## LEE METAL GROUP LTD

REG. No. 198205439C

## Second Quarter and Half Year Financial Statements And Dividend Announcement

1(a)(i) The Board of Directors of Lee Metal Group Ltd is pleased to announce the unaudited results of the Group for the Second Quarter and Half Year ended 30 June 2014.

INCOME STATEMENT FOR SECOND QUARTER AND HALF YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014


## STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR SECOND QUARTER AND HALF YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014

|  | 2nd Qtr ended 30 Jun |  |  | Half Year ended 30 Jun |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2014 | 2013 | +/(-) | 2014 | 2013 | +/(-) |
|  | \$'000 | \$'000 | \% | \$'000 | \$'000 | \% |
| Profit attributable to equity holders of the Company | 17,203 | 10,164 | 69.3\% | 23,360 | 18,815 | 24.2\% |
| Other comprehensive income (Item that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss):- |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| - Foreign currency translation reserve | (267) | 518 | n.m | (354) | 1,041 | n.m |
| Total comprehensive income attributable to equity holders of the Company | 16,936 | 10,682 | 58.5\% | 23,006 | 19,856 | 15.9\% |

1(a)(ii) Notes to the Income Statement

|  | 2nd Qtr ended 30 Jun |  |  | Half Year ended 30 Jun |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2014 | 2013 | +/(-) | 2014 | 2013 | +/(-) |
| A) Other operating income comprises the following: | \$'000 | \$'000 | \% | \$'000 | \$'000 | \% |
| - Bad debts recovered | - | 1,033 | (100.0\%) | - | 1,033 | (100.0\%) |
| - Net gain in foreign exchange | 273 | 442 | (38.2\%) | - | 229 | (100.0\%) |
| - Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment, net | 3 | - | n.m | 24 | - | n.m |
| - Commission income | 63 | 15 | 320.0\% | 72 | 32 | 125.0\% |
| - Gain on disposal of unquoted equity investment | - | 234 | (100.0\%) | - | 234 | (100.0\%) |
| - Rental income | 512 | - | n.m | 1,023 | - | n.m |
| - Sundry income | 64 | 2 | 3100.0\% | 64 | 2 | 3100.0\% |
|  | 915 | 1,726 | (47.0\%) | 1,183 | 1,530 | (22.7\%) |

B) Employee benefits expense decreased by $9.7 \%$ in 2nd Quarter and 10.2\% in half year ended 30 June 2014 mainly due to lower personnel costs in line with lower turnover in both Fabrication \& Manufacturing business and Steel Merchandising business.
C) Depreciation and amortisation expense increased by $51.5 \%$ in 2nd Quarter 2014 and $48.6 \%$ in half year ended 30 June 2014 due to higher capital expenditure in the Fabrication \& Manufacturing business and acquisition of investment properties on October 2013.
D) Insurance, freight and transportation increased by 49.2\% in 2nd Quarter 2014 and 31.0\% in half year ended 30 June 2014 due to the increase in value-added activities in the Fabrication \& Manufacturing business.
E) Rental and utilities increased by $24.0 \%$ in 2nd Quarter 2014 and $18.4 \%$ in half year ended 30 June 2014 mainly due to additional storage space for increased inventory level in Singapore and higher utilities in line with higher value-added activities in the Fabrication \& Manufacturing business.
F) Repair and maintenance increased by $33.8 \%$ in 2nd Quarter 2014 and $28.7 \%$ in half year ended 30 June 2014 due to higher costs incurred for upkeeping and servicing of more machineries and factory.
G) Other operating expenses include:

- Outsourcing of labour
- Worker's dormitories and related costs
- Tools and consumables
- Insurance

| 2nd Qtr ended 30 Jun |  |  | Half Year ended 30 Jun |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2014 | 2013 | +/(-) | 2014 | 2013 | +/(-) |
| \$'000 | \$'000 | \% | \$'000 | \$'000 | \% |
| 673 | 833 | (19.2\%) | 1,321 | 1,604 | (17.6\%) |
| 349 | 289 | 20.8\% | 685 | 565 | 21.2\% |
| 308 | 310 | (0.6\%) | 604 | 557 | 8.4\% |
| 304 | 280 | 8.6\% | 625 | 504 | 24.0\% |
| 127 | 153 | (17.0\%) | 230 | 347 | (33.7\%) |
| 66 | 87 | (24.1\%) | 121 | 272 | (55.5\%) |
| 128 | 102 | 25.5\% | 248 | 241 | 2.9\% |
| 173 | 151 | 14.6\% | 315 | 269 | 17.1\% |
| 105 | 81 | 29.6\% | 264 | 196 | 34.7\% |
| - | - | n.m | 340 | - | n.m |
| - | 31 | (100.0\%) | - | 224 | (100.0\%) |
| - | 59 | (100.0\%) | - | 59 | (100.0\%) |
| 473 | 416 | 13.7\% | 911 | 772 | 18.0\% |
| 2,706 | 2,792 | (3.1\%) | 5,664 | 5,610 | 1.0\% |

