# PPB GROUP BERHAD (8167-W) INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE SECOND QUARTER ENDED 30 JUNE 2008

(The figures have not been audited)

## Condensed Consolidated Income Statements For The Period Ended 30 June 2008

	Individual 3 months 30 Ju	s ended	Cumulative Quarter 6 months ended 30 June		
	2008	2007	2008	2007	
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	
Continuing operations					
Revenue	841,836	729,364	1,650,724	1,418,132	
Operating expenses	(757,156)	(668,189)	(1,441,174)	(1,298,710)	
Other operating income	4,097	3,475	12,524	9,716	
Profit from operations	88,777	64,650	222,074	129,138	
Net profit from investing activities	51,578	44,981	58,482	72,146	
Share of associated companies' profits less losses	219,374	(2,547)	496,897	4,464	
Share of joint venture's profits	186	165	366	328	
Finance costs	(1,771)	(1,156)	(2,706)	(2,268)	
Profit before taxation	358,144	106,093	775,113	203,808	
Taxation	(21,867)	(21,170)	(54,513)	(43,672)	
Profit for the period from continuing operations	336,277	84,923	720,600	160,136	
Discontinued operations					
Profit for the period from discontinued operations, net of tax	-	46,011	-	168,137	
Gain on sale of discontinued operations	-	6,392,894	-	6,392,894	
Profit for the period	336,277	6,523,828	720,600	6,721,167	
Attributable to :					
Shareholders of the Company	333,123	6,513,260	716,221	6,681,693	
Minority interests	3,154	10,568	4,379	39,474	
Profit for the period	336,277	6,523,828	720,600	6,721,167	
Basic earnings per share (sen)					
- continuing operations	28.10	7.15	60.42	13.43	
- discontinued operations	-	542.26	-	550.19	
-	28.10	549.41	60.42	563.62	

(The Condensed Consolidated Income Statements should be read in conjunction with the Annual Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2007 and the accompanying explanatory notes attached to this report.)

## PPB GROUP BERHAD (8167-W) Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets

	As at	As at
	30-Jun-08	31-Dec-07
ASSETS	RM'000	RM'000
Non-current Assets		
Property, plant and equipment	874,170	810,852
Investment properties	170,051	163,835
Biological assets	2,893	2,681
Prepaid lease payments	131,027	131,635
Goodwill	73,093	73,033
Other intangible assets	2,709	2,977
Land held for property development	6,048	3,693
Investment in associated companies	8,995,175	8,587,695
Investment in jointly controlled entity	41,740	39,403
Other investments	420,588	419,699
Deferred tax assets	198	1,431
	10,717,692	10,236,934
Current Assets		
Inventories	476,837	489,902
Biological assets	24,188	21,339
Other intangible assets	8,541	9,476
Property development costs	34,818	28,684
Receivables	497,092	487,573
Cash, bank balances and deposits	330,032	700,658
	1,371,508	1,737,632
Non-current assets classified as held for sale	9,479	9,479
	1,380,987	1,747,111
TOTAL ASSETS	12,098,679	11,984,045
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		
Equity		
Share capital	1,185,500	1,185,500
Reserves	10,187,107	10,244,265
Equity attributable to shareholders of the Company	11,372,607	11,429,765
Minority interests	158,962	137,288
Total equity	11,531,569	11,567,053

## PPB GROUP BERHAD (8167-W) Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets

	As at 30-Jun-08 RM'000	As at 31-Dec-07 RM'000
Non-current Liabilities		
Long term borrowings	53,229	20,504
Deferred tax liabilities	69,950	68,823
	123,179	89,327
Current Liabilities		
Payables	249,462	280,218
Short term borrowings	161,142	36,471
Taxation	33,327	10,976
	443,931	327,665
Total liabilities	567,110	416,992
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	12,098,679	11,984,045
Net assets per share attributable to shareholders of the		
Company (RM)	9.59	9.64
Net assets per share (RM)	9.73	9.76

(The Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets should be read in conjunction with the Annual Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2007 and the accompanying explanatory notes attached to this report.)

