GP Batteries International Limited
(Incorporated in the Republic of Singapore)
Co. Reg. No. 199002111N

Financial Statement and Dividend Announcement For the Year Ended 31 March 2014

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

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

Group income statement for the fourth quarter ("Q4") and full year ("YTD") ended 31 March 2014. These figures have not been audited.

	Q4 ended 31 Mar 2014 S$'000	Q4 ended 31 Mar 2013 S$'000 Restated	Change %	YTD ended 31 Mar 2014 S$'000	YTD ended 31 Mar 2013 S$'000 Restated	Change %
Revenue	165,476	160,768	2.9	695,407	721,071	(3.6)
Cost of sales	(128,405)	(128,125)	0.2	(539,175)	(570,485)	(5.5)
Gross profit	37,071	32,643	13.6	156,232	150,586	3.7
Other operating income & expenses	(27,551)	(10,217)	169.7	(51,809)	5,210	n/m
Distribution expenses	(13,543)	(12,080)	12.1	(51,027)	(49,912)	2.2
Administrative expenses	(18,652)	(20,894)	(10.7)	(78,662)	(83,567)	(5.9)
Finance costs	(1,797)	(1,906)	(5.7)	(7,362)	(8,708)	(15.5)
(Loss) Profit before share of results of associates	(24,472)	(12,454)	96.5	(32,628)	13,609	n/m
Share of results of associates	(999)	(2,961)	(66.3)	(4,681)	(9,558)	(51.0)
(Loss) Profit before income tax	(25,471)	(15,415)	65.2	(37,309)	4,051	n/m
Income tax	(2,195)	(2,539)	(13.5)	(10,648)	(11,124)	(4.3)
Loss after income tax	(27,666)	(17,954)	54.1	(47,957)	(7,073)	578.0
Attributable to:						
Equity holders of the Company	(26,016)	(19,181)	35.6	(51,957)	(16,182)	221.1
Non-controlling interests	(1,650)	1,227	n/m	4,000	9,109	(56.1)
	(27,666)	(17,954)	54.1	(47,957)	(7,073)	578.0
Gross profit margin	22.4%	20.3%		22.5%	20.9%	

Comparative figures have been restated to conform with current period/year's presentation
n/m denotes "not meaningful"

Statement of Comprehensive Income

The Group	Q4 ended 31 Mar 2014 S$'000	Q4 ended 31 Mar 2013 S$'000	YTD ended 31 Mar 2014 S$'000	YTD ended 31 Mar 2013 S$'000
Loss for the period/year	(27,666)	(17,954)	(47,957)	(7,073)
Items that may be subsequently reclassified to Profit or Loss:				
Other comprehensive income (loss):				
Translation differences arising from consolidation of foreign operations	(8,223)	4,104	4,537	(2,672)
Fair value gain (loss) on available-for-sale financial assets	1,382	0	1,382	(614)
Other comprehensive income for the period/year	(6,841)	4,104	5,919	(3,286)
Total comprehensive income for the period/year	(34,507)	(13,850)	(42,038)	(10,359)
Attributable to:				
Equity holders of the Company	(30,445)	(16,101)	(46,727)	(19,468)
Non-controlling interests	(4,062)	2,251	4,689	9,109
	(34,507)	(13,850)	(42,038)	(10,359)

	Q4 ended 31 Mar 2014 S$'000	Q4 ended 31 Mar 2013 S$'000	YTD ended 31 Mar 2014 S$'000	YTD ended 31 Mar 2013 S$'000
Profit from operations is arrived at after crediting (charging) the following:				
Depreciation and amortisation	(3,609)	(6,644)	(21,705)	(26,141)
Included in other operating income & expenses:				
Compensation (expense) income	(5,243)	155	(5,243)	10,508
Dividend income from available-for-sale investments	0	0	0	19
Foreign exchange gain/(loss)	759	1,311	(151)	(311)
Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment	7	2,776	497	5,345
Government grant	542	246	1,390	1,198
Impairment loss on available-for-sale investments	0	(607)	0	(607)
Impairment loss on property, plant and equipment	(16,524)	(3,023)	(16,787)	(4,877)
Impairment loss on interest in and receivables from associates	(1,237)	(12,912)	(27,570)	(12,912)
Impairment loss on goodwill	(3,512)	0	(3,512)	0
Stocks write-down	(2,833)	0	(2,833)	0
Property, plant and equipment written off	(170)	(85)	(529)	(238)
Technical, marketing development & engineering fee income	37	1,028	103	4,695
Over provision of prior years' tax	550	282	30	1,112

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.

