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## COURTS ASIA LIMITED UNAUDITED RESULTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2014 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND DIVIDEND ANNOUNCEMENT

1(a)(i) Statement of total comprehensive income (for the Group) together with a comparative statement for the corresponding period of the immediately preceding financial year.

	Q4 FY13/14 S\$'000	Group Q4 FY12/13 S\$'000	% Change	YTD Mar14 FY13/14 S\$'000	Group YTD Mar13 FY12/13 S\$'000	% Change
Sales	206,952	188,502	9.8	830,263	793,768	4.6
Cost of sales	(139,749)	(127,860)	(9.3)	(574,098)	(543,510)	(5.6)
Gross profit	67,203	60,642	10.8	256,165	250,258	2.4
Other income and other gains - net	1,205	1,342	(10.2)	4,310	6,541	(34.1)
Expenses						
- Distribution and marketing	(15,657)	(14,044)	(11.5)	(63,675)	(61,899)	(2.9)
- Administrative	(34,687)	(27,631)	(25.5)	(136,448)	(126,086)	(8.2)
- Finance	(6,236)	(4,467)	(39.6)	(22,351)	(17,451)	(28.1)
Profit before income tax	11,828	15,842	(25.3)	38,001	51,363	(26.0)
Income tax expense	(3,987)	(3,203)	(24.5)	(9,691)	(9,958)	2.7
Net profit	7,841	12,639	(38.0)	28,310	41,405	(31.6)

#### Statement of Comprehensive Income

	Q4 FY13/14 S\$'000	Group Q4 FY12/13 S\$'000	% Change	YTD Mar14 FY13/14 S\$'000	Group YTD Mar13 FY12/13 S\$'000	% Change
Net profit Other comprehensive income:	7,841	12,639	(38.0)	28,310	41,405	(31.6)
Currency translation differences	103	463	(77.8)	(6,864)	(3,231)	112.4
Total comprehensive income	7,944	13,102	(39.4)	21,446	38,174	(43.8)

### 1(a)(ii) Breakdown and explanatory notes to the statement of total comprehensive income:-

	Group		Gro	up
	Q4	Q4	YTD Mar14	YTD Mar13
	FY13/14	FY12/13	FY13/14	FY12/13
	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000
Drafit hafers income tax was arrived at after charging/(arediting).				
Profit before income tax was arrived at after charging/ (crediting): Depreciation and amortisation of property, plant and equipment and				
intangible assets	3,343	2,603	12,611	9,748
Amortisation of deferred income	(973)	(1,143)	(4,376)	(3,641)
Impairment allowance on trade receivables	6,002	2,555	20,081	18,652
Other income and other gains - net				
- Interest income	(432)	(555)	(2,154)	(4,187)
- Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment (net)	49	7	86	22
- Fair value change of derivative financial instruments	2	(309)	(25)	(93)
- Others	(824)	(485)	(2,217)	(2,283)
	(1,205)	(1,342)	(4,310)	(6,541)
Finance costs				
- Interest expense on borrowings	4,861	4,013	19,468	15,803
- Interest expense on finance lease liabilities	25	9	79	29
<ul> <li>Amortisation of borrowing cost</li> </ul>	446	248	1,698	1,608
- Foreign exchange losses - net	904	197	1,106	11
	6,236	4,467	22,351	17,451
Total gross profit as a percentage of turnover	32.5%	32.2%	30.9%	31.5%
Net profit as a percentage of turnover	3.8%	6.7%	3.4%	5.2%
Net profit as a percentage of total equity at the end of financial year	2.6%	4.4%	9.5%	14.3%

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# 1(b)(i) Statement of financial position (for the issuer and Group), together with a comparative statement as at the end of the immediately preceding financial year.

