

SBS TRANSIT LTD

Company Registration No: 199206653M

Second Quarter 2015 Financial Statements and Dividend Announcement

The Board of Directors announces the unaudited results for the Second Quarter and Half-Year ended 30 June 2015.

1 GROUP INCOME STATEMENT

(i)

	Group					
	2nd Qtr	2nd Qtr	Incr/	1st Half	1st Half	Incr/
	2015	2014	(Decr)	2015	2014	(Decr)
	\$'000	\$'000	%	\$'000	\$'000	%
Revenue	254,861	235,131	8.4	502,060	457,951	9.6
Staff costs	118,897	107,141	11.0	242,407	210,911	14.9
Repairs and maintenance costs	27,530	26,805	2.7	53,638	52,435	2.3
Fuel and electricity costs	43,949	47,177	(6.8)	86,206	92,579	(6.9)
Premises costs	12,424	9,864	26.0	22,556	19,245	17.2
Depreciation expense	21,474	17,502	22.7	41,672	34,098	22.2
Other operating costs	21,925	19,895	10.2	40,055	37,038	8.1
Total operating costs	246,199	228,384	7.8	486,534	446,306	9.0
Operating profit	8,662	6,747	28.4	15,526	11,645	33.3
Net income from investments	60	62	(3.2)	120	170	(29.4)
Finance costs	(1,395)	(1,181)	18.1	(2,669)	(2,318)	15.1
Profit before taxation	7,327	5,628	30.2	12,977	9,497	36.6
Taxation	(1,236)	(666)	85.6	(2,116)	(1,236)	71.2
Profit attributable to shareholders	6,091	4,962	22.8	10,861	8,261	31.5

(ii) The net profit is determined after crediting the following item :-

	Group					
	2nd Qtr	2nd Qtr	Incr/	1st Half	1st Half	Incr/
	2015	2014	(Decr)	2015	2014	(Decr)
	\$'000	\$'000	%	\$'000	\$'000	%
Net gain on disposal of vehicles						
and equipment	419	314	33.4	594	687	(13.5)

2 STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	Group		Com	pany
	30 Jun 2015	31 Dec 2014	30 Jun 2015	31 Dec 2014
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
<u>ASSETS</u>				
Current assets				
Cash and bank balances	4,467	4,987	3,884	4,542
Trade receivables	9,561	9,120	9,290	8,803
Other receivables and prepayments	37,379	34,261	99,564	83,269
Inventories	45,180	43,727	42,655	41,661
Total current assets	96,587	92,095	155,393	138,275
Non-current assets				
Subsidiary	_	_	5,000	5,000
Available-for-sale investments	5,441	5,487	5,441	5,487
Prepayments	36,954	40,483	36,846	40,483
Vehicles, premises and equipment	1,080,186	1,033,337	1,071,381	1,024,242
Deferred tax assets	11,102	8,551	-	-
Total non-current assets	1,133,683	1,087,858	1,118,668	1,075,212
Total assets	1,230,270	1,179,953	1,274,061	1,213,487
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY				
Current liabilities				
Borrowings	214,502	200,950	214,502	200,950
Trade and other payables	206,012	225,052	195,602	217,110
Trade payables for buses	16,859	8,299	16,859	8,299
Deposits received	3,877	3,169	3,827	3,160
Insurance premiums payable and	-,-	-,	-,-	-,
provision for accident claims	27,554	28,916	27,554	28,916
Fuel price equalisation account	19,992	19,992	19,992	19,992
Income tax payable	65	62	65	62
Total current liabilities	488,861	486,440	478,401	478,489
Non-current liabilities				
Borrowings	296,913	281,576	296,913	281,576
Deferred grants	7,884	7,754	7,884	7,754
Deposits received	5,533	5,507	4,521	4,502
Deferred tax liabilities	66,263	58,207	66,263	58,207
Provision for service benefits and				
long service awards	10,252	10,398	10,194	10,351
Fuel price equalisation account	19,992	19,992	19,992	19,992
Total non-current liabilities	406,837	383,434	405,767	382,382
Total liabilities	895,698	869,874	884,168	860,871
Capital and reserves				
Share capital	94,786	94,579	94,786	94,579
Other reserves	(20,808)	(37,427)	(20,808)	(37,427)
Accumulated profits	260,594	252,927	315,915	295,464
Total equity	334,572	310,079	389,893	352,616
Total liabilities and equity	1,230,270	1,179,953	1,274,061	1,213,487

