



Press Release

NSL ACHIEVED 3% REVENUE GROWTH FOR 2Q2014

- Group registered a turnover of S\$129.9 million
- Profit before tax (excluding exceptional items) declined to S\$4.6 million due to absence of share of profits from BST and lower contribution from the Construction Products division

Financial Highlights	Quarter Ended			6 months Ended		
	2Q2014	2Q2013	Change	2014	2013	Change
	S\$'000	S\$'000	%	S\$'000	S\$'000	%
Group Turnover	129,905	126,262	3	253,654	239,231	6
Group Profit Before Tax (excluding BST and exceptional items)	4,608	6,260	(26)	8,770	10,071	(13)
Share of BST results	-	2,588	n/m	-	13,747	n/m
Group Profit Before Tax (excluding exceptional items)	4,608	8,848	(48)	8,770	23,818	(63)
Exceptional Items		(2,315)	n/m	9,957	(600)	n/m
Group Profit Before Tax	4,608	6,533	(29)	18,727	23,218	(19)
Profit Attributable to shareholders	3,263	4,421	(26)	16,097	18,942	(15)
Earnings Per Share	0.87	1.18	(26)	4.31	5.07	(15)

Singapore, 12 August 2014 – NSL Ltd registered a higher turnover of S\$129.9 million in 2Q2014 compared to S\$126.3 million in 2Q2013. The 3% improvement in turnover was achieved from increases in revenue from the Environmental Services and Engineering divisions and despite challenging conditions faced by its precast operation in Singapore.

The Group Profit before tax (excluding exceptional items) declined 48% to S\$4.6 million in 2Q2014 compared to S\$8.8 million in 2Q2013. The decline was largely due to the absence of share of profits from Bangkok Synthetics Co., Ltd (“BST”) in 2Q2014 as against a profit contribution of S\$2.6 million in 2Q2013 as BST was disposed of in December last year.



Excluding BST, Group Profit before tax (excluding exceptional items) declined 26%. The weaker performance was due to lower contribution from the Construction Products division, partially mitigated by improved pre-tax profit from the Engineering division. The Construction Products division's precast operation in Singapore registered a lower sale and was affected by higher production costs. In Malaysia, its precast operations were adversely impacted by the higher cost associated with the project delays. Engineering division recorded a 60% growth in pre-tax performance on the back of higher spreader deliveries.

After taking into account income tax and exceptional items, the Group reported a profit attributable to equity holders of S\$3.3 million in 2Q2014 compared to S\$4.4 million in 2Q2013.

For the six months ended 30 June 2014, the Group recorded a 6% increase in turnover to S\$253.7 million. Group Profit before tax (excluding exceptional items) was 63% lower due to the absence of share of profits from BST. Excluding BST, Group profit before tax (excluding exceptional items) declined 13% to S\$8.8 million in 1H2014. Profit attributable to shareholders for 1H -2014 was S\$16.1 million as compared to S\$18.9 million in 1H-2013.

Outlook

In the Construction products division, the performances of the dry mix business (E-MIX) and prefabricated bathroom unit operation in Finland (Parmarine) are expected to remain satisfactory underpinned by healthy demand. The division expanded its dry mix production capacities by investing in two additional production lines in its Seelong plant in Malaysia and the newly added facilities are expected to commence production in 3Q2014. Efforts have been stepped-up to promote the prefabricated unit bathroom business in Singapore and in the region.

However, the division's precast business across the region will continue to face challenging operating conditions due to risks associated with project execution as well as higher operating costs.



In the Environmental Services division, demand for automotive diesel oil and logistic services is expected to remain firm. However, the fluctuating oil price would have a significant impact on the operating margins of its recycled fuel oil business.

Engineering division's turnover is expected to remain satisfactory. The division will continue its marketing efforts on the new range of products such as RAM revolvers to broaden its customer base.

In the Chemicals division, business conditions in its key markets are expected to remain competitive. Performance of the division in the third quarter would be affected by lower production volume as one of its lime kilns was shut down in May for repair and maintenance work and only resumed its operation in early August this year.

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About NSL

NSL and its group of companies is a leading industrial group in the Asia Pacific. The Group has four main businesses: Construction Products, Environmental Services, Engineering and Chemicals.

The Construction Products group is a market leader in manufacturing precast concrete components and dry mix products in the region. The Environmental Services group is a key player in integrated environmental services in Singapore, with business in integrated waste management and re-refining of used lubricant. The Engineering group is one of the world's leaders in manufacturing container spreaders and bulk handling equipment. The Chemicals group focuses on lime and specialised refractory products manufacturing and steel slag recycling.

NSL Group is widely recognised as an extensive user of technology to provide innovative solutions to industries. It partners eminent local industry and tertiary institutions to develop industrial best practices and leading technologies in its fields.

The Group has operations and joint ventures in 9 countries. The Company has been listed on the Singapore Exchange since 1964.

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