

## **<u>NOTES TO THE QUARTERLY REPORT</u>** FOR THE FORTH QUARTER ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2008

# A1. Basis of preparation

The Interim Financial Report is unaudited and has been prepared in compliance with the Financial Reporting Standard ("FRS") 134 : Interim Financial Reporting issued by Malaysian Accounting Standards Board and paragraph 9.22 of the Listing Requirements of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad ("Bursa Securities") and shall be read in conjunction with the Group's annual audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2007.

The significant 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 the financial period beginning 1 January 2008:

FRS 107, Cash Flow Statements
FRS 111, Construction Contracts
FRS 112, Income Taxes
FRS 118, Revenue
Amendment to FRS 121, The Effects of Changes in Foreign Exchange Rates -Net Investment in a Foreign Operation
FRS 134, Interim Financial Reporting
FRS 137, Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets

The adoption of these new/revised FRSs is not expected to have any significant financial impact on the financial statements of the Group upon their initial application.

### A2. Auditors' report

The annual auditors' report of the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2007 was not subject to any qualification.

### A3. Seasonal or cyclical of operations

The business of the Group was not significantly affected by any seasonal or cyclical factors.

### A4. Extraordinary and exceptional items

There were no exceptional items and unusual events affecting the assets, liabilities, equity, net income and cash flows for the current quarter.

### A5. Changes in estimates

There were no material changes in estimated amount reported in prior period which have a material effect on the current financial year-to-date.



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#### A6. Debt and equity securities

There were no issuance and repayment of debt and share buy-backs for the financial year-to-date.

As at 31 December 2008, a total of 2,520,200 shares were held as treasury shares at cost in accordance with the requirements of Section 67A (as amended) of the Companies Act, 1965. None of the treasury shares repurchased has been sold or cancelled.

### A7. Dividend

The final dividend of 4% less tax totaling RM1,146,701.00 for the financial year ended 31 December 2007 was paid to shareholders on 28 July 2008.

#### A8. Segmental information

Segmental information is presented in respect of the Group's business segment.

The Group comprises the following main business segments:

Manufacturing & trading	: Manufacture of aluminium ladders and other		
	related products, and marketing and trading of		
	aluminium products and other products.		

Construction & fabrication : Contracting, designing and fabrication of aluminium curtain wall and cladding system.

	Manufacturing & trading RM'000	Construction & fabrication RM'000	Elimination RM'000	Total RM'000
<u>12 months ended</u>				
<u>31 December 2008</u> Revenue from				
external customers	162,626	158,991		321,617
Inter-segment	102,020	150,771		521,017
revenue	378	307	(685)	-
Total revenue	163,004	159,298	(685)	321,617
Profit from operation	7,868	5,137		
Other operating income	2,879	176		
Segment result	10,746	5,313		16,059
Finance cost				(4,965)
Share of profit in				
associated company				173
Tax expense			-	(1,912)
Profit for the period			=	9,355
Segment assets	126,026	143,410	(25,462)	243,974
Segment liabilities	73,274	106,051	(25,983)	153,342



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### A9. Valuation of property, plant and equipment

There was no revaluation of property, plant and equipment brought forward from the previous audited financial statements, as the Group does not adopt a revaluation policy for its property, plant and equipment.

### A10. Material events subsequent to the balance sheet date

There were no material subsequent events since the end of the current quarter to the date of issue of this report that have not been reflected in the financial statements for the current quarter and financial year-to-date.

#### A11. Changes in the composition of the Group

There were no changes in the composition of the Group for the current quarter under review.

### A12. Contingent liabilities

There were no material changes in contingent liability as at the date of this quarterly report.

#### A13. Capital commitments

As at 31 December 2008, the Group has the following known commitments:

	RM'000
Authorised property, plant and equipment expenditure	
not provided for in the financial statements	17,504

# Additional Information Required by the Listing Requirements of Bursa Securities

### **B1.** Review of performance

The Group's revenue for the current quarter ended 31 December 2008 decreased by approximately 8% to RM82.2 million from RM88.9 million recorded in the preceding year quarter. The decrease was attributable to the lower revenue contribution from manufacturing and trading business segment.

