#### FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND RELATED ANNOUNCEMENT::HALF YEARLY RESULTS

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## UNAUDITED CONDENSED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023 AND DIVIDEND ANNOUNCEMENT

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## CONDENSED INTERIM CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT For the half year ended 30 September 2023

		Hal	f year ended	
		30	September	
	Note	2023	2022	Variance
Group		S\$'000	S\$'000	%
Revenue	4	827,290	958,879	(13.7)
Labour and related expenses		(182,500)	(175,426)	4.0
Volume-related expenses		(502,790)	(642,681)	(21.8)
Administrative and other expenses		(66,576)	(59,081)	12.7
Depreciation and amortisation		(39,278)	(40,374)	(2.7)
Selling-related expenses		(4,924)	(3,697)	33.2
(Impairment loss)/reversal of impairment loss				
on trade and other receivables		(1,345)	494	N.M.
Operating expenses		(797,413)	(920,765)	(13.4)
Other income		1,533	3,225	(52.5)
Operating profit		31,410	41,339	(24.0)
Share of (losses)/profit of associated companies				
and joint ventures		(616)	138	N.M.
Exceptional items	5	(1,993)	(23,969)	(91.7)
Earnings before interest and tax		28,801	17,508	64.5
Interest income and investment income/(loss) (net)		4,830	(743)	N.M.
Finance expenses		(14,543)	(9,871)	47.3
Profit before tax	6	19,088	6,894	176.9
Income tax expense	7	(5,698)	(9,297)	(38.7)
Profit/(loss) after tax	•	13,390	(2,403)	N.M.
Profit/(loss) attributable to:			(=,::00)	
Equity holders of the Company		11,450	(9,904)	N.M.
Non-controlling interests		1,940	7,501	(74.1)
Non-controlling interests				
		13,390	(2,403)	N.M.
Underlying net profit <sup>1</sup>		13,443	13,190	1.9
Earnings per share attributable to ordinary				
shareholders of the Company				
- Basic and diluted	8	0.27 cents	(0.68 cents)	

Notes 1 N.M. Underlying net profit is defined as net profit before exceptional items, net of tax and non-controlling interests. Not meaningful.

## CONDENSED INTERIM CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME For the half year ended 30 September 2023

	Half year ended 30 September				
	2023	2022	Variance		
Group	S\$'000	S\$'000	%		
Profit/(loss) after tax	13,390	(2,403)	N.M.		
Other comprehensive income/(loss) (net of tax): Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:					
Currency translation differences - Loss on translation of foreign operations - Disposal of foreign subsidiaries and	(7,946)	(9,350)	(15.0)		
associated company Cash flow hedges	-	(34)	N.M.		
- Fair value changes arising during the year	5,468	-	N.M.		
Realised and transferred to profit or loss  Items that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:  Equity investments at fair value through	(384)	-	N.M.		
other comprehensive income					
<ul><li>Fair value gain/(loss)</li><li>Loss on fair value hedge of an equity instrument</li></ul>	6,746	(5,079)	N.M.		
designated at FVTOCI	(19,040)	_	N.M.		
Other comprehensive loss for the period (net of tax)	(15,156)	(14,463)	4.8		
Total comprehensive loss for the period	(1,766)	(16,866)	(89.5)		
Total comprehensive income/(loss) attributable to:					
Equity holders of the Company	4,231	(20,729)	N.M.		
Non-controlling interests	(5,997)	3,863	N.M.		
	(1,766)	(16,866)	(89.5)		

Notes N.M.

Not meaningful.

## **CONDENSED INTERIM STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION As at 30 September 2023**

		Group			Company			
	Note	As at 30 Sep 2023	As at 31 Mar 2023	As at 30 Sep 2023	As at 31 Mar 2023			
	11010	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000			
ASSETS								
Current assets		440.400	405.000	054.004	075 074			
Cash and cash equivalents		449,436	495,696	351,261	375,071			
Trade and other receivables Inventories		223,056 423	229,831 513	115,735 5	117,132 5			
Derivative financial instruments	10	1,331	372	1,331	372			
Other current assets	10	30,955	25,394	7,619	7,851			
		705,201	751,806	475,951	500,431			
Assets classified as held for sale	11	-	11,700	-	11,700			
		705,201	763,506	475,951	512,131			
Non-current assets								
Trade and other receivables	4.0	3,236	4,945	216,734	218,238			
Derivative financial instruments	10	42,640	56,879	-	-			
Financial assets	12	48,805	42,076	-	-			
Investments in associated		20.400	24.040	24 804	04.004			
companies and joint ventures Investments in subsidiaries		30,466	31,949	21,891 361,313	21,891 361,313			
Investment properties	13	965,771	965,771	953,033	953,033			
Property, plant and equipment	13	389,368	386,928	232,209	229,741			
Right-of-use assets	14	56,007	71,565	33,389	38,259			
Intangible assets	15	496,371	500,958	33,303	50,259			
Deferred income tax assets	10	6,663	7,361	_	_			
Other non-current assets		3,495	5,832	_	-			
		2,042,822	2,074,264	1,818,569	1,822,475			
Total assets		2,748,023	2,837,770	2,294,520	2,334,606			
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LIABILITIES								
Current liabilities								
Trade and other payables		599,267	632,539	398,141	416,086			
Current income tax liabilities		14,608	22,359	10,175	9,149			
Contract liabilities		30,311	30,037	27,037	26,541			
Lease liabilities	10	27,274	32,152	11,767	12,257			
Derivative financial instruments	10 16	2,032 737	1,413 1,370	2,032	1,132			
Borrowings	10	674,229	719,870	449,152	465,165			
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Non-current liabilities								
Trade and other payables	40	21,523	21,616	603,951	604,565			
Borrowings	16	610,982	623,020	-				
Contract liabilities		2,956	/,1//	2,956	7,177			
Lease liabilities Deferred income tax liabilities		36,348	47,575 44,214	22,534	26,859			
Deferred income tax habilities		41,384 713,193	743,602	20,624 650,065	22,521 661,122			
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Total liabilities		1,387,422	1,463,472	1,099,217	1,126,287			
NET ASSETS		1,360,601	1,374,298	1,195,303	1,208,319			
EQUITY								
Capital and reserves attributable								
to the Company's equity holders								
Share capital	17	638,762	638,762	638,762	638,762			
Treasury shares	17	(29,243)	(29,516)	(29,243)	(29,516)			
Other reserves		(80,638)	(77,620)	35,588	35,390			
Retained earnings		<b>595,616</b>	598,558	550,196	563,683			
Ordinary equity		1,124,497	1,130,184	1,195,303	1,208,319			
Perpetual securities	18	251,564	251,504	-	-			
Nicolar Branch		1,376,061	1,381,688	1,195,303	1,208,319			
Non-controlling interests		(15,460)	(7,390)	4 405 000	4 000 040			
Total equity		1,360,601	1,374,298	1,195,303	1,208,319			

# **CONDENSED INTERIM STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY** For the half year ended 30 September 2023

		Attributat	ole to ordin	ary shareho	olders of the	Company			Non-	
	-	Share	Treasury	Retained	Other		Perpetual		controlling	Total
<u>Group</u>	Note	capital	shares	earnings	reserves	<u>Total</u>	securities	<u>Total</u>	interests	equity
		S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000
Balance at 1 April 2023		638,762	(29,516)	598,558	(77,620)	1,130,184	251,504	1,381,688	(7,390)	1,374,298
Total comprehensive loss for the period		-	-	11,450	(7,219)	4,231	-	4,231	(5,997)	(1,766)
Transactions with owners, recognised directly in equity										
Distribution of perpetual securities	18	-	-	(5,452)	-	(5,452)	5,452	-	-	-
Distribution paid on perpetual securities	18	-	-	-	-	-	(5,392)	(5,392)	-	(5,392)
Dividends paid to shareholders	19	-	-	(9,000)	-	(9,000)	-	(9,000)	-	(9,000)
Dividends paid to non-controlling interests in a subsidiary		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(2,073)	(2,073)
Issuance of shares to employee		-	273	-	(179)	94	-	94	-	94
Employee share option scheme: - Value of employee services		-	-	60	4,380	4,440	-	4,440	-	4,440
Total	-	-	273	(14,392)	4,201	(9,918)	60	(9,858)	(2,073)	(11,931)
Balance at 30 September 2023	-	638,762	(29,243)	595,616	(80,638)	1,124,497	251,564	1,376,061	(15,460)	1,360,601
Balance at 1 April 2022		638,762	(29,724)	616,527	81,841	1,307,406	-	1,307,406	(165,305)	1,142,101
Total comprehensive loss for the period		-	-	(9,904)	(10,825)	(20,729)	-	(20,729)	3,863	(16,866)
Transactions with owners, recognised directly in equity										
Acquisition of non-controlling interests in a subsidiary		-	-	-	(9)	(9)	-	(9)	22	13
Issuance of perpetual securities	18	-	-	-	-	-	248,972	248,972	-	248,972
Distribution of perpetual securities	18	-	-	(5,303)	-	(5,303)	5,303	-	-	-
Distribution paid on perpetual securities	18	-	-	-	-	-	(2,711)	(2,711)	-	(2,711)
Dividends paid to shareholders	19	-	-	(29,247)	-	(29,247)	-	(29,247)	-	(29,247)
Dividends paid to non-controlling interests in subsidiaries		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(3,527)	(3,527)
Issuance of shares to employee		-	209	-	(209)	-	-	-	-	-
Employee share option scheme: - Value of employee services		-	-	485	(49)	436	-	436	-	436
Total	-	-	209	(34,065)	(267)	(34,123)	251,564	217,441	(3,505)	213,936
Balance at 30 September 2022	-	638,762	(29,515)	572,558	70,749	1,252,554	251,564	1,504,118	(164,947)	1,339,171

# **CONDENSED INTERIM STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY** For the half year ended 30 September 2023

