

FAR EAST HOLDINGS BERHAD

Company No : 14809 - W
(Incorporated in Malaysia)

1. BASIS OF PREPARATION

The interim financial statements, other than financial instruments, have been prepared under the historical cost convention. Financial instruments have been fair valued in accordance to FRS 139 Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement.

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

The interim financial statements should be read in conjunction with the Group's audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2012. 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 year ended 31 December 2012.

2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The significant accounting policies adopted are consistent with those of the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2012, except for the adoption of the following:-

2.1 Effective for financial periods beginning on or after 1 July 2012

Amendments to FRS 101 - Presentation of Items of Other Comprehensive Income

2.2 Effective for financial periods beginning on or after 1 January 2013

FRS 10	Consolidated Financial Statements
FRS 11	Joint Arrangements
FRS 12	Disclosure of Interests in Other Entities
FRS 13	Fair Value Measurement
FRS 119	Employee Benefits
FRS 127	Separate Financial Statements
FRS 128	Investment in Associates and Joint Ventures

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2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd.)

2.2 Effective for financial periods beginning on or after 1 January 2013

IC Interpretation 20	Stripping Costs in the Production Phase of a Surface Mine
Amendments to FRS 1	Government Loans
Amendments to FRS 7	Disclosures – Offsetting Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities
Amendments to FRS 10, FRS 11 and FRS 12	Consolidated Financial Statements, Joint Arrangements and Disclosure of Interests in Other Entities – Transition Guidance
Amendments to FRS 132	Offsetting Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities
Improvements to FRSs (2012)	

2.3 Effective for financial periods beginning on or after 1 January 2014

Amendments to FRS 10, FRS 12, FRS 127 - Investment Entities

2.4 Effective for financial periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015

FRS 9 - Financial Instruments

The adoption of the above revised FRSs, IC Interpretation and Amendments did not have any significant impact on the financial performance, position or presentation of financials of the Group.

Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards

On 19 November 2011, the Malaysian Accounting Standards Board (MASB) issued a new MASB approved accounting framework, the Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards (MFRS Framework).

The MFRS Framework is to be applied by all Entities Other Than Private Entities for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2012, with the exception of entities that are within the scope of MFRS 141 Agriculture (MFRS 141) and IC Interpretation 15 Agreements for Construction of Real Estate (IC 15), including its parent, significant investor and venture (herein called “Transitioning Entities”).

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On 7 August 2013, MASB announced that it will permit Transitioning Entities to defer the adoption of the new MFRS Framework until annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

The Group falls within the scope definition of Transitioning Entities and have opted to defer adoption of the new MFRS Framework. Accordingly, the Group will be required to prepare financial statements using the MFRS Framework in its first MFRS financial statements for the year ending 31 December 2015. In presenting its first MFRS financial statements, the Group will be required to restate the comparative financial statements to amounts reflecting the application of MFRS Framework. The majority of the adjustments required on transition will be made, retrospectively, against opening retained profits.

The Group expects to be in a position to fully comply with the requirements of the MFRS Framework for the financial year ending 31 December 2015.

3. COMMENTS ABOUT SEASONAL OR CYCLICAL FACTORS

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

4. UNUSUAL ITEMS DUE TO THEIR NATURE, SIZE OR INCIDENCE

There were no unusual 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 cumulative quarter ended 30 September 2013.

5. SIGNIFICANT ESTIMATES AND CHANGES IN ESTIMATES

There were no material changes in estimates of amounts that have any material effect in the current quarter and cumulative quarter ended 30 September 2013.

6. DISCLOSURE ON QUALIFICATION ON AUDIT REPORT

The audit report of the Group's financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2012 was not qualified.

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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 and cumulative quarter ended 30 September 2013.

8. DIVIDEND PAID

Dividend paid is as follow:-

	3 months ended		9 months ended	
	30.9.2013 RM'000	30.9.2012 RM'000	30.9.2013 RM'000	30.9.2012 RM'000
Interim dividend	-	-	10,604 ³	20,967 ¹
Final dividend	24,743 ⁴	35,348 ²	24,743 ⁴	35,348 ²
	24,743	35,348	35,347	56,315

Note:

- 1 An interim single tier dividend of fifteen (15) sen per share for the financial year ended 31 December 2011 was paid on 9 January 2012. The amount was taken-up in the retained earnings for the financial year ended 31 December 2011.
- 2 A final dividend of fifteen (15) sen per share (single tier) and a special dividend of ten (10) sen per share (single tier) for the financial year ended 31 December 2011 were paid on 18 July 2012.
- 3 An interim single tier dividend of seven point five (7.5) sen per share for the financial year ended 31 December 2012 was paid on 16 January 2013. The amount was taken-up in the retained earnings for the financial year ended 31 December 2012.
- 4 A final single tier dividend of seventeen point five (17.5) sen per share for the financial year ended 31 December 2012 was paid on 8 July 2013.

