## LEE METAL GROUP LTD

REG. No. 198205439C

## Second Quarter and Half Year Financial Statements And Dividend Announcement

1(a)(i) The Board of Directors of Lee Metal Group Ltd is pleased to announce the unaudited results of the Group for the Second Quarter and Half Year ended 30 June 2016.

INCOME STATEMENT FOR SECOND QUARTER AND HALF YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2016

## Turnover

Other operating income
Changes in inventories of finished goods and work-in-progress, raw materials and consumables used and finished goods purchased
Employee benefits expense Depreciation and amortisation Insurance, freight and transportation
Rental and utilities
Repair and maintenance
Other operating expenses
Financial expense
Financial income
Share of results of associate

## Profit before tax

Income tax expense
Profit attributable to equity holders of the Company

|  | 2nd Qtr ended 30 June |  |  | Half Year ended 30 June |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2016 | 2015 | +/(-) | 2016 | 2015 | +/(-) |
| Notes | \$'000 | \$'000 | \% | \$'000 | \$'000 | \% |
|  | 72,703 | 122,466 | (40.6\%) | 149,221 | 254,230 | (41.3\%) |
| A | 130 | 158 | (17.7\%) | 390 | 243 | 60.5\% |
|  | $(54,254)$ | $(100,428)$ | (46.0\%) | $(114,988)$ | $(210,346)$ | (45.3\%) |

STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR SECOND QUARTER AND HALF YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2016

|  | 2nd Qtr ended 30 June |  |  | Half Year ended 30 June |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2016 | 2015 | +/(-) | 2016 | 2015 | +/(-) |
|  | \$'000 | \$'000 | \% | \$'000 | \$'000 | \% |
| Profit attributable to equity holders of the Company | 4,010 | 4,331 | (7.4\%) | 5,938 | 8,420 | (29.5\%) |
| Other comprehensive income (Item that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss):- |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| - Foreign currency translation reserve | 52 | (492) | n.m | $(1,045)$ | 427 | n.m |
| Total comprehensive income attributable to equity holders of the Company | 4,062 | 3,839 | 5.8\% | 4,893 | 8,847 | (44.7\%) |

## 1(a)(ii) Notes to the Income Statement

A) Other operating income comprises the following:

- Reversal of impairment loss on trade receivables
- Net gain in foreign exchange

| 2nd Qtr ended 30 June |  |  | Half Year ended 30 June |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2016 | 2015 | +/(-) | 2016 | 2015 | +/(-) |
| \$'000 | \$'000 | \% | \$'000 | \$'000 | \% |
| 14 | 5 | 180.0\% | 14 | 5 | 180.0\% |
| - | 107 | (100.0\%) | - | - | n.m |
| - | - | n.m | - | 10 | (100.0\%) |
| - | 6 | (100.0\%) | - | 16 | (100.0\%) |
| 35 | 35 | 0.0\% | 70 | 70 | 0.0\% |
| 81 | 5 | 1520.0\% | 306 | 142 | 115.5\% |
| 130 | 158 | (17.7\%) | 390 | 243 | 60.5\% |

B) Employee benefits expense decreased by $15.9 \%$ in 2nd Quarter 2016 and $11.4 \%$ in half year ended 30 June 2016 mainly due to lower personnel costs in line with lower volume in both Fabrication \& Manufacturing business and Steel
Merchandising business.
C) Depreciation and amortisation expense decreased by 6.2\% in 2nd Quarter 2016 and $6.9 \%$ in half year ended 30 June 2016 as the Group revised the useful life of its wire mesh machines used in the Fabrication \& Manufacturing business, which is in line with the industry practice.
D) Insurance, freight and transportation decreased by 42.4\% in 2nd Quarter 2016 and 27.4\% in half year ended 30 June 2016 mainly due to decrease in transportation cost for both Fabrication \& Manufacturing business and Steel Merchandising business in line with lower business volume.
E) Rental and utilities decreased by $32.2 \%$ in 2nd Quarter 2016 and $22.3 \%$ in half year ended 30 June 2016 mainly due to lower inventory level and lower utilities incurred in the Fabrication \& Manufacturing business.
F) Repair and maintenance decreased by $35.0 \%$ in 2nd Quarter 2016 and $28.4 \%$ in half year ended 30 June 2016 due to lower costs incurred for upkeeping and servicing machineries.
G) Other operating expenses include:

