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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT FOR PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2014

	3 Months Ended 30 June		6 Months 30 Ju	
	2014 RM'000	2013 RM'000	2014 RM'000	2013 RM'000
Revenue	133,241	142,517	232,016	252,997
Operating profit	23,923	15,278	46,842	35,594
Interest expense	(93)	(275)	(248)	(664)
Interest income	1,083	9 24	2,165	1,558
Share of loss of associate	(130)	(74)	(154)	(187)
Profit before tax	24,783	15,853	48,605	36,301
Taxation	(6,602)	(5,168)	(10,864)	(10,869)
Profit for the period	18,181	10,685	37,741	25,432
Total profit attributable to:				
Owners of the Parent	18,181	10,685	37,741	25,432
Earnings per share ("EPS") attributable				
to Owners of the Parent (sen):				
Basic EPS	5.38	3.16	11.17	7.53
Diluted EPS	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

The Condensed Consolidated Income Statement should be read in conjunction with the Annual Financial Report for the Year Ended 31 December 2013.

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2014

	3 Months Ended 30 June		6 Months Ended 30 June	
	2014 RM'000	2013 RM'000	2014 RM'000	2013 RM'000
Profit for the period Other comprehensive income	18,181 138	10,685 (935)	37,741 393	25,432 (968)
Total comprehensive income for the period	18,319	9,750	38,134	24,464
Total comprehensive income attributable to: Owners of the Parent	18,319	9.750	38.134	24.464

The Condensed Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income should be read in conjunction with the Annual Financial Report for the Year Ended 31 December 2013.

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 JUNE 2014

	As at 30/6/2014	As at 31/12/2013
	RM'000	RM'000
Non-current assets		
Property, plant and equipment	335,193	317,491
Land held for property development	502,830	457,634
Investment properties	62,112	61,118
Intangible asset	15,674	15,674
Investment in associates	8,723	8,604
Other investments	342	342
Deferred tax assets	10,762	9,774
	935,636	870,637
Current assets		
Property development costs	147,616	131,628
Inventories	866	1,732
Trade receivables	101,642	105,382
Other receivables	29,814	22,325
Other current assets	35,834	17,777
Tax recoverable	8,770	4,818
Other investments	1,792	1,530
Cash and cash equivalents	164,675	110,544
	491,009	395,736
Assets held for sale	13,694	35,956
	504,703	431,692
Total assets	1,440,339	1,302,329
Current liabilities		
Borrowings	76,300	41,402
Trade payables	107,005	109,335
Other payables	79,350	77,746
Tax payable	5,830	3,195
Other current liabilities	77,173	49,132
	345,658	280,810
Net current assets	159,045	150,882
Non-current liabilities		
Borrowings	280,350	276,344
Deferred tax liabilities	17,892	18,077
	298,242	294,421
Total liabilities	643,900	575,231
Equity		
Share capital	168,906	168,906
Reserves	577,746	558,192
Private debt securities	49,787	0
Total equity	796,439	727,098
Total equity and liabilities	1,440,339	1,302,329
Net assets (NA) per share (RM)	2.21	2.15

The Condensed Consolidated Statement of Financial Position should be read in conjunction with the Annual Financial Report for the Year Ended 31 December 2013.

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2014

	Share Capital RM'000	<non dis<br="">Share Premium RM'000</non>	tributable> Translation Reserve RM'000	Distributable Retained Earnings RM'000	Private debt securities RM'000	Total Equity RM'000
As at 1 January 2014	168,906	41,631	(1,006)	517,567	-	727,098
Total comprehensive income	-	-	393	37,741	-	38,134
Issuance of private debt securities Transactions with owners	-	-	-	-	49,787	49,787
Dividends	-	-	-	(18,580)	-	(18,580)
As at 30 June 2014	168,906	41,631	(613)	536,728	49,787	796,439
As at 1 January 2013	168,906	41,631	-	489,400	-	699,937
Total comprehensive income	-	-	(968)	25,432	-	24,464
Transactions with owners Dividends	-	-	-	(16,891)	-	(16,891)
As at 30 June 2013	168,906	41,631	(968)	497,941	-	707,510

The Condensed Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity should be read in conjunction with the Annual Financial Report for the Year Ended 31 December 2013.

