

CORPORATE NEWS

Appointment of Non-Executive Director

The Group has appointed Mr. Bobby Lim Chye Huat as a Non-Executive Director of the Board with effective 06 October 2008. Mr Lim is currently the Managing Director of Tai Sin Electric Limited ("Tai Sin"), a company listed on SGX-ST Mainboard. He is responsible for Tai Sin's overall management, strategic directions and business development. Mr. Lim brings along with him wealth of experience and a vast business network which will definitely value-add to the Group businesses.

Mr. Lim also replaces Mr. Leslie Wa (Group CEO) as a member of the Audit Committee. With this appointment, the Audit Committee comprises a total of 3 Non-Executive directors, thus ensuring high levels of transparency and disclosure. The Group is confident this composition will benefit all our shareholders.

HLN Tech participated in National Manufacturing Week

HLN took part in the National Manufacturing Week ("NMW") exhibition held from 23rd to 25th Sept 2008 in Donald E. Stephens Convention Center (Illinois, Chicago). The three days event presents 400,000 sq. feet of products and services for design engineering, plant engineering, industrial automation, etc. The exhibition was very rewarding, we received many enquiries for Metallic and Elastomeric parts. HLN representatives also established contacts with potential business partners for future possible cooperation.



NEWS IN STRATEGIC BUSINESS UNITS

METALLIC

Sale of Assets to Reliance

HLN Metal Centre Pte Ltd ("HMC"), a subsidiary of the Metallic SBU has successfully entered into an asset purchase agreement with Reliance Metalcentre Asia Pacific Pte. Ltd. ("Reliance"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Reliance Steel & Aluminium Co., The Company receives US\$2.64 mil as disposal proceeds. The assets sold are aluminium products comprising the entire inventory of HMC, together with the equipment and machinery comprising its fixed assets. Going forward, the Management will continue to re-align the other companies in the Metallic division.

ELASTOMERIC

HRI Warriors recorded best performance since Jan 08

HRI Warriors (team name for HLN Rubber Industries Sdn Bhd) was ranked number 3 in August 08 KPI league which is also HRI Warriors best performance in 2008. It started off in fifth position and has consolidated to third position with a lead of 2.5 points. HRI Warriors will have to work doubly hard for the remaining four months in order to secure their third position.

Monthly ranking can be viewed from this link (<http://www.hlnitech.com/kpi.html>)

POLYMERIC

First Polymeric Operations in China

Process Innovation Technology Pte Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Polymeric SBU has established its first Polymeric operations in Suzhou, China, Process Innovation Technology (Suzhou) Co., Ltd.

The purpose of this manufacturing facility serves to support the increasing outsourcing activities of our multinational customers based in China. Moreover, the expanded facility releases the already near-full capacity in the Singapore operation so that the local operation is able to focus its business on higher-end products, trial production of new products as well as serves as incubator for our China production. The factory is expected to be operational by end of 2008 with concentration in the Office Automation sector.

