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INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2016

THIRD FINANCIAL QUARTER ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015
(Figures are not audited unless otherwise specified)
(In Ringgit Malaysia)



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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS
FOR THE THIRD FINANCIAL QUARTER ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

	Note	Third Quarter Ended		Cumulative 9-month Ended	
		31.12.2015	31.12.2014	31.12.2015	31.12.2014
		RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
Revenue	A8	124,470	134,818	377,129	434,567
- Cost of sales		(105,100)	(107,829)	(310,512)	(362,818)
Gross profit		19,370	26,989	66,617	71,749
- Other income		5,800	444	9,929	2,297
- Selling and distribution costs		(2,510)	(2,514)	(7,603)	(8,120)
- Administrative expenses		(12,112)	(10,266)	(38,096)	(33,149)
- Share of results of an associate (net)		(349)	-	(326)	-
Profit before tax	A8	10,199	14,653	30,521	32,777
- Income tax expense	B5	(3,308)	(2,719)	(8,590)	(6,627)
Profit for the period	B13	6,891	11,934	21,931	26,150
Attributable to:					
- Equity holders of the Company		6,515	9,878	19,986	20,563
- Non-controlling interests		376	2,056	1,945	5,587
		6,891	11,934	21,931	26,150
Earnings per share (sen) attributable to equity holders of the Company					
- Basic and diluted	B11	4.76	7.21	14.60	15.02



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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OTHER COMPREHENSIVE
INCOME FOR THE THIRD FINANCIAL QUARTER ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

	Note	Third Quarter Ended		Cumulative 9-month Ended	
		31.12.2015 RM'000	31.12.2014 RM'000	31.12.2015 RM'000	31.12.2014 RM'000
Profit for the period	B13	6,891	11,934	21,931	26,150
Other comprehensive income					
Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:					
- Available-for-sale financial assets		83	(1,399)	1,003	(1,243)
- Exchange differences on translation of foreign subsidiaries		5,327	4,629	12,074	(1,642)
Items that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:					
- Remeasurement of defined benefit obligation		-	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the period		<u>12,301</u>	<u>15,164</u>	<u>35,008</u>	<u>23,265</u>
Attributable to:					
- Equity holders of the Company		9,372	11,389	28,009	18,161
- Non-controlling interests		<u>2,929</u>	<u>3,775</u>	<u>6,999</u>	<u>5,104</u>
		<u>12,301</u>	<u>15,164</u>	<u>35,008</u>	<u>23,265</u>

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 2015, and the accompanying notes attached to these interim financial statements.



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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS OF 31 DECEMBER 2015

	Note	Unaudited As of 31.12.2015 RM'000	Audited As of 31.03.2015 RM'000
ASSETS			
Non-Current Assets			
Land held for property development		141,944	141,944
Property, plant and equipment	A9	136,046	134,913
Investment property		3,318	3,318
Investment in an associate		2,651	-
Biological assets		19,421	13,347
Available-for-sale investments		40,114	39,093
Advances for KKPA program		4,391	2,981
Deferred tax assets		2,320	2,228
		<u>350,205</u>	<u>337,824</u>
Current Assets			
Inventories		58,281	53,050
Trade receivables		43,227	48,083
Other receivables, deposits and prepaid expenses		7,593	3,922
Tax recoverable		12,843	7,618
Cash and cash equivalents		163,870	154,425
		<u>285,814</u>	<u>267,098</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>636,019</u>	<u>604,922</u>



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AS OF 31 DECEMBER 2015 (cont'd)

	Unaudited As of 31.12.2015 RM'000	Audited As of 31.03.2015 RM'000
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		
Capital and Reserves		
Share capital	136,934	136,934
Reserves	<u>377,735</u>	<u>356,458</u>
Equity attributable to equity holders of the Company	514,669	493,392
Non-controlling interests	<u>47,858</u>	<u>45,683</u>
Total Equity	<u>562,527</u>	<u>539,075</u>
Non-Current and Deferred Liabilities		
Provision for retirement benefits	10,192	8,777
Deferred tax liabilities	<u>1,336</u>	<u>1,336</u>
	<u>11,528</u>	<u>10,113</u>
Current Liabilities		
Trade payables	20,232	12,413
Other payables and accrued expenses	40,673	39,933
Derivative financial liabilities	201	2,728
Tax liabilities	737	539
Dividend payable	<u>121</u>	<u>121</u>
	<u>61,964</u>	<u>55,734</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>73,492</u>	<u>65,847</u>
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	<u>636,019</u>	<u>604,922</u>

The consolidated statement of financial position should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 March 2015, and the accompanying notes attached to these interim financial statements.



