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Event Dates

Meeting Date and Time

25-Apr-2024 15:00:00

Response Deadline Date

22-Apr-2024 15:00:00

Event Venue(s)

Place

| Venue(s) | Venue details |
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| Meeting Venue | M Hotel Singapore, Banquet Suite, Level 10, 81 Anson Road, Singapore 079908 |

Attachments

 [Results of 63rd AGM.pdf](#)

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RESOLUTIONS PASSED AT THE 63RD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF HONG LEONG ASIA LTD. HELD ON 25 APRIL 2024

The Board of Directors of Hong Leong Asia Ltd. (the “**Company**”) wishes to announce that at the Company’s 63rd Annual General Meeting held today, 25 April 2024 (“**AGM**”), all resolutions referred to in the Notice of the AGM dated 27 March 2024 were duly passed by way of poll which was conducted electronically.

(a) The results of the votes cast on each of the AGM ordinary resolutions are set out below:

| Resolution number and details | Total number of shares represented by votes for and against the relevant resolution | For | | Against | |
|---|---|------------------|---|------------------|---|
| | | Number of shares | As a percentage of total number of votes for and against the resolution (%) | Number of shares | As a percentage of total number of votes for and against the resolution (%) |
| Ordinary Business – Ordinary Resolutions | | | | | |
| Resolution 1 Receipt of the Directors’ Statement, Audited Financial Statements and the Auditor’s Report thereon | 598,760,371 | 598,736,371 | 100.00 | 24,000 | 0.00 |
| Resolution 2 Declaration of a First and Final Dividend | 599,188,589 | 599,164,589 | 100.00 | 24,000 | 0.00 |
| Resolution 3 Approval of Directors’ Fees | 599,169,789 | 599,120,789 | 99.99 | 49,000 | 0.01 |
| Resolution 4(a) Re-election of Mr Kwek Leng Peck as Director | 590,304,089 | 587,751,989 | 99.57 | 2,552,100 | 0.43 |
| Resolution 4(b) Re-election of Mr Stephen Ho Kiam Kong as Director | 599,071,289 | 598,836,389 | 99.96 | 234,900 | 0.04 |

| Resolution number and details | Total number of shares represented by votes for and against the relevant resolution | For | | Against | |
|---|---|------------------|---|------------------|---|
| | | Number of shares | As a percentage of total number of votes for and against the resolution (%) | Number of shares | As a percentage of total number of votes for and against the resolution (%) |
| Ordinary Business – Ordinary Resolutions (cont'd) | | | | | |
| Resolution 4(c) Appointment of Ms Kwong Ka Lo @ Caroline Kwong as Director | 599,174,789 | 586,353,943 | 97.86 | 12,820,846 | 2.14 |
| Resolution 5 Re-appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as Auditor | 599,174,789 | 599,173,289 | 100.00 | 1,500 | 0.00 |
| Special Business – Ordinary Resolutions | | | | | |
| Resolution 6 Authority for Directors to issue shares and/or make or grant offers, agreements or options pursuant to Section 161 of the Companies Act 1967 and the Listing Manual of Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited | 599,102,789 | 586,237,643 | 97.85 | 12,865,146 | 2.15 |
| Resolution 7 Authority for Directors to offer and grant options to eligible participants under the Hong Leong Asia Share Option Scheme 2000 (the "SOS") other than Parent Group Employees and Parent Group Non-Executive Directors and to issue shares in accordance with the provisions of the SOS | 589,879,589 | 574,794,016 | 97.44 | 15,085,573 | 2.56 |

| Resolution number and details | Total number of shares represented by votes for and against the relevant resolution | For | | Against | |
|--|---|------------------|---|------------------|---|
| | | Number of shares | As a percentage of total number of votes for and against the resolution (%) | Number of shares | As a percentage of total number of votes for and against the resolution (%) |
| Special Business – Ordinary Resolutions (cont'd) | | | | | |
| Resolution 8 Renewal of Share Purchase Mandate | 599,102,789 | 599,101,289 | 100.00 | 1,500 | 0.00 |
| Resolution 9 Renewal of IPT Mandate for Interested Person Transactions | 27,062,932 | 27,061,432 | 99.99 | 1,500 | 0.01 |

