

## SGX-ST Release

### ASIAN PAY TELEVISION TRUST (APTT)

#### APTT ANNOUNCES FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2016



#### Key highlights

- Revenue for the quarter of \$79.3 million<sup>1</sup>
- EBITDA for the quarter of \$46.6 million
- Distribution of 1.625 cents per unit declared for the quarter ended 30 September 2016
- Reaffirmed distribution guidance of at least 1.625 cents per unit for the quarter ending 31 December 2016<sup>2</sup>

**Singapore – 9 November 2016:** Asian Pay Television Trust (“APTT”<sup>3</sup>) reported total revenue of \$79.3 million and EBITDA of \$46.6 million for the quarter ended 30 September 2016. Total revenue was \$235.3 million and EBITDA was \$139.3 million for the nine months ended 30 September 2016. Total revenue for the quarter and nine months ended 30 September 2016 was 2.8% and 4.6% lower than the prior corresponding period (“pcp”), however in constant Taiwan dollars (“NT\$”) terms revenue for the quarter and nine months ended 30 September 2016 was only 1.0% and 2.2% lower than the pcp. Foreign exchange contributed to 1.8% of the negative variance for the quarter ended 30 September 2016 compared to pcp and 2.4% of the negative variance for the nine months ended 30 September 2016 compared to pcp.

#### Operational performance

Operational highlights for TBC<sup>4</sup> for the quarter ended 30 September 2016 are as follows:

- **Basic cable TV:** Revenue of \$63.2 million was down 2.4% on pcp. This comprised subscription revenue of \$51.5 million and non-subscription revenue of \$11.6 million. TBC’s c.761,000 Basic cable TV subscribers paid an ARPU of NT\$529 per month in the third quarter to access over 100 cable TV channels. Subscription revenue was lower than pcp because of marginally lower Basic cable TV rates in three of TBC’s five franchise areas. Non-subscription revenue generated from the leasing of television channels to third parties, sale of advertising airtime and fees for the installation of set-top boxes was lower than pcp due to lower channel leasing and advertising airtime sales.
- **Premium digital cable TV<sup>5</sup>:** Revenue of \$3.7 million was down 1.6% on pcp. This was generated predominantly from TBC’s c.178,000 Premium digital cable TV subscribers paying an ARPU of NT\$156 per month in the third quarter for Premium digital cable TV packages, bundled DVR or DVR-only services. Premium digital cable TV subscribers increased by c.2,000 and ARPU was lower compared to the previous quarter ended 30 June 2016 (Subscribers: c.176,000; ARPU: NT\$159 per month). The lower ARPU was due to promotions and discounted bundled packages that were offered to generate new subscriptions and to retain existing subscribers.

<sup>1</sup> All figures, unless otherwise stated, are presented in Singapore dollars (“\$”).

<sup>2</sup> Subject to no material changes in planning assumptions including for asset performance and refinancing.

<sup>3</sup> APTT refers to APTT and its subsidiaries taken as a whole.

<sup>4</sup> TBC refers to Taiwan Broadband Communications group.

<sup>5</sup> Premium digital cable TV subscribers and ARPU have been updated to reflect the number of subscribers contributing incremental subscription revenue for additional video content and/or DTV-related services, such as DVR. This can result in more than one subscription, i.e. revenue generating unit (“RGU”), per home. The pcp figures for Premium digital cable TV subscribers and ARPU have been restated to conform to the new presentation.

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- **Broadband:** Revenue of \$12.4 million was down 5.2% on pcp. This was generated predominantly from TBC's c.201,000 Broadband subscribers paying an ARPU of NT\$470 per month in the third quarter for high speed Broadband services. Broadband subscribers increased by c.4,000 and ARPU was lower compared to the previous quarter ended 30 June 2016 (Subscribers: c.197,000 and ARPU: NT\$484 per month). The lower ARPU was due to promotions and discounted bundled packages that were offered to generate new subscriptions and to retain existing subscribers.
- **Greater Taichung expansion:** TBC's core network has been expanded to cover the majority of the greater Taichung region and this has enabled the requisite regulatory licenses to operate in the new coverage areas to be secured. Consequently, TBC started marketing Broadband services in the new expansion area in the fourth quarter of 2014. However, full commercial operations have been delayed as a result of the delay in securing content rights to deliver cable TV services in the greater Taichung region. TBC is working actively with the content providers to secure the necessary content rights and the completion of the network expansion into greater Taichung will be influenced by this timing.
- **Capital expenditure:** Capital expenditure of \$20.0 million was 15.6% lower than pcp. Capital expenditure was lower because of lower capital expenditure being incurred on network expansion growth into greater Taichung and premium digital cable TV growth compared to pcp. This lower expenditure offset the higher maintenance and other capital expenditure being incurred during the quarter when compared to pcp.