		The Group 31 Mar 2014	The Group 31 Mar 2013	The Company 31 Mar 2014	The Company 31 Mar 2013
		S$'000	S$'000	S$'000	S$'000
Non-current assets					
Investment property		1,601	1,123	0	0
Property, plant & equipment		215,240	228,543	772	1,784
Interest in subsidiaries		0	0	332,354	364,739
Interest in associates		52,066	60,410	16,382	18,482
Available-for-sales investments		4,722	3,664	0	0
Deferred tax assets		5,713	4,635	0	0
Intangible assets		0	80	0	0
Goodwill on consolidation		13,485	16,773	0	0
Deposits and prepayments		156	445	16	16
Total non-current assets		292,983	315,673	349,524	385,021
Current assets					
Stocks		95,396	100,175	0	0
Debtors	Note 1	122,570	160,649	117,583	79,060
Derivative financial instruments		0	265	0	0
Tax recoverable		896	1,291	0	0
Deposits and prepayments		7,996	9,117	564	840
Bank balances and cash	Note 2	93,979	64,371	10,661	1,096
		320,837	335,868	128,808	80,996
Assets held for sale	Note 3	1,847	0	0	0
Total current assets		322,684	335,868	128,808	80,996
Current liabilities					
Creditors and accrued charges		146,314	131,208	121,032	58,660
Derivative financial instruments		679	10	0	0
Obligations under finance leases		291	375	64	100
Income tax payable		2,502	3,029	257	266
Bank loans and overdrafts		149,813	158,904	79,152	81,106
Total current liabilities		299,599	293,526	200,505	140,132
Net current assets (liabilities)		23,085	42,342	(71,697)	(59,136)
Non-current liabilities					
Bank loans	Note 4	2,103	31,238	42	28,655
Obligations under finance leases		108	423	0	63
Deferred tax liabilities		3,809	4,012	0	0
Total non-current liabilities		6,020	35,673	42	28,718
Net assets		310,048	322,342	277,785	297,167
Represented by:					
Share Capital		257,400	231,257	257,400	231,257
Reserves		(9,154)	37,633	20,385	65,910
Attributable to equity holders of the Company		248,246	268,890	277,785	297,167
Non-controlling interests		61,802	53,452	0	0
		310,048	322,342	277,785	297,167

Note

1) Decrease in debtors is mainly due to receipts from customer settlement at end of financial year as well as amounts due from Vectrix Group of companies fully impaired.
2) Increase in cash is mainly due to proceeds from the rights issue and receipts from customer settlement at end of financial year.
3) Disposal of property at 97 Pioneer Road Singapore is expected to complete in the first half of the next financial year.
4) Decrease in bank loans of S$29.1 million is mainly due to:
   - reclassifying all instalments payable under syndicated loan due within 12 months of S$20 million from non-current liabilities to current liabilities; and
   - S$8 million prepayment of syndicated loan with proceeds from the rights issue.

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

	As at 31 Mar 2014 S$'000	As at 31 Mar 2013 S$'000
Amount repayable in one year or less, or on demand		
Unsecured:		
Long term bank loans		
- scheduled repayments within 12 months	22,976	21,331
- not repayable within 12 months but contain a repayment on demand clause	1,074	2,957
Short term bank loans	112,390	115,945
Bank overdrafts	-	908
Import and export loans	13,373	17,763
	149,813	158,904
Secured:		
Obligations under finance leases	291	375
Amount repayable after one year		
Unsecured:		
Long term bank loans	2,103	31,238
Secured:		
Obligations under finance leases	108	423

Details of any collateral

Carrying amount of fixed assets in respect of certain motor vehicles and equipment held under finance leases:

As at 31 Mar 2014		As at 31 Mar 2013	
The Group	The Company	The Group	The Company
S$611,000	S$101,000	S$854,000	S$113,000

Other comments to paragraph 1(b)(ii)

Not applicable.

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.

