



# PPB GROUP BERHAD

## INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2009

(The figures have not been audited)

### CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2009

	Individual Quarter 3 months ended 31 December		Cumulative Quarter 12 months ended 31 December	
	2009	2008	2009	2008
	RM'000	RM'000 (Restated)	RM'000	RM'000 (Restated)
<b>Continuing operations</b>				
Revenue	501,566	594,850	2,005,429	2,488,566
Operating expenses	(469,428)	(626,017)	(1,891,747)	(2,262,589)
Other operating income	11,180	7,730	37,861	28,045
Profit from operations	43,318	(23,437)	151,543	254,022
Net profit from investing activities	8,188	(21,700)	69,650	51,700
Share of net profits less losses of associates	272,016	381,941	1,239,603	918,440
Share of net profits of jointly controlled entity	388	1,002	1,144	1,575
Finance costs	(1,492)	(1,627)	(6,550)	(5,398)
Profit before tax	322,418	336,179	1,455,390	1,220,339
Taxation	(19,070)	2,253	(46,182)	(62,941)
Profit for the year from continuing operations	303,348	338,432	1,409,208	1,157,398
<b>Discontinued operations</b>				
Profit for the year from discontinued operations, net of tax	50,216	22,926	219,831	136,026
Profit for the year	353,564	361,358	1,629,039	1,293,424
Attributable to:				
Shareholders of the Company	351,525	363,280	1,615,964	1,286,509
Minority interests	2,039	(1,922)	13,075	6,915
Profit for the year	353,564	361,358	1,629,039	1,293,424
Basic earnings per share (sen)				
- continuing operations	25.42	28.71	117.77	97.05
- discontinued operations	4.23	1.93	18.54	11.47
	29.65	30.64	136.31	108.52

	As At End of Current Quarter 31 December 2009	As At Preceding Financial Year End 31 December 2009
Net assets per share attributable to shareholders of the Company (RM)	11.88	10.32

#### Review of performance for the financial year-to-date

Group revenue for continuing operations of RM2.0 billion for the financial year ended 31 December 2009 was 19% lower than the RM2.49 billion last year. The decrease was mainly due to lower revenue registered by the flour and feed milling in line with the lower prices of soft commodities, environmental engineering, chemicals trading and manufacturing divisions.

Group profit before tax for continuing operations of RM1.46 billion represents an increase of about 19% from last year. The increase was mainly due to higher contribution of RM1.21 billion from Wilmar International Limited ("Wilmar"), an associate of the Group, representing an increase of RM317 million from last year. The flour and feed milling division however registered lower profits despite higher sales volume due to reduced selling prices of flour, whilst the Group's shipping operation was affected by low global charter hire rates.

Net profit after tax from discontinued operations was higher when compared with last year due mainly to increase in sugar sales volume and better operating margins.

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

Group profit before tax for continuing operations of RM322 million for the quarter under review was 36% lower compared with the preceding quarter. This was mainly due to lower profit contribution from Wilmar in the current quarter. The grains trading, flour and feed milling divisions also recorded lower profits as a result of lower selling prices.

Net profit after tax from discontinued operations was higher when compared with the preceding quarter due mainly to increase in sugar sales volume.

#### Prospects for current financial year

While the global economic environment remains uncertain in 2010, economic activities in the Asian region are gaining pace. Riding on this momentum and with Wilmar's presence in the growing economies of China, India and Indonesia, PPB Group's operating results in 2010 are expected to be satisfactory.

With the completion of the disposal of the sugar business, a gain of about RM857 million will be reflected in PPB Group's 1st quarter 2010 results.

#### Dividend

The Board of Directors is pleased to recommend a final single tier dividend for the financial year ended 31 December 2009 of 18 sen per share (2008 : single tier dividend 18 sen per share) payable on Tuesday, 8 June 2010 subject to the approval of shareholders at the 41st Annual General Meeting to be held on Wednesday, 19 May 2010.

Together with the interim single tier dividend of 5 sen per share paid on 25 September 2009 and the special single tier dividend of 50 sen per share payable on 15 March 2010, the total dividend paid and payable for the financial year ended 31 December 2009 would be 73 sen per share (2008 : 62 sen per share less 26% income tax, and 23 sen per share single tier).

#### Dividend entitlement/payment date

Notice is hereby given that, subject to shareholders' approval, the final dividend is payable on Tuesday, 8 June 2010 to shareholders whose names appear in the Record of Depositors at the close of business on Monday, 24 May 2010.

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

- Shares transferred into the Depositor's securities account before 4.00 pm on Monday, 24 May 2010 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 BMSB.

#### Dividends Paid/Payable

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

Financial Year	Type	Rate	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	25 September 2009
2009	Special dividend	50 sen single tier	15 March 2010
2009	Final dividend (proposed)	18 sen single tier	8 June 2010

Kuala Lumpur  
2 March 2010

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 Jerneh, 38 Jalan Sultan Ismail, 50250 Kuala Lumpur. Tel: (03) 2117 0888 (Ext. 820) / Fax: (03) 2117 0999 / Email : mahkt@ppb.com.my

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