

Soo Kee Group Ltd.

(Company Registration No.: 201214694Z)
(Incorporated in the Republic of Singapore on 13 June 2012)

UNAUDITED SECOND QUARTER FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2017

PART I - INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR QUARTERLY (Q1, Q2 & Q3), HALF-YEAR AND FULL YEAR ANNOUNCEMENTS

1(a)(i) An income statement and statement of comprehensive income, or a statement of comprehensive income, for the group, together with a comprehensive statement for the corresponding period of the immediately preceding financial year.

CONSOLIDATED / COMBINED STATEMENTS OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

	Group Unaudited					
	Q2-2017 S\$'000	Q2-2016 S\$'000	Change %	1H-2017 S\$'000	1H-2016 S\$'000	Change %
Revenue	38,281	35,583	7.6%	79,095	72,266	9.4%
Other gains	455	376	21.0%	689	1,139	(39.5%)
Material costs	(24,261)	(21,021)	15.4%	(49,326)	(41,120)	20.0%
Employee benefits expense	(4,742)	(4,608)	2.9%	(9,573)	(9,571)	-
Depreciation and amortisation expense	(992)	(1,082)	(8.3%)	(1,956)	(2,117)	(7.6%)
Other losses	(11)	(320)	(96.6%)	(40)	-	N.M.
Finance costs	(397)	(536)	(25.9%)	(751)	(1,074)	(30.1%)
Other expenses	(7,264)	(7,649)	(5.0%)	(15,206)	(15,589)	(2.5%)
Profit before tax	1,069	743	43.9%	2,932	3,934	(25.5%)
Income tax expense	(295)	(178)	65.7%	(769)	(782)	(1.7%)
Profit, net of tax	774	565	37.0%	2,163	3,152	(31.4%)
Other comprehensive income:						
Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:						
Exchange differences on translating foreign operations, net of tax	107	(171)	N.M.	(18)	126	N.M.
Other comprehensive income for the period, net of tax	107	(171)	N.M.	(18)	126	N.M.
Total comprehensive income	881	394	123.6%	2,145	3,278	(34.6%)
Attributable to:						
Equity holders of the Company	825	552	49.5%	2,229	3,139	(29.0%)
Non-controlling interest	(51)	13	N.M.	(66)	13	N.M.
Profit, net of tax	774	565	37.0%	2,163	3,152	(31.4%)
Attributable to:						
Equity holders of the Company	932	381	144.6%	2,211	3,265	(32.3%)
Non-controlling interest	(51)	13	N.M.	(66)	13	N.M.
Total comprehensive income	881	394	123.6%	2,145	3,278	(34.6%)

N.M.: Not meaningful

1(a)(ii) Notes to consolidated / combined statements of profit or loss and other comprehensive income

The Group's profit before tax was arrived at after crediting/(charging) the following:

	Group Unaudited					
	Q2-2017 S\$'000	Q2-2016 S\$'000	Change %	1H-2017 S\$'000	1H-2016 S\$'000	Change %
Central support service income	50	50	-	99	99	-
Depreciation and amortisation expenses	(992)	(1,082)	(8.3%)	(1,956)	(2,117)	(7.6%)
Finance costs	(397)	(536)	(25.9%)	(751)	(1,074)	(30.1%)
Foreign exchange adjustment gains/(losses)	265	(303)	N.M.	269	278	(3.2%)
Interest income	12	69	(82.6%)	35	139	(74.8%)
(Loss)/Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment	(11)	(16)	(31.3%)	(40)	17	N.M.
Miscellaneous income	59	266	(77.8%)	176	625	(71.8%)
Rental income	81	60	35.0%	145	120	20.8%

NM: Not meaningful

1(b)(i) A statement of financial position (for the issuer and group), together with a comparative statement as at the end of the immediately preceding financial year.