H) Financial expense increased by $20.6 \%$ in 2nd Quarter 2014 and $14.8 \%$ in half year ended 30 June 2014 mainly due to acquisition of investment properties in October 2013.
I) Share of results of associate in 2nd Quarter 2014 and half year ended 30 June 2014 of $\mathrm{S} \$ 11.2 \mathrm{~m}$ were due to the share of profit of our joint venture executive condominium project, Austville Residences which obtained Temporary Occupation Permit (TOP) in April 2014.
J) n.m means not meaningful

1(b)(i) STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION


## EQUITY AND LIABILITIES

|  | Group |  | Company |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 30.06.2014 | 31.12.2013 | 30.06.2014 | 31.12.2013 |
| Notes | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 |
| 2 | 6,171 | 24,015 | 24 |  |
| 2 | 218,410 | 163,230 | - | - |
| 3 | 8,290 | 14,975 | 362 | 454 |
|  | 8,690 | 7,764 | - |  |
|  | 6,645 | 6,645 | - |  |
|  | 69 | - | - | - |
|  | 4,434 | 4,326 | - |  |
|  | 3,370 | 3,370 | - | - |
|  | 8,022 | 9,384 | 509 | 479 |
|  | 264,101 | 233,709 | 895 | 933 |
|  | 123,038 | 128,137 | 23,378 | 33,337 |
|  | 12,529 | 14,435 | - |  |
|  | 8,783 | 10,468 | - | - |
|  | 184 | 144 | 281 | 242 |
|  | 21,496 | 25,047 | 281 | 242 |
|  | 285,597 | 258,756 | 1,176 | 1,175 |
|  | 170,285 | 160,092 | 48,464 | 58,634 |

Equity attributable to equity holders of the Company

| Share capital | $\mathbf{4 6 , 4 7 3}$ | 46,473 | $\mathbf{4 6 , 4 7 3}$ | 46,473 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Retained earnings | $\mathbf{1 3 1 , 5 1 0}$ | 120,963 | $\mathbf{1 , 9 9 1}$ | 12,161 |
| Foreign currency translation reserve | $\mathbf{( 7 , 6 9 8 )}$ | $(7,344)$ | $\mathbf{-}$ | - |
|  | $\mathbf{1 7 0 , 2 8 5}$ | 160,092 | $\mathbf{4 8 , 4 6 4}$ | 58,634 |

1(b)(ii) Notes to the Statements of Financial Position

1) Investment in associate increased by $\$ 11.2 \mathrm{~m}$ due to the share of profit of associate following the completion of our joint venture executive condominium project, Austville Residences which obtained Temporary Occupation Permit (TOP) in April 2014.
2) Inventories increased by $\$ 35.3 \mathrm{~m}$ due to higher stock position in the Fabrication \& Manufacturing business but partly offset by lower stock position in the Steel Merchandising business. Correspondingly, bills payable to banks increased but offset by decrease in trade payables.
3) Other payables and accruals decreased by \$6.7m mainly due to lower operating expenses accrued in 2nd Quarter 2014 compared to year end as at 31 December 2013.

1(b)(iii) Group's borrowings and debt securities
Amount repayable in one year or less, or on demand

| As at 30.06.2014 | As at 31.12.2013 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Secured | Unsecured | Secured | Unsecured |
| $\$^{\prime} 000$ | $\$^{\prime} 000$ | $\$^{\prime} 000$ | $\$^{\prime} 000$ |
| 226,214 | - | 170,926 | - |

Amount repayable after one year

| As at 30.06.2014 |  | As at 31.12.2013 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Secured | Unsecured | Secured | Unsecured |
| \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 |
| 21,312 | - | 24,903 | - |

## Details of collateral

The Group's bills payable and bank term loan are secured by the following:
(a) corporate guarantees given by the Company and certain subsidiaries to the banks;
(b) letters of negative pledges on the assets of the Company and certain subsidiaries, with the exception of property, plant and equipment under hire purchase arrangements.
(c) a deed of charge and assignment of inventories, charge over fixed deposits and floating charge over trade receivables.
(d) the bank term loans are secured by legal mortgages over the leasehold investment properties of the Group with a net book value of $\$ 16.9$ million as at 30 June 2014 (31 December 2013: $\$ 17.6 \mathrm{~m}$ ).