## PPB GROUP BERHAD (8167-W) Condensed Consolidated Statement Of Changes In Equity For The Period Ended 30 June 2008

			No	on-distributabl	e	Distributable			
	Share capital RM'000	Share premium RM'000	Revaluation reserve RM'000	Exchange translation reserve RM'000	Capital reserve RM'000	Retained profits RM'000	Attributable to shareholders of the Company RM'000	Minority interests RM'000	Total equity RM'000
6 months ended 30 June 2008 At 1 January 2008	1,185,500	6,715	55,492	(174,846)	239,060	10,117,844	11,429,765	137,288	11,567,053
Net gains/(losses) recognised directly to equity Profit for the period	-	-	5,924	5,579 -	(34,932)	13,274 716,221	(10,155) 716,221	925 4,379	(9,230) 720,600
Total recognised income and expenses for the period Transfer of reserves	-	-	5,924 (367)	5,579 -	(34,932) 10,514	729,495 (10,147)	706,066 -	5,304	711,370
Acquisition of additional shares in an existing subsidiary Shares issued to minority shareholders of a subsidiary Dividends	-	-	-	-	-	- - (762 224)	(762.224)	(55) 17,003 (578)	(55) 17,003 (763,802)
At 30 June 2008	1,185,500	6,715	61,049	(169,267)	214,642	(763,224) 10,073,968	(763,224) 11,372,607	158,962	11,531,569
6 months ended 30 June 2007 At 1 January 2007	1,185,500	6,715	160,540	(33,901)	175,855	3,149,975	4,644,684	886,641	5,531,325
Net gains/(losses) recognised directly to equity Profit for the period	-	-	5,697 -	2,535	(47,157)	6,681,693	(38,925) 6,681,693	(8,722) 39,474	(47,647) 6,721,167
Total recognised income and expenses for the period Transfer of reserves	-	-	5,697 (106,362)	2,535	(47,157) (45,600)	6,681,693 151,962	6,642,768	30,752	6,673,520
Disposal of shares in subsidiaries Acquisition of additional shares in an existing subsidiary	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(673,302) (29,244)	(673,302) (29,244)
Shares issued to minority shareholders of subsidiaries Capital reduction by subsidiaries	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9,886 (53,700)	9,886 (53,700)
Dividends		-	-			(129,812)	(129,812)	(15,557)	(145,369)
At 30 June 2007	1,185,500	6,715	59,875	(31,366)	83,098	9,853,818	11,157,640	155,476	11,313,116

(The Condensed Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity should be read in conjunction with the Annual Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2007 and the accompanying explanatory notes attached to this report.)

## Condensed Consolidated Cash Flow Statements For The Period Ended 30 June 2008

	6 months ended 30 June		
	2008	2007	
	RM'000	RM'000	
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Profit before taxation			
Continuing operations	775,113	203,808	
Discontinued operations	-	6,592,435	
	775,113	6,796,243	
Adjustments:-			
Non-cash items	(459,404)	(40,370)	
Non-operating items	(54,127)	(6,435,560)	
Operating profit before working capital changes	261,582	320,313	
Working capital changes			
Net change in current assets	(1,807)	(169,429)	
Net change in current liabilities	(38,312)	4,927	
Cash generated from operations	221,463	155,811	
Tax paid	(33,353)	(58,595)	
Net cash generated from operating activities	188,110	97,216	
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Purchase of property, plant and equipment, investment properties,	(103,216)	(165,023)	
biological assets and other intangible assets			
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment	666	5,672	
Purchase of investments	(102)	(106,442)	
Proceeds from sale of investments	372	21,322	
Redemption of preference shares in an associated company	-	33,912	
Dividends received	123,539	70,667	
Interest received	10,057	12,268	
Subsidiary companies - net cash disposed	-	(77,633)	
Other investing activities	1,224	10,637	
Net cash generated from/(used in) investing activities	32,540	(194,620)	
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Shares issued to minority shareholders of subsidiary companies	17,003	9,886	
Bank borrowings	157,182	360,695	
Interest paid	(2,732)	(16,345)	
Dividends paid	(763,802)	(145,369)	
Other financing activities	2,551	(59,714)	
Net cash (used in)/generated from financing activities	(589,798)	149,153	
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents	(369,148)	51,749	
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January	699,411	750,981	
Effect of exchange rate changes	(1,124)	(2,691)	
Cash and cash equivalents at 30 June	329,139	800,039	
Cash and cash equivalent represented by :-			
Cash & bank	86,215	62,486	
Bank deposits	243,782	739,702	
Bank overdrafts	(858)	(2,158)	
	329,139	800,030	
Bank balance classified as held for sale	<del>-</del>	9	
	329,139	800,039	

(The Condensed Consolidated Cash Flow Statements should be read in conjunction with the Annual Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2007 and the accompanying explanatory notes attached to this report.)

