



TIONG WOON CORPORATION HOLDING LTD
(Company Registration No. 199705837C)

Tiong Woon posts half year net profit of S\$10.6m, up 49% from previous year

**Outlook continues to be positive and the Group is in good
position to grow business further, says Chairman and Managing
Director Ang Kah Hong**

HIGHLIGHTS OF 1HFY2008 RESULTS

- Group's net profit after tax and minority interest up 49% to S\$10.6 million
- Revenue up 49% to S\$65.8 million
- Earnings per share: 3.1 cents, up 50%
- Net Asset Value per share: 34.5 cents, up 8%

SINGAPORE, 5 February 2008 – MAINBOARD-LISTED Tiong Woon Corporation Holding Ltd (“TWC”) today announced a record net profit after tax and minority interest of S\$10.6 million in its first half ended December 31st, 2007. This is an increase of 49% over the S\$7.1 million it made in the same period the previous year.

The Group turned in a record turnover of S\$65.8 million, up 49% from S\$44.1 million previously, and saw a record profit before tax of S\$12.8 million. The increase in turnover was contributed primarily by its Heavy Lift and Haulage business segment which saw its revenue grow to S\$44.2 million, an increase of 52% over the previous corresponding period. Earnings per share stood at 3.1 cents compared to 2.1 cents previously.

TWC is an integrated services provider for the oil and gas industry, and is a specialist in heavy lift, and installation of process equipments. The company is currently ranked 11th largest crane owning company worldwide by International Cranes, a reputed trade magazine, in its IC50 2007 survey.

Mr. Ang Kah Hong, TWC's Group Chairman and Managing Director, said he was pleased with his company's creditable showing. "It has been a busy and eventful year for us at Tiong Woon and I am pleased with our performance. The oil and gas sector continues to present us with many business opportunities, here and overseas. We are in a good position to grow our business further."

Mr Ang added that work at Tiong Woon's 64-hectare fabrication yard in Bintan, Indonesia, was progressing well. This new Fabrication & Engineering Segment turned in S\$9.1 million in revenue. Although this business segment suffered a loss of S\$2.8 million, this was due mainly to start-up costs incurred for yard development. Said Mr Ang, "We see many business opportunities in this area, and we are confident about getting a share of this pie. Certainly, in the coming months, we will continue to work hard to grow our new income stream from fabrication and engineering projects."

The yard was acquired in November 2006 with a view to supporting Tiong Woon's current fleet of heavy lift equipment, tugs and barges. It landed its maiden project in September 2007 - a S\$64.8 million contract from Norce Offshore Pte Ltd to build a 46.3-metre derrick pipelay barge with a gross tonnage of approximately 25,100 tonnes.

Segmental Results

The Group's Heavy Lift and Haulage Segment contributed S\$44.2 million to overall turnover, turning in a strong profit before tax of S\$11.4 million, an increase of 87%.

Despite a slight dip in turnover for the other two business segments, Marine Transportation and Trading, they still contributed positively to the company. Marine Transportation turned in

a profit before tax of S\$2.9 million, up 22% from the previous corresponding period and Trading registered a profit before tax of S\$1.3 million, an increase of 258%.

Turnover from Marine Transportation decreased by 14% to S\$7.4 million due to lower utilisation rates for smaller equipment and fewer integrated haulage and marine projects, while turnover from Trading saw a decline of 19% to S\$5.2 million as the Group sold fewer cranes due to a shortage in supply of new cranes as compared with the previous corresponding period.

The Group's financial standing remains strong with a market capitalisation of S\$243.1 million -- based on Monday's closing price of 72.0 cents -- backed by total assets of S\$249.8 million and net tangible assets of S\$120.1 million. As at December 31st, 2007, equity attributable to shareholders of the Group amounted to S\$116.3 million, 7.7% or S\$8.3 million higher than at June 30th, 2007. Net asset value per share of 34.5 cents was 8% or 2.5 cents higher than at June 30th, 2007. The total number of shares issued was 337.58 million as at December 31st, 2007.