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.

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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 2012.

11. SUBSEQUENT MATERIAL EVENTS

There was no subsequent material events at the date of this cumulative quarter ended 30 September 2013.

12. CHANGES IN THE COMPOSITION OF THE GROUP

There were no other changes in the composition of the Group during the cumulative quarter ended 30 September 2013.

13. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES OR CONTINGENT ASSETS

The contingent liabilities relate to the final award dated 19 September 2012 from the Arbitrator as per announcement dated 27 September 2012 (Note 26).

14. REVIEW OF PERFORMANCE

	3 months ended		9 months ended	
	30.9.2013 RM'000	30.9.2012 RM'000	30.9.2013 RM'000	30.9.2012 RM'000
Revenue	116,959	129,082	301,691	331,688
Profit before taxation	37,400	57,689	67,531	105,813
Net profit for the period	29,551	47,066	53,588	85,599

Lower revenue, profit before taxation and net profit for the period for the cumulative quarter ended 30 September 2013 when compared to the corresponding cumulative quarter ended 30 September 2012 were mainly due to:-

- (i) Lower average CPO and kernel prices during the period of RM2,332 per mt and RM1,257 per mt respectively when compared to RM3,128 per mt and RM1,784 per mt respectively for the corresponding period of 2012.
- (ii) Lower contribution from the share of profits from associated companies by RM13.24 million (53%).

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15. COMPARISON WITH PRECEDING QUARTER'S RESULTS

	Current Quarter 30.9.2013 RM'000	Preceding Quarter 30.6.2013 RM'000
Revenue	116,959	91,532
Profit before taxation	37,400	11,683
Net profit for the period	29,551	9,327

The Group posted higher revenue, profit before taxation and net profit for the period were mainly due to:-

- (i) Higher production of fresh fruit bunches by 35,914 mt (51%).
- (ii) Higher contribution from the share of profits from associated companies by RM3.75 million (169%).

16. OTHER OPERATING INCOME

	3 months ended		9 months ended	
	30.9.2013 RM'000	30.9.2012 RM'000	30.9.2013 RM'000	30.9.2012 RM'000
- Net sales of scout harvesting	924	453	2,060	1,128
- Net sales of FFB from "tapping right"	163	787	679	1,382
- Net sales of seedlings	235	4	329	46
- Net sales of palm kernel shell and others	764	583	1,847	980
- Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment	38	21	38	32
- Rental income	21	23	63	72
- Others	10	11	45	29
Total	2,155	1,882	5,061	3,669

17. GAIN OR LOSS ON DISPOSAL OF QUOTED OR UNQUOTED INVESTMENT OR PROPERTIES

There were no gain or loss on disposal of quoted or unquoted investment or properties for the current and cumulative quarter ended 30 September 2013.

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18. FOREIGN EXCHANGE GAIN OR LOSS

The Group does not have any foreign exchange gain or loss for the current and cumulative quarter ended 30 September 2013.

19. GAIN OR LOSS ON DERIVATIVES

The Group does not have any gain or loss on derivatives for the current and cumulative quarter ended 30 September 2013.

20. CURRENT YEAR PROSPECTS

The oil palm industry will continue to face challenges such as fluctuations in palm oil commodities prices and changing weather pattern. The overall performance of the Group is very much dependent on crude oil price which is mainly not within our control.

Unless there is a significant improvement on the oil palm commodities prices, the Board anticipates the profit for the current financial year will not be able to match with the previous financial year.

21. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

The amount of capital commitments not provided for in the financial statements is as follow:-

	As at 30.9.2013 RM'000	As at 30.9.2012 RM'000
Property, plant and equipment	8,169	4,830
Oil palm estates development	7,614	11,958
Acquisition of land	40,000	40,000
Total capital commitments	55,783	56,788

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22. VARIANCE FROM PROFIT FORECAST/PROFIT GUARANTEE

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

23. TAXATION

	3 months ended		9 months ended	
	30.9.2013 RM'000	30.9.2012 RM'000	30.9.2013 RM'000	30.9.2012 RM'000
Current year tax	7,849	10,635	13,955	20,226
Over provision in prior year	-	(12)	(12)	(12)
Total	7,849	10,623	13,943	20,214

The effective tax rate of the Group for the cumulative quarter ended 30 September 2013 and 30 September 2012 is calculated at Malaysian statutory tax rate of 25% of the estimated assessable profit for the year.