	Q4 31 Mar 2014 S$'000	Q4 31 Mar 2013 S$'000	YTD 31 Mar 2014 S$'000	YTD 31 Mar 2013 S$'000
Operating activities				
(Loss) Profit before income tax	(25,471)	(15,415)	(37,309)	4,051
Adjustments for:				
Allowance for doubtful debts - trade	629	492	1,162	1,017
Allowance for stock obsolescence	1,756	(499)	4,875	29
Compensation expense (income) accrued	5,243	(155)	5,243	(10,508)
Depreciation and amortisation	3,609	6,644	21,705	26,141
Dividend income from available-for-sale investments	0	0	0	(19)
Fair value gain on investment property	(460)	0	(460)	0
Finance costs	1,797	1,906	7,362	8,708
Loss on disposal of available-for-sale investments	0	0	5	0
Impairment loss on available-for-sale investments	0	607	0	607
Impairment loss on property, plant and equipment	16,524	3,023	16,787	4,877
Impairment loss on interest in and receivables from associates	1,237	12,912	27,570	12,912
Impairment loss on goodwill	3,512	0	3,512	0
Stocks write-down	2,833	0	2,833	0
Interest income	(278)	(161)	(715)	(497)
Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment	(7)	(2,776)	(497)	(5,345)
Property, plant and equipment written off	170	85	529	238
Realised (gain) loss on derivative financial instruments	(510)	27	(1,158)	(197)
Share of results of associates	999	2,961	4,681	9,558
Unrealised fair value loss (gain) of derivative financial instruments	679	(255)	679	(255)
Unrealised foreign exchange gain	(419)	(1,479)	(1,695)	(652)
Operating profit before working capital changes	11,843	7,917	55,109	50,665
Stocks	15,009	3,460	(990)	5,455
Debtors	1,185	3,980	6,126	21,259
Deposits and prepayments	(146)	(117)	1,245	(129)
Creditors and accrued charges	(20,390)	(22,708)	9,439	(34,011)
Cash generated from operations	7,501	(7,468)	70,929	43,239
Interest received	279	160	720	528
Interest paid	(1,765)	(1,897)	(7,286)	(8,748)
Income tax paid	(3,338)	(2,813)	(9,894)	(8,425)
Net cash generated from (used in) operating activities	2,677	(12,018)	54,469	26,594

	Q4 31 Mar 2014 S$'000	Q4 31 Mar 2013 S$'000	YTD 31 Mar 2014 S$'000	YTD 31 Mar 2013 S$'000
Investing activities				
Deposits paid for purchase of property, plant and equipment	(8)	77	(140)	(445)
Dividends received from associates	128	128	2,179	1,003
Dividends received from available-for-sale investments	0	0	0	19
Investment in associates (additional capital injection)	0	0	(165)	(77)
Proceeds on disposal of available-for-sale investments	0	0	371	0
Proceeds received from disposal of equity interest in a subsidiary	0	0	9,709	0
Proceeds on disposal of property, plant and equipment	62	2,923	236	6,969
Purchase of available-for-sale investments	0	(679)	0	(679)
Purchase of equity interests in a subsidiary	0	(547)	0	(752)
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(5,450)	(4,601)	(19,090)	(19,568)
Net cash used in investing activities	(5,268)	(2,699)	(6,900)	(13,530)
Financing activities				
Drawdown of term loans	0	0	0	10,141
Repayment of term loans	(13,438)	(4,165)	(29,082)	(17,615)
Other short term bank loans paid	(32,952)	(2,749)	(9,144)	(10,864)
Dividends paid	0	0	(1,099)	(2,747)
Dividends paid to minority shareholders	(3,129)	(1,873)	(5,009)	(1,873)
Proceeds from issuance of shares, net	26,143	0	26,143	0
Repayment of obligations under finance leases	(89)	(172)	(376)	(570)
Net cash used in financing activities	(23,465)	(8,959)	(18,567)	(23,528)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(26,056)	(23,676)	29,002	(10,464)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	123,607	84,657	63,463	73,317
Effect of exchange rate changes on the balance of cash held in foreign currencies	(3,572)	2,482	1,514	610
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	93,979	63,463	93,979	63,463
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period comprise:				
Bank balances and cash	93,979	64,371	93,979	64,371
Bank overdrafts	0	(908)	0	(908)
	93,979	63,463	93,979	63,463

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.

