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Condensed Consolidated Income Statements for the Quarter and Six Months Ended 30 June 2010 (The figures have not been audited)

(MYR'000)	Individual Quarter 3 months ended 30 June		Cumulative Quarter 6 months ended 30 June	
	2010	2009	2010	2009
Revenue	233,527	187,753	416,732	395,089
Operating expenses	(168,583)	(121,122)	(297,390)	(260,836)
Other operating income	4,020	17,583	12,030	21,619
Finance costs	(1)	(66)	(7)	(115)
Interest income	2,763	2,264	4,923	4,432
Profit before taxation	71,726	86,412	136,288	160,189
Income tax expense	(17,437)	(22,043)	(33,125)	(40,019)
Profit after taxation	54,289	64,369	103,163	120,170
Extraordinary items	-	-	-	-
Profit for the period	54,289	64,369	103,163	120,170
Net profit attributable to:				
Equity holders of the parent	54,257	65,014	103,161	120,811
Minority interest	32	(645)	2	(641)
	54,289	64,369	103,163	120,170
Earnings per share				
(i) Basic - based on an average 208,134,266 (2009: 208,134,266) ordinary shares (sen)	26.07	31.24	49.56	58.04
(ii) Fully diluted (not applicable)	-	-	-	-

The Condensed Consolidated Income Statements should be read in conjunction with the Annual Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2009.

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Condensed Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income for the Quarter and Six Months Ended 30 June 2010

(The figures have not been audited)

(MYR'000)	Individual Quarter 3 months ended 30 June		Cumulative Quarter 6 months ended 30 June	
	2010	2009	2010	2009
Profit for the period	54,289	64,369	103,163	120,170
Currency translation differences arising from consolidation	31	1,111	189	1,029
Total Comprehensive income	54,320	65,480	103,352	121,199
Total comprehensive income attributable to:				
Equity holders of the parent	54,290	65,426	103,352	121,149
Minority interests	30	54	-	50
	54,320	65,480	103,352	121,199

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Condensed Consolidated Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2010

(The figures have not been audited)

(MYR'000)	30 June 2010	31 December 2009
Assets		
Non-current assets		
Biological assets	344,975	321,821
Property, plant and equipment	855,652	846,380
Prepaid lease payments	32,985	31,173
Associated company	50	50
Amount due from associated company	2	48
Available for sale financial assets	12,860	10,553
Total non-current assets	1,246,524	1,210,025
Current assets		
Inventories	140,800	135,168
Trade & other receivables	58,019	56,957
Tax recoverable	390	475
Cash, bank balances & fixed deposits	465,047	428,224
Total current assets	664,256	620,824
Total assets	1,910,780	1,830,849
Equity and liabilities		
Equity attributable to equity holders of the parent		
Share capital	208,134	208,134
Share premium	181,920	181,920
Other reserves	20,733	20,542
Retained profits	1,254,967	1,227,549
	1,665,754	1,638,145
Minority Interest	125	125
Total equity	1,665,879	1,638,270
Non-current liabilities		
Retirement benefit obligations	7,218	6,704
Provision for deferred taxation	64,773	62,286
Total non-current liabilities	71,991	68,990
Current liabilities		
Trade & other payables	60,433	57,979
Overdraft & short term borrowings	9	123
Retirement benefit obligations	950	1,178
Interim/final dividend declared	78,050	31,220
Provision for taxation	33,468	33,089
Total current liabilities	172,910	123,589
Total liabilities	244,901	192,579
Total equity and liabilities	1,910,780	1,830,849
Net assets per share (MYR)	8.00	7.87

The Condensed Consolidated Statement of Financial Position should be read in conjunction with the Annual Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2009.

