## LEE METAL GROUP LTD

REG. No. 198205439C

## Third Quarter and Nine Months 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 Third Quarter and Nine Months ended 30 Sep 2015.
INCOME STATEMENT FOR THIRD QUARTER AND NINE MONTHS ENDED 30 SEP 2015

|  |  | 3rd Qtr ended 30 Sep |  |  | Nine Months ended 30 Sep |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 2015 | 2014 | +/(-) | 2015 | 2014 | +/(-) |
|  | Notes | \$'000 | \$'000 | \% | \$'000 | \$'000 | \% |
| Turnover |  | 100,431 | 125,527 | (20.0\%) | 354,661 | 374,941 | (5.4\%) |
| Other operating income | A | 164 | 664 | (75.3\%) | 407 | 1,847 | (78.0\%) |
| Changes in inventories of finished goods and work-in-progress, raw materials and consumables used and finished goods purchased |  | $(74,543)$ | $(102,537)$ | (27.3\%) | $(282,084)$ | $(307,947)$ | (8.4\%) |
| Employee benefits expense | B | $(6,374)$ | $(7,350)$ | (13.3\%) | $(18,723)$ | $(18,406)$ | 1.7\% |
| Depreciation and amortisation | C | $(3,050)$ | $(2,626)$ | 16.1\% | $(8,594)$ | $(7,478)$ | 14.9\% |
| Insurance, freight and transportation | D | $(1,382)$ | $(1,019)$ | 35.6\% | $(3,908)$ | $(2,353)$ | 66.1\% |
| Rental and utilities | E | $(2,221)$ | $(2,217)$ | 0.2\% | $(6,633)$ | $(6,294)$ | 5.4\% |
| Repair and maintenance | F | $(1,022)$ | $(1,141)$ | (10.4\%) | $(3,254)$ | $(3,199)$ | 1.7\% |
| Other operating expenses | G | $(5,991)$ | $(3,084)$ | 94.3\% | $(14,236)$ | $(8,748)$ | 62.7\% |
| Financial expense | H | (731) | (967) | (24.4\%) | $(2,270)$ | $(2,846)$ | (20.2\%) |
| Financial income | I | 73 | 764 | (90.4\%) | 412 | 1,180 | (65.1\%) |
| Share of results of associate | $J$ | 9 | 3 | 200.0\% | (206) | 11,180 | n.m |
| Profit before tax |  | 5,363 | 6,017 | (10.9\%) | 15,572 | 31,877 | (51.1\%) |
| Income tax expense |  | $(1,287)$ | (962) | 33.8\% | $(3,076)$ | $(3,462)$ | (11.1\%) |
| Profit attributable to equity holders of the Company |  | 4,076 | 5,055 | (19.4\%) | 12,496 | 28,415 | (56.0\%) |

## STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THIRD QUARTER AND NINE MONTHS ENDED 30 SEP 2015

|  | 3rd Qtr ended 30 Sep |  |  | Nine Months ended 30 Sep |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2015 | 2014 | +/(-) | 2015 | 2014 | +/(-) |
|  | \$'000 | \$'000 | \% | \$'000 | \$'000 | \% |
| Profit attributable to equity holders of the Company | 4,076 | 5,055 | (19.4\%) | 12,496 | 28,415 | (56.0\%) |
| Other comprehensive income (Item that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss):- |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| - Foreign currency translation reserve | 1,594 | 491 | 224.6\% | 2,021 | 137 | 1375.2\% |
| Total comprehensive income attributable to equity holders of the Company | 5,670 | 5,546 | 2.2\% | 14,517 | 28,552 | (49.2\%) |

1(a)(ii) Notes to the Income Statement
A) Other operating income comprises the following:

- Impairment loss on trade receivables reversed
- Gain / (loss) on disposal of property, plant and equipment,ne
- Commission income

| 3rd Qtr ended 30 Sep |  |  | Nine Months ended 30 Sep |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2015 | 2014 | +/(-) | 2015 | 2014 | +/(-) |
| \$'000 | \$'000 | \% | \$'000 | \$'000 | \% |
| - | - | n.m | 5 | - | n.m |
| 109 | (4) | (2825.0\%) | 119 | 20 | 495.0\% |
| - | 117 | (100.0\%) | 16 | 190 | (91.6\%) |
| 35 | 512 | (93.2\%) | 105 | 1,535 | (93.2\%) |
| 20 | 39 | (48.7\%) | 162 | 102 | 58.8\% |
| 164 | 664 | (75.3\%) | 407 | 1,847 | (78.0\%) |

