



LEY CHOON GROUP HOLDINGS LIMITED

(Formerly known as Ultron Technologies Limited)
(Incorporated in Singapore on 6 February 1987)
(Company Registration Number: 198700318G)

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Ley Choon registers S\$106 million revenue for nine months ended 30 September 2012

- Best quarter this financial year, revenue jumps 22.8% in 3Q2012 to S\$43.3 million
- Order Book stands at approximately S\$146 million
- Second asphalt premix plant on track for completion in early 2013

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

S\$'000	9MFY12	9MFY11	Change	3QFY12	3QFY11	Change
Revenue	106,284	90,179	17.9%	43,332	35,298	22.8%
Gross Profit	22,376	20,091	11.4%	9,011	8,722	3.3%
Gross Profit Margin	21.1%	22.3%	(1.2ppt)	20.8%	24.7%	(3.9ppt)
Profit After Tax	(2,870)	9,681	(129.6%)	(8,196)	4,895	(267.4%)
Net (Loss)/Profit Attributable to Shareholders	(3,047)	9,582	(131.8%)	(8,297)	4,845	(271.2%)

Singapore, 14 November 2012 – Mainboard listed **Ley Choon Group Holdings Limited** (立堦集团控股有限公司) (“Ley Choon” or the “Group”), a leading homegrown one-stop Underground Utilities Infrastructure construction and maintenance service provider, today reported a net loss attributable to shareholders of approximately S\$3.0 million for the nine months ended 30 September 2012 (“9MFY12”) due to the goodwill on consolidation in relation to the reverse acquisition of Ultron Technologies Limited and Ranoda (M) Sdn Bhd (now known as Ley Choon (M) Sdn Bhd) which was completed on 25 July 2012. Without the one-off impairment of goodwill of approximately S\$11.3 million, the net profit attributable to shareholders would have been S\$8.3 million for the 9MFY12.



The Group registered its best quarter in this financial year for the three months ended 30 September 2012 (“3QFY12”), with revenue of approximately S\$43.3 million as compared to approximately S\$35.3 million in the corresponding period last year (“3QFY11”). This brought the Group’s revenue for 9MFY12 to approximately S\$106.3 million, an improvement of 17.9% over the nine-months ended 30 September 2011 (“9MFY11”).

Gross profit for 9MFY12 increased 11.4% year-on-year (“yoy”) to approximately S\$22.4 million while gross profit margin maintained at a healthy 21.1%.

The Group also ended the nine-month period with a stronger balance sheet. Cash and cash equivalents for 9MFY12 stood at approximately S\$18.6 million compared to approximately S\$8.3 million for 9MFY11.

Commenting on the Group’s performance, Mr Toh Choo Huat (卓沐撥), Executive Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Ley Choon, said, **“We have performed well this quarter, resulting in the achievement of our best quarter for this financial year. Despite rising costs of labour, building equipment and materials, we are able to stay competitive and surpass last year’s order wins. Our newly awarded projects for the rehabilitation works to aircraft parking stands and watermain repairs have brought our order book to-date to approximately S\$146 million.”**

STRENGTHING OUR CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS SEGMENT

Ley Choon is one of only five asphalt premix plant operators in Singapore and has its own construction waste recycling plant. As the Group’s core business is in pipes and roads, having its own asphalt premix plant to support its road-resurfacing operations gives the Group significant competitive advantage. Based on expected expenditures announced, at least S\$55.0 billion worth of transport infrastructure is currently being built in Singapore, or will be built by 2021. Some of the more significant projects include the S\$18.0 billion Thomson Line, the S\$20.7 billion Downtown Line and the S\$8 billion North-South Expressway. The pipeline of major rail and road projects is expected to put a spike in demand for asphalt premix. Already,



the Group has started building a second asphalt premix plant next to its existing facility in Kranji. When the new plant starts operation in early 2013, production capacity will increase from its current 175 tonnes to a total combined capacity of 575 tonnes per hour.

