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The Directors are pleased to make the following announcement of the unaudited results for the financial period ended 30 September 2014

1(a)(i) An income statement and statement of comprehensive income or a statement of comprehensive income (for the group) together with a comparative statement for the corresponding period of the immediately preceding financial year

	Group			Group		
	Third Quarter Ended			Nine Months Ended		
	S\$'000		%	S\$'000		%
	30/9/14	30/9/13	Change	30/9/14	30/9/13	Change
Continuing operations						
Revenue	38,849	24,463	59%	101,366	76,850	32%
Cost of sales	(26,447)	(17,251)	53%	(67,271)	(51,779)	30%
Gross profit	12,402	7,212	72%	34,095	25,071	36%
Other income	141	136	4%	473	384	23%
Marketing and distribution	(3,439)	(2,573)	34%	(8,841)	(7,658)	15%
Research and development	(2,605)	(2,273)	15%	(7,264)	(6,857)	6%
Administrative expenses	(6,512)	(6,392)	2%	(18,660)	(18,756)	(1%)
Other net operating gain/(loss)	772	(166)	NM	215	186	16%
Operating expenses	(11,784)	(11,404)	3%	(34,550)	(33,085)	4%
Operating profit/(loss)	759	(4,056)	NM	18	(7,630)	NM
Finance costs, net	(285)	(204)	40%	(731)	(628)	16%
Exceptional Items	397	-	NM	397	(6,198)	NM
Share of results of associates, net of tax	-	(2)	NM	-	93	NM
Profit/(loss) before tax from continuing operations	871	(4,262)	NM	(316)	(14,363)	(98%)
Income tax expense	(855)	(134)	538%	(2,185)	(457)	378%
Profit/(loss) from continuing operations, net of tax	16	(4,396)	NM	(2,501)	(14,820)	(83%)
Discontinued operations						
Loss from discontinued operations, net of tax	-	-	NM	-	(598)	NM
Profit/(loss) for the period	16	(4,396)		(2,501)	(15,418)	
Attributable to :						
Owners of the Company						
Profit/(loss) from continuing operations, net of tax	801	(3,196)	NM	(307)	(9,847)	(97%)
Loss from discontinued operations, net of tax	-	-	NM	-	(354)	NM
Profit/(loss) attributable to owners of the Company	801	(3,196)		(307)	(10,201)	
Non-controlling interests						
Loss from continuing operations, net of tax	(785)	(1,200)	(35%)	(2,194)	(4,973)	(56%)
Loss from discontinued operations, net of tax	-	-	NM	-	(244)	NM
Loss attributable to non-controlling interests	(785)	(1,200)		(2,194)	(5,217)	
	16	(4,396)		(2,501)	(15,418)	

NM : Not meaningful

The comparative figures for the financial period ended 30 September 2013 relating to the Disposal Group (as defined herein) have been presented as discontinued operations (See paragraphs 8).

The results for discontinued operations for the periods ended 30 September are as follows:

	Group			Group		
	Third Quarter Ended			Nine Months Ended		
	S\$'000		%	S\$'000		%
	30/9/14	30/9/13	Change	30/9/14	30/9/13	Change
Revenue	-	-	NM	-	90,614	NM
Cost of sales	-	-	NM	-	(83,718)	NM
Gross profit	-	-	NM	-	6,896	NM
Other income	-	-	NM	-	89	NM
Marketing and distribution	-	-	NM	-	(4,107)	NM
Administrative expenses	-	-	NM	-	(2,422)	NM
Other net operating costs	-	-	NM	-	(158)	NM
Operating expenses	-	-	NM	-	(6,687)	NM
Operating loss	-	-	NM	-	298	NM
Finance costs, net	-	-	NM	-	(757)	NM
Loss before tax	-	-	NM	-	(459)	NM
Income tax expense	-	-	NM	-	(139)	NM
Net loss for the period	-	-	NM	-	(598)	NM
Attributable to :						
Owners of the Company	-	-	NM	-	(354)	NM
Non-controlling interests	-	-	NM	-	(244)	NM
	-	-	NM	-	(598)	NM

NM : Not meaningful

* The disposal deal of the discontinued operations was completed on 3 May 2013.

