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**Lian Beng’s 1QFY2016 profit to shareholders up 169.5%to S\$32.3 million;
cash and cash equivalents at S\$220.2 million as at 31 August 2015.**

- 1QFY2016 revenue decreased 19.1% to S\$135.6 million mainly due to lower revenue from construction segment
- 1QFY2016 profit to shareholders up 169.5% to S\$32.3 million 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, and the one-off recognition from Eco-tech@Sunview which obtained TOP in the quarter
- Group’s construction order book stood at approximately S\$452 million as at 31 August 2015, providing it with sustainable flow of construction activities through FY2017

SINGAPORE, 13 October 2015 – Lian Beng Group (“Lian Beng” or “the Group”) (聯明集團), a Singapore BCA Grade A1 construction group, reported a 169.5% surge in its profit to shareholders to S\$32.3 million for its first quarter ended 31 August 2015 (“1QFY2016”).

Table 1 – Financial highlights

(S\$ '000)	1st Quarter ended 31 Aug 2015 (1QFY2016)	1st Quarter ended 31 Aug 2014 (1QFY2015)	%change
Revenue	135,622	167,637	(19.1%)
Gross profit	15,230	16,647	(8.5%)
Share of results of associates and JVs	28,571	5,060	465%
Profit to shareholders	32,269	11,972	169.5%



1QFY2016 revenue decreased 19.1% to S\$135.6 million mainly due to the decrease in revenue from the construction segment and the ready-mixed concrete segment. Correspondingly, gross profit fell 8.5% to S\$15.2 million.

Offsetting the lower gross profit, the Group's share of results from associates and JVs surged to S\$28.6 million for 1QFY2016 mainly from the profits recognised from property development projects NEWest, KAP Residences, The Midtown and Midtown Residences, all of which attained high sales status, respectively 91%, 99% and 97%. The Share of results from associates was also boosted by a one-off profit recognition from industrial development project, Ecotech@Sunview, which obtained its Temporary Occupancy Permit ("TOP") in the quarter. With the exceptional share of results from associates and JVs, Lian Beng's profit to shareholders for 1QFY2016 increased 169.5% to S\$32.3 million.

The Group continues to maintain a very healthy cash level of S\$220.2 million as at 31 August 2015 which allows the Group to continue to explore opportunities, local and overseas, to further expand its business.

Mr Ong Pang Aik (王邦益), Lian Beng's Executive Chairman, commented, "Our diversified revenue streams have enabled us to continue our earnings growth. While contributions from some business segments may fall, the better performing segments help to lift the Group's overall performance. We plan to continue to enrich our revenue sources so that we are not overly dependent on any particular core business."

The Group continues to seek opportunities in dormitory, property investment and construction-related businesses to further strengthen its recurring revenue so as to balance its project-based construction and property development businesses. On its core construction business, the Group's order book as at 31 August 2015 stood at approximately S\$452 million, providing it with sustainable flow of construction activities through FY2017.

The Group is cautiously optimistic of the construction market outlook in the next 12 months. It will continue to leverage on its established track record, proven capability and reputation in the industry to tender for more public and private sector 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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