- Worker's dormitories and related costs
- Tools and consumables
- Insurance

| 2nd Qtr ended 30 June |  |  | Half Year ended 30 June |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2016 | 2015 | +/(-) | 2016 | 2015 | +/(-) |
| \$'000 | \$'000 | \% | \$'000 | \$'000 | \% |
| 403 | 410 | (1.7\%) | 824 | 801 | 2.9\% |
| 363 | 373 | (2.7\%) | 652 | 677 | (3.7\%) |
| 292 | 302 | (3.3\%) | 657 | 688 | (4.5\%) |
| 19 | 38 | (50.0\%) | 44 | 80 | (45.0\%) |
| 48 | 98 | (51.0\%) | 159 | 224 | (29.0\%) |
| 120 | 163 | (26.4\%) | 222 | 272 | (18.4\%) |
| 165 | 170 | (2.9\%) | 319 | 322 | (0.9\%) |
| 178 | 104 | 71.2\% | 227 | 282 | (19.5\%) |
| 463 | - | n.m | 38 | 963 | (96.1\%) |
| - | - | n.m | 3 | - | n.m |
| - | - | n.m | 6 | - | n.m |
| 338 | 674 | (49.9\%) | 700 | 1,131 | (38.1\%) |
| 2,389 | 2,332 | 2.4\% | 3,851 | 5,440 | (29.2\%) |

Outsourcing of labour expense of $\$ 1,394,000$ for 2 Q15 and $\$ 2,805,000$ for 1 H 15 was reclassified from "Other operating expenses" to "Changes in inventories of finished goods and work-in-progress, raw materials and consumables used and finished goods purchased" to better reflect the costs of manufacturing in the Fabrication \& Manufacturing business.
H) Financial expense decreased by $59.1 \%$ in 2nd Quarter 2016 and $43.7 \%$ in half year ended 30 June 2016 mainly due to lower financing quantum in both Fabrication \& Manufacturing business and Steel Merchandising business.
I) Financial income decreased by $67.5 \%$ in 2nd Quarter 2016 and $75.2 \%$ in half year ended 30 June 2016 due to full repayment of loans by an associate in April 2015.
J) Share of results of associate was a profit of $\$ 87,000$ in 2nd Quarter 2016 compared to a loss of $\$ 8,000$ in the corresponding quarter last year and a profit of $\$ 131,000$ in half year ended 30 June 2016 compared to a loss of $\$ 215,000$ in the corresponding period last year. These were due to additional sales of Austville units by the associate.
K) n.m means not meaningful

1(b)(i) STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

|  |  | Group |  | Company |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 30.06.2016 | 31.12.2015 | 30.06.2016 | 31.12.2015 |
| ASSETS | Notes | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 |
| Non-current assets |  |  |  |  |  |
| Property, plant and equipment |  | 59,041 | 61,851 | 4,053 | 4,130 |
| Investment property |  | 1,940 | 1,961 | - | - |
| Investment in subsidiaries |  | - |  | 20,490 | 20,490 |
| Investment in associate |  | 1,777 | 1,646 | - | - |
| Club memberships |  | 471 | 612 | 131 | 246 |
| Deferred tax assets |  | 73 | 73 | - | - |
|  |  | 63,302 | 66,143 | 24,674 | 24,866 |
| Current assets |  |  |  |  |  |
| Inventories | 1 | 33,832 | 89,438 | - | - |
| Trade receivables | 2 | 59,181 | 68,862 | - | - |
| Other receivables and deposits |  | 192 | 506 | 78 | 12 |
| Prepayments |  | 1,189 | 1,133 | 10 | 4 |
| Asset held for sale |  | 13,130 | 12,843 | - | - |
| Forward exchange contracts |  | 515 | 515 | - | - |
| Due from subsidiaries (non trade) |  | - | - | 8,509 | 9 |
| Fixed deposits |  | 23,696 | 27,780 | 13,800 | 26,012 |
| Cash and bank balances |  | 55,950 | 68,678 | 1,252 | 2,841 |
|  |  | 187,685 | 269,755 | 23,649 | 28,878 |
| Total assets |  | 250,987 | 335,898 | 48,323 | 53,744 |

