

ASIA-PACIFIC STRATEGIC INVESTMENTS LIMITED (Company Reg. No. 200609901H)

Financial Statements And Dividend Announcement for the Half-Year And Second Quarter Ended 31 December 2008

PART I INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR QUARTERLY (Q1, Q2 & Q3), HALF-YEAR AND FULL-YEAR ANNOUNCEMENTS

1(a)(i) An income statement (for the group), together with a comparative statement for the corresponding period of the immediately preceding financial year.

| | Note | 2nd Qtr Ended 31/12/2008 RM'000 | 2nd Qtr Ended 31/12/2007 RM'000 | Increase/ (decrease) % | 1st Half Ended 31/12/2008 RM'000 | 1st Half Ended 31/12/2007 RM'000 | Increase/ (decrease) ⁰ / ₀ |
|--|------|---|---|------------------------------|---|---|--|
| Revenue Cost of sales | | 6,254 (2,780) | 12,311 (2,808) | (49.2) (1.0) | 11,447 (4,482) | 15,695 (3,566) | (27.1) 25.7 |
| Gross profit | | 3,474 | 9,503 | (63.4) | 6,965 | 12,129 | (42.6) |
| Other income Selling and distribution | | 67 | (5) | n.m. | 127 | 10 | n.m. |
| expenses General and administrative | | (1,003) | (479) | 109.4 | (1,611) | (906) | 77.8 |
| expenses Other expenses | | (3,831) 41 | (1,474) (40) | 159.9 n.m. | (7,494) (34) | (2,489) (40) | 201.1 n.m. |
| (Loss)/Profit from operations | | (1,252) | 7,505 | (116.7) | (2,047) | 8,704 | (123.5) |
| Financial income Financial expenses | | 60 (671) | 129 (428) | (53.5) 56.8 | 156 (647) | 287 (572) | (45.6) 13.1 |
| (Loss)/Profit before tax | А | (1,863) | 7,206 | (125.9) | (2,538) | 8,419 | (130.1) |
| Tax credit/(expense) | В | 104 | (2,115) | (104.9) | (153) | (2,445) | (93.7) |
| Net (loss)/profit for the period | | (1,759) | 5,091 | (134.6) | (2,691) | 5,974 | (145.0) |
| Attributable to: | | | | | | | |
| Equity holders of the Company Minority interests | | (1,643) (116) | 5,091 | (132.3) n.m. | (2,477) (214) | 5,974 - | (141.5) n.m. |
| | | (1,759) | 5,091 | (134.6) | (2,691) | 5,974 | (145.0) |
| n m = not meaningful | | | | | | | |

n.m. = not meaningful.

1(a)(ii) Notes to income statement

A. The profit/(loss) before tax is determined after crediting/(charging) the followings:

| | 2nd Qtr Ended 31/12/2008 RM'000 | 2nd Qtr Ended 31/12/2007 RM'000 | Increase/ (decrease) % | 1st Half Ended 31/12/2008 RM'000 | 1st Half Ended 31/12/2007 RM'000 | Increase/ (decrease) % |
|--|---|---|------------------------------|---|---|------------------------------|
| Interest income: | | | | | | |
| - Bank balances | 60 | 129 | (53.5) | 156 | 287 | (45.6) |
| Interest expenses: | | | | | | |
| - Finance leases | (16) | (1) | n.m. | (23) | (3) | n.m. |
| Adjustment of trade receivables to amortised | | | | | | |
| cost | (363) | (231) | n.m. | (62) | (177) | n.m. |
| - Adjustment of other | | | | | | |
| payables to amortised cost | (178) | (179) | - | (357) | (358) | - |
| - Bank guarantee | (35) | (17) | 105.9 | (69) | (34) | 102.9 |
| - Bank overdraft | (7) | - | n.m. | (16) | - | n.m. |
| - Term loan | (72) | - | n.m. | (120) | - | n.m. |
| Depreciation of property, | | | | | | |
| plant and equipment | (162) | (60) | 170.0 | (266) | (116) | 129.3 |
| Foreign exchange gain/(loss) | 46 | (36) | n.m. | 4 | (30) | n.m. |
| Operating lease expenses | (453) | (216) | 109.7 | (876) | (404) | 116.8 |

