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# SOUTHERN ACIDS (M) BERHAD (Company No. 64577- K) (Incorporated in Malaysia) AND ITS SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES

# INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2015

# FIRST FINANCIAL QUARTER ENDED 30 JUNE 2014

(Figures are not audited unless otherwise specified) (In Ringgit Malaysia) Company No. 64577 - K



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# FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2015 CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS FOR THE FIRST FINANCIAL QUARTER ENDED 30 JUNE 2014

|   | Note     | Cumulative 3-<br>30.06.2014<br>RM'000 | month Ended<br>30.06.2013<br>RM'000 |
|---|----------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Revenue<br>- Cost of sales  | A8       | 151,169<br>(125,667)                  | 130,117<br>(105,982)                |
| Gross profit  |          | 25,502                                | 24,135                              |
| - Other income<br>- Selling and distribution  |          | 368                                   | 1,474                               |
| costs<br>- Administrative expenses  |          | (2,832)<br>(10,733)                   | (2,536)<br>(9,615)                  |
| Profit before tax<br>- Income tax expense   | A8<br>B5 | 12,305<br>(2,753)                     | 13,458<br>(3,477)                   |
| Profit for the year   | B13      | 9,552                                 | 9,981                               |
| Attributable to:<br>- Equity holders of the<br>Company<br>- Non-controlling interests |          | 7,748<br><u>1,804</u><br>9,552        | 8,328<br>1,653<br>9,981             |
| Earnings per share (sen)<br>attributable to equity<br>holders of the Company          |          |                                       |                                     |
| - Basic and diluted   | B11      | 5.66                                  | 6.08                                |



# FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2015 CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE FIRST FINANCIAL QUARTER ENDED 30 JUNE 2014

|   | Note | Cumulative 3-1<br>30.06.2014<br>RM'000 | month Ended<br>30.06.2013<br>RM'000 |
|---|------|--|-------------------------------------|
| Profit for the year   | B13  | 9,552                                  | 9,981                               |
| Other comprehensive income  |      |  |                                     |
| Items that may be reclassified ubsequently to profit or loss:                         |      |  |                                     |
| <ul><li>Available-for-sale financial assets</li><li>Exchange differences on</li></ul> |      | (1,307)                                | 860                                 |
| translation of foreign subsidiaries   |      | (5,618)                                | 632                                 |
| Items that will not reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:                      |      |  |                                     |
| - Remeasurement of defined benefit obligation   |      | -                                      | -                                   |
| Total comprehensive income for the year   |      | 2,627                                  | 11,473                              |
|   |      |  |                                     |
| Attributable to:<br>- Equity holders of the<br>Company                                |      | 2,902                                  | 9,585                               |
| - Non-controlling interests   |      | (275)                                  | 1,888                               |
|   |      | 2,627                                  | 11,473                              |

The consolidated income statements and consolidated statement of comprehensive income should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 March 2014, and the accompanying notes attached to these interim financial statements.



# FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2015 CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS OF 30 JUNE 2014

|   | Note | Unaudited<br>As of<br>30.06.2014<br>RM'000 | Audited<br>As of<br>31.03.2014<br>RM'000 |
|---|------|--|--|
| ASSETS  |      |  |  |
| Non-Current Assets                                  |      |  |  |
| Land held for property development                  |      | 141,944                                    | 141,944                                  |
| Property, plant and equipment                       | A9   | 122,776                                    | 115,325                                  |
| Investment property                                 |      | 3,318                                      | 3,318                                    |
| Biological assets                                   |      | 10,280                                     | 10,424                                   |
| Available-for-sale investments                      |      | 34,170                                     | 35,478                                   |
| Advances for KKPA program                           |      | 2,029                                      | 1,478                                    |
| Deferred tax assets                                 |      | 744  | 782                                      |
|   |      | 315,261                                    | 308,749                                  |
| Current Assets                                      |      |  |  |
| Inventories   |      | 61,158                                     | 61,412                                   |
| Derivative financial assets                         |      |  | 1,188                                    |
| Trade receivables                                   |      | 43,398                                     | 45,747                                   |
| Other receivables, deposits and prepaid expenses    |      | 7,303                                      | 7,469                                    |
| Tax recoverable                                     |      | 7,461                                      | 2,328                                    |
| Fixed deposits, short-term placements, and cash and |      |  |  |
| bank balances                                       |      | 154,597                                    | 156,742                                  |
|   |      | 273,917                                    | 274,886                                  |
|   |      |  |  |
| TOTAL ASSETS  |      | 589,178                                    | 583,635                                  |



# FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2015 CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS OF 30 JUNE 2014 (cont'd)

|  | Unaudited<br>As of<br>30.06.2014<br>RM'000 | Audited<br>As of<br>31.03.2014<br>RM'000 |
|--|--|--|
| EQUITY AND LIABILITIES                               |  |  |
| Capital and Reserves                                 | 100001                                     | 126.024                                  |
| Share capital  | 136,934                                    | 136,934                                  |
| Reserves   | 340,539                                    | 337,637                                  |
| Equity attributable to equity holders of the Company | 477,473                                    | 474,571                                  |
| Non-controlling interests                            | 40,317                                     | 40,592                                   |
| Total Equity   | 517,790                                    | 515,163                                  |
| Non-Current Liabilities                              |  |  |
| Provision for retirement benefits                    | 7,302                                      | 7,350                                    |
| Deferred tax liabilities                             | 3,556                                      | 3,558                                    |
|  | 10,858                                     | 10,908                                   |
| Current Liabilities                                  |  |  |
| Trade payables                                       | 21,051                                     | 17,393                                   |
| Other payables and accrued expenses                  | 33,660                                     | 37,106                                   |
| Tax liabilities                                      | 5,698                                      | 2,944                                    |
| Dividend payable                                     | 121  | 121                                      |
|  | 60,530                                     | 57,564                                   |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES                                    | 71,388                                     | 68,472                                   |
| TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES                         | 589,178                                    | 583,635                                  |

The consolidated statement of financial position should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 March 2014, and the accompanying notes attached to these interim financial statements.

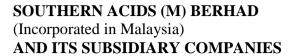
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#### SOUTHERN ACIDS (M) BERHAD (Incorporated in Malaysia) AND ITS SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES

#### FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2015 CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE FIRST FINANCIAL QUARTER ENDED 30 JUNE 2014

|   |                            | Non-disti<br>Rese          |  |                            |                                    | Distributable                               | Equity<br>attributable to                     |  |                           |
|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|--|----------------------------|------------------------------------|---|---|--|---------------------------|
| The Group   | Share<br>capital<br>RM'000 | Share<br>premium<br>RM'000 | Foreign<br>exchange<br>reserve<br>RM'000 | Other<br>reserve<br>RM'000 | Fair<br>value<br>reserve<br>RM'000 | reserve -<br>Retained<br>earnings<br>RM'000 | equity<br>holders of the<br>Company<br>RM'000 | Non-<br>controlling<br>interests<br>RM'000 | Total<br>Equity<br>RM'000 |
| As of 1 April 2013  | 136,934                    | 34,321                     | (5,065)                                  | (322)                      | 13,768                             | 267,147                                     | 446,783                                       | 35,972                                     | 482,755                   |
| Profit for the year   | -                          | -                          | -  | -                          | -                                  | 8,328                                       | 8,328   | 1,653                                      | 9,981                     |
| Other comprehensive loss  | -                          | -                          | 397                                      | -                          | 860                                | -   | 1,257   | 235  | 1,492                     |
| Total comprehensive income/(loss)                                       | -                          | -                          | 397                                      | -                          | 860                                | 8,328                                       | 9,585   | 1,888                                      | 11,473                    |
| Dividend paid   | -                          | -                          | -  | -                          | -                                  | -   | -   | -  | -                         |
| Dividend paid to non-controlling<br>shareholers of a subsidiary company | -                          | -                          | -  | -                          | -                                  | -   | -   | -  | -                         |
| As of 30 June 2013  | 136,934                    | 34,321                     | (4,668)                                  | (322)                      | 14,628                             | 275,475                                     | 456,368                                       | 37,860                                     | 494,228                   |
| A   | 126.024                    | 24 201                     | (10,700)                                 | (222)                      | 15 204                             | 200 104                                     | 474 571                                       | 40.502                                     | 515 162                   |
| As of 1 April 2014<br>Profit for the year                               | 136,934                    | 34,321                     | (10,790)                                 | (322)                      | 15,324                             | 299,104<br>7,748                            | 474,571<br>7,748                              | <u>40,592</u><br>1,804                     | 515,163<br>9,552          |
| Other comprehensive income/(loss)                                       | -                          | -                          | (3,539)                                  | -                          | (1,307)                            |   | (4,846)                                       | (2,079)                                    | (6,925)                   |
| Total comprehensive income/(loss)                                       | -                          | -                          | (3,539)                                  | -                          | -                                  | 7,748                                       | 2,902   | (275)                                      | 2,627                     |
| Dividend paid   | -                          | -                          | -  | -                          | -                                  | -   | -   | -  | -                         |
| Dividend paid to non-controlling<br>shareholers of a subsidiary company | -                          | -                          | -  | -                          | -                                  | -   | -   | -  | -                         |
| As of 30 June 2014  | 136,934                    | 34,321                     | (14,329)                                 | (322)                      | 14,017                             | 306,852                                     | 477,473                                       | 40,317                                     | 517,790                   |