The effective tax rate of the Group for the cumulative quarter ended 30 September 2013 and 30 September 2012 was lower than the statutory tax rate due to certain income which is not taxable.

24. STATUS OF CORPORATE PROPOSALS

There were no corporate proposals for the cumulative quarter ended 30 September 2013.

25. OFF BALANCE SHEET FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

During the current quarter and cumulative quarter ended 30 September 2013, the Group did not enter into any contract involving off balance sheet instruments.

26. STATUS OF THE MATERIAL LITIGATIONS

IN THE HIGH COURT AT KUALA LUMPUR ORIGINATING SUMMONS NO. 24NCC(ARB)-46-11/2012

1. Far East Holdings Berhad

2. Kampong Aur Oil Palm Company (Sdn.) Berhad - Plaintiffs

And

Majlis Ugama Islam dan Adat Resam Melayu Pahang - Defendant

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**IN THE HIGH COURT AT KUALA LUMPUR
ORIGINATING SUMMONS NO. 24NCC(ARB)-54-11/2012
(formerly 47-11/2012)**

Majlis Ugama Islam dan Adat Resam Melayu Pahang - Plaintiff

And

1. Far East Holdings Berhad - 1st Defendant
2. Kampong Aur Oil Palm Company (Sdn.) Berhad - 2nd Defendant

The clarification and/or decision of the above matter which was fixed on the 29 October 2013 had been rescheduled to 21 November 2013. Further announcement will be made in due time.

27. STATUS ON THE JOINT VENTURE PROJECT

- (i) **The status on the joint venture project for the development of oil palm plantation between Far East Holdings Berhad and Rangkaian Delima Sdn Bhd**

Far East Delima Plantations Sdn Bhd (“FEDP”)

FEDP had recorded a profit before tax of RM1.37 million for the cumulative quarter ended 30 September 2013.

F.E.Rangkaian Sdn Bhd (“FERSB”)

Currently only 1,052.76 hectares have been developed. FERSB had recorded a loss before tax of RM27,307 for the cumulative quarter ended 30 September 2013.

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

FPSB recorded a loss of RM1.15 million for the cumulative quarter ended 30 September 2013.

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28. DIVIDEND

(i) Current quarter for the financial period ended 30 September 2013

The Board is recommending an interim single tier dividend of ten (10) sen, per share be declared in respect of the financial year ending 31 December 2013 and will be paid on 10 January 2014 to the shareholders whose names appear in the Record of Depositors of the Company at the close of business on 26 December 2013.

Dividend for the financial year ended 31 December 2012:

On 9 April 2013, the Company had announced recommendation for a final single tier dividend of 17.50 sen per share for the financial year ended 31 December 2012 and the dividend was approved at Annual General Meeting on 19 June 2013 and the payment date was on 8 July 2013.

(ii) Current quarter for the financial period ended 30 September 2012

The Board had recommended an interim single tier dividend of seven point five (7.50) sen per share, be declared in respect of the financial year ended 31 December 2012 and was paid on 16 January 2013 to the shareholders whose names appear in the Record of Depositors of the Company at the close of business on 3 January 2013.

Dividend for the financial year ended 31 December 2011

On 6 April 2012, the Company had announced recommendation for a final single tier dividend of 15 sen per share and a special single tier dividend of 10 sen per share for the financial year ended 31 December 2011 and the dividend was approved at Annual General Meeting on 20 June 2012 and payment date was on 18 July 2012.

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 owners of the Company by the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue during the period:-

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	30.9.2013	30.9.2012	30.9.2013	30.9.2012
Profit attributable to equity holder of the owners of the Company (RM'000)	27,581	44,512	49,577	80,212
Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue ('000)	141,390	140,602	141,390	140,602
Basic EPS (sen)	19.51	31.66	35.06	57.05

(b) Diluted EPS

There was no diluting factor to earnings per share for the current quarter and the figure is the same as basic earnings per share.

30. RETAINED EARNINGS

	As at 30.9.2013 Unaudited RM'000	As at 31.12.2012 Audited RM'000
Realised	558,187	532,505
Unrealised	(16,815)	(18,217)
Total Retained Earnings	541,372	514,288

31. AUTHORISED FOR ISSUE

The interim financial statements were authorised for issue on 21 November 2013 by the Board of Directors in accordance with a resolution of the Directors.