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	Group		Company	
	Unaudited As at 30 June 2017 S\$'000	Audited As at 31 December 2016 S\$'000	Unaudited As at 30 June 2017 S\$'000	Audited As at 31 December 2016 S\$'000
Assets				
<u>Non-current assets</u>				
Property, plant and equipment	33,643	33,256	-	-
Investment in subsidiaries	-	-	12,002	12,002
Investment in associates	2	2	-	-
Deferred tax assets	265	125	-	-
Other financial assets	30	30	-	-
Intangible assets	807	807	-	-
Other assets (land use rights)	5,430	5,540	-	-
Total non-current assets	40,177	39,760	12,002	12,002
<u>Current assets</u>				
Inventories	55,230	59,644	-	-
Trade and other receivables	745	1,968	27,145	28,581
Other assets (land use rights)	219	219	-	-
Other assets	6,765	6,164	34	77
Cash and cash equivalents	20,549	27,488	6,550	7,596
Total current assets	83,508	95,483	33,729	36,254
Total assets	123,685	135,243	45,731	48,256
Equity and liabilities				
<u>Equity</u>				
Share capital	42,399	42,399	42,399	42,399
Retained earnings	11,402	11,986	2,329	4,748
Other reserves	(972)	(954)	-	-
Equity attributable to owners of the Company	52,829	53,431	44,728	47,147
Non-controlling interest	254	320	-	-
Total equity	53,083	53,751	44,728	47,147
<u>Non-current liabilities</u>				
Deferred tax liabilities	126	126	-	-
Other financial liabilities	30,427	33,296	-	-
Other liabilities	966	919	-	-
Total non-current liabilities	31,519	34,341	-	-
<u>Current liabilities</u>				
Income tax payable	1,878	2,230	-	44
Trade and other payables	12,298	18,433	1,003	1,065
Other financial liabilities	23,061	23,832	-	-
Other liabilities	1,846	2,656	-	-
Total current liabilities	39,083	47,151	1,003	1,109
Total liabilities	70,602	81,492	45,731	48,256
Total equity and liabilities	123,685	135,243	45,731	48,256

1(b)(ii) Aggregate amount of group's borrowings and debt securities

Amount repayable by the Group in one year or less, or on demand

As at 30 June 2017		As at 31 December 2016	
Secured S\$'000	Unsecured S\$'000	Secured S\$'000	Unsecured S\$'000
18,106	4,955	18,845	4,987

Amount repayable by the Group after one year

As at 30 June 2017		As at 31 December 2016	
Secured S\$'000	Unsecured S\$'000	Secured S\$'000	Unsecured S\$'000
21,436	8,991	22,515	10,781

Details of collaterals

The Group's credit facilities are secured by one or several of, *inter alia*,

- (a) Corporate guarantees from the Company;
- (b) Assignment of, *inter alia*, all rights, title, interests and benefits arising out of the building agreement in respect of the Group's land located at Changi Business Park (the "**Changi Business Park Land**"); and
- (c) Assignment of, *inter alia*, all rights, title, interests and benefits arising out of all present and future leases of any units or part thereof of the Group's building located on the Changi Business Park Land (the "**Changi Business Park Headquarters**").

The Group's hire purchase facilities are secured against the respective motor vehicles.

The Group's unsecured credit facilities comprise (a) the loans extended by the Company's Non-Executive Chairman, Dato' Sri Dr. Lim Yong Guan, and the Company's Executive Directors, Mr. Lim Yong Sheng and Mdm. Lim Liang Eng, pursuant to the loan agreements dated 1 June 2015 (the "**Directors' Loans**") and (b) a loan of S\$1.20 million to the Company's 70%-owned subsidiary, SK Bullion Pte Ltd, from its minority shareholders.

- 1(c) A statement of cash flows (for the group), together with a comparative statement for the corresponding period of the immediately preceding financial year.

