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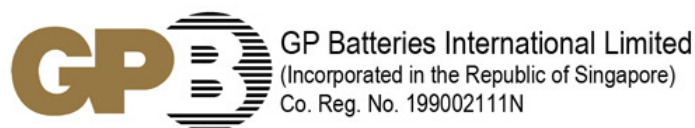
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Third Quarter Financial Statement For the Period Ended 31 December 2014

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 third quarter ("Q3") and nine-month ("YTD") ended 31 December 2014. These figures have not been audited.

	Q3 ended 31 Dec 2014 S\$'000	Q3 ended 31 Dec 2013 S\$'000	Change %	YTD ended 31 Dec 2014 S\$'000	YTD ended 31 Dec 2013 S\$'000	Change %
Revenue	189,419	175,967	7.6	548,996	529,931	3.6
Cost of sales	(146,736)	(137,103)	7.0	(423,642)	(410,770)	3.1
Gross profit	42,683	38,864	9.8	125,354	119,161	5.2
Other operating income & expenses	5,357	(25,214)	n/m	15,944	(24,258)	n/m
Distribution expenses	(14,382)	(14,291)	0.6	(42,361)	(37,484)	13.0
Administrative expenses	(19,708)	(18,799)	4.8	(57,874)	(60,010)	(3.6)
Finance costs	(1,295)	(1,832)	(29.3)	(4,099)	(5,565)	(26.3)
Profit/(Loss) before share of results of associates	12,655	(21,272)	n/m	36,964	(8,156)	n/m
Share of results of associates	(1,156)	3	n/m	(1,464)	(3,682)	(60.2)
Profit/(Loss) before income tax	11,499	(21,269)	n/m	35,500	(11,838)	n/m
Income tax	(4,591)	(2,884)	59.2	(10,513)	(8,453)	24.4
Profit/(Loss) after income tax	6,908	(24,153)	n/m	24,987	(20,291)	n/m
Attributable to:						
Equity holders of the Company	3,821	(26,198)	n/m	15,282	(25,941)	n/m
Non-controlling interests	3,087	2,045	51.0	9,705	5,650	71.8
	6,908	(24,153)	n/m	24,987	(20,291)	n/m
Gross profit margin	22.5%	22.1%		22.8%	22.5%	

n/m denotes "not meaningful"

Statement of Comprehensive Income

The Group	Q3 ended 31 Dec 2014 S\$'000	Q3 ended 31 Dec 2013 S\$'000	YTD ended 31 Dec 2014 S\$'000	YTD ended 31 Dec 2013 S\$'000
Profit/(Loss) for the period	6,908	(24,153)	24,987	(20,291)
Other comprehensive income (loss):				
<i>Items that may be subsequently reclassified to Profit or Loss:</i>				
Translation differences arising from consolidation of foreign operations	4,759	5,299	9,750	12,760
Fair value gain (loss) on available-for-sale financial assets	(266)	0	(797)	0
Other comprehensive income for the period	<u>4,493</u>	<u>5,299</u>	<u>8,953</u>	<u>12,760</u>
Total comprehensive income for the period	<u>11,401</u>	<u>(18,854)</u>	<u>33,940</u>	<u>(7,531)</u>
Attributable to:				
Equity holders of the Company	6,418	(22,733)	20,969	(16,282)
Non-controlling interests	4,983	3,879	12,971	8,751
	<u>11,401</u>	<u>(18,854)</u>	<u>33,940</u>	<u>(7,531)</u>

	Q3 ended 31 Dec 2014 S\$'000	Q3 ended 31 Dec 2013 S\$'000	YTD ended 31 Dec 2014 S\$'000	YTD ended 31 Dec 2013 S\$'000
Profit from operations is arrived at after crediting (charging) the following:				
Depreciation and amortisation *	(4,809)	(5,995)	(15,068)	(18,096)
Included in other operating income & expenses:				
Foreign exchange gain (loss)	3,737	(278)	3,702	(910)
Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment	1,090	17	10,339	490
Government grant	410	542	805	848
Impairment loss on property, plant and equipment	0	(97)	(20)	(263)
Impairment loss on interest in and receivables from associates	0	(26,333)	0	(26,333)
Property, plant and equipment written off	(490)	(145)	(646)	(359)
Technical, marketing development & engineering fee income	26	24	119	66
Over (Under) provision of prior years' tax	(52)	(139)	279	(520)

