$149,867]



1(a)(i) 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 | | | | | | | |
|---|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|--|
| (commute) | 12 months ended 31/12/2018 | 12 months ended 31/12/2017 | Increase / (Decrease) | 3 months ended 31/12/2018 | 3 months ended 31/12/2017 | Increase / (Decrease) % | | |
| | S\$'000 | S\$'000 | | S\$'000 | S\$'000 | | | |
| Profit attributable to : | | | | | | | | |
| Owners of the Company | 74,832 | 76,249 | (1.9) | 11,281 | 21,841 | (48.3) | | |
| Non-controlling interests | 964 | 1,274 | (24.3) | 43 | 321 | (86.6) | | |
| | 75,796 | 77,523 | (2.2) | 11,324 | 22,162 | (48.9) | | |
| Total comprehensive income attributable to: | | | | | | | | |
| Owners of the Company | 85,183 | 42,016 | 102.7 | 10,762 | 16,673 | (35.5) | | |
| Non-controlling interests | 1,518 | 1,435 | 5.8 | 7 | 387 | (98.2) | | |
| | 86,701 | 43,451 | 99.5 | 10,769 | 17,060 | (36.9) | | |



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.

| | The Group | | | The Company | | |
|--|-----------------------------|--|--|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| | As at 31/12/2018 S\$'000 | As at 31/12/2017 S\$'000 Restated ** | As at 1/1/2017 S\$'000 Restated ** | As at 31/12/2018 A S\$'000 | As at 31/12/2017 S\$'000 | |
| ASSETS | | | | | | |
| Current assets | | | | | | |
| Cash and bank balances | 663,754 | 627,330 | 545,903 | 184 | 184 | |
| Outstanding contracts receivable | 463,703 | 714,293 | 622,293 | - | - | |
| Trade receivables Other financial assets, at fair value through | 2,044,683 | 1,868,915 | 1,477,873 | - | - | |
| profit or loss | 35,766 | 31,721 | 38,404 | - | - | |
| Other current assets | 48,123 | 47,821 | 40,185 | 70,679 | 76,126 | |
| Derivative financial instruments | 40,922 | 2,325 | 1,658 | | | |
| Total current assets | 3,296,951 | 3,292,405 | 2,726,316 | 70,863 | 76,310 | |
| Non-current assets | | | | | | |
| Trade and other receivables | 2,518 | 1,844 | 43,156 | 204 | 200 | |
| Goodwill | 14,825 | 14,028 | 14,137 | - | - | |
| Subsidiaries | - | - | - | 364,205 | 364,205 | |
| Available-for-sale investments Other financial assets, at fair value through | - | 1,875 | 1,999 | - | - | |
| profit or loss | 1,304 | _ | _ | _ | _ | |
| Trading rights in Exchanges | 94 | 94 | 103 | _ | _ | |
| Memberships in Exchanges | 225 | 220 | 219 | - | _ | |
| Property, plant and equipment | 36,689 | 40,924 | 45,365 | - | - | |
| Deferred tax assets | 1,051 | 1,369 | 1,243 | _ | - | |
| Total non-current assets | 56,706 | 60,354 | 106,222 | 364,409 | 364,405 | |
| Total assets | 3,353,657 | 3,352,759 | 2,832,538 | 435,272 | 440,715 | |
| LIABILITIES AND EQUITY | | | | | | |
| Current liabilities | | | | | | |
| Outstanding contracts payable | 446,965 | 678,492 | 630,030 | - | - | |
| Trade and other payables | 212,506 | 428,737 | 181,801 | 50,576 | 64,140 | |
| Borrowings | 977,252 | 666,771 | 488,092 | 400 | 868 | |
| Debts issued | 197,504 | 159,834 | 143,032 | - | - | |
| Other financial liabilities, at fair value through profit or loss | - | 1 | - | - | - | |
| Income tax payable | 7,781 | 7,764 | 8,492 | 77 | 18 | |
| Derivative financial instruments | 40,945 | 2,315 | 1,016 | | | |
| Total current liabilities | 1,882,953 | 1,943,914 | 1,452,463 | 51,053 | 65,026 | |
| Non-current liabilities | | | | | | |
| Trade and other payables | 1 246 | 2,011 | 167 | - | - | |
| Deferred tax liabilities | 1,346 | 1,304 | 874 1,041 | - | | |
| Total liabilities | 1,346 | 3,315 | 1,453,504 | <u>-</u> 51 052 | 65.026 | |
| Total liabilities | 1,884,299 | 1,947,229 | 1,433,304 | 51,053 | 65,026 | |

