



SHENG SIONG GROUP LTD.

Condensed Interim Financial Statements
For the Six Months Ended 30 June 2024

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A. Interim Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income

		The Group		
		6 months ended		
	Note	30 Jun 2024	30 Jun 2023	Change
		S\$'000	S\$'000	+/- (-)
			Reclassified	
Revenue	5	714,200	690,479	3.4%
Cost of sales		(499,159)	(485,331)	2.8%
Gross profit		215,041	205,148	4.8%
Other income	6.1	7,283	5,008	45.4%
Selling and distribution expenses		(113,529)	(109,714)	3.5%
Administrative expenses		(27,865)	(24,413)	14.1%
Results from operating activities		80,930	76,029	6.4%
Finance income	6.1	6,591	5,457	20.8%
Finance expenses	6.1	(2,462)	(2,021)	21.8%
Profit before tax		85,059	79,465	7.0%
Tax expense	7	(15,094)	(13,942)	8.3%
Profit for the period		69,965	65,523	6.8%
Other comprehensive income				
Item that is or may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:				
Foreign currency translation differences – foreign operations		154	(204)	n.m
Total comprehensive income for the period		70,119	65,319	7.3%

n.m denotes not meaningful



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	Note	The Group		
		6 months ended		Change +/- (-)
		30 Jun 2024 S\$'000	30 Jun 2023 S\$'000	
Profit net of tax for the period attributable to:				
Owners of the Company		69,912	65,363	7.0%
Non-controlling interest		53	160	(66.9%)
Profit after tax		69,965	65,523	6.8%
Total comprehensive income for the period attributable to:				
Owners of the Company		70,005	65,241	7.3%
Non-controlling interest		114	78	46.2%
Total comprehensive income		70,119	65,319	7.3%
Earnings per share				
Basic and diluted (cents)	8	4.65	4.35	6.9%

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B. Interim Statements of Financial Position

	Note	The Group		The Company	
		30 Jun	31 Dec	30 Jun	31 Dec
		2024	2023	2024	2023
		S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000
Assets					
Property, plant and equipment	12	281,319	283,658	-	-
Right-of-use assets	12	94,889	101,797	-	-
Investment in subsidiaries		-	-	82,261	82,261
Non-current assets		376,208	385,455	82,261	82,261
Inventories		84,476	91,802	-	-
Trade and other receivables		26,445	28,535	201,920	202,317
Cash and cash equivalents		349,653	324,401	362	354
Current assets		460,574	444,738	202,282	202,671
Total assets		836,782	830,193	284,543	284,932
Equity					
Share capital	10	235,373	235,373	235,373	235,373
Merger reserve		(68,234)	(68,234)	-	-
Foreign currency translation reserve		(602)	(695)	-	-
Statutory reserve		218	218	-	-
Accumulated profits		348,912	327,113	48,973	49,159
Equity attributable to owners of the Company		515,667	493,775	284,346	284,532
Non-controlling interest		3,317	3,203	-	-
Total equity		518,984	496,978	284,346	284,532
Liabilities					
Lease liabilities	13	60,577	66,920	-	-
Deferred tax liabilities		2,394	2,306	-	-
Non-current liabilities		62,971	69,226	-	-
Trade and other payables		190,600	199,943	194	393
Current tax payable		29,353	29,638	3	7
Lease liabilities	13	34,874	34,408	-	-
Current liabilities		254,827	263,989	197	400
Total liabilities		317,798	333,215	197	400
Total equity and liabilities		836,782	830,193	284,543	284,932

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C. Interim Statements of Changes in Equity

