



VENTURE CORPORATION LIMITED
(CO REG. NO. 198402886H)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014, VENTURE REPORTS

- **REVENUE OF S\$2,465.5 MILLION**
- **NET PROFIT OF S\$139.8 MILLION**
- **EPS OF 50.9 CENTS**

PROPOSED FINAL DIVIDEND OF 50 CENTS PER SHARE

SINGAPORE, 27 FEBRUARY 2015 – For the financial year ended 31 December 2014, Venture Corporation Limited (“**Venture**” or the “**Group**”) registered a 5.8% year-on-year increase in revenue to S\$2,465.5 million. All product segments except for Computer Peripherals & Data Storage registered revenue growth year-on-year with the Test & Measurement/Medical & Life Science/Others segment recording the highest revenue improvement. In line with the higher Group revenue, raw materials and consumables used increased to S\$1,899.9 million.

The Group recorded Profit before tax of S\$156.5 million, an 11.8% improvement year-on-year. Income tax expense increased from S\$9.0 million in FY 2013 to S\$16.6 million in FY 2014 mainly due to various changes in tax incentives granted to the Company’s subsidiaries. As a result, profit attributable to owners of the Company (net profit) increased by 6.6% to S\$139.8 million in FY 2014. This translates to a full year net margin of 5.7% (FY 2013: 5.6%).

Diluted Earnings Per Share for FY 2014 was 50.9 cents (FY 2013: 47.7 cents).

4Q 2014 PERFORMANCE

For the three months ended 31 December 2014, Group revenue increased by 8.3% year-on-year to S\$674.7 million. Revenue growth for the quarter was driven primarily by strength in the Test & Measurement/Medical & Life Science/Others segment. This performance was partially offset by the decline in revenue of the Computer Peripherals & Data Storage segment.

The Group registered a net profit of S\$39.3 million for the quarter ended 31 December 2014, an improvement of 3.5% year-on-year and 8.9% sequentially. Net profit for the reported quarter is the highest for the year and for the past eight quarters.

Diluted Earnings Per Share was 14.3 cents for the quarter ended 31 December 2014 (4Q 2013: 13.8 cents).

FINANCIAL POSITION AND CASHFLOW

During the year, the Group generated cash from operations of S\$186.2 million (FY 2013: S\$122.9 million). The Group closed the year in a net cash position with cash and cash equivalent balance amounting to S\$393.3 million (FY 2013: S\$390.9 million). Net cash used in investing activities which included investments in property, plant and equipment totaled S\$37.2 million.

Trade receivables increased by 7.1% to S\$557.0 million and Inventories increased by 4.7% to S\$552.7 million as at 31 December 2014. Trade payables increased by 15.1% to S\$385.7 million as at 31 December 2014. The increases were in line with the higher revenue recorded for the reporting period. For the year ended 31 December 2014, the Group recorded non-current other receivables of S\$20.0 million which included down payments for property, plant and equipment, deposits on leases and an amount arising from a manufacturing agreement with a new customer upon their acquisition and continuation of an existing customer's business.

As at 31 December 2014, equity attributable to owners of the Company was S\$1,862.3 million (FY 2013: S\$1,826.8 million) and the Net Asset Value per share was S\$6.78 (FY 2013: S\$6.65).

PROPOSED DIVIDEND

The Board of Directors has recommended a final dividend of 50 cents per share on a one-tier tax-exempt basis for the financial year ended 31 December 2014.

Subject to the approval of shareholders at the Annual General Meeting to be held on 29 April 2015, the proposed dividend will be paid on 20 May 2015.

OUTLOOK

While most customers of the Group continue to have a positive long-term outlook, a number of customers are concerned with the pace of economic development in Europe and Asia. However, Venture has built a solid diversified customer base which sets a strong foundation for sustainable growth.

Venture continues to stay focused on strong execution of several strategic initiatives to enhance its differentiating strengths. These initiatives include the relentless pursuit of Operational Excellence, the broadening of its R&D capabilities, and innovation in product and system development. Likewise, the Group continues to invest in growing its Centres of Excellence to enrich its engineering competencies and value creation for its customers and other stakeholders.

Submitted by Angeline Khoo, Company Secretary, on 27 February 2015 to the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited.

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BACKGROUND

About Venture (www.venture.com.sg)

Venture (SGX: VENM.SI) was founded in 1984 as a global electronics services provider. Today, it is a leading global provider of technology services, products and solutions with established capabilities spanning marketing research, design and development, product and process engineering, design for manufacturability, supply chain management, as well as product refurbishment and technical support across a range of high-mix, high-value and complex products.

Headquartered in Singapore, the Group comprises 40 companies with global clusters in Southeast Asia, Northeast Asia, America and Europe and employs over 12,000 people worldwide.

The Group has built know-how and intellectual property with domain expertise in printing and imaging; networking and communications devices; handheld interactive scanning and computing products; advanced storage systems and devices; financial-related equipment and technology; Industrial, power and energy-related products; test and measurement equipment and instrumentation; medical and healthcare devices and life science equipment. The Group manages a portfolio of more than 5,000 products and solutions and continues to expand into new product categories through its collaboration with existing and new customers.

In its pursuit to create unparalleled enterprise excellence across design and engineering, manufacturing and distribution, Venture has forged numerous meaningful partnerships and alliances. As it assumes a key role in the enterprise chain, Venture will continue to tap the knowledge and best-in-class capabilities of global enterprises for breakthrough innovations.

Venture is a strategic partner of choice of over 100 global companies including Fortune 500 corporations and ranks among the best in managing the value chain for leading electronics companies. It is committed to enhancing its competencies through further investments in technologies, market access capabilities and its people. It stands poised, to provide the leading edge and remain relevant in a constantly changing and evolving world.