

PRESS RELEASE

CSE's 2Q2019 operating profit jumps 25.7% yoy to S\$6.3 million on the back of higher revenue and margins

- Core performance strengthened, with higher new orders received of S\$106.3 million
- Declared tax-exempt one-tier interim dividend of 1.25 cents per ordinary share
- On a full fiscal year basis, the Group is committed to delivering profit growth yoy for FY2019.

Singapore, 14 August 2019 – CSE Global Limited ("**CSE**" or the "**Group**") announced today its financial results for the three months ended 30 June 2019 ("**2Q2019**").

S\$'000	2Q2019	2Q2018	Change (%)	1H2019	1H2018	Change (%)
Revenue	99,900	92,132	8.4	185,264	184,304	0.5
Gross profit	27,786	24,822	11.9	51,475	49,527	3.9
Operating profit	6,283	5,000	25.7	12,056	11,337	6.3
Profit after tax and NCI (PAT)	4,489	4,321	3.9	10,218	10,023	1.9
Gross profit margin (%)	27.8	26.9	+90bps	27.8	26.9	+90bps
Net profit margin (%)	4.5	4.7	-20bps	5.5	5.4	+10bps
Cash generated from/(used in) operations	595	27,891	(97.9)	6,191	22,564	(72.6)
New orders received	106,345	89,138	19.3	193,860	158,087	22.6

Financial Highlights

The Group's revenue was 8.4% higher year-on-year ("**yoy**") at S\$99.9 million, driven by higher revenue achieved in the Asia Pacific and the Americas. Gross profit and gross profit margins improved by 11.9% and 0.9 percentage points respectively, resulting a 25.7% growth in operating profit as compared to 2Q2018. The Group's net profit rose by 3.9% yoy to S\$4.5 million in 2Q2019 as the effective tax rate increased from 16.2% in 2Q2018 to 27.7% in 2Q2019.

New orders received also grew by 19.3% yoy to S\$106.3 million, mainly driven by new orders from greenfield projects and brownfield projects, bringing the outstanding order book to S\$188.1 million.

As at 30 June 2019, the Group's balance sheet remained healthy with a net cash position of S\$8.6 million.

Commenting on the Group's results, Mr. Lim Boon Kheng, Group Managing Director of CSE, said, "The Group delivered a solid set of results for 2Q2019, attributable to growth in its key markets of exposure and stronger performance in its respective business segments. Forward-looking, the focus shall continue to be on expanding its geographical footprints as well as acquiring synergistic and complementary businesses. On a full fiscal year basis, we are committed to delivering year-on-year profit growth for the Group."

The directors are pleased to declare a tax-exempt one-tier interim dividend of 1.25 cents per ordinary share. The payment of the interim dividend will be paid on 13th September 2019.



About CSE Global Limited ("CSE"):

Listed on Singapore Exchange since 1999, CSE Global Limited is a global technologies company with an international presence spanning the Americas, Asia Pacific, Europe, Middle East and Africa. The Group has now more than 1,000 employees worldwide, and operates a network of 39 offices across the globe, generating more than 95 percent of its revenues outside its home market. In line with global ambitions, the Group has adopted the ISO 9001 Quality Management System as certified by Lloyd's Register Quality Assurance (LRQA) and DNV. The CSE Group of companies has been very successful in offering cost-effective, totally integrated solutions to industries in the Oil & Gas, Infrastructure and Mining sectors. CSE has a consistent profit track and a management that is focused on operational excellence to achieve sustainable profit growth and enhance shareholder returns.

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