

Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet

At 31 March 2004

	Note	31 March 2004 RM'000	31 December 2003 RM'000
Property, Plant & Equipment	2	405,698	400,201
Investment in Associate		-	-
Deferred tax assets		1,739	1,739
Other Investments		49	49
Intangible Assets	3	1,173	1,319
		408,659	403,308
Current Assets			
Inventories		12,608	9,180
Trade and other receivables		1,963	5,466
Cash & Cash Equivalents		42,744	44,692
		57,315	59,338
Current Liabilities			
Trade & other payables		49,300	57,217
Borrowings		12,900	23,318
Taxation		4,157	3,306
Bank overdraft		-	-
		66,357	83,841
Net Current Assets		(9,042)	(24,503)
		399,617	378,805
Financed by:			
Capital And Reserve			
Share Capital		94,968	94,968
Reserves		108,591	101,847
		203,559	196,815
Minority Shareholders' Interests		13,278	13,605
Long Term And Deferred Liabilities			
Borrowings		132,509	120,635
Deferred taxation		26,337	26,337
Other deferred liabilities		23,934	21,413
		182,780	168,385
		399,617	378,805

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Condensed Consolidated Income Statements

For the year ended 31 March 2004

	3 months ended 31 March		3 months ended 31 March	
	2004 RM'000	2003 RM'000	2004 RM'000	2003 RM'000
Revenue	33,523	17,649	33,523	17,649
Operating Profit	11,019	6,750	11,019	6,750
Interest expense	(1,508)	(361)	(1,508)	(361)
Other Income	501	304	501	304
Share of Profit (Loss) of an associate			-	
Profit/(Loss) on disposal of investment			-	
Profit before taxation	10,012	6,693	10,012	6,693
Tax expense	(3,595)	(1,965)	(3,595)	(1,965)
Profit after taxation	6,417	4,728	6,417	4,728
Add: Minority Interests	327	57	327	57
Net Profit for the period	6,744	4,785	6,744	4,785
Basic earnings per ordinary share (Sen)	7.10	5.04	7.10	5.04
Diluted earnings per ordinary share (sen)	7.10	5.04	7.10	5.04

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Condensed Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity

For the three months ended 31 March 2004

	(Non- distributable) RM'000	Distributable Retained Profits RM'000	Total RM'000
At 1 January 2004	94,968	101,847	196,815
Net profit for the year	-	6,744	6,744
Dividends	-	-	-
At 31 March 2004	94,968	108,591	203,559
At 1 January 2003 (restated)	94,968	62,221	157,189
Net profit for the year	-	4,785	4,785
Dividends	-	-	-
At 31 March 2003	94,968	67,006	161,974

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Condensed Consolidated Cash Flow Statement

For the three months ended 31 March 2004

	31 March 2004	31 March 2003
	RM'000	RM'000
Net cash inflow from operating activities	6,848	4,780
Net cash outflow from investing activities	(7,901)	(6,418)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from financing activities	(551)	4,730
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(1,604)	3,092
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January	44,348	32,645
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December	42,744	35,737

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Notes to the Report

1 Basis of Preparation

The interim financial report is unaudited and has been prepared in compliance with MASB 26, Interim Financial Reporting.

The Interim financial report should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2003.

The accounting policies and methods of computation adopted by the Group in this interim financial report are consistent with those adopted in the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2003.

The following notes explain the 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 2003.

2 Property, plant and equipment

The valuations of land and buildings have been brought forward, without amendment from the previous annual report.

3 Intangible Assets

An amount of RM1.2 million is the goodwill upon consolidation arising from the acquisition of SOP Plantations (Borneo) Sdn Bhd (*formerly known as Shin Yang Oil Palm Sdn Bhd*).

4 Disclosure of audit report qualification and status of matters raised

The audit report of the preceding annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2003 was unqualified.

5 Seasonality or Cyclical Factors

The Group's performance is affected by the cropping pattern which normally reaches its peak at the second half of the year.

6 Unusual items affecting assets, liabilities, equity, net income, or cash flow

There were no items for which by nature or amount affecting assets, liabilities, equity, net income, or cash flows that were unusual because of their nature, size, or incidence during the quarter under review.

7 Material changes in estimates

There were no changes in estimates of amounts reported in prior financial years that have a material effect in the quarter under review.

8 Issuances, Cancellations, Repurchases, Resale and Repayments of Debt and Equity Securities

There were no issuances, cancellations, repurchases, resale or repayment of debt and equity securities for the current financial year-to-date.

9 Dividends paid

There were no dividend paid in the quarter under review.

10 Segment Information

No segment analysis is prepared as the Company is primarily engaged in the oil palm industry in Malaysia.

11 Material events subsequent to the end of the interim period

There were no material events subsequent to the end of the interim period that have not been reflected in the financial statements for the interim period.



Notes to the Report

12 Changes in the composition of the Group

There were no changes in the composition of the Group arising from business combinations, acquisition or disposal of subsidiary companies and long-term investments, restructurings, and discontinued operations for the current interim period.

