

DRAGON GROUP INTERNATIONAL LIMITED (Incorporated in the Republic of Singapore) (Company Registration No. 199306761C)

## Dragon Group opens new chapter with US\$20 million investment from strategic investor to grow its next-generation lithium ion battery business

- Zhuhai Yinlong Energy Co., Ltd., as a strategic partner, will invest US\$20 million in Dragon Group's subsidiary, EoCell Limited, for a 40% stake in the enlarged share capital
- This values EoCell at US\$50 million, and Dragon Group will hold 40% stake in the enlarged share capital of EoCell, with a valuation of US\$20 million
- Zhuhai Yinlong Energy Co., Ltd. is a leading player in China in the manufacturing and supply of electric buses and energy storage products, with multiple strategic shareholders such as Dong Mingzhu, president of Gree Electric Co., Ltd., Beijing Yanzhao Huijin International Investment Co., Ltd., Dalian Wanda Group Co., Ltd., and Jiangsu Jingdong Bangneng Investment Management Co., Ltd.
- The strategic partnership is expected to monetize the EoCell Technology, riding on the strong growth of electric vehicles especially in China, and strengthen Dragon Group's financial performance

**Singapore, August 10, 2017** - Dragon Group International Limited ("**Dragon Group**" or "**DGI**"), an SGX Mainboard-listed company principally engaged in the distribution of electronic components and test consumables, supply of semiconductor equipment, materials and tooling, and development of battery and storage solutions, announced today that a strategic investor from P. R. China, Zhuhai Yinlong Energy Co., Ltd. ("**YLE**"), will invest US\$20 million into DGI's subsidiary EoCell Limited ("**EoCell**").

According to the agreement, with the US\$20 million, YLE will subscribe for 940,000 new ordinary shares in EoCell, representing approximately 40% of the total enlarged share capital of EoCell.

EoCell is primarily engaged in the business of designing, developing and selling of next generation lithium ion batteries and related materials for cell phones, portable electronics, and off grid energy storage. In particular, these batteries and materials are used in electric vehicles.



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YLE<sup>1</sup> is a leading player in the new energy auto and energy storage system businesses in China, with established, integrated supply chain across the manufacturing of lithium batteries, manufacturing and assembly of electric buses, as well as the R&D, production and sales of smart grid energy storage system. Their ability to develop leading edge Lithium Titanate ("LTO") battery technologies with the R&D facilities in USA and China puts them on a footing above their peers. Their multiple gigafactories in various locations in China, and their announced plans for several more, attest to the robustness of their business model. With well-proven successful shareholders including Dong Mingzhu, president of Gree Electric Co., Ltd., Beijing Yanzhao Huijin International Investment Co., Ltd., Dalian Wanda Group Co., Ltd. and Jiangsu Jingdong Bangneng Investment Management Co., Ltd., YLE is well capitalized to capture the high growth electric vehicle and storage markets. Under the strong and capable leadership of Yinlong honorary president Dong Mingzhu and Yinlong president Wei Yincang, YLE is poised to disrupt the world stage of electrification.

DATO' Michael Loh Soon Gnee, Executive Chairman & CEO of Dragon Group, comments, "YLE's investment in EoCell and the partnership with DGI vindicates our vision and the success of EoCell's development of leading edge silicon anode and other battery materials. The strategic partnership with YLE will provide EoCell with additional financial resources and broader market access, open doors for us to license the EoCell technology to other interested parties in the green energy & electric vehicle segment, and set the stage for future growth stimulated by multiple synergies between EoCell and YLE. This also unlocks the value of EoCell, valuing it at US\$50 million, as compared to DGI's current market capitalization of approximately US\$4 million<sup>2</sup>.

Electric vehicles have witnessed strong growth of over 50% in China in 2016, and the growth rate is expected to accelerate<sup>3</sup>. I believe that YLE is the most appropriate and complementary partner for DGI and investor for EoCell. With this partnership and investment, DGI and EoCell are extremely well positioned to embark on this excitingly disruptive new energy and transport super cycle."

Currently, DGI holds 93% stake in EoCell, and based on the enlarged share capital, DGI will hold 40% stake, similar to that of YLE and in theory worth US\$20 million as well. The remaining 20% stake of EoCell will be held by the key management of EoCell.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Company website: <u>http://zhyle.com/index.html</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> This is based on the market capitalisation of DGI as of August 10, 2017.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> http://finance.sina.com.cn/stock/s/2017-03-02/doc-ifvazwha3577244.shtml



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## About Dragon Group International Limited (SGX:MT1)

Founded in 1990, Dragon Group International Limited ("Dragon Group" or "DGI") debuted on the Singapore Exchange-SESDAQ in September 1994. It subsequently progressed onto the Mainboard of the Singapore Exchange in September 1998. In June 2006, Dragon Group became a subsidiary of ASTI Holdings Limited ("ASTI"), one of the world's leading semiconductor equipment and manufacturing services providers.

The Group's three principal business activities comprises distribution of electronic components and test consumables undertaken by Spire Technologies Pte Ltd; supply of semiconductor equipment, materials and tooling, undertaken by Dragon Equipment and Materials Technology Limited; and Nanjing Dragon Treasure Boat Development Co., Ltd., a subsidiary that is involved in the construction of the Dragon Treasure Boat. This project is a joint venture with the Gulou District Government of Nanjing. The Dragon Treasure Boat is a replica of Admiral Zhenghe's treasure boat that sailed across the world in the Ming Dynasty. The Group also engaged in the development of battery and storage solutions through EoCell.

Headquartered in Singapore, Dragon Group has subsidiaries and representative offices across China, Hong Kong, and Taiwan, and a research and development centre in Silicon Valley, California, USA.

For more information, please visit DGI's website at <u>www.dragongp.com</u>.

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