

First Quarter Financial Statements Announcement

The Directors of Singapura Finance Ltd are pleased to announce the first quarter financial statements on consolidated results for the period ended 30 September 2015. These figures have not been audited or reviewed by the Auditors.

1(a) Unaudited Group Results for the Quarter ended 30 September 2015

	1st Quarter	1st Quarter	+ / (-)
	Sep 2015	Sep 2014	. , ()
	\$'000	\$'000	%
Interest income and hiring charges	8,959	7,336	22.1
Interest expense	(2,985)	(2,052)	45.5
Net interest and hiring charges	5,974	5,284	13.1
Fee and commission income	283	216	31.0
Dividend income	23	133	(82.7)
Other operating income	103	116	(11.2)
Income before operating expenses	6,383	5,749	11.0
Staff costs	(2,531)	(2,278)	11.1
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	(177)	(154)	14.9
Other operating expenses	(2,212)	(1,389)	59.3
Total operating expenses	(4,920)	(3,821)	28.8
Profit from operations before allowances	1,463	1,928	(24.1)
(Allowances) / Write-back on loan losses (net)	(575)	50	n.m.
Profit before tax	888	1,978	(55.1)
Tax expense	(145)	(332)	(56.3)
Profit after tax	743	1,646	(54.9)

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1(b) Earnings per ordinary share of the group (annualised):-

	1st Quarter Sep 2015	1st Quarter Sep 2014
Based on the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue (cents); and	1.87	6.87
On a fully diluted basis (cents)	1.87	6.87

Note

The Group's basic earnings per share is calculated based on the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue of 158,685,890 (30 September 2014: previously reported as 79,342,945, currently restated to 95,839,993 following the Rights Issue in December 2014) shares.

There are no potential dilutive ordinary shares for the periods ended 30 September 2015 and 2014.

1(c) Unaudited Group Statement of Comprehensive Income for the Quarter ended 30 September 2015

	1st Quarter Sep 2015	1st Quarter Sep 2014	+ / (-)
	\$'000	\$'000	%
Profit for the period	743	1,646	(54.9)
Other comprehensive income			
Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:			
Net change in fair value of available-for-sale investments	(100)	(1,352)	(92.6)
Net change in fair value of available-for-sale investments reclassified to profit or loss	-	-	n.m.
Tax on items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss	17	229	(92.6)
Other comprehensive income for the period, net of tax	(83)	(1,123)	(92.6)
Total comprehensive income for the period	660	523	26.2

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2(a) Balance Sheets

	Group		Com	mpany			
-	30-Sep-15	30-Jun-15	30-Sep-15	30-Jun-15			
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000			
Assets							
Cash and cash equivalents Statutory deposit with the	103,283	140,625	103,254	140,589			
Monetary Authority of Singapore	25,551	24,358	25,551	24,358			
Investments	122,097	122,512	122,097	122,512			
Loans and advances Others receivables, deposits	939,324	935,483	939,324	935,483			
and prepayments	6,144	6,168	6,118	6,168			
Subsidiaries	-	-	125	125			
Property, plant and equipment _	8,705	8,667	8,705	8,667			
Total assets	1,205,104	1,237,813	1,205,174	1,237,902			
Equity							
Share capital	168,896	168,896	168,896	168,896			
Reserves	80,343	79,683	78,491	77,862			
Total equity attributable to owners of the Company	249,239	248,579	247,387	246,758			
Liabilities Deposits and savings accounts							
of customers	943,934	978,143	946,077	980,285			
Trade and other payables	9,891	9,049	9,672	8,823			
Current tax liabilities	744	655	742	649			
Staff retirement gratuities	1,223	1,350	1,223	1,350			
Deferred tax liabilities	73	37	73	37			
Total liabilities	955,865	989,234	957,787	991,144			
Total equity and liabilities	1,205,104	1,237,813	1,205,174	1,237,902			

2(b) Net Asset Value

Net asset value per ordinary share (\$) **1.57** 1.56 1.56

The net asset value per share is calculated based on the number of shares of 158,685,890 ordinary shares in issue at the end of 30 September 2015 and 30 June 2015.

