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GT STEEL CONSTRUCTION GROUP LIMITED

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

(Stock code: 8402)

INTERIM RESULTS ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2019

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This announcement, for which the directors (the "Directors") of GT Steel Construction Group Limited (the "Company") collectively and individually accept full responsibility, include particulars given in compliance with the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on GEM of the Stock Exchange (the "GEM Listing Rules") for the purpose of giving information with regard to the Company. The Directors, having made all reasonable enquiries, confirm that to the best of their knowledge and belief (1) the information contained in this announcement is accurate and complete in all material respects and not misleading and deceptive; and (2) there are no other matters the omission of which would make any statement herein or this announcement misleading.

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INTERIM RESULTS

The board (the "Board") of Directors of the Company (together with its subsidiaries, the "Group") is pleased to present the unaudited consolidated results of the Group for the three months and six months ended 30 June 2019, together with the unaudited comparative figures for the corresponding period in 2018, as follows:

UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the three months and six months ended 30 June 2019

		Three months ended 30 June		**Six months ended 30 June**	
		2019	2018	**2019**	2018
	Note	***S$***	*S$*	***S$***	*S$*
		(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	**(Unaudited)**	(Unaudited)
Revenue	3	**11,684,123**	11,154,183	**28,513,524**	17,503,457
Cost of services		**(8,879,934)**	(7,880,455)	**(21,828,252)**	(12,477,166)
Gross profit		**2,804,189**	3,273,728	**6,685,272**	5,026,291
Other income	4A	**85,800**	42,250	**132,648**	133,608
Other gains	4B	**608**	—	**3,608**	—
Selling expenses		**(67,349)**	(109,039)	**(113,549)**	(142,122)
Administrative expenses		**(822,165)**	(578,574)	**(1,596,093)**	(1,252,786)
Other expenses	5	**(369,490)**	—	**(522,041)**	—
Finance costs	6	**(38,500)**	(34,966)	**(75,321)**	(57,087)
Profit before taxation	7	**1,593,093**	2,593,399	**4,514,524**	3,707,904
Income tax expense	8	**(330,073)**	(429,842)	**(920,334)**	(590,782)
Profit for the period		**1,263,020**	2,163,557	**3,594,190**	3,117,122
Other comprehensive income					
Item that was subsequently reclassified to profit or loss		**—**	—	**2,441**	—
Total comprehensive income for the period		**1,263,020**	2,163,557	**3,596,631**	3,117,122
Basic earnings per share (S$ cents)	10	**0.26**	0.45	**0.75**	0.65

UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
As at 30 June 2019

	Note	**As at 30 June 2019 S$ (Unaudited)**	As at 31 December 2018 S$ (Audited)
Non-current assets			
Property, plant & equipment	13	**1,185,031**	1,379,061
Right-of-use assets	14	**209,102**	—
Investment properties		**2,658,308**	2,684,941
		4,052,441	4,064,002
Current assets			
Trade receivables	15	**7,412,573**	6,451,736
Contract assets	16	**18,124,943**	10,075,674
Deposits, prepayments and other receivables	17	**3,864,189**	3,773,322
Bank balances and cash		**6,856,970**	16,962,802
		36,258,675	37,263,534
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	18	**5,348,479**	8,351,549
Lease liabilities			
— due within one year	14	**355,659**	139,823
Borrowings		**2,404,994**	4,388,533
Income tax payable		**1,707,402**	1,483,359
		9,816,534	14,363,264
Net current assets		**26,442,141**	22,900,270
Total assets less current liabilities		**30,494,582**	26,964,272

	Note	As at 30 June 2019 S$ (Unaudited)	As at 31 December 2018 S$ (Audited)
Non-current liabilities			
Lease liabilities			
— due after one year		**159,583**	184,833
Borrowings		**1,163,727**	1,211,281
Deferred tax liabilities		**78,114**	71,631
		1,401,424	1,467,745
Net assets		**29,093,158**	25,496,527
Capital and reserves			
Share capital	19	**827,586**	827,586
Share premium		**8,613,061**	8,613,061
Merger reserves		**2,999,983**	2,999,983
Accumulated profits		**16,652,528**	13,058,338
Translation reserve		—	(2,441)
Equity attributable to owners of the Company		**29,093,158**	25,496,527

UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

For the six months ended 30 June 2019

	Share Capital S$	Share Premium S$	Merger Reserves S$	Accumulated Profits S$	Translation Reserve S$	Total S$
At 1 January 2018 (audited)	827,586	8,613,061	2,999,983	6,515,838	—	18,956,468
Total comprehensive income for the period	—	—	—	3,117,122	—	3,117,122
At 30 June 2018 (unaudited)	827,586	8,613,061	2,999,983	9,632,960	—	22,073,590
At 1 January 2019 (audited)	**827,586**	**8,613,061**	**2,999,983**	**13,058,338**	**(2,441)**	**25,496,527**
Total comprehensive income for the period	**—**	**—**	**—**	**3,594,190**	**2,441**	**3,596,631**
At 30 June 2019 (unaudited)	**827,586**	**8,613,061**	**2,999,983**	**16,652,528**	**—**	**29,093,158**

UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the six months ended 30 June 2019

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2019	2018
	S$	*S$*
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Net cash used in operating activities	**(4,347,310)**	(275,240)
Net cash used in investing activities	**(3,636,034)**	(269,990)
Net cash used in financing activities	**(2,124,929)**	(1,032,761)
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	**(10,108,273)**	(1,577,991)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the period	**16,962,802**	11,229,883
Effects of foreign exchange rate changes on the balance of cash held in foreign currencies	**2,441**	—
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the period	**6,856,970**	9,651,892
Analysis of balances of cash and cash equivalents:		
Bank balances and cash	**6,856,970**	9,651,892

NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL RESULTS

1. GENERAL

The Company was incorporated and registered as an exempted company in the Cayman Islands with limited liability on 1 February 2017. The registered office of the Company is Cricket Square, Hutchins Drive, P.O. Box 2681, Grand Cayman, KY1-1111, Cayman Islands. The principal place of business is at 64 Woodlands Industrial Park E9, Singapore 757833. The shares of the Company are listed on GEM of the Stock Exchange with effect from 17 November 2017.

Its parent is Broadbville Limited ("Broadbville"), incorporated in the British Virgin Islands ("BVI"), which is also the Company's ultimate holding company. Its ultimate controlling party is Mr. Ong Cheng Yew ("Mr. Ong"), who is the Chairman and Managing Director of the Company.

The Company is an investment holding company and its operating subsidiaries, are engaged in the designing, supplying, fabricating and erecting structural steel-works for the construction of buildings including technological plants, industrial buildings, commercial buildings, government institutions and residential buildings and provision of pre-fabricated steel structures or on-site installation services.

The interim financial information is presented in Singapore Dollar ("S$"), which is also the functional currency of the Company.

The unaudited consolidated interim financial information was approved by the Board on 6 August 2019.

2. BASIS OF PREPARATION

These unaudited consolidated financial results should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2018, which have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS"). For these unaudited consolidated financial results, the Group has applied the new and amendments to IFRSs and interpretations. The adoption of new and revised standards did not have substantial effect on the financial performance and position of the Group except for the adoption of International Financial Reporting Standards 16 Leases ("IFRS 16 Leases") which took effect on 1 January 2019. In compliance with IFRS 16 Leases, the Group has applied the following practical expedients permitted by the IFRS:

- No reassessment on whether a contract is or contains a lease if the contract was entered into before 1 January 2019. Accordingly, the definition of a lease in accordance with IAS 17 and IFRIC 4 will continue to be applied to those leases entered or modified before 1 January 2019.

- The Group accounted for operating leases with a remaining lease term of less than 12 months as at 1 January 2019 as short-term leases.

The Group has applied IFRS 16 Leases retrospectively with the cumulative effect of initially applying the IFRS recognised as an adjustment to the opening balance of retained earnings at the date of initial application, as permitted under the specific transition provision in the IFRS. Lease liabilities were measured at the present value of the remaining lease payments, discounted using the Group's incremental borrowing rate as of 1 January 2019. The weighted average lessee's incremental borrowing rate applied to the lease liabilities on 1 January 2019 was 4.79%.

Right-of-use assets were measured at the amount equal to the lease liability, adjusted by the amount of any prepaid or accrued lease payments relating to that lease recognized in the statement of financial position immediately before the date of initial application. Consequently, right-of-use assets of S$313,652 were recognized on 1 January 2019.

3. REVENUE AND SEGMENT INFORMATION

Revenue represents the fair value of amounts received and receivable from the provision of construction services, installation and auxiliary services provided by the Group to external customers. The Group's operations are mainly derived from Singapore during the financial period.

Information is reported to the executive Directors, being the chief operating decision maker ("CODM") of the Group, for the purposes of resource allocation and performance assessment. The CODM reviews revenue by category, i.e. provision of services comprising design, supply, fabrication and erection of structural steel-works for the construction of buildings, including technological plants, industrial buildings, commercial buildings, government institutions and residential buildings in Singapore and Malaysia and other installation and auxiliary services by the Group to external customers for the respective reporting period. No analysis of the Group's results, assets and liabilities is regularly provided to the CODM for review. Accordingly, only entity-wide disclosures on services, major customers and geographical information are presented in accordance with IFRS 8 Operating Segments.

An analysis of the Group's revenue for the period is as follows:

	Three months ended 30 June		Six months ended 30 June	
	2019	2018	**2019**	2018
	S$	*S$*	***S$***	*S$*
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	**(Unaudited)**	(Unaudited)
Revenue from:				
Provision of structural steel-works services	**11,684,123**	11,154,183	**28,513,524**	17,503,457
	11,684,123	11,154,183	**28,513,524**	17,503,457

Major customers

Revenue from customers individually contributing over 10% of the total revenue of the Group are as follows:

	Three months ended 30 June		Six months ended 30 June	
	2019	2018	**2019**	2018
	S$	*S$*	***S$***	*S$*
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	**(Unaudited)**	(Unaudited)
Customer I	**6,206,177**	8,937,620	**20,121,064**	8,937,620
Customer II	**2,230,017**	—	**N/A***	2,250,988
Customer III	**1,906,500**	N/A*	**N/A***	N/A*

* The corresponding revenue did not contribute over 10% of the total revenue of the Group for the respective reporting period.