The Group	Share capital S$'000	Capital reserve S$'000	Legal reserve S$'000	Translation reserve S$'000	Property/ asset revaluation reserve S$'000	Retained profits S$'000	Share option reserve S$'000	Fair value reserve S$'000	Sub Total S$'000	Non-controlling interests S$'000	Total S$'000
Balance at 31 December 2013	231,257	(32,963)	21,778	(125,350)	3,358	153,335	1,133	0	252,548	68,993	321,541
Total comprehensive income	0	0	0	(5,811)	0	(26,016)	0	1,382	(30,445)	(4,062)	(34,507)
Issue of shares, net of expenses	26,143	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26,143	0	26,143
Transfer to (from) reserves	0	0	0	0	0	1,133	(1,133)	0	0	0	0
Dividends paid to non-controlling interests	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(3,129)	(3,129)
Balance at 31 March 2014	257,400	(32,963)	21,778	(131,161)	3,358	128,452	0	1,382	248,246	61,802	310,048
Balance at 1 April 2013	231,257	(34,002)	21,407	(135,009)	3,358	180,746	1,133	0	268,890	53,452	322,342
Total comprehensive income	0	0	0	3,848	0	(51,957)	0	1,382	(46,727)	4,689	(42,038)
Issue of shares, net of expenses	26,143	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26,143	0	26,143
Transfer to (from) reserves	0	0	371	0	0	762	(1,133)	0	0	0	0
Dividends paid	0	0	0	0	0	(1,099)	0	0	(1,099)	0	(1,099)
Dividends paid to non-controlling interests	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(5,009)	(5,009)
Effects of changes in shareholdings on non-controlling interests	0	1,039	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,039	8,670	9,709
Balance at 31 March 2014	257,400	(32,963)	21,778	(131,161)	3,358	128,452	0	1,382	248,246	61,802	310,048

The Group	Share capital S$'000	Capital reserve S$'000	Legal reserve S$'000	Translation reserve S$'000	Property/ asset revaluation reserve S$'000	Retained profits S$'000	Share option reserve S$'000	Fair value reserve S$'000	Sub Total S$'000	Non-controlling interests S$'000	Total S$'000
Balance at 31 December 2012	231,257	(33,912)	20,031	(138,178)	3,358	201,303	1,133	0	284,992	53,620	338,612
Total comprehensive income	0	0	0	3,080	0	(19,181)	0	0	(16,101)	2,251	(13,850)
Transfer to (from) reserves	0	0	1,376	0	0	(1,376)	0	0	0	0	0
Dividends paid to non-controlling interests	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1,873)	(1,873)
Effects of changes in shareholdings on non-controlling interests	0	(90)	0	89	0	0	0	0	(1)	(546)	(547)
Balance at 31 March 2013	231,257	(34,002)	21,407	(135,009)	3,358	180,746	1,133	0	268,890	53,452	322,342
Balance at 1 April 2012	231,257	(33,872)	18,435	(132,426)	3,358	202,647	1,133	614	291,146	46,927	338,073
Total comprehensive income	0	0	0	(2,672)	0	(16,182)	0	(614)	(19,468)	9,109	(10,359)
Transfer to (from) reserves	0	0	2,972	0	0	(2,972)	0	0	0	0	0
Dividends paid	0	0	0	0	0	(2,747)	0	0	(2,747)	0	(2,747)
Dividends paid to non-controlling interests	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1,873)	(1,873)
Effects of changes in shareholdings on non-controlling interests	0	(130)	0	89	0	0	0	0	(41)	(711)	(752)
Balance at 31 March 2013	231,257	(34,002)	21,407	(135,009)	3,358	180,746	1,133	0	268,890	53,452	322,342

The Company	Share capital S$'000	Retained profits S$'000	Share option reserve S$'000	Translation reserve S$'000	Total S$'000
Balance at 31 December 2013	231,257	58,716	1,133	(99)	291,007
Total comprehensive income	0	(39,444)	0	79	(39,365)
Issue of shares, net of expenses	26,143	0	0	0	26,143
Transfer to retained earnings	0	1,133	(1,133)	0	0
Balance at 31 March 2014	257,400	20,405	0	(20)	277,785
Balance at 1 April 2013	231,257	64,564	1,133	213	297,167
Total comprehensive income	0	(44,193)	0	(233)	(44,426)
Issue of shares, net of expenses	26,143	0	0	0	26,143
Dividends paid	0	(1,099)	0	0	(1,099)
Transfer to retained earnings	0	1,133	(1,133)	0	0
Balance at 31 March 2014	257,400	20,405	0	(20)	277,785
Balance at 31 December 2012	231,257	57,808	1,133	687	290,885
Total comprehensive income	0	6,756	0	(474)	6,282
Balance at 31 March 2013	231,257	64,564	1,133	213	297,167
Balance at 1 April 2012	231,257	69,462	1,133	171	302,023
Total comprehensive income	0	(2,151)	0	42	(2,109)
Dividends paid	0	(2,747)	0	0	(2,747)
Balance at 31 March 2013	231,257	64,564	1,133	213	297,167

