PELIKAN INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION BERHAD (Incorporated in Malaysia)

**INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORT** 

**31 DECEMBER 2008** 

# PELIKAN INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION BERHAD (63611-U) CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT Interim report for the financial year ended 31 DECEMBER 2008 The figures have not been audited.

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	RM' 000		Restated RM' 000	RM' 000	RM' 000
Revenue		226,080	319,172	1,286,604	1,194,949
Other operating income		11,193	13,556	39,906	40,268
Expenses excluding finance cost and tax		(278,168)	(324,832)	(1,244,965)	(1,115,876)
Finance cost		(5,752)	(7,682)	(31,832)	(26,760)
Share of results of associates after tax		947	1,986	4,025	7,218
Profit before taxation		(45,700)	2,200	53,738	99,799
Taxation	B1	(4,685)	2,142	(12,085)	(3,629)
Profit for the financial period		(50,385)	4,342	41,653	96,170
Attributable to:					
Equity holders of the Company		(43,420)	6,465	40,578	93,083
Minority Interest		(6,965)	(2,123)	1,075	3,087
		(50,385)	4,342	41,653	96,170
Earnings per share attributable to equity	B14	sen	sen	sen	sen
holders of the Company:  (a) Basic  (b) Diluted	DT <del>.</del>	(13.44)	2.27 1.97	13.61	33.74 28.85
Declared/ proposed dividend per share	A7/B12	2.00	6.00	2.00	11.00

The Condensed Consolidated Income Statement should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2007 and the accompanying explanatory notes attached to the interim financial statements.

# PELIKAN INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION BERHAD (63611-U) CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

Interim report as at 31 DECEMBER 2008

	Note	31/12/08 RM'000	31/12/ RM'00
ASSETS			
Non current assets			
Property, plant and equipment		345,014	35
Trademarks		19,131	1
Development costs		18,598	1
Goodwill		119,249	11
Computer software licence		4,287	
Investment in associates		29,046	3
Long term investments		16,845	1
Pension Trust Fund		185,989	18
Deferred tax assets		29,892	2
	_	768,051	77
Current assets	_		
Inventories		311,774	32
Receivables, deposits & prepayments		310,454	32
Tax recoverable		3,237	
Pension Trust Fund		28,053	2
Deposits, cash and bank balances		77,009	11
	_ _	730,527	78
Total Assets	_	1,498,578	1,56
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
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Equity attributable to equity holders of the parent		242.460	-
Share capital		343,169	28
Share premium		59,524	4
Currency translation		(39,395)	(1
Retained profits		193,235	16
Treasury shares, at cost Redeemable Convertible Unsecured Loan Stocks		(13,501) -	(
	_	543,032	48
Minority interest		19,724	2
Total Equity	-	562,756	50
Non current liabilities			
Post employment benefit obligations	В7		
- Removable pension liabilities		227,296	22
- others		45,381	6
Provisions		11,676	1
Borrowings	В4	201,801	20
Redeemable Convertible Unsecured Loan Stocks	•	,	6
Deferred tax liabilities		8,136	1
	_	494,290	57
Current liabilities	~	249,243	30
Payables Post employment benefit obligations	В7	243,243	30
	D/	14,184	1
- Removable pension liabilities		•	
- others		613 2 807	
Provisions	В4	3,807	14
Borrowings	<b>p4</b>	164,605	
Redeemable Convertible Unsecured Loan Stocks Current tax liabilities		9,080	
	-	441,532	47
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Total Liabilities		935,822	1,05
Total Equity and Liabilities	- -	1,498,578	1,56
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This Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2007 and the accompanying explanatory notes attached to the interim financial statements.

PELIKAN INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION BERHAD (63611-U) CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY Interim report for the financial year ended 31 DECEMBER 2008 The figures have not been audited.

