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## OKP lands S\$20.8 million LTA contract for drainage works

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**SINGAPORE, 3 December 2008** – LEADING home-grown infrastructure and civil engineering company, OKP Holdings Limited (OKP), has secured a S\$20.8 million contract from the Land Transport Authority (LTA).

The contract was awarded to OKP's wholly-owned subsidiary, Or Kim Peow Contractors (Pte) Ltd, and is for drainage works in the North Buona Vista area. Work on the project is scheduled to commence in mid-December and is expected to be completed in December 2010.

The scope of work includes the construction of jacking and receiving shaft for the jacking of pipe roof. This is to facilitate the construction of approximately 53 metres of 6 metres wide box culvert under-crossing at North Buona Vista Road. The work also includes sewer diversion and protection of existing utilities.

OKP, which upgraded its shares from the SGX Catalist to the SGX Mainboard with effect from 25 July 2008, specialises in the construction of airport runways and taxiways, expressways, flyovers, vehicular bridges, urban and arterial roads as well as civil construction works for petrochemical plants and oil storage terminals in the oil and gas sector.

Group Managing Director, Or Toh Wat was delighted with the latest win. He said: "Every contract matters. This is another strong endorsement of our company's expertise in public sector construction works."

"Along with a number of recent contract wins, this continues to underpin OKP's success in public sector construction works. In the long term, public sector works will continue to be a core area of focus for OKP, providing a steady earnings stream for us," he added.

Mr Or further commented that the outlook for public sector construction demand will remain steady in the next few years. As at 30 September 2008, the Group had a strong defensive construction order book of approximately \$310.3 million with projects lasting well into FY2010. Nonetheless, Mr Or said the Group will continue to exercise prudent cost management and internal controls in the light of the current economic uncertainty.

OKP recorded a net profit after tax and minority interest of S\$6.4 million in its nine months ended 30 September 2008 on a turnover of S\$74.2 million. Since January 2008, OKP has secured nine new contracts totalling approximately \$107.7 million from the public sector.

Going forward, OKP will continue to focus on a three-pronged strategy to grow its business, namely:

• Staying focused on core competencies: civil engineering projects will continue to feature prominently as this is OKP's key area of expertise where it has built up a distinctive track record over the years.

• Growing its presence in Oil and Gas: To spread risk, OKP will actively grow its niche in the expanding Oil and Gas Sector in order to grow its earnings base, and to ensure that it does not become overly-dependent on a single revenue source. In this regard, the Group has recently formed a joint venture company to undertake civil engineering projects in the local Oil and Gas Sector.

• Exploring overseas opportunities: While keeping a firm grip on the local market, it will also continually look for opportunities to grow its business overseas.

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## About OKP Holdings Limited (www.okph.com)

OKP Holdings Limited (OKP) is a leading home-grown infrastructure and civil engineering company in the region, specialising in the construction of airport runways and taxiways, expressways, flyovers, vehicular bridges, urban and arterial roads, airport infrastructure and oil & gas related infrastructure for petrochemical plats and oil storage terminals.

Established in 1966 by Founder and Chairman, Mr Or Kim Peow, OKP has two core business segments, Construction and Maintenance. The Group tenders for both public and private civil engineering and infrastructure construction projects, which involve the construction of urban and arterial roads, expressways, vehicular bridges, flyovers, airport infrastructure and oil & gas related infrastructure for petrochemical plants and oil storage terminals as well as the maintenance of roads and roads related facilities and building construction-related works.

In the past two years, the Group has started to forge a presence in the Oil and Gas sector. Its foray into the Oil and Gas sector started in 2006 when it took on its first civil works contract on Jurong Island, Singapore's oil refining and petrochemical hub. It has since completed a project which is related to the \$750 million Universal Terminal, a massive petroleum storage facility. OKP has since gone on to secure a number of other projects, including civil works relating to ExxonMobil's multi-billion dollar petrochemical project, known as the Singapore Parallel Train Project.

OKP's clientele includes various public sector agencies such as the Land Transport Authority, JTC Corporation, the Public Utilities Board, the Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore and the Housing Development Board as well as private sector organisations like Foster Wheeler Asia Pacific Pte Ltd and WorleyParsons Pte Ltd, Rotary Engineering Limited and Wan Fu Investments Pte Ltd, a subsidiary of Far East Organisation.

OKP had been listed on the Singapore Exchange of Singapore Dealing and Automated Quotation System (SESDAQ), now renamed CATALIST, on 26 July 2002. Its shares were upgraded from the SGX Catalist to the SGX Mainboard with effect from 25 July 2008.

OKP was the Silver winner for Best Investor Relations Award – Small Market Capitalisation Category, at the Singapore Corporate Awards 2008.

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