B. Tax (credit)/expense

| | 2nd Qtr Ended 31/12/2008 RM'000 | 2nd Qtr Ended 31/12/2007 RM'000 | Increase/ (decrease) % | 1st Half Ended 31/12/2008 RM'000 | 1st Half Ended 31/12/2007 RM'000 | Increase/ (decrease) % |
|---|--|--|------------------------------|---|---|------------------------------|
| Income tax (credit)/expense - Current period - Underprovision in respect of | (108) | 2,115 | (105.1) | 133 | 2,445 | (94.6) |
| prior year | 4 | - | n.m. | 20 | - | n.m. |
| | (104) | 2,115 | (104.9) | 153 | 2,445 | (93.7) |

Income tax expenses of RM133,000 were provided in the half-year ended 31 December 2008 although the Group recorded a loss before tax. This was because the loss incurred by the Company was not available as group relief to offset against the chargeable income of subsidiaries in Malaysia.

1(b)(i) A balance sheet (for the issuer and the group), together with a comparative statement as at the end of the immediate preceding financial year.

| | Group | | | Company | | |
|---|-----------------------------------|--------------|---------|-------------|------------|--|
| | 31/12/2008 | 30/06/2008 | | 31/12/2008 | 30/06/2008 | |
| | RM'000 | RM'000 | | RM'000 | RM'000 | |
| Non-current assets | | | | | | |
| Property, plant and | | | | | | |
| equipment | 2,430 | 1,820 | | 341 | 364 | |
| Investment in subsidiaries Goodwill on consolidation | - 8,019 | - | | 229,087 | 225,509 | |
| Trade receivables | 9,499 | 8,738 | | - | - | |
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| | 19,948 | 10,558 | | 229,428 | 225,873 | |
| Current assets | | | | | | |
| Inventories | 40,456 | 25,389 | | - | - | |
| Trade receivables | 27,504 | 29,852 | | - | - | |
| Other receivables and | 0 207 | 1 0 2 0 | | 1 (70 | 121 | |
| deposits Prepayments | 8,297 625 | 1,039 208 | | 4,628 81 | 131 93 | |
| Amount due from | 025 | 208 | | 01 | 93 | |
| subsidiaries (non-trade) | - | - | | 19,720 | 9,087 | |
| Cash and bank balances | 22,822 | 19,477 | | 4,146 | 7,217 | |
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| | 99,704 | 75,965 | . _ | 28,575 | 16,528 | |
| L | | | | | | |
| Current liabilities | | | | | | |
| Trade payables | 5,705 | 3,050 | | - | - | |
| Other payables and accruals | 19,596 | 11,814 | | 117 | 787 | |
| Finance lease obligations | 150 | 95 | | - | - | |
| Bank borrowings | 1,804 | 26 | | - | 26 | |
| Amount due to a director (non-trade) | _ | 486 | | _ | 486 | |
| Tax payable | 295 | 25 | | 10 | | |
| p j | | | | | | |
| | 27,550 | 15,496 | | 127 | 1,299 | |
| | | | | | | |
| Net current assets | 72,154 | 60,469 | | 28,448 | 15,229 | |
| _ | | , | | , | - | |
| Non-current liabilities | | | | | | |
| Other payable | 11,333 | 10,976 | | - | - | |
| Finance lease obligations | 535 | 366 | | - | - | |
| Bank borrowings Deferred tax liability | 3,323 119 | 82 | | - | - | |
| | 117 | 02 | | - | - | |
| | (15,310) | (11,424) | · – | - | | |
| Net assets | 76,792 | 59,603 | - | 257,876 | 241,102 | |
| | | | | | | |

| | Group 31/12/2008 30/06/2008 | | | Company 31/12/2008 30/06/20 | | |
|--|--------------------------------|-----------|--|--------------------------------|---------|--|
| | RM'000 | RM'000 | | RM'000 | RM'000 | |
| Equity attributable to equity holders of the Company | | | | | | |
| Share capital | 258,842 | 241,618 | | 258,842 | 241,618 | |
| Restructuring reserve | (201,554) | (201,554) | | - | - | |
| Foreign currency translation | | | | | | |
| reserve | 47 | 12 | | - | - | |
| Accumulated profit/(losses) | 16,384 | 18,861 | | (966) | (516) | |
| | 73,719 | 58,937 | | 257,876 | 241,102 | |
| Minority interests | 3,073 | 666 | | - | - | |
| Total equity | 76,792 | 59,603 | | 257,876 | 241,102 | |

1(b)(ii) Aggregate amount of group's borrowings and debts securities.

