# SINGAPORE POST LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES 

(Registration number: 199201623M)

## SGXNET ANNOUNCEMENT UNAUDITED RESULTS FOR THE THIRD QUARTER AND NINE MONTHS <br> ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

## PART I INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS OF QUARTERLY (Q1, Q2 \& Q3), HALF YEAR AND FULL YEAR RESULTS

(1)(a)(i) Statement of comprehensive income for the group, together with a comparative statement for the corresponding period of the immediately preceding financial year.

## Consolidated Income Statement

|  | $\begin{array}{r} \text { FY2018/19 } \\ \text { Q3 } \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { FY2017/18 } \\ \text { Q3 } \end{array}$ | Variance | $\begin{array}{r} \text { FY2018/19 } \\ 9 \mathrm{M} \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { FY2017/18 } \\ 9 \mathrm{M} \end{array}$ | Variance |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | S \$'000 | S\$'000 | \% | S \$'000 | S\$'000 | \% |
| Revenue | 441,375 | 410,390 | 7.6\% | 1,182,631 | 1,131,508 | 4.5\% |
| Labour and related expenses <br> Volume-related expenses ${ }^{1}$ <br> Administrative and other expenses <br> Depreciation and amortisation <br> Selling-related expenses | $\begin{array}{r} \hline(80,932) \\ (258,637) \\ (38,787) \\ (14,598) \\ (5,364) \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \hline(83,503) \\ (225,691) \\ (40,035) \\ (14,814) \\ (2,119) \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} (3.1 \%) \\ 14.6 \% \\ (3.1 \%) \\ (1.5 \%) \\ 153.1 \% \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \hline(235,954) \\ (659,206) \\ (115,850) \\ (43,276) \\ (9,441) \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \hline(248,115) \\ (605,252) \\ (113,606) \\ (43,669) \\ (11,719) \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \hline(4.9 \%) \\ 8.9 \% \\ 2.0 \% \\ (0.9 \%) \\ (19.4 \%) \\ \hline \end{array}$ |
| Operating expenses | $(398,318)$ | $(366,162)$ | 8.8\% | $(1,063,727)$ | $(1,022,361)$ | 4.0\% |
| Other (expenses) / income | (830) | 1,915 | N.M. | 2,456 | 5,694 | (56.9\%) |
| Profit on operating activities | 42,227 | 46,143 | (8.5\%) | 121,360 | 114,841 | 5.7\% |
| Share of profit / (loss) of associated companies and joint venture | 17 | 951 | (98.2\%) | $(7,092)$ | 3,069 | N.M. |
| Exceptional items ${ }^{2}$ | 31,825 | 925 | @ | 22,919 | 5,842 | 292.3\% |
| Interest income and investment income (net) | 1,582 | (163) | N.M. | 3,732 | 488 | @ |
| Finance expenses | $(2,328)$ | $(2,522)$ | 7.7\% | $(7,172)$ | $(8,254)$ | 13.1\% |
| Profit before tax | 73,323 | 45,334 | 61.7\% | 133,747 | 115,986 | 15.3\% |
| Income tax expense | $(9,392)$ | $(2,944)$ | 219.0\% | $(30,269)$ | $(19,782)$ | 53.0\% |
| Profit after tax | 63,931 | 42,390 | 50.8\% | 103,478 | 96,204 | 7.6\% |
| Attributable to: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Equity holders of the Company | 50,202 | 43,413 | 15.6\% | 94,066 | 103,661 | (9.3\%) |
| Non-controlling interests | 13,729 | $(1,023)$ | N.M. | 9,412 | $(7,457)$ | N.M. |
| Underlying Net Profit ${ }^{3}$ | 32,882 | 35,561 | (7.5\%) | 85,652 | 90,892 | (5.8\%) |

Earnings per share for profit attributable to the equity holders of the Company during the period / year: ${ }^{4}$

| - Basic | $\mathbf{2 . 0 6 \Phi}$ | $1.75 \mathbb{C}$ | $\mathbf{3 . 6 7 \Phi}$ | $4.07 \mathbb{C}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| - Diluted | $\mathbf{2 . 0 6 \Phi}$ | $1.75 \mathbb{C}$ | $\mathbf{3 . 6 7 \Phi}$ | $4.07 \mathbb{C}$ |

Notes
1 Volume-related expenses comprise mainly of traffic expenses and cost of sales.
2 Exceptional items comprised one-off items such as asset impairment, fair value changes on investment properties, gains or losses on sale of investments and property, plant and equipment and M\&A related professional fees. With effect from Q2 FY2018/19, exceptional items are excluded from profit on operating activities ("Operating Profit") but included in profit before tax to better reflect the performance of the underlying business.
3 Underlying net profit is defined as net profit before exceptional items, net of tax.
4 Earnings per share were calculated based on net profit attributable to equity holders of the Company less distribution attributable to perpetual securities holders, divided by the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding (excluding treasury shares).
N.M. Not meaningful.
@ Denotes variance exceeding $300 \%$

## Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income

|  | FY2018/19 Q3 | FY2017/18 Q3 | Variance | $\begin{array}{r} \text { FY2018/19 } \\ 9 \mathrm{M} \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { FY2017/18 } \\ 9 \mathrm{M} \end{array}$ | Variance |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | S\$'000 | S\$'000 | \% | S\$'000 | S\$'000 | \% |
| Profit after tax | 63,931 | 42,390 | 50.8\% | 103,478 | 96,204 | 7.6\% |
| Other comprehensive loss (net of tax): |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Items that will not reclassified subsequently to profit or loss: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Available for sale financial assets - fair value losses | (797) | (212) | $(275.9 \%)$ | (668) | (422) | (58.3\%) |
| Currency translation differences arising from consolidation <br> - losses | $(4,284)$ | $(3,194)$ | $(34.1 \%)$ | $(6,438)$ | $(3,826)$ | $(68.3 \%)$ |
| Other comprehensive loss for the period (net of tax) | $(5,081)$ | $(3,406)$ | (49.2\%) | $(7,106)$ | $(4,248)$ | (67.3\%) |
| Total comprehensive income for the period* | 58,850 | 38,984 | 51.0\% | 96,372 | 91,956 | 4.8\% |
| Total comprehensive income attributable to: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Equity holders of the Company | 45,237 | 40,160 | 12.6\% | 87,703 | 99,746 | (12.1\%) |
| Non-controlling interests | 13,613 | $(1,176)$ | N.M. | 8,669 | $(7,790)$ | N.M. |
|  | 58,850 | 38,984 | 51.0\% | 96,372 | 91,956 | 4.8\% |

* As shown in the Statement of changes in equity on pages 8 and 9.


## Underlying Net Profit Reconciliation Table

|  |  | FY2017/18 |  | FY2018/19 | FY2017/18 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Q3 | Q3 | Variance | 9M | $9 \mathrm{M}$ | Variance |
|  | S\$'000 | S\$'000 | \% | S\$'000 | S\$'000 | \% |
| Profit attributable to equity holders of the Company | 50,202 | 43,413 | 15.6\% | 94,066 | 103,661 | (9.3\%) |

Add/(less): Exceptional items

| Losses / (gains) on disposal of property, plant and equipment | 186 | $(2,953)$ | N.M. | 229 | $(2,938)$ | N.M. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Professional fees | 644 | 46 | @ | 810 | 1,528 | (47.0\%) |
| Fair value loss / (gain) on warrants from an associated company | 7,468 | 1,982 | 276.8\% | 16,165 | $(5,423)$ | N.M. |
| Gain on dilution of interest in an associated company | $(42,662)$ |  | N.M. | $(42,662)$ | - | N.M. |
| Additional provision for contingent consideration in a foreign subsidiary | 2,539 |  | N.M. | 2,539 | - | N.M. |
| Provision for the restructuring of operation |  |  |  | - | 991 | N.M. |
| Exceptional items | $(31,825)$ | (925) | @ | $(22,919)$ | $(5,842)$ | (292.3\%) |
| Adjustments of deferred tax in respect of change in US tax rate | - | $(6,927)$ | N.M. | - | $(6,927)$ | N.M. |
| NCl share of gain on dilution of interest in an associated company | 14,505 | - | N.M. | 14,505 | - | N.M. |
| Underlying Net Profit | 32,882 | 35,561 | (7.5\%) | 85,652 | 90,892 | (5.8\%) |

