

FAR EAST HOLDINGS BERHAD (14809-W)
(Incorporated in Malaysia)

1. BASIS OF PREPARATION

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

The interim financial report should be read in conjunction with the Group's financial statement for the year ended 31 December 2007. 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 financial year ended 31 December 2007.

2. CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The significant accounting policies adopted are consistent with those of the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2007 except for the mandatory adoption of the following revised Financial Reporting Standards ("FRS") and Issues Committee Interpretations ("IC Interpretation") effective for the financial period beginning on 1 January 2008:

FRS 107	Cash Flow Statements
FRS 112	Income Taxes
FRS 118	Revenue
FRS 120	Accounting for Government Grants and Disclosure of Government Assistance
FRS 134	Interim Financial Reporting
IC Interpretation 1	Changes in Existing Decommissioning, Restoration and Similar Liabilities
IC Interpretation 5	Rights to Interests arising from Decommissioning, Restoration and Environmental Rehabilitation Funds
IC Interpretation 8	Scope of FRS 2

The adoption of all FRSs and IC Interpretations mentioned above does not have significant financial impact to the Group.

3. DISCLOSURE ON QUALIFICATION OF AUDIT REPORT

The audit report of the Group's financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2007 was not qualified.

4. SEASONALITY OR CYCLICALITY

The Group's plantation business is affected by seasonal crop production, weather conditions and fluctuating commodity prices.

5. UNUSUAL ITEM AFFECTING ASSETS, LIABILITIES, EQUITY, NET INCOME OR CASH FLOWS

There were no items affecting assets, liabilities, equity, net income or cash flows that are unusual because of their nature, size, or incidence in the current quarter and financial year-to-date ended 31 December 2008.

6. MATERIAL CHANGES IN ESTIMATES

There were no material changes in estimates of amounts that have a material effect in the current quarter and financial year-to-date ended 31 December 2008.

7. ISSUANCE, CANCELLATIONS, REPURCHASES, RESALE AND REPAYMENTS OR DEBTS AND EQUITY SECURITIES

There were no issuances, cancellations, repurchases, resale and repayments of debt and equity securities in the current financial year to-date except for the issue of the following new ordinary share of RM1-00 each pursuant to the Company's Employees' Share Option Scheme:-

Option price per share [RM]	No. of shares issued ['000]	Cash proceeds [RM '000]
5.234	560	2,931
Total	560	2,931

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8. DIVIDEND PAID

Dividend paid was as follows:

	3 months ended		12 months ended	
	31.12.2008 RM'000	31.12.2007 RM'000	31.12.2008 RM'000	31.12.2007 RM'000
Interim dividend	-	-	13,565 ¹	4,922 ⁴
Special interim dividend	10,174 ²	9,996 ⁵	10,174 ²	9,996 ⁵
Final dividend	-	-	22,722 ³	10,956 ⁶
Total dividend paid	10,174	9,996	46,461	25,874

Note:

- 1 An interim dividend of ten (10) sen per share (single tier) for the financial year ended 31 December 2008 was paid on 23 September 2008.
- 2 A special dividend of seven and a half (7.5) sen per share (single tier) for the financial year ended 31 December 2008 was accrued in the accounts for the financial year ended 31 December 2008 and the dividend was paid on 16 January 2009.
- 3 A final dividend of twelve and a half (12.5) sen per share less 26% Malaysian Income Tax and a special tax exempt dividend of seven and a half (7.5) sen for the financial year ended 31 December 2007 was paid on 4 July 2008.
- 4 A special dividend of five (5) sen per share less 27% Malaysian Income Tax for the financial year ended 31 December 2006 was paid on 29 January 2007.
- 5 An interim dividend of five (5) sen per share less 26% tax and a special interim dividend of five (5) sen per share less 26% tax was accrued in the accounts for the financial year ended 31 December 2007 and was paid on 17 January 2008.
- 6 A final dividend of seven (7) sen less 27% Malaysian Income Tax and a tax exempt dividend of three (3) sen for the financial year ended 31 December 2006 was paid on 27 July 2007.

9. SEGMENTAL REPORTING

No segmental reporting has been prepared as the group activities are predominantly in plantation activity, which is mainly carried out in Malaysia.

10. PROPERTY PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

The valuation of property, plant and equipment has been brought forward without amendments from the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2007.

11. SUBSEQUENT MATERIAL EVENTS

There were no subsequent material events at the date of this quarterly report and financial year to date ended 31 December 2008.

12. CHANGES IN THE COMPOSITION OF THE GROUP

Apart from the disposals as mentioned in Note 20, there were no other changes in the composition of the Group during the current quarter and financial year-to-date ended 31 December 2008.

13. CHANGES IN CONTINGENT LIABILITIES OR CONTINGENT ASSETS

The Group does not have any contingent liabilities or contingent assets for the current quarter and financial year-to-date ended 31 December 2008.