## EQUITY AND LIABILITIES

## Current liabilities

| Trade payables | 1 | $\mathbf{4 , 8 8 1}$ | 25,856 | $\mathbf{2 3}$ | $\mathbf{2 5}$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Bills payable to banks (secured) | 1 | $\mathbf{2 7 , 6 7 6}$ | $\mathbf{7 3 , 7 6 7}$ | $\mathbf{-}$ | $\mathbf{-}$ |
| Other payables and accruals |  | $\mathbf{8 , 3 1 9}$ | 9,915 | $\mathbf{3 6 0}$ | - |
| Advance payment from customers | $\mathbf{3 6 7}$ | 347 | $\mathbf{-}$ | - |  |
| Provision for onerous contracts | $\mathbf{7 , 4 9 9}$ | 7,499 | $\mathbf{-}$ | - |  |
| Hire purchase creditors | $\mathbf{5 , 3 4 5}$ | 5,421 | - | - |  |
| Bank term loans (secured) | $\mathbf{3 , 2 5 0}$ | 3,370 | $\mathbf{-}$ | $\mathbf{-}$ |  |
| Income tax payable |  | $\mathbf{5 , 6 9 2}$ | 5,958 | $\mathbf{4 4 6}$ | $\mathbf{4 7 2}$ |
|  |  | $\mathbf{6 3 , 0 2 9}$ | $\mathbf{1 3 2 , 1 3 3}$ | $\mathbf{8 2 9}$ | $\mathbf{9 0 7}$ |


|  |  | Group |  | Company |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 30.06.2016 | 31.12.2015 | 30.06.2016 | 31.12.2015 |
|  | Notes | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 |
| Net current assets |  | 124,656 | 137,622 | 22,820 | 27,971 |
| Non-current liabilities |  |  |  |  |  |
| Hire purchase creditors |  | 6,693 | 9,293 | - |  |
| Bank term loans (secured) | 3 | 1,083 | 13,488 | - |  |
| Deferred tax liabilities |  | 249 | 249 | 250 | 250 |
|  |  | 8,025 | 23,030 | 250 | 250 |
| Total liabilities |  | 71,054 | 155,163 | 1,079 | 1,157 |
| Net assets |  | 179,933 | 180,735 | 47,244 | 52,587 |

## Equity attributable to equity holders of the Company

| Share capital | $\mathbf{4 6 , 4 7 3}$ | 46,473 | $\mathbf{4 6 , 4 7 3}$ | 46,473 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Retained earnings | $\mathbf{1 3 9 , 0 3 4}$ | 138,791 | $\mathbf{7 7 1}$ | 6,114 |
| Foreign currency translation reserve | $\mathbf{( 5 , 5 7 4 )}$ | $(4,529)$ | - | - |
|  | $\mathbf{1 7 9 , 9 3 3}$ | 180,735 | $\mathbf{4 7 , 2 4 4}$ | 52,587 |

## 1(b)(ii) Notes to the Statements of Financial Position

1) Inventories decreased by $\$ 55.6 \mathrm{~m}$ mainly due to lower stock position in Fabrication \& Manufacturing business.