	Share Capital	Share premium (non distributable)	Currency translation (non distributable)	Retained profits (distributable	Treasury shares, at cost (distributable)	Irredeemable Convertible Unsecured Loan Stocks (equity component)	Redeemable Convertible Unsecured Loan Stocks (equity component)	Equity attributable to equity holders of the parent	Minority interest	Total equity
_	RM' 000	RM' 000	RM' 000	RM' 000	RM' 000	RM' 000	RM' 000	RM' 000	RM' 000	RM' 000
Balance at 1 January 2008	288,068	46,093	(13,113)	166,595	(3,314)	•	4,406	488,735	20,779	509,514
Exchange differences on translation of foreign operations Net loss recognised directly in equity	1 1		(26,282)		1 1		a a	(26,282) (26,282)	(2,130)	(28,412) (28,412)
Profit for the financial year Total profit for the financial year		1	, ,	40,578				40,578 40,578	1,075	41,653 41,653
Issue of share capital - conversions of Redeemable Convertible Unsecured Loan Stocks	55,101	13,431	•	2,893	•	1	(4,406)	67,019		67,019
Purchase of own shares	ı	ı	·	r	(10,187)	ı	ı	(10,187)	,	(10,187)
Dividends	ı	í	•	(16,831)	•	•	ı	(16,831)	,	(16,831)
Balance at 31 December 2008	343,169	59,524	(38,395)	193,235	(13,501)			543,032	19,724	562,756
Balance at 1 January 2007	221,521	29,457	(4,514)	98,979		56,993	5,560	407,996	25,240	433,236
Exchange differences on translation of foreign operations Net loss recognised directly in equity			(8,599)	.,			1	(8,599) (8,599)	(2,265) (2,265)	(10,864) (10,864)
Profit for the financial year Total profit for the financial year				93,083	1			93,083	3,087	96,170 96,170
Share of minority interest of associates		•	•		•	,	•	•	(4,636)	(4,636)
Issue of share capital - conversions of Irredeemable Convertible Unsecured Loan Stocks - conversions of Redeemable Convertible Unsecured Loan Stocks	50,298 16,249	12,575	1 1	(1,978) 544	1 1	(56,993)	. (1,154)	3,902 19,700	1 1	3,902
Purchase of own shares	•	•	•		(3,314)	•	•	(3,314)	•	(3,314)
Dividends	•	•	•	(24,033)	•	•	•	(24,033)	(647)	(24,680)
Balance at 31 December 2007	288,068	46,093	(13,113)	166,595	(3,314)		4,406	488,735	20,779	509,514

# PELIKAN INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION BERHAD (63611-U) CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT Interim report for the financial year ended 31 DECEMBER 2008 The figures have not been audited.

	Financial yea	r ended
	31/12/08	31/12/07
On any bloom of the bloom	RM' 000	RM' 000
Operating activities	4 250 470	4 222 522
Cash receipts from customers	1,369,179	1,233,609
Cash paid to suppliers and employees	(1,309,090)	(1,154,372)
Interest received	60,089	79,237
Interest received	137	1,949 (16,200)
Taxation paid	(17,207)	
Net cash from operating activities	(11,286)	(11,344)
Net Cash from operating activities	31,733	53,642
Investing activities		
Acquisition of new subsidiaries		(40,333)
Acquisition of additional shares in existing subsidiaries	-	(4,156)
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(31,404)	(38,207)
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment	10,807	22,703
Proceeds from disposal of associates		62,878
Dividend received	3,980	747
Interest paid	(9,173)	(5,510)
Purchase of computer software licence	(2,162)	(397)
Development expenses paid	(6,359)	(10,870)
Purchase of investments	(2,989)	(606)
Net cash used in investing activities	(37,300)	(13,751)
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Financing activities	20.063	64.045
Drawdown of bank borrowings	90,962	64,845
Repayments of bank borrowings	(87,249)	(20,406)
Hire purchase and finance lease principal payments	(1,739)	(2,201)
Interest paid	(545)	(5,277)
Purchase of own shares	(10,187)	(3,314)
Dividends paid to shareholders	(16,831)	(27,281)
Dividends paid to minority shareholders	(25.500)	(647)
Net cash (used in) / from financing activities	(25,589)	5,719
Net (decrease) / increase in cash and cash equivalents during the financial year	(31,156)	45,610
Currency translation	(22,315)	(4,457)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of financial year	70,773	29,620
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Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year	17,302	70,773
Cash and cash equivalents comprise :		
Cash and bank balances	77,009	111,776
Bank overdrafts	(59,707)	(41,003)
	17,302	70,773
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This Condensed Consolidated Cash Flow statement should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2007 and the accompanying explanatory notes attached to the interim financial statements.

