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Second Quarter and Half Year Financial Statement and Dividend Announcement For the Period Ended 30 September 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 second quarter ("Q2") and half year ("H1") ended 30 September 2012. These figures have not been audited.

	Q2 ended 30.9.12 S\$'000	Q2 ended 30.9.11 S\$'000 Restated	Change %	H1 ended 30.9.12 S\$'000	H1 ended 30.9.11 S\$'000 Restated	Change %
Revenue	199,635	201,665	(1.0)	384,995	396,834	(3.0)
Cost of sales	(157,592)	(158,473)	(0.6)	(302,375)	(312,943)	(3.4)
Gross profit	42,043	43,192	(2.7)	82,620	83,891	(1.5)
Other operating income & expenses	(198)	(79)	150.6	3,843	294	1,207.1
Distribution expenses	(13,152)	(14,919)	(11.8)	(25,525)	(28,715)	(11.1)
Administrative expenses	(21,300)	(20,337)	4.7	(41,815)	(39,956)	4.7
Finance costs	(2,246)	(1,764)	27.3	(4,712)	(3,703)	27.2
Profit before share of results of associates	5,147	6,093	(15.5)	14,411	11,811	22.0
Share of results of associates	(997)	505	n/m	(3,433)	571	n/m
Profit before income tax	4,150	6,598	(37.1)	10,978	12,382	(11.3)
Income tax	(1,830)	(2,623)	(30.2)	(4,882)	(4,748)	2.8
Profit after income tax	2,320	3,975	(41.6)	6,096	7,634	(20.1)
Attributable to:						
Equity holders of the Company	301	2,576	(88.3)	2,421	4,726	(48.8)
Non-controlling interests	2,019	1,399	44.3	3,675	2,908	26.4
	2,320	3,975	(41.6)	6,096	7,634	(20.1)
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n/m denotes "not meaningful"

Statement of Comprehensive Income

	Q2 ended 30.9.12	Q2 ended 30.9.11	H1 ended 30.9.12	H1 ended 30.9.11
The Group	\$\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000
Profit for the period	2,320	3,975	6,096	7,634
Other comprehensive income (loss):				
Translation differences arising from consolidation of foreign operations Fair value loss on available-for-sale	(9,032)	15,859	(8,298)	8,713
financial assets	0	(183)	(614)	(712)
Other comprehensive income (loss) for the period	(9,032)	15,676	(8,912)	8,001
Total comprehensive income (loss) for the period	(6,712)	19,651	(2,816)	15,635
Attributable to:				
Equity holders of the Company	(7,332)	15,366	(5,188)	10,511
Non-controlling interests	620	4,285	2,372	5,124
	(6,712)	19,651	(2,816)	15,635

	Q2 ended 30.9.12 S\$'000	Q2 ended 30.9.11 S\$'000	H1 ended 30.9.12 S\$'000	H1 ended 30.9.11 S\$'000
Profit from operations is arrived at after crediting (charging) the following:				
Depreciation and amortisation	(6,400)	(6,541)	(12,851)	(13,637)
Realised loss on derivative financial instruments,				
recognised in cost of sales	0	(960)	0	(1,576)
Included in other operating income & expenses:				
Foreign exchange gain (loss)	(1,998)	(728)	(888)	(636)
Gain (Loss) on disposal of property, plant and equipment	(23)	6	2,572	(211)
Government grant	135	658	231	977
Impairment loss on property, plant and equipment	(480)	(105)	(888)	84
Property, plant and equipment written off	(446)	(235)	(672)	(604)
Technical, marketing development & engineering fee income	1,996	304	2,313	619

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.

	The Group	The Group	The Company	The Company
	30 Sept 2012	31 March 2012	30 Sept 2012	31 March 2012
	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000
Non-current assets				
Investment property	1,106	1,135	0	0
Property, plant & equipment	233,095	241,452	2,300	2,577
Interest in subsidiaries	0	0	365,121	369,088
Interest in associates (Note)	79,723	72,391	24,986	16,398
Available-for-sales investments	3,538	4,244	0	0
Deferred tax assets	4,201	3,785	0	0
Intangible assets	238	407	0	0
Goodwill on consolidation	16,519	16,944	0	0
Deposits and prepayments	380	656	189	262
Total non-current assets	338,800	341,014	392,596	388,325
Current assets				
Stocks	103,302	106,737	0	0
Debtors	175,069	189,365	81,401	96,245
Tax recoverable	988	1,724	0	0
Deposits and prepayments	11,529	9,079	705	601
Bank balances and cash	79,102	76,013	5,902	1,704
Total current assets	369,990	382,918	88,008	98,550
Current liabilities				
Creditors and accrued charges	161,489	167,074	79,709	85,877
Derivative financial instruments	0	222	0	0
Obligations under finance leases	230	184	91	38
Income tax payable	4,070	2,956	219	204
Bank loans and overdrafts	165,019	166,049	68,252	53,254
Total current liabilities	330,808	336,485	148,271	139,373
Net current assets (liabilities)	39,182	46,433	(60,263)	(40,823)
Non-current liabilities				
Bank loans	40,731	45,445	37,947	45,445
Obligations under finance leases	239	396	14	34
Deferred tax liabilities	3,608	3,533	0	0
Total non-current liabilities	44,578	49,374	37,961	45,479
Net assets	333,404	338,073	294,372	302,023
Represented by:				
Share Capital	231,257	231,257	231,257	231,257
Reserves	53,013	59,889	63,115	70,766
Attributable to equity holders of the Company	284,270	291,146	294,372	302,023
Non-controlling interests	49,134	46,927	0	0
5	333,404	338,073	294,372	302,023
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Note:

