## LEE METAL GROUP LTD

REG. No. 198205439 C

## Third Quarter and Nine Months Financial Statements And Dividend Announcement

1(a)(i) The Board of Directors of Lee Metal Group Ltd is pleased to announce the unaudited results of the Group for the Third Quarter and Nine Months ended 30 Sep 2014.

INCOME STATEMENT FOR THIRD QUARTER AND NINE MONTHS ENDED 30 SEP 2014


STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THIRD QUARTER AND NINE MONTHS ENDED 30 SEP 2014

|  | 3rd Qtr ended 30 Sep |  |  | Nine Months ended 30 Sep |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2014 | 2013 | +/(-) | 2014 | 2013 | +/(-) |
|  | \$'000 | \$'000 | \% | \$'000 | \$'000 | \% |
| Profit attributable to equity holders of the Company | 5,055 | 9,359 | (46.0\%) | 28,415 | 28,174 | 0.9\% |
| Other comprehensive income (Item that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss):- |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| - Foreign currency translation reserve | 491 | (139) | n.m | 137 | 902 | (84.8\%) |
| Total comprehensive income attributable to equity holders of the Company | 5,546 | 9,220 | (39.8\%) | 28,552 | 29,076 | (1.8\%) |

1(a)(ii) Notes to the Income Statement
A) Other operating income comprises the following:

- Bad debts recovered
- (Loss)/gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment, net
- Commission income
- (Loss)/gain on disposal of unquoted equity investment
- Rental income
- Sundry income

| 3rd Qtr ended 30 Sep |  |  | Nine Months ended 30 Sep |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2014 | 2013 | +/(-) | 2014 | 2013 | +/(-) |
| \$'000 | \$'000 | \% | \$'000 | \$'000 | \% |
| - | - | n.m | - | 1,042 | (100.0\%) |
| (4) | - | n.m | 20 | - | n.m |
| 117 | 14 | 735.7\% | 190 | 46 | 313.0\% |
| - | (1) | (100.0\%) | - | 233 | (100.0\%) |
| 512 | - | n.m | 1,535 | - | n.m |
| 39 | - | n.m | 102 | 2 | 5000.0\% |
| 664 | 13 | 5007.7\% | 1,847 | 1,323 | 39.6\% |

B) Employee benefits expense increased by $39.0 \%$ in 3rd Quarter 2014 and $4.6 \%$ in nine months ended 30 Sep 2014 mainly due to increase in headcount and foreign worker levy in line with higher value-added activities in the Fabrication \& Manufacturing business.
C) Depreciation and amortisation expense increased by $54.9 \%$ in 3rd Quarter 2014 and 50.8\% in nine months ended 30 Sep 2014 due to higher capital expenditure in the Fabrication \& Manufacturing business and acquisition of investment properties in October 2013.
D) Insurance, freight and transportation increased by $65.4 \%$ in 3rd Quarter 2014 and $44.0 \%$ in nine months ended 30 Sep 2014 due to the increase in value-added activities in the Fabrication \& Manufacturing business.
E) Rental and utilities increased by $27.4 \%$ in 3rd Quarter 2014 and $21.4 \%$ in nine months ended 30 Sep 2014 mainly due to additional storage space for increased inventory level in Singapore and higher utilities in line with higher value-added activities in the Fabrication \& Manufacturing business.
F) Repair and maintenance increased by $31.8 \%$ in 3rd Quarter 2014 and $29.8 \%$ in nine months ended 30 Sep 2014 due to higher costs incurred for upkeeping and servicing of more machineries and motor vehicles.
G) Other operating expenses include:

- Outsourcing of labour
- Worker's dormitories and related costs

| 3rd Qtr ended 30 Sep |  |  | Nine Months ended 30 Sep |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2014 | 2013 | +/(-) | 2014 | 2013 | +/(-) |
| \$'000 | \$'000 | \% | \$'000 | \$'000 | \% |
| 816 | 775 | 5.3\% | 2,137 | 2,379 | (10.2\%) |
| 368 | 290 | 26.9\% | 1,053 | 856 | 23.0\% |
| 472 | 295 | 60.0\% | 1,076 | 852 | 26.3\% |
| 328 | 234 | 40.2\% | 953 | 738 | 29.1\% |
| 123 | 146 | (15.8\%) | 353 | 493 | (28.4\%) |
| 121 | 93 | 30.1\% | 242 | 365 | (33.7\%) |
| 106 | 125 | (15.2\%) | 354 | 366 | (3.3\%) |
| 119 | 141 | (15.6\%) | 434 | 410 | 5.9\% |
| 175 | 70 | 150.0\% | 439 | 266 | 65.0\% |
| (35) | 1,303 | (102.7\%) | 305 | 1,083 | (71.8\%) |
| 3 | - | n.m | 3 | 179 | (98.3\%) |
| - | 1 | (100.0\%) | - | 33 | (100.0\%) |
| 488 | 401 | 21.7\% | 1,399 | 1,244 | 12.5\% |
| 3,084 | 3,874 | (20.4\%) | 8,748 | 9,264 | (5.6\%) |

H) Financial expense increased by 6.0\% in 3rd Quarter 2014 and $11.7 \%$ in nine months ended 30 Sep 2014 mainly due to acquisition of investment properties in October 2013, financing of machineries under hire purchase arrangement and financing of higher inventory level.
I) Share of results of associate for nine months ended 30 Sep 2014 was S $\$ 11.2 \mathrm{~m}$ due to the share of profit of our joint venture executive condominium project, Austville Residences, which obtained Temporary Occupation Permit (TOP) in 2nd Quarter 2014.
J) n.m means not meaningful

|  | Group |  | Company |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 30.09.2014 | 31.12.2013 | 30.09.2014 | 31.12.2013 |
| Notes | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 |
|  | 39,631 | 38,365 | 4,561 | 4,809 |
|  | 16,631 | 17,558 | - |  |
|  | - |  | 20,490 | 20,490 |
| 1 | 11,618 | 437 | - |  |
|  | 595 | 642 | 230 | 240 |
|  | 68,475 | 57,002 | 25,281 | 25,539 |
| 2 | 181,419 | 156,948 | - |  |
| 3 | 79,900 | 71,339 | - |  |
|  | 539 | 539 | 11 | 8 |
|  | 585 | 1,093 | 19 | 3 |
|  | 183 | 409 | - |  |
|  | - | - | 12,566 | 17,395 |
| 4 | 10,782 | 16,349 | - |  |
|  | 22,270 | 65,219 | 13,500 | 16,100 |
|  | 62,264 | 49,950 | 257 | 764 |
|  | 357,942 | 361,846 | 26,353 | 34,270 |
|  | 426,417 | 418,848 | 51,634 | 59,809 |

## EQUITY AND LIABILITIES

## Current liabilities

Trade payables
Bills payable to banks (secured)
Other payables and accruals
Advance payment from customers
Provision for onerous contracts
Hire purchase creditors
Bank term loans (secured)
Income tax payable

## Net current assets

| 2 | 5,942 | 24,015 | 25 | - |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 | 183,923 | 163,230 | - | - |
| 5 | 10,286 | 14,975 | 438 | 454 |
| 6 | 12,593 | 7,764 | - |  |
|  | 6,645 | 6,645 | - |  |
|  | 4,454 | 4,326 | - |  |
|  | 3,370 | 3,370 | - | - |
|  | 6,141 | 9,384 | 501 | 479 |
|  | 233,354 | 233,709 | 964 | 933 |
|  | 124,588 | 128,137 | 25,389 | 33,337 |
|  | 11,480 | 14,435 | - |  |
|  | 7,941 | 10,468 | - | - |
|  | 184 | 144 | 281 | 242 |
|  | 19,605 | 25,047 | 281 | 242 |
|  | 252,959 | 258,756 | 1,245 | 1,175 |
|  | 173,458 | 160,092 | 50,389 | 58,634 |

