## HIAP SENG ENGINEERING LTD

## NEWS RELEASE

## HIAP SENG'S RESULTS ANNOUNCEMENT FOR 3QFY2018 AND 9MFY2018

Singapore, February 7, 2018 - Hiap Seng Engineering Ltd ("Hiap Seng" or the "Group"), a specialist integrated engineering group for the oil-and-gas, petrochemical and pharmaceutical industries, today reported a revenue of $\mathbf{S} \$ 20.3$ million and a net loss attributable to shareholders of $\mathbf{S} \$ 7.0$ million for the third quarter ended December 31, 2017 ("3QFY2018").

In 3QFY2018, the Group recorded a decrease in plant construction revenue, which resulted in Group revenue declining by 38.4\% from S $\$ 33.0$ million in 3QFY2017 to S $\$ 20.3$ million. The lower revenue, coupled with the higher than expected operating costs, led the Group to register a gross loss of $\mathrm{S} \$ 1.8$ million for 3QFY2018, against a gross profit of $\mathrm{S} \$ 4.7$ million achieved in the previous corresponding quarter ("3QFY2017").

During the quarter under review, the Group consolidated a newly acquired $51 \%$ owned subsidiary and incurred set-up expenses for its Middle East operations. This contributed to the Group's higher administrative costs which rose from $\mathrm{S} \$ 4.1$ million in 3QFY2017 to S\$4.7 million. As a result, the Group slid to a net loss attributable to shareholders of S $\$ 7.0$ million in 3QFY2018 from a net profit of $\mathbf{S} \$ 0.9$ million in 3QFY2017.

For the nine months ended December 31, 2017 ("9MFY2018"), the Group's revenue decreased by $29.5 \%$ to $S \$ 87.1$ million from $S \$ 123.5$ million in the previous corresponding period ("9MFY2017"). The Group registered a net loss attributable to shareholders of S\$9.0 million in 9MFY2018.

The Group has an outstanding order book of S\$93.0 million as at February 7, 2018.

Mr. Frankie Tan, Executive Chairman of Hiap Seng said, "Notwithstanding the difficult operating environment, the Group stayed focus in seeking opportunities to expand revenue streams. Following the recent acquisition of our $51 \%$-owned subsidiary which is engaged in scaffolding business, and the commencement of our operations in the Middle East, we are confident that the Group's strong track record will stand us in good stead as we gain a foothold in new markets and extend our client base."

## Outlook

As the environment for the oil-and-gas industry is expected to remain challenging, the Directors of the Company are seeking suitable opportunities in new markets to mitigate any slowdown in the oil-and gas sector of the traditional markets.

Mr. Frankie Tan added, "As we continue to explore potential business opportunities and expand our presence in targeted markets, we will also further tighten our costs and improve productivity."

## Corporate Profile

Established in 1971 and a Mainboard-listed company, Hiap Seng is a specialist integrated engineering group for the oil-and-gas, petrochemical and pharmaceutical industries and is one of Singapore's leading engineering groups serving the oil-andgas, petrochemical and pharmaceutical industries.

The Group provides engineering services covering engineering, procurement \& construction (EPC) projects and plant maintenance services for the oil-and-gas, petrochemical, and pharmaceutical industries in Singapore and beyond.

The Group operates five well-equipped fabrication yards in Singapore and Thailand with a total land area of about 2.2 million sq ft and a workforce of about 1,200 welltrained and skilled employees.