B) Employee benefits expense decreased by $13.3 \%$ in 3rd Quarter 2015 mainly due to lower personnel costs in line with lower turnover in both Fabrication \& Manufacturing business and Steel Merchandising Business. For nine months ended 30 Sep 2015, it increased by $1.7 \%$ mainly due to increase in headcount and foreign worker levy owing to higher value-added activities in the Fabrication \& Manufacturing business
C) Depreciation and amortisation expense increased by $16.1 \%$ in 3rd Quarter 2015 and $14.9 \%$ in nine months ended 30 Sep 2015 as the Group expands its value-added capacity in the Fabrication \& Manufacturing business.
D) Insurance, freight and transportation increased by 35.6\% in 3rd Quarter 2015 and 66.1\% in nine months ended 30 Sep 2015 due to increase in business volume in Fabrication \& Manufacturing business as well as transportation cost incurred for Steel Merchandising business.
E) Rental and utilities increased by $0.2 \%$ in 3rd Quarter 2015 and $5.4 \%$ in nine months ended 30 Sep 2015 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. In addition, higher rental cost was also contributed by Steel Merchandising business.
F) Repair and maintenance decreased by $10.4 \%$ in 3rd Quarter 2015 due to lower costs incurred for upkeeping and servicing of motor vehicles. For nine months ended 30 Sep 2015, repair and maintenance increased by $1.7 \%$ due to higher costs incurred for upkeeping and servicing of more machineries.
G) Other operating expenses include:

- Outsourcing of labour
- Worker's dormitories and related costs
- Tools and consumables
- Insurance
- Bank charges
- Trade commission
- Professional fees
- Travelling

| 3rd Qtr ended 30 Sep |  |  | Nine Months ended 30 Sep |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2015 | 2014 | +/(-) | 2015 | 2014 | +/(-) |
| \$'000 | \$'000 | \% | \$'000 | \$'000 | \% |
| 1,097 | 816 | 34.4\% | 3,902 | 2,137 | 82.6\% |
| 420 | 368 | 14.1\% | 1,221 | 1,053 | 16.0\% |
| 395 | 472 | (16.3\%) | 1,072 | 1,076 | (0.4\%) |
| 294 | 328 | (10.4\%) | 982 | 953 | 3.0\% |
| 33 | 123 | (73.2\%) | 113 | 353 | (68.0\%) |
| 135 | 121 | 11.6\% | 359 | 242 | 48.3\% |
| 123 | 106 | 16.0\% | 395 | 354 | 11.6\% |
| 186 | 119 | 56.3\% | 508 | 434 | 17.1\% |
| 72 | 175 | (58.9\%) | 354 | 439 | (19.4\%) |
| 2,756 | (35) | (7974.3\%) | 3,719 | 305 | 1119.3\% |
| - | 3 | (100.0\%) | - | 3 | (100.0\%) |
| 164 | - | n.m | 164 | - | n.m |
| 316 | 488 | (35.2\%) | 1,447 | 1,399 | 3.4\% |
| 5,991 | 3,084 | 94.3\% | 14,236 | 8,748 | 62.7\% |

H) Financial expense decreased by $24.4 \%$ in 3rd Quarter 2015 and $20.2 \%$ in nine months ended 30 Sep 2015 mainly due to lower financing quantum in Steel Merchandising business in line with lower turnover.
I) Financial income decreased by $90.4 \%$ in 3rd Quarter 2015 and $65.1 \%$ in nine months ended 30 Sep 2015 following a full repayment of loan by its associate in April 2015.
J) Share of results of associate for nine months ended 30 Sep 2014 of $\$ 11.2 \mathrm{~m}$ was due to the share of profit of our joint venture executive condominium project, Austville Residences, which obtained Temporary Occupation Permit (TOP) in April 2014.
K) n.m means not meaningful

