

**EMERGING TOWNS & CITIES SINGAPORE LTD.
(Incorporated in the Republic of Singapore)
(Company Registration No. 198003839Z)**

**Condensed Interim Financial Statements for the
second Quarter and six months ended 30 June
2023**

Pursuant to Rule 705(2) of the SGX-ST Listing Rules (Catalist), the Singapore Exchange Regulation requires the Company to announce its quarterly financial statements in view of the disclaimer of opinion issued by the Company's auditor in the latest audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2022.

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**A. CONDENSED INTERIM CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR
LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**

		Group			
	Note	2 nd Quarter Ended 30-June-23 Unaudited S\$'000	2 nd Quarter Ended 30-June-22 Unaudited S\$'000	Half-Year Ended 30-June-23 Unaudited S\$'000	Half-Year Ended 30-June-22 Unaudited S\$'000
Revenue	4	8,677	5,718	13,193	8,063
Cost of sales [^]		(8,353)	(13,590)	(11,534)	(22,476)
Gross profit/(loss)		324	(7,872)	1,659	(14,413)
Other income	6	2,278	1,978	2,825	2,160
Selling and distribution expenses		(765)	(527)	(1,369)	(737)
Administrative expenses		(1,917)	(1,520)	(3,459)	(2,423)
Other expenses	7	(162)	(220)	(339)	(383)
Finance costs	8	(5,603)	(2,449)	(8,305)	(4,544)
Loss before taxation	9	(5,845)	(10,610)	(8,988)	(20,340)
Taxation	10	(144)	2,088	(116)	3,903
Loss for the period		(5,989)	(8,522)	(9,104)	(16,437)
Loss attributable to:					
Owners of the Company		(2,917)	(4,203)	(4,488)	(8,159)
Non-controlling interests		(3,072)	(4,319)	(4,616)	(8,278)
		(5,989)	(8,522)	(9,104)	(16,437)
Other comprehensive income					
Items that may be reclassified to profit or loss in subsequent periods (net of tax)					
Currency translation differences arising from consolidation of foreign operations		976	2,523	512	2,888
Total comprehensive loss for the period		(5,013)	(5,999)	(8,592)	(13,549)
Total comprehensive loss attributable to:					
Owners of the Company		(2,439)	(1,649)	(4,237)	(5,241)
Non-controlling interests		(2,574)	(4,350)	(4,355)	(8,308)
		(5,013)	(5,999)	(8,592)	(13,549)
Loss per share attributable to owners of the Company (Singapore cents)					
- Basic	19	(0.30)	(0.43)	(0.46)	(0.83)
- Diluted	19	(0.30)	(0.43)	(0.46)	(0.83)

[^]: Cost of sales for the second quarter and six months ended 30 June 2022 included an allowance for foreseeable losses on development properties of S\$8,758,000 and S\$16,296,000, respectively.

B. CONDENSED INTERIM STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	Note	Group		Company	
		30-June-23	31-Dec-22	30-June-23	31-Dec-22
		Unaudited	Audited	Unaudited	Audited
		S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000
ASSETS					
Non-Current					
Property, plant and equipment	11	3,827	3,832	-	1
Subsidiaries		-	-	31,537	31,527
Investment properties	12	92,622	101,693	-	-
Trade receivables	14	2,518	2,220	-	-
		98,967	107,745	31,537	31,528
Current					
Development properties	13	98,745	96,609	-	-
Trade and other receivables	14	5,109	4,786	3	2
Prepayments		6	49	6	23
Cash and cash equivalents	15	4,581	4,011	22	29
		108,441	105,455	31	54
Total assets		207,408	213,200	31,568	31,582
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES					
Capital and Reserves					
Share capital	18	43,580	43,580	43,580	43,580
Reserves		33,203	37,357	(14,025)	(13,960)
Equity attributable to equity holders of the Company		76,783	80,937	29,555	29,620
Non-controlling interests		(27,399)	(23,054)	-	-
Total equity		49,384	57,883	29,555	29,620
LIABILITIES					
Non-Current					
Deferred tax liabilities		13,729	13,473	-	-
Accrued land lease premium	17	25,437	25,174	-	-
Advance consideration received from customers		6,640	3,130	-	-
		45,806	41,777	-	-
Current					
Borrowings	16	57,098	59,301	-	-
Accrued land lease premium	17	14,831	14,282	-	-
Trade and other payables		33,268	32,072	2,013	1,962
Advance consideration received from customers		7,021	7,885	-	-
		112,218	113,540	2,013	1,962
Total liabilities		158,024	155,317	2,013	1,962
Total equity and liabilities		207,408	213,200	31,568	31,582

C. CONDENSED INTERIM CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

		Group	
Note	Half-Year Ended 30-June-23	Half-Year Ended 30-June-22	
	S\$'000	S\$'000	
Cash Flows from Operating Activities			
Loss before taxation	(8,988)	(20,340)	
Adjustments for:			
Allowance for foreseeable losses on development properties	-	16,296	
Forfeiture of advance consideration received from customers	(926)	(337)	
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	46	149	
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	-	1	
Financing expense on payment from customers	1,296	951	
Financing income on payments from customers	(827)	(589)	
Fair value gain on investment properties	(940)	(922)	
Interest income	(12)	(8)	
Interest expense	7,009	3,593	
Operating loss before working capital changes	(3,342)	(1,206)	
Trade and other receivables	(37)	194	
Advance consideration received from customers	1,762	2,226	
Trade and other payables	1,049	(3,121)	
Development properties	8,593	4,521	
Cash generated from operations	8,025	2,614	
Income tax paid	-	(75)	
Net cash generated from operating activities	8,025	2,539	
Cash Flows from Investing Activities			
Interest received	12	8	
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	-	(15)	
Additions to investment properties	-	(71)	
Net cash generated from/(used in) investing activities	12	(78)	
Cash Flows from Financing Activities			
Bank balances pledged	(823)	382	
Interest paid	(2,863)	(601)	
Payment of lease liabilities	-	(2)	
Payment of land lease premium	(1,492)	(539)	
Repayment of bank loan	(1,461)	(429)	
Repayment of third party loan	(344)	-	
Repayment of related party loans	(1,279)	(583)	
Net cash used in financing activities	(8,262)	(1,772)	
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents	(225)	689	
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	3,507	2,671	
Effect of exchange rate fluctuations on cash and cash equivalents	(28)	8	
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	3,254	3,368	15

