

MEDIA PRIMA BERHAD

Registration No. 200001030368 (532975-A) (Incorporated in Malaysia)

INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE FIRST QUARTER ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

		INDIVIDUAL QUARTER		CUMULATIVE C	UARTERS
		31.3.2022	31.3.2021	31.3.2022	31.3.2021
	NOTE	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
Revenue	A7	247,474	254,533	247,474	254,533
Operating expenses		(215,831)	(219,539)	(215,831)	(219,539)
Other operating income		3,956	1,456	3,956	1,456
Earnings before interest, taxation,					
depreciation and amortisation					
("EBITDA")		35,599	36,450	35,599	36,450
Depreciation on right-of-use assets		(8,813)	(11,957)	(8,813)	(11,957)
Other depreciation		(9,365)	(12,017)	(9,365)	(12,017)
Amortisation of intangible assets (exclude	ding				
programme and film rights)		(280)	(373)	(280)	(373)
Finance income		1,457	1,454	1,457	1,454
Finance costs on lease liabilities		(2,057)	(2,448)	(2,057)	(2,448)
Finance costs on financial liabilities		(2,129)	(1,440)	(2,129)	(1,440)
Share of results of associates		(1)	(51)	(1)	(51)
Profit before tax	A8	14,411	9,618	14,411	9,618
Taxation	B1	(9,184)	(5,459)	(9,184)	(5,459)
Net profit and total comprehensive					
income for the financial period		5,227	4,159	5,227	4,159
Profit and total comprehensive					
income attributable to:					
 Owners of the Company 		6,028	5,246	6,028	5,246
 Non-controlling interests 		(801)	(1,087)	(801)	(1,087)
		5,227	4,159	5,227	4,159
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Earnings per share (sen) - Basic and diluted	B11	0.54	0.47	0.54	0.47
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The unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income should be read in conjunction with the Group's audited annual financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2021.

UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEME	NT OF I	FINANCIAL POS	SITION
		AS AT	AS AT
N	IOTE	31.3.2022 RM'000	31.12.2021 RM'000
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Assets			
Property, plant and equipment		314,093	158,603
Right-of-use assets		174,958	119,357
Investment properties Associates		15,962 1,240	16,066 1,241
Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income		688	688
Intangible assets		384,475	384,496
Other receivables		22,012	138,764
Deferred tax assets		14,383	14,383
Non-current assets		927,811	833,598
Inventories Trade and other receivables		15,621 200,452	14,976
Current tax recoverable		8,589	199,437 7,330
Deposits, cash and bank balances	A12	396,995	341,621
Current assets		621,657	563,364
Non-current assets held for sale		11,576	11,576
Total assets		1,561,044	1,408,538
Liabilities and equity			
Liabilities			
Lease liabilities		143,943	105,488
Borrowings Deferred tax liabilities	B5	161,109	120,073
Non-current liabilities		37,283 342,335	37,288 262,849
Trade and other payables		499,462	422,981
Lease liabilities		53,710	46,554
Borrowings	B5	32,500	33,561
Current tax payable		19,832	17,977
Current liabilities		605,504	521,073
Total liabilities		947,839	783,922
Equity and Reserves			
Share capital		1,524,735	1,524,735
Reserves		(903,206)	(892,596)
Equity attributable to owners of the Company		621,529	632,139
Non-controlling interests		(8,324)	(7,523)
Total equity Total liabilities and equity		613,205 1,561,044	624,616 1,408,538
		1,301,044	1,400,000
Net assets per share attributable to equity holders of the Company (sen)*		56.03	56.99
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^{*} Net assets per share is calculated by dividing the net assets (excluding the portion allocated to non-controlling interests) of the Group by the number of ordinary shares in issue at the statement of financial position date.

The unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statement of Financial Position should be read in conjunction with the Group's audited annual financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2021.

UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

	Attributable to owners of the Company					
	Share capital RM'000	Other reserves RM'000	Accumulated losses RM'000	Total RM'000	Non- controlling interests RM'000	Total equity RM'000
2022						
At 1 January 2022	1,524,735	4	(892,600)	632,139	(7,523)	624,616
Net profit/(loss) and total comprehensive income/(loss) for the financial period	-	-	6,028	6,028	(801)	5,227
T <u>ransaction with owners:</u> First and final dividend payable for the financial year ended 31 December 2021	-	-	(16,638)	(16,638)	-	(16,638)
At 31 March 2022	1,524,735	4	(903,210)	621,529	(8,324)	613,205
2021						
At 1 January 2021	1,524,735	4	(947,825)	576,914	(3,847)	573,067
Net profit/(loss) and total comprehensive income/(loss) for the financial period	-	-	5,246	5,246	(1,087)	4,159
At 31 March 2021	1,524,735	4	(942,579)	582,160	(4,934)	577,226

The unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity should be read in conjunction with the Group's audited annual financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2021.

UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

	FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31.3.2022	FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31.3.2021
NOTE	RM'000	RM'000
Cash flows from operating activities		
Profit for the financial period	5,227	4,159
Adjustments for:	-, :	.,
- Non-cash items	55,488	55,533
- Finance costs on lease liabilities	2,057	2,448
- Finance costs on financial liabilities	2,129	1,440
- Finance income	(1,457)	(1,454)
Operating cash flows before changes in working capital	63,444	62,126
Changes in working capital	51,276	15,108
Cash flows from operations	114,720	77,234
Income tax paid	(8,593)	(3,791)
Net cash flows generated from operating activities	106,127	73,443
Cook flows from investing activities		
Cash flows from investing activities Property, plant and equipment:		
- Additions	(51,074)	(1,081)
- Proceeds from disposals	(31,074)	209
Intangible assets:	-	209
- Additions	(29,538)	(26,758)
Finance income received	1,457	1,443
Net cash flows used in investing activities	(79,155)	(26,187)
	(13,100)	(20,107)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Finance cost paid on financial liabilities	(1,854)	(1,163)
Finance cost paid on lease liabilities	(2,057)	(2,448)
Drawdown of borrowings	48,716	878
Repayment of borrowings	(9,194)	(16,961)
Payment of principal element of lease liabilities	(7,209)	(9,049)
Net cash flows generated from/(used in) financing activities	28,402	(28,743)
Net movement in cash and cash equivalents	55,374	18,513
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the financial period	326,156	291,303
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the financial period A12	•	309,816

The unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows should be read in conjunction with the Group's audited annual financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2021.

NOTES TO THE INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORT

A1. BASIS OF PREPARATION

The unaudited interim financial statements have been prepared in accordance with MFRS 134: Interim Financial Reporting and paragraph 9.22 of the Listing Requirements of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad.

The unaudited interim financial statements should be read in conjunction with the audited annual financial statements of the Group for the financial year ended 31 December 2021, which were prepared in compliance with Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards ("MFRS"), International Financial Reporting Standards and the requirements of the Companies Act 2016 in Malaysia. The 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 financial year ended 31 December 2021.

The Group have applied the following amendments for the first time for the financial year beginning on 1 January 2022:

Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2022:

Description	
Annual Improvements to MFRS 1	Reference to cumulative translation differences
Amendments to MFRS 3	Reference to the Conceptual Framework
Amendments to MFRS 116	Proceeds before Intended Use
Amendments to MFRS 137	Onerous Contracts – Cost of Fulfilling a Contract
Annual Improvements to MFRS 9	Fees in the 10% test for the derecognition of financial liabilities

The initial application of the above amendments did not have any material impact to the consolidated financial statements of the Group.

The Group will be adopting the following MFRSs when they become effective in the respective financial periods.

Description		Effective for annual periods beginning on or after
Amendments to MFRS 101	Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-Current	1 January 2023
Amendments to MFRS 101	Disclosure of Accounting Policies	1 January 2023
Amendments to MFRS 108	Definition of Accounting Estimates	1 January 2023
Amendments to MFRS 112	Deferred Tax related to Assets and Liabilities arising from a Single Transaction	1 January 2023

The above amendments to published standards are not expected to have a significant effect on the Group.

NOTES TO THE INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORT

A2. AUDITORS' REPORT ON PRECEDING ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The auditors' report on the audited annual financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2021 was not qualified.

A3. SEASONAL OR CYCLICAL FACTORS

The operations of the Group's major business segments are generally affected by the major festive seasons.

A4. UNUSUAL ITEMS AFFECTING ASSETS, LIABILITIES, EQUITY, NET INCOME OR CASH FLOWS

There were no unusual items affecting the assets, liabilities, net income or cash flows of the Group in the first quarter ended 31 March 2022.