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## HIAP SENG ENGINEERING LTD

(Company Registration No. 197100300Z)

## UNAUDITED THIRD QUARTER AND NINE MONTHS FY2018 FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND DIVIDEND ANNOUNCEMENT

1(a). A statement of comprehensive income (for the group) together with a comparative statement for the third quarter and nine months ended 31 December 2017:

|  | Group |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 3QFY18 <br> S\$'000 | 3QFY17 <br> S\$'000 | Increase/ (Decrease) \% |
| Turnover <br> Cost of sales <br> Gross (loss)/profit <br> Gross profit margin <br> Other income <br> Administrative costs <br> Other (loss)/gain- net <br> (Loss)/profit from operations <br> Finance costs <br> Share of profit of associated companies <br> (Loss)/profit before tax <br> Income tax (expense)/credit | $\begin{array}{r} 20,317 \\ (22,110) \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} 32,977 \\ (28,314) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & (38.4 \%) \\ & (21.9 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
|  | $(1,793)$ $-8.8 \%$ 6 $(4,696)$ $(65)$ | $\begin{gathered} 4,663 \\ 14.1 \% \\ 5 \\ (4,105) \\ 401 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | NM <br> 20.0\% <br> 14.4\% <br> NM |
|  | $\begin{gathered} (6,548) \\ (139) \end{gathered}$ | 964 <br> (26) <br> 1 | NM <br> NM <br> NM |
|  | $\begin{gathered} (6,687) \\ (554) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 939 \\ 4 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{NM} \\ & \mathrm{NM} \end{aligned}$ |
| Net (loss)/profit after tax | $(7,241)$ | 943 | NM |
| Other comprehensive income <br> Foreign currency translation Total comprehensive (expense)/income for the period <br> (Loss)/profit attributable to: <br> Owner of the parent <br> Non-controlling interests | (505) | 142 | NM |
|  | $(7,746)$ | 1,085 | NM |
|  | $\begin{gathered} (6,996) \\ (245) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 929 \\ 14 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { NM } \\ & \text { NM } \end{aligned}$ |
|  | $(7,241)$ | 943 | NM |
| Total comprehensive (expense)/income attributable to: Owner of the parent Non-controlling interests | $\begin{gathered} (7,506) \\ (240) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1,057 \\ 28 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{NM} \\ & \mathrm{NM} \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
|  | $(7,746)$ | 1,085 | NM |


| Group |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 9MFY18 S\$'000 | 9MFY17 $\mathbf{S} \$ \mathbf{\prime} 000$ | Increase/ <br> (Decrease) <br> \% |
| $\begin{gathered} 87,059 \\ (84,215) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 123,486 \\ (107,176) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & (29.5 \%) \\ & (21.4 \%) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $\begin{gathered} 2,844 \\ 3.3 \% \\ 110 \\ (12,788) \\ 1,188 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 16,310 \\ 13.2 \% \\ 18 \\ (13,534) \\ 857 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} (82.6 \%) \\ \text { NM } \\ (5.5 \%) \\ 38.6 \% \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |
| $\begin{gathered} (8,646) \\ (232) \end{gathered}$ <br> (4) | 3,651 <br> (79) <br> 12 | NM <br> NM <br> NM |
| $\begin{gathered} (8,882) \\ (806) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 3,584 \\ (38) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{NM} \\ & \mathrm{NM} \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| $(9,688)$ | 3,546 | NM |
| (653) | 1,844 | NM |
| $(10,341)$ | 5,390 | NM |
| $\begin{gathered} (8,998) \\ (690) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 4,260 \\ & (714) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{NM} \\ (3.4 \%) \end{gathered}$ |
| $(9,688)$ | 3,546 | NM |
| $\begin{gathered} (9,658) \\ (683) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 6,076 \\ & (686) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{NM} \\ (0.4 \%) \end{gathered}$ |
| $(10,341)$ | 5,390 | NM |

NM: Denotes not meaningful
Profit from operations included the following:

|  | Group |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { 3QFY18 } \\ \text { S\$'000 } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 3QFY17 } \\ & \text { S\$'000 } \end{aligned}$ |
| (a) Other income |  |  |
| Interest income | 6 | 5 |
| (b) Other (loss)/gain- net |  |  |
| Net (loss)/gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment | (2) | - |
| Currency exchange (loss)/gain -net | (113) | 396 |
| (c) Administrative expenses |  |  |
| Bad debt provided | - | - |
| (d) Depreciation of property, plant and equipment | $(1,004)$ | (912) |
| (e) Amortisation of intangible assets | - | (79) |


| Group |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| $\mathbf{9 M F Y 1 8}$ <br> S\$’000 | 9MFY17 <br> S\$’000 |
|  |  |
| 110 | 18 |
|  |  |
| 319 | 23 |
| 798 | 763 |
|  |  |
| - | $(575)$ |
| $(2,790)$ | $(2,701)$ |
| - | $(237)$ |

