

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **STRAITS TRADING REPORTS PATNCI OF \$21.9 MILLION IN 1Q2017**

**SINGAPORE, 15 May 2017** - The Straits Trading Company Limited (“Straits Trading” or “the Group”), a diversified investment company with interests in real estate, hospitality and resources, reported a profit after tax and non-controlling interests (“PATNCI”) of \$21.9 million for the three months ended 31 March 2017 (“1Q2017”), compared to a PATNCI of \$22.6 million in the corresponding period last year (“1Q2016”), largely contributed by its real estate segment.

#### *Real Estate Business*

PATNCI from the Group’s real estate segment rose from \$11.5 million in 1Q2016 to \$19.2 million in 1Q2017 principally due to marking the distressed investment properties acquired by an associate to their valuations and despite the absence of rental income from its office building in Australia, which the Group divested in November 2016.

#### *Resources Business*

PATNCI from the Group’s resources business, comprising its 54.8% interest in Malaysia Smelting Corporation Berhad (“MSC”), decreased from \$4.6 million in 1Q2016 to \$2.4 million in 1Q2017. This was due to a favourable inventory valuation adjustment in 1Q2016 and a higher foreign exchange loss in 1Q2017.

#### *Hospitality Business*

The Group recorded a net gain on the sale of a hotel in Australia in 2016 which boosted its PATNCI to \$5.1 million in 1Q2016. Without this one-time disposal gain, the Group’s hospitality segment reported a lower PATNCI of \$1.4 million in 1Q2017.

Net asset value per share for the Group increased from \$3.34 as at 31 December 2016 to \$3.37 as at 31 March 2017. At the same time, the Group’s balance sheet remained robust with cash and cash equivalents of \$195.6 million as at 31 March 2017.

Ms Chew Gek Khim, Executive Chairman of Straits Trading, said, *“Each of our three business platforms are now starting to generate sustainable returns for our shareholders. We will continue to leverage off the capabilities and strengths of our partners in these platforms to realise the full potential of these growth engines.”*

## Summary of Results

\$ million	1Q2017	1Q2016	+ / (-) %
Profit before tax	<b>28.8</b>	30.8	(6.6)
Profit after tax	<b>26.0</b>	27.4	(5.1)
Profit attributable to owners of the Company ("PATNCI")	<b>21.9</b>	22.6	(2.7)
Earnings per share (in Singapore cents)	<b>5.4</b>	5.5	(2.7)

	As At 31 March 2017	As At 31 December 2016
Equity attributable to owners of the Company (\$'000)	1,376,096	1,364,508
Net asset value per share (\$)	3.37	3.34

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### About The Straits Trading Company Limited

Incorporated in 1887, The Straits Trading Company Limited has stakes in real estate, hospitality, resources and investments that span the Asia Pacific region. It owns an 89.5% stake in Straits Real Estate, a co-investment vehicle that seeks out real estate related investments & opportunities globally. It also owns a 20.95% stake in 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, an established international hospitality owner and operator. 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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