CONSOLIDATED / COMBINED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

	Unaudited			
	Q2-2017 S\$'000	Q2-2016 S\$'000	1H-2017 S\$'000	1H-2016 S\$'000
<u>Cash flows from operating activities</u>				
Profit before tax	1,069	743	2,932	3,934
Adjustments for:				
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	938	1,028	1,847	2,008
Amortisation of land use rights	54	54	109	109
Interest expense	397	536	751	1,074
Interest income	(12)	(69)	(35)	(139)
Loss/(Gain) on disposal of property, plant and equipment	11	16	40	(17)
Net effect of foreign exchange rate changes in consolidating foreign subsidiaries	5	(158)	(114)	98
Operating cash flows before changes in working capital	2,462	2,150	5,530	7,067
Inventories	5,298	676	4,414	1,829
Trade and other receivables	120	414	1,223	384
Other assets	(228)	10	(601)	(26)
Trade and other payables	(318)	573	(6,135)	(2,967)
Other liabilities	(966)	(84)	(763)	854
Net cash flows from operations	6,368	3,739	3,668	7,141
Income taxes paid	(883)	(899)	(1,114)	(913)
Net cash flows from operating activities	5,485	2,840	2,554	6,228
<u>Cash flows from investing activities</u>				
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(755)	(984)	(2,329)	(2,683)
Disposal of property, plant and equipment	-	29	-	87
Acquisition of a subsidiary	-	(300)	-	(300)
Interest received	12	69	35	139
Net cash flows used in investing activities	(743)	(1,186)	(2,294)	(2,757)
<u>Cash flows from financing activities</u>				
Decrease in borrowings	(821)	(3,804)	(1,781)	(6,600)
(Decrease)/Increase in other financial liabilities	19	1,500	-	1,600
Finance lease repayments	(25)	(19)	(31)	(31)
Net movement in amounts due to directors	(909)	(910)	(1,823)	(713)
Interest paid	(397)	(536)	(751)	(1,074)
Dividend paid	(2,813)	(2,813)	(2,813)	(2,813)
Net cash flows used in financing activities	(4,946)	(6,582)	(7,199)	(9,631)
<u>Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents</u>	(204)	(4,928)	(6,939)	(6,160)
Cash and cash equivalents, statement of cash flows, beginning balance	20,753	32,794	27,488	34,026
Cash and cash equivalents, statement of cash flows, ending balance	20,549	27,866	20,549	27,866

1(d)(i) A statement (for the issuer and group) showing either (i) all changes in equity or (ii) changes in equity other than those arising from capitalisation issues and distributions to shareholders, together with a comparative statement for the corresponding period of the immediately preceding financial year.

STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

Group	Share Capital	Retained Earnings	Other reserves	Attributable to Owners	Non-Controlling Interests	Total Equity
	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000
Balance as at 1 January 2017	42,399	11,986	(954)	53,431	320	53,751
Dividends paid	-	(2,813)	-	(2,813)	-	(2,813)
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	2,229	(18)	2,211	(66)	2,145
Balance as at 30 June 2017	42,399	11,402	(972)	52,829	254	53,083
Balance as at 1 January 2016	42,399	8,336	(810)	49,925	-	49,925
Dividends paid	-	(2,813)	-	(2,813)	-	(2,813)
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	3,139	126	3,265	13	3,278
Balance as at 30 June 2016	42,399	8,662	(684)	50,377	13	50,390

Company	Share Capital	Retained Earnings	Total Equity
	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000
Balance as at 1 January 2017	42,399	4,748	47,147
Dividends paid	-	(2,813)	(2,813)
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	394	394
Balance as at 30 June 2017	42,399	2,329	44,728
Balance as at 1 January 2016	42,399	3,320	45,719
Dividends paid	-	(2,813)	(2,813)
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	145	145
Balance as at 30 June 2016	42,399	652	43,051

1(d)(ii) Details of any changes in the company's share capital arising from rights issues, bonus issues, share buy-backs, exercises of share options or warrants, conversion of other issues of equity securities, issues of shares for cash or as consideration for acquisition or for any other purpose since the end of the previous period reported on. State the number of shares that may be issued on conversion of all the outstanding convertibles, if any, against the total number of issued shares excluding treasury shares and subsidiary holdings of the issuer, as at the end of the current financial period reported on and as at the end of the corresponding period of the immediately preceding financial year. State also the number of shares held as treasury shares and the number of subsidiary holdings, if any, and the percentage of the aggregate number of treasury shares and subsidiary holdings held against the total number of shares outstanding in a class that is listed as at the end of the current financial period reported on and as at the end of the corresponding period of the immediately preceding financial year.