#### **NOTES**

#### A. FRS (Financial Reporting Standards) 134 - Paragraph 16

#### A1. Accounting policies

The interim financial statements of the Group have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of Financial Reporting Standards ("FRS") FRS 134 - Interim Financial Reporting and Chapter 9, Part K of the Listing Requirements of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad ("BMSB").

The accounting policies and methods of computation used in the preparation of the interim financial statements are consistent with those used in the preparation of the audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2007.

The adoption of the following revised FRSs from financial period beginning on 1 January 2008 are as follows:-

Investment in a Foreign Operation FRS 107 Cash Flow Statements	let
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FRS 111 Construction Contracts	
FRS 112 Income Taxes	
FRS 118 Revenue	
FRS 137 Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Asset	ets

The adoption of the above FRSs does not have any significant financial impact on the Group.

#### **A2.** Seasonal or Cyclicality of Interim Operations

The Group's operations are not materially affected by any seasonal or cyclical factors.

#### A3. Unusual items affecting assets, liabilities, equity, net income, or cash flow

There were no items of an unusual nature, size or incidence that affect the assets, liabilities, equity, net income and cash flows of the Group during the current period under review.

#### A4. Nature and amount of changes in estimates

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

## A5. Issuances, Cancellations, Repurchases, Resale and Repayments of Debt and Equity Securities

There were no issuances and repayment of debt and equity securities, share buy-backs, share cancellations, shares held as treasury shares and resale of treasury shares for the current financial year-to-date.

#### A6. Dividends paid

	Individual	Cumulative
	Quarter	Quarter
	3 months	6 months
	ended	ended
	30-Jun-2008	30-Jun-2008
Dividends paid on ordinary shares	RM'000	RM'000
2008 : Special dividend - 62 sen less 26% income tax	543,907	543,907
2007 : Final dividend - 25 sen less 26% income tax	219,317	219,317
	763,224	763,224

### A7. Segmental reporting

Segmental information in respect of the Group's business segments for the period ended 30 June 2008

All figures in RM'000 Information About Business Segments:	Sugar refining and cane plantation	Grains trading, flour and feed milling	Livestock farming	Environmental engineering, waste management and utilities	Film exhibition and distribution	Property investment and development	Chemicals trading and manufacturing	Other operations	Elimination	<u>Consolidated</u>
REVENUE External sales Inter-segment sales Total revenue	478,086 - 478,086	625,587 47,060 672,647	32,765 7,185 39,950	72,222	88,141 - 88,141	33,358 687 34,045	77,866 206 78,072	242,699 9,666 252,365	(64,804) (64,804)	1,650,724 - 1,650,724
RESULT Segment operating results Unallocated corporate expenses Profit from operations Investing activities Share of associated companies'	70,302 1,021	101,978 7,387	(4,635)	1,030 3,070	12,356 614	11,475 3,435	6,660	30,055 481,370	557	229,778 (7,704) 222,074 58,482 496,897
profits less losses Share of joint venture's profits Finance costs Profit before taxation	-	-	-	366	-	-	-	-	-	366 (2,706) 775,113

#### A8. Valuation of Property, Plant and Equipment

There were no amendments in the valuation of property, plant and equipment brought forward from the previous annual financial statements.

#### A9. Material events subsequent to the end of the interim period

There were no material events subsequent to the end of the interim period that have not been reflected in the financial statements for the interim period.