Amount repayable in one year or less, or on demand

| | As at 31 | /12/2008 | As at 30/06/2008 | | |
|------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|--|
| | Secured RM'000 | Unsecured RM'000 | Secured RM'000 | Unsecured RM'000 | |
| Finance lease | 150 | - | 95 | - | |
| Bank borrowings: | | | | | |
| Bank overdraft | 747 | - | 26 | - | |
| Term loans | 1,057 | - | - | - | |

Amount repayable after one year

| | As at 31 | /12/2008 | As at 30/06/2008 | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|--|
| | Secured RM'000 | Unsecured RM'000 | Secured RM'000 | Unsecured RM'000 | |
| Finance lease | 535 | - | 366 | - | |
| Bank borrowings: Term loans | 3,323 | - | - | - | |

Details of any collateral

Finance leases

Finance leases are for motor vehicles and are secured by way of legal mortgages on the underlying lease assets.

Bank borrowings

- (a) The subsidiary, HMS Capital Sdn Bhd, was granted a facility for bank guarantees of up to RM13,775,000, a term loan of up to RM4 million and a bank overdraft of up to RM500,000 from a licensed bank. This banking facility is secured by fixed deposits of RM6,888,000 and a corporate guarantee from the Company.
- (b) The subsidiary, U&U Memorial Development (S.P.) Sdn Bhd ("UUMD"), was granted a facility for bank guarantees of up to RM500,000, a term loan of up to RM800,000 and a bank overdraft of up to RM700,000 from a licensed bank. This banking facility is secured by fixed deposits of RM600,000, a corporate guarantee from Credit Guarantee Corporation (M) Berhad, a corporate guarantee from U&U Memorial Corporation (M) Sdn Bhd ("UUMC") and personal guarantees from certain directors/managers of UUMD.

1(c) A cash flow statement (for the group), together with a comparative statement for the corresponding period of the immediately preceding financial year.

| | 2nd Qtr Ended 31/12/2008 RM'000 | 2nd Qtr Ended 31/12/2007 RM'000 | 1st Half Ended 31/12/2008 RM'000 | 1st Half Ended 31/12/2007 RM'000 |
|--|---|---|--|--|
| OPERATING ACTIVITIES (Loss)/Profit before tax Adjustments: | (1,863) | 7,206 | (2,538) | 8,419 |
| Depreciation of property, plant and equipment Interest expense Interest income | 162 671 (60) | 60 428 (129) | 266 647 (156) | 116 572 (287) |
| Exchange difference arising from consolidation | (26) | - | 58 | - |
| Operating (loss)/profit before working capital changes | (1,116) | 7,565 | (1,723) | 8,820 |
| Decrease (Increase) in: Inventories Trade and other receivables, | (6,079) | 314 | (11,344) | 422 |
| deposits and prepayments Increase (Decrease) in: Trade and other payables | 1,939 | (10,588) | (1,199) | (13,034) |
| and accruals Amount due to a director (non-trade) | 538 | 2,760 | (2,103) (486) | 2,052 |
| Cash (used in)/generated from operating activities Income tax paid Interest expense paid Interest income received | (4,718) (842) (130) 61 | 51 (650) (18) 129 | (16,855) (1,492) (228) 156 | (1,740) (1,455) (37) 287 |
| Net cash used in operating activities | (5,629) | (488) | (18,419) | (2,945) |
| INVESTING ACTIVITIES Net cash flow on acquisition of subsidiaries Purchase of property, plant and equipment | (48) (142) | - (1,655) | (1,745) (351) | - (2,263) |
| Net cash used in investing activities | (190) | (1,655) | (2,096) | (2,263) |