1(a)(ii) The following items (with appropriate breakdowns and explanations), if significant, must either be included in the income statement or in the notes to the income statement for the current financial period reported on and the corresponding period of the immediately preceding financial year

Profit/(loss) from continuing operations is stated after crediting/(charging):

	Group			Group		
	Third Quarter Ended			Nine Months Ended		
	S\$'000		%	S\$'000		%
30/9/14	30/9/13	Change	30/9/14	30/9/13	Change	
Interest income	23	39	(41%)	78	104	(25%)
Interest on borrowings	(246)	(203)	21%	(655)	(596)	10%
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	(1,659)	(1,523)	9%	(4,872)	(4,302)	13%
Amortisation of intangible assets	(21)	(23)	(9%)	(66)	(67)	(1%)
Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment	9	297	(97%)	51	297	(83%)
Gain on disposal of intangible asset	-	35	NM	-	35	NM
Net (provision)/write back for doubtful debts	(31)	3	NM	(80)	39	NM
Net provision for stock obsolescence	(1,065)	(670)	59%	(540)	(1,642)	(67%)
(Provision for)/write back of impairment loss on club memberships	(39)	72	NM	(39)	72	NM
Impairment loss on investment securities	-	-	NM	-	(19)	NM
Fair value loss on remeasurement of previously held equity interest on business combination	-	(387)	NM	-	(387)	NM
Foreign currency exchange gain/(loss)	838	(197)	NM	324	205	58%

Exceptional items

- Loss relating to the disposal of discontinued operations
- realisation of reserves held for sale on disposal
- excess of sales consideration over net assets disposed
- Impairment loss on intangible assets
- Gain on disposal of available-for-sale financial asset

	Group			Group		
	Third Quarter Ended			Nine Months Ended		
	S\$'000		%	S\$'000		%
30/9/14	30/9/13	Change	30/9/14	30/9/13	Change	
- Loss relating to the disposal of discontinued operations	-	-	NM	-	(6,099)	NM
- realisation of reserves held for sale on disposal	-	-	NM	-	1,251	NM
- Impairment loss on intangible assets	-	-	NM	-	(4,848)	NM
- Gain on disposal of available-for-sale financial asset	397	-	NM	397	-	NM
	397	-		397	(6,198)	

Loss from discontinued operations is stated after crediting/(charging):

	Group			Group		
	Third Quarter Ended			Nine Months Ended		
	S\$'000		%	S\$'000		%
30/9/14	30/9/13	Change	30/9/14	30/9/13	Change	
Interest income	-	-	NM	-	13	NM
Interest on borrowings	-	-	NM	-	(493)	NM
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	-	-	NM	-	(102)	NM
Net provision for doubtful debts	-	-	NM	-	(463)	NM
Net provision for stock obsolescence	-	-	NM	-	(335)	NM
Foreign currency exchange loss	-	-	NM	-	(158)	NM

1(a)(iii) A statement of comprehensive income for the group together with a comparative statement for the corresponding period of the immediately preceding financial year

	Group			Group		
	Third Quarter Ended			Nine Months Ended		
	S\$'000		%	S\$'000		%
	30/9/14	30/9/13	Change	30/9/14	30/9/13	Change
Profit/(loss) for the period	16	(4,396)	NM	(2,501)	(15,418)	(84%)
Other comprehensive income:-						
<u>Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:</u>						
Foreign currency translation adjustment	934	(509)	NM	(74)	1,766	NM
Realisation of translation reserve on the re-measurement of investment in an associate	-	218	NM	-	218	NM
Fair value changes on available-for-sale assets	(46)	-	NM	(56)	28	NM
Other comprehensive income, net of tax	888	(291)	NM	(130)	2,012	NM
Total comprehensive income for the period	904	(4,687)	NM	(2,631)	(13,406)	(80%)
Total comprehensive income attributable to :-						
Owners of the Company	1,156	(3,388)	NM	(386)	(8,564)	(95%)
Non-controlling interests	(252)	(1,299)	(81%)	(2,245)	(4,842)	(54%)
	904	(4,687)	NM	(2,631)	(13,406)	(80%)
Attributable to :-						
Owners of the Company						
Total comprehensive income from continuing operations, net of tax	1,156	(3,388)	NM	(386)	(8,182)	(95%)
Total comprehensive income from discontinued operations, net of tax	-	-	NM	-	(382)	NM
Total comprehensive income for the period attributable to owners of the Company	1,156	(3,388)	NM	(386)	(8,564)	(95%)