	Gro	un	Company			
	31 Mar 2014	31 Mar 2013	31 Mar 2014	31 Mar 2013		
	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000		
ASSETS						
Current assets						
Cash and bank balances	114,951	88,985	47,894	40,590		
Trade and other receivables	227,983	200,140	38,543	12,036		
Inventories	89,784	73,065	-	-		
Current income tax recoverable	1,106	1,744	-	-		
	433,824	363,934	86,437	52,626		
Non-current assets						
Trade and other receivables	260,181	246,160	70,000	_		
Investments in subsidiaries	200,101	240,100	213,205	203,069		
Property, plant and equipment	28,846	22,535	-	-		
Intangible assets	23,856	23,710	20,065	20,065		
Deferred income tax assets		1,284	-	-		
	312,883	293,689	303,270	223,134		
Total assets	746,707	657,623	389,707	275,760		
LIABILITIES						
Current liabilities						
Trade and other payables	127,433	129,534	3,155	13,231		
Current income tax liabilities	4,105	5,590	2,174	2,297		
Borrowings	1,200	5,506	-	-		
Deferred income	3,664	3,697	-	-		
	136,402	144,327	5,329	15,528		
Non-current liabilities						
Derivative financial instruments	55	83	_	_		
Trade and other payables	163	166	-	_		
Borrowings	306,831	218,806	124,098	-		
Deferred income	3,290	4,766	-	-		
Deferred income tax liabilities	1,178	-	2,507	1,729		
	311,517	223,821	126,605	1,729		
Total liabilities	447,919	368,148	131,934	17,257		
NET ASSETS	298,788	289,475	257,773	258,503		
EQUITY	005 000	005 000	005 000	005 000		
Share capital	265,332	265,332	265,332	265,332		
Treasury shares	(2,544)	-	(2,544)	-		
Other reserves	(17,031)	(10,489)	(23,597)	(23,919)		
Retained profit	53,031	34,632	18,582	17,090		
Total equity	298,788	289,475	257,773	258,503		

## 1(b)(ii) Aggregate amount of Group's borrowings and debt securities

#### Amount repayable in one year or less, or on demand

As at 31.03.14 S\$'000			31.03.13 \$'000	
Secure	d	Unsecured	 Secured	Unsecured
1,200		-	5,506	-

#### Amount repayable after one year

As at 31.03.14 S\$'000		As at 31.03.13 S\$'000		
Secured	Unsecured	Secured	Unsecured	
182,733	124,098	218,806	-	

#### Details of any collateral

The Group's borrowings of \$308.0 million (31 March 2013: \$224.3 million) consist of fixed rate notes, the Asset Securitisation Programme 2012 and Syndicated Senior Loan in Malaysia.

On 23 April 2013, a \$500 million Multicurrency Medium Term Note programme was established. Notes issued on 24 April 2013 comprise of \$125 million 3-year unsecured fixed rate notes due in 2016.

The Asset Securitisation Programme 2012 is secured against the trade receivables of Courts (Singapore) Pte Ltd ("CSL"). CSL has also provided a guarantee and indemnity in favour of the Senior Beneficiary, The Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited, in respect of amounts payable under the Asset Securitisation Programme 2012.

The Syndicated Senior Loan is secured by a fixed charge over the designated bank accounts of Courts (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd ("CMB") and all credit balances in respect thereof, a debenture covering a fixed and floating charge over all the assets of CMB (both present and future), an assignment over existing and future trade receivables and corporate guarantee issued by CMB.

1(c) Consolidated statement of cash flows (for the Group), together with a comparative statement for the corresponding period of the immediately preceding financial year.

		Group		up
	Q4	Q4	YTD Mar14	YTD Mar13
	FY13/14	FY12/13	FY13/14	FY12/13
	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000
Cash flows from operating activities:				
Net profit	7,841	12,639	28,310	41,405
Adjustments for:				
Income tax expense	3,987	3,203	9,691	9,958
Depreciation and amortisation	3,343	2,603	12,611	9,748
Amortisation of deferred income	(973)	(1,143)	(4,376)	(3,641)
Interest expense	4,886	4,022	19,547	15,832
Interest income	(432)	(555)	(2,154)	(4,187)
Amortisation of borrowing costs	446	248	1,698	1,608
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment (net)	49	7	86	22
Share-based compensation	131	100 237	1,323	401 237
Placement and listing expense Changes in fair value of derivative financial instruments	- 2	(309)	(25)	(93)
	19,280		66,711	71,290
Operating cash flow before working capital changes	19,200	21,052	00,711	71,290
Changes in working capital				
Inventories	380	(49)	(16,719)	(6,454)
Trade and other receivables	(5,672)	(12,861)	(41,868)	(56,505)
Trade and other payables	3,979	(1,458)	(1,531)	(510)
Cash generated from operations	17,967	6,684	6,593	7,821
Income tax paid (net)	(1,476)	(1,479)	(8,159)	(7,663)
Foreign currency translation differences	79	619	(6,038)	(2,617)
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	16,570	5,824	(7,604)	(2,459)
Cash flows from investing activities				
Additions to property, plant and equipment	(3,524)	(3,451)	(18,508)	(15,331)
Acquisition of intangible assets	(551)	(566)	(1,474)	(1,671)
Acquisition of a subsidiary	-	- *	-	- *
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	(48)	273	273	189
Interest received	426	137	2,158	2,393
Net cash used in investing activities	(3,697)	(3,607)	(17,551)	(14,420)
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Cash flows from financing activities		-	100.001	1
Proceeds from bond issue	5,360		123,661 11,558	- 5,251
Proceeds from/(repayment of) syndicated senior loan - net Additions to/(repayment of) finance lease liabilities - net	369	(716)	1,608	5,251
Proceeds from term loan	309	(47)	1,000	15,000
Repayment of term loan	-	(1,250)	(13,750)	(30,190)
(Repayment of)/proceeds from loan received on asset securitisation	(5,909)	(3,979)	(41,054)	29,924
(Increase)/decrease in fixed deposits pledged as securities for banking	(106)	3,201	1,370	3,114
Decrease in deposits for asset securitisation	(100)	12,046	1,570	11,025
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Purchase of treasury shares Proceeds from placement and listing - pet	(913)	- 463	(3,545)	- 43,966
Proceeds from placement and listing - net Interest paid	(6,414)	(4,022)	(17,123)	43,966 (15,832)
Dividend paid	(0,414)	(4,022)	(17,123) (9,911)	(12,582)
Net cash (used in)/provided by financing activities	(7,613)	5,696	<u>(9,911)</u> 52,814	(12,582) <b>50,202</b>
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Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	5,260	7,913	27,659	33,323
Cash and cash equivalents as at beginning of period/financial year	103,977	73,931	81,898	48,973
Effects of currency translations on cash and bank balances	(3)	54	(323)	(398)
Cash and cash equivalents as at end of period/financial year	109,234	81,898	109,234	81,898
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\* Less than \$1,000

