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Hanwell charts new growth with acquisition of established food distributor C.K.H. Food Trading and 123 Mart



SINGAPORE – 31 December 2021 - Hanwell Holdings Limited (“**Hanwell**” or the “**Company**”), a leading manufacturer and distributor of fast-moving consumer goods and essentials, today announced the acquisition of 40,000 ordinary shares or 80% of the issued and paid-up share capital of C.K.H. Food Trading Pte Ltd (“**C.K.H.**”) and 123 Mart Pte. Ltd. (“**123 Mart**”) at a total consideration of S\$3.3 million. The acquisition is effective 1 January 2022.

C.K.H. is a leading food distributor that supplies a wide variety of food products to close to 1,500 food and beverage establishments in Singapore while 123 Mart is a budget-friendly grocery minimart. Hanwell is purchasing shares from the founder of C.K.H. and 123 Mart, Mr Chua Kheng Hwee, who will own the remaining 20% of the issued and paid-up share capital of C.K.H. and 123 Mart.

Commenting on the acquisition, Chief Executive Officer Mr Henry Chu said, “The acquisition of C.K.H. Food Trading marks a significant step in the expansion of the Group’s distribution channels and brings various synergies into Hanwell’s business. C.K.H. has a strong customer base of close to 1,500 food and beverage establishments, as well as wholesale and retail points. Together with its reputation for high quality, reliability and price competitiveness, Hanwell can benefit from tapping into this network and cross-selling our products to the customers here.”

“The acquisition also gives Hanwell the opportunity to combine resources with C.K.H. and reap synergies. Hanwell already has a good base of products and assets in various business segments. Putting our logistical capabilities and operational strengths together, we will be able to achieve greater economies of scale and accelerate our growth in these segments,” Mr Chu added.

Established in 2004, C.K.H. is a leading and well-trusted food distribution company that specialises in supplying a variety of food products to various food and beverage establishments on a daily basis. Over 200 food products are distributed to close to 1,500 establishments and channels including wholesalers, e-commerce platforms such as Shopee, Lazada, Qoo10, Amazon, its website www.ckhfoodtrading.com, and 123 Mart. Its business is supported by a warehousing facility and a fleet of delivery trucks.

Founder of C.K.H., Mr Chua Kheng Hwee said, “This acquisition by Hanwell is a vote of confidence on the business which I have built over the last 17 years. C.K.H. Food Trading has grown from a niche player to one of Singapore’s most trusted food distribution companies for the consistent quality and reliability of our deliveries to many food and beverage establishments and distribution points. I believe the acquisition creates a win-win situation for both companies as Hanwell can leverage on our food service distribution reach and we will also be able to ride on Hanwell’s professional management experience, distribution expertise, operational assets and branding to expand our business.”

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About Hanwell Holdings Limited

Established in 1974, Hanwell Holdings is a homegrown consumer essentials provider that manufactures, distributes and markets a diverse range of quality consumer products.

Some of its well-known household brands include Royal Umbrella rice, Golden Peony rice, Golden Circle Oil, Fortune Food, and Beautex. Its distribution reach covers all major supermarkets/hypermarkets, convenience stores, minimarts, e-commerce, food service, and commercial industries.

Leveraging on its experience and core competencies, the Group continues to focus on driving strategic investments and partnerships, innovative product development to grow new markets and continue to contribute positively to its community and stakeholders.

Founded as Provisions Suppliers Corporation, it changed its name to PSC Corporation Ltd in 2003, and underwent a rebranding in 2012 to become Hanwell Holdings.

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