| | 2nd Qtr Ended 31/12/2008 RM'000 | 2nd Qtr Ended 31/12/2007 RM'000 | 1st Half Ended 31/12/2008 RM'000 | 1st Half Ended 31/12/2007 RM'000 |
|--|--|---|---|---|
| FINANCING ACTIVITIES | | | | |
| Proceeds from issuance of new ordinary shares | | | | |
| pursuant to share placement exercise | _ | _ | 17,264 | _ |
| Share placement expenses | | | 17,201 | |
| paid | (7) | - | (40) | - |
| Net proceeds from issuance of | | | | |
| shares to minority shareholders | _ | _ | 2,385 | _ |
| Drawdown of term loan | - | - | 4,000 | - |
| Repayment of term loan | (237) | - | (404) | - |
| Increase in fixed deposits | | | | |
| pledged | - | - | (600) | - |
| Repayment of finance lease | | | | |
| obligations | (37) | (7) | (66) | (14) |
| Listing expenses paid | - | (407) | - | (1,285) |
| Net cash (used in)/from | | | | |
| financing activities | (281) | (414) | 22,539 | (1,299) |
| | | | | |
| Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents | (6,100) | (2,557) | 2,024 | (6,507) |
| Cash and Cash equivalents | (0,100) | (2,337) | 2,024 | (0,507) |
| Cash and cash equivalents at | | | | |
| the beginning of period | 20,687 | 3,699 | 12,563 | 7,649 |
| | | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents and the end of period | 14,587 | 1,142 | 14,587 | 1,142 |
| | 14,307 | 1,142 | 14,307 | 1,142 |

Cash and cash equivalents included in the consolidated cash flow statement comprise the following balance-sheet amounts:

| | 31/12/2008 RM'000 | 31/12/2007 RM'000 |
|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Cash and bank balances Bank overdraft | 22,822 (747) | 14,917 |
| Bank deposits pledged | 22,075 (7,488) | 14,917 (13,775) |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 14,587 | 1,142 |

1(d)(i) A statement (for the issuer and group) showing either (i) all changes in equity or (ii) changes in equity other than those arising from capitalising issues and distributions to shareholders, together with a comparative statement for the corresponding period of the immediately preceding financial year.

| | Attributable to equity holders of the Company Foreign | | | | | |
|---|--|--|--|----------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|
| | Share capital RM'000 | Restructuring reserve RM'000 | currency translation reserve RM'000 | Accumulated profits RM'000 | Minority interests RM'000 | Total equity RM'000 |
| Group Half year ended 31 Dec | ombor 2008 | | | | | |
| Balance at 1 July 2008 Foreign currency translation, representing net income recognised | 241,618 | (201,554) | 12 | 18,861 | 666 | 59,603 |
| directly in equity | - | - | 35 | - | 23 | 58 |
| Loss for the period | - | - | - | (2,477) | (214) | (2,691) |
| Total recognised income and expense for the period Issuance of new | - | - | 35 | (2,477) | (191) | (2,633) |
| ordinary shares pursuant to share placement exercise | 17,264 | - | - | - | - | 17,264 |
| Share placement expenses | (40) | - | - | - | - | (40) |
| Issuance of new ordinary shares to minority interests | - | <u>-</u> | _ | <u>-</u> | 2,385 | 2,385 |
| Arising from acquisition of subsidiaries | _ | - | - | - | 213 | 213 |
| | | | | | | |
| Balance at 31 December 2008 | 258,842 | (201,554) | 47 | 16,384 | 3,073 | 76,792 |
| Half year ended 31 Dec Balance at 1 July 2007 Profit for the period, | ember 2007 224,540 | (201,554) | - | 14,805 | - | 37,791 |
| representing total income for the period Listing expenses | (3,456) | - | - | 5,974 | - | 5,974 (3,456) |
| Balance at 31 | 221 094 | (201.554) | | 20.770 | | 40.200 |
| December 2007 | 221,084 | (201,554) | - | 20,779 | - | 40,309 |

| | | Accumulated | |
|---|---------------|-------------|--------------|
| | Share capital | losses | Total equity |
| | RM'000 | RM'000 | RM'000 |
| Company | | | |
| Half year ended 31 December 2008 | | | |
| Balance at 1 July 2008 | 241,618 | (516) | 241,102 |
| Loss for the period, representing total | | | , |
| recognised expense for the period | - | (450) | (450) |
| Issuance of new ordinary shares pursuant to | | | |
| share placement exercise | 17,264 | - | 17,264 |
| Share placement expenses | (40) | - | (40) |
| Balance at 31 December 2008 | 258,842 | (966) | 257,876 |
| | | (500) | 201,010 |
| Half year ended 31 December 2007 | | | |
| Balance at 1 July 2007 | 224,540 | (218) | 224,322 |
| Loss for the period, representing total | | | , |
| recognised expense for the period | - | (329) | (329) |
| Listing expenses | (3,456) | - | (3,456) |
| Balance at 31 December 2007 | 221,084 | (547) | 220,537 |
| Datance at 51 December 2007 | 221,084 | (347) | 220,337 |