1(b)(i). A statement of financial position (for the issuer and group), together with a comparative statement as at the end of the immediately preceding financial year

|  | Group |  | Company |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { 31-Dec-2017 } \\ \text { S } \$ \mathbf{\prime} 00 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { 31-Mar-2017 } \\ \text { S } \${ }^{\prime} 000 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { 31-Dec-2017 } \\ \text { S } \${ }^{\prime} 000 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { 31-Mar-2017 } \\ \text { S\$'000 } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |
| ASSETS |  |  |  |  |
| Current assets |  |  |  |  |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 13,186 | 9,666 | 7,179 | 4,679 |
| Trade and other receivables | 56,719 | 52,566 | 68,027 | 63,054 |
| Contract work-in-progress | 2,685 | 1,493 | 967 | 891 |
| Other current assets | 1,797 | 2,115 | 931 | 1,759 |
| Current income tax assets | 4 | - | 27 | - |
|  | 74,391 | 65,840 | 77,131 | 70,383 |
| Non-current assets |  |  |  |  |
| Club memberships | 341 | 341 | 341 | 341 |
| Investments in associated companies | 264 | 269 | - | - |
| Investments in subsidiaries | - | - | 10,538 | 10,538 |
| Property, plant and equipment | 23,759 | 21,155 | 4,883 | 6,132 |
| Available-for-sale financial assets | 2,482 | 2,482 | 2,482 | 2,482 |
| Deferred income tax assets | 99 | 99 | - | - |
| Intangible assets | 4,916 | 4,440 | - | - |
|  | 31,861 | 28,786 | 18,244 | 19,493 |
| Total assets | 106,252 | 94,626 | 95,375 | 89,876 |
| LIABILITIES |  |  |  |  |
| Current liabilities |  |  |  |  |
| Trade and other payables | 33,862 | 24,504 | 28,232 | 26,667 |
| Current income tax liabilities | 17 | 38 | - | 22 |
| Borrowings | 19,341 | 6,118 | 11,776 | 85 |
|  | 53,220 | 30,660 | 40,008 | 26,774 |
| Non-current liabilities |  |  |  |  |
| Borrowings | 515 | 92 | - | 18 |
| Deferred income tax liabilities | 982 | 1,001 | 466 | 466 |
|  | 1,497 | 1,093 | 466 | 484 |
| Total liabilities | 54,717 | 31,753 | 40,474 | 27,258 |
| NET ASSETS | 51,535 | 62,873 | 54,901 | 62,618 |
| EQUITY <br> Capital and reserves attributable to the Company's equity holders |  |  |  |  |
| Share capital | 36,178 | 36,178 | 36,178 | 36,178 |
| Other reserves | 632 | 1,293 | - | - |
| Retained earnings | 14,246 | 24,762 | 18,723 | 26,440 |
| Total | 51,056 | 62,233 | 54,901 | 62,618 |
| Minority interests | 479 | 640 | - | - |
| Total equity | 51,535 | 62,873 | 54,901 | 62,618 |

## 1(b)(ii). Aggregate amount group's borrowings and debt securities

|  | 31-Dec-2017 |  | 31-Mar-2017 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Secured S\$'000 | Unsecured $S \$ ’ 000$ | Secured S\$'000 | Unsecured $\text { S } \$ ’ 000$ |
| Amount repayable in one year or less, or on demand | 19,341 | - | 6,118 |  |
| Amount repayable after one year | 515 | - | 92 | - |

## Details of any collaterals;

The Group's borrowings are secured against certain properties, machineries and fixed deposits of the Group.

