

Financial Statement And Dividend Announcement for the Year Ended 31 March 2012

PART I INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR QUARTERLY (Q1, Q2 & Q3), HALF-YEAR AND FULL YEAR ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1(a) An income statement and statement of comprehensive income or a statement of comprehensive income, for the group, together with a comparative statement for the corresponding period of the immediately preceding financial year.

Group income statement for the fourth quarter ("Q4") and the full year ("YTD") ended 31 March 2012. These figures have not been audited.

	Q4 ended 31.3.12 S\$'000	Q4 ended 31.3.11 S\$'000	Change %	YTD ended 31.3.12 S\$'000	YTD ended 31.3.11 S\$'000	Change %
		Restated			Restated	
Revenue	174,759	177,325	(1.4)	774,524	831,670	(6.9)
Cost of sales	(142,160)	(140,904)	0.9	(615,739)	(655,349)	(6.0)
Gross profit	32,599	36,421	(10.5)	158,785	176,321	(9.9)
Other operating income	21,068	1,627	1,194.9	24,264	8,815	175.3
Distribution expenses	(12,945)	(10,410)	24.4	(55,807)	(60,637)	(8.0)
Administrative expenses	(19,891)	(21,645)	(8.1)	(81,202)	(85,125)	(4.6)
Other operating expenses	(14,147)	(946)	1,395.5	(17,314)	(5,985)	189.3
Finance costs	(2,377)	(2,050)	16.0	(8,260)	(8,399)	(1.7)
Profit before share of results of associates	4,307	2,997	43.7	20,466	24,990	(18.1)
Share of results of associates	(1,363)	(488)	179.3	(1,692)	6,136	n/m
Profit before income tax	2,944	2,509	17.3	18,774	31,126	(39.7)
Income tax	(1,437)	(1,658)	(13.3)	(7,500)	(7,551)	(0.7)
Profit after income tax	1,507	851	77.1	11,274	23,575	(52.2)
Attributable to:						
Equity holders of the Company	709	584	21.4	6,512	19,198	(66.1)
Non-controlling interests	798	267	198.9	4,762	4,377	8.8
	1,507	851	77.1	11,274	23,575	(52.2)

Certain comparative figures have been reclassified
n/m denotes "not meaningful"

Statement of Comprehensive Income

The Group	Q4 ended 31.3.12 S\$'000	Q4 ended 31.3.11 S\$'000	YTD ended 31.3.12 S\$'000	YTD ended 31.3.11 S\$'000
Profit for the period	1,507	851	11,274	23,575
Other comprehensive income (loss):				
Translation differences arising from consolidation of foreign operations	(8,180)	(7,950)	3,168	(34,970)
Fair value (loss) gain on available-for-sale financial assets	(646)	1,045	(1,509)	892
Reclassification of impairment loss of available-for-sale financial assets to profit and loss from equity	1,231	0	1,231	0
Other comprehensive income (loss) for the period	(7,595)	(6,905)	2,890	(34,078)
Total comprehensive income (loss) for the period	(6,088)	(6,054)	14,164	(10,503)
Attributable to:				
Equity holders of the Company	(5,304)	(5,526)	8,101	(11,062)
Non-controlling interests	(784)	(528)	6,063	559
	(6,088)	(6,054)	14,164	(10,503)

	Q4 ended 31.3.12 S\$'000	Q4 ended 31.3.11 S\$'000	YTD ended 31.3.12 S\$'000	YTD ended 31.3.11 S\$'000
Profit from operations is arrived at after crediting (charging) the following:				
Depreciation and amortisation	(6,817)	(6,839)	(27,169)	(27,787)
Realised (loss) gain on commodity contracts, recognised in cost of sales	(364)	722	(3,061)	(10)
Included in other operating income:				
Dividend income	0	59	0	428
Gain on disposal of equity interests in a subsidiary & remeasurement gain on remaining interests	18,836	0	18,836	0
Government grant	342	197	1,501	1,548
Technical and marketing development fee income	320	306	1,259	3,306
Included in other operating expenses:				
Foreign exchange (loss) gain	(485)	1,085	(1,887)	(501)
Goodwill on consolidation written off	0	0	0	(286)
Impairment loss on available-for-sale investments	(1,231)	(334)	(1,231)	(428)
Impairment loss on property, plant and equipment	(242)	(1,376)	(361)	(2,679)
Impairment loss on interests in associates	(7,802)	0	(7,802)	0
Impairment loss on receivables due from associates	(4,102)	0	(4,102)	0
Property, plant and equipment written off	(146)	(37)	(1,015)	(264)

