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Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Income Statement For the period ended 30 June 2006

	3 month 30.6.2006 RM'000	ns ended 30.6.2005 RM'000	Financial pe 30.6.2006 RM'000	eriod ended 30.6.2005 RM'000
Revenue	186,037	184,417	354,805	353,079
Operating expenses	(139,836)	(138,136)	(273,483)	(268,342)
Other operating income	5,939	4,928	13,181	10,446
Profit from operations	52,140	51,209	94,503	95,183
Finance cost	(3,478)	(4,676)	(6,918)	(8,025)
Profit before taxation Taxation	48,662 (8,710)	46,533 (8,578)	87,585 (16,014)	87,158 (16,237)
Profit after taxation Less: Minority interests	39,952 -	37,955 -	71,571 -	70,921 -
Net profit for the period	39,952	37,955	71,571	70,921
Attributable to: Equity holders of the parent Company	39,952	37,955	71,571	70,921
Basic earnings per ordinary share (sen) *	5.41	5.73	9.69	10.70
Diluted earnings per ordinary share (sen) *	5.41	5.62	9.69	10.50

^{*} After taking into consideration the effect of the bonus issue subsequent to the balance sheet date (please refer to note B13).

(The unaudited Condensed Consolidated Income Statement should be read in conjunction with the Annual Financial statement for the year ended 31st December 2005)

Note on Operating Expenses:

Included in the Operating Expenses is				
depreciation expense of: -	(10,089)	(10,276)	(21,887)	(20,551)

Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet As at 30 June 2006

	30 June 2006 RM'000	31 December 2005 RM'000
Non-Current assets		
Property, plant and equipment	718,929	735,041
Investment properties	28,838	29,146
Goodwill	27,119	27,119
Intangible assets	6,398	7,252
Investment in bonds		20,857
	781,284	819,415
Current assets		
Inventories	172,851	179,741
Trade receivables	97,988	97,829
Other receivables, deposits and prepayments	11,434	11,201
Other investment	11	7
Investment in bonds	20,857	-
Tax recoverable	416	416
Short term deposits	404,374	391,778
Cash and bank balances	31,217	24,568
	739,148	705,540
Assets classified as held for sale	15,762	-
TOTAL ASSETS	1,536,194	1,524,955
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES Equity attributable to equity holders of Parent Company Share capital	369,282	368,433
Retained earnings	764,738	750,055
rectained earnings	1,134,020	1,118,488
Non-current liabilities	1,101,020	1,110,400
Long-term borrowings	250,000	250,000
Retirement benefits	4,955	4,594
Deferred tax	68,049	58,528
Deletied tax	323,004	313,122
Current liabilities	323,004	313,122
	12.000	11 110
Trade and other payables Provision for liabilities	12,099 61,258	11,419
		74,980
Current tax liabilities	5,813	6,946
	79,170	93,345
Total Liabilities	402,174	406,467
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	1,536,194	1,524,955
Net assets per share attributable to ordinary		
equity holders of the parent (RM)	3.07	3.04

(The unaudited Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet should be read in conjunction with the Annual Financial Statement for the year ended 31st December 2005)

Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statements of Changes in Equity For the period ended 30 June 2006

