# **Quarterly Report on consolidated results For the fourth quarter ended 31 December 2002.**

(The figures have not been audited)

# **Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet As at 31 December 2002**

|   | Note    | As at<br>31 December<br>2002<br>RM'000 | As at<br>31 December<br>2001<br>RM'000 |
|---|---------|--|--|
| Property, plant and equipment<br>Other investments                | 2<br>16 | 60,518<br>10                           | -                                      |
| Current assets  |         |  |  |
| Inventories Trade and other receivables Cash and cash equivalents |         | 43,583<br>77,730<br>11,797<br>133,110  |  |
| <b>Current liabilities</b>  |         |  |  |
| Trade and other payables<br>Borrowings<br>Taxation                | 18      | 31,932<br>57,744<br>1,987              | -<br>-<br>-                            |
| Net current assets  |         | 91,663                                 | -                                      |
|   |         | 101,975                                |  |
| Financed by:  |         |  |  |
| Capital and reserves  |         |  |  |
| Share capital<br>Reserves   |         | 60,000<br>31,595                       | -                                      |
| Shareholders' fund  |         | 91,595                                 | -                                      |
| Minority shareholders' interest                                   |         | 3,564                                  | -                                      |
| Long term and deferred liabilities                                |         |  |  |
| Borrowings<br>Deferred taxation                                   | 18      | 4,733<br>2,083                         | -                                      |
|   |         | 101,975                                | -                                      |

# **Condensed Consolidated Income Statement For the year ended 31 December 2002**

|  | Individual Quarter<br>Preceding year            |  | Cumulative Quarter<br>Preceding ye |          |  |
|--|---|--|------------------------------------|----------|--|
|  | Current year<br>quarter<br>31/12/2002<br>RM'000 | corresponding<br>quarter<br>31/12/2001<br>RM'000 |                                    | 0.       |  |
| Revenue                                      | 62,202  | -  | 146,722                            | -        |  |
| Cost of sales                                | (53,360)  | -  | (125,027)                          | -        |  |
| Gross profit                                 | 8,842   | -  | 21,695                             | -        |  |
| Other operating income                       | 1,362   | -  | 1,548                              | -        |  |
| Operating expenses                           | (4,963)   | -  | (10,302)                           | -        |  |
| Exceptional items                            | -   | -  | -                                  | -        |  |
| Operating profit                             | 5,241   | -  | 12,941                             | -        |  |
| Interest expense                             | (922)   | -  | (1,856)                            | -        |  |
| Interest income                              | 52  | -  | 123                                | -        |  |
| Share of profits of associated company       | -   | -  | -                                  | -        |  |
| Profit before taxation                       | 4,371   |  | 11,208                             |          |  |
| Tax expense                                  | (1,443)   | -  | (2,970)                            | -        |  |
| Profit after taxation                        | 2,928   | _  | 8,238                              |          |  |
| Add: Minority interests                      | 153   | -  | 229                                | -        |  |
| Profit after taxation and minority interests | 3,081   | -  | 8,467                              | -        |  |
| Net profit for the period                    | 3,081   | -  | 8,467                              | -        |  |
| Basic earnings per ordinary shares (sen)     | 9.3   | <u>-</u>   | 25.7                               | <u>-</u> |  |
| Diluted earnings per ordinary shares (sen)   | 9.3   | -  | 25.7                               |          |  |

#### *Note:*

The effect to the current year-to-date results, as a result of the inclusion of net preacquisition profits arising from acquisition of Engtex Sdn Berhad and its subsidiaries, and Engtex Ductile Iron Pipe Industry Sdn Bhd (formerly known as Linear Solid Sdn Bhd) totalling RM6.037 million into the respective classification of income and expenses to comply with MASB 21, is as follows:

|                           | Before<br>allocation<br>RM'000 | Allocation of pre-<br>acquisition profits<br>RM'000 | After<br>allocation<br>RM'000 |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|
| Revenue                   | 253,929                        | (107,207)   | 146,722                       |
| Cost of sales             | (215,178)                      | 90,151  | (125,027)                     |
| Gross profit              | 38,751                         | (17,056)  | 21,695                        |
| Operating income          | 1,814                          | (266)   | 1,548                         |
| Operating expenses        | (17,154)                       | 6,852   | (10,302)                      |
| Operating profit          | 23,411                         | (10,470)  | 12,941                        |
| Interest expense          | (3,214)                        | 1,358   | (1,856)                       |
| Interest income           | 123                            | -   | 123                           |
| Profit before taxation    | 20,320                         | (9,112)   | 11,208                        |
| Tax expense               | (6,230)                        | 3,260   | (2,970)                       |
| Profit after taxation     | 14,090                         | (5,852)   | 8,238                         |
| Minority interest         | 414                            | (185)   | 229                           |
| Profit after taxation and |                                |   |                               |
| minority interests        | 14,504                         | (6,037)   | 8,467                         |