1(b)(i) A statement of financial position (for the issuer and group), together with a comparative statement as at the end of the immediately preceding financial year.

As at	The Group		The Company	
	31.3.12 S\$'000	31.3.11 S\$'000	31.3.12 S\$'000	31.3.11 S\$'000
Non-current assets				
Investment properties	1,135	1,133	0	0
Property, plant and equipment	241,452	243,904	2,577	3,085
Interest in subsidiaries	0	0	369,088	366,677
Interest in associates	72,391	69,926	16,398	16,398
Available-for-sale investments	4,244	4,673	0	0
Deferred tax assets	3,785	3,537	0	0
Intangible assets	407	2,042	0	0
Goodwill on consolidation	16,944	18,055	0	0
Deposits and prepayments	656	0	262	0
Total non-current assets	341,014	343,270	388,325	386,160
Current assets				
Stocks	106,737	105,658	0	0
Debtors (Note)	189,365	156,871	96,245	75,441
Derivative financial instruments	0	16	0	0
Tax recoverable	1,724	627	0	0
Deposits and prepayments	9,079	12,399	601	859
Bank balances and cash	76,013	75,617	1,704	1,753
Total current assets	382,918	351,188	98,550	78,053
Current liabilities				
Creditors and accrued charges	167,074	152,504	85,877	108,273
Derivative financial instruments	222	188	0	23
Obligations under finance leases	184	119	38	36
Income tax payable	2,956	3,118	204	348
Bank loans and overdrafts	166,049	174,622	53,254	67,166
Total current liabilities	336,485	330,551	139,373	175,846
Net current assets (liabilities)	46,433	20,637	(40,823)	(97,793)
Non-current liabilities				
Bank loans	45,445	29,027	45,445	29,027
Obligations under finance leases	396	67	34	67
Deferred tax liabilities	3,533	3,393	0	0
Total non-current liabilities	49,374	32,487	45,479	29,094
Net assets	338,073	331,420	302,023	259,273
Represented by				
Share capital	231,257	231,257	231,257	231,257
Reserves	59,889	55,676	70,766	28,016
Attributable to equity holders of the Company	291,146	286,933	302,023	259,273
Non-controlling interests	46,927	44,487	0	0
	338,073	331,420	302,023	259,273

Increase in debtors mainly due to the restructure of Vectrix group where amounts due from Vectrix International Limited and Vectrix Sp.z.o.o were eliminated in the past when they were still subsidiaries of the Group.

1(b)(ii) Aggregate amount of group's borrowings and debt securities.

	As at 31.3.12 S\$'000	As at 31.3.11 S\$'000
Amount repayable in one year or less, or on demand		
Unsecured:		
Long term bank loans		
- scheduled repayments within 12 months	16,390	39,629
- not repayable within 12 months but contain a repayment on demand clause	1,135	6,338
Short term bank loans	125,532	107,171
Bank overdrafts	2,696	1,137
Import and export loans	20,296	20,347
	166,049	174,622
Secured:		
Obligations under finance leases	184	119
Amount repayable after one year		
Unsecured:		
Long term bank loans	45,445	29,027
Secured:		
Obligations under finance leases	396	67

Details of any collateral

Carrying amount of fixed assets in respect of certain motor vehicles and equipment held under finance leases:

As at 31.3.12		As at 31.3.11	
The Group	The Company	The Group	The Company
S\$662,000	S\$71,000	S\$253,000	S\$101,000

Other comments to paragraph 1(b)(ii)

Not applicable.

1(c) A statement of cash flows (for the group), together with a comparative statement for the corresponding period of the immediately preceding financial year.