Geographical Breakdown

With Singapore's economy growing at a brisk 7.5% in 2007 and construction GDP at double-digit growth, it is not surprising that the Group's strongest contribution came from its home base. Singapore contributed 57% to TWC's revenue, up from 47% previously. Contributions from Thailand were also up at 14% compared with 3% in the previous corresponding period. The rest of the turnover came from the Group's operations in Indonesia, the Middle East, Malaysia and the Philippines.

Mr. Ang said Saudi Arabia, with its projected activity in oil and gas, will continue to be one of the company's key markets and will form an integral part of TWC's Middle-East strategy. Indeed, in 2007, TWC became the first Singapore company to be awarded an investment licence to operate 100% foreign-owned entity in Saudi Arabia by Saudi Arabian General Investment Authority (SAGIA) Singapore. TWC plans to use its base there to springboard into the region. To date, the company has deployed about 60 cranes there and it plans to add another 100 to its fleet in the Middle East in the next two years.

Positive Growth and Outlook

Mr Ang was upbeat that the outlook for the industry remains bright. “The construction sector is going strong, and the oil and gas industry continues to be an important element in Singapore’s economy. We are optimistic that growth prospects are good, especially in the oil-rich regions in view of the current shortage of energy resources worldwide,” he said.

Going forward, the Group plans to actively pursue business opportunities in infrastructure, power plants, petrochemicals and oil and gas projects in markets such as China, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, Vietnam and the Middle East.

Corporate Developments

In 2007, the Group extended its distributorship agreement with IHI Construction Machinery Limited, a manufacturer of crawler cranes and parts, to include new territories. In addition to Singapore, Malaysia and Brunei, the Group’s distributorship reach now includes Vietnam, Thailand, Philippines, Cambodia, Laos and Myanmar.

In a move to broaden its asset base and complement the heavy lift and haulage business, the Group acquired Soon Douglas (Pte) Ltd (“SDPL”) in May last year. SDPL was principally in the business of leasing of tower cranes and trading of equipment spare parts for the construction, mining and shipbuilding industries. The acquisition extended Tiong Woon’s existing fleet to an additional 49 units of tower cranes and 2 mobile cranes, strengthening the Group’s position as a heavy lift company and enabling it to build up another arm that is expected to contribute positively to the Group’s operation.

Five Pronged Business Strategies

Going forward, Mr Ang said the Group will continue to implement its existing five pronged business strategies, namely:

- To actively seek business opportunities in the emerging markets for the Group’s core heavy lift and haulage segment;

- To develop its fabrication and engineering competency for marine, oil & gas projects;
- To invest in higher capacity and specialised equipment;
- To forge strategic alliances and co-operation with international and industry players to jointly participate in the bidding for projects; and
- To maintain active and tight management control of the Group's respective business activities.

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About Tiong Woon Corporation Holding Ltd (www.tiongwoon.com)

Listed in 1999, Tiong Woon is a leading one-stop, integrated services specialist and provider of infrastructure businesses, supporting mainly the Oil & Gas, as well as Petrochemical, Power and Construction sectors.

The Group manages turnkey projects for EPC Contractors and project owners from planning and design of heavy lifting and haulage requirements to the execution stage in which the heavy equipments are transported, lifted and installed at customers' facilities. Tiong Woon possesses its own heavy lift and haulage equipment, tugboats, barges and fabrication yards which enable them to widen its integrated services offering to its customers.

Tiong Woon is headquartered in Singapore and has establishments in Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand, the Philippines, China and Saudi Arabia. Tiong Woon is ranked the 11th largest crane owning company worldwide by International Cranes, a reputed trade magazine, in its 2007 IC50 survey.

Tiong Woon is committed in delivering high quality, reliable facilities and services on time, on delivery, on budget and with world class safety.

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