### Berjaya Media Berhad

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# Subject: UNAUDITED FOURTH QUARTER RESULTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2008

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# UNAUDITED FOURTH QUARTER RESULTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2008 CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT

	INDIVIDUAL QUARTER		CUMULATIVE QUARTER			
	3 months ended		12 months	ended		
	31.12.2008	31.12.2007	31.12.2008	31.12.2007		
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000		
Revenue	15,342	30,325	68,072	105,648		
Operating expenses	(15,322)	(28,741)	(65,743)	(102,688)		
Other operating income	(13,322) 977	712	3,245			
Other operating income	911	/12	3,245	2,184		
Profit from operations	997	2,296	5,574	5,144		
Results arising from investing activities *	(6,262)	-	30,696	-		
Finance costs	(5)	(7)	(25)	(32)		
Share of associate's profit	-	-	978	-		
Profit/(loss) before tax	(5,270)	2,289	37,223	5,112		
Taxation	(33)	(110)	(260)	(2,569)		
Profit/(loss) after tax	(5,303)	2,179	36,963	2,543		
Attributable to:						
Equity holders of the Company	(5,303)	968	36,718	(1,098)		
Minority interests	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	1,211	245	3,641		
Net profit/(loss) for the period	(5,303)	2,179	36,963	2,543		
Earnings/(loss) per ordinary share						
- Basic (Note B13)	(2.28)	0.42	15.79	(0.67)		
- Diluted (Note B13)	N/A	0.33	15.61	N/A		

<sup>\*</sup> Results arising from investing activities comprise of investment related income less investment related expenses. (including provision for impairment on quoted investment)

N/A: Not applicable / anti-dilutive

The accompanying notes form an integral part of this interim financial report.

# UNAUDITED FOURTH QUARTER RESULTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2008 CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

	<u>Group</u>		
	As At	As At	
	31.12.2008 RM'000	31.12.2007 RM'000	
ASSETS			
Non-current Assets			
Property, plant and equipment	3,953	6,637	
Intangible assets	113,705	120,000	
Other investments - unquoted	4,200	4,200	
	121,858	130,837	
Current Assets			
Inventories	15,271	9,359	
Other investments - quoted	48,138	-	
Trade receivables	13,740	25,502	
Other receivables and prepaid expenses	3,280	1,664	
Fixed deposits with licensed banks	4,188	21,001	
Cash and bank balances	6,384	7,996	
	91,001	65,522	
TOTAL ASSETS	212,859	196,359	
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
Equity attributable to equity holders of the Company			
Ordinary share capital	232,363	231,915	
Irredeemable Convertible Preference Shares ("ICPS")	241	295	
Share premium	37,470	37,854	
Accumulated loss	(70,996)	(107,714	
Equity funds	199,078	162,350	
Minority interests	· -	9,879	
Total equity	199,078	172,229	
Non-Current Liabilities			
Hire-purchase payables (non-current portion)	29	139	
Current Liabilities			
Trade payables	1,216	2,686	
Other payables and accrued expenses	12,511	19,891	
Hire-purchase payables (currrent portion)	21	163	
Tax liabilities	4	1,251	
	13,752	23,991	
Total liabilities	13,781	24,130	
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	212,859	196,359	
Net assets per share attributable to			
ordinary equity holders of the parent (RM)	0.86	0.70	

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# UNAUDITED FOURTH QUARTER RESULTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2008 CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

	Attri	butable to E	quity Holde	ers of the Com	pany		
			Non-dist	tributable			
	Issued ca	pital	res	erves			
	Share capital RM'000	ICPS RM'000	Share premium RM'000	Accumulated loss RM'000	Equity Funds RM'000	Minority Interests RM'000	Total Equity RM'000
At 1 January 2008	231,915	295	37,854	(107,714)	162,350	9,879	172,229
Net profit for the 12 months period representing total recognised income and expense for the period	-	-	-	36,718	36,718	245	36,963
Arising from deconsolidation of a subsidiary	-	-	-	-	-	(10,124)	(10,124)
Arising from conversion of ICPS	438	(54)	(384)	-	-	-	-
Arising from exercise of Warrants	10	-	-	-	10	-	10
At 31 December 2008	232,363	241	37,470	(70,996)	199,078	-	199,078
At 1 January 2007	112,561	15,453	142,066	(106,616)	163,464	6,413	169,877
Net (loss)/profit for the 12 months period representing total recognised income and expense for the period	-	-	-	(1,098)	(1,098)	3,641	2,543
Arising from conversion of ICPS	119,354	(15,158)	(104,196)	-	-	-	-
Arising from share options exercised by minority interests of a subsidiary	-	-	-	-	-	8,736	8,736
Dividend paid by a subsidiary	-	-	-	-	-	(8,911)	(8,911)
Corporate exercise expenses	-	-	(16)	-	(16)	-	(16)
At 31 December 2007	231,915	295	37,854	(107,714)	162,350	9,879	172,229