1(c). A cash flow statement (for the group), together with a comparative statement for the corresponding period of the immediately preceding financial year


| (Repayments) of lease liabilities | (56) | (206) | (148) | (656) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (Repayments of)/proceeds from trust receipts creditors | (341) | $(3,196)$ | $782$ | $(2,045)$ |
| Proceeds from bank borrowings | 4,521 | 1,565 | 29,768 | 13,066 |
| Repayment of bank borrowings | (478) | $(3,467)$ | $(18,025)$ | $(14,693)$ |
| Interest paid | (139) | (26) | (232) | (79) |
| Net cash inflow/(outflow) from financing activities | 3,507 | $(5,401)$ | 10,626 | $(7,529)$ |
| Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents held | 6,184 | $(7,792)$ | 3,208 | $(5,274)$ |
| Effect of exchange rate change on cash and cash equivalents | (163) | 141 | (249) | 218 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the financial period | 5,384 | 14,882 | $8,446$ | 12,287 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of the financial period | 11,405 | 7,231 | 11,405 | 7,231 |
| Cash and cash equivalents represented by: |  |  |  |  |
| Bank and cash balances | 12,010 | 7,218 | 12,010 | 7,218 |
| Fixed deposits with financial institutions | 1,176 | 1,265 | 1,176 | 1,265 |
| Less: Bank overdrafts | (631) | (9) | (631) | (9) |
| Less: Restricted bank deposits | $(1,150)$ | $(1,243)$ | $(1,150)$ | $(1,243)$ |
|  | 11,405 | 7,231 | 11,405 | 7,231 |

1(d)(i). A statement (for the issuer and group) showing either (i) all changes in equity or (ii) changes in equity other than those arising from capitalization issues and distributions to shareholders, together with a comparative statement for the corresponding period of the immediately preceding financial year


| Company | Share <br> Capital <br> S\$'000 | Retained <br> Earnings <br> S\$'000 | Total Equity <br> S ' 000 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1HFY18 <br> As at 1 Apr 2017 <br> Total comprehensive income <br> for the period <br> Dividend relating to FY2017 <br> paid <br> As at 30 Sept 2017 | 36,178 | 26,440 | 62,618 |
| 3QFY18 <br> Total comprehensive income <br> for the period | $\mathbf{3 6 , 1 7 8}$ | $(1,518)$ | $(1,518)$ |
| As at 31 Dec 2017 | - | $\mathbf{2 3 , 4 0 3}$ | $(1,519)$ |

1(d)(ii). Details of any changes in the company's share capital arising rights issue, bonus issue, share buy-backs, exercise of share options or warrants, conversions of other issues of equity securities, issue of shares for the cash or as consideration for acquisition or for any other purpose since the end of the previous period reported on. State also the number of shares that may be issued on conversion of all the outstanding convertibles as well as the number of shares held as treasury shares, if any, against the total number of issued shares excluding treasury shares of the issuer, as at the end of the current financial period reported on and as at the end of the corresponding period of the immediately preceding financial year
Not applicable.

1(d)(iii). To show the total number of issued shares excluding treasury shares as at the end of the current financial period and as at the end of the immediate preceding year.

|  | FY2018 | FY2017 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Issued \& fully paid share capital |  |  |
| Number of shares as at 31 December and 1 April | $303,750,000$ | $303,750,000$ |

1(d)(iv). A statement showing all sales, transfers, disposal, cancellation and/or use of treasury shares as at the end of the current financial period reported on.
Not applicable.
2. Whether the figures have been audited or reviewed, and in accordance with which auditing standard or practice
These figures have not been audited or reviewed.
3. Where the figures have been audited or reviewed, the auditors' report (including any qualifications or emphasis of matter)
Not applicable.
4. Whether the same accounting policies and methods of computation as in the issuer's most recently audited annual financial statements have been applied

The accounting policies have been consistently applied by the Group, and are consistent with those used in the preparation of the financial statements for the financial year ended 31 March 2017 except as disclosed in paragraph 5 below.
5. If there are any changes in the accounting policies and methods of computation, including any required by an accounting standard, what has changed, as well as the reasons for, and the effect of, the change

The Group has applied the same accounting policies and methods of computation in the financial statements for the current reporting period compared with the audited annual financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2017, except for the adoption of new and revised Financial Reporting Standards (FRS) which are effective for financial periods beginning on or after 1 April 2017.

