

SGX Mainboard-Listed KTL Global's H1FY15 Revenue Grows 9.3% to S\$40.2M; Eyes Regional Expansion To Grow Offshore Rope And Rigging Business

As at 31 December 2014 S\$'000	Q2FY15	Q2FY14	Change %	H1FY15	H1FY14	Change %
Revenue	20,576	17,192	19.7	40,230	36,803	9.3
Gross Profit	5,920	6,368	(7.0)	12,148	12,396	(2.0)
Gross Profit Margin (%)	28.8	37.0	(8.2 ppt)	30.2	33.7	(3.5 ppt)
Net Profit After Tax	665	1,305	(49.0)	1,598	2,055	(22.2)
EPS (Cents)	0.30	0.58	(48.3)	0.72	0.92	(21.7)
NAV per Share (Cents)	20.3	20.4	(0.5)	14.6	14.5	(0.7)

SINGAPORE, 9 February 2015 – KTL Global Limited (“KTL Global” or the “Group”), a leading regional solutions provider for offshore, oil & gas (“O&G”) industries, announced higher revenue for the six months ended 31 December 2014 (“H1FY15”) as it continues to expand its specialised wire rope and rigging services in the region.

SGX-Mainboard listed KTL Global said that H1FY15 revenue rose 9.3% to S\$40.2 million compared to S\$36.8 million in H1FY14 due to stronger performance in both the marine and O&G segments by the Singapore and Middle-East subsidiaries.

Singapore-based KTL Global said its facility in the Hamriyah Free Zone in the United Arab Emirates – the largest dedicated wire rope and rigging facility in the Middle East – has positioned the Group to tap opportunities in the region and Europe.

Gross profit margin declined slightly to 30.2% in H1FY15 from 33.7% in H1FY14 due to lower contribution from the higher-margin equipment rental business to offshore, O&G customers. In tandem, gross profit for H1FY15 declined 2.0% to S\$12.1 million from S\$12.4 million in H1FY14.

Operating expenses for the Group, comprising administration and sales and marketing expenses, fell marginally to S\$11.3 million from S\$11.4 million over the comparative periods. To support increased business activities such as construction of new facilities in Malaysia (as announced on 20 November 2012 and 15 May 2014) and acquisition of four commercial units in KL Trillion (as announced on 1 April 2014), finance costs rose by 8.2% to S\$0.3 million due to higher bank borrowings.

As a result of the above, the Group reported net profit after tax attributable to shareholders of S\$1.6 million for H1FY15 compared to S\$2.1 million for H1FY14.

Earnings per share decreased to 0.30 Singapore cent in H1FY15 compared to 0.58 Singapore cent in H1FY14 while net asset value per share as at 31 December 2014 declined slightly to 20.3 Singapore cents from 20.4 Singapore cents as at 30 June 2014.

Mr. Wilson Tan, Chief Executive Officer of KTL Global, said, "Amidst challenging conditions in the offshore, oil and gas and marine industries, we continue to scale up the value-chain and create new revenue streams for our specialized rigging and lifting systems activities. At the same time we continue to drive internal operational and financial efficiencies."

In line with regional expansion plans, the Group has enlarged its facility in Tanjung Langsat Industrial Complex, Johor, Malaysia – which is now the largest dedicated rigging facility there. To be used primarily to produce and warehouse rigging gears for mooring, towing and lifting purposes, it is expected to be fully operational by Q4 FY2015 and will allow increased access to the Malaysian market.

Mr. Tan Tock Han, Executive Chairman of KTL Global, said, "We continue to look out for opportunities, either through strategic partnerships or mergers and acquisitions, to increase our geographical presence and widen our networks to drive growth which will enhance shareholder value in the long run."

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About KTL Global Limited

Singapore-based KTL Global Limited ("KTL Global" or the "Group") is a leading solutions provider for offshore, oil & gas ("O&G") equipment in the region. Listed on the SGX Mainboard, the Group is one of Asia's major suppliers of rigging equipment and related services to the offshore, oil and gas, marine and construction industries.

With a legacy of more than 100 years, the Group is one of the world's largest wire rope and rigging suppliers of premium steel wire ropes and fittings for lifting and mooring through its wholly-owned subsidiary, KTL Offshore Pte Ltd. It also provides testing, certification and maintenance services.

The Group's geographical presence includes rigging facilities – the largest of their kind – in the Hamriyah Free Zone, United Arab Emirates and Johor, Malaysia, and has offices across countries such as China, Indonesia, as well as strategic partners located in Mexico and Brazil.

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