^{**} Comparative figures are restated on the adoption of Singapore Financial Reporting Standards (International) (SFRS(I)) 1. Please refer to note 5 below for details on the financial impact from the adoption of SFRS(I)s.



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. (continued)

| | The C | Group | The Company | | | |
|--|-----------------------------|---|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| | As at 31/12/2018 S\$'000 | As at 31/12/2017 \$\$'000 Restated ** | As at 1/1/2017 S\$'000 Restated ** | As at 31/12/2018 S\$'000 | As at 31/12/2017 S\$'000 | |
| Equity Capital, reserves and non-controlling interests | | | | | | |
| Share capital | 184,265 | 167,565 | 155,616 | 184,265 | 167,565 | |
| Reserves | (20,821) | (30,419) | 2,923 | - | - | |
| Retained earnings | 1,287,148 | 1,249,189 | 1,200,459 | 199,954 | 208,124 | |
| Equity attributable to owners of the Company | 1,450,592 | 1,386,335 | 1,358,998 | 384,219 | 375,689 | |
| Non-controlling interests | 18,766 | 19,195 | 20,036 | | - | |
| Total equity | 1,469,358 | 1,405,530 | 1,379,034 | 384,219 | 375,689 | |
| Total liabilities and equity | 3,353,657 | 3,352,759 | 2,832,538 | 435,272 | 440,715 | |
| Clients' trust / segregated accounts Bank balances | | | | | | |
| - with related parties | 786,260 | 651,791 | 499,998 | - | - | |
| - with non-related banks | 1,644,595 | 1,402,006 | 1,074,794 | - | - | |
| Margin with clearing houses | 51,005 | 48,258 | 35,075 | - | - | |
| Debt securities | 19,676 | - | - | - | - | |
| Less: Amounts held in trust | (2,501,536) | (2,102,055) | (1,609,867) | | | |
| | <u> </u> | - | - | - | - | |

^{**} Comparative figures are restated on the adoption of Singapore Financial Reporting Standards (International) (SFRS(I)) 1. Please refer to note 5 below for details on the financial impact from the adoption of SFRS(I)s.



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

| | The Group | | | | |
|---|--------------------|----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|--|
| | As at 31/ | 12/2018 | As at 31/12/2017 | | |
| | Secured S\$'000 | Unsecured S\$'000 | Secured S\$'000 | Unsecured S\$'000 | |
| Amounts repayable in one year or less, or on demand | 977,174 | 78 | 660,177 | 6,594 | |
| Amounts repayable after one year | - | - | - | - | |
| Debts issued | - | 197,504 | - | 159,834 | |

