



## **FREIGHT LINKS EXPRESS HOLDINGS LIMITED**

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### **News Release**

#### **FREIGHT LINKS EXPRESS HOLDINGS RECORDS ANOTHER YEAR OF GROWTH**

- **Turnover increased by 26% to \$106.3 million**
- **Net profit after income tax and minority interests increased by 12.9% to \$10.7 million**
- **Proposed first and final dividend of 0.2 cent**

**Singapore 28 June, 2006** - Freight Links Express Holdings Limited (the Group), an integrated logistics service provider listed on main board of Singapore Exchange, continues to impress with an increase in net profit after income tax and minority interests to \$10.7 million, a 12.9% increase over the last fiscal year. Fueled by an increased turnover of \$106.3 million and higher other operating income of \$9.9 million, profit before income tax soared a hefty 226.3% to \$ 13.0 million.

Freight forwarding, making up 57% of turnover, grew by \$5 million to \$60.9 million year-on-year. Growth was experienced across all business segments including the first full-year contribution by LTH Logistics.

Our efforts to build upon core business coupled with robust global economy have led to an increase in sales to customers in Singapore by \$23.2 million. Although sales in North America dipped marginally, this was more than off-set by increased sales in ASEAN (excluding Singapore), North Asia, Australia, and Europe.

Looking forward, Mr Eric Khua, CEO of Freight Links Express Holdings said, "China is becoming an increasingly important market. We will leverage on our existing logistics investments in China and will continue to explore acquisition opportunities to improve our earnings and enhance returns to shareholders."

A significant gain in interest income and gain on fair values of options of convertible loans for the investments in PRC, China, contributed to the jump in other operating income.

The Group has cash and cash equivalent of \$37.8 million, up from \$10 million a year ago due mainly to the completion of a rights issue of warrants in conjunction with the bond issue of US\$30 million. Taking this into consideration, the net gearing of the group stands at 0.48 times.

Net asset value for the Group increased to 4.41 cents per share. In view of this, the Board of Directors has proposed a first and final dividend of 0.2 cent per share less tax to return value to shareholders.

Commenting on future growth, Mr Khua said, "With the dedication of our organization we have managed to double our net profit in two years. Although we expect market conditions to remain competitive for the next twelve months, we will continue to explore and pursue business opportunities to capitalize on our core competencies. We have also been actively looking for acquisition opportunities and strategic alliances in Asia. "

### **About Freight Links Express Holdings Limited**

Listed in 1995, Freight Links Express Holdings Limited is a leading total logistics management and integrated freight forwarding group in Singapore. It is an established integrated logistics service provider offering a comprehensive range of services including international freight forwarding, chemical storage and logistics, warehousing and distribution services, integrated marketing services, international relocation services, and record management. Freight Links has an international network of 120 freight forwarding agents covering almost 600 destinations worldwide. Apart from strong strategic partnerships with these freight forwarding agents, it has overseas offices in Malaysia, Thailand, Hong Kong, China, Australia and UAE.

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