D. CONDENSED INTERIM STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

Group

The Group	Share capital S\$'000	Capital reduction reserve S\$'000	Capital reserve S\$'000	Share option reserve S\$'000	Revaluation reserve S\$'000	Equity component of convertible loan S\$'000	Exchange fluctuation reserve S\$'000	Accumulated losses S\$'000	Total attributable to equity holders of the company S\$'000	Non-controlling interests S\$'000	Total equity S\$'000
Balance as at 1 January 2023	43,580	15,998	24,695	730	299	13,818	(2,834)	(15,349)	80,937	(23,054)	57,883
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the period	-	-	-	-	-	-	251	(4,488)	(4,237)	(4,355)	(8,592)
Transactions with owners, recognized directly in equity											
Contributions by and distributions to owners											
Incorporation of subsidiary with non-controlling interests	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	10
Interest incurred on convertible loan	-	-	-	-	-	83	-	-	83	-	83
Balance at 30 June 2023	43,580	15,998	24,695	730	299	13,901	(2,583)	(19,837)	76,783	(27,399)	49,384

The Group	Share capital S\$'000	Capital reduction reserve S\$'000	Capital reserve S\$'000	Share option reserve S\$'000	Revaluation reserve S\$'000	Equity component of convertible loan S\$'000	Exchange fluctuation reserve S\$'000	Accumulated profits/(losses) S\$'000	Total attributable to equity holders of the company S\$'000	Non-controlling interests S\$'000	Total equity S\$'000
Balance as at 1 January 2022	43,580	15,998	24,695	730	299	13,650	(3,089)	5,773	101,636	(1,906)	99,730
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the period	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,918	(8,159)	(5,241)	(8,308)	(13,549)
Transactions with owners, recognised directly in equity											
Contributions by and distributions to owners											
Interest incurred on convertible loan	-	-	-	-	-	82	-	-	82	-	82
Balance at 30 June 2022	43,580	15,998	24,695	730	299	13,732	(171)	(2,386)	96,477	(10,214)	86,263

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D. CONDENSED INTERIM STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY (CONT'D)

Company

The Company	Share capital	Capital reduction reserve	Capital reserve	Equity component of convertible loan	Share option reserve	Accumulated losses	Total Equity attributable to equity holders of the Company
	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000
Balance at 1 January 2023	43,580	15,998	10,987	13,818	730	(55,493)	29,620
Interest incurred on convertible loan	-	-	-	83	-	-	83
Total comprehensive loss for the period	-	-	-	-	-	(148)	(148)
Balance at 30 June 2023	43,580	15,998	10,987	13,901	730	(55,641)	29,555

The Company	Share capital	Capital reduction reserve	Capital reserve	Equity component of convertible loan	Share option reserve	Accumulated losses	Total Equity attributable to equity holders of the Company
	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000
Balance at 1 January 2022	43,580	15,998	10,987	13,650	730	(51,185)	33,760
Interest incurred on convertible loan	-	-	-	82	-	-	82
Total comprehensive loss for the period	-	-	-	-	-	(141)	(141)
Balance at 30 June 2022	43,580	15,998	10,987	13,732	730	(51,326)	33,701

E. Notes to the condensed interim consolidated financial statements

1. Corporate information

Emerging Towns & Cities Singapore Ltd. (the “**Company**”) is incorporated as a limited company and domiciled in Singapore. The Company is listed on the Catalist of the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited.

These condensed interim consolidated financial statements as at and for the second quarter and six months ended 30 June 2023 comprise the Company and its subsidiaries (the “**Group**”).

The principal activities of the Company are those relating to investing holding. The principal activities of the subsidiaries are:

- a) Investment holding
- b) Property development and investment

2. Summary of significant accounting policies

2.1 Basis of Preparation

The condensed interim financial statements for the second quarter and six months ended 30 June 2023 have been prepared in accordance with Singapore Financial Reporting Standards (International) (“SFRS(I)”) 1-34 Interim Financial Reporting. The condensed interim financial statements do not include all the information required for a complete set of financial statements. However, selected explanatory notes are included to explain events and transactions that are significant to an understanding of the changes in the Group’s financial position and performance of the Group since the last annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022 (“FY2022”).

The accounting policies adopted are consistent with those of the previous financial year which were prepared in accordance with SFRS(I)s. The Group has applied various new accounting standards and interpretations of accounting standards for the first time for the financial year beginning on 1 January 2023. The application of these standards and interpretations did not have a material effect on the condensed interim financial statements.

The condensed interim financial statements are presented in Singapore dollar which is the Company’s functional currency.

2.2 Going concern

For the financial period ended 30 June 2023, the Group incurred a net loss of S\$9,104,000. In addition, as at 30 June 2023, the Group had net current liabilities of S\$3,777,000. Furthermore, as disclosed in Note 16, the Group did not meet a financial covenant in respect of its bank loan during the financial year ended 31 December 2022, resulting in the loan being repayable on demand. Consequently, the bank loan of S\$52,934,000 had been wholly classified as current as at 30 June 2023. The Group had borrowings amounting to S\$57,098,000 due for repayment within the next 12 months or on demand, with cash and bank balance of S\$4,581,000 as at 30 June 2023.