1(b)(i) STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

|  |  | Group |  | Company |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 30.09.2015 | 31.12.2014 | 30.09.2015 | 31.12.2014 |
| ASSETS | Notes | \$'000 | \$’000 | \$'000 | \$'000 |
| Non-current assets |  |  |  |  |  |
| Property, plant and equipment |  | 53,582 | 49,589 | 4,229 | 4,515 |
| Investment properties |  | 1,972 | 2,004 | - | - |
| Investment in subsidiaries |  | - | - | 20,490 | 20,490 |
| Investment in associate | 1 | 3,377 | 11,983 | - | - |
| Club memberships |  | 533 | 579 | 217 | 227 |
| Deferred tax assets |  | 1,038 | 1,038 | - | - |
|  |  | 60,502 | 65,193 | 24,936 | 25,232 |
| Current assets |  |  |  |  |  |
| Inventories | 2 | 102,748 | 139,616 | - | - |
| Trade receivables | 3 | 73,321 | 85,166 | - | - |
| Other receivables and deposits |  | 737 | 637 | 12 | 11 |
| Prepayments | 4 | 14,141 | 6,450 | 23 | 23 |
| Asset held for sale | 5 | 12,716 | - | - | - |
| Forward exchange contracts |  | 596 | 596 | - | - |
| Due from subsidiaries (non trade) |  | - | - | 9 | 11,083 |
| Loans to associate | 6 | - | 10,784 | - | - |
| Fixed deposits |  | 10,242 | 42,946 | 8,500 | 23,303 |
| Cash and bank balances |  | 80,833 | 46,101 | 16,294 | 853 |
|  |  | 295,334 | 332,296 | 24,838 | 35,273 |
| Total assets |  | 355,836 | 397,489 | 49,774 | 60,505 |


|  | Group |  | Company |  |
| :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Notes | 30.09 .2015 | 31.12 .2014 | 30.09 .2015 | 31.12 .2014 |
|  | $\$ \prime 000$ | $\$ \prime 000$ | $\$ \prime 000$ | $\$ \prime 000$ |

## EQUITY AND LIABILITIES

## Current liabilities

| Trade payables | 2 | 10,583 | 43,234 | 39 | 24 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Bills payable to banks (secured) | 2 | 111,018 | 117,258 | - |  |
| Other payables and accruals | 7 | 9,798 | 14,260 | 432 | 441 |
| Advance payment from customers | 2 | 2,006 | 5,618 | - |  |
| Provision for onerous contracts |  | 6,645 | 6,645 | - |  |
| Hire purchase creditors |  | 4,486 | 4,506 | - |  |
| Bank term loans (secured) | 5 | 6,623 | 3,370 | - |  |
| Income tax payable |  | 6,046 | 6,292 | 434 | 557 |
|  |  | 157,205 | 201,183 | 905 | 1,022 |
| Net current assets |  | 138,129 | 131,113 | 23,933 | 34,251 |
| Non-current liabilities |  |  |  |  |  |
| Hire purchase creditors |  | 6,978 | 10,314 | - |  |
| Bank term loans (secured) | 5 | 11,078 | 7,098 | - |  |
| Deferred tax liabilities |  | 1,197 | 1,221 | 260 | 281 |
|  |  | 19,253 | 18,633 | 260 | 281 |
| Total liabilities |  | 176,458 | 219,816 | 1,165 | 1,303 |
| Net assets |  | 179,378 | 177,673 | 48,609 | 59,202 |

## 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 | $\mathbf{1 3 7 , 1 3 8}$ | 137,454 | $\mathbf{3 , 4 3 3}$ | 12,729 |
| Foreign currency translation reserve | $(4,233)$ | $(6,254)$ | - | - |
|  | $\mathbf{1 7 9 , 3 7 8}$ | 177,673 | $\mathbf{4 9 , 9 0 6}$ | 59,202 |

