Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income

		Current Quarter Three Months Ended		Cumulative Quarter Nine Months Ended	
	Note	30.09.2017	30.09.2016	30.09.2017	30.09.2016
		RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
Revenue		353,879	281,576	996,504	856,866
Cost of sales		(307,455)	(238,039)	(857,040)	(708,882)
Gross profit		46,424	43,537	139,464	147,984
Other income		4,473	4,417	8,447	7,854
Distribution expenses		(18,752)	(16,876)	(56,021)	(51,693)
Administration expenses		(17,638)	(16,124)	(53,031)	(48,704)
Other expenses		(3,091)	(2,453)	(5,109)	(8,043)
Progress payment received from fire, net of expenses	A 4	-	(21,162)	15,511	(21,162)
Finance costs		(7,221)	(6,524)	(19,858)	(18,863)
Share of profit / (loss) of associates		(175)	325	468	197
Profit / (loss) before tax	B 5	4,020	(14,860)	29,871	7,570
Tax expense	В 6	(3,994)	(1,157)	(7,851)	(7,054)
Profit / (loss) for the period		26	(16,017)	22,020	516
Other comprehensive income / (loss), net of tax Items that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss					
Revaluation of property, plant and equipment		84,766	-	84,766	-
Tax effects thereon		(17,314)	890	(17,314)	890
		67,452	890	67,452	890
Item that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss Foreign currency translation differences for					
foreign operations		(1,183)	2,389	(604)	(1,722)
S .		(1,183)	2,389	(604)	(1,722)
Other comprehensive income / (loss) for the period,					
net of tax		66,269	3,279	66,848	(832)
Total comprehensive income / (loss) for the period		66,295	(12,738)	88,868	(316)

Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income

		Current	Quarter	Cumulative Quarter		
		Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended		
	Note	30.09.2017	30.09.2016	30.09.2017	30.09.2016	
		RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	
Profit attributable to:						
Owners of the Company		523	(15,757)	22,796	894	
Non-controlling interests		(497)	(260)	(776)	(378)	
Profit / (loss) for the period		26	(16,017)	22,020	516	
Total comprehensive income attributable to:						
Owners of the Company		66,842	(13,005)	89,549	4	
Non-controlling interests		(547)	267	(681)	(320)	
Total comprehensive income / (loss) for the period		66,295	(12,738)	88,868	(316)	
Earnings per share attributable to						
owners of the Company:						
Basic, for profit from operations (Sen)	B14(a)	0.17	(5.17)	7.47	0.29	
Diluted, for profit from operations (Sen)	B14(b)					

These Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income should be read in conjunction with the Group's audited Financial Statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2016 and the accompanying explanatory notes attached to these interim financial statements.

Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statement of Financial Position as at

Note	30-09-2017 Unaudited	31-12-2016 Audited
	RM'000	RM'000
ASSETS		
Non-Current Assets		
Property, plant and equipment	1,086,712	932,211
Prepaid land lease payments	11,289	11,679
Capital work-in-progress	51,277	89,736
Investment properties	10,490	11,180
Investment in associates	21,408	20,882
Intangible assets	10,079	10,065
Deferred tax assets	3,773	6,317
	1,195,028	1,082,070
Current Assets		
Inventories	252,640	200,832
Trade receivables	260,355	234,122
Other receivables	37,620	24,694
Amount due from associates	270	1,714
Tax recoverable	2,568	2,103
Held-for-trading investments	4,773	4,608
Derivative financial instruments	*	-
Cash and bank balances, deposits and short		
term placements	60,267	86,522
	618,493	554,595
TOTAL ASSETS	1,813,521	1,636,665

Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statement of Financial Position as at