3 AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF GROUP'S BORROWINGS

	30 Jun 2015	31 Dec 2014
	\$'000	\$'000
Secured		
Amount repayable in one year or less, or on demand	10,502	8,950
Amount repayable after one year	146,913	131,576
	157,415	140,526
Unsecured Amount repayable in one year or less, or on demand	204,000	192,000
Amount repayable after one year	<u>150,000</u> 354,000	150,000 342,000
	334,000	342,000
Total		
Amount repayable in one year or less, or on demand	214,502	200,950
Amount repayable after one year	296,913	281,576
	511,415	482,526

Details of any collateral

Total secured borrowings of \$157.4m relates to loan from an external party under the Bus Service Enhancement Programme (BSEP) secured over the BSEP buses and related accessories.

4 GROUP CASH FLOW STATEMENT

	Group				
	2nd Qtr	2nd Qtr	1st Half	1st Half	
	2015	2014	2015	2014	
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	
Operating activities					
Profit before taxation	7,327	5,628	12,977	9,497	
Adjustments for:					
Depreciation expense	21,474	17,502	41,672	34,098	
Finance costs	1,395	1,181	2,669	2,318	
Net gain on disposal of vehicles and equipment	(419)	(314)	(594)	(687)	
Interest income	(60)	(62)	(120)	(170)	
Grant income	(23,829)	(13,343)	(44,749)	(24,711)	
Operating cash flows before movements in					
working capital	5,888	10,592	11,855	20,345	
Changes in working capital	18,056	12,802	4,034	1,326	
Cash generated from operations	23,944	23,394	15,889	21,671	
Income tax paid	(20)	(20)	(34)	(31)	
Net cash from operating activities	23,924	23,374	15,855	21,640	
Investing activities					
Interest received	121	221	121	221	
Proceeds from disposal of:					
Vehicles and equipment	420	316	601	692	
Available-for-sale investments	-	5,000	-	5,000	
Purchase of vehicles, premises and equipment	(44,698)	(49,258)	(84,960)	(99,144)	
Net cash used in investing activities	(44,157)	(43,721)	(84,238)	(93,231)	
Financing activities					
New loans raised	74,779	64,510	179,645	161,055	
Repayment of loans	(73,602)	(55,041)	(150,756)	(108,887)	
Proceeds from share issue	190	585	190	585	
Grants received	22,942	13,559	44,578	25,279	
Interest paid	(1,109)	(1,025)	(2,558)	(2,389)	
Dividends paid	(3,245)	(2,777)	(3,245)	(2,777)	
Others	9	71	9	71	
Net cash from financing activities	19,964	19,882	67,863	72,937	
Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	(269)	(465)	(520)	1,346	
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	4,736	6,305	4,987	4,494	
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	4,467	5,840	4,467	5,840	

5 GROUP COMPREHENSIVE INCOME STATEMENT

	Group				
	2nd Qtr 2015	2nd Qtr 2014	1st Half 2015	1st Half 2014	
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	
Profit attributable to shareholders	6,091	4,962	10,861	8,261	
Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss					
Fair value adjustment on cash flow hedges	11,605	410	16,724	(1,794)	
Fair value adjustment on available-for-sale investments	(34)	43	(46)	(18)	
Total comprehensive income attributable to					
shareholders	17,662	5,415	27,539	6,449	

6 STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity for the Second Quarter and Half-Year ended 30 June 2015:

	Group Attributable to shareholders of the Company				
	Attributable to shareholders of the Company				
	Share	Other	Accumulated	Total	
	capital	reserves	profits	equity	
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	
Balance at 1 January 2015	94,579	(37,427)	252,927	310,079	
Total comprehensive income for the period					
Profit for the period	-		4,770	4,770	
Other comprehensive income for the period Total		5,107	4 770	5,107	
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Transactions recognised directly in equity					
Other reserves		(42)	42		
Total		(42)	42		
Balance at 31 March 2015	94,579	(32,362)	257,739	319,956	
Total comprehensive income for the period					
Profit for the period	-	-	6,091	6,091	
Other comprehensive income for the period		11,571	-	11,571	
Total		11,571	6,091	17,662	
Transactions recognised directly in equity					
Exercise of share options	207	(17)	-	190	
Payment of dividends	-	` -	(3,245)	(3,245)	
Other reserves			9	9	
Total	207	(17)	(3,236)	(3,046)	
Balance at 30 June 2015	94,786	(20,808)	260,594	334,572	
Balance at 1 January 2014	93,875	5,225	245,191	344,291	
Total comprehensive income (expense) for the period					
Profit for the period	-	-	3,299	3,299	
Other comprehensive expense for the period		(2,265)	-	(2,265)	
Total		(2,265)	3,299	1,034	
Balance at 31 March 2014	93,875	2,960	248,490	345,325	
Total comprehensive income for the period					
Profit for the period	-	-	4,962	4,962	
Other comprehensive income for the period		453	-	453	
Total	-	453	4,962	5,415	
Transactions recognised directly in equity					
Exercise of share options	631	(46)	-	585	
Payment of dividends	-	-	(2,777)	(2,777)	
Other reserves		(14)	85	71	
Total	631	(60)	(2,692)	(2,121)	
Balance at 30 June 2014	94,506	3,353	250,760	348,619	

