



PPB GROUP BERHAD

INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE SECOND QUARTER ENDED 30 JUNE 2009

(The figures have not been audited)

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2009

	Individual Quarter 3 months ended 30 June		Cumulative Quarter 6 months ended 30 June	
	2009	2008	2009	2008
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
Revenue	833,952	841,836	1,606,457	1,650,724
Operating expenses	(735,986)	(757,156)	(1,490,790)	(1,441,174)
Other operating income	8,225	4,097	16,117	12,524
Profit from operations	106,191	88,777	131,784	222,074
Net profit from investing activities	53,096	51,578	53,269	58,482
Share of net profits less losses of associates	274,886	219,374	532,136	496,897
Share of net profit of jointly controlled entity	254	186	499	366
Finance costs	(1,338)	(1,771)	(3,787)	(2,706)
Profit before tax	433,089	358,144	713,901	775,113
Taxation	(27,976)	(21,867)	(37,357)	(54,513)
Profit for the period	405,113	336,277	676,544	720,600
Attributable to:				
Shareholders of the Company	397,532	333,123	669,367	716,221
Minority interests	7,581	3,154	7,177	4,379
Profit for the period	405,113	336,277	676,544	720,600
Basic earnings per share (sen)	33.53	28.10	56.46	60.42
		As At End of Current Quarter 30 June 2009		As At Preceding Financial Year End 31 December 2008
Net assets per share attributable to shareholders of the Company (RM)		11.35		10.32

Review of performance for the financial year-to-date

Group revenue of RM1.61 billion for the half year ended 30 June 2009 was marginally lower compared with RM1.65 billion for the same period last year. The decrease was mainly due to lower revenue registered by the flour and feed milling, chemicals trading and manufacturing and property development divisions.

Group profit before tax was RM714 million against RM775 million last year representing a decrease of about 8%. The decrease was mainly due to lower profit margin earned by the flour and feed milling division as a result of lower sales volume and reduced selling prices of flour. The Group's shipping operations were affected by low charter hire rate. Wilmar International Limited ("Wilmar") an associate of the Group, registered higher profits and increased its contribution to RM519 million for the half year under review.

Material changes in the quarterly results compared to the results of the preceding quarter

Group profit before tax of RM433 million for the quarter under review was 54% higher compared with RM281 million in the preceding quarter. This was mainly due to higher contributions from Wilmar as well as improved performance from the sugar refining, trading and cane plantation division.

Prospects for current financial year

The global economic slowdown will continue to affect the Group's performance for the rest of 2009 in respect of lower demand and margins for the goods and services offered by the Group. Fluctuations in prices of raw materials and ocean freight rates will persist as challenging factors affecting the Group's profitability. Nevertheless, Group performance for the year is expected to remain satisfactory.

Dividend

The Board of Directors is pleased to declare an interim single tier dividend for the financial year ending 31 December 2009 of 5 sen per share (2008 : 5 sen per share single tier) payable on Friday, 25 September 2009.

Dividend payment/entitlement date

Notice is hereby given that the interim single tier dividend is payable on Friday, 25 September 2009 to shareholders whose names appear in the Record of Depositors at the close of business on Friday, 11 September 2009.

A Depositor shall qualify for entitlement only in respect of :-

- Shares transferred into the Depositor's securities account before 4.00 pm on Friday, 11 September 2009 in respect of ordinary transfers, and
- Shares bought on the Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad ("BMSB") on a cum entitlement basis according to the Rules of the BMSB.

Dividends Paid/Payable

Dividends paid for the financial year 2008 and payable up to the date of this report are as follows :-

Financial Year	Type	Rate Per Share	Payment Date
2008	Special dividend	62 sen less 26% income tax	12 May 2008
2008	Interim dividend	5 sen single tier	29 September 2008
2008	Final dividend	18 sen single tier	5 June 2009
2009	Interim dividend	5 sen single tier	Payable on 25 September 2009

Kuala Lumpur
21 August 2009

By Order of the Board
Mah Teck Keong
Company Secretary

The complete announcement of the Quarterly Report is available on the Bursa Malaysia website (<http://announcements.bursamalaysia.com>). If you require a printed copy of the report, please submit your request to the Company Secretary at 17th Floor, Wisma Jernoh, 38 Jalan Sultan Ismail, 50250 Kuala Lumpur. Tel: (03) 2117 0888 (Ext. 820) / Fax: (03) 2117 0999 / Email : mahtk@ppb.com.my

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