

SBS TRANSIT LTD

Company Registration No.: 199206653M

Second Quarter 2017 Financial Statements and Dividend Announcement

The Board of Directors announces the unaudited results for the Second Quarter and Half-Year ended 30 June 2017.

1 GROUP INCOME STATEMENT

	Group					
	2nd Qtr	2nd Qtr	Incr/	1st Half	1st Half	Incr/
	2017	2016	(Decr)	2017	2016	(Decr)
	\$'000	\$'000	%	\$'000	\$'000	%
Revenue	287,797	269,009	7.0	571,231	532,482	7.3
Staff costs	153,424	139,463	10.0	309,381	279,355	10.7
Repairs and maintenance costs	34,542	33,188	4.1	65,931	64,383	2.4
Fuel and electricity costs	29,938	33,424	(10.4)	60,857	62,370	(2.4)
Premises costs	13,954	12,483	11.8	26,953	24,323	10.8
Depreciation expense	24,118	18,452	30.7	48,370	37,037	30.6
Other operating costs	15,650	22,372	(30.0)	30,537	44,354	(31.2)
Total operating costs	271,626	259,382	4.7	542,029	511,822	5.9
Operating profit	16,171	9,627	68.0	29,202	20,660	41.3
Net income from investments	61	61	-	120	121	(8.0)
Finance costs	(1,205)	(1,230)	(2.0)	(2,353)	(2,736)	(14.0)
Profit before taxation	15,027	8,458	77.7	26,969	18,045	49.5
Taxation	(2,320)	(1,210)	91.7	(4,027)	(2,713)	48.4
Profit attributable to shareholders	12,707	7,248	75.3	22,942	15,332	49.6

2 STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	Gro	oup	Com	pany
	30 Jun 2017	31 Dec 2016	30 Jun 2017	31 Dec 2016
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
<u>ASSETS</u>				
Current assets				
Cash and bank balances	4,746	4,254	4,014	3,446
Trade receivables	115,285	77,238	114,412	76,284
Other receivables and prepayments	27,521	19,274	167,427	128,408
Inventories	73,836	59,695	65,332	53,000
Total current assets	221,388	160,461	351,185	261,138
Non-current assets				
Subsidiary	-	-	5,000	5,000
Investments	5,238	5,268	5,238	5,268
Prepayments	3,028	2,527	3,027	2,519
Vehicles, premises and equipment Deferred tax assets	828,179	866,186	813,871	851,924
Total non-current assets	24,216 860,661	20,354 894,335	827,136	864,711
Total Hon-current assets		694,333	021,130	804,711
Total assets	1,082,049	1,054,796	1,178,321	1,125,849
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY				
Current liabilities				
Borrowings	202,500	150,000	202,500	150,000
Trade and other payables	213,001	241,948	190,570	214,181
Deposits received	3,232	4,967	3,178	4,301
Insurance premiums payable				
and provision for accident claims	22,502	24,799	22,502	24,799
Fuel price equalisation account Income tax payable	19,992 4,117	19,992 67	19,992 4,117	19,992 67
Total current liabilities	465,344	441,773		413,340
Total current habilities	405,344	441,773	442,859	413,340
Non-current liabilities				
Borrowings	50,000	66,000	50,000	66,000
Deferred grants	7,303	7,709	7,303	7,709
Deposits received Deferred tax liabilities	6,287	4,802	4,992	3,908
Provision for service benefits	88,748	85,554	88,748	85,554
and long service awards	10,444	10,981	10,259	10,836
Fuel price equalisation account	19,992	19,992	19,992	19,992
Total non-current liabilities	182,774	195,038	181,294	193,999
Total liabilities	648,118	636,811	624,153	607,339
Capital and reserves				
Share capital	98,371	97,138	98,371	97,138
Other reserves	38,572	38,566	38,572	38,566
Accumulated profits	296,988	282,281	417,225	382,806
Total equity	433,931	417,985	554,168	518,510
Total liabilities and equity	1,082,049	1,054,796	1,178,321	1,125,849

3 AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF GROUP'S BORROWINGS

	30 Jun	31 Dec
	2017	2016
	\$'000	\$'000
Unsecured		
Amount repayable in one year or less, or on demand	202,500	150,000
Amount repayable after one year	50,000	66,000
	252,500	216,000

Details of any collateral

Not applicable.

