## MALAYSIAN BULK CARRIERS BERHAD

(Company No.: 175953-W)

## QUARTERLY REPORT

This is a quarterly report on consolidated results for the period ended 30 September 2005
The figures have not been audited.
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2005

|  | INDIVIDUAL QUARTER |  | Cumulative |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | CURRENT | PRECEDING | CURRENT | PRECEDING |
|  | YEAR | YEAR | YEAR | YEAR |
|  | QUARTER | QUARTER | to DATE | to DATE |
|  | 30-Sep-05 | 30-Sep-04 | 30-Sep-05 | 30-Sep-04 |
|  | RM '000 | RM '000 | RM '000 | RM '000 |
| Operating expenses | $\begin{gathered} 94,552 \\ (35,965) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 84,588 \\ (28,975) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 294,643 \\ (95,732) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 276,830 \\ (90,191) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |
|  | 58,587 | 55,613 | 198,911 | 186,639 |
| Other operating income | 281 | 2,166 | 415,694 | 41,417 |
| Administrative expenses | $(4,701)$ | $(4,410)$ | $(12,748)$ | $(8,722)$ |
| Profit from operations | 54,167 | 53,369 | 601,857 | 219,334 |
| Finance cost | $(3,460)$ | $(5,203)$ | $(8,604)$ | $(15,634)$ |
|  | 50,707 | 48,166 | 593,253 | 203,700 |
| Share of results of associate | 2,671 | 4 | 2,671 | 4 |
| Profit before taxation | 53,378 | 48,170 | 595,924 | 203,704 |
| Taxation | (558) | 65 | (86) | (507) |
| Profit after taxation | 52,820 | 48,235 | 595,838 | 203,197 |
| Less minority interests | $(2,914)$ | $(2,464)$ | $(9,663)$ | $(7,219)$ |
| Net profit attributable to | 49,906 | 45,771 | 586,175 | 195,978 |
| shareholders of the company |  |  |  |  |
| Earnings per share (sen) |  |  |  |  |
| (i) Basic | 6.24 | 5.72 | 73.27 | 24.50 |
| (ii) Diluted | 6.24 | 5.72 | 73.27 | 24.50 |

Please refer to Note B13 for number of shares

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2005

|  | UNAUDITED | AUDITED |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | AS AT | AS AT |
|  | END OF | PRECEDING |
|  | CURRENT | FINANCIAL |
|  | QUARTER | YEAR END |
|  | 30-Sep-05 | 31-Dec-04 |
|  | RM '000 | RM '000 |
| FIXED ASSETS | 860,730 | 1,061,383 |
| ASSOCIATE COMPANY | 21,389 | 11,412 |
|  | 882,119 | 1,072,795 |
| CURRENT ASSETS |  |  |
| Consumable stores | 6,750 | 4,284 |
| Trade receivables | 26,154 | 16,437 |
| Other receivables and prepayments | 14,808 | 11,769 |
| Investments | 115,564 | 94,068 |
| Short term deposits | 770,303 | 54,474 |
| Cash and bank balances | 3,487 | 1,617 |
|  | 937,066 | 182,649 |
| CURRENT LIABILITIES |  |  |
| Other payables | 58,703 | 43,621 |
| Current portion of term loans | 7,068 | 11,654 |
| Provision for Taxation | 463 | 474 |
|  | 66,234 | 55,749 |
| NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES) | 870,832 | 126,900 |
|  | 1,752,951 | 1,199,695 |
| SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS |  |  |
| SHARE CAPITAL | 200,000 | 200,000 |
| RESERVES | 1,204,591 | 716,075 |
|  | 1,404,591 | 916,075 |
| MINORITY INTEREST | 43,735 | 32,553 |
| NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES |  |  |
| Redeemable preference shares | - | 150,000 |
| Long Term Loans | 218,108 | 100,637 |
| Deferred credit | 86,443 | - |
| Deferred taxation | 74 | 430 |
|  | 1,752,951 | 1,199,695 |

## CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2005

|  | cumulative |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | CURRENT | PRECEDING YEAR |
|  | YEAR | CORRESPONDING |
|  | 30-Sep-05 | 30-Sep-04 |
|  | RM '000 | RM '000 |
| Cash Flow From Operating Activities |  |  |
| Profit before taxation | 595,924 | 203,704 |
| Adjustments for: |  |  |
| Depreciation | 24,331 | 26,750 |
| Amortisation of deferred credit | $(2,960)$ | - |
| Gain on disposal of fixed assets | $(118,148)$ | $(38,359)$ |
| (Gain) / loss on disposal of quoted investments | (262) | (408) |
| Gain on disposal of subsidiaries | $(292,087)$ |  |
| Share of results of associate | $(2,671)$ | (4) |
| Unrealised loss on quoted investments | 2,794 | 766 |
| Dividend income | (788) | (283) |
| Movement in foreign exchange translation | 36 | (137) |
| Interest income | $(6,707)$ | $(2,950)$ |
| Finance cost | 8,604 | 15,634 |
| Operating profit/(loss) before working capital changes | 208,066 | 204,713 |
| Working capital changes: |  |  |
| Consumable stores | (843) | 201 |
| Receivables | $(18,933)$ | $(1,578)$ |
| Payables | 21,190 | 7,543 |
| Cash generated from operating activities | 209,480 | 210,879 |
| Tax (paid)/recovered | (419) | (172) |
| Net cash generated from operating activities | 209,061 | 210,707 |
| Cash Flows From Investing Activities |  |  |
| Construction cost incurred for fixed assets | $(291,572)$ | $(95,260)$ |
| Purchase of fixed assets | (981) | $(1,041)$ |
| Purchase of quoted investments | $(44,994)$ | $(19,343)$ |
| Dividend received | 788 | 283 |
| Interest received | 6,707 | 2,950 |
| Proceeds from disposal of quoted investments | 20,490 | 11,637 |
| Proceeds from disposal of fixed assets | 395,576 | 267,524 |
| Proceeds from disposal of subsidiaries | 570,129 | - |
| Subscription of shares in associate company | - | $(1,900)$ |
| Loan to associate company | $(7,306)$ | $(4,770)$ |
| Net cash generated from/(used in) investing activities | 648,837 | 160,080 |
| Cash Flows From Financing Activities |  |  |
| Finance cost paid | $(8,604)$ | $(15,634)$ |
| Redemption of redeemable preference shares | $(150,000)$ | - |
| Proceeds from issuance of share to minority shareholder of subsidiary company | 1,520 | - |
| Repayment of term loans | $(111,847)$ | $(9,363)$ |
| Dividend paid to shareholders | $(96,000)$ | $(56,000)$ |
| Drawdown of loans | 215,241 | - |
| Loan from minority shareholder of subsidiary companies | 9,491 | 58 |
| Listing expenses paid | - | (90) |
| Net cash generated from/(used in) financing activities | $(140,199)$ | $(81,029)$ |
| Net Change in Cash \& Cash Equivalents | 717,699 | 289,758 |
| Cash \& Cash Equivalents at the beginning of the period | 56,091 | 73,560 |
| Cash \& Cash Equivalents at the end of the period | 773,790 | 363,318 |
| Cash \& Cash equivalents comprise: |  |  |
| Short term deposits | 770,303 | 380,339 |
| Cash and bank balances | 3,487 | 1,668 |
|  | 773,790 | 382,007 |
| Less: Short term deposits pledged as security for a guarantee facility provided by a foreign licensed bank to a third party | - | $(5,699)$ |
|  | 773,790 | 376,308 |

## CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2005

|  | Share Capital | Distributable | Non-distributable |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Ordinary shares RM '000 |  | Share premium RM '000 | Capital reserve <br> RM '000 | Capital redemption reserve RM '000 | Exchange translation reserve RM '000 | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Total } \\ \text { RM '000 } \end{array}$ |
| 9 MONTHS ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2005 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| At 1 January 2005 | 200,000 | 555,953 | 98,791 | 34,159 | 25,000 | 2,172 | 916,075 |
| Transfer to Capital Redemption Reserve <br> upon redemption of RPS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Profit after taxation and minority interest | - | 586,175 | - | - | - | - | 586,175 |
| Dividends | - | $(96,000)$ | - | - | - | - | $(96,000)$ |
| Currency translation differences | - | - | - | - | - | $(1,659)$ | $(1,659)$ |
| At 30 September 2005 | 200,000 | 1,031,128 | 98,791 | 34,159 | 40,000 | 513 | 1,404,591 |

9 MONTHS ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2004

| At 1 January 2004 | 200,000 | 352,874 | 99,174 | 34,159 | 10,000 | 11,062 | 707,269 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Listing expenses | - | - | (90) | - |  |  | (90) |
| Profit after taxation and minority interest | - | 195,978 | - | - | - |  | 195,978 |
| Dividends |  | $(56,000)$ | - | - | - | - | $(56,000)$ |
| Currency translation differences | - | - | - | - | - | $(8,512)$ | $(8,512)$ |
| At 30 September 2004 | 200,000 | 492,852 | 99,084 | 34,159 | 10,000 | 2,550 | 838,645 |

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL REPORT

## A1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The interim financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Malaysian Accounting Standards Board ("MASB") 26 - "Interim Financial Reporting" and Chapter 9 Part K of the Listing Requirements of the Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad ("Bursa Malaysia").

These condensed interim financial statements are prepared using the same accounting policies and methods of computations as those applied to the most recent annual financial report of the Group for the financial year ended 31 December 2004. There have been no significant changes to those policies.

The Group's revenue mainly comprises charter hire income from various ship chartering activities which are recognised on a time proportion basis.

A2. AUDIT REPORT OF PRECEDING ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
The financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2004 were not qualified.

A3. SEASONALITY OR CYCLICALITY OF OPERATIONS
The business operations of the Group were not significantly affected by any seasonal or cyclical factors.
A4. EXCEPTIONAL ITEMS
There are no exceptional items during the current quarter, save that the Group recognised a gain on the disposal of subsidiaries amounting to RM292 million and gain on disposal of vessels of RM118 million.

A5. CHANGES IN ESTIMATES
There were no changes to the estimates of amounts reported in prior financial years that may have a material effect in the current quarter.

A6. ISSUANCE OR REPAYMENT OF DEBT AND EQUITY SECURITIES
There were no issuance and repayment of debt and equity securities, share buy-backs, share cancellation or shares held as treasury shares and resale of treasury shares for the current financial year under review.

A7. DIVIDENDS
There were no dividends paid or declared during the current quarter.
In respect of the financial year ended 31 December 2004, a first and final dividend of 12 sen per share, tax exempt, amounting to RM96 million was paid on 25 May 2005.

A8. SEGMENT REPORT
Segmental analysis for the current financial year to date is as follows:

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Shipping | Shipping | \& management | Elimination | Group |
|  | Bulkers | Tankers | \& others |  | Group |
|  | RM '000 | RM '000 | RM '000 | RM '000 | RM '000 |
| REVENUE AND RESULT |  |  |  |  |  |
| Revenue |  |  |  |  |  |
| External sales | 210,826 | 80,605 | 3,212 | - | 294,643 |
| Inter-segment sales | $(1,688)$ | - | 3,161 | $(1,473)$ | - |
| Total revenue | 209,138 | 80,605 | 6,373 | $(1,473)$ | 294,643 |
| Segment results | 250,114 | 350,335 | $(5,299)$ | - | 595,150 |
| Interest income |  |  |  |  | 6,707 |
| Finance cost |  |  |  |  | $(8,604)$ |
| Share of results of associate |  |  |  |  | 2,671 |
| Taxation |  |  |  |  | (86) |
| Profit after taxation |  |  |  |  | 595,838 |
| Minority Interest |  |  |  |  | $(9,663)$ |
| Profit for the period |  |  |  |  | 586,175 |

A9. VALUATION OF SHIPS, PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT
The fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation.

