# HO WAH GENTING BERHAD ("HWGB") Company No: 272923-H (Incorporated In Malaysia)

# NOTES TO INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE THIRD QUARTER ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2009

### 1. Basis of Preparation

The interim financial report is unaudited and has been prepared and presented in accordance with the requirements of Financial Reporting Standard ("FRS") 134: Interim Financial Reporting, issued by the Malaysian Accounting Standards Board ("MASB") and paragraph 9.22 of the Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad ("BMSB") Listing Requirements, and should be read in conjunction with the Group's audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2008.

## 2. Changes in Accounting Policies

The accounting policies and presentation adopted for the interim financial report are consistent with those adopted in the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2008 except for the following:

The entire class of freehold land and buildings (freehold and leasehold) had been revalued at open market values on 31 March 2009 (with a subsequent update on 30 June 2009) by independent professional valuers and these values had been incorporated into the financial statements for the current financial year to date as allowed under the revaluation model in compliance with FRS 116: Property, Plant and Equipment.

The abovementioned change in accounting policy did not have any material impact on the income statement of the Company and the Group for the current quarter and financial year to date.

### 3. Qualification of Financial Statements

There has not been any qualification made by the auditors on the annual financial statements of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2008.

### 4. Seasonality or Cyclicality of Operations

Sales of the manufacturing division which is the main contributor of revenue to the Group normally peak in the third quarter arising from increase in customer demand due to year end festive seasons and demand would slowly decline in the fourth quarter before reaching its plateau in the first and second quarters of the following year.

# 5. Unusual Nature and Amount of Items Affecting Assets, Liabilities, Equity, Net Income or Cash Flows

There were no items of unusual nature affecting the assets, liabilities, equity, net income, or cash flows of the Group during the current quarter and financial year to date.

### 6. Material Change in Estimates

There were no changes in estimates that had a material effect in the current quarter's results.

# 7. Issuance and Repayment of Debt and Equity Securities

There was no issuance, cancellation, repurchase, resale nor repayments of debts and equity securities, share buy-backs during the current quarter and financial year to date.

### 8. Dividends Paid

No dividend was paid in the current quarter and financial year to date.

### 9. Segmental Reporting

Analysis of the Group's segment revenue and segment result for the current quarter ended 30 September 2009 are as follows: -

	Segment Revenue	Profit/(Loss) Before Tax
	RM'000	RM'000
Investments	414	(2,925)
Manufacturing	93,101	(9,954)
Mining	-	(265)
Trading	16,326	571
	109,841	(12,573)
Share in losses of associates		(1,420)
		(13,993)

### 10. Valuations of Property, Plant and Equipment

The valuations of property, plant and equipment of the Group have been brought forward without amendment from the previous audited financial statements. As mentioned in item no. 2 above, the latest professional valuations for the entire class of freehold land and buildings had been incorporated into the financial statements for the current financial year to date.

## 11. Material Events Subsequent to the End of the Interim Period

There is no material event subsequent to the end of the current quarter.

## 12. Changes in the Composition of the Group

### Subscription of Shares in Super Champion Group Limited ("SCGL")

HWGB had on 18 May 2009 subscribed for and was allotted 9,500 new ordinary shares of USD1-00 each representing 95% of the total issued and paid up share capital of Super Champion Group Limited ("SCGL") for cash at par. With the subscription, SCGL has become a subsidiary of HWGB.

SCGL was incorporated under the Business Companies Act, 2004 in British Virgin Islands on 23 March 2009 with an authorized share capital of USD50,000-00 divided into 50,000 ordinary shares of USD1-00 each and an issued and paid up share capital of USD10,000-00 divided into 10,000 ordinary shares of USD1-00 each. Its proposed principal activity is investment holding.

# Acquisition and Subscription of Shares by SCGL in China Good Holdings Limited ("CGHL")

Subsequent to the above subscription, SCGL had on even date acquired one (1) ordinary share of HKD1-00 each in the capital of China Good Holdings Limited ("CGHL") for cash at par and subscribed for and was allotted 9,999 new ordinary shares of HKD1-00 each, for cash at par. With the acquisition and subscription, CGHL has become a wholly-owned subsidiary of SCGL.

CGHL was incorporated in Hong Kong on 10 March 2009 with an authorized share capital of HKD10,000-00 divided into 10,000 ordinary shares of HKD1-00 each and an issued and paid up share capital of HKD10,000-00 divided into 10,000 ordinary shares of HKD1-00 each. CGHL is presently dormant and its proposed principal activity is investment holding.

Other than the above, there were no changes in the composition of the Group for the current financial year to date.

#### 13. Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets

There were no material contingent liabilities and contingent assets for the Company and the Group during the current quarter and financial year to date.

#### 14. Capital Commitments

There were no material capital commitments for the Company and the Group at the end of the current quarter.

# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THE BMSB'S LISTING REQUIREMENTS

## 1. Review of Performance for second quarter and current financial year-to-date

For the current financial year to date, the Group recorded revenue of RM109.84 million and a loss before taxation of RM13.99 million compared to its preceding year's corresponding period revenue of RM170.48 million and loss before taxation of RM1.84 million.

The Group's manufacturing division recorded operating revenue of RM93.10 million and loss before taxation of RM9.95 million for the current financial period ended 30 September 2009 compared to its preceding year's corresponding period operating revenue of RM141.65 million and profit before taxation of RM2.36 million. The decline in revenue was a consequence of weak consumer spending in US. The prices of copper had surged more than 90% during the current financial year to date and we were not able to pass on the increase in cost to our customers in a weak US market. These two major factors had depressed our gross profit margin and resulted in a loss position for the Group's manufacturing division.

The Group's trading division posted an operating revenue of RM16.33 million and profit before taxation of RM571,000 for the current financial period ended 30 September 2009 compared to its preceding year's corresponding period operating revenue of RM28.26 million and a profit before taxation of RM920,000. Our domestic economy continued to feel the adverse impact of the weak global economy. As a result of which, our trading division reported lower revenue.

The Group's tin mining division recorded a loss before taxation of RM265,000 for the current financial period ended 30 September 2009 compared to its preceding year's corresponding period loss before taxation of RM153,000. The tin mining division is presently conducting ongoing feasibility studies.

The Group's share of loss in its associate, CVM Minerals Limited was RM1.39 million for the current financial period ended 30 September 2009. Its magnesium mining division is anticipated to commission its production plant in December 2009.

At Company level, the Company recorded a loss before taxation of RM2.85 million for the current financial period ended 30 September 2009 compared to a loss of RM2.41 million in the preceding year's corresponding period.

In the opinion of the Directors, other than as disclosed above, the results for the current financial period have not been affected by any transactions or events of a material or unusual nature which have arisen between 30 September 2009 and the date of issue of this quarterly report.

## 2. Comparison with Preceding Quarter's Results

The Group's operating revenue and loss before taxation for the quarter under review were RM51.24 million and RM2.90 million respectively as compared to the preceding quarter's operating revenue and loss before taxation of RM36.74 million and RM5.04 million respectively.

The increase in revenue and lower loss before taxation was due to its cyclical sales pattern since demand would normally reach its peak in the third quarter.

## 3. Commentary on Prospects

The Board is of the opinion that business operations will continue to be difficult and challenging for the remainder of year 2009 in view of the weak economic situation in US as it accounts for the majority of the Group's revenue.

### 4. Profit Forecast or Profit Guarantee

There is no profit forecast or profit guarantee for the current quarter and financial year to date.

#### 5. Taxation

Taxation for current quarter and financial period under review comprises the following:

		Individual Quarter		<b>Cumulative Quarter</b>	
		30/09/2009 RM'000	30/09/2008 RM'000	30/09/2009 RM'000	30/09/2008 RM'000
I	Current tax expense				
	- Malaysian	-	(1)	-	(1)
	- Overseas	-	475	-	(530)
		-	474	-	(531)
II	Over/ (under) provision in prior year				
	- Malaysian	-	1	-	8
	- Overseas	-	-	-	-
		-	1	-	8
III	Deferred tax expense				
	- Malaysian	-	-	-	-
	- Overseas		(628)	-	(224)
			(628)	-	(224)
	Total		(153)	-	(747)

The Group's effective tax rate is higher than the statutory tax rate due to the non availability of group relief allowance for losses incurred by the Company and its subsidiary companies.

### 6. Sale of Unquoted Investments and/or Properties

Further to the announcement dated 8 October 2008 concerning the disposal of two pieces of leasehold land together with the buildings erected thereon (both located in Bandar Kulim, Daerah Kulim, Kedah) for a total cash consideration of RM7 million, Ho Wah Genting Kintron Sdn Bhd (187449-H), a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company and Ivan Khor Property Holding Sdn Bhd (659603-H) ("the Purchaser") had mutually agreed to rescind the Conditional Sale and Purchase Agreement dated 8 October 2008 as the Purchaser was unable to obtain financing to pay for the balance of the purchase price.

The 10% deposit amounting to RM700,000-00 paid by the Purchaser was forfeited.

There was no sale of unquoted investments or properties for the current quarter and financial year to date.

## 7. Purchase or Disposal of Quoted Securities

There was no purchase or disposal of quoted securities during the current financial year to date except for the following transaction which was recorded in the second quarter of the current financial year:

Five thousand (5,000) of quoted equity shares of RM1-00 each in TH Group Berhad (a public listed company on the Main Market of Bursa Malaysia) had been disposed off at RM0.75 each via a privatization exercise of the said company in the second quarter of the current financial year. The quoted investments had been carried in the books at a value of RM3,000. The said disposal gave us a proceed of RM3,750 which resulted in a gain of RM750.