# A. Notes to the Interim Financial Report For the fourth quarter and financial year ended 31 December 2008

### A1. Basis of Preparation

The quarterly interim financial report is unaudited and has been prepared in accordance with FRS134 "Interim Financial Reporting" and paragraph 9.22 of the Listing Requirements of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad and should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements of the Group for the financial year ended 31 December 2007.

The significant accounting policies adopted are consistent with those of the audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2007.

### A2. Report of the Auditors to the Members

The report of the auditors on the annual financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2007 was not subject to any qualification and did not include any adverse comments made under subsection (3) of Section 174 of the Companies Act, 1965.

### A3. Seasonality or Cyclicality of Interim Operations

The Group's traditional business dealing with stationery, especially for school and office, was affected by the "back to school" season in Europe which normally records higher sales in mid year. Sales of Pelikan Hardcopy Holding AG ("PHH") Group and German Hardcopy AG ("GHAG") Group, dealing with hardcopy related products and printer consumables, acquired in 2007 are generally not influenced by seasonal fluctuation. The combined sales of the Group therefore have lesser effects of seasonality. However, second quarter remains the strongest quarter.

# A4. Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items Affecting Assets, Liabilities, Equity, Net Income or Cash flows

There were no exceptional and/ or extraordinary items affecting assets, liabilities, equity, net income or cash flows for the current quarter ended 31 December 2008.

# A. Notes to the Interim Financial Report For the fourth quarter and financial year ended 31 December 2008

# A5. Material Effect of Changes in Estimates of Amounts Reported in the Prior Interim Periods of the Current Financial Year or Prior Financial Years

During the 9 months financial period ended 30 September 2007, the Group recorded a negative goodwill of RM16.8 million arising from the acquisition of PHH Group in January 2007. This negative goodwill had subsequently been reversed in the fourth quarter ended 31 December 2007 as the Group had made further provisions to cover losses relating to pre-acquisition period of PHH Group. The restatement would have impact on the results of the quarter ended 31 December 2007 but would not have effect on the financial result for the year ended 31 December 2007.

The effect of the reversal of the negative goodwill of RM16.8 million on the interim financial statements is as follows:

3 months ended 31 December 2007	As previously reported	Adjustment	As restated
Condensed Consolidated Income Statement	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
Other operating income	(3,218)	16,774	13,556
Profit before taxation	(12,432)	16,774	4,342

There were no other material changes in estimates of amounts reported in the current quarter, prior interim periods or prior financial years.

# A. Notes to the Interim Financial Report For the fourth quarter and financial year ended 31 December 2008

### A6. Debt and Equity Securities

During the current quarter, the Redeemable Convertible Unsecured Loan Stocks ("RCULS") of the Company were converted into 49,204,000 new ordinary share of RM1.00 each on the following dates:

<u>Date</u>	Number of shares
31.10.2008	10,960,000
05.11.2008	38,244,000

The RCULS had fully been converted into ordinary shares on 5 November 2008. Trading in the RCULS had been suspended from 13 November 2008 and the RCULS had been removed from the Official List of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad on 18 November 2008.

The Company repurchased a total of 222,200 of its shares from the open market for a total consideration of RM321,203 during the current quarter. Subsequent to the current quarter, a total of 40,000 ordinary shares were repurchased from the open market for a total consideration of RM43,993. The repurchased transactions were financed by internally generated funds. The repurchased shares are held as treasury shares in accordance with Section 67A (as amended) of the Companies Act, 1965.

There were no other issuances, cancellations, repurchases, resales and repayments of debt and equity securities during the current quarter ended 31 December 2008.

# A. Notes to the Interim Financial Report For the fourth quarter and financial year ended 31 December 2008

### A7. Dividends

	Gross Dividend per share Sen	Amount of dividend, gross RM'000	Amount of dividend, net of tax RM'000
For the financial year ended 31/12/2007 First interim dividend at 27% tax declared on 3 May 2007, paid on 30 July 2007	2.0	5,497	4,013
Second interim dividend tax exempt declared on 8 August 2007 paid on 5 November 2007	3.0	8,504	8,504
Final dividend of 6 sen per share, of which 5.2 sen per share is single tier* dividend, and 0.8 sen per share less 26%, approved by shareholders on 2 June 2008, paid on 27 August 2008	6.0	17,435	16,831
·	11.0	31,436	29,348

No dividends have been paid during the current quarter ended 31 December 2008.