Geographical information

Revenue based on geographical location of customers are as follows:

	Three months ended 30 June		Six months ended 30 June	
	2019	2018	**2019**	2018
	S$	*S$*	***S$***	*S$*
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	**(Unaudited)**	(Unaudited)
Singapore	**11,684,123**	10,595,330	**28,508,480**	15,847,988
Malaysia	**—**	558,853	**5,044**	1,655,469
	11,684,123	11,154,183	**28,513,524**	17,503,457

4. A. OTHER INCOME

	Three months ended 30 June		Six months ended 30 June	
	2019	2018	**2019**	2018
	S$	*S$*	***S$***	*S$*
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	**(Unaudited)**	(Unaudited)
Insurance claim receipt	**—**	—	**179**	7,557
Government grants	**—**	—	**9,040**	49,841
Rental income	**31,329**	31,743	**59,658**	63,543
Sundry income	**54,471**	10,507	**63,771**	12,667
	85,800	42,250	**132,648**	133,608

B. OTHER GAINS

	Three months ended 30 June		Six months ended 30 June	
	2019	2018	**2019**	2018
	S$	*S$*	***S$***	*S$*
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	**(Unaudited)**	(Unaudited)
Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment	**608**	—	**3,608**	—

5. OTHER EXPENSES

This is pertaining to the professional services fees of transfer of listing, which is S$369,490 and S$522,041 for the three months and six months ended 30 June 2019 respectively, all unaudited.

6. FINANCE COSTS

	Three months ended 30 June		Six months ended 30 June	
	2019	2018	**2019**	2018
	S$	*S$*	***S$***	*S$*
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	**(Unaudited)**	(Unaudited)
Interest on:				
Bank borrowings				
— wholly repayable within five years	**23,486**	19,817	**45,706**	26,664
— not wholly repayable within five years	**11,430**	10,291	**22,297**	20,341
Finance leases	**3,584**	4,858	**7,318**	10,082
	38,500	34,966	**75,321**	57,087

7. PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION

	Three months ended 30 June		Six months ended 30 June	
	2019	2018	**2019**	2018
	S$	*S$*	***S$***	*S$*
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	**(Unaudited)**	(Unaudited)
Profit for the period has been arrived at after charging:				
Professional services fees of transfer of listing	**369,490**	—	**522,041**	—
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment:				
— Recognised in cost of services	**114,228**	115,027	**227,116**	229,554
— Recognised in administrative expenses	**53,491**	55,857	**106,555**	114,156
Depreciation of investment properties	**13,317**	13,317	**26,633**	26,633
Directors' remuneration	**213,776**	69,492	**283,429**	139,976
Other staff costs				
— Salaries and wages	**903,498**	740,416	**1,933,434**	1,424,748
— Defined contribution plans	**20,549**	23,379	**47,415**	65,318
— Other staff benefits	**29,949**	18,769	**56,394**	36,113
Total staff costs	**1,167,772**	852,056	**2,320,672**	1,666,155
Cost of materials recognised as expenses	**3,167,792**	3,749,894	**5,893,059**	4,234,611
Subcontractor costs recognised as expenses	**4,536,822**	3,116,437	**12,345,809**	6,382,046

8. INCOME TAX EXPENSE

	Three months ended 30 June		Six months ended 30 June	
	2019	2018	**2019**	2018
	S$	*S$*	***S$***	*S$*
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	**(Unaudited)**	(Unaudited)
Tax expense comprises:				
Current tax				
— Singapore corporate income tax ("CIT")	**330,073**	429,842	**899,703**	590,782
— under provision in prior years	**—**	—	**14,148**	—
Deferred tax expense				
— under provision in prior years	**—**	—	**6,483**	—
	330,073	429,842	**920,334**	590,782

Singapore CIT is calculated at 17% of the estimated assessable profit eligible for CIT rebate of 40%, capped at S$15,000 for the Year of Assessment 2018, and adjusted to 20%, capped at S$10,000 for the Year of Assessment 2019. G-Tech Metal Pte Ltd ("G-Tech Metal") can also enjoy 75% tax exemption on the first S$10,000 of normal chargeable income and a further 50% tax exemption on the next S$290,000 of normal chargeable income.

9. DIVIDEND

The Directors do not recommend the payment of dividend for the six months ended 30 June 2019 (2018: nil).

10. EARNINGS PER SHARE

The calculation of basic earnings per share is based on the profit for the period attributable to owners of the Company and the weighted average number of shares in issue.

No diluted earnings per share is presented for both periods as there was no potential ordinary share in issue for both periods.

