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Libra's HY2016 Revenue Rises 13% to S\$44.2 million

Highlights

- Gross profit up 7% to S\$8.4 million
- Mechanical and electrical engineering ("M&E") segment continues to deliver strong revenue growth
- Net asset value of the Group stands at 20.54 cents as at 30 June 2016

Half year ended 30 June (S\$m)	HY2016	HY2015	Change
Revenue	44.2	39.0	13%
Gross Profit	8.4	7.9	7%
Profit Before Tax	1.6	2.2	(26%)
Profit after tax attributable to owners of the Company	1.6	2.2	(26%)
Earnings Per Share (Singapore cents)	1.36	1.86	(27%)

SINGAPORE, 11 August 2016: CATALIST-LISTED Libra Group Limited ("Libra", or together with its subsidiaries, the "Group"), a Singapore-based integrated building solutions company, registered a 13% increase in revenue to S\$44.2 million and a 26% decrease in net profit attributable to shareholders to S\$1.6 million for the six months ended 30 June 2016 ("HY2016").

The increase in revenue was led by a rise in revenue from the mechanical and electrical engineering ("M&E") segment of S\$8.9 million from S\$22.8 million in HY2015 to S\$31.8 million in HY2016. However, this was offset by a decrease in revenue from the manufacturing segment of S\$1.6 million, primarily due to lower re-

sales volume of coils and a drop in revenue contribution from the building and construction solutions segment of S\$1.8 million in HY2016 primarily due to decreased work done on existing projects as they had reached the tail end of the projects.

Gross profit increased 7% to S\$8.4 million mainly due to effective cost control management in the manufacturing segment, as well as a marginal increase in gross profit from the M&E segment in tandem with higher project completion and improved project execution and productivity.

The Group's profit before tax in HY2016 decreased by 26% to S\$1.6 million, as compared to S\$2.2 million in HY2015, mainly due to the decrease in gross profit margin for the M&E and building and construction solutions segments as a result of more competitively priced projects, increased administrative expenses relating to the Company's factory at 53 Loyang Drive and property at Sungei Kadut loop as well as higher salaries and wage expenditure, partly offset by the rental income from the Sungei Kadut property.

Mr Chu Sau Ben, Executive Chairman and CEO of Libra said: *“Amidst the local property sector reeling under the lingering effects of the cooling measures, it has been challenging for the building and construction industry. We will continue to steer a firm course by enhancing our cost effectiveness and efficiency optimization for our new wins and current projects while seeking opportunities to broaden our sources of revenue.”*

Financial Position

The Group's financial position remains strong. As at 30 June 2016, the Group had net assets of S\$24.1 million, translating into a net asset value per share of 20.54 Singapore cents, up from 19.88 Singapore cents as at 31 December 2015. Earnings per share stood at 1.36 cents in HY2016, down 27% from 1.86 cents in HY2015.

Corporate Governance & Transparency Index 2016

Libra was ranked 61st among 631 companies listed on the Singapore Exchange under the Singapore Corporate Governance & Transparency Index (SCGTI) 2016, which is jointly published by CPA Australia, NUS Business School's Centre for Governance, Institutions and Organisations and the Singapore Institute of Directors. This is an improvement from its previous ranking of 76th position in the SCGTI 2015.

Mr Chu commented: *“We are pleased that Libra has made another leap forward in raising our position to 61st in 2016 from 76th in 2015 for the Singapore Corporate Governance & Transparency Index. This attests to the priority that Libra has placed in ensuring the best practices in corporate governance are progressively embedded within our corporate culture.”*

Business Outlook

On 14 July 2016, the Ministry of Trade and Industry announced that based on advance estimates, the Singapore economy grew by 2.2 per cent on a year-on-year basis in the second quarter of 2016, marginally higher than the 2.1 per cent growth in the previous quarter. On a quarter-on-quarter seasonally-adjusted annualized basis, the economy expanded by 0.8 per cent, faster than the 0.2 per cent growth in the preceding quarter. The construction sector grew by 2.7 per cent on a year-on-year basis in the second quarter, easing from the 4.5 per cent growth recorded in the previous quarter. The moderation in growth was largely due to a slowdown in private sector construction activities. On a quarter-on-quarter seasonally-adjusted basis, the sector expanded at an annualized rate of 0.6 per cent, lower than the 3.5 per cent expansion in the preceding quarter¹.

¹ BCA's news release dated 14 July 2016 titled Singapore's GDP Growth Moderated in Second Quarter of 2015

The industry outlook remains challenging in the next 12 months with increasing competition and increase in labour cost due to short supply of foreign workers. The Group will continue to focus on its core business by leveraging its strong track record in building construction and M&E engineering to secure more projects as well as enhancing cost effectiveness and efficiency optimisation in the management of on-going projects.

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About Libra Group Limited (www.libragroup.com.sg)

Libra Group Limited ("Libra") is a Singapore-based integrated building solutions company with its core businesses in: (i) mechanical and electrical engineering (M&E) services, (ii) manufacturing and sale of air-conditioning and mechanical ventilation ducts (ACMV) and trading of ACMV related products, and (iii) building and construction solutions.

Started in 1997, Libra is an established market leader in integrated M&E solutions and customized ACMV ducts, providing design, manufacturing, supply and installation of ACMV systems, fire alarms and fire protection systems, electrical systems, sanitary and plumbing systems and specialty utilities systems. Libra is also one of the largest manufacturers of customised ACMV ducts in Singapore.

Libra provides building and construction solutions through two wholly-owned subsidiaries – BCA licensed C1 main contractor Libra Building Construction Pte Ltd and the recently acquired Cyber Builders Pte Ltd, which has since obtained an upgrade to BCA grade of B1 for workhead CW01 general building in February 2016.

Libra was listed in 2011 on the Catalist Board of the Singapore Exchange.

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