



LEY CHOON GROUP HOLDINGS LIMITED

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Ley Choon commissioning of second asphalt premix plant

- **The largest asphalt premix plant in Singapore in terms of production capacity with the capability to produce up to 400 tons of hot mix asphalt per hour**
- **Poised to meet rising demand for hot mix asphalt in road and airfield pavement construction and maintenance projects**

Singapore, Tuesday, 23 July 2013 – Mainboard listed **Ley Choon Group Holdings Limited** (立椿集團控股有限公司), a leading homegrown one-stop Underground Utilities Infrastructure construction and maintenance service provider, together with its subsidiaries (“Ley Choon” or the “Group”), is pleased to announce the commissioning of its second asphalt premix plant.

The new plant which covers a total leased land area of 17,296 sqm, is located at No. 3 Sungei Kadut Drive, adjacent to its current asphalt premix production facility. The Group’s total combined land area at its Sungei Kadut site now spans 26,008 sqm consisting of two asphalt premix plants, an R&D center and a future logistic hub.

Mr Toh Choo Huat (卓沐機), Executive Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, of **Ley Choon** said, *“We are very proud of our latest asphalt premix plant which is currently the largest in Singapore in terms of production capacity. The new plant is fully computerised and equipped with advanced technology and can produce up to 400 tons of hot mix asphalt per hour. With the commissioning of the new plant, Ley Choon’s production capacity will more than triple from its current capacity of 175 tons per hour to 575 tons per hour. This will enable us to meet the expected rising demand of hot mix asphalt in road and airfield pavement construction and maintenance projects in Singapore.”*



The new plant which took six months to complete, was built in consultation with Marini, a world-renowned manufacturer of asphalt plants and road building equipment founded in Europe in 1899. Ley Choon's technical team worked closely with Marini's team in Italy, France and China to meet the Group's specific requirements for the new plant such as floor area, plant configuration and layout, and workflow processes. To overcome space constraints in land scarce Singapore, the asphalt plant was built with stacked up storage silos and a vertical production tower. Standing at a height of 44 m, equivalent to a 15-storey high-rise building, the new plant is the tallest and is the first to be fitted with a vertical lift in Singapore.

The high capacity plant is also equipped with 10 storage silos and total storage capacity of 1,000 tons for finished products. With the increase in production and storage capacity, the Group will be able to raise on-site productivity at high traffic road sites which have limited operational hours. Third party customers who purchase asphalt premix from Ley Choon will also minimise waiting time at the plant when collecting the hot mix asphalt.

In line with the Group's effort to promote sustainable and green construction technology, the new plant produces warm mix asphalt using the latest foam bitumen technology to produce asphalt at lower temperature which uses less fuel energy and produces less fumes. In addition, it can recycle up to 70% of old asphalt pavement materials and it is the largest asphalt recycling batch plant ever built by Marini.

Mr Toh added, "Ley Choon's ventured into the asphalt premix business in 2007 with the installation of our first plant at Kranji Crescent. Since then, we have been growing this business segment through adopting the latest technologies, strengthening our R&D capability and employing the latest advanced testing facilities for asphalt mix design, performance tests and quality control. Our R&D center has just acquired a road surface profiler which utilises multi-lasers to scan pavement roughness and access riding quality of highway and airfield pavement. Going forward, the Group will continue to invest in technology and equipment to improve quality and raise productivity which is critical in the face of rising labour costs."

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This press release should be read in conjunction with Ley Choon's announcement filings with the Singapore Exchange on 23 July 2013, which can be downloaded via www.sgx.com.

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About Ley Choon Group Holdings Limited

Ley Choon Group Holdings Limited ("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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