



NEWS RELEASE

## Frencken Posts Turnaround in FY2013 with Net Profit of S\$17.7M

- Proposing final dividend of 1.4 cents per share, representing a payout of 31% of net profit
- Group expects to deliver a profitable performance in 1Q14, barring any unforeseen circumstances

**Singapore, 27 February 2014** – Frencken Group Limited (“Frencken” or the “Group”), a global high-tech capital equipment and consumer product service provider, today reported a net profit attributable to shareholders of S\$17.7 million for the 12 months ended 31 December 2013 (“FY2013”). This marked a sharp reversal from the Group’s loss of S\$11.8 million in FY2012.

Group revenue in FY2013 grew 23.2% to S\$444.7 million. This was fuelled mainly by the inclusion of a full year contribution from Juken Technology Limited and its subsidiaries (“Juken”) which the Group acquired in October 2012. Revenue of the Mechatronics Division was flat during the year.

Accordingly, Frencken’s Board of Directors is recommending the payment of a first and final dividend of 1.4 cents per share (one-tier tax exempt) in respect of FY2013. This translates into a payout of 31% of Group net profit.

President and Executive Director of Frencken, Mr Gooi Soon Hock said, “Despite facing a difficult business environment in FY2013, the Group achieved a turnaround in its financial performance due to the improved profitability of our IMS Division which included Juken’s full-year earnings.

Thanks to its longstanding working relationships with customers, our Mechatronics Division has continued to deliver stable profits despite difficult and challenging economic conditions in the Euro zone and the USA markets that it operates in.”

With the USA and European economies currently showing signs of recovery, the outlook for 2014 is becoming more positive for many of the Group’s markets. Barring any unforeseen circumstances, the Group is optimistic of delivering revenue growth and a profitable performance for the first quarter ending 31 March 2014.

*This news release is to be read in conjunction with the Group’s announcement posted on the SGX website on 27 February 2014*

### **About Frencken Group Limited**

Frencken Group is a high-technology capital equipment and consumer equipment service provider of complete and integrated one-stop outsourcing solutions to a diversified customer base comprising of renowned global companies.

Leveraging on its advanced capabilities and strategically located facilities, the Group provides a comprehensive range of product solutions that span the entire value chain - from initial product design, development and prototyping, to engineering, final test, and series manufacturing.

The Group's businesses are classified under two main divisions:

- The Mechatronics Division provides solutions for the design, development and production of complex, high precision industrial machinery and capital equipment for the medical, semiconductor, analytical and industrial automation industries. The division has a network of production facilities located in The Netherlands, Singapore, China, Malaysia and USA.
- The IMS Division offers integrated design and manufacturing services for automotive, office automation, consumer and industrial electronics products. The division has multiple operating sites in Southeast Asia (Malaysia, Thailand, Singapore and Indonesia), China, India, Switzerland and The Netherlands.

The Group was listed on the Main Board of the SGX-ST in May 2005.

For further information on Frencken, please visit the Group's website at: [www.frenckengroup.com.sg](http://www.frenckengroup.com.sg)