Equity attributable to equity holders of the Company

| Share capital | $\mathbf{4 6 , 4 7 3}$ | 46,473 | $\mathbf{4 6 , 4 7 3}$ | 46,473 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Retained earnings | $\mathbf{1 3 4 , 1 9 2}$ | 120,963 | $\mathbf{3 , 9 1 6}$ | 12,161 |
| Foreign currency translation reserve | $\mathbf{( 7 , 2 0 7 )}$ | $(7,344)$ | - | - |
|  | $\mathbf{1 7 3 , 4 5 8}$ | 160,092 | $\mathbf{5 0 , 3 8 9}$ | 58,634 |

Non-current liabilities
Hire purchase creditors
Bank term loans (secured)
Deferred tax liabilities

Total liabilities

## Net assets

## 1(b)(ii) Notes to the Statements of Financial Position

1) Investment in associate increased by $\$ 11.2 \mathrm{~m}$ due to the share of profit of associate following the completion of our joint venture executive condominium project, Austville Residences, which obtained Temporary Occupation Permit (TOP) in 2nd Quarter 2014.
2) Inventories increased by $\$ 24.5 \mathrm{~m}$ due to higher stock position in both Fabrication \& Manufacturing business and Steel Merchandising business. Correspondingly, bills payable to banks increased but offset by decrease in trade payables.
3) Trade receivables increased by $\$ 8.6 \mathrm{~m}$ due to higher business volume for Fabrication \& Manufacturing business.
4) Loans to associate reduced by $\$ 5.6$ due to partial repayment of loan and interest.
5) Other payables and accruals decreased by $\$ 4.7 \mathrm{~m}$ mainly due to lower operating expenses accrued in 3rd Quarter 2014 compared to 31 December 2013.
6) Advance payment from customers increased by $\$ 4.8 \mathrm{~m}$ due to more advance payment received from customers of our Steel Merchandising business.

## 1(b)(iii) Group's borrowings and debt securities

Amount repayable in one year or less, or on demand

| As at 30.09.2014 |  | As at 31.12.2013 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Secured | Unsecured | Secured | Unsecured |
| $\$^{\prime} 000$ | $\$ \prime 000$ | \$'000 | $\$^{\prime} 000$ |
| 191,747 | - | 170,926 | - |

Amount repayable after one year

| As at 30.09.2014 |  | As at 31.12.2013 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Secured | Unsecured | Secured | Unsecured |
| $\$^{\prime} 000$ | $\$^{\prime} 000$ | $\$^{\prime} 000$ | $\$^{\prime} 000$ |
| 19,421 | - | 24,903 | - |

## Details of collateral

The Group's bills payable and bank term loan are secured by the following:
(a) corporate guarantees given by the Company and certain subsidiaries to the banks;
(b) letters of negative pledges on the assets of the Company and certain subsidiaries, with the exception of property, plant and equipment under hire purchase arrangements.
(c) a deed of charge and assignment of inventories, charge over fixed deposits and floating charge over trade receivables.
(d) the bank term loans are secured by legal mortgages over the leasehold investment properties of the Group with a net book value of $\$ 16.6 \mathrm{~m}$ as at 30 Sep 2014 (31 December 2013: \$17.6m).