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

	31 Mar 2014	31 Mar 2013
	S\$'000	S\$'000
Cash and bank balances	79,812	82,507
Fixed deposits	35,139	6,478
	114,951	88,985
Less: Fixed deposits pledged as securities for banking facilities	(5,717)	(7,087)
Cash and cash equivalents per consolidated statement of cash flows	109,234	81,898

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.

	Group <u>Attributable to equity holders of the Group</u>							
	Share capital \$'000	Treasury Shares \$'000	Share option reserve \$'000	Currency translation reserve \$'000	Capital reserve \$'000	Retained profits \$'000	Total equity \$'000	
Balance at 1 April 2013	265,332	-	401	(17,038)	6,148	34,632	289,475	
Purchase of treasury shares	-	(3,545)	-	-	-	-	(3,545)	
Treasury shares reissued	-	1,001	(869)	-	(132)	-	-	
Share-based compensation	-	-	1,323	-	-	-	1,323	
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-	(6,864)	-	28,310	21,446	
Dividends	-	-	-	-	-	(9,911)	(9,911)	
Balance at 31 March 2014	265,332	(2,544)	855	(23,902)	6,016	53,031	298,788	
Balance at 1 January 2014	265,332	(1,656)	617	(24,005)	6,148	45,190	291,626	
Purchase of treasury shares	-	(913)	-	-	-	-	(913)	
Treasury shares reissued	-	25	107	-	(132)	-	-	
Share-based compensation	-	-	131	-	-	-	131	
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	-	-	103	-	7,841	7,944	
Dividends	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Balance at 31 March 2014	265,332	(2,544)	855	(23,902)	6,016	53,031	298,788	
Balance at 1 April 2012	221,129	-	-	(13,807)	6,148	5,809	219,279	
Issue of shares pursuant to listing	46,200	-	-	-	-	-	46,200	
Placement and listing expenses	(1,997)	-	-	-	-	-	(1,997)	
Share-based compensation	-	-	401	-	-	-	401	
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-	(3,231)	-	41,405	38,174	
Dividends	-	-	-	-	-	(12,582)	(12,582)	
Balance at 31 March 2013	265,332	-	401	(17,038)	6,148	34,632	289,475	
Balance at 1 January 2013	264,632	-	301	(17,501)	6,148	21,993	275,573	
Issue of shares pursuant to listing	700	-	-	-	-	-	700	
Share-based compensation	-	-	100	-	-	-	100	
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	-	-	463	-	12,639	13,102	
Balance at 31 March 2013	265,332	-	401	(17,038)	6,148	34,632	289,475	