<sup>\* -</sup> single tier dividend is non-tax deductible under section 108 of the Income Tax Act 1967 and is exempt from Income Tax in the hands of the shareholders pursuant to paragraph 12B of Schedule 6 of the said Act.

# B. Notes to the Interim Financial Report For the fourth quarter and financial year ended 31 December 2008

#### A8. Segment Information

12 months ended 31 December 2008	Germany RM'000	Switzerland RM'000	Italy RM'000	Rest of Europe RM'000	Latin- America RM'000	Others RM'000	Elimination RM'000	Group RM'000
External revenue Intersegment revenue	595,063 422,599	149,380 308,064	85,222	242,537 16,679	128,115 5,981	86,287 102,791	(856,114)	1,286,604
	1,017,662	457,444	85,222	259,216	134,096	189,078	(856,114)	1,286,604
Segment result Unallocated income	70,038	11,642	(3,415)	(9,252)	23,687	12,734	(44,669)	60,765
(net of cost)								20,780
Profit from operations		•						81,545
3 months ended 31 December 2008								
External revenue	75,406	35,910	19,436	56,425	23,039	15,864		226,080
Intersegment revenue	86,517	74,245	-	3,992	1,094	24,611	(190,459)	
Ū	161,923	110,155	19,436	60,417	24,133	40,475	(190,459)	226,080
Segment result Unallocated income	(11,848)	3,081	(3,081)	(4,832)	6,438	687	(22,631)	(32,186)
(net of cost)								(8,709)
Profit from operations								(40,895)

#### A9. Valuation of Property, Plant and Equipment

There were no valuations of property, plant and equipment during the current quarter.

### A10. Events Subsequent to Balance Sheet Date

Other than Note A6, on 13 January 2009, a subsidiary of the Company, Productos Pelikan S.A. de C.V., acquired a further 80.5% equity interest in Indistri S.A., Colombia ("Indistri") for a cash consideration of RM15,200,000 (USD4,250,000). The principal activities of Indistri are the manufacturing and distribution of office, schools and stationery supplies. The Group has an effective interest of 92.62% in Indistri after this acquisition. The acquisition is expected to expand our market opportunities in Colombia.

# A. Notes to the Interim Financial Report For the fourth quarter and financial year ended 31 December 2008

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

On 3 December 2008, the Group had incorporated a new subsidiary in France, namely Pelikan France SAS ("Pelikan France"), whereby the Company had subscribed for 50,000 new shares of Euro10 each representing 100% equity interest in Pelikan France via Pelikan Holding AG, a 87.6% owned subsidiary of the Company, of which Euro250,000 (equivalent to approximately RM1.2 million) had been paid. The principal activities of Pelikan France are trading in stationery items, printer consumables, office equipment, writing utensils, pre-school and school articles, articles for leisure time of children, youngsters and adults, further components for office machines and other products in the fields of chemistry and physics, with or without the brand name "Pelikan".

### A12. Contingent Liabilities

- (a) In the ordinary course of business, the business of PHH and GHAG groups (dealing with manufacturing and distribution of hardcopy related products and printer consumables such as inkjet and toner cartridges, thermal transfer, office media and impact cartridges, hereinafter referred to as the "Hardcopy business") is involved in several lawsuits. In particular, the Group has several large legal claims brought by Original Equipment Manufacturers for perceived breach of patents with an assessed potential maximum exposure of EUR20.3 million (RM99.8 million). The Group is of the view that litigation matters are an inherent part of the Hardcopy business. Historically, the Group has been successful in defending most cases and management remains confident that the Group's exposure to these claims can be reduced or can be successfully defended. In the opinion of the management, the lawsuits, claims and proceedings which are pending against the Group will not have a material effect on the Group's financial statements.
- (b) Based on the latest actuaries assumption as at 30 September 2008, PHH's wholly owned subsidiary Pelikan Hardcopy Scotland Limited ("PHSL")'s retirement fund has GBP15.6 million (RM78.77 million) assets to meet pension liabilities of GBP24.7 million (RM124.7 million). An amount of GBP1.6 million (RM8.0 million) has been recognised as a pension liability in the financial statements of PHSL as at 31 December 2008 in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard 119 Employee Benefits ("FRS 119").

