



MEDIA STATEMENT

Soilbuild Construction posts higher revenue for 1QFY2019

- **Increase in revenue due to higher construction activities**
- **Maintained EBITDA. Net loss for 1QFY2019 due to higher non-cash depreciation charges.**
- **Secured new construction contracts worth S\$85.3 mil**
- **Encouraging prospects for precast business with more supply and delivery contracts secured**
- **Order book stood at S\$445.6 mil as at 31 March 2019**

Singapore, 7 May 2019– Soilbuild Construction Group Ltd. (“The Group” or “Soilbuild”) today reported higher revenue of S\$46.8 mil for the first quarter ended 31 March 2019 (“1QFY2019”).

Financial Highlights S\$'000	1QFY2019	1QFY2018	Change (%)
Revenue	46,756	38,962	20.0
Gross Profit	2,436	2,680	(9.1)
EBITDA	1,386	1,384	0.1
Net (Loss)/Profit	(887)	206	NM
Gross Profit Margin	5.2%	6.9%	(1.7)

Financial Review

The Group recorded a higher revenue during 1QFY2019 in tandem with the increase in construction activities of its current projects. These projects include 68 Residence Project and Rosehill Residence Project in Yangon, Myanmar, Bedok Food City Project, 164 and 171 Kallang Way Projects in Singapore. The Group’s gross profit margin for 1QFY2019 was, however, lower at 5.2%.

Notwithstanding higher revenue recorded, the Group reported a net loss for 1QFY2019 attributable to an increase in administrative expenses arising mainly from additional property tax assessed on the Group’s Integrated Construction and Precast Hub (“ICPH”) following its completion, and

correspondingly, a significant increase in the related depreciation charge on property, plant and equipment.

“The Group is pleased to secure (i) two new construction contracts for the erection of industrial developments in Singapore worth approximately S\$85.3 million in aggregate; and (ii) five contracts to supply and deliver precast building components with value approximately S\$3.3 million in aggregate during the quarter. These new orders have led to an increase in overall order book of S\$445.6 million (comprise S\$428.6 million for construction projects, and S\$17.0 million for precast supply and delivery contracts) as at 31 March 2019.

The Group will continue to focus in tendering for more new construction projects and at the same time, execute its strategies to secure more precast supply”

Mr Lim Chap Huat

Executive Chairman of Soilbuild Construction Group

Outlook

Based on advance estimates released by the Ministry of Trade and Industry Singapore on 12 April 2019, the Singapore economy grew by 1.3% on a year-on-year (“yoy”) basis in the first quarter of 2019, moderating from the 1.9% growth in the fourth quarter of 2018. The construction sector grew by 1.4% (on a yoy basis), which represented a turnaround from the 1.0% decline in the last quarter of 2018, and also marked the first quarter of positive growth following 10 consecutive quarters of decline. The recovery of the sector was supported by an improvement in private sector construction activities.

The End

About Soilbuild Construction Group Ltd.:

Soilbuild Construction is a leading builder with a long and successful track record of constructing a sterling award-winning portfolio of residential and business space properties. Since its inception in 1976, Soilbuild charts 43 years of success in offering a full spectrum of real estate services which includes Design and Build, Construction, Turnkey Construction, Project Management Consultancy, Procurement and Mechanical & Electrical Installation. Soil-Build (Pte.) Ltd. and SB Procurement Pte. Ltd., both are subsidiaries of the Group, are A1-graded under CW01 (General Building) by the Singapore’s Building and Construction Authority (“BCA”) and have acted as the main contractors for projects which have won architectural and environmental awards over the years. Soil-Build (Pte.) Ltd. is also A2-graded under CW02 (Civil Engineering) by the BCA.

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