# **Condensed Consolidated Statement Of Changes In Equity For the year ended 31 December 2002**

|  | Share<br>capital<br>RM'000 | Non-dis<br>Share<br>premium<br>RM'000 | tributable<br>Reserve on<br>consolidation<br>RM'000 | Distributabl<br>(Accumulate<br>losses)/retain<br>profits<br>RM'000 | d       |
|--|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|--|---------|
| At 1 January 2002                                  | *_                         | -                                     | -   | (10)   | (10)    |
| Arising from acquisition of shares in subsidiaries | 22,445                     | 4,489                                 | 8,398   | -  | 35,332  |
| Arising from Rights issue                          | 28,455                     | 2,561                                 | -   | -  | 31,016  |
| Arising from Public issue                          | 9,100                      | 10,920                                | -   | -  | 20,020  |
| Listing expenses                                   | -                          | (2,390)                               | -   | -  | (2,390) |
| Net profit for the period                          | -                          | -                                     | -   | 7,627  | 7,627   |
| Amortisation of reserve on consolidation           | -                          | -                                     | (840)   | 840  | -       |
| Dividends  | -                          | -                                     | -   | -  | -       |
| At 31 December 2002                                | 60,000                     | 15,580                                | 7,558   | 8,457  | 91,595  |

<sup>\* -</sup> RM2.00 comprising 2 ordinary shares of RM1.00 each

# **Condensed Consolidated Cash Flow Statement For year ended 31 December 2002**

|  | 31 December<br>2002<br>RM'000 | 31 December<br>2001<br>RM'000 |
|--|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Cash flows from operating activities   |                               |                               |
| Profit before taxation   | 11,208                        | -                             |
| Adjustments for:   |                               |                               |
| Amortisation of reserve on consolidation   | (840)                         | -                             |
| Depreciation   | 2,894                         | -                             |
| Loss on disposal of property, plant  |                               |                               |
| and equipment  | 39                            | -                             |
| Interest expense   | 1,856                         | -                             |
| Interest income  | (123)                         | -                             |
| Property, plant and equipment written off  | 11                            | -                             |
| Operating profit before working capital changes  | 15,045                        | -                             |
| Changes in working capital:  |                               |                               |
| Inventories  | (6,197)                       | _                             |
| Trade and other receivables  | 5,626                         | _                             |
| Trade and other payables   | (19,465)                      | -                             |
| Cash used in operations  | (4,991)                       |                               |
| Income taxes paid  | (5,713)                       | _                             |
| Interest received  | 123                           | _                             |
| Interest paid  | (1,472)                       | -                             |
| Net cash used in operating activities  | (12,053)                      |                               |
| Cash flows from investing activities   |                               |                               |
| Acquisition of subsidiary, net of cash acquired (i) Proceed from disposal of property, plant and | (5,914)                       | -                             |
| equipment  | 3,685                         | -                             |
| Purchase of property, plant and equipment  | (6,441)                       | -                             |
| Net cash used in investing activities  | (8,670)                       | -                             |

|   | 31 December 2002 | 31 December 2001 |
|---|------------------|------------------|
|   | RM'000           | RM'000           |
| Cash flows from financing activities                      |                  |                  |
| Dividend paid to shareholders of the Company              | _                | -                |
| Proceeds from loans and other borrowings                  | 78,620           | -                |
| Repayment of loans and other borrowings                   | (74,316)         | -                |
| Proceeds from issuance of shares, rights issue, net of    |                  |                  |
| payment to former shareholders of acquired subsidiaries   |                  |                  |
| and listing expense                                       | 21,025           | -                |
| Payment of hire purchase and finance lease liabilities    | (982)            | -                |
| Interest paid   | (384)            | -                |
| Dividend paid to minority shareholders                    | -                | -                |
| Proceeds from issuance of shares to minority shareholders | 700              | -                |
| Net cash generated from financing activities              | 24,663           | -                |
| Net increase in cash and cash equivalents                 | 3,940            |                  |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year            | *_               | -                |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of year (ii)             | 3,940            | -                |
|   |                  |                  |