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Condensed Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity for the Six Months Ended 30 June 2010 (The figures have not been audited)

	Attributable to Equity Holders of the Parent						Total	Minority interest	Total equity
	Share capital	Retained profits	Available for sale reserve	Share premium	Capital reserve	Translation reserve			
<i>(MYR'000)</i>									
Balance at 1 January 2010	208,134	1,227,549	-	181,920	21,798	(1,256)	1,638,145	125	1,638,270
Effect arising from adoption of FRS 139	-	-	2,307	-	-	-	2,307	-	2,307
As at 1 January 2010, as restated	208,134	1,227,549	2,307	181,920	21,798	(1,256)	1,640,452	125	1,640,577
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	103,161	-	-	-	191	103,352	-	103,352
Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dividends	-	(78,050)	-	-	-	-	(78,050)	-	(78,050)
Balance at 30 June 2010	208,134	1,252,660	2,307	181,920	21,798	(1,065)	1,665,754	125	1,665,879
Balance at 1 January 2009	208,134	1,024,124	-	181,920	21,798	(2,989)	1,432,987	619	1,433,606
Foreign currency translation	-	-	-	-	-	979	979	50	1,029
Net income/(expense) recognised directly in equity	-	-	-	-	-	979	979	50	1,029
Net profit for the period	-	120,811	-	-	-	-	120,811	(641)	120,170
Dividends	-	(46,830)	-	-	-	-	(46,830)	-	(46,830)
Balance at 30 June 2009	208,134	1,098,105	-	181,920	21,798	(2,010)	1,507,947	28	1,507,975

The Condensed Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity should be read in conjunction with the Annual Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2009.

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Condensed Consolidated Cash Flow Statements for the Six Months Ended 30 June 2010 (The figures have not been audited)

(MYR'000)	6 months 30 June 2010	6 months 30 June 2009
Operating activities		
Receipts from operations	405,388	435,103
Operating payments	(267,772)	(249,578)
Cash flow from operations	137,616	185,525
Other operating receipts	9,973	8,974
Taxes paid	(30,174)	(35,934)
Cash flow from operating activities	117,415	158,565
Investing activities		
- Interest received	6,688	4,432
- Advances to a foreign company	-	(5,246)
- Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(22,558)	(54,114)
- Pre-cropping expenditure incurred	(32,638)	(42,290)
- Prepaid lease payments made	(789)	(274)
Cash flow from investing activities	(49,297)	(97,492)
Financing activities		
- Dividends paid	(31,220)	(31,220)
- Associated Company	46	(2)
- Interest paid	(7)	(115)
Cash flow from financing activities	(31,181)	(31,337)
Net change in cash & cash equivalents	36,937	29,736
Cash & cash equivalents at beginning of year	428,101	372,266
Cash & cash equivalents at end of quarter	465,038	402,002

The Condensed Consolidated Cash Flow Statements should be read in conjunction with the Annual Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2009.

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Notes to the Interim Financial Report

A1) Accounting Policies and Basis of Preparation

The interim financial statements are unaudited and have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of FRS 134: Interim Financial Reporting and paragraph 9.22 of the Main Market Listing Requirements of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad.

The interim financial statements should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2009. These explanatory notes attached to the interim financial statements 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 year ended 31 December 2009.

The significant accounting policies adopted are consistent with those of the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2009, except for the adoption of the following new Financial Reporting Standards (FRS), Amendments to FRSs and Interpretations with effect from 1 January 2010.

On 1 January 2010, the Group adopted the following FRS:

FRS, Amendments to FRS and Interpretations

FRS 4	Insurance Contracts
FRS 7	Financial Instruments; Disclosures
FRS 8	Operating Segments
FRS 101	Presentation of Financial Statements (Revised 2009)
FRS 123	Borrowing Costs
FRS 139	Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement
Amendment to FRS 1	First-time Adoption of Financial Reporting Standards
Amendment to FRS 2	Share-based Payment – Vesting Conditions and Cancellations
Amendment to FRS 7	Financial Instruments: Disclosures
Amendment to FRS 8	Operating Segments
Amendment to FRS 107	Statement of Cash Flows
Amendment to FRS 108	Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors
Amendment to FRS 110	Events after the Reporting Period
Amendment to FRS 116	Property, Plant and Equipment
Amendment to FRS 117	Leases
Amendment to FRS 118	Revenue
Amendment to FRS 119	Employee Benefits
Amendment to FRS 120	Accounting for Government Grants and Disclosure of Government Assistance
Amendment to FRS 123	Borrowing Costs
Amendment to FRS 128	Investments in Associates
Amendment to FRS 129	Financial Reporting in Hyperinflationary Economies
Amendment to FRS 131	Interest in Joint Ventures
Amendment to FRS 132	Financial Instruments: Presentation
Amendment to FRS 134	Interim Financial Reporting
Amendment to FRS 136	Impairment of Assets
Amendment to FRS 139	Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement
Amendment to FRS 140	Investment Property
IC Interpretation 9	Reassessment of Embedded Derivatives
IC Interpretation 10	Interim Financial Reporting and Impairment
IC Interpretation 11	FRS 2 – Group and Treasury Share Transactions
IC Interpretation 13	Customer Loyalty Programmes
IC Interpretation 14	FRS 119 – The Limit on a Defined Benefit Asset, Minimum Funding Requirements and their Interaction

