AEON CO. (M) BHD. (Company No. 126926-H) (Incorporated in Malaysia)

Notes to the interim financial statements for the period ended 30 September 2012

A EXPLANATORY NOTES PURSUANT TO MFRS 134

1 Basis of Preparation

The interim financial statements are unaudited and have been prepared in accordance with *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. They do not include all of the information required for full annual financial statements, and should be read in conjunction with the Economic Entity's audited financial statements as at and for the year ended 31 December 2011. The financial statements of the Economic Entity as at and for the year ended 31 December 2011 were prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standards ("FRS").

These are the Economic Entity's interim financial statements for part of the period covered by the Economic Entity's first MFRS framework annual financial statements for the year ending 31 December 2012 and hence MFRS 1: First-time Adoption of Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards has been applied. An explanation of how the transition from the previous FRS to the new MFRS has affected its financial position is set out in the Note 2 below.

In preparing its opening MFRS statement of financial position as at 1 January 2011 (which is also the date of transition), the Economic Entity has adjusted the amounts previously reported in financial statements prepared in accordance with the FRS.

2 Significant accounting policies and application of MFRS 1

The accounting policies applied by the Economic Entity in these interim financial statements are the same as those applied by the Economic Entity in its annual financial statements as at and for the year ended 31 December 2011 except as discussed below:

Property, plant and equipment

The Economic Entity has previously availed itself to the transitional provision when the MASB first adopted International Accounting Standard No. 16 (Revised), *Property, Plant and Equipment* in 1998. Certain land and buildings were revalued in February 1995 and no later revaluation has been recorded for these assets.

Upon transition to MFRS, the Economic Entity has elected to measure all its property, plant and equipment using the cost model under *MFRS 116, Property, Plant and Equipment*. At the date of transition to MFRS, the Economic Entity elected to apply the optional exemption to use that previous revaluation as deemed cost at the date of the revaluation as these amounts were broadly comparable to fair value at that date. The revaluation surplus of RM31,149,000 at 1 January 2011 was transferred to retained earnings.

The reconciliations of equity for comparative periods and of equity at the date of transition reported under FRS to those reported for those periods and at the date of transition under MFRS are provided below:

Reconciliation of equity as at 1 January 2011

	FRS as at		MFRS as at	
	1 January 2011 RM'000	Reclassifications RM'000	1 January 2011 RM'000	
Equity				
Revaluation reserve	31,149	(31,149)	-	
Retained earnings	735,756	31,149	766,905	

2 Explanation of transition to MFRSs (continued)

Reconciliation of equity as at 30 September 2011

	FRS as at 30 September 2011 RM'000	Reclassifications RM'000	MFRS as at 30 September 2011 RM'000
Equity			
Revaluation reserve	30,761	(30,761)	-
Retained earnings	818,217	30,761	848,978

Reconciliation of equity as at 31 December 2011

	FRS as at 31 December 2011 Reclas RM'000 R		MFRS as at 31 December 2011 RM'000
Equity			
Revaluation reserve	30,632	(30,632)	-
Retained earnings	889,506	30,632	920,138

3 Seasonality or Cyclicality of Interim Operations

The Company's revenue for the third quarter was higher than the second quarter mainly due to the festive seasons in the third quarter.

4 Unusual Items Affecting Assets, Liabilities, Equity, Net Income or Cash Flow

There were no items affecting assets, liabilities, equity, net income or cash flows that were unusual because of their nature, size or incidence during the financial period.

5 Changes in Estimates

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

6 Debt and Equity Securities

There were no issuances, cancellations, repurchases, resale and repayments of debt and equity securities for the current financial period.

7 Dividends Paid

There was no dividend paid in respect of the current financial period to date.

A first and final dividend of 17% less 25% income tax and a special tax exempt dividend of 2%, amounting to RM51,772,500 in respect of the financial year ended 31 December 2011 was approved by shareholders at the Twenty-Seventh Annual General Meeting and was paid to shareholders on 11 July 2012.