(b) Details of parties who are required to abstain from voting on the following resolutions:

| Details of Party(ies) | Number of shares held (in own name and/or name of nominee) | Resolution number |
|---|--|-------------------|
| Mr Kwek Leng Peck | 8,870,700 | 4(a), 7 and 9 |
| Mr Stephen Ho Kiam Kong | 103,500 | 4(b), 7 and 9 |
| Ms Kwek Pei Xuan | 200,000 | 7 and 9 |
| Director/employee of the Company's subsidiaries (being an eligible participant under the SOS), who provided proxy for the voting of resolutions proposed at the AGM | 49,000 | 7 |
| Hong Leong Investment Holdings Pte. Ltd. group of companies | 562,865,657 (aggregate number of shares) | 9 |
| Associate of a Director who provided proxy for the voting of resolutions proposed at the AGM | 240,000 | 9 |

Appointment of Scrutineer

CACS Corporate Advisory Pte Ltd was appointed the Scrutineer for the AGM.

Re-election of Director to the Audit and Risk Committee (“ARC”)

Pursuant to Rule 704(8) of the Listing Manual of Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited, we wish to inform that Ms Kwong Ka Lo @ Caroline Kwong who was re-elected as a Director of the Company at the AGM, will remain as a member of the ARC. The Board considers Ms Kwong to be independent.

By Order of the Board
HONG LEONG ASIA LTD.

Ng Siew Ping, Jaslin
Yeo Swee Gim, Joanne
Company Secretaries

25 April 2024
Singapore



HONG LEONG ASIA LTD.

63RD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING CEO REVIEW

25 APRIL 2024 | MR. STEPHEN HO, CEO

2023 FINANCIALS

| | 2H 2023 | 2H 2022 | Change (%) | FY 2023 | FY 2022 | Change (%) |
|---|-----------|-----------|------------|-------------|-------------|------------|
| Revenue (S\$'000) | 2,006,369 | 1,784,564 | 12.4% | 4,081,454 | 3,881,141 | 5.2% |
| Net Profit (S\$'000) | 55,802 | 38,556 | 44.7% | 119,923 | 102,592 | 16.9% |
| Net Profit Excluding Discontinued Operation (S\$'000) | 55,836 | 38,766 | 44.0% | 120,090 | 102,917 | 16.7% |
| Net Profit Attributable to Shareholders (S\$'000) | 34,085 | 11,959 | 185.0% | 64,879 | 54,538 | 19.0% |
| Earnings Per Share (Cent) | 4.56 | 1.60 | 185.0% | 8.67 | 7.29 | 18.9% |
| Dividends Per Share (Cent) | | | | 2.00 | 2.00 | - |
| Net Cash Flow Generated from Operating Activities (S\$'000) | | | | 362,039 | 37,649 | 861.6 % |
| | | | | 31 Dec 2023 | 31 Dec 2022 | Change (%) |
| Net Debt ¹ / Equity Ratio | | | | (0.39) | (0.16) | 143.8% |
| Net Debt ² / Equity Ratio | | | | 1.75 | 1.81 | (3.3%) |

¹ Net Debt is defined as Loans and Borrowings, less Cash and Deposits. The Group is in a Net Cash position of S\$346M (31 Dec 2022: S\$143M)

² Net Debt is defined as Trade and Other Liabilities and Loans and Borrowings, less Cash and Deposits and does not include Trade and Other Receivables. Including Trade and Other Receivables, the Group is in a Net Cash Position of S\$252M (31 Dec 2022: Net Cash Position of S\$33M)