“We welcome Dr Low Boon Hwee as our Group Technical Director with effect from 8 October 2012. Dr Low brings with him vast experience in the field of road construction materials-related industry, highway and airfield pavement, asphalt-mix design and construction waste recycling technology. In line with the Group’s plans to expand into supplying and trading of construction materials, Dr Low will spearhead the division’s domestic and overseas expansion as well as oversee product development, quality control, plant production and operations management,” said Mr Toh.

ORDER BOOK

As at date of this announcement, the Group’s order book stands at approximately S\$146.0 million, to be fulfilled over the next two years.

OUTLOOK

Despite the global economic uncertainty, the Singapore economy remains on track to grow by 1.5% to 2.5% in 2012. Based on advance estimates from the Ministry of Trade and Industry released on 12 October 2012, the Singapore economy grew at a modest pace of 1.3% yoy in the third quarter of 2012, compared to 2.3% growth in the previous quarter. The construction sector grew by 8.6%.

Mr Toh expects the construction demand in the public sector to remain healthy in the next 12 months. He added, **“We are not resting on our laurels, there are plenty of roads and pipelines to be built in Singapore and in the region. We have already gained a foothold in Brunei and Yantai in the PRC. Going forward, the Group will step up its operations in these two cities. In Singapore, we will continue to develop our expertise, pursue more complex projects as well as explore strategic partnerships and alliances to create greater synergies and value for the Group.”**

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This press release should be read in conjunction with Ley Choon's financial announcement filings with the Singapore Exchange on 14 November 2012, which can be downloaded via www.sgx.com.

DMG & Partners Securities Pte Ltd was the financial adviser to the Group for the acquisition of the entire issued and paid-up share capital of Ley Choon Constructions and Engineering Pte Ltd (the "Financial Adviser"). The Financial Adviser assumes no responsibility for the contents of this press release.

About Ley Choon Group Holdings Limited

Ley Choon Group Holdings Ltd ("Ley Choon" or the "Group"), which commenced operations as Ley Choon Constructions and Engineering Pte Ltd in 1990, is an established one-stop Underground Utilities Infrastructure service provider based in Singapore. Underground Utilities Infrastructure works include water pipes, NEWater pipes, gas pipes, electricity cables, fibre optic cables, sewer pipeline, traffic light systems and telecommunication networks.

Its core businesses comprise i) Pipes and Roads Segment, consisting of Underground Utilities Infrastructure construction and maintenance, sewer pipeline rehabilitation, road and airfield construction and maintenance; and ii) Construction Materials Segment, comprising asphalt premix production and construction waste recycling.

The Group is one of only five asphalt premix plant operators in Singapore. The asphalt premix plant is able to produce different formulations of asphalt pre-mixes, an essential raw material required for the construction and maintenance of roads and airfield and road resurfacing. The plant, which commenced production in 2007, is one of the first in Singapore to operate on natural gas and is also one of the first plants with built-in recycling features for a cleaner, greener environment.

Ley Choon is a L6 registered contractor (the highest grade) in the categories of cable/pipe laying and road reinstatement, pipes, and other basic construction materials with the BCA, which allows it to tender for Singapore public sector contracts of unlimited value. It is also registered as an A2 contractor in the category of civil engineering (CW02). Its customers include government bodies such as PUB, LTA, Housing and Development Board, Urban Redevelopment Authority, BCA, Jurong Town Corporation and companies such as Singtel and PowerGas.

Recently, the Group expanded overseas to Brunei for the undertaking of civil engineering projects and manufacturing of asphalt premix and to the PRC for the provision of recycling of construction waste, development of eco-green construction products and production and sale of eco-green construction materials.

Headquartered in Singapore with total staff strength of nearly 1,000, the Group is capable of carrying out all construction and maintenance works without being dependant on sub-contractors. Using off-site CCTV monitoring, the Group is able to ensure better control of work quality and has been awarded ISO9001, ISO14001 and OHSAS 18001 certifications as well as Enterprise 50 Award in 2010 in recognition for its quality standards and business excellence.

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