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# UNAUDITED FOURTH QUARTER RESULTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2008 CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT

	12 months	ended
	31.12.2008 RM'000	31.12.2007 RM'000
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Receipt from customers	79,515	100,563
Payment to suppliers	(60,828)	(63,034)
Payment for operating expenses (including taxes)	(26,560)	(41,492)
Net cash used in operating activities	(7,873)	(3,963)
INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(747)	(3,872)
Acquisition of investment	-	(4,200)
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment	310	36
Proceeds from disposal of other investments	-	18
Cash and cash equivalents of a subsidiary deconsolidated	(10,298)	-
Interest received	402	750
Net cash used in investing activities	(10,333)	(7,268)
FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Payment of hire purchase obligations	(229)	(82)
Proceeds from exercised of warrants	10	-
Proceeds from exercised of share options by minority		
interests of a subsidiary company	-	8,736
Dividends paid to minority shareholders of subsidiary company	<u> </u>	(8,911)
Net cash used in financing activities	(219)	(257)
NET DECREASE IN CASH AND		
CASH EQUIVALENTS	(18,425)	(11,488)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		
AT THE BEGINNING OF THE PERIOD	28,997	40,485
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		
AT THE END OF THE PERIOD	10,572	28,997
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial period comprises the	e following:-	
	RM'000	RM'000
Fixed deposits	4,188	21,001
Cash and bank balances	6,384	7,996
	10.551	7,220

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## UNAUDITED FOURTH QUARTER RESULTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2008 NOTES TO THE INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORT

### A1. Basis of preparation

The interim financial report is unaudited and has been prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard (FRS) 134, Interim Financial Reporting.

The accounting policies adopted are consistent with those of the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2007 except for the adoption of the following new/revised FRSs effective for financial period beginning 1 January 2008:

FRS 107 Cash Flow Statements

FRS 112 Income Taxes

FRS 118 Revenue

FRS 134 Interim Financial Reporting

FRS 137 Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets

The Group has not early adopted FRS 139 Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement which will become effective for financial period beginning on or after 1 January 2010.

The adoption of the abovementioned FRSs does not result in significant changes in accounting policies of the Group.

On 24 November 2008, the Company announced that the Board of Directors of the Company has approved the change of year end from 31 December to 30 April in order to be coterminous with its holding company. Thus, the statutory financial statements will be made up from 1 January 2008 to 30 April 2009 covering a period of 16 months.

#### A2. Seasonal or cyclical factors

The business of the Group is generally affected by the festive seasons and global newsprint prices.

### A3. Unusual items

There were no unusual items for the current period under review other than the following:-

	3 month	s ended	12 months ended	
	31.12.2008	31.12.2007	31.12.2008	31.12.2007
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
Gain on disposal of investment in an				
associated company [see Note A8(a)]	-	-	46,308	-
Provision for impairment loss on quoted investments	(6,262)	-	(15,612)	-
	(6,262)	-	30,696	-

### A4. Changes in estimates

There were no changes in amount of estimates reported previously that have a material effect in the current period under review.

### A5. Issuance and repayment of debt and equity securities

During the financial period ended 31 December 2008, the issued and paid up ordinary share capital of the Company increased from RM231,914,949 to RM232,362,879 resulting from the conversion of ICPS and Warrants exercised as follows:-

	Total RM
<u>Issued and paid up share capital</u>	
As at 1 January 2008	232,914,949
Issued during the financial period:	
Arising from conversion of 539,150 ICPS of RM0.10 each	438,330
Arising from exercise of 9,600 Warrants	9,600
As at 31 December 2008	233,362,879

### A6. Dividend paid

No dividend was paid in the current period under review.

### A7. Segment reporting

The business segments for the Group in the 12 month period ended 31 December 2008 are categorised as follows:-

REVENUE	Total
	RM'000
Publishing	67,879
Others	193
Investment holding	
Total revenue	68,072

### **RESULTS**

	RM'000
Publishing	6,178
Others	7
Investment holding	(611)
Profit from operations	5,574
Results arising from investing activities	30,696
Finance costs	(25)
Share of results in associate company	978
Profit before tax	37,223
Income tax expense	(260)
Profit after tax	36,963

No geographical segment report is presented as the Group operates solely in Malaysia.

