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#### **Overview**

#### **Key Highlights**

- FY19 EBITDA & PAT have exceeded Projection<sup>(1)</sup> by 3.2% and 17.8% respectively
- Residential fibre connections surpassed the Projection<sup>(1)</sup> with 1.33 million residential end-users
- Resilient business model with transparent and predictable revenue streams
- Strong balance sheet to support growth
- Total Distribution Per Unit ("DPU")
  of 4.88 Singapore cents for FY19
  exceeded Projection<sup>(1)</sup> by 5.2%

#### **Financial Snapshot**

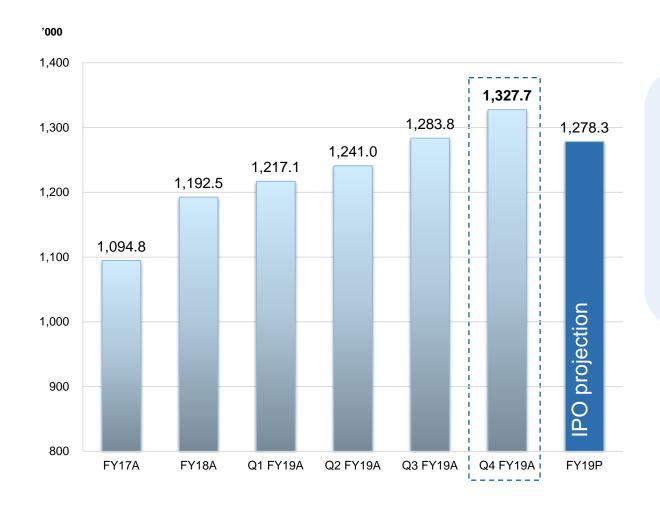
\$m	FY19	Variance vs Projection <sup>(1)</sup>
Revenue	353.6	<b>1</b> 3.3%
EBITDA	247.9	<b>1</b> 3.2%
EBITDA Margin	70.1%	(0.1pp)
Profit After Tax	77.4	<b>17.8%</b>

\$m	As at 31 Mar 2019
Market Capitalisation <sup>(2)</sup>	3,234
Enterprise Value <sup>(2)</sup>	3,722
Net Assets	3,030
NAV Per Unit (Cents)	77.7

<sup>(1)</sup> Refers to Projection Year 2019's projection disclosed in the prospectus dated 10 Jul 2017.

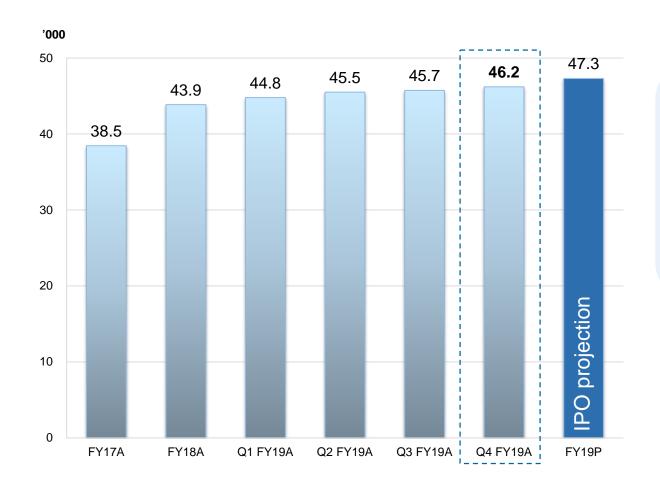
<sup>(2)</sup> Based on the unit price of \$0.83 as at 31 Mar 2019.

#### Residential fibre connections



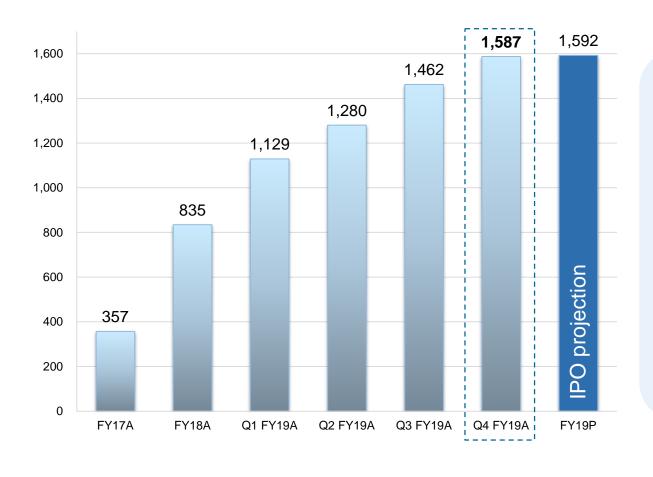
- 1.33m residential connections as at 31 Mar 2019
- Increased 3.4% since 31 Dec 2018
- Surpassed IPO projection by 3.9%

### Non-residential fibre connections



- 46,207
   non-residential connections as at 31 Mar 2019
- Increased 1.0% since 31 Dec 2018

