

**QUARTERLY UPDATE PURSUANT TO RULE 1313(2) OF THE LISTING MANUAL**

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F J Benjamin Holdings Ltd (the “Company”) was placed on the watch-list under financial entry criteria pursuant to Rule 1311(1) of the Listing Manual of the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited (the “SGX-ST”) on 5 December 2016.

The Company was placed on the watch-list under minimum trading price entry criteria pursuant to Rule 1311(2) of the Listing Manual of the SGX-ST on 5 June 2017.

In accordance with Rule 1313(2) of the SGX-ST Listing Manual, the Board of Directors of the Company would like to provide the following quarterly update on the Company, together with its subsidiaries (collectively, the “Group”).

**Update on Financial Situation**

For the financial period ended 30 September 2018 (1Q19), Group net profit before tax was \$77,000 compared to net loss of \$764,000 in 1Q18. After accounting for tax, the Group registered a net loss of \$180,000, which was a significant improvement from a loss of \$942,000 in same period last year. The latest results included a foreign exchange loss of \$92,000 against a gain of \$820,000 in 1Q18.

Sales in Singapore and Malaysia grew by six per cent or \$1.7 million with revenue from fashion business increasing by 12% but decline in timepiece business by 30%. Overall, the Group turnover declined 23% to \$31.7 million against \$41.4 million in 1Q18 due mainly to an absence of \$9.3 million from discontinued business. Contributing to the decline is another \$1.3 million of foregone direct sales to the Group’s Indonesian associate which started to finance part of its purchases and a currency translation gain of \$0.8 million from the appreciation of the Malaysian ringgit against the Singapore dollar.

**Update on Future Direction**

The Company had announced on 14 November 2016 (“Announcement”) its entry into a non-binding term sheet with an international third party regarding a potential transaction which may enhance or unlock shareholder value. Further to the Announcement, the Board wishes to announce that the Company is still in discussions.

The Company recently raised a net amount of \$7.7 million from a rights cum warrants exercise which could potentially bring in another \$27 million if all the warrants are exercised by March 2021.

Management will continue its efforts to drive sales and keep costs down. Plans are afoot to optimise growth and profitability of our popular brands as well as expand Casio’s distribution points-of-sale across Indonesia. The Group continues to identify opportunities to introduce new brands into its portfolio, including a luxury French heritage brand of leather goods which will debut in Singapore by the middle of 2019.

The Company is aware of the deadline given by SGX-ST for its removal from the watch-list. The Company will endeavour to meet the requirements of Rule 1314 of Listing Manual to be removed from the Watch-List.

**BY ORDER OF THE BOARD**

Karen Chong Mee Keng  
Company Secretary  
8 November 2018