As the amounts due from Vectrix group is expected to be of a long term nature, they were reclassed from "Debtors" to "Investment in associates".

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

	As at 30.9.12 S\$'000	As at 31.3.12 S\$'000
Amount repayable in one year or less, or on demand		
Unsecured:		
Long term bank loans		
- scheduled repayments within 12 months	19,107	16,390
- not repayable within 12 months but contain		
a repayment on demand clause	3,845	1,135
Short term bank loans	118,961	125,532
Bank overdrafts	2,561	2,696
Import and export loans	20,545	20,296
	165,019	166,049
Secured:		
Obligations under finance leases	230	184
Amount repayable after one year		
Unsecured:		
Long term bank loans	40,731	45,445
Secured:		
Obligations under finance leases	239	396

Details of any collateral

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

As at 30	0.9.12	As at 31.3.12			
The Group	The Company	The Group	The Company		
S\$492,000	S\$145,000	S\$662,000	S\$71,000		

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.

	Q2 30.9.12 \$\$'000	Q2 30.9.11 S\$'000	YTD 30.9.12 S\$'000	YTD 30.9.11 \$\$'000
Operating activities				
Profit before income tax	4,150	6,598	10,978	12,382
Adjustments for:				
Allowance for doubtful debts - trade	182	58	355	112
Allowance for stock obsolescence	365	294	822	1,115
Depreciation and amortisation	6,400	6,541	12,851	13,637
Finance costs	2,246	1,764	4,712	3,703
Impairment loss on property, plant and equipment	480	105	888	(84)
Interest income	(97)	(40)	(205)	(156)
Loss (Gain) on disposal of property, plant and equipment	23	(6)	(2,572)	211
Property, plant and equipment written off	446	235	672	604
Realised loss on derivative financial instruments	0	960	0	1,576
Share of results of associates	997	(505)	3,433	(571)
Unrealised fair value (loss) gain of derivative financial instruments	0	432	(224)	585
Unrealised foreign exchange loss (gain)	2,129	(767)	1,518	(1,796)
Operating profit before working capital changes	17,321	15,669	33,228	31,318
Stocks	7,619	(18,094)	(63)	(28,529)
Debtors	(9,911)	(26,325)	(2,870)	(41,510)
Deposits and prepayments	(1,741)	752	(2,741)	1,537
Creditors and accrued charges	(254)	10,671	(1,353)	33,653
Cash generated from (used in) operations	13,034	(17,327)	26,201	(3,531)
Interest received	90	50	232	165
Interest paid	(2,077)	(2,183)	(4,650)	(3,935)
Income tax paid	(586)	(1,671)	(3,363)	(2,774)
Net cash generated from (used in) operating activities	10,461	(21,131)	18,420	(10,075)

	Q2 30.9.12 \$\$'000	Q2 30.9.11 S\$'000	YTD 30.9.12 S\$'000	YTD 30.9.11 S\$'000
Investing activities				
Deposits paid for purchase of property, plant and equipment	0	0	(522)	0
Dividends received from associates	875	773	875	773
Investment in associates (additional capital injection)	(77)	0	(77)	0
Proceeds on disposal of an associate	0	0	0	2,434
Proceeds on disposal of property, plant and equipment	410	143	3,402	210
Purchase of available-for-sale investments	0	0	0	(1,068)
Purchase of equity interests in a subsidiary	0	0	(229)	0
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(3,737)	(7,475)	(11,043)	(14,345)
Net cash used in investing activities	(2,529)	(6,559)	(7,594)	(11,996)
Financing activities				_
Drawdown of term loans	6,867	0	10,141	0
Repayment of term loans	(4,715)	(9,661)	(9,314)	(19,810)
Other short term bank loans obtained (repaid)	(4,633)	22,735	(3,320)	29,615
Dividends paid	(1,648)	(3,296)	(1,648)	(3,296)
Dividends paid to minority shareholders	0	0	0	(951)
Repayment of obligations under finance leases	(129)	(33)	(229)	(73)
Net cash used in financing activities	(4,258)	9,745	(4,370)	5,485
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	3,674	(17,945)	6,456	(16,586)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	75,634	74,618	73,317	74,480
Effect of exchange rate changes on the balance				
of cash held in foreign currencies	(2,767)	3,395	(3,232)	2,174
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	76,541	60,068	76,541	60,068
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period comprise:				
Bank balances and cash	79,102	61,345	79,102	61,345
Bank overdrafts	(2,561)	(1,277)	(2,561)	(1,277)
	76,541	60,068	76,541	60,068