1(c) CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR SECOND QUARTER AND HALF YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014

|  | 2nd Qtr ended 30 Jun |  | Half Year ended 30 Jun |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2014 | 2013 | 2014 | 2013 |
| Notes | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 |
| Operating activities |  |  |  |  |
| Profit before tax | 18,419 | 12,267 | 25,860 | 22,693 |
| Adjustments for: |  |  |  |  |
| Amortisation of club memberships | 15 | 4 | 31 | 8 |
| Depreciation of property, plant and equipment | 2,170 | 1,642 | 4,203 | 3,257 |
| Depreciation of investment properties | 309 | - | 618 | - |
| Property, plant and equipment written off | - | 31 | - | 224 |
| (Gain)/loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment, net | (3) | 59 | (24) | 59 |
| Gain on disposal of unquoted equity investment | - | (234) | - | (234) |
| Interest expense | 1,030 | 854 | 1,879 | 1,637 |
| Interest income | (209) | (221) | (416) | (412) |
| Net fair value (gain)/loss on forward exchange contracts | (164) | (585) | 478 | (561) |
| Foreign currency translation adjustments | 480 | 240 | (224) | 1,091 |
| Share of results of associate | $(11,200)$ | 34 | $(11,177)$ | (70) |
| Operating cash flows before changes in working capital (Increase)/decrease in: | 10,847 | 14,091 | 21,228 | 27,692 |
| Inventories | 11,190 | $(22,712)$ | $(35,307)$ | $(24,093)$ |
| Trade receivables | $(8,821)$ | $(7,926)$ | $(2,402)$ | $(3,728)$ |
| Other receivables, deposits and prepayments | 155 | $(2,335)$ | 35 | $(4,872)$ |
| Increase/(decrease) in: |  |  |  |  |
| Trade payables | $(10,103)$ | 450 | $(17,844)$ | $(43,592)$ |
| Other payables and accruals | $(2,013)$ | 15,672 | $(5,759)$ | 13,496 |
| Cash flows from / (used in) operations | 1,255 | $(2,760)$ | $(40,049)$ | $(35,097)$ |
| Interest paid | $(1,030)$ | (854) | $(1,879)$ | $(1,637)$ |
| Interest received | 209 | 221 | 416 | 412 |
| Income taxes paid | $(3,849)$ | $(2,447)$ | $(3,822)$ | $(2,623)$ |
| Net cash flows used in operating activities 4 | $(3,415)$ | $(5,840)$ | $(45,334)$ | $(38,945)$ |
| Investing activities |  |  |  |  |
| Purchase of property, plant and equipment | $(2,769)$ | $(1,197)$ | $(5,228)$ | $(3,379)$ |
| Purchase of club memberships | - | - | - | (86) |
| Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment | 6 | - | 126 |  |
| Proceeds from disposal of unquoted equity investment | - | 234 | - | 234 |
| (Increase) / decrease in loans to associate | (180) | 1,931 | (355) | 1,745 |
| Net cash flows (used in) / from investing activities 5 | $(2,943)$ | 968 | $(5,457)$ | $(1,486)$ |
| Financing activities |  |  |  |  |
| (Increase) / decrease in fixed deposits - pledged | $(1,053)$ | $(2,133)$ | $(5,235)$ | 289 |
| Increase in bills payable to banks (secured) | 12,132 | 23,680 | 55,180 | 61,175 |
| Repayment of bank term loans | (843) | (220) | $(1,685)$ | (551) |
| (Repayment of) / proceeds from hire purchase, net | $(1,009)$ | 731 | $(2,076)$ | 3,846 |
| Dividends paid on ordinary shares | $(12,813)$ | $(8,067)$ | $(12,813)$ | $(8,067)$ |
| Net cash flows (used in) / from financing activities 6 | $(3,586)$ | 13,991 | 33,371 | 56,692 |
| Net (decrease) / increase in cash and cash equivalents | $(9,944)$ | 9,119 | $(17,420)$ | 16,261 |
| Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents | (743) | 266 | (143) | (92) |
| Cash \& cash equivalents at beginning of the period | 107,843 | 68,043 | 114,719 | 61,259 |
| Cash \& cash equivalents at end of the period 7 | 97,156 | 77,428 | 97,156 | 77,428 |