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2014

	6 Months Ended	
	30/6/2014 RM'000	30/6/2013 RM'000
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES Profit before tax Adjustment for:	48,605	36,301
Non-cash items Non-operating items	6,204 (17,347)	6,869 (855)
Operating profit before working capital changes	37,462	42,315
Increase in receivables	(11,600)	(26,004)
Increase in development properties	(13,709)	(10,379)
Decrease in inventories	866	-
Decrease in payables	16,722	9,210
Cash generated from operations	29,741	15,142
Taxes paid	(13,353)	(7,893)
Interest paid	(7,728)	(5,642)
Net cash generated from operating activities	8,660	1,607
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Decrease/(increase) in land held for development	1,777	(1,823)
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(65,663)	(26,999)
Purchase of investment properties	(4,739)	(1,550)
Proceeds from disposal of assets held for sale	42,083	948
Increase in other investment Interest received	(262) 2,165	- 1,558
Net cash used in investing activities	(24,639)	(27,866)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Dividends paid	(18,580)	(16,891)
Proceeds from borrowings	37,603	31,303
Issuance of Islamic Medium Term Notes - Net	21,600	37,535
Proceeds from issuance of PDS	50,000	-
Payment of PDS related expenses	(213)	-
Repayment of borrowings	(20,300) 70,110	(16,371) 35,576
Net cash generated from financing activities	70,110	35,576
NET INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	54,131	9,317
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF PERIOD	110,544	122,128
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF PERIOD	164,675	131,445
	30/6/2014	30/6/2013
Cash and cash equivalents comprise:	RM'000	RM'000
Cash and bank balances	43,829	28,788
Fixed deposits	120,846	102,657
	164,675	131,445
Cash and bank balances held in HDA accounts	34,959	16,652

The Condensed Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows should be read in conjunction with the Annual Financial Report for the Year Ended 31 December 2013.

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PART A - EXPLANATORY NOTES PURSUANT TO FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARD ("FRS") 134

A1. Basis of preparation

The interim financial statements are unaudited and have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of FRS 134 Interim Financial Reporting and paragraph 9.22 of the Listing Requirements of the Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad.

The interim financial statements should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements of the Group for the financial year ended 31 December 2013. The explanatory notes attached to the interim financial statements provide an explanation of events and transactions that are significant to an understanding of the changes in the financial position and performance of the Group since the year ended 31 December 2013.

A2. Changes in accounting policies

The new and revised FRSs, Amendments to FRS and IC Interpretations which are mandatory for companies with financial periods beginning on or after 1 January 2014 did not have any significant effects on the financial statements of the Group.

Standards issued but not yet effective

The directors expect that the adoption of the new FRSs, Amendments to FRSs and Interpretations which are issued but not yet effective for the financial year ending 31 December 2014 will not have any material impact on the financial statements of the Group in the period of initial application, other than as disclosed below:

FRS 9 Financial Instruments

FRS 9 reflects the first phase of work on the replacement of FRS 139 and applies to classification and measurement of financial assets and financial liabilities as defined in FRS 139. The adoption of this first phase of FRS 9 will have an effect on the classification and measurement of the Group's financial assets but will potentially have no impact on classification and measurements of financial liabilities.

Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards (MFRS Framework)

On 19 November 2011, the Malaysian Accounting Standards Board (MASB) issued a new MASB approved accounting framework, the MFRS Framework.

The MFRS Framework is to be applied by all Entities Other Than Private Entities for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2012, with the exception of entities that are within the scope of MFRS 141 Agriculture (MFRS 141) and IC Interpretation 15 Agreements for Construction of Real Estate (IC 15), including its parent, significant investor and venturer (herein called 'Transitioning Entities').

