

SBS TRANSIT LTD

Company Registration No.: 199206653M

Third Quarter 2018 Financial Statements

The Board of Directors announces the unaudited results for the Third Quarter and 9 Months ended 30 September 2018.

1 GROUP INCOME STATEMENT

	Group					
•	3rd Qtr	3rd Qtr	Incr/	9 Months	9 Months	Incr/
	2018	2017	(Decr)	2018	2017	(Decr)
	\$'000	\$'000	%	\$'000	\$'000	%
Revenue	351,366	294,999	19.1	1,024,463	866,230	18.3
Staff costs	174,950	153,879	13.7	519,518	463,260	12.1
Repairs and maintenance costs	45,332	38,566	17.5	131,220	104,497	25.6
Fuel and electricity costs	47,594	32,661	45.7	129,970	93,518	39.0
Premises costs	16,799	14,373	16.9	47,309	41,326	14.5
Depreciation expense	23,002	24,268	(5.2)	70,269	72,638	(3.3)
Other operating costs	19,737	17,237	14.5	57,877	47,774	21.1
Total operating costs	327,414	280,984	16.5	956,163	823,013	16.2
Operating profit	23,952	14,015	70.9	68,300	43,217	58.0
Net income from investments	96	61	57.4	216	181	19.3
Finance costs	(831)	(1,143)	(27.3)	(2,786)	(3,496)	(20.3)
Profit before taxation	23,217	12,933	79.5	65,730	39,902	64.7
Taxation	(3,498)	(1,821)	92.1	(9,821)	(5,848)	67.9
Profit attributable to shareholders	19,719	11,112	77.5	55,909	34,054	64.2

2 STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	Gro	oup	Com	pany
	30 Sep	31 Dec	30 Sep	31 Dec
	2018	2017	2018	2017
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
<u>ASSETS</u>				
Current assets				
Cash and bank balances	8,112	5,275	5,354	4,028
Investments	5,007	5,134	5,007	5,134
Trade receivables	132,291	122,582	128,617	119,470
Other receivables and prepayments Inventories	70,806 111,728	31,701 94,012	273,544 94,867	199,599 82,997
Total current assets	327,944	258,704	507,389	411,228
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Non-current assets				
Subsidiary	-	-	5,000	5,000
Prepayments Vehicles, premises and equipment	4,640 717,172	2,537 803,844	4,184 698,042	2,506 783,821
Deferred tax assets	28,081	22,737	090,042	703,021
Total non-current assets	749,893	829,118	707,226	791,327
Total assets	1,077,837	1,087,822	1,214,615	1,202,555
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY				
Current liabilities				
Borrowings	56,500	56,000	56,500	56,000
Trade and other payables	271,732	272,302	235,276	240,764
Deposits received	2,802	3,648	2,408	3,271
Insurance premiums payable		04.00=	00.440	24 22=
and provision for accident claims	20,410	21,965	20,410	21,965
Fuel price equalisation account Income tax payable	19,992 30,931	19,992 9,309	19,992 30,931	19,992 9,309
Total current liabilities	402,367	383,216	365,517	351,301
Non-current liabilities	75,000	405.000	75.000	125.000
Borrowings Deferred grants	6,480	125,000 6,958	75,000 6,480	125,000 6,958
Deposits received	6,718	5,600	5,485	4,390
Deferred tax liabilities	80,625	87,112	80,625	87,112
Provision for service benefits	•	•	•	,
and long service awards	10,775	10,718	10,507	10,496
Fuel price equalisation account	19,992	19,992	19,992	19,992
Total non-current liabilities	199,590	255,380	198,089	253,948
Total liabilities	601,957	638,596	563,606_	605,249
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Capital and reserves	100 100	00.070	100 100	00.070
Share capital Other reserves	100,163 40,326	98,873	100,163	98,873 40,522
Accumulated profits	40,326 335,391	40,522 309,831	40,326 510,520	40,522 457,911
Total equity	475,880	449,226	651,009	597,306
Total liabilities and equity	1,077,837	1,087,822	1,214,615	1,202,555

3 AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF GROUP'S BORROWINGS

	30 Sep 2018	31 Dec 2017
	\$'000	\$'000
Unsecured		
Amount repayable in one year or less, or on demand	56,500	56,000
Amount repayable after one year	75,000	125,000
	131,500	181,000

Details of any collateral

Not applicable.