1(b)(i) A balance sheet (for the issuer and group), together with a comparative statement as at the end of the immediately preceding financial year

	Group		Company	
	S\$'000		S\$'000	
	30/9/14	31/12/13	30/9/14	31/12/13
Non-current Assets				
Intangible assets	15,415	15,515	-	-
Property, plant and equipment	37,429	39,873	82	112
Investments in subsidiaries	-	-	41,657	41,657
Investment securities	5,754	5,407	5,297	5,298
Deferred tax assets	275	273	-	-
Other receivables	-	2,314	-	-
	58,873	63,382	47,036	47,067
Current Assets				
Inventories	26,896	22,404	-	-
Other receivables and prepayments	7,717	7,356	1,990	1,958
Amounts due from subsidiaries	-	-	5,056	1,796
Trade receivables	39,569	25,690	-	-
Cash and cash equivalents	43,293	38,092	239	1,332
Restricted cash	-	4	-	-
Assets held for sale	1,378	-	-	-
	118,853	93,546	7,285	5,086
Total Assets	177,726	156,928	54,321	52,153
Equity Attributable to Owners of the Company				
Share capital	132,617	132,617	132,617	132,617
Treasury shares	(4,772)	(4,772)	(4,772)	(4,772)
Accumulated losses	(38,915)	(38,608)	(110,541)	(106,562)
Foreign currency translation reserve	(3,005)	(2,951)	-	-
Capital reserve	(7,092)	(6,598)	(2,960)	(2,960)
	78,833	79,688	14,344	18,323
Non-controlling interests	27,031	28,807	-	-
Total Equity	105,864	108,495	14,344	18,323
Non-current Liabilities				
Deferred tax liabilities	888	743	-	-
Lease creditors	600	1,083	-	-
Long term payables	979	975	-	-
Amounts due to financial institutions	981	1,015	-	-
	3,448	3,816	-	-
Current Liabilities				
Provision	776	516	-	-
Income tax payable	3,173	1,687	271	203
Amounts due to financial institutions	24,526	15,142	5,000	5,000
Payables and accruals	39,939	27,272	2,344	1,932
Amounts due to subsidiaries	-	-	32,362	26,695
	68,414	44,617	39,977	33,830
Total Liabilities	71,862	48,433	39,977	33,830
Total Equity and liabilities	177,726	156,928	54,321	52,153

1(b)(ii) Aggregate amount of group's borrowings and debt securities

Amount repayable in one year or less, or on demand

30/9/14		31/12/13	
Secured	Unsecured	Secured	Unsecured
S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000
1,662	22,864	1,714	13,428

Amount repayable after one year

30/9/14		31/12/13	
Secured	Unsecured	Secured	Unsecured
S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000
981	-	1,015	Nil

Details of any collateral

Bank term loans with aggregate amount of \$2,643,000 (31/12/13: \$2,729,000) of subsidiaries are secured on the land & buildings, and plant and machinery of the subsidiaries.

1(c) A cash flow statement for the group, together with a comparative statement for the corresponding period of the immediately preceding financial year

	Group	
	30/9/14 S\$'000	30/9/13 S\$'000
Cashflow from operating activities		
Loss before income tax from continuing operations	(316)	(14,363)
Loss before income tax from discontinued operations	-	(459)
Adjustment for:-		
Non-cash items	4,871	12,370
Operating cash flows before reinvestment in working capital	4,555	(2,452)
Changes in working capital		
Receivables	(14,200)	(3,002)
Inventories	(4,695)	3,251
Payables	12,853	4,600
Provisions	260	139
Amounts due from/to related parties	-	611
Amounts due from an associate	-	(515)
Cash (used in)/generated from operations	(1,227)	2,632
Interest paid	(597)	(1,031)
Interest received	78	117
Income tax paid	(668)	(458)
Income tax refund	76	291
Cash (used in)/generated from operating activities	(2,338)	1,551
Cashflow from investing activities		
Proceeds from disposals of property, plant and equipment	110	841
Proceeds from disposals of intangible asset	-	195
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(3,671)	(2,529)
Purchase of club membership	-	(39)
Proceeds from disposal of discontinued operations	2,314	18,199
Disposal of cash and cash equivalent of discontinued operations	-	(32,480)
Net cash outflow on business combination, net of cash and cash equivalent acquired	-	(767)
Net cash used in investing activities	(1,247)	(16,580)
Cashflow from financing activities		
Proceeds from share placement by subsidiaries	-	1,890
Shares issuance expenses	-	(10)
Payment of lease creditors	(646)	(875)
Proceeds from bank borrowings	9,400	4,141
Repayment of bank borrowings	-	(1,698)
Decrease in restricted cash	4	-
Net cash provided by financing activities	8,758	3,448
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	5,173	(11,581)
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January	37,977	51,562
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	115	915
Cash and cash equivalents at 30 September	43,265	40,896