Correspondingly, trade payables and bills payable to banks have also decreased.
2) Trade receivables decreased by $\$ 9.7 \mathrm{~m}$ mainly due to lower turnover in Fabrication \& Manufacturing business and Steel Merchandising business.
3) Bank term loans decreased by $\$ 12.5 \mathrm{~m}$ in total mainly due to repayment of property loans.

## 1(b)(iii) Group's borrowings and debt securities

Amount repayable in one year or less, or on demand

| As at 30.06.2016 |  | As at 31.12.2015 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Secured | Unsecured | Secured | Unsecured |
| $\$ \prime 000$ | $\$ \prime 000$ | \$'000 | \$'000 |
| 36,271 | - | 82,558 | - |

Amount repayable after one year

| As at 30.06.2016 |  | As at 31.12.2015 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Secured | Unsecured | Secured | Unsecured |
| $\$^{\prime} 000$ | $\${ }^{\prime} 000$ | \$'000 | $\$^{\prime} 000$ |
| 7,776 | - | 22,781 | - |

## Details of collateral

The Group's bills payable and bank term loans are secured by the following:
(a) corporate guarantees given by the Company and certain subsidiaries to the banks;
(b) letters of negative pledges on the assets of the Company and certain subsidiaries, with the exception of property, plant and equipment under hire purchase arrangements;
(c) a deed of charge and assignment of inventories, charge over fixed deposits and floating charge over trade receivables; and
(d) the bank term loan is secured by legal mortgages over the Group's property, plant and equipment with net book value of $\$ 12.5 \mathrm{~m}(31.12 .2015: \$ 13.1 \mathrm{~m})$. The Group fully paid two bank term loans which were secured by legal mortgages over the leasehold investment property and asset held for sale in March 2016 and May 2016 respectively.

1(c) CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR SECOND QUARTER AND HALF YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2016

|  | 2nd Qtr ended 30 June |  | Half Year ended 30 June |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2016 | 2015 | 2016 | 2015 |
| Notes | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 |
| Operating activities |  |  |  |  |
| Profit before tax | 4,904 | 5,117 | 7,154 | 10,209 |
| Adjustments for: |  |  |  |  |
| Amortisation of club memberships | 17 | 15 | 33 | 31 |
| Depreciation of property, plant and equipment | 2,603 | 2,778 | 5,104 | 5,491 |
| Depreciation of investment property | 11 | 11 | 22 | 22 |
| Property, plant and equipment written off | - | - | 3 | - |
| Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment, net | - | - | - | (10) |
| Interest expense | 315 | 771 | 866 | 1,539 |
| Interest income | (38) | (117) | (84) | (339) |
| Foreign currency translation adjustments | 54 | (975) | (896) | (439) |
| Share of results of associate | (87) | 8 | (131) | 215 |
| Impairment loss of trade receivables | 6 | - | 6 | - |
| Operating cash flows before changes in working capital (Increase)/decrease in: | 7,785 | 7,608 | 12,077 | 16,719 |
| Inventories | 23,677 | $(4,029)$ | 55,607 | 27,990 |
| Trade receivables | 435 | 9,281 | 9,675 | 2,433 |
| Other receivables, deposits and prepayments | 1,432 | 5,774 | 366 | $(14,242)$ |
| Increase/(decrease) in: |  |  |  |  |
| Trade payables | 1,267 | $(3,675)$ | $(20,975)$ | $(31,062)$ |
| Other payables and accruals | (253) | $(1,122)$ | $(1,572)$ | $(8,348)$ |
| Cash flows from operations | 34,343 | 13,837 | 55,178 | $(6,510)$ |
| Interest paid | (315) | (771) | (866) | $(1,539)$ |
| Interest received | 38 | 117 | 84 | 339 |
| Income taxes (paid)/refunded | $(1,388)$ | $(1,955)$ | $(1,485)$ | $(1,954)$ |
| Net cash flows from/(used in) operating activities 4 | 32,678 | 11,228 | 52,911 | $(9,664)$ |
| Investing activities |  |  |  |  |
| Purchase of property, plant and equipment | $(1,528)$ | $(3,193)$ | $(2,286)$ | $(6,341)$ |
| Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment | - | - | - | 132 |
| Purchase of asset held for sale | (150) | - | (287) | - |
| Decrease in loans to associate | - | 10,784 | - | 10,784 |
| Net cash flows (used in)/from investing activities 5 | $(1,678)$ | 7,591 | $(2,573)$ | 4,575 |
| Financing activities |  |  |  |  |
| (Decrease)/increase in bills payable to banks (secured) | $(31,800)$ | (627) | $(46,092)$ | 8,628 |
| Repayment of bank term loans | $(5,572)$ | (843) | $(12,525)$ | $(1,685)$ |
| Repayment of hire purchase | $(1,332)$ | $(1,119)$ | $(2,677)$ | $(2,236)$ |
| Dividends paid on ordinary shares | $(5,695)$ | $(10,440)$ | $(5,695)$ | $(10,440)$ |
| Net cash flows used in financing activities 6 | $(44,399)$ | $(13,029)$ | $(66,989)$ | $(5,733)$ |
| Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents | $(13,399)$ | 5,790 | $(16,651)$ | $(10,822)$ |
| Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents | - | 493 | (160) | 835 |
| Cash \& cash equivalents at beginning of the year | 92,595 | 72,327 | 96,007 | 88,597 |
| Cash \& cash equivalents at end of the period 7 | 79,196 | 78,610 | 79,196 | 78,610 |