	Three months ended 30 June		Six months ended 30 June	
	2019	2018	**2019**	2018
	S$	*S$*	***S$***	*S$*
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	**(Unaudited)**	(Unaudited)
Profit attributable to the owners of the Company *(S$)*	**1,263,020**	2,163,557	**3,594,190**	3,117,122
Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue	**480,000,000**	480,000,000	**480,000,000**	480,000,000
Basic earnings per share *(S$ cents)*	**0.26**	0.45	**0.75**	0.65

11. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Apart from disclosure elsewhere in the financial statements, the Group entered into the following transactions with related parties during the period:

The remuneration of directors and other members of key management during the period were as follows:

	Three months ended 30 June		Six months ended 30 June	
	2019	2018	**2019**	2018
	S$	*S$*	***S$***	*S$*
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	**(Unaudited)**	(Unaudited)
Short term benefits	**257,514**	115,604	**372,286**	231,208
Post-employment benefits	**10,800**	10,800	**21,600**	21,600
	268,314	126,404	**393,886**	252,808

12. RESERVES

During the period under review, there was no movement to and from any reserves other than profit for the six months ended 30 June 2019.

13. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

During the six months ended 30 June 2019, the Group acquired assets with aggregate cost of approximately S$140,000 (2018: approximately S$88,000) of which S$56,800 (2018: Nil) was acquired under finance leases.

The Group incurred depreciation expenses for the six months ended 30 June 2019 of approximately S$334,000 (2018: approximately S$344,000).

14. RIGHT-OF-USE ASSETS

Right-of-use assets were measured at the amount equal to the lease liability, adjusted by the amount of any prepaid or accrued lease payments relating to that lease recognized in the statement of financial position immediately before the date of initial application. Right-of-use assets of approximately S$209,000 were recognized for the six months ended 30 June 2019.

15. TRADE RECEIVABLES

	As at 30 June 2019 *S$* (Unaudited)	As at 31 December 2018 *S$* (Audited)
Trade receivables	**7,412,573**	6,368,157
Unbilled revenue *(Note)*	**—**	83,579
	7,412,573	6,451,736

Note: Unbilled revenue are those accrued revenue which payment certificates are issued by the customers but no billing has been raised to customers.

The average credit period granted to the customers is from 30 to 60 days, from the invoice date for trade receivables. The following is an analysis of trade receivables presented based on the invoice dates as at the end of each reporting period:

	As at 30 June 2019 *S$* (Unaudited)	As at 31 December 2018 *S$* (Audited)
Within 30 days	**2,991,351**	515,198
31 days to 60 days	**1,375,868**	2,911,762
Over 90 days	**3,045,354**	2,941,197
	7,412,573	6,368,157

Before accepting any new customers, the Group assesses the potential customer's credit quality and defined credit limit to each customer on an individual basis. Limits attributed to customers are reviewed periodically.

Starting from 1 January 2018, the Group applied simplified approach to provide the expected credit losses prescribed by IFRS 9.

As part of the Group's credit risk management, the Group assesses the impairment for its customers based on different group of customers which share common risk characteristics that are representative of the customers' abilities to pay all amounts due in accordance with the contractual terms.

The directors of the Company considered that the ECL for trade receivables is insignificant as at 30 June 2019.

16. CONTRACT ASSETS/CONTRACT LIABILITIES

	As at 30 June 2019 S$ (Unaudited)	As at 31 December 2018 S$ (Audited)
Analysed for reporting purposes as:		
Contract assets	**18,124,943**	10,075,674
Contract liabilities	**—**	—
	18,124,943	10,075,674

The contract assets primarily relate to the Group's right to consideration for work completed and not billed because the rights are conditioned on the Group's future performance in satisfying the respective performance obligations at the reporting date on construction contracts in respect of project works.

The contract liabilities primarily relate to the Group's obligation to transfer project works services to customers for which the Group has received consideration from the customers.

Retention money is unsecured, interest-free and expected to be received within the Group's normal operating cycle.

The directors of the Company considered that the ECL for contract assets is insignificant as at 30 June 2019.

17. DEPOSITS, PREPAYMENTS AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

	As at 30 June 2019 S$ (Unaudited)	As at 31 December 2018 S$ (Audited)
Prepayments to sub-contractors *(Note a)*	**—**	3,308,898
Deposits	**131,460**	173,035
Prepayments	**232,729**	291,389
Other receivables *(Note b)*	**3,500,000**	—
	3,864,189	3,773,322

Notes:

(a) The prepayments to sub-contractors represent down payment for certain projects. The prepayments to sub-contractors have since been credited to nil during the six months ended 30 June 2019.

(b) This comprises of the payment of S$3,500,000 being the purchase consideration after execution of the share purchase agreement of the acquisition of the entire issued shares of Kay Huat Trading Company Private Limited (the "Acquisition"). For details, please refer to the announcement of the Company dated 18 March 2019.

18. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

	As at 30 June 2019 *S$* (Unaudited)	As at 31 December 2018 *S$* (Audited)
Trade payables	**4,114,786**	6,116,715
GST payables	**190,334**	15,950
Other payables	**639,272**	1,293,965
Deposits received	**22,886**	16,322
Provision for unutilised leave	**25,731**	25,731
Salaries and CPF payables	**355,470**	882,866
	5,348,479	8,351,549

The following is an aged analysis of trade payables presented based on the invoice date at the end of each reporting period:

	As at 30 June 2019 *S$* (Unaudited)	As at 31 December 2018 *S$* (Audited)
Within 30 days	**815,071**	1,543,954
31 days to 60 days	**1,377,718**	2,570,635
61 days to 90 days	**1,917,164**	628,695
Over 90 days	**4,833**	1,373,431
	4,114,786	6,116,715

19. SHARE CAPITAL

Details of movements of authorised and issued capital of the Company are as follows:

	Number of Shares	**Share Capital** *HK$*
Authorised share capital of the Company:		
At 1 January 2018, 31 December 2018 (audited) and 30 June 2019 (unaudited)	5,000,000,000	50,000,000

	Number of Shares	**Share Capital** *S$*
Issued and fully paid of the Company:		
At 1 January 2018, 31 December 2018 (audited) and 30 June 2019 (unaudited)	480,000,000	827,586

Fully paid ordinary shares, which have no par value, carry one vote per share and a right to dividends as and when declared by the Company.

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

GENERAL

For the financial period to date, the business of the Group is principally engaged in the design, supply, fabrication and erect structural steel-works for the construction of buildings, including technological plants, industrial buildings, commercial buildings, government institutions and residential buildings in Singapore.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Revenue and Results

For the six months ended 30 June 2019, the Group recorded an unaudited revenue of approximately S$28,514,000 (2018: approximately S$17,503,000) and profit of approximately S$4,116,000 (exclusive of professional services fees of approximately S$522,000) (2018: approximately S$3,117,000).

The revenue increased by approximately S$11,011,000 or 62.9% mainly due to higher percentage of completion of a project for the provision of structural steel work services for the largest customer.

The gross profit for the six months ended 30 June 2019 was approximately S$6,685,000 (2018: approximately S$5,026,000). The gross profit increased in line with the increase in revenue. However, gross profit margin declined from approximately 29% for the six months ended 30 June 2018 to 23% for the six months ended 30 June 2019 mainly due to relatively lower gross profit margin from the high value contract from the largest customer. After taking into consideration the size of the contract, which, when completed, could enhance the Group's reputation and track record in the execution of large-scale projects and its on-going relationship with the largest customer, the management was willing to undertake the contract at a relatively lower gross profit margin. Moreover, the largest customer is part of a global engineering and construction company and has a prompt payment track record.

Other income for the six months ended 30 June 2019 was approximately S$133,000 (2018: approximately S$134,000).

Other gains included gain arising from disposal on property, plant and equipment.

Selling and administrative expenses for the six months ended 30 June 2019 was approximately S$1,710,000 (2018: approximately S$1,395,000) representing an increase of S$315,000 mainly due to increase in salary costs for key management, and repair and maintenance cost, which are in line with the growth of the Group's business.

Other expenses for the six months ended 30 June 2019 were mainly related to professional services fees of approximately S$522,000 for the proposed transfer of listing with more details in the section headed "Prospect" in this announcement.

The Group recorded a profit before taxation for the six months ended 30 June 2019 of approximately S$5,037,000 (exclusive of professional services fees of approximately S$522,000) (2018: approximately S$3,708,000) representing an increase of S$1,329,000 as compared with the corresponding period of last year.

The profit after taxation for the six months ended 30 June 2019 was approximately S$4,116,000 (exclusive of professional services fees of approximately S$522,000) (2018: approximately S$3,117,000) representing an increase of S$999,000 as compared with the corresponding period of last year.

Liquidity, Financial Resources and Capital Structure

The Group's exposure to liquidity risk arises in the general funding of the Group's operations, in particular, that the duration of the contracts spans from one month to one year and during which the amount of progress claim vary from month to month depending on the provision of construction works and installation and auxiliary services for the month. The supply and installation schedule is as directed by the customer, in accordance with the main contractor's schedule. As such, the Group actively manages our customers' credit limits, aging, and repayment of retention monies and monitor the operation cash flows to ensure adequate working capital funds and repayment schedule is met.

The Group's net current assets was approximately S$26,442,000 (31 December 2018: approximately S$22,900,000) and the Group has cash and cash equivalent of approximately S$6,857,000 (31 December 2018: approximately S$16,963,000) which were placed with major banks in Singapore, Hong Kong and Malaysia.

For the period under review, the net cash used in operating activities was approximately S$4,347,000.

As at 30 June 2019, the Group's borrowings comprised the obligation under finance leases of approximately S$306,000 (31 December 2018: approximately S$325,000) and bank borrowings of approximately S$3,569,000 (31 December 2018: approximately S$5,600,000).

The Group's current ratio was approximately 3.7 times (31 December 2018: approximately 2.6 times). The gearing ratio is calculated based on the total liability divided by the total equity as the respective periods end. The Group's gearing ratio was approximately 0.4 times (31 December 2018: approximately 0.6 times).

The Group's total equity attributable to owners of the Group amounted to approximately S$29,093,000 (31 December 2018: approximately S$25,497,000). The capital of the Group mainly comprises share capital and reserves.