* reduction in depreciation and amortisation mainly due to lower carrying value of plant and machinery as a result of impairment provisions made in the last financial year

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 31 Dec 2014	The Group 31 Mar 2014	The Company 31 Dec 2014	The Company 31 Mar 2014
	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000
Non-current assets				
Investment property	1,680	1,601	0	0
Property, plant & equipment	210,099	215,240	834	772
Interest in subsidiaries	0	0	332,525	332,354
Interest in associates	49,118	52,066	16,382	16,382
Available-for-sales investments	4,829	4,722	0	0
Deferred tax assets	6,229	5,713	0	0
Goodwill on consolidation	14,140	13,485	0	0
Deposits and prepayments	329	156	17	16
Total non-current assets	286,424	292,983	349,758	349,524
Current assets				
Stocks	99,734	95,396	0	0
Debtors	129,437	122,570	106,284	117,583
Tax recoverable	617	896	0	0
Deposits and prepayments	8,094	7,996	744	564
Bank balances and cash	90,125	93,979	7,312	10,661
	328,007	320,837	114,340	128,808
Assets held for sale	68	1,847	0	0
Total current assets	328,075	322,684	114,340	128,808
Current liabilities				
Creditors and accrued charges	148,412	146,314	135,622	121,032
Derivative financial instruments	196	679	0	0
Obligations under finance leases	225	291	0	64
Income tax payable	2,257	2,502	283	257
Bank loans and overdrafts	118,637	149,813	59,366	79,152
Total current liabilities	269,727	299,599	195,271	200,505
Net current assets (liabilities)	58,348	23,085	(80,931)	(71,697)
Non-current liabilities				
Bank loans	1,702	2,103	0	42
Obligations under finance leases	157	108	0	0
Deferred tax liabilities	3,791	3,809	0	0
Total non-current liabilities	5,650	6,020	0	42
Net assets	339,122	310,048	268,827	277,785
Represented by:				
Share Capital	257,400	257,400	257,400	257,400
Reserves	10,167	(9,154)	11,427	20,385
Attributable to equity holders of the Company	267,567	248,246	268,827	277,785
Non-controlling interests	71,555	61,802	0	0
	339,122	310,048	268,827	277,785

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

	As at 31 Dec 2014 S\$'000	As at 31 Mar 2014 S\$'000
Amount repayable in one year or less, or on demand		
Unsecured:		
Long term bank loans		
- scheduled repayments within 12 months	7,671	22,976
- not repayable within 12 months but contain a repayment on demand clause	-	1,074
Short term bank loans	99,972	112,390
Import and export loans	10,994	13,373
	<u>118,637</u>	<u>149,813</u>
Secured:		
Obligations under finance leases	<u>225</u>	<u>291</u>
Amount repayable after one year		
Unsecured:		
Long term bank loans	<u>1,702</u>	<u>2,103</u>
Secured:		
Obligations under finance leases	<u>157</u>	<u>108</u>

Details of any collateral

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

As at 31 Dec 2014		As at 31 Mar 2014	
The Group	The Company	The Group	The Company
S\$607,000	S\$NIL	S\$611,000	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.