	Note	30-09-2017 Unaudited	31-12-2016 Audited
		RM'000	RM'000
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
Equity			
Share capital	A6	152,525	152,525
Share premium		6,946	6,946
Reserves		328,197	260,239
Unappropriated profits		444,126	431,842
Equity attributable to owners of the parent		931,794	851,552
Non-Controlling Interests		23,673	24,199
Total Equity		955,467	875,751
Non-Current Liabilities			
Finance lease liabilities	В9	28,489	24,597
Borrowings	В9	80,828	63,415
Provision for retirement benefit		48,796	45,511
Deferred tax liabilities		65,272	44,989
		223,385	178,512
Current Liabilities			
Trade payables		59,134	62,837
Other payables		71,516	78,843
Finance lease liabilities	В9	13,067	10,507
Borrowings	В9	489,855	428,809
Tax payable		1,097	857
Derivative financial instruments			549
		634,669	582,402
Total Liabilities		858,054	760,914
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		1,813,521	1,636,665
Net Assets per Share (RM)		3.13	2.87

^{*} Less than RM1,000

These Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statement of Financial Position should be read in conjunction with the Group's audited Financial Statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2016 and the accompanying explanatory notes attached to these interim financial statements.

Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity

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	←—	Attr	ributable to Ow	ners of the Co	ompany	─			
	•		Non-Distribut	table		Distributable			
			a	Exchange		Unappro-			
	Share	Share	Other	Fluctuation	Revaluation		T-4-1	Non-Controlling	Total
	Capital RM'000	Premium RM'000	Reserves RM'000	Reserve RM'000	Reserve RM'000	Profit RM'000	Total RM'000	Interests RM'000	Equity RM'000
At 1 January 2017	152,525	6,946	-	14,320	245,919	431,842	851,552	24,199	875,751
Profit for the period	-	-	=	-	=	22,796	22,796	(776)	22,020
Other comprehensive income / (loss)	-	-	-	(700)	65,701	1,752	66,753	95	66,848
Total comprehensive income / (loss) for the period	-	-	-	(700)	65,701	24,548	89,549	(681)	88,868
Transaction with owners:									
Issuance of bonus shares by subsidiary	-	-	2,957	-	-	(3,112)	(155)	155	-
Dividend paid to shareholders	-	-		-	-	(9,152)	(9,152)	-	(9,152)
Dividend paid to non-controlling interests	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-
At 30 September 2017	152,525	6,946	2,957	13,620	311,620	444,126	931,794	23,673	955,467

These Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity should be read in conjunction with the Group's audited Financial Statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2016 and the accompanying explanatory notes attached to these interim financial statements.

Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity

	•	Attri	butable to Ow	ners of the Com	pany				
	•		Non-Distrib	outable		Distributable			
	Share Capital RM'000	Share Premium RM'000	Other Reserves RM'000	Exchange Fluctuation Reserve RM'000	Revaluation Reserve RM'000	Unappro- -priated Profit RM'000	Total RM'000	Non-Controlling Interests RM'000	Total Equity RM'000
At 1 January 2016	152,525	6,946	-	14,356	250,969	416,231	841,027	23,962	864,989
Profit for the period	-	-	-	_	-	894	894	(378)	516
Other comprehensive income / (loss)	-	-	-	(1,733)	(4,236)	5,079	(890)	58	(832)
Total comprehensive income / (loss) for the period	-	-	-	(1,733)	(4,236)	5,973	4	(320)	(316)
Transaction with owners:									
Disposal of subsidiary companies	-	-			-	(98)	(98)	797	699
Dividend paid to shareholders	-	-		-	-	(9,152)	(9,152)	-	(9,152)
Dividend paid to non-controlling interests	-	-		-	-	-	-	(455)	(455)
At 30 September 2016	152,525	6,946	-	12,623	246,733	412,954	831,781	23,984	855,765

These Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity should be read in conjunction with the Group's audited Financial Statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2016 and the accompanying explanatory notes attached to these interim financial statements.

Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

	Nine Months Ended		
	30-09-2017 30-09-2		
	RM'000	RM'000	
OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Profit before tax	29,871	7,570	
Adjustments For :-			
Non-cash and non-operating items	67,102	87,679	
Operating profit before working capital changes	96,973	95,249	
Changes in working capital:-			
Net changes in inventories	(52,265)	(34,823)	
Net change in receivables	(36,436)	10,683	
Net change in payable	(10,621)	(2,972)	
Bill payable	54,044	4,010	
Cash generated from operations	51,695	72,147	
Retirement benefits paid	(755)	(392)	
Tax paid	(4,353)	(3,772)	
Tax refund	526	167	
Dividend paid	(9,152)	(9,607)	
Interest paid	(20,464)	(19,644)	
Net cash from operating activities	17,497	38,899	
INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Capital work-in-progress incurred	(21,097)	(46,550)	
Purchase of property, plant & equipment	(23,993)	(10,095)	
Acquisition of non-controlling interest	-	813	
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant & equipment	533	431	
Purchase of held-for trading investments	-	(105)	
Proceeds on disposal of partial interest in a subsidiary that			
does not involve loss of control		699	
Net cash used in investing activities	(44,557)	(54,807)	

Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

	30-09-2017	30-09-2016
	RM'000	RM'000
FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Interest received	412	392
Drawdown of onshore foreign loan	4,566	2,500
Flexi financing loans drawdown	131,392	107,642
Term loans drawdown	24,518	18,882
Trust reciepts drawdown	-	46
Repayment of flexi financing loan	(127,815)	(100,900)
Repayment of finance leases	(20,022)	(11,092)
Repayment of onshore foreign loan	(1,833)	(4,234)
Drawdown of revolving credit	14,500	2,300
Repayment of term loans	(39,713)	(30,828)
Placement of fixed deposit pledge	(1,567)	(610)
Net cash used in financing activities	(15,562)	(15,902)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		
Net changes	(42,622)	(31,810)
Effect of exchange rate changes	(372)	130
At beginning of financial period	64,592	82,209
At end of financial period	21,598	50,529
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period comprised of:		
Cash and bank balances	40,956	57,069
Fixed deposits with licensed banks	11,665	8,169
Short term placements with financial institutions	7,646	7,102
Bank overdraft	(35,488)	(20,236)
	24,779	52,104
Less: Fixed deposit pledged	(3,181)	(1,575)
	21,598	50,529

Nine Months Ended

These Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows should be read in conjunction with the Group's audited Financial Statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2016 and the accompanying explanatory notes attached to these interim financial statements.

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Explanatory Notes Pursuant to MFRS 134 and Appendix 9B of the Listing Requirements

Notes

A. Explanatory Notes Pursuant to MFRS 134

1. Basis of Preparation

The Condensed Interim Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards ("MFRS") No 134: Interim Financial Reporting and Paragraph 9.22 of Listing Requirements of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad. This Interim Financial Statements also complied with IAS 34: Interim Financial Reporting issued by the International Accounting Standard Board ("IASB").

The condensed consolidated interim financial statements should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2016. The explanatory notes attached to these condensed consolidated 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 financial year ended 31 December 2016.

2. Significant Accounting Policies

Significant accounting policies and methods of computation adopted for the condensed interim financial statements are consistent with those of the audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2016 except for the adoption of the new/revised MFRS mentioned below.

2.1 Adoption of MFRS, Amendments to MFRS and IC Interpretation

On 1 January 2017, the Group adopted the following new and amended MFRSs and IC Interpretation which are mandatory for annual financial periods beginning on or after 1 January 2017:

- 1) Amendments to MFRS 107 Disclosure Initiative
- 2) Amendments to MFRS 112 Recognition of Deferred Tax Assets for Unrealised Losses
- 3) Annual Improvements to MFRSs 2014-2016 Cycle Amendments to MFRS 12

There is no material impact arising from adoption of the above standards and amendments on the financial statements of the Group.

2.2 MFRSs and Amendments to MFRSs Issued but not yet effective

The following are MFRSs and Amendments to MFRSs with effective dates after 1 January 2017 issued by MASB and they have not been early adopted by the Group in this set of financial statements.

(a) MFRS, Amendments and IC Interpretations effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2018

Amendments to MFRS 2 – Classification and Measurement of Share-based Payment Transactions

MFRS 9 – Financial Instruments (IFRS 9 as issued by IASB in July 2014)

MFRS 15 - Revenue from Contracts with Customers

Amendments to MFRS 140 - Transfers of Investment Property

Annual Improvements to MFRSs 2014-2016 Cycle

- a. Amendments to MFRS 1
- b. Amendments to MFRS 128

IC Interpretation 22 – Foreign Currency Transactions and Advance Consideration

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(b) MFRS and Amendments effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2019