	Company				
	Share capital	Other reserves	Accumulated profits	Total equity	
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	
Balance at 1 January 2015	94,579	(37,427)	295,464	352,616	
Total comprehensive income for the period			0.570	0.570	
Profit for the period Other comprehensive income for the period	-	- 5,107	9,578	9,578 5,107	
Total	-	5,107	9,578	14,685	
Transactions recognised directly in equity					
Other reserves	-	(42)	42	-	
Total		(42)	42	-	
Balance at 31 March 2015	94,579	(32,362)	305,084	367,301	
Total comprehensive income for the period					
Profit for the period	-	-	14,067	14,067	
Other comprehensive income for the period	-	11,571	- 44.007	11,571	
Total	-	11,571	14,067	25,638	
Transactions recognised directly in equity					
Exercise of share options	207	(17)	-	190	
Payment of dividends	-	-	(3,245)	(3,245)	
Other reserves		-	9	9	
Total	207	(17)	(3,236)	(3,046)	
Balance at 30 June 2015	94,786	(20,808)	315,915	389,893	
Balance at 1 January 2014	93,875	5,225	267,024	366,124	
Total comprehensive income (expense) for the period					
Profit for the period	-	-	8,956	8,956	
Other comprehensive expense for the period		(2,265)	-	(2,265)	
Total	-	(2,265)	8,956	6,691	
Balance at 31 March 2014	93,875	2,960	275,980	372,815	
Total comprehensive income for the period					
Profit for the period	-	-	9,814	9,814	
Other comprehensive income for the period	-	453	-	453	
Total	-	453	9,814	10,267	
Transactions recognised directly in equity					
Exercise of share options	631	(46)	-	585	
Payment of dividends	-	-	(2,777)	(2,777)	
Other reserves	-	(14)	85	71	
Total	631	(60)	(2,692)	(2,121)	
Balance at 30 June 2014	94,506	3,353	283,102	380,961	

7 CHANGES IN COMPANY'S SHARE CAPITAL

Share Capital

During the quarter, 120,000 new ordinary shares were issued by the Company upon the exercise of options granted under the SBS Transit Share Option Scheme.

As at 30 June 2015, the total number of issued shares was 309,164,766 (31 December 2014: 309,044,766).

Outstanding Shares - SBS Transit Share Option Scheme

The SBS Transit Share Option Scheme was not renewed following its expiry on 8 June 2010.

As at 30 June 2015, there were unexercised options for 5,047,500 (30 June 2014: 5,688,750) of unissued ordinary shares under the SBS Transit Share Option Scheme.

As at 30 June 2015, the Company does not hold any treasury shares.

8 AUDIT

The financial statements have not been audited or reviewed.

9 AUDITORS' REPORT

Not applicable.

10 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Group has applied accounting policies and methods of computation in the financial statements for the current reporting period consistent with those of the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2014.

In the current financial period, the Group has adopted all the new and revised Financial Reporting Standards ("FRSs") that are relevant to its operations and effective for annual periods beginning on 1 January 2015.

The adoption of these new and revised FRSs has no material effect on the amounts reported for the current or prior years.

11 CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND METHODS OF COMPUTATION

Not applicable.

