

STAR MEDIA GROUP BERHAD

Company No. 10894-D (Incorporated in Malaysia)

INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE FIRST QUARTER ENDED 31 MARCH 2017

Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss

	Note	3 month 31.03.2017 RM'000	s ended 31.03.2016 RM'000	Financial pe 31.03.2017 RM'000	eriod ended 31.03.2016 RM'000
Revenue		183,101	198,731	183,101	198,731
Operating expenses	A8	(177,135)	(182,415)	(177,135)	(182,415)
Other operating income	A9	10,061	9,187	10,061	9,187
Profit from operations	-	16,027	25,503	16,027	25,503
Finance cost		(2,030)	(2,980)	(2,030)	(2,980)
	-	13,997	22,523	13,997	22,523
Share of losses in associates		(238)	(145)	(238)	(145)
Profit before taxation	-	13,759	22,378	13,759	22,378
Taxation	B5	(4,490)	(7,519)	(4,490)	(7,519)
Profit for the financial period	-	9,269	14,859	9,269	14,859
Attributable to: Owners of the parent Non-controlling interests	-	6,646 2,623 9,269	15,489 (630) 14,859	6,646 2,623 9,269	15,489 (630) 14,859
Basic earnings per ordinary share	(sen)	0.90	2.10	0.90	2.10
Diluted earnings per ordinary shar	e (sen)	0.90	2.10	0.90	2.10

(The unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income should be read in conjunction with the Annual Financial Statements for the year ended $31^{\rm st}$ December 2016)

Notes on Operating Expenses:				
Included in the Operating Expenses				
are depreciation and amortisation				
expenses:	(15,472)	(12,672)	(15,472)	(12,672)

Unaudited Condensed Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income For the period ended 31 March 2017

	3 month 31.03.2017 RM'000	s ended 31.03.2016 RM'000	Financial pe 31.03.2017 RM'000	eriod ended 31.03.2016 RM'000
Profit for the financial period	9,269	14,859	9,269	14,859
Other comprehensive income				
Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss				
 exchange differences on translating foreign operations 	(1,539)	(7,177)	(1,539)	(7,177)
Total comprehensive income for the financial period	7,730	7,682	7,730	7,682
Attributable to:		5.000		5.000
Owners of the parent Non-controlling interests	5,777 1,953	5,606 2,076	5,777 1,953	5,606 2,076
	7,730	7,682	7,730	7,682

(The unaudited Condensed Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income should be read in conjunction with the Annual Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2016)

Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statement of Financial Position As at 31 March 2017

	31 March 2017 RM'000	31 December 2016 RM'000
Non-current assets		
Property, plant and equipment	572,643	571,180
Investment properties	135,811	134,945
Intangible assets	131,325	126,270
Investment in associates	596	819
Other investments		
-Financial assets at fair value through		
profit or loss	40,370	38,464
Other receivables	1,153	1,563
Deferred tax assets	128	128
	882,026	873,369
Current assets		
Inventories	42,171	41,072
Trade and other receivables	275,214	230,453
Derivative assets	81	416
Current tax assets	5,874	4,504
Short term deposits	371,518	342,728
Cash and bank balances	84,896	156,859
	779,754	776,032
TOTAL ASSETS	1,661,780	1,649,401

Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statement of Financial Position As at 31 March 2017 (cont'd)

	31 March 2017 RM'000	31 December 2016 RM'000
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		
Share capital	738,564	738,564
Treasury shares	(1,633)	(1,633)
Reserves	331,085	391,724
Equity attributable to owners of the parent	1,068,016	1,128,655
Non-controlling interests	111,580	109,627
Total equity	1,179,596	1,238,282
Non-current liabilities		
Borrowings	101,264	100,905
Deferred tax liabilities	54,927	55,000
	156,191	155,905
Current liabilities		
Trade and other payables	161,968	151,270
Borrowings	97,130	100,832
Dividend payable	66,416	-
Taxation	479	3,112
	325,993	255,214
Total Liabilities	482,184	411,119
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	1,661,780	1,649,401
Net assets per share attributable to		
owners of the parent company (RM)	1.45	1.53

(The unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statement of Financial Position should be read in conjunction with the Annual Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2016)

Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statements of Changes in Equity For the period ended 31 March 2017