MFRS 16 - Leases

IC Interpretation 23 – Uncertainty over Income Tax Treatment

(c) MFRS and Amendments effective for a date yet to be confirmed

Amendments to MFRS 10 and MFRS 128 – Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and Its Associate or Joint Venture

2.3 Companies Act 2016

Companies Act 1965 was repealed by Companies Act 2016. Except for section 241 and Division 8 of Part III, the new Act is effective from 31 January 2017. Amongst the key changes introduced in Companies Act 2016 affecting the financial statements of the Group and of the Company upon the commencement of Companies Act 2016 are:

- (a) removal of the authorised share capital;
- (b) shares of the Company will cease to have par or nominal value; and
- (c) the Company's share premium account will be part of the Company's share capital.

The adoption of Companies Act 2016 did not have any financial impact on the Group and the Company for the current interim financial report as any accounting implications will only be applied prospectively, if applicable, and the effect of adoption mainly will be on the disclosures in the annual report and financial statements for the financial year ending 31 December 2017.

3. Comments about Seasonal or Cyclical Factors

Prices of the Group's products are affected by cyclical nature of international paper prices.

4. Extraordinary and exceptional items

There were no unusual items affecting assets, liabilities, equity, net income, or cash flow during the quarter and financial period ended 30 September 2017 except as disclosed below:-

The Group has recognised net income of RM15.51 million in the Statement of Profit and Loss and Other Comprehensive Income for the period ended 30 September 2017 for progress payment from the insurer. The payment received is for claims in relation to the fire which occurred on 17 Aug 2016 at the Group's paper mill in Tasek and the insurance claim has not been finalised.

5. Changes in Estimates

There were no material changes in estimates of amounts reported in prior financial years which would have a material effect on quarter and financial period ended 30 September 2017.

6. Debt and Equity Securities

The Company did not implement any scheme involving issuance of debt or equity securities or shares buyback during the quarter and financial period ended 30 September 2017.

7. Dividend Paid

A first and final single tier dividend of 3 sen (6%) per 50 sen share amounting to RM9,151,525 in respect of financial year ended 31 December 2016 was paid on 20 July 2017.

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8. Revaluation of Land and Buildings

Pursuant to MFRS 116 Property, Plant and Equipment, the Group revalued its land and buildings during the current quarter. Revaluation surpluses of RM84.766 million has been credited to revaluation reserve and RM1.982 million is recognised as other income in Statement of Comprehensive Income arising from the valuation conducted by independent professional valuers.

9. Operating Segments

Segmental information for the period ended 30 September 2017 and 30 September 2016 are as follows:-

	Manufacturing RM'000	Trading RM'000	Others RM'000	Elimination RM'000	Total RM'000
Period Ended 30 September 2017					
Revenue					
External revenue	906,905	89,475	124	-	996,504
Inter-segment revenue	26,272	194,367	5,334	(225,973)	-
Total revenue	933,177	283,842	5,458	(225,973)	996,504
Segment Profit	50,918	777	(327)	(2,519)	48,849
Interest Income					412
Finance costs					(19,858)
Share of profit of associates				<u>-</u>	468
Profit before tax				=	29,871
	Manufacturing	Trading	Others	Elimination	Total
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
Period Ended 30 September 2016					
Revenue					
External revenue	763,548	93,174	144	-	856,866
Inter-segment revenue	28,509	152,438	-	(180,947)	<u>-</u>
Total revenue	792,057	245,612	144	(180,947)	856,866
Segment Profit	27,808	2,392	(4,149)	(207)	25,844
Interest Income					392
Finance costs					(18,863)
Share of profit of associates				-	197
Profit before tax				_	7,570

10. Material Events Subsequent to the End of the Current Financial Period

There were no material events subsequent to the end of the current quarter and financial period under review that have not been reflected in the interim financial statements except for a fourth progressive payment of RM8.3 million from the insurer to Muda Paper Mills Sdn Bhd on 31 October 2017, for the fire incident mentioned in Note 4 above.

11. Changes in the Composition of the Group

There were no changes in the composition of the Group for the financial period under review.

