



MEDIA RELEASE

Straco continues to report good performance for FY2016

Financial Highlights (S\$'mil)	3 Months to 31 December			12 Months to 31 December		
	2016	2015	% change	2016	2015	% change
Revenue	23.24	23.83	-2.5	125.16	127.66	-2.0
Profit before tax	8.93	10.22	-12.6	68.21	72.93	-6.5
Profit attributable to shareholders	6.14	6.26	-1.9	46.46	49.00	-5.2
Earnings per share (Scts)	0.71	0.73	-2.7	5.41	5.74	-5.7
Net asset value per share (Scts)	-	-	-	28.19	25.95	8.6

- Full year revenue dropped by a marginal 2% to \$125.16 million, affected by weakened RMB
- Net asset value per share increased 8.6% to 28.19 cents
- Operating cash flow of \$67.1 million generated
- Net cash of \$101.3 million
- Proposed first and final dividend of 2.5 cents per share

SINGAPORE, 28 February 2017:- Mainboard-listed Straco Corporation (“Straco” or “the Group”), a developer and operator of tourism-related attractions, reported a marginal decline in Group revenue to \$23.24 million for the fourth quarter ended 31 December 2016 compared to 4Q2015, mainly attributable to the lower revenue contributed by Underwater World Xiamen (“UWX”), partially offset by higher revenue achieved by Shanghai Ocean Aquarium (“SOA”), Lixing Cable Car (“LCC”), and Straco Leisure which operates the Singapore Flyer. Group profit was \$6.14 million for the quarter, 1.9% lower than that of 4Q2015.

For the quarter under review, overall visitation to all attractions decreased marginally 2.6% from 4Q2015 to 0.915 million visitors.

Cumulatively, Group revenue for the FY2016 decreased 2.0% while Group profit fell 5.2%, affected by weakened RMB.

Commenting on the results, Straco's Executive Chairman, Mr Wu Hsioh Kwang said: "Our China businesses, in particular SOA continues to achieve positive growth in visitor numbers and profitability while UWX's profitability was affected by the typhoons that hit Xiamen in September last year. Better revenue was also achieved by Singapore Flyer over that of FY2015."

Mr Wu added: "We generated net cash from operating activities of \$67.1 million for the year, 3.2% higher than that of last year. As at 31 December 2016, the Group has net cash of \$101.3 million."

The National Bureau of Statistics of China reported that China's gross domestic product ("GDP") grew 6.8% in the fourth quarter of 2016 from a year ago, and 6.7% for the full year with consumption accounting for 64.6% of GDP, amid its transition towards domestic consumption away from manufacturing and investment led growth.

On the tourism sector, it was recently reported that the authority will continue to deepen the structural reform of the supply side in 2017, and vigorously boost inbound tourism, stabilize the development of domestic tourism, and enhance the international influence and competitiveness of the Chinese tourism industry.

In Singapore, the economy grew 1.8% in 4Q2016 compared to the same period a year ago, with strong improvements from the manufacturing and service sectors. On the tourism sector, it was reported that Singapore received 16.4 million visitors in 2016, up 7.7% year-on-year, while tourism receipts rose 13.9% to \$24.8 billion. The strong performance of the tourism sector was the fruition of various initiatives, including digital partnerships with Chinese players, supporting industry transformation by tapping on technology to improve productivity, better business-to-business collaboration and enhancing visitors' experience.

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About Straco Corporation

Straco Corporation Limited ("Straco"), listed on the Singapore Stock Exchange in 2004, is a leading developer and operator of aquatic-related facilities and tourism-related assets. Straco's main operating assets include Shanghai Ocean Aquarium, situated in the New Pudong Area, next to Shanghai's landmark Oriental Pearl Tower; Lixing cable car service at Mount Lishan in Lishan in Lintong District, Shaanxi province; Underwater World Xiamen on the scenic Gulangyu Island, a key tourist attraction of Xiamen City, and the Singapore Flyer, an iconic landmark located in the Marina Bay skyline.

Straco has been constantly sourcing for tourism projects to tap into the expected tourism boom in Asia. The Group will leverage on its experience and track record in the China market to form strategic investment alliances to develop and operate tourism resources in China and the region.