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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
FOR THE THIRD FINANCIAL QUARTER ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

The Group	Non-distributable Reserves				Fair value reserve RM'000	Distributable reserve - Retained earnings RM'000	Equity attributable to equity holders of the Company RM'000	Non-controlling interests RM'000	Total Equity RM'000
	Share capital RM'000	Share premium RM'000	Foreign exchange reserve RM'000	Other reserve RM'000					
As of 1 April 2014	136,934	34,321	(10,790)	(322)	15,324	299,104	474,571	40,592	515,163
Profit for the period	-	-	-	-	-	20,563	20,563	5,587	26,150
Other comprehensive loss	-	-	(1,159)	-	(1,243)	-	(2,402)	(483)	(2,885)
Total comprehensive income/(loss)	-	-	(1,159)	-	(1,243)	20,563	18,161	5,104	23,265
Dividend paid	-	-	-	-	-	(6,847)	(6,847)	-	(6,847)
Dividend paid to non-controlling shareholders of a subsidiary company	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1,043)	(1,043)
As of 31 December 2014	136,934	34,321	(11,949)	(322)	14,081	312,820	485,885	44,653	530,538
As of 1 April 2015	136,934	34,321	(11,705)	(322)	14,569	319,595	493,392	45,683	539,075
Profit for the period	-	-	-	-	-	19,986	19,986	1,945	21,931
Other comprehensive income/(loss)	-	-	7,020	-	1,003	-	8,023	5,054	13,077
Total comprehensive income/(loss)	-	-	7,020	-	1,003	19,986	28,009	6,999	35,008
Acquisition of additional shares in subsidiaries	-	-	-	115	-	-	115	(1,140)	(1,025)
Disposal of shares in a subsidiary	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1,766)	(1,766)
Dividend paid	-	-	-	-	-	(6,847)	(6,847)	-	(6,847)
Dividend paid to non-controlling shareholders of a subsidiary company	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1,918)	(1,918)
As of 31 December 2015	136,934	34,321	(4,685)	(207)	15,572	332,734	514,669	47,858	562,527

The consolidated statement of changes in equity should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 March 2015, and the accompanying notes attached to these interim financial statements.



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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE THIRD FINANCIAL QUARTER ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

	Cumulative 9-month Ended	
	31.12.2015	31.12.2014
	RM'000	RM'000
Cash Flows From/(Used In) Operating Activities		
Profit before tax	30,521	32,777
Adjustments for:		
- Dividend income	(1,535)	(1,494)
- Interest income	(4,056)	(2,626)
- Unrealised gain on foreign exchange	(587)	(1,932)
- Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	8,608	6,894
- Inventories written down and write off/(reversal)	(202)	225
- (Gain)/loss arising from derivative financial assets	(2,527)	5,747
- Provision for retirement benefits	1,305	821
- Amortisation of biological assets	417	547
- Net loss from acquisition and disposal of shares in subsidiaries	392	-
- Share of results of an associate (net)	326	-
- Property, plant and equipment written off	-	5
- Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment	(6)	(212)
Operating Profit Before Working Capital Changes	32,656	40,752
(Increase)/decrease in :		
- Inventories	(5,030)	4,686
- Trade receivables	2,812	5,793
- Other receivables, deposit and prepaid expenses	(3,716)	2,369
Increase/(decrease) in:		
- Trade payables	9,771	443
- Other payables and accrued expenses	931	(2,858)
Cash Generated From Operating Activities	37,424	51,185
- Income tax paid, net	(13,534)	(15,673)
- Retirement benefits paid(net)	(63)	(199)
Net Cash From Operating Activities	23,827	35,313