### **Borrowing facilities**

As announced in July 2016, APTT has secured a new multicurrency term loan facility in an aggregate amount of \$125.0 million and a multicurrency revolving loan facility in an aggregate amount of \$125.0 million (the "New Facilities"). Separately, in October 2016, TBC completed the refinancing of its existing NT\$32.0 billion borrowing facilities (the "Previous Facilities") with new seven year facilities of NT\$28.0 billion (the "Revised Facilities").

The New and Revised Facilities will enable TBC to fund the necessary capital expenditure to digitise all of TBC's franchise areas, satisfy TBC's borrowing needs through to 2019 and remove the need for any significant principal amortisation of the Facilities for the next three years. The New Facilities diversify APTT's funding sources and the successful refinancing of the Previous Facilities demonstrate the strong support and confidence of the banks in APTT's business as overall borrowing margins and arrangement fees have decreased compared to the Previous Facilities. The New and Revised Facilities provide long term funding certainty, with attractive terms and pricing.

### **Outlook**

The focus in 2016 remains on driving growth in cash flows through up-selling and cross-selling of services across TBC's subscriber base and progressing the network and operational expansion in the greater Taichung region.

Whilst growth in subscriber numbers is anticipated across TBC's service offerings, total revenue for 2016 is anticipated to be influenced by a number of factors. These factors include the continued weakness in the Taiwanese economy, marginally lower Basic cable TV rates in three of TBC's five franchise areas and the non-recurrence of revenue generated in 2015 as a result of one-off items including higher advertising airtime sales generated in the lead-up to the Presidential and Legislative Yuan election. Consequently, TBC's overall EBITDA is expected to be marginally lower for full year 2016 compared to pcp.

**Distributions**

The Board of directors of the Trustee-Manager (the "Board") has declared an ordinary distribution of 1.625 cents per unit for the quarter ended 30 September 2016. The books closure date will be on 16 December 2016 and the distribution will be paid on 23 December 2016. Ordinary distributions of 1.625 cents per unit were paid for the quarters ended 30 June 2016 and 31 March 2016.

APTT's distribution policy is to distribute 100 percent of distributable free cash flows to APTT unitholders. The Board is pleased to reaffirm distribution guidance for the quarter ending 31 December 2016. The distribution for the quarter ending 31 December 2016 will be at least 1.625 cents per unit, subject to no material changes in planning assumptions including for asset performance and refinancing.

**Key financial highlights**

	Quarter ended 30 September 2016 \$'000	Quarter ended 30 September 2015 \$'000	Variance <sup>6</sup> %	Nine months ended 30 September 2016 \$'000	Nine months ended 30 September 2015 \$'000	Variance <sup>6</sup> %
<b>Revenue</b>						
Basic cable TV	63,174	64,731	(2.4)	187,134	196,274	(4.7)
Premium digital cable TV	3,737	3,797	(1.6)	11,034	11,285	(2.2)
Broadband	12,364	13,037	(5.2)	37,147	38,978	(4.7)
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>79,275</b>	<b>81,565</b>	<b>(2.8)</b>	<b>235,315</b>	<b>246,537</b>	<b>(4.6)</b>
<b>Total operating expenses</b>	<b>(32,667)</b>	<b>(32,546)</b>	<b>(0.4)</b>	<b>(95,978)</b>	<b>(98,429)</b>	<b>2.5</b>
<b>EBITDA</b>	<b>46,608</b>	<b>49,019</b>	<b>(4.9)</b>	<b>139,337</b>	<b>148,108</b>	<b>(5.9)</b>
EBITDA margin	58.8%	60.1%		59.2%	60.1%	

<sup>6</sup> A positive variance is favourable to the Group and a negative variance is unfavourable to the Group.

**Proposed sale of the Trustee-Manager**

On 25 January 2016, Macquarie APTT Management Pte. Limited, as trustee manager of APTT (the "Trustee-Manager"), announced that it has been informed by its sole shareholder, Macquarie Group Holdings (Singapore) Pte. Limited ("Macquarie Singapore") that it has entered into a sale and purchase agreement with Dynami Vision Pte. Ltd (the "Purchaser") whereby Macquarie Singapore will divest its entire interest in the Trustee-Manager to the Purchaser (the "Proposed Transaction"). The completion of the Proposed Transaction is subject to approvals from relevant Taiwanese regulatory bodies. For more details refer to APTT's website or the SGX website.

The Trustee-Manager will make further announcements via SGXNet as and when it is made aware of material developments.

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