KEY SEGMENT RESULTS

| | Unless specified, figures are in S\$'000 | 2H 2023 | 2H 2022 | Change (%) | FY 2023 | FY 2022 | Change (%) |
|----------------------|--|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|--------------------|------------|
| Powertrain Solutions | Volume (Units) | 147,700 | 140,345 | 5.2% | 313,493 | 321,256 | (2.4%) |
| | Revenue | 1,647,825 | 1,465,050 | 12.5% | 3,403,538 | 3,263,272 | 4.3% |
| | Profit After Tax | 28,384 | 37,047 | (23.4%) | 76,454 | 66,991 | 14.1% |
| Building Materials | Revenue | 344,326 | 303,402 | 13.5% | 650,596 | 585,417 | 11.1% |
| | Profit After Tax | 45,244 | 16,970 | 166.6% | 76,276 | 45,626 | 67.2% |
| Rigid Packaging | Revenue | 11,020 | 12,567 | (12.3%) | 21,451 | 25,747 | (16.7%) |
| | (Loss)/Profit After Tax | (983) | (1,626) | (39.5%) | (2,181) | 8,228 ¹ | N.M |
| Corporate and Others | Revenue | 3,198 | 3,545 | (9.8%) | 5,869 | 6,705 | (12.5%) |
| | Loss After Tax | (16,809) | (13,625) | 23.4% | (30,459) | (17,928) | 69.9% |

Note 1: Profit after tax for FY 2022 included gain on disposal of assets held-for-sale of S\$10.5 million.

KEY HIGHLIGHTS OF CASH FLOW

| | FY 2023 (S\$'000) | FY 2022 (S\$'000) |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|
| Operating Cash Flow before Working Capital Changes | 380,177 | 343,032 |
| Net Cash Flow Generated from Operating Activities | 362,039 | 37,649 |
| (Less)/Add: | | |
| Capital Expenditure (PPE and Intangible Assets) | (100,471) | (149,980) |
| Net Cash Inflow from Disposal/Liquidation of Subsidiaries, Associate, PPE, Right-of-Use Assets, Assets classified as held-for-sale and Other Investments | 4,904 | 15,353 |
| Contribution by Non-Controlling Interests | 3,779 | 10,913 |
| Additional Investment in Associates and Joint Ventures | (1,228) | (1,072) |
| Dividends Received from Associates, Joint Ventures and Other investments | 10,010 | 8,729 |
| Dividends Paid to Shareholders of the Company | (14,960) | (14,958) |
| Dividends Paid to Non-Controlling Interests of Subsidiaries | (15,125) | (33,419) |
| Net Proceeds from Shares Issue | - | 39 |
| Net Increase from Borrowings | 31,140 | 19,065 |
| Net (Placement)/Release of Deposits with Banks | (18,243) | 29,386 |
| Interest Paid, Net | (8,726) | (4,075) |
| Repayment of Obligations under Lease Liabilities | (12,867) | (12,905) |
| Net Cash Flow | 240,252 | (95,275) |
| Free Cash Flow | 261,568 | (112,331) |

KEY BUSINESS UPDATES

Business Segment

Business Updates

Powertrain Solutions

- 313,493 engine units sold in FY 2023, a decrease of 2.4% YoY. Volume growth recovered 2H 2023, with 147,700 engine units sold, an increase of 5.2% YoY.
- Higher gross margins on improved cost reduction efforts, improved sales mix towards marine and power generation markets plus better performance from joint ventures boosted net profit.
- R&D initiatives to develop New Energy powertrains such as hybrids, integrated electric drive axles, hydrogen fuel cell systems and hydrogen powered engines.

Some Key Developments:

- ❖ Tsinghua University R&D partnership to develop high performance fuel cell stacks and systems, with production base in Wuxi High Tech Zone.
- ❖ SANY Group's 12 cubic metre concrete mixer trucks – Significant fuel savings using Yuchai's S06-100kW P1 parallel hybrid powertrain system.
- ❖ Liugong Tractors - a 350-Horsepower Electric Hybrid CVT Powertrain. (large-size hybrid tractor)
- ❖ Xing Yun Cloud Technology Co to develop proprietary operating systems to enable data analytics for smart and connected solutions for both on-road and off-road vehicles and machineries.