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	Cumulative 9-month Ended	
	31.12.2015	31.12.2014
	RM'000	RM'000
Cash Flows From/(Used In) Investing Activities		
- Interest received	4,056	2,626
- Dividend received	1,535	1,494
- Investment in quoted share	(18)	(4,250)
- Net conversion for KKPA and Plasma projects	(1,410)	782
- Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment	7	283
- Proceeds from disposal of shares in a subsidiary	2,462	-
- Cash outflow arising from acquisition of shares in subsidiaries	(903)	-
- Investment in an associate	(2,977)	-
- Addition to:		
- property, plant and equipment (net)	(9,248)	(33,541)
- biological assets	(5,080)	(3,343)
Net Cash Used In Investing Activities	(11,576)	(35,949)
Cash Flows Used In Financing Activity		
- Dividend paid	(8,765)	(7,890)
Net Cash Used In Financing Activity	(8,765)	(7,890)
Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	3,486	(8,526)
Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Financial Period	154,425	156,742
Effect of Translation Differences	5,959	(1,163)
Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Financial Period	163,870	147,053
Composition of Cash and Cash Equivalents:		
- Cash and bank balances	65,798	58,521
- Fixed deposits with licensed banks	24,079	23,395
- Short-term placements	73,993	65,137
	163,870	147,053

The consolidated statement of cash flow should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 March 2015, and the accompanying notes attached to these interim financial statements.



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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 ó Interim Financial Reporting and other FRS issued by the Malaysian Accounting Standards Board (óMASBö).

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 2015. 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 2015

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 2015. The relevant 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 as issued by IASB in November 2009) ²
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FRS 9	Financial Instruments (Hedging Accounting and amendments to FRS 9, FRS 7 and FRS 139) ²
FRS 9	Financial Instruments (IFRS 9 as issued by IASB in July 2014) ²
FRS 101	Presentation of Financial Statements (Amendments relating to Disclosure Initiative) ¹
FRS 127	Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements (Amendments relating to Equity Method in Separate Financial Statements) ¹
FRS 9 and FRS 7	Mandatory Effective Date of FRS9 (IFRS 9 as issued by IASB in November 2009 and October 2010) and Transition Disclosures ²



FRS 10 and FRS 128	Amendments relating to Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture ¹
FRS 10, FRS 12 and FRS 128	Amendments relating to Investment Entities: Applying the Consolidation Exceptions ¹
FRS 116 and FRS 138	Amendments relating to Clarification of Acceptable Methods of Depreciation and Amortisation ¹
FRS 116 and FRS 141	Amendments relating to Bearer Plants ¹
Annual Improvements to MFRSs 2012 - 2014 cycle ¹	

¹ Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2016

² Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2018

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, except for the application of FRS 9 in the future may have a material impact on the amounts reported and disclosures made in the Group's financial statements. However, it is not practicable to provide a reasonable estimate of the effect of FRS 9 until the Group performs a detailed review.

A1.2. Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards

On 19 November 2011, the Malaysian Accounting Standards Board (MASB) has 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 allowed to defer the adoption of MFRS Framework until such time as mandated by the MASB. On 2 September 2014, with the issuance of MFRS 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customer and Amendments to MFRS 116 and MFRS 141 Agriculture: Bearer Plants, the MASB announced that TEs which have chosen to continue with the FRS framework is not required to adopt the MFRS Framework latest by 1 January 2017.

Accordingly, the Group, being TEs, has availed themselves of this transitional arrangement and will continue to apply FRSs in their next set of financial statements. Accordingly, the Group will be required to apply MFRS 1 First-time adoption of Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards in their financial statements for the financial year ending 31 March 2018, being the first set of financial statements prepared in accordance with new MFRS Framework.



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 Oleochemical 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 financial period under review.

A5. Material Changes in Estimates

There were no material changes in the estimates of amounts reported during the financial period under review.

A6. Debt and Equity Securities

There were no issuance, cancellation, repurchases, resale and/or repayment of debt and equity securities during the financial period under review.

A7. Dividends Paid

The Company had on 28 August 2015 obtained its shareholders' approval at the Annual General Meeting of the Company on the proposed Single Tier Final Dividend of 5 sen per ordinary share of RM1.00 each, amounting to RM6,846,707 for FY2015. The dividends were paid on 3 October 2015.



A8. Segmental Information

	Cumulative 9-month Ended 31.12.2015		Cumulative 9-month Ended 31.12.2014	
	Revenue RM'000	Profit/(loss) before tax RM'000	Revenue RM'000	Profit before tax RM'000
Manufacture and sales of oleochemical products	219,670	14,409	273,619	4,530
Sales of oil palm fruit and crude palm oil	95,399	9,994	84,748	19,015
Private hospital operations	51,067	8,160	65,665	8,137
Others	10,993	(1,716)	10,535	1,095
Share of profits of an associate (net)	-	(326)	-	-
	<u>377,129</u>	<u>30,521</u>	<u>434,567</u>	<u>32,777</u>

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 2015 to the financial period under review.