<u>Group</u>	Attributable to owners of the company							
	Share capital S\$'000	Merger reserve S\$'000	Foreign currency translation reserve S\$'000	Statutory Reserve S\$'000	Accumulated profits S\$'000	Total S\$'000	Non-Controlling interest S\$'000	Total equity S\$'000
At 1 January 2024	235,373	(68,234)	(695)	218	327,113	493,775	3,203	496,978
Total comprehensive income for the period								
Profit for the period	-	-	-	-	69,912	69,912	53	69,965
Other comprehensive income								
Foreign currency translation differences	-	-	93	-	-	93	61	154
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	-	93	-	69,912	70,005	114	70,119
Transaction with owners, recognised directly in equity								
Distribution to owners of the Company								
Dividends paid (Note 9)	-	-	-	-	(48,113)	(48,113)	-	(48,113)
Total transaction with owners	-	-	-	-	(48,113)	(48,113)	-	(48,113)
At 30 June 2024	235,373	(68,234)	(602)	218	348,912	515,667	3,317	518,984
At 1 January 2023	235,373	(68,234)	(590)	156	285,541	452,246	2,927	455,173
Total comprehensive income for the period								
Profit for the period	-	-	-	-	65,363	65,363	160	65,523
Other comprehensive income								
Foreign currency translation differences	-	-	(122)	-	-	(122)	(82)	(204)
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	-	(122)	-	65,363	65,241	78	65,319
Transaction with owners, recognised directly in equity								
Distribution to owners of the Company								
Dividends paid (Note 9)	-	-	-	-	(46,158)	(46,158)	-	(46,158)
Total transaction with owners	-	-	-	-	(46,158)	(46,158)	-	(46,158)
At 30 June 2023	235,373	(68,234)	(712)	156	304,746	471,329	3,005	474,334



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<u>Company</u>	<u>Attributable to owners of the Company</u>		
	<u>Share capital</u> <u>SS'000</u>	<u>Accumulated profits</u> <u>SS'000</u>	<u>Total equity</u> <u>SS'000</u>
At 1 January 2024	235,373	49,159	284,532
Total comprehensive income			
Profit for the period	-	47,927	47,927
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	47,927	47,927
Transaction with owners, recognised directly in equity			
Distribution to owners of the Company			
Dividends paid (Note 9)	-	(48,113)	(48,113)
Total transaction with owners	-	(48,113)	(48,113)
At 30 June 2024	235,373	48,973	284,346
At 1 January 2023	235,373	46,960	282,333
Total comprehensive income			
Profit for the period	-	45,838	45,838
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	45,838	45,838
Transaction with owners, recognised directly in equity			
Distribution to owners of the Company			
Dividends paid (Note 9)	-	(46,158)	(46,158)
Total transaction with owners	-	(46,158)	(46,158)
At 30 June 2023	235,373	46,640	282,013



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D. Interim Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

	Note	The Group	
		6 months ended	
		30 Jun 2024	30 Jun 2023
		SS'000	SS'000
Operating activities			
Profit for the period		69,965	65,523
Adjustments for:			
Depreciation of:			
– property, plant and equipment	6.1	8,730	9,037
– right-of-use assets	6.1	18,278	17,219
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	6.1	2	1
Unrealised exchange loss / (gain)		306	(244)
Interest income	6.1	(6,591)	(5,457)
Interest expense	6.1	2,462	2,021
Tax expense	7	15,094	13,942
		<u>108,246</u>	<u>102,042</u>
Changes in:			
– inventories		7,326	17,712
– trade and other receivables		2,090	4,749
– trade and other payables		(9,343)	(27,325)
Cash generated from operations		<u>108,319</u>	<u>97,178</u>
Taxes paid		(15,291)	(19,335)
Cash flows from operating activities		<u>93,028</u>	<u>77,843</u>
Investing activities			
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment		4	70
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	12(a)	(6,323)	(5,500)
Interest received		6,591	5,457
Cash flows from investing activities		<u>272</u>	<u>27</u>
Financing activities			
Dividends paid	9	(48,113)	(46,158)
Payment of lease liabilities		(17,398)	(16,423)
Interest paid on lease liabilities		(2,336)	(1,912)
Cash flows used in financing activities		<u>(67,847)</u>	<u>(64,493)</u>
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		25,453	13,377
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the period		324,401	275,499
Effect of exchange rate changes on balances held in foreign currencies		(201)	117
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the period		<u>349,653</u>	<u>288,993</u>



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E. Notes to the Condensed Interim Financial Statements

1. Corporate information

Sheng Siong Group Ltd. (the “Company”) is incorporated and domiciled in Singapore and whose shares are publicly traded on the Mainboard of the Singapore Exchange. These condensed interim financial statements as at and for the six months ended 30 June 2024 comprise the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively, the “Group”).