The consolidated statement of changes in equity should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 March 2014, and the accompanying notes attached to these interim financial statements.



# FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2015 CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE FIRST FINANCIAL QUARTER ENDED 30 JUNE 2014

|  | Cumulative 3-month Ended |                      |  |
|--|--------------------------|----------------------|--|
|  | 30.06.2014<br>RM'000     | 30.06.2013<br>RM'000 |  |
| Cash Flows From/(Used In) Operating Activities                               |                          |                      |  |
| Profit before tax<br>Adjustments for:  | 12,305                   | 13,458               |  |
| - Dividend income  | (939)                    | (912)                |  |
| - Interest income  | (1,278)                  | (1,104)              |  |
| - Unrealised loss/(gain) on foreign exchange                                 | 1,447                    | (882)                |  |
| - Depreciation of property, plant and equipment                              | 2,266                    | 2,207                |  |
| - Inventories written down   | (96)                     | 185                  |  |
| - Gain arising from derivative financial assets                              | -                        | 900                  |  |
| - Provision for retirement benefits  | 284                      | 103                  |  |
| - Amortisation of biological assets  | 179                      | 182                  |  |
| - Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment                          | (43)                     |                      |  |
| Operating Profit Before Working Capital Changes (Increase)/decrease in :     | 14,125                   | 14,137               |  |
| - Inventories  | 349                      | 1,528                |  |
| - Trade receivables  | 2,825                    | 543                  |  |
| - Other receivables, deposit and prepaid expenses<br>Increase/(decrease) in: | 167                      | (199)                |  |
| - Trade payables   | 3,658                    | (7,303)              |  |
| - Other payables and accrued expenses  | (3,446)                  | 1,138                |  |
| Cash Generated From Operating Activities                                     | 17,678                   | 9,844                |  |
| - Income tax paid  | (4,970)                  | (1,897)              |  |
| - Retirement benefits paid   | (189)                    | (112)                |  |
| Net Cash From Operating Activities   | 12,519                   | 7,835                |  |



# FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2015 CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE FIRST FINANCIAL QUARTER ENDED 30 JUNE 2014 (cont'd)

|  | Cumulative 3-1<br>30.06.2014<br>RM'000 | month Ended<br>30.06.2013<br>RM'000 |
|--|--|-------------------------------------|
| Cash Flows From/(Used In) Investing Activities   |  |                                     |
| - Interest received  | 1,278                                  | 1,104                               |
| - Dividend received  | 939                                    | 912                                 |
| - Investment in quoted share   | -                                      | -                                   |
| - Net conversion for KKPA and Plasma projects  | (551)                                  | (655)                               |
| <ul><li>Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment</li><li>Addition to:</li></ul> | 44                                     | -                                   |
| - property, plant and equipment  | (11,524)                               | (1,892)                             |
| - biological assets  | (561)                                  | (135)                               |
| Net Cash Used In Investing Activities  | (10,375)                               | (666)                               |
| Cash Flows Used In Financing Activity  |  |                                     |
| - Dividend paid  |  |                                     |
| Net Cash Used In Financing Activity  | -                                      | -                                   |
| Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents  | 2,144                                  | 7,169                               |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Year   | 156,742                                | 148,497                             |
| Effect of Translation Differences  | (4,289)                                | 888                                 |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Year   | 154,597                                | 156,554                             |
| Composition of Cash and Cash Equivalents:  |  |                                     |
| - Fixed deposits with licensed banks   | 33,326                                 | 42,516                              |
| - Short-term placements  | 55,559                                 | 66,428                              |
| - Cash and bank balances   | 65,712                                 | 47,610                              |
|  | 154,597                                | 156,554                             |

The consolidated statement of cash flow should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 March 2014, and the accompanying notes attached to these interim financial statements.



# FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2015 FIRST FINANCIAL QUARTER ENDED 30 JUNE 2014 EXPLANATORY NOTES TO THE INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORT

This Interim Financial Report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of paragraph 9.22 of the Main Market Listing Requirements of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad and complies with the requirements of the Financial Reporting Standard (FRS) No. 134 – Interim Financial Reporting and other FRS issued by the Malaysian Accounting Standards Board ("MASB").

This Interim Financial Report is unaudited and should be read in conjunction with the Group's annual audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 March 2014. The explanatory notes to the Interim Financial Report provide 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 March 2014.

# A. Explanatory Notes Pursuant To FRS 134

#### A1. Basis of Preparation

**A1.1.** The accounting policies and presentation adopted for this Interim Financial Report is consistent with those adopted for the annual financial statements for the financial year ended 31 March 2014, except for the adoption of the new/revised Standards and IC Interpretations which were in issue but not yet effective and not early adopted by the Group are as listed below:

FRS 9 Financial Instruments (IFRS 9 issued by IASB in November 2009)<sup>1</sup>

FRS 9 Financial Instruments (IFRS 9 issued by IASB in October 2010)<sup>1</sup>

Amendments to FRS 9 and FRS 7 Financial Instruments: Disclosures (Amendments relating to Mandatory Effective Date of FRS 9 (IFRS 9 isued by IASB in November 2009 and October 2010 respectively) and Transition Disclosures)<sup>1</sup>

Amendments to FRS 119 Defined Benefit Plans - Employee Contributions<sup>2</sup>

Annual Improvements to FRSs 2010 - 2012 cycle (issued in February 2014)<sup>2</sup>

Annual Improvements to FRSs 2011 - 2013 cycle (issued in February 2014)<sup>2</sup>

- Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015 instead of 1 January 2013 immediately upon the issuance of Amendments to FRS 9 (IFRS 9 issued by IASB in November 2009 and October 2010 respectively) and FRS 7 relating to "Mandatory Effective Date of FRS 9 and Transition Disclosures" on 1 March 2012
- 2. Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 July 2014

The adoption of these new/revised Standards and IC Interpretations when they become effective, are not expected to have material financial impacts on the financial statements in the period of initial adoptions, if applicable.



# A1.2. 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 Framework ("MFRS Framework"), a fully-IFRS compliant framework. Entities other than private entities shall apply the MFRS Framework for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2012, with the exception of Transitioning Entities ("TEs").

TEs, being entities within the scope of MFRS 141 Agriculture and/or IC Interpretation 15: Agreements for the Construction of Real Estate, including its parents, significant investors and venturers were given a transitional period of two years, which allowed these entities an option to continue with the FRS Framework. Following the announcement by the MASB on 7 August 2013, the transitional period for Transitioning Entities has been extended for an additional year.

Accordingly, the Group, being TE, has availed itself of this transitional arrangement and will continue to apply FRSs in their next set of financial statements. Accordingly, the Group will be required to prepare its first set of MFRS financial statements when the MFRS Framework is mandated by MASB.

# A2. Qualification Of Audit Report Of The Preceding Annual Financial Statements

There was no qualification of audit report for the preceding annual financial statements.

#### A3. Seasonal or Cyclical Factors

The performance and results of the Group's Oleochemicals Division which uses palm oils as its main ingredient, and the Plantation & Milling division, are subject to the cyclical fluctuation in prices of palm oils, which are affected by seasonal weather conditions.

#### A4. Unusual Items

There were no items of an unusual nature, size or incidence which materially affect the assets, liabilities, equity, net income or cash flow during the current quarter under review and financial year-to-date.



#### A5. Material Changes in Estimates

There were no changes in the estimates of amounts reported in the prior interim periods of the current financial year-to-date or changes in estimates of amounts reported in prior financial years.

