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STAMFORD TYRES' HALF-YEAR NET PROFIT TRIPLES TO \$3 MILLION

SINGAPORE, 12 December 2016 – Mainboard-listed Stamford Tyres Corporation Limited (“Stamford Tyres”)(STC:SP) today announced that its net profit increased to \$3.0 million for 1HFY17 compared to \$1.0 million for 1HFY16.

Gross profit margin increased from 24.0 per cent in 1HFY16 to 25.7 per cent in 1HFY17, mainly attributable to lower cost of sales and contribution from value-added activities at its Stamford Tyres Mart retail chain and truck tyre centres.

The Group recorded revenue of \$115.8 million which was 6.1 per cent lower than 1HFY16 at \$123.3 million.

Total operating expenses decreased by 4.6 per cent to \$27.5 million in 1HFY17 compared to \$28.8 million in 1HFY16. The decrease was attributed to lower marketing and distribution costs, depreciation, finance costs and foreign exchange costs.

The cash and cash equivalents of the Group stood at \$16.3 million as at 31 October 2016 compared to \$17.4 million as 30 April 2016.

On a diluted basis, the Group’s earnings per ordinary share increased from 0.42 cents for 1HFY16 to 1.28 cents for 1HFY17. As at 31 October 2016, the Group’s net asset value per ordinary share stood at 50.46 cents, compared to 49.88 cents as at 30 April 2016.

Mr Wee Kok Wah, President of Stamford Tyres Corporation Limited, said: “The global economic outlook remains challenging. We continue to focus on growing our sales of car tyres and SSW wheels, as well as truck tyres and mining tyres. We are also focusing on improving our sales productivity and value-added segments such as Stamford Tyres Mart retail chain and truck centres”.

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About Stamford Tyres Corporation Limited (STC:SP)

Stamford Tyres is one of the largest independent tyre and wheel distributors in Southeast Asia with distribution centres in Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, Indonesia, Hong Kong, India, Australia, South Africa, Brunei and Vietnam. It provides many value added services such as regional retail operations, on-site management services to fleet owners and mining operators. The Group has also set up a state-of-the-art plant in Thailand to manufacture alloy wheels.

Stamford Tyres was established in the 1930s and was listed on the Second Board of Singapore Stock Exchange (then known as SGX-Sesdaq) in 1991, and was upgraded to the Main Board of the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited (SGX-ST) in April 2003. Today, Stamford Tyres has a sales and operations network in more than 90 countries around the world. The Group continues to focus on its core business of tyre distribution of its major brands – Falken, Dunlop, Continental and Maxam. It has also strengthened its development capabilities and introduced innovative products to grow its proprietary brands in international markets – Sumo Firenza, Sumo Tire and SSW Wheels.

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