8 Events Subsequent to the end of reporting period

There were no material events subsequent to the balance sheet date to be disclosed in the financial statements for the current financial period.

9 Effects of Changes in the Composition of the Economic Entity

There were no changes in the composition of the Economic Entity during the current financial period.

10 Operating Segments

The operating segments analysis is as follows:

	Property					
	Retailing 9 months ended		Management Services 9 months ended		Total 9 months ended	
	30 Sep 2012 RM'000	30 Sep 2011 RM'000	30 Sep 2012 RM'000	30 Sep 2011 RM'000	30 Sep 2012 RM'000	30 Sep 2011 RM'000
Revenue	2,064,573	1,882,979	318,250	274,368	2,382,823	2,157,347
Segmental profit Less: Unallocated expenses Profit from operations Interest expense Interest income Share of results of an associate Profit before tax Tax expense Profit for the period	75,083	94,033	115,359	95,152	190,442 (12,102) 178,340 - 4,468 335 183,143 (55,898) 127,245	189,185 (14,893) 174,292 (2) 4,019 9 178,318 (54,125) 124,193
Segment assets Unallocated assets	723,965	805,401	1,501,551	1,383,975	2,225,516 293,180 2,518,696	2,189,376 143,389 2,332,765

11 Related Party Transactions

During the current quarter under review and up to the date of this announcement, the Company did not enter into any Related Party Transactions or Recurrent Related Party Transactions of a revenue or trading nature that had not been included or exceeded the estimated value by 10% or more which had been mandated by the shareholders during the Annual General Meeting held on 24 May 2012.

12 Contingent Liabilities or Contingent Assets

There were no contingent liabilities or contingent assets since the last audited financial statements of the Company for the financial year ended 31 December 2011.

13 Capital Commitments

Capital commitments not provided for in the financial statements as at 30 September 2012 are as follows:

	30 September 2012 RM'000	31 December 2011 RM'000
Property, plant and equipment		
Authorised but not contracted for	1,230,632	858,189
Authorised and contracted for	105,189	203,605

B <u>ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUIRED BY BURSA MALAYSIA SECURITIES BHD.</u> MAIN MARKET LISTING REQUIREMENTS

1 Review of Performance

Quarter results

For the quarter under review, the Company's total revenue increased by 12.6% to RM844.7 million compared to RM750.1 million recorded in the preceding year corresponding quarter. Correspondingly, profit before tax of RM75.7 million registered for the Economic Entity, which comprised the Company and its interest in associate, was also 10.0% higher than the previous year corresponding quarter due to the healthy growth in revenue

Retail business segment registered a 11.8% growth in revenue to RM734.2 million compared to the preceding year corresponding quarter mainly attributed by the contributions from its new stores and the re-opening of another store which had temporarily closed for upgrade in August 2011. Property management services segment continued to perform well in the quarter, with 18.1% increased in revenue to RM110.5 million over the previous year corresponding quarter.

Financial Year-to-date results

The Company registered revenue of RM2.38 billion for the 9 months ended 30 September 2012 was 10.5% higher than the previous year corresponding period. Profit before tax of RM183.1 million was 2.7% higher than the previous year corresponding period mainly due to the increase in revenue.

The results of the preceding year corresponding period included the amusement business income and the proceeds from insurance claim of RM10.9 million in respect of its business interruption and damages loss.

Total revenue registered by the retail business segment for the financial year-to-date increased by 9.6% to RM2.06 billion compared to RM1.88 billion recorded in the preceding year corresponding period. This was mainly attributed by the contributions from new stores, overall better performance from its existing stores and higher number of loyalty card members' sales days. However, retail segment profit has decreased to RM75.1 million from RM94.0 million recorded in the preceding year corresponding period due to higher operating costs including initial costs associated with new stores operations and also the preceding year corresponding period's results included the amusement income and proceeds from insurance claim.

