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LIAN BENG 1H NET PROFIT DOUBLES TO \$22.7M

SINGAPORE, 12 January 2011 – Singapore’s major homegrown building construction group, **Lian Beng Group Ltd**, has reported yet another set of solid results with net profit surging two-fold to \$22.7 million for the six months ended November 2010 (1H11), compared to \$11.4 million for the six-months ended November 2009 (1H10). This was on the back of a 58.2% rise in revenue to \$249.3 million.

Financial Highlights

S\$ 'm	Six months ended 30 November		Change	
	2010	2009	%	
Turnover	249.3	157.6	▲	58.2
Gross profit	39.0	20.9	▲	86.6
Profit before Tax	27.9	13.3	▲	109.4
Profit after Tax	22.7	11.4	▲	99.0
EPS (Sgp cents)	4.26	2.13	▲	100

Commenting on the Group’s performance, Mr Ong Pang Aik, Managing Director of Lian Beng, said, “Our performance reflects the current strength and resilience of the construction industry, and is also the fruit of our efforts to improve our cost structure and operational efficiency.”

The improvement in top-line was mainly driven by higher revenue recognition for the construction of various projects, as well as contribution from the property development and ready-mixed concrete business segments. Due to prudent cost management, the Group’s gross profit margin registered an improvement to 15.6%, from 13.3% in 1H10.

At the close of November 2010, cash and cash equivalents increased by \$63.9 million to \$100.9 million as at 30 November 2010, compared to \$37.0 million on 30 November 2009.



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Buoyed by sustained demand for construction services, Lian Beng clinched two new contracts worth \$207.8 million collectively, for the construction of private residential developments *The Scala* and *Spottiswoode Residences*. The Group also signed an option with the Singapore Exchange to acquire a light industrial building along New Industrial Road for \$23.6 million.

Going forward, the Group expects trends in the construction industry to remain positive over the next 12 months, driven by Singapore's economic growth, resumption in en-bloc sales activity, as well as the rollout of several public infrastructure projects. Leveraging its financial strength and sound track record, Lian Beng will continue to participate in the tender for more contracts in both the public and private sectors.

As at 30 November 2010, the Group's order book stood at a healthy \$762 million, which should provide it with a steady flow of revenue through FY2013.

About Lian Beng Group Ltd

Lian Beng Group Ltd is one of Singapore's major homegrown building construction group, principally engaged in general building construction, integrated civil engineering works and construction support services. Established in 1973 and listed on the Singapore Exchange in 1999, Lian Beng has accumulated a strong track record in the building industry, both locally and in the regional markets, where its past undertakings encompassed public and private residential, institutional, industrial and commercial projects, including the construction of the basement structure of the Marina Bay Integrated Resort hotel towers. In addition to the Group's core business, Lian Beng is also involved in engineering and leasing of construction machinery and equipment as well as property development. For more information, please visit <http://www.lianbeng.com.sg>

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