<sup>\* -</sup> RM2.00

# (i) Included in the net cash used in investing activities is the effect of acquisition of Engtex Sdn. Berhad and its subsidiaries, and Engtex Ductile Iron Pipe Industry Sdn Bhd as follows:

|  | RM'000    |
|--|-----------|
| Property, plant and equipment                  | 59,963    |
| Other investments                              | 10        |
| Current assets                                 | 129,242   |
| Current liabilities                            | (142,389) |
| Long term liabilities                          | (10,242)  |
| Minority interest                              | (291)     |
| Reserve on consolidation                       | (8,398)   |
| Net assets acquired                            | 27,895    |
| Purchase consideration satisfied by shares     | (26,933)  |
| Portion discharged by cash                     | 962       |
| Add: Net overdraft acquired                    | 4,952     |
| Cash flow on acquisition, net of cash acquired | 5,914     |

## (ii) Cash and cash equivalents comprise:

|                        | RM'000  |
|------------------------|---------|
| Cash and bank balances | 9,197   |
| Deposit                | 2,600   |
| Bank overdrafts        | (7,857) |
|                        | 3,940   |

Notes to the interim financial report for the financial quarter ended 31 December 2002

#### 1. Basis of preparation

The interim financial report is unaudited and has been prepared in compliance with MASB 26, Interim Financial Reporting and Chapter 9 Part K of the Listing Requirements of Kuala Lumpur Stock Exchange. The interim financial report should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements of the Proforma Group for the year ended 31 December 2001 as described in the Prospectus dated 27 June 2002.

The accounting policies and methods of computation adopted by the Group in this interim financial report are consistent with those adopted for the Proforma Group as described in the Prospectus dated 27 June 2002 except for the adoption of the following:

- i) MASB 20, Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets, which are applied retrospectively. Comparative figures have not been restated and no prior year adjustment is shown as they have no material impact on the financial statements:
- ii) MASB 21, Business combination which is applied prospectively. The restatement of comparative figures and prior year adjustment are therefore not presented; and
- iii) MASB23, Impairment of Assets which is applied prospectively. The restatement of comparative figures and prior year adjustment are therefore not presented.

The audit reports of the preceding annual financial statements of subsidiaries in the Proforma Group were reported without qualification.

#### 2. Property, plant and equipment

The valuation of a piece of long term leasehold land has been brought forward, without amendment from the previous audited financial statements of the relevant subsidiary company.

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

Save as disclosed in Note 17A below, there was no change in the composition of the Group for the current quarter.

#### 4. Taxation

|                      | Current year<br>Quarter<br>31/12/02<br>RM'000 | Current<br>year to date<br>31/12/02<br>RM'000 |
|----------------------|---|---|
| Current tax expense  |   |   |
| - current            | 1,205   | 2,309   |
| - prior year         | (61)  | 201   |
| Deferred tax expense | 299   | 460   |
| -                    | 1,443   | 2,970   |

The Group's effective tax rate was lower than the statutory tax rate principally due to the utilisation of reinvestment allowances by certain subsidiaries.

#### 5. Dividend

No dividend was paid for the current quarter. The Directors had recommended a final dividend of 7% less tax totalling RM3,024,000 in respect of the year ended 31 December 2002, which is subject to the approval by the shareholders at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting. This proposed dividend has not been included in the financial statements.

#### 6. Seasonal or cyclical factors

The business of the Group was not affected by any significant seasonal or cyclical factors in the current quarter.

#### 7. Segment information

Segment information is presented in respect of the Group's business segment. Intersegment pricing is determined based on a negotiated basis.

|                          | Wholesale & distribution RM'000 | Manufacturing<br>& services<br>RM'000 | Investment holding and others RM'000 | Elimination<br>RM'000 | Consolidated<br>RM'000 |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Business segments</b> |                                 |                                       |                                      |                       |                        |
| Revenue from             |                                 |                                       |                                      |                       |                        |
| external                 | 110.454                         | 20.124                                | 100                                  |                       | 1.46.500               |
| customer                 | 118,474                         | 28,126                                | 122                                  | -                     | 146,722                |
| Inter-segment            | 42 400                          | 21.041                                | 2.245                                | ((5, (0.4)            |                        |
| revenue                  | 42,408                          | 21,041                                | 2,245                                | (65,694)              | 146.500                |
| Total revenue            | 160,882                         | 49,167                                | 2,367                                | (65,694)              | 146,722                |
| Segment result           | 9,934                           | 1,464                                 | 2,248                                | (1,545)               | 12,101                 |
|                          |                                 |                                       |                                      |                       |                        |
| Unallocated income       |                                 |                                       |                                      |                       | 840                    |
| Operating profit         |                                 |                                       |                                      |                       | 12,941                 |
| Interest expense         |                                 |                                       |                                      |                       | (1,856)                |
| Interest income          |                                 |                                       |                                      |                       | 123                    |
| Profit before tax        |                                 |                                       |                                      |                       | 11,208                 |
| Tax expense              |                                 |                                       |                                      |                       | (2,970)                |
| Minority interests       |                                 |                                       |                                      |                       | 229                    |