14. REVIEW OF PERFORMANCE

	3 months ended		12 months ended	
	31.12.2008	31.12.2007	31.12.2008	31.12.2007
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
Revenue	106,734	96,913	526,656	372,066
Profit before taxation	20,644	38,466	181,446	115,946
Net profit for the period	17,954	29,996	148,317	90,595

Higher revenue and net profit for the cumulative quarter 2008 as compared to the cumulative quarter 2007 were due to:

- (a) Higher average crude palm oil price and kernel price of RM2,930 per mt and RM1,681 per mt respectively for the cumulative quarter 2008 as compared to RM2,150 per mt and RM1,426 per mt respectively for the corresponding cumulative quarter 2007.
- (b) Higher FFB (“Fresh Fruit Bunches”) production by 29,579 mt (10%) as compared to the corresponding cumulative current quarter 2007.
- (c) Higher contribution from the share of associated companies’ profits by RM28.22 million as compared to the corresponding cumulative current quarter 2007. Included in the share of associated companies’ profits is also a gain from the acquisition of PPOM (Prosper Palm Oil Mill Sdn Bhd) shares from Lembaga Kemajuan Perusahaan Pertanian Pahang amounting to RM15.16 million.

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(d) Higher contribution from other income due to the gain on the disposal of the quoted investment amounting to RM2.37 million.

15. COMPARISON WITH PRECEDING QUARTER'S RESULTS

	Current Quarter 31.12.2008 RM'000	Preceding Quarter 30.9.2008 RM'000
Revenue	106,734	129,909
Profit before taxation	20,644	51,100
Net profit for the period	17,954	40,645

For the current quarter ended 31 December 2008, the Group recorded lower revenue as compared to the second quarter 30 September 2008. This is in line with the lower crude palm oil and kernel prices and lower FFB production for the current quarter ended 31 December 2008.

16. CURRENT YEAR PROSPECTS

The Group's FFB ("Fresh Fruit Bunches") production in the financial year 2009 is expected to be slightly higher than the production in the financial year 2008. The results of the Group for financial year 2009 is expected to remain satisfactory but lower than that of financial year 2008 if the CPO prices sustain at current level.

17. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

The amount of commitments for the acquisition of shares, purchase of land, plant and equipment not provided for in the interim financial statements is as follows:

Approved and not contracted for:

	As at 31.12.2008 (RM'000)	As at 31.12.2007 (RM'000)
Acquisition of shares	10,200	8,000
Property, plant and equipment	38,615	25,386
Biodiesel and glycerin project	-	20,000
Total	48,815	53,386

18. VARIANCE FROM PROFIT FORECAST/PROFIT GUARANTEE

Not applicable as there were no profit forecast nor profit guarantee published.

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19. TAXATION

	3 months ended		12 months ended	
	31.12.2008	31.12.2007	31.12.2008	31.12.2007
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
Current year tax	2,205	8,571	32,644	25,158
Under/(over) accrual in prior year	(746)	(334)	(746)	(40)
Deferred tax	1,231	233	1,231	233
Total	2,690	8,470	33,129	25,351

The Group effective tax rate for the current cumulative quarter ended 31 December 2008 was 26%.

20. SALE OF UNQUOTED INVESTMENTS AND/OR PROPERTIES

On 25 April 2008, the Company had announced the disposal of its wholly owned subsidiary i.e. Gem-Asia Sdn Bhd. The sale consideration was RM6,000.00 (Ringgit Malaysia: Six Thousand) only for 435,000 unit shares of RM1 each. The transaction was completed on 6 May 2008.

On 27 August 2008, Kilang Kosfarm Sdn Bhd (a 51% subsidiary of FEHB), had entered into a Sale and Purchase Agreement with Tasik Sentosa and Mergeboom for the disposal of its entire 30% shares equivalent to 10,500,000 unit of shares in Sendi Unik Sdn Bhd at RM1.82 each with a total consideration of RM19.11 million. Group gain on the disposal of Sendi Unik Sdn Bhd is RM3.60 million.

21. QUOTED SECURITIES

There was no purchase of quoted securities for the current quarter and financial year-to-ended 31 December 2008. The disposal of the quoted securities for financial year-to-date ended 31 December 2008 was as follows:

	As at 31.12.2008 RM'000
Disposal of quoted securities at market value	14,954
Cost of investment of the quoted securities	12,580
Gain on disposal	2,374

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22. STATUS OF CORPORATE PROPOSALS

There were no corporate proposals for the period under review.

23. GROUP BORROWINGS AND DEBT SECURITIES

The Group borrowings were as follows:

	As at 31.12.2008 RM'000	As at 31.12.2007 RM'000
Current		
Hire purchase liabilities (secured)	295	341
Bank Overdraft	-	264
Non Current		
Hire purchase liabilities (secured)	179	197

24. OFF BALANCE SHEET FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

During the current quarter and financial year-to-date ended 31 December 2008, the Group did not enter into any contracts involving off balance sheet instruments.