4 GROUP CASH FLOW STATEMENT

	Group			
	2nd Qtr 2017	2nd Qtr 2016	1st Half 2017	1st Half 2016
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Operating activities				
Profit before taxation	15,027	8,458	26,969	18,045
Adjustments for:				
Depreciation expense	24,118	18,452	48,370	37,037
Finance costs	1,205	1,230	2,353	2,736
Net gain on disposal of vehicles and equipment	(5)	(253)	(22)	(429)
Interest income	(61)	(61)	(120)	(121)
Grant income		(27,379)		(51,408)
Operating cash flows before movements in working capital	40,284	447	77,550	5,860
Changes in working capital	(4,045)	932	(92,602)	36,004
Cash generated from (used in) operations	36,239	1,379	(15,052)	41,864
Income tax paid	(416)	(15)	(695)	(25)
Net cash from (used in) operating activities	35,823	1,364	(15,747)	41,839
Investing activities				
Interest received	121	121	121	121
Proceeds from disposal of vehicles and equipment	120	265	143	452
Purchase of vehicles, premises and equipment	(3,227)	(5,782)	(10,985)	(10,711)
Net cash used in investing activities	(2,986)	(5,396)	(10,721)	(10,138)
Financing activities				
New loans raised	189,000	71,500	404,600	226,000
Repayment of borrowings	(219,100)	(92,000)	(368,100)	(305,500)
Proceeds from share issue	391	1,141	1,160	1,189
Grants received	-	27,126	-	53,337
Interest paid	(552)	(572)	(2,329)	(3,151)
Dividends paid	(8,390)	(3,247)	(8,390)	(3,247)
Others	12	11	19	11
Net cash (used in) from financing activities	(38,639)	3,959	26,960	(31,361)
Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	(5,802)	(73)	492	340
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	10,548	4,792	4,254	4,379
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	4,746	4,719	4,746	4,719

5 GROUP COMPREHENSIVE INCOME STATEMENT

	Group				
	2nd Qtr 2017 \$'000	2nd Qtr 2016 \$'000	1st Half 2017 \$'000	1st Half 2016 \$'000	
Profit attributable to shareholders	12,707	7,248	22,942	15,332	
Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss					
Fair value adjustment on cash flow hedges	313	7,133	245	9,067	
Fair value adjustment on investments	(19)	(21)	(30)	17	
Total comprehensive income attributable to					
shareholders	13,001	14,360	23,157	24,416	

6 STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity for the Second Quarter and Half-Year ended 30 June 2017:

	Group				
	Attribu	Other reserves profits \$'000 \$'000 38,566 282,281 - 10,235 (79) - (79) 10,235 (53) - (3) 10 (56) 10 38,431 292,526 - 12,707 294 - 294 12,707 (20) - (8,390) (133) 145 (153) (8,245)		ompany	
	Share		Accumulated	Total	
	capital			equity	
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	
Balance at 1 January 2017	97,138	38,566	282,281	417,985	
Total comprehensive income (expense) for the period					
Profit for the period	-	-	10,235	10,235	
Other comprehensive expense for the period	-	(79)	-	(79)	
Total		(79)	10,235	10,156	
Transactions recognised directly in equity					
Exercise of share options	822	(53)	_	769	
Other reserves	-	` '	10	7	
Total	822		10	776	
Balance at 31 March 2017	97,960	38,431	292,526	428,917	
Total comprehensive income for the period					
Profit for the period	-	-	12,707	12,707	
Other comprehensive income for the period	-	294	-	294	
Total	-	294	12,707	13,001	
Transactions recognised directly in equity					
Exercise of share options	411	(20)	-	391	
Payment of dividends	-	-	(8,390)	(8,390)	
Other reserves	-	(133)	, ,	12	
Total	411	(153)	(8,245)	(7,987)	
Balance at 30 June 2017	98,371	38,572	296,988	433,931	

Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity for the Second Quarter and Half-Year ended 30 June 2016:

	Group					
	Attribu	table to shar	eholders of the Co	ompany		
	Share	Other	Accumulated	Total		
	capital	reserves	profits	equity		
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000		
Balance at 1 January 2016	94,786	(17,492)	261,400	338,694		
Total comprehensive income for the period						
Profit for the period	-	-	8,084	8,084		
Other comprehensive income for the period		1,972	-	1,972		
Total	-	1,972	8,084	10,056		
Transactions recognised directly in equity						
Exercise of share options	52	(4)	-	48		
Other reserves	-	(36)	36	-		
Total	52	(40)	36	48		
Balance at 31 March 2016	94,838	(15,560)	269,520	348,798		
Total comprehensive income for the period						
Profit for the period	-	-	7,248	7,248		
Other comprehensive income for the period		7,112	-	7,112		
Total	-	7,112	7,248	14,360		
Transactions recognised directly in equity						
Exercise of share options	1,193	(52)	-	1,141		
Payment of dividends	-	-	(3,247)	(3,247)		
Other reserves		-	11	11		
Total	1,193	(52)	(3,236)	(2,095)		
Balance at 30 June 2016	96,031	(8,500)	273,532	361,063		

Statement of Changes in Equity of the Company for the Second Quarter and Half-Year ended 30 June 2017:

	Company				
	Share capital	Other reserves	Accumulated profits	Total equity	
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	
Balance at 1 January 2017	97,138	38,566	382,806	518,510	
Total comprehensive income (expense) for the period					
Profit for the period	-	-	19,604	19,604	
Other comprehensive expense for the period	-	(79)	-	(79)	
Total	_	(79)	19,604	19,525	
Transactions recognised directly in equity					
Exercise of share options	822	(53)	_	769	
Other reserves	-	(3)	10	7	
Total	822	(56)	10	776	
Balance at 31 March 2017	97,960	38,431	402,420	538,811	
Total comprehensive income for the period					
Profit for the period	-	-	23,050	23,050	
Other comprehensive income for the period	-	294	-	294	
Total	-	294	23,050	23,344	
Transactions recognised directly in equity					
Exercise of share options	411	(20)	-	391	
Payment of dividends	-	-	(8,390)	(8,390)	
Other reserves	-	(133)	145	12	
Total	411	(153)	(8,245)	(7,987)	
Balance at 30 June 2017	98,371	38,572	417,225	554,168	

Statement of Changes in Equity of the Company for the Second Quarter and Half-Year ended 30 June 2016:

	Company				
	Share capital	Other reserves	Accumulated profits	Total equity	
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	
Balance at 1 January 2016	94,786	(17,017)	334,030	411,799	
Total comprehensive income for the period					
Profit for the period	-	-	12,808	12,808	
Other comprehensive income for the period	-	1,887	-	1,887	
Total	-	1,887	12,808	14,695	
Transactions recognised directly in equity					
Exercise of share options	52	(4)	-	48	
Other reserves	-	(36)	36	_	
Total	52	(40)	36	48	
Balance at 31 March 2016	94,838	(15,170)	346,874	426,542	
Total comprehensive income for the period					
Profit for the period	-	-	14,580	14,580	
Other comprehensive income for the period	-	6,805	-	6,805	
Total	-	6,805	14,580	21,385	
Transactions recognised directly in equity					
Exercise of share options	1,193	(52)	-	1,141	
Payment of dividends	-	-	(3,247)	(3,247)	
Other reserves	-	-	11	11	
Total	1,193	(52)	(3,236)	(2,095)	
Balance at 30 June 2016	96,031	(8,417)	358,218	445,832	

7 CHANGES IN COMPANY'S SHARE CAPITAL

Share Capital

Since 31 March 2017, 190,000 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 2017, the total number of issued shares was 310,864,766 (31 December 2016: 310,254,766).