	Q3 31 Dec 2014 S\$'000	Q3 31 Dec 2013 S\$'000	YTD 31 Dec 2014 S\$'000	YTD 31 Dec 2013 S\$'000
Operating activities				
Profit/(Loss) before income tax	11,499	(21,269)	35,500	(11,838)
Adjustments for:				
Allowance for doubtful debts (trade)	73	480	703	533
Allowance for stock, net	53	680	1,181	3,119
Depreciation and amortisation	4,809	5,995	15,068	18,096
Finance costs	1,295	1,832	4,099	5,565
Gain on dilution of interest	0	0	(10)	0
Loss on disposal of available-for-sale investments	0	0	0	5
Impairment loss on property, plant and equipment	0	97	20	263
Impairment loss on interest in and receivables from associates	0	26,333	0	26,333
Interest income	(146)	(183)	(724)	(437)
Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment	(1,090)	(17)	(10,339)	(490)
Property, plant and equipment written off	490	145	646	359
Realised gain on derivative financial instruments	(228)	(373)	(298)	(648)
Share of results of associates	1,156	(3)	1,464	3,682
Unrealised fair value loss of derivative financial instruments	99	0	138	0
Unrealised foreign exchange gain	(3,083)	(925)	(2,121)	(1,276)
Operating profit before working capital changes	<u>14,927</u>	<u>12,792</u>	<u>45,327</u>	<u>43,266</u>
Stocks	7,482	(6,536)	(1,164)	(15,999)
Debtors	16,609	27,959	(1,218)	4,941
Deposits and prepayments	1,684	3,383	218	1,391
Creditors and accrued charges	(18,359)	4,411	(4,519)	29,829
Cash generated from operations	<u>22,343</u>	<u>42,009</u>	<u>38,644</u>	<u>63,428</u>
Income tax paid	(4,036)	(2,816)	(9,836)	(6,556)
Net cash generated from operating activities	<u>18,307</u>	<u>39,193</u>	<u>28,808</u>	<u>56,872</u>

	Q3 31 Dec 2014 S\$'000	Q3 31 Dec 2013 S\$'000	YTD 31 Dec 2014 S\$'000	YTD 31 Dec 2013 S\$'000
Investing activities				
Deposits paid for purchase of property, plant and equipment	0	0	(302)	(132)
Divestment of a subsidiary, net of cash disposed	0	0	(286)	0
Dividends received from associates	0	0	1,984	2,051
Interest received	146	189	724	441
Investment in associates	0	0	(304)	(165)
Proceeds on disposal of available-for-sale investments	0	0	0	371
Proceeds received from disposal of equity interest in a subsidiary	0	0	0	9,709
Proceeds on disposal of property, plant and equipment	7,593	138	19,264	174
Purchase of available-for-sale investments	0	0	(680)	0
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(4,169)	(5,500)	(10,430)	(13,640)
Net cash generated from (used in) investing activities	<u>3,570</u>	<u>(5,173)</u>	<u>9,970</u>	<u>(1,191)</u>
Financing activities				
Repayment of term loans	(5,369)	(4,773)	(16,853)	(15,644)
Other short term bank loans (paid) obtained	(251)	12,665	(17,745)	23,808
Interest paid	(1,148)	(1,837)	(3,978)	(5,521)
Capital contributions from non-controlling shareholders	0	0	71	0
Dividends paid	0	0	(1,648)	(1,099)
Dividends paid to minority shareholders	0	0	(3,119)	(1,880)
Repayment of obligations under finance leases	(87)	(55)	(233)	(287)
Net cash (used in) from financing activities	<u>(6,855)</u>	<u>6,000</u>	<u>(43,505)</u>	<u>(623)</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	15,022	40,020	(4,727)	55,058
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	74,094	80,661	93,979	63,463
Effect of exchange rate changes on the balance of cash held in foreign currencies	1,009	2,926	873	5,086
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	<u>90,125</u>	<u>123,607</u>	<u>90,125</u>	<u>123,607</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period comprise:				
Bank balances and cash	90,125	124,511	90,125	124,511
Bank overdrafts	0	(904)	0	(904)
	<u>90,125</u>	<u>123,607</u>	<u>90,125</u>	<u>123,607</u>

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.