## 1(c)(i) Notes to the Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

4) Net cash flows from operating activities in 2nd Quarter 2016 increased by $\$ 21.5 \mathrm{~m}$, from $\$ 11.2 \mathrm{~m}$ to $\$ 32.7 \mathrm{~m}$. For the half year ended 30 June 2016, net cash flows from operating activities was $\$ 52.9 \mathrm{~m}$ compared to net cash flows used in operating activities in the corresponding period last year of $\$ 9.7 \mathrm{~m}$. These were mainly due to the decrease in inventories and trade receivables.
5) Net cash flows used in investing activities in 2nd Quarter 2016 was $\$ 1.7 \mathrm{~m}$ compared to net cash flows from investing activities in 2nd Quarter 2015 of $\$ 7.6 \mathrm{~m}$. For the half year ended 30 June 2016, net cash flows used in investing activities was $\$ 2.6 \mathrm{~m}$ compared to net cash flows from investing activities of $\$ 4.6 \mathrm{~m}$. These were due to absence of repayment of loan from associate but offset by reduction in purchase of plant and equipment.
6) Net cash flows used in financing activities in 2nd Quarter 2016 increased by $\$ 31.4 \mathrm{~m}$, from $\$ 13.0 \mathrm{~m}$ to $\$ 44.4 \mathrm{~m}$. Net cash flows used in financing activities in half year ended 30 June 2016 increased by $\$ 61.3 \mathrm{~m}$, from $\$ 5.7 \mathrm{~m}$ to $\$ 67.0 \mathrm{~m}$. These were mainly due to the decrease in bills payable to banks, repayment of bank term loans and decrease in dividends payment to sharehoders.
7) Cash and cash equivalents as at 2nd Quarter comprised the following:-

| $\mathbf{2 0 1 6}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 5}$ |
| ---: | ---: |
| $\$ \mathbf{0 0 0}$ | $\$, 000$ |
| 55,950 | 57,309 |
| $\mathbf{2 3 , 6 9 6}$ | 21,751 |
| $(450)$ | $(450)$ |
| 79,196 | 78,610 |

Fixed deposits of $\$ 0.5 \mathrm{~m}$ (2015: $\$ 0.5 \mathrm{~m}$ ) were pledged with banks to secure credit facilities for subsidiaries, are restricted in use and may not be withdrawn without the banks' prior approval.