The primary activity of the Company is that of investment holding. The principal activities of the subsidiaries are trading and wholesale importers of consumer goods and the operations of supermarket retail stores selling consumer products.

2. Basis of preparation

2.1 Statement of compliance

The condensed interim financial statements for the six months ended 30 June 2024 have been prepared in accordance with Singapore Financial Reporting Standards (International) (“SFRS(I)s”) 1-34 *Interim Financial Reporting* issued by the Accounting Standards Council and should be read in conjunction with the Group’s last annual consolidated financial statements as at and for the year ended 31 December 2023. The condensed interim financial statements do not include all of the information required for a complete set of financial statements. However, selected explanatory notes are included to explain events and transactions that are significant to an understanding of the changes in the Group’s financial position and performance of the Group since the last annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023.

2.2 Basis of measurement

The condensed interim financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis except as otherwise described in the notes below.

2.3 Functional and presentation currency

The condensed interim financial statements are presented in Singapore dollars, which is the Company’s functional currency. All financial information presented in Singapore dollars have been rounded to the nearest thousand, unless otherwise stated.

2.4 Changes in accounting policies

The accounting policies applied in these condensed interim financial statements are the same as those applied in the Group’s consolidated financial statements as at and for the year ended 31 December 2023.

New standards and amendments

The application of these amendments to standards and interpretations did not have a material effect on the condensed interim financial statements.



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2.5 Use of estimates and judgements

In preparing the condensed interim financial statements, management has made judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expense. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The significant judgements made by management in applying the Group's accounting policies and the key sources of estimation uncertainty were the same as those that applied to the consolidated financial statements as at and for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimates are revised and in any future periods affected.

There are no critical judgements made in applying the Group's accounting policies and no assumptions and estimation uncertainties that have a significant risk of resulting in a material adjustment within the next financial period.

3. Seasonal operations

The Group's businesses are not affected significantly by seasonal or cyclical factors during the period.

4. Segment information

The Group operates in one segment, which relates to the supermarket operations selling consumer goods. The Group operates in Singapore and China, but will not be reporting China as a separate geographical segment as the China operations are not significant for the period ended 30 June 2024 and 30 June 2023. The subsidiary in Malaysia remained inactive.

5. Revenue information

The Group operates a chain of supermarket retail stores selling consumer products. Revenue is recognised when the control of the goods has been transferred, being at the point the customer purchases the goods at the retail store.

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6. Profit before taxation

6.1 Significant items

	Note	The Group	
		6 months ended	
		30 Jun 2024	30 Jun 2023
		S\$'000	S\$'000
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	12(a)	8,730	9,037
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	12(b)	18,278	17,219
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment		2	1
Staff costs	(a)	107,501	100,244
Contribution to defined contribution plans, included in staff costs		7,397	6,965
Interest income	(b)	(6,591)	(5,457)
Interest expense	(c)	2,462	2,021
Finance income, net		(4,129)	(3,436)
Other income:			
Operating lease income	(d)	1,858	1,813
Sale of scrap materials		1,023	929
Government grants	(e)	1,704	888
Exchange gain		882	760
Miscellaneous income	(f)	1,816	618
		7,283	5,008

Notes

- (a) The increase in staff costs was primarily due to the increment of staff variable bonuses owing to better financial performance.
- (b) Higher interest income was mainly attributed to more fixed deposits being placed during 1H FY2024.
- (c) Interest expense pertained to the interest on lease liabilities.
- (d) Operating lease income derived from excess retail space rented out.
- (e) Higher government grants mainly resulted from the receipt of grants to an IT project and the Progressive Wage Credit Scheme.
- (f) The increase in miscellaneous income was due to the advertisement income received from suppliers and the collections from the Disposal Carrier Bag Charge. The net proceeds received from the Disposable Carrier Bag Charge will be donated to social and/or environmental causes.



