



ASL MARINE HOLDINGS LTD.

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Encouraging Start to the New FY for ASL Marine as its Earnings Increases 74.4% to S\$5.2 Million in 1QFY2016

- Group's revenue increased 10.8% to S\$76.0 million, due mainly to higher revenue from the shipbuilding segment
- Shipbuilding segment provided a boost to the Group's profitability with gross profit of S\$7.2 million, pushing Group's gross profit 20.8% higher to S\$11.8 million
- Outstanding shipbuilding order book of approximately S\$342 million for 22 vessels and shipchartering order book of approximately S\$57 million in long-term charter contracts

Singapore, 5 November 2015 – ASL Marine Holdings Ltd. (“ASL Marine” or the “Group”), an integrated marine company offering comprehensive services in shipbuilding, shiprepair and conversion, shipchartering and dredging engineering, started the new financial year (FY) on a positive note with growth in both revenue and profits for the 3 months ended 30 September 2015 (“1QFY2016”).

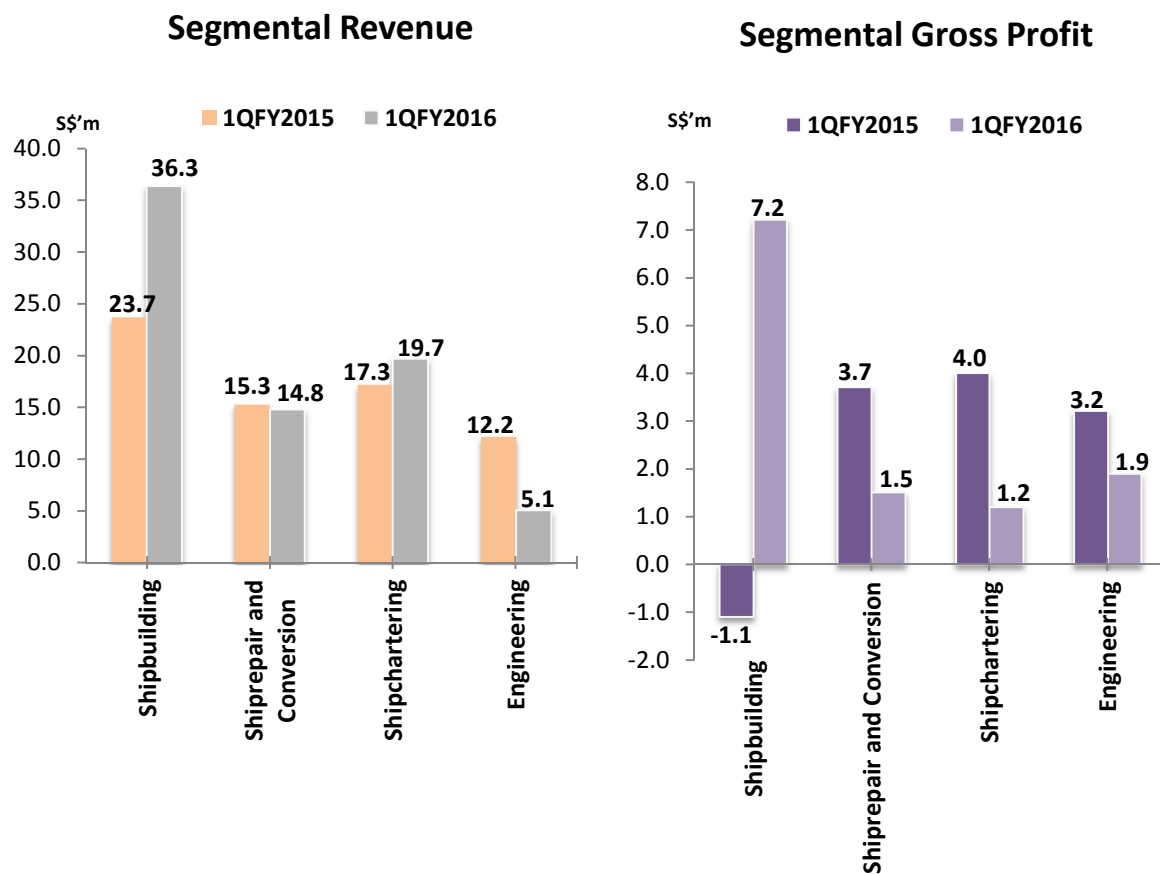
Financial Highlights	1QFY2016	1QFY2015	Chg
	S\$'000	S\$'000	%
Revenue	75,950	68,530	10.8
Gross Profit	11,846	9,810	20.8
Gross Profit Margin	15.6%	14.3%	1.3 pts
Other Operating Income	1,851	3,448	(46.3)
Administrative Expenses	(5,308)	(5,947)	(10.7)
Other Operating Expenses	(887)	(1,197)	(25.9)
Net Profit Attributable to Equity Holders	5,249	3,010	74.4
Net Profit Margin	6.9%	4.4%	2.5 pts
Basic Earnings Per Share (cents)*	1.25	0.72	73.6

* Based on the weighted average of 419,511,294 ordinary shares in issue

* Ppts: Percentage Points

1QFY2016 FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Group revenue increased 10.8% year on year (“yoy”) to S\$76.0 million in 1QFY2016. Gross profit increased 20.8% to S\$11.8 million in 1QFY2016.



