

LAFARGE MALAYAN CEMENT BERHAD
(1877-T)
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT

	INDIVIDUAL QUARTER		CUMULATIVE QUARTER	
	Current Year Quarter	Preceding Year Corresponding Quarter	Current Year To Date	Preceding Year Corresponding Period
	30/9/2006 RM'000	30/9/2005 RM'000	30/9/2006 RM'000	30/9/2005 RM'000
Revenue	561,027	520,937	1,574,256	1,359,292
Operating expenses	(470,076)	(458,336)	(1,304,979)	(1,266,525)
Depreciation	(42,188)	(42,003)	(125,690)	(126,515)
Other operating income	7,974	20,053	10,549	26,152
Investment income	706	225	2,103	660
Interest income	998	500	2,260	1,605
Profit/(Loss) from operations	58,441	41,376	158,499	(5,331)
Finance cost	(6,272)	(6,758)	(18,787)	(20,561)
Share of results of associates	(302)	(150)	(1,024)	(345)
Profit/(Loss) before tax	51,867	34,468	138,688	(26,237)
Taxation	(13,718)	(772)	(36,904)	19,739
Profit/(Loss) for the period	38,149	33,696	101,784	(6,498)
Profit/(Loss) attributable to:				
Equity holders of the parent	37,423	33,284	100,763	(7,486)
Minority interest	726	412	1,021	988
	38,149	33,696	101,784	(6,498)
Basic and diluted earnings per share (sen)	1.3	1.2	3.6	(0.3)

(The Condensed Consolidated Income Statements should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2005 and the accompanying explanatory notes attached to the interim financial statements)

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

	Note	As at 30/9/2006 RM'000	As at 31/12/2005 RM'000 (Restated)
ASSETS			
<u>Non-current assets</u>			
Property, plant and equipment		2,203,301	2,282,597
Investment property		4,894	4,946
Goodwill on consolidation		1,188,430	1,188,922
Other intangible assets		2,339	989
Investment in associates		4,064	-
Other investments		1,944	2,000
Deferred tax assets		65,544	102,608
		3,470,516	3,582,062
<u>Current assets</u>			
Assets classified as held for sale		353	-
Inventories		339,818	305,698
Trade receivables		341,825	327,864
Other receivables		106,161	104,451
Term deposits		22,621	33,463
Cash and bank balances		66,840	88,956
		877,618	860,432
Total assets		4,348,134	4,442,494
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
<u>Capital and reserves</u>			
Share capital - ordinary shares of RM0.50 each		1,449,298	1,449,298
Treasury shares		(47,092)	(30,918)
Reserves:			
Share premium		1,114,291	1,114,291
Capital reserves		33,968	33,968
Exchange equalisation reserves		36,601	32,934
Capital redemption reserves		159	159
Retained earnings		613,375	569,276
Equity attributable to equity holders of the parent		3,200,600	3,169,008
Minority interests		32,109	36,610
Total equity		3,232,709	3,205,618
<u>Non-current liabilities</u>			
Long-term borrowings		-	250,000
Provision for retirement benefits		33,124	29,880
Deferred tax liabilities		295,009	296,413
		328,133	576,293

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	Note	As at 30/9/2006 RM'000	As at 31/12/2005 RM'000 (Restated)
<u>Current liabilities</u>			
Trade payables		240,002	235,682
Other payables and accruals		92,430	96,434
Amount due to holding and related companies		728	2,120
Short-term borrowings	B9	445,000	318,598
Tax liabilities		9,132	7,749
		<u>787,292</u>	<u>660,583</u>
Total liabilities		<u>1,115,425</u>	<u>1,236,876</u>
Total equity and liabilities		<u>4,348,134</u>	<u>4,442,494</u>
Net assets per share (RM)		<u>1.14</u>	<u>1.11</u>
Net tangible assets per share (RM)		<u>0.72</u>	<u>0.70</u>

(The Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2005 and the accompanying explanatory notes attached to the interim financial statements)

LAFARGE MALAYAN CEMENT BERHAD
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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT

	Current Year To Date 30/9/2006 RM'000	Preceding Year To Date 30/9/2005 RM'000
<u>Cash Flows From Operating Activities</u>		
Net Profit/(Loss) before tax	138,688	(26,237)
Adjustments for:-		
Non-cash items	129,515	102,868
Non-operating items	16,507	18,922
Operating profit before changes in working capital	<u>284,710</u>	<u>95,553</u>
<u>Changes in working capital</u>		
Net change in current assets	(51,876)	(59,062)
Net change in current liabilities	13,291	39,141
Retirement benefits paid	(1,086)	(1,355)
Tax paid	(7,623)	(6,810)
Net cash generated from operating activities	<u>237,416</u>	<u>67,467</u>
<u>Cash Flows From Investing Activities</u>		
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(47,983)	(40,992)
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment	4,085	51,761
Proceeds from disposal of quoted shares	49	-
Additional purchase consideration paid for a subsidiary acquired in prior years	-	(5,442)
Purchase of additional equity interests in existing subsidiaries	-	(492)
Purchase of quarry rights	(1,500)	(500)
Proceeds from disposal of an associate	-	21,105
Acquisition of investment in an associate	(4,553)	-
Acquisition of a subsidiary	-	(3)
Other investment activities	2,280	1,629
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>(47,622)</u>	<u>27,066</u>
<u>Cash Flows From Financing Activities</u>		
Share buy-back	(17,613)	-
Net repayment of borrowings	(120,000)	(45,136)
Dividend paid by subsidiaries to minority shareholders	(263)	(2,244)
Dividend paid	(56,664)	(57,016)
Interest paid	(25,247)	(22,059)
Net cash used in financing activities	<u>(219,787)</u>	<u>(126,455)</u>
Net Change in Cash & Cash Equivalents	(29,993)	(31,922)
Effects of currency translations	633	(1,276)
Cash & Cash Equivalents at beginning of the period	<u>118,821</u>	<u>140,600</u>
Cash & Cash Equivalents at end of the period	<u>89,461</u>	<u>107,402</u>

(The Condensed Consolidated Cash Flow Statement should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2005 and the accompanying explanatory notes attached to the interim financial statements)

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

	← Attributable to equity holders of the parent →							Minority Interest	Total Equity	
	← Non-distributable →				Distributable					
	Share Capital RM'000	Treasury Shares RM'000	Share Premium RM'000	Capital Reserve RM'000	Exchange Equalisation Reserve RM'000	Capital Redemption Reserve RM'000	Retained Earnings RM'000			Total RM'000
As at 1 January 2006	1,449,298	(30,918)	1,114,291	33,968	32,934	159	569,276	3,169,008	-	3,169,008
Reclassification of opening minority interest	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	36,610	36,610
As restated	<u>1,449,298</u>	<u>(30,918)</u>	<u>1,114,291</u>	<u>33,968</u>	<u>32,934</u>	<u>159</u>	<u>569,276</u>	<u>3,169,008</u>	<u>36,610</u>	<u>3,205,618</u>
Exchange differences on translation of foreign operations	-	-	-	-	3,667	-	-	3,667	(39)	3,628
Net income/(expense) recognised directly in equity	-	-	-	-	3,667	-	-	3,667	(39)	3,628
Profit for the period	-	-	-	-	-	-	100,763	100,763	1,021	101,784
Total recognised income for the period	-	-	-	-	3,667	-	100,763	104,430	982	105,412
Minority Interest's share of net assets in subsidiaries disposed of	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(5,220)	(5,220)
Share buy-back	-	(16,174)	-	-	-	-	-	(16,174)	-	(16,174)
Dividends	-	-	-	-	-	-	(56,664)	(56,664)	(263)	(56,927)
As at 30 September 2006	<u>1,449,298</u>	<u>(47,092)</u>	<u>1,114,291</u>	<u>33,968</u>	<u>36,601</u>	<u>159</u>	<u>613,375</u>	<u>3,200,600</u>	<u>32,109</u>	<u>3,232,709</u>

(The Condensed Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2005 and the accompanying explanatory notes attached to the interim financial statements)