## 1(c)(i) Notes to the Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

4) Net cash flows used in operating activities decreased by $\$ 2.4 \mathrm{~m}$ from $\$ 5.8 \mathrm{~m}$ to $\$ 3.4 \mathrm{~m}$ in 2nd Quarter 2014 mainly due to decrease in trade payables and other payables and accruals but offset by decrease in inventories. Net cash flows used in operating activities increased by $\$ 6.4 \mathrm{~m}$ from $\$ 38.9 \mathrm{~m}$ to $\$ 45.3 \mathrm{~m}$ in half year ended 30 June 2014 mainly due to increase in inventories and decrease in trade payables and other payables and accruals.
5) Net cash flows used in investing activities in 2nd Quarter 2014 was $\$ 2.9 \mathrm{~m}$ compared to net cash flows from investing activities of $\mathbf{S} \$ 1.0 \mathrm{~m}$ last year. For the half year ended 30 June 2014, net cash flows used in investing activities increased by $\$ 4.0 \mathrm{~m}$ from $\$ 1.5 \mathrm{~m}$ to $\$ 5.5 \mathrm{~m}$. These were mainly due to absence of repayment of loans from associate and higher acquisition of new plant and equipment in the Fabrication \& Manufacturing business.
6) Net cash flows used in financing activities in 2nd Quarter 2014 was $\$ 3.6 \mathrm{~m}$ compared to net cash flows from financing activities of $\$ 14.0 \mathrm{~m}$. For half year ended 30 June 2014, net cash flows from financing activities decreased by $\$ 23.3 \mathrm{~m}$ from $\$ 56.7 \mathrm{~m}$ to $\$ 33.4 \mathrm{~m}$. These were mainly due to increase in fixed deposits - pledged, repayment of hire purchase and higher dividends payment to shareholders, and partially offset by the increase in bills payable to banks,
7) Cash and cash equivalents as at 2nd Quarter and Half Year ended 30 Jun comprised the following:-

|  | $\mathbf{2 0 1 4}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 3}$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
|  | $\mathbf{\$ \prime 0 0 0}$ | $\$ \prime 000$ |
| Cash and bank balances | $\mathbf{6 5 , 7 2 7}$ | 23,499 |
| Fixed deposits | $\mathbf{3 7 , 1 1 4}$ | 66,333 |
| Less: Fixed deposits pledged | $\mathbf{( 5 , 6 8 5 )}$ | $(\mathbf{1 2 , 4 0 4 )}$ |
|  | $\mathbf{9 7 , 1 5 6}$ | $\mathbf{7 7 , 4 2 8}$ |

Fixed deposits of $\$ 5.7 \mathrm{~m}$ (2013: $\$ 12.4 \mathrm{~m}$ ) were pledged with banks to secure credit facilities for subsidiaries are restricted in use and may not be withdrawn without the banks' prior approval.

1(d)(i) STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

| GROUP | Share Capital | Translation Reserve | Revenue Reserve | Total Equity |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 |
| Balance as at 01.01.2014 | 46,473 | $(7,344)$ | 120,963 | 160,092 |
| Changes in equity for the period: |  |  |  |  |
| Total comprehensive income for the period | - | (354) | 23,360 | 23,006 |
| Dividends on ordinary shares | - | - | $(12,813)$ | $(12,813)$ |
| Balance as at 30.06.2014 | 46,473 | $(7,698)$ | 131,510 | $\underline{\text { 170,285 }}$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Balance as at 01.01.2013 | 46,473 | $(8,358)$ | 92,677 | 130,792 |
| Changes in equity for the period: |  |  |  |  |
| Total comprehensive income for the period | - | 1,041 | 18,815 | 19,856 |
| Dividends on ordinary shares | - | - | $(8,067)$ | $(8,067)$ |
| Balance as at 30.06.2013 | 46,473 | $(7,317)$ | 103,425 | 142,581 |

## COMPANY

Balance as at 01.01.2014
Changes in equity for the period:
Total comprehensive income for the period

| Share | Revenue Total Equity |  |
| ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Capital | Reserve |  |
| $\$, 000$ | $\$ \prime 000$ | $\$ \prime 000$ |
| 46,473 | 12,161 | 58,634 |
|  |  |  |
| - | 2,643 | 2,643 |
| - | $(12,813)$ | $(12,813)$ |
| 46,473 | 1,991 | 48,464 |