13 Capital Commitments

	31-Mar-2004
	RM '000
Property, Plant and Equipment	
Authorised but not contracted for	17,114
Contracted but not provided for in the financial statements	5,097
	<u>22,211</u>
Plantation Development Expenditure	
Authorised but not contracted for	8,468
Contracted but not provided for in the financial statements	-
	<u>8,468</u>

14 Contingent Liabilities -

	Company
	RM'000
Corporate guarantees favouring banks for loan granted to subsidiaries	68,000
Loans yet to be drawn down by subsidiaries	(13,700)
	<u>54,300</u>

15 Related Party Transaction

Significant related party transactions other than those disclosed elsewhere in the financial statements are as follows:-

Transactions with companies in which Datuk Ling Chiong Ho, a Director, has or is deemed to have substantial interests:-

<u>Nature of transactions</u>	<u>3 months ended</u> <u>31 March 2004</u> <u>RM '000</u>
Purchase of consumables from Shin Yang Services Sdn Bhd , Shin Yang Trading Sdn Bhd , Hollystone Quarry Sdn Bhd, Piasau Slipways Sdn Bhd, Shin Yang Sawmill Sdn Bhd, Shin Yang Holding Sdn Bhd, Shin Yang Sdn Bhd and Scott & English Trading (S'wak) Sdn Bhd	946
Purchase of farm machineries and spare parts from Dai Lieng Machinery Sdn Bhd and Dai Lieng Trading Sdn Bhd	315
Interest charged by Shin Yang Holding Sdn Bhd	259
Purchase of fresh fruit bunches from Greenwood Estate Sdn Bhd and Jati Vista Sdn Bhd	411



Additional Information Required by the KLSE's Listing Requirements

1 Review of performance

The Group's profit before taxation for the three month ended 31 March 2004 increased by RM3.3 million or 49.6% compared to the previous year corresponding period, mainly due to stronger CPO and PK prices .

2 Variation of results against preceding quarter

For the quarter under review, the Group recorded a profit before tax, minority interest and extraordinary items of RM10.0 million compared to RM9.2million in the previous quarter.

3 Prospects

The performance of the Group for the year is largely dependent on developments in the world edible oil market and their corresponding effect on CPO prices. Assuming that CPO & PK prices stay at current levels, the Group is expected to maintain its performance for the remaining of the year.

4 Profit forecast

Not applicable as no profit forecast was published.

5 Tax expense

	3 months ended 31 March		3 months ended 31 March	
	2004 RM'000	2003 RM'000	2004 RM'000	2003 RM'000
Current tax expense	3,595	1,965	3,595	1,965
Deferred tax	0	0	0	-
	3,595	1,965	3,595	1,965

The Group's effective tax rate is higher than the prima facie tax rate as group relief is not available for losses incurred at the subsidiaries and non-deductibility for tax purposes of certain expenses.

6 Unquoted investments and properties

There is no profit on sale of unquoted investments and properties as there is no disposal of unquoted investments and properties during the period under review.

7 Quoted investments

There is no purchase or disposal of quoted securities.

8 Status of corporate proposal announced

There are no corporate proposals announced but not completed as at the date of issue of this report.

9 Borrowing and debt securities

	31 March 2004
	RM'000
Current	
Secured	1,000
Unsecured	11,900
Non-current	
Secured	115,709
Unsecured	16,800
	145,409

The above borrowings are denominated in Ringgit Malaysia.



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10 Off balance sheet financial instruments

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

11 Changes in material litigation

SOP Plantations (Suai) Sdn Bhd

As reported in the last quarter, the Superintendent of Lands and Surveys, Sarawak, the State Government of Sarawak and Sarawak Oil Palms Berhad ("SOPB"), were sued by five individuals claiming to have native customary rights over the lands in the area at Rumah Lasan and Rumah Timboo, Sungai Galasah, Suai, Niah, Miri Division, Sarawak which overlaps part of Lot 78 ("the disputed land"), Sawai Land District, Sarawak. The disputed land is one of the provisional leases of SOP Plantations (Suai) Sdn Bhd, which is 85% owned subsidiary of SOPB.

These five individuals claim to sue on behalf of themselves and all other proprietors, occupiers, holders or claimants of Native Customary Rights Lands situate at Rumah Lasan and Rumah Timboo, Sungai Gelasah, Niah, Suai.

There is no further development as the pre-trial case management was adjourned to 12 August 2004.

12 Dividends

The Board has recommended a first and final dividend of 5% less 28% income tax for the year ended 31 December 2003 (2002 – 5%) which, if approved by the shareholders at the forthcoming annual general meeting, shall be paid on 28 July 2004. The amount payable is RM3.42 million.

The entitlement date for the first and final dividend shall be 14 July 2004. A depositor shall qualify for entitlement to the dividend only in respect of:

- (a) shares deposited into the depositor's securities account before 12:30 p.m. on 12 July 2004 in respect of shares exempted from mandatory deposit;
- (b) shares transferred into the depositor's securities account before 4:00 p.m. on 14 July 2004 in respect of ordinary transfers; and
- (c) shares bought on the Exchange on a cum entitlement basis in accordance with the rules of the Exchange.

13 Earnings per share

Basic/Diluted earnings per share

The calculation of basic/Diluted earnings per share for the quarter is based on the net profit attributable to ordinary shareholders of RM6.744 million and the number of ordinary shares outstanding during the quarter of 94,968,240.

By Order of the Board

Eric Kiu Kwong Seng

Company Secretary

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24 May 2004

