

The Board of Directors of Venture Corporation Limited wishes to make the following announcement:

Fourth Quarter and Year-to-date financial statements on consolidated results for the financial period ended 31 December 2004. These figures have not been audited or reviewed.

1.(a)(i) **An income statement (for the group), together with a comparative statement for the corresponding period of the immediately preceding financial year**

	Group			Group		
	3 months ended 31.12.2004 S\$'000	3 months ended 31.12.2003 S\$'000	% increase/ (decrease)	12 months ended 31.12.2004 S\$'000	12 months ended 31.12.2003 S\$'000	% increase/ (decrease)
Revenue	1,003,821	867,270	15.7	3,193,398	3,170,018	0.7
Other operating income	8,212	7,878	4.2	23,027	11,379	102.4
Changes in inventories of finished goods and work in progress	33,342	(5,743)	n.m.	44,661	2,289	1851.1
Raw materials and consumables used	(903,314)	(704,660)	28.2	(2,701,141)	(2,583,582)	4.6
Staff costs	(49,553)	(48,404)	2.4	(192,625)	(192,095)	0.3
Depreciation and amortisation expense	(14,359)	(14,534)	(1.2)	(55,834)	(55,930)	(0.2)
Research and development expense	(10,756)	(4,202)	156.0	(35,581)	(32,611)	9.1
Foreign currency exchange adjustment loss	(6,105)	(4,973)	22.8	(9,313)	(4,999)	86.3
Other operating expense	(19,474)	(23,925)	(18.6)	(77,001)	(78,865)	(2.4)
Profit from operations	41,814	68,707	(39.1)	189,591	235,604	(19.5)
Interest income (net of interest expense)	5,802	3,417	69.8	20,480	12,141	68.7
Income from associates	1,659	253	555.7	3,074	2,401	28.0
Profit before income tax	49,275	72,377	(31.9)	213,145	250,146	(14.8)
Income tax expense	(1,794)	2,526	n.m.	(5,796)	(3,613)	60.4
Profit after income tax but before minority interests	47,481	74,903	(36.6)	207,349	246,533	(15.9)
Minority interests	(59)	(1,365)	(95.7)	(596)	(6,147)	(90.3)
Net profit attributable to the shareholders of the company	47,422	73,538	(35.5)	206,753	240,386	(14.0)

1.(a)(ii) **The net profit attributable to the shareholders includes the following (charges)/credits:**

	Group			Group		
	3 months ended 31.12.2004 S\$'000	3 months ended 31.12.2003 S\$'000	% increase/ (decrease)	12 months ended 31.12.2004 S\$'000	12 months ended 31.12.2003 S\$'000	% increase/ (decrease)
Overprovision of tax in respect of prior years	813	2,521	(67.8)	1,847	3,155	(41.5)
Gain on disposal of associates	-	-	n.m.	10,961	-	n.m.
Gain on sale of fixed rate bonds	882	-	n.m.	2,505	-	n.m.
Gain on sale of other investments	6,133	-	n.m.	6,133	-	n.m.
Allowance for doubtful debts	(2,826)	-	n.m.	(2,826)	-	n.m.
Allowance for inventories	(3,697)	-	n.m.	(3,697)	-	n.m.
Reversal of impairment loss on equity linked deposits	-	2,500	n.m.	-	2,500	n.m.
Reversal of impairment loss on other investments	-	4,586	n.m.	-	4,586	n.m.
Gain (Loss) on disposal of plant and equipment, net	510	71	618.3	574	(602)	n.m.

Notes:

(1) n.m. - not meaningful

1.(b)(i) A balance sheet (for the issuer and group), together with a comparative statement as at the end of the immediately preceding year