1(d)(ii) Details of any changes in the company's share capital arising from rights issue, bonus issue, share buy-backs, exercise of share options or warrants, conversion of other issues of equity securities, issue of shares for cash or as consideration for acquisition or for any other purpose since the end of the previous period reported on. State also the number of shares that may be issued on conversion of all the outstanding convertibles, as well as the number of shares held as treasury shares, if any, against the total number of issued shares excluding treasury shares 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.

	Number of Shares	Share capital S$'000
As at 1 April 2013	109,871,168	231,257
Issue of shares pursuant to rights issue exercise, net of expenses	54,935,584	26,143
As at 31 March 2014	164,806,752	257,400

During the year, the Company issued 54,935,584 new ordinary shares at S$0.486 each in connection with a rights issue exercise. Share issue expenses incurred for the rights issue amounting to S$556,000 were set off against share capital.

The total number of shares that may be issued on exercise of all outstanding share options granted under the Company's Executives' Share Option Scheme is as follows:

Date of Expiry	Exercise Price per each ordinary share	As at 31 Mar 2014	As at 31 Mar 2013
24 June 2013	S$2.50	-	1,981,000

As at 31 March 2014, the Company did not hold any of its issued shares as treasury shares (31 March 2013 : Nil).

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	31 Mar 2014	31 Mar 2013
Total number of issued shares	164,806,752	109,871,168
Less: Treasury shares	-	-
Total number of issued shares excluding treasury shares	164,806,752	109,871,168

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

As at 31 March 2014, there were no sales, transfers, disposals, cancellation and/or use of treasury shares.

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 Company's auditors.

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

Other than the adoption of certain revisions to various existing Financial Reporting Standards ("FRS"), the new FRS and Interpretations of FRS ("INT FRS") that are mandatory on the Group for its financial year commenced on 1 April 2013, the Group has adopted the same accounting policies and methods of computation for the current financial period as those adopted for the audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 March 2013.

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.

The adoption of the various revised FRS, new FRS and INT FRS effective for the Company's financial year commenced on 1 April 2013 does not have a material financial effect on the Group and the Company.

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.

	Q4 ended 31 Mar 2014	Q4 ended 31 Mar 2013	YTD ended 31 Mar 2014	YTD ended 31 Mar 2013
		(Restated) (1)		**(Restated)** (1)
Earnings (Loss) per share ("EPS") in cents				
(a) Basic	(19.83)	(16.32)	(42.97)	(13.76)
(b) Diluted	(19.83) (2)	(16.32) (3)	(42.97) (2)	(13.76) (3)
Number of shares				
Weighted average number of ordinary shares used in calculating basic EPS	131,210,590	117,562,150	120,927,519	117,562,150
Adjustments for potentially dilutive ordinary shares	- (2)	- (3)	- (2)	- (3)
Weighted average number of ordinary shares used in calculating diluted EPS	131,210,590	117,562,150	120,927,519	117,562,150

(1) Restated for the effects of the rights issue completed in March 2014
(2) No dilutive effects as the share options have lapsed/expired
(3) No dilutive effects as the share options are out-of-money

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.

	The Group		The Company	
	31 Mar 2014 S$	31 Mar 2013 S$	31 Mar 2014 S$	31 Mar 2013 S$
Net asset value per ordinary share based on issued share capital at the end of the period	1.51	2.45	1.69	2.70

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.

The core battery business of the Group has been reasonably stable during the past year despite a slight decrease in sales. With the termination of the Vectrix project, the Group will focus on batteries and not invest further resources into electric vehicles. At the same time, the Company decided to combine the two rechargeable Lithium battery plants, Taiwan and Shenzhen, into one major plant. The Shenzhen plant will be developed to become our centre of excellence for rechargeable Lithium batteries. These two actions are part of our total strategy to return to growth and profitability.