As at period end, the Group had debts issued amounting to S\$197,504,251 (December 2017: S\$159,834,274). 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\$977,173,564 (12 months ended 31 December 2017:S\$660,176,621) 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 Group | | | | | |
|--|--|--|---|---|--|--|
| | 12 months ended 1 31/12/2018 S\$'000 | 12 months ended 31/12/2017 S\$'000 | 3 months ended 31/12/2018 S\$'000 | 3 months ended 31/12/2017 S\$'000 | | |
| Operating activities | 35 000 | 35 000 | 55 000 | 35 000 | | |
| Profit before income tax | 86,388 | 90,061 | 13,062 | 24,831 | | |
| Adjustments for: | 00,200 | >0,001 | 15,002 | 2.,001 | | |
| Depreciation expenses | 9.018 | 8,948 | 2,296 | 2.327 | | |
| Net (gain) loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment | (496) | (390) | _, | 27 | | |
| Allowance (Write back of allowance) for trade receivables | 99 | (252) | 112 | (275) | | |
| Allowance for impairment in goodwill | 1,049 | 294 | 252 | 188 | | |
| Fair value loss on non-current financial assets at fair value through profit or loss | s 293 | - | 293 | _ | | |
| Dividend income from quoted / unquoted securities | (110) | (49) | (48) | 1 | | |
| Interest expenses | 36,978 | 31,662 | 12,022 | 11,106 | | |
| Exchange differences | 2,062 | 7,629 | 314 | 1,380 | | |
| Operating cash flow before working capital changes | 135,281 | 137,903 | 28,303 | 39,585 | | |
| Changes in operating assets and liabilities: | | | | | | |
| Other financial assets / liabilities, at fair value through profit or loss | (3,797) | 6,388 | 13,818 | 12,753 | | |
| Trade, outstanding contracts and other receivables | 74,059 | (453,577) | (183,312) | (63,215) | | |
| Trade, outstanding contracts and other payables | (402,183) | 285,281 | (35,708) | 85,376 | | |
| Cash (used in) / generated from operations | (196,640) | (24,005) | (176,899) | 74,499 | | |
| Interest paid | (36,978) | (31,662) | (12,022) | (11,106) | | |
| Income tax paid | (10,215) | (13,036) | (2,016) | (1,799) | | |
| Net cash (used in) / provided by operating activities | (243,833) | (68,703) | (190,937) | 61,594 | | |
| Investing activities | | | | | | |
| Payments for property, plant and equipment | (4,360) | (4,538) | (1,710) | (750) | | |
| Acquisition of business | (2,582) | - | (2,582) | - | | |
| Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment | 1,328 | 524 | 5 | (1) | | |
| Dividends received from quoted / unquoted securities | 110 | 49 | 48 | (1) | | |
| Net cash (used in) investing activities | (5,504) | (3,965) | (4,239) | (752) | | |
| Financing activities | | | | | | |
| Drawdown of short-term bank loans | 313,979 | 169,839 | 171,500 | 84,227 | | |
| Payment to non-controlling interests for additional interest in a subsidiary | (1,056) | (1,200) | 2 | (9) | | |
| Payment to non-controlling interests for dividend | (236) | (283) | - | - | | |
| Dividends paid | (21,366) | (15,472) | | | | |
| Net cash from financing activities | 291,321 | 152,884 | 171,502 | 84,218 | | |



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 | | | | |
|---|--|--|---|---|--|
| | 12 months ended 31/12/2018 S\$'000 | 12 months ended 31/12/2017 S\$'000 | 3 months ended 31/12/2018 S\$'000 | 3 months ended 31/12/2017 S\$'000 | |
| Effects of exchange rate changes on the balance of cash and cash equivalents held in foreign currencies | (2,062) | (7,629) | (314) | (1,380) | |
| Net increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents during the financial | | | | | |
| period | 39,922 | 72,587 | (23,988) | 143,680 | |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the financial period | 618,489 | 545,902 | 682,399 | 474,809 | |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of the financial period | 658,411 | 618,489 | 658,411 | 618,489 | |

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

As at As at 31/12/2017

S\$'000 S\$'000 663,754 627,330 (5,343)(8,841) 658,411 618,489

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31/12/2018 Cash and bank balances Less: Bank overdrafts