A10. SUBSEQUENT MATERIAL EVENTS
There were no items of an exceptional or unusual nature which affect the assets, liabilities, equity, net income or cash flows of the Group.

## A11. CHANGES IN THE COMPOSITION OF THE GROUP

On 26 September 2006, the company acquired the entire issued share capital of 1 ordinary share of USD1 each in Kohing Investments Limited, a company incorporated in the British Virgin Islands, for a consideration of USD1 each.

Save as disclosed above, there have been no changes in the composition of the Group during the current quarter under review.

## A12. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

There were no changes in contingent liabilities since the last annual balance sheet date to the date of this report.

## B1. REVIEW OF PERFORMANCE

Group revenue of RM294.6 million for the nine months ended 2005 reported a $6.4 \%$ increase against the corresponding period of 2004. The average Time Charter Equivalents (TCE) achieved for the nine months is higher by $8.5 \%$ than that for the nine months average in 2004, with the dry bulk registering an increase of $6.6 \%$ while the tanker recording an increase of $17 \%$. The hire days were marginally lower (1.9\%) compared to last year due to a net decline in MBC's total fleet.

Profit before tax and minority interest for the nine months ended 2005 amounted to RM595.9 million, about a 3 fold increase compared to 2004's nine months' profits of RM203.7 million. The gains realized on disposal which included four panamaxtankers and two handymax bulk carriers, contributed RM410.0 million (as compared to RM38.4 million for period up till September 2004) to the results of the Group. Profits from ship operations increased by RM12.3 million in comparison with the corresponding period in 2004.

As reported in the preceding quarters, the increase in administrative expenses is attributable to the increasing personnel costs to meet the needs of an expanding business.

## B2. COMPARISON WITH PRECEDING QUARTER'S RESULTS

The shipping market for both dry bulk carriers and tankers peaked towards the last quarter of 2004 with markets easing into the third quarter of 2005. Consequently, revenue for the third quarter, in tandem with the market trend, reported a decline, albeit a marginal 1.9\%, against the second quarter of 2005.

There were no disposal of ships, whereas in the second quarter there were disposals resulting in gains of RM119 million and consequently the comparative profit before tax and minority interest was $70 \%$ lower when compared against the second quarter's results for 2005.

## B3. PROSPECTS

In September this year, the IMF warned that rising energy prices raise the risk of higher inflation, leading to higher interest rates and slower growth. Notwithstanding the caution, the IMF stuck with its spring projection of $4.3 \%$ for 2005 global growth, but trimmed its forecast for growth in 2006 to $4.3 \%$ from $4.4 \%$. The U.S. economy is projected to remain strong and China's economic expansion continues unabated, with growth of $9 \%$ expected for 2005 , and a moderate easing to $8.2 \%$ for 2006 .

The Baltic Dry Index declined to a low of 1747 in August 2005, largely the result of a slackening in China's imports, the easing of port congestions and the escalating newbuilding deliveries. However, the index has since retraced to 2988 in early November, reflecting a $71 \%$ recovery. Whilst it is some way from its height of 6208 points achieved in December last year, it is nonetheless a positive sign arresting the market negativity of mid 2005. The strength of recovery will largely depend on the pace of China's import and the health of the global economies. The Ministry for Communications in China commented on October 26, that as the biggest consumer of steel and coal, China may move 250 million metric tons of imported iron ore this year, $18 \%$ more than a year earlier and in total China would handle 15\% more imports in 2005, compared to 2004.

Whilst such expectations are most encouraging, your Board would caution that rising energy cost and increasing interest rates could affect the global economy. Should the H5N1 virus become pandemic, the outlook could be further dampened. At the same time the impact of new vessels joining the world's fleet of ships cannot be taken lightly.