---- Attributable to equity holders of the Parent Company ----

			ributable erves Foreign exchange	Distributable <u>Reserves</u>	
	Share Capital RM'000	Share Premium RM'000	fluctuation reserve RM'000	Retained Profits RM'000	Total RM'000
Balance as at 1 January 2006	368,433	301,522	14,680	433,853	1,118,488
Currency translation differences	-		(1,303)	-	(1,303)
Net gains and losses not recognised in the income statements	-	-	(1,303)	-	(1,303)
Net profit for the financial period	-	-	-	71,571	71,571
Dividend Second Interim Dividend and Special Dividend for the financial year ended 31 December 2005, paid on 18 April 2006	-	-	-	(58,347)	(58,347)
Issue of shares	849	2,762	-	-	3,611
Balance as at 30 June 2006	369,282	304,284	13,377	447,077	1,134,020
Balance as at 1 January 2005	327,394	127,812	19,626	385,564	860,396
Currency translation differences	-	-	(1,183)	-	(1,183)
Net gains and losses not recognised in the income statements	-	-	(1,183)	-	(1,183)
Net profit for the financial period	-	-	-	70,921	70,921
Dividend Second interim Dividend and Special Dividend for the financial year ended 31 December 2004, paid on 15 April 2005	-	-	-	(49,193)	(49,193)
Issue of shares	17,564	73,846	-	-	91,410
Balance as at 30 June 2005	344,958	201,658	18,443	407,292	972,351

(The unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statement Of Changes in Equity should be read in conjunction with the Annual Financial Statement for the year ended 31st December 2005)

Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Cash Flow Statement For the period ended 30 June 2006

	30 June 2006 RM'000	30 June 2005 RM'000
Profit before taxation	87,585	87,158
Adjustments for non-cash flow:-		
Non-cash items	21,628	20,816
Non-operating items	(1,331)	2,149
Operating profit before working capital changes	107,882	110,123
Changes in working capital		
Net change in current assets	7,271	15,254
Net change in current liabilities	(13,433)	5,943
	(6,162)	21,197
Cash generated from operations	101,720	131,320
Tax paid	(7,431)	(12,055)
Net cash from operating activities	94,289	119,265
Investing Activities		
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment	771	3,609
Purchases of property, plant and equipment	(22,016)	(125,080)
Interest received	8,248	5,876
Net cash used in investing activities	(12,997)	(115,595)
Financing Activities		
Issue of shares	3,611	91,262
Proceeds from issuance of 2005/2010 Medium Term Notes	-	150,000
Interest paid	(6,975)	(5,014)
Dividend paid	(58,347)	(49,193)
Net cash from / (used in) financing activities	(61,711)	187,055
Exchange differences	515	907
Net Change in Cash & Cash Equivalents	20,096	191,632
Cash & Cash Equivalents at beginning of year	416,346	245,553
Effect of change in exchange rate	(851)	(212)
As restated	415,495	245,341
Cash & Cash Equivalents at end of the period	435,591	436,973

(The unaudited Condensed Consolidated Cash Flow Statement should be read in conjunction with the Annual Financial Report for the year ended 31st December 2005).

Notes to the interim financial report

A1. Basis of Preparation

The interim financial statements are unaudited and has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of Financial Reporting Standard (FRS) 134, Interim Financial Reporting (formerly known as MASB 26) issued by the Malaysian Accounting Standards Board (MASB) and paragraph 9.22 and Appendix 9B of the Listing Requirements of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad.

The interim financial statements should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2005.

The significant accounting policies and methods of computation adopted by the Group in these interim financial statements are consistent with those adopted in the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2005, except that in the current year, the Group has adopted all of the new and revised Financial reporting Standards ("FRS") that are relevant to its operations and effective for accounting periods beginning on 1 January 2006.

A summary of the principal impact on the Group's accounting policies resulting from the adoption of the new or revised standards are as follows:

(a) FRS 5 Non-current Assets Held for Sale and Discontinued Operations

The Group has identified property, plant and equipment where the carrying amount of the assets will be recovered principally through a sale transaction rather than through continuing use and reclassified them as assets held for sale. These assets classified as "held for sale" are measured at the lower of carrying amount and fair value less costs to sell and are not depreciated from 1 July 2006.

(b) FRS 101 Presentation of Financial Statements

The adoption of the revised FRS 101 has affected the presentation of the condensed income statements, balance sheets and statements of changes in equity with additional disclosure on the amount attributable to equity holders of the parent Company.

