

UNITED INTERNATIONAL SECURITIES LIMITED
(Incorporated In The Republic Of Singapore)

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Board of Directors wishes to make the following announcement:

1. AUDITED RESULTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1999

	Group			Company		
	1999	1998	+/-	1999	1998	+/-
	S\$'000	S\$'000	%	S\$'000	S\$'000	%
Dividend income and interest income	5,686	7,532	-24.5	6,363	7,162	-11.2
Other income	13,830	10,031	+37.9	10,197	10,273	-0.7
Operating income	19,516	17,563	+11.1	16,560	17,435	-5.0
Operating profit before tax and provisions	16,360	15,054	+8.7	13,607	15,090	-9.8
Add/(Less): Writeback for						
diminution in value of investments	751	839	-10.5	-	-	-
Writeback for doubtful debts	-	263	-100.0	-	263	-100.0
Bad trade debts written off	-	(412)	-100.0	-	(412)	-100.0
Operating profit before tax	17,111	15,744	+8.7	13,607	14,941	-8.9
(Less)/Add: Income tax	(187)	(2,619)	-92.9	752	(2,430)	-130.9
Operating profit after tax and available for appropriation	16,924	13,125	+28.9	14,359	12,511	+14.8
Operating income						
6 months ended 30 June	10,152	12,910	-21.4	7,460	13,093	-43.0
6 months ended 31 December	9,364	4,653	+101.2	9,100	4,342	+109.6
Total for the year	19,516	17,563	+11.1	16,560	17,435	-5.0
Operating profit after tax						
6 months ended 30 June	7,683	8,716	-11.9	5,206	9,187	-43.3
6 months ended 31 December	9,241	4,409	+109.6	9,153	3,324	+175.4
Total for the year	16,924	13,125	+28.9	14,359	12,511	+14.8
Operating profit after tax as a percentage of total income from operations	86.7%	74.7%				
Operating profit after tax as a percentage of issued capital and reserves at the end of the year	6.6%	7.6%				
Net earnings per share in cents based on existing issued share capital	12.17	9.44				
Net tangible assets backing per share	S\$1.85	S\$1.25				

The income tax expense is determined on the basis of tax effect accounting using the liability method and deferred taxation is provided on significant timing differences. There were adjustments for overprovision of tax in respect of prior years by the Group and the Company which amounted to S\$2,865,000 and S\$2,888,000 (1998: Nil) respectively. There are no pre-acquisition profits nor any profits on sale of properties.

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2. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

Group profit after tax was 28.9% higher than that of the preceding year due mainly to higher profit realised from sale of long-term investments. Net tangible assets backing per share increased by 48.0% to S\$1.85 as at 31 December 1999.

In the opinion of the Directors, no item, transaction or event of a material or unusual nature has arisen in the interval between 31 December 1999 and the date of this announcement which is likely to affect substantially the results of the Company and the Group for the current financial year in which this announcement is made.

3. CURRENT YEAR'S PROSPECTS

The major economic blocs appear to be moving into a more synchronised growth path as Europe and Asia catch up with the booming US economy. Interest rates are expected to rise in the US as the Fed tries to cool the fast pace of economic growth and keep inflation under control.

After a sterling performance in 1999, Asian stockmarkets are likely to consolidate this year. The recovery from the 1997/1998 crisis is progressing well and prospects for growth look good. Japan's prospects for growth continue to improve. Corporate restructuring is gathering momentum although consumer confidence remains weak.

Europe's prospects are also improving with low inflation, stable interest rate and strong export orders on the back of a more competitive Euro.

We remain cautious on US stocks where valuation levels remain stretched and will continue to overweight Asian and European equities.

4. DIVIDEND

- (i) The Directors propose to recommend a first and final dividend of 6.5% less tax at 26% and an additional special bonus dividend of 5% less tax at 26% in respect of the financial year ended 31 December 1999. The proposed dividends, if approved at the Annual General Meeting to be convened on 22 April 2000, will be paid on 12 May 2000.

	Company	
	1999	1998
(ii) Annual dividend per ordinary share (including special bonus dividend of 5% for 1999)	11.5 cents (less 26% tax)	6.5 cents (less 26% tax)
(iii) Total annual dividend (net)	S\$11,832,463	S\$6,687,914

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5. BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 1999

	Group		Company	
	1999	1998	1999	1998
	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000
Quoted Investments	253,208	143,917	253,208	143,917
Unquoted share in Subsidiary at cost	-	-	8,000	8,000
Current Assets	21,636	48,752	6,076	36,497
Less: Current Liabilities	(17,002)	(12,499)	(15,779)	(12,016)
Net Current Assets/(Liabilities)	4,634	36,253	(9,703)	24,481
Less: Deferred Taxation	(1)	(6,522)	(1)	(6,522)
	257,841	173,648	251,504	169,876
Represented by:				
Share Capital	139,042	139,042	139,042	139,042
Investment Fluctuation Reserve	21,436	21,436	21,436	21,436
Unrealised Gain/(Loss) on Investments	72,914	(6,199)	72,914	(6,199)
Exchange Fluctuation Reserve	(4,971)	(4,959)	(4,971)	(4,959)
Revenue Reserve	29,420	24,328	23,083	20,556
	257,841	173,648	251,504	169,876

6. CHANGES IN SHARE CAPITAL

There was no change in the issued share capital during the period from 1 January 1999 to 31 December 1999.

7. CLOSURE OF BOOKS

Notice is hereby given that the Share Transfer Books and the Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 3 May 2000 to 4 May 2000, both dates inclusive, for the preparation of dividend warrants. Registrable transfers received by the Company's Registrar, Lim Associates (Pte) Ltd, 10 Collyer Quay, #19-08, Ocean Building, Singapore 049315, up to 5.00 pm on 2 May 2000 will be registered for the above dividend. In respect of shares in securities accounts with The Central Depository (Pte) Limited (CDP), the above dividend, if approved, will be paid by the Company to CDP who will distribute the dividends to the holders of the securities accounts.

8. YEAR 2000 (Y2K)

Preparations for a smooth crossover into the new millennium began since 1996. They included performing extensive tests to ensure that all the Company's systems were Y2K compliant. The Company's event management infrastructure met the challenges of the Year 2000 crossover with no disruption to its operations. The Company will continue to monitor any further development on the Y2K date-related issues.

By Order Of The Board

Mrs Vivien Chan
Company Secretary

Dated this 22nd day of February 2000