KEY BUSINESS UPDATES

Business Segment

Business Updates

Building Materials

- Demand for concrete and related products in Singapore and Malaysia remained strong. Malaysia's improved buildings materials environment saw both higher volumes and improved prices which allowed Tasek to return to a higher profitability compared to pre Covid period.
- BMU's order books in the Precast and RMC segments in Singapore continue to benefit from public and private sector project launches.
- In Malaysia, Tasek (integrated cement plant and RMC) expects demand to continue to be strong given increased development expenditure as per Malaysia's 2024 budget. Tasek will continue to expand its footprint and work to increase use of alternative fuels and alternative raw materials.
- Digitalisation of business processes and automation to help improve efficiency levels.

Some Key Developments:

- ❖ Group's Integrated Construction and Prefabrication Hub manufacturing facility in Punggol and RMC Ecosystem Batching Plant at Jurong Port have both begun commercial production. Higher scale, investments in automation will help position us as leading players in Singapore.
- ❖ Productivity in RMC delivery being improved with greater use of 12 cubic metre trucks.

2023 AWARDS & ACCOLADES



- Awarded “**Best Managed Board**” (Silver Award, S\$300 million to less than S\$1 billion market capitalization category, “Mid-cap”) by Singapore Corporate Awards 2023
- Awarded “**Best Annual Report**” (Bronze Award, Mid-cap) by Singapore Corporate Awards 2023
- Awarded “**Best Annual Report**” (Gold Award, Print Media, Publications) at the International Hermes Creative Awards 2023
- Ranked “**16th out of 517 public listed companies**” in the 2023 Governance and Transparency Index published by NUS Business School’s Centre for Governance Institutions and Organisations
- Named **Asia’s 275 leading public-listed companies** on the second edition of the Financial Times-Statista Asia Pacific Climate Leaders List for achieving the greatest reduction in Scope 1 and 2 greenhouse gas emissions intensity between 2016 and 2021
- Ranked 61st in The Straits Times “Singapore’s Best Employers Survey 2023” amongst 250 companies

SUSTAINABILITY

At HLA, our vision is to develop and deliver sustainable and innovative urban solutions for cities of the future.

In pursuit of this vision, we are committed to integrating sustainability into our business strategy. Empowering our people and driving innovation in low carbon and circular solutions for the built environment and transport sectors are crucial focus areas of our strategy.

Achieving our vision will not be easy. It will require investment, concerted effort and time, but it is an imperative for HLA given the global and local sustainability contexts facing our businesses.

We are committed to achieving the following focus Sustainable Development Goals throughout our operations and in our strategy:



DRIVING INNOVATION FOR A LOW-CARBON AND CIRCULAR ECONOMY

EMPOWERING OUR PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES

BUILDING RESILIENCE FOR THE LONG-TERM

KEY 2023 INITIATIVES

- *CYI/GYMCL* – Established 2nd research and development base in Wuxi High Tech Zone, collaborating with Tsinghua University to develop high performance fuel cell stacks and systems.
- *CYI/GYMCL* – Eliminated coal in the blast furnace operations for engine casting of the Yulin plant.
- *CYI/GYMCL* – Established subsidiary, Guangxi Foundry Company Ltd. to tap on GYMCL’s engine casting capabilities to produce wind turbine shafts for the Chinese market.
- *BMU, Malaysia* – Surpassed alternative raw materials usage target in the calcination process two years ahead of time by over 25%.
- *HLA* – Completed first Scope 3 emissions data collection exercise.
- *HLA* – Launched the BeyondHLA Impact Programme to drive positive environmental and social impact initiatives and innovative solutions.
- *HLA* – Established a Board Sustainability Committee
- *HLA* – Launched Supplier Code of Conduct policy reflecting ESG criteria and screened 106 high value suppliers.
- *HLA* – Launched Occupational, Health and Safety policy.
- *BMU, Singapore* – All operating sites in Singapore are fully certified to ISO45001.

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