	Q4 31.3.12 S\$'000	Q4 31.3.11 S\$'000	YTD 31.3.12 S\$'000	YTD 31.3.11 S\$'000
Operating activities				
Profit before income tax	2,944	2,509	18,774	31,126
Adjustments for:				
Allowance for doubtful debts - trade	(565)	(1,371)	57	(1,358)
Allowance for stock obsolescence	1,528	78	3,409	1,586
Depreciation and amortisation	6,817	6,839	27,169	27,787
Dividend income from available-for-sale investments	0	(59)	0	(428)
Finance costs	2,377	2,050	8,260	8,399
Gain on disposal of equity interests in a subsidiary	(18,836)	0	(18,836)	0
Gain on disposal of equity interests in an associate	0	(92)	0	(92)
Gain on remeasurement of previous shareholding in an associate	0	(324)	0	(324)
Gain on restructurisation of creditors	0	(1,203)	0	(1,203)
Goodwill written off	0	0	0	286
Impairment loss on available-for-sale investments	1,231	334	1,231	428
Impairment loss on property, plant and equipment	242	1,376	361	2,679
Impairment loss on interest in associates	7,802	0	7,802	0
Impairment loss on receivables due from an associate	4,102	0	4,102	0
Interest income	(237)	(77)	(517)	(307)
(Gain) Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	(1,231)	147	(1,032)	208
Property, plant and equipment written off	146	37	1,015	264
Realised loss (gain) on commodity contracts	364	(722)	3,061	10
Share of results of associates	1,363	488	1,692	(6,136)
Unrealised fair value gain of derivative financial instruments	109	182	49	182
Unrealised foreign exchange loss (gain)	296	(1,212)	(1,459)	(3,559)
Operating profit before working capital changes	8,452	8,980	55,138	59,548
Stocks	14,653	7,727	(7,762)	31,013
Debtors	(5,114)	1,728	(43,254)	(10,104)
Deposits and prepayments	(341)	1,172	2,646	(3,402)
Creditors and accrued charges	(5,284)	(20,513)	29,700	(16,834)
Cash generated from operations	12,366	(906)	36,468	60,221
Interest received	228	67	523	284
Interest paid	(2,282)	(1,933)	(8,458)	(8,310)
Income tax paid	(4,226)	(4,989)	(8,814)	(13,765)
Net cash generated from (used in) operating activities	6,086	(7,761)	19,719	38,430

	Q4 31.3.12 S\$'000	Q4 31.3.11 S\$'000	YTD 31.3.12 S\$'000	YTD 31.3.11 S\$'000
Investing activities				
Acquisition and investment of associates	0	(1,876)	0	(1,876)
Acquisition of a subsidiary, net of cash acquired	0	(3,445)	0	(3,321)
Advance to an associate	(323)	0	(323)	0
Divestment of a subsidiary, net of cash received	511	0	511	0
Dividends received from associates	0	1,257	797	11,170
Dividends received from available-for-sale investments	0	213	0	428
Proceeds on disposal of an associate	0	0	2,434	0
Proceeds on disposal of property, plant and equipment	1,464	90	1,681	242
Purchase of available-for-sale investments	0	0	(1,068)	(1,319)
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(3,561)	(5,809)	(23,579)	(22,589)
Net cash used in investing activities	(1,909)	(9,570)	(19,547)	(17,265)
Financing activities				
Drawdown of term loans	60,000	1,830	60,000	25,457
Payment of front end fee	(1,500)	0	(1,500)	(300)
Repayment of term loans	(40,466)	(8,991)	(70,572)	(32,979)
Other short term bank loans obtained (repaid)	(19,633)	500	17,209	13,932
Capital contributions from minority shareholders	0	0	145	0
Dividends paid	0	0	(4,395)	(10,973)
Dividends paid to minority shareholders	(1,997)	0	(3,184)	(5,930)
Issue of shares	0	0	0	282
Repayment of obligations under finance leases	(164)	(104)	(277)	(203)
Net cash used in financing activities	(3,760)	(6,765)	(2,574)	(10,714)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	417	(24,096)	(2,402)	10,451
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	74,330	101,803	74,480	74,615
Effect of exchange rate changes on the balance of cash held in foreign currencies	(1,430)	(3,227)	1,239	(10,586)
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	73,317	74,480	73,317	74,480
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period comprise:				
Bank balances and cash	76,013	75,617	76,013	75,617
Bank overdrafts	(2,696)	(1,137)	(2,696)	(1,137)
	73,317	74,480	73,317	74,480