12 GROUP EARNINGS PER ORDINARY SHARE AND EARNINGS BEFORE INTEREST, TAXATION, DEPRECIATION AND AMORTISATION (EBITDA)

Earnings per ordinary share

	Group			
	2nd Qtr 2015	2nd Qtr 2014	1st Half 2015	1st Half 2014
Earnings per ordinary share for the period based on profit attributable to shareholders:-				
(i) Based on the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue (cents)	1.97	1.61	3.51	2.68
(ii) On a fully diluted basis (cents)	1.97	1.61	3.51	2.68

EBITDA

		Group			
	2nd Qtr 2015	2nd Qtr 2014	1st Half 2015	1st Half 2014	
(i) EBITDA (\$'000)	30,136	24,249	57,198	45,743	
(ii) EBITDA margin (%)	11.8	10.3	11.4	10.0	

13 NET ASSET VALUE PER ORDINARY SHARE

	Group		Com	pany
	30 Jun 2015	31 Dec 2014	30 Jun 2015	31 Dec 2014
Net asset value per ordinary share based on issued share capital at the end of the period/year (dollars)	1.08	1.00	1.26	1.14

14 REVIEW OF GROUP PERFORMANCE

Performance Review

Group revenue of \$254.9m for 2Q15 increased by 8.4% or \$19.8m from \$235.1m for 2Q14 while Group operating costs of \$246.2m increased by 7.8% or \$17.8m from \$228.4m for 2Q14.

Group operating profit of \$8.7m for 2Q15 was 28.4% or \$2.0m higher than that of \$6.7m for 2Q14.

Net income from investments of \$60k for 2Q15 was 3.2% lower than that of \$62k for 2Q14.

Finance costs of \$1.4m for 2Q15 were 18.1% or \$0.2m higher than that of \$1.2m for 2Q14.

Consequently, Group profit before tax of \$7.3m for 2Q15 was 30.2% or \$1.7m higher than that of \$5.6m for 2Q14.

Taxation of \$1.2m for 2Q15 was higher than that of \$0.7m for 2Q14 by 85.6% or \$0.5m due mainly to higher profits for 2Q15.

Group profit attributable to shareholders of the Company of \$6.1m for 2Q15 was 22.8% or \$1.1m higher than that of \$5.0m for 2Q14.

A segmental breakdown by business is provided under paragraph 18.

Revenue from the Bus segment of \$202.6m for 2Q15 was higher by 8.8% or \$16.3m compared to \$186.3m in the corresponding quarter last year due mainly to the increases in average daily ridership and average fare and higher other operating income. Average daily ridership increased by 3.5% to 2.8m passenger trips for 2Q15. Operating profit of \$7.5m for 2Q15 increased by 82.9% or \$3.4m from \$4.1m for 2Q14 due mainly to higher revenue and lower fuel costs, offset by higher staff costs, higher depreciation, higher repairs and maintenance costs and higher other operating costs.

Revenue from the Rail segment of \$52.3m for 2Q15 was higher by 7.0% or \$3.4m compared to \$48.9m in the corresponding quarter last year due mainly to the increases in average daily ridership and average fare. For 2Q15, average daily ridership for the North-East Line (NEL) grew by 4.9% to 527k passenger trips and that for the Light Rail Transit (LRT) increase by 15.6% to 97k passenger trips as compared to that of 2Q14. Average daily ridership for Downtown Line Stage 1 (DTL1) grew by 20.2% to 70k passenger trips. Operating profit for 2Q15 was \$1.2m as compared to \$2.6m for 2Q14 due mainly to higher staff costs from Downtown Line Stage 2 (DTL2) headcount build-up and higher premises costs, offset by higher revenue and lower electricity costs.

Statement of Financial Position

As at 30 June 2015, total equity for the Group increased by 7.9% or \$24.5m to \$334.6m as compared to 31 December 2014 due to profits generated from operations and other reserves, partially offset by payment of dividends.

Group total assets increased by 4.3% or \$50.3m to \$1.2b due to an increase in non-current assets of \$45.8m and an increase in current assets of \$4.5m. The increase in non-current assets was due mainly to the purchase of buses, partially offset by a decrease in prepayments for new buses. The increase in current assets was due mainly to an increase in other receivables and the increase in inventories.

Group total liabilities increased by 3.0% or \$25.8m to \$895.7m due to an increase in non-current liabilities of \$23.4m and an increase in current liabilities of \$2.4m. The increase in non-current liabilities was due mainly to an increase in loans from an external party and an increase in deferred tax liabilities. The increase in current liabilities was due mainly to an increase in borrowings from banks and an increase in trade payables for buses, partially offset by a decrease in trade and other payables.

Cash Flow

The net cash outflow of \$0.3m for 2Q15 was mainly from the repayment of loans, purchase of buses and payments of dividends and interest, partially offset by new loans raised, net cash generated from operations and grants received.