4 GROUP CASH FLOW STATEMENT

	Group			
	3rd Qtr 2018	3rd Qtr 2017	9 Months 2018	9 Months 2017
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Operating activities				
Profit before taxation	23,217	12,933	65,730	39,902
Adjustments for:				
Depreciation expense	23,002	24,268	70,269	72,638
Finance costs	831	1,143	2,786	3,496
Net (gain) loss on disposal of vehicles and equipment	(53)	120	(116)	98
Interest income	(96)	(61)	(216)	(181)
Provision for service benefits and long service awards	205	215	608	367
Insurance premiums payable and provision for accident claims	803	834	2,315	728
Operating cash flows before movements in working capital	47,909	39,452	141,376	117,048
Changes in working capital	2,608	23,112	(71,529)	(69,536)
Cash generated from operations	50,517	62,564	69,847	47,512
Income tax paid	(13)	(416)	(30)	(1,111)
Net cash from operating activities	50,504	62,148	69,817	46,401
Investing activities				
Interest received	35	-	156	121
Proceeds from disposal of vehicles and equipment	72	145	27,838	288
Purchase of vehicles, premises and equipment	(4,995)	(11,021)	(13,422)	(22,006)
Net cash (used in) from investing activities	(4,888)	(10,876)	14,572	(21,597)
Financing activities				
New loans raised	121,000	253,500	461,300	658,100
Repayment of borrowings	(146,000)	(291,500)	(510,800)	(659,600)
Proceeds from share issue	-	327	1,228	1,487
Interest paid	(977)	(1,840)	(2,924)	(4, 169)
Dividends paid	(18,077)	(11,352)	(30,375)	(19,742)
Others	8	9	19	28
Net cash used in financing activities	(44,046)	(50,856)	(81,552)	(23,896)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	1,570	416	2,837	908
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	6,542	4,746	5,275	4,254
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	8,112	5,162	8,112	5,162

5 GROUP COMPREHENSIVE INCOME STATEMENT

	Group			
	3rd Qtr 2018	3rd Qtr 9 Months 2017 2018		9 Months 2017
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Profit attributable to shareholders	19,719	11,112	55,909	34,054
Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss				
Fair value adjustment on cash flow hedges	-	1,294	-	1,539
Fair value adjustment on investments	(39)	(53)	(127)	(83)
Total comprehensive income attributable to shareholders	19,680	12,353	55,782	35,510

6 STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity for the Third Quarter and 9 Months ended 30 September 2018:

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	Attributable to shareholders of the Company			
	Share	Other	Accumulated	Total
	capital	reserves	profits	equity
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Balance at 1 January 2018	98,873	40,522	309,831	449,226
Total comprehensive income (expense) for the period				
Profit for the period	-	-	36,190	36,190
Other comprehensive expense for the period	=	(88)	=	(88)
Total	-	(88)	36,190	36,102
Transactions recognised directly in equity				
Exercise of share options	1,290	(62)	-	1,228
Payment of dividends	-	-	(12,298)	(12,298)
Other reserves	-	(7)	18	11
Total	1,290	(69)	(12,280)	(11,059)
Balance at 30 June 2018	100,163	40,365	333,741	474,269
Total comprehensive income (expense) for the period				
Profit for the period	-	-	19,719	19,719
Other comprehensive expense for the period	-	(39)	-	(39)
Total	-	(39)	19,719	19,680
Transactions recognised directly in equity				
Payment of dividends	-	-	(18,077)	(18,077)
Other reserves	-	-	8	8
Total	-	-	(18,069)	(18,069)
Balance at 30 September 2018	100,163	40,326	335,391	475,880

Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity for the Third Quarter and 9 Months ended 30 September 2017:

	Group				
	Attributable to shareholders of the Company				
	Share	Other	Accumulated	Total	
	capital	reserves	profits	equity	
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	
Balance at 1 January 2017	97,138	38,566	282,281	417,985	
Total comprehensive income for the period					
Profit for the period	-	-	22,942	22,942	
Other comprehensive income for the period		215	-	215	
Total	-	215	22,942	23,157	
Transactions recognised directly in equity					
Exercise of share options	1,233	(73)	-	1,160	
Payment of dividends	-	-	(8,390)	(8,390)	
Other reserves	-	(136)	155	19	
Total	1,233	(209)	(8,235)	(7,211)	
Balance at 30 June 2017	98,371	38,572	296,988	433,931	
Total comprehensive income for the period					
Profit for the period	-	-	11,112	11,112	
Other comprehensive income for the period	-	1,241	-	1,241	
Total	-	1,241	11,112	12,353	
Transactions recognised directly in equity					
Exercise of share options	342	(15)	-	327	
Payment of dividends	-	-	(11,352)	(11,352)	
Other reserves	-	-	9	9	
Total	342	(15)	(11,343)	(11,016)	
Balance at 30 September 2017	98,713	39,798	296,757	435,268	

Statement of Changes in Equity of the Company for the Third Quarter and 9 Months ended 30 September 2018:

	Company			
	Share capital	Other reserves	Accumulated profits	Total equity
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Balance at 1 January 2018	98,873	40,522	457,911	597,306
Total comprehensive income (expense) for the period				
Profit for the period	-	-	54,629	54,629
Other comprehensive expense for the period	-	(88)	-	(88)
Total		(88)	54,629	54,541
Transactions recognised directly in equity				
Exercise of share options	1,290	(62)	_	1,228
Payment of dividends	-	-	(12,298)	(12,298)
Other reserves	-	(7)	18	11
Total	1,290	(69)	(12,280)	(11,059)
Balance at 30 June 2018	100,163	40,365	500,260	640,788
Total comprehensive income (expense) for the period				
Profit for the period	-	-	28,329	28,329
Other comprehensive expense for the period	-	(39)	-	(39)
Total	-	(39)	28,329	28,290
Transactions recognised directly in equity				
Payment of dividends	-	-	(18,077)	(18,077)
Other reserves	-	-	8	8
Total	-	-	(18,069)	(18,069)
Balance at 30 September 2018	100,163	40,326	510,520	651,009

Statement of Changes in Equity of the Company for the Third Quarter and 9 Months ended 30 September 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 for the period					
Profit for the period	-	-	42,654	42,654	
Other comprehensive income for the period	-	215	-	215	
Total	-	215	42,654	42,869	
Transactions recognised directly in equity					
Exercise of share options	1,233	(73)	-	1,160	
Payment of dividends	-	-	(8,390)	(8,390)	
Other reserves	-	(136)	155	19	
Total	1,233	(209)	(8,235)	(7,211)	
Balance at 30 June 2017	98,371	38,572	417,225	554,168	
Total comprehensive income for the period					
Profit for the period	-	-	23,375	23,375	
Other comprehensive income for the period	-	1,241	-	1,241	
Total	-	1,241	23,375	24,616	
Transactions recognised directly in equity					
Exercise of share options	342	(15)	-	327	
Payment of dividends	-	- 1	(11,352)	(11,352)	
Other reserves	-	-	9	9	
Total	342	(15)	(11,343)	(11,016)	
Balance at 30 September 2017	98,713	39,798	429,257	567,768	

7 CHANGES IN COMPANY'S SHARE CAPITAL

Share Capital

Since 30 June 2018, no new ordinary shares were issued by the Company.

As at 30 September 2018, the total number of issued shares was 311,669,766 (31 December 2017: 311,084,766).

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 September 2018, there were unexercised options for 382,500 (30 September 2017: 1,110,000) of unissued ordinary shares under the SBS Transit Share Option Scheme.