	Q4 31.3.12 S\$'000	Q4 31.3.11 S\$'000	YTD 31.3.12 S\$'000	YTD 31.3.11 S\$'000
<u>Disposal of subsidiaries</u>				
(i) Book values of net assets over which control was lost				
Property, plant and equipment	2,520	0	2,520	0
Bank balances and cash	1,354	0	1,354	0
Debtors, deposits and prepayments	4,643	0	4,643	0
Stocks	3,351	0	3,351	0
Creditors and accrued charges	(18,206)	0	(18,206)	0
Attributable goodwill	1,124	0	1,124	0
Net liabilities derecognised	(5,214)	0	(5,214)	0
(ii) Consideration received				
Cash	1,865	0	1,865	0
Shares	8,269	0	8,269	0
	10,134	0	10,134	0
(iii) Gain on disposal:				
Consideration received	10,134	0	10,134	0
Net liabilities derecognised	5,214	0	5,214	0
Remeasurement of remaining equity interests retained	3,488	0	3,488	0
	18,836	0	18,836	0
(iv) Net cash inflow on disposal of subsidiaries				
Cash consideration received	1,865	0	1,865	0
Less: cash and cash equivalents disposed of	(1,354)	0	(1,354)	0
	511	0	511	0

1(d)(i) A statement (for the issuer and group) showing either (i) all changes in equity or (ii) changes in equity other than those arising from capitalisation issues and distributions to shareholders, together with a comparative statement for the corresponding period of the immediately preceding financial year.

	Share capital	Capital reserve	Legal reserve	Translation reserve	Property/ asset revaluation reserve	Retained profits	Share option reserve	Fair value reserve	Sub Total	Non-controlling interests	Total
	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000
The Group											
Balance at 31 December 2011	231,257	(34,433)	17,112	(125,828)	3,358	203,315	1,133	29	295,943	50,292	346,235
Total comprehensive income	0	0	0	(6,598)	0	709	0	585	(5,304)	(784)	(6,088)
Transfer to (from) reserves	0	54	1,323	0	0	(1,377)	0	0	0	0	0
Dividends paid to non-controlling interests	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1,997)	(1,997)
Effects of changes in shareholdings on non-controlling interests	0	507	0	0	0	0	0	0	507	(584)	(77)
Balance at 31 March 2012	231,257	(33,872)	18,435	(132,426)	3,358	202,647	1,133	614	291,146	46,927	338,073
Balance at 1 April 2011	231,257	(34,433)	13,117	(134,293)	3,358	205,902	1,133	892	286,933	44,487	331,420
Total comprehensive income	0	0	0	1,867	0	6,512	0	(278)	8,101	6,063	14,164
Transfer to (from) reserves	0	54	5,318	0	0	(5,372)	0	0	0	0	0
Dividends paid	0	0	0	0	0	(4,395)	0	0	(4,395)	0	(4,395)
Dividends paid to non-controlling interests	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(3,184)	(3,184)
Capital contributions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	145	145
Effects of changes in shareholdings on non-controlling interests	0	507	0	0	0	0	0	0	507	(584)	(77)
Balance at 31 March 2012	231,257	(33,872)	18,435	(132,426)	3,358	202,647	1,133	614	291,146	46,927	338,073

