

## **NOTES TO THE 2<sup>ND</sup> INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORT – 30 JUNE 2006**

### **1. Basis of Preparation**

The interim financial report is unaudited and has been prepared in accordance with 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 Listing Requirements.

The interim financial report should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2005. These explanatory notes attached to the interim financial report provide an explanation of events and transactions that are significant to an understanding of the changes in the financial position and performance of the Group since the financial year ended 31 December 2005.

### **2 Changes in Accounting Policies**

The significant accounting policies adopted are consistent with those of the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2005 except for the adoption of the following new/ revised FRSs effective for the financial period beginning 1 January 2006:

FRS 2	Share-based Payment
FRS 3	Business Combinations
FRS 5	Non-current Assets Held for Sale and Discontinued Operations
FRS 101	Presentation of Financial Statements
FRS 102	Inventories
FRS 108	Accounting Policies, Changes in Estimates and Errors
FRS 110	Events after the Balance Sheet Date
FRS 116	Property, Plant and Equipment
FRS 121	The Effects of Changes in Foreign Exchange Rates
FRS 127	Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements
FRS 128	Investments in Associates
FRS 131	Interests in Joint Ventures
FRS 132	Financial Instruments: Disclosure and Presentation
FRS 133	Earnings Per Share
FRS 136	Impairment of Assets
FRS 138	Intangible Assets
FRS 140	Investment Property

In addition to the above, the Group has also taken the option of early adoption of the following new/ revised FRSs for the financial period beginning 1 January 2006:

FRS 117	Leases
FRS 124	Related Party Disclosures

The adoption of FRS 2, 102, 108, 110, 116, 121, 124, 127, 128, 131, 132, 133, 136, 138 and 140 does not have significant financial impact on the Group. The principal effects of the changes in accounting policies resulting from the adoption of the other new/ revised FRSs are discussed below:

**(a) FRS 3 - Business Combination**

FRS 3 requires goodwill acquired in a business combination to be measured at cost and subject to impairment. Further in accordance with the transitional provisions of FRS 3, the reserve on consolidation of RM13.88 million, as at 1 January 2006, was adjusted to opening retained profits.

**(b) FRS 5 - Non-current Assets Held for Sale and Discontinued Operations**

The new FRS 5 requires a separate disclosure on non-current assets held for sale and discontinued operations, to be stated at lower of carrying amount and fair value less cost to sell.

**(c) FRS 101 – Presentation of Financial Statements**

The adoption of the revised FRS 101 has affected the presentation of minority interest, share of net after-tax results of associates and other disclosures. In the consolidated balance sheet, minority interests are now presented within total equity. In the consolidated income statement, minority interests are presented as an allocation of the total profit or loss for the period. A similar requirement is also applicable to the statement of changes in equity. FRS 101 also requires disclosure, on the face of the statement of changes in equity, total recognised income and expenses for the period, showing separately the amounts attributable to equity holders of the parent and to minority interest.

The current period's presentation of the Group's financial statements is based on the revised requirements of FRS 101, with the comparatives restated to conform with the current period's presentation.

**(d) FRS 117 – Leases**

The adoption of the revised FRS 117 has resulted in a retrospective change in the accounting policy relating to the classification of leasehold land and building. The up-front payments made for the leasehold land and building represents prepaid lease payments and are amortised on a straight-line basis over the lease term. A lease of land and building is apportioned into a lease of land and a lease of building in proportion to the relative fair values of the leasehold interests in the land element and the building element of the lease at the inception of the lease. Prior to 1 January 2006, leasehold land and building were classified as property, plant and equipment and were stated at valuation less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. The leasehold land and building were last revalued in year 2003 and 2005 respectively.

Upon the adoption of the revised FRS 117 at 1 January 2006, the unamortized revalued amount of leasehold land and building are retained as the surrogate carrying amount of prepaid lease payments as allowed by the transitional provisions of FRS 117. The reclassification of leasehold land and building as prepaid lease payments has been accounted for retrospectively and as disclosed in Note 3, certain comparative amounts as at 31 December 2005 have been restated.