Turnover for the three months ended 31 March 2014 was S$165.5 million, an increase of 2.9% over the corresponding period last year. Turnover for the twelve months ended 31 March 2014 was S$695.4 million, a decrease of 3.6% over the corresponding period last year.

Sales of rechargeable batteries decreased by 10.6% and 11.5% for the three months and twelve months ended 31 March 2014 respectively over the corresponding periods last year. Sales of primary batteries increased by 8.4% and 1.6% for the three months and twelve months ended 31 March 2014 respectively over the corresponding periods last year.

Sales in Europe decreased by 1.5% while sales in the Americas and Asia increased by 14.8% and 2.0% respectively for the three months ended 31 March 2014 over the corresponding period last year. For the twelve months ended 31 March 2014, sales in Europe and Asia decreased by about 7.8% and 6.4% respectively while sales in the Americas increased by 10.6%.

Before the impairment provisions against Vectrix and the rechargeable Lithium plant in Taiwan, the Group would have made a profit before tax of about S$20 million in the financial year under review.

As a result of the above-mentioned impairment provisions, loss before income tax for the three months ended 31 March 2014 was S$25.5 million as compared to S$15.4 million over the corresponding period last year; loss for the twelve months ended 31 March 2014 was S$37.3 million as compared to a profit of S$4.1 million over the corresponding period last year. However, gross profit margins for the three months and twelve months ended 31 March 2014 were 22.4% and 22.5% respectively as compared to 20.3% and 20.9% over the corresponding periods last year due to improving factory productivity.

Distribution expenses for the three months ended 31 March 2014 were S$13.5 million, an increase of 12.1% as compared to S$12.1 million over the corresponding period last year arising from additional Advertising and Promotion expenses invested in mainland China for brand building. For the twelve months period ended 31 March 2014, the distribution expenses increased by only 2.2% to S$51.0 million as compared to the S$49.9 million last year.

Administrative expenses for the three months and twelve months ended 31 March 2014 were S$18.7 million and S$78.7 million respectively, a decrease of 10.7% and 5.9% over the corresponding periods last year due to the Group's continuous effort to streamline and rationalize its operations.

Finance costs for the three months and twelve months ended 31 March 2014 were S$1.8 million and S$7.4 million as compared to S$1.9 million and S$8.8 million over the corresponding periods last year. This was mainly due to reduced bank borrowings as well as lower costs of borrowing.

Net other operating expenses for the three months and twelve months ended 31 March 2014 were S$27.6 million and S$51.8 million respectively, as compared to a net other operating expenses of S$10.2 million and a net other operating income of S$5.2 million over the corresponding periods last year. This was mainly attributable to :-

(a) a provision for impairment loss in Q4 this financial year of about S$17.6 million on fixed assets and goodwill in respect of Gold Peak Industries (Taiwan) Limited due to the Group's effort to reduce capacity by consolidating the rechargeable Lithium battery plants;
(b) a provision for compensation in Q4 this financial year of Euro 2.9 million (S$5 million) to an affected customer regarding an unfinished project caused by the winding down of the operations of the Vectrix Group; and
(c) a further provision for impairment loss earlier this financial year of S$26.3 million (2013: S$10 million) on our investment in and receivables from the Vectrix Group.

Share of loss of associates for the three months and twelve months ended 31 March 2014 was S$1 million and S$4.7 million respectively, as compared to S$3 million and S$9.6 million over the corresponding period last year. The reduction in loss was mainly due to (i) cessation of operations by the Vectrix Group, and (ii) impairment provisions made in the third quarter last year on the plants and machinery, and inventories of STL Group.

Focusing on key strategic market segments started to take effect. Sales momentum has been carried forward from last quarter and is expected to continue in the coming year.

With the completion of the rights issue in March 2014, the Company's financial position has been strengthened and capital base enhanced. Proceeds of the rights issue will also facilitate the Company's investment in automation, brand building and distribution network in the near and medium terms. In addition, the operating cash surplus of the Group during the year was S$54.5 million versus S$26.6 million in the previous year. As at 31 March 2014, the Group's gearing ratio stood at a record low of 23% while the Group's net bank borrowings significantly reduced to S$57.9 million from S$125.8 million as at 31 March 2013.

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

These results are in line with the profit guidance announcement released on 15 May 2014.