## Non-Building Address Point ("NBAP") connections



- NBAP connections have increased 8.5% since 31 Dec 2018
- Continue to support RLs and government agencies on Smart Nation initiatives

#### Q4 FY19 Profit & loss statement

S\$'000 	Q4 FY19	Projection <sup>(1)</sup>	Variance (%)
Revenue	87,862	87,434	0.5
EBITDA	62,810	61,823	1.6
EBITDA margin (%)	71.5	70.7	0.8pp
Depreciation & amortisation	(40,743)	(40,865)	(0.3)
Net finance charges	(4,364)	(5,588)	(21.9)
Profit Before Tax	17,703	15,370	15.2

<sup>(1)</sup> Projection for the quarter was part of the Projection Year 2019's projection disclosed in the prospectus dated 10 Jul 2017.

Revenue was in line with projection. While the residential connections revenue and ducts and manholes service revenue were higher, the installation-related revenue was lower.

In addition to higher revenue, the higher **EBITDA** was contributed by lower other operating expenses, partially offset by higher operation and maintenance costs. **EBITDA margin** was in line with Projection.

#### **FY19 Profit & loss statement**

S\$'000 	FY19	Projection <sup>(1)</sup>	Variance (%)
Revenue	353,580	342,214	3.3
EBITDA	247,876	240,178	3.2
EBITDA margin (%)	70.1	70.2	(0.1pp)
Depreciation & amortisation	(160,792)	(163,460)	(1.6)
Net finance charges	(17,334)	(21,262)	(18.5)
Profit Before Tax	69,750	55,456	25.8

<sup>(1)</sup> Refers to Projection Year 2019's projection disclosed in the prospectus dated 10 Jul 2017.

Revenue was higher due to higher residential connections revenue, diversion revenue, and ducts and manholes service revenue. This was partially offset by lower than projected installation-related revenue.

In addition to higher revenue, the higher **EBITDA** was contributed by lower staff costs and other operating expenses offset by higher operation and maintenance costs and diversion costs, which were in line with the higher revenue. **EBITDA** margin was in line with Projection.

## A resilient business model

		RAB Revenue			Non-RAB Revenue			
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% of	Residential Connections	Non- Residential Connections	NBAP and Segment Fibre Connections	Ducts and Manholes Service Revenue	Installation Related Revenue	Diversion Revenue	Co-Location and Other Revenue	Central Office Revenue
FY19 Revenue	58.5%	8.5%	2.0%	10.6%	6.0%	3.8%	5.7%	4.9%
Recurring, predictable cash flows	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	-	✓	✓
Long-term contracts / customer stability	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	-	✓	✓
Regulated revenues	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	-
Creditworthy customers	<b>√</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

## Balance sheet as at 31 Mar 2019

Cash Balance	S\$149m
Gross Debt	S\$636m
Net Assets	S\$3,030m
Gross Debt/EBITDA	2.6x
EBITDA Interest Cover	13.5x
Net Assets Per Unit <sup>(1)</sup>	77.7 cents

<sup>(1)</sup> Net assets per unit represents equity divided by total number of units (3,896,971,100).

#### **Distribution details**

Distribution period	1 October 2018 – 31 March 2019
Distribution amount	2.44 Singapore cents per Unit
Ex-distribution date and time	23 May 2019, 9am
Books closure date and time	24 May 2019, 5pm
Distribution payment date	3 June 2019

- In the Prospectus, the NetLink Group had projected a DPU of 4.64 cents for the financial year ended 31 March 2019. The NetLink Group's DPU for first half year ended 30 September 2018 was 2.44 cents. Together with a DPU of 2.44 cents for the second half of the financial year, the total DPU of 4.88 cents for the whole of FY19 represents an increase of 5.2% against the projected DPU. The distribution for FY19 therefore amounts to approximately \$190.2m.
- The net cash generated from operating activities in FY19 was approximately \$229.6m, which supported the FY19 distribution.

#### Focus for FY20

- Expects revenue from key connection services to be higher than that of FY19 mainly due to higher residential connections and installation-related revenues
- Continue to invest to expand the network and also to utilise Capex Reserve on projects that will improve the network's capability and resiliency. Capex in FY20 is expected to be higher than that of FY19
- Work proactively with the Requesting Licensees ("RLs") to anticipate future demand for Non-Residential and NBAP connections, and to support the RLs' efforts to acquire new Non-Residential and NBAP customers
- Monitor the development of the 5G network in Singapore and explore opportunities associated with the new market development

## Well-positioned to deliver long-term value and growth

- (1) Critical infrastructure enabling Singapore's Next Gen NBN
  - Resilient business model with transparent, predictable and regulated revenue stream
    - Sole nationwide provider of residential fibre network in Singapore

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- Well-positioned to benefit from growth in the non-residential segment as the independent nationwide network provider
- Well-positioned to capitalise on growth in connected services including Singapore's Smart Nation initiatives
- 6 Extensive nationwide network affording natural barrier to entry

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