



GRAND BANKS YACHTS LIMITED

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SGX-Mainboard Listed Grand Banks Announces Strategic Share Placements To Genting's Lim Family and Prominent Theme Park Operator Mr Koh Cheng Keong

- **Aggregate of 19.223 million shares to be placed out at S\$0.2725 a share, or S\$5.238 million in gross proceeds**
- **Exa Limited whose beneficiaries include Tan Sri Lim Kok Thay, Chairman and CEO of Genting group and SGX-listed Genting Singapore PLC, will subscribe for 17.185 million shares**
- **Mr Koh Cheng Keong, Chairman of Malaysia's Only World Group, will subscribe for the balance of 2.038 million shares**
- **Placement enlarges issued share capital base of Grand Banks to S\$29.06 million (comprising 115.33 million shares) from S\$23.824 million (96.11 million shares) currently**
- **Proceeds will be used to accelerate new product development (including new yacht moulds); and purchase of new machinery, opening of new retail stores and general working capital**

SINGAPORE, 17 September 2012 – Grand Banks Yachts Limited (“Grand Banks” or “the Company” or “the Group”) announced today that it had agreed to place out new shares worth S\$5.238 million to a trust linked to Tan Sri Lim Kok Thay (“Tan Sri Lim”), Chairman of the Genting group of companies, and to a well-known theme park operator Mr Koh Cheng Keong (“the Subscribers”).

SGX Mainboard-listed Grand Banks said 17.185 million shares of the total 19.223 million share placement will be taken up by Exa Limited, an investment holding company incorporated in the Isle of Man which is held by the trustee of Golden Hope Unit Trust, whose beneficiaries include Tan Sri Lim and certain members of his family.

Tan Sri Lim is Chairman and CEO of the Genting group of companies (including Malaysian-listed Genting Bhd and Genting Plantations Bhd), Hong Kong-listed Genting Hong Kong Limited and SGX Mainboard-listed Genting Singapore PLC, which developed and operates Resorts World at Sentosa, one of Singapore's two integrated resorts.

The Genting group employs over 52,000 people and has business interests in leisure and hospitality (including ventures with Universal Studios), plantations, property, biotechnology and oil and gas ventures. The Asian-listed entities under the group have a combined market capitalisation of approximately S\$45.0 billion.

The remaining 2.038 million placement shares have been taken up by Mr Koh Cheng Keong, the Chairman and Managing Director of Malaysia's Only World Group, which is engaged in theme park and amusement park related activities and food, beverage and project management businesses. Mr Koh also serves as the president of the Malaysian Association of Amusement Themepark & Family Attractions.

The 19.223 million shares have been placed out at S\$0.2725 each, representing a discount of approximately 9.98% to the volume-weighted average price of approximately S\$0.3027 for trades done on Grand Banks shares between 13 September 2012 and up to the time of the trading halt imposed by the Company on 14 September 2012.

As announced on 18 July 2012, the Directors of Grand Banks have accelerated a strategic review of the Group's business to improve operational efficiencies, strengthen the balance sheet, improve product and market development – including unveiling new designs and opening new stores – and seek out strategic alliances or opportunities to enhance shareholder value.

“The Directors firmly believe that the Subscribers, with their international reputation, track records, corporate experience and strategic connections, as major industrial players, will be able to help advance Grand Banks' current strategic initiatives and provide new opportunities for the Company,” said Mr Heine Askaer-Jensen, Chairman of Grand Banks.

“The subscription is part of the Directors' on-going efforts to turn around the Company, return to profitability and ensure the timely removal from the SGX Watch-List, as well as generate value for shareholders and other stakeholders,” he said.

Following the Placement, Tan Sri Lim and Mr Gerard Lim Ewe Keng, Director of Golden Hope Ltd, trustee of the Golden Hope Unit Trust, are expected to be appointed as non-executive and non-independent Directors of the Company.

“The Grand Banks brand is world renowned in the yacht industry for its quality and craftsmanship. With our extensive experience and networking in the leisure and hospitality business, we see great synergy and opportunity in enhancing the value of the brand and its existing business operations,” said Tan Sri Lim.

About half the net proceeds of the placement will be used for new product development, including constructing new yacht moulds; while the balance will be used to enhance existing manufacturing facilities in Pasir Gudang, Malaysia, including acquiring new equipment; to open new retail stores, to expand the distribution network and to increase the Group's inventory of new yachts.

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About Grand Banks Yachts Limited

With a renowned legacy that dates back to 1956, Singapore based Grand Banks Yachts Limited is a global brand well known for its vast experience in manufacturing and selling luxury motor yachts. The Grand Banks brand is recognized across the globe for superior quality and craftsmanship which created one of the most acclaimed and highly sought-after yachts on the market today. The Group's manufacturing facility is located in Pasir Gudang in Malaysia. Grand Banks has Company-owned stores in Seattle (USA) and Sydney (Australia) and independently owned dealers based in other parts of North America, Europe and Asia. Grand Banks was listed on the SGX in 1987 and upgraded to the Main Board in 1993.

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