A2. Changes in accounting policies (cont'd) Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards (MFRS Framework) (cont'd)

Transitioning Entities will be allowed to defer adoption of the new MFRS Framework for three years. Consequently, the adoption of the MFRS Framework by Transitioning Entities will be mandatory for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

The Group falls within the definition of Transitioning Entities and accordingly, the Group will be required to prepare financial statements using the MFRS Framework in its first MFRS financial statements for the year ending 31 December 2015. In presenting its first MFRS financial statements, the Group will be required to restate the comparative financial statements to amounts reflecting the application of MFRS Framework. The majority of the adjustments required on transition will be made, retrospectively, against opening retained profits.

A3. Audit report qualification

The audit report for the financial year ended 31 December 2013 was not subject to any qualification.

A4. Seasonal or cyclical factors

The operations of the Group were not materially affected by any factor of a seasonal or cyclical nature.

A5. Exceptional or unusual items

Save for items disclosed in Note A9, there were no items of an exceptional or unusual nature that have affected the assets, liabilities, equity, net income or cash flows of the Group during the current quarter and financial year to date.

A6. Changes in estimates of amounts reported previously

There were no significant changes in estimates in prior periods that have materially affected the current quarter and financial year to date results.

A7. Debt and equity securities

There were no other issuance, cancellation, repurchases, resale and repayments of debt and equity securities for the current quarter and financial year to date, except the following:

(i) RM200.0 Million PDS Programme

On 6 February 2014, the Company issued RM50.0 million in nominal value of Private Debt Securities (PDS) pursuant to the PDS Programme. The PDS are perpetual in nature and are redeemable at the option of the Company on the 5th anniversary of the issue date.

(ii) RM350.0 Million Sukuk Programme

On 23 June 2014, KDU University College Sdn Bhd, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company, issued RM21.6 million in nominal value of Islamic Medium Term Notes with a seven (7) years tenure under the Sukuk Programme.

A7. Debt and equity securities (Cont'd)

(iii) Renounceable rights issue of 84,452,864 new ordinary shares of RM0.50 each in Paramount Corporation Berhad (Paramount) (Rights Shares) at an issue price of RM1.10 per Rights Shares on the basis of one (1) Rights Share for every four (4) existing ordinary shares of RM0.50 each held in Paramount on 8 July 2014 (Rights Issue)

On 14 April 2014, the Company announced to undertake a rights issue to its entitled shareholders on the basis of one (1) Rights Share for every four (4) existing ordinary shares of RM0.50 each held in Paramount.

Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad granted its approval for the listing and quotation of the Rights Shares on the Main Market of Bursa Securities on 14 May 2014. The shareholders of the Company approved the Rights Issue at the Company's extraordinary general meeting held on 9 June 2014.

On 10 June 2014, the Company announced that the 84,452,864 Rights Share will be issued at an issue price of RM1.10 per Rights Share to raise gross proceeds of RM92.9 million. The entitlement date for the Rights Issue was on 8 July 2014.

The Rights Issue exercise was completed on 8 August 2014.

A8. Dividends paid

	6 months	6 months ended	
	30/6/2014 RM'000	30/6/2013 RM'000	
Final dividends 2013 - 5.50 sen single tier (2012 - 5.00 sen single tier)	18,580	16,891	
	18,580	16,891	

A9. Profit before tax

The following items have been included in arriving at profit before tax:

	3 months ended 30 June		6 months ended 30 June	
	2014 RM'000	2013 RM'000	2014 RM'000	2013 RM'000
Depreciation of:				
- Property, plant and equipment	3,059	3,354	6,190	6,708
- Investment properties	7	76	14	160
Additions of allowance for				
impairment of trade and other receivables	239	24	255	144
Bad debts written off	0	0	22	0
Gain on disposal of:				
- Assets held for sale	(2,619)	(146)	(15,548)	(146)
Reversal of allowance for				
impairment of trade and other				
receivables	25	48	(15)	(28)
Net derivative (gain)/loss				
on interest rate swap	(143)	0	82	0
Net foreign exchange (gain)/loss	(106)	(31)	(356)	(658)

Save for the items disclosed in the Income Statement and the note above, other items pursuant to Appendix 9B Note16 of the Listing Requirements of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad are not applicable.