CHANGES IN ISSUED AND PAID-UP SHARE CAPITAL

	Company	
	Number of shares	Issued and paid-up share capital S\$
Issued and fully paid-up share capital Balance as at 30 June 2017	562,500,000	42,398,917

During Q2-2017 and 1H-2017, there were no changes in the Company's issued and paid-up share capital.

There were no outstanding convertibles, shares held as treasury shares, or subsidiary holdings as at 30 June 2017 and 30 June 2016.

1(d)(iii) To show the total number of issued shares excluding treasury shares as at the end of the current financial period and as at the end of the immediately preceding year.

	As at 30 June 2017	As at 31 December 2016
Total number of issued shares (excluding treasury shares)	562,500,000	562,500,000

The Company has no treasury shares or securities convertible into shares that were outstanding as at 30 June 2017 and 31 December 2016.

1(d)(iv) A statement showing all sales, transfers, disposals, cancellation and/or use of treasury share as at the end of the current financial period reported on.

Not applicable. The Company did not have any treasury shares during and as at the end of the current financial period reported on.

1(d)(v) A statement showing all sales, transfers, disposals, cancellation and/or use of subsidiary holdings as at the end of the current financial period reported on.

Not applicable. The Company did not have any subsidiary holdings during and as at the end of the current financial period reported on.

2. **Whether the figures have been audited or reviewed and in accordance with which auditing standard or practice.**

The figures have not been audited or reviewed by the auditors of the Company.

3. **Where the figures have been audited or reviewed, the auditors' report (including any qualifications or emphasis of matter).**

Not applicable.

4. **Whether the same accounting policies and methods of computation as in the issuer's most recently audited annual financial statements have been applied.**

The Group has applied the same accounting policies and methods of computation in the financial statements for Q2-2017 and 1H-2017 as its most recently audited consolidated financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2016.

5. **If there are any changes in the accounting policies and methods of computation, including any required by an accounting standard, what has changed, as well as the reasons for, and the effect of, the change.**

There are no changes in the Group's accounting policies and methods of computation including any required by an accounting standard.

6. **Earnings per ordinary share of the group for the current financial period reported on and the corresponding period of the immediately preceding financial year, after deducting any provision for preference dividends.**

EARNINGS PER SHARE ("EPS")

	Group Unaudited			
	Q2-2017	Q2-2016	1H-2017	1H-2016
Profit, net of tax attributable to equity holders of the Company (S\$'000)	825	552	2,229	3,139
Weighted average number of ordinary shares ⁽¹⁾				
(a) Basic	562,500,000	562,500,000	562,500,000	562,500,000
(b) Diluted	562,500,000	562,500,000	562,500,000	562,500,000
EPS (cents)				
(a) Basic	0.15	0.10	0.39	0.56
(b) Diluted	0.15	0.10	0.39	0.56

Note:

(1) The weighted average number of ordinary shares on a basic and fully diluted basis were the same as there were no potentially dilutive instruments as at 30 June 2017 and 30 June 2016.

7. **Net asset value (for the issuer and group) per ordinary share based on the total number of issued shares excluding treasury shares of the issuer at the end of the**
- (a) **Current financial period reported on; and**
 (b) **Immediately preceding financial year.**

NET ASSET VALUE (“NAV”)

	Group		Company	
	Unaudited As at 30 June 2017	Audited As at 31 December 2016	Unaudited As at 30 June 2017	Audited As at 31 December 2016
NAV per ordinary share (cents)	9.39	9.50	7.95	8.38

8. **A review of the performance of the group, to the extent necessary for a reasonable understanding of the group’s business. It must include a discussion of the following:-**
- (a) **any significant factors that affected the turnover, costs, and earnings of the group for the current financial period reported on, including (where applicable) seasonal or cyclical factors; and**
 (b) **any material factors that affected the cash flow, working capital, assets or liabilities of the group during the current financial period reported on.**

REVIEW OF THE GROUP’S PERFORMANCE

Revenue

Revenue increased by S\$6.83 million or 9.4% from S\$72.27 million in 1H-2016 to S\$79.10 million in 1H-2017 and increased by S\$2.70 million or 7.6% from S\$35.58 million in Q2-2016 to S\$38.28 million in Q2-2017. The increase in revenue was mainly from the increase in sales by our subsidiary, SK Bullion Pte Ltd, of S\$12.48 million and S\$5.57 million in 1H-2017 and Q2-2017 respectively.

