



ASTI Holdings Limited
(Company Registration No. 199901514C)
(Incorporated in the Republic of Singapore)

QUARTERLY UPDATE PURSUANT TO RULE 1313(2) OF THE LISTING MANUAL

Introduction

ASTI Holdings Limited (the “**Company**”, and together with its subsidiaries, the “**Group**”) was placed on the watch-list under (i) the minimum trading price (“**MTP**”) entry criteria pursuant to Rule 1311(2) of the Listing Manual (the “**Listing Manual**”) of the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited (the “**SGX-ST**”) on 5 June 2017; and (ii) financial entry criteria pursuant to Rule 1311(1) of the Listing Manual of the SGX-ST on 6 June 2019.

Pursuant to Rule 1313(2) of the Listing Manual, the Board of Directors of the Company (the “**Board**”) wishes to provide an update on (i) its effort and the progress made in meeting the MTP exit criteria as set out in Rule 1314(2) of the Listing Manual (the “**MTP Exit Criteria**”); and (ii) the financial situation of the Company and the Group in respect of the fourth quarter and full year ended 31 December 2019.

Update on Efforts for Satisfying MTP Exit Criterion

The Board has reviewed the available options to meet the MTP Exit Criteria. After considering factors such as the current volatile market conditions and global economic outlook, the Board maintains its opinion that it is not the opportune time to make a decision as to which option will best serve the interests of the Company’s shareholders.

The Company is aware of the deadline given by SGX-ST for its removal from the watch-list and has been considering its available options for the Company to meet the MTP Exit Criteria. The Company would like to reassure shareholders of the Company that it has and will endeavor to seek an exit from the SGX-ST’s watch-list according to Rule 1314(2) of the Listing Manual.

The Board will update shareholders on any material developments in due course and the Company will make further announcements as and when there are any subsequent developments.

Update on Unaudited Financial Performance and Financial Position

The Group’s recorded an increase in revenue of S\$1.8 million or 2.8% compared to FY2018, mainly due to increase in customers’ demands during FY2019. The gross profit margin in FY2019 was relatively comparable to FY2018 of 23%.

The Group registered a net profit after tax of S\$20.3 million in FY2019 mainly due to one-off gain arising from the deemed disposal of subsidiaries by DGI Group and surplus bonus provision written back. In FY2018, a net profit after tax of S\$19.7 million was reported, mainly due to profit derived from the disposal of STI Group.

Compared to FY2018, the Group’s net assets have increased S\$17.5 million from S\$57.0 million at 31 December 2018 to S\$74.5 million at 31 December 2019.

Cash and cash equivalents increased by S\$1.1 million at 31 December 2019 compared to 31 December 2018.

Please refer to our result announcement of the unaudited financial statements of the Group for the fourth quarter and financial year ended 31 December 2019, released via the SGXNet on 29 February 2020, for full details.

By Order of the Board

Dato’ Michael Loh Soon Gnee
Executive Chairman & Chief Executive Officer
ASTI Holdings Limited
29 February 2020