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STRAITS TRADING POSTS NET PROFIT OF S\$5.9 MILLION IN 1Q2014

- **Stakes in businesses yielding returns**
- **Continued focus on cultivating various platforms of growth**

SINGAPORE, 15 May 2014 – The Straits Trading Company Limited (“the Group”) announced today that it has posted a net profit of \$5.9 million for the first quarter of 2014 ended 31 March 2014 (“1Q2014”), compared with a loss of \$0.3 million for the corresponding quarter in 2013. The improved performance was due mainly to higher profits from its resources operations as well as earnings from its associates, ARA Asset Management Limited (“ARA”) and Far East Hospitality Holdings Pte Ltd (“FEHH”).

Ms Chew Gek Khim, Straits Trading’s Executive Chairman said, “We are pleased to report an improved performance in 1Q2014, as we focus on executing our strategies. We will continue to leverage off the strengths and capabilities of our various new engines to explore new opportunities and enhance our investments in the various businesses.”

Summary of Results

\$ million	1 st Qtr 2014	1 st Qtr 2013	+/(–) %
Revenue	170.3	235.5	(27.7)
Operating Profit	9.2	17.6	(47.7)
Profit before tax	10.4	6.3	65.1
Profit after tax	8.3	2.1	295.2
Profit/(Loss) attributable to owners of the Company	5.9	(0.3)	N.M.*

*Not meaningful

Singapore Cents	1 st Qtr 2014	1 st Qtr 2013	+/(–) %
Earnings/(Loss) per share	1.4	(0.1)	N.M.*

	As At 31 st March 2014	As At 31 st December 2013
Equity attributable to owners of the Company	\$1,307,127,000	\$1,316,585,000
Net asset value per share	\$3.20	\$3.23

N.B.: All in Singapore dollars

Segmental Performance

Investments

The Group completed the disposal of its Australian hotels, hotel management contracts and leases to its 30% associate, FEHH on 1 November 2013. The acquisition of a 20.1% stake in ARA was completed on 29 November 2013. These associates, including FEHH and ARA, contributed \$5.3 million to the Group's profits. The Group received dividend income from its investment in Far East Hospitality Trust amounting to \$1.0 million in 1Q2014.

Resources

The Group's resources revenue for 1Q2014 decreased by 8% to \$164.8 million compared with 1Q2013. In RM terms, revenue increased marginally mainly due to higher sales quantity and average tin prices. Profit after tax and non-controlling interests of \$2.8 million for 1Q2014 was higher compared with \$2.0 million for 1Q2013. Operations at Butterworth and Rahman Hydraulic are profitable while associates and joint ventures recorded a lower net share of losses in 1Q2014 compared with 1Q2013.

Property

The Group's property revenue for 1Q2014 decreased by 65% to \$5.6 million compared with 1Q2013 as there was no sale of development properties. Consequently profit after tax was lower at \$1.4 million compared with \$6.3 million y-o-y.

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About The Straits Trading Company Limited

Incorporated in 1887 as a tin smelting company, The Straits Trading Company Limited today has stakes in key businesses in real estate, hospitality, resources and investments that span the Asia Pacific region. It owns a 89.5% stake in Straits Real Estate, a co-investment vehicle that seeks out real estate related investments & opportunities. It also owns a 20.1% stake in SGX-listed ARA Asset Management Limited, one of the largest real estate fund managers in the region and has a 30% interest in Far East Hospitality Holdings, one of the largest hospitality operators in Asia Pacific. Straits Trading also engages in tin mining and smelting through its 54.8% owned subsidiary, Malaysia Smelting Corporation Berhad, that is dual listed on Bursa Malaysia and SGX-ST.

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