Notwithstanding this, the directors are of the view that the going concern assumption is appropriate for the preparation of the financial statements due to the following:

- The Group and the Company had net assets of S\$49,384,000 and S\$29,555,000 respectively, as at 30 June 2023.

2.2 Going concern (Cont'd)

- On 13 March 2023, the Group obtained a revision of the repayment schedule. The next principal repayment of US\$1,006,500 (approximately S\$1,349,000) was scheduled and subsequently repaid by 13 June 2023, with subsequent repayments to be made every six months over five years at an annually increasing amount, with the final repayment of US\$7,480,000 (approximately S\$10,025,000) scheduled on 13 December 2027. The Group does not expect the bank to call for full repayment of the bank loan for the breach in financial covenant or default in facility fee payment.

2.3 Use of judgements and estimates

In preparing the condensed interim financial statements, management has made judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expenses. Although these estimates are based on management's best knowledge of current events and actions, actual results may differ from those estimates.

The significant judgements made by management in applying the Group's accounting policies and the key sources of estimation uncertainty were the same as those that were applied to the consolidated financial statements as at and for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimates are revised and in any future periods affected.

3 Seasonal operations

The Group's businesses are not affected significantly by seasonal or cyclical factors during the financial period.

4 Segment and revenue information

The Group's business is organised into three business segments, namely: -

- (i) Property development – relates to the development of properties for sale
- (ii) Property investment – relates to the business of investing in properties to earn rentals and for capital appreciation
- (iii) Corporate – comprises corporate office which incurs general corporate expenses and inactive entities in the Group

The Group accounts for inter-segment transactions on terms agreed between parties. Inter-segment transactions comprising advances between segments are eliminated on consolidation.

All operating segments' operating results are reviewed regularly by the Group's executive directors to make decisions about resources to be allocated to the segment and to assess its performance, and for which discrete financial information is available

Segment revenue and expenses:

Segment revenue and expenses are the operating revenue and expenses reported in the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income that are directly attributable to a segment and the relevant portion of such revenue and expense that can be allocated on a reasonable basis to a segment.

4 Segment and revenue information (Cont'd)

Segment assets and liabilities:

Segment assets and liabilities include items directly attributable to a segment as well as those that can be allocated on a reasonable basis.

The management monitors the operating results of the operating segments for the purpose of making decisions about resource allocation and performance assessment.

Information regarding the results of each reportable segment is included below. Performance is measured based on segment profit before income tax, as included in the internal management reports that are reviewed by the management. Segment profit is used to measure performance as management believes that such information is the most relevant in evaluating the results of certain segments relative to other entities that operate within these industries.

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4.1 Reportable segments

	Property Development		Property Investment		Corporate		Eliminations		Total	
	Second Quarter Ended		Second Quarter Ended		Second Quarter Ended		Second Quarter Ended		Second Quarter Ended	
	30 June 2023	30 June 2022	30 June 2023	30 June 2022	30 June 2023	30 June 2022	30 June 2023	30 June 2022	30 June 2023	30 June 2022
	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000
Segment revenue	7,729	5,008	948	710	-	-	-	-	8,677	5,718
Results										
Segment (loss)/profit	(8,755)	(13,255)	702	743	(246)	(258)	176	182	(8,123)	(12,588)
Other income	1,338	1,113	940	865	175	241	(175)	(241)	2,278	1,978
(Loss)/Profit before taxation	(7,417)	(12,142)	1,642	1,608	(71)	(17)	1	(59)	(5,845)	(10,610)
Taxation	91	2,304	(235)	(216)	-	-	-	-	(144)	2,088
(Loss)/Profit for the period	(7,326)	(9,838)	1,407	1,392	(71)	(17)	1	(59)	(5,989)	(8,522)
Attributable to:										
Owners of the Company	(3,525)	(4,806)	677	679	(70)	(17)	1	(59)	(2,917)	(4,203)
Non-controlling interests	(3,801)	(5,032)	730	713	(1)	-	-	-	(3,072)	(4,319)
	(7,326)	(9,838)	1,407	1,392	(71)	(17)	1	(59)	(5,989)	(8,522)

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4.1 Reportable segments (Cont'd)

	Property Development		Property Investment		Corporate		Eliminations		Total	
	Half-Year Ended		Half-Year Ended		Half-Year Ended		Half-Year Ended		Half-Year Ended	
	30 June 2023	30 June 2022	30 June 2023	30 June 2022	30 June 2023	30 June 2022	30 June 2023	30 June 2022	30 June 2023	30 June 2022
	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000
Segment revenue	11,334	6,755	1,859	1,308	-	-	-	-	13,193	8,063
Results										
Segment (loss)/profit	(13,084)	(23,495)	1,437	1,236	(513)	(601)	347	360	(11,813)	(22,500)
Other income	1,885	1,238	940	922	347	418	(347)	(418)	2,825	2,160
(Loss)/Profit before taxation	(11,199)	(22,257)	2,377	2,158	(166)	(183)	-	(58)	(8,988)	(20,340)
Taxation	119	4,133	(235)	(230)	-	-	-	-	(116)	3,903
(Loss)/Profit for the period	(11,080)	(18,124)	2,142	1,928	(166)	(183)	-	(58)	(9,104)	(16,437)
Attributable to:										
Owners of the Company	(5,358)	(8,859)	1,034	941	(164)	(183)	-	(58)	(4,488)	(8,159)
Non-controlling interests	(5,722)	(9,265)	1,108	987	(2)	-	-	-	(4,616)	(8,278)
	(11,080)	(18,124)	2,142	1,928	(166)	(183)	-	(58)	(9,104)	(16,437)
Assets and liabilities										
Segment assets	114,709	143,699	92,622	111,364	120	132	(43)	(203)	207,408	254,992
Segment liabilities	139,584	143,896	16,519	23,081	1,964	1,955	(43)	(203)	158,024	168,729

