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# SELECTED EXPLANATORY NOTES TO THE INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2006

#### 1. Basis of Preparation

The interim financial report is unaudited and has been prepared in compliance with FRS 134<sub>2004</sub>, Interim Financial Reporting and the additional disclosure requirements as in Part A of Appendix 9B of the Revised Listing Requirements.

The interim financial report should be read in conjunction with the most recent annual audited financial statements of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2005. These explanatory notes 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 accounting policies and methods of computation adopted by the Group in this interim financial report are consistent with the most recent annual audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2005 except for the adoption of the following new/revised Financial Reporting Standards ("FRS") effective for financial period beginning 1 January 2006:

FRS 3	Business Combinations
FRS 5	Non-current Assets Held for Sale and Discontinued Operations
FRS 101	Presentation of Financial Statements
FRS 102	Inventories
FRS 108	Accounting Policies, Changes in Estimates and Errors
FRS 110	Events after the Balance Sheet Date
FRS 116	Property, Plant and Equipment
FRS 121	The Effects of Changes in Foreign Exchange Rates
FRS 127	Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements
FRS 128	Investments in Associates
FRS 132	Financial Instruments: Disclosure and Presentation
FRS 133	Earnings Per Share
FRS 136	Impairment of Assets
FRS 138	Intangible Assets
FRS 140	Investment Property

The adoption of FRS 102, 108, 110, 116, 121, 127, 128, 132, 133, 136 and 138 does not have any significant financial impact on the Group. The principal effects of the changes in accounting policies resulting from the adoption of the other new/revised FRSs are discussed below:

#### FRS 3 Business Combinations

Under FRS 3, any excess of the Group's interest in the net fair value of acquirees' identifiable assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities over cost of acquisitions (previously referred to as "negative goodwill"), after reassessment, is now recognised immediately in profit or loss. Prior to 1 January 2006, negative goodwill was treated as a permanent item without amortisation. In accordance with the transitional provisions of FRS 3, the negative goodwill as at 1 January 2006 of RM8,670,000 was derecognised with a corresponding increase in retained earnings.

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### 1. Basis of Preparation (Cont'd)

FRS 101 Presentation of Financial Statements

The adoption of the revised FRS 101 has affected the presentation of minority interest, share of net after-tax results of associates and other disclosures. In the consolidated balance sheet, minority interests are now presented within total equity. In the consolidated income statement, minority interests are presented as an allocation of the total profit or loss for the period.

The current period's presentation of the Group's financial statements is based on the revised requirements of FRS 101, with the comparatives restated to conform with the current period's presentation.

FRS 140 Investment Property

The adoption of this new FRS has resulted in a reclassification of property held for rental or long term appreciation in value as investment property. The Group has adopted the Cost Model in the measurement of investment property.

#### 2. Auditors' Qualification

Not applicable. No qualification on the audit report of the preceding annual financial statements of Oriental Holdings Berhad.

#### 3. Seasonal or Cyclical Factors

Majority of the business operations of the Group are generally in tandem with the prevailing economic conditions where the Group operates with the exception of a few other sectors. Commodity price is the most significant determinant of the level of profitability for the plantation sector although seasonal factor such as climatic condition also plays a part in determining the production level. The tourism sector will generally perform better during the major festive and holiday seasons.

# 4. Exceptional Items

There were no material exceptional items for the period under review.

### 5. Changes in Estimates

There were no material changes in estimates of amounts reported in prior financial period.

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# 6. **Debt and Equity Securities**

There were no issuance and repayment of debt and equity stocks, stock buy-backs, stock cancellations, stocks held as treasury stocks and resale of treasury stocks for the current financial year to date.

### 7. Dividends Paid

Since the end of the previous financial year, the Company paid an interim dividend of 10% (2004: 5%) less tax, and a special dividend of Nil (2004: 5% less tax), totalling RM37,221,710 in respect of the year ended 31 December 2005 on 23 January 2006.