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	← Attributable to equity holders of the parent →									
	← Non-distributable →					Distributable				
	Share Capital RM'000	Treasury Shares RM'000	Share Premium RM'000	Capital Reserve RM'000	Exchange Equalisation Reserve RM'000	Capital Redemption Reserve RM'000	Retained Earnings RM'000	Total RM'000	Minority Interest RM'000	Total Equity RM'000
As at 1 January 2005	1,449,298	(17,271)	1,114,291	33,968	34,918	159	596,500	3,211,863	-	3,211,863
Reclassification of opening minority interest	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	36,820	36,820
As restated	<u>1,449,298</u>	<u>(17,271)</u>	<u>1,114,291</u>	<u>33,968</u>	<u>34,918</u>	<u>159</u>	<u>596,500</u>	<u>3,211,863</u>	<u>36,820</u>	<u>3,248,683</u>
Exchange differences on translation of foreign operations	-	-	-	-	(4,011)	-	-	(4,011)	517	(3,494)
Net income/(expense) recognised directly in equity	-	-	-	-	(4,011)	-	-	(4,011)	517	(3,494)
Profit/(loss) for the period	-	-	-	-	-	-	(7,486)	(7,486)	988	(6,498)
Total recognised income/(expense) for the period	-	-	-	-	(4,011)	-	(7,486)	(11,497)	1,505	(9,992)
Dividends	-	-	-	-	-	-	(57,016)	(57,016)	(2,244)	(59,260)
As at 30 September 2005	<u>1,449,298</u>	<u>(17,271)</u>	<u>1,114,291</u>	<u>33,968</u>	<u>30,907</u>	<u>159</u>	<u>531,998</u>	<u>3,143,350</u>	<u>36,081</u>	<u>3,179,431</u>

(The Condensed Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2005 and the accompanying explanatory notes attached to the interim financial statements)

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A. EXPLANATORY NOTES PURSUANT TO FRS 134

A1. Basis of Preparation

The interim financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard (FRS) 134 "Interim Financial Reporting" and paragraph 9.22 of the Listing Requirements of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad.

The interim financial statements should be read in conjunction with the Group's audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2005. These 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 2005.

The Group has adopted all of the new and revised Financial Reporting Standards and Interpretations (herein thereafter referred as FRSs) issued by The Malaysian Accounting Standards Board (MASB) that are effective for accounting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2006. The adoption of these new and revised FRSs has resulted in changes to the Group's accounting policies as disclosed in Note A2.

The Group has not elected for early adoption of the following FRSs which were in issue but not yet effective for the Group at the date of issue of these interim financial statements:

FRS 117 Leases
FRS 124 Related Party Disclosures
FRS 139 Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement

The Group will apply FRS 117 and FRS 124 in the annual period commencing 1 January 2007. As for FRS 139, its effective date has been deferred to a date to be announced by the MASB.

Except as explained in the foregoing paragraph and disclosed under Note A2, the accounting policies and presentation adopted for the interim financial statements are consistent with those adopted for the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2005.

A2. Changes in accounting policies resulting from adoption of new and revised FRSs

The changes in accounting policies resulting from the adoption of the new and revised FRSs are as follows:

(a) FRS 2: Share-based Payment

This FRS requires an entity to recognise share-based payment transactions in its financial statements.

On 12 February 2001, the Company implemented an Employees' Share Option Scheme ("ESOS") under which options to subscribe for unissued new ordinary shares of RM0.50 each were granted to eligible Directors and employees of the Company and its subsidiaries. The ESOS is for a period of five calendar years and the exercise of the option is conditional upon the achievement of an earnings per share target ("EPS target") determined by the Board Options Committee. The ESOS expired on 29 January 2006 and accordingly, all options offered had lapsed and all rights and entitlements granted thereon had been cancelled and become null and void.

(a) FRS 2: Share-based Payment (Continued)

Prior to the adoption of FRS 2, the Group did not recognise these share options granted in its financial statements. With the adoption of FRS 2, the compensation expense relating to share options is required to be recognised in income statement over the vesting periods of the grants with a corresponding increase in equity. Under the transitional provisions of FRS 2, this FRS shall be applied retrospectively to share options that were granted after 31 December 2004 and had not yet vested on 1 January 2006.