Balance as at 01.01.2013
Changes in equity for the period:
Total comprehensive income for the period Dividends on ordinary shares
Balance as at 30.06 .2013

| 46,473 | 9,215 | 55,688 |
| ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  |  |  |
| - | 4,240 | 4,240 |
| - | $(8,067)$ | $(8,067)$ |
| 46,473 | 5,388 | 51,861 |

## 1(d)(ii) Changes in Share Capital

## Share Capital <br> Ordinary share issued \& fully paid

Number of shares
\$'000

Balance as at 01.01.2014 \& 30.06.2014
474,551,093

There was no movement in the issued and paid-up capital of the Company since 31 December 2013.

There were no outstanding convertibles as at 30.06 .2014 (30.06.2013: Nil)
The Company has no treasury shares as at 30.06 .2014 (30.06.2013: Nil)

## 2 Audit

The financial statements have not been audited nor reviewed by the company's auditor.

## 3 Auditor's Report

Not Applicable

## 4 Accounting Policies

Except as disclosed in paragraph 5 below, the Group has applied the same accounting policies and methods of computation in the current financial year as with those in the most recently audited financial statements as at 31 December 2013.

## 5 Changes in Accounting Policies

In the current year, the Group has adopted all the new/revised Financial Reporting Standards which took effect for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2014. The adoption of the above FRS did not result in any substantial change to the Group's accounting policies.

## 6 Earnings per ordinary share of the group

| 2nd Qtr ended 30 Jun | Half Year ended 30 Jun |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2014 | 2013 |

Earnings per ordinary share for the period based on net profit attributable to equity holders:-
(a) On weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue
3.63cents 2.14cents
4.92cents
3.96cents
(b) On a fully diluted basis
3.63cents
4.92cents
3.96cents

Earnings per ordinary share on existing issued share capital is computed based on the weighted average number of ordinary shares issued during 2Q14 and 1H14 of 474,551,093 shares (2Q13 and 1H13: 474,551,093 shares).

There is no difference between the basic and diluted earnings per share.

## 7 Net asset value per ordinary share

|  | Group as at: |  | Company as at: |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Net asset value per share based on existing issued | $\mathbf{3 0 . 0 6 . 2 0 1 4}$ | 31.12 .2013 | $\mathbf{3 0 . 0 6 . 2 0 1 4}$ | 31.12 .2013 |
| share capital as at end of the respective dates | 35.88 cents | 33.74 cents | $\mathbf{1 0 . 2 1}$ cents | 12.36cents |

Net asset value is computed based on the number of shares in issue as at 30 June 2014 \& 31 December 2013 of $474,551,093$ shares.

## 8 Performance Review

Group turnover in 2nd Quarter 2014 decreased by $20.0 \%$ to $\$ 144.6 \mathrm{~m}$ from $\$ 180.9 \mathrm{~m}$ in the corresponding quarter last year.
This was due to a decline in turnover of the Steel Merchandising business by $30.1 \%$ to $\$ 54.7 \mathrm{~m}$ from $\$ 78.3 \mathrm{~m}$ and Fabrication \& Manufacturing business by $12.4 \%$ to $\$ 89.9 \mathrm{~m}$ from $\$ 102.6 \mathrm{~m}$.

For the half year ended 30 June 2014, Group turnover decreased by $25.7 \%$ to $\$ 249.4 \mathrm{~m}$ from $\$ 335.5 \mathrm{~m}$ last year. Turnover of the Steel Merchandising business decreased by $49.7 \%$ to $\$ 71.9 \mathrm{~m}$ from $\$ 142.9 \mathrm{~m}$ and Fabrication \& Manufacturing business turnover decreased by $7.8 \%$ to $\$ 177.5 \mathrm{~m}$ from $\$ 192.6 \mathrm{~m}$.

For 2nd Quarter and half year ended 30 Jun 2014, weak demand has led to a lower turnover in the Steel Merchandising business. The lower turnover in Fabrication \& Manufacturing business was due to weaker steel prices of the reinforcement steel rebar and mesh products in our domestic market.

Group gross profit margin as percentage of turnover in 2nd Quarter 2014 increased to $15.3 \%$ from $13.9 \%$ in the same quarter last year. For the half year ended 30 June 2014, Group gross profit margin increased to $17.6 \%$ from $14.8 \%$. These were attributable to higher contribution from Fabrication \& Manufacturing business.