		Attributable to equity h Non-distributable] Reserves						
	Share capital RM'000	Foreign exchange translation reserves RM'000	Share option reserve RM'000	Treasury shares RM'000	Retained earnings RM'000	Total RM'000	Non- controlling interest RM'000	Total Equity RM'000
Balance as at 1 January 2017	738,564	13,047	6	(1,633)	378,671	1,128,655	109,627	1,238,282
Total comprehensive income for the period <u>Transactions with owners</u>	-	(868)	-	-	6,645	5,777	1,953	7,730
Dividend								
Second Interim Dividend and Special Dividend for the financial year ended 31 December 2016, paid on 18 April 2017	-	-	-	-	(66,416)	(66,416)	-	(66,416)
Balance as at 31 March 2017	738,564	12,179	6	(1,633)	318,900	1,068,016	111,580	1,179,596

Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statements of Changes in Equity For the period ended 31 March 2016

[Attributable to equity holders	of the Company]
[]	[Distributable]
Reserves	Reserves

	Share capital RM'000	Foreign exchange translation reserves RM'000	Share option reserve RM'000	Treasury shares RM'000	Retained earnings RM'000	Total RM'000	Non- controlling interest RM'000	Total Equity RM'000
Balance as at 1 January 2016	738,564	31,612	526	(1,633)	376,206	1,145,275	61,191	1,206,466
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	(9,862)	(21)	-	15,489	5,606	2,076	7,682
Transactions with owners								
Dividend								
Second Interim Dividend and Special Dividend for the financial year ended 31 December 2015, paid on 18 April 2016	-	-	-	-	(66,416)	(66,416)	-	(66,416)
Balance as at 31 March 2016	738,564	21,750	505	(1,633)	325,279	1,084,465	63,267	1,147,732

(The unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity should be read in conjunction with the Annual Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2016)

Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows For the period ended 31 March 2017

	31 March 2017	31 March 2016
	RM'000	RM'000
Profit before taxation	13,759	22,378
Adjustments for non-cash flow items:-		
Share of losses in associates	238	145
Non-cash items	17,821	15,932
Non-operating items	(1,683)	(2,635)
Operating profit before working capital changes Changes in working capital	30,135	35,820
Net change in current assets	(42,607)	5,547
Net change in current liabilities	2,820	(22,300)
	(39,787)	(16,753)
Cash (used in)/generated from operations	(9,652)	19,067
Net tax paid	(8,517)	(10,827)
Net cash from operating activities	(18,169)	8,240
Investing Activities		
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment	50	65
Purchases of property, plant and equipment	(18,257)	(33,028)
Purchases of intangible assets	(1,528)	(19)
Purchases of television programmes rights	(6,349)	(2,046)
Investment in financial products	(191)	(135)
Investment redeemed on maturity	200	4 404
Interest and investment income received	2,743	4,434
Deposits placed with licensed banks with original maturity more than 3 months	(1,290)	3,386
Net cash used in investing activities	(24,622)	(27,343)
-	(24,022)	(21,040)
Financing Activities Interest paid	(846)	(687)
Repayment of hire purchase	(82)	(467)
(Repayment)/Net drawdown of term loan	(4,251)	41,287
Repayment of finance lease	(200)	(265)
Dividend paid to non-controlling interest of a subsidiary	(200)	(962)
Net cash (used in)/from financing activities	(5,379)	38,906
Not (decrease)/increase in each and each equivalents	(40.470)	40.000
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents Effect of exchange rates fluctuations on cash held	(48,170) 3,704	19,803 (5,812)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the period	488,311	585,127
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the period	443,845	599,118

For the purpose of the statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents comprise the following as at the end of the financial period:

	31 March 2017 RM'000	31 March 2016 RM'000
Deposits placed with licensed banks	371,518	530,019
Cash and bank balances	84,896	113,459
Deposits placed with licensed banks with original maturity		
more than 3 months	(12,569)	(44,360)
	443,845	599,118

(The unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows should be read in conjunction with the Annual Financial Report for the year ended 31st December 2016).

A1. Basis of Preparation

The interim financial statements are unaudited and have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of Malaysian Financial Reporting Standard ("MFRS") 134, Interim Financial Reporting issued by the Malaysian Accounting Standards Board ("MASB") and paragraph 9.22 of the Main Market 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 2016.