## 1(d)(i) STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

| GROUP | Share Translation Capital Reserve |  | Revenue Reserve | Total Equity |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 |
| Balance as at 01.01.2016 | 46,473 | $(4,529)$ | 138,791 | 180,735 |
| Changes in equity for the period: |  |  |  |  |
| Total comprehensive income for the period | - | $(1,045)$ | 5,938 | 4,893 |
| Dividends on ordinary shares | - | - | $(5,695)$ | $(5,695)$ |
| Balance as at 30.06.2016 | 46,473 | $(5,574)$ | 139,034 | 179,933 |
| Balance as at 01.01.2015 | 46,473 | $(6,254)$ | 137,455 | 177,674 |
| Changes in equity for the period: |  |  |  |  |
| Total comprehensive income for the period | - | 427 | 8,420 | 8,847 |
| Dividends on ordinary shares | - | - | $(10,440)$ | $(10,440)$ |
| Balance as at 30.06.2015 | 46,473 | $(5,827)$ | 135,435 | 176,081 |

## COMPANY

Balance as at 01.01.2016
Changes in equity for the period:
Total comprehensive income for the period
Dividends on ordinary shares
Balance as at 30.06.2016

| Share <br> Capital <br> \$'000 | Revenue Total Equity |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Reserve |  |
|  | \$'000 | \$'000 |
| 46,473 | 6,114 | 52,587 |
| - | 352 | 352 |
| - | $(5,695)$ | $(5,695)$ |
| 46,473 | 771 | 47,244 |
| 46,473 | 12,729 | 59,202 |
| - | 391 | 391 |
| - | $(10,440)$ | $(10,440)$ |
| 46,473 | 2,680 | 49,153 |

1(d)(ii) Changes in Share Capital
Share Capital
Ordinary share issued \& fully paid
Balance as at 01.01.2016 \& 30.06.2016 474,551,093 46,473

There was no movement in the issued and paid-up capital of the Company since 31 December 2015.

There were no outstanding convertibles as at 30.06.2016 (30.06.2015: Nil)
The Company has no treasury shares as at 30.06.2016 (30.06.2015: Nil)

## 2 Audit

The financial statements have not been audited nor reviewed by the Company's auditor.

## 3 Auditor's Report

Not Applicable.

## 4 Accounting Policies

Except as disclosed in paragraph 5 below, the Group has applied the same accounting policies and methods of computation in the current financial year as with those in the most recently audited financial statements as at 31 December 2015.

## 5 Changes in Accounting Policies

In the current year, the Group has adopted all the new/revised Financial Reporting Standards which took effect for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2016. The adoption of the above FRS did not result in any substantial change to the Group's accounting policies.

## 6 Earnings per ordinary share of the group

2nd Qtr ended 30 June Half Year ended 30 June
arnings per ordinary share for the period based on net profit attributable to equity holders:-
(a) On weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue
(b) On a fully diluted basis

Earnings per ordinary share on existing issued share capital is computed based on the weighted average number of ordinary shares issued during 2Q16 and 1H16 of 474,551,093 shares (2Q15 and 1H15: 474,551,093 shares).

There is no difference between the basic and diluted earnings per share.

## 7 Net asset value per ordinary share

| Group as at: |  | Company as at: |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 30.06.2016 | 31.12 .2015 | 30.06 .2016 | 31.12 .2015 |
| 37.92cents | 38.09 cents |  | 9.96 cents |$\quad 11.08$ cents

Net asset value per share based on existing issued share capital as at end of the respective dates
20162015
0.85cents 0.91 cents $\quad \mathbf{1 . 2 5 c e n t s} \quad 1.77$ cents

| 0.85 cents | 0.91 cents | $\mathbf{1 . 2 5}$ cents | 1.77 cents |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\mathbf{0 . 8 5}$ cents | 0.91 cents | $\mathbf{1 . 2 5}$ cents | 1.77 cents |

Net asset value is computed based on the number of shares in issue as at 30 June 2016 and 31 December 2015 of 474,551,093 shares.