	Group		Company	
	31.12.2004	31.12.2003	31.12.2004	31.12.2003
	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000
ASSETS				
Current assets:				
Cash	90,929	155,556	16,408	38,898
Fixed deposits	518,678	624,577	376,425	507,072
Trade receivables	481,446	439,629	191,196	155,664
Other receivables and prepayments	27,807	29,752	5,732	8,797
Inventories	353,538	254,164	90,540	66,523
Amount due from subsidiaries	-	-	122,925	134,035
Amount due from associates	-	883	-	-
Amount due from joint venture	177	9	-	-
Total current assets	1,472,575	1,504,570	803,226	910,989
Non-current assets:				
Investments in subsidiaries	-	-	169,954	154,128
Investments in associates	17,810	23,284	-	-
Investment in joint venture	-	-	1,000	1,000
Other investments	291,973	47,034	258,807	8,250
Property, plant and equipment	167,714	159,362	21,503	23,813
Intangible assets	8,374	17,568	921	648
Goodwill on consolidation	66,561	57,515	-	-
Total non-current assets	552,432	304,763	452,185	187,839
Total Assets	2,025,007	1,809,333	1,255,411	1,098,828
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY				
Current liabilities:				
Bank overdrafts	-	821	-	-
Short-term bank loans	7,995	9,043	-	-
Trade payables	372,237	380,000	79,845	66,448
Other payables and accrued expenses	63,609	59,691	28,825	29,695
Amount due to subsidiaries	-	-	105,322	70,475
Amount due to associates	888	2,167	392	630
Amount due to joint venture	178	70	49	124
Income tax payable	4,012	5,427	-	-
Total current liabilities	448,919	457,219	214,433	167,372
Non-current liabilities:				
Deferred tax liabilities	3,577	2,746	-	-
Total non-current liabilities	3,577	2,746	-	-
Minority interests	2,246	8,310	-	-
Capital and reserves:				
Issued capital	65,895	64,281	65,895	64,281
Share premium	501,751	420,131	501,751	420,131
Accumulated profits	1,036,215	871,857	473,332	447,044
Reserve on consolidation	51	51	-	-
Currency translation reserves	(33,647)	(15,262)	-	-
Total equity	1,570,265	1,341,058	1,040,978	931,456
Total Liabilities and Equity	2,025,007	1,809,333	1,255,411	1,098,828

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

(a) Amount repayable in one year or less, or on demand

As at 31.12.2004		As at 31.12.2003	
Secured	Unsecured	Secured	Unsecured
S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000
1,368	6,627	1,735	8,129

(b) Amount repayable after one year

As at 31.12.2004		As at 31.12.2003	
Secured	Unsecured	Secured	Unsecured
S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000
-	-	-	-

(c) Details of any collateral

The bank loans are provided to subsidiaries of Univac Precision Engineering Pte Ltd. The loans are secured by proportionate corporate guarantees provided by the shareholders of the subsidiaries.

1.(c) **A cash flow statement (for the group), together with a comparative statement for the corresponding period of the immediately preceding financial year**

	3 months ended 31.12.2004	3 months ended 31.12.2003	12 months ended 31.12.2004	12 months ended 31.12.2003
	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000
Cash flows from operating activities:				
Profit before income from associates, income tax and minority interests	47,616	72,124	210,071	247,745
Adjustments for:				
Depreciation expense	10,801	10,727	41,143	41,362
Amortisation of goodwill	967	810	3,547	3,095
Amortisation of intangible assets	2,591	2,997	11,144	11,473
Reversal of impairment loss on other investments	-	(4,586)	-	(4,586)
Allowance for doubtful debts	2,826	-	2,826	-
Allowance for inventories	3,697	-	3,697	-
Interest income	(5,877)	(3,499)	(20,808)	(12,484)
Dividend income	(969)	(954)	(1,938)	(1,473)
Interest expense	75	82	328	343
Gain on disposal of associates	-	-	(10,961)	-
(Gain) Loss on disposal of plant and equipment, net	(510)	(71)	(574)	602
Gain on disposal of intangible assets	(56)	-	(56)	-
Gain on disposal of other investments	(6,133)	-	(6,133)	(33)
Operating profit before working capital changes	55,028	77,630	232,286	286,044
Trade receivables	37,811	133,895	(44,643)	15,564
Other receivables and prepayments	15,800	11,789	(4,636)	1,034
Inventories	(7,248)	36,216	(103,071)	(35,089)
Amount due from joint venture	(210)	34	(60)	(6)
Amount due from associates	(472)	1,579	(396)	(1,694)
Trade payables	(101,558)	(121,799)	(7,763)	4,900
Other payables and accrued expenses	7,687	(8,035)	3,918	(8,472)
Cash generated from operations	6,838	131,309	75,635	262,281
Interest received	5,877	3,499	20,808	12,484
Interest paid	(75)	(82)	(328)	(343)
Income tax refunded (paid)	6,659	(2,422)	836	(10,504)
Dividends paid	-	-	(42,395)	(18,484)
Dividends received	969	954	1,938	1,473
Net cash from operating activities	20,268	133,258	56,494	246,907
Cash flows from investing activities:				
Contribution from minority shareholders	-	363	-	363
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(13,690)	(7,616)	(55,572)	(36,778)
Proceeds on disposal of plant and equipment	1,304	788	1,896	1,134
Addition of intangible assets	(814)	(450)	(2,427)	(3,951)
Proceeds on disposal of intangible assets	500	-	500	-
Purchase of other investments	(203,687)	-	(262,566)	(6,353)
Proceeds on disposal of other investments	13,133	10,149	22,639	9,972
Dividends received from associates	-	104	696	674
Proceeds from disposal of associates	-	-	18,926	-
Payment to minority shareholders for acquisition of additional shareholdings in subsidiary	-	-	(3,987)	-
Acquisition of subsidiaries, net of cash acquired	-	-	-	(88)
Net cash from (used in) investing activities	(203,254)	3,338	(279,895)	(35,027)
Cash flows from financing activities:				
(Decrease) Increase in short-term bank loans	(314)	(255)	(1,048)	1,021
Proceeds from issue of shares	11,894	16,325	67,409	153,160
Net cash from financing activities	11,580	16,070	66,361	154,181
Net effect of exchange rate changes in consolidating subsidiaries	(9,865)	(5,784)	(12,665)	(6,482)
Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	(181,271)	146,882	(169,705)	359,579
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	790,878	632,430	779,312	419,733
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	609,607	779,312	609,607	779,312
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period include the following:				
Cash	90,929	155,556	90,929	155,556
Fixed deposits	518,678	624,577	518,678	624,577
Bank overdrafts	-	(821)	-	(821)
	609,607	779,312	609,607	779,312