The accounting policies and methods of computation adopted by the Group in these quarterly financial statements are consistent with those adopted in the most recent annual audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2016 except for the adoption of the following MFRSs, IC Interpretation and Amendments to MFRSs during the current financial period:

Amendments to MFRS 12 Annual Improvements to MFRS Standards 2014 – 2016

Cycle

Amendments to MFRS 107 Disclosure Initiative

Amendments to MFRS 112 Recognition of Deferred Tax Assets for Unrealised

Losses

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

The following MFRSs and Amendments to MFRSs have been issued by the MASB but are not yet effective to the Group:

Effective for annual periods commencing on or after 1 January 2018

Amendments to MFRS 1 Annual Improvements to MFRS Standards 2014 – 2016

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MFRS 9 Financial Instruments (IFRS as issued by IASB in July

2014)

MFRS 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers

MFRS 15 Clarifications to MFRS 15

Amendments to MFRS 2 Clarifications and Measurement of Share-based Payment

Transactions

Amendments to MFRS 128 Annual Improvements to MFRS Standards 2014 - 2016

Cycle

Amendments to MFRS 140 Transfers of Investment Property

IC Interpretation 22 Foreign Currency Transactions and Advance

Consideration

Amendments to MFRS 4 Applying MFRS 9 Financial Instruments with MFRS 4

Insurance Contracts

MFRS 16 Leases

Amendments to MFRS 10 Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and

and MFRS 128 its Associates or Joint Venture

The Group is in the process of assessing the impact of implementing these Standards and Amendments, since the effects would only be observable for the future financial years.

A2. Seasonal or cyclical factors

The operations of our major business segment are generally affected by the major festive seasons.

A3. Unusual items

There were no unusual items affecting assets, liabilities, equity, net income, or cash flows during the financial period ended 31 March 2017.

A4. Changes in estimates

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

A5. <u>Debt and equity securities</u>

There were no issuances and repayment of debts and equity securities, share cancellations and resale of treasury shares during the financial period ended 31 March 2017.

A6. Dividend paid

No dividend was paid in the current financial period ended 31 March 2017.

A7. Segment Reporting

Business Segment

3 months ended 31 March 2017

	Financial period ended 31 March 2017					
	Assets RM'000	Revenue RM'000	Segment results RM'000			
Print and digital	1,104,455	114,207	8,098			
Broadcasting	72,061	9,907	1,070			
Event, exhibition, interior and thematic	431,820	54,133	7,513			
Television channel	10,445	3,357	(1,309)			
Others	42,999	1,497	(1,375)			
	1,661,780	183,101	13,997			
Share of results in associates		_	(238)			
Profit before tax		_	13,759			

3 months ended 31 March 2016

	Financial period ended 31 March 2016					
	Assets RM'000	Revenue RM'000	Segment results RM'000			
Print and digital	1,272,476	141,905	27,158			
Broadcasting	77,121	10,948	(360)			
Event, exhibition, interior and thematic	357,754	42,016	(1,760)			
Television channel	11,952	2,022	(1,978)			
Others	33,887	1,840	(537)			
	1,753,190	198,731	22,523			
Share of results in associates		_	(145)			
Profit before tax		_	22,378			

A8. Operating expenses

	3 months ended		Financial period ende	
	31.03.2017 RM'000	31.03.2016 RM'000	31.03.2017 RM'000	31.03.2016 RM'000
Impairment losses on receivables	597	600	597	600
Foreign exchange loss	2	257	2	257

A9. Other operating income

	3 months ended 31.03.2017 31.03.2016 RM'000 RM'000		Financial po 31.03.2017 RM'000	eriod ended 31.03.2016 RM'000
Interest income	722	1,540	722	1,540
Investment income	2,990	4,076	2,990	4,076
Bad debts recovered	2	-	2	-
Foreign exchange gain	630	392	630	392
Other income	5,717	3,179	5,717	3,179
Total	10,061	9,187	10,061	9,187

A10. Events subsequent to the end of the reporting period

On 12 May 2017, the Company announced that Laviani entered into a conditional share purchase agreement with Lucrum 1 Investment for the proposed disposal of its entire equity interest in Cityneon for a disposal consideration of SGD115,612,731 (equivalent to RM360,179,902) to be satisfied entirely via cash.

A11. Changes in composition of the Group

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

A12. Changes in contingent liabilities

The contingent liabilities of the Group, arising from a subsidiary company, are as follow:

Project related bonds/ Guarantee Rental guarantee	RM'000 52,262 2,566
	54,828

A13. Capital commitments

Authorised capital expenditure not provided for in the financial statements	RM'000
- contracted - not contracted	18,287 9,230
	27,517

A14. Significant related party transactions

Significant related party transactions which were entered into on agreed terms and prices for the current financial period ended 31 March 2017 are as set out below:

3 months ended 31.03.2017 RM'000

Transactions with related party in relation to approved shareholders' mandate for recurrent related party transactions:

mandate for recurrent related party transactions:
- Sales of advertisements

2,584

A15. Derivative financial instruments

As at 31 March 2017, the Group has the following outstanding forward foreign exchange contracts:

Contract value		Fair value – net gain	
FC'000	RM'000	RM'000	
1,473	6,561	50	
641	2,842	31	
	FC'000 1,473	FC'000 RM'000 1,473 6,561	

These currency forward contracts were entered into with the objective of managing and hedging the exposure of the Company to adverse price movements in foreign currencies.