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4.2 Geographical segments

Geographical Segments	Myanmar S\$'000	Singapore S\$'000	Total S\$'000
Second Quarter ended 30 June 2023			
Revenue	8,677	-	8,677
Second Quarter ended 30 June 2022			
Revenue	5,718	-	5,718

Geographical Segments	Myanmar S\$'000	Singapore S\$'000	Total S\$'000
Half-Year ended 30 June 2023			
Revenue	13,193	-	13,193
Non-current assets*	96,449	-	96,449
Half-Year ended 30 June 2022			
Revenue	8,063	-	8,063
Non-current assets*	115,449	5	115,454

*Excluding non-current trade receivables

Geographically, the non-current assets and operations of the Group are primarily located in Myanmar of the financial period ended 30 June 2023 and 30 June 2022.

There is no revenue from transactions with a single external customer that amounts to 10 per cent or more of the Group's revenue.

4.3 Disaggregation of Revenue

	Group			
	Second Quarter Ended		Half-Year Ended	
	30 June 2023	30 June 2022	30 June 2023	30 June 2022
	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000
Revenue:				
- Sale of development properties	7,729	5,008	11,334	6,755
- Rental income from investment properties	948	710	1,859	1,308
	8,677	5,718	13,193	8,063
Timing of transfer of goods and services in respect of revenue from contracts with customers				
- At a point in time	7,729	5,008	11,334	6,755

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5 Financial assets and financial liabilities

Set out below is an overview of the financial assets and financial liabilities of the Group as at 30 June 2023 and 31 December 2022.

	Group		Company	
	30 June 2023	31 December 2022	30 June 2023	31 December 2022
	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000
Financial assets at amortised cost				
Trade and other receivables (Note 14)	7,627	7,006	3	2
Cash and bank balances (Note 15)	4,581	4,011	22	29
	12,208	11,017	25	31
Financial liabilities at amortised cost				
Borrowings (Note 16)	57,098	59,301	-	-
Accrued land lease premium (Note 17)	40,268	39,456	-	-
Trade and other payables	22,802	22,307	2,013	1,962
	120,168	121,064	2,013	1,962

6 Other income

	Group			
	Second Quarter Ended		Half-Year Ended	
	30 June 2023	30 June 2022	30 June 2023	30 June 2022
	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000
Fair value gain on investment properties	940	865	940	922
Imputed interest income	341	450	827	589
Forfeiture of advance consideration received from customers	906	31	926	337
Foreign exchange gains	-	589	-	259
Others	91	43	132	53
	2,278	1,978	2,825	2,160

7 Other expenses

	Group			
	Second Quarter Ended		Half-Year Ended	
	30 June 2023	30 June 2022	30 June 2023	30 June 2022
	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000
Other operating expenses	162	220	339	383

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8 Finance costs

	Group			
	Second Quarter Ended		Half-Year Ended	
	30 June 2023	30 June 2022	30 June 2023	30 June 2022
	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000
Accreted interest on accrued land lease premium	1,057	1,083	2,099	2,145
Accreted interest on lease liabilities	-	1	-	1
Financing expense on payments from customers	951	629	1,296	951
Late payment interest on trade payable	1,755	-	1,755	-
Interest expense on borrowings	1,799	695	3,072	1,365
Interest expense on convertible loan	41	41	83	82
	5,603	2,449	8,305	4,544

9 Loss before taxation

Other than as disclosed elsewhere in these condensed interim financial statements, loss before taxation for the period has been arrived at after charging the following:

	Group			
	Second Quarter Ended		Half-Year Ended	
	30 June 2023	30 June 2022	30 June 2023	30 June 2022
	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000
Allowance for foreseeable losses	-	8,758	-	16,296
Depreciation expenses	23	69	46	149
Staff costs	480	552	1,087	1,040

9.1 Related party transactions

During the period, in addition to the related party information disclosed elsewhere in the financial statements, the Group entered into the following transactions with related parties.

	Group			
	Second Quarter Ended		Half-Year Ended	
	30 June 2023	30 June 2022	30 June 2023	30 June 2022
	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000
Office rental expense	4	4	9	9
Property Management fees	162	220	339	383

10 Taxation

The Group calculates the period income tax (expense)/credit using the tax rate that would be applicable to the expected total annual losses. The major components of income tax (expense)/credit in the condensed interim consolidated statement of profit or loss are:

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10 Taxation (Cont'd)

	Group			
	Second Quarter Ended		Half-Year Ended	
	30 June 2023	30 June 2022	30 June 2023	30 June 2022
	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000
Current taxation	-	(7)	-	(75)
Deferred taxation	(144)	2,095	(116)	3,978
	(144)	2,088	(116)	3,903

11 Property, plant and equipment

During the half-year ended 30 June 2023, the Group did not acquire any assets (1H2022: S\$15,000).

12 Investment properties

The Group's investment properties consist of both residential and commercial (retail and office units) properties, held for long-term rental yields.

	Group
	S\$'000
At 31 December 2022, at fair value	101,693
Half-year ended 30 June 2023	
At 1 January 2023	
Transfer from development properties (Note 13)	1,026
Transfer to development properties (Note 13)	(11,984)
Fair value gain recognised in profit or loss (Note 6)	940
Exchange difference on translation	947
At 30 June 2023	92,622

The investment properties are as follows:

Location	Description	Net floor area (square metres)	Tenure
30 June 2023			
Golden City Project			
No. 3, Land Survey Block, Kanbe, Yankin Road, Yankin Township, Yangon, Myanmar	193 residential units, 6 retail units and 16 office units	29,054	70 years
31 December 2022			
Golden City Project			
No. 3, Land Survey Block, Kanbe, Yankin Road, Yankin Township, Yangon, Myanmar	223 residential units, 6 retail units and 16 office units	32,287	70 years

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12 Investment properties (Cont'd)

The carrying amount of investment properties pledged to secure borrowings is S\$63,448,000 (FY2022: S\$75,756,000).