### A8. Material events

- (a) On 26 August 2008, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, completed the disposal of its entire 50% interest in The Edge Communications Sdn Bhd ("theEdge") comprising of 2,800,000 ordinary shares of RM1.00 each for a total consideration of RM85,000,000 to NetEdge Online Sdn Bhd. The said disposal resulted in an exceptional gain of RM46.3 million.
- (b) On 3 December 2008, the Company announced that the following proposals have been duly approved by the shareholders at the Extraordinary General Meeting ("EGM") which was held on the even date:-
  - (i) proposed distribution by way of dividend-in-specie of up to 145,330,713 units of 0% irredeemable convertible unsecured loan stocks 2005/2015 of Berjaya Corporations Berhad of RM0.50 nominal value ("BCorp ICULS") to the ordinary shareholders of the Company on the basis of one (1) unit of BCorp ICULS for every two (2) BMedia Shares held ("Proposed Distribution"); and
  - (ii) proposed reduction of the share capital of the Company by a minimum of RM46,470,655 and a maximum of RM58,132,286 (resulting in the reduction of the par value of the ordinary shares of the Company from RM1.00 to RM0.80) and reduction of the share premium reserve of the Company by a minimum of RM20,528,296 and a maximum of RM32,189,927 to set off the accumulated losses of the Company amounting to RM78,660,582 ("Proposed Capital Reduction").

The Proposed Distribution was completed on 16 January 2009 where a total of 116,181,411 units of BCorp ICULS was credited into the Central Depository System ("CDS") accounts of the ordinary shareholders. The Proposed Capital Reduction is pending approval from the High Court of Malaya.

### A9. Changes in composition of the Group

Prior to 1 March 2008, theEdge was treated as a subsidiary company whereby the Company had Board representation and management control over theEdge. On 1 March 2008, theEdge became an associated company following the cessation of Board representation as well as management control. On 26 August 2008, theEdge was disposed of by the Group. Except for the aforesaid, there was no change in composition of the Group for the period ended 31 December 2008 including business combination, acquisition or disposal of subsidiaries and long term investments, restructuring and discontinuing operations.

### A10. Changes in contingent liabilities or contingent assets

There are no material changes in contingent liabilities and contingent assets for the current period under review since the last annual balance sheet date.

# UNAUDITED FOURTH QUARTER RESULTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2008 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUIRED BY BURSA SECURITIES LR

### **B1** Review of group performance

### For the quarter

For the fourth quarter ended 31 December 2008, the Group reported a consolidated revenue of RM15.34 million and pre-tax loss of RM5.27 million as compared to RM30.33 million revenue and pre-tax profit of RM2.29 million in the preceding year's corresponding quarter. The decrease in revenue was mainly due to the deconsolidation of the Edge with effect from 1 March 2008. The incurrence of pre-tax loss was mainly due to the provision of impairment loss on quoted investments (BCorp ICULS) of RM6.26 million by a subsidiary company as disclosed in Note A3. The Board is however pleased to note that inspite of the challenging economic conditions being faced, the Group was able to attain operating profit of about RM1.0 million for the quarter under review.

#### For the 12 months period

For the 12 months period ended 31 December 2008, the Group registered a consolidated revenue of RM68.07 million and pre-tax profit of RM37.22 million as compared to RM105.65 million and RM5.11 million pre-tax profit in the preceding year's corresponding period. The decrease in revenue was mainly due to the deconsolidation of theEdge as mentioned above and hence only 2 months results (up to 29 February 2008) of theEdge was consolidated in the current financial period. The increase in pre-tax profit was mainly due to turnaround in profitability of its principal subsidiary, Sun Media Corporation Sdn Bhd arising from improved advertisement revenue coupled with lower operating expenses of certain subsidiary companies as well as the recognition of exceptional gain arising from the disposal of theEdge [see Note A8(a)].

### B2. Material changes in the quarterly results compared with immediate preceding quarter

For the current quarter under review, the Group registered a consolidated revenue of RM15.34 million and pre-tax loss of RM5.27 million as compared to RM15.61 million revenue and pre-tax profit of RM37.29 million in the preceding quarter. The decrease in revenue was mainly due to lower advertisement income received attributable to the economic downturn. The incurrence of pre-tax loss mainly arose from the impairment of quoted investments (BCorp ICULS) which was marked to market price at the balance sheet date as disclosed in Notes A3 and B7.

### **B3.** Current year prospects

The Group operates in a challenging business environment and is continuously working towards improving its advertisement revenue by way of increasing its market share and rates. However, the prevailing global economic conditions will impact our operating results for the remaining financial period ending 30 April 2009.