1.(d)(i) **Statement of changes in equity for the period ended 31 December**

	Issued capital S\$'000	Share premium S\$'000	Currency translation reserves S\$'000	Reserve on consolidation S\$'000	Accumulated Profits S\$'000	Total S\$'000
The Group						
Balance at 1 January 2003	60,079	239,389	(6,504)	51	649,955	942,970
Currency translation differences	-	-	64	-	-	64
Net profit attributable to the shareholders of the company	-	-	-	-	42,355	42,355
Issue of shares	772	24,222	-	-	-	24,994
Balance at 31 March 2003	60,851	263,611	(6,440)	51	692,310	1,010,383
Currency translation differences	-	-	(3,583)	-	-	(3,583)
Net profit attributable to the shareholders of the company	-	-	-	-	58,661	58,661
First and final tax exempt dividend and bonus tax exempt dividend paid in respect of the previous financial year	-	-	-	-	(18,484)	(18,484)
Issue of shares	1,188	41,760	-	-	-	42,948
Balance at 30 June 2003	62,039	305,371	(10,023)	51	732,487	1,089,925
Currency translation differences	-	-	2,231	-	-	2,231
Net profit attributable to the shareholders of the company	-	-	-	-	65,832	65,832
Issue of shares	1,891	98,786	-	-	-	100,677
Balance at 30 September 2003	63,930	404,157	(7,792)	51	798,319	1,258,665
Currency translation differences	-	-	(7,470)	-	-	(7,470)
Net profit attributable to the shareholders of the company	-	-	-	-	73,538	73,538
Issue of shares	351	15,974	-	-	-	16,325
Balance at 31 December 2003	<u>64,281</u>	<u>420,131</u>	<u>(15,262)</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>871,857</u>	<u>1,341,058</u>

The Group	Issued capital S\$'000	Share premium S\$'000	Currency translation reserves S\$'000	Reserve on consolidation S\$'000	Accumulated Profits S\$'000	Total S\$'000
Balance at 1 January 2004	64,281	420,131	(15,262)	51	871,857	1,341,058
Currency translation differences	-	-	(2,351)	-	-	(2,351)
Net profit attributable to the shareholders of the company	-	-	-	-	46,899	46,899
Issue of shares	591	27,454	-	-	-	28,045
Balance at 31 March 2004	64,872	447,585	(17,613)	51	918,756	1,413,651
Currency translation differences	-	-	3,241	-	-	3,241
Net profit attributable to the shareholders of the company	-	-	-	-	64,331	64,331
First and final tax exempt dividend and bonus dividend less tax paid in respect of the previous financial year	-	-	-	-	(42,395)	(42,395)
Issue of shares	681	36,975	-	-	-	37,656
Balance at 30 June 2004	65,553	484,560	(14,372)	51	940,692	1,476,484
Currency translation differences	-	-	(4,100)	-	-	(4,100)
Net profit attributable to the shareholders of the company	-	-	-	-	48,101	48,101
Issue of shares	122	5,517	-	-	-	5,639
Balance at 30 September 2004	65,675	490,077	(18,472)	51	988,793	1,526,124
Currency translation differences	-	-	(15,175)	-	-	(15,175)
Net profit attributable to the shareholders of the company	-	-	-	-	47,422	47,422
Issue of shares	220	11,674	-	-	-	11,894
Balance at 31 December 2004	65,895	501,751	(33,647)	51	1,036,215	1,570,265

