

NOTES

1. Accounting Policies

The quarterly financial statements have been prepared based on accounting policies and methods of computation consistent with those adopted in the most recent annual financial statement.

2. Exceptional Items

For the current financial period under review, exceptional items include, gain on disposal of a subsidiary, offset by provision for diminution in value of investments in an associated company.

3. Extraordinary Items

There were no extraordinary items for the current financial period under review.

4. Taxation

Included in taxation is a net provision of deferred tax amounting to RM677K. There were no adjustments for under or over provision included in taxation.

5. Pre-acquisition Profit

There were no pre-acquisition profits included in the operating profit for the current financial year under review.

6. Profit on Sale of Investments and Properties

There were no sale of investments and properties during the period under review, other than that disclosed in Note 2, above.

7. Purchases and Sales of Quoted Securities

(a) Total purchases and sales of quoted securities for the quarter are as follows: -

	RM'000
Purchases	41
Disposals	70
Profit on disposal	14

(b) Investments in quoted securities as at 31 December 2000 are as follows: -

	Investment in Associated company RM'000	Other Investment RM'000
At cost	247,344	229
At carrying value	270,101	229
At market value	124,857	320

8. Changes in the Composition of the Group

There were no changes in the composition of the Group for the current financial period to date, other than the disposal of its subsidiary company, Convenience Shopping Sdn Bhd.

9. Status of Corporate Proposals

- a) The Proposed Private Placement of 30,875,451 new ordinary shares of RM0.50 each in the company has been determined at RM0.54 per share, as announced on 11 February 2001.
- b) On 8 December 2000, the company announced a proposed rights issue of up to 207,482,832 new ordinary shares of RM0.50 each in the company on the basis of one (1) Rights Share for every two (2) existing ordinary shares of RM0.50 each held in the company at a date to be determined but after the completion of the Proposed Private Placement.

10. Seasonality or Cyclicity of Operations

The business operations of the Group are not materially affected by any seasonality or cyclicity factors except for the beverage, specialist retail and media and communications divisions which usually perform better in the second and third quarters of the financial year which coincide with the major festive seasons i.e. Christmas, Hari Raya Puasa and Chinese New Year celebrations.

11. Issuance or Repayment of Debts and Equity Securities

There were no issuance and repayment of debt and equity securities, share buy-backs, share cancellations, shares held as treasury shares and resale of treasury shares during the quarter.

12. Group Borrowings

- (a) The tenure of Group borrowings classified as short and long term categories as at 31 December 2000 are as follows: -

	RM'000
Short Term - Secured	93,967
- Unsecured	<u>208,140</u>
	<u>302,107</u>
	RM'000
Long Term - Secured	161,983
- Unsecured	<u>339</u>
	<u>162,322</u>

- (b) Foreign borrowings in Ringgit equivalent as at 31 December 2000 are as follows: -

	RM'000
Australian Dollar	17,604
US Dollar	14,477
Sterling Pounds	32,307

13. Contingent Liabilities

Contingent liabilities as at 31 December 2000 of the Group comprise the following: -

	RM'000
Guarantee in respect of banking and leasing facilities of associated company	
- Secured	286
- Unsecured	<u>7,004</u>
	<u>7,290</u>

14. **Off Balance Sheet Financial Instruments**

The Group does not have any financial instruments with off balance sheet risk as at the date of issue of this quarterly report.

15. **Material Litigation**

There were no material litigations involving the Group as at the date of issue of this quarterly report.

16. **Segmental Reporting**

	Turnover RM'000	Profit / (Loss) before tax RM'000	Gross Asset Employed RM'000
By Industries			
Beverage	78,328	663	124,837
Fluid engineering and manufacturing	45,373	(285)	136,500
Healthcare & pharmaceutical	33,149	1,388	49,948
Media & communications	6,713	1,380	10,055
Property	20,191	3,020	236,307
Specialist retail & trading	118,865	1,300	18,496
Others	28,830	2,357	36,829
Infrastructure	-	-	199,134
Holding company	189	(363)	183,882
	331,638	9,460	995,988
Associated companies	-	2,058	292,171
	331,638	11,518	1,288,159

	Turnover RM'000	Profit / (Loss) before tax RM'000	Gross Asset Employed RM'000
By Geographical			
Malaysia	284,016	8,990	870,519
Singapore	-	-	4,874
Indonesia	1,653	(1,160)	18,005
Australia	39,973	938	79,955
United Kingdom	5,996	692	13,958
Others	-	-	8,677
	331,638	9,460	995,988
Associated companies	-	2,058	292,171
	331,638	11,518	1,288,159

17. Comparison with preceding quarter's results

Group turnover for the current quarter was lower than the preceding quarter due to lower sales in healthcare and lower billings in the property sector.

As a result of the lower turnover, Group operating profit before interest, depreciation and exceptional items of RM2.5 million was a drop of 84% from the preceding quarter.

However, Group profit before taxation recorded at RM12.1 million was more favourable than a loss of RM0.6 million last quarter. This was due to the exceptional items which comprised, the gain on disposal of Convenience Shopping Sdn Bhd offset by the provision made for diminution in value of investment in JW Carpenter Ltd.

18. Review of Performance

For the first half of the current financial year, the group reported a Group operating profit before interest, depreciation and exceptional items of RM15.9 million, a decrease of 26% compared to the preceding half year ended 31 Dec 1999.

In addition to the lower turnover, the depreciation of the Australian Dollar against the US Dollar also affected the gross margin of the products sold in that region.

19. Current Year Prospects

Barring unforeseen circumstances, the Directors expect the Group to achieve a satisfactory performance.

20. Variance on Forecast Profit/Profit Guarantee

- (a) Profit Forecast : Not Applicable
- (b) Profit Guarantee : Not Applicable

21. Dividends

The Directors do not recommend the payment of an interim dividend for the period under review.

By Order of the Board
Misni Aryani Muhammad
Secretary
28 February 2001.