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

The Company (öSABö) had on 4 September 2015 entered into an agreement with Kong Global Capital Sdn Bhd (formerly known as Jolly Good Apps Sdn. Bhd) to dispose of its 973,750 ordinary shares of RM1.00 each held in subsidiary company, PKE (Malaysia) Sdn. Berhad ("PKEM"). The proposed agreement was completed on even date. Upon completion of the proposed disposal, PKEM ceased to be a direct subsidiary and became a direct associate company of SAB.



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 2015.

A13. Capital Commitments

Capital commitments not recognized in the interim financial statements as at 31 December 2015 is as follows :

Capital expenditure :

	RM'000
Contracted but not provided for	<u>1,629</u>

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 9-month Ended 31.12.2015 RM'000	Cumulative 9-month Ended 31.12.2014 RM'000
Sales of goods	738	671
Purchase of goods	2,959	2,576
Provision of administrative services	<u>3,043</u>	<u>2,204</u>



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 decreased by 7.7% to RM124.5 million compared to the preceding corresponding quarter's revenue of RM134.8 million. The Group's profit before taxation (PBT) decreased by 30.4% to RM10.2 million compared to the preceding corresponding PBT of RM14.7 million. The decrease in PBT of RM4.5 million was mainly due to lower contribution from Plantation & Milling Division.

1. Oleochemical Division

Oleochemical Division registered an increase of 72.2% in PBT to RM5.9 million despite a decrease of 15.9% in revenue to RM68.8 million compared to the preceding corresponding quarter.

The decrease in revenue of RM13.0 million was mainly due to decrease in total sales volume by 16.3% despite an increase of 8.6% in average selling price (ASP)

The net increase in PBT of RM2.5 million was mainly due to the following:-

- Higher other income mainly from unrealised forex gain of RM5.0 million;
- Lower operational profit of RM2.5 million.

2. Plantation & Milling Division

Plantation & Milling Division registered an increase of 26.1% in revenue to RM35.6 million. However, PBT decreased by 71.0% to RM2.2 million compared to the preceding corresponding quarter.

The increase in revenue was mainly due to increase in sales volume by 53.3% despite a decrease of 13.4% in ASP. The increase in revenue was significantly contributed by the newly commissioned mill.

The decrease in PBT of RM5.3 million was mainly due to the following:-

- Lower operational profit of RM5.6 million; and
- Higher other income of RM0.3 million.



3. Healthcare Division

Healthcare Division registered an decrease of 34.3% in PBT to RM2.6 million and decrease of 21.2% in revenue to RM17.1 million compared to the preceding corresponding quarter.

The decrease in revenue was mainly due to the Company currently recognising only its administration fees and other incidental costs chargeable to consultants as part of its revenue with effect from 1 April 2015. The difference amounted to RM6.2 million.

The decrease in PBT of RM1.4 million was due to higher administrative expenses in current quarter.

Current Financial Year-To-Date vs Preceding Corresponding Financial Year-To-Date

In the financial year-to-date under review, the Group's revenue decreased by 13.2% to RM377.1 million compared to the preceding corresponding period revenue of RM434.6 million. The Group's PBT decreased by 6.9% to RM30.5 million. The decrease in PBT was due to lower contribution by Others Division and Plantation & Milling Division despite higher contribution from Oleochemical Division.

1. Oleochemical Division

Oleochemical Division registered an increase in PBT by 218.1% to RM14.4 million despite a decrease of 19.7% in revenue to RM219.7 million compared to the preceding corresponding period.

The decrease in revenue was mainly due to 16.3% decrease in sales volume.

The increase in PBT of RM9.9 million was mainly due to the following: -

- Increase in operational profit of RM3.4 million; and
- Higher other income mainly from unrealised forex gain of RM6.5 million.



2. Plantation & Milling Division

Plantation & Milling Division registered an increase of 12.6% in revenue to RM95.4 million. However, PBT decreased by 47.4% to RM10.0 million compared to the preceding corresponding period.

The increase in revenue was mainly due to 33.6% increase in sales volume despite a decrease of 13.9% in ASP. The increase in revenue was significantly contributed by the newly commissioned mill.

The decrease in PBT of RM9.0 million was mainly due to the following:-

- Decrease in operational profit of RM10.2 million; and
- Increase in other income mainly from unrealised forex gain of RM1.2 million.