Foreign Exchange Exposure

The Group transacts mainly in Singapore dollars, which is the functional currency of the Group. However, the Group retains the proceeds from the Share Offer in Hong Kong dollar, which exposed the Group to foreign exchange risk arising from the fluctuations of exchange rate for Hong Kong dollar against Singapore dollars. The Group does not have a foreign currency hedging policy but it continuously monitors its foreign exchange exposure and will apply appropriate measures if necessary.

Charges on Group's Assets

The Group has total present value of lease obligations under finance leases, which are secured by the relevant leased machinery and motor vehicles amounting to approximately S$406,000 (31 December 2018: approximately S$465,000).

Reserves

Movement in the reserves of the Group for the six months ended 30 June 2019 are set out above in the unaudited condensed consolidated statement of changes in equity.

Dividend

No dividend was paid, proposed or declared for the ordinary shareholders of the Company for the six months ended 30 June 2019 (2018: Nil).

Capital Commitments

As at 30 June 2019, the Group did not have any capital commitments (2018: Nil).

Contingent Liabilities

As at 30 June 2019, the Group did not have any contingent liabilities (2018: Nil).

Employee Information

As at 30 June 2019, the Group had an aggregate of 138 (2018: 111) employees. The employees of the Group are remunerated according to their job scope and responsibilities. The local employees are also entitled to discretionary bonus depending on their respective performance. The foreign workers are employed on one or two years contractual basis and are remunerated according to their work skills.

Total staff costs, including the Directors' emoluments, amounted to approximately S$2,321,000 for the six months ended 30 June 2019 (2018: approximately S$1,666,000).

Comparison of Business Objectives with Actual Business Progress

An analysis comparing the business objectives as set out in the Prospectus with the Group's actual business progress from 17 November 2017 (the "Listing Date") to 30 June 2019 (the "Review Period") is set out below:

Business strategies	Actual business progress during the Review Period
— Purchase of new fabrication facility	— The Group has utilised HK$13.9 million as deposit and payment of remaining purchase consideration for purchase of new fabrication facility
— Expand our workforce to support our business expansion	— The Group has fully utilised HK$0.8 million for the expansion of workforce to support business expansion
— Purchase of machineries for new fabrication facility	— The Group expects to purchase machineries for new fabrication facility in the fourth quarter 2019

USE OF PROCEEDS

The net proceeds from the Listing, after deducting listing related expenses, were approximately HK$35.9 million (equivalent to approximately S$6.19 million).

As at 30 June 2019, the net proceeds from the Listing have been utilised in the following manner:

	Use of proceeds as allocated in accordance with the Prospectus(Note (1)) *HK$ million*	Use of proceeds from Listing up to 30 June 2019 *HK$ million*	Outstanding proceeds as at 30 June 2019 *HK$ million*
Purchase price of new fabrication facility	20.4	13.9(Note (2))	6.5
Purchase of machineries for new fabrication facility	14.7	—	14.7(Note (3))
Expansion of workforce to support business expansion	0.8	0.8	—

Notes:

(1) The actual amounts allocated have been adjusted to reflect the percentage of the net proceeds actually received pursuant to the Listing.

(2) As stated in the prospectus of the Company dated 7 November 2017 (the "Prospectus"), the Group intended to utilise the proceeds from the Listing to purchase a new fabrication facility by 30 June 2018. However, the Group only identified the Leased Property (as defined below) in the first quarter of 2019 after searching for suitable properties within the vicinity and engage in negotiations with potential sellers. As at 30 June 2019, the Group has utilised the net proceeds raised as deposit and payment of remaining purchase consideration after the execution of the share purchase agreement for the Acquisition.

(3) Such amount will be utilised after completion of the Acquisition.

(4) The unutilised net proceeds of approximately HK$21.2 million have been placed in licensed banks in Hong Kong and Singapore.

BUSINESS REVIEW

Revenue comprised of revenue from the provision of construction services, installation and auxiliary services provided by the Group to external customers, which amounted to approximately S$28,514,000 and S$17,503,000 for the six months ended 30 June 2019 and 2018, respectively.

Management is actively seeking projects from other customers for diversification of customer concentration risks, and expanding existing capacity to cater to higher demands.

During the six months ended 30 June 2019 and 30 June 2018, the net profit was approximately profit of approximately S$4,116,000 (exclusive of professional services fees of approximately S$522,000) and S$3,117,000 respectively.

Singapore's construction sector is being driven by a large number of infrastructure projects which will continue into the latter part of the next decade. These infrastructure projects feed into the government's overall strategy for growth which includes bringing in new companies, investing in new industry sectors and increasing the population level. Structure steel is a critical component in many of these projects.

Those large-scale projects will increase demand in design and consultancy skills from the steel fabricators, which will in turn enhance their skills and productivity, making them more valuable for future projects.

The Board is ultimately responsible for ensuring that the risk management practices of the Group are sufficient to mitigate the risks present in our businesses and operations as efficiently and effectively as possible. The Board delegates some of this responsibility to various operational departments. The Group's financial position, operations, business and prospects may be affected by the following identified risks and uncertainties. The Group adopts risk management policies, measures and monitoring systems to pre-empt and contain exposures associated with the identified risks.

Going forward, the Group will continue to manage its expenditures, review the business strategy constantly and look for opportunity in a cautious and prudent manner.