#### A6. Debt and Equity Securities

There were no issuance, cancellation, repurchases, resale and/or repayment of debt and equity securities during the current quarter under review and financial year-to-date.

#### A7. Dividend Paid

No dividend was paid by the Company during the interim financial period under review.

#### A8. Segmental Information

|  |                   | ive 3-month<br>30.06.2014<br>Profit/(loss) | Cumulative 3-month<br>Ended 30.06.2013<br>Profit/(los |                      |
|--|-------------------|--|---|----------------------|
|  | Revenue<br>RM'000 | before tax<br>RM'000                       | Revenue<br>RM'000                                     | before tax<br>RM'000 |
| Manufacture and sales of oleochemical      |                   |  |   |                      |
| products                                   | 98,694            | 3,379                                      | 84,730  | 7,445                |
| Sales of oil palm fruit and crude palm oil | 26,913            | 5,536                                      | 24,106  | 5,779                |
| Private hospital operations                | 22,160            | 2,498                                      | 18,290  | 566                  |
| Warehouse and bulk conveyor operations     | 1,954             | 982  | 1,588   | 553                  |
| Others                                     | 1,448             | (90)                                       | 1,403   | (885)                |
| _  | 151,169           | 12,305                                     | 130,117   | 13,458               |

The warehouse and bulk conveyor operations are now operating based on a short-term land lease at Northport of Pelabuhan Klang.



#### A9. Carrying Amount of Revalued Assets

There were no changes to the valuation of property, plant and equipment valuation brought forward from the previous audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 March 2014 to the current quarter under review and financial year-to-date.

#### A10. Material Event Subsequent to the End of the Interim Financial Period

There were no material events subsequent to be disclosed as at the date of this report.

#### A11. Changes in Composition of the Group

There were no change in the composition of the Group, including business combination, acquisition and/or disposal of subsidiary companies and long term investments, restructuring, and discontinued operations during the interim financial period under review.

#### A12. Changes in Contingencies

There were no change in the contingent liabilities or contingent assets since the last audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 March 2014 save for the following:

Particularly referring to Note 33 (a) and (b) of the Contingencies of the last financial year ended 31 March 2014, the Board had on its meeting held on 28 May 2014 mandated the Chairman of Governance & Audit Committee and the Chief Financial Officer/Executive Director to take necessary steps to resolve both contingencies which have been long outstanding.

• On Note 33 (a) of the Contingency, the Company had on 28 May 2014 wrote to Southern Realty (Malaya) Sdn. Berhad. seeking cooperation to access all relevant information on the questionable transactions allegedly committed by the four former senior officials of the Company. This is because the alleged questionable transactions occurred between the periods from 1989 to 2002 and are inter-related involving at least thirteen other private companies which are not within Southern Acids (M) Berhad's ("SAB") control. In addition, all SAB's key personnel involved during the said periods are no longer with the SAB & its subsidiaries. As at the date of this report, the Company has not received any reply yet.

The directors are unable to ascertain, at this juncture, whether there will be any material financial impact on the Group arising from the abovesaid claim.



• On Note 33 (b) of the Contingency, the Company had on 10 July 2014 appointed Messrs David Lai & Tan to contact the counterparty's solicitors as soon as possible to get the latest status and to seek solution to the alleged claim. To the best knowledge of the Board, none of the seven other defendants have filed their defence as at to date.

Subsequently on 19 August 2014, our solicitors had received a letter dated 15 August 2014 from the Plantiff's lawyer proposing a withdrawal of the suit with no order as to costs. In response, the Company had on 21 August 2014 instructed our solicitors to accept the proposed withdrawal. Our official acceptance letter dated 22 August 2014 was acknowledged by the Plantiff's lawyer on even date. With that, the suit is now deemed settled.