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

Cash and cash equivalents per consolidated cash flow statement

| | 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 2018 | 167,565 | 1,827 | 813 | 1,046 | (34,105) | 1,249,189 | 1,386,335 | 19,195 | 1,405,530 |
| Impact of adopting SFRS(I) 9 (Note B) | - | - | - | (1,046) | - | 831 | (215) | - | (215) |
| Restated opening balance under SFRS(I) 1 & 9 | 167,565 | 1,827 | 813 | - | (34,105) | 1,250,020 | 1,386,120 | 19,195 | 1,405,315 |
| Total comprehensive income for the year Profit for the year | - | - | - | - | - | 74,832 | 74,832 | 964 | 75,796 |
| Other comprehensive income | - | 46 | - | - | 9,884 | 421 | 10,351 | 554 | 10,905 |
| Total | | 46 | - | - | 9,884 | 75,253 | 85,183 | 1,518 | 86,701 |
| Final Dividend for 2017 paid | 16,700 | - | - | - | - | (38,066) | (21,366) | - | (21,366) |
| Transfer to statutory reserve | - | 59 | - | - | - | (59) | - | - | - |
| Acquisition of additional interest in a subsidiary | - | 25 | 630 | - | - | - | 655 | (1,711) | (1,056) |
| Payment of dividends by a subsidiary | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | (236) | (236) |
| Balance at 31 December 2018 | 184,265 | 1,957 | 1,443 | - | (24,221) | 1,287,148 | 1,450,592 | 18,766 | 1,469,358 |



Total

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)

| Balance at 1 January 2017 | Share capital S\$'000 155,616 | Statutory reserve S\$'000 1,739 | Equity reserve S\$'000 52 | Fair value reserve S\$'000 1,132 | Foreign currency translation reserve S\$'000 (23,720) | Retained earnings S\$'000 1,224,179 | Total attributable to members of the Company SS'000 1,358,998 | Non- controlling interests \$\$'000 20,036 | Total Equity S\$'000 1,379,034 |
|--|--|--|------------------------------------|--|--|--|---|--|---|
| Impact of adopting SFRS(I)1 (Note A) | - | - | - | - | 23,720 | (23,720) | - | - | - |
| Restated opening balance under SFRS(I) 1 | 155,616 | 1,739 | 52 | 1,132 | - | 1,200,459 | 1,358,998 | 20,036 | 1,379,034 |
| Total comprehensive income for the year | | | | | | | | | |
| Profit for the period | - | - | - | - | - | 76,249 | 76,249 | 1,274 | 77,523 |
| Other comprehensive income | - | 21 | - | (86) | (34,105) | (63) | (34,233) | 161 | (34,072) |
| Total | | 21 | - | (86) | (34,105) | 76,186 | 42,016 | 1,435 | 43,451 |
| Transfer to statutory reserve | - | 35 | - | - | - | (35) | - | - | - |
| Payment of dividend by subsidiary | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | (283) | (283) |
| Final dividend for 2016 paid | 11,949 | - | - | - | - | (27,421) | (15,472) | - | (15,472) |
| Acquisition of additional interest in a subsidiary | - | 32 | 761 | - | - | - | 793 | (1,993) | (1,200) |
| Balance at 31 December 2017 | 167,565 | 1,827 | 813 | 1,046 | (34,105) | 1,249,189 | 1,386,335 | 19,195 | 1,405,530 |

Note A

The Group has adopted SFRS(I) for the financial year ended 31 December 2018 and has applied SFRS(I) 1 with 1 January 2017 as the date of transition for the Group and the Company.

The Group has elected the optional exemption in SFRS(I) 1 to reset its cumulative Foreign Currency Translation Reserve ("FCTR") for all foreign operations to NIL at the date of transition, and reclassify the cumulative FCTR debit balance as at 1 January 2017 of approximately S\$23.7 million as determined in accordance with the previous Financial Reporting Standards (FRS) at that date to retained earnings. After the date of transition, any gain or loss on disposal of any foreign operations will exclude translation differences that arose before the date of transition

Note B

The Group and Company has applied SFRS(I) 9 on 1 January 2018 and adopted the amendments to SFRS(I) 9 on the same date. Under SFRS(I) 9, equity investments securities held for long-term strategic purposes that are classified as available-for-sale under FRS 39 will be designated as fair value through profit or loss on 1 January 2018. Accordingly, "Available-for-sale investments" on the statement of financial position has been redesignated as "Other financial assets, at fair value through profit or loss".