#### A10. Changes in the composition of the Group

There were no changes in the composition of the Group arising from business combinations, acquisition or disposal of subsidiary companies and long-term investments, restructurings, and discontinued operations for the current interim period under review, except for the following:-

- (a) On 15 April 2008, FFM Feedmills (Sarawak) Sdn Bhd, a 75% indirect subsidiary of PPB, disposed of its 100% equity interest of 2 ordinary shares of RM1.00 each in Sri Aman Feedmills Sdn Bhd for a cash consideration of RM2.00 and Sri Aman Feedmills Sdn Bhd ceased to be a subsidiary of PPB.
- (b) On 15 May 2008, PPB Leisure Holdings Sdn Bhd ("PPBLH"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of PPB, acquired from Golden Harvest Films Distribution Holdings Ltd, British Virgin Islands, its entire shareholding of 100,000 ordinary shares of RM1.00 each representing 50% equity interest in Golden Screen Film Distribution Co Sdn Bhd ("GSFDC") for cash at par totaling RM100,000 and GSFDC has become an indirect subsidiary of PPB. Prior to the acquisition, PPBLH owned 50% equity interest in GSFDC.

#### A11. Changes in contingent liabilities or contingent assets

	As at	As at
	30-Jun-08	31-Dec-07
Contingent liabilities	RM'000	RM'000
Unsecured guarantees issued in consideration of credit facilities		
given to an associated company	2,550	2,550
green to an associated company		

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Chemquest Sdn Bhd, a 55% owned subsidiary of PPB, has granted unsecured corporate guarantees to a third party in respect of works being carried out by its 70% indirect subsidiary, Cipta Wawasan Maju Engineering Sdn Bhd.

#### Contingent assets

There were no contingent assets as at the end of the current interim period.

#### B. BMSB Listing Requirements (Part A of Appendix 9B)

#### B1. Review of Performance for the financial period

Group revenue for continuing operations of RM1.65 billion for the period ended 30 June 2008 was 16% higher compared with RM1.42 billion in 2007. The increase was mainly due to higher selling prices for specialty flour and animal feed in line with higher commodity prices. The environmental engineering and chemical manufacturing divisions also generated higher revenue.

Group profit before tax for continuing operations of RM775 million was substantially higher compared with RM204 million in the corresponding period last year. Whilst the grains trading, flour and feed milling division performed satisfactorily, Wilmar International Limited ("Wilmar") an associate company of the Group contributed a significant RM473 million for the first six months.

(Note: PPB Group has not recognised its share of RM75 million of Wilmar's unrealised net losses from financial instruments as FRS 139 - Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurements is not yet effected by the Malaysian Accounting Standards Board.)

#### B2. Material changes in the quarterly results compared to the results of the preceding quarter

Group profit before tax for continuing operations of RM358 million for the quarter under review was 14% lower when compared with RM417 million registered in the preceding quarter. The sugar and flour milling divisions achieved lower profits in the quarter due to higher raw material costs. Wilmar also contributed lower profits to the Group.

#### **B3.** Prospects for current financial year

Prices of wheat, raw sugar, fuel and ocean freight continue to be key factors affecting the Group's profitability. The Group's operations for the financial year 2008 are expected to perform satisfactorily and with higher contributions from Wilmar, the overall results for 2008 will be better than that of the previous year.

#### B4. Variance of actual profit from forecast profit

Not applicable.

#### **B5.** Taxation

	Individual	Cumulative
	Quarter	Quarter
	3 months	6 months
Taxation comprises:-	ended	ended
	30-Jun-2008	30-Jun-2008
	RM'000	RM'000
Malaysian taxation based on profit for the period:-		
Current	21,676	53,417
Deferred	474	192
	22,150	53,609
Foreign taxation		
Current	(725)	534
Deferred	1,183	1,183
	22,608	55,326
(Over)/underprovision		
Current	143	74
Deferred	(884)	(887)
	21,867	54,513

The effective tax rate is lower than the average statutory rate for the period mainly due to tax exempt income and utilisation of reinvestment allowance by certain subsidiaries.

#### B6. Profit/Loss on sale of unquoted investments and/or properties

There were no sales of unquoted investment and / or properties for the current quarter and financial period to-date.

#### **B7.** Quoted securities

(a) Total purchases and disposals of quoted securities for the current quarter and financial period todate were as follows:-

	Individual	Cumulative
	Quarter	Quarter
	3 months	6 months
	ended	ended
	30-Jun-2008	30-Jun-2008
	RM'000	RM'000
Total purchases	61	61
Total proceeds from disposals	-	-
Profit on disposals	-	-

(b) Total investments in quoted securities as at 30 June 2008 were as follows:-

	RM'000
At cost	420,166
At book value	420,159
At market value	1,005,115

#### **B8.** Status of corporate proposals

(a) On 1 November 2006, Mantap Aman Sdn Bhd, an indirect subsidiary of PPB had entered into a joint-venture agreement with Millerstar Pte Ltd, Singapore to construct and operate a wheat flour mill facility at Cilegon, Republic of Indonesia to be undertaken by a joint-venture company called P.T. Pundi Kencana.