Other gains

Other gains decreased by S\$0.45 million or 39.5% from S\$1.14 million in 1H-2016 to S\$0.69 million in 1H-2017. This was mainly attributable to a decrease in government grants of S\$0.23 million and a decrease in miscellaneous and commission income of S\$0.22 million.

In Q2-2017, other gains was S\$0.46 million, as compared to S\$0.38 million in Q2-2016. The increase of S\$0.08 million was mainly due to the absence of foreign exchange adjustment losses of S\$0.30 million which was recognised in Q2-2016, offset by decrease in government grant of S\$0.23 million.

Material costs

Material costs increased by S\$8.21 million or 20.0% from S\$41.12 million in 1H-2016 to S\$49.33 million in 1H-2017 and increased by S\$3.24 million or 15.4% from S\$21.02 million in Q2-2016 to S\$24.26 million in Q2-2017. The more than proportionate increase in material costs as compared to the increase in revenue in the respective periods was mainly due to the change in product mix following the acquisition of the Group’s bullion business in April 2016.

Employee benefits expense

Employee benefits expense increased by S\$0.13 million or 2.9% from S\$4.61 million in Q2-2016 to S\$4.74 million in Q2-2017. The increase was mainly due to (i) increase in employer's CPF contribution due to increase in CPF contribution rate, (ii) increase in sales commission and allowance and (iii) increase in recruitment expenses.

Employee benefits expense was relatively stable at S\$9.57 million in 1H-2016 and 1H-2017.

Depreciation and amortisation expense

Depreciation and amortisation expense decreased by S\$0.16 million or 7.6% from S\$2.12 million in 1H-2016 to S\$1.96 million in 1H-2017 and decreased by S\$0.09 million or 8.3% from S\$1.08 million in Q2-2016 to S\$0.99 million in Q2-2017. The decrease was mainly due to lower depreciation expenses for renovations and plant and equipment for our Malaysian subsidiaries as certain fixed assets have been fully depreciated.

Other losses

The increase in other losses of S\$0.04 million in 1H-2017 compared to 1H-2016 was due to a loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment which was recognised in 1H-2017.

The decrease in other losses of S\$0.31 million in Q2-2017 as compared to Q2-2016 was due to an absence of foreign exchange adjustment losses of S\$0.30 million attributable to the weakening of the MYR which had been recognized in Q2-2016.

Finance costs

Finance costs decreased by S\$0.32 million or 30.1% from S\$1.07 million in 1H-2016 to S\$0.75 million in 1H-2017 and decreased by S\$0.14 million or 25.9% from S\$0.54 million in Q2-2016 to S\$0.40 million in Q2-2017. The decrease was mainly due to lower borrowings following the repayment of certain term loans facilities and the Directors' Loans.

Other expenses

Other expenses decreased by S\$0.38 million or 2.5% from S\$15.59 million in 1H-2016 to S\$15.21 million in 1H-2017 and decreased by S\$0.39 million or 5.0% from S\$7.65 million in Q2-2016 to S\$7.26 million in Q2-2017. This was mainly due to lower rental expenses.

Profit before tax

As a result of the foregoing, profit before tax decreased by S\$1.00 million or 25.5% from S\$3.93 million in 1H-2016 to S\$2.93 million in 1H-2017 and increased by S\$0.33 million or 43.9% from S\$0.74 million in Q2-2016 to S\$1.07 million in Q2-2017.