# 8. Segment Revenue and Results

Financial data by business segment for the Group

	Current Period To Date 31 March 2006					
	Operating Profit					
	Revenue	%	Before Tax	%		
	RM'000		RM'000			
Automotive and related products	719,125	71.6	54,934	62.1		
Plastic products	118,016	11.8	5,039	5.7		
Hotels and resorts	42,269	4.2	1,963	2.2		
Plantation	50,008	5.0	16,543	18.7		
Investment holding and financial services	8,973	0.9	7,521	8.5		
Property development and others	65,930	6.5	2,469	2.8		
	1,004,321	100.0	88,469	100.0		

### 9. Revaluation of Property, Plant and Equipment

Not applicable. No valuation policy was adopted for property, plant and equipment. The Group availed the transitional provisions issued by the Malaysian Accounting Standards Board upon adoption of International Accounting Standard No 16 (Revised) to have the 1976 and 1978 revalued assets of land and buildings continue to be stated at their existing carrying amounts less accumulated depreciation.

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#### 10. Material Post Balance Sheet Events

There were no material events subsequent to the end of the period under review which have not been reflected in this interim financial report.

### 11. Changes in Group's Composition

There were no changes in the composition of the Group during the current financial year to-date other than the following:-

Simen Utara Sdn. Bhd., a 91% owned subsidiary of the Company, acquired 875,000 ordinary shares of RM1.00 each, representing 25% of the total issued and paid-up share capital in Unique Pave Sdn. Bhd. ("U Pave"), at a cash consideration of RM1,531,250 from Ultra Bina Sdn. Bhd. Upon completion of the said acquisition on 12 January 2006, Simen Utara Sdn. Bhd's equity interest in U Pave increased to 82.3%.

# 12. Changes in Contingent Liabilities and Assets and Changes in Material Litigations

There were no contingent liabilities and assets at the end of the reporting period.

Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries are engaged in any material litigation, either as plaintiff or defendant and the Directors are not aware of any proceedings pending or threatened, against the Company or any of its subsidiaries or of any facts likely to give rise to any proceedings which might materially affect the position or business of the Company or any of its subsidiaries, financially or otherwise.

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#### 13. Reserves

	At 1 Jan 2006 RM'000	Currency translation differences RM'000	At 31 Mar 2006 RM'000
Distributable			
Capital reserves	40,237	-	40,237
Non-distributable			
Reserves attributable to Capital	1,141	-	1,141
Reserves attributable to Revenue	285,520	10,323	295,843
	286,661	10,323	296,984
	326,898	10,323	337,221

# 14. Review of earnings and/or revenue of the Company and its subsidiaries for current quarter and financial year-to-date

The first quarter revenue of RM1,004.3 million was 9.0% lower than the corresponding period last year with the first quarter profit before tax of RM89.7 million, a 14.4% higher than the corresponding period last year.

Contribution from the Group's plantation sector was higher as more matured trees became available by the overseas plantation subsidiaries. Operation profit was also higher due to the increase in yield and higher commodity price. The favourable foreign exchange also improved the contribution from the overseas plantation. The performance of the automotive retailing subsidiaries for both Malaysia and Singapore during the quarter was in tandem with the overall volume of the motor industry. The motor vehicle sales in Malaysia were affected by the uncertain duty structure. However, motor vehicle sales in Singapore continued to improve. Other non-automotive related subsidiaries in the Group also performed better than expected. There was also improvement in the performance of the hotel and resort sector.

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# 15. Material Change in Profit Before Taxation ("PBT") reported on as compared with the immediate preceding quarter

The Group's PBT for the first quarter of 2006 was RM89.7 million as compared to RM85.5 million in the preceding quarter. The Group's revenue for the first quarter of 2006 was RM1,004.3 million when compared to RM968.7 million in the preceding quarter.

The Group's PBT for the first quarter of 2006 increased by RM4.2 million or 4.9% and the revenue increased by RM35.6 million or 3.7% when compared to the preceding quarter. The improved crop production, the lower CPO prices but favourable exchange gain resulted in higher contribution from the overseas plantation for this quarter. However, revenue and contribution from the automobile retailing were lower in tandem with the industry trend.

#### 16. Current year prospects

The performance of the plantation subsidiaries is expected to improve further with the increase in crop production provided that the CPO price remains this level.

The performances of the automotive related subsidiaries are expected to be in tandem with the industry trend. The fierce competitions from all the automobile distributors will inevitably erode the thin margin already faced by the industry. The uptrend in the interest rates and the higher petrol prices will impact consumer spending.

