



HO BEE INVESTMENT LTD

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Ho Bee posts a net profit of S\$15.8m for first quarter ended March 2012

SINGAPORE, 27 April 2012 – Ho Bee Investment Ltd has posted S\$15.8 million in net profit after tax and minority interest for the first quarter ended 31 March 2012. This is 71% lower than the previous corresponding quarter. The main contributing factors for the decline were, lower turnover of S\$38.7 million (1st quarter 2011: S\$78.6 million), smaller share of profits of jointly controlled entities amounting to S\$3.3 million (1st quarter 2011: S\$14.2 million) and the absence of gain on sale of investment properties (1st quarter 2011: S\$17.8 million).

Earnings per share was 2.2 cents while total shareholders' fund as at 31 March 2012 amounted to S\$1.648 billion, representing a net asset value of S\$2.34 per share.

Property Development

Revenue from the Group's property development in the first quarter of 2012 was S\$33.2 million, 54% lower than same period last year. Contributions to revenue were from The Orange Grove and Trilight residential projects.

Construction work for industrial project, One Pemimpin has just been completed and residential projects, Parvis and Trilight are expected to be completed in 3rd quarter 2012.

Property Investment

Turnover on property investment for the 1st quarter of this year amounted to S\$3.5 million, 32% lower than the same period last year. This was mainly attributed to the sale of industrial building, Platinum 28 and the office space at Samsung Hub in 2011.

The Group has entered into contract for the sale of another industrial building, One Tannery for a consideration of S\$47 million. Completion of the sale is scheduled for 5th June 2012. This sale is expected to yield a gain of approximately S\$18 million and will be recognised in the next quarter.

Construction work for the 1.2 million sq ft of office space at One North, The Metropolis is progressing according to schedule and full completion is expected by the 4th quarter of 2013.

Outlook

Demand for high-end residential projects is expected to remain sluggish. However, Mr. Chua Thian Poh, Chairman & CEO of Ho Bee Group said that The Group's earnings for the next quarter will be underpinned by the completion of industrial project, One Pemimpin which has just obtained Temporary Occupation Permit. The residential projects, Parvis and Trilight are expected to be completed in the 3rd quarter this year.

About Ho Bee Investment Ltd

Ho Bee Investment Ltd is listed on the mainboard of the Singapore Exchange since 1999. The real estate development and investment company has a portfolio that covers many quality residential, commercial and high-tech industrial projects since its establishment in 1987.

It is the leading developer of luxury homes in the exclusive residential enclave of Sentosa Cove. Its treasury of residences in Sentosa Cove includes condominiums like The Berth, The Coast, Turquoise and Seascape and bungalow developments on Coral and Paradise Islands.

Some of the properties that are currently under development by Ho Bee include:

- Trilight, a 205-unit condominium in Newton Road;
- Parvis, a 248-unit condominium in Holland Hill (50:50 joint venture with MCL Land);
- Pinnacle Collection, a 302-unit condominium in Sentosa Cove (35:65 joint venture with IOI Land);
- The Metropolis, a 1.2 million sq ft commercial development in One-North; and
- One Pemimpin, a 115-unit high-tech industrial building in Pemimpin Drive.

Headquartered in Singapore, Ho Bee has also diversified its real estate business overseas with a focus in the major cities of London, Shanghai, Tangshan and Zhuhai.

More information about the company can be found on the company's website at www.hobee.com.

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