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FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS			
S\$'million	1Q2011	1Q2010	Change
Revenue	109.4	32.3	▲239%
Gross Profit	13.7	6.4	▲115%
GP Margin (%)	12.5	19.8	▼7.3ppt
Profit After Tax	9.5	4.6	▲108%
Profit After Tax & Non-controlling Interests	9.4	4.5	▲110%
EPS (Singapore cents)	3.07	1.46	▲110%
Current order book stands at S\$640 million with projects lasting up till FY2015			
Net Assets: S\$90.3 million or 29.45 Singapore cents per share as at 31 March 2011			

SINGAPORE, 5 May 2011 – MAINBOARD-listed BBR Holdings (S) Ltd (BBR or the Group) has posted a net profit after tax and non-controlling interests of S\$9.4 million on the back of strong group revenue totalling S\$109.4 million for the first quarter ended 31 March 2011. Its net profit was double the S\$4.5 million it registered in the preceding quarter, and its revenue in the first quarter of 2011 saw a tripling from the S\$32.3 million it turned in previously.

The higher Group revenue was mainly due to the initial progressive revenue recognition of its property development project Lush on Holland Hill and higher revenue contribution

from its specialised engineering and general construction projects which are currently at their active stage of construction.

For the period under review, gross profit rose significantly by 115% to S\$13.7 million from S\$6.4 million in the previous corresponding quarter, with higher contribution from all three business segments as a result of increase in revenue.

Earnings per share for 1Q2011 was 3.07 Singapore cents, an increase of 110% compared to 1.46 Singapore in 1Q2010.

BBR Chief Executive Officer Andrew Tan was delighted with the Group's fine performance. He said: "The team has worked hard on all fronts and we are happy that this is reflected in our financials. Still, it is important that we continue to strive hard to convert tenders into contract wins in order to sustain our growth for the rest of the year and stay profitable."

To date, the Group's order book stands at S\$640 million with projects lasting up to 2015. These comprise mainly civil engineering and building contracts predominantly in Singapore and Malaysia.

BBR Group, which started in 1993 as a specialist engineering group, currently has three core business activities, namely, General Construction, Specialised Engineering and Property Development.

Stronger Financials

The Group's financial position was stronger with total assets of S\$319.5 million and net assets of S\$90.3 million compared to S\$248.6 million and S\$8.6 million registered at year-end FY2010 respectively. Total equity increased by S\$9.7 million to S\$90.3 million as at 31 March 2011, representing an increment of 12% over the year-end FY2010 of S\$80.6 million. Net asset value per share stood at 29.45 Singapore cents or 12% higher than at 31 December 2010.

Cash and cash equivalents as at 31 March 2011 increased by S\$17.3 million to S\$62.2 million compared to S\$44.9 million as at 31 December 2010, due mainly to the repayment of shareholders' loan and dividend received from its associate, Tennessee Pte Ltd, cash receipts from progressive completion of Lush on Holland Hill, and partially offset by cash paid (net after borrowings) on completion of the purchase of development property at Simon Lane and early lumpsum settlement of term loan of S\$5.0 million. With a stronger cash position, the Group anticipates that it has sufficient working capital and still retain the ability to pursue future growth opportunities.

Business outlook

According to the advanced estimates announced by the Ministry of Trade and Industry ("MTI") on 14 April 2011, the Singapore economy grew by 8.5 per cent in the first quarter of 2011 on a year-on-year basis. On a seasonally-adjusted quarter-on-quarter annualised basis, it grew by 23.5 per cent. As for the construction sector, it grew by 2.6 per cent in the first quarter of 2011 on year-on-year basis and 14.5 per cent on a quarter-to-quarter basis, following two consecutive quarters of decline. This mainly reflected an increase in building activities in the residential segment. In view of the strong growth in the Singapore economy and the construction sector in 1Q2011, the outlook for the construction industry is expected to remain positive for the next 12 months.

Against such a backdrop, Mr Tan remains upbeat about the prospects of the construction and property development sectors. "There are still numerous business opportunities in the Singapore market and we are confident that our reputation and track record will stand us in good stead as we seek to secure more contracts." Going forward, the domestic market will continue to be the Group's key focus in the near term although it will selectively consider overseas opportunities with strategic value as they arise, Mr Tan added.

Recent and on-going projects

Last month, the Group secured a RM52.7 million contract from Trans Resources Corporation Sdn Bhd to construct and complete the facilities works for the Kelana Jaya LRT Line Extension Project in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Work on this new project has commenced and is scheduled for completion by December 2012.

The Group has been kept busy with numerous other civil engineering and building projects from both the public and private sectors. These include:

- a S\$48.3 million contract secured from Yang Kee Holdings Pte Ltd to construct Phase 2 of the Yang Kee Chemical Logistics Hub at Jurong Pier Road. Work on the project has started and is scheduled for completion in the second quarter of 2012;
- a S\$79.8 million contract secured from the Land Transport Authority to widen Keppel Viaduct targeted to be completed in the first half of 2015;
- a S\$413.8 million construction contract awarded to a joint venture, Takenaka–Singapore Piling Joint Venture (“JV”) by the National Heritage Board to restore two iconic heritage monuments in the heart of the Civic District, the former Supreme Court and the adjacent City Hall targeted for completion in the second half of 2014. BBR’s wholly-owned subsidiary Singapore Piling & Civil Engineering Private Limited has a 25% share in the JV;
- a S\$139.6 million contract from the Urban Redevelopment Authority to construct Phase 3B (MC02) of the Proposed Common Services Tunnel (CST) at Marina Bay targeted for completion in the second half of 2014;
- a S\$189.6 million contract from the Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA) for Phase 3A of the Common Services Tunnel (CST-3A) due to be completed in the second half of 2011;
- a Land Transport Authority contract worth S\$81.495 million to design and construct the Tai Seng Facility Building for the Downtown Line Project with completion in November 2014;
- a S\$77.7 million contract to build the Singapore Island Country Club’s main clubhouse with completion date in 2011; and

- a S\$104.2 million contract from the Housing & Development Board to build seven blocks of flats in Yishun Neighbourhood 4 to be delivered in 2012.

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About BBR Group (www.bbr.com.sg)

The BBR Group has its roots in specialised engineering. Since its inception in 1993, the Group has grown significantly and today, it has established three core business activities, namely, General Construction, Specialised Engineering and Property Development.

Its General Construction activities are mainly undertaken through its wholly-owned subsidiary, Singapore Piling & Civil Engineering Private Limited (Singapore Piling), a company it acquired in 2001. Singapore Piling has a 40-year history and has been registered with the Building & Construction Authority of Singapore under the "A1" classification since 1984.

Its Specialised Engineering arm is part of the BBR Network that spans 42 countries. Today, BBR Singapore has a presence in Malaysia, Philippines and Thailand.

For its Property Development business, the Group is involved in three condominium projects: 8 Nassim Hill, an upmarket development comprising 16 super luxury triplex units with basement carpark completed in 2010; Lush at Holland Hill, a freehold development with 56 spacious units in two 12-storey blocks and Bliss@Kovan, another freehold site to be developed into a 5-storey condominium with superior design elements consisting of about 140 units.

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