



Asia Brands Berhad (22414-V)

(Incorporated in Malaysia)

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Introduction

The Board of Directors of Asia Brands Berhad is pleased to announce the unaudited financial results of the Group for the financial period ended 30 September 2018.

This interim financial statements is prepared in accordance with Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards ("MFRS") 134, "Interim Financial Reporting" issued by Malaysian Accounting Standards Boards ("MASB") and paragraph 9.22 of the Listing Requirements of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad.

This interim financial statements is intended to provide an update on the last annual audited financial statements, for financial year ended 31 March 2018.

This report comprises the following:

- Condensed consolidated statements of financial position
- Condensed consolidated statements of profit or loss and other comprehensive income
- Condensed statements of changes in equity
- Condensed consolidated statements of cash flow
- Explanatory notes

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Condensed Consolidated Statements of Financial Position
as at 30 September 2018

	Unaudited 30.9.2018 RM'000	Unaudited 30.9.2017 RM'000	Audited 31.3.2018 RM'000
ASSETS			
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	7,918	8,176	7,351
Intangible assets	131,000	131,000	131,000
Goodwill on consolidation	26,705	30,905	26,705
Deferred tax assets	11,915	11,915	11,915
	<u>177,538</u>	<u>181,996</u>	<u>176,971</u>
Current assets			
Inventories	66,141	60,627	46,072
Trade receivables	23,559	39,373	23,570
Other receivables	6,426	6,497	5,873
Tax recoverable	7,226	7,233	7,253
Cash and bank balances	6,663	9,494	8,621
	<u>110,015</u>	<u>123,224</u>	<u>91,389</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>287,553</u>	<u>305,220</u>	<u>268,360</u>
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
Share capital	158,001	130,431	130,431
Reserves	(11,077)	5,452	(13,463)
Shareholders' Equity	<u>146,924</u>	<u>135,883</u>	<u>144,538</u>
Non-Current Liabilities			
Hire purchase payables	225	-	243
Deferred tax liabilities	3	16	7
	<u>228</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>250</u>
Current Liabilities			
Trade payables	33,689	15,999	13,798
Other payables	6,440	6,109	6,087
Amount owing to ultimate holding	-	10,569	1,200
Hire purchase payables	36	-	35
Short term borrowings	100,236	136,644	102,452
	<u>140,401</u>	<u>169,321</u>	<u>123,572</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>140,629</u>	<u>169,337</u>	<u>123,822</u>
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	<u>287,553</u>	<u>305,220</u>	<u>268,360</u>
Net assets per share (RM)	<u>1.26</u>	<u>1.72</u>	<u>1.24</u>

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Condensed Consolidated Statements of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income for the period ended 30 September 2018 (Unaudited)

	3 months ended 30.9.2018	3 months ended 30.9.2017	Year-to-date ended 30.9.2018	Year-to-date ended 30.9.2017
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
Revenue	35,549	35,060	75,262	79,239
Cost of sales	<u>(17,637)</u>	<u>(18,002)</u>	<u>(37,924)</u>	<u>(41,319)</u>
Gross profit	17,912	17,058	37,338	37,920
Other operating income	110	316	290	463
Selling and distribution expenses	(14,507)	(16,833)	(29,590)	(32,595)
Administrative and other operation expenses	(665)	(489)	(1,553)	(1,196)
Finance costs	<u>(1,599)</u>	<u>(2,038)</u>	<u>(3,202)</u>	<u>(4,050)</u>
Profit/(Loss) before taxation	1,251	(1,986)	3,283	542
Taxation	<u>(318)</u>	<u>(115)</u>	<u>(897)</u>	<u>(823)</u>
Profit/(Loss) after taxation	<u><u>933</u></u>	<u><u>(2,101)</u></u>	<u><u>2,386</u></u>	<u><u>(281)</u></u>

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Condensed Consolidated Statements of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income for the period ended 30 September 2018 (Unaudited) (cont'd)