The Group believes that the operational cash flow of the Group and the assets in the retirement fund of PHSL are sufficient to meet the payouts of the retirement scheme in the foreseeable future.

#### **B1.** Taxation

	3 months ended		Financial y	year ended
	31/12/08 RM'000	31/12/07 RM'000	31/12/08 RM'000	31/12/07 RM'000
Taxation (charged)/ credited				
in respect of current financial				
period				
- income tax	(5,647)	(4,797)	(14,544)	(10,928)
- deferred tax	962	6,939	2,459	7,299
	(4,685)	2,142	(12,085)	(3,629)

The Group's effective tax rate is higher than the statutory income tax rate in Malaysia mainly due to non-deductibility of some expenses and differing tax rates in different countries where the Group operates.

## B2. Unquoted investment and/or properties

There was no disposal or purchase of unquoted investments or properties during the current quarter ended 31 December 2008.

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#### **B3.** Marketable securities

Investments as at 31 December 2008:

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16,845
16,845
12,554

The Company increased its quoted shares investments by RM2,554,855 in the current quarter. Other than this purchase, there was no additional purchase or disposal of securities during the current quarter.

## **B4.** Borrowings

Details of the Group's borrowings as at 31 December 2008 are as set out below:

Short Term Term Total Secured Unsecured Secured	
Secured Unsecured Secured	
Secured Offsetaled Secured	
Currency RM' 000 RM' 000 RM' 000 RM' 00	0
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Ringgit Malaysia 26,336 7,642 9,089 43,067	,
Euro 50,553 56,224 167,277 274,054	<b> </b>
Swiss Franc 11,334 - 4,232 15,566	<del>,</del>
US Dollar 4,717 - 20,485 25,202	1
Argentine Peso - 3,066 - 3,066	; }
Poland Zloty 139 4,247 328 4,714	<b> </b>
Czech Koruna 96 251 390 737	,
Total 93,175 71,430 201,801 366,406	<u> </u>

### **B5.** Off Balance Sheet Financial Instruments

Other than the operating leases as disclosed below, the Group did not enter into any contracts involving off balance sheet financial instruments during the current financial period.

lease payments
RM'000
17,837
21,239
1,286
40,362

### **B6.** Material Litigation

In the ordinary course of business, the business of PHH and GHAG groups (dealing with manufacturing and distribution of hardcopy related products and printer consumables such as inkjet and toner cartridges, thermal transfer, office media and impact cartridges, hereinafter referred to as the "Hardcopy business") is involved in several lawsuits. In particular, the Group has several large legal claims brought by Original Equipment Manufacturers for perceived breach of patents with an assessed potential maximum exposure of EUR20.3 million (RM99.8 million). The Group is of the view that litigation matters are an inherent part of the Hardcopy business. Historically, the Group has been successful in defending most cases and management remains confident that the Group's exposure to these claims can be reduced or can be successfully defended. In the opinion of the management, the lawsuits, claims and proceedings which are pending against the Group will not have a material effect on the Group's financial statements.

### B7. Post employment benefit obligation

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Payable within 12 months	14,797
Payable after 12 months	272,677
	287,474
Removable Pension Liabilities:	
Liabilities assumed by Pension Trust Fund	176,393
Liabilities assumed by the Company	65,087
	241,480
Other pension liabilities of the Group	45,994
	287,474

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Pursuant to the acquisitions of Pelikan Holding AG and Pelikan Japan KK by the Company completed in April 2005, part of the pension liabilities of the Group (known as "Removable Pension Liabilities") has been assumed by an external Pension Trust Fund created for this purpose, whilst the Company is assuming the balance of the said Removable Pension Liabilities fixed in Ringgit Malaysia as at the completion date of the acquisitions. If the assets in the Pension Trust Fund are capable of paying the entire Removable Pension Liabilities, the Removable Pension Liabilities assumed by the Company will be relinquished.