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.

					Property/ asset		Share	Fair		Non-	
	Share	Capital	Legal	Translation	revaluation	Retained	option	value	Sub	controlling	
	capital	reserve	reserve	reserve	reserve	profits	reserve	reserve	Total	interests	Total
The Group	S\$'000	S\$'000	\$\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	\$\$'000	S\$'000	\$\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000
Balance at 1 April 2012	231,257	(33,872)	18,435	(132,426)	3,358	202,647	1,133	614	291,146	46,927	338,073
Total comprehensive income	0	0	0	638	0	2,120	0	(614)	2,144	1,752	3,896
Transfer to (from) reserves	0	0	998	0	0	(998)	0	0	0	0	0
Effect of changes in shareholdings on non-											
controlling interest, net	0	(40)	0	0	0	0	0	0	(40)	(165)	(205)
Balance at 30 June 2012	231,257	(33,912)	19,433	(131,788)	3,358	203,769	1,133	0	293,250	48,514	341,764
Total comprehensive income	0	0	0	(7,633)	0	301	0	0	(7,332)	620	(6,712)
Transfer to (from) reserves	0	0	564	0	0	(564)	0	0	0	0	0
Dividends paid	0	0	0	0	0	(1,648)	0	0	(1,648)	0	(1,648)
Balance at 30 September 2012	231,257	(33,912)	19,997	(139,421)	3,358	201,858	1,133	0	284,270	49,134	333,404
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	(6,476)	0	2,150	0	(529)	(4,855)	839	(4,016)
Transfer to (from) reserves	0	0	1,182	0	0	(1,182)	0	0	0	0	0
Dividends paid to											
non-controlling interests	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(951)	(951)
Balance at 30 June 2011	231,257	(34,433)	14,299	(140,769)	3,358	206,870	1,133	363	282,078	44,375	326,453
Total comprehensive income	0	0	0	12,973	0	2,576	0	(183)	15,366	4,285	19,651
Transfer to (from) reserves	0	0	1,287	0	0	(1,287)	0	0	0	0	0
Dividends paid	0	0	0	0	0	(3,296)	0	0	(3,296)	0	(3,296)
Balance at 30 September 2011	231,257	(34,433)	15,586	(127,796)	3,358	204,863	1,133	180	294,148	48,660	342,808

			Share		
	Share	Retained	option	Translation	
	capital	profits	reserve	reserve	Total
The Company	\$\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000
Balance at 1 April 2012	231,257	69,462	1,133	171	302,023
Total comprehensive income	0	(2,583)	0	(68)	(2,651)
Balance at 30 June 2012	231,257	66,879	1,133	103	299,372
Total comprehensive income	0	(3,913)	0	561	(3,352)
Dividends paid	0	(1,648)	0	0	(1,648)
Balance at 30 September 2012	231,257	61,318	1,133	664	294,372
Balance at 1 April 2011	231,257	26,691	1,133	192	259,273
Total comprehensive income	0	(1,241)	0	86	(1,155)
Balance at 30 June 2011	231,257	25,450	1,133	278	258,118
Total comprehensive income	0	53,126	0	(253)	52,873
Dividends paid	0	(3,296)	0	0	(3,296)
Balance at 30 September 2011	231,257	75,280	1,133	25	307,695

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 30 June 2012 to 30 September 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 30.9.12	As at 30.9.11
4 August 2012	S\$1.25	-	697,000
24 June 2013	S\$2.50	1,981,000	1,981,000
	_	1,981,000	2,678,000
_	S\$1.25		1,981,000

As at 30 September 2012, the Company did not hold any of its issued shares as treasury shares (30 September 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	30.9.12	31.3.12
Total number of issued shares	109,871,168	109,871,168
Less: Treasury shares		
Total number of issued shares excluding treasury shares	109,871,168	109,871,168

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 30 September 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 2012, 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 2012.

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 2012 does not have a material financial effect on the Group and the Company.