### B4. Variance of actual profit from profit forecast and profit guaranteed

There was no profit forecast or profit guarantee given by the Group for the current quarter under review.

### **B5.** Taxation

	3 months ended		12 months ended	
	31.12.2008		31.12.2008	31.12.2007
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
Current taxation	33	681	382	2,965
Over provision in prior year	-	(571)	(122)	(396)
	33	110	260	2,569

The effective tax rate of the Group's current tax charge for the current period under review was lower than the statutory tax rate mainly due to:-

- (i) the gain arising from disposal of investment in the Edge which is not subject to tax; and
- (ii) recovery of tax deducted at source on dividend received from a subsidiary company.

### B6. Profit/(loss) on sale of investments and properties

There were no profit/(loss) on disposals of unquoted investments and properties for the current quarter under review.

	3 months ended		12 months ended	
	31.12.2008	31.12.2007	31.12.2008	31.12.2007
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
Gain on disposal of investment in an				
associated company [see Note A8(a)]			46,308	

### **B7.** Quoted Securities

Particulars of investments in quoted securities (included in other investments under current assets):-

	31.12.2008 RM'000
(i) at cost	63,750
(ii) at carrying value/book value	48,138
(iii) at market value	48,138

### **B8.** Additional Corporate Disclosure

The Company does not comply with the public shareholding spread requirement set out in paragraph 8.15(1) of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad ("Bursa Securities") Listing Requirements ("LR").

Bursa Securities had via its letter dated 6 November 2008, directed the Company to comply with paragraph 8.15(1) of the LR within 6 months from the date of the said letter. Failing to comply may cause Bursa Securities to take action against the Company.

On 23 December 2008, Berjaya Corporation Berhad ("BCorp"), the holding company of the Company ("BMedia"), announced that BCorp proposed to distribute by way of dividend-in-specie of up to 119,084,708 ordinary shares of RM1.00 each of BMedia to the shareholders of BCorp, on the basis of twenty five (25) BMedia shares for every one thousand (1,000) ordinary shares of RM1.00 each held in BCorp ("Proposed Dividend-in-Specie").

This Proposed Dividend-in-Specie, will improve the public shareholding spread of the Company. As the improved shareholding spread will only be known on the completion date of the said proposal, the Company will decide its next course of action to address its public spread after the implementation of the said proposal.

#### B9. Group bank borrowings and debt securities

The Group has no bank borrowings and debt securities for the current quarter under review.

### B10. Summary of off balance sheet financial instruments

The Group has no off balance sheet financial instruments as at the date of this announcement other than a total of 56,280,264 warrants issued in conjunction with the rights issue of 28,140,132 ordinary shares by the Company on 19 December 2006. Each of the said warrant entitles the holder to subscribe for one ordinary share of RM1.00 each at an exercise price of RM1.00 per share. The expiry date of the said warrants is on 18 December 2016.

As at 31 December 2008, there was a total of 56,270,664 warrants outstanding.

### **B11.** Changes in material litigation

There is no change in material litigation since the last annual balance sheet date.

### **B12.** Dividend

Saved for the proposed dividend-in-specie as disclosed in Note A8 (b)(i) which was completed on 16 January 2009, the Board of Directors does not recommend the payment of any dividend in respect of the financial period ended 31 December 2008 (preceding year's corresponding period ended 31 December 2007: Nil).

### B13. Earnings/(loss) per ordinary share

<u>Basic</u>	3 month 31.12.2008	as ended 31.12.2007	12 mont 31.12.2008	hs ended 31.12.2007
Net profit/(loss) attributable to ordinary shareholders (RM'000)	(5,303)	968	36,718	(1,098)
Weighted average number of ordinary shares of RM1.00 each in issue ('000) (inclusive of mandatorily convertible instruments)	232,559	231,915	232,515	164,521
Basic earnings/(loss) per ordinary share (sen)	(2.28)	0.42	15.79	(0.67)
Diluted	3 month 31.12.2008	as ended 31.12.2007	12 month 31.12.2008	hs ended 31.12.2007
Net profit/(loss) attributable to ordinary shareholders (RM'000)	(5,303)	968	36,718	(1,098)
Weighted average number of ordinary shares of RM1.00 each in issue ('000) (inclusive of mandatorily convertible instruments)	232,559	234,315	232,515	164,521
Adjustment for assumed conversion of warrants	2,680	56,280	2,680	-
Adjusted weighted average number of ordinary shares of RM1.00 each in issue ('000)  Diluted earnings/(loss) per ordinary	235,239	290,595	235,195	164,521
share (sen)	N/A	0.33	15.61	N/A