

THE STORE CORPORATION BERHAD
(Company No: 252670-P)
(Incorporation in Malaysia)

**NOTES TO INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR
THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014**

A1. Basis of Preparation

The condensed consolidated interim financial statements (“Report”) have been prepared in accordance with Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards (“MFRS”) 134: Interim Financial Reporting and paragraph 9.22 of the Main Market Listing Requirements of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad. This Report also complies with IAS 34: Interim Financial Reporting issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (“IASB”).

This condensed report should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements for the financial year ended 30 September 2014. The explanatory notes attached to this Report provide an 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 30 September 2014.

A2. Significant Accounting Policies

A2.1 Adoption of new MFRSs, Amendments/Improvements to MFRSs and IC Interpretation (“IC Int”)

The accounting policies adopted for this Report are consistent with those of the last audited financial statements for the financial year ended 30 September 2014, except for the adoption of the following:

Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2014

Amendments to MFRS 10, 12 and 127 *Investment Entities*

Amendments to MFRS 132 *Offsetting Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities*

Amendments to MFRS 136 *Recoverable Amount Disclosures for Non-Financial Assets*

Amendments to MFRS 139 *Novation of Derivatives and Continuation of Hedge Accounting*

IC Int 21 *Levies*

Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 July 2014

Amendments to MFRS 119 *Defined Benefit Plans: Employee Contributions*

Amendments to MFRSs *Annual improvements to MFRSs 2010-2012 Cycle*

Amendments to MFRSs *Annual improvements to MFRSs 2011-2013 Cycle*

The adoption of the above pronouncements did not have any material impact on the financial statements of the Group.

A2.2 Standards issued but not yet effective

At the date of authorisation of this Report, the following Standards were issued but not yet effective and have not been applied by the Group:

Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2016

MFRS 14 *Regulatory Deferral Accounts*

Amendments to MFRS 10, MFRS 12 and MFRS 128 *Investment Entities: Applying the Consolidation Exception*

Amendments to MFRS 10 and MFRS 128 *Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture*

Amendments to MFRS 11 *Accounting for Acquisitions of Interests in Joint Operations*

Amendments to MFRS 101 *Disclosure Initiative*

Amendments to MFRS 116 and MFRS 138 *Clarification of Acceptable Methods of Depreciation and Amortisation*

Amendments to MFRS 116 and MFRS 141 *Agriculture: Bearer Plants*

Amendments to MFRS 127 *Equity Method in Separate Financial Statements*

Amendments to MFRSs *Annual Improvements to MFRSs 2012–2014 Cycle*

Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2017

MFRS 15 *Revenue from Contracts with Customers*

Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2018

MFRS 9 *Financial Instruments* (IFRS 9 issued by IASB in July 2014)

Amendments to MFRS 7 *Mandatory Date of MFRS 9 and Transition Disclosures*

The initial application of the above standards is not expected to have any material impacts to the financial statements of the Group upon adoption except as mentioned below:

MFRS 15 *Revenue from Contracts with Customers*

MFRS 15 replaces the guidance in MFRS 111 *Construction Contracts*, MFRS 118 *Revenue*, IC Int 13 *Customer Loyalty Programmes*, IC Int 15 *Agreements for Construction of Real Estate*, IC Int 18 *Transfers of Assets from Customers* and IC Int 131 *Revenue – Barter Transactions Involving Advertising Services*. Upon adoption of MFRS 15, it is expected that the timing of revenue recognition might be different as compared with the current practices.

The adoption of MFRS 15 will result in a change in accounting policy. The Group is currently assessing the financial impact of adopting MFRS 15.

A3. Auditors' Report

There were no qualifications on auditors' report of the audited financial statements for the financial year ended 30 September 2014.

A4. Seasonal or Cyclical Factors

The business operations of the Group are normally performed better during major festive seasons.

A5. Unusual Items Affecting Assets, Liabilities, Equity, Net Income or Cashflow

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

A6. Changes in estimates

There were no materials changes in the nature and amount of estimates reported in prior interim period of prior financial year that have a material effect in the current quarter results.

