

CYCLE & CARRIAGE BINTANG BERHAD
Quarterly Announcement
for the fourth quarter ended 31st December 2009

Highlights

- Earnings from underlying operations up 12%
- Vehicle unit sales rose 6%
- Lower corporate overhead expenses

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Chairman

23rd February 2010

Results

	Year ended 31st December		
	2009	2008	Change
	RMm	RMm	%
Revenue from underlying operations	466.3	513.1	(9)
Net profit from underlying operations:			
(a) Mercedes-Benz operations	12.4	9.9	25
(b) MBM dividend	11.2	11.2	-
	23.6	21.1	12
Non-recurring items:			
Net gain on restructuring and property sale	-	7.0	(100)
One-off premium from investment in MBM	-	18.7	(100)
Refund of duties	4.5	-	100
Net profit attributable to shareholders	28.1	46.8	(40)
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Earnings per share			
- Based on net profit from underlying operations	23.47	20.94	12
- Based on net profit attributable to shareholders	27.92	46.44	(40)
Dividend per share (gross)			
- normal	10	10	-
- special	120	135	(11)
	As at	As at	
	31.12.2009	31.12.2008	
	RMm	RMm	
Shareholders' funds	158.1	228.2	(31)
	RM	RM	
Net assets per share	1.57	2.27	(31)

The results for the financial year ended 31st December 2009 and 31st December 2008 were audited.

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Overview

The Malaysian economy contracted by 4% in 2009 against the background of the global economic downturn. The automotive sector saw the volume of new vehicles sold declining by 2% to 537,000 units, while the non-national vehicle segment fell by 6%.

Performance

The Group's revenue for the year ended 31st December 2009 decreased by 9% to RM466.3 million. Net profit from underlying operations rose by 12% to RM23.6 million, due mainly to lower overhead expenses following the restructuring undertaken in 2008.

The net profit attributable to shareholders of RM28.1 million benefited from a refund of RM4.5 million of duties which were written off in earlier years and lower overhead expenses. The result was, however, 40% lower than the previous year which had been enhanced by non-recurring gains of RM25.7 million.

The Board is recommending a final dividend of 5 sen per share less tax, which, together with the interim dividend will give a total dividend of 10 sen per share. A special dividend of RM 1.20 per share less tax was paid in September 2009 as part of the Group's plan of returning to shareholders surplus cash not required for its operations.

Business Activities

Sales of Mercedes-Benz passenger cars rose by 6% to 1,600 units in 2009, compared with 2008 which had suffered from supply constraints of the C-Class. During 2009, the Group successfully completed the run-out of the old E-Class ahead of the launch of the new model in the last quarter of the year. Response to the new E-Class has been encouraging.

In view of the economic slow down, there was an increase in marketing campaigns to attract customers to the after-sales activities, while steps taken to reduce costs proved effective. Corporate overheads were also lower as the Group continued to benefit from the prior year's restructuring.

People

Dato' Khalid who has been on the Board since February 2003 retired in December 2009. I would like to thank him for his services and contribution to the Group. I would also like to welcome Datuk Syed Tamim who was appointed to the Board in January 2010.

I would like to thank all our staff for their dedication and hard work during these challenging times. I also wish to thank our customers, shareholders and business partners for their continued support.

Prospects

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