A5. MATERIAL CHANGES IN ESTIMATES

There were no material changes in estimates of amounts reported in prior financial years that have a material effect in the first quarter ended 31 March 2022.

NOTES TO THE INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORT

A6. SEGMENTAL REPORTING

The Group determines and presents its operating segments based on information reported internally to the Group Managing Director and the Board of Directors. The Group predominantly operates in Malaysia and consequently, there is no disclosure on geographical segment being made.

	Omnia RM'000	Broad- casting RM'000	Out-of- Home RM'000	Publish- ing RM'000	Digital Media RM'000	Content Creation RM'000	Home Shopping RM'000	Corporate E RM'000	limination RM'000	Total RM'000
Period ended 31 March 2022										
Revenue from external										
customers	172,927	18,186	803	11,173	1,462	333	42,590	-	-	247,474
Inter-segment revenue	-	100,104	26,014	17,824	22,066	24	27	2,043	(168,102)	
	172,927	118,290	26,817	28,997	23,528	357	42,617	2,043	(168,102)	247,474
Reportable segment profit/(loss) after tax before non-controlling interest	44	24,439	(4,199)	(1,884)	1,315	589	(4,622)	(8,522)	(1,933)	5,227
Period ended 31 March 2021										
Revenue from external										
customers	129,733	553	23,685	15,193	504	8,307	76,558	-	-	254,533
Inter-segment revenue	_	91,969	-	16,583	18,759	889	-	2,043	(130,243)	_
	129,733	92,522	23,685	31,776	19,263	9,196	76,558	2,043	(130,243)	254,533
Reportable segment (loss)/profit after tax before non-controlling interest	(1,200)	10,683	(2,246)	(354)	615	6,535	2,472	(9,899)	(2,447)	4,159

NOTES TO THE INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORT

A7. REVENUE

	INDIVIDUAL	QUARTER	CUMULATIVE C	UARTERS
	31.3.2022	31.3.2021	31.3.2022	31.3.2021
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
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Revenue from contracts with customers				
Advertising revenue	174,359	152,342	174,359	152,342
Newspaper sales	7,520	10,119	7,520	10,119
Newspaper printing and distribution	3,465	5,056	3,465	5,056
Content sales	18,245	8,592	18,245	8,592
Sales of home shopping goods	42,466	76,558	42,466	76,558
Other ancillary revenue	496	508	496	508
	246,551	253,175	246,551	253,175
Revenue from other sources:				
Rental income from investment				
properties and outdoor cellular				
antenna space	923	1,358	923	1,358
	247,474	254,533	247,474	254,533

A8. PROFIT BEFORE TAX

Profit before tax is stated after crediting/(charging):

	INDIVIDUAL	QUARTER	CUMULATIVE C	UARTERS
	31.3.2022	31.3.2021	31.3.2022	31.3.2021
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
Net impairment charge on financial instruments Net foreign exchange loss Inventories written-back/(written-down) Gain on termination of leases Gain on disposal of property,	(1,615) (35) 38 3,238	(286) (49) (1)	(1,615) (35) 38 3,238	(286) (49) (1)
plant and equipment	-	307	-	307

A9. VALUATIONS OF PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT

The Group's property, plant and equipment are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses.

NOTES TO THE INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORT

A10. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The Group is a defendant in 15 legal suits (as at 31.12.2021: 17 suits) with contingent liabilities amounting to approximately RM3.3 million (as at 31.12.2021: RM3.9 million). The legal suits mainly consist of claims on defamation.

Apart from the foregoing, the Directors are not aware of any other proceedings pending against the Group or of any facts likely to give rise to any proceedings which might materially affect the financial position or business operations of the Group.

A11. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

Capital commitments not provided for in the financial statements as at 31 March 2022 are as follows:

	RM'000
Approved but not contracted for:	
- Property, plant and equipment	41,798
- Intangible assets	94,736
Approved and contracted for:	
- Property, plant and equipment	429
- Intangible assets	14,402

A12. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Details of cash and cash equivalents are as follows:

	As at	As at
31.3	3.2022	31.3.2021
R	M'000	RM'000
Cash and bank balances 3	15,828	261,698
Deposits with licensed banks	81,167	60,598
Deposits, cash and bank balances	96,995	322,296
Less: Restricted deposits		
Deposits with licensed banks (**	15,465)	(12,480)
Cash and cash equivalents 38	81,530	309,816