		Attributable to ordinary shareholders of the Company				
		Share	Treasury	Retained	Other	
Company	<u>Note</u>	<u>capital</u>	<u>shares</u>	<u>earnings</u>	reserves	<u>Total</u>
		S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000
Balance at 1 April 2023		638,762	(29,516)	563,683	35,390	1,208,319
Total comprehensive loss for the period		-	-	(4,547)	-	(4,547)
Transactions with owners, recognised directly in equity						
Dividends paid to shareholders	19	-	-	(9,000)	-	(9,000)
Issuance of shares to employee		-	273	-	(179)	94
Employee share option scheme:						
- Value of employee services		-	-	60	377	437
Total			273	(8,940)	198	(8,469)
Balance at 30 September 2023		638,762	(29,243)	550,196	35,588	1,195,303
Balance at 1 April 2022		638,762	(29,724)	587,328	37,308	1,233,674
Balance at 1 April 2022  Total comprehensive loss for the period		638,762	(29,724)	587,328 (10,342)	37,308	1,233,674 (10,342)
		638,762	(29,724)	·	37,308	
Total comprehensive loss for the period  Transactions with owners,	19	638,762	(29,724)	·	37,308	
Total comprehensive loss for the period  Transactions with owners, recognised directly in equity	19	638,762	(29,724) - - 209	(10,342)	37,308	(10,342)
Total comprehensive loss for the period  Transactions with owners, recognised directly in equity  Dividends paid to shareholders	19	638,762	-	(10,342)	-	(10,342)
Total comprehensive loss for the period  Transactions with owners, recognised directly in equity  Dividends paid to shareholders  Issuance of shares to employee  Employee share option scheme:	19		-	(10,342) (29,247)	- (209)	(10,342)

# **CONDENSED INTERIM CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**For the half year ended 30 September 2023

	Half year ended 30 September		
Group	2023	2022	
	S\$'000	S\$'000	
Cash flows from operating activities		(0.400)	
Profit/(loss) after tax	13,390	(2,403)	
Adjustments for:			
Income tax expense	5,698	9,297	
Impairment loss/(Reversal of impairment loss)	3,030	3,231	
on trade and other receivables	1,345	(494)	
Amortisation of contract liabilities	(4,071)	(3,926)	
Amortisation of intangible assets	2,488	4,488	
Depreciation	36,790	35,886	
Fair value loss on put option redemption liability	3,188	21,012	
Fair value loss on contingent consideration	30	-	
(Gain)/Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	(145)	135	
Gain on sale of assets held for sale	(900)	-	
Gain on disposal / liquidation of subsidiaries	-	(448)	
Gain on disposal of an associated company	-	(99)	
Share-based staff costs	4,440	436	
Finance expenses	14,543	9,871	
Interest income	(5,614)	(2,664)	
Impairment of property, plant and equipment	-	1,016	
Reversal of impairment of loans to associated companies	-	(525)	
Share of losses/(profit) of associated companies		(400)	
and joint ventures	616	(138)	
<del>-</del>	58,408	73,847	
Operating cash flow before working capital changes	71,798	71,444	
Changes in working capital, net of effects from	11,190	7 1,444	
Inventories	90	141	
Contract liabilities	(124)	(557)	
Trade and other receivables	4,105	13,734	
Trade and other payables	(41,998)	(49,526)	
Cash generated from operations	33,871	35,236	
Income tax paid	(15,768)	(19,359)	
Net cash provided by operating activities	18,103	15,877	
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Cash flows from investing activities			
Acquisition of subsidiaries, net of cash acquired	-	(7,541)	
Investment in a joint venture	<u>-</u>	(10)	
Additions to property, plant and equipment and intangible assets	(25,011)	(16,356)	
Interest received	5,426	2,146	
Proceeds on maturity of financial assets	-	8,000	
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment	568	193	
Proceeds from disposal of subsidiaries, net of cash disposed	-	418	
Proceeds from disposal of an associated company Proceeds from sale of assets held for sale	42.600	1,380	
Repayment of loans by associated companies	12,600	- 2 721	
Net cash used in investing activities	- (6 /17)	2,721 (9,049)	
net cash used in investing activities	(6,417)	(9,049)	

# **CONDENSED INTERIM CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**For the half year ended 30 September 2023

	Half year ended 30 September			
Group	2023	2022		
	S\$'000	S\$'000		
Cash flows from financing activities				
Distribution paid to perpetual securities	(5,392)	(2,711)		
Dividends paid to shareholders	(9,000)	(29,247)		
Dividends paid to non-controlling interests in subsidiaries	(2,073)	(3,527)		
Finance expenses paid	(16,198)	(10,151)		
Proceeds from issuance of perpetual securities	-	248,972		
Proceeds from bank loans and notes	-	15,086		
Repayment of principal portion of lease liabilities	(15,693)	(14,998)		
Repayment of bank loans	(9,590)	(54,910)		
Net cash (used in)/provided by financing activities	(57,946)	148,514		
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents	(46,260)	155,342		
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of financial period	495,696	280,438		
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial period	449,436	435,780		

## NOTES TO THE CONDENSED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the half year ended 30 September 2023

### 1. General information

Singapore Post Limited (the "Company") is listed on the Singapore Exchange and incorporated and domiciled in Singapore. The address of its registered office and principal place of business is 10 Euros Road 8, Singapore Post Centre, Singapore 408600.

The principal activities of the Company consist of the operation and provision of postal and parcel delivery services, eCommerce logistics and property. Its subsidiaries are principally engaged in provision of delivery services and eCommerce logistics solutions, provision of integrated supply chain and distributions services, freight forwarding and investment holding.

### 2. Significant accounting policies

### 2.1 Basis of preparation

The condensed interim financial statements for the half year ended 30 September 2023 have been prepared in accordance with Singapore Financial Reporting Standards (International) ("SFRS(I)") 1-34 Interim Financial Reporting and International Accounting Standard 34 Interim Financial Reporting and should be read in conjunction with the Group's audited financial statements as at and for the year ended 31 March 2023. SFRS(I)s are issued by the Accounting Standards Council and comprise standards and interpretations that are equivalent to International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRSs") as issued by the International Accounting Standard Board. All references to SFRS(I)s and IFRSs are subsequently referred to as SFRS(I)s in these condensed interim financial statements unless otherwise stated.

The condensed interim financial statements do not include all the information required for a complete set of financial statements. However, selected explanatory notes are included to explain events and transactions that are significant to an understanding of the changes in the Group's financial position and performance of the Group since the last annual financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023.

The accounting policies applied are consistent with those disclosed in the Group's financial statements as at and for the year ended 31 March 2023 which were prepared in accordance with SFRS(I), except for the following:

### Cash flow hedges

The effective portion of changes in the fair value of derivatives and other qualifying hedging instruments that are designated and qualify as cash flow hedges is recognised in other comprehensive income and accumulated under the heading of cash flow hedge reserve, limited to the cumulative change in fair value of the hedged item from inception of the hedge. The gain or loss relating to the ineffective portion is recognised immediately in profit or loss, and is included in the 'Exceptional items' line item.

Amounts previously recognised in other comprehensive income and accumulated in equity are reclassified to profit or loss in the periods when the hedged item affects profit or loss, in the same line as the recognised hedged item. However, when the hedged forecast transaction results in the recognition of a non-financial asset or a non-financial liability, the gains and losses previously recognised in other comprehensive income and accumulated in equity are removed from equity and included in the initial measurement of the cost of the non-financial asset or non-financial liability. This transfer does not affect other comprehensive income. Furthermore, if the group expects that some or all of the loss accumulated in other comprehensive income will not be recovered in the future, that amount is immediately reclassified to profit or loss.

## NOTES TO THE CONDENSED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the half year ended 30 September 2023

### 2. Significant accounting policies (continued)

### 2.1 Basis of preparation (continued)

### **Cash flow hedges** (continued)

The Group discontinues hedge accounting only when the hedging relationship (or a part thereof) ceases to meet the qualifying criteria (after rebalancing, if applicable). This includes instances when the hedging instrument expires or is sold, terminated or exercised. The discontinuation is accounted for prospectively. Any gain or loss recognised in other comprehensive income and accumulated in cash flow hedge reserve at that time remains in equity and is reclassified to profit or loss when the forecast transaction occurs. When a forecast transaction is no longer expected to occur, the gain or loss accumulated in the cash flow hedge reserve is reclassified immediately to profit or loss.

The Group adopted various new and amended pronouncements which are effective from 1 April 2023. The adoption of these new and amended pronouncements did not have a material effect on the condensed interim financial statements. For the half year ended 30 September 2023, the Group had applied the exemption to recognising and disclosing information about deferred tax assets and liabilities related to Pillar Two income taxes. Management is closely monitoring the progress of the legislative process in each jurisdiction the Group operates in and has yet to complete its detailed assessment.

The condensed interim financial statements are presented in Singapore dollars, which is the Company's functional currency. All financial information has been rounded to the nearest thousand, unless otherwise stated.

### 2.2 Critical accounting estimates, assumptions and judgements

In preparing the condensed interim financial statements, management has made judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expense, including the ones set out in Note 10 to the condensed interim financial statements. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The significant judgements made by management in applying the Group's accounting policies and the key sources of estimation uncertainty were similar to those that applied to the consolidated financial statements as at and for the year ended 31 March 2023. In the current financial year, critical accounting estimates, assumptions and judgement were also applied in the accounting for the Group's equity option over its investment in 4PX classified as hedge instruments.

Estimates, assumptions and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

### 3. Seasonality

The Group's business experiences seasonality which is tied to holiday seasons and eCommerce promotions that could vary from market to market. The performance of the Group in the first half of the financial year is generally lower than the second half.

## NOTES TO THE CONDENSED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the half year ended 30 September 2023

### 4. Revenue

Revenue from external customers is derived from the provision of mail, logistics solutions, agency and financial services and front-end ecommerce solutions.

	<u>Group</u> Half year ended 30 September		
	2023	2022	
	S\$'000	S\$'000	
Post and Parcel	239,800	256,176	
Logistics	560,359	675,899	
Property	27,131	26,804	
	827,290	958,879	

A disaggregation of the Group's revenue for the year is as follows:

	Group						
	Half year ended 30 September						
		2023			2022		
	Revenue from services	Sale of		Revenue from services	Sale of		
	rendered	products	Total	rendered	products	Total	
	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	
Post and Parcel	239,331	469	239,800	255,550	626	256,176	
Logistics	560,359	-	560,359	675,899	-	675,899	
Property	27,131	-	27,131	26,804		26,804	
	826,821	469	827,290	958,253	626	958,879	
Timing of revenue rec							
At a point in time	3,721	469	4,190	5,134	626	5,760	
Over time	802,261	-	802,261	931,831	-	931,831	
	805,982	469	806,451	936,965	626	937,591	

<sup>(1)</sup> These disclosures under SFRS(I) 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers are not applicable to revenue from lease contracts amounting to S\$20,839,000 (30 September 2022: S\$21,288,000).