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

1) Investment in associate decreased by $\$ 8.6 \mathrm{~m}$ due to distribution of profits from our associate for our joint venture executive condominium project, Austville Residences in July 2015.
2) Inventories decreased by $\$ 36.9 \mathrm{~m}$ mainly due to lower stock position in Steel Merchandising business. Correspondingly, trade payables, bills payable to banks and advance payment from customers also decreased.
3) Trade receivables decreased by $\$ 11.8 \mathrm{~m}$ due to lower turnover in Fabrication \& Manufacturing business resulting from weaker steel prices.
4) Prepayments increased by $\$ 7.7 \mathrm{~m}$ mainly due to prepayments relating to plant and equipment for the our new factories and purchase of inventories.
5) Asset held for sale increased by $\$ 12.7 \mathrm{~m}$ due to acquisition of a freehold bungalow in prime district for redevelopment to a new luxury bungalow. Correspondingly, bank term loans also increased.
6) Loans to associate reduced by $\$ 10.8$ m due to a full repayment of loan and interest by its associate in April 2015.
7) Other payables and accruals decreased by $\$ 4.5 \mathrm{~m}$ mainly due to lower operating expenses accrued in nine months ended 30 Sep 2015 compared to 31 December 2014.

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

| As at 30.09.2015 |  | As at 31.12.2014 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Secured | Unsecured | Secured | Unsecured |
| $\$ \prime 000$ | $\$ \prime 000$ | \$'000 | $\$^{\prime} 000$ |
| 122,127 | - | 125,134 | - |

Amount repayable after one year

| As at 30.09.2015 |  | As at 31.12.2014 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Secured | Unsecured | Secured |  |
| $\$^{\prime} 000$ | $\$ \prime 000$ | Unsecured |  |
| 18,056 | - | 17,412 |  |

## 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; and
(d) the bank term loans are secured by legal mortgages over the Group's leasehold investment properties with net book value of $\$ 2.0 \mathrm{~m}$ (31.12.2014: \$2.0m), asset held for sale $\$ 12.7 \mathrm{~m}$ (31.12.2014: Nil) and property, plant and equipment with net book value of \$13.4m (31.12.2014: \$14.3m).

1(c) CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THIRD QUARTER AND NINE MONTHS ENDED 30 SEP 2015

|  | 3rd Qtr ended 30 Sep |  | Nine Months ended 30 Sep |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2015 | 2014 | 2015 | 2014 |
| Notes | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 |
| Operating activities |  |  |  |  |
| Profit before tax | 5,363 | 6,017 | 15,572 | 31,877 |
| Adjustments for: |  |  |  |  |
| Amortisation of club memberships | 15 | 16 | 47 | 47 |
| Depreciation of property, plant and equipment | 3,024 | 2,301 | 8,515 | 6,504 |
| Depreciation of investment properties | 11 | 309 | 32 | 927 |
| Property, plant and equipment written off | - | 3 | - | 3 |
| (Gain)/loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment, net | (109) | 4 | (119) | (20) |
| Interest expense | 731 | 967 | 2,270 | 2,846 |
| Interest income | (73) | (764) | (412) | $(1,180)$ |
| Net fair value (gain)/loss on forward exchange contracts | - | (252) | - | 226 |
| Foreign currency translation adjustments | 1,132 | 182 | 691 | (41) |
| Share of results of associate | (9) | (3) | 206 | $(11,180)$ |
| Operating cash flows before changes in working capital (Increase)/decrease in: | 10,085 | 8,780 | 26,802 | 30,009 |
| Inventories | 8,880 | 10,840 | 36,870 | $(24,471)$ |
| Trade receivables | 9,412 | $(6,159)$ | 11,845 | $(8,562)$ |
| Other receivables, deposits and prepayments | 6,451 | 473 | $(7,790)$ | 509 |
| Increase/(decrease) in: |  |  |  |  |
| Trade payables | $(1,594)$ | (229) | $(32,654)$ | $(18,072)$ |
| Other payables and accruals | $(9,488)$ | 5,897 | $(17,835)$ | 139 |
| Cash flows from/(used in) operations | 23,746 | 19,602 | 17,238 | $(20,448)$ |
| Interest paid | (731) | (967) | $(2,270)$ | $(2,846)$ |
| Interest received | 73 | 764 | 412 | 1,180 |
| Income taxes paid | $(1,391)$ | $(2,843)$ | $(3,345)$ | $(6,665)$ |
| Net cash flows from/(used in) operating activities 8 | 21,697 | 16,556 | 12,035 | $(28,779)$ |