NOTES TO THE INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORT

A13. SIGNIFICANT RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Significant related party transactions for the period ended 31 March 2022 are as follows:

	For the period ended 31.3.2022 RM'000	For the period ended 31.3.2021 RM'000
Associate companies: - Purchase of services	(257)	(430)
Companies related by virtue of a common major shareholder with a significant influence over the Company:		, ,
- Revenue from contracts	5,013	5,160
Rental incomePurchase of goods and services	111 (6,370)	(7,156)
- Finance cost on borrowings	(1,047)	-

ADDITIONAL LISTING REQUIREMENT INFORMATION

B1. TAXATION

	INDIVIDUAL QUARTER		CUMULATIVE QUARTERS	
	31.3.2022	31.3.2021	31.3.2022	31.3.2021
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
In respect of the current period:				
 Current income tax 	9,189	5,476	9,189	5,476
- Deferred tax credit	(5)	(17)	(5)	(17)
	9,184	5,459	9,184	5,459

The difference in the Group's effective tax rate for the current quarter and the statutory corporate tax rate of 24% is partly due to several loss-making companies within the Group which reduces the Group's profit before tax and therefore led to a higher effective tax rate.

B2. FAIR VALUE CHANGES OF FINANCIAL LIABILITIES

As at 31 March 2022, the Group does not have any financial liabilities measured at fair value through profit or loss.

B3. MATERIAL LITIGATION

The status of material litigation is disclosed in Note A10 of this interim financial report.

B4. STATUS OF CORPORATE PROPOSALS

Save as below, the Group does not have any other corporate proposal that has been announced and is pending completion:

(a) On 15 July 2021, The New Straits Times Properties Sdn. Bhd. ("NST Properties"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of The New Straits Times Press (Malaysia) Berhad, which in turn is a 98.17% owned subsidiary of the Company, entered into a conditional sale and purchase agreement with Alam Flora Environmental Solutions Sdn. Bhd. (formerly known as DRB-HICOM Environmental Services Sdn. Bhd.) ("AFES") for the proposed disposal of one (1) parcel of leasehold industrial land held under H.S.(D) 116410, PT 237, Bandar Sultan Sulaiman, Daerah Klang, Negeri Selangor measuring approximately 23,370 square metres and bearing the postal address Lot 33, Lebuh Sultan Mohamed 1, Jalan Lebuh 1, Kawasan Perindustrian Bandar Sultan Sulaiman, 42000 Port Klang, Selangor Darul Ehsan together with two (2) single storey detached warehouses identified as Block A and Block B erected thereon registered under NST Properties to AFES for a total disposal consideration of RM25.0 million to be satisfied entirely by cash ("Proposed Disposal").

As at the date of this interim financial report, the Proposed Disposal is pending fulfilment of the conditions precedent under the terms of the conditional sale and purchase agreement and is expected to be completed in the fourth quarter of 2022.

ADDITIONAL LISTING REQUIREMENT INFORMATION

B5. BORROWINGS

	As at 31.3.2022 RM'000	As at 31.3.2021 RM'000
Non-current		
Secured:		
- Term loan	42,394	71,969
- Islamic term loan	118,715	-
	161,109	71,969
Current		
Secured:		
- Term loan	32,500	32,500
Unsecured:		
- Banker's acceptance	-	5,444
	32,500	37,944
Total borrowings	193,609	109,913

The Group's borrowings are denominated in Ringgit Malaysia.

ADDITIONAL LISTING REQUIREMENT INFORMATION

B6. REVIEW OF PERFORMANCE FOR THE CURRENT QUARTER/PERIOD AGAINST THE COMPARATIVE QUARTER/PERIOD

	Quarter/period	Quarter/period
	ended	ended
	31.3.2022	31.3.2021
	RM'000	RM'000
Revenue	247,474	254,533
Profit after tax	5,227	4,159

Profit after tax grew by 26% in the current period ended 31 March 2022 compared to the corresponding period. The higher profit during the period was partly contributed by lower depreciation and amortisation expenses and higher other operating income.

The Group's revenue for the current period remained resilient, driven by Omnia's integrated advertising strategy which led to a 14% increase in advertising revenue compared to the corresponding period and supported by content sales which more than doubled from the corresponding period.

