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- **FY2015 net profit up 7.1% to S\$136.1 million mainly due to profit from construction and dormitory segments, higher fair value gain on investment properties and share of profits from associates and joint ventures (JVs) which are profit recognition from disposal of hotel development and residential property development projects NEWest, KAP Residences, The Midtown and Midtown Residences**
- **Group proposing a record total of S\$0.03 per share of dividends comprising First and Final dividends of S\$0.01 per share and Special dividends of S\$0.01 per share, and including interim dividend of S\$0.01 per share**
- **Group intends to continue to enlarge its recurring income from dormitory, property investment and construction-related services**

SINGAPORE, 28 July 2015 – Lian Beng Group (“Lian Beng” or “the Group”) (联明集团), a Singapore BCA Grade A1 construction group, recorded historical highs in both its revenue and net profit at S\$747.0 million and S\$136.1 million respectively for its financial year ended 31 May 2015 (“FY2015”).

Revenue improved 9.4% to S\$747.0 million mainly due to higher revenue recognition from the on-going and new construction projects. Net profit increased 7.1% to S\$136.1 million mainly due to profit from construction and dormitory segments, higher fair value gain on investment properties and share of profits from associates and joint ventures (JVs).



Profit attributable to shareholders for FY2015 improved 24.0% to S\$108.0 million, also a record-breaking feat. The overall improvement came despite a significant one-off profit recognition from the Group's industrial property development project, M-Space in FY2014.

Table 1 – Financial highlights

| (S\$ '000) | Year ended 31 May 2015 (FY2015) | Year ended 31 May 2014 (FY2014) (Restated) | %change |
|---|---------------------------------------|---|---------|
| Revenue | 746,998 | 683,045 | 9.4% |
| Share of results of associates and JVs | 43,625 | 4,177 | - |
| Fair value gain on investment properties | 52,374 | 37,242 | 40.6% |
| Net Profit | 136,063 | 126,997 | 7.1% |
| Profit to shareholders | 108,028 | 87,138 | 24.0% |

The Group's share of results from associates and JVs surged to S\$43.6 million for FY2015 mainly from the disposal of the Group's 19%-owned JV company, 122 Middle Investment Pte Ltd ("122 MIPL") which owned the hotel development at 122 Middle Road. 122 MIPL was disposed at a consideration of S\$270 million in September 2014; as well as the higher share of results from associates and JVs is also partly due to the profits recognised from property development projects NEWest, KAP Residences, The Midtown and Midtown Residences, all of which attained high sales status, respectively 91%, 99% and 97%.

The Group's outstanding financial performance for FY2015 enable it to propose a First and Final dividends of S\$0.01 per share and a Special dividends of S\$0.01 per share. Adding to the interim dividend of S\$0.01 per share paid out earlier this year, the dividends for FY2015 will total S\$0.03 per share, a record dividend payout as well.

Positive net cash flows from operating activities enable the Group to end FY2015 with a cash and cash equivalent of S\$187.1 million, which forms a sizeable war chest for the Group to continue to seek opportunities to further expand its business.



Mr Ong Pang Aik (王邦益), Lian Beng's Executive Chairman, commented, "The outstanding performance for FY2015 is a result of our diversified revenue streams. While not all business segments have grown in FY2015, the segments which have performed better have made an overall growth possible for us. We are continuing this strategy and are actively seeking opportunities local and overseas to further enrich our revenue sources."

The Group intends to continue to enlarge its recurring income from dormitory, property investment and construction-related services, as a means to balance its project-based construction and property development businesses. On its core construction business, the Group's order book as at 31 May 2015 stood at approximately S\$552 million, providing it with sustainable flow of construction activities through FY2017.

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About Lian Beng Group Ltd

Established in 1973, Lian Beng Group Ltd is one of few Singapore's major home-grown construction groups with integrated civil engineering and construction support service capabilities. The Group is principally involved in the construction of residential, industrial and commercial projects, and civil engineering projects as a main contractor.

As a Building and Construction Authority (BCA) Grade A1 contractor in General Building, Lian Beng can tender for public sector building projects of unlimited contract value, while its A2 grade in Civil Engineering allows it to tender for engineering projects of up to \$85 million in contract value. Based on years of experience and impeccable track record, the Group has established a reputation in managing large-scale and complex construction projects.

Lian Beng also engages in other construction related activities such as the provision of scaffolding and engineering services, supply of ready-mix concrete and asphalt premix, leasing of equipment and machinery, reinforcement bar fabrication, sourcing and management of construction materials and training of foreign construction labour.

Apart from construction, Lian Beng also engages in property development, mostly through joint ventures. Some of its completed and ongoing property development projects include Lincoln Suites, M-Space, Spottiswoode Suites, The Midtown & Midtown Residences, NEWest, KAP Residences, Eco-tech@Sunview and Hexacube. The Group also has a few property investment projects which include Prudential Tower. In addition, Lian Beng has also developed and presently operates a workers' dormitory, through a joint venture, at Mandai Estate.



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The Group, an advocate for sustainable living, was awarded with the Green Mark Platinum award by BCA in 2010 for its project at 29 Harrison Road, the Group's headquarters building.

Lian Beng Group Ltd was listed on the Main Board of the Singapore Exchange in 1999.

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