Shipbuilding revenue (calculated based on project value multiplied by the Percentage of Completion or “POC”) increased by 52.8% to S\$36.3 million in 1QFY2016. The increase was attributed to a higher POC from the construction of vessels for 1QFY2016. Gross profit for the segment was higher at S\$7.2 million mainly due to the contributions from the progressive recognition of revenue and the reversal of provision taken previously of construction costs for completed projects.

Shiprepair and conversion revenue (recognised only upon completion of projects) decreased by 3.2% yoy to S\$14.8 million for 1QFY2016 due to lesser shiprepair and conversion jobs being completed. Due to the fierce competition in the market as a result of weak shipping market and the loss recognised on a rig repair project, gross profit decreased 58.6% yoy to S\$1.5 million, and gross profit margin for the segment decreased from 24.3% in 1QFY2015 to 10.4% in 1QFY2016.

Shipchartering revenue increased 14.4% to S\$19.7 million in 1QFY2016, primarily boosted by three additional grab dredgers that were deployed to support domestic marine infrastructure projects. Gross profit from this segment decreased 70.1% to S\$1.2 million mainly due to the absence of charter income from the ROV support vessel that the Group sold in November 2014.

Engineering revenue declined by 58.3% yoy to S\$5.1 million for 1QFY2016 mainly because of decrease of sale in the Components & Services segment as there were significantly lesser orders for spare parts and cutting/ coupling products from customers. In line with the revenue decline, the gross profit also declined and decreased by 39.7% to S\$1.9 million.

Overall, the net profit attributable to shareholders increased 74.4% to S\$5.2 million in 1QFY2016. Basic earnings per share rose 73.6% to 1.25 Singapore cents for 1QFY2016 in comparison to 0.72 Singapore cents for 1QFY2015.

OUTLOOK

As of 30 September 2015, the Group's shipbuilding order book remained strong at approximately S\$342 million for 22 vessels projected for delivery up till 1QFY2018 (i.e. 3rd quarter of 2017). The Group's ship chartering order book stood at approximately S\$57 million consisting of long-term charter contracts with duration of more than 1 year. Currently, the Group's ship chartering segment has an outstanding delivery order of 20 vessels worth approximately S\$54 million comprising landing crafts, tugs, hopper barges and work barges. 15 of these vessels worth a total of S\$32 million are being built internally by the Group.

“Despite the short and small rebound in oil prices in the past few months, the business environment for the offshore and marine industry remained challenging. The reduction in CAPEX and OPEX budget by upstream companies has resulted in intense competition and squeezed margin, as shown in our OSV chartering, and ship repair and conversion results.

On a Group level, it was encouraging to see further improvement in the financial performance in the past quarter. This was partly attributable to the production cycle, which resulted in higher shipbuilding revenue being recognised. Our diversified fleet structure, especially the non-offshore related vessels, have continued to serve as a stabilizer and performed well. Our strategy to grow the pre-cast concrete business has also born fruit, enhancing profit both on its own and through the synergy with our chartering business.

While the financial results have been an endorsement on ASL's resilience, the hard work of all our people, and the soundness of our business strategy, we will not get complacent. Striving to achieve sustained improvement even in a challenging market, we will continue to explore business opportunities, maximize deployment of our assets, and further enhancing and renewing our fleet to better meet customers' needs. Barring any unforeseen circumstances, the Board expects the Group to remain profitable for financial year 2016."

Ang Kok Tian
Chairman and Managing Director, ASL Marine

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About ASL Marine Holdings Ltd. (Bloomberg Code: ASL SP)

ASL Marine Holdings Ltd. is a dynamic marine group principally engaged in shipbuilding, shiprepair and conversion, shipchartering and other marine related services, catering to customers from Asia Pacific, South Asia, the Middle East, Europe and Australia. ASL Marine owns and operates shipyards in Singapore, Batam (Indonesia) and Guangdong (China), providing a comprehensive range of marine engineering services spanning myriad sectors/ industries. The Group's 300,000 dwt graving dry dock in Batam is one of the few docks in the region capable of repairing Capesize vessels.

ASL Marine added engineering segment to its business model after the acquisition of Vosta LMG group. Vosta LMG is a leading international dredging engineering and contracting company with more than 140 years of history in providing specialized and tailor-made solutions to the world's dredging industry. Vosta LMG designs, provides specialist parts to, and manages the construction of large custom-built or standard, self-propelled or stationary dredgers. Vosta LMG's strength in design allows it to convert, refit and upgrade existing dredgers. Vosta LMG also provides inspection, training, management and advisory services to clients all over the world.

For more information, please refer to the corporate website www.aslmarine.com

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