The above derivatives are initially recognised at fair value on the date the derivative contracts are entered into and are subsequently re-measured at fair value through profit or loss. The resulting gain or loss from the re-measurement is recognised in profit or loss.

B1. Review of performance

		Preceding Year
	Current Year	Corresponding
	Quarter	Quarter
	31.03.2017	31.03.2016
	(1Q 2017)	(1Q 2016)
	RM'000	RM'000
Revenue	183,101	198,731
Consolidated Profit before taxation	13,759	22,378
Consolidated Profit after taxation	9,269	14,859

Group revenue in 1Q 2017 decreased by 7.9% to RM183.10 million from RM198.73 million in the corresponding quarter of the preceding year mainly due to lower revenue contribution from the Print and Radio segment. Group profit before tax and after tax in 1Q 2017 decreased by 38.5% and 37.6% respectively against the corresponding quarter of 2016 due to lower profit from Print segment.

Performance of the respective business segments for 1Q 2017 compared to the corresponding guarter of 2016 are as follows:-

Print and Digital – Revenue declined by 19.5% due lower advertising revenue caused by poor market sentiments and weakening Ringgit. According to Nielsen Media Research, Newspaper's Advertising Expenditure fell by 22.6% in 1Q 2017 against 1Q 2016. Although print revenue decreased by 23% as compared to 1Q 2016, digital revenue showed a 42% increase in 1Q 2017 against 1Q 2016. Overall profit before tax for this segment decreased to RM8.09 million from RM27.16 million in 1Q 2016.

Radio Broadcasting – Revenue decreased by 9.5% or RM1.04 million in the current quarter under review due to poor market sentiments. Advertisers have remained cautious with their spending. However, this segment recorded a profit before tax of RM1.07 million in 1Q 2017 as compared to a loss before tax of RM0.36 million in 1Q 2016 largely due to cost savings arising from the disposal of Red FM and Capital FM stations.

Event, exhibition, interior and thematic – This segment consists of Cityneon and I.Star Ideas Factory (Perfect Livin'). Revenue increased from RM42.02 million to RM54.13 million mainly contributed by Cityneon's exhibition services and Intellectual Property Rights. This segment recorded a profit before tax of RM7.51 million in 1Q 2017 as compared to a loss before tax of RM1.76 million in 1Q 2016.

Television channel – Revenue increased from RM2.02 million to RM3.36 million in the current quarter under review due to higher distribution and advertising revenue. Li TV's loss before tax has also narrowed to RM1.31 million as compared to RM1.98 million in 1Q 2016.

B2. Variation of results against preceding quarter

	Current	Preceding
	Quarter	Quarter
	31.03.2017	31.12.2016
	(1Q 2017)	(4Q 2016)
	RM'000	RM'000
Revenue	183,101	260,350
Consolidated Profit before taxation	13,759	47,517
Consolidated Profit after taxation	9,269	41,818

Group revenue for 1Q 2017 decreased to RM183.10 million from RM260.35 million in 4Q 2016 mainly due to lower revenue from Print, Radio and Event segment. Advertisers have remained cautious with their spending due to the weak Ringgit and sluggish economy. Overall advertising expenditure has been affected which led to a fall in profit before tax to RM13.76 million as compared to RM47.52 million in the preceding quarter. In 4Q 2016, a gain on disposal of Red FM and Capital FM which amounted to RM40.26 million was recognised.

B3. <u>Current year prospects</u>

The outlook on the Malaysian economy in 2017 is expected to remain challenging due to the weak Ringgit and economic uncertainties. According to Malaysian Institute of Economic Research (MIER), Consumer Sentiments Index remains weak as it continues to be below 100 points. Advertising expenditure for the rest of the year is expected to remain soft due to weak market sentiments.

The media related segments of the Group will continue to enhance its respective media platforms to extend their reach to wider audiences by continuing to provide more bundled products and creative buys to advertisers as well as organising client driven events. The Group is also expanding aggressively into the digital businesses.

The Group has recently embarked on its next digital transformation plan with the launch of dimsum.my, its very own video on demand service. It offers Asian content and much of it on an exclusive basis. Dimsum also provides news in three languages — Bahasa Malaysia, Mandarin and English and the next stage will be to introduce more Malay and Indian contents.

In the events and exhibition business segment, I.Star Ideas Factory (Perfect Livin') has been affected by the poor consumer sentiments and weak retail market. However, Perfect Livin' will continue its efforts to strengthen its market position.