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 2017, there were unexercised options for 1,260,000 (30 June 2016: 3,670,000) of unissued ordinary shares under the SBS Transit Share Option Scheme.

As at 30 June 2017, 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 2016.

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 2017.

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 2017	2nd Qtr 2016	1st Half 2017	1st Half 2016	
	nings per ordinary share for the period used on profit attributable to Shareholders:-					
(i)	Based on the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue (cents)	4.09	2.34	7.38	4.96	
(ii)	On a fully diluted basis (cents)	4.09	2.34	7.38	4.95	

EBITDA

			Group				
		2nd Qtr 2017	2nd Qtr 2016	1st Half 2017	1st Half 2016		
(i)	EBITDA (\$'000)	40,289	28,079	77,572	57,697		
(ii)	EBITDA margin (%)	14.0	10.4	13.6	10.8		

13 NET ASSET VALUE PER ORDINARY SHARE

	Group		Company	
	30 Jun 2017	31 Dec 2016	30 Jun 2017	31 Dec 2016
Net asset value per ordinary share based on issued share capital at the end of the period/year (dollars)	1.40	1.35	1.78	1.67

14 REVIEW OF GROUP PERFORMANCE

Performance Review

Group revenue of \$287.8m for 2Q17 increased by 7.0% or \$18.8m from \$269.0m for 2Q16 while Group operating costs of \$271.6m increased by 4.7% or \$12.2m from \$259.4m for 2Q16.

Group operating profit of \$16.2m for 2Q17 was 68.0% or \$6.6m higher than that of \$9.6m for 2Q16.

Finance costs of \$1.2m for 2Q17 were lower by 2.0% or \$25k as compared to that for 2Q16.

Consequently, Group profit before taxation of \$15.0m for 2Q17 was 77.7% or \$6.5m higher than that of \$8.5m for 2Q16.

Taxation of \$2.3m for 2Q17 was 91.7% or \$1.1m higher than that of \$1.2m for 2Q16 due mainly to higher profits for 2Q17.

Group profit attributable to shareholders of the Company of \$12.7m for 2Q17 was 75.3% or \$5.5m higher than that of \$7.2m for 2Q16.

A segmental breakdown by business is provided under paragraph 18.

Revenue from Public Transport Services of \$274.4m for 2Q17 was higher by 8.4% or \$21.2m compared to \$253.2m for 2Q16 due mainly to contribution from bus services with the transition to the Bus Contracting Model (BCM) and higher ridership from rail services, offset by lower average rail fare from the fare reduction effective 30 December 2016. For 2Q17, average daily ridership for the Downtown Line (DTL) grew by 14.1% to 242k passenger trips. Average daily ridership for North-East Line grew by 1.4% to 566k passenger trips and that for the Light Rail Transit by 6.1% to 119k passenger trips as compared to that of 2Q16. Operating profit for 2Q17 was \$7.3m compared to an operating loss of \$0.4m for 2Q16 due mainly to higher revenue, lower fuel and electricity costs and lower other operating costs, offset by higher staff costs and higher depreciation.

Revenue from Other Commercial Services of \$13.4m for 2Q17 was lower by 15.3% or \$2.4m compared to \$15.8m for 2Q16 due mainly to lower advertising revenue. Operating profit for 2Q17 at \$8.9m decreased by 11.4% or \$1.2m compared to \$10.1m for 2Q16 due mainly to lower advertising revenue, offset by lower advertising production costs.

Statement of Financial Position

As at 30 June 2017, total equity for the Group increased by 3.8% or \$15.9m to \$433.9m as compared to 31 December 2016 due mainly to profits generated from operations, partially offset by payment of dividends.

