

Media Release

Baker Tech's 1Q 2012 profit up almost ten-fold to S\$13.6m

Y/E Dec (S\$ million)	1Q 2012	1Q 2011	Chg %
Revenue	35.1	10.6	230
Cost of goods sold	(30.2)	(5.3)	472
Gross Profit	4.9	5.4	(9)
Admin Expenses	(2.0)	(2.3)	(11)
Other Operating Income/Expenses, net	10.8	(1.4)	NM
Share of Results of Associates	0.6	0.5	31
Profit before tax	14.2	2.1	565
Net Profit	13.6	1.4	877
Basic EPS* (cents)	1.94	0.20	
Diluted EPS ⁺ (cents)	1.94	0.14	

^{*} based on a weighted average number of 700,168,881 ordinary shares for the financial period ended 31 March 2012 (31 March 2011— 682,578,493)

25 April 2012 – Baker Technology Limited ('Baker Tech' or 'the Group') 巴克科技有限公司, a leading manufacturer and provider of specialised marine offshore equipment and services for the oil and gas industry, has reported a 877% increase in net profit to S\$13.6 million on revenues of S\$35.1 million for the three months ended 31 March 2012 (1Q 2012).

1Q 2012 Performance

Group revenue increased 230% to \$\$35.1 million, due mainly to the progressive recognition of orders won last year. Gross profit however, was 9% lower at \$\$4.9 million due to the different product mix and competitive pricing. In addition, a significant proportion of the revenue was from projects in their early stages of construction, which lower margins are typically recognised.

The Group sold its 49% stake in York Transport Equipment (Asia) Pte Ltd ("York") for S\$22.2 million to TRF Limited which reaped a gain of S\$10.9 million. This boosted the Group's net profit for the quarter to S\$13.6 million, an increase of 877%.

During the quarter ended 31 March 2012, the Group's net cash outflow from operating activities was S\$16.9 million, mainly due to higher working capital requirements as a result of higher work-in-progress and receivables, coupled with payment to suppliers. However, with the disposal of York, the Group's net cash inflows were S\$4.7 million for 1Q 2012.

⁺ based on the number of ordinary shares in issue during the financial period ended 31 March 2012 adjusted for dilutive effect of nil warrants (31 March 2011 —300,305,334 warrants). The outstanding warrants of 282,662,881 as at 31 March 2012 have no dilutive effect as the average market price of the Company's ordinary shares during the quarter was below the exercise price of \$\$0.32.

The Group's financial position remains robust; it is debt-free and its net available cash and cash equivalents stood at a healthy S\$174.0 million (24.9 cents per share) as at end March 2012. Shareholders' funds increased from S\$171.8 million to S\$190.8 million mainly due to retained profits for the quarter ended 31 March 2012.

Outlook

The Group's net order book as at 31 March 2012 was US\$79 million, up from US\$67 million a year ago and little changed from the US\$80 million as at end 2011. These orders are expected to be completed within the next 12 to 18 months.

"The Group has been keeping busy with the current orders on hand and has also secured an additional US\$ 25 million worth of projects in the first quarter. Order enquiries however, are still slow compared to a year ago; customers continue to hold back orders as they evaluate the impact of the prevailing uncertainties in the global economy. Notwithstanding, the healthy order book of US\$79 million will buttress the group's performance in 2012.

With the disposal of the 49% stake in York, we are consolidating our strengths and resources to focus on the offshore and marine sector. We are constantly seeking out businesses for acquisition to augment our strategy of creating long term, sustainable value for our shareholders."

- Chairman, Mr. Lim Ho Seng (林穆升)

On 1 March 2012, the Group announced a proposed renounceable non-underwritten rights issue of warrants at \$\$0.01 on the basis of two warrants for every five shares held. Baker Tech is proposing the Warrants Issue to generate further equity participation through the exercise of the warrants into new shares. On 4 April 2012, SGX has granted its in-principle to the listing and quotation of the warrants, the new shares and further warrants that may be issued.

With regards to the legal suit between Sembcorp Marine Ltd and PPL Holdings Pte Ltd and E-Interface Holdings Limited, in which PPL Shipyard Pte Ltd is also a party as second defendant to the counterclaim, the Group has previously announced that submission have been made by all parties to the Court. The Group will announce the Court's decision when rendered.

About Baker Technology Limited (Bloomberg: BTL SP, Reuters: BATE.SI) www.bakertech.com.sg

Baker Technology Limited (Baker Tech) is a leading manufacturer and provider of specialised equipment and services for the oil & gas industry. Its core business is in the design and construction of a wide range of equipment and components for use in the offshore environment. These include offshore pedestal cranes, anchor winches, skidding systems, jacking systems and raw water tower structures. It also provides services such as project management, engineering services, quality assurance, and construction supervision. Baker Tech has market presence in China, the Middle East, Asia and USA. Baker Tech continually seeks to raise its standards of corporate governance and shareholder communications. In the recent Singapore Corporate Awards 2011, Baker Tech won a Gold award for Best Managed Board and a Silver award for Best Annual Report awards, for companies under S\$300 million in market capitalisation.

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