|  | 3rd Qtr ended 30 Sep |  | Nine Months ended 30 Sep |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2014 | 2013 | 2014 | 2013 |
| Notes | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 |
| Operating activities |  |  |  |  |
| Profit before tax | 6,017 | 11,292 | 31,877 | 33,985 |
| Adjustments for: |  |  |  |  |
| Amortisation of club memberships | 16 | 24 | 47 | 32 |
| Depreciation of property, plant and equipment | 2,301 | 1,671 | 6,504 | 4,928 |
| Depreciation of investment properties | 309 |  | 927 | - |
| Property, plant and equipment written off | 3 |  | 3 | 179 |
| Loss/(gain) on disposal of property, plant and equipment, net | 4 | 1 | (20) | 33 |
| Loss on disposal of club memberships | - | 53 | - | 53 |
| Gain on disposal of unquoted equity investment | - | - | - | (234) |
| Interest expense | 967 | 912 | 2,846 | 2,549 |
| Interest income | (764) | (183) | $(1,180)$ | (595) |
| Net fair value (gain)/loss on forward exchange contracts | (252) | 1,370 | 226 | 809 |
| Foreign currency translation adjustments | 182 | 410 | (41) | 517 |
| Share of results of associate | (3) | 53 | $(11,180)$ | (17) |
| Operating cash flows before changes in working capital | 8,780 | 15,603 | 30,009 | 42,239 |
| (Increase)/decrease in: |  |  |  |  |
| Inventories | 10,840 | 14,706 | $(24,471)$ | $(9,387)$ |
| Trade receivables | $(6,159)$ | 3,845 | $(8,562)$ | 118 |
| Other receivables, deposits and prepayments | 473 | $(2,682)$ | 509 | $(7,555)$ |
| Increase/(decrease) in: |  |  |  |  |
| Trade payables | (229) | (781) | $(18,072)$ | $(44,373)$ |
| Other payables and accruals | 5,897 | $(4,036)$ | 139 | 9,532 |
| Cash flows from / (used in) operations | 19,602 | 26,655 | $(20,448)$ | $(9,426)$ |
| Interest paid | (967) | (912) | $(2,846)$ | $(2,549)$ |
| Interest received | 764 | 183 | 1,180 | 595 |
| Income taxes paid | $(2,843)$ | $(2,429)$ | $(6,665)$ | $(5,052)$ |
| Net cash flows from / (used in) operating activities 7 | 16,556 | 23,497 | $(28,779)$ | $(16,432)$ |
| Investing activities |  |  |  |  |
| Purchase of property, plant and equipment | $(2,377)$ | (989) | $(7,605)$ | $(4,368)$ |
| Purchase of club memberships | - | (344) | - | (430) |
| Proceeds from disposal of club memberships | - | 8 | - | 8 |
| Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment | - | 66 | 126 | 66 |
| Proceeds from disposal of unquoted equity investment | - | - | - | 234 |
| Decrease /(increase) in loans to associate | 5,922 | (173) | 5,567 | 1,572 |
| Net cash flows from / (used in) investing activities 8 | 3,545 | $(1,432)$ | $(1,912)$ | $(2,918)$ |
| Financing activities |  |  |  |  |
| Decrease / (increase) in fixed deposits - pledged | 5,234 | 8,694 | (1) | 8,983 |
| (Decrease) / increase in bills payable to banks (secured) | $(34,487)$ | $(18,399)$ | 20,694 | 42,775 |
| Repayment of bank term loans | (842) | - | $(2,527)$ | (551) |
| (Repayment of) / proceeds from hire purchase, net | $(1,004)$ | 2,841 | $(3,081)$ | 6,688 |
| Dividends paid on ordinary shares | $(2,373)$ | $(2,373)$ | $(15,186)$ | $(10,440)$ |
| Net cash flows (used in) / from financing activities 9 | $(33,472)$ | $(9,237)$ | (101) | 47,455 |
| Net (decrease) / increase in cash and cash equivalents | $(13,371)$ | 12,828 | $(30,792)$ | 28,105 |
| Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents | 299 | (543) | 156 | 348 |
| Cash \& cash equivalents at beginning of the period | 97,155 | 77,427 | 114,719 | 61,259 |
| Cash \& cash equivalents at end of the period 10 | 84,083 | 89,712 | 84,083 | 89,712 |

