

## Media Release (For Immediate Release)

## Strong response from institutional investors in Hiap Hoe's placement exercise

- ✓ A total of S\$24 million was raised via placement of 26,000,000 new ordinary shares at S\$0.93 each
- ✓ Institutional investors include Schroder Investment Management (Singapore) Ltd and JL Capital, amongst others

**Singapore 25 May 2007** – SGX-Sesdaq listed Hiap Hoe Limited (the "Group"), a niche integrated property developer with more than 30 years of experience in the building and construction industry, announced that it has received strong response from institutional and prominent investors amounting to S\$24.18 million for its placement of up to 26,000,000 new ordinary shares ("Placement Shares") at S\$0.93 each.

Commenting on the positive response from investors, Mr Teo Ho Beng, Managing Director of Hiap Hoe Limited said: "We are pleased to see the strong interest and successful placement of the Group's shares in this exercise, as this demonstrates their faith and confidence in the prospects of our Group. "We welcome their participation as our shareholders and we would like to thank all our shareholders for their continuing support."

The new shares were placed at a price of S\$0.93 per share, which represents a 7.5% discount from the weighted average price for trades done on 16 May 2007. The Placement Shares represent up to approximately 9.45% of the existing share capital of the Group and up to approximately 8.63% of the enlarged share capital of the Group. The Group intends to use the net proceeds of the placement for general working capital purposes.

The entire 26,000,000 Placement Shares have been placed out, and was heavily subscribed by institutional and prominent investors. Institutional investors such as Schroder Investment Management (Singapore) Ltd and JL Capital, and prominent investors such as Mr. Tan Kim Seng are amongst some of the subscribers. Provenance Capital Pte. Ltd. and UOB Kay Hian Private Limited are the placement manager and placement agent, respectively for the placement exercise.

## **About Hiap Hoe Limited**

Hiap Hoe Limited ("Hiap Hoe") is a niche property developer, engaged in the development of luxury and mid-tier residential properties that are distinctly unique in design and preferred for their excellent locations and investment prospects. The Company has built some prominent residential properties, including Moonstone Residences, Papillon, Proximo and The Vines.

Hiap Hoe has recently developed and launched three distinctive properties – *City Edge, Cuscaden Royale and Oxford Suites*. Hiap Hoe's next iconic developments include luxury residential properties located at Bukit Timah Road, St. Thomas Walk and Cavenagh Road. Hiap Hoe is also engaged in the civil engineering and construction business. More information on Hiap Hoe can be found at <a href="http://www.hiaphoe.com">http://www.hiaphoe.com</a>.