Cash and cash equivalent included in the consolidated cash flow statement comprise the following balance sheet amounts:-

	S\$'000	S\$'000
Cash and bank balances	43,293	41,132
Bank overdraft	(28)	(236)
	43,265	40,896

1(d)(i) A statement (for the issuer and group) showing either (i) all changes in equity or (ii) changes in equity other than those arising from capitalisation issues and distributions to shareholders, together with a comparative statement for the corresponding period of the immediately preceding financial year

Group	Attributable to Members of the Company								Equity Total
	Share Capital	Treasury shares	Capital reserves	Foreign currency translation reserve	Reserve classified as held for sale	Accumulated losses	Equity attributable to owners of Company, Total	Non-controlling Interests	
S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	
For The Nine Months Ended 30 Sep 2014									
Balance as at 1 Jan'14	132,617	(4,772)	(6,598)	(2,951)	-	(38,608)	79,688	28,807	108,495
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	-	(25)	(54)	-	(307)	(386)	(2,245)	(2,631)
<u>Changes in ownership interests in subsidiaries without a change in control</u>									
Dilution arising from share placement to non-controlling interests	-	-	(469)	-	-	-	(469)	469	-
Total changes in ownership interests in subsidiaries	-	-	(469)	-	-	-	(469)	469	-
Balance as at 30 Sep'14	132,617	(4,772)	(7,092)	(3,005)	-	(38,915)	78,833	27,031	105,864

Group	Attributable to Members of the Company								Equity Total
	Share Capital	Treasury shares	Capital reserves	Foreign currency translation reserve	Reserve classified as held for sale	Accumulated losses	Equity attributable to owners of Company, Total	Non-controlling Interests	
S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	
For The Nine Months Ended 30 Sep 2013									
Balance as at 1 Jan'13	132,617	(4,772)	(6,893)	(5,867)	(3,726)	(23,420)	87,939	23,969	111,908
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	-	15	1,650	(28)	(10,201)	(8,564)	(4,842)	(13,406)
<u>Changes in ownership interests in subsidiaries with a change in control</u>									
Acquisition of a subsidiary	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,078	1,078
Disposal of subsidiaries	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(690)	(690)
Realisation of reserves arising from disposal of subsidiaries	-	-	-	-	3,288	-	3,288	2,811	6,099
<u>Changes in ownership interests in subsidiaries without a change in control</u>									
Share placement to non-controlling interests	-	-	(378)	243	466	-	331	5,549	5,880
Total changes in ownership interests in subsidiaries	-	-	(378)	243	3,754	-	3,619	8,748	12,367
Balance as at 30 Sep'13	132,617	(4,772)	(7,256)	(3,974)	-	(33,621)	82,994	27,875	110,869

Company	Share Capital	Treasury shares	Capital reserves	Accumulated losses	Total
		(Non-distributable)		Distributable	
	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000
For The Nine Months Ended 30 Sep 2014					
Balance as at 1 Jan'14	132,617	(4,772)	(2,960)	(106,562)	18,323
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	-	-	(3,979)	(3,979)
Balance as at 30 Sep'14	132,617	(4,772)	(2,960)	(110,541)	14,344
For The Nine Months Ended 30 Sep 2013					
Balance as at 1 Jan'13	132,617	(4,772)	(2,960)	(64,947)	59,938
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	-	-	6,751	6,751
Balance as at 30 Sep'13	132,617	(4,772)	(2,960)	(58,196)	66,689

