

SGX-Listed KTL Global Acquires 20%-Stake In Dae Kwang of Korea For US\$5.0M To Expand Rope And Rigging Business in North Asia

SINGAPORE, 4 June 2015 – Ropes and rigging specialist **KTL Global Limited** (“**KTL Global**”, and together with its subsidiaries, the “**Group**”) announced today that it plans to acquire a 20%-stake in Korean rigging specialist, Dae Kwang Co. Ltd. (“**Dae Kwang**”), for US\$5.0 million to accelerate its push into the Korean offshore and marine industry.

Singapore-based SGX-listed KTL Global said that the proposed stake in Dae Kwang – which manufactures and supplies ropes, lifting and rigging equipment as well as provides mooring and spooling services for Korea’s shipyards and international customers – will help the Group expand in North Asia, in line with its strategic direction to widen its global footprint.

Founded in 1990 and headquartered in Ulsan, Dae Kwang is one of Korea’s leading rigging equipment companies and is accredited with the ISO 9001:2000, ISO 14001, OHSAS 18001 certifications. Dae Kwang, which is currently constructing a new 100,000 square metre facility, was awarded the prestigious “Order of Industrial Service Merit” by the Ministry of Patriots and Veterans Affairs in March 2015.

Under the terms of the proposed acquisition, the consideration will be settled through two cash tranches of US\$0.3 million and US\$3.4 million, respectively, as well as via the issue of new KTL Global shares valued at US\$1.2 million. KTL Global will fund the cash portions from internal resources and proceeds from sale of machinery by the Group to Dae Kwang. KTL Global currently has an issued share capital base of 233,075,228 shares.

For the financial year ended 31 December 2014, Dae Kwang recorded net profit after tax of US\$598,000 on revenue of US\$27.0 million. Upon completing the proposed acquisition, KTL Global will be able to equity account Dae Kwang’s profit.

KTL Global intends to leverage Dae Kwang’s network and customer base to pursue accelerated growth through provision of heavy lift slings and managed services – which typically offer higher gross margins. In addition, Dae Kwang’s new facility that is expected to be completed by end 2015 will allow the Group to take on larger-scale, higher-value projects.

Mr. Wilson Tan, Chief Executive Officer of KTL Global, said, “Korea is a major shipbuilding market with significant presence in the global offshore and marine sector. By taking a strategic stake in a well-established player in the ropes and rigging sector we will gain a major foothold in Korea which will also serve as a springboard to our expansion in North Asia.”

Mr. Kwon Sung Sil, Chief Executive Officer of Dae Kwang, said, “Both Dae Kwang and KTL Global are well established in the ropes and rigging sector. Our complementary strengths will help us move up the value chain while we tap on opportunities in Korea and the region.”

On 7 April 2015, KTL Global conducted a strategic review and identified three strategic thrusts including scaling up the value chain by building capabilities such as heavier tonnage synthetic ropes, and vertical integration to provide a wider range of managed services; geographical expansion footprint; and improving internal and operating efficiencies.

The Group – which has facilities in Malaysia, United Arab Emirates, Indonesia and China – will continue to position itself as a leader in producing higher-margin synthetic ropes and rigging and related specialized services. It is looking out for opportunities for mergers and acquisitions to expand into new markets even as it builds upon its core competencies.

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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 Main board, 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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