Investments in quoted securities as at 30 September 2009 are as follows:

		RM'000
(i)	At cost	1,332
(ii)	At carrying amount	184
(iii)	At market value	154

## 8. Investments in Associates

There was no purchase or disposal of equity stakes in Associates for the current quarter and financial year to date.

Investments in Associates as at 30 September 2009 are as follows:

	RM'000
(i) At cost	26,897
(ii) At carrying amount	24,885
(iii) Market value of a quoted associate	162,727

# 9. The Status of Corporate Proposals Announced But Pending Approval And Completion

On 14 October 2009, the Company had announced to BMSB to undertake the following corporate proposals:-

- (a) Proposed reduction of the share premium account of HWGB and capital reduction by the cancellation of RM0.80 of the par value of every existing ordinary share of RM1.00 each in HWGB to be offset against the accumulated losses of HWGB ("Proposed Capital Reduction");
- (b) Proposed amendments to the Memorandum and Articles of Association of HWGB ("M&A") to facilitate the change in the par value of the ordinary shares of RM1.00 each in HWGB as a result of the Proposed Capital Reduction ("Proposed Amendments to the M&A");
- (c) Proposed renounceable rights issue of up to 137,888,954 new ordinary shares of RM0.20 each in HWGB ("Rights Shares") at an issue price of RM0.20 per rights share together with up to 137,888,954 free detachable warrants ("Warrants") on the basis of one (1) Rights Share with one (1) free Warrant for every two (2) ordinary shares of RM0.20 each held in HWGB ("Shares") after the Proposed Capital Reduction ("Proposed Rights Issue"); and
- (d) Proposed establishment of an employee share option scheme ("ESOS") of up to 10% of the issued and paid up share capital in HWGB after the Proposed Capital Reduction ("Proposed ESOS").

(Collectively referred to as "the Proposals")

The Proposals are conditional upon the approvals being obtained from the following:

- (a) High Court of Malaya pursuant to Section 64 of the Companies Act, 1965 for the Proposed Capital Reduction;
- (b) Bank Negara Malaysia ("BNM"), for the issuance of Warrants to foreign shareholders pursuant to the Proposed Rights Issue (which was obtained vide the BNM's letter dated 17<sup>th</sup> November 2009);
- (c) BMSB, for the Proposals and for the listing of and quotation for the new Shares and Warrants to be issued pursuant to the Proposed Rights Issue and the Proposed ESOS on the Main Market of BMSB (which was obtained vide the BMSB's letter dated 13<sup>th</sup> November 2009);
- (d) Shareholders of HWGB at the forthcoming Extraordinary General Meeting; and
- (e) Other relevant authorities, if any.

The Proposed Amendments to the M&A, Proposed Rights Issue and Proposed ESOS are conditional upon obtaining all approvals for the Proposed Capital Reduction but are not conditional with any other corporate proposals of HWGB.

## 10. Group Borrowings and Debt Securities

		As At 30/09/2009 RM'000	As At 31/12/2008 RM'000
(i)	Short Term Borrowings		
` '	Secured		
	- Bank overdraft	1,693	1,346
	- Bankers' acceptances	81,857	74,765
	- Finance lease liabilities	28	27
	- Term loans	3,567	5,668
		87,145	81,806
(ii)	Long Term Borrowings		
` ′	Secured		
	- Finance lease liabilities	194	213
	- Term loans	17,907	19,560
		18,101	19,773

Breakdown of borrowings in foreign denominated debts included above is:

(iii)	Secured	USD'000	USD'000
	- Bills payable	23,183	21,561
	- Short term loan	250	1,000
	- Long term loan	-	-
		23,433	22,561

### 11. Off Balance Sheet Financial Instruments

Operating Lease Commitment	As At 30/09/2009 RM'000	As At 31/12/2008 RM'000
Payable within one year	161	165
Payable within two to five years	317 <b>478</b>	552 <b>717</b>

Other than as disclosed above, there were no financial instruments with off balance sheet risk as at 23 November 2009, being the latest practicable date from the issue of this quarterly report.

# 12. Material Litigation

There is no material litigation for the Group as at 23 November 2009, being the latest practicable date from the issue of this quarterly report.

### 13. Dividends

No dividend has been declared for the current quarter and financial year to date.

### 14. Loss Per Share

	Individual Quarter 30/09/2009 30/09/2008		Cumulative Quarter 30/09/2009 30/09/2008	
Net loss attributable to shareholders (RM'000)	(2,851)	(1,791)	(13,864)	(1,629)
Weighted average number of ordinary shares ('000)	275,778	275,778	275,778	275,778
Loss per share (sen)	(1.03)	(0.65)	(5.03)	(0.59)

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