At year ended 31 December 2022, the fair values of investment properties are determined by an independent professional valuer, C.I.M. Property Consultants Co., Ltd. in partnership with Colliers being the reviewer, for the Golden City Project, having appropriate recognised professional qualifications and recent experience in the location and category of properties being valued. The valuation of the investment properties is based on the properties' highest and best use. For all the Group's investment properties, the current use is considered the highest and best use. For the period ended 30 June 2023, the management has determined that there is no significant variance from the valuation performed on as at 31 December 2022.

13. Development properties

The Group's development properties consist of completed residential and commercial (retail and office) properties held for sale.

	Group
	<u>S\$'000</u>
At 31 December 2022, at cost	96,609
Half-year ended 30 June 2023	
At 1 January 2023	
Addition	1,053
Transfer to investment properties (Note 12)	(1,026)
Transfer from investment properties (Note 12)	11,984
Units sold and recognised in profit or loss	(10,909)
Exchange difference on translation	1,034
At 30 June 2023, at cost	98,745

The completed properties held for sale are as follows:

Location	Description	Net floor area (square metres)	Tenure
30 June 2023			
Golden City Project			
No. 3, Land Survey Block, Kanbe, Yankin Road, Yankin Township, Yangon, Myanmar	210 residential units, 10 retail units and 2 office units	34,897	70 years
31 December 2022			
Golden City Project			
No. 3, Land Survey Block, Kanbe, Yankin Road, Yankin Township, Yangon, Myanmar	218 residential units, 10 retail units and 2 office units	36,409	70 years

The carrying amount of development properties pledged to secure borrowings is S\$28,134,000 (FY2022: S\$30,136,000).

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13.1 Allowance for foreseeable losses

Movements in allowance for foreseeable losses are as follows:

	Group
	S\$'000
At 1 January 2023	41,617
Exchange difference on translation	435
At 30 June 2023	42,052

Development properties are measured at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Net realisable value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business, less estimated costs of selling expenses. The write-down to net realisable value is presented as allowance for foreseeable losses.

The allowance for foreseeable losses is determined by management after taking into consideration of the estimated selling prices. The estimated selling prices are based on recent selling prices for the development project and prevailing market conditions. The allowance made for foreseeable losses is included in "cost of sales".

14 Trade and other receivables

	Group		Company	
	30 June 2023	31 December 2022	30 June 2023	31 December 2022
	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000
Trade receivables				
- Non-current	2,518	2,220	-	-
- Current	5,079	4,784	-	-
	7,597	7,004	-	-
	Group		Company	
	30 June 2023	31 December 2022	30 June 2023	31 December 2022
	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000
Amounts due from shareholders of a subsidiary (non-trade)	3,846	3,806	-	-
Allowance for impairment losses	(3,846)	(3,806)	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Amounts due from subsidiaries (non-trade)	-	-	34,847	34,487
Allowance for impairment losses	-	-	(34,847)	(34,487)
	-	-	-	-
Other receivables	30	2	3	2
	30	2	3	2
Comprising				
- Non-current	2,518	2,220	-	-
- Current	5,109	4,786	3	2
	7,627	7,006	3	2

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15 Cash and cash equivalents

The carrying amount of cash and bank balances pledged to secure borrowings is S\$1,327,000 (2022: S\$504,000).

For the purpose of the consolidated statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents comprise the following:

	Group	
	30 June 2023	31 December 2022
	S\$'000	S\$'000
Cash and bank balances	4,581	4,011
Less: Bank balances pledged	(1,327)	(504)
	3,254	3,507

16 Borrowings

	Group			
	30 June 2023		31 December 2022	
	Secured	Unsecured	Secured	Unsecured
	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000
Amount repayable in one year or less, or on demand				
Financial liabilities:				
Bank loan ⁽¹⁾	52,934	-	53,556	-
Loan from third party ⁽²⁾	3,979	-	4,282	-
Loans from related parties	-	185	-	1,463
	56,913	185	57,838	1,463

Details of any collateral

1. The syndicated bank loan is secured by certain assets relating to Golden City and certain shares in Golden City project held by a subsidiary.
2. The loan from third party is secured by certain units of residential apartments.

During the financial year ended 31 December 2022, the Group did not meet certain financial covenants and did not make full payment for a facility fee with respect to the entry into a syndicated facility agreement as announced by the Company on 8 June 2020, resulting in the loan being repayable on demand. Consequently, the syndicated bank loan amounting to S\$52,934,000 has been reclassified as current as at 30 June 2023. The Group had negotiated the repayment terms with the bank and obtained a further revision of the repayment schedule. The Group does not expect the bank to call for full repayment of the bank loan for the breach in financial covenant or default in facility fee payment.

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17 Accrued Land Lease Premium

	Group
	<u>S\$'000</u>
As 31 December 2022, at cost	39,456
Half-year ended 30 June 2023	
At 1 January 2023	
Accreted interest	2,099
Payment of land lease premium	(1,492)
Exchange difference on translation	205
At 30 June 2023, at cost	40,268
Represented by:	
Non-Current	25,437
Current	14,831
	40,268

This relates to the leasehold land which is a right-of-use asset included in the cost of property, plant and equipment, investment properties and development properties.