1(d)(ii) Details of any changes in the company's share capital arising from rights issue, bonus issue, share buy-backs, exercise of share options or warrants, conversion of other issues of equity securities, issue of shares for cash or as consideration for acquisition or for any other purpose since the end of the previous period reported on. State also the number of shares that may be issued on conversion of all the outstanding convertibles as at the end of the current financial period reported on and as at the end of the corresponding period of the immediately preceding financial year.

Not applicable.

2. Whether the figures have been audited or reviewed and in accordance with which auditing standard or practice.

The figures have not been audited or reviewed by the auditors.

3. Where the figures have been audited or reviewed, the auditors' report (including any qualifications or emphasis of a matter).

Not applicable.

4. Whether the same accounting policies and methods of computation as in the issuer's most recently audited annual financial statements have been applied.

The accounting policies and methods of computation are consistent with those applied to the audited financial statements for the financial year ended 30 June 2008.

5. If there are any changes in the accounting policies and methods of computation, including any required by an accounting standard, what has changed, as well as the reasons for, and the effect of, the change.

The Group has adopted all the new and revised Financial Reporting Standards ("FRS") and Interpretation of FRS ("INT FRS") that are relevant to its operations and effective from annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2008. The adoption of the new/revised FRS and INT FRS did not result in changes to the Group's or the Company's accounting policies and had no material impact on the results under review.

6. Earnings per ordinary share of the group for the current financial period reported on and the corresponding period of the immediately preceding financial year, after deducting any provision for preference dividends.

| | 2nd Qtr Ended 31/12/2008 | 2nd Qtr Ended 31/12/2007 | 1st Half Ended 31/12/2008 | 1st Half Ended 31/12/2007 |
|--|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Net (loss)/profit for the period attributable to equity holders (RM) | (1,643,000) | 5,091,000 | (2,477,000) | 5,974,000 |
| Weighted average number of shares (No.) | 590,000,000 | 500,000,000 | 588,478,261 | 500,000,000 |
| Basic (loss)/earnings per share (RM cents) | (0.28) | 1.02 | (0.42) | 1.19 |
| Diluted (loss)/earnings per share (RM cents) | (0.28) | 1.02 | (0.42) | 1.19 |

7. Net asset value (for the issuer and group) per ordinary share based on issued share capital of the issuer at the end of the :-

(a) current financial period reported on; and

(b) immediately preceding financial year.

| | Group | | Company | |
|------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | 31/12/2008 | 30/06/2008 | 31/12/2008 | 30/06/2008 |
| Net asset value per ordinary share | RM0.12 | RM0.11 | RM0.44 | RM0.44 |

- 8. A review of the performance of the group, to the extent necessary for a reasonable understanding of the group's business. It must include a discussion of the following :-
 - (a) any significant factors that affected the turnover, costs, and earnings of the group for the current financial period reported on, including (where applicable) seasonal or cyclical factors; and
 - (b) any material factors that affected the cash flow, working capital, assets or liabilities of the group during the current financial period reported on.

A. Review of Financial Performance

Second Quarter Ended 31 December 2008 ("2Q FY09") vs Second Quarter Ended 31 December 2007 ("2Q FY08")

Group revenue fell to RM6.2 million for the three months ended 31 December 2008 from RM12.3 million previously. The fall in revenue of RM6.1 million was attributed to a substantial decrease in the sales of burial plots and niches to RM5.1 million (2Q FY08: RM12.3 million). Such sales were adversely affected by the global financial crisis and the political uncertainty in Malaysia.