The presentation of the comparative financial statements of the Group have been restated to conform with the current period's presentation

(c) FRS 116 Property, Plant and Equipment

In accordance with FRS 116, the asset's residual values, useful lives and depreciation methods will be assessed at each financial year end and adjusted if necessary. If the residual value of an asset increases to an amount equal to or greater than the asset's carrying amount, the asset's depreciation charge is zero and until its residual value subsequently decreases to an amount below the asset's carrying amount.

Upon adoption of this standard, the Group and the Company have reviewed and re-estimated the useful lives and residual values of each significant part of all item of property, plant and equipment in accordance with the requirements of FRS 116.

After taking into the effect of changes in the useful lives and residual values, the Group recorded a reduction in depreciation charges of RM3.72 million for the financial period ended 30 June 2006.

(d) FRS 140 Investment Property

Investment property is property (land or a building – or part of a building – or both), held to earn rentals or for capital appreciation or both, and is not occupied by the Group. The investment property is measured using the cost model which is in accordance with the measurement of property, plant and equipment unless the investment property meets the criteria to be classified as Assets Held for Sale in accordance with FRS 5. In accordance to FRS 140, investment property is separately classified on the balance sheet. In prior years, investment property was not separately classified and was presented as part of property, plant and equipment.

As a result of the adoption of FRS 140, comparative amounts as at 31 December 2005 have been reclassified as follows:

	As previously reported RM'000	Effects of reclassification RM'000	As restated RM'000	
Property, plant and equipment	764,187	(29,146)	735,041	
Investment Property, included in property, plant and equipment	-	29,146	29,146	

All changes in the accounting policies have been made in accordance with the transitional provisions of the standards, and are applied prospectively. No retrospective changes, except for the restatement above, have resulted from the adoption of the new and revised accounting standards.

All the other new and revised accounting standards adopted resulted in only minimal changes to the presentation and additional disclosures.

The Group has not applied the following three new standards which have been issued by the Malaysian Accounting Standards Board, but are not yet effective:

- (a) FRS 117 Leases
- (b) FRS 124 Related Party Disclosures
- (c) FRS 139 Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement

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Notes to the interim financial report

A2. Annual Report of the Group's Preceding Annual Financial Statements

The audit report of the Group's most recent annual audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2005 was not qualified.

A3. Seasonal or cyclical factors

Our business operations are generally affected by the major festive seasons.

A4. Unusual items

There were no unusual items affecting assets, liabilities, equity, net income, or cash flows during the financial period ended 30 June 2006.

A5. Changes in estimates

There were no changes in estimates of amounts reported in prior financial years that have a material effect in the current quarter.

Notes to the interim financial report

A6. Debt and equity securities

There were no issuances and repayment of debts and equity securities, share buy-backs, share cancellations, shares held as treasury shares and resale of treasury shares during the financial period ended 30 June 2006, other than as mentioned below.

Employees' Share Option Scheme

• Exercise Price of RM3.83

An Employees' Share Option Scheme was implemented on 13 February 2001 for the benefit of the Executive Directors and eligible employees. On 30 April 2001, the Company offered 13,955,000 options to subscribe for ordinary shares to eligible Executive Directors and employees at an exercise price of RM7.65. The exercise price and number of the Options were adjusted from RM7.65 to RM3.83 per option and an additional 13,768,000 options were offered, after the Company's bonus issue of one share for every existing shares held. As at the end of the current financial period, there were 231,000 unissued shares at an exercise price of RM3.83.

Exercise Price of RM6.52

On 30 April 2002, the Company offered another 377,000 options to eligible employees at an exercise price of RM6.52, of which 368,000 options were accepted. As at the end of the current financial period, there were **189,000** unissued ordinary shares at an exercise price of RM6.52.

Exercise Price of RM5.43

On 30 April 2003, the Company offered another 373,000 options to eligible employees at an exercise price of RM5.43, of which 358,000 options were accepted. As at the end of the current financial period, there were **23,000** unissued ordinary shares at an exercise price of RM5.43.