As at 30 June 2015, the Group had cash and bank balances of \$4.5m. After accounting for the borrowings of \$511.4m, the Group had a net debt position of \$506.9m and a net gearing ratio of 151.5% which was lower than that of 154.0% as at 31 December 2014. The Group's gross gearing ratio was 152.9% as at 30 June 2015 compared to 155.6% as at 31 December 2014.

15 ANY VARIANCE BETWEEN PROSPECT STATEMENT PREVIOUSLY DISCLOSED AND THE ACTUAL RESULTS

No forecast or prospect statement has been previously disclosed.

16 GROUP OUTLOOK

Revenue is expected to be higher with higher ridership and fares.

With headcount increases mainly from the build-up for BSEP and DTL2, staff costs are expected to be higher. The renewal and expansion of the bus fleet is expected to result in higher depreciation and financing costs.

The Bus and Rail segments will continue to face challenges.

17 DIVIDEND

(a) Current Financial Period Reported On

The Directors are pleased to declare a tax-exempt one-tier interim dividend of 1.65 cents (2014: 1.25 cents) per ordinary share.

Name of Dividend	Interim
Dividend Type	Cash; Tax-exempt one-tier
Dividend Amount per	1.65 cents
ordinary share	1.05 Certis
Tax Rate	Exempt one-tier

(b) Corresponding Period of the Immediate Preceding Financial Year

Name of Dividend	Interim
Dividend Type	Cash; Tax-exempt one-tier
Dividend Amount per	1.25 cents
ordinary share	1.25 cents
Tax Rate	Exempt one-tier

(c) Date Payable

The interim dividend will be paid on 27 August 2015.

(d) Books Closure Date

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Transfer Books and Register of Members of the Company will be closed on 21 August 2015 for the purposes of determining Shareholders' entitlements to the interim dividend.

Duly completed and stamped transfers received by the Company's Share Registrar, B.A.C.S. Private Limited, 8 Robinson Road, #03-00 ASO building, Singapore 048544, up to 5.00 p.m. on 20 August 2015 will be registered to determine Shareholders' entitlements to the interim dividend.

Shareholders (being depositors) whose securities accounts with The Central Depository (Pte) Limited are credited with ordinary shares in the capital of the Company as at 5.00 p.m. on 20 August 2015 will be entitled to the interim dividend.

18 GROUP SEGMENTAL INFORMATION

By Business Activity

	<u>Bus</u> \$'000	<u>Rail</u> \$'000	<u>Total</u> \$'000
2nd Quarter 2015			
Revenue	202,595	52,266	254,861
Results Segment results Net income from investments Finance costs Profit before taxation Taxation Profit after taxation	7,501	1,161	8,662 60 (1,395) 7,327 (1,236) 6,091
2nd Quarter 2014			
Revenue	186,263	48,868	235,131
Results Segment results Net income from investments Finance costs Profit before taxation Taxation Profit after taxation	4,101	2,646	6,747 62 (1,181) 5,628 (666) 4,962
First Half 2015			
Revenue	398,788	103,272	502,060
Results Segment results Net income from investments Finance costs Profit before taxation Taxation Profit after taxation	10,618	4,908	15,526 120 (2,669) 12,977 (2,116) 10,861
First Half 2014			
Revenue	361,883	96,068	457,951
Results Segment results Net income from investments Finance costs Profit before taxation Taxation Profit after taxation	6,445	5,200	11,645 170 (2,318) 9,497 (1,236) 8,261

19 BREAKDOWN OF REVENUE

Not applicable.

20 BREAKDOWN OF TOTAL ANNUAL DIVIDEND (IN DOLLAR VALUE)

Not applicable.

21 INTERESTED PERSON TRANSACTIONS

The Company does not have any shareholders' mandate for interested person transactions pursuant to Rule 920 of the Listing Manual.

22 NEGATIVE ASSURANCE CONFIRMATION ON INTERIM FINANCIAL RESULTS UNDER SGX LISTING RULE 705(5) OF THE LISTING MANUAL

The Directors confirm that, to the best of their knowledge, nothing has come to the attention of the Board of Directors which may render the Second Quarter 2015 financial results to be false or misleading in any material aspect.

ON BEHALF OF THE DIRECTORS

Lim Jit Poh Chairman Gan Juay Kiat Chief Executive Officer

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

Chan Wan Tak, Wendy Company Secretary

12 August 2015