Investing activities
Purchase of property, plant and equipment
Proceeds from distribution of profits of an associate
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment
Purchase of asset held for sale
Decrease in loans to associate
Net cash flows (used in)/from investing activities

| $(6,121)$ | $(2,377)$ | $(12,462)$ | $(7,605)$ |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 8,400 | - | 8,400 | - |
| - | - | 132 | 126 |
| $(2,956)$ | - | $\mathbf{( 2 , 9 5 6 )}$ | - |
| - | 5,922 | $\mathbf{1 0 , 7 8 4}$ | 5,567 |
| $(677)$ | 3,545 | 3,898 | $(1,912)$ |

## Financing activities

| Decrease / (increase) in fixed deposits - pledged |  | 5,234 | - | (1) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (Decrease) / increase in bills payable to banks (secured) | $(14,868)$ | $(34,487)$ | $(6,240)$ | 20,694 |
| Proceed from / (repayment of) bank term loans | 8,918 | (842) | 7,233 | $(2,527)$ |
| Repayment of hire purchase | $(1,119)$ | $(1,004)$ | $(3,356)$ | $(3,081)$ |
| Dividends paid on ordinary shares | $(2,373)$ | $(2,373)$ | $(12,813)$ | $(15,186)$ |
| Net cash flows used in financing activities 10 | $(9,442)$ | $(33,472)$ | $(15,176)$ | (101) |
| Net increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents | 11,578 | $(13,371)$ | 757 | $(30,792)$ |
| Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents | 437 | 299 | 1,271 | 156 |
| Cash \& cash equivalents at beginning of the period | 78,610 | 97,155 | 88,597 | 114,719 |
| Cash \& cash equivalents at end of the period 11 | 90,625 | 84,083 | 90,625 | 84,083 |

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

8) Net cash flows from operating activities in 3rd Quarter 2015 increased by $\$ 5.1 \mathrm{~m}$, from $\$ 16.6 \mathrm{~m}$ to $\$ 21.7 \mathrm{~m}$. Net cash flows from operating activities was $\$ 12.0 \mathrm{~m}$ in the nine months ended 30 Sep 2015 compared to net cash flows used in operating activities of $\$ 28.8 \mathrm{~m}$ in the nine months ended 30 Sep 2014 . These were mainly due to decrease in inventories and trade receivables.
9) Net cash flows used in investing activities was $\$ 0.7 \mathrm{~m}$ in 3rd Quarter 2015 compared to net cash flows from investing activities of $\$ 3.5 \mathrm{~m}$ in 3rd Quarter 2014. For the nine months ended 30 Sep 2015, net cash flows from investing activities was $\$ 3.9 \mathrm{~m}$ compared to net cash flow used in investing activities of $\$ 1.9 \mathrm{~m}$ in the nine months ended 30 Sep 2014. These were due to purchase of new plant and equipment and purchase of asset held for sale but offset by proceeds from distribution of profits of an associate.
10) Net cash flows used in financing activities in 3rd Quarter 2015 decreased by $\$ 24.1 \mathrm{~m}$, from $\$ 33.5 \mathrm{~m}$ to $\$ 9.4 \mathrm{~m}$. For the nine months ended 30 Sep 2015, net cash flows used in financing activities increased by $\$ 15.1 \mathrm{~m}$, from $\$ 0.1 \mathrm{~m}$ to $\$ 15.2 \mathrm{~m}$. These were mainly due to decrease in bills payable to banks.
11) Cash and cash equivalents as at 3rd Quarter comprised the following:-

|  | $\mathbf{2 0 1 5}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 4}$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
|  | $\mathbf{\$ \prime 0 0 0}$ | $\$ \prime 000$ |
| Cash and bank balances | $\mathbf{8 0 , 8 3 3}$ | 62,264 |
| Fixed deposits | $\mathbf{1 0 , 2 4 2}$ | 22,270 |
| Less: Fixed deposits pledged | $\mathbf{( 4 5 0 )}$ | $\mathbf{( 4 5 1 )}$ |
|  | $\mathbf{9 0 , 6 2 5}$ | 84,083 |

