

CYCLE & CARRIAGE BINTANG BERHAD Quarterly Announcement for the first quarter ended 31st March 2013

Highlights

- Vehicle unit sales up 5%
- Mercedes-Benz trading operations produce a loss
- Net profit down 99% at RM0.1m

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Chairman 19th April 2013

Results

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	Three months ended 31st March		
		Restated	
	2013	2012	Change
	RMm	RMm	%
Revenue	176.0	160.1	10
Net profit:			
(a) Mercedes-Benz operations	(2.7)	5.6	nm
(b) Investment income	2.8	2.8	-
	0.1	8.4	(99)
Net profit attributable to shareholders	0.1	8.4	(99)
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Earnings per share	0.08	8.31	(99)
	As at 31.3.2013	As at 31.12.2012	
	RMm	RMm	
Shareholders' funds	193.9	193.8	-
	RM	RM	
Net assets per share	1.92	1.92	-

The results for the three months ended 31st March 2013 and 31st March 2012 were not audited.

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Overview

Trading conditions continued to be extremely difficult in the premium car segment as competing brands fought aggressively for market share with new products and competitive pricing. Margins were severely eroded, although they appear to have recovered slightly.

Performance

The Group's revenue for the three months ended 31st March 2013 increased by 10% to RM176.0 million, while net profit fell by 99% to RM0.1 million as a net loss of RM2.7 million was suffered by the Mercedes-Benz trading operations.

Unit sales of Mercedes-Benz passenger cars were 5% higher, but intense competition in the premium car market continued to put pressure on margins. This situation was further aggravated with some models approaching the end of their product life cycle.

The Group remains focused on enhancing profitability by improving margins, which should benefit from the launch of new models later in the year, containing costs and managing its cash flow.

The Board has not declared any dividend for the three months ended 31st March 2013 (31st March 2012: Nil).

Prospects

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