	Company Attributable to equity holders of the Company						
	Share capital \$'000	Treasury Shares \$'000	Share option reserve \$'000	Capital reserve \$'000	Retained profits \$'000	Total equity \$'000	
Balance at 1 April 2013	265,332	-	401	(24,320)	17,090	258,503	
Purchase of treasury shares	-	(3,545)	-	-	-	(3,545)	
Treasury shares reissued	-	1,001	(869)	(132)	-	-	
Share-based compensation	-	-	1,323	-	-	1,323	
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-	-	11,403	11,403	
Dividends	-	-	-	-	(9,911)	(9,911)	
Balance at 31 March 2014	265,332	(2,544)	855	(24,452)	18,582	257,773	
Balance at 1 January 2014	265,332	(1,656)	617	(24,320)	15,674	255,647	
Purchase of treasury shares	-	(913)	-	-	-	(913)	
Treasury shares reissued	-	25	107	(132)	-	-	
Share-based compensation	-	-	131	-	-	131	
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	-	-	-	2,908	2,908	
Balance at 31 March 2014	265,332	(2,544)	855	(24,452)	18,582	257,773	
Balance at 1 April 2012	221,129	-	-	(24,320)	13,372	210,181	
Issue of shares pursuant to listing	46,200	-	-	-	-	46,200	
Placement and listing expenses	(1,997)	-		-	-	(1,997)	
Share-based compensation	-	-	401	-		401	
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-	-	16,300	16,300	
Dividends	-	-	-	-	(12,582)	(12,582)	
Balance at 31 March 2013	265,332	-	401	(24,320)	17,090	258,503	
Balance at 1 January 2013	264,632	-	301	(24,320)	14,130	254,743	
Issue of shares pursuant to listing	700	-	-	-	-	700	
Share-based compensation	-	-	100	-	-	100	
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	-	-	-	2,960	2,960	
Balance at 31 March 2013	265,332	-	401	(24,320)	17,090	258,503	

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.

There were no new shares issued in the twelve months ended 31 March 2014.

#### Treasury shares

During the year, the Company purchased 5,600,000 of its own shares for a total consideration of S\$3.5 million by way of market acquisition.

In the same period, 1,316,924 treasury shares were awarded under share based compensation. Total value of treasury shares awarded was \$1.0 million.

As at 31 March 2014, there are 4,283,076 shares held as treasury shares. The total number of issued shares excluding treasury shares is 555,716,924 (31 March 2013: 560,000,000).

1(d)(iii) To show the total number of issued shares excluding treasury shares as at end of the current financial period and as at the end of the immediately preceding year.

	31 March 2014	31 Mar 2013
Total number of issued shares excluding treasury shares	555,716,924	560,000,000

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.

	31 March 2014	31 Mar 2013
Number of treasury shares awarded under share based compensation	1,316,924	-

# 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 Group'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.

The accounting policies adopted and methods of computation applied are consistent with those used in the recently audited financial statements of the Group 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.

#### Interpretations and amendments to published standards effective in 2013

On 1 April 2013, the Group adopted the new or amended FRS and Interpretations to FRS ("INT FRS") that are mandatory for application for the financial year. Changes to the Group's accounting policies have been made as required, in accordance with the transitional provisions in the respective FRS and INT FRS.

The adoption of these new or amended FRS and INT FRS did not result in substantial changes to the Group's and Company's accounting policies and had no material effect on the amounts for the current or prior financial years.

#### Amendment to FRS 1 Presentation of Items of Other Comprehensive Income

The Group has adopted the amendment to FRS 1 Presentation of Items of Other Comprehensive Income on 1 April 2013. The amendment is applicable for annual periods beginning on or after 1 July 2012 (with early adoption permitted). It requires items presented in other comprehensive income to be separated into two groups, based on whether or not they may be recycled to profit or loss in the future.

#### FRS 113 Fair Value Measurements

FRS 113 aims to improve consistency and reduce complexity by providing a precise definition of fair value and a single source of fair value measurement and disclosure requirements for use across FRSs. The requirements do not extend the use of fair value accounting but provide guidance on how it should be applied where its use is already required or permitted by other standards within FRSs.

The adoption of FRS 113 does not have any material impact on the accounting policies of the Group. The Group has incorporated the additional disclosures required by FRS 113 into the financial statements.

# 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.

	Group			
	Q4 Q4 YTD Ma			4 YTD Mar13
	FY13/14	FY12/13	FY13/14	FY12/13
(a) Basic earnings per share (cents)	1.43	2.26	5.08	7.85
(b) Fully diluted earnings per share (cents)	1.42	2.25	5.08	7.83

#### Explanatory notes

Basic earnings per share is calculated by dividing the Group's profit after tax attributable to shareholders by the weighted average ordinary shares during the three months ended 31 March 2014 and the same period last year of 550,113,945 and 560,000,000 respectively. The weighted average ordinary shares for the twelve months ended 31 March 2014 and the same period last year were 556,777,904 and 527,500,000 respectively.