The Company had granted 1,627,000 options after 31 December 2004. As the EPS target had not been achieved, none of these options became exercisable either on 1 January 2006 when this FRS became effective or on 29 January 2006 when the ESOS expired. Accordingly, no adjustments are made to the opening balance of retained earning as at 1 January 2006.

Details of the ESOS can be found in the Company's annual report for the year ended 31 December 2005.

(b) FRS 5: Non-current Assets Held for Sale and Discontinued Operations

Non-current assets are classified as assets held for sale and stated at the lower of carrying amount and fair value less costs to sell if their carrying amount is recovered principally through a sale transaction rather than through continuing use.

The Group adopted FRS 5 prospectively from 1 January 2006. Any assets held for sale are recognised and measured in accordance with FRS 5 only from 1 January 2006.

(c) FRS 101: Presentation of Financial Statements

The adoption of the revised FRS 101 has affected the presentation of minority interest, investment property, share of net after-tax results of associates and other disclosures. In the consolidated balance sheet, minority interest is now presented within equity and investment property is presented separately from other assets. In the consolidated income statement, profit or loss attributable to minority interest is presented as an allocation of profit or loss for the period. In the consolidated statement of changes in equity, total recognised income and expenses for the period is presented, showing separately the amounts attributable to equity holders of the parent and to minority interest.

The current period's presentation of the Group's interim financial statements is based on the requirements of the revised FRS 101, with the comparatives restated to conform with the current period's presentation and includes the following reclassifications:

	As Previously Reported RM'000	Reclassification RM'000	As Restated RM'000
Property, Plant and Equipment	2,284,443	(1,846)	2,282,597
Other Investments	5,100	(3,100)	2,000
Investment Property	-	4,946	4,946

A3. Audit Report of Preceding Audited Financial Statements

The audit reports of the preceding annual financial statements of the Company and of the Group were not subject to any qualification.

A4. Seasonal or Cyclical Factors

The operations of the Group are closely linked to the construction sector which would normally experience a slow-down in construction activities during festive seasons in Malaysia and Singapore.

A5. Unusual Items Affecting the Assets, Liabilities, Equity, Net Income or Cash Flows

There were no items affecting the Group's assets, liabilities, equity, net income or cash flows that are material and unusual because of their nature, size or incidence.

A6. Material Changes in Accounting Estimates

There were no material changes in estimates of amounts reported in prior interim periods or in previous financial years which have a material effect in the current quarter.

A7. Capital Issues, Dealings in Own Shares and Repayment of Debt

For the current financial period ended 30 September 2006, the Company has purchased a total of 24,636,800 ordinary shares of its issued share capital from the open market for a total consideration of RM16.2 million at an average cost of RM0.66 per share. The share buy-back transaction was financed by internally generated funds. All the shares bought back were retained as treasury shares. There was no resale or cancellation of treasury shares.

Details of the share buy-back are as follows:

Month	Number of Shares Purchased	Highest Price Paid per Share RM	Lowest Price Paid per Share RM	Average Price Paid per Share RM	Total Amount Paid RM'000
January 2006	16,642,900	0.63	0.61	0.62	10,426
March 2006	7,117,100	0.73	0.71	0.72	5,158
June 2006	511,000	0.62	0.62	0.62	318
August 2006	365,800	0.75	0.74	0.75	273

During the current financial period, the Company also repaid RM250 million Term Unsecured Loan Incorporating Preference Shares.

Save as disclosed above, there were no other issuance and repayment of debt and equity securities, share buy-back, share cancellations, share held as treasury shares and resale of treasury shares during the period under review.

A8. Dividend Paid

An interim dividend of 2.0 sen or 4.0% tax exempt per ordinary share, amounting to RM56.7 million declared on the ordinary shares of RM0.50 each in respect of the financial year ended 31 December 2005 was paid on 4 May 2006.