25. STATUS OF THE MATERIAL LITIGATIONS

Originating Summon – Kuantan HCOS NO. MT (1) 24-263-2006

Majlis Ugama Islam Dan Adat Resam Melayu Pahang (“MUIP”) - vs -

- 1) Far East Holdings Berhad
- 2) Kampong Aur Oil Palm (Co.) Sdn Bhd

Second pre-hearing meeting was held on 21 January 2009 at the Kuala Lumpur Regional Centre of Arbitration of which the time line for parties to exchange and file the respective bundle of documents, next mention date before the Arbitration and date of full trial was highlighted in the discussion.

26. STATUS ON THE JOINT VENTURE PROJECT

The status on the joint venture project for the development of oil palm plantation between Far East Holdings Berhad and Rangkaian Delima Sdn Bhd.

About 2,819 hectares had been planted and developed. The joint venture company i.e. Far East Delima Plantations Sdn Bhd had recorded a loss of RM522,001 for the current cumulative quarter ended 31 December 2008.

The status on the joint venture project for the biodiesel and glycerine refinery - Future Prelude Sdn Bhd (“FPSB”).

FPSB had completed the biodiesel and glycerine refinery’s process selection and has finalised the engineering details of the plant. The civil and structure contract for the plant has been awarded by way of tender and negotiation. The site at Pulau Indah is ready for construction, pending the completion of the sales and purchase agreement for the land and schedule to commission the plant by April 2009. As to date FPSB had recorded a loss of RM1.11 million for the current cumulative quarter ended 31 December 2008.

27. STATUS ON THE SHAREHOLDING SPREAD

Bursa Malaysia had granted the Company a further extension of time of three (3) months i.e. until 1 April 2009 to comply with the public shareholdings spread requirement pursuant to Paragraph 8.15(1) of the Listing Requirement.

28. DIVIDEND

(i) Current quarter 31 December 2008:

The final dividend for the financial year ended 31 December 2008 would be announced at a later date.

Dividend for the financial year ended 31 December 2008:

On 25 November 2008, the Company had announced a single tier special interim dividend of seven point five (7.5) sen in respect of the financial year ending 31 December 2008 and was paid on 16 January 2009.

On 21 August 2008, the Company had announced a single tier interim dividend of 10 sen per share which is not taxable in the hands of the shareholders pursuant to paragraph 12B of Schedule 6 of the Income Tax Act 1967, for the financial year ending 31 December 2008 and paid on 23 September 2008.

Dividend for the financial year ended 31 December 2007:

On 17 April 2008, the Company had announced recommendation for a final dividend of 12.5 sen less 26% Malaysian Income Tax and a special dividend of 7.5 sen tax exempt. The dividend was approved at Annual General Meeting on 4 June 2008 and payment date was on 4 July 2008.

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(ii) Current quarter 31 December 2007:

On 22 November 2007, the Company had announced an interim dividend of five (5) sen less 26% income tax and a special interim dividend of five (5) sen less 26% income tax for the financial year ended 31 December 2007. The payment date was on the 17 January 2008.

Dividend for the financial year ended 31 December 2006:

On 17 April 2007, the Company had announced recommendation for a final dividend of 7.0 sen less 27% Malaysian Income Tax and a tax exempt dividend of 3.0 sen for the financial year ended 31 December 2006. The dividend was approved at Annual General Meeting on 20 June 2007 and payment date was on 27 July 2007.

29. EARNINGS PER SHARE (“EPS”)

(a) Basic EPS

Basic EPS is calculated by dividing the profit for the period attributable to ordinary equity holders of the parent by the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue during the period:

	3 months ended		12 months ended	
	31.12.2008	31.12.2007	31.12.2008	31.12.2007
Profit attributable to equity holder of the parent (RM'000)	20,569	26,573	132,784	77,593
Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue ('000)	135,404	135,031	135,404	135,031
Basic EPS (sen)	15.19	19.68	98.07	57.46

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(b) **Diluted EPS**

For the purpose of calculating diluted EPS, the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue during the period has been adjusted for the dilutive effects of all potential ordinary shares, i.e. share options granted to employees.

	3 months ended		12 months ended	
	31.12.2008	31.12.2007	31.12.2008	31.12.2007
Profit attributable to equity holder of the parent (RM'000)	20,569	26,573	132,784	77,593
Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue ('000)	135,404	135,031	135,404	135,031
Effect of dilution ('000)	-	-	-	-
Adjusted weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue and issuable ('000)	135,404	135,031	135,404	135,031
Diluted EPS (sen)	15.19	19.68	98.07	57.46

30. AUTHORISED FOR ISSUE

The interim financial statements were authorised for issue on 27 February 2009 by the Board of Directors in accordance with a resolution of the Directors.