## NOTES TO THE CONDENSED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the half year ended 30 September 2023

### 5. Exceptional items

	<u>Group</u>	
	Half year ended	
	30 September	
	2023	2022
	S\$'000	S\$'000
Acquisition:		
- Loss on contingent consideration	(30)	-
Disposals:		
- Gain/(loss) on disposal of property, plant and equipment	145	(135)
- Gain on disposal of assets held for sale	900	-
<ul> <li>Net gain on disposal/liquidation of subsidiaries</li> </ul>	-	448
- Gain on disposal of an associated company	-	99
Fair value loss:		
- Put option redemption liability	(3,188)	(21,012)
Impairment (charges)/reversals <sup>(1)</sup> :		
- Property, plant and equipment	-	(1,016)
- Loans to an associated company	-	525
Reversal/(Recognition) of M&A related expenses	180	(1,320)
Restructuring of operations		(1,558)
	(1,993)	(23,969)

<sup>(1)</sup> Total impairment charges amounted to S\$Nil (30 September 2022: S\$491,000).

### 6. Profit before tax

Other than as disclosed elsewhere in these condensed interim financial statements, profit before tax for the period has been arrived at after charging/(crediting) the following:

	<u>Group</u> Half year ended 30 September		
	<b>2023</b> 2022		
	S\$'000	S\$'000	
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment Depreciation of right-of-use assets	23,197 13,593	20,681 15,205	
Amortisation of intangible assets	2,488	4,488	
Interest expense:			
- Fixed rate notes	4,791	4,791	
- Bank borrowings	6,185	2,466	
- Lease liabilities	3,077	1,872	
- Significant financing component from			
contracts with customers	248	396	
Other borrowing costs	242	346	
Currency exchange (gains)/losses - net	(1,941)	2,834	

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### 7. Income tax expense

	<u>Group</u>		
	Half year ended		
	30 September		
	2023	2022	
	S\$'000	S\$'000	
Tax expense attributable to			
profit is made up of:			
- Current income tax	11,769	9,961	
- Deferred income tax	(1,965)	771	
	9,804	10,732	
Overprovision in preceding financial periods:	·		
- Current income tax	(4,106)	(1,435)	
	5,698	9,297	

### 8. Earnings per share

### (a) Basic earnings per share

Basic earnings per share is calculated by dividing the net profit/(loss) attributable to ordinary shareholders of the Company by the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding, excluding treasury shares, during the financial period.

	<u>Group</u>		
	Half year ended		
	30 September		
	2023	2022	
Profit/(loss) attributable to equity holders			
of the Company (S\$'000)	11,450	(9,904)	
Less: Distribution to perpetual securities		,	
holders (S\$'000)	(5,452)	(5,303)	
Profit/(loss) attributable to ordinary shareholders		<u> </u>	
of the Company (S\$'000)	5,998	(15,207)	
Weighted average number of ordinary shares			
outstanding for basic earnings per share ('000)	2,249,882	2,249,659	
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Basic earnings per share (cents per share)			
- Excluding distribution to perpetual securities holders	0.27	(0.68)	
- Including distribution to perpetual securities holders	0.51	(0.44)	
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### (b) Diluted earnings per share

For the purpose of calculating diluted earnings per share, profit attributable to ordinary shareholders of the Company and the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding, excluding treasury shares, are adjusted for the effects of all dilutive potential ordinary shares. The Company's dilutive potential ordinary shares are in the form of share options.

For share options, the weighted average number of shares on issue has been adjusted as if all dilutive share options were exercised. The number of shares that could have been issued upon the exercise of all dilutive share options less the number of shares that could have been issued at fair value (determined as the Company's average share price for the financial period) for the same total proceeds is added to the denominator as the number of shares issued for no consideration. No adjustment is made to the net profit.

There is no dilution of earnings per share for the half years ended 30 September 2023 and 2022.

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#### 9. Net asset value

	Gro	oup	Com	<u>pany</u>
	As at 30 Sep 23	As at 31 Mar 23	As at 30 Sep 23	As at 31 Mar 23
Net asset value per ordinary share (cents)	61.16	61.42	53.13	53.71
Ordinary equity excluding perpetual securities per ordinary share (cents)	49.98	50.24	53.13	53.71

#### 10. Derivative financial instruments

	<u>Group</u>		<u>Comp</u>	<u>any</u>
	As at	As at	As at	As at
	30 Sep 23	31 Mar 23	30 Sep 23	31 Mar 23
	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000
Current assets				
Other non-hedging derivatives				
Currency forwards	1,331	372	1,331	372
Non-current assets				
Hedge instrument relating to cash flow hedge				
Interest rate swap	4,802	_	_	_
interestrate swap	4,002	_	_	_
Hedge instrument relating to fair value hedge				
Equity option (Note 12)	37,838	56,879	-	
	42,640	56,879	-	-
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Current liabilities				
Other non-hedging derivatives				
Interest rate swap	-	281	-	-
Currency forwards	2,032	1,132	2,032	1,132
	2,032	1,413	2,032	1,132

The Group has equity option over its investment in 4PX classified as hedge instruments relating to fair value hedge amounting to S\$37.8 million (31 March 2023: S\$56.9 million) which hedges the fair value changes arising from the financial assets designated at FVTOCI (Note 12).

The option exercise period, valid till June 2025 coincides with various contingent events relating to the loan capitalisation exercise. The fair value of the hedge is derived using the discounted cash flow approach and incorporates the probability of the various contingent events that affect the exercise of the options, including the completion of the loan capitalisation exercise that is closely related to the term of the options; such probabilities are considered as key management judgement and key sources of estimation uncertainty. It is expected that the value of the equity option and the value of 4PX will change in the opposite direction in response to movements in the underlying fair value of the company.

One of the main sources of hedge ineffectiveness in this hedge relationship is the effect of the counterparty's credit risk on the fair value of the put option, which is not reflected in the fair value of the hedged item attributable to the change in fair value.

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### 10. Derivative financial instruments (continued)

As the hedged item is an equity investment designated at FVTOCI, the hedging gain/loss remains in other comprehensive income to match that of the hedging instrument. For the half year ended 30 September 2023, the fair value loss recognised within other comprehensive income was S\$19.0 million.

#### 11. Assets classified as held for sale

As at 31 March 2023, the Group and Company have a property over which land has been gazetted for compulsory acquisition by the Singapore government. The major classes of assets comprising the "non-current assets held for sale" were as follows:

	<u>Group</u> As at 31 March 23 S\$'000
Assets classified as held for sale	
Investment properties (Note 13)	10,914
Property, plant and equipment	786
	11,700

The disposal was completed on 30 June 2023 and a gain on disposal of assets held for sale of \$0.9 million was recognised in 'Exceptional items' (Note 5). The assets classified as held for sale were included in Property segment for the purpose of segmental reporting.

### 12. Financial assets

	<u>Group</u>		
	<b>As at</b> As at		
	30 Sep 23	31 Mar 23	
	S\$'000	S\$'000	
Non-current			
Financial assets designated as FVTOCI			
- Equity instruments – unquoted	48,805	42,076	

The Group carries an investment in Shenzhen 4PX Information Technology Co., Limited ("4PX") classified as an equity investment designated at FVTOCI amounting to S\$48.6 million (31 March 2023: S\$41.9 million) for which fair value hedge accounting (Note 10) has been applied.

The valuation of 4PX is determined based on Enterprise Value / Revenue multiples of selected comparable companies at the end of the reporting period. The inputs to the valuation model are derived from market observable data where possible, including but not limited to financial data of selected public companies in logistics services, freight management, supply chain management and e-commerce, but where this is not feasible, a degree of judgement is required to establish fair value.

For the half year ended 30 September 2023, the fair value gain recognised within other comprehensive income was S\$6.7 million (half year ended 30 September 2022: fair value loss of S\$5.1 million).

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### 13. Investment properties

miles properties	Group		<u>Company</u>	
	As at	As at	As at	As at
	30 Sep 23	31 Mar 23	30 Sep 23	31 Mar 23
	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000
Beginning of financial period/year Reclassification from property, plant	965,771	956,610	953,033	945,274
and equipment	-	1,353	-	52
Reclassification from right-of-use assets	-	157	-	_
Reclassification to held for sale (Note 11)	-	(10,914)	-	(10,914)
Fair value gain recognised in profit or loss	-	18,565	-	18,621
End of financial period/year	965,771	965,771	953,033	953,033

	Fair value measurements using				
	Quoted prices in active markets Significant Significant for identical other observable unobservable				
<u>Group</u>	assets ( <u>Level 1</u> ) S\$'000	inputs ( <u>Level 2</u> ) S\$'000	inputs ( <u>Level 3</u> ) S\$'000		
As at 30 September 2023 and 31 March 2023 - Commercial and retail / warehousing	·	·	·		
<ul><li>Singapore</li></ul>	-	2,484	963,287		

There were no transfers in or out of fair value hierarchy levels.

### Valuation techniques and processes

The Group's investment properties are stated at their estimated fair values determined annually by independent professional valuers. For the purpose of these condensed interim financial statements for the half year ended 30 September 2023, a desktop valuation was obtained from the valuers for a significant investment property. For the remaining investment properties, management assessed potential significant changes in valuation by considering if there were any significant changes in operating performance of the properties and market capitalisation rate/discount rate compression or depression.

The valuation techniques used to derive Level 2 and 3 fair values were the same as those disclosed in the Group's financial statements as at 31 March 2023.

### 14. Property, plant and equipment

During the half year ended 30 September 2023,

- The Group acquired assets amounting to \$\$23,178,000 (30 September 2022: \$\$14,670,000) and disposed assets amounting to \$\$423,000 (30 September 2022: \$\$326,000).
- The Company acquired assets amounting to S\$13,391,000 (30 September 2022: S\$5,285,000) and disposed assets amounting to S\$613,000 (30 September 2022: S\$244,000).

As at 30 September 2023, commitments for the purchase of property, plant and equipment amounted to \$\$19,081,000 (30 September 2022: \$\$4,928,000) and \$\$11,993,000 (30 September 2022: \$\$2,650,000) for the Group and Company respectively.

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15.	Intangible assets			
		<u>Group</u>		
		As at	As at	
		30 Sep 23	31 Mar 23	
		S\$'000	S\$'000	
	Goodwill on acquisitions	413,367	415,659	
	Customer relationships	18,773	21,258	
	Acquired software licences	16,322	15,309	
	Trademarked brands	47,909	48,732	
		496,371	500,958	
16.	Borrowings	<u>Grou</u>	<u>ıp</u>	
		As at	As at	
		30 Sep 23	31 Mar 23	
		S\$'000	S\$'000	
	<u>Current</u>			
	- Borrowings (secured)	737	1,370	
	Non-current			
	- Borrowings (secured)	30,521	39,809	
	- Borrowings (unsecured)	580,461	583,211	
		610,982	623,020	
	Total borrowings	611,719	624,390	

Secured borrowings comprise external bank loans and are secured over trade receivables with carrying amount of S\$70.3 million (31 March 2023: S\$76.1 million), or property, plant and equipment with carrying amount of S\$8.8 million (31 March 2023: S\$10.3 million) at the end of the reporting period.