As at 30 September 2018, 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 2017.

The Group has adopted Singapore Financial Reporting Standards (International) ("SFRS(I)"), a new financial reporting framework identical to International Financial Reporting Standards on 1 January 2018.

The adoption of all the new and revised SFRS(I) 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			
		3rd Qtr 2018	3rd Qtr 2017	9 Months 2018	9 Months 2017
	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)	6.33	3.57	17.96	10.96
(ii)	On a fully diluted basis (cents)	6.32	3.57	17.95	10.95

EBITDA

			Group				
		3rd Qtr 2018	3rd Qtr 2017	9 Months 2018	9 Months 2017		
(i)	EBITDA (\$'000)	46,954	38,283	138,569	115,855		
(ii)	EBITDA margin (%)	13.4	13.0	13.5	13.4		

13 NET ASSET VALUE PER ORDINARY SHARE

	Group		Company	
	30 Sep 2018	31 Dec 2017	30 Sep 2018	31 Dec 2017
Net asset value per ordinary share based on issued share capital at the end of the period/year (dollars)	1.53	1.44	2.09	1.90

14 REVIEW OF GROUP PERFORMANCE

Performance Review

Group revenue of \$351.4m for 3Q18 increased by 19.1% or \$56.4m from \$295.0m for 3Q17 while Group operating costs of \$327.4m increased by 16.5% or \$46.4m from \$281.0m for 3Q17.

Group operating profit of \$24.0m for 3Q18 was 70.9% or \$10.0m higher than that of \$14.0m for 3Q17.

Finance costs of \$0.8m for 3Q18 were 27.3% or \$0.3m lower than that of \$1.1m for 3Q17.

Consequently, Group profit before taxation of \$23.2m for 3Q18 was 79.5% or \$10.3m higher than that of \$12.9m for 3Q17.

Taxation of \$3.5m for 3Q18 was higher than that of \$1.8m for 3Q17 by 92.1% or \$1.7m due mainly to higher profits for 3Q18.

Group profit attributable to shareholders of the Company of \$19.7m for 3Q18 was 77.5% or \$8.6m higher than that of \$11.1m for 3Q17.

A segmental breakdown by business is provided under paragraph 18.

Revenue from Public Transport Services of \$337.9m for 3Q18 was higher by 20.5% or \$57.4m compared to \$280.5m for 3Q17 due mainly to higher fees earned with higher operated mileage following the commencement of the Seletar Bus Package in March 2018 and higher ridership from rail services with the commencement of Downtown Line (DTL) 3 from October 2017, offset by lower average rail fare from the fare reduction effective 29 December 2017. For 3Q18, average daily ridership for the Downtown Line (DTL) grew by 82.9% to 472k passenger trips. Average daily ridership for North-East Line (NEL) grew by 3.9% to 608k passenger trips and that for Sengkang and Punggol Light Rail Transit (SPLRT) by 11.2% to 136k passenger trips as compared to that of 3Q17. Operating profit for 3Q18 at \$15.5m increased by \$9.7m from \$5.8m for 3Q17 due mainly to higher revenue, offset by higher staff costs, higher fuel and electricity costs, higher repairs and maintenance costs and higher other operating costs. Despite the increase in rail ridership, rail operations continue to incur losses as the fare revenue was not sufficient to cover rising operating and maintenance costs.

Revenue from Other Commercial Services of \$13.4m for 3Q18 was lower by 7.7% or \$1.1m compared to \$14.5m for 3Q17 due mainly to lower advertising revenue. Operating profit for 3Q18 at \$8.4m increased by 3.1% or \$0.2m as compared to \$8.2m for 3Q17 due mainly to lower staff costs, lower premises costs and lower other operating costs, offset by lower revenue.

Statement of Financial Position

As at 30 September 2018, total equity increased by 5.9% or \$26.7m to \$475.9m as compared to 31 December 2017 due mainly to profits generated from operations, partially offset by payment of dividends.