Revenue from its property management services segment had recorded a growth of 16.0%, at RM318.2 million over the previous year corresponding period of RM274.4 million. The overall better performance was as a result of contribution from new shopping centres, higher sales commission and higher rental rates from tenants revamp in some of its existing shopping centres.

2 Changes in the Quarterly Profit Before Taxation Compared to the Results of the Preceding Quarter

The profit before taxation of RM75.7 million for the quarter was higher than the preceding quarter of RM51.7 million mainly due to the higher revenue generated in the current quarter.

3 Current Year Prospects

As a result of various stimulus measures initiated by the government, the domestic consumption is expected to sustain despite the challenging global economy. The Company with its strong fundamentals, established presence, global brand name and marketing strategies, we expect an improved performance for the current financial year.

4 Tax expense

Tax expense comprises:

	3 months ended		9 months ended	
	30 Sep 2012 RM'000	30 Sep 2011 RM'000	30 Sep 2012 RM'000	30 Sep 2011 RM'000
Current tax expense	22,262	20,143	58,092	54,278
Deferred tax expense	2,116	(51)	(2,194)	(153)
	24,378	20,092	55,898	54,125

The Company's effective tax rate is higher than the statutory tax rate as certain expenses are not deductible for tax purposes.

5 Status of Corporate Proposals

There were no corporate proposals announced but not completed as at the date of this report.

6 Borrowings and Debt Securities

As at 30 September 2012, the Company did not have any borrowings and debt securities.

7 Changes in Material Litigation

As at the date of this announcement, the Company is not engaged in any material litigation which in the opinion of the Board of Directors will have a material effect on the financial position or the business of the Company, save and except for the following updates:

On 9 May 2012, the Company has entered into a Consent Judgment with D'Aseania Mall Sdn. Bhd. ("D'Aseania") and Aseania Development Sdn. Bhd. ("Aseania") (the Company, D'Aseania and Aseania is/are hereinafter referred to as "Party" or collectively as "Parties") as the Parties have reached an amicable settlement/agreement in respect of the disputes among the Parties earlier. In view thereof, an announcement has been made by the Company on 10 May 2012 that the Parties have entered into a Consent Judgment.

Based on the Consent Judgment, all Parties shall withdraw all suits, claims, counter claims, actions, appeals and cross appeals against each other within fourteen (14) days from the date of the Consent Judgment. In this regard, all the suits have since been withdrawn on 14 May 2012.

The Board of Directors of the Company is of the opinion that the above does not have material financial impact to the Company.

8 Dividend

No dividend was proposed or declared for the current financial period ended 30 September 2012.

9 Earnings Per Share

	3 months ended		9 months ended	
	30 Sep 2012	30 Sep 2011	30 Sep 2012	30 Sep 2011
Profit attributable to the owners for the period (RM'000)	51,366	48,768	127,245	124,193
Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue ('000)	351,000	351,000	351,000	351,000
Basic earnings per ordinary share (sen)	14.63	13.89	36.25	35.38

Diluted earnings per share is not applicable for the Company.

10 Qualification of Audit Report of the Preceding Annual Financial Statements

There was no qualification on audit report of the preceding annual financial statements.

11 Disclosure of Realised and Unrealised Profit or Losses

The retained earnings as at 30 September 2012 is analysed as follows:

	30 September 2012 RM'000	31 December 2011 RM'000 Restated
Total retained earnings of the Company: - realised - unrealised	1,047,183 (52,065)	970,579 (50,598)
Total share of retained earnings from an associate: - realised	492	157
Total retained earnings of the Economic Entity	995,610	920,138

12 Notes to the Statement of Comprehensive Income

	9 months ended 30 September 2012 RM'000	9 months ended 30 September 2011 RM'000
Profit from operations for the period is arrived at after charging:		
Depreciation and amortisation	108,823	105,448
Property, plant and equipment written off	706	2,088
Loss on foreign exchange	17	123
And after crediting:		
Net proceeds from insurance claims	-	10,913
Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment	136	101

Other disclosure items pursuant to Appendix 9B Note 16 of the Listing Requirements of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad are not applicable.