The adoption of the new or revised standards from the effective date did not result in material adjustments to the financial position, results of operations or cash flows for the period ended 31 December 2017 and did not have significant impact on the financial statements of the Group
6. Earnings per ordinary share of the group for the current financial period reported on and the corresponding period of the immediately preceding financial year, after deducting any provision for preference dividends:

|  | Group |  | Group |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 3QFY18 | 3QFY17 | 9MFY18 | 9MFY17 |
| Earning/(loss) per share (cents) <br> Based on number of ordinary shares on issue <br> (cents) |  |  |  |  |
| On fully diluted basis (cents) | $(2.30)$ | 0.31 | $(2.96)$ | 1.40 |
| Net earning/(loss) attributable to ordinary <br> shareholders for basic earnings per share <br> (S\$'000) | $(2.30)$ | 0.31 | $(2.96)$ | 1.40 |
| Net earning /(loss) attributable to ordinary <br> shareholders for diluted earnings per share <br> (S\$'000) | $(6,996)$ |  |  | $(8,998)$ |

## Notes:

(a)The earnings per share("EPS") is calculated by dividing the consolidated net profit attributable to equity holders of the Company over the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue during the financial period.
(b) There was no material impact on prior period EPS on adoption of the revised FRS as discussed in paragraph 5.
7. Net asset value (for the issuer and group) per ordinary share based on total number of issued shares excluding treasury shares of the issuer at the end of the (a) current period reported on and (b) immediately preceding financial year

|  | Group |  | Company |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 31-Dec-17 | 31-Mar-17 | 31-Dec-17 | 31-Mar-17 |
| Net asset value per ordinary share (in <br> cents) based on issued share capital as at <br> the end of the period reported on | 16.80 | 20.50 |  |  |

The calculation of the net asset value per ordinary share issued is based on 303,750,000 shares at 31 December 2017 (31 March 2017: 303,750,000). There was no material impact on prior period net asset value per share on adoption of the revised FRS as discussed in paragraph 5.
8. A review of the performance of the Group, to the extent necessary for a reasonable understanding of the Group's business. The review must discuss any significant factors that affected the turnover, costs and earnings of the Group for the current financial period reported on, including (where applicable) seasonal or cyclical factors. It must also discuss any material factors that affected the cash flow, working capital, assets or liabilities of the Group during the current financial period reported on

## Third Quarter (3QFY2018) Review

The Group's revenue for 3QFY2018 decreased by $38.4 \%$ from $\mathrm{S} \$ 33.0$ million to $\mathrm{S} \$ 20.3$ million as compared to 3QFY2017 mainly due to lower recognition of revenue in 3QFY2018. The gross loss amounted to $\mathrm{S} \$ 1.8$ million for 3 QFY 2018 as compared to a profit of $\mathrm{S} \$ 4.7$ million for 3QFY 2017 mainly due to the lower revenue and higher than expected operating costs.

The Group's administrative costs increased from $\mathrm{S} \$ 4.1$ million to $\mathrm{S} \$ 4.7$ million mainly due to consolidation of a newly acquired $51 \%$ owned subsidiary and setting-up expenses of the Middle East operation.

The Group's net loss attributable to shareholders amounted to $\mathrm{S} \$ 7.0$ million for 3 QFY 2018 as compared to a profit of $\mathrm{S} \$ 0.9$ million for 3 QFY 2017 mainly due to the factors mentioned above.

