



**TOP GLOVE CORPORATION BERHAD** (474423-X)  
**PRESS STATEMENT/KENYATAAN AKHBAR/新聞發表**  
**Full Year Results for Financial Year 2008 ended**  
**31<sup>st</sup> August 2008**  
**Klang, 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct. 2008**

**NOTE TO EDITORS:** This Press Statement is issued by Tan Sri Dr Lim, Wee-Chai, Chairman of Top Glove Corporation Berhad.

- 1. ANOTHER RECORD HIGH SALES OF RM 1.37 BILLION FOR FY08, UP BY 12%.**
- 2. PROFIT BEFORE TAX OF RM 134.6 MILLION & PROFIT ATTRIBUTABLE TO EQUITY OF RM 110.1 MILLION, UP 13% & 23% RESPECTIVELY.**
- 3. EARNING PER SHARE UP BY 19% TO RM 0.37.**
- 4. FINAL DIVIDEND OF 12 % DECLARED. TOTAL DIVIDEND FOR FY08 OF 22 %, AN INCREASE OF 10% FROM FY07.**
- 5. CONTINUOUS STRONG & HEALTHY BALANCE SHEET POSITION WITH NET GEARING LESS THAN 0.10 TIME.**

**Highlights :**

	<b>Q408 3 mths ended 31 Aug 2008</b>	<b>Q407 3 mths ended 31 Aug 2007</b>	<b>Variance</b>	<b>YTD 12 mths ended 31 Aug 2008</b>	<b>YTD 12 mths ended 31 Aug 2007</b>	<b>Variance</b>
<b>Sales of Gloves (RM mil)</b>	<b>355.0</b>	<b>290.9</b>	<b>+22%</b>	<b>1,339.4</b>	<b>1,148.9</b>	<b>+17%</b>
<b>Sales of Latex Conc (RM mil)</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>16.7</b>	<b>-65%</b>	<b>34.8</b>	<b>79.9</b>	<b>-56%</b>
<b>Total Sales (RM mil)</b>	<b>360.8</b>	<b>307.6</b>	<b>+17%</b>	<b>1,374.2</b>	<b>1,228.8</b>	<b>+12%</b>
<b>Sales of Gloves (in USD mil equivalent)</b>	<b>109.6</b>	<b>84.3</b>	<b>+30%</b>	<b>406.6</b>	<b>325.0</b>	<b>+25%</b>
<b>Profit before Tax (RM mil)</b>	<b>38.3</b>	<b>31.3</b>	<b>+22%</b>	<b>134.6</b>	<b>118.6</b>	<b>+13%</b>
<b>Profit attributable to equity (RM mil)</b>	<b>25.1</b>	<b>13.4</b>	<b>+87%</b>	<b>110.1</b>	<b>89.6</b>	<b>+23%</b>