 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")	Q2 ended	Q2 ended	H1 ended	H1 ended
	30.9.12	30.9.11	30.9.12	30.9.11
(a) Basic (b) Diluted	Cents 0.27 0.27 ⁽¹⁾	Cents 2.34 2.34 ⁽¹⁾	Cents 2.20 2.20 ⁽¹⁾	Cents 4.30 4.30 ⁽¹⁾

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.

	Q2 ended	Q2 ended	H1 ended	H1 ended
Number of shares	30.9.12	30.9.11	30.9.12	30.9.11
Weighted average number of				
ordinary shares used in calculating				
basic EPS	109,871,168	109,871,168	109,871,168	109,871,168
Adjustments for potentially dilutive				
ordinary shares	_ (1)	_ (1)	_ (1)	_ (1)
Weighted average number of				
ordinary shares used in calculating				
diluted EPS	109,871,168	109,871,168	109,871,168	109,871,168

⁽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	
	30.9.12 S\$	31.3.12 S\$	30.9.12 S\$	31.3.12 S\$
Net asset value per ordinary share based on issued share capital at the end of the period	2.59	2.65	2.68	2.75

- 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 six months ended 30 September 2012 was S\$199.6 million and S\$385.0 million respectively, a decrease of 1% and 3% over the corresponding period last year. Sales of rechargeable batteries decreased by 13% and 17%, while sales of primary batteries increased by 8% and 5% for the three months and six months ended 30 September 2012 respectively over the corresponding period last year.

Sales in the Americas and Greater China increased by 33% and 3% respectively while sales in Europe decreased by about 13% for the three months ended 30 September 2012 over the corresponding period last year. For the six months ended 30 September 2012, sales in the Americas and Greater China increased by 18% and 1% respectively while sales in Europe decreased by 9% over the corresponding six months period last year.

Profit before income tax for the three months and six months ended 30 September 2012 was \$\$4.2 million and \$\$11.0 million respectively as compared to \$\$6.6 million and \$\$12.4 million over the corresponding period last year. Gross profit margins for the three months and six months ended 30 September 2012 were 21.1% and 21.5% respectively, comparable to those of last year.

Distribution expenses for the three months and six months ended 30 September 2012 were \$\$13.2 million and \$\$25.5 million respectively, a decrease of 12% and 11% over the corresponding period last year mainly due to reduction of promotional expenses in mainland China and rationalization of sales operations in Europe.

Finance costs for the three months and six months ended 30 September 2012 were \$\$2.2 million and \$\$4.7 million respectively, an increase of about 27% over the corresponding period last year due to higher costs of borrowing despite the fact that total bank borrowings decreased to \$\$206 million as at 30 September 2012 from \$\$218 million as at 30 September 2011.

Share of loss of associates for the three months and six months ended 30 September 2012 was \$\$1.0 million and \$\$3.4 million respectively as compared to a gain of \$\$0.5 million and \$\$0.6 million last year mainly due to the inclusion of losses incurred by the Vectrix group of companies that had become associated companies of the Group following the restructure of Vectrix in March 2012.

As US dollar weakened in the 3 months ended 30 September 2012, translation of US dollar denominated monetary assets into local currencies and Renminbi denominated monetary liabilities into US dollar/HK dollar gave rise to an exchange loss of about \$\$2 million.

The Group has launched an internet shop (http://store.gpbatteries.com) to capture sales via the internet.

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 30 June 2012 released on 13 August 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.

Business outlook is mixed. Consumer and Industrial sectors will continue to be impacted by slower worldwide economy. Demand in the US appears to be picking up, but Europe is still sluggish after the Euro crisis. Outsourcing opportunities from other battery companies remain strong. The Group will continue to rationalize its operations to contain the rising cost in China due to mandatory wage increase and strengthening Renminbi. The Group will focus on enhancing the GP brand in selected markets and capitalize on e-transportation opportunities. A new EV battery is being prepared for the next generation of electric motorcycles that will be introduced next year. The new battery is cheaper, lighter and more powerful than our present product.

11. Dividend

(a) Current Financial Period Reported On

Any dividend declared for the current financial period reported on?

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

(c) Date payable

To announce later.

(a)	BOOKS CIOSUre date
	To announce 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.
14.	Confirmation by the Board Pursuant to Rule 705(5)
	We, Andrew Ng Sung On and Richard Ku Yuk Hing, being two directors of GP Batteries Internationa Limited (the "Company"), do hereby confirm on behalf of the 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 financial statements for second quarter ended 30 September 2012 to be false or misleading in any material aspect.
BY OR	DER OF THE BOARD

Richard Ku Yuk Hing

Vice Chairman

8 November 2012

Andrew Ng Sung On

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