The Company has recently announced the proposed disposal of its entire stake in Cityneon Holdings Limited which is subject to shareholders' approval. The proposed disposal allows Star to unlock its investment in Cityneon and enables us to concentrate on the expansion of its primary business activities, improve its cash reserves and look for new investment opportunities.

The Company and the Board of Directors will continue to focus and strengthen its key strategies in the media industry. We will continue to defend the Print segment whilst building on our other media platforms and also continue our prudent cost management.

B4. Profit forecast

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

B5. Taxation

Taxation comprises the following: -

	3 months ended		Financial period endec	
	31.03.2017	31.03.2016	31.03.2017	31.03.2016
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
Current period tax expense based on profit for the financial period				
Malaysian taxation	3,130	7,519	3,130	7,519
Foreign taxation	1,360	-	1,360	-
Deferred taxation	-	-	-	-
	4,490	7,519	4,490	7,519

The effective tax rate on the Group's profit for the financial period under review is higher than the statutory tax rate due to the tax impact of non-deductible expenses.

B6. Retained Earnings

	As at 31.03.2017 RM'000	As at 31.12.2016 RM'000
Total retained profits of Star Media Group Berhad and its subsidiaries		
-Realised	268,346	330,150
-Unrealised	(51,374)	(53,029)
·	216,972	277,121
Total share of accumulated losses from associates		
-Realised	(1,138)	(899)
Consolidation adjustments	103,066	102,449
Total group retained profits as per consolidated accounts	318,900	378,671
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B7. Status of corporate proposal announced

On 5 May 2017, the Company announced that its wholly-owned subsidiary namely, Laviani Pte Ltd ("Laviani") has on even date received a notification from Bird & Bird ATMD LLP, a legal firm in Singapore expressing their clients' interest to purchase Laviani's entire interest in Cityneon comprising 128,458,590 ordinary shares, representing approximately 52.51% of the issued share capital of Cityneon.

On 12 May 2017, the Company announced that Laviani entered into a conditional share purchase agreement with Lucrum 1 Investment for the proposed disposal of its entire equity interest in Cityneon for a disposal consideration of SGD115,612,731 (equivalent to RM360,179,902) to be satisfied entirely via cash.

B8. Borrowings and debt securities

The Group's borrowings and debt securities as at the end of the first quarter are as follows:

	As at	As at
	31.03.2017 RM'000	31.03.2016 RM'000
Short Term Borrowings	11111000	1407000
Unsecured 5-years MTN 2011/2016 with a coupon rate of 4.50% per annum, maturing on 11 May 2016	-	100,000
Hire purchase	195	142
Finance lease	832	1,105
	1,027	101,247
Secured Bank borrowings	96,103	107,043
	97,130	208,290
Long Term Borrowings		
Unsecured 7-years MTN 2011/2018 with a coupon rate of	400 000	400 000
4.80% per annum, maturing on 11 May 2018	100,000	100,000
	100,000	100,000
Hire purchase	690	173
Finance lease	574	2,184
	101,264	102,357

Except for the secured term loan of RM94,138,000 and hire purchase of RM735,000 which are denominated in Singapore Dollar, other borrowings are in Ringgit Malaysia.

B9. Changes in material litigation

There are several libel suits which involve claims against the Company of which the outcome and probable compensation, if any, cannot be determined at this juncture.

B10. Dividend

No interim dividend has been recommended for the current quarter under review (Quarter 1, 2016: Nil).

In respect of the financial year ended 31 December 2016, the Board of Directors declared a second interim dividend of 9.0 sen per ordinary share, single tier, which was paid on 18 April 2017 (2015: second interim dividend of 9.0 sen per ordinary share, single tier).

B11. Basic earnings per share

The basic earnings per share has been calculated based on the Group's profit after taxation attributable to owners of the parent divided by the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the financial period.

	3 months ended		Financial pe	eriod ended
	31.03.2017	31.03.2016	31.03.2017	31.03.2016
Group's profit after taxation attributable to owners of the parent (RM'000)	6,646	15,489	6,646	15,489
Number of shares at the beginning of the year ('000) Effect of Share Buy Back during the period ('000)	737,956	737,956	737,956 -	737,956 <u>-</u>
Weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding ('000)	737,956	737,956	737,956	737,956
Basic earnings per share (sen)	0.90	2.10	0.90	2.10

Diluted earnings per share

The Group does not have in issue any financial instrument or other contract that may entitle its holder to ordinary shares and therefore, dilutive to its basic earnings per share.

By Order of the Board

Ong Wei Lymn

Group Company Secretary 23 May 2017 Petaling Java, Selangor Darul Ehsan