Fixed deposits of $\$ 0.5 \mathrm{~m}$ (2014: $\$ 0.5 \mathrm{~m}$ ) 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 01.01.2015 | 46,473 | $(6,254)$ | 137,455 | 177,674 |
| Changes in equity for the period: |  |  |  |  |
| Total comprehensive income for the period | - | 2,021 | 12,496 | 14,517 |
| Dividends on ordinary shares | - | - | $(12,813)$ | $(12,813)$ |
| Balance as at 30.09.2015 | 46,473 | $(4,233)$ | 137,138 | 179,378 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| 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 |  | 137 | 28,415 | 28,552 |
| Dividends on ordinary shares |  |  | $(15,186)$ | $(15,186)$ |
| Balance as at 30.09.2014 | 46,473 | $(7,207)$ | 134,192 | 173,458 |


| COMPANY | Share <br> Capital |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $\$ \prime 000$ |  | | Revenue |
| ---: |
| Reserve | Total Equity


| Share Capital <br> Ordinary share issued \& fully paid | Number of shares | \$'000 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Balance as at 01.01.2015 \& 30.09.2015 | 474,551,093 | 46,473 |

There was no movement in the issued and paid-up capital of the Company since 31 December 2014.

There were no outstanding convertibles as at 30.09.2015 (30.09.2014: Nil)

The Company has no treasury shares as at 30.09.2015 (30.09.2014: 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 2014.

## 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 2015. 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

| 3rd Qtr ended | 30 Sep |  | Nine Months ended |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 2015 | 2014 | 2015 |  |

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 | $\mathbf{0 . 8 6 c e n t s}$ | 1.07cents | 2.63cents | 5.99 cents |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| (b) On a fully diluted basis | $\mathbf{0 . 8 6 c e n t s}$ | 1.07 cents | 2.63cents | 5.99 cents |

Earnings per ordinary share on existing issued share capital is computed based on the weighted average number of ordinary shares issued during 3Q15 and 9M15 of 474,551,093 shares (3Q14 and 9M14: 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: |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 30.09.2015 | 31.12 .2014 | 30.09 .2015 | 31.12 .2014 |
|  |  |  |  |
| 37.80cents | 37.44 cents | 10.52cents | 12.48cents |

Net asset value is computed based on the number of shares in issue as at 30 September 2015 \& 31 December 2014 of 474,551,093 shares.

## 8 Performance Review

For 3rd Quarter 2015, Group turnover decreased by $20.0 \%$ to $\$ 100.4 \mathrm{~m}$ from $\$ 125.5 \mathrm{~m}$ in the corresponding quarter last year. The lower turnover was attributable to Steel Merchandising business which decreased by $78.4 \%$ to $\$ 6.1 \mathrm{~m}$ from $\$ 28.3 \mathrm{~m}$, and Fabrication \& Manufacturing business which decreased by $3.0 \%$ to $\$ 94.3 \mathrm{~m}$ from $\$ 97.2 \mathrm{~m}$. The decrease in turnover was contributed by weaker steel prices for both businesses coupled with lower volume in Steel Merchandising business, but partially offset by higher volume in Fabrication \& Manufacturing business.

For the nine month ended 30 Sep 2015, Group turnover decreased by $5.4 \%$ to $\$ 354.7 \mathrm{~m}$ from $\$ 374.9 \mathrm{~m}$ in the corresponding period last year. The lower turnover was mainly attributable to Steel Merchandising business which decreased by $56.0 \%$ to $\$ 44.1 \mathrm{~m}$ from $\$ 100.2 \mathrm{~m}$, but offset by Fabrication \& Manufacturing business which increased by $13.1 \%$ to $\$ 310.6 \mathrm{~m}$ from $\$ 274.7 \mathrm{~m}$. The decrease in turnover was contributed by lower volume in Steel Merchandising business and weaker steel prices in both businesses, but offset by higher volume in Fabrication \& Manufacturing business.