A7. Changes in Debt and Equity Securities

There were no issuance and repayment of debt and equity securities, share buy-back, share cancellation, shares held as treasury shares or resale of treasury shares during the current quarter under review.

A8. Dividends Paid

There was no dividend proposed or paid in this current quarter under review.

A9. Segmental Report

No segmental analysis is prepared as the Group is primarily engaged in retail operations and related activities in Malaysia.

A10. Valuation of Property, Plant and Equipment

The Company has not carried out valuation on its property, plant and equipment in the current financial quarter under review.

A11. Related Party Transactions

Refer to the announcement dated 7 November 2014, the Company's subsidiary, Pacific Hypermarket & Departmental Store Sdn Bhd has in the ordinary course of its business entered into tenancy agreements with a related party, Unifortune Holdings Sdn Bhd for its operation business at Taiping Mall. The Company may seek for shareholders' mandate at the next Annual General Meeting.

During the current financial quarter under review and up to the date of this announcement, except as disclosed above, the Group did not enter into any related party transactions of a revenue or trading nature that has not been included or exceeded the estimated value by 10% or more which had been mandated by the shareholders at the Annual General Meeting held on 28 March 2014.

A12. Material Events Subsequent to the End of the Period

There were no material events, which have arisen from the current financial quarter under review to the date of this announcement, which would substantially affect the current financial results of the Group.

A13 Changes in the Composition of the Group

There were no changes in the composition of the Group during the current quarter under review.

A14. Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets

There were no contingent assets or contingent liabilities since the end of the last annual report period.

A15. Capital Commitments

As at 31 December 2014, the Group has no material capital commitments in respect of property, plant and equipment.

B. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUIRED BY BURSA MALAYSIA SECURITIES BHD MAIN MARKET LISTING REQUIREMENTS

B1. Review of Performance of the Company and its Principal Subsidiaries

Current quarter (1Q15) against corresponding quarter of last year (1Q14)

For the quarter under review, the Group had recorded revenue of RM400.37 million which was lower by 8.2% or RM35.77 million than the revenue in last year corresponding quarter of RM436.14 million. The Group had recorded a profit before tax of RM9.18 million which was 8.01% lower than the RM9.98 million achieved in last year corresponding quarter.

The decrease in the revenue was mainly affected by weaker customers spending due to inflationary pressure as well as recent flood cases happened in east cost of peninsular Malaysia. The decrease in profit before tax was mainly due to the drop in the group's revenue.

Current Quarter (1Q15) against preceding quarter (4Q14)

The Group's revenue for the current quarter under review was RM400.37 million, a decrease of 17.48% from the preceding quarter of RM485.16 million. Profit before tax for the current quarter under review was RM9.18 million, a marginal decrease of 1.07% as compare to RM9.28 million recorded in the preceding quarter.

The decrease in both revenue and profit before tax was mainly due to higher sales recorded during the Hari Raya festive in the preceding quarter as compared to the absence of the festive seasons in current quarter under review.

B2. Commentary on Prospects

This year, retail industries will remain difficult and challenging with the Government's constant reminders of reductions or withdrawal of subsidiaries and uncertainties on the impact of the Goods & Services Tax (GST) implementation with effect from 1 April this year. However, the Group will endeavour to continue its efforts in enhancing operational efficiency and effectiveness by putting in place stringent cost control measures, pursue to increase market share in terms of quality, pricing and achieve a wide range of product varieties

The Group is confident to deliver a satisfactory financial performance for the current financial year.

B3. Variance of Actual Profit from Forecast Profit

The Group did not issue any profit forecast nor profit guarantee during the current quarter under review.