**3 Comparatives**

The following comparative amounts have been restated due to the adoption of new and revised FRSs:

	Previously stated RM'000	FRS 117 RM'000	Restated RM'000
<b>At 31 December 2005</b>			
Property, plant and equipment	139,851	(6,632)	133,219
Prepaid lease payments	-	6,632	6,632

**Impact on the opening balances**

	Previously stated RM'000	FRS 3 RM'000	Restated RM'000
Effects on:			
Retained profits	181,673	13,880	195,553
Reserve on consolidation	13,880	(13,880)	-

**4. Auditors' Report on Preceding Annual Financial Statements**

The auditors' report on the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2005 was not qualified.

5. **Seasonal or Cyclical Factors**

There were no significant seasonal or cyclical factors affecting the business operations of the Group.

6. **Unusual Items**

There were no unusual items affecting assets, liabilities, equity, net income or cashflow because of their nature, size or incidence in the current financial year-to-date.

7. **Changes in Estimates**

There was no changes in estimates that have had a material effect in the current quarter.

8. **Issuance and Repayment of Debt and Equity Securities**

There were no issuance and repayment of debts and equity securities, share buy-backs, share cancellations, shares held as treasury shares and resale of treasury shares for the current quarter.

9. **Dividends**

The amount of dividends paid or declared during the financial period ended 30 June 2006 were as follows :

	<b>Net Amount Jan/Jan 2006 RM'000</b>	<b>Net Dividend Per Share Jan/Jan 2006 Sen</b>
<b>2005, Second interim</b> 10 sen tax exempt and 5 sen less 28% tax per share paid on 28.03.06	10,200	13.6

#### 10. **Segmental Reporting**

The Company and its principal subsidiaries operate principally within one industry. The segmental reporting by geographical locations for the current financial year-to-date was as follows :-

<b>Geographical Location</b>	<b>Total Assets Employed RM'000</b>	<b>Revenue RM'000</b>	<b>Pre-Tax Profit RM'000</b>
Malaysia	645,350	697,003	37,643
Indonesia	404,485	270,857	(13,190)
Others	62,331	-	(161)
	1,112,166	967,860	24,292
Consolidation adjustments related to intra group transactions	(365,899)	(283,809)	-
	746,267	684,051	24,292

#### 11. **Property, Plant and Equipment**

The valuation of land and buildings have been brought forward without amendment from the previous audited annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2005.

#### 12. **Events subsequent to Balance Sheet Date**

There was no material events subsequent to balance sheet date as at 25 July 2006, the latest practical date which is not earlier than 7 days from the date of issue of this quarterly report except as noted under Note 20 and 23.

#### 13. **Changes in the Composition of the Company**

There was no change in the composition of the Company for the current quarter including business combination, acquisition or disposal of subsidiaries and long term investments, restructuring and discontinuing operations.

#### 14. **Changes in Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets**

At 25 July 2006, the latest practicable date which is not earlier than 7 days from the date of issue of this quarterly report, there were no material changes in contingent liabilities or contingent assets since 31 December 2005 except as noted under Note 23.

15. **Capital Commitments**

The amount of capital commitments at 30 June 2006 was as follows :

	<b>30.06.2006</b> <b>RM'000</b>
Approved but not contracted	-
Contracted but not provided for	180
	180

16. **Related Party Transactions**

The following are significant related party transactions :

	<b>6 months</b> <b>ended</b> <b>30.06.2006</b> <b>RM'000</b>
Sales to an associate, Redring Solder (M) Sdn Bhd	12,126

The above transactions have been entered in the normal course of business and have been established on terms and conditions that are not materially different from those obtainable in transactions with unrelated parties.