# A13. Capital Commitments

Capital commitments not recognized in the interim financial statements as at 30 June 2014 is as follows :

Capital expenditure :

|                                 | <b>RM'000</b> |
|---------------------------------|---------------|
| Contracted but not provided for | 24,288        |

# A14. Related Party Transactions

During the financial period under review, the material business transactions entered by the Group with related parties were as follows:

|                                      | Cumulative<br>3-month Ended<br>30.06.2014<br>RM'000 | Cumulative<br>3-month Ended<br>30.06.2013<br>RM'000 |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|
| Sales of goods                       | 162   | 393   |
| Purchase of goods                    | 1,130   | 331   |
| Provision of administrative services | 509   | 432   |



# B. Explanatory Notes Pursuant to Paragraph 9.22 of the Main Market Listing Requirements of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad

# **B1.** Detailed Analysis of the Performance of the Group's Operating Segments

# **Current Quarter vs Preceding Corresponding Quarter**

In the current quarter under review, the Group's revenue increased by 16.2% to RM151.2 million compared to the preceding corresponding quarter's revenue of RM130.1 million. Despite an increase in revenue, the Group's profit before taxation ("PBT") decreased 8.6% by RM1.2 million to RM12.3 million compared to PBT of RM13.5 million. The decrease of PBT was mainly due to lower contribution by Oleochemical Division.

# 1. Oleochemicals Division

Oleochemicals Division registered an increase of 16.5% revenue to RM98.7 million, however PBT decreased by 54.6% to RM3.4 million compared to the preceding corresponding quarter. The decrease in PBT of RM4.1 million was due to the following:-

- Decrease in PBT from operation of RM2.4 million; and
- Decrease in other income of RM1.7 million.

The decrease in PBT from operation was due to higher raw material cost, utilities cost and labour cost. The decrease in other income was mainly due to the net loss in forex exchange as follow:-

- Realised gain of RM1.0 million; and
- Unrealised loss of RM2.7 million.

# 2. Plantations & Milling Division

Plantations & Milling Division registered an increase of 11.6% in revenue to RM26.9 million, however PBT decreased by 4.2% to RM5.5 million compared to the preceding corresponding quarter. The increase in revenue was mainly due to 26.4% increase in average selling price despite a 11.1% depreciation in IDR/MYR exchange rate. The marginal decrease in PBT of RM0.2 million was mainly due to lower interest income.

# **3.** Healthcare Division

Healthcare Division registered revenue of RM22.2 million and PBT of RM2.5 million which is an increase of 21.2% and 341.3% respectively compared to the preceding corresponding quarter. The increase in revenue and PBT was mainly contributed by 36.3% higher in bed occupancy while both number of patients and the Average Revenue Per Patient ("ARPP") registered a marginal increase.



# 4. Warehousing & Conveying Division

Warehousing & Conveying Division registered 23.0% increase in revenue to RM2.0 million and 77.6% increase in PBT to RM1.0 million compared to the preceding corresponding quarter.

Both higher revenue and PBT were contributed by the improvement in operation efficiency, higher handling volume and better rate compared to the preceding corresponding quarter for both warehousing and handling.

# **B2.** Material Changes in Financial Results compared to that of the Immediate Preceding Quarter

In the current quarter under review, the Group registered a 12.6% lower PBT to RM12.3 million compared to the immediate preceding quarter's PBT. The lower PBT of RM1.8 million was mainly due to lower contribution of RM3.7 million by Plantation & Milling Division. This was cushioned by better contribution of RM1.7 million by Healthcare Division as well as higher dividend income.

# **B3.** Prospect of the Group

The Company is cautiously optimistic of its current financial year ending 31 March 2015 ("FY2015") performance whilst striving to improve the operation efficiency and productivity as the performance of FY2015 will be greatly influenced by the following: -

- Uncertainty and volatility in currency exchange rate of USDMYR and MYRIDR;
- Uncertainty and volatility in CPO prices;
- Respective relevant government regulatory and authority such as biodiesel mandate, export tariff; and
- Land lease renewal for the Warehousing & Conveying Division.

In summary, the Board is of the opinion that the Group's performance for FY2015 will remain challenging and as such will take necessary steps to maintain the good financial performance.

# **B4. Profit Forecast**

There were no profit forecast and profit guarantee issued during the current quarter under review and financial year-to-date.



#### **B5.** Income Tax Expense

#### **Cumulative 3-month Ended**

|  | 30.06.2014<br>RM'000 | 30.06.2013<br>RM'000 |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|
| Estimated tax payable<br>- Malaysian tax expense<br>- Overseas tax expense | 1,182<br>1,571       | 2,000<br>1,477       |
| - Provision of deferred tax assets   | 2,753                | 3,477                |
| Total  | 2,753                | 3,477                |

#### **B6.** Corporate Proposals

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

#### **B7.** Group Borrowings and Debt Securities

There were no outstanding borrowing and debt securities as at 30 June 2014.