PROSPECT

The Group recorded a significant increase in revenue in the financial period ended 30 June 2019 as compared with the corresponding period in 2018. The Group's strategies are to expand and strengthen its market position in the structural steelwork industry in Singapore through the expansion of its production capacity and workforce.

The demand for construction in Singapore is expected to remain strong in 2019. The Building and Construction Authority (the "BCA") projected the total construction demand (i.e. the value of construction contracts to be awarded) in 2019 to range between S$27 billion and S$32 billion, comparable to the S$30.5 billion (preliminary estimate) awarded in 2018.

The BCA is pursuing a program of green buildings with a target of achieving 80% of the buildings in Singapore to be designated 'green' by 2030. BCA's "Green Mark" system including the Sustainable Construction Masterplan refers to the Concrete Usage Index (CUI) to minimise the use of concrete in buildings.

The public sector is expected to contribute S$16 billion to S$20 billion per year from 2020 to 2023 with similar proportions of demand from building projects and civil engineering works. In addition to the public residential developments, public sector construction demand over the medium term will continue to be supported by big infrastructure projects such as the Cross Island Line, developments at Jurong Lake District and Changi Airport Terminal 5.

Steel is one of the most commonly recycled building materials. It is 100% recyclable and each reuse process does not degrade its quality. Each year, more steel is recycled in North America than aluminium, paper, glass and plastic combined.

Structural steel has numerous advantages over alternatives in building design and development. Comparing with concrete, steel offers a less labour-intensive, faster rate of construction, a better strength to volume ratio as well as flexibility in design. In the past, Singapore has faced supply problems from Indonesia for sand, a critical component in concrete, which causes issue with construction cost. Similarly the formation of concrete requires significant onsite resources and space, or the shipping in of modular prefabricated components.

The Company is in the process of considering a proposed transfer of listing of the shares of the Company from GEM to the Main Board (the "Main Board") of the Stock Exchange (the "Proposed Transfer"). The Company will issue further announcement(s) to keep the shareholders of the Company and potential investors informed of the Proposed Transfer as and when required under the GEM Listing Rules.

The Company believes that the Proposed Transfer will enhance the profile of the Company at the Main Board which is positioned as a market for established companies with track record. This will strengthen the Company's position in the industry and enhance the Company's competitive strengths in retaining and attracting professional and talented staff and customers. As the Company's business continues to grow, the enhanced profile from the Proposed Transfer will lead to greater trading liquidity of the shares of the Company.

DIRECTORS' AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S INTERESTS AND SHORT POSITIONS IN SHARES, UNDERLYING SHARES AND DEBENTURES OF THE COMPANY OR ITS ASSOCIATED CORPORATIONS

As at 30 June 2019, the interests and short positions of each director and chief executive of the Company in the shares, underlying shares and debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporations (within the meaning of part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (the "SFO")) which were required to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to Divisions 7 and 8 of Part XV of the SFO or which were required, pursuant to section 352 of the SFO, to be entered in the register referred to therein or which were required, pursuant to Rules 5.46 to 5.67 of the GEM Listing Rules relating to securities transactions by the Directors, to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange, were as follows:

Aggregate long positions in the shares and underlying shares of the Company

Name of director	Nature of interest	Number of shares held	Approximate percentage of the issued share capital
Executive Directors:			
Mr. Ong Cheng Yew	Interest of the controlled company[(1)]	360,000,000	75%
Ms. Koh Siew Khing	Interest of spouse[(2)]	360,000,000	75%

Notes:

(1) Broadbville Limited is wholly-owned by Mr. Ong Cheng Yew. Under the SFO, Mr. Ong Cheng Yew is deemed to be interested in all the shares of the Company held by Broadbville Limited.

(2) Ms. Koh Siew Khing is the spouse of Mr. Ong Cheng Yew and is deemed to be interested in all the shares of the Company in which Mr. Ong is interested in under the SFO.

Save as disclosed above, as at 30 June 2019, none of the Directors and chief executive of the Company had or was deemed to have any interests or short positions in any shares, debentures or underlying shares of the Company and its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO), which were required to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to Divisions 7 and 8 of Part XV of the SFO (including interests and short positions which they were taken or deemed to have under such provisions of the SFO) or which were required, pursuant to section 352 of the SFO, to be entered in the register referred to therein or which were required, pursuant to Rules 5.46 to 5.67 of the GEM Listing Rules relating to securities transactions by the Directors, to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange.

SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS' INTERESTS AND SHORT POSITIONS IN THE SHARES, DEBENTURES AND UNDERLYING SHARES OF THE COMPANY

As at 30 June 2019, the register of substantial shareholders required to be kept under section 336 of Part XV of the SFO shows that as at 30 June 2019, the Company had been notified of the following substantial shareholder's interest and short positions being 5% or more of the issued share capital of the Company.

Aggregate long positions in the shares and underlying shares of the Company

Name of substantial shareholder	Nature of interest	Number of shares held	Approximate percentage of the issued share capital
Broadbville Limited	Beneficial owner	360,000,000	75%

Save as disclosed above, the Directors and the chief executive of the Company were not aware of any person (other than the Directors or chief executive of the Company the interests of which were disclosed above) who had an interest or short position in the securities of the Company that were required to be entered in the register of the Company pursuant to section 336 of the SFO as at 30 June 2019.