N.M. Not meaningful
@ Denotes variance exceeding 300\%
(1)(a)(ii) The following items have been included in arriving at profit before income tax:

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

|  | The Group |  |  | The Company |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Dec-18 | Mar-18 | 1 Apr 17 | Dec-18 | Mar-18 | 1 Apr 17 |
|  | S\$'000 | S\$'000 | S\$'000 | S\$'000 | S $\$^{\prime} 000$ | S\$'000 |
| ASSETS |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Current assets |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 345,880 | 314,050 | 366,614 | 276,164 | 258,112 | 303,179 |
| Financial assets | 8,265 | 1,921 | 4,301 | 8,265 | 1,921 | 3,954 |
| Asset held for sale ${ }^{\#}$ | 33,604 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Trade and other receivables | 298,646 | 271,583 | 199,007 | 224,842 | 231,983 | 173,304 |
| Derivative financial instruments | 4,629 | 19,856 | 16,079 | 4,613 | 19,856 | 16,142 |
| Inventories | 838 | 959 | 4,450 | 285 | 66 | 107 |
| Other current assets | 21,724 | 18,204 | 17,174 | 6,580 | 7,867 | 5,180 |
|  | 713,586 | 626,573 | 607,625 | 520,749 | 519,805 | 501,866 |
| Non-current assets |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Financial assets | 104,282 | 35,460 | 36,010 | 28,664 | 35,201 | 35,748 |
| Trade and other receivables | 7,789 | 7,087 | 7,091 | 361,344 | 391,821 | 405,122 |
| Investments in associated |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Investments in subsidiaries | - | - | - | 340,533 | 340,533 | 340,533 |
| Investment properties | 1,015,396 | 1,014,315 | 970,392 | 971,833 | 970,378 | 927,538 |
| Property, plant and equipment | 474,509 | 491,711 | 515,719 | 233,597 | 241,463 | 240,371 |
| Intangible assets | 377,918 | 385,730 | 400,683 | - | - |  |
| Deferred income tax assets | 3,491 | 3,197 | 6,218 | - | - |  |
| Other non-current asset | 2,118 | 5,137 | 5,198 | - | - |  |
|  | 2,025,758 | 2,057,562 | 2,059,094 | 1,951,337 | 1,994,762 | 1,964,161 |
| Total assets | 2,739,344 | 2,684,135 | 2,666,719 | 2,472,086 | 2,514,567 | 2,466,027 |
| LIABILITIES |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Current liabilities |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Trade and other payables | 531,967 | 525,791 | 395,084 | 399,672 | 458,762 | 353,681 |
| Current income tax liabilities | 37,745 | 39,172 | 34,774 | 28,859 | 30,926 | 30,367 |
| Contract liabilities | 7,120 | 7,140 | 7,043 | 7,046 | 6,858 | 6,614 |
| Deferred income | - | - | 175 | - | - | 175 |
| Derivative financial instruments | 3,990 | 465 | 1,055 | 3,990 | 451 | 1,055 |
| Borrowings | 86,968 | 23,475 | 148,786 | - | - | 117,743 |
|  | 667,790 | 596,043 | 586,917 | 439,567 | 496,997 | 509,635 |
| Non-current liabilities |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Trade and other payables | 15,722 | 23,468 | 44,462 | 1,358 | 1,358 | 2,070 |
| Borrowings | 206,231 | 220,503 | 215,199 | 200,986 | 201,569 | 202,318 |
| Contract liabilities | 40,139 | 45,484 | 52,624 | 40,136 | 45,444 | 52,302 |
| Deferred income tax liabilities | 51,477 | 52,392 | 62,547 | 22,387 | 23,253 | 22,603 |
|  | 313,569 | 341,847 | 374,832 | 264,867 | 271,624 | 279,293 |
| Total liabilities | 981,359 | 937,890 | 961,749 | 704,434 | 768,621 | 788,928 |
| NET ASSETS | 1,757,985 | 1,746,245 | 1,704,970 | 1,767,652 | 1,745,946 | 1,677,099 |

## EQUITY

Capital and reserves attributable to the Company's equity holders
Share capital

Treasury shares
Other reserves
Retained earnings
Ordinary equity
Perpetual securities
Non-controlling interests
Total equity

| 638,762 | 638,762 | 638,756 | 638,762 | 638,762 | 638,756 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $(25,557)$ | $(16,023)$ | $(1,227)$ | $(25,557)$ | $(16,023)$ | $(1,227)$ |
| 76,151 | 81,667 | 89,628 | 39,044 | 38,104 | 37,249 |
| 669,666 | 654,667 | 579,418 | 764,869 | 738,277 | 655,495 |
| 1,359,022 | 1,359,073 | 1,306,575 | 1,417,118 | 1,399,120 | 1,330,273 |
| 350,534 | 346,826 | 346,826 | 350,534 | 346,826 | 346,826 |
| 1,709,556 | 1,705,899 | 1,653,401 | 1,767,652 | 1,745,946 | 1,677,099 |
| 48,429 | 40,346 | 51,569 | - | - |  |
| 1,757,985 | 1,746,245 | 1,704,970 | 1,767,652 | 1,745,946 | 1,677,099 |

\# Reclassification from Investments in associated companies and joint venture, due to the intention of divestment for some of the Group's stake in associated companies.
(1)(b)(ii) In relation to the aggregate amount of the group's borrowings and debt securities.

|  | Dec-18 <br> $\mathbf{S \$ \prime 0 0 0}$ | Mar-18 <br> S ${ }^{\prime} 000$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Amount repayable in one year or less, or on demand |  |  |
| - Borrowings (secured) | $\mathbf{5 , 4 3 8}$ | 6,475 |
| - Borrowings (unsecured) | $\mathbf{8 1 , 5 3 0}$ | 17,000 |
| Amount repayable after one year: |  |  |
| - Borrowings (secured) |  | $\mathbf{5 , 2 4 5}$ |
| - Borrowings (unsecured) | $\mathbf{2 0 0 , 9 8 6}$ | 201,534 |

The Group's unsecured borrowings comprised mainly S\$200 million 10-year Fixed Rate Notes issued in March 2010. The Fixed Rate Notes is listed on the SGX-ST and carry a fixed interest rate of $3.5 \%$ per annum.

## Details of any collateral.

Secured borrowings comprised bank loans and are secured over investment properties, asset of a subsidiary or guaranteed by a director of a subsidiary with non-controlling interests.
(1)(c) Statement of cash flows (for the group), together with a comparative statement for the corresponding period of the immediately preceding financial year.

Cash flows from operating activities
Profit after tax

| The Group |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| FY2018/19 | FY2017/18 | FY2018/19 | FY2017/18 |
| Q3 | Q3 | 9M | 9M |
| S $\mathbf{\$}^{\prime} \mathbf{0 0 0}$ | S\$'000 | S $\mathbf{\$}^{\mathbf{\prime}} \mathbf{0 0 0}$ | S ${ }^{\prime} 000$ |
| 63,931 | 42,390 | 103,478 | 96,204 |
| 9,392 | 2,944 | 30,269 | 19,782 |
| 1,438 | - | 2,014 | 5,781 |
| $(1,764)$ | $(2,267)$ | $(5,365)$ | $(6,801)$ |
| - | (44) | - | (132) |
| 2,741 | 2,471 | 8,025 | 7,239 |
| 11,857 | 12,343 | 35,251 | 36,430 |
| 186 | $(2,953)$ | 229 | $(2,938)$ |
| $(42,662)$ | - | $(42,662)$ | - |
| 7,468 | 1,982 | 16,165 | $(5,423)$ |
| 515 | 41 | 1,558 | 508 |
| 2,326 | 2,522 | 7,170 | 8,254 |
| $(1,449)$ | (964) | $(4,198)$ | $(3,622)$ |
| (17) | (951) | 7,092 | $(3,069)$ |
| $(9,969)$ | 15,124 | 55,548 | 56,009 |
| 53,962 | 57,514 | 159,026 | 152,213 |
| 123 | 19 | 121 | 27 |
| $(29,409)$ | $(14,857)$ | $(26,361)$ | $(53,207)$ |
| 78,226 | 68,801 | (791) | 77,851 |
| 102,902 | 111,477 | 131,995 | 176,884 |
| $(15,399)$ | $(15,498)$ | $(32,693)$ | $(30,400)$ |
| 87,503 | 95,979 | 99,302 | 146,484 |