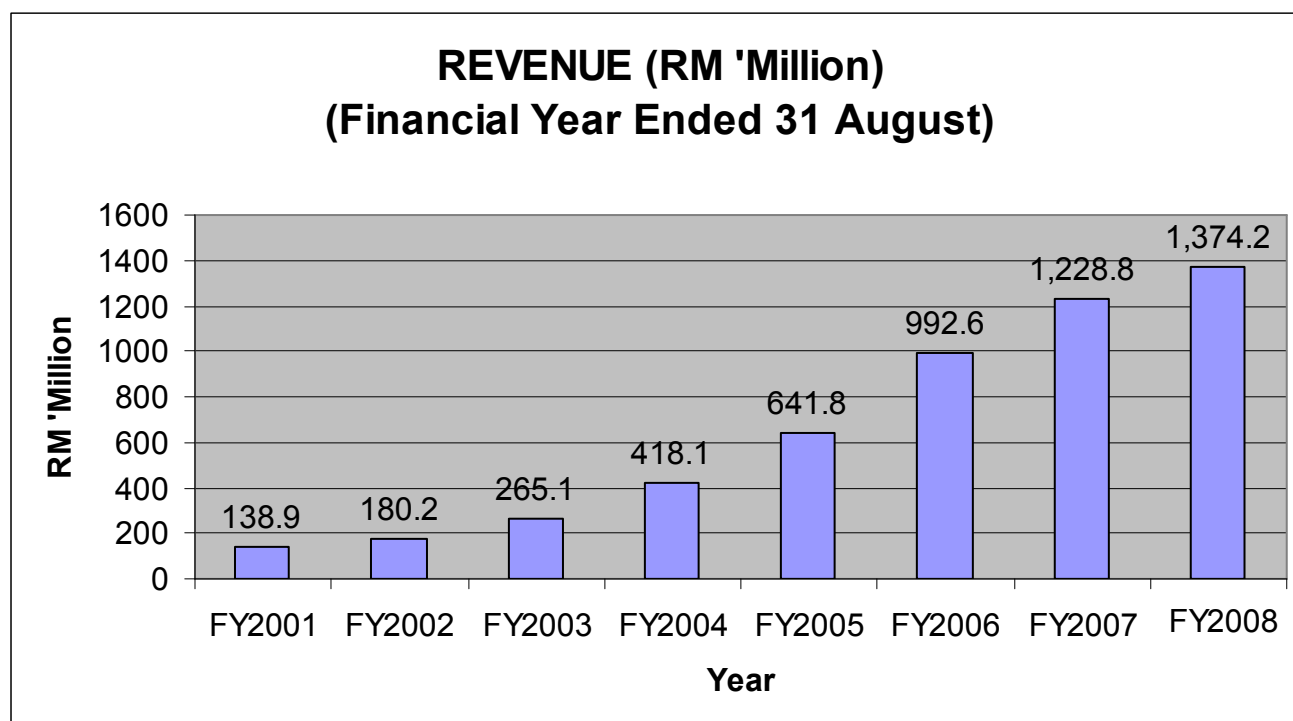
Financial year 2008 has been a very challenging and tough year for the Group, with latex prices surged to a peak of RM7.20/kg in July 2008, Ringgit Malaysia strengthened to a high of RM3.14 per 1 USD in April 2008, crude oil price hit the all time high of USD147 per barrel in July 2008, Malaysian government announced the 41% increased in petrol price effective 5<sup>th</sup> June 2008, 26% electricity tariff hike effective 1<sup>st</sup> of July 2008 and also the 72% hike in natural gas tariffs effective 1<sup>st</sup> of August 2008. Despite all these headwinds, the Group continues to show improvement and growth in its performance as follow:

- Turnover of RM1.37 billion for FY08, up by 12% on Y-o-Y.
- Sales of gloves in USD value up by 30% or 22% in RM value for Q4/08; and 25% in USD value or 17% in RM value for FY08.
- Profit attributable to equity up by 23% to RM110.1 million for YTD 12 months.
- Strong and healthy balance sheet position :
  - a) Cash in hand of RM121.5 million
  - b) Net gearing of less than 0.10 time of total shareholders equity

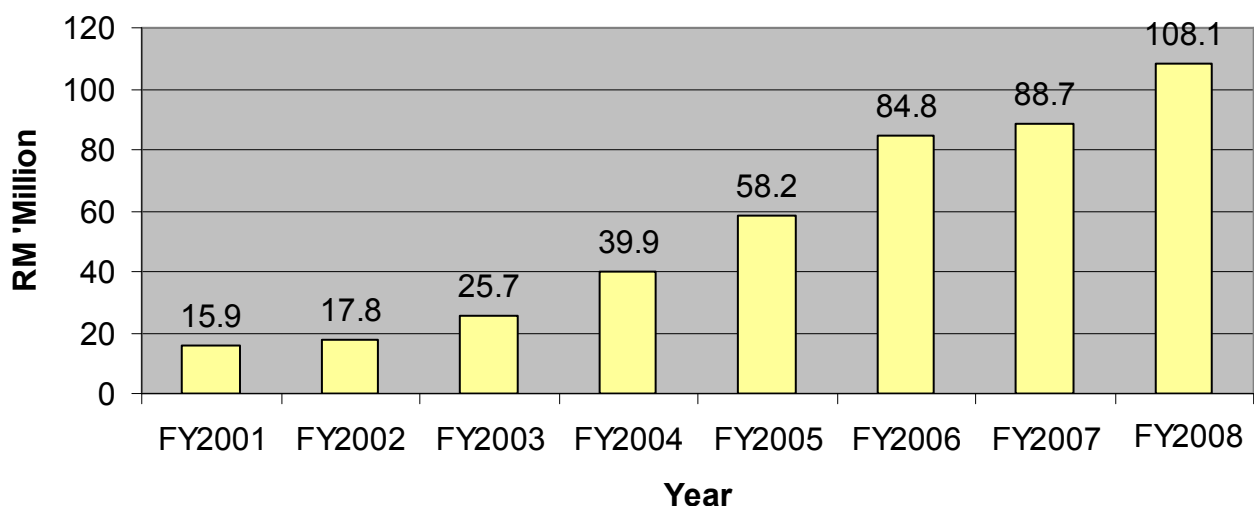
### Yearly Financial Highlights (Financial Year-Ended 31 August)