As at 30 September 2023 and 31 March 2023, the Group's unsecured borrowings consist of \$\$250 million 10-year Notes, \$\$100 million 5-year Notes and A\$264.4 million (\$\$232.3 million) (31 March 2023: \$\$235.2 million) 5-year term loan facilities.

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### **16. Borrowings** (continued)

Fair value of non-current borrowings

	<u>Group</u>		
	As at	As at	
	30 Sep 23	31 Mar 23	
	S\$'000	S\$'000	
Non-current			
- Borrowings (secured)	30,521	39,809	
- Borrowings (unsecured)	553,312	551,912	
	583,833	591,721	

The fair value of the Notes are determined based on the over-the-counter quoted price. The fair value is classified within Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy.

The fair value of external bank loans are computed based on cash flows discounted at market borrowing rates. The fair value is classified within Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy.

### 17. Share capital and treasury shares

	Number of ordinary shares		Amo	<u>ount</u>
	Issued share	Treasury	Share	Treasury
	<u>capital</u>	<u>shares</u>	<u>capital</u>	<u>shares</u>
	'000	'000	S\$'000	S\$'000
Group and Company				
As at 1 April 2023 Employee share option scheme	2,275,089	(25,350)	638,762	(29,516)
- Treasury shares re-issued	-	213	-	273
As at 30 September 2023	2,275,089	(25,137)	638,762	(29,243)
As at 1 April 2022 Employee share option scheme	2,275,089	(25,512)	638,762	(29,724)
- Treasury shares re-issued	-	162	-	209
As at 30 September 2022	2,275,089	(25,350)	638,762	(29,515)

All issued ordinary shares are fully paid. There is no par value for these ordinary shares.

### Treasury shares

During the half year ended 30 September 2023, the Company re-issued 212,597 (30 September 2022: 161,945) treasury shares pursuant to the Singapore Post Share Option Scheme at exercise prices \$\$1.285. The cost of the treasury shares re-issued amounted to \$\$273,000 (30 September 2022: \$\$209,000).

### Share options

During the half years ended 30 September 2023 and 2022, no share was issued under the Singapore Post Share Option Scheme.

As at 30 September 2023, there were unexercised options for 3,012,000 (30 September 2022: 5,442,000) unissued ordinary shares under the Singapore Post Share Option Scheme (including Performance Option Plan but excluding Restricted Share Plan) and unvested shares for 11,859,851 (30 September 2022: 9,581,010) unissued ordinary shares under the Restricted Share Plan.

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### 18. Perpetual securities

On 6 April 2022, the Group issued SGD Subordinated Perpetual Securities with an aggregate principal amount of \$\$250,000,000 (the "Perpetual Securities") under the \$\$1 billion Multicurrency Debt Issuance Programme which is unconditionally and irrevocably guaranteed by the Company. Incremental costs incurred amounting to \$\$1,028,000 were recognised in equity as a deduction from proceeds.

The distribution rate on the Perpetual Securities for the period up to 6 July 2027 is 4.35% per annum and will be reset every 5 years starting 6 July 2027. Distributions are payable semi-annually on 6 January and 6 July. Subject to the relevant terms and conditions in the offering memorandum, the Group may elect to defer making distributions on the perpetual securities, and is not subject to any limits as to the number of times a distribution can be deferred.

As a result, the Group is considered to have no contractual obligations to repay its principal or to pay any distributions and the perpetual securities do not meet the definition for classification as a financial liability under SFRS(I) 1-32 *Financial Instruments: Presentation.* The whole instrument is presented within equity, and distributions are treated as dividends.

During the half year ended 30 September 2023, distributions amounting to \$\$5,452,000 (30 September 2022: \$5,303,000) were recognised and \$\$5,392,000 (30 September 2022: \$2,711,000) was paid to perpetual securities holders.

#### 19. Dividends

	Half year	Group and Company Half year ended 30 September	
	2023 S\$'000	2022 S\$'000	
Ordinary dividends paid			
Final exempt (one-tier) dividend paid in respect of the previous financial year of 0.4 cents per share			
(30 September 2022: 1.3 cents per share)	9,000	29,247	

### Interim dividend

For the half year ended 30 September 2023, the Board of Directors has declared an interim dividend of 0.18 cents per ordinary share (tax exempt one-tier). These condensed interim financial statements do not reflect this dividend, which will be accounted for in shareholders' equity as an appropriation of retained earnings in the half year and full year ending 31 March 2024.

The interim dividend of 0.18 cents per ordinary share will be paid on 30 November 2023. The transfer book and register of members of the Company will be closed on 17 November 2023 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 16 November 2023 will be registered to determine members' entitlements to the interim dividend.

For the half year ended 30 September 2022, an interim dividend of 0.18 cents per ordinary share (tax exempt one-tier) was declared on 3 November 2022 and paid on 30 November 2022.

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### 20. Fair value measurement

The following table presents financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value and classified by level of the following fair value measurement hierarchy:

- quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1);
- inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (i.e. as prices) or indirectly (i.e. derived from prices) (Level 2); and
- inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs) (Level 3).

	<u>Level 1</u> S\$'000	<u>Level 2</u> S\$'000	<u>Level 3</u> S\$'000	<u>Total</u> S\$'000
Group	οφ σσσ	οφ σσσ	<b>Ο</b> Ψ 000	οφ σσσ
As at 30 September 2023 Assets Financial assets designated as at FVTOCI Derivative financial instruments	<u>-</u>	- 6,133	48,805 37,838	48,805 43,971
Liabilities Derivative financial instruments Contingent consideration payable Put option redemption liability	: : :	2,032 - -	- 27,248 75,170	2,032 27,248 75,170
As at 31 March 2023 Assets Financial assets designated as at FVTOCI Derivative financial instruments	<u> </u>	- 372	42,076 56,879	42,076 57,251
Liabilities Derivative financial instruments Contingent consideration payable Put option redemption liability	- - -	1,413 - -	28,608 72,827	1,413 28,608 72,827
Company				
As at 30 September 2023 Assets Derivative financial instruments		1,331	-	1,331
<b>Liabilities</b> Derivative financial instruments		2,032		2,032
As at 31 March 2023 Assets Derivative financial instruments		372	_	372
<b>Liabilities</b> Derivative financial instruments		1,132	-	1,132

There were no transfers between Levels 1, 2 and 3 during the half year ended 30 September 2023 and the full year ended 31 March 2023.

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### 21. Related party transactions

The Group had the following significant transactions with its related parties at terms agreed between the parties:

Sales and purchases of goods and services

	<u>Group</u>	
	Half year	ended
	30 Sept	ember
	2023	2022
	S\$'000	S\$'000
Services received from associated companies	(565)	(2,696)
Services rendered to related companies of a substantial shareholder	6,407	5,908
Services received from related companies of a substantial shareholder	(6,024)	(5,008)
Interest received from loans to associated companies	-	17

During the half year ended 30 September 2023, the Company made payments on behalf of subsidiaries totaling S\$0.2 million (30 September 2022: S\$1.6 million) which were subsequently reimbursed.

### 22. Segment information

Management has determined the operating segments based on the reports reviewed by the Group Chief Executive Officer and Group Chief Financial Officer ("Chief Operating Decision Maker" or "CODM") that are used to make strategic decisions.

SingPost Group classifies the reporting of business units into three key business segments, namely Post and Parcel, Logistics and Property.

- Post and Parcel segment comprises the core postal and parcel delivery business of the Group. This includes Domestic post and parcels, International post and parcels, as well as products and services transacted at the post offices.
- Logistics segment comprises the logistics businesses of the Group. The services are
  divided into Freight forwarding and eCommerce logistics, which includes front-end related
  eCommerce solutions, warehousing, fulfilment, delivery and other value-added services.
- Property segment includes the provision of commercial property rental.

**All other segments** comprising of unallocated corporate overhead items are categorised as Others.

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## 22. Segment information (continued)

## (a) Segment revenues and results

The following is an analysis of the Group's revenues and results by reportable segments that were provided to the CODM for the half years ended 30 September 2023 and 2022.

	Post and					All other	
<u>Group</u>	<u>Parcel</u>	<b>Logistics</b>	<b>Property</b>	Eliminations	<u>Total</u>	<u>segments</u>	<u>Total</u>
	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000
Half year ended							
30 September 2023							
Revenue:							
- External	239,800	560,359	27,131	-	827,290	-	827,290
- Inter-segment	6,265	5,974	10,835	(23,074)	-	-	-
	246,065	566,333	37,966	(23,074)	827,290	-	827,290
Operating (loss)/profit	(10,046)	33,556	21,421	-	44,931	(13,521)	31,410
Half year ended							
30 September 2022							
Revenue:							
- External	256,176	675,899	26,804	-	958,879	-	958,879
- Inter-segment	8,733	4,950	12,294	(25,977)	-	-	_
	264,909	680,849	39,098	(25,977)	958,879	-	958,879
				•			
Operating (loss)/profit	(8,200)	41,529	18,786	_	52,115	(10,776)	41,339

Sales between segments are carried out at arm's length. The revenue from external parties reported to the CODM is measured in a manner consistent with that in the statement of comprehensive income.

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### 22. Segment information (continued)

### (a) Segment revenues and results (continued)

Reconciliation of Segment profits

The CODM assesses the performance of the operating segments based on a measure of operating profit, which is profit before interest, tax and share of results of associated companies and joint venture. Interest income and finance expenses are not allocated to segments.

A reconciliation of operating profit to profit after tax is provided as follows:

	<u>Group</u>		
	Half year ended		
	30 September		
	2023	2022	
	S\$'000	S\$'000	
Operating profit for reportable segments	44,931	52,115	
Operating loss for all other segments	(13,521)	(10,776)	
Exceptional items	(1,993)	(23,969)	
Finance expenses	(14,543)	(9,871)	
Interest income and investment income / (loss) (net)	4,830	(743)	
Share of (loss)/profit of associated companies and joint		, ,	
ventures	(616)	138	
Profit before tax	19,088	6,894	
Tax expense	(5,698)	(9,297)	
Profit/(loss) after tax	13,390	(2,403)	

### (b) Segment assets

The following is an analysis of the Group's segment assets as at 30 September 2023 and 31 March 2023 that were provided to the CODM:

	Post and				All other	
Group	<u>Parcel</u>	<b>Logistics</b>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>segments</u>	<u>Total</u>
	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000
30 September 2023						
Segment assets	159,249	958,728	1,235,764	2,353,741	42,435	2,396,176
Segment assets include: Investments in associated companies and						
joint ventures	-	2,138	-	2,138	28,328	30,466
Intangible assets	4,232	492,139	-	496,371	-	496,371
31 March 2023 Segment assets	240,885	1,007,617	1,174,111	2,422,613	40,518	2,463,131
Segment assets include: Investments in associated						
companies	_	3,018	-	3,018	28,931	31,949
Intangible assets	4,329	496,629	-	500,958	-	500,958

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### 22. Segment information (continued)

### (b) Segment assets (continued)

Reconciliation of segment assets

Reportable segments' assets are reconciled to total assets as follows:

Segment assets are measured in a manner consistent with that of the financial statements. The CODM does not review statement of financial position items by reportable segments, but rather monitors them at the Group level. All assets are allocated to reportable segments other than derivative financial instruments and financial assets. Cash and cash equivalents are allocated to reportable segments where applicable.