Operating cash flow before working capital changes
Changes in working capital, net of effects from
acquisition and disposal of subsidiaries Inventories
Trade and other receivables
Trade and other payables
Cash generated from operations
Income tax paid
Net cash provided by operating activities
Cash flows from investing activities
Additions to property, plant and equipment, investment properties and intangible assets
Contingent consideration paid in relation to acquisition of subsidiaries
Dividend received from an associated company
Interest received


| $\mathbf{( 6 , 6 5 1 )}$ | $(14,006)$ | $\mathbf{( 2 5 , 4 4 9 )}$ | $(52,878)$ |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  |  |  |  |
| - | - | - | $(3,730)$ |
| - | 413 | - | 413 |
| $\mathbf{1 , 2 1 2}$ | 902 | $\mathbf{3 , 9 1 3}$ | 4,006 |
| $\mathbf{( 7 0 1 )}$ | - | $\mathbf{( 7 0 1 )}$ | - |
| - | - | $\mathbf{1 0 6}$ | - |
| $\mathbf{1 3}$ | 8,650 | $\mathbf{8 9}$ | 8,886 |
| - | 1,633 | - | 1,633 |
| $\mathbf{( 6 , 1 2 7 )}$ | $(2,408)$ | $\mathbf{( 2 2 , 0 4 2 )}$ | $(41,670)$ |

Cash flows from financing activities
Acquisition of additional interest in subsidiaries
Distribution paid to perpetual securities
Dividends paid to shareholders
Dividends paid to non-controlling interests in a subsidiary
Interest paid
Proceeds from issuance of ordinary shares
Proceeds from re-issuance of treasury shares
Purchase of treasury shares
Proceeds from bank term loan
Repayment of bank term loan
Net cash used in financing activities
Net increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of financial
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial period

| - | (220) | - | (220) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - | - | $(7,499)$ | $(7,499)$ |
| $(11,283)$ | $(11,337)$ | $(67,860)$ | $(34,050)$ |
| (314) | - | (586) | - |
| $(4,050)$ | $(4,405)$ | $(8,725)$ | $(6,148)$ |
| - | - | - | 6 |
| - | - | 281 | - |
| $(4,813)$ | $(4,278)$ | $(10,526)$ | $(11,507)$ |
| 29,966 | 48,926 | 179,246 | 280,926 |
| $(30,225)$ | $(120,253)$ | $(129,761)$ | $(408,590)$ |
| $(20,719)$ | $(91,567)$ | $(45,430)$ | $(187,082)$ |
| 60,657 | 2,004 | 31,830 | $(82,268)$ |
| 285,223 | 282,342 | 314,050 | 366,614 |
| 345,880 | 284,346 | 345,880 | 284,346 |

(1)(d)(i) Statement of changes in equity (for the issuer and group), together with a comparative statement for the corresponding period of the immediately preceding financial year.

## The Group - Q3

|  | Attributable to ordinary shareholders of the Company |  |  |  |  | Perpetual securities |  | Noncontrolling interests | Total equity |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Share <br> capital <br> S\$'000 | Treasury shares S\$'000 | Retained earnings S\$'000 | Other reserves S\$'000 | $\frac{\text { Total }}{S \$^{\prime} 000}$ |  | $\frac{\text { Total }}{S \${ }^{\prime} 000}$ |  |  |
| Balance at 1 October 2018 | 638,762 | $(20,760)$ | 634,496 | 80,617 | 1,333,115 | 346,785 | 1,679,900 | 35,130 | 1,715,030 |
| Total comprehensive income / (loss) for the period | - | - | 50,202 | $(4,965)$ | 45,237 | - | 45,237 | 13,613 | 58,850 |
| Transactions with owners, recognised directly in equity |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Distribution of perpetual securities | - | - | $(3,749)$ | - | $(3,749)$ | 3,749 | - | - | - |
| Dividends paid to shareholders | - | - | $(11,283)$ | - | $(11,283)$ | - | $(11,283)$ | - | $(11,283)$ |
| Dividends paid to non-controlling interests in a subsidiary | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | (314) | (314) |
| Employee share option scheme: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| - Value of employee services | - | - | - | 515 | 515 | - | 515 | - | 515 |
| - Treasury shares re-issued | - | 16 | - | (16) | - | - | - | - | - |
| Purchase of new treasury shares | - | $(4,813)$ | - | - | $(4,813)$ | - | $(4,813)$ | - | $(4,813)$ |
| Total | - | $(4,797)$ | $(15,032)$ | 499 | $(19,330)$ | 3,749 | $(15,581)$ | (314) | $(15,895)$ |
| Balance at 31 December 2018 | 638,762 | $(25,557)$ | 669,666 | 76,151 | 1,359,022 | 350,534 | 1,709,556 | 48,429 | 1,757,985 |
| Balance at 1 October 2017 | 638,762 | $(7,516)$ | 609,495 | 87,354 | 1,328,095 | 346,785 | 1,674,880 | 44,955 | 1,719,835 |
| Total comprehensive income / (loss) for the period | - | - | 43,413 | $(3,253)$ | 40,160 | - | 40,160 | $(1,176)$ | 38,984 |
| Transactions with owners, recognised directly in equity |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Additional investment of a subsidiary | - | - | - | (182) | (182) | - | (182) | (38) | (220) |
| Distribution of perpetual securities | - | - | $(3,749)$ | - | $(3,749)$ | 3,749 | - | - | - |
| Dividends paid to shareholders | - | - | $(11,337)$ | - | $(11,337)$ | - | $(11,337)$ | - | $(11,337)$ |
| Employee share option scheme: <br> - Value of employee services | - | - | - | 41 | 41 | - | 41 | - | 41 |
| Purchase of new treasury shares | - | $(4,278)$ | - | - | $(4,278)$ | - | $(4,278)$ | - | $(4,278)$ |
| Total | - | $(4,278)$ | $(15,086)$ | (141) | $(19,505)$ | 3,749 | $(15,756)$ | (38) | $(15,794)$ |
| Balance at 31 December 2017 | 638,762 | $(11,794)$ | 637,822 | 83,960 | 1,348,750 | 350,534 | 1,699,284 | 43,741 | 1,743,025 |