18 Share Capital

	The Group and the Company			
	30 June 2023		31 December 2022	
	Number of shares '000	\$'000	Number of shares '000	\$'000
Issued and fully paid, with no par value				
Beginning and end of interim period/year	982,073	43,580	982,073	43,580

The Company did not hold any treasury shares as at 30 June 2023.

The Company's subsidiaries did not hold any shares in the Company as at 30 June 2023 and 31 December 2022.

19 Loss Per Share

	Group			
	Second Quarter Ended		Six Months Ended	
	30 June 2023	30 June 2022	30 June 2023	30 June 2022
<i>Loss per ordinary share:</i>				
(i) Based on weighted average no. of ordinary shares in issue (cents)	(0.30)	(0.43)	(0.46)	(0.83)
(ii) On a fully diluted basis (cents)	(0.30)	(0.43)	(0.46)	(0.83)
<i>Number of shares in issue:</i>				
(i) Based on weighted average no. of ordinary shares in issue (in millions)	982	982	982	982
(ii) On a fully diluted basis (in millions)	1,187	1,181	1,187	1,181

As at 30 June 2023 and 30 June 2022, the outstanding convertible loan was excluded from the calculation of the diluted weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue as its effect would have been anti-dilutive.

Loss per ordinary share is calculated based on the Group's profit for the financial period attributable to the shareholders of the Company divided by the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue during the period under review.

As at 30 June 2023 and 30 June 2022, the 15 million share options outstanding did not have a dilutive effect because the average market price of the Company's ordinary shares for the respective financial periods 30 June 2023 and 30 June 2022 did not exceed the exercise price.

20 Dividend

No dividend has been declared or recommended.

21 Net Asset Value

	Group		Company	
	30 June 2023	31 December 2022	30 June 2023	31 December 2022
Net Asset Value (S\$'000)	49,384	57,883	29,555	29,620
Based on existing issued share capital (cents per share)	5.03	5.89	3.01	3.02
Net Asset Value has been computed based on the share capital of (in millions of shares)	982	982	982	982

22 Fair Value Measurement

Definition of fair value

SFRS(I)s define fair value as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date.

Fair value hierarchy

Financial assets and financial liabilities measured or disclosed at fair value in the statement of financial position are grouped into three levels of a fair value hierarchy. The three levels are defined based on the observability of significant inputs to the measurement, as follows:

Level 1: Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities;

Level 2: inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (i.e. as prices) or indirectly (i.e. derived from prices); and

Level 3: inputs for the assets or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

The carrying amounts of financial assets and liabilities with a maturity of less than one year (including trade and other receivables, cash and bank balances, certain borrowings, and trade and other payables) or those which reprice regularly approximate their fair values because of the short period to maturity or repricing. The fair value of non-current financial assets and liabilities is estimated by discounting the future contractual cash flows at the current market interest rate available to the Group for similar financial instruments.

Fair value measurement of non-financial instruments

The following table shows the levels within the fair value hierarchy of non-financial instruments measured at fair value on a recurring basis.

The Group	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000
30 June 2023				
Non-financial assets				
Investment properties	-	-	92,622	92,622
31 December 2022				
Non-financial assets				
Investment properties	-	-	101,693	101,693

23 Subsequent Events

On 1 July 2023, the Company has entered into a sale and purchase agreement with Grand Ally Investments Pte. Ltd (“**Purchaser**”) for the disposal of all the shares held by the Company in DAS Pte. Ltd. (“**DAS**”), representing 100% of the total issued and paid up capital of DAS (“**Proposed Disposal**”). As part of the Proposed Disposal, the Purchaser will be required to take over the Company’s corporate guarantee for Golden Land’s syndicated bank loan.

F. Other Information Required by Appendix 7C of the Catalist Rule

1. Review

The condensed consolidated statements of financial position of Emerging Towns & Cities Singapore Ltd. (“**Company**”, together with its subsidiaries, the “**Group**”) as at 30 June 2023 and the related condensed consolidated statement of profit or loss, and other comprehensive income, condensed consolidated statements of changes in equity and condensed consolidated statement of cash flows for the six-month period then ended and certain explanatory notes (the “**Condensed Interim Financial Statements**”) have not been audited or reviewed by the Company’s auditors.

2. Review of the performance of the Group

Financial Performance (1H2023 vs 1H2022)

Note: Due to the nature of the industry that the Company operates in, recognition of revenue from the sale of properties is driven by project hand-over. Consequently, the half year results may not be a good indication of profitability trend.

Revenue

	Group		
	1H2023	1H2022	Increase/(decrease)
	S\$’000	S\$’000	%
Golden City			
Sale of Properties	11,334	6,755	67.8%
Rental Income	1,859	1,308	42.1%
Total Revenue	13,193	8,063	63.6%

Revenue for the half-year ended 30 June 2023 (“1H2023”) was mainly contributed by the sale of Golden City property units of S\$11.3 million (85.9% of total revenue) and the rental of Golden City property units of S\$1.9 million (14.1% of total revenue). Revenue for the half-year ended 30 June 2022 (“1H2022”) was contributed by the sale of Golden City property units of S\$6.8 million (83.8% of total revenue) and the rental of Golden City property units of S\$1.3 million (16.2% of total revenue).

The Group reported revenue, and therefore profits, for units sold (i.e. units where the sale and purchase agreement have already been signed) on the earlier of handing over of the property units or one month after notification to buyers to take over the property units. 39 and 14 units were recognised as revenue in 1H2023 and 1H2022 respectively for Golden City project.