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 COMPANY

| | Share capital S\$'000 | Retained earnings S\$'000 | Total S\$'000 |
|---|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|
| Balance at 1 January 2018 | 167,565 | 208,124 | 375,689 |
| Total comprehensive income for the financial year | - | 29,896 | 29,896 |
| Final dividend for 2017 paid | 16,692 | (38,058) | (21,366) |
| Reclassification of dividend paid in prior years | 8 | (8) | - |
| Balance at 31 December 2018 | 184,265 | 199,954 | 384,219 |
| | Share capital S\$'000 | Retained earnings S\$'000 | Total S\$'000 |
| Balance at 1 January 2017 | 155,616 | 198,652 | 354,268 |
| Total comprehensive loss for the financial year | - | 36,893 | 36,893 |
| Final dividend for 2016 paid | 11,949 | (27,421) | (15,472) |
| Balance at 31 December 2017 | 167,565 | 208,124 | 375,689 |

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.

Number of shares

| Ordinary shares | 12 months ended 31/12/2018 | 12 months ended 31/12/2017 | 3 months ended 31/12/2018 | 3 months ended 31/12/2017 |
|---|----------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Balance at beginning of period | 792,820,312 | 783,453,546 | 806,195,039 | 792,820,312 |
| Issue of shares under scrip dividend scheme | 13,374,727 | 9,366,766 | - | - |
| Balance at end of period | 806,195,039 | 792,820,312 | 806,195,039 | 792,820,312 |

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 December | 31 December |
|-------------|-------------|
| 2018 | 2017 |
| 806,195,039 | 792,820,312 |



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 auditing standard or practice (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.

Other than the adoption of the new framework and the new SFRS(I)s which took effect from the current financial year as disclosed in note 5 below, 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 2017.

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.

In adopting the new SFRS(I) framework with effect from 1 January 2018, the Group and Company are required to apply the specific transition requirements in SFRS(I) 1 First-time Adoption of International Financial Reporting Standards (International). In addition, during the current financial year, the Group and the Company have adopted the following new SFRS(I)s, which took effect from the financial year beginning 1 January 2018:

- SFRS(I) 9 Financial Instruments
- SFRS(I) 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers

Except for SFRS(I) 1 and SFRS(I) 9, the adoption of the above new SFRS(I)s is assessed to have no material impact to the results and financial position of the Group and of the Company for the year ending 31 December 2018.

Impacts on initial application of SFRS (I)

The following reconciliation summarises the impact on initial application of SFRS(I) 1 on the Group's financial statement

The Group

| A | s at 1/1/2017 | | As at 31/12/2017 | | | |
|----------------------|--------------------|-------------|----------------------|--------------------|-------------|--|
| As previously stated | Effects of SFRS(I) | As restated | As previously stated | Effects of SFRS(I) | As restated | |
| S\$'000 | S\$'000 | S\$'000 | S\$'000 | S\$'000 | S\$'000 | |
| | | | | | | |
| (20,797) | 23,720 | 2,923 | (54,139) | 23,720 | (30,419) | |
| 1,224,179 | (23,720) | 1,200,459 | 1,272,909 | (23,720) | 1,249,189 | |

EQUITY

Reserves

Retained earnings

Please refer to the Statements of Changes in Equity for the Group in note 1(d)(i) for further details on the respective adjustments made in relation to SFRS(I) 1 and SFRS(I) 9.