The construction of the flour mill is still in progress and is expected to be commissioned in June 2009 based on current schedule.

#### **B9.** Group borrowings

Total Group borrowings as at 30 June 2008 were as follows:-

	Total	Secured	Unsecured
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
Long term bank borrowings			
Long term bank loans (USD)	36,962	36,962	-
Long term bank loans (CNY)	18,740	-	18,740
Hire purchase liabilities	337	337	-
Hire purchase liabilities (SGD)	56	56	-
Repayments due within the next 12 months	(2,866)	(186)	(2,680)
	53,229	37,169	16,060
Short term bank borrowings			
Bills payable	120,674	-	120,674
Short term loans	25,400	-	25,400
Short term loans (USD)	11,344	-	11,344
Current portion of long term loans	2,680	-	2,680
Hire purchase liabilities	175	175	-
Hire purchase liabilities (SGD)	11	11	
	160,284	186	160,098
Bank overdrafts	858	=	858
	161,142	186	160,956

#### **B10. Off Balance Sheet Financial Instruments**

#### Foreign Currency Contracts

The Group enters into forward foreign exchange contracts as a hedge for its confirmed sales and purchases in foreign currencies. The purpose of hedging is to protect the Group against unfavourable movement in exchange rate. Gains or losses from changes in the fair value of foreign currency contracts offset the corresponding losses or gains on the receivables and payables covered by the instrument and where the foreign exchange contracts are used to hedge against anticipated future transactions, gains and losses are not recognised until the transaction occurs.

As at 20 August 2008, the Group's outstanding foreign currency contracts were as follows:

	Contract Amount	Equivalent Amount in
Currency	'000	RM'000
Forward Contracts Bought		
Swiss Franc	3,833	12,036
Euro	802	3,549
Japanese Yen	114,660	3,586
Forward Contracts Sold		
US Dollar	14,748	48,322

These contracts are short term in nature and the majority are due to mature within the next two months.

There is minimal credit risk because these contracts are entered into with licensed financial institutions. There is no cash requirement for these instruments other than a minimal fee.

#### **B11.** Material litigation

There was no material litigation pending as at 20 August 2008.

#### **B12.** Dividend

The Board of Directors is pleased to declare an interim single tier dividend for the financial year ending 31 December 2008 of 5 sen per share (2007 : 5 sen less 27% income tax) payable on Monday, 29 September 2008.

#### Dividend payment/entitlement date

Notice is hereby given that the interim single tier dividend will be paid on Monday, 29 September 2008 to shareholders whose names appear in the Record of Depositors at the close of business on Friday, 12 September 2008.

A Depositor shall qualify for entitlement only in respect of :-

- (i) Shares transferred into the Depositor's securities account before 4.00 pm on Friday, 12 September 2008 in respect of ordinary transfers, and
- (ii) Shares bought on the Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad ("BMSB") on a cum entitlement basis according to the Rules of the BMSB.

#### **Dividends Paid/Payable**

Dividends paid and payable for the financial year 2007 and up to the date of this report are as follows:-

Financial			
Year	Type	Rate	Payment Date
2007	Interim dividend	5 sen less 27% income tax	28 September 2007
2007	Final dividend	25 sen less 26% income tax	6 June 2008
2008	Special dividend	62 sen less 26% income tax	12 May 2008
2008	Interim single tier	5 sen single tier dividend	Payable on 29 September 2008
	dividend		

#### **B13.** Earnings per Share

The basic earnings per share has been calculated by dividing the Group's profit for the current financial period attributable to the shareholders of the Company by 1,185,499,882 ordinary shares in issue during the period.

There is no diluted earnings per share for the current period or financial period-to-date as there were no dilutive potential ordinary shares.

#### B14. Disclosure of audit report qualification and status of matters raised

There was no qualification in the audit report of the preceding annual financial statements.

Kuala Lumpur 26 August 2008

By Order of the Board
Tan Teong Boon
Company Secretary