As the Group continues to gear up capacity for Fabrication \& Manufacturing business, costs increases were incurred in the following areas:

> Depreciation and amortisation;
> Insurance, freight and transportation;
> Rental and utilities; and
> Repair and maintenance.

The Group's first joint venture executive condominium project, Austville Residences, was fully sold and obtained Temporary Occupation Permit (TOP) in April 2014. Thus, the Group had recognized share of profit of associate for $\$ 11.2 \mathrm{~m}$ in 2 nd Quarter 2014 and half year ended 30 June 2014.

For the half year ended 30 June 2014, net cash flows used in operating activities amounted to $\$ 45.3 \mathrm{~m}$. This was mainly due to increase in inventories and decrease in trade payables and other payables and accruals. Net cash flows used in investing activities amounted to $\$ 5.5 \mathrm{~m}$. This was mainly due to acquisition of new plant and equipment in the Fabrication \& Manufacturing business. With net cash flows from financing activities of $\$ 33.4 \mathrm{~m}$, cash and cash equivalents as at 30 June 2014 amounted to $\$ 97.2 \mathrm{~m}$, down from $\$ 114.7 \mathrm{~m}$ as at 1 January 2014.

The Balance Sheet remained strong. The net asset value per share as at 30 June 2014 increased to 35.88 cents up from 33.74 cents as at 31 December 2013.

## 9 Variance from Prospect Statement

No variance from previous statement.

## 10 Prospect Statement

Our Steel Merchandising business continues to face weak demand and stiff competition. We expect the operating environment to remain difficult.

In Singapore, the construction demand is expected to remain strong in 2014 with Building and Construction Authority (BCA) forecasting construction demand to be between $\$ 31$ billion and $\$ 38$ billion. Despite the strong construction demand, the Group expects stiff competition, and anticipates rising labour and financing costs. With the increased capacity, the Group is focused on customer-oriented delivery of value-added products at the right pricing and with timely delivery.

## 11 Dividend

## (a) Current Financial Period Reported On

Any dividend declared for the current financial period reported on? Yes

| Name of Dividend | Interim paid on 24 June 2014 | Interim payable on 16 <br> September 2014 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Dividend Type | Cash | Cash |
| Dividend Rate | 0.20 cent per ordinary share | 0.50 cent per ordinary <br> share |
| Tax Rate | One-tier tax exempt | One-tier tax exempt |

(b) Corresponding Period of the Immediately Preceding Financial Year

Any dividend declared for the corresponding period of the immediately preceding financial year? Yes

| Name of Dividend | Interim paid on 24 June 2013 | Interim paid on 16 <br> September 2013 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Dividend Type | Cash | Cash |
| Dividend Rate | 0.20 cent per ordinary share | 0.50 cent per ordinary <br> share |
| Tax Rate | One-tier tax exempt | One-tier tax exempt |

## (c) Date payable

16 September 2014.

## (d) Books closure date

The Share Transfer Books and Register of Members of the Company will be closed on 3rd September 2014 after 5.00 p.m. for the purpose of determining shareholders' entitlement to the interim dividend of 0.50 cent per ordinary share.

Duly completed registrable transfers in respect of shares of the Company received by the Company's Share Registrar, KCK CorpServe Pte. Ltd., of 333 North Bridge Road KH Kea Building \#08-00, Singapore 188721 up to 5.00 p.m. on 3rd September 2014 will be registered to determine Members' entitlements to such dividend. Members whose Securities Accounts with The Central Depository (Pte) Limited ("CDP") are credited with shares of the Company as at 5.00 p.m. on 3rd September 2014 will be entitled to such proposed dividend. In this respect, the dividend will be paid by the Company to CDP which will distribute the dividend to holders of the securities accounts.

## 12 If no dividend has been declared/recommended, a statement to that effect.

Not applicable

## 13 Interested Person Transactions

The Group does not have a general mandate from shareholders for interested person transactions pursuant to Rule 920 of the Listing Manual of the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited ("SGX-ST").

## 14 Confirmation pursuant to Rule 705(5) of the SGX Listing Manual

We, Lee Lin Poey and Lee Heng Thiam, being two directors of Lee Metal Group Ltd, do hereby confirm on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Company that, to the best of our knowledge, nothing has come to the attention of the Board of Directors of the Company which may render the unaudited financial results for the 2nd Quarter ended 30 June 2014 to be false or misleading in any material aspects.

## BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

Foo Soon Soo
Company Secretary
8 August 2014