3 Consolidated Cash Flow Statement

	1 st Quarter	1 st Quarter
	Sep 2015	Sep 2014
	\$'000	\$'000
Cash flows from operating activities		
Profit for the period	743	1,646
Adjustments for:-		
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	177	154
Allowances / (Write-back) on loan losses (net)	575	(50)
Dividend income	(23)	(133)
Staff retirement gratuity	23	24
Tax expense	145	332
	1,640	1,973
Changes in:	(4.402)	(744)
Statutory deposit with Monetary Authority of Singapore	(1,193)	(741)
Loans and advances	(4,416)	(40,006)
Other receivables, deposits and prepayments	(24 200)	(320)
Deposits and savings accounts of customers	(34,209) 842	85,483 578
Trade and other payables		
Cash (used in) / from operating activities	(37,312)	46,967
Taxes paid	(4)	(6)
Staff retirement gratuities paid	(150)	-
Net cash (used in) / from operating activities	(37,466)	46,961
Cash flows from investing activities		
Dividends received	23	133
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(215)	(79)
Purchase of investments	(10,984)	(5,154)
Proceeds from sale and maturity of investments	11,300	3,359
Net cash from / (used in) investing activities	124	(1,741)
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Net (decrease) / increase in cash and cash equivalents	(37,342)	45,220
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	140,625	82,060
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	103,283	127,280

4(a) Statements of Changes in Equity – Group

	Share Capital \$'000	Capital Reserve \$'000	Statutory Reserve \$'000	Fair Value Reserve \$'000	General Reserve \$'000	Accumulated Profits \$'000	Total \$'000
The Group							
At 1 Jul 2015	168,896	1,353	61,178	(2,649)	730	19,071	248,579
Total comprehensive income for the period							
Profit for the period	-	-	-	-	-	743	743
Other comprehensive income							
Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:							
Net change in fair value of available- for-sale investments	_	_	_	(100)	_	_	(100)
Net change in fair value of available- for-sale investments reclassified to profit or loss	_	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tax on items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss	_	_	_	17	_	_	17
Total other comprehensive income	_	_		(83)	_	_	(83)
Total comprehensive income for the period	_	_	_	(83)	_	743	660
At 30 Sep 2015	168,896	1,353	61,178	(2,732)	730	19,814	249,239
The Group At 1 Jul 2014 Total comprehensive income for	90,065	1,353	58,944	(1,550)	730	20,729	170,271
the period							
Profit for the period	-	-	-	-	-	1,646	1,646
Other comprehensive income Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss: Net change in fair value of available-							
for-sale investments Net change in fair value of available-	-	-	-	(1,352)	-	-	(1,352)
for-sale investments reclassified to profit or loss	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tax on items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss	-	-	-	229	-	-	229
Total other comprehensive income	_			(1,123)		-	(1,123)
Total comprehensive income for the period	-			(1,123)	-	1,646	523
							

4(b) Statements of Changes in Equity – Company

	Share Capital \$'000	Capital Reserve \$'000	Statutory Reserve \$'000	Fair Value Reserve \$'000	General Reserve \$'000	Accumulated Profits \$'000	Total \$'000
The Company							
At 1 Jul 2015	168,896	1,353	61,178	(2,649)	730	17,250	246,758
Total comprehensive income for the period							
Profit for the period	-	-	-	-	-	712	712
Other comprehensive income							
Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:							
Net change in fair value of available-for-sale investments	_	_	_	(100)	_	-	(100)
Net change in fair value of available-for-sale investments reclassified to profit or loss	_	_	_	_	_	-	_
Tax on items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss	_	_	_	17	_	_	17
Total other comprehensive income				(83)		_	(83)
Total comprehensive income for the period		_		(83)	_	712	629
At 30 Sep 2015	168,896	1,353	61,178	(2,732)	730	17,962	247,387
The Company At 1 Jul 2014	90,065	1,353	58,944	(1,550)	730	18,984	168,526
Total comprehensive income for the period							
Profit for the period	-	-	-	-	-	1,602	1,602
Other comprehensive income Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:							
Net change in fair value of available-for-sale investments	-	-	-	(1,352)	-	-	(1,352)
Net change in fair value of available-for-sale investments reclassified to profit or loss	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tax on items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss							
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Total other comprehensive income	<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>	(1,123)			(1,123)
Total comprehensive income for the period		<u>-</u> -	<u>-</u>		-	1,602	

5 Group's borrowings and debt securities

Nil

6 Changes in the company's share capital arising from rights issue, bonus issue, share buy-backs, exercise of share options or warrants, conversion of other issues of equity securities, issue of shares for cash or as consideration for acquisition or for any other purpose since the end of the previous period reported.

