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NEWS RELEASE

ADVANCER GLOBAL POSTS 37% GROWTH IN REVENUE AND 19% GROWTH IN NET PROFIT FOR HY2017

- *Revenue increased by 37.4% to S\$31.9 million and net profit increased by 19.3% to S\$2.3 million for HY2017 as compared to HY2016*
- *Declared interim dividend of 0.49 Singapore cent per share*
- *Evolving into an effective holistic solutions and services provider with extensive offerings for its wide base of customers, the Group will continue to:*
 - *seek strategic opportunities to broaden its range of solutions and services*
 - *upgrade and equip employees with multiple skill sets and leverage on technology to reduce labour intensity*

FYE 31 Dec (S\$'000)	HY2017	HY2016	YoY Change
Revenue	31,921	23,231	+ 37.4%
Gross profit	9,453	5,926	+ 59.5%
Profit before tax	2,599	2,082	+ 24.8%
Net profit attributable to owners of the Company	2,277	1,909	+ 19.3%

Note: HY denotes six months ended 30 June.

Singapore, 07 August 2017 - Advancer Global Limited (前进集团有限公司) (the “Company”) together with its subsidiaries (“Advancer Global” or the “Group”), an established and integrated workforce solutions and services provider, today announced that it has registered a growth of 19.3% in its net profit attributable to owners of the Company to S\$2.3 million for the six months ended 30 June 2017 (“HY2017”), on the back of a 37.4% increase in revenue to S\$31.9 million.

Commenting on the results, CEO & Executive Director of Advancer Global, Mr. Gary Chin said, “The Group’s effort in integrating the businesses of our subsidiaries onto a common platform is paying off, amid the competitive business environment for the fragmented industries that our subsidiaries operate in. Our Employment Services division serves as the Group’s foundation, allowing us to build on our core expertise in human capital management. The Group’s experience in the Employment Services industry also equips the Group with the necessary skill sets and experience to broaden our range of services in the Facilities Management Services division.

The Facilities Management Services division comprises of Building Management and Security Services where the subsidiaries can operate independently but provide complementary services within the Advancer Global Group.

We will continue to optimise the businesses of our subsidiaries through technology enhancement to reduce labour intensity, as well as bundling our extensive solutions and services offerings to our customers, thereby achieving efficiency and cost savings for our customers. We believe that our customers' satisfaction will continue to generate stable and sustainable earnings growth for our shareholders over the long term."

All business segments registered revenue growth in HY2017, in particular, Building Management Services and Security Services. These two business segments are expanded with the acquisitions of Newman & Goh Property Consultants Pte Ltd, Newman & Associates Pte Ltd, Premier Eco-Care Pte. Ltd., Prestige Enviro-Care Pte. Ltd., and Green Management Pte. Ltd, and Ashtree International Pte. Ltd. in the second half of 2016.

Gross profit rose by 59.5% to S\$9.5 million in HY2017 from S\$5.9 million in HY2016. Gross profit margin improved from 25.5% in HY2016 to 29.6% in HY2017 as the Group experienced an increase in gross profit margin throughout all its business segments.

Other operating income declined by 47.1% from S\$1.5 million in HY2016 to S\$0.8 million in HY2017, mainly due to a decrease in the amount from the government credit schemes such as Wage Credit Scheme and Temporary Employment Credit, and the absence of insurance premiums rebate in HY2017.

The Group's consolidation of administrative expenses from its acquired subsidiaries, coupled with increased administrative expenses from operations and greater staff costs incurred increased administrative expenses by 42.8% from S\$5.3 million in HY2016 to S\$7.6 million HY2017. This was partially offset by the absence of the one-off IPO expenses in HY2016.

Net asset value of the Group increased from S\$15.7 million as at 31 December 2016 to S\$21.8 million as at 30 June 2017. The increase was mainly due to the issuance of 12.5 million new shares to MES Group Holdings Pte. Ltd., which was partially offset by expenses in relation to the share issuance, the payment of dividends and acquisition of subsidiary during the financial period under review. Based on the issue and paid-up share capital of 185.8 million shares, net asset value per share increased from 9.08 Singapore cents as at 31 December 2016 to 11.71 Singapore cents as at 30 June 2017.

The Board declared an interim dividend of S\$0.0049 per share for the first half of FY2017 and that will be paid in September 2017. Advancer Global intends to declare a dividend payout of at least 50% of its net profit attributable to owners of the Company as dividends for financial years ending 31 December 2017 and 2018.

Business Prospects

The Group expects the business environment to continue to be challenging and competitive, due to the overall slower economy and the fragmented service industries that its subsidiaries operate in.

“Advancer Global will continue to evolve into an effective holistic solutions and services provider, particularly in the Facilities Management Services spectrum, to bring greater effectiveness and benefits to our customers through an integrated service offering platform. We will continue to seek new and/or complementary businesses to enrich our solutions and services for our customers, and strengthen our competitive edge by training and upgrading skill sets of our employees to keep them ahead of the changes in the service industries that we operate in,” added Mr. Gary Chin.

The continuous effort of the Group in integrating the newly acquired subsidiaries under the Facilities Management Services division, saw monthly service contracts increase from approximately S\$3.6 million at 31 December 2016 to approximately S\$3.8 million at end June 2017.

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This press release is to be read in conjunction with the Company's unaudited six-months results announcement posted on the SGX website on 07 August 2017.

About ADVANCER GLOBAL LIMITED

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Advancer Global Limited (前进集团有限公司) and together with its subsidiaries (“**Advancer Global**” or the “**Group**”), is an established and integrated workforce solutions and services provider in Singapore. The Group operates through two main business divisions: (i) Employment Services, and (ii) Facilities Management Services, to provide a holistic suite of solutions and services to its diverse base of customers.

The Employment Services division offers integrated and comprehensive employment solutions and services including sourcing, recruitment, training and deployment of foreign domestic workers to households and foreign workers to corporations. The Group offers employment solutions and services through its well-recognised brands, “Nation” and “Enreach”.

The Facilities Management Services division encompasses two sub-divisions: (i) Building Management Services, and (ii) Security Services, which the Group through its well-established subsidiaries, provides property management, security services, pest control, and cleaning and stewarding services to a diverse base of customers including residential and commercial properties, hospitals and hotels.

The Group continues to enhance efficiency and brings effectiveness to its business platforms by infusing technology to enable greater convenience and satisfaction for its customers.

For more information, please visit the company’s website at www.advancer.sg

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