

PROSPECTS

The overall business environment in the region is expected to be more optimistic as the Asian economy continues to improve and interest rates are expected to be lower. However, price competition will remain keen in many market segments.

Outlook for GP Industries remains positive. Its Electronics Division is expected to achieve satisfactory growth in the current financial year. GP Batteries and Clipsal Industries will also contribute significantly.

Under the Technology and Strategic Division, Lighthouse will continue with its rapid expansion. The Group will allocate more resources to this division and will continue to look for quality investments in new product technologies and B2B e-commerce.

With its strong market position and manufacturing capability in the mainland, the impending entry of China to the WTO presents great opportunities to the Group for growth. To capture these opportunities, the Group will continue to invest in expanding its distribution and manufacturing capability more rapidly in China. In addition, the Group will also consider to further streamline its corporate structure and possibly increase stake in its Singapore-listed companies. Barring unforeseen circumstances, the Group will continue to achieve satisfactory results for the current fiscal year.