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|  | Attributable to ordinary shareholders of the Company |  |  |  |  | Perpetual securities |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \begin{array}{l} \text { Share } \\ \text { capital } \\ \hline \$ \$^{\prime} 000 \end{array} \end{aligned}$ | Treasury shares S\$'000 | $\begin{array}{l}\text { Retained } \\ \text { earnings }\end{array}$ <br> S\$'000 | $\begin{array}{c}\text { Other } \\ \text { reserves }\end{array}$ <br> S\$'000 | $\frac{\text { Total }}{S \$^{\prime} 000}$ |  | $\frac{\text { Total }}{s \$^{\prime} 000}$ | controlling $\frac{\text { interests }}{\$ \$^{\prime} 000}$ | Total equity S\$'000 |
| Balance at 1 April 2018 | 638,762 | $(16,023)$ | 654,667 | 81,667 | 1,359,073 | 346,826 | 1,705,899 | 40,346 | 1,746,245 |
| Total comprehensive income / (loss) for the period | - | - | 94,066 | $(6,363)$ | 87,703 | - | 87,703 | 8,669 | 96,372 |
| Transactions with owners, recognised directly in equity |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Distribution of perpetual securities | - | - | $(11,207)$ | - | $(11,207)$ | 11,207 | - | - | - |
| Distribution paid on perpetual securities | - | - | - | - | - | $(7,499)$ | $(7,499)$ | - | $(7,499)$ |
| Dividends paid to shareholders | - | - | $(67,860)$ | - | $(67,860)$ | - | $(67,860)$ | - | $(67,860)$ |
| Dividends paid to non-controlling interests in a subsidiary | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | (586) | (586) |
| Employee share option scheme: <br> - Value of employee services | - | - | - | 1,558 | 1,558 | - | 1,558 | - | 1,558 |
| - Treasury shares re-issued | - | 992 | - | (711) | 281 | - | 281 | - | 281 |
| Purchase of new treasury shares | - | $(10,526)$ | - | - | $(10,526)$ | - | $(10,526)$ | - | $(10,526)$ |
| Total | - | $(9,534)$ | $(79,067)$ | 847 | $(87,754)$ | 3,708 | $(84,046)$ | (586) | $(84,632)$ |
| Balance at 31 December 2018 | 638,762 | $(25,557)$ | 669,666 | 76,151 | 1,359,022 | 350,534 | 1,709,556 | 48,429 | 1,757,985 |
| Balance at 1 April 2017 | 638,756 | $(1,227)$ | 579,418 | 89,628 | 1,306,575 | 346,826 | 1,653,401 | 51,569 | 1,704,970 |
| Total comprehensive income / (loss) for the period | - | - | 103,661 | $(3,915)$ | 99,746 | - | 99,746 | $(7,790)$ | 91,956 |
| Transactions with owners, recognised directly in equity |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Additional investment of a subsidiary | - | - | - | (182) | (182) | - | (182) | (38) | (220) |
| Adjustment to other reserves | - | - | - | $(1,139)$ | $(1,139)$ | - | $(1,139)$ | - | $(1,139)$ |
| Distribution of perpetual securities | - | - | $(11,207)$ | - | $(11,207)$ | 11,207 | - | - | - |
| Distribution paid on perpetual securities | - | - | - | - | - | $(7,499)$ | $(7,499)$ | - | $(7,499)$ |
| Dividends paid to shareholders | - | - | $(34,050)$ | - | $(34,050)$ | - | $(34,050)$ | - | $(34,050)$ |
| Employee share option scheme: <br> - Value of employee services | - | - | - | 508 | 508 | - | 508 | - | 508 |
| - New shares issued | 6 | - | - | - | 6 | - | 6 | - | 6 |
| - Treasury shares re-issued | - | 940 | - | (940) | - | - | - | - | - |
| Purchase of treasury shares | - | $(11,507)$ | - | - | $(11,507)$ | - | $(11,507)$ | - | $(11,507)$ |
| Total | 6 | $(10,567)$ | $(45,257)$ | $(1,753)$ | $(57,571)$ | 3,708 | $(53,863)$ | (38) | $(53,901)$ |
| Balance at 31 December 2017 | 638,762 | $(11,794)$ | 637,822 | 83,960 | 1,348,750 | 350,534 | 1,699,284 | 43,741 | 1,743,025 |

## The Company - Q3

|  | Attributable to ordinary shareholders of the Company |  |  |  |  | Perpetual securities | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Share <br> capital S\$'000 | Treasury shares S\$'000 | Retained $\frac{\text { earnings }}{S \$^{\prime} 000}$ | Other $\frac{\text { reserves }}{S \$^{\prime} 000}$ | $\frac{\text { Total }}{S \$^{\prime} 000}$ |  |  |
| Balance at 1 October 2018 | 638,762 | $(20,760)$ | 744,161 | 38,581 | 1,400,744 | 346,785 | 1,747,529 |
| Total comprehensive income / (loss) for the period | - | - | 35,740 | (36) | 35,704 | - | 35,704 |
| Transactions with owners, recognised directly in equity |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Distribution on perpetual securities | - | - | $(3,749)$ | - | $(3,749)$ | 3,749 | - |
| Dividends paid to shareholders | - | - | $(11,283)$ | - | $(11,283)$ | - | $(11,283)$ |
| Employee share option scheme: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| - Value of employee services | - | - | - | 515 | 515 | - | 515 |
| - Treasury shares re-issued | - | 16 | - | (16) | - | - | - |
| Purchase of treasury shares | - | $(4,813)$ | - | - | $(4,813)$ | - | $(4,813)$ |
| Total | - | $(4,797)$ | $(15,032)$ | 499 | $(19,330)$ | 3,749 | $(15,581)$ |
| Balance at 31 December 2018 | 638,762 | $(25,557)$ | 764,869 | 39,044 | 1,417,118 | 350,534 | 1,767,652 |
| Balance at 1 October 2017 | 638,762 | $(7,516)$ | 695,471 | 36,566 | 1,363,283 | 346,785 | 1,710,068 |
| Total comprehensive income / (loss) for the period | - | - | 36,933 | (212) | 36,721 | - | 36,721 |
| Transactions with owners, recognised directly in equity |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Distribution on perpetual securities | - | - | $(3,749)$ | - | $(3,749)$ | 3,749 | - |
| Dividends paid to shareholders | - | - | $(11,337)$ | - | $(11,337)$ | - | $(11,337)$ |
| Employee share option scheme: <br> - Value of employee services | - | - | - | 41 | 41 | - | 41 |
| Purchase of new treasury shares | - | $(4,278)$ | - | - | $(4,278)$ | - | $(4,278)$ |
| Total | - | $(4,278)$ | $(15,086)$ | 41 | $(19,323)$ | 3,749 | $(15,574)$ |
| Balance at 31 December 2017 | 638,762 | $(11,794)$ | 717,318 | 36,395 | 1,380,681 | 350,534 | 1,731,215 |

## The Company - 9M

|  | Attributable to ordinary shareholders of the Company |  |  |  |  | Perpetual securities | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Share <br> capital | Treasury shares | Retained earnings | Other reserves | Total |  |  |
|  | S\$'000 | S\$'000 | S\$'000 | S\$'000 | S\$'000 | S\$'000 | S\$'000 |
| Balance at 1 April 2018 | 638,762 | $(16,023)$ | 738,277 | 38,104 | 1,399,120 | 346,826 | 1,745,946 |
| Total comprehensive income / (loss) |  |  |  |  |  |  | 105,752 |
| Transactions with owners, recognised directly in equity |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Distribution on perpetual securities | - | - | $(11,207)$ | - | $(11,207)$ | 11,207 | - |
| Distribution paid on perpetual securities | - | - | - | - | - | $(7,499)$ | $(7,499)$ |
| Dividends paid to shareholders | - | - | $(67,860)$ | - | $(67,860)$ | - | $(67,860)$ |
| Employee share option scheme: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| - Value of employee services | - | - | - | 1,558 | 1,558 | - | 1,558 |
| - Treasury shares re-issued | - | 992 | - | (711) | 281 | - | 281 |
| Purchase of treasury shares | - | $(10,526)$ | - | - | $(10,526)$ | - | $(10,526)$ |
| Total | - | $(9,534)$ | $(79,067)$ | 847 | $(87,754)$ | 3,708 | $(84,046)$ |
| Balance at 31 December 2018 | 638,762 | $(25,557)$ | 764,869 | 39,044 | 1,417,118 | 350,534 | 1,767,652 |
| Balance at 1 April 2017 | 638,756 | $(1,227)$ | 655,495 | 37,249 | 1,330,273 | 346,826 | 1,677,099 |
| Total comprehensive income / (loss) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Transactions with owners, recognised directly in equity |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Distribution of perpetual securities | - | - | $(11,207)$ | - | $(11,207)$ | 11,207 | - |
| Distribution paid on perpetual securities | - | - | - | - | - | $(7,499)$ | $(7,499)$ |
| Dividends paid to shareholders | - | - | $(34,050)$ | - | $(34,050)$ | - | $(34,050)$ |
| Employee share option scheme: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| - Value of employee services | - | - | - | 508 | 508 | - | 508 |
| - New shares issued | 6 | - | - | - | 6 | - | 6 |
| - Treasury shares re-issued | - | 940 | - | (940) | - | - | - |
| Purchase of treasury shares | - | $(11,507)$ | - | - | $(11,507)$ | - | $(11,507)$ |
| Total | 6 | $(10,567)$ | $(45,257)$ | (432) | $(56,250)$ | 3,708 | $(52,542)$ |
| Balance at 31 December 2017 | 638,762 | $(11,794)$ | 717,318 | 36,395 | 1,380,681 | 350,534 | 1,731,215 |

(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 for 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 total 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.

During the 3rd quarter ended 31 December 2018, no share was issued under the Singapore Post Share Option Scheme.

As at 31 December 2018, there were unexercised options for 18,397,000 (31 December 2017: 24,980,000) unissued ordinary shares under the Singapore Post Share Option Scheme (including Performance Option Plan but excluding Restricted Share Plan) and unvested shares for 5,659,760 (31 December 2017: 1,211,264) unissued ordinary shares under the Restricted Share Plan.

