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Chasen's 1HFY2021 Revenue Increases 4% Despite Pandemic; Net Profit Increases More Than Threefold Due to Increased Demand and Market Share in 3PL Services

- *1HFY2021 revenue growth to S$58.4 million underscores Group's resilience amid the pandemic*
- *Higher revenue contribution from Specialist Relocation and 3PL business segments*
- *Net profit rises to S$2.0 million in 1HFY2021 from S$644,000 in 1HFY2020*

S$'000	1H FY2021	1H FY2020	Change (%)
Revenue	58,367	56,188	4
Gross profit	11,614	10,113	15
Gross profit margin (%)	19.9	18.0	11
Net profit after tax	2,040	644	217
Fully diluted earnings per share (cents)	0.28	0.09	211

Singapore, 5 November 2020 – SGX Mainboard-listed Chasen Holdings Limited ("**Chasen**" or the "**Group**") announced that its revenue rose 4% for the half-year ended 30 September 2020 ("**1HY2021**") to S$58.4 million as its Specialist Relocation and Third-Party Logistics ("**3PL**") displayed resilience in the face of disruptions caused by COVID-19.

Resumption of Specialist Relocation services in China after earlier lockdowns was accompanied by higher demand for warehousing and cross-border land freight services in Southeast Asia and East Asia, as the pandemic disrupted supply chains and restricted transport via air and sea freight. However, the Technical & Engineering ("**T&E**") segment was impacted by the shutdown of the Singapore construction sector in April 2020 due to the pandemic. The sector has only gradually re-opened .

Chasen, a diversified Group, recorded an increase in gross profit margin to 20% from 18% over the comparative periods, lifted by stronger gross margins of the 3PL in Malaysia and T&E segments in China while Specialist Relocation had held its gross margin.

Net profit in 1HFY2021 increased by 217% to S$2.0 million compared to S$0.6 million a year earlier due to a combination of the higher revenue and gross profit margin, as well as the receipt of the Government's Job Support Scheme ("**JSS**") grants.

Revenue for Specialist Relocation increased as projects in China resumed after initial lockdowns and business disruptions. Demand for the semi-conductor, solar panel and TFT LCDs sectors remains robust amid the COVID-19 pandemic. Projects in Singapore and Malaysia have resumed, and the Group expects to see a steady pace of growth for the segment.

The 3PL business segment captured significant customer demand, mainly due to the Group's ability to leverage on the COVID-19-related restrictions placed on air and sea freight. Customers are turning to cross-border land freight as an alternative, resulting in increased demand for warehousing and transportation activities.

On 25 September 2020, shareholders approved the acquisition of a warehouse in Penang, Malaysia, positioning the Group's 3PL segment to capture strong growth in warehousing demand with current assets operating at above 90% occupancy rate. The new warehouse is revenue-accretive and acquisition is expected to be completed in early 2021. The Group will continue to look out for strategic acquisitions in key locations to increase its 3PL capacity.

The disruptions to the Singapore construction segment – which is gradually reopening – have affected T&E revenue. In July 2020, Chasen announced that Hup Lian Engineering, the Group's T&E subsidiary, had secured a S$5 million project to fabricate and install aluminium frame structures for solar panels to be installed on the roofs of public housing flats in Singapore.

Fully diluted earnings per share increased to 0.28 Singapore cent in 1HFY2021 from 0.09 Singapore cent in 1HFY2020 while net asset value per share grew 14.2 Singapore cents as at 30 September 2020 from 13.9 Singapore cents as at 31 March 2020.

The outlook for Chasen for 2HFY2021 and the whole of FY2021 will be supported by (i) gradual commencement of new contracts secured subsequent to the end of FY2020 for Specialist Relocation and T&E; (ii) contributions of the newly acquired warehouse in Penang and continuing demand for cross-border land freight services from Southeast Asia to East Asia under the 3PL segment; and (iii) business recovery from the impact of COVID-19.

Mr Low Weng Fatt, Chasen's Managing Director and CEO, said, "The first half of our financial year has been very encouraging, underscoring our resilience in the face of COVID-19. Our cost restructuring efforts will continue, along with the increase in revenue and improved margins as well as the JSS grants from the government. We will continue to deliver shareholder value."

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About Chasen Holdings Limited (Bloomberg: CHLD:SP; Reuters: CHHL.SI)

Chasen Holdings Limited is an SGX Mainboard-listed investment holding company with subsidiaries in Specialist Relocation solutions, Technical & Engineering services and Third-Party Logistics, including facilities for the packing and warehousing of sophisticated machinery and equipment for the region's manufacturing industries.

Headquartered in Singapore with operations in Malaysia, Thailand, Vietnam, the People's Republic of China, Timor-Leste and the U.S., Chasen serves global customers in industries such as wafer fabrication, TFT LCD production, chip testing and assembly, solar panel assembly, consumer electronics, telecommunications, ordnance, facilities maintenance, marine and construction sectors.

Its diversified revenue base and long-standing customer relationships underlie its strong fundamentals, which enable the Group to weather fluctuating business cycles of various industries. Its business model and growth strategy will help the Group secure opportunities in the region and build on its recurring income base.