## 8 Performance Review

For 2nd Quarter 2016, the Group's turnover decreased by $40.6 \%$ to $\$ 72.7 \mathrm{~m}$ from $\$ 122.5 \mathrm{~m}$ in the corresponding quarter last year. The lower turnover was attributable to Fabrication \& Manufacturing business which decreased by $30.1 \%$ to $\$ 72.5 \mathrm{~m}$ from $\$ 103.7 \mathrm{~m}$, and Steel Merchandising business which decreased by $98.9 \%$ to $\$ 0.2 \mathrm{~m}$ from $\$ 18.8 \mathrm{~m}$. The decrease in turnover was contributed by weaker steel prices in Fabrication \& Manufacturing business, and lower volume in both Fabrication \& Manufacturing business and Steel Merchandising business.

For the half year ended 30 June 2016, Group turnover decreased by $41.3 \%$ to $\$ 149.2 \mathrm{~m}$ from $\$ 254.2 \mathrm{~m}$ in the corresponding period last year. The lower turnover was mainly attributable to Fabrication \& Manufacturing business which decreased by $32.0 \%$ to $\$ 147.0 \mathrm{~m}$ from $\$ 216.3 \mathrm{~m}$, and Steel Merchandising business which decreased by $94.2 \%$ to $\$ 2.2 \mathrm{~m}$ from $\$ 37.9 \mathrm{~m}$. The decrease in turnover was contributed by weaker steel prices in Fabrication \& Manufacturing business, and lower volume in both Fabrication \& Manufacturing business and Steel Merchandising business.

The Group's gross profit margin as a percentage of turnover in 2nd Quarter 2016 and half year ended 30 June 2016 was $25.4 \%$ and $22.9 \%$ respectively, higher than the corresponding period last year of $18.0 \%$ and $17.3 \%$. These were mainly due to higher revenue contribution from Fabrication \& Manufacturing business.

The decrease in tonnage delivered in the Fabrication \& Manufacturing business has resulted in corresponding decrease in costs in the following areas:

Employee benefits expense;
Depreciation and amortisation;
Insurance, freight and transportation;
Rental and utilities;
Repair and maintenance;
Other operating expenses; and
Financial expense

The decrease in depreciation and amortisation expense for 2nd Quarter 2016 and half year ended 30 June 2016 was due to the Group revising the useful life of its wire mesh machines used in the Fabrication \& Manufacturing business to be in line with the industry practice.

Share of results of associate was a profit of $\$ 87,000$ in 2nd Quarter 2016 compared to a loss of $\$ 8,000$ in the corresponding quarter last year and a profit of $\$ 131,000$ in half year ended 30 June 2016 compared to a loss of $\$ 215,000$ in the corresponding period last year. These were due to additional sales of Austville units by the associate.

The Group's profit attributable to equity holders of the Company was $\$ 4.0 \mathrm{~m}$ in 2 nd Quarter 2016 and $\$ 5.9 \mathrm{~m}$ for the half year ended 30 June 2016, a decrease of $7.4 \%$ from the corresponding quarter last year of $\$ 4.3 \mathrm{~m}$ and $29.5 \%$ from the corresponding period last year of $\$ 8.4 \mathrm{~m}$.

## Cashflow

For the half year ended 30 June 2016, net cash flows from operating activities amounted to $\$ 52.9 \mathrm{~m}$. This was mainly due to the decrease in inventories and trade receivables. Net cash flows used in investing activities amounted to $\$ 2.6 \mathrm{~m}$. This was mainly due to the absence of repayment of loan from associate but offset by reduction in purchase of plant and equipment. With net cash flows used in financing activities of $\$ 67.0 \mathrm{~m}$, cash and cash equivalents as at 30 June 2016 was $\$ 79.2 \mathrm{~m}$, down from $\$ 96.0 \mathrm{~m}$ as at 1 January 2016.