The revenue and the contribution from the overseas subsidiaries in the tourism and hospitality industry is expected to improve.

Barring unforeseen circumstances, the Board of Directors expects the Group's performance for Year 2006 to be satisfactory.

### 17. Variance of Actual Profit from Forecast Profit

Not Applicable.

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# 18. **Taxation**

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	Individua	al Quarter	Cumulativ	e Quarter
	Current	Preceding	Current	Preceding
	Year	Year	Year	Year
	Quarter	Quarter	To date	To date
	31 Mar 06	31 Mar 05	31 Mar 06	31 Mar 05
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Current taxation				
Malaysian taxation				
- Based on profit for				
the period	4,118	6,239	4,118	6,239
- Over provision in				
respect of prior				
year	-	(9)	-	(9)
	4,118	6,230	4,118	6,230
Foreign taxation				
- Based on profit for				
the period	24,460	13,876	24,460	13,876
	28,578	20,106	28,578	20,106

# 19. Profit/(Loss) on Sale of Unquoted Investments and/or Properties

There were no profit/(loss) on sale of unquoted investments and/or properties for the period under review.

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# 20. Purchase or Disposal of Quoted Securities

(a)	There were	no	material	purchases	or	disposals	of	quoted	shares	for	the	current	finan	cia
	year to date													

(b)	Total investments in quoted shares  Quoted shares in Malaysia	31 Mar 06 RM'000
	At cost	7,599
	Quoted shares outside Malaysia	
	At cost	33,124

### 21. Status of Corporate Proposals

Market value of quoted investments

There were no corporate proposals that have been announced by the Company but not completed at the date of this announcement except for:-

63,638

- (i) The Stock Buy-Back which was approved by the stockholders at the Annual General Meeting on 28 June 2005 for the buy-back of up to 10% or up to 51,700,000 ordinary stocks. There were no stocks buy-back during this quarter.
- (ii) The proposed change in equity structure of its subsidiary, Oriental-Logistics Sdn Bhd from 70% to 51%, by way of renouncing rights entitlement by Jutajati Sdn Bhd (a 100% owned subsidiary) and Selasih Permata Sdn Bhd (a 50.5% subsidiary) to its existing foreign shareholder. Announcement was made by the Company on 6 April 2004.

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# 22. **Group Borrowings**

	Borrowings denominated in					
	Ringgit	← Foreign Currencies →				
		Source				
		Currency	Equivalent	Total		
	RM'000		RM'000	RM'000		
	I		II	I + II		
Short term borrowings						
Bank overdrafts – secured	-		-	-		
Bank overdrafts – unsecured	10,415		-	10,415		
Other borrowings – secured	2,468		-	2,468		
Other borrowings – unsecured	7,235	JPY 451 billion	124,942	132,177		
		USD 18.47 million	67,766	67,766		
		RMB 49.87 million	21,869	21,869		
		AUD 7.42 million	19,427	19,427		
		BAHT 260 million	24,050	24,050		
			258,054	265,289		
	20,118		258,054	278,172		

The borrowings denominated in foreign currencies are in respect of borrowings obtained by the Group's foreign subsidiaries/operations.

### 23. Off Balance Sheet Financial Instruments

There are no off balance sheet financial instruments as at the date of this report.

# 24. Changes in Material Litigations

Not applicable.

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# 25. Dividends Proposed

No dividend has been proposed for the current quarter.

# 26. Basic Earnings per Share

The basic earnings per share are computed based on the net profit for the period divided by the weighted average number of stocks in issue.

	Individual	Quarter	<b>Cumulative Quarters</b>			
				Preceding Year		
	Current	Preceding	To Date	To Date		
	Year Quarter	Year Quarter	(First quarter to	(First quarter to		
	31 Mar 06	31 Mar 05	31 Mar 06)	31 Mar 05)		
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000		
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)		
Net profit for the period						
(RM'000)	38,098	45,446	38,098	45,446		
Weighted average number of stocks in issue ('000)	516,968	516,968	516,968	516,968		
Basic earnings per						
shares (sen)	7.37	8.79	7.37	8.79		

By Order of the Board

C.T. DIONG
Joint Secretary

**DATED THIS 29 MAY 2006**