In 2013, the Company granted certain key management personnel with Courts Share Appreciation Rights ("SAR") to motivate them to drive the long term success of the Company and to enhance shareholder returns. Under the SAR plan, each SAR represents the right to receive fully paid ordinary shares of the Company with zero exercise price. In the event that the market value of the share at the point of time of exercise is equal or less than the grant value, no shares will be awarded to the key management personnel. Estimated total number of outstanding shares under the SAR plan as at 31 March 2014 is 1,223,817 (31 March 2013: 1,223,817).

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.

#### Explanatory notes (continued)

In November 2013, Courts Asia FY1314 Strategic Deferred Share Award ("DSA") under Courts Asia Performance Share Plan has been granted to Selected Top Management. An initial award of 2,033,000 shares has been granted and each share represents a fully paid share. Out of the total initial award, 1,259,900 has been vested and awarded through reissuance of Treasury Shares. Total outstanding shares under DSA plan as at 31 March 2014 is 1,005,100.

Diluted earnings per share is calculated by dividing the Group's profit after tax attributable to shareholders by the weighted average ordinary shares during the three months ended 31 March 2014 and the same period last year of 551,119,045 and 561,223,817 respectively. The weighted average ordinary shares for the twelve months ended 31 March 2014 and the same period last year were 557,196,696 and 528,723,817 respectively.

- 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.

	Group	
	31 Mar 2014 31 Mar 2013	
Net asset value per ordinary share (cents)	53.8	51.7

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.

#### Group Income Statement – Year Ended 31 March 2014

#### <u>Sales</u>

The Group's sales of \$830.3 million for FY13/14 was 4.6% or \$36.5 million higher compared to FY12/13.

Singapore's sales, which contributed to 68% of the Group's sales, registered a 4.4% increase in FY13/14. The increase was mainly due to higher bulk sales of digital products and higher electrical sales contributed by air systems and major white categories. Sales were boosted by 2 new stores, JEM and Westgate, which opened in June 2013 and December 2013 respectively.

Malaysia's sales, which contributed to 32% of the Group's sales, increased by 5.1% (7.7% in RM term) in FY13/14 compared to FY12/13. Growth was mainly attributable to higher credit sales from a successful credit campaign launched during the year. The opening of 6 new stores also contributed to overall growth.

#### Gross profit

Gross profit increased by 2.4% or \$5.9 million whilst gross profit margin decreased from 31.5% in FY12/13 to 30.9% in FY13/14. This was mainly due to the shift in the Group's sales mix towards the electrical category and increased bulk sales of digital products, both carry a lower margin. The decrease was partially offset by higher service charge income in Malaysia.

#### Other income and other gains - net

Other income and other gains - net decreased by \$2.2 million or 34.1% mainly due to a write back of impairment on overdue debtors in Malaysia and Singapore in FY12/13, there was no such write back in FY13/14.

#### Distribution and marketing expenses

Distribution and marketing expenses increased from \$61.9 million in FY12/13 to \$63.7 million in FY13/14. The increase was mainly due to additional cost incurred in distribution cost due to migrating to a new third party logistic service provider in Malaysia, partially offset by lower advertising spend in Malaysia. As a percentage of sales, distribution and marketing expenses decreased marginally from 7.8% in FY12/13 to 7.7% in FY13/14.

#### Administrative expenses

Administrative expenses for the year were \$136.4 million, an increase of \$10.3 million from FY12/13 of \$126.1 million. The increase was mainly due to higher impairment allowance on trade receivables of \$1.4 million arising from higher credit portfolio and higher occupancy costs such as branches' rental costs and depreciation amounting to \$8.1 million attributable to the opening of new stores in Singapore and Malaysia.

#### Finance expenses

Finance expenses increased by \$4.9 million from \$17.5 million in FY12/13 to \$22.4 million in FY13/14, mainly due to higher interest on borrowings, which increased from \$15.8 million in FY12/13 to \$19.5 million in FY13/14. The increase arose from the \$125 million fixed rate notes, partially offset by lower interest expense from the Asset Securitisation Loan resulting from loan repayment in Singapore. The increase was also due to an unrealized exchange loss captured in Malaysia's books arising from a Singapore dollar denominated inter-company loan.

#### Income tax expense

The tax expense of \$9.7 million for FY13/14 was based on taxable profit from Singapore and Malaysia operations. The effective tax rate for FY13/14 was higher than the Singapore statutory tax rate mainly due to non-tax deductible expenses and higher profit contribution from Malaysia which is subject to a higher corporate tax rate.

#### Group Balance Sheet – As at 31 March 2014

#### Trade and other receivables

The Group's trade and other receivables (current and non-current) increased by 9.4% from \$446.3 million as at 31 March 2013 to \$488.2 million as at 31 March 2014 due to increase in credit sales.