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12. Changes in Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets

	30.09.2017 RM'000	31.12.2016 RM'000
<u>Company</u> Guarantees given to financial institutions for credit facilities granted to subsidiaries	1,061,392	1,070,661
Guarantees given to third parties for supply of goods and		
services to subsidiaries	7,338	7,353
	1,068,730	1,078,014
13. Capital Commitment		
	30.09.2017	31.12.2016
	RM'000	RM'000
Approved and contracted for	40,201	37,853
Approved but not contracted for	28,667	10,280
	68,868	48,133

14. Related Party Transactions

Related party transactions conducted during the nine months ended 30 September 2017 and 30 September 2016 are as follows:

	Current (Quarter	Cumulative Quarter		
	Three Mor	nths Ended	Nine Months Ended		
	30.09.2017	30.09.2016	30.09.2017	30.09.2016	
	RM'000 RM'000		RM'000	RM'000	
(a). Recurrent Related Party Transactions	with				
Major Shareholder					
Sales of goods					
i. Asia File Products Sdn Bhd	499	447	1,810	1,391	
ii. AFP Composite Sdn Bhd	84	122	262	275	

Asia File Products Sdn Bhd and AFP Composite Sdn Bhd are subsidiaries of Asia File Corporation Bhd, a major shareholder of the Company.

The above transactions were entered into in the ordinary course of business and were made on normal commercial terms which are not more favourable than those generally available to the public.

	Current (Three Mor	•	Cumulative Quarter Nine Months Ended		
	30.09.2017 RM'000	30.09.2016 RM'000	30.09.2017 RM'000	30.09.2016 RM'000	
(b). Transactions with Associates					
Sales of goods	643	662	2,096	1,882	
Management fee income	56	18	112	53	
Purchase of goods	1,811	96	2,344	1,938	

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15. Fair Value Hierarchy

The Group uses the following hierarchy to determine the fair value of all financial instruments carried at fair value:

- Level 1 Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active market for identical assets and liabilities
- Level 2 Inputs that are based on observable market data, either directly or indirectly
- Level 3 Inputs that are not based on observable market data

As at the reporting date, the Group held the following financial assets and financial liabilities that are measured at fair value:

At 30 September 2017	Level 1 RM'000	Level 2 RM'000	Level 3 RM'000	Total RM'000
Financial Assets				
Held-for-trading investments				
Quoted in Malaysia	4,773	-	-	4,773
Derivatives				
Forward currency contracts	-	*	-	*
At 31 December 2016 Financial Assets	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
Held-for-trading investments				
Quoted in Malaysia	4,608	-	-	4,608
<u>Financial Liabilities</u> Derivatives				
Forward currency contracts	_	(549)	_	(549)

^{*} Less than RM1,000

There were no transfers between any levels of the fair value hierarchy in the year and the preceding year. There were also no changes in the purpose of any financial instruments that caused a subsequent change in classification of those instruments.

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B. Explanatory Notes Pursuant to Appendix 9B of the Listing Requirements of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad

1. Performance Review

Improvement in domestic and international economies spiked consumption of industrial paper and paper packaging products. A government mandated halt in production imposed on paper mills in China to cut emissions and power consumption which affected numerous paper mills in the recycled carton board sector created a shortage of industrial paper in China. This supply cut bolstered a domestic demand in China for imported paper which resulted in an international price surge. With the diversion of supply of industrial paper from a majority of paper mills in Asia to China, the availability of imported industrial paper to Malaysia was curbed. The spill over effect of these favourable factors were translated into higher demand and selling price for industrial paper of the Group which registered 11% and 13% increase in sales volume and selling price respectively against the corresponding period in 2016. As for paper packaging products, sales volume and selling price increased by 3% and 11% respectively compared to the corresponding period in 2016 due to better demand and passing on of higher paper cost to customers.

The increase in demand and international price of industrial paper has lifted the price of waste paper resulting in lower margin for the Group. Limited supply of waste paper, which is the raw material for industrial paper, in the domestic market is compounded by higher demand by paper mills causing a surge in price for the period under review. In addition, the selling prices of paper packaging products lagged behind the pace of increase in industrial paper, which further squeezed the profitability of the Group.