Nil.

7 Sales, transfers, disposal, cancellation and / or use of treasury shares as at the end of the financial period.

Not applicable. During the financial period, no shares were held as treasury shares.

8 Accounting Policies

For the current financial period, the Group and the Company have adopted all the relevant new or revised Financial Reporting Standards ("FRS") and interpretations ("INT FRS") which came into effect for the Group and the Company from 1 July 2015.

The adoption of these new or revised FRS and INT FRS does not have any material impact on the financial statements of the Group and the Company for the financial period under review.

The accounting policies and methods of computation adopted in the financial statements for the financial period under review are consistent with those applied in the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2015.

9 Review of the Performance of the Company and its Principal Subsidiaries

The Group's profit from operations before allowances was \$1.5 million, 24.1% lower vis-à-vis the same period last year. Total income rose by \$0.6 million or 11.0% with higher net interest income partly offset by lower non-interest income. Growth in net interest income was driven mainly by higher loan volume but interest margin has been compressed by increase in cost of deposits. Non-interest income declined largely due to lower dividend income. Operating expenses also increased by \$1.1 million or 28.8% primarily attributed to higher other operating expenses, particularly amortisation of commissions to auto-loan dealers, as well as staff costs.

With the property cooling measures by the Government still in place coupled with the weak loan demand in the current economic climate, loan growth was lacklustre during the quarter ended 30 September 2015. Total loans and advances grew marginally by \$4 million or 0.4% during the last three months, mainly from auto loans. Meanwhile, total deposits declined \$34 million or 3.5% to \$944 million as at 30 September 2015 in an effort to optimise the cash balance and manage our interest expense.

In line with the loan growth during the period, the Group has set aside additional collective allowances at a portfolio level. Additional collective allowances as well as specific allowances resulted in a net charge for loan allowances of \$0.6 million. For the same period last year, there was a net write-back for loan allowances of \$0.1 million. The Group continues to set aside adequate specific and collective allowances for the loan portfolio.

The Group's profit after tax for the financial period ended 30 September 2015 declined by \$0.9 million or 54.9% to \$0.7 million compared to same period last year.

In the opinion of the Directors, no item, transaction or event of a material and unusual nature has arisen which is likely to affect substantially the results of the operations of the Group and the Company in the interval between the end of the financial period and the date of this announcement.

10 Comments on Significant Trends and Competitive Conditions in the Industry

According to Ministry of Trade and Industry ("MTI")'s advance GDP estimates on 14 October 2015, the Singapore economy grew by 1.4% on a year-on-year basis in the third quarter of 2015, easing from the 2.0% growth in the previous quarter. On a quarter-on-quarter seasonally-adjusted annualised basis, the economy expanded by 0.1%, narrowly averted a technical recession, primarily supported by the growth in the construction sector. However manufacturing sector remains weak, having contracted for the last two quarters.

Considering the impact of the current regulatory measures on property and car financing as well as the weak economic outlook, the Group expects a challenging time ahead; whereby loan growth will be modest while higher cost of funds is expected to compress the interest margin further. Nevertheless, the Group will continue to be prudent and proactive in seeking new business opportunities and manage our operating expenses closely to remain competitive.

11(a) Interim Dividend Recommended for the Current Quarter

Nil

11(b) Interim Dividend Recommended for Previous Corresponding Quarter

Nil

12 Shareholders' mandate for Interested Party Transactions

The Group has not sought any shareholders' mandate for interested person transactions pursuant to Rule 920 of the SGX-ST Listing Manual.

13 The Company confirms that it has procured the undertakings required under Rule 720(1) from all its directors and executive officers.

14 Other Matters

Nil

By Order of the Board

Ngiam May Ling Company Secretary

9 November 2015



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CONFIRMATION BY THE BOARD PURSUANT TO RULE 705(5) OF THE SGX-ST LISTING MANUAL

We, Teo Chiang Long and Tan Hui Keng, Martha, being two Directors of Singapura Finance Ltd ("the Company"), do hereby confirm on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Company that, to the best of our knowledge, nothing has come to the attention of the Board of Directors of the Company which may render the quarter ended 30 September 2015 financial results to be false or misleading.

On Behalf of the Board of Directors

Teo Chiang Long Director

Tan Hui Keng, Martha

Director

9 November 2015