- 1(d)(ii) Details of any changes in the company's share capital arising from rights issue, bonus issue, share buy-backs, exercise of share options or warrants, conversion of other issues of equity securities, issue of shares or cash or as consideration for acquisition or for any other purpose since the end of the previous period reported on.**

State also the number of shares that may be issued on conversion of all the outstanding convertibles, as well as the number of shares held as treasury shares, if any, against the number of issued shares excluding treasury shares of the issuer as at the end of the current financial period reported on and as at the end of the corresponding period of the immediately preceding financial year.

No ordinary shares were issued during the period.

Convertible securities	Number of ordinary shares under options	
	as at	as at
	30/9/14	30/9/13
Employees share options	-	-

See below for details relating to the number of shares held as treasury shares.

- 1(d)(iii) To show the total number of issued shares excluding treasury shares as at the end of the current financial period and as at the end of the immediately preceding year**

	Group & Company	
	30/9/14	31/12/13
Total number of issued shares	681,966,341	681,966,341
Less : Treasury shares	(27,234,855)	(27,234,855)
Total number of issued shares (excluding treasury shares)	654,731,486	654,731,486

- 1(d)(iv) A statement showing all sales, transfer, disposal, cancellation and/or use of treasury shares as at the end of the current financial period reported on**

Please refer to note 1(d)(ii) above.

- 2. Whether the figures have been audited, or reviewed and in accordance with which (e.g. the Singapore Standard on Auditing 910 (Engagements to Review Financial Statements), or an equivalent standard)**

The figures have not been audited or reviewed.

- 3. Where the figures have been audited or reviewed, the auditors' report (including any qualifications or emphasis of matter)**

Not applicable

- 4. Whether the same accounting policies and methods of computation as in the issuer's most recently audited annual financial statements have been applied**

Other than the adoption of the amended Financial Reporting Standards (FRS) that are effective from the current financial year, the accounting policies and methods of computation applied by the Group in the financial statements for the period ended 30 September 2014, are consistent with those of the audited financial statement as at 31 December 2013.

5. If there are any changes in the accounting policies and methods of computation, including any required by an accounting standard, what has changed, as well as the reasons for, and the effect of, the change

The adoption of the amended FRS is assessed to have no material impact to the financial position or financial performance of the Group.

6. Earnings per ordinary share of the group for the current period reported on and the corresponding period of the immediately preceding financial year, after deducting any provision for preference dividends

	Group			
	Third Quarter Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	30/9/14	30/9/13	30/9/14	30/9/13
Earning/(loss) per share from continuing operations:-				
a) Based on weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue	0.12 cents	(0.49) cents	(0.05) cents	(1.50) cents
Weighted average number of shares	654,731,486	654,731,486	654,731,486	654,731,486
b) On a fully diluted basis	0.12 cents	(0.49) cents	(0.05) cents	(1.50) cents
Adjusted weighted average number of shares	654,731,486	654,731,486	654,731,486	654,731,486

	Group			
	Third Quarter Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	30/9/14	30/9/13	30/9/14	30/9/13
Earning/(loss) per share (including discontinued operations):-				
a) Based on weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue	0.12 cents	(0.49) cents	(0.05) cents	(1.56) cents
Weighted average number of shares	654,731,486	654,731,486	654,731,486	654,731,486
b) On a fully diluted basis	0.12 cents	(0.49) cents	(0.05) cents	(1.56) cents
Adjusted weighted average number of shares	654,731,486	654,731,486	654,731,486	654,731,486

7. Net asset value (for the issuer and group) per ordinary share based on total number of issued shares excluding treasury shares of the issuer at the end of the (a) current period reported on and (b) immediately preceding financial year

	Group		Company	
	30/9/14	31/12/13	30/9/14	31/12/13
Net assets value per ordinary share	12.04 cts	12.17 cts	2.19 cts	2.80 cts
Number of ordinary shares at end of financial period	654,731,486	654,731,486	654,731,486	654,731,486

The number of ordinary shares used in the computation of net assets value per share excludes those shares held as treasury shares.