As at 31 December 2018, the Company held 21,097,852 treasury shares (31 December 2017: 9,208,005).
(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.

As at 31 December 2018, total issued shares excluding treasury shares were 2,253,991,673 (31 March 2018: 2,262,762,720).
(1)(d)(iv) A statement showing all sales, transfers, disposal, cancellation and / or use of treasury shares as at end of the current financial period reported on.

During the third quarter ended 31 December 2018, the Company re-issued 11,431 treasury shares at price of $\mathrm{S} \$ 1.296$ upon the vesting shares under the Singapore Post Restricted Share Plan 2013.
(2) Whether the figures have been audited or reviewed, and in accordance with which auditing standard or practice.

The figures have not been audited nor reviewed.
(3) Where figures have been audited or reviewed, the auditors' report (including any qualifications or emphasis of a 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.

Except as disclosed under paragraph 5 below, the Group has applied the same accounting policies and methods of computation in the financial statements for the current reporting period compared with the audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 March 2018.
(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.

Reclassification of revenue and expenses
During the financial year ended 31 March 2018, the following adjustments have been made to the prior year's consolidated income statement:
(i) Revenue from merchant of record service is presented on a net basis; and
(ii) Labour costs from contract hires are reclassified from "Labour and related expenses" to "Volume-related expenses".

|  | FY2017/18 | FY2017/18 | FY2017/18 | FY2017/18 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Q3 | Q3 | $9 M$ | $9 M$ |

In addition to the above, rental revenue from commercial properties has been reclassified from "Other income and gains" to "Revenue". Certain reclassifications have also been made in the consolidated income statement to present interest income and investment income (net) separately from "other income" and "finance expenses". Net currency exchange difference from investment was previously included in "finance expenses".

Adoption of a new financial reporting framework
The Singapore Accounting Standards Council has introduced a new Singapore financial reporting framework that is equivalent to the International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB"). The new framework is referred to as 'Singapore Financial Reporting Standards (International)' ("SFRS(I)") hereinafter.

Subsequent to the last financial year end, as required by the listing requirements of the Singapore Exchange, the Group has adopted SFRS(I) on 1 April 2018. In adopting SFRS(I), the Group is required to apply all of the specific transition requirements in SFRS(I) 1 Firsttime Adoption of Singapore Financial Reporting Standards (International). In addition, the Group has also adopted all the SFRS(I)s and amendments and interpretations of SFRS(I)s that are relevant to its operations and effective from 1 April 2018.

The adoption of these pronouncements did not have any significant impact on the financial performance or position of the Group except the following:
a) Application of SFRS(I) 1 First Time Adoption of SFRS(I)
(i) Currency translation

The Group has elected to set the cumulative translation differences for all foreign operations to be zero as at the date of transition to SFRS(I) on 1 April 2017. As a result, a cumulative translation loss of $\$ \$ 17,841,000$ was reclassified from currency translation reserve to retained earnings as at 1 April 2017.
(ii) Fair value of property, plant and equipment

The Group has elected the use of fair value as "deemed cost" as at 1 April 2017 for certain property, plant and equipment. As a result, property, plant and equipment and retained earnings as at 1 April 2017 were reduced by $\mathrm{S} \$ 49,864,000$.

Property, plant and equipment and retained earnings as at 31 March 2018 were reduced by $S \$ 40,572,000$. The movement from $S \$ 49,864,000$ arises from depreciation expense corresponding to the decrease as at 1 April 2017 and adjustment to capitalised cost as at 31 March 2018.
b) Adoption of SFRS(I) 9 Financial Instruments

The Group has elected to apply the short-term exemption under SFRS(I) 1 to adopt SFRS(I) 9 on 1 April 2018. Accordingly, requirements of SFRS 39 Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement will continue to apply to financial instruments up to the financial year ended 31 March 2018.
(i) Classification and measurement

The Group has assessed the business models that are applicable on 1 April 2018 to financial assets so as to classify them into the appropriate categories under SFRS(I) 9. The initial application of SFRS(I) 9 does not have a material impact on the classification and measurement of the Group's financial assets.
(ii) Impairment of financial assets

Trade and other receivables and loans to related parties were subjected to expected credit loss impairment model under SFRS(I) 9. The initial application of SFRS(I) 9 does not have a material impact on the financial statements of the Group arising from the application of the expected credit loss model.
c) Adoption of SFRS(I) 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers

Under SFRS(I) 15, an entity recognises revenue when (or as) a performance obligation is satisfied, i.e. when "control" of the goods or services underlying the particular performance obligation is transferred to the customer. Far more prescriptive guidance has been added in SFRS(I) 15 to deal with specific scenarios.

The Group received upfront payments from certain financial services contracts which were recognised in profit or loss over the contract period. The Group has determined that a significant financing component arises from these upfront payments received. As a result, finance expenses have been recognised and retained earnings as at 1 April 2017 decreased by $\$ \$ 2,133,000$. Apart from the above, retained earnings has further reduced by $\$ \$ 751,000$ following adoption of SFRS(I) 15 for certain eCommerce contracts.
d) Comparative

The comparative figures that have been restated due to the adoption of SFRS(I) described above are summarised below:

|  |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { FY2017/18 } \\ \text { Q3 } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { FY2017/18 } \\ \text { Q3 } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { FY201 } \\ 9 \mathrm{M} \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ll} 17 / 18 & F \\ M \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { FY2017/18 } \\ 9 M \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Group Profit or Loss and Consolidated of Comprehensive income |  |  | Reported under SFRS S\$'000 | Reported under SFRS(I) S\$'000 | Repo under S\$'0 | rted SFRS 00 | Reported under SFRS(I) S\$'000 |
| Revenue <br> Depreciation and amortisation Interest expenses |  |  | 395,986 | 396,443 | 1,09 | 6,563 1, | 1,097,935 |
|  |  |  | 15,265 | 14,814 |  | 5,022 | 43,669 |
|  |  |  | 2,016 | 2,522 |  | 6,736 | 8,254 |
| Profit for the period |  |  | 41,988 | 42,390 |  | 4,997 | 96,204 |
| Attributable to: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Shareholders of the Company Non-controlling interests |  |  | $\begin{gathered} 43,011 \\ (1,023) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 43,413 \\ (1,023) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 2,454 \\ & , 457) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 103,661 \\ (7,457) \\ \hline \end{array}$ |
| Earnings per share |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| - basic |  |  | 1.73¢ | 1.75¢ |  | 4.02C | 4.07C |
| - diluted |  |  | 1.73¢ | 1.75¢ |  | 4.02【 | 4.07¢ |
| Total comprehensive income for the period |  |  | 38,582 | 38,984 |  | 0,749 | 91,956 |
| Attributable to: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Shareholders of the Company Non-controlling interests |  |  | $\begin{gathered} 39,758 \\ (1,176) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 40,160 \\ (1,176) \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 98,539 \\ & 7,790) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 99,746 \\ (7,790) \end{gathered}$ |
| Group Consolidated Statement of Financial Position | Note | As at <br> 31/3/18 reported under SFRS S\$'000 | Effect of transition and adoption of SFRS(I) S\$'000 | As at 31/3/18 reported under SFRS(I) S\$'000 | As at 1/4/17 reported under SFRS S\$'000 | Effect of transition and adoption of SFRS(I) S\$'000 |  As at <br> n $1 / 4 / 17$ <br> reported <br>  under <br> OFRS(I)  <br> (I) S <br>  S ${ }^{\prime} 000$ |
| Equity |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Retained earnings | $\begin{gathered} 5 a \\ \& 5 c \end{gathered}$ | 716,159 | $9(61,492)$ | 654,667 | 650,007 | $(70,589)$ | 9) 579,418 |
| Foreign currency translation reserve | 5a | $(25,145)$ | ) 17,841 | $(7,304)$ | $(17,841)$ | 17,841 | 41 |
| Total equity |  | 1,789,896 | $6(43,651)$ | 1,746,245 | 1,757,718 | $(52,748)$ | 8) $1,704,970$ |
| Non-current assets |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Property, plant and equipment | 5a | 532,283 | $3(40,572)$ | 491,711 | 565,583 | $(49,864)$ | 4) 515,719 |
| Total non-current assets |  | 2,098,134 | $4(40,572)$ | 2,057,562 | 2,108,958 | $(49,864)$ | 4) $2,059,094$ |
| Non-current liabilities |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Deferred income | 5c | 7,238 | $8(7,238)$ | - | 7,413 | $(7,238)$ | 8) 175 |
| Contract liabilities | 5c |  | 7,140 | 7,140 | - | 7,043 | 73,043 |
| Current liabilities |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Deferred income | 5c | 42,307 | 7 (42,307) | - | 49,545 | $(49,545)$ | 5) |
| Contract liabilities | 5c |  | 45,484 | 45,484 | - | 52,624 | 24 52,624 |
| Total current assets |  | 626,573 | 3 | 626,573 | 607,625 | - | - 607,625 |
| Net assets |  | 1,789,896 | 6 (43,651) | 1,746,245 | 1,757,718 | $(52,748)$ | 8) $\mathbf{1 , 7 0 4 , 9 7 0}$ |