However, revenue from other products and services increased as a result of the Group's efforts to expand and diversify its selling and distribution channels. The Group recorded the following additional revenues for 2Q FY09:

- Sales of columbaria of RM354,000 (2Q FY08: Nil);
- Sales of funeral services and construction of tombs of RM584,000 (2Q FY08: Nil); and
- Sales from other bereavement care services of RM395,000 (2Q FY08: RM26,000).

The Group's lower gross profit of RM3.5 million in 2Q FY09 (2Q FY08: RM9.5 million) was in line with the decrease in revenue.

In addition, the Group recorded a lower gross profit margin of 55.5% in 2Q FY09 against the 77.2% seen in 2Q FY08. This reduction was due to a change in revenue mix from the incorporation of lower-margin products and services, as well as to the higher commissions paid to incentivise the sales team.

The Group posted a loss before tax of RM1.9 million for 2Q FY09 against a profit before tax of RM7.2 million previously. Apart from the decrease in gross profit, the loss was also due to an increase in expenses as detailed below:

- 1. Selling and distribution expenses rose by RM524,000. This increase was attributed mainly to the expansion and diversification of distribution channels in anticipation of an increase in retail sales.
- 2. General and administrative expenses rose by RM2.4 million, mainly because of increases in the following areas:
 - Staff salary and benefits of RM1.2 million;
 - Office rental of RM560,000; and
 - Operation and general administrative expenses of RM459,000.

These increases were primarily due to the Group's continuous effort to build its selling and distribution channels as well as its management team.

Half-Year Ended 31 December 2008 ("1H FY09") vs Half-Year Ended 31 December 2007 ("1H FY08")

Revenue in 1H FY09 dropped by RM4.3 million to RM11.4 million as compared with RM15.7 million in 1H FY08. This drop was due mainly to the decrease in sales of burial plots and niches to RM8.9 million from RM15.6 million previously. Nevertheless, the decrease was mitigated partly by additional revenues from the following:

- Sales of columbaria of RM1.1 million (1H FY08: Nil);
- Sales of funeral services and construction of tombs of RM937,000 (1H FY08: Nil); and
- Sales of other bereavement care services of RM518,000 (1H FY08: RM52,000).

Correspondingly, the Group recorded lower gross profit of RM7.0 million for 1H FY09 (1H FY08: RM12.1 million), with the gross profit margin falling by 16.5 percentage points to 60.8%. In the last quarter of FY08, the Group completed major infrastructure works for Semenyih Memorial Hills. These activities resulted in higher costs, and with the slowdown in pre-need sales following the onset of the global financial crisis, the Group suffered a lower gross profit margin. In addition, lower-margin ancillary products and services accounted for a higher proportion of sales, which also pared the gross profit margin for 2Q FY09.

The lower gross profit, coupled with higher selling and distribution expenses as well as general and administrative expenses, resulted in the Group posting a loss before tax of RM2.5 million in 1H FY09 as compared with a profit before tax of RM8.4 million in 1H FY08.

Higher selling and distribution expenses was primarily attributable to the expansion and diversification of distribution channels in anticipation of an increase in retail sales. The increase in general and administrative expenses was in line with the Group's continuous effort to build its selling and distribution channels as well as its management team and was due to increases in the following areas:

- Staff salary and benefits of RM2.1 million;
- Office rental of RM849,000; and
- Operation and general administrative expenses of RM1.7 million.

B. Review of Financial Position

Non-current assets

The increase of RM9.4 million in non-current assets was due mainly to goodwill arising from the acquisition of UUMC for RM8.0 million.

Current assets

As at 31 December 2008, the current assets of the Group had increased by RM23.7 million to RM99.7 million. This increase was attributed to the following factors:

- 1. Inventories increased by RM15.1 million to RM40.5 million (as at 30 June 2008: RM25.4 million). This increase was due mainly to:
 - Consolidation of inventories totalling RM3.7 million from the acquisition of UUMC; and
 - Additional construction costs of RM12.6 million incurred in 1H FY09.

These increases were offset by the cost of sales of burial plots, burial niches and columbaria during the period, which amounted to RM1.3 million.