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6.2 Related party transactions

Other than disclosed elsewhere in the condensed interim financial statements, significant transactions with related parties based on agreed terms are shown as follows:

	The Group	
	6 months ended	
	30 Jun 2024	30 Jun 2023
	S\$'000	S\$'000
Corporations in which directors of the Group have substantial financial interests		
Sales	8	11
Operating lease and utilities expenses	(1,436)	(1,466)
Operating lease and utilities income	628	636

7. Taxation

The Group calculates the tax expense using the statutory tax rate that would be applicable to the expected total annual earnings. The major components of tax expense in the interim consolidated statement of profit or loss are:

	The Group	
	6 months ended	
	30 Jun 2024	30 Jun 2023
	S\$'000	S\$'000
Current tax expense		
Current period	15,006	14,603
Over provided in prior years	-	(77)
	15,006	14,526
Deferred tax expense		
Origination and reversal of temporary differences	88	(584)
Total tax expense	15,094	13,942



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8. Earnings per share

Basic earnings per share is computed by dividing the profit attributable to ordinary shareholders by the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue during the period.

	The Group	
	6 months ended	
	30 Jun 2024	30 Jun 2023
Basic earnings per share (Singapore cents)	4.65	4.35
	No. of shares	
	'000	'000
Total number of shares in issue at the end of the period	1,503,537	1,503,537
Weighted average number of shares at during the period	1,503,537	1,503,537

There were no potential dilutive shares during the period reported on.

9. Dividends

	The Group	
	6 months ended	
	30 Jun 2024	30 Jun 2023
	S\$'000	S\$'000
Final exempt 2023 dividend of 3.20 cents per share (2023: Final exempt 2022 dividend of 3.07 cents per share)	48,113	46,158

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10. Share capital

	The Group and the Company			
	30 Jun 2024		31 Dec 2023	
	Number of shares	Amount	Number of shares	Amount
	'000	S\$'000	'000	S\$'000
Ordinary shares in issue	1,503,537	235,373	1,503,537	235,373

The Company did not hold any treasury shares as at 30 June 2024.

The holders of ordinary shares are entitled to receive dividends as declared from time to time and are entitled to one vote per share at meetings of the Company. All shares rank equally with regard to claims on Company's residual assets.

All issued ordinary shares are fully paid, with no par value.

The Company's subsidiaries do not hold any shares in the Company as at 30 June 2024 and 30 June 2023.

11. Net asset value

	The Group		The Company	
	As at 30 Jun 2024	As at 31 Dec 2023	As at 30 Jun 2024	As at 31 Dec 2023
Net asset value per ordinary share (Singapore cents)	34.30	32.84	18.91	18.92
Number of shares as at end of period/year ('000)	1,503,537	1,503,537	1,503,537	1,503,537

12. Property, plant and equipment / Right-of-use assets

	Note	30 Jun 2024	31 Dec 2023
		S\$'000	S\$'000
Group			
Property, plant and equipment	(a)	281,319	283,658
Right-of-use assets	(b)	94,889	101,797
		<u>376,208</u>	<u>385,455</u>



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(a) Property, plant and equipment

	<u>30 Jun 2024</u>	<u>31 Dec 2023</u>
	S\$'000	S\$'000
Group		
Cost		
At 1 January	464,498	458,428
Additions	6,323	10,158
Disposals	(633)	(3,721)
Effect of movements in exchange rates	201	(368)
	<u>470,389</u>	<u>464,497</u>
Accumulated depreciation		
At 1 January	180,840	166,820
Depreciation	8,730	17,876
Disposals	(627)	(3,627)
Effect of movements in exchange rates	127	(230)
	<u>189,070</u>	<u>180,839</u>
Carrying amounts	<u>281,319</u>	<u>283,658</u>

Acquisitions and disposals

For the period ended 30 June 2024, the Group acquired assets amounting to S\$6,323,000 (1H FY2023: S\$5,500,000) and disposed assets with carrying amount of S\$6,000 (1H FY2023: S\$71,000). The proceeds from disposals amounted to S\$4,000 (1H FY2023: S\$70,000) resulting in a loss on disposal of S\$2,000 (1H FY2023: S\$1,000)

(b) Right-of-use assets

	<u>30 Jun 2024</u>	<u>31 Dec 2023</u>
	S\$'000	S\$'000
Group		
At 1 January	101,797	97,286
Additions	11,264	39,832
Adjustment	-	(9)
Depreciation	(18,278)	(35,140)
Effect of movements in exchange rate	106	(172)
	<u>94,889</u>	<u>101,797</u>