A9. Segmental Information

Analysis of the Group's segmental revenue and results is as follows:

	9 months ended 30 September			
	Revenue		Profit/(loss)	
	2006	2005	2006	2005
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
Cement & Clinker	1,117,204	941,281	145,426	(35,416)
Ready-mixed concrete & Aggregates	324,316	357,611	812	(1,657)
Other building materials	178,379	158,558	3,239	4,391
Other operations	51,766	68,888	6,762	25,746
	<u>1,671,665</u>	<u>1,526,338</u>	<u>156,239</u>	<u>(6,936)</u>
Inter-segment elimination	(97,409)	(167,046)	-	-
Interest income	-	-	2,260	1,605
Total Revenue/Profit/(Loss) from operations	<u>1,574,256</u>	<u>1,359,292</u>	<u>158,499</u>	<u>(5,331)</u>
Finance cost			(18,787)	(20,561)
Share of results of associates			(1,024)	(345)
Profit/(Loss) before tax			<u>138,688</u>	<u>(26,237)</u>
Taxation			(36,904)	19,739
Profit/(Loss) for the period			<u>101,784</u>	<u>(6,498)</u>

A10. Valuation of Property, Plant and Equipment

There is no revaluation of property, plant and equipment brought forward from the previous audited financial statements as the Group does not adopt a revaluation policy on its property, plant and equipment.

A11. Material Events Subsequent to Quarter End

There were no material events subsequent to the current financial quarter 30 September 2006 up to the date of this report which are likely to substantially affect the results of the operations of the Group.

A12. Changes in Group Composition

- (i) On 6 December 2005, the Company proposed to acquire and transfer the entire 100% interest in the issued and paid up share capital of Jumewah Shipping Sdn Bhd ("JSSB"), comprising 40,000,000 issued and paid-up ordinary shares held through its wholly owned subsidiary, Kedah Cement Holdings Bhd to itself at a consideration of RM71,501,710. The above transfer was completed on 6 September 2006 and the Company holds directly 100% of the issued and paid up share capital of JSSB. The said exercise is undertaken to simplify the Group's corporate structure and has no impact on the net tangible assets and earnings of the Group.
- (ii) On 29 September 2006, a wholly owned subsidiary, Lafarge Concrete (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd, disposed of its entire equity interest in Supermix Asia Pte Ltd ("SPMA"), comprising 1,200,000 ordinary shares of SGD1.00 each of the issued and paid up share capital of SPMA, to Vietcim (Singapore) Pte Ltd, a nominee of Lafarge S.A., for a cash consideration of USD2,931,500 (equivalent to approximately RM10.803 million). SPMA, a private limited company incorporated in Singapore on 27 February 1993 is an investment holding company. It holds 70% equity interest in Lafarge Concrete (Vietnam) Co Ltd ("LCV"), a ready-mixed concrete venture in Vietnam. The Group's effective interest in LCV was 43.2%.

A12. Changes in Group Composition (Continued)

The rationale for the disposal being the stand-alone readymixed concrete joint venture in Vietnam no longer fit with the strategy of the Group as it is the intention of the Group to focus on its operations in Malaysia and Singapore. The disposal enabled the Group to realize its investment that is not considered as strategic and synergistic to its other operations. The Group realized a gain on sale of investment before Minority Interests of approximately RM4.7 million and RM2.5 million net of Minority Interests' share of the gain.

The disposal has no effect on the Company's share capital. It also has no material effect on the net tangible assets and earnings per share of the Group for the financial year ending 31 December 2006.

A13. Contingent Liabilities

The Group has no material contingent liabilities as at the date of this report.

A14. Commitments

Outstanding commitments in respect of capital expenditure at balance sheet date not provided for in the financial statements are as follows:

	As at 30/9/2006 RM'000
Approved and contracted for	14,974
Approved but not contracted for	66,889
	<u>81,863</u>

A15. Related Party Transactions

The related parties and their relationship with the Company and its subsidiaries are as follows:

Name of Related Parties	Relationship
Lafarge S.A.	Ultimate holding company of the Company
Cementia Trading AG	Subsidiary of Lafarge S.A.
Cement Shipping Company Ltd	Subsidiary of Lafarge S.A.
Cementia Asia Sdn Bhd	Subsidiary of Lafarge S.A.
Lafarge Asia Sdn Bhd	Subsidiary of Lafarge S.A.
Lafarge Roofing Tiles Sdn Bhd	Subsidiary of Lafarge S.A.
Lafarge Roofing Systems Sdn Bhd	Subsidiary of Lafarge S.A.
Lafarge Tiles (Pahang) Sdn Bhd	Subsidiary of Lafarge S.A.
Marine Cement Ltd	Subsidiary of Lafarge S.A.
PT Semen Andalas Indonesia	Subsidiary of Lafarge S.A.