A10. Segment reporting for the current financial year to date

	Revenue		Profit before tax	
Analysis by Business Segment	2014 RM'000	2013 RM'000	2014 RM'000	2013 RM'000
Property development	124,003	108,630	28,605	22,826
Construction	183,528	141,490	10,101	144
Education	65,294	60,116	13,081	14,311
Investment & others	46,425	26,794	39,543	17,834
	419,250	337,030	91,330	55,115
Inter-segment elimination	(187,234)	(84,033)	(42,725)	(18,814)
	232,016	252,997	48,605	36,301

A11. Carrying amount of revalued assets

The valuations of property, plant and equipment and investment properties have been brought forward without amendments from the financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2013.

A12. Subsequent events

There were no material events subsequent to the end of the current quarter that have not been reflected in the interim financial report except as disclosed in Note B6.

A13. Changes in composition of the Group

On 27 January 2014, the Company acquired a company, Seamless Cartel Sdn Bhd with an issued and paid up share capital of RM2, which subsequently changed its name to Paramount Property (PW) Sdn Bhd.

A14. Changes in contingent assets and contingent liabilities

There were no contingent assets or contingent liabilities of the Group since the last annual reporting date.

A15. Capital commitment

The amount of commitments not provided for in the interim financial statements as at 30 June 2014 is as follows:

	RM'000
Approved and contracted for:-	
Property, plant & equipment	130,019
Investment properties	84,686
Land held for development	38,928
Approved but not contracted for:-	
Property, plant & equipment	38,039
Investment properties	31,916
Land held for development	19,820
	343,408

A16. Capital expenditure

The major additions and disposals to the property, plant and equipment during the current quarter and financial year to date were as follows:

	Current Quarter RM'000	Financial Year-to-date RM'000
Property, plant and equipment Additions	43,742	65,663
A17. Related party transactions		Financial Year-to-date RM'000
Purchase of computers and peripherals from ECS ICT Bhd and its subsidiarie companies in which Dato' Teo Chiang Quan, a director of the Company, ha interests		45
Rental charges paid to Damansara Uptown One Sdn Bhd, a company in which Dato' Teo Chiang Quan has substantial interest	a brother of	310
Sale of property to Mr Ooi Hun Peng, a director of subsidiary		620
		975

The directors are of the opinion that all the above transactions have been entered into in the normal course of business and have been established on terms and conditions that are not materially different from those obtainable in transactions with unrelated parties.

PART B – EXPLANATORY NOTES PURSUANT TO APPENDIX 9B OF THE LISTING REQUIREMENTS OF BURSA MALAYSIA SECURITIES BERHAD

B1. Review of performance

2Q14 vs 2Q13

Group revenue for 2Q14 decreased by 7% to RM133.2 million (2Q13: RM142.5 million) due to the Property Division's construction segment winding down its external projects to focus on internal projects. Profit before tax **(PBT)**, however, increased by 56% to RM24.8 million (2Q13: RM15.9 million) due to higher PBT recorded by both the Property and Education Divisions.

Within the Property Division (comprising property development and construction), revenue from property development improved by 21% to RM76.4 million (2Q13: RM62.9 million) due to the higher progressive billings registered on the new launches from the Sejati Residences in Cyberjaya, Utropolis in Glenmarie, Shah Alam and Sekitar26 Business in Shah Alam development projects. The construction activities on these multiple development projects boosted the performance of the construction segment increasing revenue by 23% to RM109.0 million (2Q13: RM88.8 million). The revenue from construction after eliminating the internal construction projects decreased by 54% to RM23.1 million (2Q13: RM49.7 million) for the same reason as explained in the preceding paragraph.