The Group	Share	Capital	Legal	Translation	Property/ asset	Retained	Fair	Sub	Non-	Total
	capital	reserve	reserve	reserve	revaluation	profits	value	Total	controlling	Total
	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000
Balance at 1 Apr 2014	257,400	(32,963)	21,778	(131,161)	3,358	128,452	1,382	248,246	61,802	310,048
Total comprehensive income:										
Profit for the year	0	0	0	0	0	2,342	0	2,342	2,585	4,927
Other comprehensive income for the period	0	0	0	(1,336)	0	0	(572)	(1,908)	(546)	(2,454)
Total	0	0	0	(1,336)	0	2,342	(572)	434	2,039	2,473
Transactions with owners, recognised directly in equity:										
Dividends paid to non-controlling interests	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(3,119)	(3,119)
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(3,119)	(3,119)
Balance at 30 Jun 2014	257,400	(32,963)	21,778	(132,497)	3,358	130,794	810	248,680	60,722	309,402
Total comprehensive income:										
Profit for the year	0	0	0	0	0	9,119	0	9,119	4,033	13,152
Other comprehensive income for the period	0	0	0	4,957	0	0	41	4,998	1,916	6,914
Total	0	0	0	4,957	0	9,119	41	14,117	5,949	20,066
Transactions with owners, recognised directly in equity:										
Dividends paid	0	0	0	0	0	(1,648)	0	(1,648)	0	(1,648)
Capital contributions by non-controlling interests	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	71	71
Effects of changes in in shareholdings on non-controlling interests	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(170)	(170)
Total	0	0	0	0	0	(1,648)	0	(1,648)	(99)	(1,747)
Transfer to (from) reserves	0	0	223	0	0	(223)	0	0	0	0
Balance at 30 Sept 2014	257,400	(32,963)	22,001	(127,540)	3,358	138,042	851	261,149	66,572	327,721
Total comprehensive income:										
Profit for the year	0	0	0	0	0	3,821	0	3,821	3,087	6,908
Other comprehensive income for the period	0	0	0	2,863	0	0	(266)	2,597	1,896	4,493
Total	0	0	0	2,863	0	3,821	(266)	6,418	4,983	11,401
Balance at 31 Dec 2014	257,400	(32,963)	22,001	(124,677)	3,358	141,863	585	267,567	71,555	339,122

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	Sub Total S\$'000	Non-controlling interests S\$'000	Total S\$'000
Balance at 1 Apr 2013	231,257	(34,002)	21,407	(135,009)	3,358	180,746	1,133	268,890	53,452	322,342
Total comprehensive income:										
Profit for the year	0	0	0	0	0	107	0	107	1,791	1,898
Other comprehensive income for the period	0	0	0	7,034	0	0	0	7,034	1,401	8,435
Total	0	0	0	7,034	0	107	0	7,141	3,192	10,333
Transactions with owners, recognised directly in equity:										
Dividends paid to non-controlling interests	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1,880)	(1,880)
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1,880)	(1,880)
Transfer to (from) reserves	0	0	57	0	0	(57)	0	0	0	0
Balance at 30 Jun 2013	231,257	(34,002)	21,464	(127,975)	3,358	180,796	1,133	276,031	54,764	330,795
Total comprehensive income:										
Profit for the year	0	0	0	0	0	150	0	150	1,814	1,964
Other comprehensive income for the period	0	0	0	(840)	0	0	0	(840)	(134)	(974)
Total	0	0	0	(840)	0	150	0	(690)	1,680	990
Transactions with owners, recognised directly in equity:										
Dividends paid	0	0	0	0	0	(1,099)	0	(1,099)	0	(1,099)
Total	0	0	0	0	0	(1,099)	0	(1,099)	0	(1,099)
Transfer to (from) reserves	0	0	314	0	0	(314)	0	0	0	0
Balance at 30 Sept 2013	231,257	(34,002)	21,778	(128,815)	3,358	179,533	1,133	274,242	56,444	330,686
Total comprehensive income:										
Profit for the year	0	0	0	0	0	(26,198)	0	(26,198)	2,045	(24,153)
Other comprehensive income for the period	0	0	0	3,465	0	0	0	3,465	1,834	5,299
Total	0	0	0	3,465	0	(26,198)	0	(22,733)	3,879	(18,854)
Transactions with owners, recognised directly in equity:										
Effects of changes in in shareholdings on non-controlling interests	0	1,039	0	0	0	0	0	1,039	8,670	9,709
Total	0	1,039	0	0	0	0	0	1,039	8,670	9,709
Balance at 31 Dec 2013	231,257	(32,963)	21,778	(125,350)	3,358	153,335	1,133	252,548	68,993	321,541