### B8. Capital commitments

Capital commitments not provided for in the financial statements as at 31 December 2008 were as follows:

RM'000

Authorised and contracted: Property, plant and equipment

2,545

#### **B9.** Review of Performance

The Group's revenue for the current financial quarter was RM226.1 million compared to RM319.2 million for the corresponding quarter last year. Sales have been affected by weakening domestic demand especially in Europe in the last quarter of 2008. Consolidated sales have also been affected by the overall weaker Euro in the last quarter when translated into the reporting currency of Ringgit Malaysia. Rising costs of raw materials and other operating expenses has affected margin for the period, which could not be easily passed on to the customers. Lower level of sales with constant fixed costs has caused the Group to report losses for the last quarter. Other exceptional costs relating to severance and retrenchment payments and closure of our Bosnian plant were also incurred in our last quarter. The loss before tax for the current quarter was RM45.7 million as compared to restated profit after tax of RM2.2 million for the corresponding quarter last year.

On a full year basis, the Group recorded sales of RM1.29 billion as opposed to RM1.19 billion resulting from the full year consolidation of the Pelikan Hardcopy Holding AG Group, German Hardcopy AG Group and Pelikan Argentina S.A. businesses acquired in 2007. Profit before tax however declined to RM53.7 million due to the sluggish market condition and raising costs in the second half of the year.

### B10. Variation of results against preceding quarters

In the current quarter, the Group's revenue decreased to RM226.1 million compared to RM340.1 million in the preceding quarter. Sales recorded lower growth in Fourth Quarter as compared to the Third Quarter as the Group's business is affected by seasonality which experience stronger sales in mid year and the weaker demand in the last quarter.

# B. Additional Information Required by the Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad's Listing Requirements

### **B11.** Prospects

The prolonged financial crisis has resulted in slowdown of most economies worldwide. Our major markets in Europe are not spared and their economies are expected to record negative growth in 2009. Such conditions and uncertainties are expected to weigh down demand and affect all levels of the business supply chain including end consumers.

The Group foresees a difficult 2009 and accordingly, we will be taking the necessary actions and strategies such as having a tighter credit management, managing cost, working capital and cash conservation, to embrace the expected reduction in the level of sales, which is in fact already felt in our fourth quarter and January 2009 sales.

The Group continues to explore new businesses and investments with the view of acquisitions focusing on further market expansion plans. The Group will capture the current "market opportunities" to negotiate right prices for its acquisitions and to enhance the benefits to the Group and its shareholders.

#### B12. Dividend

The Board of Directors proposed a final dividend of 2 sen per share single tier dividend\*. The proposed final dividend is subject to the approval by the shareholders at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting. This dividend, upon approval by the shareholders will be accounted for as an appropriation of retained earnings in the year in which it is approved. The dividend payment date and entitlement date will be announced later after the shareholders' approval.

\* - single tier dividend is non-tax deductible under section 108 of the Income Tax Act 1967 and is exempt from Income Tax in the hands of the shareholders pursuant to paragraph 12B of Schedule 6 of the said Act.

## **B13.** Variance on Profit Forecast / Shortfall in Profit Guarantee

Not applicable.

## B14. Earnings per share

### a) Basic earnings per share

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		3 months ended		Financial year ended		
		31/12/08	31/12/07 (Restated)	31/12/08	31/12/07	
Profit for the financial period attributable to equity holders	(PAAIOOO)	(42.420)	6.465	40 579	02.002	
of the Company Elimination of interest expense	(RM'000)	(43,420)	6,465	40,578	93,083	
on ICULS, net of tax effect	(RM'000)	_			17	
	(RM'000)	(43,420)	6,465	40,578	93,100	
Weighted average number						
of ordinary shares in issue	('000)	326,768	285,968	301,237	276,147	
Shares repurchased	('000')	(3,651)	(686)	(3,028)_	(215)	
		323,117	_285,282	298,209	275,932	
Basic earnings per share	(sen)	(13.44)	2.27	13.61	33.74	

# b) Diluted earnings per share

The RCULS of the Company had been fully converted during the financial year ended 31 December 2008 and thus, no dilutive effect on the earnings per share.