Group gross profit margin as percentage of turnover in 3rd Quarter 2015 and nine months ended 30 Sep 2015 was $25.8 \%$ and $20.5 \%$ respectively, higher than the corresponding period last year of $18.3 \%$ and $17.9 \%$. These were mainly due to higher contribution from our Fabrication \& Manufacturing business.

The increase in value-added tonnage delivered in the Fabrication \& Manufacturing business has resulted in costs increase in the following areas:

> Employee benefits expense;
> Depreciation and amortisation; Insurance, freight and transportation;
> Rental and utilities;
> Repair and maintenance; and
> Other operating expenses

The Group's profit attributable to equity holders of the Company was $\$ 4.1 \mathrm{~m}$ in 3rd Quarter 2015 and $\$ 12.5 \mathrm{~m}$ for the nine months ended 30 Sep 2015, a decrease of $19.4 \%$ from the corresponding quarter last year of $\$ 5.1 \mathrm{~m}$ and $56.0 \%$ from the corresponding period last year of $\$ 28.4 \mathrm{~m}$. Excluding prior year's share of profit for $\$ 11.2 \mathrm{~m}$ in its first joint venture executive condominium project, Austville Residences, Group's profit would have been decreased by $27.3 \%$ in the nine months ended 30 Sep 2015.

## Cashflow

For the nine months ended 30 Sep 2015, net cash flows from operating activities amounted to $\$ 12.0 \mathrm{~m}$. This was mainly due to decrease in inventories and trade receivables. Net cash flows from investing activities amounted to $\$ 3.9 \mathrm{~m}$. This was mainly due to purchase of new plant and equipment and purchase of asset held for sale but offset by proceeds from distribution of profits of an associate. With net cash flows used in financing activities of $\$ 15.2 \mathrm{~m}$, cash and cash equivalents as at 30 Sep 2015 amounted to $\$ 90.6 \mathrm{~m}$, up from $\$ 88.6 \mathrm{~m}$ as at 1 January 2015.

## Balance Sheet

The Balance Sheet remained strong. The net asset value per share as at 30 Sep 2015 was 37.80 cents, slightly better than 37.44 cents as at 31 December 2014. This was after payments for FY2014 special and final dividends of $\$ 9.5 \mathrm{~m}$ in May 2015 and FY2015 interim dividends totaling $\$ 3.3 \mathrm{~m}$, made up of $\$ 0.9 \mathrm{~m}$ in June 2015 and $\$ 2.4 \mathrm{~m}$ in September 2015 respectively.

## 9 Variance from Prospect Statement

No variance from previous statement.

## 10 Prospect Statement

With the weakening of steel prices and fluctuation of currency exchange rate in the Steel Merchandising business, the Group will continue to be selective and vigilant in mitigating its risks.

The Group remains focused on providing value-added services and products to our Fabrication and Manufacturing clients.

## 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 2015 | Interim paid on 16 <br> September 2015 | Interim payable on 111 <br> December 2015 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Dividend Type | Cash | Cash | Cash |
| Dividend Rate | 0.20 cent per ordinary share | 0.50 cent per ordinary <br> share | 0.30 cent per ordinary share |
| Tax Rate | One-tier tax exempt | 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 2014 | Interim paid on 16 <br> September 2014 | Interim paid on 12 December <br> 2014 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Dividend Type | Cash | Cash | Cash |
| Dividend Rate | 0.20 cent per ordinary share | 0.50 cent per ordinary <br> share | 0.30 cent per ordinary share |
| Tax Rate | One-tier tax exempt | One-tier tax exempt | One-tier tax exempt |

## (c) Date payable

## (d) Books closure date

The Share Transfer Books and Register of Members of the Company will be closed on 25 th November 2015 after 5.00 p.m. for the purpose of determining shareholders' entitlement to the interim dividend of 0.30 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 25 th November 2015 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 25th November 2015 will be entitled to the such proposed dividend. In this respect, the said 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 3rd Quarter ended 30 September 2015 to be false or misleading in any material aspects

## 15 Confirmation pursuant to Rule 720(1) of the SGX Listing Manual

The Group has procured undertakings from all its directors and executive officers in the format set out in Appendix 7.7 under Rule 720(1)

## BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

Foo Soon Soo
Company Secretary
9 November 2015