## Balance Sheet

The Balance Sheet remained strong. The net asset value per share as at 30 June 2016 was 37.92 cents, slightly lower than 38.09 cents as at 31 December 2015.

## 9 Variance from Prospect Statement

No variance from previous statement.

## 10 Prospect Statement

The operating environment for Steel Merchandising remains challenging due to volatility in steel prices and foreign exchange rates. Thus, the Group will continue to reduce business volume for this segment.

The Building and Construction Authority (BCA) estimates strong construction demand this year at between $\$ 27$ billion and $\$ 34$ billion, with higher share of demand from public sector. Public sector projects include the new National Cancer Centre, State Courts' new building at Havelock Square, JTC's Integrated Logistics Hub, PUB's water reclamation and sewerage projects, Changi Airport's 3 -runway system, and the remaining contracts for the Thomson-East Coast MRT line. While the pipeline of the projects augurs well for the Group's Fabrication \& Manufacturing business, operating margin may be compressed due to intense market competition and volatility in steel prices.

## 11 Dividend

## (a) Current Financial Period Reported On

Any dividend declared for the current financial period reported on? Yes

| Name of Dividend | Interim paid on 24 June 2016 | Interim payable on 15 <br> September 2016 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Dividend Type | Cash | Cash |
| Dividend Rate | 0.20 cent per ordinary share | 0.50 cent per ordinary <br> share |
| Tax Rate | One-tier tax exempt | One-tier tax exempt |

## (b) Corresponding Period of the Immediately Preceding Financial Year

Any dividend declared for the corresponding period of the immediately preceding financial year? Yes

| Name of Dividend | Interim paid on 24 June 2015 | Interim paid on 16 <br> September 2015 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Dividend Type | Cash | Cash |
| Dividend Rate | 0.20 cent per ordinary share | 0.50 cent per ordinary <br> share |
| Tax Rate | One-tier tax exempt | One-tier tax exempt |

## (c) Date payable

15 September 2016.

## (d) Books closure date

The Share Transfer Books and Register of Members of the Company will be closed on 2nd September 2016 after 5.00 p.m. for the purpose of determining shareholders' entitlement to the interim dividend of 0.50 cent per ordinary share.

Duly completed registrable transfers in respect of shares of the Company received by the Company's Share Registrar, KCK CorpServe Pte. Ltd., of 333 North Bridge Road KH Kea Building \#08-00, Singapore 188721 up to 5.00 p.m. on 2nd Septermber 2016 will be registered to determine Members' entitlements to such dividend. Members whose Securities Accounts with The Central Depository (Pte) Limited ("CDP") are credited with shares of the Company as at 5.00 p.m. on 2nd September 2016 will be entitled to the such proposed dividend. In this respect, the said dividend will be paid by the Company to CDP which will distribute the dividend to holders of the securities accounts.

12 If no dividend has been declared/recommended, a statement to that effect.
Not applicable.

## 13 Interested Person Transactions

The Group does not have a general mandate from shareholders for interested person transactions pursuant to Rule 920 of the Listing Manual of the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited ("SGX-ST").

## 14 Confirmation pursuant to Rule 705(5) of the SGX Listing Manual

We, Lee Lin Poey and Lee Heng Thiam, being two directors of Lee Metal Group Ltd, do hereby confirm on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Company that, to the best of our knowledge, nothing has come to the attention of the Board of Directors of the Company which may render the unaudited financial results for the 2nd Quarter ended 30 June 2016 to be false or misleading in any material aspects.

## 15 Confirmation pursuant to Rule 720(1) of the SGX Listing Manual

The Group confirms that it has procured undertakings from all its directors and executive officers in the format set out in Appendix 7.7 under Rule 720(1) of the listing manual.

## BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

Foo Soon Soo
Company Secretary
8 August 2016