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A1) Accounting Policies and Basis of Preparation - continued

Other than for the application of FRS 101, FRS 117 and FRS 139, the application of the above FRS, Amendments to FRS and Interpretations did not result in any significant changes in the accounting policies and presentation of the financial results of the Group.

a) FRS 101: Presentation of Financial Statements (FRS 101)

Prior to 1 January 2010, the components of a set of financial statements consisted of a balance sheet, income statement, statement of changes in equity, cash flow statement and notes to the financial statements.

Upon the adoption of the revised FRS 101, a set of financial statements shall now comprise a statement of financial position, statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity, statement of cash flow and notes to the financial statements. The statement of comprehensive income consists of profit or loss and other comprehensive income for the period. All non-owner changes in equity previously presented in the consolidated statement of changes in equity are now presented in the statement of comprehensive income as components in other comprehensive income.

The comparative financial information on the consolidated statement of comprehensive income have been re-presented as summarized below so that it is in conformity with the revised standard:

(MYR'000)	Consolidated Income Statement as previously reported	Effects on adoption of FRS 101	Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income as restated
Profit for the period	120,170	-	120,170
Other comprehensive income:			
Exchange gain on translation of a foreign operation	-	1,029	1,029
Total comprehensive income	-	-	121,199

b) Amendment to FRS 117: Leases

Prior to the adoption of the Amendment to FRS 117, leasehold land that normally had an indefinite economic life and where title was not expected to pass to the lessee by the end of the lease term was treated as an operating lease. The payment made on entering into or acquiring a leasehold land was accounted for as prepaid lease payments that were amortised over the lease term in accordance with the pattern of benefits provided.

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A1) Accounting Policies and Basis of Preparation - continued

b) Amendment to FRS 117: Leases - continued

Upon the adoption of the Amendment to FRS 117 in relation to classification of lease of land, the Group reassessed the classification of a leasehold land as a finance lease or an operating lease based on the extend of risks and rewards associated with the land. The Group has determined that all leasehold land of the Group in Malaysia are in substance finance leases and has reclassified its leasehold land from prepaid lease payments to property, plant and equipment.

The reclassification has been made retrospectively and does not affect the profit or loss for the current period ended 30 June 2010 and the preceding year corresponding period ended 30 June 2009.

The effects of the reclassification on the consolidated statement of financial position as at 31 December 2009 are as follows:

(MYR'000)	Consolidated Balance Sheet as previously reported	Effects on adoption of FRS 117	Consolidated Statement of Financial Position as restated
Property, plant and Equipment	494,718	351,662	846,380
Prepaid lease payments	382,835	(351,662)	31,173

c) FRS 139: Financial Instruments - Recognition and Measurement (FRS 139)

Prior to 1 January 2010, available-for-sale (AFS) financial assets such as investments were accounted for at cost adjusted for amortisation of premium and accretion of discount less impairment or at the lower of cost and market value or at net tangible asset value, determined on an aggregate basis. Under FRS 139, AFS financial asset is measured at fair value initially and subsequently with amortisation of premium with accretion of discount and other accrual of income recognised in income statement and with unrealised gains or losses recognised as other comprehensive income in the AFS reserve until the investment is derecognised, at which time the cumulative gain or loss is recognised in the income statement or determined to be impaired, at which time the cumulative loss is recognised in the income statement and removed from the AFS reserve.

In accordance with the transitional provisions of FRS 139, the above changes are applied prospectively and the comparatives as at 31 December 2009 are not restated. Instead, the changes have been accounted for by restating the following opening balance in the balance sheet as at 1 January 2010. The adoption of FRS 139 does not have any significant impact on the profit for the financial year-to-date.