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

The overall battery market is expected to be stable, although the NiMH battery sector is not growing and thus becoming highly competitive. With the discontinuation of the Vectrix project and the consolidation of the rechargeable Lithium plants, the Group is better placed to return to growth and profitability.

11. Dividend

(a) Current Financial Period Reported On

Any dividend declared for the current financial period reported on?

Name of Dividend	Final	Interim
Dividend type	Cash	NA
Dividend amount per share (in cents)	1.0 cents	Nil
Tax rate	Tax-exempt (one-tier)	NA

(b) Corresponding Period of the Immediately Preceding Financial Year

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

Name of Dividend	Final	Interim
Dividend type	Cash	Cash
Dividend amount per share (in cents)	1.0 cents	1.0 cents
Tax rate	Tax-exempt (one-tier)	Tax-exempt (one-tier)

(c) Date payable

To be announced later.

(d) Books closure date

To be announced later.

12. If no dividend has been declare/recommended, a statement to that effect.

Not applicable.

13. If the Group has obtained a general mandate from shareholders for Interested Person Transactions ("IPT"), 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 Company does not have a shareholders' mandate for IPT.

14. Confirmation by the Board Pursuant to Rule 705(5)

Not applicable for announcement on full year results.

Part II Additional Information Required for Full Year Announcment

15. Segmented revenue and results for business or geographical segments (of the group) in the form presented in the issuer's most recently audited annual financial statements, with comparative information for the immediately preceding year.

Reportable operating segment information

The Group operates in only one main operating segment which focuses on the development, manufacturing, distribution and trading in batteries and battery related products. This operating segment has been identified on the basis of internal management reports that are regularly reviewed by the Executive Directors of the Group. The Executive Directors of the Group review the overall results of the Group as a whole to make decisions about resource allocation. Accordingly, no further analysis of this single reporting segment has been prepared.

Geographical information

The Group's revenue and information about its non-current assets by geographical location are detailed below:

	Revenue from external customer		Non-current assets	
	2014 S$'000	2013 S$'000	2014 S$'000	2013 S$'000
Asia				
PRC (including Hong Kong)	317,438	331,493	214,372	220,729
Other parts of Asia	82,077	95,408	43,996	58,309
	399,515	426,901	258,368	279,038
North and South America	122,847	111,077	7,222	7,650
Europe and others	173,045	183,093	21,680	24,350
	695,407	721,071	287,270	311,038

The Group's activities are primarily based in the People's Republic of China (including Hong Kong) and other Asian countries. Revenue is based on the country in which the customer is located. Non-currrent assets are shown by the geographical areas in which these assets are located. Deferred tax assets are excluded for the purpose of the above presentation.

Other information

	The Group	
	2014	**2013**
	%	**%**
Revenue by products		
Rechargeable	21.5	23.2
Primary cylindrical	57.4	54.9
Primary specialty	19.3	17.8
Others	1.8	4.1
	100.0	100.0

16. In the review of performance, the factors leading to any material changes in contributions to turnover and earnings by the business or geographical segments.

Not applicable.

17. A breakdown of sales as follows:—

	The Group		
	2014	**2013**	**%**
	S$'000	**S$'000**	**Change**
Sales reported for first half year	353,964	384,995	-8.1%
Operating profit after tax before non-controlling interests reported for first half year	3,862	6,096	-36.6%
Sales reported for second half year	341,443	336,076	1.6%
Operating profit after tax before non-controlling interests reported for second half year	(51,819)	(13,169)	293.5%

18. A breakdown of the total annual dividend (in dollar value) for the issuer's latest full year and its previous full year as follows:

	Latest Full Year S$'000	Previous Full Year S$'000
Ordinary	1,648	2,198
Preference	0	0
Total	1,648	2,198

19. Disclosure of person occupying a managerial position in the issuer or any of its principal subsidiaries who is a relative of a director or chief executive officer or substantial shareholder of the issuer pursuant to Rule 704(13) in the format below. If there are no such persons, the issuer must make an appropriate negative statement.

Pursuant to Rule 704(13) of the Listing Manual of the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited, the Company confirms that, to the best of its knowledge, belief and information, none of the persons occupying managerial positions in the Company or any of its principal subsidiaries is a relative of a director or the chief executive officer or substantial shareholder of the Company.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

Victor Lo Chung Wing
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

Richard Ku Yuk Hing
Vice Chairman

29 May 2014