	3 months ended 30.9.2018	3 months ended 30.9.2017	Year-to-date ended 30.9.2018	Year-to-date ended 30.9.2017
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
Profit/(Loss) for the period	933	(2,101)	2,386	(281)
Other comprehensive income:				
Available for sale (AFS) Investments fair value movement	-	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income/(expenses)	<u>933</u>	<u>(2,101)</u>	<u>2,386</u>	<u>(281)</u>
Total comprehensive income/ (expenses) attributable to:				
Equity holders	<u>933</u>	<u>(2,101)</u>	<u>2,386</u>	<u>(281)</u>
	Sen	Sen	Sen	Sen
Earnings/(Loss) per share	<u>0.80</u>	<u>(2.66)</u>	<u>2.05</u>	<u>(0.36)</u>

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Condensed Statements of Changes in Equity
For the period ended 30 September 2018 (Unaudited)

	Non- distributable	Distributable	
	Share Capital RM'000	Retained profits/ (Accumulated losses) RM'000	Total RM'000
At 1.4.2017	130,431	5,733	136,164
Loss after taxation/ Total comprehensive expenses	-	(281)	(281)
Transaction with owners - Dividend	-	-	-
At as 30.9.2017	<u>130,431</u>	<u>5,452</u>	<u>135,883</u>
At 1.4.2018	158,001	(13,463)	144,538
Profit after taxation/ Total comprehensive income	-	2,386	2,386
Transaction with owners - Dividend	-	-	-
At as 30.9.2018	<u>158,001</u>	<u>(11,077)</u>	<u>146,924</u>

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**Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flow
for the period ended 30 September 2018 (Unaudited)**

	6 months ended 30.9.2018 RM'000	6 months ended 30.9.2017 RM'000
Cash flow from operating activities		
Profit before tax	3,283	542
Adjustments for:		
Interest income	(117)	(120)
Interest expenses	3,202	4,050
Non-cash items	829	(1,935)
Operating profit before working capital changes	7,197	2,537
Net change in current assets	(20,716)	8,968
Net change in current liabilities	19,797	(2,222)
Cash generated from operations	6,278	9,283
Interest paid	(3,202)	(4,050)
Tax paid	(429)	(351)
Net cash generated from operating activities	2,647	4,882
Cash flow from investing activities		
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(1,289)	(767)
Interest income	117	120
Net cash used in investing activities	(1,172)	(647)
Cash flow from financing activities		
Repayment to ultimate holding company	(1,200)	(9,535)
Net (decrease)/increase in bank borrowings and hire obligations	(2,233)	1,223
Net cash used in financing activities	(3,433)	(8,312)
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(1,958)	(4,077)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	8,621	13,571
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	6,663	9,494
	6 months ended 30.9.2018 RM'000	6 months ended 30.9.2017 RM'000
<u>Cash and cash equivalents at end of period</u>		
Cash and bank balance	6,663	9,494

Explanatory Notes

Explanatory notes pursuant to MFRS 134, "Interim Financial Reporting"

1. Basis of Preparation

The unaudited interim financial statements is prepared in accordance with Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards ("MFRS") 134, "Interim Financial Reporting" issued by Malaysian Accounting Standards Board ("MASB") and paragraph 9.22 of the Listing Requirements of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad and should be read in conjunction with the Group's audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 March 2018.

The accounting policies, method of computation and basis of consolidation applied in the unaudited interim financial statements are consistent with those used in the preparation of the last annual audited financial statements, for the financial year ended 31 March 2018 except for the changes arising from the adoption of the following amendments to MFRS issued by MASB that are effective for the Group's financial year beginning on 1 April 2018.

Adoption of new and amended standards

- Amendments to MFRS 107 Disclosure Initiative
- Amendments to MFRS 112 Recognition of Deferred Tax Assets for Unrealised Losses
- Annual Improvements to MFRSs 2014 – 2016 Cycle Amendments to MFRS 12

The adoption of the Amendments to MFRS 107 has required additional disclosure of changes in liabilities arising from financing activities. Other than that, the adoption of above amendments to MFRSs did not have any significant impact on the financial statements of the Group.