8. **A review of the performance of the group, to the extent necessary for a reasonable understanding of the group's business. The review must discuss any significant factors that affected the turnover, costs, and earnings of the group for the current financial period reported on, including (where applicable) seasonal or cyclical factors.**

It must also discuss any material factors that affected the cash flow, working capital, assets or liabilities of the group during the current financial reported on

Analysis of Group Performance

INCOME STATEMENT

<u>Business Segment</u>	----- Sales -----			
	<u>3Q2014</u>	<u>3Q2013</u>	<u>9 Mths 2014</u>	<u>9 Mths 2013</u>
	<u>S\$'000</u>	<u>S\$'000</u>	<u>S\$'000</u>	<u>S\$'000</u>
<u>Continuing Operations</u>				
Backend Equipment Solutions & Technologies ("BEST")	38,483	24,107	99,672	76,046
Distribution & Services	366	356	1,694	804
	38,849	24,463	101,366	76,850
<u>Discontinued Operations</u>	-	-	-	90,614

Continuing Operations

Revenue

The continuing operations reported a 58.8% or \$14.3 million increase in revenue from \$24.5 million (3Q2013) to \$38.8 million (3Q2014).

Backend Equipment Solutions & Technologies ("BEST") business recorded a 59.6% or \$14.4 million increase in revenue from \$24.1 million (3Q2013) to \$38.5 million (3Q2014). The increase in revenue was due to higher demand from the equipment business. The revenue from Distribution & Service business is \$0.4 million for 3Q2014.

Gross Profit Margin

Gross profit margin ("GPM") of 3Q2014 was 31.9%, which was 2.4% higher than the 29.5% attained in 3Q2013.

Operating Expenses

Marketing & distribution, research & development and general administrative expenses of \$12.6 million incurred in 3Q2014 were \$1.4 million higher compared to the expenses reported in 3Q2013.

Financing costs increased \$0.1 million from \$0.2 million (3Q2013) to \$0.3 million (3Q2014).

The continuing operations reported a foreign exchange loss of \$0.8 million for 3Q2014, compared to the gain of \$0.2 million reported for 3Q2013.

Exceptional item for 3Q2014 relate to a gain on disposal of an available-for-sale financial asset.

Net Profit/Loss

The continuing operations reported an operating profit of \$0.8 million and a net profit attributable to shareholders of \$0.8 million for 3Q2014, compared to the operating loss of \$4.1 million and a net loss of \$3.2 million in 3Q2013.

Analysis of Group Performance (Cont'd)

BALANCE SHEET

As at 30 September 2014, total assets stood at \$177.7 million comprising \$58.9 million from non-current asset and \$118.9 million from current assets. Total liabilities stood at \$71.9 million comprising current liabilities of \$68.4 million and non-current liabilities of \$3.4 million. Shareholders' equity including non-controlling interests stood at \$105.9 million.

The following are highlights of the Group's balance sheet as at 30 September 2014.

Property, plant and equipment

The decrease in property, plant and equipment was mainly due to the reclassification of certain land and building of a subsidiary to assets held for sale, which the subsidiary is in the process of disposing these assets.

Investment securities

Investment securities increased \$0.3 million mainly due to the acquisition of quoted equity shares in the capital of Axesstel, Inc.

Other receivables (non-current)

Other receivables (non-current) balance in 31 December 2013 represents a 10% of the proceeds from the disposal of the discontinued operations to be collected after 12 months from the balance sheet date. Another 10% of the proceeds which is expected to be received within 12 months from balance sheet date is reflected in other receivables (current). During the quarter, the Group received the first 10% portion of the proceeds. The balance which was previously in other receivables (non-current) has been reclassified to current assets as it is now due within 12 months

Other receivables and prepayments

Included in the receivables was an amount of \$2.3 million for the portion of the proceeds from the disposal of the discontinued operations to be collected within 12 months from the balance sheet date. Other receivables and prepayments decreased in 3Q2014 due to a down-payment made for purchase of equipment in 4Q2013.

Trade receivables

Trade receivables' balance increased \$13.9 million mainly due to the higher sales attained in 3Q2014.

Assets held for sale

Assets held for sale relate to the leasehold land and building which a subsidiary of the Group had on 2 September 2014, entered into an agreement to dispose these assets. The subsidiary is in the process of completing the transaction.