Such concerns and the decline in rates, have recently resulted in a lower orderbook, which should help curtail the amount of newbuilding deliveries in the future.

As ship prices are expected to ease further in the near future, the MBC Group is in a good financial position to look at acquisition opportunities. Furthermore, your Board continues to take measures, in the form of contracts of affreightment and period charters, to safeguard the Group's earnings.

B4. VARIANCE OF PROFIT FORECAST AND PROFIT GUARANTEE
There were no profit forecast or profit guarantee for the period under review.

B5. TAXATION

|  | Current <br> quarter <br> RM'000 | financial <br> year-to-date <br> RM'000 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Income tax charge/(credit) | 563 | 1,094 |
| -current year |  |  |
| -prior year | $(5)$ | $(652)$ |
| Deferred tax | $(0)$ | $(356)$ |

The income of the Group that is derived from the operations of sea-going Malaysian registered ships is tax exempt under Section 54A of the Income Tax Act, 1967. The taxation charge for the Group is attributable to tax in respect of non-tax exempt activities of the Group.

B6. PROFITS ON SALE OF INVESTMENTS AND/OR PROPERTIES
There were no sales of unquoted investments and/or properties for the current financial quarter.
B7. PURCHASES AND SALES OF QUOTED SECURITIES
i) The total purchase consideration, sale proceeds and profit/loss on disposal of quoted securities for the current quarter and financial year-to-date are as follows:

|  |  | Current <br> financial |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
|  | Current | quarter |$\quad$ year-to-date

ii) Investments in quoted securities as at 30 September 2005 are as follows:-

| Marketable Securities | RM '000 |
| :--- | ---: |
| At cost | 92,375 |
| At carrying value | 115,564 |
| At market value | 121,820 |

The Group's policy on quoted securities does not recognise unrealised gains (if any) until the financial year end.
B8. STATUS OF CORPORATE PROPOSALS
There were no outstanding corporate proposals submitted by the Group as at 30 September 2005.
B9. GROUP BORROWINGS
i) The Group borrowings as at 30 September 2005 are as follows:

|  | Currency | Current RM '000 | Non-current RM '000 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Secured loan | GBP | 7,068 | 208,172 |
| Unsecured loan | USD | - | 9,391 |
| Unsecured loan | RM | - | 544 |
|  |  | 7,068 | 218,107 |

The secured borrowings are denominated in Sterling Pound and these have been swapped into US Dollars.

B10. OFF BALANCE SHEET FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS
The Group did not enter into any contracts involving off balance sheet financial instruments as at the date of this report.

B11. MATERIAL LITIGATION
There is no material litigation involving the Group since the last annual balance sheet date to the date of this report.

B12. DIVIDENDS
There were no dividends declared during the current quarter.

B13. EARNINGS PER SHARE
Earnings per share of the Group are calculated by dividing the net profit by the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue.

|  | CURRENT YEAR | PRECEDING | CURRENT YEAR | PRECEDING |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | QUARTER | QUARTER | TO DATE | TO DATE |
|  | 30-Sep-05 | 30-Sep-04 | 30-Sep-05 | 30-Sep-04 |
| Net profit (RM'000) | 49,906 | 45,771 | 586,175 | 195,978 |
| Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue('000) | 800,000 | 800,000 | 800,000 | 800,000 |
| Earnings per share(sen) | 6.24 | 5.72 | 73.27 | 24.50 |

B14. COMMITMENTS
Commitments as at 30 September 2005, in foreign currency and its equivalent in RM are as follows:

| Approved and contracted for |  |  | RM'000 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Capital commitments |  |  |  |
| - new shipbuildings | USD'000 | 108,015 | 407,076 |
| - vessel purchase obligation | JPY'000 | 1,005,000 | 34,318 |
|  |  |  | 441,394 |
| Time charter commitments in US dollars | USD'000 | 57,559 | 216,923 |
| Time charter commitments in Japanese Yen | JPY'000 | 4,657,150 | 159,028 |
|  |  |  | 658,317 |