Group total assets decreased by 0.9% or \$10.0m to \$1,077.8m due to a decrease in non-current assets of \$79.2m, partially offset by an increase in current assets of \$69.2m. The decrease in non-current assets was due mainly to the decrease in vehicles, premises and equipment from depreciation expenses incurred for the period and the sale of certain rail operating assets to Land Transport Authority in conjunction with the NEL/SPLRT transition to the New Rail Financing Framework (NRFF), partially offset by the increase in deferred tax assets. The increase in current assets was due mainly to the increase in trade and other receivables and inventories.

Group total liabilities decreased by 5.7% or \$36.6m to \$602.0m due to a decrease in noncurrent liabilities of \$55.8m, partially offset by an increase in current liabilities of \$19.2m. The decrease in non-current liabilities was due mainly to the repayment of borrowings and the decrease in deferred tax liabilities. The increase in current liabilities was due mainly to the increase in income tax payable, partially offset by the decrease in insurance premiums payable.

Cash Flow

The net cash inflow of \$1.6m for 3Q18 was mainly from the new loans raised and net cash generated from operations, partially offset by repayment of borrowings, dividends and interest paid and the purchase of vehicles, premises and equipment.

As at 30 September 2018, the Group had cash and bank balances of \$8.1m. After accounting for the borrowings of \$131.5m, the Group had a net debt position of \$123.4m and a net gearing ratio of 25.9% which was lower than that of 39.1% as at 31 December 2017. The Group's gross gearing ratio was 27.6% as at 30 September 2018 compared to 40.3% as at 31 December 2017.

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 grow.

Bus service revenue is expected to be higher with the commencement of the Seletar Bus Package from 11 March 2018 and the Bukit Merah Bus Package in the fourth quarter of 2018.

Rail service revenue is expected to be higher due to full year of revenue contribution from DTL 3. The fare adjustment of 4.3% approved by the Public Transport Council will take effect from 29 December 2018. Notwithstanding this, the rail business will continue to face challenges from rising operating and maintenance costs.

Revenue from Other Commercial Services is expected to be maintained.

Meanwhile, operating costs will increase with higher staff costs following salary adjustments and increments to retain and attract staff, and higher training investments for staff skill development and advancement. Repairs and maintenance costs are expected to increase with DTL fully operational and higher maintenance requirements for the ageing bus fleet and the NEL/SPLRT fleet in its mid life cycle, and investments in predictive maintenance capabilities. Premises costs are higher with the full year effect of DTL 3 stations and the additions of Seletar and Ulu Pandan Bus Depots.

17 DIVIDEND

(a) Current Financial Period Reported on

Any dividend proposed for the current financial period reported on? None.

(b) Corresponding Period of the Immediate Preceding Financial Year

Any dividend declared for the corresponding period of the immediately preceding financial year? None.

(c) Date Payable

Not applicable.

(d) Books Closure Date

Not applicable.

18 GROUP SEGMENTAL INFORMATION

By Business Activity

	Public Transport Services \$'000	Other Commerical Services \$'000	Total \$'000
3rd Quarter 2018			
Revenue	337,937	13,429	351,366
Results Segment results Net income from investments Finance costs Profit before taxation Taxation Profit after taxation	15,518	8,434	23,952 96 (831) 23,217 (3,498) 19,719
3rd Quarter 2017			
Revenue	280,450	14,549	294,999
Results Segment results Net income from investments Finance costs Profit before taxation Taxation Profit after taxation	5,837	8,178	14,015 61 (1,143) 12,933 (1,821) 11,112
9 Months 2018			
Revenue	981,306	43,157	1,024,463
Results Segment results Net income from investments Finance costs Profit before taxation Taxation Profit after taxation	39,828	28,472	68,300 216 (2,786) 65,730 (9,821) 55,909
9 Months 2017			
Revenue	824,312	41,918	866,230
Results Segment results Net income from investments Finance costs Profit before taxation Taxation Profit after taxation	17,164	26,053	43,217 181 (3,496) 39,902 (5,848) 34,054

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 Third Quarter 2018 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

8 November 2018