• Exercise Price of RM5.85

On 30 April 2004, the Company offered another 218,000 options to eligible employees at an exercise price of RM5.85, of which 193,000 options were accepted. As at the end of the current financial period, there were **30,000** unissued ordinary shares at an exercise price of RM5.85

• Exercise Price of RM6.24

On 30 April 2005, the Company offered another 158,000 options to eligible employees at an exercise price of RM6.24, of which 127,000 options were accepted. As at the end of the current financial period, there were **36,000** unissued ordinary shares at an exercise price of RM6.24.

The subscription rights of the above Employees' Share Option Scheme expired on 12 February 2006 in accordance with the provisions of the ESOS By-Laws. Share options not exercised become null and void and cease thereafter to be valid for any purpose.

Except for the above, there were no other issuances, cancellations, repurchases, resale and repayments of either debt or equity securities for the financial period under review.

Notes to the interim financial report

A7. Dividend paid

	2006 RM'000	2005 RM'000
In respect of the financial year ended 31 December 2004 Second interim dividend of 15.0 sen per ordinary share, less tax and special interim dividend of 5.0 sen per ordinary share, less tax, paid on 15 April 2005		49,193
In respect of the financial year ended 31 December 2005 Interim dividend of 15.0 sen per ordinary share, less tax, and special tax exempt dividend of 5 sen, paid on 20 October 2005		57,986
Second interim dividend of 15.0 sen per ordinary share, less tax and special tax exempt dividend of 5.0 sen per ordinary share, paid on 18 April 2006	58,347	
	58,347	107,179

A8. Segment Reporting

Segment revenue and segment result for business segments or geographical segments, whichever is the enterprise's primary basis of segment reporting (disclosure of segment data is required in an enterprise's interim financial report only if MASB 22, Segment Reporting, requires that enterprise to disclose segment data in its annual financial statements);

No segmental reporting has been prepared as the Group's activities are predominantly in the publication, printing and distribution of newspaper and magazines within Malaysia.

A9. Property, plant and equipment

Where valuations of property, plant and equipment have been brought forward, without amendment from the previous annual financial statements, a statement to that effect should be given as well as acquisitions and disposals of items of property, plant and equipment;

The valuations of property, plant and equipment have been brought forward without amendment from the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2005.

Acquisition and disposals of property, plant and equipment

	Current Quarter	Current Year To Date
	RM'000	RM'000
Additions	7,583	22,016
Disposals	-	94

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Notes to the interim financial report

A10. Events subsequent to the balance sheet date

There are no material events subsequent to the end of the financial period under review that have not been reflected in the quarterly financial statements.

A11. Changes in composition of the Group

There were no changes in the composition of the Group during the current financial period ended 30 June 2006.

A12. Changes in contingent liabilities

There are no changes in the contingent liabilities or assets of the Group since the last annual balance sheet date to the date of this announcement.

A13. Capital commitments

Authorised capital exp	penditure not provided	for in the financial	
- contracted - not contracted			9,273 10,860
			20,133

RM'000

B1. Review of performance

		Preceding Year
	Current Year	Corresponding
	Quarter	Quarter
	30.6.2006	30.6.2005
	RM'000	RM'000
Revenue	186,037	184,417
Consolidated Profit before taxation	48,662	46,533
Consolidated Profit after taxation	39,952	37,955

The higher profit before tax for the current quarter was mainly due to higher revenue and other operating income partially offset by higher direct costs.

		Preceding Year
	Current Year	Corresponding
	To Date	Period
	30.6.2006	30.6.2005
	RM'000	RM'000
Revenue	354,805	353,079
Consolidated Profit before taxation	87,585	87,158
Consolidated Profit after taxation	71,571	70,921

The higher profit before tax for the current period was mainly due to higher revenue and other operating income partially offset by higher direct costs.

In the opinion of the Directors, the results for the financial period under review have not been affected by any transaction or event of a material nature.