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

| | The Group | | | |
|---|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| | 12 months ended 31/12/2018 | 12 months ended 31/12/2017 | 3 months ended 31/12/2018 | 3 months ended 31/12/2017 |
| 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 | 9.35 cents | 9.67 cents | 1.40 cents | 2.75 cents |
| (ii) On a fully diluted basis | 9.35 cents | 9.67 cents | 1.40 cents | 2.75 cents |

Net asset value (for the issuer and group) per ordinary share based on total number of issued shares excluding treasury shares 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 31/12/2018 | As at 31/12/2017 | As at 31/12/2018 | As at 31/12/2017 |
| Net asset value per ordinary share based on existing issued share | | | | |
| capital as at the end of the period reported on | 179.93 cents | 174.86 cents | 47.66 cents | 47.39 cents |

Net asset value is derived after deducting 2.3 cents (December 2017: 2.4 cents) per share attributable to non-controlling interests.

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

4018 vs 4017

The Group recorded a pre-tax profit of \$13.1m and after tax profit of \$11.3m, a decline of 47.4% and 48.9% respectively. Market sentiment and trading volumes were generally lower across major markets where we have a presence. Investor sentiment turned cautious due to uncertainties caused by trade tensions. In line with lower market volumes, commission income decline 31.2% from \$66.1m to \$45.5m.

Interest income rose from \$28.1m to \$31.2m as a result of higher margin financing activities in Hong Kong. Other operating revenue reduced by 16.3% from \$11.2m to \$9.3m with lower corporate finance activities.

Total costs and expenses reduced 6.2% from \$81.0m to \$76.0m. Commissions paid to commission agents decreased by 16.7% to \$11.8m from \$14.2m and personnel expenses, which included incentives paid to employed dealers, decreased 8.2% from \$36.8m to \$33.8m with lower commission income. Finance expenses were higher due to higher funding requirements and rising interest rates.



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FY18 vs FY17

Trading volumes across regional markets where we operate started the year strongly but investor sentiment turned cautious in the second half of the year, especially in the last quarter arising from trade tensions and rising interest rate environment. The Group's full year pre-tax profit decreased 4.1% from \$90.1m to \$86.4m and after tax profit decreased slightly by 2.2% from \$77.5m to \$75.8m.

Commission income declined by 5.0% from \$250.5m to \$238.1m. Interest income rose 13.5% from \$97.7m to \$110.9m with more lending activities. Other operating income reduced 7.5% from \$28m to \$25.9m with lower corporate finance activities.

Commission expenses fell 5.5% from \$56.9m to \$53.8m while personnel expenses increased slightly by 3.4% from \$126.1m to \$130.4m. An impairment allowance of \$1.0m was made to write down the goodwill in the Thai subsidiary. Finance expenses increased 16.8% from \$31.7m to \$37.0m mainly due to higher lending activities and rising interest rates.

Balance Sheet

As of 31 December 2018 our Group's net assets were \$1.47b (2017: \$1.41b)

There were no significant changes in the composition of Group balance sheet items except for trade related balances.

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 confluence of expected interest rate increases and escalating trade tensions in the second half of 2018 had a significant adverse effect on trading volumes across the region in 4Q 2018. Towards the end of 2018 a more dovish tone from US Federal Reserve and more encouraging US-Sino rhetoric has brought some relief to the markets in January and February 2019 where we saw regional markets rally.

However we expect market uncertainties to be a feature of 2019 within global economies to prevail over regional stock markets in which we operate. As such we remain cautious on our business prospects for the rest of the financial year.

11 Dividend

(a) Current Financial Period Reported On

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

Yes

The Directors are pleased to propose that a first and final one-tier tax exempt dividend of 4.7 cents per share be paid for the financial year ended 31 December 2018 and the UOB-Kay Hian Holdings Limited Scrip Dividend Scheme will be applicable to this proposed 2018 first and final dividend.