## 1(c)(i) Notes to the Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

7) Net cash flows from operating activities decreased by $\$ 6.9 \mathrm{~m}$ from $\$ 23.5 \mathrm{~m}$ to $\$ 16.6 \mathrm{~m}$ in 3rd Quarter 2014 mainly due to increase in trade receivables but offset partly by increase in other payables and accruals. Net cash flows used in operating activities increased by $\$ 12.4 \mathrm{~m}$ from $\$ 16.4 \mathrm{~m}$ to $\$ 28.8 \mathrm{~m}$ in the nine months ended 30 Sep 2014 mainly due to increase in inventories and trade receivables as well as decrease in trade payables.
8) Net cash flows from investing activities in 3rd Quarter 2014 was $\$ 3.5 \mathrm{~m}$ compared to net cash flows used in investing activities of S\$1.4m in 3rd Quarter 2013. For the nine months ended 30 Sep 2014, net cash flows used in investing activities decreased by $\$ 1.0 \mathrm{~m}$ from $\$ 2.9 \mathrm{~m}$ to $\$ 1.9 \mathrm{~m}$. These were mainly due to decrease in loans to associate and higher acquisition of new plant and equipment in the Fabrication \& Manufacturing business.
9) Net cash flows used in financing activities in 3rd Quarter 2014 increased by $\$ 24.3 \mathrm{~m}$ from $\$ 9.2 \mathrm{~m}$ to $\$ 33.5 \mathrm{~m}$ mainly due to decrease in bills payable to banks and repayment of hire purchase creditors and bank term loans. For the nine months ended 30 Sep 2014, net cash flows used in financing activities was $\$ 0.1 \mathrm{~m}$ compared to net cash flows from financing activities $\$ 47.5 \mathrm{~m}$. This was mainly due to higher dividends payment to shareholders, repayment of hire purchase creditors and bank term loans, but partially offset by the increase in bills payable to banks.
10) Cash and cash equivalents as at 3rd Quarter and Nine Months ended 30 Sep comprised the following:-

|  | $\mathbf{2 0 1 4}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 3}$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
|  | $\mathbf{\$ \prime 0 0 0}$ | $\$ \prime 000$ |
| Cash and bank balances | $\mathbf{6 2 , 2 6 4}$ | 69,415 |
| Fixed deposits | $\mathbf{2 2 , 2 7 0}$ | 24,007 |
| Less: Fixed deposits pledged | $\mathbf{( 4 5 1 )}$ | $(3,710)$ |
| $\mathbf{8 4 , 0 8 3}$ | $\mathbf{8 9 , 7 1 2}$ |  |

Fixed deposits of $\$ 0.5 \mathrm{~m}$ (2013: $\$ 3.7 \mathrm{~m}$ ) were pledged with banks to secure credit facilities for subsidiaries are restricted in use and may not be withdrawn without the banks' prior approval.

1(d)(i) STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

| GROUP | Share <br> Capital |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Translation |  |
| Reserve |  | | Revenue |
| ---: |
| Reserve |$\quad$| Total Equity |
| ---: | :--- |


| COMPANY | Share Capital \$'000 | Revenue Reserve \$'000 | al Equity \$'000 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Balance as at 01.01.2014 | 46,473 | 12,161 | 58,634 |
| Changes in equity for the period: |  |  |  |
| Total comprehensive income for the period | - | 6,941 | 6,941 |
| Dividends on ordinary shares | - | $(15,186)$ | $(15,186)$ |
| Balance as at 30.09.2014 | 46,473 | 3,916 | 50,389 |
| Balance as at 01.01.2013 | 46,473 | 9,215 | 55,688 |
| Changes in equity for the period: |  |  |  |
| Total comprehensive income for the period |  | 6,111 | 6,111 |
| Dividends on ordinary shares | - | $(10,440)$ | $(10,440)$ |
| Balance as at 30.09.2013 | 46,473 | 4,886 | 51,359 |

## 1(d)(ii) Changes in Share Capital

Share Capital
Number of shares
\$'000
Ordinary share issued \& fully paid

Balance as at 01.01.2014 \& 30.09.2014

There was no movement in the issued and paid-up capital of the Company since 31 December 2013.

There were no outstanding convertibles as at 30.09 .2014 (30.09.2013: Nil)
The Company has no treasury shares as at 30.09 .2014 (30.09.2013: Nil)

## 2 Audit

The financial statements have not been audited nor reviewed by the company's auditor.