RM 'mil	FY2001	FY2002	FY2003	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007	Unaudited FY2008
Revenue	138.9	180.2	265.1	418.1	641.8	992.6	1,228.8	1,374.2
EBITDA	23.9	27.1	39.5	60.6	89.2	130.3	175.7	197.9
EBITDA margin	17.2%	15.0%	14.9%	14.5%	13.9%	13.1%	14.3%	14.4%
PBT	17.2	20.2	29.3	45.2	65.7	91.8	118.6	134.6
*PAT	15.9	17.8	25.7	39.9	58.2	84.8	88.7	108.1
*PAT margin	11.4%	9.9%	9.7%	9.5%	9.1%	8.5%	7.2%	7.9%

\* Prior years profits has been restated with the compliance of FRS112 in current financial year



## NET PROFIT (RM 'Million) (Financial Year Ended 31 August)



### Dividend Paid and Proposed (Financial Year-Ended 31 August)

Record of dividends proposed and paid :

Financial Year	Dividend (%)	Dividend (RM'000)
2008	12% (Final - proposed) 10% (Interim - paid)	17,667 14,722
2007	20%	27,435
2006	18%	21,173
2005	16%	14,110
2004	14%	12,295
2003	12%	9,550
2002	6%	2,808
Total		119,760

### Prospects

Top Glove, the world's largest rubber glove manufacturer with a vision of "Always Staying At The Top", is continuing to move ahead rapidly with specific efforts undertaken to improve and innovate its glove quality, marketing, productivity and cost efficiency. Top Glove has more than 850 customers and exports to more than 180 countries worldwide.

	As at 22 October 2008
Number of Factories	19 (13 in Malaysia, 4 in Thailand, 2 in China)
Number of Glove Production Lines	336
Glove Production Capacity	30 billion pcs per annum
Number of Employees	8,600
Estimated world demand	126 billion pcs of gloves per annum

Factory 15, the Group 2<sup>nd</sup> plant in China, which currently has 16 advanced glove production lines, is currently in the final stage of installing additional 8 advanced vinyl glove production lines and target to complete by end of October 2008.

Factory 19, which is located in Klang, is in the process of installing 16 new and advanced glove production lines and target to complete by December 2008. Due to the hike in natural gas price recently, Factory 19 will be operating on biomass boiler systems of which is cheaper and more cost efficient.

The construction of its latest factory in Klang, Factory 20 has been completed. It will also be installed with 16 new and advanced glove production lines and operating on biomass boiler systems.

The Group two latex plants in Thailand, which is Factory 16L and Factory 17L, will also increase additional 8 latex centrifuge machines, in order to supply additional latex concentrate to the increasing demand from the Group's glove factories.

With crude oil and latex prices continue to decline, and also exchange rate is in the Group favour, the Group has a positive outlook towards continuous growth and in securing better results in the forthcoming quarters in terms of sales revenue and profitability if the current trend continues, coupled with the continued efforts of aggressive marketing strategies, increase in production capacity to achieve better economies of scale, as well as, further improvements in quality, cost control and efficiency.

The management is of the view that the expected slow down in the world economy due to the current financial crisis, is unlikely to have an impact on the Group performance as glove is a necessity item in the health care industry.

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