The Group	Share capital S\$'000	Capital reserve S\$'000	Legal reserve S\$'000	Translation reserve S\$'000	Property/ asset revaluation reserve S\$'000	Retained profits S\$'000	Share option reserve S\$'000	Fair value reserve S\$'000	Sub Total S\$'000	Non-controlling interests S\$'000	Total S\$'000
Balance at 31 December 2010	231,257	(34,429)	13,117	(127,138)	3,358	205,314	1,133	(153)	292,459	44,065	336,524
Total comprehensive income	0	0	0	(7,155)	0	584	0	1,045	(5,526)	(528)	(6,054)
Transfer to (from) reserves	0	(4)	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0
Effects of changes in shareholdings on non-controlling interests	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	950	950
Balance at 31 March 2011	231,257	(34,433)	13,117	(134,293)	3,358	205,902	1,133	892	286,933	44,487	331,420
Balance at 1 April 2010	230,975	(34,983)	12,836	(103,141)	3,358	198,508	1,133	0	308,686	48,869	357,555
Total comprehensive income	0	0	0	(31,152)	0	19,198	0	892	(11,062)	559	(10,503)
Issue of shares	282	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	282	0	282
Transfer to (from) reserves	0	550	281	0	0	(831)	0	0	0	0	0
Dividends paid	0	0	0	0	0	(10,973)	0	0	(10,973)	0	(10,973)
Dividends paid to non-controlling interests	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(5,930)	(5,930)
Effects of changes in shareholdings on non-controlling interests	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	989	989
Balance at 31 March 2011	231,257	(34,433)	13,117	(134,293)	3,358	205,902	1,133	892	286,933	44,487	331,420

The Company	Share capital S\$'000	Retained profits S\$'000	Share option reserve S\$'000	Translation reserve S\$'000	Total S\$'000
Balance at 31 December 2011	231,257	77,850	1,133	(5)	310,235
Total comprehensive income	0	(8,388)	0	176	(8,212)
Balance at 31 March 2012	231,257	69,462	1,133	171	302,023
Balance at 1 April 2011	231,257	26,691	1,133	192	259,273
Total comprehensive income	0	47,166	0	(21)	47,145
Dividends paid	0	(4,395)	0	0	(4,395)
Balance at 31 March 2012	231,257	69,462	1,133	171	302,023
Balance at 31 December 2010	231,257	31,598	1,133	125	264,113
Total comprehensive income	0	(4,907)	0	67	(4,840)
Balance at 31 March 2011	231,257	26,691	1,133	192	259,273
Balance at 1 April 2010	230,975	28,408	1,133	(2)	260,514
Total comprehensive income	0	9,256	0	194	9,450
Issue of shares	282	0	0	0	282
Dividends paid	0	(10,973)	0	0	(10,973)
Balance at 31 March 2011	231,257	26,691	1,133	192	259,273

1(d)(ii) Details of any 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 on. State also the number of shares that may be issued on conversion of all the outstanding convertibles, as well as the number of shares held as treasury shares, if any, against the total number of issued shares excluding treasury shares of the issuer, as at the end of the current financial period reported on and as at the end of the corresponding period of the immediately preceding financial year.

There were no movements in the share capital of the Company from 31 December 2011 to 31 March 2012.

The total number of shares that may be issued on exercise of all outstanding share options granted under the Company's Executives' Share Option Scheme is as follows:

Date of Expiry	Exercise Price per each ordinary share	As at 31.3.12	As at 31.3.11
4 August 2012	S\$1.25	697,000	697,000
24 June 2013	S\$2.50	1,981,000	1,981,000
		2,678,000	2,678,000

As at 31 March 2012, the Company did not hold any of its issued shares as treasury shares (31 March 2011:Nil).

1(d)(iii) To show the total number of issued shares excluding treasury shares as at the end of the current financial period and as at the end of the immediately preceding year.

As at	31.3.12	31.3.11
Total number of issued shares	109,871,168	109,871,168
Less: Treasury shares	-	-
Total number of issued shares excluding treasury shares	<u>109,871,168</u>	<u>109,871,168</u>

1(d)(iv) A statement showing all sales, transfers, disposal, cancellation and/or use of treasury shares as at the end of the current financial period reported on.

As at 31 March 2012, there were no sales, transfers, disposals, cancellation and/or use of treasury shares.

2. Whether the figures have been audited or reviewed, and in accordance with which auditing standard or practice.

The figures have not been audited or reviewed by the Company's auditors.

