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Lian Beng's 2Q19 profit rises 21% to \$7.7M

- ✓ Declares tax-exempt interim dividend of \$0.01 per share
- ✓ Healthy cash position with cash and cash equivalents of \$164 million
- ✓ \$1.2 billion order book to provide steady flow of activities through FY2022

Singapore, 14 January 2019 – Home-grown main contractor Lian Beng Group (“the Group”), has posted a 21.3% improvement in profit attributable to shareholders to \$7.7 million, on revenue of \$79.9 million, for its second financial quarter ended 30 November 2018 (“2Q2019”). Earnings per share for the period was 1.55 cents, reflecting a 21.1% improvement compared to 1.28 cents for the three months ended 30 November 2017 (“2Q2018”).

Financial Highlights

\$ 'm	Three months ended 30 November		Change
	2018	2017	%
Revenue	79.9	94.4	(15.3)
Gross profit	16.4	14.0	17.4
Profit attributable to shareholders	7.7	6.4	21.3
EPS (Sgp cents)	1.55	1.28	21.1

In view of its performance, the Group has declared an tax-exempt interim dividend of \$0.01 per share.

The Group enjoyed increases in revenue generated from the Construction and Investment Holding segments. However, a decline in contribution from the Property Development segment led to a 15.3% contraction in Group revenue, from S\$94.4 million in 2Q2018.

For the six months ended 30 November 2018 (“1H2019”), the Group recorded a net profit attributable to shareholders of \$14.7 million on revenue of \$162.9 million, compared to a net profit attributable to shareholders of \$17.8 million and revenue of \$165.9 million for corresponding period the year before.

Executive Chairman Ong Pang Aik, (王邦益) said, “The results reflect Lian Beng’s strength and resilience amid a fast-changing construction landscape and challenges in the property development industry.”



At the close of November 2018, the Group's cash and cash equivalents remained at a healthy \$164.0 million, compared to \$156.0 million on 30 November 2017.

Looking ahead, the Group expects the residential property market to remain challenging as the various property cooling measures implemented by the Singapore government earlier on continue to take its toll on the industry. In this regard, it will exercise caution in seeking opportunities to replenish its land bank, even as it continues to explore joint venture opportunities that will complement its property development business.

Lian Beng's order book of S\$1.2 billion as at 30 November 2018 is expected to provide it with a steady flow of activities through FY2022, while it continues to leverage its proven expertise to tender for public and private sector projects.

About Lian Beng Group Ltd

Established in 1973, Lian Beng Group Ltd is one of Singapore's major home-grown construction groups with integrated civil engineering and construction support service capabilities. The Group is principally involved in the construction of residential, industrial and commercial projects, and civil engineering projects as a main contractor. As a Building and Construction Authority (BCA) Grade A1 contractor in General Building, Lian Beng is able to tender for public sector building projects of unlimited contract value, while its A2 grading in Civil Engineering allows it to tender for engineering projects of up to \$85 million in contract value.

Backed by years of experience and an impeccable track record, the Group has established a reputation for managing large-scale and complex construction projects. Lian Beng also engages in other construction-related activities, such as the provision of scaffolding and engineering services, supply of ready-mix concrete and asphalt premix, leasing of equipment and machinery, reinforcement bar fabrication, sourcing and management of construction materials and training of foreign construction labour. Apart from construction, Lian Beng also engages in property investment, with investment projects locally and overseas. The Group also operates two local workers' dormitories, both through joint ventures.

Lian Beng Group Ltd was listed on the Mainboard of the Singapore Exchange in 1999. For more information, please visit <http://www.lianbeng.com.sg>.

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