

Press Release
(For Immediate Release)

Chasen posts revenue of S\$50 million in 1HFY2015 and expects better 2nd half

- Revenue for 1HFY2015 increased to S\$49.9 million while net profit remained relatively flat at S\$0.9 million over the same period
- As part of the Group's efforts to improve its overall operational efficiency, it has implemented various measures and the results will be reflected in the coming quarters
- With the major Specialist Relocation projects in China picking up pace, the Group expects significant contribution from these projects for the rest of the financial year

Description	Q2FY2015 (S\$ million)	Q2FY2014 (S\$ million)	Change	1HFY2015 (S\$ million)	1HFY2014 (S\$ million)	Change
Revenue	24.5	26.0	(6%)	49.9	47.6	5%
Gross Profit	5.9	6.2	(5%)	11.3	10.7	5%
Profit before tax from operations	0.7	0.8	(8%)	1.3	1.3	2%
Profit after tax	0.5	0.4	16%	0.9	0.9	1%

Singapore, 12 November 2014 – SGX Mainboard-listed Chasen Holdings Limited (“Chasen” or the “Group”), is pleased to announce its financial performance for the three months ended 30 September 2014 (“Q2FY2015”) and the six months ended 30 September 2014 (“1HFY2015”).

In Q2FY2015, revenue declined 6% to S\$24.5 million, which was primarily due to a reduction in revenue contribution from Technical & Engineering business segment for the repair and servicing and contract manufacturing business.

Revenue from Third Party Logistics business segment witnessed a growth of S\$0.7 million to S\$6.8 million in Q2FY2015 while revenue from Specialist Relocation business segment remained stable at S\$8.8 million.

Despite the decline in revenue contribution from Technical & Engineering business segment during the quarter, total revenue increased 5% in 1HFY2015 to S\$49.9 million from S\$47.6 million in the corresponding period a year ago ("1HFY2014").

Profitability

In line with the decline in revenue in Q2FY2015, gross profit decreased 5% to S\$5.9 million from S\$6.2 million in the corresponding period a year ago ("Q2FY2014"). Gross profit margin remained relatively stable at 24.0% in 2QFY2015 (Q2FY2014: 23.8%).

In 2QFY2015, administrative expenses remained flat, while other operating expense saw a decrease of S\$0.6 million to S\$0.01 million in Q2FY2015 as compared to S\$0.7 million in Q2FY2014. This was primarily due to zero provision for doubtful trade receivables and impairment of investment in Q2FY2015. Distribution and selling expenses increased by 16% in Q2FY2015 due to higher marketing expenses related to securing overseas projects.

As a result of the above, the Group reported a profit after tax of S\$0.5 million in Q2FY2015 as compared to the S\$0.4 million in Q2FY2014.

In 1HFY2015, gross profit increased 5% to S\$11.3 million from S\$10.7 million in 1HFY2014 while gross profit margin remained relatively stable at 22.6% in 1HFY2015. (1HFY2014: 22.6%). Profit after tax for 1HFY2015 remains relatively flat at S\$0.9 million (1HFY2014: S\$0.9 million).

Outlook

Specialist Relocation projects, particularly those in the People's Republic of China ("PRC"), are expected to be the key revenue drivers for the rest of the financial year. The pace of these projects have picked up after a slow start in the earlier part of second quarter and are now in full swing.

Operationally, the Group has been focusing on implementing various measures to improve efficiencies amongst the three business segments. Operational challenges have been identified and are being overcome. The results from these efforts will be reflected in the coming quarters.

Barring unforeseen circumstances, the Group expects to be profitable this financial year.

Commenting on its prospects and growth, Group Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, Mr Justin Low, remarked, ***“The coming quarters will be exciting as we look towards a significant revenue contribution from the Specialist Relocation projects. In addition, our efforts to better our marketing and operational synergies among the business units are bearing fruits. Going forward, China continues to be a major market for us as we see more enterprises relocating inland.”***

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About Chasen Holdings Limited (Bloomberg: CHLD:SP ; Reuters: 5NV.SI)

Chasen Holdings Limited is a SGX Mainboard listed investment holdings company with subsidiaries in Specialist Relocation solutions, Technical & Engineering services and Third-Party Logistics, including facilities for the packing and warehousing of sophisticated machinery and equipment for the region’s manufacturing industries.

Headquartered in Singapore with operations in Malaysia, Vietnam and the People’s Republic of China, Chasen serves global customers in industries such as wafer fabrication, TFT display production, chip testing and assembly, solar panel assembly, consumer electronics, telecommunications, ordnance, cultural relics, facilities maintenance, water treatment, marine and construction sectors.

Its diversified revenue base and long-standing customer relationship underlie its strong fundamentals, which enables the Group to weather fluctuating business cycles of various industries. Its business model and growth strategy are set to propel the Group in riding the opportunities available in the region and building on its recurring income base.

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