17. **Taxation**

Taxation comprises the following :

	<b>6 months ended</b> <b>30.06.2006</b> <b>RM'000</b>
Current taxation	
Malaysian income tax	9,198
Foreign tax	(3,483)
Deferred tax	1,542
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,257</b>

The effective tax rate for the current year was higher than the statutory tax rate in Malaysia mainly due to certain expenses accrued and not tax deductible.

18. **Profit on Sale of Unquoted Investment and/or Property**

Save as disclosed below, there was no other profit on sale of unquoted investment and/or property for the current quarter:

Gain on disposal of property	RM'000
	<u>3,008</u>

19. **Purchase and Sale of Quoted Securities**

There was no purchase or sale of quoted securities in the current quarter.

20. **Status of Corporate Proposal**

Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad has by their letter dated 16 June 2006 granted a further period of 9 months extension from 1 January 2006 to 30 September 2006 for the Company to comply with the public shareholding requirement as prescribed under Paragraph 8.15(1) of the Listing Requirements.

The present number of public shareholders of the Company is 1330 holding 6.7% of the prevailing total issued and paid-up capital of 75 million shares of RM1.00 each.

21. **Group Borrowings and Debts Securities**

Group borrowings as at 30 June 2006 comprise the following :

	<b>30.06.2006</b>
	<b>RM'000</b>
<b>a) Short Term Borrowings (unsecured)</b>	
Foreign currency trade finance	191,544
Revolving credit	47,768
Bankers' acceptance	103,130
	<b>342,442</b>
Current portion of term loans	7,448
	<b>349,890</b>

	<b>30.06.2006</b>
	<b>RM'000</b>
<b>b) Long Term Borrowings (unsecured)</b>	
Term Loans	1,427

<b>Amount denominated in foreign currency</b>	<b>'000</b>
Foreign currency trade finance (US dollar)	52,128
Revolving credit (US dollar)	13,000
Term loan 1 (US dollar)	1,250
Term loan 2 (Australian dollar)	1,575

Foreign currency trade finance and revolving credit are utilized for working capital requirements involving purchases and sales of tin concentrates and tin metal denominated in US dollar. Term loans are utilized for investments denominated in US dollar and Australian dollar respectively.

Short term borrowings bear interest at rates ranging from 3.32% to 7.05% (2005 : 2.7% to 6.75%) per annum. The US dollar term loan 1 is repayable by 8 semi-annual instalments of USD1.25 million each commencing 5 April 2003 with interest rate at 1% above 3 months Singapore Interbank Offer Rate for US dollar. The Australian dollar term loan 2 is repayable by 8 semi-annual instalments of AUD525,000 each commencing 17 April 2004 with interest rate at 1.15% above 3 months cost of fund for Australian dollar.

## 22. Financial Instrument with Off Balance Sheet Risk

As at 25 July 2006, the Group had the following outstanding financial instruments :

- a) Forward foreign currency hedging contracts in respect of the Group's sales and purchases of tin :-

Currency	Contract Amount Million	Equiv. Amount RM'000	
US Dollar	6	21,859	Different maturity dates up to June 2007
Indonesian Rupiah	200,985	79,737	Different maturity dates up to February 2007
	Total	101,596	

- b) A cross currency swap contract with a bank for the balance of AUD1.58 million term loan with a USD1.10 million term loan.

## 23. Material Litigation

Since the Company's last announcement on 3 May 2006 relating to the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2006 Interim Financial Report, there was no new development on the outstanding material litigations. The status of pending material litigations at 25 July 2006, the latest practicable date which is not earlier than 7 days from the date of issue of this quarterly report are:

- a) A claim from a party against the Company and 3 others, for a declaration that the sale of Rahman Hydraulic Tin Sdn. Bhd. (RHT) shares to the Company, is null and void was dismissed by the High Court with costs. The party has filed an appeal against the decision.

