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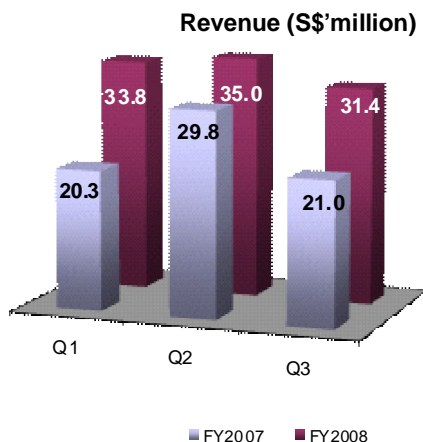
Beng Kuang Marine 9M2008 PATMI surged 83% to S\$6.9 million

- **Strong growth with revenue increasing by 41% to S\$100.2 million**
- **Corrosion Prevention segment revenue up 96.7% to S\$49.7 million**
- **Commencement of operations at new 32.8 hectare Batam yard**

Singapore, 11 November 2008 – Beng Kuang Marine Limited (“BKM”) and its subsidiaries (the “Group” or “明光海事”) recorded an outstanding 83% growth in net profit attributable to equity holders of the Company to S\$6.9 million for the nine months ended 30 September 2008.

Financial Review

(S\$'000)	3Q2008	3Q2007	%Chg	9M2008	9M2007	%Chg
Revenue	31,394	21,008	49	100,178	71,083	41
Gross Profit	7,137	5,602	27	23,251	17,055	36
Gross Profit Margin	22.7%	26.7%	-	23.2%	24.0%	-
Operating Profit	2,638	2,050	29	10,532	6,365	65
Operating Profit Margin	8.4%	9.8%	-	10.5%	9.0%	-
PATMI	1,505	995	51	6,875	3,761	83
Net Profit Margin	4.8%	4.7%	-	6.7%	5.3%	-



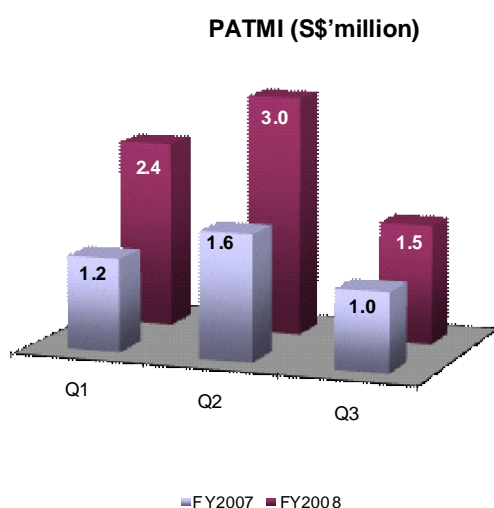
On the back of continued demand in marine, offshore oil and gas activities during the period, the Group’s revenue rose by 41% from S\$71.1 million in 9M2007 to S\$100.2 million in 9M2008. Gross profit improved 36% to S\$23.3 million, while gross profit margin saw a marginal 0.8 percentage point decline to 23.2%.

Segmental Review

(S\$mIn)	3Q2008	3Q2007	%Chg	9M2008	9M2007	%Chg
Corrosion Prevention	15.01	8.28	81.3	49.70	25.27	96.7
Infrastructure Engineering	9.69	5.68	70.6	29.39	24.44	20.3
Supply & Distribution	6.69	7.04	(5.0)	21.09	21.37	(1.3)

With an increase in Corrosion Prevention (“CP”) operations in Batam on projects for our related parties, revenue from CP rose 96.7% to S\$49.7 million and continued to be the main contributor to revenue in 9M2008.

The Group also saw increased demand from related parties for electrical, installation, and automation services. The Group also offered a new service line in the form of rope access services. This resulted in revenue from the Infrastructure Engineering (“IE”) division to improve by 20.3% to S\$29.4 million. Revenue from Supply and Distribution (“SD”) remained relatively stable at S\$21.1 million.



For the 9 months ended 30 September 2008, profit after tax improved 27% to S\$6.9 million. Profit attributable to equity holders of the Company rose 83% to S\$6.9 million.

New Yard – Kabil Timur, Batam

In October 2008, the Group commenced operation at the new 32.8 hectare yard in Batam with the S\$21 million accommodation modules contract from Leighton Contractors (Singapore) Pte Ltd, a subsidiary of Leighton Holdings Limited, as announced on 30 September 2008, and various other ongoing projects. The new yard will increase capacity of its existing fabrication

facilities in Batam by more than 4 times and it will allow BKM to handle more offshore oil and gas module fabrications.

“Despite the challenging environment which we operate in today, we remain positive on the Group’s performance as various shipyards in Singapore and Batam are still busy with their ship building, repairs and rig building activities.”

Mr Chua Beng Kuang, Managing Director of BKM

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About Beng Kuang Marine Limited

Beng Kuang Marine Limited (“BKM”) and its subsidiaries (the “Group”) are established providers of Corrosion Prevention (“CP”) services, Infrastructure Engineering (“IE”) services, as well as the Supply and Distribution (“SD”) of hardware equipment and tools to the marine and offshore oil and gas industries. The CP and SD divisions have always been the main revenue drivers of the Group. However, with the rapid growth in shipbuilding and rig building projects, BKM expects the IE division to be a key growth driver in the future. For the IE division, BKM provides turnkey engineering services from planning, project management to implementation involving fabrication, corrosion prevention, testing, installation and pre-commissioning of steel work modules and structures for customers in the oil and gas industry. With the acquisition of Water and Environmental Technologies (WET) Pte Ltd in 2007, BKM is looking at business opportunities to expand the new Environmental and Resource (“ER”) division.

For more information, please refer to the website, www.bkmgroupp.com.sg

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