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Amount recognised in profit and loss

	The Group	
	6 months ended	
	30 Jun 2024	30 Jun 2023
	S\$'000	S\$'000
Interest on lease liabilities	2,462	2,021
Income from sub-leasing right-of-use assets presented in “other income”	(756)	(778)
Expenses relating to short-term leases	1,611	2,028

13. Lease liabilities

	The Group	
	30 Jun 24	31 Dec 23
	S\$'000	S\$'000
Non-current	60,577	66,920
Current	34,874	34,408
	95,451	101,328

14. Reclassification

During the financial year ended 31 December 2023, the Group reclassified certain expenses to reflect the economic substance of the expenses. The following table summarises the impact of the reclassification of the relevant items:

	As previously announced in 1H FY2023	Reclassification	After reclassification for 1H FY2023
	\$'000		\$'000
Other gains	4,248	760	5,008
Selling and distribution expenses	(3,697)	(106,017)	(109,714)
Administrative expenses	(127,288)	102,875	(24,413)
Other expenses	(2,382)	2,382	-



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F. Other Information Required by Listing Rule Appendix 7.2

1. Review

The interim statements of financial position of Sheng Siong Group Ltd. and its subsidiaries as at 30 June 2024 and the related interim consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, interim statements of changes in equity and consolidated statement of cash flows for the six-month period then ended and certain explanatory notes have not been audited or reviewed.

2. Review of performance of the Group

Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss for the 6 months ended 30 June 2024

Overview

Revenue increased by S\$23.7 million or 3.4% year on year to S\$714.2 million in the first half of FY2024, largely driven by the longer sales period prior to the Lunar New Year which fell in February 2024 as compared to last year.

The Group posted a higher net profit of S\$70.0 million in the first half of FY2024, up by S\$4.4 million from a year ago.

	The Group		
	1H FY2024	1H FY2023	Increase
	S\$'000	S\$'000	%
Sales	714,200	690,479	3.4%
Profit for the period	69,965	65,523	6.8%

Revenue

	1H FY2024	1H FY2023
Number of stores	71(Singapore)+6(China)	68(Singapore)+5(China)
Retail area	633,106 sq. ft*	613,075 sq. ft*
Revenue for the period	S\$714.2m	S\$690.5m

*Singapore's operations only.

Revenue	No. of stores		Breakdown of Revenue Growth
	1H FY2024	1H FY2023	
New store – Singapore [#]	4	5	(2.9%)
Comparable same store – Singapore ^{##}	67	63	6.4%
China (opened 1 store in 1H FY2024)	6	5	(0.1%)
Total	77	73	3.4%

[#] New stores for 1H FY2024 consist of 2 that opened in FY2023 and 2 that opened in 1H FY2024.



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Comparable same store – Singapore in 1H FY2024 includes 4 stores that were included in new store in 1H FY2023.

Gross profit margin

1H FY2024	1H FY2023
30.1%	29.7%

The gross profit margin improved from 29.7% to 30.1%, mainly attributable to improvements in the sales mix but also to address the rising staff costs.

Other income

Other income increased to S\$7.3 million in 1H FY2024 from S\$5.0 million in 1H FY2023. The variance analysis is provided in page 10.

Administrative expenses

The administrative expenses increased by 14.1% or S\$3.5 million from S\$24.4 million to S\$27.9 million in 1H FY2024 mainly due to higher staff cost.

	1H FY2024 vs 1H FY2023	Remarks
	S\$'million	
Staff cost	1.9	Staff variable bonuses increased due to better financial performance.
Others	1.6	Others include provision for the donation related to the proceeds received from Disposal Carrier Bag Charges, bank charges, agent fees, etc.
Total	3.5	

Selling and Distribution Expenses

For 1H FY2024, selling and distribution expenses increased by 3.5% or S\$3.8 million to S\$113.5 million from S\$109.7 million in 1H FY2023. The fluctuation of the expenses is tabled below:

	1H FY2024 vs 1H FY2023	Remarks
	S\$'million	
Supermarket and Operations Staff cost	4.0	Staff variable bonuses increased due to better financial performance.
Others	(0.2)	
Total	3.8	



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Tax

The effective tax rate for 1H FY2024 of 17.7 per cent was higher than the statutory tax rate of 17.0 per cent mainly because of certain expenses that are non-deductible.