- 2. Other receivables and deposits increased by RM7.3 million to RM8.3 million (as at 30 June 2008: RM1.0 million). The increase was attributed mainly to the payment of a refundable deposit of RM4.1 million to a stakeholder prior to commencing a review of the Group's potential participation in a project in China. Other reasons for the increase are detailed below:
 - Consolidation of UUMC's other receivables and deposits amounting to RM674,000.
 - Deferred expenditures for projects in Vietnam of RM750,000.
 - Tax recoverable of RM1.7 million.
 - Progress payments of RM400,000 for an advertising campaign yet to be launched.
- 3. Cash and bank balances rose by RM3.3 million to RM22.8 million (as at 30 June 2008: RM19.5 million). This rise was due primarily to the following:
 - Net proceeds from the placement of shares amounting to RM17.2 million;
 - Net proceeds from the issuance of shares by a subsidiary to minority shareholders amounting to RM2.4 million; and
 - The drawdown of a term loan amounting to RM4 million.

The cash inflow was utilised for operating activities of RM18.4 million as well as for payments to vendors of UUMC amounting to RM2.8 million.

These increases were offset by the drop in current trade receivables by RM2.3 million to RM27.5 million (as at 30 June 2008: RM29.9 million), in line with fall in revenue from credit sales.

Current liabilities

The Group's current liabilities, amounting to RM27.6 million as at 31 December 2008, have increased by RM12.1 million as compared with the figure for 30 June 2008. This increase was due mainly to:

- An amount of RM5.6 million payable to vendors of UUMC for the acquisition of UUMC;
- Consolidation of UUMC's trade payables amounting to RM3 million; and
- Other payables and accruals amounting to RM2.8 million.

Non-current liabilities

The increase in non-current liabilities of RM3.9 million was attributed primarily to the utilisation of a term loan amounting to RM3.3 million.

C. Review of Cash Flow

The Group recorded an increase in cash and cash equivalents of RM2.0 million in 1H FY09 as compared with a decrease of RM6.5 million in 1H FY08. The increase was attributed primarily to net proceeds from the placement and issuance of shares by a subsidiary to minority shareholders totalling RM19.6 million, as well as a drawdown of a term loan amounting to RM4 million.

This increase was offset partly by the following:

- An operating loss before working capital changes of approximately RM1.7 million;
- Disbursements for development expenditure of RM11.4 million;
- An increase in trade and other receivables, deposits and prepayments of RM1.2 million;
- Decreases in trade and other payables and accruals of RM2.1 million;
- Payment of income tax of RM1.5 million; and
- Net cash outflow on the acquisition of UUMC amounting to RM1.7 million.

Despite the above-mentioned outflow, the Group ended 1H FY09 in a net cash position of RM14.6 million.

9. Where a forecast or a prospect statement has been previously disclosed to shareholders, any variance between it and the actual results.

Not applicable.

10. A commentary at the date of the announcement of the significant trends and competitive conditions of the industry in which the group operates and any known factors or events that may affect the group in the next reporting period and the next 12 months.

The global financial crisis and the political uncertainty in Malaysia have had a negative impact on businesses across all sectors, with investment sentiment turning extremely cautious. The Group expects to experience seasonally lower business levels in the first three months of the 2009 calendar year, mainly because of lower pre-need sales activities before and after the Lunar Chinese New Year. As a result, the directors expect trading conditions, especially for pre-need sales, to continue to be difficult in the next 12 months.

11. Dividend

(a) Current Financial Period Reported On

Any dividend declared for the current financial period reported on?

None.

(b) Corresponding Period of the Immediately Preceding Financial Year

Any dividend declared for the corresponding period of the immediately preceding financial year?

None.

(c) Date payable

Not applicable.

(d) Book closure date

Not applicable.

12. If no dividend has been declared/recommended, a statement to the effect.

No dividend has been declared for the quarter ended 31 December 2008.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

Michael Chu Siu Yin Chief Financial Officer 13 February 2009



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CONFIRMATION BY THE BOARD

We, Dato' Dr. Choo Yeow Ming and Michael Chu Siu Yin, being two of the directors of Asia-Pacific Strategic Investments Limited (the "Company"), do hereby confirm on behalf of the board of directors of the Company that, to the best of our knowledge, nothing has come to the attention of the board of directors of the Company that might render the financial results for the half-year ended 31 December 2008 false or misleading.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

(SIGNED)

Dato' Dr. Choo Yeow Ming Chief Executive Officer

13 February 2009

(SIGNED)

Michael Chu Siu Yin Chief Financial Officer