# **B8.** Financial Instruments

The Group did not enter into any new type of derivatives during the interim financial period under review that had not been disclosed in the preceding year's annual audited financial statements.

#### (a) Foreign currency forward contract

Sales denominated in foreign currencies constitute a substantial portion of the Group annual revenue. The Group enters into foreign currency exchange contracts to manage its exposure to fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates.

There was no outstanding foreign currency exchange contracts as at 30 June 2014.



#### (b) Commodity future contracts

Commodity future contracts were entered into to manage exposure to adverse movements in crude palm oil prices. These contracts were entered into and continue to be held for the purpose of the receipt or delivery of the physical commodity in accordance with the Group's usage requirements.

Gains or losses arising from these contracts are deferred and included in the measurement of the purchase or sale transactions only upon the recognition of the anticipated transactions.

As at 30 June 2014, total outstanding commodity future contracts of the group amounted to RM4.9 million, with effective dates of execution up to Sept 2014.

#### **B9.** Material Litigation

As at the date of this report, there were no material litigation since the last audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 March 2014.

#### **B10.** Dividends

The Company had on 23 July 2014 announced the proposed dividends of 5 sen per ordinary share of RM1.00 each, single tier, amounting to RM6,846,707.

The proposed dividends are subject to approval by shareholders at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting of the Company and has not been included as liability in the interim financial statements. Upon approval by shareholders, the cash dividend payment will be accounted for in equity as an appropriation of retained earnings during the FY 31 March 2015.

# **B11.** Earnings per Share

|   |   | Cumulative 3-month Ended |            |  |
|---|---|--------------------------|------------|--|
| - | Profit attributable to<br>equity holders of the                     | 30.06.2014               | 30.06.2013 |  |
|   | Company (in RM'000)   | 7,748                    | 8,328      |  |
| n | Weighted average<br>number of ordinary<br>shares in issue (in '000) | 136,934                  | 136,934    |  |
|   | Basic earnings per share<br>(in Sen)                                | 5.66                     | 6.08       |  |



#### **B12.** Realised and Unrealised Retained Earnings

|                                      | Unaudited<br>As of<br>30.06.2014<br>RM'000 | Audited<br>As of<br>31.03.2014<br>RM'000 |
|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| Total retained earnings of the Group |  |  |
| - Realised                           | 313,110                                    | 306,182                                  |
| - Unrealised                         | 3,268                                      | 2,044                                    |
|                                      | 316,378                                    | 308,226                                  |
| Less: Consolidation adjustments      | (9,526)                                    | (9,122)                                  |
| Total Group retained earnings        | 306,852                                    | 299,104                                  |

#### **B13.** Profit for the Year

|   | Cumulative 3-month Ended |                      |
|---|--------------------------|----------------------|
|   | 30.06.2014<br>RM'000     | 30.06.2013<br>RM'000 |
| Profit for the year is arrived at after crediting /(debiting) the following income /(expenses): |                          |                      |
| (debiting) the following income ((expenses).  |                          |                      |
| - Interest income   | 1,278                    | 1,104                |
| - Other income including investment income  | 588                      | 311                  |
| - Depreciation and amortization   | (2,445)                  | (2,389)              |
| - Inventories written down  | 98                       | 185                  |
| - (Loss)/Gain on foreign exchange:  |                          |                      |
| Realised  | (51)                     | 77                   |
| Unrealised  | (1,447)                  | 882                  |
| - Unrealised loss on derivatives financial assets   | -                        | (900)                |

Other items of disclosure pursuant to Appendix 9B, Part A, paragraphs 16 and 17 of the Main Market Listing Requirements of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad are not applicable for disclosure.

# **B14.** Auditors' Report on Preceding Annual Financial Statements

The audit report for the financial year ended 31 March 2014 was not subject to any qualifications.

This Interim Financial Report of Southern Acids (M) Berhad for the first quarter of FY 2015, was authorised for issuance by the Board of Directors of the Company during its meeting held on 26 August 2014.