DIRECTORS' INTEREST IN COMPETING BUSINESS

During the period under review, none of the Directors or the controlling shareholders or their respective associates (as defined in the GEM Listing Rules) of the Group had any interests in any business which competed with or might compete with the business of the Group.

PURCHASE, SALE OR REDEMPTION OF THE COMPANY'S LISTED SECURITIES

Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries had purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company's listed securities during the six months ended 30 June 2019.

CODE OF CONDUCT REGARDING SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS BY THE DIRECTORS

During the six months ended 30 June 2019, the Company has adopted a code of conduct regarding securities transactions by directors on terms no less than the required standard of dealings as set out in rules 5.48 to 5.67 of the GEM Listing Rules. The Company has also made specific enquiry of all Directors and the Company was not aware of any non-compliance with the required standard of dealings and its code of conduct regarding securities transactions by the Directors.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRACTICES

The Board considers good corporate governance a key element in managing the business and affairs of the Group. The management of the Group periodically reviews and proposes amendments to its corporate governance practices for compliance with the Corporate Governance Code (the "CG Code") as set out in Appendix 15 to the GEM Listing Rules. In the opinion of the Board, the Company has complied with the CG Code during the six months ended 30 June 2019.

INTEREST OF THE COMPLIANCE ADVISER

As notified by the compliance adviser of the Company, Vinco Capital Limited, as at 30 June 2019, save for the compliance adviser agreement dated 26 June 2017 entered into between the Company and Vinco Capital Limited, neither Vinco Capital Limited, its directors, employees and associates had any interest in relation to the Group which is required to be notified to the Company pursuant to Rule 6A.32 of the GEM Listing Rules.

SHARE OPTION SCHEME

The Company has adopted the share option scheme (the "Scheme") on 2 November 2017. The purpose of the Scheme is to advance the interests of the Company and the shareholders by enabling the Company to grant options to attract, retain and reward the eligible persons and to provide the eligible persons an incentive or reward for their contribution to the Group and by enabling such persons' contribution to further advance the interests of the Group. The principal terms of the Scheme are summarised in the section headed "Share Option Scheme" in Appendix V to the Prospectus.

As at 30 June 2019, no share option was outstanding under the Scheme. No share option has been granted, exercised, cancelled or lapsed under the Scheme since its adoption.

DIVIDEND

The Board does not recommend the payment of dividend for the six months ended 30 June 2019.

MATERIAL ACQUISITIONS AND DISPOSALS OF SUBSIDIARIES, ASSOCIATES AND JOINT VENTURES

On 18 March 2019, G-Tech Metal, an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, entered into a share purchase agreement to acquire the entire issued shares of Kay Huat Trading Company Private Limited (the "Target Company") at a consideration of S$3,500,000.

The Target Company is a company incorporated in Singapore with limited liability. The Target Company is principally engaged in the provision of freight forwarding, packing and crating services.

G-Tech Metal had entered into and taken possession of the leased property (the "Leased Property") located at 12 Sungei Kadut Loop, Singapore 729456 which its lease was entered into by the Target Company ending on 15 March 2025.

The Leased Property will be used by the Group to expand its business and operations. The Acquisition will enhance the Group's capacity for production and fabrication and provide additional storage space for beam and steel material, such that it will enable the Group to accommodate the increasing demand in beam and steel fabrication.

As at 30 June 2019, the Acquisition is still ongoing as the seller is verifying documents with lawyer.

EVENTS AFTER THE FINANCIAL PERIOD

No significant events have taken place after the six months ended 30 June 2019 to the date of this announcement.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Company established an audit committee (the "Audit Committee") on 21 June 2017 with written terms of reference in compliance with Rule 5.28 of the GEM Listing Rules and paragraph C.3 of the CG Code and Corporate Governance Report as set out in Appendix 15 to the GEM Listing Rules. The Audit Committee consists of three independent non-executive Directors, namely Mr. Tam Wai Tak Victor, Ms. Chooi Pey Nee and Mr. Tan Yeok Lim (Chen Yulin). Mr. Tam Wai Tak Victor, a Director with the appropriate professional qualifications, serves as the chairman of the Audit Committee. Among other things, the primary duties of the Audit Committee are to assist the Board in providing an independent view of the effectiveness of the Group's financial reporting process, internal control and risk management system, to oversee the audit process and to perform other duties and responsibilities as assigned by the Board.

The Audit Committee has reviewed the unaudited results for the six months ended 30 June 2019 and has provided advice and comments thereon.

By order of the Board
GT Steel Construction Group Limited
Ong Cheng Yew
Chairman and Executive Director

Singapore, 6 August 2019

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises two executive Directors, namely, Mr. Ong Cheng Yew (Chairman) and Ms. Koh Siew Khing and three independent non-executive Directors, namely, Mr. Tam Wai Tak Victor, Ms. Chooi Pey Nee and Mr. Tan Yeok Lim (Chen Yulin).

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