- b) The legal suits pending against RHT as at the take over date of 22 November 2004.
  - (i) A Summon in Chambers (ex-parte) was served on RHT and 3 others by the Plaintiff whose proposal to acquire the mining lease and related assets of RHT was rejected in April 2002. The Plaintiff's application for Judicial Review was dismissed with costs but an appeal has been filed against the decision.
  - (ii) A claim by 11 ex-workers for notice pay and retrenchment benefits totaling RM125,723 against RHT has been dismissed by the Industrial Court on 26 September 2005. The claimants have filed an appeal at the High Court.
  - (iii) 2 former directors have filed claims for compensation totaling RM2.4 million pursuant to service agreements entered on 31 March 2000. The claims was dismissed by the Industrial Court but an appeal has been filed against the decision.

Pursuant to the Sale of Shares Agreement dated 1 October 2004, the Vendor of RHT shall be responsible for all legal suits against RHT in relation to matters occurred prior to take over date.

- (c) 43 employees retrenched by the Company in 2002 have filed claim for reinstatement, back wages, bonus, etc or compensation for loss of wages. The case has been fixed for hearing in March 2007.
- (d) A Statement of Claim for RM45 million with interest at 8% p.a. plus cost was filed against the Company for an alleged breach of the Subscription Agreement. The breach was in fact committed by the Plaintiff, entitling the Company to terminate the agreement. The Company had filed its Statement of Defense. To-date, the Plaintiff has not proceeded further on the case.
- (e) A Statement of Claim was filed against the Company by a system provider for RM1.28 million with interest at 8% p.a. plus costs for alleged cost overrun in the implementation of an Enterprise Resource Planning System at the Company. The Claim came after more than a year following the completion of the implementation. The Company had filed its Statement of Defense.

24. **Material Change in the Quarterly Results as Compared with the Preceding Quarter**

Group pre-tax profit for the 2nd quarter 2006 was RM10.51 million compared with RM13.78 million recorded in the preceding quarter. Low production volume in the Indonesian operations, higher fuel and other production costs adversely affected the Group's performance in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2006.

25. **Review of Performance of the Company and its Principal Subsidiaries**

Group pre-tax profit for the period decreased by 58.4 % to RM24.29 million compared with RM59.00 million for the corresponding period of the previous year. Net attributable profit at RM19.8 million was 40% lower compared with that of the first half of last year. The Malaysian operations, aided by sale of by-product, achieved a better performance during the period. However, losses incurred by PT Koba Tin due to higher fuel and other production costs, lower production volume and unrealized foreign exchange translation differences had resulted in a significantly lower overall earning of the Group.

No item, transaction or event of a material and unusual nature has arisen which would affect substantially the results of the operations of the Group from the end of the second quarter of 2006 to the date of this announcement.

26. **Current Year Prospects**

Although tin prices have somewhat improved, earnings are expected to be much lower than that of 2005 because of lower operating margins due to high fuel and other production costs and low production volume. The Group is undertaking the necessary measures to reduce its operating costs in Indonesia to improve profitability.

27. **Variance of Actual Profit from Forecast Profit (Final Quarter Only)**

Not applicable.

28. **Basic Earnings Per Share**

	<b>6 months ended 30.06.2006</b>
Net profit attributable to equity holders of the parent (RM)	19,814,000
Number of ordinary shares in issue	75,000,000
Basic earnings per share (sen)	26.4

29 **Dividend**

The Directors have declared an Interim Dividend of 8 sen tax exempt (2005: 15 sen less 28% tax) per share amounting to a total of RM6.0 million (2005: RM8.1 million) for the financial year ending 31 December 2006.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the above interim dividend will be paid on 28 September 2006 to Depositors registered in the record of Depositors at the close of Business on 15 September 2006.

A depositor shall qualify for the entitlement only in respect of:-

- a) shares transferred into the Depositor's Securities Account before 4.00 p.m. on 15 September 2006 in respect of transfers; and
- b) shares bought on the Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad on a cum entitlement basis according to the Rules of the Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad.

By Order of the Board  
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Secretaries

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31 July 2006