	<u>Group</u>		
	<b>As at</b> As a		
	<b>30 Sep 23</b> 31 Ma		
	S\$'000	S\$'000	
Segment assets for reportable segments	2,353,741	2,422,613	
Segment assets for all other segments	42,435	40,518	
Unallocated:			
Cash and cash equivalents	350,516	374,267	
Derivative financial instruments	1,331	372	
Total assets	2,748,023	2,837,770	

### (c) Geographical information

The Group's three business segments operate in two main geographical areas:

- Singapore the Company is headquartered and has operations in Singapore where 34% (30 September 2022: 32%) of its revenues are generated. The operations in this area comprise principally of the core postal business, post office products and services, courier activities and investment holding.
- Australia the operations in this area are principally delivery services and e-commerce logistics solutions, as well as warehousing and logistics delivery.
- Other regions the operations include warehousing and logistics delivery in Japan and Hong Kong, and freight forwarding businesses in Europe and New Zealand.

	<u>Gro</u>	<u>Group</u>		
	Half year	Half year ended		
	30 Sept	ember		
	2023	2022		
	S\$'000	S\$'000		
Revenue:				
Singapore	278,884	302,653		
Australia	406,211	425,620		
Other countries	142,195	230,606		
	827,290	958,879		

The geographical information on the Group's non-current assets is not presented as it is not used for segmental reporting purposes.

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### 23. Contingent liabilities

### 1st Arbitration

A non-controlling shareholder (the "Claimant") of Famous Holdings Pte Ltd ("FHPL"), a subsidiary of the Company, had exercised his put option in respect of his remaining 37.5% shares in FHPL in September 2016. As there were differences between the parties on the final valuation of the put option, the Claimant commenced arbitration proceedings against the Company in 2017 (the "1st Arbitration").

On 3 June 2020, the arbitral tribunal issued its partial award with respect to the 1st Arbitration (the "1st Partial Award for the 1st Arbitration") and dismissed the Claimant's various claims against the Company for damages for breach of a shareholders' agreement (the "SHA"), conspiracy and inducement of breach of contract. The tribunal also ruled in the Company's favour on material accounting and computational issues under the SHA, which are the most significant determinants of what sums, if any, are due to be paid either by the Company to the Claimant, or by the Claimant to the Company, for the transfer of the Claimant's remaining 37.5% shares in FHPL to the Company. Based on its findings, the tribunal directed the parties to see if they can agree on the final amount payable for the transfer of the Claimant's 37.5% shares in FHPL to the Company, failing which the tribunal will make a final determination.

As there was divergence between the Company and the Claimant on the precise computation for the final amount payable, on 19 January 2022, the tribunal issued a further partial award in respect of the 1st Arbitration that, amongst others, applied one out of several computation methodologies that were submitted by the parties within the parameters of the 1st Partial Award for the 1st Arbitration, which would entail the Company paying the Claimant for his 37.5% shares in FHPL at a fair value.

On 28 July 2023, the tribunal issued a further partial award in respect of the 1<sup>st</sup> Arbitration (the "3<sup>rd</sup> Partial Award for the 1<sup>st</sup> Arbitration") pursuant to which it directed, *inter alia*, that the final valuation of FHPL is S\$61,707,965, calculated in accordance with the tribunal's determination in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Partial Award for the 1<sup>st</sup> Arbitration, which meant that the additional amount to be paid by the Company to the Claimant is S\$1,707,965, after taking into account the S\$60,000,000 already paid by the Company to the Claimant. The tribunal made further directions for, *inter alia*, the transfer by the Claimant of the 37.5% shares in FHPL to the Company or its nominee, and the payment by the Company of S\$1,707,965 to FHPL towards repayment of an outstanding loan amount owed by the Claimant to FHPL (the "Claimant Loan").

The transfer of the 37.5% shares in FHPL to the Company's wholly-owned subsidiary, SingPost Logistics Investments Pte. Ltd. ("SPLI"), and the payment of S\$1,707,965 by the Company to FHPL to partially offset the Claimant Loan were completed on 2 October 2023. The financial effects arising from the payment had been reflected in the consolidated income statement for the half year ended 30 September 2023 and statements of financial position as at 30 September 2023.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Arbitration

In addition to the 1<sup>st</sup> Arbitration, a second arbitration was commenced by the Claimant against FHPL and SPLI on 15 and 16 September 2021 (the "2<sup>nd</sup> Arbitration"), in which the Claimant alleged breaches of a shareholders' agreement (viz., the SHA), minority oppression, the existence of a conspiracy, and his purported entitlement to dividends. On 29 March 2023, the arbitral tribunal issued a Final Partial Award dismissing all of the Claimant's claims against SPLI and FHPL in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Arbitration (the "Final Partial Award in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Arbitration"). The Final Partial Award in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Arbitration was declared as immediately enforceable and matters relating to costs were reserved to a further award.

## NOTES TO THE CONDENSED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the half year ended 30 September 2023

### 23. Contingent liabilities (continued)

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Arbitration

A third arbitration was separately commenced by the Claimant against SPLI on 22 February 2022 (the "3rd Arbitration"), in which the Claimant alleged breaches of the SHA which impacted the final amount payable by the Company for the Claimant's remaining 37.5% shares in FHPL which are the subject of the 1st Arbitration. The Claimant had initially quantified his claim at S\$16,514,119 plus interest, based on his Statement of Claim filed on 8 August 2022. Based on the revised Statement of Claim and supporting documentation re-filed by the Claimant on 29 October 2022 and 1 November 2022, the Claimant changed the quantum of his claim to S\$13,996,884 plus interest.

### High Court Proceedings and 4th Arbitration

The Claimant had also commenced proceedings against the Company in the High Court. Based on the Statement of Claim which was served on the Company on 26 September 2022, it was alleged that the Claimant suffered loss and damage as a result of the Company's conduct in the 1st Arbitration. The Claimant had alleged that the Company had engaged in fraud and/or concealed material evidence as regards the independence of a mutually appointed human resource consultant for the provision of market benchmarks on certain key management roles under the share purchase agreement in relation to FHPL and its subsidiaries (the "SPA"), and which allegedly has had an impact on the decisions of the arbitral tribunal in the partial awards in respect of the 1st Arbitration. The Claimant had sought declarations from the High Court that the partial awards issued in the 1st Arbitration are null and void and/or unenforceable as against him and that the human resource consultant was not properly appointed under the SPA. He further claimed for damages to be assessed and for interest, costs and such other relief as the High Court deems just. Subsequently, the Claimant served a Notice of Arbitration on the Company on 28 December 2022 (the "4th Arbitration") and has since discontinued his claim in the High Court. The allegations in the Notice of Arbitration are similar to those in the discontinued claim in the High Court, and the Claimant is seeking for damages to be assessed. On 8 May 2023, the arbitral tribunal in the 1st Arbitration directed that the 4th Arbitration be consolidated with the 1st Arbitration.

Apart from the above, the Group had an outstanding loan to the Claimant (viz., the Claimant Loan) amounting to \$\$3,102,035 as at 30 September 2023 (31 March 2023: \$\$4,810,000) following the payment of \$\$1,707,965 by the Company to FHPL to partially offset the Claimant Loan, in accordance with the directions of the tribunal in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Partial Award for the 1<sup>st</sup> Arbitration.

### 5<sup>th</sup> Arbitration

On 17 May 2023, the Claimant served a new notice of arbitration on the Company (the "5<sup>th</sup> Arbitration"). In the Notice of Arbitration, the Claimant had sought, among others, declarations regarding his purported legal and beneficial ownership of the 37.5% shares in FHPL and his fiduciary duties to the Company in respect of the 37.5% shares in FHPL, and alleged that in the event that he is no longer the beneficial owner of the 37.5% shares in FHPL, the Company is estopped by representation/conduct from making any claim against him in relation to the 37.5% shares in FHPL and/or the manner in which he had exercised rights available under the 37.5% shares in FHPL from the date of exercise of his put option to the closing date specified in his put option exercise notice.

## NOTES TO THE CONDENSED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the half year ended 30 September 2023

### 23. Contingent liabilities (continued)

Findings regarding (among others) the Claimant's beneficial ownership of the 37.5% shares in FHPL had previously been made in the arbitration proceedings commenced by the Claimant against SPLI and FHPL (viz., the 2<sup>nd</sup> Arbitration), in which the Claimant had claimed (among others) a purported entitlement to dividends under the 37.5% shares in FHPL. All of the Claimant's claims against SPLI and FHPL in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Arbitration were dismissed under the Final Partial Award in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Arbitration.

Given the nature of the relief being sought by the Claimant in the 5<sup>th</sup> Arbitration, which does not include any claim for damages or other monetary relief, the potential financial impact of the 5<sup>th</sup> Arbitration cannot be quantified at this stage.

The Company will, in consultation with its advisors, continue to evaluate the various courses of action available to the Group.

### 24. Subsequent events

On 1 November 2023, the Group announced that:

a) Freight management Holdings Pty Ltd ("FMH") had entered into a share sale agreement to acquire 100% of the issued ordinary shares and preference shares in the capital of MJ Luff Pty Ltd ("MJ Luff") for a maximum consideration of A\$210 million (approximately S\$183 million), comprising of a maximum initial purchase price of A\$195million (approximately S\$170 million) and a maximum earn out payment of A\$15 million (approximately S\$13 million).

MJ Luff owns 100% of the issued ordinary shares in the capital of Border Express Pty Ltd and Yandilla Pty Ltd, which operate under the trading name "Border Express". The completion of the acquisition is subject to and conditional upon the fulfilment of conditions precedent. The acquisition will be funded from FMH internal cash resources and external borrowings.

b) The FMH Non-Management Shareholders, the Degenhardt Shareholders and the Management Shareholders have exercised their put options in respect of their existing shares in FMH. Upon completion of the acquisition of such FMH Shares, the Group will hold 100% equity interest in FMH, up from the existing equity interest of 88%. The Group has credit facilities in place for this acquisition.