Allowance for impairment of trade receivables as at 31 March 2014 was \$23.5 million, representing 4.3% of trade receivables, as compared to \$22.2 million as at 31 March 2013, which represents 4.4% of trade receivables.

#### **Inventories**

The Group's inventories increased from \$73.1 million to \$89.8 million due to opening of new stores in Singapore and Malaysia and additional stock up to support new retail initiatives in Malaysia.

#### Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment increased from \$22.5 million to \$28.9 million mainly due to additions for new stores in both Singapore and Malaysia such as renovations and fittings, partially offset by the depreciation charge.

#### Intangible assets

Intangible assets increased marginally from \$23.7 million as at 31 March 2013 to \$23.9 million as at 31 March 2014. It comprises of trademark and computer software costs and licenses.

#### Trade and other payables

The Group's trade and other payables (current and non-current) decreased by 1.6% from \$129.7 million as at 31 March 2013 to \$127.6 million as at 31 March 2014 due to shorter average payment terms to suppliers.

#### Borrowings

The total borrowings of \$308.0 million (31 March 2013: \$224.3 million) represent the amount received from the issue of fixed rate notes, the Asset Securitisation Programme 2012 in Singapore, Syndicated Senior Loan in Malaysia and finance lease liabilities. The increase was mainly due to net proceeds from the fixed rate notes issue of \$125 million and net proceeds from both Asset Securitisation Programme 2012 and Syndicated Senior Loan. This was partially offset by full repayment of HSBC term loan of \$13.8 million and partial repayment of the Asset Securitisation Programme of \$41.1 million in Singapore.

#### Deferred income tax assets/liabilities

The deferred income tax assets as at 31 Mar 2014 arose mainly from future deductible expenses net of deferred tax liabilities on intangible assets. The decline as at 31 Mar 2014 is mainly due to realisation of the deferred tax assets on deductible expenses recognised in prior years.

#### Cash and bank balances

Cash and bank balances were at \$115.0 million as at 31 March 2014 (31 March 2013: \$89.0 million). The increase was mainly due to proceeds from the issue of fixed rate notes of \$125 million offset by repayment of term loan and Asset Securitisation Programme, cashflow used in operating activities, payment of dividends of \$9.9 million and capital expenditure incurred for new stores and refurbishment of existing stores totaling \$18.5 million during the twelve months ended 31 March 2014.

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

Statement / plans outlined previously (as per note 10 of Q3 FY13/14 announcement) have been completed or are on track as planned.

# 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.

Singapore's on-going economic restructuring is likely to weigh on growth, as the Government's tighter restriction on foreign labour exerts upward pressure on labour costs. Market sentiment of the residential property sector in Singapore has been more subdued following the implementation of various property cooling measures. At the same time, with Singapore having the highest level of household borrowing relative to gross domestic product (GDP) in Asia at 77 percent, rising from around 64 percent in 2007<sup>1</sup>, the MAS Debt Servicing framework for property loans, Total Debt Servicing Ratio (TDSR), where total debt of borrowers cannot be more than 60% of their income, was implemented in June last year to curb consumer spending<sup>2</sup>. As a result, GDP is expected to post a modest growth of 2% to 4% this year<sup>3</sup>, compared to 4.1% in 2013.<sup>4</sup> Meanwhile, retail sales were also lacklustre, declining 3.9% year-on-year in March. Even excluding motor vehicle, retail sales still dipped 0.4%.<sup>5</sup>

In Malaysia, the GDP is expected to grow between 5% and 5.5% in 2014, marginally higher than the 4.7% in 2013.<sup>6</sup> Despite improving economic outlook, consumer sentiments were dampened by rising inflation in the country, driven by higher fuel and grocery prices due to cuts in government subsidies.<sup>7</sup> Consumer prices rose 3.5% in March from a year earlier, the fastest pace since June 2011.<sup>8</sup> At the same time, a range of regulatory measures aimed at tempering household borrowing and property lending were implemented in view of Malaysia's high household debt, which reached 86.8% of gross domestic product (GDP) at end-2013.<sup>9</sup> This has had an impact on the retail industry, with consumer discretionary spending projected to grow at a slower pace as households increase savings rate.<sup>4</sup>

Despite a downgrade in the projected GDP growth from 5.5%-5.9% to 5.1%-5.5% in Indonesia, consumer sentiments remain largely optimistic.<sup>10</sup> This could be seen in the robust retail sales in March, which grew 25.1% year-on-year, faster than the 18.8% in February. According to a Bank of Indonesia survey, this would accelerate further to 27.8% in April, partially due to the legislative election in the country.<sup>11</sup>

The operating environment in Singapore and Malaysia remain difficult in the near term, given the economic adjustments that are taking place in the two countries. However, we are more sanguine in the medium term as we see a few positive developments on the horizon.