Income tax expense

Income tax expense decreased marginally by S\$0.01 million or 1.7% from S\$0.78 million in 1H-2016 to S\$0.77 million in 1H-2017 due to the decrease in profit before tax for the corresponding period.

Income tax expense increased by S\$0.12 million from S\$0.18 million in Q2-2016 to S\$0.30 million in Q2-2017 due to the increase in profit before tax for the corresponding period.

REVIEW OF THE GROUP'S FINANCIAL POSITION

Non-current assets

Non-current assets increased by S\$0.42 million or 1.1% from S\$39.76 million as at 31 December 2016 to S\$40.18 million as at 30 June 2017. This was mainly due to the (i) increase in property, plant and equipment of S\$0.38 million and (ii) increase in deferred tax assets of S\$0.14 million, partially offset by the decrease in other assets (land use rights) of S\$0.11 million.

The increase in property, plant and equipment was mainly due to capital expenditures incurred in relation to the construction costs for the Group's Changi Business Park Headquarters and purchase of other plant and equipment.

Current assets

Current assets decreased by S\$11.97 million or 12.5% from S\$95.48 million as at 31 December 2016 to S\$83.51 million as at 30 June 2017. This was mainly due to the (i) decrease in cash and cash equivalents of S\$6.94 million mainly due to repayment of trade payables for raw materials and finished goods purchased on credit terms of S\$6.14 million and repayment of certain loan facilities of S\$1.78 million and (ii) decrease in inventories of S\$4.41 million and (iii) decrease in trade and other receivables of S\$1.22 million, partially offset by increase in other assets of S\$0.61 million.

The decrease in inventories of S\$4.41 million was mainly due to the decrease in inventories held in Singapore.

Non-current liabilities

Non-current liabilities decreased by S\$2.82 million or 8.2% from S\$34.34 million as at 31 December 2016 to S\$31.52 million as at 30 June 2017. This was mainly due to the repayment of certain term loans facilities of S\$1.08 million and repayment of the Directors' Loans of S\$1.79 million, partially offset by increase in other liabilities of S\$0.05 million.

Current liabilities

Current liabilities decreased by S\$8.07 million or 17.1% from S\$47.15 million as at 31 December 2016 to S\$39.08 million as at 30 June 2017. This was mainly attributable to (i) decrease in trade and other payables of S\$6.14 million, (ii) decrease in other financial liabilities of S\$0.77 million, (iii) decrease in income tax payable of S\$0.35 million and (iv) decrease in other liabilities of S\$0.81 million.

The decrease in trade and other payables was mainly due to settlement for the jewellery products purchased on credit terms.

The decrease in other financial liabilities was mainly due to the repayment of certain term loans facilities.

The decrease in income tax payables of S\$0.35 million or 15.8% from S\$2.23 million as at 31 December 2016 to S\$1.88 million as at 30 June 2017 was mainly due to income tax expenses provided for 1H-2017 of S\$0.76 million which was offset by income tax payment of S\$1.11 million.

Total equity

Total equity decreased by S\$0.67 million or 1.2% from S\$53.75 million as at 31 December 2016 to S\$53.08 million as at 30 June 2017. The decrease was mainly due to the total comprehensive income, net of tax attributable to owners of the Company of S\$2.23 million for 1H-2017 offset by (i) increase in foreign currency translation reserve (other reserves) of S\$0.02 million, (ii) decrease in non-controlling interest of S\$0.07 million and (iii) payment of ordinary dividends in respect of FY2016 of S\$2.83 million in Q2-2017.

REVIEW OF THE GROUP'S CASHFLOW STATEMENT

For 1H-2017, net cash flows used in operating activities was S\$2.55 million, which consisted of operating cash flows before changes in working capital of S\$5.53 million, net of income tax paid of S\$1.11 million and working capital outflows of S\$1.87 million.

The net working capital outflows arose mainly from the following:

- (a) (i) a decrease in trade and other payables of S\$6.14 million, (ii) decrease in other liabilities of S\$0.76 million and (iii) decrease in other assets of S\$0.60 million.
- (b) offset by (i) decrease in trade and other receivables of S\$1.22 million and (ii) decrease in inventories of S\$4.41 million.