3. Where the figures have been audited or reviewed, the auditors' report (including any qualifications or emphasis of a matter).

Not applicable.

4. Whether the same accounting policies and methods of computation as in the issuer's most recently audited annual financial statements have been applied.

Other than the adoption of certain revisions to various existing Financial Reporting Standards ("FRS"), the new FRS and Interpretations of FRS ("INT FRS") that are mandatory on the Group for its financial year commenced on 1 April 2011, the Group has adopted the same accounting policies and methods of computation for the current financial period as those adopted for the audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 March 2011.

5. If there are any changes in the accounting policies and methods of computation, including any required by an accounting standard, what has changed, as well as the reasons for, and the effect of, the change.

The adoption of the various revised FRS, new FRS and INT FRS effective for the Company's financial year commenced on 1 April 2011 does not have a material financial effect on the Group and the Company.

6. Earnings per ordinary share of the group for the current financial period reported on and the corresponding period of the immediately preceding financial year, after deducting any provision for preference dividends.

Earnings per share ("EPS")	Q4 ended 31.3.12	Q4 ended 31.3.11	YTD ended 31.3.12	YTD ended 31.3.11
	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents
(a) Basic	0.65	0.53	5.93	17.49
(b) Diluted	0.65 ⁽¹⁾	0.53	5.93 ⁽¹⁾	17.46

Basic EPS is computed based on the weighted average number of shares in issue during the financial period. The weighted average number of shares represents the number of ordinary shares in issue at the beginning of the period adjusted for shares issued upon exercise of options, multiplied by a time-weighted factor. For the purpose of calculating the diluted EPS, the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue had been adjusted to reflect the effect of all potentially dilutive ordinary shares from the exercise of all outstanding share options.

Number of shares	Q4 ended 31.3.12	Q4 ended 31.3.11	YTD ended 31.3.12	YTD ended 31.3.11
Weighted average number of ordinary shares used in calculating basic EPS	109,871,168	109,871,168	109,871,168	109,781,974
Adjustments for potentially dilutive ordinary shares	- (1)	108,318	- (1)	193,387
Weighted average number of ordinary shares used in calculating diluted EPS	109,871,168	109,979,486	109,871,168	109,975,361

(1) No dilutive effects as the share options are out-of-money

7. Net asset value (for the issuer and group) per ordinary share based on the total number of issued shares excluding treasury shares of the issuer at the end of the:

(a) current financial period reported on; and

(b) immediately preceding financial year.

	The Group		The Company	
	31.3.12 S\$	31.3.11 S\$	31.3.12 S\$	31.3.11 S\$
Net asset value per ordinary share based on issued share capital at the end of the period	2.65	2.61	2.75	2.36

- 8. A review of the performance of the group, to the extent necessary for a reasonable understanding of the group's business. It must include a discussion of the following:-**
- (a) any significant factors that affected the turnover, costs, and earnings of the group for the current financial period reported on, including (where applicable) seasonal or cyclical factors; and**
 - (b) any material factors that affected the cash flow, working capital, assets or liabilities of the group during the current financial period reported on.**

Turnover for the three months and twelve months ended 31 March 2012 was S\$174.8 million and S\$774.5 million respectively, a decrease of 1% and 7% respectively over the corresponding periods last year. As the Singapore dollar has strengthened against the US dollar, the aforesaid decreases in turnover were insignificant in US dollar terms.

Sales of rechargeable batteries decreased by about 17% and 20% for the three months and twelve months ended 31 March 2012 respectively over the corresponding periods last year. Sales of primary batteries, while comparable to those of last year for the twelve-month period, increased by 6% for the three months ended 31 March 2012.

Sales in the Americas and Europe for the three months ended 31 March 2012 decreased by 9% and 2% respectively while sales for the twelve months ended 31 March 2012 decreased by 19% and 4% respectively over the corresponding periods last year. Sales in Asia decreased by 3% and 5% for the three months and twelve months ended 31 March 2012 respectively.

