



Ellipsiz Delivers Improved 1HFY2017 Profits From Operating Activities

Declared interim and interim special cash dividends totaling 2.5 cents a share

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(SINGAPORE, February 9, 2017) – SGX mainboard-listed Ellipsiz and its subsidiaries (the “Group”), a probe card and distribution & services solutions provider to the semiconductor and electronics manufacturing industries, today reported net profits after tax and non-controlling interests (NPATNCI) of \$2.3 million on revenue of \$57.3 million for the half year ended 31 December 2016 (1HFY2017).

Revenue of the Group was relatively flat at \$57.3 million for 1HFY2017 compared to \$57.6 million in 1HFY2016. Revenue from its Distribution & Services Solution (DSS) decreased by 7%, while Probe Card Solutions (PCS) improved its revenue by 3%. PCS had good revenue growth in Japan though its activities in Taiwan slowed down after a few quarters of growth. DSS recorded a sizeable order in the second quarter of FY2016 but no similar order was received during the current financial period, thus leading to the lower DSS revenue.

Comparing to the quarterly revenue a year ago, 2QFY2017 revenue was a

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S\$ million	1HFY2017	1HFY2016	Var%
Revenue	57.3	57.6	(1%)
Gross Profit	19.9	19.3	3%
Gross Profit Margin	35%	34%	1 ppt
Net profits attributable to equity holders of the Company	2.3	3.6	(35%)
Basic & Diluted EPS(cents)⁽¹⁾	1.39	2.13	(35%)
NAV per share as at 31 Dec (cents)	77.84	74.26	5%
Specific (Gains) / Loss Items	1.5	(0.8)	(299%)
Net Profits attributable to equity holders of the Company excluding Specific Items	3.8	2.8	41%
Basic & Diluted EPS(cents)⁽¹⁾ excluding Specific Items	2.32	1.64	41%
Dividend (cash) / ordinary share			
Interim (cents)	1.0	0.7	43%
Interim Special (cents)	1.5	-	100%
Total (cents)	2.5	0.7	257%

⁽¹⁾1HFY2017 & 1HFY2016 EPS & NAV/Share were calculated based on weighted average of approximately 167 million shares.

decline of 8% from \$32.3 million to \$29.7 million. The decrease was attributed mainly to the non-recurrence of the sizeable order in DSS. Despite the lower revenue in 2QFY2017, gross profit margin for the quarter improved from 33% in 2QFY2016 to 35% in 2QFY2017.

The Group reported an NPATNCI of \$2.3 million for 1HFY2017 compared with \$3.6 million in the preceding year. In 1HFY2016, the Group recorded one-time income from recovery of bad debts of \$1.2 million (net of tax) and impairment loss of \$0.4 million on the carrying amount of one of its quoted investment. In 1HFY2017, the Group had a one-time impairment provision of \$1.5 million on the financial asset, gain on liquidation of subsidiaries of \$0.2 million and additional professional fee expenses of \$0.2 million to manage the mandatory cash offer exercise. Excluding the one-time income and expenses, the Group had profits of \$3.8 million from its operating activities in 1HFY2017, an increase of 41% over 1HFY2016's operating profits of \$2.8 million. The improvement came mainly from the improved gross profits and lower operating expenses.

With the one-time net expenses during 1HFY2017, earnings per share (EPS) of the Group decreased from 2.13 cents in 1HFY2016 to 1.39 cents for 1HFY2017. Excluding the one-time net expenses or gains, EPS improved from 1.64 cents to 2.32 cents during 1HFY2017. Net assets value of the Group as at 31 December 2016 stood at 77.84 cents per share.

The Group is declaring dividends of 2.5 cents a share for 1HFY2017. Melvin Chan, CEO of Ellipsiz Ltd, said: "Our Board is grateful to the loyal shareholders for their years of strong and unwavering support. After evaluating the working capital requirement and balance sheet position of the Group, as well as having considered the recent cash inflow from the proceeds received relating to the disposal of one of the associates, the Board has decided to declare an interim dividend of 1.0 cent a share and an interim special dividend of 1.5 cents a share for distribution to all shareholders."

Melvin Chan continued: "The Group remains cautious of its operating environment and performance prospects for the rest of FY2017. Although there are some projected positive outlook for the industry, we believe our businesses will continue to be impacted by the volatile macroeconomic conditions, geo-political development and industry dynamics such as the higher than expected inventory observed in the supply chain at the close of 2016. We shall, therefore, continue with prudent business management as well as building strong business fundamentals to achieve sustainable growth."

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Headquartered in Singapore, Ellipsiz has operations in China, Japan, Malaysia, Taiwan ROC USA and Vietnam.

Ellipsiz is listed on the main board of the Singapore Exchange. We employ more than 1,200 people worldwide and reported revenue of S\$119 million for the financial year ended 30 June 2016. Please visit us on the web at www.ellipsiz.com.