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

|  | The Group |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | FY2018/19 | FY2017/18 | FY2018/19 | FY2017/18 |
| Q3 | Q3 | $\mathbf{9 M}$ | 9 M |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Based on weighted average number of <br> ordinary shares in issue | $\mathbf{2 . 0 6 ¢}$ | $1.75 ¢$ | $\mathbf{3 . 6 7 ¢}$ | $4.07 ¢$ |
| On fully diluted basis | $\mathbf{2 . 0 6 ¢}$ | $1.75 ¢$ | $\mathbf{3 . 6 7 ¢}$ | $4.07 ¢$ |

(7) Net asset value (for the issuer and group) per ordinary share based on the total number of issued shares excluding treasury shares of the issuer at the end of the current financial period reported on and immediately preceding financial year.
The Group
Dec-18 Mar-18
The Company
Dec-18 Mar-18

Net asset value per ordinary share based on issued share capital of the Company at the end of the financial period (cents)

| 75.85 | 75.39 |  | 78.42 | 77.16 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| The Group |  |  |  |  |
| Dec-18 | Mar-18 |  |  |  |

Ordinary equity per ordinary share based on issued share capital of the Company at the end of the financial period (cents)

| $\mathbf{6 0 . 2 9}$ | 60.06 | $\mathbf{6 2 . 8 7}$ | 61.83 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

(8) Review of the performance of the group.

## Third Quarter And Nine Months Ended 31 December 2018

Revenue

|  | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{FY} 18 / 19 \\ \text { Q3 } \\ \mathrm{S} \$ \mathbf{0} \mathbf{0 0 0} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{FY} 17 / 18 \\ \text { Q3 } \\ \mathrm{S} \$^{\prime} 000 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Variance } \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{FY} 18 / 19 \\ 9 \mathrm{M} \\ \mathrm{~S} \$^{\prime} 000 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{FY} 17 / 18 \\ 9 \mathrm{M} \\ \mathrm{~S} \$^{\prime} 000 \end{gathered}$ | Variance \% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Post and Parcel | 213,203 | 195,643 | 9.0\% | 575,904 | 545,572 | 5.6\% |
| Logistics | 133,989 | 129,307 | 3.6\% | 379,421 | 377,202 | 0.6\% |
| eCommerce | 82,500 | 75,882 | 8.7\% | 191,889 | 188,011 | 2.1\% |
| Property | 23,011 | 22,121 | 4.0\% | 68,066 | 57,749 | 17.9\% |
| Inter-segment eliminations* | $(11,328)$ | $(12,563)$ | 9.8\% | $(32,649)$ | $(37,026)$ | 11.8\% |
| Total | 441,375 | 410,390 | 7.6\% | 1,182,631 | 1,131,508 | 4.5\% |

[^0]Group revenue rose $7.6 \%$ for the third quarter ("Q3") and $4.5 \%$ for the nine months ("9M") ended 31 December 2018, with growth across all business segments.

In the Post \& Parcel segment, revenue rose $9.0 \%$ in Q3, driven by both domestic and international eCommerce deliveries over the peak season. Domestic mail revenue rose $1.6 \%$ in Q3, as increased eCommerce deliveries on the domestic postal network helped offset the decline in traditional letter mails. For International mail, revenue rose 16.3\%, lifted by cross-border volumes from the Alibaba Group, though 4PX, for the Double Eleven event in November. For 9M, Post \& Parcel revenue rose $5.6 \%$.

In the Logistics segment, revenue rose $3.6 \%$ in Q3 and $0.6 \%$ for 9 M , driven by the freight forwarding business under Famous Holdings. At Quantium Solutions, there is an ongoing review of unfavourable customer contracts, and revenue declined marginally with the exit of some unprofitable customers.

In the eCommerce segment, revenue rose $8.7 \%$ in Q 3 and $2.1 \%$ for 9 M as volumes rose over the peak season in the US.

Property segment revenue, which comprises commercial property rental and the selfstorage business, rose $4.0 \%$ in Q3 and $17.9 \%$ for 9 M . Committed occupancy for the mall was $98.5 \%$ as at 31 December 2018, compared to $85.9 \%$ a year ago.

## Operating Expenses

Operating expenses rose $8.8 \%$ in Q 3 and $4.0 \%$ for 9 M , driven by volume-related expenses.

Volume-related expenses, which remain the largest cost component for the Group, rose $14.6 \%$ in Q3 and $8.9 \%$ for 9 M respectively, as the Group incurred higher traffic expenses with the increase in volumes handled.

Excluding volume-related expenses, operating expenses for the Group would have declined $0.6 \%$ in Q3 and $3.0 \%$ for 9 M respectively, due to successful cost management initiatives.

Labour and related expenses declined $3.1 \%$ in Q3 and $4.9 \%$ for 9 M respectively, as productivity enhancement and cost management initiatives led to lower contracted labour services as well as lower staff costs.

Administrative and other expenses declined by $3.1 \%$ in Q3, due to lower professional fees. For 9M, administrative and other expenses rose $2.0 \%$ due to higher property-related expenses arising from increased property activities.

Depreciation and amortisation costs remained relatively stable, declining $1.5 \%$ in Q3 and $0.9 \%$ for 9 M respectively.

Selling-related expenses rose to $\mathrm{S} \$ 5.4$ million in Q 3 , from $\mathrm{S} \$ 2.1$ million last year, largely due to provisions for ongoing contractual disputes with eCommerce customers in the US. For 9M, selling-related expenses declined to $\mathrm{S} \$ 9.4$ million from $\mathrm{S} \$ 11.7$ million last year, due to lower doubtful debt provision.

## Profit on operating activities

|  | FY18/19 | FY17/18 |  | FY18/19 | FY17/18 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Q3 | Q3 | Variance | 9M | 9 M | Variance |
|  | S $\mathbf{S}^{\prime} 000$ | S\$'000 | \% | S \$ $\mathbf{0 0 0}$ | S\$'000 | \% |
| Post and Parcel | 47,622 | 43,301 | 10.0\% | 131,450 | 126,731 | 3.7\% |
| Logistics | 1,751 | 1,046 | 67.4\% | 2,180 | $(10,375)$ | N.M. |
| eCommerce | $(13,394)$ | $(4,522)$ | (196.2\%) | $(33,940)$ | $(12,757)$ | (166.1\%) |
| Property | 13,853 | 11,720 | 18.2\% | 40,389 | 28,272 | 42.9\% |
| Others* | $(7,605)$ | $(5,402)$ | (40.8\%) | $(18,719)$ | $(17,030)$ | (9.9\%) |
| Profit on operating activities | 42,227 | 46,143 | (8.5\%) | 121,360 | 114,841 | 5.7\% |

\# Others refer to unallocated corporate overhead items and trade-related foreign exchange translation differences.
N.M. Not meaningful

Profit on operating activities declined $8.5 \%$ in Q3. While the Post and Parcel, Logistics and Property segments delivered higher contributions, these were offset by higher losses in the eCommerce segment, as well as trade-related foreign exchange translation differences of around $\mathrm{S} \$ 2.9$ million.

