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HIAP HOE TO ACQUIRE 14.9% STAKE IN LEY CHOON FOR S\$14.5 MILLION

SINGAPORE, 31 July 2013 – Singapore Exchange Mainboard-listed Hiap Hoe Limited (协和有限公司) (“Hiap Hoe”) and Ley Choon Group Holdings Limited (立堦集团控股有限公司) (“Ley Choon”) are pleased to announce that Hiap Hoe, through its wholly-owned investment arm, Hiap Hoe Investment Pte. Ltd., has acquired a 14.9% interest in Ley Choon through a placement of 88,268,000 shares at a placement price of S\$0.1642 per share. The placement price represents a 10.0% discount from the full market trading day’s weighted average price of S\$0.1824 per share on 30 July 2013.

Mr Teo Ho Beng (张和明), Hiap Hoe’s Executive Chairman and Chief Executive Officer said, “We are pleased with our investment in Ley Choon as it is central to our strategy of growing our investment activities, enlarging and diversifying our revenue streams over the next few years. More importantly, the complementary businesses of Hiap Hoe and Ley Choon present an excellent opportunity for both companies to realise operational synergies and cost efficiencies, which will create value for investors over the longer term. We are indeed proud to be part of a market leader with over 20 years of experience and success.”

“We are delighted to have Hiap Hoe on board as our strategic investor which will strengthen our shareholder base. The investment is an endorsement of Ley Choon’s business strategy, our strong industry position, as well as recognition of the prospects of the growing public infrastructure industry in Singapore and in the region owing to population growth and rapid urbanisation,” said Mr Toh Choo Huat (卓沐撥), Executive Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Ley Choon.

Ley Choon recently commissioned its second asphalt premix plant, the largest in Singapore in terms of production capacity, to cater for its own projects and for sales to other road contractors. The company has also secured a number of contracts in the year including the construction of a flyover bridge in Brunei as well as projects for PUB and LTA in Singapore.

The subscription of Ley Choon shares by Hiap Hoe is expected to be completed on or before 31 August 2013, and will be funded by internal cash and/or bank borrowings.

About Hiap Hoe Limited

Hiap Hoe Limited is a premium integrated property developer, engaged in the development of luxury and mid-tier residential and hotel-cum-commercial properties that are distinct in design and preferred for their excellent location and investment prospects. The Group's residential portfolio includes distinctive projects such as Treasure on Balmoral, Skyline 360°, Waterscape at Cavenagh, The Beverly, Signature At Lewis, Oxford Suites and Cuscaden Royale.

Hiap Hoe also owns an integrated hotel-cum-commercial development along Balestier Road that sits just opposite the historic Sun Yat-Sen Nanyang Memorial Hall, a national monument that pays tribute to the father of the 1911 Chinese Revolution. Comprising Days Hotel Singapore at Zhongshan Park (新加坡中山公园戴斯酒店), and Ramada Singapore at Zhongshan Park (新加坡中山公园华美达酒店), Zhongshan Mall (中山广场) and an office tower, the two hotels flank Zhongshan Park (中山公园), creating a unique integrated development with a strong heritage connection and old world charm.

In addition to the Group's core business of property investment and property development, Hiap Hoe is also engaged in the construction business. More information on Hiap Hoe can be found at <http://www.hiaphoe.com>

About Ley Choon Group Holdings Limited

Ley Choon Group Holdings Limited (“Ley Choon” or the “Group”) is an established one-stop Underground Utilities Infrastructure service provider based in Singapore.

The Group’s core businesses comprise **i) Pipes and Roads Segment:-** Underground Utilities Infrastructure construction and maintenance, sewer pipeline rehabilitation, road and airfield construction and maintenance; and **ii) Construction Materials Segment:-** asphalt premix production and construction waste recycling.

Headquartered in Singapore with total staff strength of over 1,000, the Group also has operations in Brunei and Yantai, the People’s Republic of China. The Group’s customers include government bodies such as PUB, LTA, Housing and Development Board, Urban Redevelopment Authority, BCA, Jurong Town Corporation and companies such as SingTel and PowerGas.

For more information, please visit www.leychoon.com

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