Amounts due to financial institutions

Amounts due to financial institutions increased \$9.3 million from \$16.2 million (4Q2013) to \$25.5 million (3Q2014), due to additional trade financing to fund the increased business activities.

Payables and accruals

Payables and accruals increased \$12.6 million from \$27.3 million (4Q2013) to \$39.9 million (3Q2014), mainly due to the increased trade payables of the BEST business arising from the increased business activities.

CASHFLOW STATEMENT

The Group utilised \$1.2 million for its operations primarily to fund its working capital due to higher sales. An amount of \$1.1 million was used for the payment of interest and tax. A proceed of \$2.3 million was received, which was a portion of the remaining proceeds to be collected from the sale of discontinued operations which took place in May 2013. Approximately \$3.7 million was used for the purchase of property, plant and equipment. The Group drew down net borrowings of \$8.8 million from financial institutions to support the increased business activities.

9. Where a forecast, or a prospect statement, has been previously disclosed to shareholders, any variance between it and the actual results

The actual results were in line with the prospect statement stated in the previous announcement.

10. A commentary at the date of the announcement of the competitive conditions of the industry in which the group operates and any known factors or events that may affect the group in the next reporting period and the next 12 months

The ASA Group continues to benefit from the contributions from both Emerald and ASA Multiplate. This quarter, ASA Group saw relatively more business from its ECMS segment compared to the same quarter last year. The ASA Group will continue to pursue opportunities to expand its Equipment and ECMS businesses and will keep the market duly updated on its developments.

Dragon Group International Limited ("DGI") will continue to search for investment opportunities in the region that will support its future growth. It will keep its shareholders informed of its progress.

The Group is cautiously optimistic about the prospects of its BEST business, barring unexpected circumstances.

Our business is prone to economic uncertainties and the cyclical nature of the semiconductor industry. Other unforeseeable factors including but not limited to foreign exchange fluctuations, intellectual property litigations, product and technology obsolescence, and inventory adjustments continue to be challenges that we may encounter. In view of these factors, we will remain prudent and cautious in the management of our business.

11. Dividend

(a) Current Financial Period Reported On

Any dividend declared for the current financial period reported on?

No dividend is declared for the current financial quarter reported on.

(b) Corresponding Period of the Immediately Preceding Financial Year

Any dividend declared for the corresponding period of the immediately preceding financial year?

None.

(c) Date payable

Not applicable.

(d) Books closure date

Not applicable.

12. If no dividend has been declared/recommended, a statement to that effect

Please refer to note 11(a).

PART II - ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR FULL YEAR ANNOUNCEMENT

(This part is not applicable to Q1, Q2, Q3 or Half Year Results)

- 13. Segmented revenue and results for business or geographical segments (of the group) in the form presented in the issuer's most recently audited annual financial statements, with comparative information for the immediately preceding year**

(Not applicable to quarterly announcement)

- 14. In the review of performance, the factors leading to any material changes in contributions to turnover and earnings by the business or geographical segments**

(Not applicable to quarterly announcement)

- 15. A breakdown of sales**

(Not applicable to quarterly announcement)

- 16. A breakdown of the total annual dividend (in dollar value) for the issuer's latest full year and its previous full year**

(Not applicable to quarterly announcement)

- 17. Disclosure of person occupying a managerial position in the issuer of any of its principal subsidiaries who is a relative of a director or chief executive officer or substantial shareholder of the issuer pursuant to Rule 704(11) in the format below. If there are no such persons, the issuer must make an appropriate negative statement**

(Not applicable to quarterly announcement)

- 18. If the Group has obtained a general mandate from shareholders for interested person transactions ("IPT") as required under Rule 920(1)(a)(ii). If no IPT mandate has been obtained, a statement to that effect**

There is no general mandate obtained for IPT and there were no IPT for the period ended 30 September 2014.

- 19. Negative Confirmation by the Board pursuant to Rule 705(5)**

To the best of our knowledge, nothing has come to the attention of the Board of Directors which may render the unaudited interim financial results for the financial period ended 30 September 2014 to be false or misleading in any material aspect.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

Dayne Ho Chung Wei
Company Secretary
13 November 2014