## 3 Auditor's Report

Not Applicable

## 4 Accounting Policies

Except as disclosed in paragraph 5 below, the Group has applied the same accounting policies and methods of computation in the current financial year as with those in the most recently audited financial statements as at 31 December 2013.

## 5 Changes in Accounting Policies

In the current year, the Group has adopted all the new/revised Financial Reporting Standards which took effect for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2014. The adoption of the above FRS did not result in any substantial change to the Group's accounting policies.

## 6 Earnings per ordinary share of the group

| 3rd Qtr ended 30 Sep |  | Nine Months ended 30 Sep |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2014 | 2013 | 2014 | 2013 |
| 1.07cents | 1.97cents | 5.99cents | 5.94cents |
| 1.07cents | 1.97cents | 5.99cents | 5.94cents |

Earnings per ordinary share on existing issued share capital is computed based on the weighted average number of ordinary shares issued during 3Q14 and 9M14 of 474,551,093 shares (3Q13 and 9M13: 474,551,093 shares).

There is no difference between the basic and diluted earnings per share.

## 7 Net asset value per ordinary share

| Group as at: |  | Company as at: |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 30.09.2014 | 31.12 .2013 | $\mathbf{3 0 . 0 9 . 2 0 1 4}$ | 31.12 .2013 |
|  |  |  |  |
| 36.55cents | 33.74 cents | $\mathbf{1 0 . 6 2}$ cents | 12.36 cents |

Net asset value is computed based on the number of shares in issue as at 30 September 2014 \& 31 December 2013 of $474,551,093$ shares.

## 8 Performance Review

For 3rd Quarter 2014, Group turnover decreased $16.0 \%$ to $\$ 125.5 \mathrm{~m}$ from $\$ 149.5 \mathrm{~m}$ in the corresponding quarter last year. The lower turnover was attributable to both Steel Merchandising business which decreased $42.0 \%$ to $\$ 28.3 \mathrm{~m}$ from $\$ 48.8 \mathrm{~m}$, and Fabrication \& Manufacturing business which decreased $3.5 \%$ to $\$ 97.2 \mathrm{~m}$ from $\$ 100.7 \mathrm{~m}$. Our Steel Merchandising business had lower business volume but was offset slightly by higher steel prices. Our Fabrication \& Manufacturing business attained lower turnover due to weaker steel prices but offset partly by higher business volume.

For nine months ended Sep 2014, Group turnover decreased $22.7 \%$ to $\$ 374.9 \mathrm{~m}$ from $\$ 485.0 \mathrm{~m}$ in the corresponding period last year. The lower turnover was attributable to both Steel Merchandising business which decreased $47.7 \%$ to $\$ 100.2 \mathrm{~m}$ from $\$ 191.7 \mathrm{~m}$, and Fabrication \& Manufacturing business which decreased $6.3 \%$ to $\$ 274.7 \mathrm{~m}$ from $\$ 293.3 \mathrm{~m}$. Our Steel Merchandising business had lower business volume as well as weaker steel prices. In addition, our Fabrication \& Manufacturing business attained lower turnover due to weaker steel prices but offset partly by higher business volume.

For 3rd Quarter 2014, Group gross profit margin as percentage of turnover was $18.3 \%$, an improvement from $17.5 \%$ in the corresponding quarter last year. For the nine month ended 30 Sep 2014, Group gross profit margin was $17.9 \%$, an improvement from $15.6 \%$ in the corresponding nine months ended 30 Sep 2013. These were attributable to higher contribution from Fabrication \& Manufacturing business.

The Group continues to increase its production capacity in the Fabrication \& Manufacturing business. As such, costs increases in the following areas:

> Employee benefits expense; Depreciation and amortisation; Insurance, freight and transportation; Rental and utilities; Repair and maintenance; and Financial expense

The Group's first joint venture executive condominium project, Austville Residences, was fully sold and obtained Temporary Occupation Permit (TOP) in 2nd Quarter 2014. Thus, the Group recognized share of profit of associate for $\$ 11.2 \mathrm{~m}$.

