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Lian Beng's 1HFY2016 profit up 55.4% to S\$55.1 million, proposes S\$0.01 per share interim dividend

- 1HFY2016 profit to shareholders increased mainly due to higher share of profits from associates and joint ventures (JVs) which are profit recognition from residential property development projects NEWest, KAP Residences, The Midtown and Midtown Residences, one-off recognition from Eco-tech@Sunview which obtained TOP and office units strata sales of Prudential Towel in the period
- Group's construction order book stood at approximately S\$350 million as at 30 November 2015, providing it with sustainable flow of construction activities through FY2017
- Healthy cash level of S\$198.7 million as at 30 November 2015 allows Group to continue to explore opportunities for business expansion

SINGAPORE, 13 January 2016 – Lian Beng Group ("Lian Beng" or "the Group") (聯明集團), a Singapore BCA Grade A1 construction group, reported a 55.4% jump in its profit to shareholders to S\$55.1 million for its first quarter ended 30 November 2015 ("1HFY2016").

Table 1 – Financial highlights

(S\$ '000)	1st Half ended 30 Nov 2015 (1HFY2016)	1st Half ended 30 Nov 2014 (1HFY2015)	%change
Revenue	265,612	367,611	(27.7%)
Gross profit	30,519	33,612	(9.2%)
Share of results of associates	22,090	13,116	68.4%
Share of results of JVs	24,684	8,340	196.0%
Profit to shareholders	55,137	35,491	55.4%



1HFY2016 revenue decreased 27.7% to S\$265.6 million mainly due to the decrease in revenue from the construction segment and the ready-mixed concrete segment. Correspondingly, gross profit fell 9.2% to S\$30.5 million.

Offsetting the lower gross profit, the Group's share of results from associates and JVs surged to S\$46.8 million for 1HFY2016 mainly from the profits recognised from property development projects NEWest, KAP Residences, The Midtown and Midtown Residences. Besides, there was a one-off profit recognition from industrial development project, Ecotech@Sunview and further office units strata sales of Prudential Tower in the period. With the exceptional share of results from associates and JVs, Lian Beng's profit to shareholders for 1HFY2016 increased 55.4% to S\$55.1 million.

Mr Ong Pang Aik (王邦益), Lian Beng's Executive Chairman, commented, "With our strong results for 1HFY2016, we are proposing an interim dividend of S\$0.01 per share. Our strong results has also enabled us to reach a healthy cash level of S\$198.7 million as at 30 November 2015 which allows us to continue to explore opportunities, local and overseas, to further expand our business."

The Group has recently acquired, through a subsidiary, a property at St Kilda in Melbourne with the intention to redevelop it into a residential development. The dormitory development at Jalan Papan is expected to commence operation in mid-2016 and will contribute thereafter to the Group's share of associates' profit. On its core construction business, the Group's order book as at 30 November 2015 stood at approximately S\$350 million, providing it with sustainable flow of construction activities through FY2017.

The construction industry is expected to remain challenging with labour cost remaining high. The Group will continue to leverage on its established track record and reputation, and proven capability to tender for more projects.

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About Lian Beng Group Ltd

Established in 1973, Lian Beng Group Ltd is one of few 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 can tender for public sector building projects of unlimited contract value, while its A2 grade in Civil Engineering allows it to tender for engineering projects of up to \$85 million in contract value. Based on years of experience and impeccable track record, the Group has established a reputation in 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 development, mostly through joint ventures. Some of its completed and ongoing property development projects include Lincoln Suites, M-Space, Spottiswoode Suites, The Midtown & Midtown Residences, NEWest, KAP Residences, Eco-tech@Sunview and Hexacube. The Group also has a few property investment projects which include Prudential Tower. In addition, Lian Beng has also developed and presently operates a workers' dormitory, through a joint venture, at Mandai Estate.

The Group, an advocate for sustainable living, was awarded with the Green Mark Platinum award by BCA in 2010 for its project at 29 Harrison Road, the Group's headquarters building.

Lian Beng Group Ltd was listed on the Main Board of the Singapore Exchange in 1999.

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