## Nine-Month (9MFY2018) Review

The Group's revenue for 9MFY2018 decreased by $29.5 \%$ from $\mathrm{S} \$ 123.5$ million to $\mathrm{S} \$ 87.1$ million as compared to 9MFY2017 mainly due to lower recognition of plant construction revenue in 9MFY2018. The gross profit decreased by $82.6 \%$ from $\mathrm{S} \$ 16.3$ million to $\mathrm{S} \$ 2.8$ million mainly due to the lower revenue and higher than expected operating costs in 9MFY2018.

The Group's net loss attributable to shareholders amounted to S $\$ 9.0$ million for 9MFY2018 as compared to a profit of S $\$ 4.3$ million for 9 MFY 2017 mainly due to the factors mentioned above

## Statement of Financial Position Review

The increase of $\mathbf{S} \$ 4.2$ million in trade and other receivables as at 31 December 2017 as compared to 31 March 2017 is mainly due to slower collections in 9MFY2018.

The increase of $\mathrm{S} \$ 2.6$ million in property, plant and equipment as at 31 December 2017 as compared to 31 March 2017 is mainly due to consolidation of a newly acquired $51 \%$ owned subsidiary and setting-up of the Middle East operation.

The increase of S $\$ 9.4$ million in trade and other payables as at 31 December 2017 as compared to 31 March 2017 is mainly due to working capital management.

The total borrowings of $\mathrm{S} \$ 19.9$ million as at 31 December 2017 had increased by $\mathrm{S} \$ 13.7$ million compared to $\mathrm{S} \$ 6.2$ million as at 31 March 2017 for working capital.

As at 31 December 2017, the Group's cash and cash equivalents stood at $\mathrm{S} \$ 13.2$ million as compared to S $\$ 9.7$ million as at 31 March 2017.
9. Where a forecast, or a prospect statement, has been previously disclosed to shareholders, any variance between it and the actual results

Not applicable.
10. A commentary at the date of announcement of the significant trends and competitive conditions of the industry in which the group operates and any known factors or events that may affect the group in the next reporting period and the next $\mathbf{1 2}$ months

As the environment for the oil-and-gas industry continues to remain challenging, the Directors of the Company are seeking suitable opportunities in new markets to mitigate any slowdown in the oil-and gas sector of the traditional markets. The Group will continue to further control costs and take steps to improve productivity.

As at the date of this announcement, the Group's outstanding order book stands at $\mathbf{S} \$ 93$ million.

## 11. Dividend

(a) Current financial period reported on

Any dividend declared for the current financial period reported on?
Nil.
(b) Corresponding period of the immediately preceding financial year

Any dividend declared for the corresponding period of the immediately preceding financial year?
Nil.
(c) Whether the dividend is before tax, net of tax or tax exempt. If before tax or net of tax, state the tax rate and the country where the dividend is derived (if the dividend is not taxable in the hands of shareholders, this must be stated)
Not applicable
(d) Date payable

Nil.
(e) Books closure date

Not applicable.
12. If no dividend has been declared/recommended, a statement to that effect

No interim dividend has been recommended for the period ended 31 December 2017.
13. If the Group has obtained a general mandate from shareholders for interested person transactions ("IPTs"), the aggregate value of such transactions as required under Rule $\mathbf{9 2 0 ( 1 ) ( a ) ( i i ) . ~ I f ~ n o ~ I P T ~ m a n d a t e ~ h a s ~ b e e n ~ o b t a i n e d , ~ a ~ s t a t e m e n t ~ t o ~ t h a t ~ e f f e c t . ~}$

The Group does not have any interested person transaction and no IPT mandate has been obtained.
14. Statement by Directors

Pursuant to Rule 705(5) of the Listing Manual of the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited

The Directors confirm that, to the best of their knowledge, nothing has come to the attention of the Board of Directors which may render the interim unaudited financial statements of Hiap Seng Engineering Ltd for the third quarter and the nine months ended 31 December 2017 presented in this announcement to be false or misleading in any material aspects.
15. Confirmation of Undertakings from Directors and Executive Officers

The Company has procured undertakings from all its directors and executive officers under Rule 720(1) of the Listing Manual.

## BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

TAN HAK JIN
JOINT COMPANY SECRETARY
7 February 2018