A15. Related Party Transactions (Continued)

Description of Transactions	Current Year to Date 30/9/2006 RM'000
Provision of trademark licence and general assistance fees payable to Lafarge S.A.	18,605
Specific technical assistance fee charged by Lafarge S.A.	204
Sales of cement and clinker to Cementia Trading AG	149,881
Sales of cement to Marine Cement Ltd	38,234
Sales of cement to Lafarge Tiles (Pahang) Sdn Bhd	2,125
Sales of cement to Lafarge Roofing Tiles Sdn Bhd	17,171
Time charter hire of vessels to Cement Shipping Company Ltd	12,565
Sub-charter of vessels to PT Semen Andalas Indonesia	7,042
Services for export sales by Cementia Asia Sdn Bhd	1,861
Purchase of cement and clinker from Cementia Trading AG	40,072
Purchase of building materials for resale from Lafarge Roofing Systems Sdn Bhd	7,458
Rental of office premises to Lafarge Asia Sdn Bhd	573
Rental of office premises to Cementia Asia Sdn Bhd	58
Maintenance of hardware and software by Lafarge Asia Sdn Bhd	1,266

The Directors are of the opinion that the related party transactions are entered into in the normal course of business and have been established under terms that are no less favourable than those that could be arranged with independent parties where comparable services or purchases are obtainable from unrelated parties. With regard to the agreement for the provision of trademark license and general assistance, Lafarge has the specialised expertise, technical competencies and/or facilities and infrastructure required for the provision of such services.

Furthermore, the centralisation of these services within the Lafarge Group helps to develop specialised expertise for use by relevant members of the Lafarge Group and generate savings from the economies of scale for all recipient companies.

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

B1. Review of Group's Performance

Current Quarter

The Group registered a profit before tax for the current quarter of RM51.9 million compared to RM34.5 million in the corresponding quarter last year. The favourable result is mainly due to higher domestic and export sales volumes, higher export prices and better industrial performance, offset by higher electricity tariff effective from 1 June 2006 and lower non-operating income.

Current Year To Date

Group profit before tax for the current year to date was RM138.7 million, compared to a loss before tax of RM26.2 million in the corresponding period last year. This is mainly attributed to the recovery in domestic cement selling prices from the low level during the intense price war in the first half of 2005 and higher export prices, offset by higher logistic costs, electricity tariff effective from 1 June 2006 and lower non-operating income.

B2. Comparison with Preceding Quarter

	Current Quarter 30/9/2006 RM'000	Preceding Quarter 30/6/2006 RM'000
Revenue	561,027	537,161
Profit before tax	51,867	67,970

Revenue was higher during the current quarter mainly due to higher domestic and export sales volumes. The Group profit before tax however was lower at RM51.9 million compared to RM68.0 million in the preceding quarter due to higher production cost primarily as a result of longer scheduled plant shutdown for maintenance, and the full effect of higher electricity tariff during the current quarter, as compared to one month impact in the preceding quarter.

B3. Current Year Prospects

The good performance of the Group is expected to continue for the rest of the year although construction activities may not improve much from current level until more projects under the 9th Malaysia Plan are implemented. However, significant cost increases, mainly coal, electricity and transport which have eroded contribution margin remain a concern. Despite the improved industrial performance and profitability, return on the Group's invested capital remain low and the industry is continuing to engage the Government for a review of cement prices which still remain at the 1995 level.

B4. Profit Forecast and Profit Guarantee

The Group did not publish any profit forecast or profit guarantee during the current quarter ended 30 September 2006.