The performance of the Group's segments for the current period ended 31 March 2022 as compared to the comparative period ended 31 March 2021 are as follows:

- (a) Omnia Revenue growth of 33% against the comparative period as advertising increased across most of the Group's media platforms. The higher segment revenue during the current period was also attributed to the Group's out-of-home advertising sales arm being consolidated under Omnia from the second half of 2021.
- (b) Broadcasting Recorded a 28% increase in revenue attributed to television advertising and content licensing revenue.
- (c) Digital Media Higher revenue by 22% compared to the comparative period arising from the increased digital advertising campaigns during the current period.
- (d) Out-of-Home Recorded a 13% increase in revenue reflecting a gradual return of the demand for out-of-home advertising during the current period compared to the comparative period.
- (e) Home Shopping Revenue decreased by 44% against the comparative period as consumers returned to brick-and-mortar shopping following further easing of movement restrictions.
- (f) Publishing Advertising revenue improved by 9% for the current period against the comparative period. This improvement was able to partially cushion the softer newspaper printing and circulation revenue.
- (g) Content Creation Revenue for the segment was lower as most of the Group's content licensing revenue during the current period was recorded under the Broadcasting segment compared to the Content Creation segment in the comparative period. The lack of film release at the box office by the segment during the period also contributed to the lower revenue.

ADDITIONAL LISTING REQUIREMENT INFORMATION

B7. COMPARISON OF PERFORMANCE FOR THE CURRENT QUARTER AGAINST THE IMMEDIATE PRECEDING QUARTER

	Quarter ended	Quarter ended	
	31.3.2022	31.12.2021	
	RM'000	RM'000	
Revenue	247,474	315,901	
Profit before tax	14,411	47,557	

Being one of the more challenging quarters in the calendar year based on past trends, the Group's profit before tax during the current quarter was RM14.4 million, lower against the immediate preceding quarter. Revenue for the current quarter ended 31 March 2022 tapered against the immediate preceding quarter ended 31 December 2021 mainly due to the cyclically softer advertising expenditure.

B8. PROSPECTS FOR 2022

The reopening of more economic sectors will lead to the return in demand for advertising in other platforms that have previously been impacted by the Movement Control Orders. The ratings, listenership and reach across all our platforms are still strong, which gives us confidence that this will be a key catalyst for the growth of our advertising revenue in the remaining quarters of the year. We are cautiously confident that our other platforms including Out-of-Home and Media Prima Audio will see recovery in the coming quarters this year. The positioning of Omnia as an advertising solutions provider that offers creative services and integrated marketing solutions across all of the Group's media platforms will continue to facilitate the growth.

On the non-advertising revenue front, the Group is looking to move forward with the next phase of growth for WOWSHOP. WOWSHOP 2.0, which is currently underway, involves revamping the Group's e-commerce capabilities, leveraging all media platforms to generate demand, while effectively harnessing the Group's data, which includes the extended data from our digital platforms. The non-advertising revenue for the Group will also be driven by content sale and distribution, which has seen significant growth against the comparative quarter. As Malaysia's largest content provider, we are confident that we will benefit from the increase in demand for more local content from existing and new streaming service providers.

The Group will focus on sustaining the performance by accelerating revenue-generating efforts for its advertising, digital and commerce businesses whilst continuously monitoring its cost management initiatives. The Group will continue to look out for more strategic collaborations to grow further, while elevating its competitive advantage.

B9. PROFIT FORECAST/PROFIT GUARANTEE

The Group has not issued any profit forecast/profit guarantee during the current financial period.

ADDITIONAL LISTING REQUIREMENT INFORMATION

B10. DIVIDEND

No dividend have been declared by the Board of Directors for the first quarter ended 31 March 2022.

B11. EARNINGS PER SHARE

The Group's earnings per share are calculated as follows:

	INDIVIDUAL QUARTER		CUMULATIVE QUARTERS	
	31.3.2022	31.3.2021	31.3.2022	31.3.2021
Profit attributable to owners				
of the Company (RM'000)	6,028	5,246	6,028	5,246
Weighted average number of ordinary				
shares in issue ('000)	1,109,199	1,109,199	1,109,199	1,109,199
Basic and diluted earnings per				
share (sen)	0.54	0.47	0.54	0.47

The Group does not have in issue any financial instruments or other contracts that may entitle its holders to ordinary shares and potentially dilute its earnings per share.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

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GROUP COMPANY SECRETARY

Kuala Lumpur

30 May 2022

Additional financial analysis of Media Prima Berhad is available on Media Prima Berhad's website:

http://www.mediaprima.com.my