The Company	Issued capital S\$'000	Share premium S\$'000	Accumulated Profits S\$'000	Total S\$'000
Balance at 1 January 2003	60,079	239,389	371,296	670,764
Net profit attributable to the shareholders of the company	-	-	15,044	15,044
Issue of shares	772	24,222	-	24,994
Balance at 31 March 2003	60,851	263,611	386,340	710,802
Net profit attributable to the shareholders of the company	-	-	13,690	13,690
First and final tax exempt dividend and bonus tax exempt dividend paid in respect of the previous financial year	-	-	(18,484)	(18,484)
Issue of shares	1,188	41,760	-	42,948
Balance at 30 June 2003	62,039	305,371	381,546	748,956
Net profit attributable to the shareholders of the company	-	-	16,350	16,350
Issue of shares	1,891	98,786	-	100,677
Balance at 30 September 2003	63,930	404,157	397,896	865,983
Net profit attributable to the shareholders of the company	-	-	49,148	49,148
Issue of shares	351	15,974	-	16,325
Balance at 31 December 2003	64,281	420,131	447,044	931,456
Balance at 1 January 2004	64,281	420,131	447,044	931,456
Net profit attributable to the shareholders of the company	-	-	18,628	18,628
Issue of shares	591	27,454	-	28,045
Balance at 31 March 2004	64,872	447,585	465,672	978,129
Net profit attributable to the shareholders of the company	-	-	22,992	22,992
First and final tax exempt dividend and bonus dividend less tax paid in respect of the previous financial year	-	-	(42,395)	(42,395)
Issue of shares	681	36,975	-	37,656
Balance at 30 June 2004	65,553	484,560	446,269	996,382
Net profit attributable to the shareholders of the company	-	-	20,493	20,493
Issue of shares	122	5,517	-	5,639
Balance at 30 September 2004	65,675	490,077	466,762	1,022,514
Net profit attributable to the shareholders of the company	-	-	6,570	6,570
Issue of shares	220	11,674	-	11,894
Balance at 31 December 2004	65,895	501,751	473,332	1,040,978

1.(d)(ii) **Details of any changes in the Company's issued share capital**

Venture Manufacturing (Singapore) Ltd Executives' Share Option Scheme ("The Scheme")

Since the end of the previous financial quarter, 881,000 ordinary shares of S\$0.25 each were issued to holders of options who exercised 881,000 of their options under the Scheme. As at 31 December 2004, there were 19,927,000 unissued shares of the Company under options (31 December 2003: 21,785,000).

Since the end of the previous financial quarter, 851,000 options to take up ordinary shares (31 December 2003: 39,000) of S\$0.25 each in the capital of the Company lapsed.

Share Capital

As at 31 December 2004, the issued and paid up capital of the Company was S\$65,895,144 divided into 263,580,577 shares of S\$0.25 each.

2. **Whether the figures have been audited, or reviewed and in accordance with which auditing standard or practice**

These figures have not been audited or reviewed.

3. **Where these figures have been audited or reviewed, the auditors' report (including any qualifications or emphasis of 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**

The Group has adopted the same accounting policies and methods of computation in the financial statements for the current reporting period compared with the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2003.

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**

Not applicable.

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**

(a) Based on the weighted average number of ordinary shares on issue (cents)

(b) On a fully diluted basis (cents)
(detailing any adjustments made to the earnings)

	12 months ended 31.12.2004	12 months ended 31.12.2003
(a)	79.1	96.3
(b)	77.3	93.0

7.

Net assets value per ordinary share based on issued share capital at the end of the period reported in (cents)

	Group		Company	
	31.12.2004	31.12.2003	31.12.2004	31.12.2003
	595.7	521.6	394.9	362.3

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.

The Group recorded a full-year revenue of S\$3.19 billion as compared to S\$3.17 billion in 2003. The Group saw mixed demand for products in the various segments. The networking & communications, test & measurement, automotive and medical segments grew with the addition of several new customers and products. However, the printing & imaging and computer peripherals & data storage segments recorded declines as new product introduction activities were delayed.

Profit after tax saw a 14% decline from S\$240.4 million to S\$206.8 million in the financial period. The decline was attributable to a higher proportion of high-volume businesses during the year. Foreign exchange loss and allowance for doubtful debts and inventory obsolescence also contributed to the decline.