## OTHER INFORMATION REQUIRED BY LISTING RULE APPENDIX 7.2 For the half year ended 30 September 2023

### Other Information Required by Listing Rule Appendix 7.2

### (1) Review

The condensed interim financial statements of Singapore Post Limited and its subsidiaries (the "Group") as at and for the half year ended 30 September 2023 have not been audited or reviewed.

### (2) Review of the performance of the group

#### Revenue

	FY23/24 H1 S\$'000	FY22/23 H1 S\$'000	Variance %
Logistics	566,333	680,849	(16.8)
Post and Parcel	246,065	264,909	(7.1)
Property	37,966	39,098	(2.9)
Inter-segment eliminations*	(23,074)	(25,977)	(11.2)
Total	827,290	958,879	(13.7)

<sup>\*</sup> Inter-segment eliminations relate to the elimination of inter-segment billings for internal services to better reflect the profitability of each business segment.

## **Operating profit**

	FY23/24 H1 S\$'000	FY22/23 H1 S\$'000	Variance %
Logistics	33,556	41,529	(19.2)
Post and Parcel	(10,046)	(8,200)	22.5
Property	21,421	18,786	14.0
Others#	(13,521)	(10,776)	25.5
Operating profit	31,410	41,339	(24.0)

<sup>#</sup> Others refer to unallocated corporate overhead items.

#### Group

The decline in Group revenue for the half year ended 30 September 2023 ("H1") was largely due to:

- 1) the normalising of sea freight rates and volumes which significantly reduced freight forwarding contributions; and
- 2) foreign currency depreciation, as approximately 85% of Group revenue is now generated internationally.

We continue to see good results from the Group's transformation into a global logistics enterprise with strong operating performance by the Australia and IPP cross-border eCommerce logistics businesses.

## OTHER INFORMATION REQUIRED BY LISTING RULE APPENDIX 7.2 For the half year ended 30 September 2023

Group operating profit declined by 24.0% to S\$31.4 million from S\$41.3 million previously due to lower freight forwarding profit from Famous Holdings group, the loss in the domestic postal business and adverse foreign currency translation impact.

More details are provided below.

### Logistics

Logistics revenue and operating profit declined by 16.8% and 19.2% YoY respectively as a result of lower contributions from Famous Holdings group.

The Australia business continued to perform well. New customer acquisitions and volume growth in the 4PL and last-mile delivery businesses continued to drive the operating performance of FMH and CouriersPlease. This was despite revenue pressure from lower fuel surcharge in line with the decline in fuel levies across the logistics industry.

Revenue and profit contributions from Famous Holdings group were lower in tandem with the declining sea freight outlook. Sea freight rates and volumes have contracted significantly from the highs during the pandemic.

#### **Post and Parcel**

The Post & Parcel business recorded a revenue decline of 7.1% YoY and an operating loss of S\$10.0 million in the first half compared to a loss of S\$8.2 million previously. While the business continued to incur a loss due to the domestic postal business, this was mitigated by the significant improvement in the international cross-border business.

The International business returned to profitability, with margins and profit improving significantly despite lower revenue resulting from the depreciation in the Chinese Yuan. Conveyance costs have fallen as air freight rates continued to trend downwards. The focus on commercial offerings in its product mix and customer acquisitions has enabled IPP volumes to remain relatively steady amidst declining volumes observed across the industry.

The Domestic business continued to incur a loss due to inflationary cost pressures and declining letter mail volumes. The domestic postage rate increase was implemented with effect from 9 October 2023, and the domestic postal business is expected to improve in the second half.

### **Property**

Property revenue was lower due to the cessation of leases at certain smaller properties. Property operating profit increased 14.0% due to positive rental reversions at SingPost Centre. Overall occupancy at SingPost Centre was higher at 99.5% compared to 98.2% as at 31 March 2023, with the retail mall space at full occupancy and office space at 99.2% occupancy.

### **Others**

The Others segment refers to unallocated corporate overhead items. This increased from \$\$10.8 million to \$\$13.5 million largely due to spending on information technology.

## OTHER INFORMATION REQUIRED BY LISTING RULE APPENDIX 7.2 For the half year ended 30 September 2023

### **Operating Expenses**

Total operating expenses declined by 13.4% YoY to S\$797.4 million in the first half, mainly due to lower volume related expenses.

Volume-related expenses, which include conveyance costs and outpayments for international postal terminal dues, were lower by 21.8%. This was in tandem with the decline in air freight rates in the International cross-border business as well as decline in sea freight rates and volumes in the freight forwarding business.

Labour and related expenses increased by 4.0% largely due to higher staff remuneration.

Administrative expenses rose 12.7% due to increases in general administrative costs such as supplies and services and professional fees.

Selling-related expenses increased by 33.2% or S\$1.2 million on the back of higher marketing expenses.

Impairment loss on trade and other receivables amounted to S\$1.3 million on higher loss allowance for bad or doubtful debts compared to a reversal for the same period last year.

#### Other Income

Other income was lower by 52.5% or S\$1.7 million largely due to trade-related exchange losses.

### **Exceptional Items**

Exceptional items amounted to S\$2.0 million largely due to fair value charge arising from a higher put option redemption liability, which offset the gains on disposal of property, plant and equipment and assets held for sale.

Refer to Note 5 for details on exceptional items.

### Interest Income and Investment Income/(Loss)

Interest income and investment income/(loss) amounted to S\$4.8 million compared to a loss previously, due to higher interest income and foreign exchange gain on investments.

### **Finance Expenses**

Finance expenses rose 47.3% due to higher interest expenses on the Group's borrowings.

### **Income Tax Expense**

Income tax expense decreased 38.7% in H1 largely due to lower operating profits.

### **Non-controlling Interest**

Non-controlling interest was \$\$1.9 million compared to \$\$7.5 million previously, as a result of the increase in shareholdings in FMH to 88% as at 31 March 2023.

#### **Net Profit**

Net profit attributable to equity holders of the Company was S\$11.5 million compared to a loss of S\$9.9 million previously. Excluding exceptional items, underlying net profit was S\$13.4 million, an increase of 1.9%.

## OTHER INFORMATION REQUIRED BY LISTING RULE APPENDIX 7.2 For the half year ended 30 September 2023

#### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

#### **Assets**

The Group's total assets amounted to S\$2.7 billion as at 30 September 2023, compared to S\$2.8 billion as at 31 March 2023.

Current assets decreased to S\$705.2 million compared to S\$763.5 million, mainly due to lower cash balance and trade and other receivables. The Group maintained a positive net working capital position with a stable current ratio (current assets to current liabilities) of 1.0x as at 30 September 2023.

Cash and cash equivalents amounted to S\$449.4 million, compared to S\$495.7 million. Please see Cashflow section below for details on cashflow changes.

Trade and other receivables decreased to S\$223.1 million from S\$229.8 million as at 31 March 2023, due to improved collection. The Group monitors its receivables ageing closely and promptly takes appropriate actions on overdue accounts.

Current derivative financial instruments increased to S\$1.3 million from S\$0.4 million due to fair value gains.

Other current assets increased to S\$31.0 million from S\$25.4 million, mainly from increase in prepayments.

Assets classified as held for sale of S\$11.7 million previously related to a post office site that was subject to compulsory acquisition by the Singapore Land Authority, where the disposal was completed in June 2023.

Non-current derivative financial instruments decreased to S\$42.6 million from S\$56.9 million. This mainly pertains to equity options for the hedging of fair value risk associated with its equity investments, which are recognised at fair value through other comprehensive income.

Non-current trade and other receivables was lower at \$3.2 million. While the level of non-current trade and other receivables are not substantial relative to the Group's scale of business, we have been taking appropriate measures to manage the receivables.

Property, plant and equipment increased to S\$389.4 million from S\$386.9 million. This was largely due to additions, partially offset by depreciation.

Right-of-use assets decreased to S\$56.0 million from S\$71.6 million largely due to depreciation charges.

Intangible assets were lower at S\$496.4 million compared to S\$501.0 million, mainly due to amortisation of intangible assets, and currency translation differences on the goodwill and intangible assets from the Australia businesses.

Other non-current assets decreased to S\$3.5 million from S\$5.8 million mainly due to lower prepayments.

## OTHER INFORMATION REQUIRED BY LISTING RULE APPENDIX 7.2 For the half year ended 30 September 2023

#### Liabilities

The Group's total liabilities were S\$1.39 billion as at 30 September 2023, compared to S\$1.46 billion as at 31 March 2023.

Current liabilities decreased to S\$674.2 million from S\$719.9 million mainly due to lower trade and other payables.

Current trade and other payables declined to \$\$599.3 million from \$\$632.5 million due to lower collections on behalf related to agency services provided at the post offices and settlements made.

Current lease liabilities were lower at S\$27.3 million compared to S\$32.2 million, largely due to repayment of lease liabilities.

Current borrowings decreased to S\$0.7 million from S\$1.4 million following the repayment of loans. The Group has sufficient credit facilities in place to cater to its requirements including potential acquisitions.

Non-current liabilities were lower at S\$713.2 million as at 30 September 2023, compared to S\$743.6 million as at 31 March 2023.

The Group was in a net debt of S\$162.3 million as at 30 September 2023, compared to S\$128.7 million as at 31 March 2023.

Non-current contract liabilities mainly relate to upfront payments received from our post assurance collaboration with AXA Life Insurance Singapore Private Limited for which a financing component exists. The decline to \$\$3.0 million from \$\$7.2 million was mainly due to amortisation for the year.

Non-current lease liabilities were lower at \$\$36.3 million compared to \$\$47.6 million previously, mainly to reclassification to current lease liabilities and retranslation of foreign currency denominated lease liabilities, partly offset by new leases.

### **Equity**

Retained earnings were lower as a result of dividends paid to shareholders and distribution to perpetual securities holders, partly offset by profit attributable to shareholders for the period.

Total equity was stable at S\$1.4 billion as at 30 September 2023.

### **Cash Flow**

Operating cash flow before working capital changes as at 30 September 2023 was S\$71.8 million, compared to S\$71.4 million last year. Changes in net working capital of S\$33.9 million were largely due to movements in trade and other payables. Operating cash flow from operating activities were higher at S\$18.1 million compared to S\$15.9 million previously.

Net cash used in investing activities was S\$6.4 million, compared to S\$9.0 million in the previous period. The decrease was largely due to additions to property, plant and equipment and intangible assets, offset partially by the proceeds from the disposal of assets held for sale.

Net cash outflow from financing activities amounted to S\$57.9 million, compared to inflow of S\$148.5 million last year. This was mainly due to dividends paid to shareholders and non-controlling interests, distribution paid to perpetual securities holders and repayment of bank loans and principal portion of lease liabilities.