B2. Variation of results against preceding quarter

	Current	Preceding
	Quarter	Quarter
	30.6.2006	31.3.2006
	RM'000	RM'000
Revenue	186,037	168,768
Consolidated Profit before taxation	48,662	38,923

The higher profit before taxation for the current quarter was mainly due to higher revenue partially offset by higher direct costs and operating expenditure.

B3. Current year prospects

The GDP growth of the Malaysian economy is expected to remain favourable in 2006 whilst the adex is projected to grow at a slower pace.

The slower growth in adex and higher cost especially for newsprint are expected to have an impact on the Group's results for the second half of 2006. However the Group will continue to be prudent in its activities, further improve its operating efficiency and enhance cost control.

The Board of Directors expects a satisfactory performance for the remainder of 2006, barring any unforeseen circumstances.

B4. Profit forecast

The Group has not provided any profit forecast in a public document.

B5. <u>Taxation</u>

Taxation comprises the following: -

·	3 months	s ended	Financial period ended	
	30.6.2006	30.6.2005	30.6.2006	30.6.2005
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
Current year tax expense based on profit for the financial year - Malaysian taxation - Foreign taxation - Deferred taxation	3,050	4,034	6,272	7,590
	21	14	26	37
	5,639	4,530	9,716	8,610
	8,710	8,578	16,014	16,237

The effective tax rate on the Group's profit for 2006 is much lower than the statutory tax rate due mainly to the availability of reinvestment allowances.

Likewise, the effective tax rate on the Group's profit for 2005 was lower than the statutory tax rate due to the higher utilization of reinvestment allowances.

B6. Unquoted investments and properties

There were no sales of unquoted investments and properties for the financial period to date.

B7. Quoted investments

- (a) There were no purchases or disposal of quoted securities for the financial period to date
- (b) There were no investments in quoted securities as at the end of the financial period under review.

B8. Status of corporate proposal announced

The Board of Directors of Star had on 23 February 2006 proposed a Bonus Issue of up to 369,281,801 new ordinary shares of RM1.00 each on the basis of one Bonus Share for every one existing ordinary share of RM1.00 to be effected via the capitalization firstly from the Company's share premium account and the balance from the Company's retained earnings account.

The shareholders of the Company approved the bonus issue at the Extraordinary General Meeting on 18 May 2006. The entitlement date for the Bonus Issue was 30 June 2006 and the Bonus Shares were allotted on 6 July 2006. The Bonus Issue has been completed on 17 July 2006, being the date of the listing of and quotation for the Bonus Shares on the Main Board of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad.

B9. Borrowing and debt securities

The Group borrowings and debt securities as at the end of the second quarter are as follows:

	As at 30.6.2006 RM'000	As at 30.6.2005 RM'000
Short Term Borrowings		
Secured Foreign – Australian Dollar Bank overdraft – secured by a mortgage over the freehold land	-	1,486
Unsecured Domestic – Ringgit Malaysia 5-year redeemable unsecured bonds 2000/2005 with a coupon rate of 4.0% per annum, matured on 15 December 2005	-	250,000
Long Term Borrowings		
Unsecured Domestic - Ringgit Malaysia 5-year Medium Term Notes 2005/2010 with a coupon rate of 5.50% per annum, maturing on 26 February 2010	150,000	150,000
Domestic – Ringgit Malaysia 5-year Medium Term Notes 2005/2010 with a coupon rate of 5.70% per annum, maturing on 27 August 2010	100,000	<u>-</u>

B10. Off balance sheet financial instruments

• Interest Rate Swap and Interest Rate Cap transactions

During the financial year under review, the Company has entered into interest rate swap and interest rate cap transactions to manage interest rate exposure on its existing overall portfolio. The Company entered into two (2) interest rate swap contracts of notional principal amounts of RM100 million each, covering period up to 28 February 2007 and two (2) six-month interest rate cap contracts of notional principal amounts of RM100 million each, covering period up to 28 August 2007.