B5. Taxation

Taxation comprises the following:

	Current Year Quarter 30/9/2006 RM'000	Current Year to Date 30/9/2006 RM'000
In respect of current period:		
- income tax (charge)/credit	(1,748)	(1,574)
- deferred tax (charge)/credit	(11,970)	(35,330)
	<u>(13,718)</u>	<u>(36,904)</u>

The Group effective tax rate for the current year quarter and current year to date is lower than the statutory tax rate of 28% in Malaysia mainly due to the tax credit refundable from Singapore tax authorities and some tax exempt income, offset by the non-availability of group tax relief for losses in certain subsidiaries and certain expenses not deductible for tax purposes.

B6. Unquoted Investments and/or Properties

a) Disposal of unquoted investment during the quarter under review is as follows:-

	Current Year Quarter 30/9/2006 RM'000	Current Year to Date 30/9/2006 RM'000
Sales proceeds	10,803	10,803
Book value of investment	6,096	6,096
Gain on disposal	<u>4,707</u>	<u>4,707</u>

b) Gain/(Loss) on disposal of properties during the quarter under review are as follows:-

	Current Year Quarter 30/9/2006 RM'000	Current Year to Date 30/9/2006 RM'000
Properties included within the :		
- Assets classified as Held for Sale	(1)	(1)
- Property, Plant and Equipment	72	72
Total gain/(loss) on disposal of properties	<u>71</u>	<u>71</u>

Save as disclosed above, there were no other disposal of unquoted investments and properties during the period under review.

B7. Quoted Securities

a) Disposal of quoted securities during the quarter under review are as follows:-

	Current Year Quarter 30/9/2006 RM'000	Current Year to Date 30/9/2006 RM'000
Sales proceeds	-	49
Cost of investment	-	55
Loss on disposal	<u>-</u>	<u>(6)</u>

b) Investment in quoted securities as at 30 September 2006 is as follows:

	RM'000
At cost	958
Less: Allowance for diminution in value	<u>(504)</u>
At book value	<u>454</u>
At market value	<u><u>442</u></u>

B8. Status of Corporate Proposals

Proposed Special Issue to Bumiputera Investors

The Company has been given an extension of time until 30 June 2007 by the Foreign Investment Committee and the Securities Commission to implement the remainder Proposed Special Issue of up to 552,228,461 ordinary shares to Bumiputera investors to be approved by the Ministry of International Trade and Industry.

B9. Group Borrowings

The Group borrowings as at 30 September 2006 are as follows:

	RM'000
<u>Short-term borrowings (unsecured)</u>	
Term Unsecured Loan incorporating preference shares	250,000
Bankers acceptance	25,000
Commercial papers	170,000
	<u>445,000</u>

All borrowings are denominated in Ringgit Malaysia.

B10. Off Balance Sheet Financial Instruments

As of 15 November 2006, the forward foreign exchange contracts which have been entered into by the Group are as follows:-

Forward Contracts Purchased

Currency	Contract Amount (FC'000)	Date of Contract	Value Date of Contract	Equivalent Amount (RM'000)
EURO	2,144	11 August 2006 to 14 November 2006	16 November 2006 to 22 November 2006	9,992

Forward Contracts Sold

Currency	Contract Amount (FC'000)	Date of Contract	Value Date of Contract	Equivalent Amount (RM'000)
USD	8,000	8 May 2006 to 12 October 2006	17 November 2006 to 13 July 2007	28,926

The Group does not foresee any significant credit and market risks associated with the above forward exchange contracts as they are entered into with approved financial institutions in line with the Group's policy.

B11. Material Litigation

There was no pending material litigation as at the date of this report.

B12. Dividend

No dividend has been declared for the current quarter ended 30 September 2006.

B13. Earnings per share

Earnings per share is calculated as follows:

	Current Year Quarter	Preceding Year Corresponding Quarter	Current Year To Date	Preceding Year Corresponding Period
Profit/(Loss) attributable to equity holders of the parent (RM'000)	37,423	33,284	100,763	(7,486)
Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue* ('000)	2,832,563	2,879,575	2,837,207	2,879,575
Basic and diluted earnings per shares (sen)	1.3	1.2	3.6	(0.3)

*net of treasury shares.

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