Group total assets increased by 2.6% or \$27.3m to \$1,082.0m due to an increase in current assets of \$60.9m, partially offset by a decrease in non-current assets of \$33.6m. The increase in current assets was due mainly to the increase in trade receivables and inventories. The decrease in non-current assets was due mainly to the decrease in vehicles, premises and equipment, partially offset by an increase in deferred tax assets.

Group total liabilities increased by 1.8% or \$11.3m to \$648.1m due to an increase in current liabilities of \$23.6m, partially offset by the decrease in non-current liabilities of \$12.3m. The increase in current liabilities was due mainly to the increase in short term loans, partially offset by the decrease in trade and other payables. The decrease in non-current liabilities was due mainly to the repayment of borrowings, partially offset by an increase in deferred tax liabilities.

Cash Flow

The net cash outflow of \$5.8m for 2Q17 was mainly from the repayment of borrowings, payment of dividends and purchase of vehicles, premises and equipment, partially offset by new loans raised and net cash generated from operations.

As at 30 June 2017, the Group had cash and bank balances of \$4.7m. After accounting for the borrowings of \$252.5m, the Group had a net debt position of \$247.8m and a net gearing ratio of 57.1% which was higher than that of 50.7% as at 31 December 2016. The Group's gross gearing ratio was 58.2% as at 30 June 2017 compared to 51.7% as at 31 December 2016.

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 from Public Transport Services is expected to be higher. Bus service revenue is expected to be higher with a full year contribution of revenue under the BCM. Rail service revenue is expected to be higher with continued growth in ridership although this will be affected by the fare reduction effective 30 December 2016.

Revenue from Other Commercial Services is expected to be lower due mainly to the loss of Loyang and Bulim packages.

Operating costs will be higher with higher staff costs following the salary adjustments and increments. Repairs and maintenance are expected to be higher as more such works are carried out.

DTL 3 is expected to commence revenue service on the 21 October 2017.

17 DIVIDEND

(a) Current Financial Period Reported on

The Directors are pleased to declare a tax-exempt one-tier interim dividend of 3.65 cents (2016: 2.35 cents) per ordinary share.

Name of Dividend	Interim		
Dividend Type	Cash; Tax-exempt one-tier		
Dividend Amount per ordinary share	3.65 cents		
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 ordinary share	2.35 cents		
Tax Rate	Exempt one-tier		

(c) Date Payable

The interim dividend will be paid on 25 August 2017.

(d) Books Closure Date

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Transfer Books and Register of Members of the Company will be closed on 19 August 2017 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 18 August 2017 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 18 August 2017 will be entitled to the interim dividend.

18 GROUP SEGMENTAL INFORMATION

By Business Activity

	Public Transport Services \$'000	Other Commercial Services \$'000	Total \$'000
2nd Quarter 2017			
Revenue	274,400	13,397	287,797
Results Segment results Net income from investments Finance costs Profit before taxation Taxation Profit after taxation	7,260	8,911	16,171 61 (1,205) 15,027 (2,320) 12,707
2nd Quarter 2016			
Revenue	253,195	15,814	269,009
Results Segment results Net income from investments Finance costs Profit before taxation Taxation Profit after taxation	(435)	10,062	9,627 61 (1,230) 8,458 (1,210) 7,248
First Half 2017			
Revenue	543,862	27,369	571,231
Results Segment results Net income from investments Finance costs Profit before taxation Taxation Profit after taxation	11,327	17,875	29,202 120 (2,353) 26,969 (4,027) 22,942
First Half 2016			
Revenue	499,929	32,553	532,482
Results Segment results Net income from investments Finance costs Profit before taxation Taxation Profit after taxation	(56)	20,716	20,660 121 (2,736) 18,045 (2,713) 15,332

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 CONFIRMATION PURSUANT TO RULE 720(1) OF THE LISTING MANUAL

The Company confirms that it has procured the Undertakings from all its Directors and Executive Officers in the format set out in Appendix 7.7 pursuant to Rule 720(1) of the Listing Manual.

23 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 2017 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 / Yeo Tee Yeok, Edwin Joint Company Secretaries

10 August 2017