Gross Profit

	Group		
	1H2023	1H2022	Increase/(decrease)
	S\$’000	S\$’000	%
Golden City			
Sale of Properties	(112)	648	n.m.
Rental Income	1,771	1,235	43.4%
Allowance for foreseeable losses	-	(16,296)	(100%)
Total Gross Profit/(Loss)	1,659	(14,413)	n.m.

n.m.: not meaningful

2. Review of Financial Performance (1H2023 vs 1H2022) (Cont'd)

Gross profit of S\$1.7 million was recorded for 1H2023, after deducting direct costs (consisting mainly of cost of the property units sold).

Other Income

	Group		
	1H2023	1H2022	Increase/(decrease)
	S\$'000	S\$'000	%
Fair value gain on investment properties	940	922	2.0%
Imputed interest income	827	589	40.4%
Forfeiture of advance consideration received from customers	926	337	n.m.*
Foreign exchange gains	-	259	(100%)
Others	132	53	n.m.*
Other Income	2,825	2,160	30.8%

n.m.: not meaningful

*: in excess of 100%

Other income increased from S\$2.2m in 1H2022 to S\$2.8 million in 1H2023, mainly due to higher imputed interest income and forfeiture of advance consideration received from customers who were past due on instalments, partially offset by foreign exchange losses (reported under Administration Expenses) in 1H2023 compared to foreign exchange gains in 1H2022.

Selling and distribution expenses

Selling and distribution expenses, arising from the sale of property units, increased from S\$737,000 in 1H2022 to S\$1.4 million in 1H2023, mainly due to higher sales commission expenses and advertisement costs in the Golden City project. These expenses primarily comprised salaries and related costs for the sales and marketing staff, travel and transportation expenses, commissions, and marketing expenses.

Administration Expenses

Administration expenses increased from S\$2.4 million in 1H2022 to S\$3.5 million in 1H2023, mainly due to foreign exchange losses in 1H2023 compared to foreign exchange gains in 1H2022 (reported under Other Income).

Other Expenses

	Group		
	1H2023	1H2022	Increase/(Decrease)
	S\$'000	S\$'000	%
Other operating expense	339	383	(11.5%)
Other expenses	339	383	(11.5%)

Other expenses decreased from S\$383,000 in 1H2022 to S\$339,000 in 1H2023, mainly due to lower property management fees paid on the vacant units in the Golden City project.

2. Review of Financial Performance (1H2023 vs 1H2022) (Cont'd)

Finance Costs

The finance costs increased from S\$4.5 million in 1H2022 to S\$8.3 million in 1H2023, mainly due to higher financing expense on borrowings, late payment charges incurred on trade payables and higher financing expense on payments from customers in the Golden City project. Finance costs mainly comprised of interest expenses incurred from borrowings, imputed financing expenses arising from advance consideration received from customers and imputed interest expenses (which have no cash flow impact) arising from the land lease premium from the Golden City project.

Taxation

	Group		Increase/(Decrease)
	1H2023	1H2022	
	S\$'000	S\$'000	%
Income tax	-	(75)	(100%)
Deferred tax	(116)	3,978	n.m.
Taxation	(116)	3,903	n.m.

n.m.: not meaningful

Taxation decreased from a tax credit of S\$3.9 million in 1H2022 to tax expense of S\$116,000 in 1H2023 mainly due to the recognition of deferred tax liabilities resulting from the fair value gain from the transfer of units from development properties to investment properties in the Golden City project, partially offset by the unwinding of deferred tax liabilities from the development property units that were progressively sold in 1H2023, whilst in 1H2022, there were unwinding of deferred tax liabilities from the allowance of foreseeable losses of development properties in the Golden City project. The deferred tax liabilities were recognised when the development properties were recorded at fair value after the Purchase Price Allocation exercise conducted by an independent professional valuer.

3. Review of Financial Position (30 June 2023 vs 31 December 2022)

Non-Current Assets

Investment properties, which are accounted for at fair value, decreased mainly due to net transfer of 30 residential units from investment properties to development properties. Trade receivables, comprising of amounts due from buyers that are one year or more, have increased mainly due to property units sold were progressively recognised as income upon handover, partially offset by the re-classification from non-current assets to current assets as the trade receivables approached maturity and are collectible within one year as at 30 June 2023.

Current Assets

Development properties increased mainly due to residential units transferred from investment properties during the period, partially offset by progressive recognition of income from property sold upon handover. The development properties acquired at acquisition date are being recorded at fair value after the Purchase Price Allocation exercise conducted by an independent professional valuer. Trade receivables increase mainly due to property units sold were progressively recognized as income upon handover, partially offset by the payment of the outstanding amounts by customers. Included in the trade receivables were S\$4.4 million relating to receivables past due but not impaired as the amounts are not expected to be uncollectible due to Golden City having the right to repossess the unit in the event of default of payment by the buyers.

3. Review of Financial Position (30 June 2022 vs 31 December 2022) (Cont'd)

Non-Current Liabilities

Deferred tax liabilities increased mainly due to the fair value gain resulting from the transfer of units from development properties to investment properties, partially offset by the unwinding of deferred tax liabilities from the development property units that were progressively sold. Deferred tax liabilities relating to development properties were recognised when the development properties were recorded at fair value after the Purchase Price Allocation exercise conducted by an independent professional valuer and when development properties are transferred to investment properties following the commencement of operating leases. Advance consideration received from customers increased mainly because of sales made during the period.

Current Liabilities

Borrowings decreased mainly due to loan repayments. Accrued land lease premium increased mainly due to the imputed interest expense (which has no cashflow impact) arising from the land lease premium from the Golden City project, partially offset by the repayment of land lease premium. Trade and other payables increased mainly due to exchange difference on translation. Advance consideration received from customers decreased mainly due to handover of property units in the Golden City project to buyers.

4. Review of Cashflow

Net cash generated from operating activities was approximately S\$8.0 million for 1H2023 mainly due to changes in working capital.

Net cash generated from investing activities was approximately S\$12,000 for 1H2023 mainly due to interest received.

