



ASTI Holdings Limited
(Company Registration No. I99901514C)
(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 financial entry criteria pursuant to Rule 1311(1) of the Listing Manual of the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited (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 the financial situation of the Company and the Group in respect of the full year ended 31 December 2022.

Update on Unaudited Financial Performance and Financial Position

The Group recorded revenue of \$67.0 million in the full year ended 31 December 2022 (“**FY2022**”); an increase of \$12.7 million from \$54.3 million recorded in the previous corresponding period ended 31 December 2021 (“**FY2021**”). This is mainly due to higher revenue from our Tape & Reel packaging services contributed by our Philippines operations.

Gross profit margin of the Group dropped by 1 percentage-point; from 29% in FY2021 to 28% in FY2022.

The Group registered a profit after tax of \$3.0 million in FY2022 compared to loss after tax of \$8.1 million in FY2021.

Compared to 31 December 2021, the Group’s net assets have dropped by S\$0.2 million from S\$64.4 million to S\$64.2 million as at 31 December 2022.

Cash at bank and on hand increased by S\$2.1 million from S\$23.8 million as at 31 December 2021 to S\$25.9 million as at 31 December 2022.

Please refer to our result announcement of the unaudited financial statements of the Group for the six months and full year ended 31 December 2022, released via the SGXNet on 23 February 2023, for details.

Update on Future Direction and Other Material Development

The Company was placed on the watch-list under the financial entry criteria pursuant to Rule 1311(1) of the Listing Manual on 6 June 2019. The deadline for the Company to meet the financial exit criteria set out in Rule 1314(1) of the Listing Manual (the “**Financial Exit Criteria**”) was 5 June 2022 pursuant to Rule 1315 of the Listing Manual (the “**Deadline**”).

Further to the Company’s announcement on 24 May 2022 and 30 May 2022, and the letter of reconsideration dated 31 May 2022, the Company has been informed by SGX-ST that the Company’s application for an extension of time to meet the financial exit criteria set out in Rule 1314(1) of the Listing Manual has been rejected.

As the Company was unable to satisfy the Financial Exit Criteria on or before the expiry of the Deadline, a notification of delisting was issued by SGX-ST (the “**Delisting Notification**”) to the Company on 6

June 2022. Trading of the Company's securities subsequently ceased on 5pm, 5 July 2022 and will remain suspended until the completion of the exit offer.

Pursuant to Listing Rule 1306, the Company or its controlling shareholder(s) must comply with Listing Rule 1309 which requires the Company or its controlling shareholder(s) to provide a fair and reasonable exit offer to shareholders.

On 5 October 2022, the Company announced that one of its substantial shareholders has indicated an intention to explore a possible exit offer to the shareholders for their shares in the Company.

Further to the Company's announcement on 11 January 2023, the Company is in discussions with another substantial shareholder to explore a possible exit offer to the shareholders. These discussions are currently ongoing and negotiations are still in the preliminary stage. Accordingly, there is no certainty or assurance that such an exit offer will materialise.

In response to SGX Queries dated 13 February 2023, the Company announced that Mr. Soh Pock Kheng, the key substantial shareholder concerned in the announcement dated 5 October 2022, is no longer pursuing a potential exit offer. On 11 January 2023, the Company also announced that Dato' Michael Loh, another substantial shareholder, has entered into an agreement on 8 February 2023 to sell his 19.89% stake in ASTI to Capital Engineering Network Public Company Limited ("**CEN**") conditional on, inter alia, the approval of the shareholders of CEN in an extraordinary general meeting.

The Board wishes to highlight that the CEN has not yet appointed his own advisors. Meanwhile however, the Company has approached CEN to enquire on its interest in a potential exit offer. Accordingly, there is no certainty or assurance that such an exit offer will materialise.

The Board is closely monitoring the situation, and if and when the Company receives further information in relation to the foregoing, the Company will, in compliance with its disclosure obligations under the SGX-ST Listing Manual and Singapore Code and Take-overs and Mergers, promptly make the relevant disclosures as required.

By Order of the Board

Dato' Michael Loh Soon Gnee
Chairman
ASTI Holdings Limited
23 February 2023