For 9M, Profit on operating activities rose $5.7 \%$ to $\$ \$ 121.4$ million, driven by improved earnings from the Post \& Parcel and Property segments, while the Logistics segment turned from operating losses to positive operating profit.

In the Post and Parcel segment, profit on operating activities rose $10.0 \%$ in Q3 and 3.7\% for 9 M , driven by increased eCommerce-related deliveries. Domestic margins improved as the Group reaps operating synergies from the ongoing integration of our last mile delivery capabilities in the post and parcel divisions. International mail contributed to earnings growth on the back of higher volumes over the peak season.

In the Logistics segment, profit on operating activities rose $67.4 \%$ in Q3. For 9M, the segment generated operating profit of $S \$ 2.2$ million, compared to a $\mathrm{S} \$ 10.4$ million loss last year. These were largely due to a reduction in losses at Quantium Solutions, which was successful in reviewing unfavourable contracts and improving profitability of its customers. For 9 M , the corresponding period last year had included a doubtful debt provision of $\mathrm{S} \$ 5.2$ million for a key customer.

In the eCommerce segment, operating loss rose year-on-year to $\mathrm{S} \$ 13.4$ million in Q3, while operating loss for 9 M was $\mathrm{S} \$ 33.9$ million, largely due to the US businesses. Competitive pressures have intensified in the US and the industry has seen an increase in bankruptcies. While the US businesses recorded higher revenue during the quarter, costs also rose significantly to support these businesses, including freight and outsourced services, resulting in compressed margins and a loss during the critical peak season.

Under the Property segment, profit on operating activities rose $18.2 \%$ in Q3 and $42.9 \%$ for 9 M , due to rental income from the SingPost Centre retail mall, which commenced operations in October 2017 after a period of redevelopment.

Under the Others segment, expenses rose by $40.8 \%$ in Q3 and $9.9 \%$ for 9 M . This was largely due to unfavourable movements in trade-related foreign exchange translation differences.

## Exceptional Items

In Q3, the Group recorded an exceptional gain of $\mathrm{S} \$ 31.8$ million, largely due to gain on dilution of interest in 4PX, an associated company.

As previously announced, 4PX has issued additional shares to its existing shareholder Zhejiang Cainiao Supply Chain Management Co., Limited ("Cainiao"). As a result, SingPost's shareholding, through Quantium Solutions International, has been diluted down to $19.75 \%$.

The exceptional gain on dilution for 4PX of $\mathrm{S} \$ 42.7$ million was partly offset by fair value loss on warrants of $\mathrm{S} \$ 7.5$ million from GD Express, an associated company, as well as S $\$ 2.5$ million additional provision for contingent consideration of a foreign subsidiary.

For 9M, the Group recorded an exceptional gain of $\mathrm{S} \$ 22.9$ million, for the same reasons as above.

## Share of Results of Associated Companies and Joint Venture

The Group has ceased equity accounting for 4PX and Indo Trans Logistics Corporation ("ITL") with effect from October 2018.

Following the dilution as mentioned above, 4PX has ceased to be an associated company of SingPost. The investment in 4PX is now classified as an equity investment measured at Fair Value Through Other Comprehensive Income ("FVTOCI").

The Group had previously announced that it entered into a share purchase agreement to sell all its shares in ITL to Su Misura Pte. Ltd. Accordingly, ITL has been reclassified as an Asset Held For Sale, and SingPost no longer equity accounts for ITL as an associated company.

Consequently, in Q3, the share of results of associated companies and joint venture was S\$17,000.

For 9M, the share of results was $\mathrm{S} \$ 7.1$ million loss, largely due to $4 \mathrm{PX}^{\prime}$ s results recorded in the earlier part of the year.

## Income Tax Expense

Income tax expense for Q 3 was $\mathrm{S} \$ 9.4$ million, compared to $\mathrm{S} \$ 2.9$ million last year. The lower tax expense in Q3 last year was due to an one-off adjustment of deferred tax of S $\$ 6.9$ million arising from a reduction in the US corporate tax rate.

For 9M, income tax expense rose $53.0 \%$ to $\mathrm{S} \$ 30.3$ million, from $\mathrm{S} \$ 19.8$ million last year. This was due largely to the one-off adjustment of deferred tax as mentioned above, and an additional tax provision for a foreign subsidiary this year.

## Net Profit and Underlying Net Profit

Net profit attributable to equity holders rose $15.6 \%$ to $\mathrm{S} \$ 50.2$ million in Q 3 , due largely to exceptional items.

Excluding the impact of exceptional and other one-off items, underlying net profit declined $7.5 \%$ in Q3, due to higher losses from the US businesses.

For 9M, net profit attributable to equity holders declined $9.3 \%$, while underlying net profit declined $5.8 \%$ due to higher losses from the US businesses and negative contribution from associated companies.

## Statement of Financial Position

## Assets

The Group's total assets amounted to S\$2.7 billion as at 31 December 2018.
Current assets rose to $S \$ 713.6$ million from $S \$ 626.6$ million, on the back of increased business activities during the period, which led to higher cash and cash equivalents and trade and other receivables.

SingPost's investments in corporate bonds had been recorded as non-current financial assets. With certain bonds maturing within the next 12 months, these have been reclassified from non-current financial assets to current financial assets, which increased to $\mathrm{S} \$ 8.3$ million from $\mathrm{S} \$ 1.9$ million.

As mentioned in the earlier section, the Group has ceased equity accounting for 4PX and ITL with effect from October 2018. Accordingly, 4PX has been reclassified from investments in associated companies and joint venture to non-current financial assets, which increased to S $\$ 104.3$ million, from S $\$ 35.5$ million. ITL has been reclassified from investments in associated companies and joint venture to assets held for sale, which stands at S $\$ 33.6$ million.

Consequently, investments in associated companies and joint venture declined to $\mathrm{S} \$ 40.3$ million as at 31 December 2018, compared to S\$114.9 million as at 31 March 2018.

Current derivative financial instruments declined to $\mathrm{S} \$ 4.6$ million from $\mathrm{S} \$ 19.9$ million, due largely to lower fair value of warrants in an associated company.

Inventories declined mainly due to a reduction in inventory held for customers in relation to the eCommerce business.

Other current assets rose to $\mathrm{S} \$ 21.7$ million from $\mathrm{S} \$ 18.2$ million mainly due to a reclassification of certain pre-payments from other non-current assets.

## Liabilities

The Group's total liabilities were S $\$ 981.4$ million as at 31 December 2018, compared to S $\$ 937.9$ million as at 31 March 2018.

Current liabilities rose to $\mathrm{S} \$ 667.8$ million, from $\mathrm{S} \$ 596.0$ million, largely due to an increase in current borrowings to $\mathrm{S} \$ 87.0$ million from $\mathrm{S} \$ 23.5$ million. The Group had switched from an intercompany loan for a foreign subsidiary, to an external loan taken by the foreign subsidiary, for better matching of currency.

Current derivative financial instruments rose to $S \$ 4.0$ million, from $S \$ 0.5$ million, due to fair value loss from forward currency contracts for international mail payables.

Non-current liabilities declined to $\mathrm{S} \$ 313.6$ million, from $\mathrm{S} \$ 341.8$ million, largely because some items in trade and other payables and borrowings are coming due within 12 months. These items have been reclassified to current liabilities.

Non-current contract liabilities mainly relates to upfront payments received from our postassurance collaboration with AXA Life Insurance Singapore Private Limited for which a financing component exists. The decline to $\$ \$ 40.1$ million from $S \$ 45.5$ million was mainly due to amortisation for the period.

A foreign subsidiary has tax-related contingent liabilities which are yet to be fully determined.

As at 31 December 2018, the Group was in a net cash position of S $\$ 52.7$ million, compared to a net cash position of $\mathrm{S} \$ 70.1$ million as at 31 March 2018. This was largely due to higher working capital requirements during the period.

EBITDA to interest expense stands at 25.2 times, compared to 20.3 times for the corresponding period last year.

Ordinary shareholders' equity was $S \$ 1.4$ billion as at 31 December 2018, largely unchanged compared to 31 March 2018.

## Cash Flow

For 9M, operating cash flow before working capital changes rose to $\mathrm{S} \$ 159.0$ million, from $\$ 152.2$ million last year.