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A1) Accounting Policies and Basis of Preparation - continued

c) FRS 139: Financial Instruments - Recognition and Measurement (FRS 139) - continued

The effects of adoption of FRS 139 on the opening reserves of the Group and other items of the consolidated statement of financial position as at 1 January 2010 are as follows:

(MYR'000)	Balance as at 1 January 2010 before the adoption of FRS 139	Effects on adoption of FRS 139	Balance as at 1 January 2010 after the adoption of FRS 139
Available-for-sale Investment	10,553	2,307	12,860

A2) Audit Report

The auditor's report on the financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2009 was not qualified.

A3) Seasonal and Cyclical Nature of Group's Products and Operations

The prices for the Group's products are not within the control of the Group but are determined by the global supply and demand situation for edible oils and it is highly correlated to the price of mineral oil.

Crop production is seasonal. Based on statistics, the Group's production of crude palm oil ("CPO") and palm kernel ("PK") gradually increases from March, peaking around July to September, and then declines from October to February. This pattern can be affected by severe global weather conditions such as El-Nino.

The prices obtainable for the Group's products as well as the volume of production, which is cyclical in nature, will determine the profits for the Group.

A4) Exceptional and Extraordinary Items

There were no exceptional or extraordinary items for the current period.

A5) Changes in Estimates

There were no material changes to estimates made in prior periods.

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A6) Equity and Debt Securities

There have been no issue of new shares, share buy-backs, share cancellation, shares held as treasury shares and re-sale of treasury shares for the period.

There were no issuances of debt instruments during the period.

A7) Dividends Paid

The following dividend was paid during the period in respect of the financial year ended 31 December 2009:

	MYR'000
Ordinary: Interim paid - 20% less 25% tax	31,220

A8) Segmental Information

Segmental information for the current financial year-to-date:

(MYR '000)	Plantations	Refining	Other Segments	Elimination	Total
Segment Revenue:					
External Sales	185,983	229,951	798	-	416,732
Inter-segment Sales	32,986	-	72	(33,058)	-
	218,969	229,951	870	(33,058)	416,732
Segment Results:					
Profit before tax	131,706	9,311	(4,729)	-	136,288

A9) Valuation of Property, Plant and Equipment

The valuations of land and buildings have been brought forward without amendment from the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2009.

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A10) Events after The Balance Sheet Date

There were no material events after the balance sheet date.

A11) Changes in The Composition of The Group

There were no changes in the composition of the Group for the period including business combination, acquisition or disposal of subsidiaries and long term investments, restructuring and discontinuing operations.

A12) Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets

There were no contingent liabilities or contingent assets as at 24 August 2010.

B1) Directors' Review of The Group's Performance

The Group's profit before tax decreased by 14.9% to MYR 136.3 million in the current period from MYR 160.2 million in the corresponding period in 2009 resulting from:

- decreases in the production of CPO and PK by 20.6% and 23.3% for the current period as compared to the corresponding period in 2009. The selling price of CPO decreased marginally by 1.3% whilst the selling price of PK increased by 41.8% in the current period as compared to the corresponding period in 2009;
- MYR 5.35 million unrealized foreign exchange loss on its IDR loans to Indonesian subsidiaries due to the strengthening Ringgit;
- the refinery recorded a surge in profit before tax by MYR 10.1 million in the current period from MYR 0.8 million loss in 2009 because of better margins and positive currency and commodity hedging positions.

B2) Comparison of Results with Preceding Quarter

Profit before tax increased by 11.0% from MYR 64.6 million in the preceding quarter to MYR 71.7 million for the quarter under review. The increase was due to higher production of CPO and PK by 4.4% and 5.2% as well as higher CPO and PK selling prices by 0.9% and 6.5% respectively as compared to the preceding quarter.

B3) Prospects and Outlook

Palm oil production is, for the second consecutive quarter, showing below normal production, which is a nationwide phenomena. The Group's production of CPO during the first 6 months of 2010 has been significantly lower compared to the same period in 2009. The main reason for this decline is the lag effect of 4 months of drought from May to August 2009 which aggravated the adverse effects of the biological yield cycle following 2 years of extraordinary high production levels. This pattern is seen throughout Malaysia where production has declined vis-a-vis levels seen last year. This lower production has however helped to reduce Malaysian stock levels and has had a positive effect on prices during the last 2 quarters.