| Post-acquisition net profit                                   |                                 |                                       |  |                       | 8,467                   |
|---|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|-----------------------|-------------------------|
|   | Wholesale & distribution RM'000 | Manufacturing<br>& services<br>RM'000 | Investment<br>holding and others<br>RM'000 | Elimination<br>RM'000 | Consolidated<br>RM'000  |
| Segment assets Unallocated assets Total assets                | 159,439                         | 65,521                                | 46,317                                     | (77,639)              | 193,638<br>-<br>193,638 |
| Segment liabilities Unallocated liabilities Total liabilities | (132,962)                       | (42,781)                              | (92)                                       | 77,356                | (98,479)                |
| Capital expenditure<br>Impairment losses<br>Depreciation and  | 991                             | 6,193<br>-                            | -<br>-                                     | -<br>-                | 7,184                   |
| amortisation Other non-cash expenses                          | 993                             | 1,901                                 | -  | (840)<br>840          | 2,054<br>840            |

#### 8. Comparison with preceding quarter's results

The Group recorded a profit before tax of RM4.371 million on the back of revenue of RM62.202 million for the current quarter ended 31 December 2002 as compared to RM4.366 million on the back of revenue of RM63.926 million in the preceding quarter.

The decrease in revenue is mainly due to the continued softening of market demand.

#### 9. Review of performance

The Group recorded a profit before taxation of RM20.32 million on the back of revenue of RM253.929 million. The effect of the inclusion of net pre-acquisition profits arising from acquisition of Engtex Sdn Berhad and its subsidiaries, and Engtex Ductile Iron Pipe Industry Sdn Bhd (formerly known as Linear Solid Sdn Bhd) totalling RM6.037 million into the respective classification of income and expenses to comply with MASB 21, is as follows:

|                        | Before     | Allocation of pre-  | After      |  |
|------------------------|------------|---------------------|------------|--|
|                        | allocation | acquisition profits | allocation |  |
|                        | RM'000     | RM'000              | RM'000     |  |
| Revenue                | 253,929    | (107,207)           | 146,722    |  |
| Profit before taxation | 20,320     | (9,112)             | 11,208     |  |

There is no comparison with the preceding financial year-to-date results as the Group was only in place on 30 May, 2002.

#### 10. Capital commitment

|   | 31 December<br>2002<br>RM'000 |
|---|-------------------------------|
| Property, plant and equipment                               | IXIVI UUU                     |
| Authorised but not contracted for                           | 1,520                         |
| Contracted but not provided for in the financial statements | 4,122                         |
|   | 5,642                         |
|   |                               |
| Investment  |                               |
| Contracted but not provided for in                          |                               |
| the financial statements (See Notes 17A and 17B below)      | 9,000                         |

#### 11. Changes in contingent liabilities

The changes in contingent liabilities of the Group and the Company since 31 December 2002 until 19 February 2003, being the date not earlier than 7 days from the date of this announcement are as follows:

|   | RM'000 |
|---|--------|
| <ul><li>Company:-</li><li>Corporate guarantees to financial institutions for banking facilities granted to its subsidiaries</li></ul> | 26,430 |
| - Corporate guarantees to suppliers for credit facilities granted to its  |        |
| subsidiaries  | 7,450  |
|   | 33,880 |

#### 12. Debt and Equity Securities

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

#### 13. Related party transactions

Significant related party transactions with companies in which certain Directors have interest for the seven months ended 31 December 2002 are as follows:

|                        | RM'000  |
|------------------------|---------|
| Sales                  | (2,366) |
| Purchases              | 379     |
| Rental expense payable | 148     |

Rental income receivable (42)

These transactions have been entered into in the normal course of business and have been established under negotiated terms.