In Singapore, the expected increase in completion of HDB flats in 2014 and 2015 should boost demand for home furnishings and electronics. The Government is expected to deliver 28,000 HDB units this year, which is more than double the 13,600 units completed in 2013.<sup>12</sup>

In Malaysia, we have opened our second 'Big Box' Megastore in Subang Jaya in January 2014. This should begin to contribute more meaningfully to the Group's revenue and profit this financial year. We are also on track to roll out one new store in Kuala Krai, Kelantan in Q1 of FY14/15, while simultaneously exploring other expansion opportunities.

Our flagship store in Indonesia would be opening by September 2014. We plan to have three stores operational during 2015.

Meanwhile, the Group continues to look into various other opportunities in the region.

Barring any unforeseen circumstances, the Group expects to remain profitable in FY14/15.

<sup>3</sup> Singapore's ongoing restructuring efforts to weigh on GDP growth: MAS – The Straits Times, 29 April 2014

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> CNBC, July 14, 2013

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> MAS, June 2013

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> MINISTRY OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY, 14 April 2014

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> S'pore retail sales dip 4% on-month in March – Channel News Asia, 15 May 2014

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Moderate outlook for Asean-5 economies – The Star, 3 May, 2014

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Consumer confidence in M'sia below global average: Nielsen – The Star, 30 April 2014

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Policy may need adjustment after rate kept steady – New Straits Times, 8 May 2014

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> The Edge Financial Daily, on March 25, 2014.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Indonesia holds rates steady, slashes 2014 growth outlook – Business Times, May 9, 2014

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Retail sales rise in March as consumption remains robust – The Jakarta Post, 14 May 2014

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> 28,000 new HDB flats next year: Khaw – Today, September 6, 2013

### 11. Dividend

#### (a) Current Financial Period Reported On

Any dividend declared for the current financial period reported on? Yes.

Name of dividend	Interim	Proposed Final
Dividend Type	Cash	Cash
Dividend Amount per Share (in cent)	0.76 cent per ordinary share*	0.76 cent per ordinary share^
Tax Rate	Tax exempt (one tier)	Tax exempt (one tier)

\* Interim dividend per ordinary share was based on 560 million shares calculated as at 30 September 2013 and is derived from 30% of net profit after tax for first half FY13/14.

^ Proposed final dividend per ordinary share was based on 555,716,924 shares (excludes treasury shares) as at 31 March 2014 and is derived from 30% of net profit after tax for second half FY13/14.

#### (b) Corresponding Period of the Immediately Preceding Financial Year

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

Name of dividend	Interim	Proposed Final
Dividend Type	Cash	Cash
Dividend Amount per Share (in cent)	6.29 cent per ordinary share*	1.01 cent per ordinary share^
Tax Rate	Tax exempt (one tier)	Tax exempt (one tier)

\* Interim dividend per ordinary share was based on 200 million shares calculated before the consolidation and sub-division that took place on 1 October 2012.

^ Proposed final dividend per ordinary share was based on 560 million shares as at 31 March 2013 and is derived from 30% of net profit after tax for second half year.

#### (c) Date payable

The proposed final dividend will be paid on 19 August 2014 subject to shareholders' approval.

#### (d) Books closure date

The Transfer Books and Register of Members of the Company will be closed on 8 August 2014 for the purpose of determining members' entitlements to the proposed dividends. Accordingly, registrable transfers received by the Company's Share Registrar, Tricor Barbinder Share Registration Services (a business division of Tricor Singapore Pte Ltd) at 80 Robinson Road, #02-00 Singapore 068898, up to 5.00 pm on 7 August 2014 will be registered before entitlements to the dividend are determined.

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

Not applicable.

#### ADDITIONAL REQUIRED FOR FULL YEAR ANNOUNCEMENT (This part is not applicable to Q1, Q2 Q3 or Half Year Results)

# 13. Segmented revenue and results for business segments or geographical segments (of the group) in the form presented in the issuers' most recent audited financial statements, with comparative information for the immediately preceding year.

Management has determined the operating segments based on the reports reviewed by the Regional Executive Committee ("Exco") which are used to make strategic decisions. The Exco comprises the Regional Chief Executive Officer, the Regional Chief Financial Officer, the Regional Chief Information and Credit Officer, the Regional Chief Talent Officer, Regional Chief Operating Officer and the regional heads of each business.