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.**

Recent outsourcing trend has seen Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs) showing greater interest in end-to-end solution, high-mix business and larger product portfolio. The strong Euro currency has also driven more European companies to explore outsourcing solutions in Asia. The Group has been able to build a healthy pipeline of new customers and new products by building up resources to participate in larger portions of the value chain and entering into greater collaboration with customers.

The growth in its customer base and New Product Introduction (NPIs) for the networking & communications product segment is expected to contribute to increased revenue into 2005. Demand for test & measurement and automotive products is expected to be sustained as the Group works to increase its market share in these areas. At the same time, it is also making good inroads into the medical product segment. The printing & imaging, and computer peripherals & data storage segments are expected to see an increase in the number of NPIs and activities for the year.

11. **Dividend**

(a) Current Financial Period Reported On

Name of Dividend	Final	Bonus
Dividend Type	Cash	Cash
Dividend Amount per Share (in cents)	25.0 cents per ordinary share (tax exempt)	25.0 cents per ordinary share (tax exempt)
Dividend Rate	100%	100%
Par value of shares	S\$0.25	S\$0.25
Tax Rate	Exempt	Exempt

The above proposed dividends are subject to shareholders' approval.

(b) Corresponding Period of the Immediately Preceding Financial Year

Name of Dividend	Final	Bonus
Dividend Type	Cash	Cash
Dividend Amount per Share (in cents)	6.25 cents per ordinary share (tax exempt)	12.5 cents per ordinary share (less tax)
Dividend Rate	25%	50%
Par value of shares	S\$0.25	S\$0.25
Tax Rate	Exempt	20%

(c) Date payable

Date of payment of dividend will be announced at a later date.

(d) Books closure date

Notice of book closure will be announced at a later date.

12. **If no dividend has been declared (recommended), a statement to that effect.**

Not applicable.

13. **Segmental revenue and results for business or geographical segments (of the group) in the form presented in the issuer's most recently audited annual financial statements, with comparative information for the immediately preceding year**

Segmental Results

a) By Geographical Segments

	Singapore S\$'000	Asia Pacific (excluding Singapore) S\$'000	United States of America/Mexico/ Others S\$'000	Eliminations S\$'000	Group S\$'000
2004					
Revenue:					
External sales	2,727,458	350,616	115,324	-	3,193,398
Inter-segment sales	289,050	1,637,750	12,483	(1,939,283)	-
Total revenue	3,016,508	1,988,366	127,807	(1,939,283)	3,193,398
Results:					
Profit from operations	66,023	105,123	5,932	12,513	189,591
Interest income (net of interest expense)	18,958	1,366	156	-	20,480
Income from associates	3,074	-	-	-	3,074
Profit before income tax	88,055	106,489	6,088	12,513	213,145
Income tax expense					(5,796)
Profit after income tax					207,349
2003					
Revenue:					
External sales	2,832,757	286,705	50,556	-	3,170,018
Inter-segment sales	161,153	1,874,867	22,894	(2,058,914)	-
Total revenue	2,993,910	2,161,572	73,450	(2,058,914)	3,170,018
Results:					
Profit from operations	116,023	145,546	2,182	(28,147)	235,604
Interest income (net of interest expense)	10,947	657	537	-	12,141
Income from associates	2,401	-	-	-	2,401
Profit before income tax	129,371	146,203	2,719	(28,147)	250,146
Income tax expense					(3,613)
Profit after income tax					246,533

b) By Business Segments

	2004 S\$'000	2003 S\$'000
Design, manufacturing and fulfillment services in electronics industry	3,193,398	3,170,018

14. **In the review of performance, the factors leading to any material changes in contributions to turnover and earnings by the business or geographical segments**

See item 8.

15. **A breakdown of sales**

		Group	
	Year Ended 31.12.2004 S\$'000	Year Ended 31.12.2003 S\$'000	Increase/ (decrease) %
(a) Revenue reported for first half year	1,384,775	1,381,295	0.3
(b) Operating profit after income tax before deducting minority interests reported for first half year	111,643	104,020	7.3
(c) Revenue reported for second half year	1,808,623	1,788,723	1.1
(d) Operating profit after income tax before deducting minority interests reported for second half year	95,706	142,513	(32.8)

16. **A breakdown of the annual dividend (in dollar value) for the issuer's latest full year and its previous full year**

Total Annual Dividend	Latest Full Year (Proposed) S\$'000	Previous Full Year (Paid) S\$'000
Ordinary	131,790	42,395
Preference	-	-
Total	131,790	42,395

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

Pay Cher Wee
Company Secretary
21 February 2005