

NEWS RELEASE

SEE HUP SENG'S FY2007 PROFIT AFTER TAX SURGED 342% TO S\$14.8 MILLION

Key Highlights:

- Competencies in tank coating and plant operations drive revenue and profit growth for corrosion prevention segment
- Contribution from newly acquired refined petroleum products distribution business further boosted FY2007 results
- Expansion of equipment and manpower resources coupled with securing of new customers for tank coating; and commissioning of new factory in June 2008 to drive corrosion prevention segment growth for FY2008
- Tat Petroleum Pte Ltd ("Tat") secured further master distribution contract from ExxonMobil to distribute solvents in Vietnam from 2008 with an estimated revenue contribution of US\$15 million

Singapore, 27 February 2008 – See Hup Seng Limited ("See Hup Seng" or the "Group"), a leading provider of corrosion prevention services for the marine, oil and gas, construction and infrastructure industries in Singapore and a leading distributor of refined petroleum products in Asia Pacific region, today announced a commendable set of financial results for financial year ended 31 December 2007 ("FY2007"). With the robust growth in the marine, oil and gas, construction, infrastructure and refined petroleum products industries, the Group's revenue increased from S\$38.4 million to S\$127.4 million while its net profit after tax surged 342% from S\$3.4 million to S\$14.8 million relative to FY2006.

Financial Highlights	3months ended 31 December 2007					12 months ended 31 December 2007				
	2007 CP	2007 Tat	2007 Total	2006 Total	%	2007 CP	2007 Tat	2007 Total	2006* Total	%
	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	Change	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	Change
Revenue	18,634	27,052	45,686	14,285	220%	58,458	68,964	127,422	38,407	232%
Gross Profit	5,680	3,098	8,778	3,803	131%	22,018	8,849	30,867	12,876	140%
Gross Margin %	30%	11%	19%	27%	-	38%	13%	24%	38%	-
Profit after tax	3,681	186	3,867	1,083	257%	12,402	2,443	14,845	3,362	342%

CP= Corrosion Prevention Segment Tat = Distribution of refined petroleum products segment

* Tat was consolidated from 2Q2007 onwards

The strong revenue growth was driven by:

- Increased plant capacity from the addition of a new auto-blast machine in December 2006;
- Increased tank coating services and to a lesser extent site blasting and painting projects for marine and offshore oil and gas sectors;
- Contribution from newly acquired refined petroleum products distribution business in 2Q FY2007.

Gross profit increased 140% from S\$12.9 million to S\$30.9 million. Gross margin for the corrosion prevention segment remained strong at 38%. This, when combined with the typically lower margin distribution business of Tat, resulted in a composite gross margin of 24% in FY2007.

Better management of operating expenses (comprising administrative, selling and distribution and other operating expenses) for the corrosion prevention segment in particular, further boosted the net earnings to 342% above last financial year from \$3.4 million in FY2006 to \$14.8 million in FY2007.

In line with the strong profit performance, Earnings Per Share (“EPS”) for full year increased 158% from 1.6 cents for FY2006 to 4.0 cents in FY2007, while Net Asset Value Per Share (“NAV”) rose to 19.0 cents, up from 7.9 cents as at 31 December 2006.

Commenting on the performance for FY2007, See Hup Seng’s Executive Chairman, Mr. Thomas Lim Siok Kwee said, “We are delighted to announce a record set of results for FY2007 riding on the buoyant marine, oil and gas, refined petroleum products sectors. Our strategy to move up the value chain in the corrosion prevention segment by developing a key competency in tank coating and improving plant efficiency has driven revenue and more importantly enabled to sustain attractive margins. The acquisition of Tat Petroleum from 2Q FY2007, which added a new growth engine for the Group’s business, contributed another \$2.4 million to the Group’s after tax profit for FY2007.

The outlook for the marine, offshore, oil and gas and construction markets remains vibrant, underpinned by sustained high oil prices and exploration and production capital expenditure and resurgence of infrastructures, residential and institutional projects. This is further supported by the strong order books announced by our key customers and their continuing strong financial performance. To cope with the outstanding and growing work orders and the successful expansion of customer base for tank coating, the Group is further expanding its equipment and manpower resources in 2008 for tank coating. This coupled with the commissioning of our second corrosion prevention plant scheduled for June 2008 will be the growth impetus for our corrosion prevention segment in 2008.



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The contribution from our distribution of refined petroleum products segment in Tat Petroleum is expected to gather further momentum in 2008. New master distribution contracts secured from ExxonMobil in 3Q FY 2007 and 4Q FY2007 to distribute white oil to South East Asia region (estimated annual value of US\$2.0 million); lubricants for Hong Kong and Macau (estimated annual value of US\$10.0 million) and most recently a new contract to distribute solvents in Vietnam (estimated annual value of US\$15.0 million), are expected to drive the growth of this segment in 2008.

Looking ahead, the Group remains optimistic of its performance in FY2008. Barring any unforeseen circumstances, the Group expects that its financial performance will continue to improve in FY2008.”

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About See Hup Seng Limited

The Company is a Singapore listed company with the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited - Catalist. The Company is a leading provider of corrosion prevention services for the marine, oil and gas, construction and infrastructure industries in Singapore and also a leading distributor of refined petroleum products for the Asia Pacific region arising from the recent acquisition of Tat Petroleum Pte Ltd.

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