Profit before income tax for the three months and twelve months ended 31 March 2012 was S\$2.9 million and S\$18.8 million respectively as compared to S\$2.5 million and S\$31.1 million over the corresponding periods last year. Gross profit margins for the three months and twelve months ended 31 March 2012 were 18.7% and 20.5% as compared to 20.5% and 21.2% over the corresponding periods last year. The decrease in gross profit margins was mainly due to a lag in price increase to cover high material costs, increase in wages in China and appreciation of the Renminbi.

Distribution expenses were S\$12.9 million for the three months ended 31 March 2012 as compared to S\$10.4 million over the same period last year. Overall, there was a reduction in distribution expenses for the twelve months ended 31 March 2012 by 8% from S\$60.6 million last year to S\$55.8 million this year.

Administrative expenses for the three months and twelve months ended 31 March 2012 were S\$19.9 million and S\$81.2 million respectively, representing a decrease of 8.1% and 4.6% as compared to S\$21.6 million and S\$85.1 million respectively over the same periods last year. The decrease was mainly due to continuous cost rationalization.

Although total finance costs for the twelve months ended 31 March 2012 were comparable to those of last year, the finance costs for the three months ended 31 March 2012 were S\$2.4 million as compared to S\$2.1 million over the same period last year mainly due to higher costs of borrowings in China and Hong Kong.

The Group recorded a gain of S\$18.8 million under other operating income in the quarter ended 31 March 2012 as a result of the restructure of Vectrix International Limited. The gain arose from the derecognition of the Group's controlling interest in Vectrix International Limited as a subsidiary while at the same time recognising the Group's equity interest in a newly formed associated company "Vectrix Holdings Limited" at fair value.

The increase in other operating expenses was mainly due to impairment losses in the receivables from an associated company that manufactures Lithium Polymer batteries, and an impairment loss on investment in an associated company that manufactures battery packs for notebook and tablet computers.

Share of loss of associates for the three months and twelve months ended 31 March 2012 was S\$1.4 million and S\$1.7 million respectively. As Ningbo Fubang Battery Co Ltd became a subsidiary in January 2011, its results were no longer accounted for under share of results of associates. The associated company that manufactures battery packs for notebook and tablet computers continued to make a loss due to the continued slowdown in market demand and termination of a tablet computer project by a large computer maker.

The Company entered into a S\$60 million syndicated term loan facility in March 2012 to refinance some of its borrowings.

GP branded alkaline batteries have been the No. 1 batteries in Hong Kong by volume for eight consecutive years. Sales to developed countries slackened while sales to emerging markets increased. The Group's electric scooter, Vectrix VX-1 Li/Li+ was named the "European e-Scooter of the Year" in the "e-Scooter +45km/h" category of Clean Week 2020 in Belgium for the second consecutive year.

9. Where a forecast, or a prospect statement, has been previously disclosed to shareholders, any variance between it and the actual results.

These results are in line with the statement made by the Company in the announcement of results for the financial period ended 31 December 2011 released on 9 February 2012.

10. A commentary at the date of the announcement of the significant trends and competitive conditions of the industry in which the group operates and any known factors or events that may affect the group in the next reporting period and the next 12 months.

The economic outlook remains uncertain with the deepening debt crisis in Europe and the lack of a clear sign of recovery in the US. While commodity prices seem less volatile and have come down recently, operating costs in China are likely to go up further. The Group is expanding its manufacturing facilities in Malaysia to take advantage of the strong outsourcing demand from other battery makers. The growing popularity of smart phones provides a good opportunity for the Group's portable PowerBank. The Group will focus to build the GP brand in key markets and to enhance its distribution worldwide.

With the restructure of Vectrix, the Group will position itself as a key player in both OBM and ODM of electric scooters. Electric vehicle batteries will become a more significant segment of the Group's business.

11. Dividend

(a) Current Financial Period Reported On

Any dividend declared for the current financial period reported on?

Name of Dividend	Final	Interim
Dividend type	Cash	Cash
Dividend amount per share (in cents)	1.5 cents	1.0 cents
Tax rate	Tax-exempt (one-tier)	Tax-exempt (one-tier)

(b) Corresponding Period of the Immediately Preceding Financial Year

Any dividend declared for the corresponding period of the immediately preceding financial year?