The Exco considers the business from a geographic segment perspective. Management manages and monitors the business in the two primary geographic areas, Singapore and Malaysia. Operations in Singapore and Malaysia are essentially similar and consist principally of the retailing of household furniture, furnishings, home appliances and information technology products.

Segmented revenue and results for business segments:

FY13/14	<u>Singapore</u> \$'000	<u>Malaysia</u> \$'000	<u>Indonesia</u> \$'000	Consolidated \$'000
Sales				
- External sales	567,165	263,098	-	830,263
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Segment results	28,542	28,377	(877)	56,042
Other income and other gains - net				4,310
Finance expense				(22,351)
Profit before income tax				38,001
Income tax expense				(9,691)
Total profit				28,310
Other segment items				
Depreciation and amortisation	6,884	5,676	51	12,611
Amortisation of deferred income	(2,202)	(2,174)	-	(4,376)

# 13. Segmented revenue and results for business segments or geographical segments (of the group) in the form presented in the issuers' most recent audited financial statements, with comparative information for the immediately preceding year.

Segmented revenue and results for business segments: (continued)

FY13/14	Singapore \$'000	<u>Malaysia</u> \$'000	<u>Indonesia</u> \$'000	Elimination \$'000	Consolidated \$'000
Segment assets Unallocated assets	521,154	366,588	10,897	(188,177)	710,462
- Fixed deposits					35,139
- Current income tax recoverable Total consolidated assets					1,106 746,707
Segment assets includes:					
Additions to:					
- property, plant and equipment	7,379	10,038	1,091	-	18,508
- intangible assets	581	893	-	-	1,474
Segment liabilities Unallocated liabilities	170,243	89,188	841	(125,667)	) 134,605
- Current income tax liabilities					4,105
- Deferred income tax liabilities					1,178
- Borrowings Total consolidated liabilities					308,031 447,919
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FY12/13	<u>Singapore</u> \$'000	<u>Malaysia</u> \$'000	<u>Consolidated</u> \$'000
Sales			
- External sales	543,386	250,382	793,768
Segment results	43,146	19,127	62,273
Other income and other gains - net			6,541
Finance expense			(17,451)
Profit before income tax			51,363
Income tax expense			(9,958)
Total profit			41,405
Other segment items			
Depreciation and amortisation	5,472	4,276	9,748
Amortisation of deferred income	(2,015)	(1,626)	(3,641)

13. Segmented revenue and results for business segments or geographical segments (of the group) in the form presented in the issuers' most recent audited financial statements, with comparative information for the immediately preceding year.

Segmented revenue and results for business segments: (continued)

FY12/13	<u>Singapore</u> \$'000	<u>Malaysia</u> \$'000	Elimination \$'000	<u>Consolidated</u> \$'000
Segment assets Unallocated assets	458,575	314,486	(124,944)	648,117
- Deferred income tax assets				1,284
- Fixed deposits				6,478
- Current income tax recoverable				1,744
Total consolidated assets				657,623
Segment assets includes:				
Additions to:				
- property, plant and equipment	9,007	6,324	-	15,331
- intangible assets	965	706	-	1,671
Segment liabilities Unallocated liabilities	105,659	56,203	(23,616)	138,246
- Current income tax liabilities				5,590
- Borrowings				224,312
Total consolidated liabilities				368,148

### 14. A breakdown of sales

		FY 13/14 S\$'000	FY 12/13 S\$'000	Change %
(a)	Sales reported for first half year	420,014	409,730	2.5
(b)	Net profit after tax reported for first half year	14,202	22,601	(37.2)
(c)	Sales reported for second half year	410,249	384,038	6.8
(d)	Net profit after tax reported for second half year	14,108	18,804	(25.0)

#### 15. Interested Person Transactions

There were no interested person transactions during the financial year ended 31 March 2014.

# 16. A breakdown of total annual dividend (in dollar value) for the issuer's latest full year and its previous full year

Ordinary dividends paid:	FY13/14 \$'000	FY12/13 \$'000
Interim exempt dividends of 0.76 cents (2013: 6.29 cents) per share	4,255	12,582
paid in respective financial year Final exempt dividends of 1.01 cents per share paid in respect of prior financial year	5,656	-
	9,911	12,582

17. 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(11) in the format below. If there are no such persons, the issuer must make an appropriate negative statement.

Not applicable.

For and on behalf of the **Board of Directors of Courts Asia Limited** 

Terence Donald O'Connor Chief Executive Officer 29 May 2014 Kee Kim Eng Chief Financial Officer