## OTHER INFORMATION REQUIRED BY LISTING RULE APPENDIX 7.2 For the half year ended 30 September 2023

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

Not applicable.

(4) 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 ongoing global economic uncertainty, along with inflationary conditions, high interest rates and currency fluctuations, continues to pose challenges to the Group. The uncertain Middle East situation also presents a risk to supply chain and conveyance costs. Consumer sentiments continue to soften and this has impacted global freight rates.

The initial phase of the review of domestic postal services resulted in a domestic postage rate increase of 20 cents effective 9 October 2023. This rate increment was necessary for SingPost to continue serving its obligations as Singapore's public postal licensee while working towards a framework for the long-term sustainability and commercial viability of the postal service. With the postage uprate, we expect the business to improve in the second half.

The acquisition of Border Express in Australia, announced on 1 November 2023, is immediately earnings accretive and provides a strategic impetus to the Group's growth in the market, extending our pan-Australia national footprint. As the sixth largest express pallet and parcel distribution operator in the country, Border Express will enhance and add scale to FMH group's network, increasing its market share and lifting the FMH group to be among the top five national logistics operators in the market. The Group is focused on integrating the Australia businesses to drive greater synergies as it continues to build and scale the B2B2C integrated logistics network.

The International cross-border eCommerce logistics business is now profitable and is expected to continue its upward trajectory as we benefit from improving yields and declining conveyance costs. We continue to grow the business with new commercial offerings, business pipelines and new customer acquisitions. The Group is focused on revamping and strengthening its cross-border capabilities and offerings to tap the growing global eCommerce logistics market.

Sea freight rates have been normalising from pandemic highs, and this will continue to reduce Famous Holdings' freight forwarding revenue and profit.

The strategic review of the Group's structure and portfolio of businesses is well underway. The strategic review is focused on transitioning the Group to a logistics business over time by recycling capital from non-core businesses or assets, with a view to enhancing shareholder returns and ensuring the Group is appropriately valued. The Group remains focused on executing its strategic initiatives for growth including exploring potential transformative acquisitions to further drive growth in logistics and overseas markets.

## OTHER INFORMATION REQUIRED BY LISTING RULE APPENDIX 7.2 For the half year ended 30 September 2023

#### (5) **Interested Person Transactions**

During the half year ended 30 September 2023, the following interested person transactions were entered into by the Group:

	Nature of Relationship	Aggregate valuinterested per transactions du financial period (contral transactions les) \$100,000 and transactions de conducted ushareholders' in pursuant to Ru	erson ring the excluding ss than nsactions nder nandate ale 920)	Aggregate value of all interested person transactions conducted under shareholders' mandate pursuant to Rule 920 (excluding transactions less than \$\$100,000)		
		30 Septemi		30 Septen		
	-	2023	2022	2023	2022	
		S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	
Sales						
Singapore Telecommunications Group	Each interested person is an associate of Singapore Post Limited's controlling shareholder, Temasek Holdings (Private) Limited	-	-	34,728* 34,728	391 391	
Purchases						
CapitaLand Group	Each interested person is an associate of	-	-	1,170*	-	
Harbourfront Centre Pte Ltd	Singapore Post Limited's	-	-	538*	-	
Sembcorp Group	controlling shareholder, Temasek	-	-	-	13,782*	
Singapore Telecommunications Group	Holdings (Private) Limited	-	-	1,962*	252	
Starhub Group	<u>-</u>	-	-	119		
		-	-	3,789	14,034	
Total interested person tran	sactions	-	_	38,517	14,425	

Note
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 4 months to 4 years) or annual values for open-ended contracts.

<sup>\*</sup> Include contracts of duration exceeding one year.

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## OTHER INFORMATION REQUIRED BY LISTING RULE APPENDIX 7.2 For the half year ended 30 September 2023

#### (6) 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.

#### (7) 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 unaudited condensed interim financial statements for the half year ended 30 September 2023 to be false or misleading in any material aspect.

On behalf of the Board of Directors

MR SIMON CLAUDE ISRAEL Chairman

MR VINCENT PHANG
Director

Singapore 2 November 2023





## H1 FY2023/24 Results Presentation

2 November 2023

### **Disclaimer**



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"\$" means Singapore dollars unless otherwise indicated.



### H1 FY2023/24 Overview





## **Strong operating performance in line with Group's transformation**

Net profit of S\$11.5M vs loss of S\$9.9M in H1 last year

Constant currency H1 UNP grew 52%

Strong operating results from Australia and International cross-border businesses

Impact of sea freight normalising post pandemic and adverse currency effects

H1 domestic postal loss as expected; to improve in H2



## Accelerating our strategic initiatives

Domestic postal business reset with postage uprate; future of post being shaped

Accelerated execution of strategic initiatives for growth in logistics and overseas

Strategic review well underway

## **Strategic Review**



## To Enhance Shareholder Returns and Ensure Group is Appropriately Valued

# Strategic review setting stage for the future



Postage uprate a successful outcome of postal review

Acquisition of Border Express a transformational initiative in Australia ambition

A structure for each business to succeed in their key markets

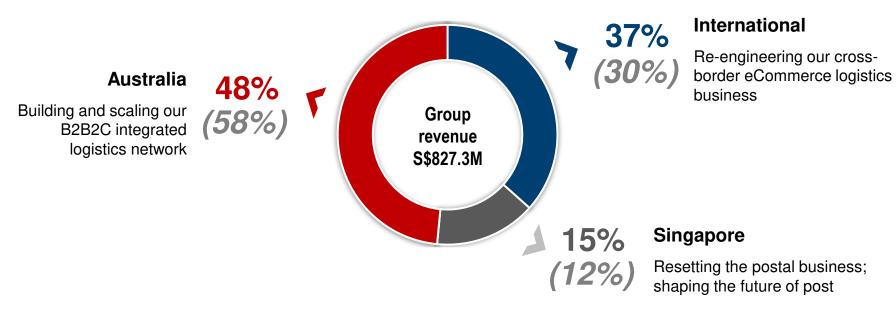
Exploring further acquisition opportunities and divestment of non-core business/assets identified

Strategic review being finalised

## **Repositioning for Growth**



Establishing Ourselves as a Leading eCommerce Supply Chain and Logistics Player in Asia Pacific



Revenue breakdown by strategic pillars/markets

Pro forma revenue breakdown including Border Express, in italics

## **Singapore**



### Resetting the Postal Business; Shaping the Future of Post



# Towards a sustainable long-term postal business model

Postage uprate – increase of 20 cents to 51 cents wef 9 October 2023, to improve postal performance in H2

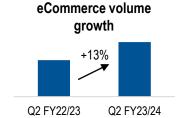
Working towards a framework for the long-term sustainability and commercial viability of the postal service



### **Towards an eCommerce driven future**

Driving eCommerce volumes as letter mail continues decline

Focusing on infrastructure optimisation



Innovating for the future



eCommerce award at National Business Awards by Singapore Business Review for POPDrop

World Post and Parcel Awards 2023 for Best Innovation Strategy (POPDrop) and Commitment to Sustainability (Carbon Efficient Ecosystem & Sustainable Packaging)

### International



### Re-engineering Our Cross-border eCommerce Logistics Business

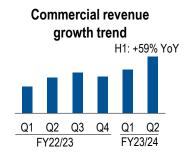


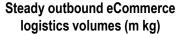
### Good progress in rebuilding of business

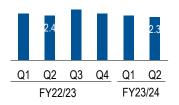
Margin and profitability uplift with greater focus on commercial offering, lower conveyance costs, operational improvements

Steady volumes despite industry-wide softening of volumes

Driving revenue synergies with Singapore and Australia businesses









- Multi modal hubs
- Commercial and postal solutions
- Digital 4PL



### **Australia**



## Building and Scaling our B2B2C Integrated Logistics Network

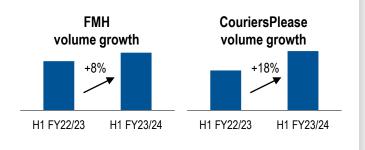


### Levelling up

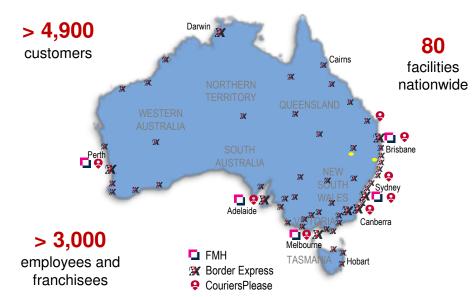
Acquisition of Border Express:

- immediately earnings accretive
- significantly enhances our market presence
- combined annual revenues >S\$1 billion

Driving revenue and cost synergies among businesses







## **Delivering Sustainable Outcomes Globally**



Balancing Economic, Environment, Social and Governance Aspects

## Digital Transformation

Optimising safety and sustainability performance through technology



## World Post & Parcel Awards 2023

Best innovation strategy & commitment to sustainability

### 5-star Green Star

rating for 4 facilities in Australia

## Mangrove Planting in Thailand

Build community resilience through nature protection





## **Outlook, Summary**









## Challenging business environment

Inflation, high interest rates, currency fluctuations

Uncertainty in Middle East situation

## Strategic review being finalised

To be completed by financial year end

With view on enhancing shareholder returns and ensuring Group is appropriately valued

## Executing strategies for growth

Transforming into a global logistics enterprise

Potential acquisitions and divestments of non-core businesses/assets for capital recycling





## **Financial Results**

**Vincent Yik, Group CFO** 

## H1 FY23/24 Key Financial Highlights



01

Strong operating performance in line with transformation

Growth in Australia and International cross-border businesses; International business back to profitability

H1 UNP +52% YoY (constant currency)

02

Impact of sea freight normalisation, FX, domestic postal loss

Sea freight normalisation in freight forwarding business

Domestic postal loss as expected; addressed with uprate and to improve in H2

03

Sound financial position; interim dividend maintained

Balance sheet remains sound; positioned for growth

Interim dividend at 0.18 cents per share

## H1 FY23/24 Profit & Loss Highlights



P&L, S\$m	H1 FY23/24	H1 FY22/23	% change
Revenue	827.3	958.9	(13.7%)
Operating Expenses	(797.4)	(920.8)	(13.4%)
Operating Profit (OP)	31.4	41.3	(24.0%)
Share of Associates and JV	(0.6)	0.1	n/m
Exceptional Items	(2.0)	(24.0)	(91.7%)
EBIT	28.8	17.5	+64.5%
Net Interest & Investment Income	4.8	(0.7)	n/m
Finance Expenses	(14.5)	(9.9)	+47.3%
Income Tax	(5.7)	(9.3)	(38.7%)
Non-controlling Interests	(1.9)	(7.5)	(74.1%)
Net profit attr. to equity holders	11.5	(9.9)	n/m
Underlying net profit (UNP)	13.4	13.2	+1.9%

