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**STRAITS TRADING REPORTS NET PROFIT OF \$37.4 MILLION IN
3Q2013 AND \$106.9 MILLION IN 9M2013**

- **Transformation of hospitality and real estate businesses on track**

SINGAPORE, 14 November 2013 – The Straits Trading Company Limited (“the Group”) announced today that it has posted a profit after tax and non-controlling interests of \$37.4 million for the third quarter of 2013 (“3Q2013”), compared to a loss after tax and non-controlling interests of \$4.1 million in the same quarter a year ago.

Ms Chew Gek Khim, Executive Chairman of STC said, “We are pleased to report a continued improvement in performance across all our operating businesses for the third quarter of the year. Our 30/70 hospitality joint-venture, Far East Hospitality Holdings (“FEHH”), is now fully operational, with a hospitality portfolio of over 13,000 rooms across 25 locations worldwide. The imminent acquisition of a 20.1% stake in ARA Asset Management will provide the Group with a steady stream of recurring cashflow. Furthermore, the strategic alliance in real estate with Mr John Lim, CEO and substantial shareholder of ARA, will enable the property division to be transformed into a dynamic real estate investment platform, that is backed by strong capital commitments and industry expertise.”

Summary of Results

\$ million	3Q2013	3Q2012	+/(-) %	9M2013	9M2012	+/(-) %
Revenue	206.2	227.3	(9)	705.4	859.5	(18)
Operating Profit/(Loss)	13.0	2.9	356	111.1	(24.1)	560
Profit/(Loss) attributable to owners of the Company	37.4	(4.1)	1,005	106.9	(15.7)	780
Earnings/(Loss) per share (in Singapore cents)	9.5	(1.3)	846	27.4	(4.8)	668

Segmental Performance

- Property operations reported a profit after tax of \$54.1 million for 3Q2013 compared with a profit after tax of \$1.3 million for 3Q2012. For 9M2013, profit after tax was higher at \$56.5 million compared with \$13.5 million for 9M2012. This was

primarily due to the reversal of tax provisions in relation to certain investment properties that were no longer required.

- The Group's hospitality operations reported a profit after tax of \$2.2 million for 3Q2013 compared with a loss after tax of \$3.7 million in 3Q2012. For 9M2013, it reported a lower loss after tax of \$3.7 million compared with a loss after tax of \$14.1 million in 9M2012. This was due to improved operating performances from the Group's owned and leased hotels on the back of higher occupancies achieved by some of the hotels, lower corporate costs as well as a disposal gain from the sale of a Singapore hotel asset.
- The Group's resources operations reported a loss after tax and non-controlling interests of \$14.5 million for 3Q2013 and \$14.0 million for 9M2013. This compares with a loss after tax and non-controlling interests of \$0.4 million for 3Q2012 and \$9.5 million for 9M2012. The higher net loss was due to impairment provisions of \$12.1 million in the quarter following a review by the Group of the carrying value of its investments in its resources operations.

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About The Straits Trading Company Limited

Incorporated in 1887, The Straits Trading Company Limited is one of the oldest public listed companies in Singapore, with business interests and investments spanning the Asia Pacific region. Through its subsidiary, Malaysia Smelting Corporation Berhad, listed on Bursa Malaysia with a secondary listing on SGX-ST, Straits Trading engages in tin mining and smelting, and resource investments. Straits Trading owns properties and its property business, which includes property investments, development and management primarily in Singapore and Malaysia is driven by its subsidiary, Straits Developments Private Limited. Its hospitality business, which manages and operates a stable of hotels in Asia Pacific entered into a strategic alliance with members of the Far East Organization Group in 2013 to expand the hospitality business in Asia Pacific.

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