As a result of the higher revenue, PBT for property development increased by 38% to RM16.0 million (2Q13: RM11.6 million) while that of construction increased by 1,295% to RM4.2 million (2Q13: RM301,000).

Revenue for the Education Division (comprising the primary & secondary school and the tertiary education) increased by 12% to RM33.0 million (2Q13: RM29.4 million) mainly due to higher revenue from the primary and secondary school segment arising from higher student enrolment.

PBT for the education division, increased by 35% to RM5.8 million (2Q13: RM4.3 million). The higher PBT was mainly due to a gain of RM1.3 million recognised during the quarter following the completion of the Termination Agreement to return the institutional land in Iskandar Development Region to UEM Land Bhd.

<u>1H14 vs 1H13</u>

Group revenue for 1H14 decreased by 8% to RM232.0 million (1H13: RM253.0 million) due to the Property Division's construction segment winding down its external projects to focus on internal projects. PBT, however, increased by 34% to RM48.6 million (1H13: RM36.3 million) due to higher PBT recorded by the Property Division.

Within the Property Division, revenue from property development increased by 14% to RM124 million (1H13: RM108.6 million) due to the higher progressive billings registered on the new launches from the Sejati Residences, Utropolis and Sekitar26 Business development projects. The construction activities on these multiple development project boosted the performance of the construction segment increasing revenue by 30% to RM183.5 million (1H13: RM141.5 million). The revenue from construction after eliminating the internal construction projects decreased by 50% to RM41.5 million (1H13: RM83.4 million).

PBT for property development increased by 25% to RM28.6 million (1H13: RM22.8 million) attributable to a gain of RM7.3 million recorded on the disposal of a 6-acre land in Bandar Laguna Merbok earmarked for the development of "Kip-Mart", a wet and dry hypermarket, to add vibrancy to the development and support the Group's strategy of investing and reinvesting in the communities that we build. PBT for construction increased by 6,914% to RM10.1 million (1H13: RM144,000) due to higher progressive billings and a gain of RM5.7 million recorded on the disposal of a 26-acre land in Bukit Beruntung, a contra-property, which the Group found not feasible for development.

Revenue for the education division increased by 9% to RM65.3 million (1H13: RM60.1 million) due to higher revenue registered by the primary and secondary school segment.

PBT for the education division, however, decreased by 8% to RM13.1 million (1H13: RM14.3 million). The lower PBT was mainly due to the higher losses incurred by KDU University College.

B2. Material changes in Profit Before Tax for the quarter reported on as compared with the immediate preceding quarter

For 2Q14, Group PBT increased, marginally by 4% to RM24.8 million (1Q14: RM23.8 million).

B3. Prospects

With a sizeable carried forward lock-in sales and the scheduled launches from Bukit Banyan, Sejati Residences, Paramount Utropolis and Sekitar26 Business development projects of primarily affordable products in the remaining part of year, the property development segment should continue to perform well. Increased activities from these new developments will also benefit the construction segment, which has switched its focus to internal construction projects.

The education division continues to operate in a challenging environment. While issues arising from the implementation of the Education Malaysia Global Services (EMGS) abates, aggressive promotions and scholarships continue to prevail in the tertiary education market as competitors switch its focus to enrolling local students to mitigate the shortfall in international students. Meanwhile the primary & secondary schools sector continues to face the challenge of new players, excess capacity issues and aggressive offers of discounts on tuition fees.

Despite the headwinds, the primary & secondary schools with their strong value proposition and brand name will continue to perform well and drive the performance of the education division. On the tertiary education side, the several initiatives implemented over the past few months to establish a clear value proposition and differentiation has started to bear fruits allowing the University College to improve its competitiveness and expand enrolment in the first quarter of the year. Much more, will be done, and with the impending move to the new campus, this will increase operating costs and dent margins over the short term but will improve the sustainability of the University College over the long term. The education division is expected to perform satisfactorily for the rest of the year.