+2% revenue and +45% OP growth (constant currency) excluding Famous Holdings

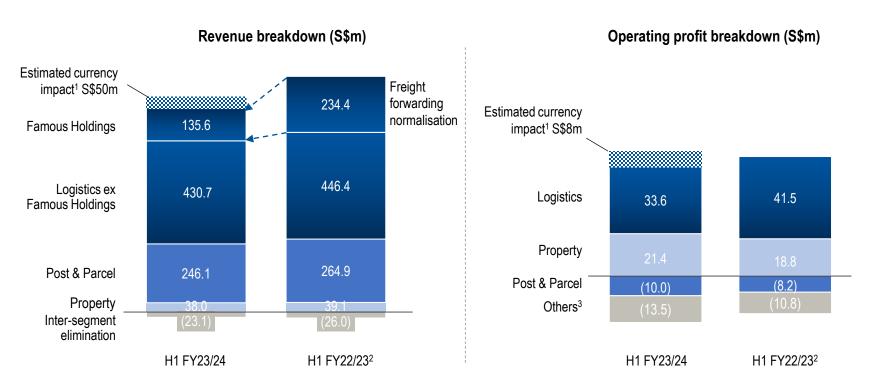
Exceptional item in H1 last year mainly relates to fair value loss on FMH put option redemption liability

**UNP growth of 52%** (constant currency) despite decline in Famous Holdings' contributions and domestic postal loss

Note: Constant currency – estimated assuming constant exchange rates for Australian Dollar, Chinese Yuan and/or relevant currencies from the corresponding first half ended 30 September 2022.

## H1 FY2023/24 Segment Breakdown





<sup>1</sup> Estimated, assuming constant exchange rates for Australian Dollar, Chinese Yuan and/or relevant currencies from the corresponding first half ended 30 September 2022.

<sup>2</sup> Prior year adjustments.

<sup>3</sup> Refers to unallocated corporate overhead items.

## **Logistics: H1 FY23/24 Performance**



Segment P&L, S\$m	H1 FY23/24	H1 FY22/23	% change
Revenue	566.3	680.8	(16.8%)
Australia businesses <sup>2</sup>	388.6	399.6	(2.7%)
Freight forwarding	135.6	234.4	(42.1%)
Other logistics businesses <sup>3</sup>	42.1	47.0	(10.6%)
Operating Profit	33.6	41.5	(19.2%)

<sup>1</sup> Estimated, assuming constant exchange rates for Australian Dollar, Chinese Yuan and/or relevant currencies from the corresponding first half ended 30 September 2022.

Logistics revenue and OP would have increased by 4% and 26% (constant currency<sup>1</sup>), excluding impact of sea freight normalisation in the freight forwarding business

+6% revenue and +11% OP growth (constant currency) by Australia business:

- FMH growth on 4PL business wins, offsetting weaker 3PL due to softer volumes and lower fuel surcharge
- CouriersPlease growth on higher volumes despite challenging market

<sup>2</sup> Couriers Please and FMH.

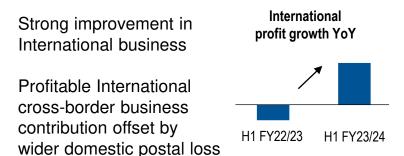
<sup>3</sup> Quantium Solutions and SP eCommerce which was sold wef May 2022.

## Post & Parcel: H1 FY23/24 Performance



Segment P&L, S\$m	H1 FY23/24	H1 FY22/23 <sup>1</sup>	% change
Revenue	246.1	264.9	(7.1%)
Internationa	al 138.6	152.8	(9.3%)
Domesti	c 107.5	112.1	(4.1%)
Operating Profit	(10.0)	(8.2)	(22.5%)

<sup>1</sup> Prior year adjustments.



Domestic postage uprate with effect from 9 October 2023; domestic postal business to improve in H2

<sup>2</sup> Estimated, assuming constant exchange rates for Australian Dollar, Chinese Yuan and/or relevant currencies from the corresponding first half ended 30 September 2022.

## **Financial Position, Capital Management**



## Sound financial position

Balance sheet remains sound; healthy liquidity ratios

Positive operating cashflows across all businesses

Cash holdings S\$449.4m

## Prudent capital management

Continued investments in strategic initiatives

Exploring opportunities for divestment of non-core businesses/assets to recycle capital

## Interim dividend maintained

H1 interim DPS maintained at 0.18 cents

Review of dividend policy as part of strategic review



## **Annex**



## **Property: H1FY23/24 Performance**



Segment P&L, S\$m	H1 FY23/24	H1 FY22/23 <sup>1</sup>	% change
Revenue	38.0	39.1	(2.9%)
Operating Profit	21.4	18.8	+14.0%

<sup>1</sup> Prior year adjustments.

Lower revenue due to lease cessation at certain smaller properties; operating profit growth on positive rental reversions at SingPost Centre

Overall occupancy at SingPost Centre was higher at 99.5% compared to 98.2% as at 31 March 2023

Retail mall space was at full occupancy and while office space at 99.2% occupied





## **End**

Please refer to the SGXNET announcements dated 2 November 2023 for details.





### Media Release

## SingPost delivers strong H1 performance against last year with robust operational performance amidst weak industry landscape

- Net Profit of S\$11.5 million vs loss of S\$9.9 million H1 last year
- H1 Underlying Net Profit of S\$13.4 million vs S\$13.2 million last year
- Australia continues growth trajectory with new acquisition

SINGAPORE, 02 November 2023 – Singapore Post Limited (SingPost) today announced its results for the half year ended 30 September 2023.

SingPost's first half net profit was at S\$11.5 million, compared to a loss of S\$9.9 million last year, boosted by the logistics business in Australia and the International cross-border business. Revenue was down 13.7% to S\$827 million due to normalising of sea freight rates and volumes post pandemic, as well as foreign exchange impact.

Mr. Vincent Phang, SingPost's Group Chief Executive Officer, said, "Our diversified portfolio and global presence, including our expanded operations in Australia, have enabled us to demonstrate resilience in the current uncertain global economic climate despite adverse currency movements. The positive operational performance underscores the headway made in our transformation."

Approximately 85% of the Group's revenue was generated internationally. By leveraging the competitive advantage of the 4PL model, its Australia business secured new customers from across industries. The latest acquisition of Border Express will further strengthen its end-to-end interstate logistics business which includes comprehensive freight connectivity, strategic warehousing solutions, and last-mile delivery, and will enhance a pan-Australia national network for its operations.

The positive trajectory in the International cross-border eCommerce logistics business helped mitigate declines in the freight-forwarding and domestic postal business. The business is driving growth with new customers acquisitions, focusing on trade lanes from Hong Kong to Australia and Southeast Asia, as well as Europe to Asia.

The domestic postal business incurred a loss in H1 due to softening mail volumes and rising inflationary costs, particularly in the operation of fixed infrastructure such as the post office network. SingPost has raised domestic postage rates by S\$0.20 from 9 October 2023, which is expected to improve the domestic business in H2. SingPost is in discussion with the authorities to review the domestic postal business model-and develop a framework to ensure commercial viability.

Mr Phang said, "We have made good progress in our transformation as demonstrated by our H1 results and will continue to execute our growth strategy. The board has advanced in the strategic review to enable the Group and its individual businesses to be valued appropriately."



#### Logistics

Logistics revenue and operating profit declined by 16.8% and 19.2% YoY respectively as a result of lower contributions from Famous Holdings.

The Australia business continued to perform well. New customer acquisitions and volume growth in the 4PL and last-mile delivery businesses continued to drive the operating performance of FMH and CouriersPlease. This was despite revenue pressure from lower fuel surcharge in line with the decline in fuel levies across the logistics industry.

Revenue and profit contributions from Famous Holdings were lower in tandem with the declining sea freight outlook. Sea freight rates and volumes have contracted significantly from the highs during the pandemic.

#### Post and Parcel

The Post & Parcel business recorded a revenue decline of 7.1% YoY and an operating loss of S\$10.0 million in H1 compared to a loss of S\$8.2 million previously. While the business continued to incur a loss due to the domestic postal business, this was mitigated by the significant improvement in the international cross-border business.

The International business returned to profitability, with margins and profit improving significantly despite lower revenue resulting from the depreciation in the Chinese Yuan. Conveyance costs have fallen as air freight rates continued to trend downwards. The focus on commercial offerings in its product mix and customer acquisitions has enabled IPP volumes to remain relatively steady amidst declining volumes observed across the industry.

The Domestic business continued to incur a loss due to inflationary cost pressures and declining letter mail volumes. The domestic postage rate increase was implemented with effect from 9 October 2023, and the domestic postal business is expected to improve in H2.

### **Property**

Property revenue was lower due to the cessation of leases at certain smaller properties. Property operating profit increased 14.0% due to positive rental reversions at SingPost Centre. Overall occupancy at SingPost Centre was higher at 99.5% compared to 98.2% as at 31 March 2023, with the retail mall space at full occupancy and office space at 99.2% occupancy.

#### Interim dividend

The Board of Directors has declared an interim dividend of 0.18 cents per ordinary share (tax exempt one-tier) for the half year ended 30 September 2023. This amounts to approximately 30% of H1 FY2023/24 underlying net profit.

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### **About Singapore Post Limited**

Singapore Post (SingPost) is a leading eCommerce logistics provider in Asia Pacific. The portfolio of businesses spans from national and international postal services to warehousing and fulfilment, last mile delivery and international freight forwarding, serving customers in more than 220 markets. Headquartered in Singapore, SingPost has over 5,000 employees, with offices in 13 markets. Since its inception in 1858, the Group has evolved and innovated to bring about best-in-class postal and integrated logistics solutions, making every delivery count for people and planet.



### Annex: Financial Highlights for 1H ended 30 September 2023

GROUP RESULTS	H1 FY23/24 (S\$M)	H1 FY22/23 (S\$M)	VARIANCE (%)
Revenue	827.3	958.9	(13.7)
Operating expenses	(797.4)	(920.8)	(13.4)
Operating profit	31.4	41.3	(24.0)
Share of (losses)/profit of associated companies	(0.6)	0.1	N.M.
Exceptional items	(2.0)	(24.0)	(91.7)
Profit/(Loss) after tax	13.4	(2.4)	N.M.
Net profit / (loss) attributable to equity holders	11.5	(9.9)	N.M.
Underlying net profit	13.4	13.2	1.9
Dividend per share (in cents)	0.18	0.18	

N.M. – Not meaningful

Please refer to the Group's announcement for further details.