China

The subsidiary in China continued to be profitable.

Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

Current assets increased by S\$15.8 million to S\$460.6 million as at 30 June 2024. Inventories balance decreased by S\$7.3 million to S\$84.5 million from S\$91.8 million as at 31 December 2023 mainly due to the sell off of stocks during the Lunar New Year sales period. Trade and other receivables reduced by S\$2.1 million to S\$26.4 million as at 30 June 2024 as more payments from banks in relation to credit and debit cards were received timely. These were offset by increased cash and cash equivalents by S\$25.3 million.

Non-current assets decreased by S\$9.2 million. Property, plant and equipment decreased by S\$2.3 million mainly due to the depreciation of S\$8.7 million, offset by the additions of S\$6.3 million. Right-of-use assets declined by S\$6.9 million largely owing to depreciation of S\$18.3 million, offset by the additions of S\$11.3 million.

As at 30 June 2024, current liabilities stood at S\$254.8 million, a reduction of S\$9.2 million from S\$264.0 million recorded as at 31 December 2023. This was largely due to the decrease in the trade and other payables by S\$9.3 million to S\$190.6 million attributable to the payment of accrued bonuses during the period.

Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

Cash generated from operating activities for 1H FY2024 increased to S\$93.0 million, up by S\$15.2 million from S\$77.8 million reported a year ago, mainly because more funds were utilised to settle outstanding to the suppliers in 1H FY2023.

As at 30 June 2024, cash and cash equivalents stood at S\$349.7 million, up by S\$25.3 million from S\$324.4 million as at 31 December 2023.

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

Not applicable.



4. A commentary at the date of the announcement of the significant trends and 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 Singapore Retail Sales Index for the Supermarket and Hypermarket segment fell by 3.00% year-on-year in April and 1.10% in May 2024 ⁽¹⁾. Retail sales likely concluded on a soft note in the second quarter as residents travelled overseas during the June holidays. However, we expect to see improved momentum in the second half of 2024.

Singapore's core inflation remained steady at 3.1% in May, consistent with the previous two months. It is anticipated that core inflation will moderate further throughout 2024 ⁽²⁾. However, risks to the inflation outlook persist, as fresh geopolitical shocks, adverse weather events, and transportation disruptions worldwide could exert upward pressure on global energy and food commodity prices, as well as shipping costs. The elevated costs of living are leading to increased consumer price sensitivity. We anticipate a continual shift towards value-driven grocery shopping, with a rise in demand for budget-friendly supermarkets and house brand products. Government initiatives, including the Assurance Package and continued support for lower-to-middle-income groups regarding GST hikes, are expected to maintain consumer spending momentum.

The Singaporean labour market remains tight, presenting a significant challenge for the retail industry. This translates to ongoing manpower shortages, putting upward pressure on labour costs as businesses compete for qualified personnel. Additionally, enhanced sustainability and climate reporting requirements are anticipated to further increase operational expenses.

Competition within the supermarket sector remains intense. Rising operating costs, coupled with aggressive promotional strategies by competitors, are likely to exert pressure on profit margins. To navigate this environment, the Group will prioritize improving its sales mix, focusing on its core competencies to optimize operational efficiency and productivity. This will include diversifying supplier networks to mitigate supply chain risks and strengthen our competitive position.

The Group is actively pursuing expansion opportunities, particularly in areas where we currently lack a presence. In the first half of 2024, we successfully opened two new stores and expanded the retail floor space of an existing location. Two additional stores are slated to open by July 2024, with the results of three tenders pending. In the past few months, it appeared that some of the players in the industry are re-organising their portfolio of stores as there were some stores closures, which were subsequently released by HDB for re-tendering or for sales. HDB is expected to put up another seven stores for tender in 2H FY2024 ⁽³⁾. We view this as an opportunity to secure more new stores and further strengthen our presence in desirable areas. In China, we have opened our sixth store in June 2024.

