HONG LEONG ASIA LTD

Media Release

Hong Leong Asia Achieved 35.3% Increase in Attributable Net Profit for FY 2024

- **Higher profit due to strong performances from both Powertrain Solutions and Building Materials businesses**
- **Proposes final dividend of S$0.03/share; FY 2024 dividend doubles to S$0.04/share**

Singapore, February 26, 2025 – Hong Leong Asia (“HLA” and together with its subsidiaries, the **“Group”**), a diversified Asian multinational with core businesses in building materials and powertrain solutions, today announced attributable net profit (“**PATMI**”) of S$87.8 million for the full year ended 31 December 2024 (“**FY 2024**”), an increase of 35.3% year-on-year (**“YoY”**).

FY 2024 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	Full Year ended 31 December 2024	Full Year ended 31 December 2023	+/-
	S$’000	S$’000	%
Revenue	4,249,425	4,081,454	4.1%
Net Profit after tax	152,300	119,923	27.0%
Net Profit Attributable to Shareholders	87,777	64,879	35.3%
Earnings Per Share (cents)	11.74	8.67	35.3%
Dividend Per Share (cents)	4.00	2.00	100.0%

Group revenue increased 4.1% YoY to S$4.2 billion, with robust growths at both powertrain solutions (“**Yuchai**”) and building materials unit (“**BMU**”). The Group’s profitability was lifted by strong performances of Yuchai and BMU on the back of higher sales volumes from the marine and power generation business and improved market conditions in Singapore and Malaysia, resulting in higher sales volumes for ready-mixed concrete. The PATMI in FY 2023 and FY 2024 included one-off gains of S$6.7 million and S$3.3 million respectively from disposal of associate/subsidiary. Excluding these one-off gains, PATMI would have increased by 45.2% YoY.

In China, Yuchai's revenue grew 4.2% YoY to S$3.5 billion, with reportable segment profit after tax of S$89.6 million, up 17.2% YoY. Powertrains sold in FY 2024 increased 13.7% YoY to 356,586 units led by good volume growths in marine and power generation, truck and bus applications despite a mixed domestic market[1]. Yuchai's higher gross margins were helped by ongoing cost reduction efforts amidst better powertrain volumes.

In Singapore and Malaysia, BMU's revenue grew 4.9% YoY to S$682.3 million, with reportable segment profit after tax of S$86.2 million, representing growth of 13.1% YoY. Demand for building materials such as ready-mix concrete remained strong, given the robust construction activities in Singapore. While our precast business was affected by the slow project off-takes in the industry, we added more orders and ended the year with a higher order book. Profitability of the BMU in Malaysia ("**Tasek**") was lifted by higher sales volumes as well as the softening in prices of energy inputs, notwithstanding the challenges in cost inflation and transportation costs (post removal of diesel subsidies in 2024).

HLA Board of Directors is pleased to propose a final dividend of S$0.03 per share. Together with the interim dividend paid of S$0.01 per share, the Group has doubled its dividend to S$0.04 per share for FY 2024.

Market Outlook

China: While Yuchai enjoyed volume growth in 2024, the domestic market remains mixed amidst tight credit conditions. Beyond tapping on the growth of China commercial vehicle internationally, Yuchai is expanding its 50/50 joint-venture MTU Yuchai Power Company Limited for data centre applications and continues to invest in R&D initiatives to improve its powertrain solutions, including the development of heavy-duty gas engines and New Energy products.

Singapore: BMU in Singapore expects its order book in the Precast and Ready-Mixed Concrete segments to continue to grow from new public and private sector projects. This is in line with the Building and Construction Authority's projection of the total value of construction contracts to be awarded in 2025 to rise to between S$47 billion and S$53 billion[2]. We will continue to invest in automation and enlarge our fleet of 12 cubic metre concrete mixer trucks and larger scale plants, which will lead to further improvement in operational efficiencies.

Malaysia: Tasek expects demand to continue to improve with increased infrastructure development and developments at the Johor-Singapore Special Economic Zone[3]. While overall costs are on the rise post the removal of diesel subsidies, Tasek is focused on improving its operational efficiency and increasing the use of alternative raw materials and alternative fuels in ongoing efforts to be more sustainable.

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[1] China Association of Automobile Manufacturer's data showed a 2.6% YoY decline in commercial vehicles sales in 2024.

[2] https://www1.bca.gov.sg/about-us/news-and-publications/media-releases/2025/01/23/construction-demand-to-remain-strong-for-2025

[3] https://www.mida.gov.my/mida-news/js-sez-to-foster-collaboration-between-johor-and-singapore-for-global-investments/

Looking ahead, the Group expects challenges from higher input costs and disruptions in supply chains as geopolitical tensions rise and trade wars escalate. HLA Management will remain focused on building order books, improving operational efficiencies and managing costs.

Barring unforeseen circumstances, the Group expects its businesses to deliver satisfactory results in 2025.

About Hong Leong Asia:

Hong Leong Asia Ltd. has been listed on the Singapore Exchange since 1998 and is part of Hong Leong Group, a Singapore-based conglomerate. We are a diversified Asian multinational with core businesses in building materials and powertrain solutions. We work closely with customers to develop and deliver innovative and sustainable solutions for cities of the future.

Key Awards

HLA was ranked 14th on the Singapore Governance and Transparency index 2024 and won the Best Managed Board (Gold) Award (Mid Cap) at the Singapore Corporate Awards in 2024.

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About Hong Leong Group:

Hong Leong Group Singapore is a globally diversified company and one of Asia's largest and most successful conglomerates. Headquartered in Singapore, the Group has assets in property investment and development, hotel ownership and management, financial services and industrial enterprises across Asia-Pacific including China, the Middle East, Europe and North America.

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