The Company	Share capital S\$'000	Retained profits S\$'000	Share option reserve S\$'000	Translation reserve S\$'000	Total S\$'000
Balance at 1 Apr 2014	257,400	20,405	0	(20)	277,785
Total comprehensive income					
Loss for the period	0	(3,329)	0	0	(3,329)
Other comprehensive loss	0	0	0	(491)	(491)
	0	(3,329)	0	(491)	(3,820)
Balance at 30 Jun 2014	257,400	17,076	0	(511)	273,965
Total comprehensive income					
Loss for the period	0	(30)	0	0	(30)
Other comprehensive loss	0	0	0	(602)	(602)
	0	(30)	0	(602)	(632)
Transactions with owners, recognised directly in equity:					
Dividends paid	0	(1,648)	0	0	(1,648)
Balance at 30 Sept 2014	257,400	15,398	0	(1,113)	271,685
Total comprehensive income					
Loss for the period	0	(1,717)	0	0	(1,717)
Other comprehensive loss	0	0	0	(1,141)	(1,141)
	0	(1,717)	0	(1,141)	(2,858)
Balance at 31 Dec 2014	257,400	13,681	0	(2,254)	268,827

	Share capital S\$'000	Retained profits S\$'000	Share option reserve S\$'000	Translation reserve S\$'000	Total S\$'000
The Company					
Balance at 1 Apr 2013	231,257	64,564	1,133	213	297,167
Total comprehensive income					
Loss for the period	0	(2,920)	0	0	(2,920)
Other comprehensive loss	0	0	0	(235)	(235)
	0	(2,920)	0	(235)	(3,155)
Balance at 30 Jun 2013	231,257	61,644	1,133	(22)	294,012
Total comprehensive income					
Loss for the period	0	(2,686)	0	0	(2,686)
Other comprehensive loss	0	0	0	87	87
	0	(2,686)	0	87	(2,599)
Transactions with owners, recognised directly in equity:					
Dividends paid	0	(1,099)	0	0	(1,099)
Balance at 30 Sept 2013	231,257	57,859	1,133	65	290,314
Total comprehensive income					
Loss for the period	0	857	0	0	857
Other comprehensive loss	0	0	0	(164)	(164)
	0	857	0	(164)	693
Balance at 31 Dec 2013	231,257	58,716	1,133	(99)	291,007

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 September 2014 to 31 December 2014. There were no shares that may be issued on conversion of any outstanding convertibles as at 31 December 2014 and 31 December 2013. The Company did not hold any of its issued shares as treasury shares as at 31 December 2014 and 31 December 2013.

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 December 2014	31 March 2014
Total number of issued shares	164,806,752	164,806,752
Less: Treasury shares	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total number of issued shares excluding treasury shares	<u>164,806,752</u>	<u>164,806,752</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 December 2014, 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 2014, 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 2014.

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 commencing on 1 April 2014 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.

	Q3 ended 31 Dec 2014	Q3 ended 31 Dec 2013 (Restated)⁽¹⁾	YTD ended 31 Dec 2014	YTD ended 31 Dec 2013 (Restated)⁽¹⁾
Earnings per share ("EPS") in cents Basic & Diluted	2.32	(22.28)	9.27	(22.07)
Number of shares Weighted average number of ordinary shares used in calculating basic& diluted EPS	164,806,752	117,562,150	164,806,752	117,562,150

(1) Restated for the effects of the rights issue completed in March 2014

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 Dec 2014 S\$	31 Mar 2014 S\$	31 Dec 2014 S\$	31 Mar 2014 S\$
Net asset value per ordinary share based on issued share capital at the end of the period	1.62	1.51	1.63	1.69

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 ended 31 December 2014 was S\$189.4 million, an increase of 7.6% over the corresponding period last year. Turnover for the nine months ended 31 December 2014 was S\$549.0 million, an increase of 3.6% over the corresponding period last year.