Profit before tax for the period under review has tripled compared to the corresponding period last year due to progress payment from insurer for the fire in the paper mill in Tasek, Penang, that occurred in August 2016. For the period under review, progress payment from insurer net of expenses of RM15.51 million was recognised in the accounts against a net charge of RM21.38 million in the corresponding period last year for the loss arising from the fire incident.

Manufacturing Division

Compared to the corresponding period in 2016, the Manufacturing Division reported a 19% improvement in revenue in the period under review. Limited supply of industrial paper from overseas and improving economies has raised the demand for industrial paper produced locally. Due to increased demand and limited supply, international price of industrial paper has been trending upward and spilled over to the paper packaging products, resulting in better selling prices of the latter. However, the time lag in raising the selling price and lower quantum of increase than the hike in raw material price and higher initial operating cost of a new production line has caused a set back in profitability of the paper packaging products.

Notwithstanding the growth in revenue, profitability for the Manufacturing Division was lower for the period under review due to higher cost of waste paper and industrial paper in the manufacturing of industrial paper and paper packaging products respectively. However, net progress payments from the insurer of RM15.5 million received in the period under review has mitigated the impact of the thinning margin.

Trading Division

Revenue for the Trading Division has declined by 4% compared to the preceding period mainly due to lower sales of imported paper as customers were cautious in replenishing their stock.

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2. Comparison with Preceding Quarter

The increase in sales volume of the Group's industrial paper against preceding quarter was attributed to the switch of purchase by customers to domestic paper mills due to higher prices and limited supply from overseas. Key factor contributing to tight supply from overseas is increased domestic demand for imported paper in China.

Profitability for the Manufacturing Division has been adversely affected by higher raw material price for industrial paper and paper packaging products for the quarter under review. However, the softening of waste paper price in the quarter under review after China imposed a ban on import of waste paper in July to the country has cushioned the margin erosion, and coupled with gradual hike in selling price of paper packaging products, the Group's gross margin is maintained at preceding quarter level.

3. Comparison with Corresponding Quarter

Revenue for the quarter under review surged by 26% to RM353.88 million from RM281.58 million achieved in the corresponding quarter in 2016. The increase is largely contributed by higher selling prices and volume for both industrial paper and paper packaging products. For industrial paper, limited supply from overseas and higher selling price has compelled local purchasers to source from local paper mills which resulted in higher deliveries and higher revenue for the Group. Moreover, improving economies has resulted in higher demand for paper packaging products.

Gross margin has slipped from 16% in the corresponding quarter in 2016 to 13% in the current quarter under review due to increase in price of waste paper, the raw material for industrial paper, arising from higher international price and tight supply from domestic market. The upward trend in the selling price of industrial paper has also affected profitability of the paper packaging products as increase in selling price lagged behind raw material cost. The addition of a new corrugating line in 2017 has also increased the cost of production.

Profit before tax for the quarter under review is RM4.02 million compared to a loss of RM14.86 million reported in the corresponding quarter of 2016. The loss in the latter was due to a net charge of RM21.2 million for material damage incurred from the fire mentioned in the preceding paragraph.

4. Commentary on Prospects

Against the backdrop of higher sales volume, higher selling price and lower raw material cost, profitability of the Group in the next quarter is expected to be better. The Board is confident that the Group will deliver better profit in 2017.

5. Profit Forecast or Profit Guarantee

There is no profit forecast or profit guarantee issued.

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6. Notes to the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income Profit for the period is derived after taking into consideration of the following:-

	Current Quarter Three Months Ended 30.09.2017 30.09.2016 RM'000 RM'000		Cumulative Quarter Nine Months Ended 30.09.2017 30.09.2016 RM'000 RM'000	
After crediting	MW 000	11111 000	11111 000	MIVI 000
Interest income	132	122	412	392
Rental Income	267	313	893	825
Gain / (loss) on derivative instruments Gain on disposal of property, plant and	(210)	(22)	356	165
equipment	78	271	433	427
Fair value gain / (loss) on held for trading				
investment	(12)	1	43	(4)
Impairment on doubtful receivables				
- no longer required	1,140	2,949	2,909	4,042
Net loss / (gain) on foreign exchange	,	·	•	,
- realised	297	438	105	(26)
Progress payment received from fire net				,
of expenses	-	(21,161)	15,511	(21,161)
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After charging				
Interest expenses	7,221	6,524	19,858	18,863
Depreciation and amortisation	15,804	14,682	45,910	42,506
Inventories written off	453	5	532	644
Net loss / (gain) on foreign exchange	.55	J	332	0
- unrealised	335	(644)	1,726	(1,572)
Property, plant and equipment written	333	(044)	1,720	(1,372)
off	220	10	500	3,750
Fair value loss on investment properties	690	10	690	3,730
• •		2.504		2.061
Impairment loss on doubtful debts	541	2,594	548	2,961
Impairment of property, plant and	4.0.5		4.0.0	
equipment	1,042	-	1,042	-