Name of Dividend	Final	Interim
Dividend type	Cash	Cash
Dividend amount per share (in cents)	3.0 cents	2.0 cents
Tax rate	Tax-exempt (one-tier)	Tax-exempt (one-tier)

(c) Date payable

To be announced later.

(d) Books closure date

To be announced later.

12. If no dividend has been declare/recommended, a statement to that effect.

Not applicable.

- 13. If the Group has obtained a general mandate from shareholders for Interested Person Transactions (“IPT”), the aggregate value of such transactions as required under Rule 920(1)(a)(ii). If no IPT mandate has been obtained, a statement to that effect.,**

The Company does not have a shareholders’ mandate for IPT.

PART II ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR FULL YEAR ANNOUNCEMENT

14. **Segmented revenue and results for business or geographical segments (of the group) in the form presented in the issuer's most recently audited annual financial statements, with comparative information for the immediately preceding year.**

Reportable operating segment information

The Group operates in only one main operating segment which focuses on the development, manufacturing, distribution and trading in batteries and battery related products. This operating segment has been identified on the basis of internal management reports that are regularly reviewed by the Executive Directors of the Group. The Executive Directors of the Group review the overall results of the Group as a whole to make decisions about resource allocation. Accordingly, no further analysis of this single reporting segment has been prepared.

Geographical information

The Group's revenue and information about its non-current assets by geographical location are detailed below:

	Revenue from		Non-current assets	
	external customer			
	2012	2011	2012	2011
	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000
Asia				
PRC (including Hong Kong)	342,095	349,532	235,419	218,627
Other parts of Asia	117,525	135,406	70,226	87,231
	<u>459,620</u>	<u>484,938</u>	<u>305,645</u>	<u>305,858</u>
North and South America	100,661	124,479	7,813	9,829
Europe and others	214,243	222,253	23,771	24,046
	<u>774,524</u>	<u>831,670</u>	<u>337,229</u>	<u>339,733</u>

The Group's activities are primarily based in the People's Republic of China including Hong Kong and other Asian countries. Revenue is based on the country in which the customer is located. Non-current assets are shown by the geographical areas in which these assets are located. Deferred tax assets are excluded for the purpose of the above presentation.

Other information

	The Group	
	2012	2011
	%	%
Revenue by products		
Rechargeable	27.5	32.9
Primary cylindrical	51.9	46.9
Primary specialty	14.6	15.0
Others	6.0	5.2
	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>

15. In the review of performance, the factors leading to any material changes in contributions to turnover and earnings by the business or geographical segments.

Not applicable.

16. A breakdown of sales.

	2012	The Group 2011	%
	S\$'000	S\$'000	Change
Sales reported for first half year	396,834	461,685	-14.0%
Operating profit after tax before non-controlling interests reported for first half year	7,634	18,939	-59.7%
Sales reported for second half year	377,690	369,985	2.1%
Operating profit after tax before non-controlling interests reported for second half year	3,640	4,636	-21.5%

17. A breakdown of the total annual dividend (in dollar value) for the issuer's latest full year and its previous full year.

	Latest Full Year	Previous Full Year
	S\$'000	S\$'000
Ordinary	2,747	5,493
Preference	0	0
Total	<u>2,747</u>	<u>5,493</u>

- 18. Disclosure of person occupying a managerial position in the issuer or any of its principal subsidiaries who is a relative of a director or chief executive officer or substantial shareholder of the issuer pursuant to Rule 704(13) in the format below. If there are no such persons, the issuer must make an appropriate negative statement.**

Pursuant to Rule 704(13) of the Listing Manual of the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited, the Company confirms that, to the best of its knowledge, belief and information, none of the persons occupying managerial positions in the Company or any of its principal subsidiaries is a relative of a director or the chief executive officer or substantial shareholder of the Company.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

Andrew Ng Sung On
Chairman and Chief Executive

Richard Ku Yuk Hing
Vice Chairman

28 May 2012