3. Healthcare Division

Healthcare Division registered an marginal increase in PBT by 0.3% to RM8.2 million despite a decrease of 22.2% in revenue to RM51.1 million compared to the preceding corresponding period.

The decrease in revenue was mainly due to the Company currently recognising only its administration fees and other incidental costs chargeable to consultants as part of its revenue with effect from 1 April 2015. The difference amounted to RM17.7 million.

The marginal increase in PBT was mainly contributed by higher operational profit.

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

In the current quarter under review, the Group registered an increase of 91.3% in PBT to RM10.2 million compared to the immediate preceding quarter. The higher PBT of RM4.9 million was mainly due to the following:-

- Higher contribution of RM5.4 million by Oleochemical Division ;
- Higher contribution of RM2.3 million by Others Division; and
- Lower contribution of RM2.3 million by Plantation & Milling Division.



B3. Prospect of the Group

In the financial year ending 31 March 2016 (FY2016), the operating environment remains challenging and very much dependant on the following critical factors:-

- uncertainty and volatility in currency exchange rate of USD/MYR and MYR/IDR;
- uncertainty and volatility in CPO prices;
- anticipated weather conditions that would impact on the production of FFB; and
- changes in relevant government regulations and policies at the operating countries such as biodiesel mandate, export tariff, minimum wages and utilities costs.

Nevertheless the Company will continue to strive in improving the operation efficiency and productivity besides exploring effective ways of cost optimization to mitigate the possible impact on the financial results. With the cautious measures, the Board is of the opinion that the Group's performance for FY2016 would be satisfactory.

B4. Profit Forecast

There were no profit forecast and profit guarantee issued during the financial period under review.

B5. Income Tax Expense

	Third Quarter Ended		Cumulative 9-month Ended	
	31.12.2015	31.12.2014	31.12.2015	31.12.2014
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
Estimated tax payable				
- Malaysian tax expense	2,960	988	6,482	1,884
- Overseas tax expense	348	1,731	2,108	4,743
	3,308	2,719	8,590	6,627
- Provision of deferred tax assets	-	-	-	-
Total	3,308	2,719	8,590	6,627

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 31 December 2015.

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.

The outstanding foreign currency exchange contracts as at 31 December 2015 was as follows :

	Contract Value RM'000	Fair Value RM'000	Derivative Assets/(Liabilities) RM'000
Based Currency	< 1 year	< 1 year	< 1 year
USD	28,136	28,337	(201)

(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 31 December 2015, total outstanding commodity future contracts of the Group amounted to RM4.0 million, with effective dates of execution up to May 2016.

**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 2015.

B10. Dividends

There was no interim dividend declared or recommended in the current quarter under review and financial year-to-date.

B11. Earnings per Share

	Third Quarter Ended		Cumulative 9-month Ended	
	31.12.2015	31.12.2014	31.12.2015	31.12.2014
Profit attributable to equity holders of the Company (in RM'000)	6,515	9,878	19,986	20,563
Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue (in '000)	136,934	136,934	136,934	136,934
Basic earnings per share (in Sen)	4.76	7.21	14.60	15.02

B12. Realised and Unrealised Retained Earnings

	Unaudited As of 31.12.2015 RM'000	Audited As of 31.03.2015 RM'000
Total retained earnings of the Group		
- Realised	343,371	331,756
- Unrealised	(1,370)	(436)
	342,001	331,320
Total retained earnings of the Associate		
- Realised	(326)	-
Less: Consolidation adjustments	(8,941)	(11,725)
Total Group retained earnings	332,734	319,595

**B13. Profit for the Period**

	Cumulative 9-month Ended	
	31.12.2015	31.12.2014
	RM'000	RM'000
Profit for the period is arrived at after crediting /(debiting) the following income/(expenses):		
- Interest income	4,056	2,626
- Other income	1,644	2,526
- Depreciation and amortization	(9,025)	(7,441)
- Reversal of inventories written down	202	(225)
- Net loss from acquisition and disposal of shares in subsidiaries	(392)	-
- Gain on foreign exchange:		
Realised	1,498	960
Unrealised	596	1,932
- Unrealised gain/(loss) on derivatives financial liabilities	2,527	(5,747)

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 2015 was not subject to any qualifications.

This Interim Financial Report of Southern Acids (M) Berhad for the third quarter of FY2016, was authorised for issuance by the Board of Directors of the Company on 24 February 2016.