Name of Dividend First and Final Dividend Type Cash / Scrip

Dividend Amount per 4.7 cents per ordinary share Tax Rate Tax exempt (one-tier)

(b) Corresponding Period of the Immediately Preceding Financial Year

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

None

Name of Dividend First and Final Dividend Type Cash / Scrip

Dividend Amount per 4.8 cents per ordinary share Tax Rate Tax exempt (one-tier)



(c) Date payable

The proposed first and final ordinary dividend will be paid on 21 June 2019, subject to the approval of the shareholders of the Company at the Annual General Meeting to be convened at 5.30 p.m. on 26 April 2019 at the Auditorium, 8 Anthony Road, Singapore 229957.

(d) Books closure date

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, subject to the approval of the shareholders to the proposed first and final dividend at the Annual General Meeting, the Share Transfer Books and Register of Members of the Company will be closed on 7 May 2019 for the purpose of determining shareholders' entitlement to the proposed first and final dividend. The UOB-Kay Hian Holdings Limited Scrip Dividend Scheme will be applicable to this proposed first and final dividend. Shareholders entitled to the dividend will be eligible to participate in the Scheme subject to the terms and conditions of the Scheme.

Duly completed registered transfers in respect of ordinary shares in the capital of the Company ("Shares") received by the Company's Registrar, B.A.C.S. Private Limited, at 8 Robinson Road #03-00, ASO Building, Singapore 048544 up to the close of business at 5.00 p.m. on 6 May 2019, will be registered to determine shareholders' entitlement to the proposed first and final dividend.

Shareholders whose securities accounts with The Central Depository (Pte) Limited ("CDP") are credited with Shares at 5.00 p.m. on 6 May 2019 will be entitled to the proposed first and final dividend.

Shareholders with Foreign Addresses

Shareholders with registered addresses outside Singapore and who have not provided to the Company or CDP, addresses in Singapore for the service of notices and documents by 23 April 2019 will not be eligible to participate in the Scheme.

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

Not applicable

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.



Segmental revenue and results for business or geographical segments (of the group) in the form presented in the issuer's most recently audited annual financial statements, with comparative information for the immediately preceding year.

| | Singapore S\$'000 | Hong Kong S\$'000 | Thailand S\$'000 | The Group 2018 Others S\$'000 | Elimination S\$'000 | Total S\$'000 |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|--|------------------------|--|
| Revenue | 35 000 | 35 000 | 33 000 | 35 000 | 35 000 | 33 000 |
| External sales | 127,419 | 70,177 | 33,931 | 32,556 | - | 264,083 |
| Interest income | 51,302 | 46,800 | 6,704 | 6,084 | - | 110,890 |
| Inter-segmental sales | 8,289 | (653) | 2,625 | 4,391 | (14,652) | - |
| | 187,010 | 116,324 | 43,260 | 43,031 | (14,652) | 374,973 |
| Profit before tax | 38,735 | 32,719 | 8,394 | 7,296 | (756) | 86,388 |
| Income tax expense | | | | | | (10,592) |
| Profit after tax | | | | | • | 75,796 |
| Segment assets | 1,662,944 | 1,402,452 | 232,959 | 240,915 | (186,664) | 3,352,606 |
| Deferred tax assets | | | | | | 1,051 |
| Consolidated total assets | | | | | • | 3,353,657 |
| Segment liabilities Current tax liabilities Deferred tax liabilities Consolidated total liabilities | 840,694 | 969,569 | 87,470 | 93,202 | (115,763) | 1,875,172 7,781 1,346 1,884,299 |
| Other segment items | | | | | | |
| Goodwill | - | - | 14,825 | - | - | 14,825 |
| Finance expense | 24,780 | 11,218 | 682 | 298 | - | 36,978 |
| Capital expenditure | 1,203 | 809 | 1,458 | 890 | - | 4,360 |
| Depreciation expenses | 6,173 | 353 | 1,769 | 723 | - | 9,018 |