(1) Department of Statistics, Singapore

(2) <https://www.channelnewsasia.com/singapore/core-inflation-may-2024-remain-unchanged-mas-mti-4431626>

(3) <https://place2lease.hdb.gov.sg/public/upcoming-units>



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5. If a decision regarding dividend has been made:-

5a. Current Financial Period Reported On

Name of Dividend	Interim
Dividend Type	Cash
Dividend Rate	3.20 cent per share
Tax rate	Tax exempt (one-tier)

5b. Corresponding Period of the immediately Preceding Financial Year

Name of Dividend	Interim
Dividend Type	Cash
Dividend Rate	3.05 cent per share
Tax rate	Tax exempt (one-tier)

5c. The date the dividend is payable

30 August 2024

5d. The date on which Registrable Transfers received by the Company (up to 5.00 pm) will be registered before entitlements to the dividend are determined.

Notice is hereby given that the Share Transfer Books and Register of Members of the Company will be closed on 16 August 2024 for the purpose of determining the entitlements of the Company's shareholders to the Interim Dividend.

Duly completed registrable transfers received by the Company's Share Registrar, Boardroom Corporate & Advisory Services Pte. Ltd. at 1 Harbourfront Avenue Keppel Bay Tower #14-07 Singapore 098632 up to 5.00 p.m. on 16 August 2024 will be registered before entitlements to the Interim Dividend are determined. Shareholders whose securities accounts with The Central Depository (Pte) Limited are credited with ordinary shares at 5.00 p.m. on 16 August 2024 will be entitled to the Interim Dividend.

6. 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 IPT mandate has been obtained, a statement to that effect.

The Group did not obtain a mandate under Rule 920(1)(a)(ii). The interested person transactions during the period were:

INTERESTED PERSON TRANSACTIONS
From 1 January 2024 to 30 June 2024

Name of Interested Person(s)	Description of Interested Person Transactions	Aggregate value of all interested person transactions during the year under review (excluding transactions less than S\$100,000 and transactions conducted under shareholders' mandate pursuant to Rule 920) (S\$'000)	Aggregate value of all interested person transactions conducted under shareholders' mandate pursuant to Rule 920 (excluding transactions less than S\$100,000)
F M Food Court Pte Ltd ⁽¹⁾ / Lim Hock Eng Lim Hock Chee Lim Hock Leng	Sale of goods and services by Sheng Siong Group Ltd. to F M Food Court Pte Ltd ⁽¹⁾	8	-
	Reimbursement of utilities at cost paid by F M Food Court Pte Ltd ⁽¹⁾ to Sheng Siong Group Ltd.	227	-
	Reimbursement of miscellaneous expenses at cost paid by F M Food Court Pte Ltd ⁽¹⁾ to Sheng Siong Group Ltd.	4	-
	Provision of IT repair and maintenance services to F M Food Court Pte Ltd ⁽¹⁾ for year 2024	10	-
E Land Properties Pte Ltd ⁽¹⁾ / Lim Hock Eng Lim Hock Chee Lim Hock Leng	Reimbursement of utilities at cost paid by Sheng Siong Group Ltd. to E Land Properties Pte Ltd ⁽¹⁾ for lease of operating space	328	-
	Lease and license of operating space by Sheng Siong Group Ltd. from E Land Properties Pte Ltd ⁽¹⁾	911	-



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Note:

- (1) These entities are associates of Messrs. Lim Hock Eng, Lim Hock Chee and Lim Hock Leng, the executive directors and controlling shareholders of Sheng Siong Group Ltd.

7. Confirmation By the Company Pursuant to Rule 720(1) of SGX Listing Manual

The Company confirms that it has procured undertakings from all its Directors and Executive Officers (in the format as set out in Appendix 7.7) pursuant to Rule 720(1) of the SGX Listing Manual.

8. Negative Assurance Confirmation On Interim Financial Results Pursuant To Rule 705(5) Of The Listing Manual

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Company, we, the undersigned, hereby confirm to the best of our knowledge, nothing has come to the attention of the Board of Directors which may render these interim financial results to be false or misleading in any material aspect.

On behalf of the Board of Directors

Lim Hock Eng
Executive Chairman

29 July 2024

Lim Hock Chee
Chief Executive Officer