

**PRESS RELEASE**

**Structural steel specialist T T J's half-year net profit rises 18% to \$9.5 million**

- *Half-year revenue rises 4% to \$54.2 million*
- *Achieves improved margins at gross and net levels of 28.3% and 17.6% respectively*
- *Maintains a healthy order book of \$106 million as at 7 March 2016*

*Financial highlights for the second quarter and six months ended 31 January:*

(S\$m)	Q2FY2016 3M	Q2FY2015 3M	Chg (%)	1HFY2016 6M	1HFY2015 6M	Chg (%)
Revenue	28.6	27.4	4	54.2	52.1	4
Gross profit	7.6	6.6	15	15.3	14.0	9
Profit before tax	6.3	4.5	39	11.3	9.6	18
Net profit attributable to owners of the parent	5.4	3.9	40	9.5	8.0	18
Gross profit margin (%)	26.6	24.1	2.5 pts	28.3	26.9	1.4 pts
Earnings per share* (cts)	1.55	1.10	41	2.73	2.30	19

*\*Based on the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue of 349,500,000 for the period ended 31 January 2016 and 349,635,326 for the period ended 31 January 2015.*

**SINGAPORE – 7 March 2016 – T T J Holdings Limited (“T T J” or together with its subsidiaries, the “Group”)** today announced a 4% year-on-year (“y-o-y”) increase in revenue to \$54.2 million for the six months ended 31 January 2016 (“1HFY2016”) from \$52.1 million in the corresponding six months (“1HFY2015”) driven mainly by contribution from its structural steel business. The Group’s structural steel business also underpinned an improvement in the Group’s gross profit margin from 26.9% in 1HFY2015 to 28.3% in 1HFY2016.

At the baseline, T T J’s 1HFY2016 net attributable profit increased 18% y-o-y to \$9.5 million from \$8.0 million in 1HFY2015, supported by higher revenues, improved gross profit margin and decrease in other losses, and offset by lower other gains and higher administrative expenses.

On a three-month basis, the Group’s revenue rose 4% y-o-y to \$28.6 million for the quarter ended 31 January 2016 (“Q2FY2016”) and its gross profit margin improved 2.5 percentage points to 26.6%, due to higher margin projects executed.

Construction demand will continue to be supported as the Building and Construction Authority (“BCA”) of Singapore estimates \$27-\$34 billion in construction contracts to be awarded in 2016<sup>1</sup>. Of these contracts, about 65% or \$18.5-\$21.5 billion is expected to come from the public sector, in particular arising from civil engineering demand for projects like public expressways and the Thomson-East Coast MRT line among others. In contrast, private sector construction demand is expected to moderate due to the economic slowdown and glut of completed private housing projects and offices.

T T J’s Chairman and Managing Director, Mr Teo Hock Chwee (张福水) said, “Despite the economic slowdown, there are opportunities in the public sector as BCA has forecast a 14-year record high for government-related projects in 2016. This is in addition to sustained demand from institutional and other civil engineering projects. Leveraging our strong reputation, we will actively pursue these opportunities and continue to grow our order book while optimising our productivity and cost management.”

As at 7 March 2016, the order book of the Group stood at \$106 million comprising projects it expects to substantially complete between FY2016 and FY2017.

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#### **About T T J Holdings Limited**

*With a history that can be traced back to 1981, T T J is one of the largest structural steel fabricators based in Singapore with a current combined annual maximum production capacity of 42,000 tonnes of normal steel structure at its fabrication facilities located in Singapore and Johor, Malaysia. The Group’s core business lies in the design, supply, fabrication and erection of a wide spectrum of structural steelworks for use in the construction of buildings, factories, plants and infrastructure. The Group also operates one dormitory in Singapore with a total capacity of 5,300 persons. Since 1 April 2010, T T J is listed on the Mainboard of the Singapore Stock Exchange. For more information, please go to <http://www.ttj.com.sg/>.*

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<sup>1</sup> Building and Construction Authority of Singapore, 15 January 2016, BCA estimates \$27 billion to \$34 billion worth of construction contracts to be awarded this year.