#### 14. Subsequent Events

There were no material subsequent events since 31 December 2002 until 19 February 2003, being the date not earlier than 7 days from the date of this announcement, that will affect the financial results of the financial period under review other than the Proposed Investment as mentioned in Note 11 above and Note 17A below.

#### 15. Sales of Unquoted Investments and/or Properties

(a) Total sales of properties and the profits arising therefrom for the current quarter and financial year-to-date, the particulars of which were disclosed in Para 4.14.2 of Prospectus dated 27 June 2002, are as follows:

|                        | Current year | Current year |
|------------------------|--------------|--------------|
|                        | quarter      | to date      |
|                        | 31/12/02     | 31/12/02     |
|                        | RM'000       | RM'000       |
| (i) Total disposals    | 3,250        | 3,250        |
| (ii) Gain on disposals | 28           | 28           |

(b) There were no profits or losses on sale of unquoted investments for the current quarter and financial year-to-date.

#### 16. Investment in Quoted Securities

(a) Total purchases or disposals of quoted securities and profit/(loss) arising therefrom for the current quarter and financial year-to-date are as follows:-

|                         | Current year | Current year |
|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|
|                         | quarter      | to date      |
|                         | 31/12/02     | 31/12/02     |
|                         | RM           | RM           |
| (i) Total purchases     | 36           | 41           |
| (ii) Total disposals    | 36           | 36           |
| (iii) Loss on disposals | -            | -            |

(b) Total investments in quoted securities as at 31 December 2002 are as follows:-

|                      | RM'000 |
|----------------------|--------|
| (i) At cost          | 10     |
|                      |        |
| (ii) At market value | 9      |

#### 17. Status of Corporate Proposal

#### (A) Proposed Investment

Further to the announcement on 25 September 2002 whereby the Company had entered into:

- a) a Share Sale and Purchase Agreement ("SPA") between Engtex and Ultimate Target Sdn Bhd ("Ultimate Target") (collectively "the Parties") with the Vendors of Engtex Ductile Iron Pipe Industry Sdn Bhd (formerly known as Linear Solid Sdn Bhd) ("EDIPI"), i.e. Lee Geok Ai and Law Seong Chye, wherein the Parties propose to acquire 100% of the equity interest in EDIPI comprising 1,500,000 ordinary shares of RM1.00 each for a total cash consideration of RM1,500,000 (referred to as "Acquisition"); and
- b) a Shareholders' Agreement ("SA") with Ultimate Target wherein the Parties have agreed to subscribe for additional shares in EDIPI in the proportion of their shareholdings in EDIPI (Engtex and Ultimate Target will hold 80% and 20% respectively) ("Agreed Proportions"). Pursuant to the SA, the Parties have also agreed to advance to EDIPI, by way of subordinated shareholders' loans and in the Agreed Proportions, the sum of RM10,000,000 and the Parties will subscribe, in the Agreed Proportions, for additional 3,500,000 new ordinary shares of RM1.00 each in EDIPI at par, by which the said subscription was completed on 28 December 2002;

the Company, on 10 December 2002, further entered into the following agreements as announced on the evendate:

- a) a supplemental agreement to the SPA was entered between the Parties and the Vendors whereby the terms of the SPA were amended to allow the Parties to complete the Acquisition earlier to coincide with the completion of the purchase of the Other Assets upon the terms of the SSPASU (defined below); and
- b) a supplemental agreement to the SPASU was entered between EDIPI and Suasa Unik (M) Sdn Bhd (Receiver and Manager Appointed) ("Suasa Unik") ("SSPASU") to allow EDIPI to complete the purchase of the Other Assets earlier, prior to the completion of the SPASU.

On 9 August 2002, EDIPI had entered into a conditional Sale and Purchase Agreement with Suasa Unik ("SPASU") to acquire a piece of leasehold industrial land held under H.S. (D) 15633 for Lot No. 46479 in Mukim Sungai Karang, Daerah Kuantan, Negeri Pahang together with the buildings erected thereon (collectively the land and the building is referred to as "Property") and all plant and machinery, ancillary equipment and stocks ("Other Assets"). The Property and Other Assets are acquired on an "as is where is" basis for a total cash consideration of RM12,300,000 in accordance to the terms and conditions set out in the SPASU. The SPASU is subject to the approvals from the High Court of

Malaya, state authorities and other relevant authorities. On 19 December 2002, EDIPI has obtained approval from the state authorities for the transfer of the Property and currently pending the approval from the High Court of Malaya, which is scheduled for hearing on 17 March 2003.