Working capital movement for 9 M was negative $\mathbf{S} \$ 27.0$ million due to the timing of receivables in respect of international eCommerce deliveries, which are experiencing strong growth from China. In contrast, working capital movement in the same period last year was positive $S \$ 24.7$ million due to the timing of payables in respect of international eCommerce deliveries.

Consequently, net cash inflow from operating activities was $\mathrm{S} \$ 99.3$ million for 9 M , compared to $\$ \$ 146.5$ million last year.

Net cash outflow for investing activities for the period declined to $S \$ 22.0$ million compared to $\mathrm{S} \$ 41.7$ million last year.

This was largely due to lower capital expenditure of $\mathbf{S} \$ 25.4$ million for 9 M , compared to S $\$ 52.9$ million last year, with the completion of the SingPost Centre retail mall redevelopment.

Net cash outflow from financing activities for 9 M was $\mathrm{S} \$ 45.4$ million, compared to outflow of $S \$ 187.1$ million in the same period last year. This was largely due to net receipts of bank borrowings this year, compared to net repayment of bank borrowings last year.
(9) Where a forecast, or a prospect statement, has been previously disclosed to shareholders, any variance between it and the actual results.

Not applicable.
(10) A commentary at the date of the announcement of the significant trends and 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 Post and Parcel business is expected to continue to benefit from the growth in global eCommerce activities.

Although domestic letter mail volumes are expected to trend moderately downwards, the Group is integrating its post and parcel last mile delivery capabilities in Singapore to achieve operational synergies and benefits, and to drive more eCommerce-related deliveries on the network.

International mail has grown due to cross-border eCommerce deliveries. However, transhipment competition is intense and volumes will continue to come under pressure, especially with higher terminal dues.

Meanwhile, the Property business is expected to remain stable.
The Group continues to face challenges in the eCommerce operating environment in the US due to intensifying competition and rising customer bankruptcies. The US businesses are underperforming and are expected to remain loss-making in the current financial year.

In view of this, there is a risk of impairment to the carrying value of the US businesses. Impairments, if any, will be assessed based on the full financial year results and future plans for the businesses.

## (11) Dividends

## Current financial period reported on

Interim dividend
For the third quarter ended 31 December 2018, the Board of Directors has declared an interim dividend of 0.5 cent per ordinary share (tax exempt one-tier).

The interim quarterly dividend of 0.5 cent per ordinary share will be paid on 28 February 2019. The transfer book and register of members of the Company will be closed on 15 February 2019 for the preparation of dividend warrants. Duly completed registrable transfers of the ordinary shares in the capital of the Company received by the Company's registrar up to 5.00 pm on 14 February 2019 will be registered to determine members' entitlements to the dividend.

## Corresponding period of the immediately preceding financial year

Interim dividend
An interim dividend of 0.5 cent per ordinary share (tax exempt one-tier) for the third quarter ended 31 December 2017 was declared on 1 February 2018 and paid on 28 February 2018.
(12) If no dividend has been declared (recommended), a statement to that effect.

Not applicable.

## (13) Group Segment Information

Segment information is presented based on the information reviewed by the chief operating decision maker for performance measurement and resource allocation.

From 1 April 2018, SingPost Group has reclassified the reporting of certain business units into four key business segments, namely Post and Parcel, Logistics, eCommerce and Property (FY2017/18: Postal, Logistics, eCommerce and Property).

- Post and Parcel segment comprises the core Postal and Singapore Parcel delivery business of the Group. This includes Domestic mail, International mail, vPost, products and services transacted at the Post Offices, as well as Parcel deliveries in Singapore
- Logistics segment comprises the Logistics businesses of the Group. This includes Quantium Solutions, Couriers Please and Famous Holdings. The comparative period last year had included the Singapore Parcel delivery business SP Parcels, self- storage business General Storage Company ("GSC") and other logistics businesses, which have accordingly been adjusted to Post and Parcel (for SP Parcels) and Property (for GSC).
- eCommerce segment comprises the front-end related eCommerce businesses. This includes SP eCommerce in Asia Pacific, as well as our US eCommerce businesses, TradeGlobal and Jagged Peak.
- Property segment includes the provision of commercial property rental, as well as the self-storage business of GSC.

Others comprise unallocated corporate overhead items and trade-related translation differences.

The segment revenue and profit figures have been reclassified for comparative purposes

The measurement of segment results is in line with the basis of information presented to management for internal reporting purpose.

## (14) Interested Person Transactions

During the third quarter and nine months ended 31 December 2018, the following interested person transactions were entered into by the Group:

|  | Aggregate value of all interested person transactions during the financial period (excluding transactions less than $\mathbf{S} \$ 100,000$ and transactions conducted under shareholders' mandate pursuant to Rule 920) |  | Aggregate value of all interested person transactions conducted under shareholders' mandate pursuant to Rule 920 (excluding transactions less than $\mathbf{\$} \mathbf{\$ 1 0 0 , 0 0 0}$ ) |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | FY2018/19 | FY2017/18 | FY2018/19 | FY2017/18 |
|  | Q3 | Q3 | Q3 | Q3 |
|  | S $\mathbf{\$}^{\prime} \mathbf{0 0 0}$ | S\$'000 | S $\mathbf{\$}^{\prime} 000$ | S\$'000 |
| Sales |  |  |  |  |
| Singapore Telecommunications Group | - | - | 850* | 446 |
|  | - | - | 850 | 446 |
| Purchases |  |  |  |  |
| Ascendas Real Estate Investment Trust | - | - | 831* | - |
| SembCorp Group | - | - | 150 | - |
| SMRT Group | - | - | - | 1,404* |
|  | - | - | 981 | 1,404 |
| Total interested person transactions | - | - | 1,831 | 1,850 |


|  | Aggregate value of all interested person transactions during the financial period (excluding transactions less than $\mathbf{S} \$ 100,000$ and transactions conducted under shareholders' mandate pursuant to Rule 920) |  | Aggregate value of all interested person transactions conducted under shareholders' mandate pursuant to Rule 920 (excluding transactions less than $\mathbf{\$} \mathbf{\$ 1 0 0}, \mathbf{0 0 0}$ ) |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | FY2018/19 | FY2017/18 | FY2018/19 | FY2017/18 |
|  | 9M | 9M | 9M | 9M |
|  | S $\mathbf{\$}^{\prime} 000$ | S $\$^{\prime} 000$ | S $\mathbf{\$}^{\prime} 000$ | S $\$^{\prime} 000$ |
| Sales |  |  |  |  |
| Mediacorp Group | - | - | - | 370* |
| Singapore Telecommunications Group | - | - | 1,337* | 1,684 |
| Starhub Group | - | - | 558 | 638 |
|  | - | - | 1,895 | 2,692 |
| Purchases |  |  |  |  |
| Ascendas Real Estate Investment Trust | - | - | 831* | - |
| PSA Corporation | - | - | 2,256* | 1,518* |
| SembCorp Group | - | - | 150 | - |
| Singapore Airlines Group | - | - | 5,100 | 4,248 |
| Singapore Telecommunications Group | - | - | 812* | 499* |
| SMRT Group | - | - | - | 1,404* |
|  | - | - | 9,149 | 7,669 |
| Total interested person transactions | - | - | 11,044 | 10,361 |

Note
$\overline{\text { All the transactions set out in the above table were based on the Group's interested person transactions register. They were either based }}$ on contractual values for the duration of the contracts (which vary from 6 months to 5 years) or annual values for open-ended contracts.
*Include contracts of duration exceeding one year.
(14) Confirmation by the Board pursuant to rule 720(1) of the Listing Manual

The Board had received undertakings from all its directors and executive officers in the format as set out in Appendix 7.7 in pursuant to Rule 720(1) of the listing manual of the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited.
(15) Confirmation by the Board pursuant to rule 705(5) of the Listing Manual

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Company, we, the undersigned, hereby confirm to the best of our knowledge that nothing has come to the attention of the Board of Directors of the Company which may render the financial statements for the third quarter ended 31 December 2018 to be false or misleading in any material aspect.

On behalf of the Board of Directors


MR SIMON CLAUDE ISRAEL
Chairman


MR PAUL COUTTS
Director

Singapore
1 February 2019


[^0]:    * Inter-segment eliminations relate to the elimination of inter-segment billings for internal services to better reflect the profitability of each business segment.