As compared to the preceding year's corresponding quarter, the Group's profit before tax ("PBT") decreased by RM1.5 million from RM2.2 million to RM0.7 million due to the lower contribution from both business segments.

For the year ended 31 December 2008, the Company recorded total revenue of RM321.6 million, representing a decrease of RM29.1 million or approximately 8% compared to the revenue of RM 350.7 million reported for the financial year ended 31 December 2007. In tandem with the lower revenue, PBT decreased by RM3.5 million, mainly resulted from the lower contribution from construction and fabrication segment.



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## **B2.** Variation of results against preceding quarter

The Group's revenue increased by RM4.4 million or 6% from RM77.8 million recorded in the preceding quarter was mainly due to higher revenue contribution from construction and fabrication business segment.

However, the Group's PBT decreased by RM4.5 million to RM0.7 million which was mainly attributable to the gain of RM2.4 million on the disposal of a leasehold property recognised in the preceding quarter and the lower contribution from construction and fabrication business segment for the current quarter under review.

## **B3.** Current year prospects

The financial meltdown in the Western countries has now caused many developed countries going into recession. The effect of the stimulus plans to combat the global slowdown announced by the governments of various countries in the world has yet to be realised.

In view of the economic uncertainties and adversities, the operating environment is expected to remain tough. The Group will, however, continue to focus on operational efficiency and appropriate marketing strategies to mitigate the negative impacts of the economic downturn.

### **B4. Profit forecast**

Not applicable as no profit forecast was published.

### **B5.** Taxation

	Quarter	Current
	Ended	Year
	31/12/08	To-date
	RM'000	RM'000
Current income tax	(696)	1,912

The Group's effective tax rate for the financial year-to-date under review is approximately 17%, lower than the prima facie tax rate which is mainly due to the non-taxability of the gain on the disposal of a leasehold property after offsetting the effect on the non-deductibility of certain expenses.

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

There were no disposals of unquoted investments or properties for the financial year-to-date except for the disposal of a leasehold property resulting in a gain on disposal of RM2.4 million.

### **B7.** Purchases or Disposals of Quoted Securities

There were no purchases or disposals of any quoted securities during the financial year-to-date.



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### **B8.** Status of Corporate Proposals Announced

Proposed Establishment of an Employee Share Option Scheme ("Proposed ESOS")

The Proposed ESOS of up to 15% of the Issued and Paid-up Share Capital of the Company was approved at the Extraordinary General Meeting held on 20 June 2005 but pending implementation.

Save for the above, there were no other corporate proposals announced but pending implementation during the financial quarter.

### **B9.** Group borrowings and debt securities as at 31 December 2008

		Secured (RM'000)	Unsecured (RM'000)	Total (RM'000)
(a) (i)	Short term			
	Overdraft	-	2,846	2,846
	Revolving credit	-	7,258	7,258
	Trade facilities	-	61,428	61,428
	Term loan	595	-	595
		595	71,532	72,127
(ii)	Long term			
	Term loan	9,486		9,486
	Total	10,081	71,532	81,613

#### (b) Foreign currency bank borrowings

Foreign currency bank borrowings that denominated in Hong Kong Dollar ("HKD") included in the above borrowings are as follows:

		RM 000
	<u>HKD'000</u>	Equivalent
Revolving credit	14,000	6,258
Trade facilities	25,698	11,487
	39,698	17,745

# **B10.** Financial Instruments with off Balance Sheet Risk

There were no financial instruments with off balance sheet risk as at the date of this quarterly report.

### **B11.** Material Litigation

There were no changes in the Group's material litigations since the last audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2007.



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### B12. Dividend

The Board of Directors proposes a final dividend of 3.0% less tax amounting to RM871,647.75 for the Company in respect of the year ended 31 December 2008. The entitlement date will be fixed at a later date and subject to the shareholders' approval.

### **B13.** Earnings Per Share

	Current	Year
	quarter	to-date
<b>Basic earnings per share</b> Net profit attributable to the equity holders of the parent (RM'000)	1,419	9,356
Weighted average number of ordinary shares of RM0.50 each in issue - net of treasury shares held ('000)		
Issued at the beginning of the period	77,480	77,480
Basic earnings per share (sen)	1.83	12.08

On behalf of the Board

Dato' Koon Poh Keong Chairman

26 February 2009