Overall, barring any unforeseen circumstances, the Group will continue to perform well for the year.

B4. Profit forecast or profit guarantee

There were no profit forecast or profit guarantee for the current quarter and financial year to date.

B5. Taxation

The taxation charge included the following:

	Current Quarter RM'000	Financial Year-to-date RM'000
Current year provision	6,227	10,301
Deferred tax	375	563
	6,602	10,864

The effective tax rate for the financial period was lower than the statutory income tax rate in Malaysia due to the gain of RM15.5 million on disposal of lands which was not subject to income tax.

B6. Corporate proposal

On 25 March 2014, the Company entered into a Purchase and Development Agreement (the PDA) with Penang Development Corporation for the proposed acquisition of a piece of freehold land measuring in total area approximately 30.7 acres situated at Batu Kawan, Mukim 13, District of Seberang Perai Selatan, State of Penang at a total cash consideration of RM67,007,594.40 only upon such terms and conditions as contained in the PDA. The purchase was completed on 24 July 2014.

B7. Borrowings and debts securities

The Group's borrowings and debts securities as at 30 June 2014 were as follows:

	RM'000
Short-term borrowings (Secured) Current portion of long term loans	76,300
<u>Long-term borrowings (Secured)</u> Term loans Islamic Medium Term Notes	224,804 55,546
	280,350

B8. Realised and unrealised profits

The breakdown of retained profits as at 30 June 2014 and 30 June 2013 on a group basis, into realised and unrealised profits, is as follows:

	30/6/2014 RM'000	30/6/2013 RM'000
Total retained profits of the Company and its subsidiaries		
- Realised	741,488	637,511
- Unrealised	(8,100)	(9,311)
	733,388	628,200
Total share of retained profits/(loss) from associate		
- Realised	(355)	(842)
Less: Consolidation adjustments	(196,305)	(129,417)
Total Group retained profits	536,728	497,941

B9. Derivative financial instrument

The outstanding interest rate swap contracts as at 30 June 2014 are as follows:

	Contract amount	Fair value Assets/ (Liabilities)
Interest rate swap*	RM'000	RM'000
More than 3 yearsMore than 3 years	62,700 57,000	204 (186)

* The contracts effectively swapped the Group's floating interest rate to fixed interest rate to hedge against interest rate fluctuation.

B10. Fair value gain/(loss)

	Current Quarter RM'000	Financial Year-to-date RM'000
Interest rate swap	143	(82)

Basis of fair value measurement: The differences between floating and fixed interest rates.

Reason for gain/(loss): The floating interest rate has moved unfavourably against the Group from the last measurement date.

B11. Changes in material litigation

As at 13 August 2014, there were no changes in material litigation, including the status of pending litigation since the last annual reporting date of 31 December 2013.

B12. Dividends payable

The Board of Directors has declared an interim single tier dividend of 2.50 sen per share, (2013: 2.50 sen per share, single tier) in respect of the financial year ending 31 December 2014, which will be paid on 17 September 2014 to shareholders whose names appear on the Record of Depositors on 2 September 2014.

- (a) shares transferred into the Depositor's Securities Account before 4.00 p.m. on 2 September 2014 in respect of ordinary transfers.
- (b) shares bought on Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad on a cum entitlement basis according to the rules of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad.

The total dividend for the current financial year to date is 2.50 sen per share, single tier. (2013: 2.50 sen per share, single tier)

B13. Earnings per share

(a) Basic EPS

Basic EPS is calculated by dividing the profit for the period attributable to ordinary equity holders of the Company by the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue during the period.

	Current Quarter	Financial Year-to-date
Profit for the period (RM'000)	18,181	37,741
Weighted average number		
of ordinary shares ('000)	337,812	337,812
Basic EPS (sen)	5.38	11.17

(b) Diluted EPS

Not applicable to the Group.