2. Audit qualification in respect of the audit report of the Group and Company for the preceding financial statements and current status of the matter(s) giving rise to the qualification

The auditors have expressed unqualified opinion of the financial statement for the financial year ended 31 March 2018. However the auditors draw attention to the material uncertainty related to going concern due to the Group's net current liabilities which arises from reclassification on Islamic Medium Term Notes ("IMTN") to current liabilities as a result of non-compliance with financial covenants as required in IMTN.

To address the matter above, Asia Brands Berhad will be undertaking a proposed right issue and private placement exercise ("Corporate Proposals"). Details of the Corporate Proposals can be found in ABB's announcements dated 2 July 2018 and 9 July 2018. Upon the completion of this corporate exercise, the uncertainties relating to the going concern will be addressed.

3. Explanatory comments about the seasonality or cyclicity of interim operations

The Group's products cater to the consumer market and business is influenced by the state of the Malaysian economy, consumer confidence and the seasonality of promotional sales and festive seasons.

4. The nature and amount of items affecting assets, liabilities, equity, net income, or cash flow that are unusual because of their nature, size or incidence

Save for the information disclosed in this interim financial report, there are no other unusual items affecting assets, liabilities, equity, net income or cash flow.

5. The nature and amount of material changes in estimates of amounts reported in prior interim periods of the current financial year or material changes in estimates of amounts reported in prior financial year

There was no material changes in estimates of amounts reported in prior financial year.

6. Issuances, cancellations, repurchases, resale and repayments of debt and equity securities

The Group did not issue, cancel, repurchase, resell or repay any debt or equity securities during the reporting quarter.

7. The amount of dividends paid (aggregate or per share)

There were no dividends paid by the Company during the quarter ended 30 September 2018.

8. Segmental reporting for business segment, being the Group's basis of segment reporting

Segmental reporting is not presented as we are operating in a single business segment.

9. Status of valuation of property, plant and equipment

There was no valuation of property, plant and equipment carried out during the current financial quarter.

10. Material events subsequent to the end of the interim period that have not been reflected in the financial statements for the interim period

There are no material events subsequent to the end of the interim period that have not been reflected in the financial statements for the current interim period.

11. Effect of changes in the composition of the Group during the interim period, including business combinations, acquisition or disposal of subsidiary companies and long-term investments, restructurings, and discontinuing operations

There were no changes to the composition of the Group during the financial period ended 30 September 2018.

12. Changes in contingent liabilities or contingent assets since the last annual balance sheet date

The Company's contingent liabilities in respect of corporate guarantees granted to subsidiaries for banking and financing facilities as at 30 September 2018 amounted to RM106,000,000 (31 March 2018 : RM108,000,000).

Explanatory notes pursuant to Part A, Appendix 9B of the Listing Requirements of Bursa Malaysia

13. Review of performance of the Company and principal subsidiaries, setting-out material factors affecting earnings and/or revenue of the Company and Group for the financial year-to-date

The current quarter revenue period ended 30 September 2018 amounted to RM35.5 million, which was RM0.4 million or 1.1% higher than RM35.1 million for the same quarter last year. The Group recorded a pre-tax profit of RM1.3 million as compared to a pre-tax loss of RM2.0 million for the same period of the preceding year. The higher revenue and pre-tax profit were due to the better productivity over the period.

Revenue for the 6 months period ended 30 September 2018 amounted to RM75.3 million, which was RM3.9 million or 4.9% lower than RM79.2 million for the corresponding 6 months period last year. For the current 6 months period, the Group recorded pre-tax profit amounting to RM3.3 million as compared to a pre-tax profit of RM0.5 million for the corresponding 6 months period last year. The lower revenue is due to closure of non-productive outlets compare to the same period last year. The higher pre-tax profit is due to better buying and cost of goods control, lower selling & distribution expenses and lower finance costs.