**B)** The status of the utilisation of the total proceeds from the Rights Issue and the Public Issue of RM24,936,196 as at 31 December 2002 is tabulated as follows:

| No | Purpose  | Proposed utilisation RM'000 | Utilised<br>RM'000 | Balance<br>RM'000 |
|----|--|-----------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| 1  | Repayment of borrowings and financing the acquisition of a land and construction of factory building for its subsidiary company which was subsequently revised for the Proposed Investment as described in Note 17 (A) above | 5,000                       | 4,000              | 1,000             |
| 2  | Expansion plan for manufacturing plants  | 2,200                       | 680                | 1,520             |
| 3  | Implementation of Enterprise Resource Planning system  | 600                         | 295                | 305               |
| 4  | Repayment of bank borrowings   | 10,691                      | 10,691             | -                 |
| 5  | Working capital  | 4,445                       | 4,055              | 390               |
| 6  | Listing expense  | 2,000                       | 2,390              | (390)             |
|    | Total  | 24,936                      | 22,111             | 2,825             |

A portion of RM2,000,000 is placed as deposit with a licensed financial institution whilst the remaining balance is kept as cash at bank.

#### 18. Group Borrowings and Debt Securities

The Group's borrowings as at 31 December 2002, which are denominated in Ringgit Malaysia, were as follows:

|                           | Secured<br>RM'000 | Unsecured RM'000 | Total<br>RM'000 |
|---------------------------|-------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Short term                |                   |                  |                 |
| Bank overdraft            | 7,857             | -                | 7,857           |
| Bills payable             | 42,981            | 3,519            | 46,500          |
| Term loans                | 2,487             | -                | 2,487           |
| Hire purchase liabilities | 900               | -                | 900             |
|                           | 54,225            | 3,519            | 57,744          |
| Long term                 |                   |                  | _               |
| Term loans                | 4,684             | -                | 4,684           |
| Hire purchase liabilities | 49                | -                | 49              |
|                           | 4,733             | -                | 4,733           |

#### 19. Off Balance Sheet Financial Instruments

During the financial year-to-date, the Group did not enter into any contracts involving off balance sheet financial statements.

#### 20. Material Litigation

There were no impending material litigations as at 19 February 2003, being the date not earlier than 7 days from the date of this announcement.

#### 21. Prospects

The Group will continue focusing on expanding its existing product range within the pipes, valves and fittings, plumbing materials, general hardware and steel related products, and enhancing its distribution and wholesale and manufacturing divisions in line with the Integrated One-Stop Distribution Centre concept. The completion of the Proposed Investment as elaborated in Note 17(A) above is expected to enhance the Group performance in future. Barring any unforeseen circumstances, the Directors anticipate that the performance of the Group for the financial year ending 31 December 2003 will remain satisfactory.

#### 22. Profit Forecast and/or Profit Guarantee

The actual post-acquisition profit after taxation and minority interests of RM8.467 million for the year ended 31 December 2002 was below the corresponding profit forecast of RM8.840 million as disclosed in the Prospectus dated 27 June 2002 by 4.2%.

#### 23. Basic and diluted earnings per share

The calculation of basic earnings per share is based on the post-acquisition net profit attributable to ordinary shareholders of RM3.081 million for the current quarter ended 31 December 2002 and RM8.467 million for the year ended 31 December 2002, and the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding of 32,986,460.

#### Weighted average number of ordinary shares

|   | Number of shares |
|---|------------------|
| Issued ordinary shares at beginning of the period | 2                |
| Effects of shares issued in:                      |                  |
| - 30 May 2002                                     | 13,092,784       |
| - 10 June 2002                                    | 15,808,459       |
| - 19 July 2002                                    | 4,085,215        |
|   |                  |
| Weighted average number of ordinary shares        | 32,986,460       |

#### 24. Provision of financial assistance

The amount of financial assistance provided by the Company and its subsidiaries pursuant to paragraph 8.23(1) of the Listing Requirements is as follows:

|  | 31 December<br>2002<br>RM'000 | 30 September<br>2002<br>RM'000 |
|--|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Subsidiary:-   |                               |                                |
| - Corporate guarantees to financial institutions for |                               |                                |
| banking facilities granted to its non wholly-owned   |                               |                                |
| subsidiaries   | 8,700                         | 8,000                          |
| - Bankers' guarantee utilized by its non wholly-     |                               |                                |
| owned subsidiaries                                   | 381                           | 381                            |
|  | 9,081                         | 8,381                          |

The above financial assistance does not have a material financial impact on the Group.