• Credit Risk

The above financial instruments are executed with creditworthy financial institutions in Malaysia and the possibility of non-performance by these financial institutions is remote on the basis of their financial strength.

B11. Changes in material litigation

There are several libel suits which involve claims against the Company and a subsidiary company of which the outcome and probable compensation, if any, is currently indeterminable.

B12. Dividend

The Board of Directors is pleased to declare an interim dividend of 7.5 sen per ordinary share less tax, based on the enlarged share capital * (please see note below) (2005: interim dividend of 15 sen per ordinary share, less tax) and a special tax exempt dividend of 2.5 sen per ordinary share based on the enlarged share capital (2005: special tax exempt dividend of 5.0 sen) to be payable to the shareholders on 18 October 2006. The entitlement date for the said dividend shall be 29 September 2006.

A Depositor shall qualify for entitlement to the Dividend only in respect of:-

- (a) Securities transferred into the Depositor's Securities Account before 4.00p.m. on 29 September 2006 in respect of transfer;
- (b) Securities bought on the Bursa Malaysia on a cum entitlement basis according to the rules of the Bursa Malaysia.

B13. Basic earnings per share

The basic earnings per share for the current quarter has been calculated based on the Group's profit after taxation divided by the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding after taking into consideration the effect of the bonus issue subsequent to the balance sheet date. The weighted average number of shares outstanding for the previous corresponding quarter has been adjusted retrospectively to take into account the effect of the bonus issue.

The basic earnings per share for the financial period has been calculated based on the Group's profit after taxation divided by the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding, after taking into consideration the effect of the bonus issue subsequent to the balance sheet date. The weighted average number of shares outstanding for the previous corresponding period has been adjusted retrospectively to take into account the effect of the bonus issue.

	3 months ended		Financial period ended	
	30.6.2006	30.6.2005	30.6.2006	30.6.2005
Group's profit after taxation (RM'000) Weighted average number of	39,952	37,955	71,571	70,921
ordinary shares outstanding ('000)	738,564	662,568	738,564	662,568
Basic earnings per share (sen)	5.41	5.73	9.69	10.70

^{*} Enlarged share capital - after the bonus issue of one (1) new ordinary share for every one (1) existing ordinary share held as at 30 June 2006.

Diluted earnings per share

The diluted earnings per share for the current quarter has been calculated based on the Group's profit after taxation divided by the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding (after taking into consideration the effect of the bonus issue), which would be issued on conversion of all dilutive potential ordinary shares into ordinary shares. The weighted average number of shares outstanding for the previous corresponding quarter has been adjusted retrospectively to take into account the effect of the bonus issue.

The diluted earnings per share for the financial period has been calculated based on the Group's profit after taxation divided by the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding (after taking into consideration the effect of the bonus issue) which would be issued on conversion of all dilutive potential ordinary shares into ordinary shares. The weighted average number of shares outstanding for the previous corresponding period has been adjusted retrospectively to take into account the effect of the bonus issue.

	3 months ended		Financial period ended	
	30.6.2006	30.6.2005	30.6.2006	30.6.2005
Group's profit after taxation (RM'000) Weighted average number of	39,952	37,955	71,571	70,921
ordinary shares outstanding ('000)	738,564	662,568	738,564	662,568
Assumed exercise of warrants on 1 January ('000) Assumed exercise of share options	-	8,788	-	8,788
on 1 January ('000) Weighted average number of ordinary shares for diluted earnings	-	3,970	-	3,970
per ordinary shares ('000)	738,564	675,326	738,564	675,326
Diluted earnings per share (sen)	5.41	5.62	9.69	10.50

By Order of the Board

Koh Beng Huat Ong Wei Lymn

Secretaries 27 July 2006 Petaling Jaya, Selangor Darul Ehsan