14. Comparison with preceding quarter's results

The Group recorded a decrease in revenue of RM4.2 million for the current quarter ended 30 September 2018 to RM35.5 million as compared to RM39.7 million in the preceding quarter ended 30 June 2018.

The Group recorded a pre-tax profit of RM1.3 million for the current quarter ended 30 September 2018 as compared to pre-tax profit of RM2.0 million recorded for the quarter ended 30 June 2018. This is mainly due to the current quarter being a non-festive quarter.

15. Current year prospects

Action plans to close down non-performing outlets and replacing them with new and cost efficient retail formats in improving profitability and margins is on-going. With a stronger balance sheet the group looks forward to capture market opportunities and increase its market share this financial year.

We are hopeful that the overall economic outlook would continue to improve and consumer spending would follow.

16. Status of profit forecast or profit guarantee

This is not applicable to the Group.

17. Details of tax charge and an explanation of the variance between the effective and statutory tax rate for the current quarter and financial year-to-date

The tax charge comprised:

	3 months ended 30.9.2018 RM'000	3 months ended 30.9.2017 RM'000	Year-to-date ended 30.9.2018 RM'000	Year-to-date ended 30.9.2017 RM'000
Income tax	(320)	(119)	(901)	(832)
Over/(Under)provision - Prior year	-	-	-	-
Deferred tax	2	4	4	9
Effect on opening deferred tax resulting from a reduction in income tax rate	-	-	-	-
	----- (318) =====	----- (115) =====	----- (897) =====	----- (823) =====

18. Details of purchase or disposal of unquoted securities other than securities in existing subsidiary companies and associated companies

The Group did not purchase or dispose any unquoted securities during the current reporting period.

19. Status of corporate proposals announced but not completed, which is not earlier than 7 days from the date of this report

Following the listing application submitted on 26/7/2018, Bursa had approved the proposed right issue and proposed private placement on 20/8/2018 which is subject to the conditions as stated in announcement on 21/8/2018.

20. Group borrowings and debt securities as at the end of the reporting period

Details of borrowings and debt securities as at the end of the reporting period are as follows:

	As at 30.9.2018
	RM'000
Long term borrowing	
Secured	
Term loan	-
Short term borrowings	
Secured	
Term loan	90,000
Unsecured	
Bankers' acceptances	10,236
Bank overdrafts	-
	10,236
	100,236

The Group does not have any borrowings that are denominated in foreign currency.

21. Summary of off-balance sheet financial instruments, which is not earlier than 7 days from the date of this report

The Group has not entered into any arrangements involving financial instruments.

22. Changes in material litigation (including status of any pending material litigation) since the last annual balance sheet date, which is not earlier than 7 days from the date of this report

The Group does not have any material litigation.

23. Dividends

The Directors did not declare any dividend for the current reporting quarter.

24. Basis and methods of calculating earnings / (loss) per share

The basic earnings / (loss) per share is calculated by dividing the net loss attributable to shareholder by the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue of 116,323,800 (2018 : 80,952,059) during the period.

25. Profit for the Period/Year

	3 months ended 30.9.2018 RM'000	3 months ended 30.9.2017 RM'000	Year-to-date ended 30.9.2018 RM'000	Year-to-date ended 30.9.2017 RM'000
Profit for the period is arrived at after crediting:				
Interest income	92	76	117	120
Bad debts recovered	-	36	-	66
Gain on foreign exchange-realised	-	21	-	21
and after charging:				
Interest expense	1,599	2,038	3,202	4,050
Amortisation and Depreciation	47	1,093	722	2,212
Inventories written-off	223	82	200	102
Inventories written-down	133	-	133	-
Reversal of inventories written-down	(333)	-	(333)	-
Bad debts written-off	88	-	88	64
Allowance/(Reversal) of impairment:-				
- Receivable	341	(1,682)	18	(4,247)

There were no gain nor loss on derivatives or exceptional items for current quarter and financial period to-date 30 September 2018 (31 March 2018: N/A)

By order of the Board
Chua Siew Chuan
Company Secretary
Kuala Lumpur
15 November 2018