7. Tax Expense

		Current Quarter Three Months Ended 30.09.2017 30.09.2016		Cumulative Quarter Nine Months Ended 30.09.2017 30.09.2016	
	1 hree Mor 30.09.2017				
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	
Current tax	1,209	(1,295)	3,461	1,564	
Deferred tax	2,785	2,452	4,390	5,490	
Total tax expense	3,994	1,157	7,851	7,054	

Tax charge for current quarter is higher than the statutory tax rate due to under-provision of deferred tax in prior quarter and absence of group relief. The lack of group relief has also affected the tax rate for the nine months ended 30 September 2017.

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8. Sales of Unquoted Investments

There were no sales of unquoted investments during the current financial period.

9. Corporate Proposals

There is no outstanding corporate proposal.

10. Borrowings

	As At 30.09.2017 RM'000	As At 31.12.2016 RM'000
Short Term Borrowings Unsecured	502,922	439,316
Long Term Borrowings Unsecured	109,317	88,012
Total borrowings	612,239	527,328

Loans and borrowings denominated in foreign currencies are as follows:

Short Term Borrowings in RM	As At 30.09.2017 RM'000	As At 31.12.2016 RM'000
Hong Kong Dollar	95	97
United Sates Dollar	2,734	-
Singapore Dollar	1,492	139
	4,321	236
Long Term Borrowings in RM		
Hong Kong Dollar	352	453
Singapore Dollar	247	241
	4,920	930

11. Derivative Financial Instruments

The Group entered into forward currency contracts to manage the exposure to foreign exchange risk arising from transactions that are not denominated in the functional currency of the operations.

Details of the Group's derivative financial instruments outstanding as at 30 September 2017 are as follows:

	Contract or	Fair value Net gain RM'000	
	Notional Amount RM'000		
Forward currency contracts			
- Less than 1 year	3,042	*	

^{*} Less than RM1,000

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12. Realised and Unrealised Profits Disclosure

	As At 30.09.2017 RM'000	As At 31.12.2016 RM'000
Total unappropriated profit of Muda Holdings Berhad and		
its subsidiaries:-		
-Realised	418,073	391,819
-Unrealised	4,866	13,854
	422,939	405,673
Total unappropriated profit from associate companies:-		
-Realised	173	1,210
	423,112	406,883
Consolidation adjustment	21.014	24.050
Consolidation adjustment	21,014	24,959
Total Group unappropriated profit as per consolidated		
accounts	444,126	431,842

13. Changes in Material Litigation

There were no material litigations pending as at 17 November 2017.

14. Dividend

No dividend is declared for the financial period ended 30 September 2017.

15. Earnings Per Share

(a) Basic

Basic earnings per share is calculated by dividing profits for the period attributable to owners of the Company by weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue during the period :-

	Current Quarter Three Months Ended		Cumulative Quarter Nine Months Ended	
	30.09.2017			30.09.2016
Profit attributable to owners of the Company	30.03.2017	30.03.2010	30.09.2017	30.03.2010
(RM'000) Number of ordinary shares in	523	(15,757)	22,796	894
issue (Unit 000)	305,051	305,051	305,051	305,051
Basic earnings per share (Sen)	0.17	(5.71)	7.47	0.29

(b) Diluted

Not applicable.

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16. Auditors' Report on Preceding Annual Financial Statements

There is no qualification in auditors' report on financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2016.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

Goh Ching Yee Secretary 24 November 2017