The Group's profit attributable to equity holders of the Company was $\$ 5.1 \mathrm{~m}$ for 3rd Quarter 2014 and $\$ 28.4 \mathrm{~m}$ for nine months ended 30 Sep 2014.

## Cashflow

For the nine months ended 30 Sep 2014, net cash flows used in operating activities amounted to $\$ 28.8 \mathrm{~m}$. This was mainly due to increase in inventories and trade receivables as well as decrease in trade payables. Net cash flows used in investing activities amounted to $\$ 1.9 \mathrm{~m}$. This was mainly due to decrease in loans to associate and higher acquisition of new plant and equipment in the Fabrication \& Manufacturing business. With net cash flows used in financing activities of $\$ 0.1 \mathrm{~m}$, cash and cash equivalents as at 30 Sep 2014 amounted to $\$ 84.1 \mathrm{~m}$, down from $\$ 114.7 \mathrm{~m}$ as at 1 January 2014.

Balance Sheet
The Balance Sheet remained strong. The net asset value per share as at 30 Sep 2014 increased to 36.55 cents up from 33.74 cents as at 31 December 2013.

## 9 Variance from Prospect Statement

No variance from previous statement.

## 10 Prospect Statement

Our Steel Merchandising business, which focuses on regional trading of steel products, remains subdued as our clients face more domestic competition.

Our Fabrication \& Manufacturing business is supported by the construction demand in Singapore. However, competition and increased production capacity from new entrants and existing players continue to exert pressure on margins. The Group thus focus on value-added activities and strive to increase productivity in order to remain competitive.

## 11 Dividend

## (a) Current Financial Period Reported On

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

| Name of Dividend | Interim paid on 24 June 2014 | Interim paid on 16 <br> September 2014 | Interim payable on 12 <br> December 2014 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Dividend Type | Cash | Cash | Cash |
| Dividend Rate | 0.20 cent per ordinary share | 0.50 cent per ordinary <br> share | 0.30 cent per ordinary share |
| Tax Rate | One-tier tax exempt | One-tier tax exempt | One-tier tax exempt |

(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 paid on 24 June 2013 | Interim paid on 16 <br> September 2013 | Interim paid on 13 December <br> 2013 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Dividend Type | Cash | Cash | Cash |
| Dividend Rate | 0.20 cent per ordinary share | 0.50 cent per ordinary <br> share | 0.30 cent per ordinary share |
| Tax Rate | One-tier tax exempt | One-tier tax exempt | One-tier tax exempt |

## (c) Date payable

12 December 2014

## (d) Books closure date

The Share Transfer Books and Register of Members of the Company will be closed on 26th November 2014 after 5.00 p.m. for the purpose of determining shareholders' entitlement to the interim dividend of 0.30 cent per ordinary share.

Duly completed registrable transfers in respect of shares of the Company received by the Company's Share Registrar, KCK CorpServe Pte. Ltd., of 333 North Bridge Road KH Kea Building \#08-00, Singapore 188721 up to 5.00 p.m. on 26th November 2014 will be registered to determine Members' entitlements to such dividend. Members whose Securities Accounts with The Central Depository (Pte) Limited ("CDP") are credited with shares of the Company as at 5.00 p.m. on 26th November 2014 will be entitled to such proposed dividend. In this respect, the dividend will be paid by the Company to CDP which will distribute the dividend to holders of the securities accounts.

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

Not applicable.

## 13 Interested Person Transactions

The Group does not have a general mandate from shareholders for interested person transactions pursuant to Rule 920 of the Listing Manual of the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited ("SGX-ST").

## 14 Confirmation pursuant to Rule 705(5) of the SGX Listing Manual

We, Lee Lin Poey and Lee Heng Thiam, being two directors of Lee Metal Group Ltd, do hereby confirm on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Company that, to the best of our knowledge, nothing has come to the attention of the Board of Directors of the Company which may render the unaudited financial results for the 3rd Quarter ended 30 September 2014 to be false or misleading in any material aspects.

## BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

Foo Soon Soo
Company Secretary
7 November 2014