B4. Taxation

Taxation comprises:	31.12.2014	31.12.2013
	RM'000	RM'000
<u>Tax Expense :</u>		
- Current year	3,539	3,773
- (Over)/Under provision in prior year	-	-
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	3,539	3,773

Deferred Tax :

- Current year	-	-
- (Over)/Under provision in prior year	-	-
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	3,539	3,773
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The Company's effective tax rate is higher than the statutory tax rate as certain expenses are not deductible for tax purposes.

B5. Note to the Statements of Comprehensive Income:

Profit before tax is arrived at after crediting/(charged) the following :

	Current quarter RM('000)	Current year to date RM('000)
(a) Interest income;	743	743
(b) Other income including investment income;	9,272	9,272
(c) Interest expense;	(1,925)	(1,925)
(d) Depreciation and amortization;	(8,718)	(8,718)
(e) Provision for and write off of receivables;	-	-
(f) Provision for and write off of inventories;	-	-
(g) Gain/(loss) on disposal of properties, plant and equipment;	4	4
(h) Gain/(loss) on disposal of investment in subsidiary ;	-	-
(i) Impairment of assets;	-	-
(i) Foreign exchange gain/(loss);	-	-
(j) Gain/(loss) on derivatives; and	-	-
(k) Exceptional items (with details).	-	-

B6. Derivative Financial instruments

There were no derivative financial instruments as at 31 December 2014

B7. Status of Corporate Proposals

There were no other corporate proposals announced by the Group but not completed as at 31 December 2014.

B8. Group Borrowings

Total group borrowings as at 31 December 2014 are as follows:

	31.12.2014 RM'000	31.12.2013 RM'000
<u>Long term borrowings (Secured)</u>		
<u>Term Loans</u>		
Total outstanding balances	136,017	216,477
Repayments due within the next 12 months	(28,112)	(31,937)
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	107,905	184,540
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<u>Hire purchase and Finance lease liabilities</u>		
Total outstanding balances	-	-
Repayments due within the next 12 months	-	-
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Total	107,905	184,540
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<u>Short term borrowings</u>		
<u>(Secured)</u>		
Long term loans (current portion)	28,112	31,937
Bankers' acceptance	-	-
Bank overdrafts	-	-
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Total	28,112	31,937
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All borrowings are in Malaysian Ringgit.

B9. Material Litigation

There is no material litigation to be disclosed or updated in this interim financial statement.

B10. Dividend

No interim dividend has been recommended by the Board for the financial period ended 31 December 2014.

B11. Earnings Per Share

Basic earnings per share is calculated by dividing the Group's net profit for the period by the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue during the period, disclosed as follows:-

	3 months Ended 31 December 2014 (RM'000)	3 months Ended 31 December 2013 (RM'000)
(i) Net profit attribute to owners of the parent (RM'000)	5,647	6,213
(ii) Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue ('000)	68,504	68,504
Basic earnings per share (sen)	8.20 =====	9.10 =====

The Company does not have any dilutive potential ordinary shares outstanding as at 31 December 2014. Accordingly, no diluted earnings per share are presented.

B12. Disclosure of Realised and Unrealised Profit/loss

The breakdown of the retained profits of the Group as at 31 December 2014, into realised and unrealised profit/losses, is as follows:

	3 months Ended 31 December 2014 (RM'000)	As at Financial Year Ended 30 September 2014 (RM'000)
Total retained profits of the Company and its subsidiaries:		
- Realised	645,961	640,314
- Unrealised	<u>(8,069)</u>	<u>(8,069)</u>
	637,892	632,245
less: Consolidation adjustments	<u>(235,923)</u>	<u>(235,926)</u>
Total retained profits as per statements of financial position	401,969 =====	396,319 =====

The determination of realised and unrealised profit is based on the Guidance on Special Matter No.1: *Determination of Realised and Unrealised Profit or Losses in the Context of Disclosure pursuant to Bursa Securities Listing Requirements*, issued by the Malaysian Institute of Accountants on 20 December 2010.

The disclosure of realised and unrealised profit above is solely for complying with the disclosure requirements stipulated in the directive of Bursa Securities and should not be applied for any other purposes.