Sales of primary batteries increased by 9.7% and 8.1% for the three months and nine months ended 31 December 2014 respectively over the corresponding periods last year. While sales of rechargeable batteries increased by 2.2% for the three months ended 31 December 2014, sales for the nine months ended 31 December 2014 decreased by 11.8% over the corresponding period last year.

Sales in the Americas and Asia increased by 26.3% and 5.7% respectively while sales in Europe decreased by 0.5% for the three months ended 31 December 2014 over the corresponding period last year. For the nine months ended 31 December 2014, sales in the Americas and Asia increased by 18.0% and 4.0% respectively while sales in Europe decreased by 5.4%.

Profit before income tax for the three months and nine months ended 31 December 2014 were S\$11.5 million and S\$35.5 million respectively as compared to losses of S\$21.3 million and S\$11.8 million over the corresponding periods last year. Gross profit margins for the three months and nine months ended 31 December 2014 improved slightly to 22.5% and 22.8% respectively from 22.1% and 22.5% in the corresponding periods last year.

Distribution expenses for the three months and nine months ended 31 December 2014 were S\$14.4 million and S\$42.4 million respectively, an increase of 0.6% and 13.0% over the corresponding periods last year due to additional expenditure in advertising and promotion globally for brand building.

Finance costs for the three months and nine months ended 31 December 2014 were S\$1.3 million and S\$4.1 million respectively, a decrease of 29.3% and 26.3% over the corresponding periods last year. This is mainly attributable to reduced gross borrowings from S\$200.4 million as at 31 December 2013 to S\$120.3 million as at 31 December 2014.

Net other operating income for the three months and nine months ended 31 December 2014 were S\$5.4 million and S\$15.9 million respectively, as compared to net operating expenses of S\$25.2 million and S\$24.3 million over the corresponding periods last year mainly due to (i) a gain of S\$9.2 million arising from the disposal of the factory building in Singapore in the previous quarter; (ii) an impairment loss of S\$26.3 million was provided last year for the investment in and receivables from the Vectrix Group; and (iii) an exchange gain of S\$3.7 million arising from the translation of US dollar denominated monetary assets into local currencies, which had weakened against US dollar in the 3 months ended 31 December 2014.

Share of loss of associates for the three months ended 31 December 2014 was S\$1.2 million as compared to nil over the corresponding period last year mainly due to substantial exchange loss incurred by a Russian associate as a result of the devaluation of the Russian Ruble against US dollar. Share of loss of associates for the nine months ended 31 December 2014 was S\$1.5 million as compared to S\$3.7 million over the same period last year mainly due to cessation of loss-making operations of the Vectrix Group.

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

Not applicable.

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.

With expected continuing competitive currency devaluation, many currencies will weaken against the US dollars thus posing market volatility and a challenge to some of the markets the Group is operating in. To some extent, the improvement in the Group's cost efficiency and quality of the products through automation programs can mitigate this challenge as these enhance its competitiveness. In addition, the Group will further invest in brand building and expand its global distribution network.

Balance sheet and cash flow of the Group are expected to remain healthy.

11. Dividend

(a) Current Financial Period Reported On

Any dividend declared for the current financial period reported on?

No.

(b) Corresponding Period of the Immediately Preceding Financial Year

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

No.

(c) Date payable

Not applicable.

(d) Books closure date

Not applicable.

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, Victor Lo Chung Wing and Richard Ku Yuk Hing, being two directors of GP Batteries International 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 third quarter ended 31 December 2014 to be false or misleading in any material aspect.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

Victor Lo Chung Wing
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

Richard Ku Yuk Hing
Vice Chairman

11 February 2015