

## **NEWS RELEASE**

## HALCYON AGRI'S NET PROFIT MORE THAN DOUBLES TO US\$10.1 MILLION

- Net profit increases 129%
- Sales volume rises 44% to 67,046 tonnes
- Gross material margin increase from US\$371 per tonne to US\$391 per tonne
- Directors propose first and final dividend of S\$0.01 per share

**Singapore, 27 February 2013** – Midstream natural rubber producer Halcyon Agri Corporation Limited, today announced profit after tax of US\$10.1 million for the financial year ended 31 December 2012, more than double the US\$4.4 million earned in the previous year.

The results reflected a 44% increase in the volume of natural rubber sold, as well as an expansion in gross margins. Executive Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Halcyon Agri, Robert Meyer said: "I am very pleased to report strong results following our recent debut as a listed company. Our solid operating performance for FY2012 affirms our business model and our experience and expertise in managing risks".

The Group recorded revenues of US\$222 million for the year, slightly lower than the prior year, reflecting the lower market price of natural rubber in 2012 compared to 2011. Despite the lower rubber price, the average gross material profit per tonne of rubber sold rose 5% to US\$390.8 per tonne, reflecting effective raw material procurement and economies of scale.

Expenses rose 14.9% to US\$8.6 million in FY2012, driven by higher output. They included a one-time cost of US\$0.8 million for IPO-related expenses and a US\$0.2 million non-recurring financing charges. The Group's Q4 2012 net profit also improved significantly compared to Q4 2011, with net profit increasing by US\$1.2m quarter-on-quarter.

The Board of Directors has proposed a first and final dividend of S\$0.01 a share, representing a payout of approximately 25% of Group's profit after tax attributable to owners of the Company.

Commenting on the Group's outlook, Mr Robert Meyer said "We remain optimistic about our prospects and continue to invest in the expansion of our facilities to capture growing global demand for natural rubber". A major development that will underpin its performance in the new financial year 2013 is the Group's additional wet processing line which was fully commissioned on 15 January 2013 and which adds an additional 10,500 metric tonnes per annum to its plant capacity.

Halcyon Agri was listed on Catalist on 1 February 2013. Its initial public offering of 61 million shares at S\$0.36 a share raised S\$13.8 million (net of listing expenses). The proceeds are being applied to expanding and upgrading its processing facilities, and to general working capital requirements.

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Note: This press release is to be read in conjuction with the related mandatory announcement filed by Halcyon Agri Corporation Limited on SGXNET.

## About Halcyon Agri

Halcyon Agri operates in the midstream of the natural rubber supply chain, specialising in the processing and merchandising of natural rubber. Headquartered in Singapore, where its risk management and merchandising operations are located, the Group owns and operates two rubber processing facilities, HMK1 and HMK2, in Palembang, Indonesia, with a total gazetted production capacity of 110,000 tonnes per annum. Halcyon Agri's products, namely SIR20, SIR20-VK & SIR20-Compound, are exported to a global customer base, including a substantial number of the top 20 international tyre manufacturers.

The Company was listed on Catalist of the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited (the "**SGX-ST**") on 1 February 2013. The initial public offering of the Company was sponsored by PrimePartners Corporate Finance Pte. Ltd. (the "**Sponsor**").

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