Segmental revenue and results for business or geographical segments (of the group) in the form presented in the issuer's most recently audited annual financial statements, with comparative information for the immediately preceding year (continued)

| | | | | The Group 2017 |) | |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| | Singapore S\$'000 | Hong Kong S\$'000 | Thailand S\$'000 | Others S\$'000 | Elimination S\$'000 | Total S\$'000 |
| Revenue | | | | | | |
| External sales | 143,797 | 69,509 | 36,895 | 28,346 | - | 278,547 |
| Interest income | 56,511 | 28,318 | 7,841 | 5,003 | - | 97,673 |
| Inter-segmental sales | 8,381 | (817) | 1,824 | 5,397 | (14,785) | |
| | 208,689 | 97,010 | 46,560 | 38,746 | (14,785) | 376,220 |
| Profit before tax | 49,386 | 25,311 | 10,967 | 5,261 | (864) | 90,061 |
| Income tax expense | | | | | - | (12,538) |
| Profit after tax | | | | | | 77,523 |
| | | | | | | |
| Segment assets | 2,028,805 | 977,766 | 259,134 | 274,930 | (189,245) | 3,351,390 |
| Deferred tax assets | | | | | | 1,369 |
| Consolidated total assets | | | | | | 3,352,759 |
| Segment liabilities | 1,228,797 | 585,375 | 122,511 | 144,664 | (143,186) | 1.938.161 |
| Current tax liabilities | -,, | 2 32 ,2 . 2 | , | | (=,=, | 7,764 |
| Deferred tax liabilities | | | | | | 1,304 |
| Consolidated total liabilities | | | | | · | 1,947,229 |
| | | | | | | |
| Other segment items | | | | | | |
| Goodwill | - | - | 14,028 | - | - | 14,028 |
| Finance expense | 26,063 | 4,055 | 894 | 650 | - | 31,662 |
| Capital expenditure | 2,264 | 268 | 1,058 | 948 | - | 4,538 |
| Depreciation expenses | 6,137 | 302 | 1,705 | 804 | - | 8,948 |

In the review of performance, the factors leading to any material changes in contributions to turnover and earnings by the business or geographical segments.

See Note 8.



16 Breakdown of revenue

| | The Group | | | |
|---|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|--|
| | S\$ | % | | |
| | For the year ended 31/12/2018 | For the year ended 31/12/2017 | Increase / (Decrease) | |
| Revenue reported for first half year Operating profit after tax but before non- controlling interests reported for first half | 205,510 | 178,959 | 14.8 | |
| year | 46,459 | 36,921 | 25.8 | |
| Revenue reported for second half year Operating profit after tax but before non- controlling interests reported for second half | 169,463 | 197,261 | (14.1) | |
| year | 29,337 | 40,602 | (27.7) | |

17 Breakdown of the total annual dividend (in dollar value) for the issuer's latest full year and its previous full year

| | 2018 | 2017 |
|------------|---------|---------|
| | S\$'000 | S\$'000 |
| Ordinary | 37,891 | 38,055 |
| Preference | - | - |
| Total | 37,891 | 38,055 |

18 Confirmation of Directors and Executive Officers' undertakings pursuant to Listing Rule 720(1)

The Company has procured undertakings from all its directors and executive officers in compliance with Listing Rule 720(1).



19 Disclosure of person occupying a managerial position in the issuer or any of its principal subsidiaries who is a relative of a director or chief executive office or substantial shareholder of the issuer pursuant to Rule 704(11).

| Name | Age | Family relationship with any director, CEO and / or substantial shareholder | Current position and duties, and the year the position was first held | Details of changes in duties and position held, if any, during the year |
|------------------|-----|---|---|--|
| Mr. Lim Seng Bee | 53 | Brother-in-law of Wee Ee Chao (Chairman and substantial shareholder) | Senior Executive Director of UOB Kay Hian Private Limited since January 2013 - involved in general management of the Singapore operations - responsible for the management of the regional business in North Asia | N.A |

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

Wee Ee-chao Managing Director 28 February 2019