Net cash used in financing activities was approximately S\$8.3 million for 1H2023 mainly due to bank balances pledged, repayment of loans, land lease premium and interest paid.

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

The current results are in line with the commentary in paragraph 6 of the 2023 first quarter Results Announcement dated 15 May 2023.

6. A commentary at the date of the announcement of the significant trends and competitive conditions of the industry in which the company operates and any known factors or events that may affect the company in the next reporting period and the next 12 months.

The Group's core business lies in identifying and investing in niche markets, with particular focus on development properties, investment properties and other related businesses in which it may value-add. The Group's sole project, Golden City, is based in the Yankin township of Yangon, Myanmar.

6. A commentary at the date of the announcement of the significant trends and competitive conditions of the industry in which the company operates and any known factors or events that may affect the company in the next reporting period and the next 12 months. (Cont'd)

Golden City Project

As at 30 June 2023, approximately US\$246.3 million (approximately S\$333.6 million) of gross development value comprising 726 units (962,000 square feet) of the Golden City project have been sold. Correspondingly, a total of 663 residential units have been recognised as revenue as at 30 June 2023. Barring any unforeseen circumstances, revenue for the remaining units sold is expected to be progressively recognised upon the handover of the units or one month after notification to buyers to take over the units, whichever occurs earlier. The Golden City project comprises 4 phases. Phase 1 and Phase 2 construction has been completed. Due to the impact of the political situation in Myanmar, the Board of Directors has decided to suspend the construction of Phase 3 and Phase 4 until the social and economic situation in Myanmar improves.

According to the World Bank, the economy of Myanmar has shown some signs of stabilizing in the first half of this year. The World Bank is maintaining its growth forecast of 3% for the year ending 30 September. But the economy is not likely to return to its pre-Covid levels until 2027 or 2028. The recovery is being hampered by a shortage of foreign exchange, import restrictions and power outages.

(“World Bank: Myanmar recovery years away,” The Bangkok Post, 28 June 2023)

The World Bank said in a regional report that widespread violence, worsening power shortages, and policy failures will continue to disrupt an economy already crippled by political and social turmoil. The business environment is unlikely to improve materially while electricity shortages, logistics disruptions, trade and foreign exchange restrictions, and regulatory uncertainty persist.

(“Myanmar economy to remain ‘severely diminished’ amid conflict: World Bank”, The Strait Times, 31 March 2023)

The Group continues to monitor the political situation in Myanmar following the state of emergency declared by the Myanmar military as the political situation in Myanmar continues to evolve and remains unclear at this stage. In the near term, the impact of the above is expected to weigh on the demand for properties, and short-term volatilities are likely given the fluidity of the situation, barring any further unforeseen material deterioration of the political situation in Myanmar. Should weaker economic prospects materialise, this may further adversely impact the Group’s financial performance, due to but not limited to lower sales, delays in collections from customers, lower operating income, and lower property valuations. The Group is actively monitoring the situation and will announce material developments, if any.

7. Where the latest financial statements are subjected to an adverse opinion, qualified opinion or disclaimer of opinion

a) Updates on the effort taken to resolve each outstanding audit issue

Net realisable value of development properties

As at 30 June 2023, the Company has recognised allowance of foreseeable losses amounting to S\$42.1 million (Note 13.1). The allowance for foreseeable losses is determined by management after taking into consideration of the estimated selling prices. The estimated selling prices are based on recent selling prices for the development project and prevailing market conditions.

b) Confirmation from the board that the impact of all outstanding audit issues on the financial statements have been adequately disclosed

The Board confirms that all impact of outstanding audit issues on the financial statements in relation to FY2022 have been adequately disclosed.

8. Dividend

(a) Current Financial Period Reported On
Any dividend declared for the current financial period reported on?

No dividend has been declared or recommended.

(b) Corresponding Period of the Immediately Preceding Financial Year
Any dividend declared for the corresponding period of the immediately preceding financial year?

No dividend was declared or recommended.

(c) Date payable

Not applicable.

(d) Record Date

Not applicable.

(e) If no dividend has been declared/recommended, a statement to that effect and the reason(s) for the decision

No dividend has been declared or recommended for the financial period ended 30 June 2023 as the Company intends to reserve its cash resources to safeguard the Group's and the Company's ability to continue as a going concern.

9. 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 has not obtained a general mandate from shareholders for Interested Party Transactions.

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- 10. Disclosure on the status on the use of proceeds raised from IPO and any offerings pursuant to Chapter 8 and whether the use of the proceeds is in accordance with the stated use. Where the proceeds have been used for working capital purposes, a breakdown with specific details on how the proceeds have been applied must be disclosed.**

No use of proceeds and no new proceeds have been raised in the six months ended 30 June 2023.

- 11. Negative assurance confirmation on condensed interim financial results Pursuant to Rule 705(5) of the Catalist Rule**

Joseph Lim and Zhu Xiaolin, being two of the Directors of Emerging Towns & Cities Singapore Ltd. (the “**Company**”), do hereby confirm on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Company that, to the best of the Board’s knowledge, nothing has come to the attention of the Board which may render the unaudited financial results for the six months ended 30 June 2023 to be false or misleading in any material aspect, having considered that, including but not limited to, all material information has been assessed to ensure the reliability of the financial results, and the financial statements provide a fair and balanced view of any material factors that have affected the Company’s business conditions and financial position.

- 12. Confirmation that the issuer had procured undertakings from all its directors and executive officers (in the format set out in Appendix 7H) under Rule 720(1).**

The Company confirms that it had procured undertakings from all its directors and executive officers in accordance with Rule 720(1) of the Catalist Rules.

ON BEHALF OF THE DIRECTORS

Ang Mong Seng
Non-Executive Group Chairman

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
11 August 2023