For 1H-2017, net cash flows used in investing activities amounted to S\$2.29 million mainly due to the purchase of property, plant and equipment relating to capital expenditures incurred in relation to the construction costs for the Group's Changi Business Park Headquarters and purchase of other plant and equipment.

For 1H-2017, net cash flows used in financing activities was S\$7.20 million mainly due to (i) dividend payment of S\$2.81 million, (ii) loan repayment of S\$1.78 million, (iii) net movement in amounts due to directors of S\$1.82 million arising from the repayment of the Directors' Loans and (iv) interest payment of S\$0.75 million.

As a result of the above, there was a net decrease of S\$6.94 million in cash and cash equivalents for 1H-2017, from a net cash surplus of S\$27.49 million as at 31 December 2016 to a net cash surplus of S\$20.55 million as at 30 June 2017.

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

Not applicable as no forecast for 1H-2017 was provided.

10. 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 event that may affect the group in the next reporting period and the next 12 months.

On the back of a recovering economy, the Group remains sanguine on the local retail sector as consumer sentiment remains cautious. The Group will keep up its efforts to boost top-line growth by enhancing customer engagement through the introduction of new initiatives and new product offerings. Concurrently, the Group will continue to drive operational efficiencies by improving its inventory days which can generate savings from decreased inventory costs.

Beyond the retail scene in Singapore and Malaysia, the Group is actively expanding its regional footprint to generate new revenue streams. On 19 July 2017, the Group entered into a memorandum of understanding ("MOU") with Global Crown Group Holding Limited ("Global Crown") to form a joint venture company (the "JVC") which will hold the licence and right to sell gold and diamond products under the Group's bridal jewellery brand, *Love & Co.*, in both the People's Republic of China ("PRC") and Hong Kong Special Administration Region.

The Group's proposed foray into the PRC follows shortly after it entered into a joint venture agreement with Aurora Design Co., Ltd. ("**Aurora**"), a leading jewellery retail chain with more than 170 stores in Thailand. As announced on 7 July 2017, the joint venture with Aurora will allow the Group to supply exclusively gold and diamond products under its "*Love & Co.*" brand to customers in Thailand.

11. Dividend

(a) Any dividend declared for the current financial period reported on?

None.

(b) Corresponding period of the immediately preceding financial year?

None.

(c) Date payable

Not applicable.

(d) Books closure date

Not applicable.

12. If no dividend has been declared (recommended), a statement to that effect.

No dividend has been declared or recommended for 1H-2017.

13. 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 does not have a general mandate from shareholders for interested person transactions pursuant to Rule 920(1)(a)(ii) of the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited (“SGX-ST”) Listing Manual Section B: Rules of Catalist (“Catalist Rules”). However, pursuant to Rule 905 of the Catalist Rules, the following is disclosed:

Name of Interested Person	Aggregate value of all Interested Person Transactions during the year under review (including transactions of less than S\$100,000 and transactions conducted under Shareholders’ Mandate pursuant to Rule 920 of the Catalist Rules)	
	1H-2017 S\$’000	1H-2016 S\$’000
Purchases of products Moneymax Financial Services Ltd. and its subsidiaries (the “MoneyMax Group”)	5	5
Sales of products MoneyMax Group	347	-
Central support services MoneyMax Group	99	99
Rental income MoneyMax Group	112	96
Rental expense Lim Yong Guan	162	162
	725	362

14. **Confirmation by the issuer pursuant to Rule 720(1)**

The Company confirms that it has procured undertakings from all of its directors and executive officers as required under Rule 720(1) of the Catalist Rules.

15. **Negative Confirmation by the Board pursuant to Rule 705(5)**

The board of directors of the Company (the “Board”) confirms that, to the best of its knowledge, nothing has come to the attention of the Board which may render the unaudited interim financial statements for Q2-2017 and 1H-2017 to be false or misleading in any material aspect.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dato’ Sri Dr. Lim Yong Guan
Non-Executive Chairman

Lim Yong Sheng
Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer

4 August 2017

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