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Lian Beng Reports Full-Year Profit of \$33M

- ✓ Maintains final dividend of 1.25 cents per share
- ✓ 67% rise in Construction business revenue
- ✓ Strong cash position of \$180 million
- ✓ \$1.4-billion order book to provide steady flow of activities through FY2022

Singapore, 30 July 2019 – Homegrown main contractor Lian Beng Group (“the Group”) has posted a profit attributable to shareholders of \$32.9 million on revenue of \$386.8 million for the financial year ended 31 May 2019 (“FY2019”). This compares with a restated profit attributable to shareholders of \$82.5 million on restated revenue of \$407.0 million for the financial year ended 31 May 2018 (“FY2018”). Earnings in FY2018 were restated following the adoption of new Singapore Financial Reporting Standards (International) (“SFRS(I)”) with effect from FY2019.

Had the SFRS(I) not been adopted, the Group’s profit attributable to shareholders would have grown 12.9% to \$61.4 million in FY2019, from \$54.4 million in FY2018. Revenue would also have more than doubled to \$577.9 million in FY2019, from \$243.9 million in FY2018.

The Group’s board of directors has recommended a final cash dividend of 1.25 cents per share. Including the interim dividend of 1 cent paid on 30 January 2019, the proposed total dividend for FY2019 works out to 2.25 cents, which is equivalent to that paid out for FY2018.

The Group’s Construction and Investment Holding business segments both booked improved revenue contribution during the year. In particular, the Construction segment saw a 67.1% jump in revenue to \$291.7 million for on-going projects.

However, the improvements were negated by lower revenue contribution from the Property Development segment in FY2019, as T-Space@Tampines, an industrial project that contributed substantially to FY2018 revenue, was completed in the fourth quarter of FY2018. This led to a 5.0% fall in Group revenue, compared to \$407.0 million recorded in FY2018.

For the fourth financial quarter ended 31 May 2019 (“4Q2019”), the Group registered profit attributable to shareholders of \$14.5 million on revenue of \$132.9 million, compared to a restated profit of \$56.7 million on restated revenue of \$150.4 million in the previous corresponding period (“4Q2018”). This takes into account one-time gains on disposal of investment properties in Australia recorded in 4Q2018.



As at 31 May 2019, the Group's equity attributable to shareholders stood at \$694.1 million while cash and cash equivalents remained at a robust \$179.9 million.

Lian Beng is cautiously optimistic about the outlook of the construction sector in the months ahead. In July 2019, it secured a \$235-million construction contract to construct a fresh food distribution centre for NTUC Fairprice Co-operative Limited. This, along with another \$117-million contract secured in March 2019, has boosted its order book to \$1.4 billion and should provide the Group with a steady flow of activities through FY2022.

About Lian Beng Group Ltd

Established in 1973, Lian Beng Group Ltd is one of Singapore's major home-grown construction groups with integrated civil engineering and construction support service capabilities. The Group is principally involved in the construction of residential, industrial and commercial projects, and civil engineering projects as a main contractor. As a Building and Construction Authority (BCA) Grade A1 contractor in General Building, Lian Beng is able to tender for public sector building projects of unlimited contract value, while its A2 grading in Civil Engineering allows it to tender for engineering projects of up to \$85 million in contract value.

Backed by years of experience and an impeccable track record, the Group has established a reputation for managing large-scale and complex construction projects. Lian Beng also engages in other construction-related activities, such as the provision of scaffolding and engineering services, supply of ready-mix concrete and asphalt premix, reinforcement bar fabrication, sourcing and management of construction materials and training of foreign construction labour. Apart from construction, Lian Beng also engages in property investment, with investment projects locally and overseas. The Group also operates two local workers' dormitories, both through joint ventures.

Lian Beng Group Ltd was listed on the Mainboard of the Singapore Exchange in 1999. For more information, please visit <http://www.lianbeng.com.sg>.

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