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B3) Prospects and Outlook - continued

Global weather vagaries have dominated the vegetable oil complex recently resulting in a significant price rally. However, if the global weather related issues improve, the anticipated record production of soybeans in South America is expected to have a bearish impact on the vegetable oil complex during the second half of 2010.

The group plans to replant approximately 2,700 hectares in Malaysia in 2010 in accordance with its replanting policy. Even though some areas in Indonesia will be maturing in 2010, this production will not compensate for the crop loss from the replant areas. The total production for 2010 will therefore be less than in 2009.

As a result of the above, the Directors are of the opinion that the Group's profit for the current financial year ending 31 December 2010 will be lower than in 2009.

B4) Profit Forecasts

The Group has not issued any profit forecasts for the period under review.

B5) Taxation

The charge for taxation for the quarter ended 30 June 2010 comprises:

MYR '000	Current Quarter	Current year- to-date
Current taxation	16,474	30,638
Deferred taxation	963	2,487
	17,437	33,125
Profit before taxation	71,726	136,288
Tax at the statutory income tax rate of 25 %	17,931	34,072
Tax effects of expenses not deductible/(income not taxable) in determining taxable profit:		
Depreciation on non-qualifying assets	317	575
Claims for reinvestment allowance and research and development	(114)	(689)
Utilisation of previously unrecognized tax losses and unabsorbed capital allowances	(968)	(2,377)
Overprovision of tax expense in prior years	-	(251)
Others	271	1,795
Tax expense	17,437	33,125

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B6) Profit/Loss on Sale of Unquoted Investments and/or Properties

During the period, 0.4ha of idle land was sold at a profit of MYR 123,000.

There were no sales of any unquoted shares during the current period.

B7) Purchases and Disposal of Quoted Securities

There were no purchase or sale of investments in quoted securities as at 30 June 2010.

B8) Corporate Proposals

There were no corporate proposals which were announced but not completed as at 24 August 2010.

B9) Group Borrowings

All outstanding Group borrowings as at 30 June 2010 were unsecured, short term and denominated in Ringgit Malaysia only.

They consist of the following items:

	MYR'000
Bank Overdrafts	9

There were no long term external borrowings in the Group as at 24 August 2010.

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B10) Financial Instruments

The amounts of financial instruments used for hedging purposes and outstanding as at 30 June 2010 were:

Type of Instrument	Currency	Maturity from reporting date			Total Contract Amount MYR'000	Fair Value MYR'000	Cash Requirement MYR'000
		Within 1 year MYR'000	1 – 3 years MYR'000	Over 3 years MYR'000			
i) Forward Foreign Exchange Contracts:							
Sales	USD	172,180	-	-	172,180	(1,674)	-
Purchases	USD	51,433	-	-	51,433	987	-
ii) Commodity Contracts:							
Sales	MYR	291,050	29,685	-	320,735	9,128	78
iii) Commodity Contracts:							
Purchases	MYR	186,212	58,486	-	244,698	(5,098)	-

Forward foreign exchange sale and purchase contracts were entered into as hedges for committed sales and purchases denominated in foreign currencies to minimize the exposure to fluctuations in foreign exchange rates.

The fair value of the forward foreign currency contracts is the amount that would be payable or receivable on completion/termination of the outstanding position, and is determined by reference to the difference between the contracted rates and the market rates as at the balance sheet date.

The commodity contracts were entered into with the objective of managing and hedging the exposure of the Group's plantation and refining segments to adverse price movements in vegetable oil commodities.

The fair value of the commodity futures contracts is the amount that would be receivable or payable on termination of the outstanding position, and is determined by reference to the difference between the contracted prices and the forward prices as at the balance sheet date.

Credit Risk is controlled by the application of authority and trading limits and dealing with well established counter parties and regular monitoring procedures.

The Group actively manages its cash flows by monthly forecasts of funding requirements. As part of its prudent liquidity management, the Group maintains sufficient levels of cash or cash equivalents, banking facilities of a reasonable level to meet its working capital requirements. As far as possible, the Group funds significant long term investments with internal funding.

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B10) Financial Instruments - continued

Market Risk is minimized by daily monitoring of financial markets, supply and demand for crude palm oil and world vegetable oils in general. Regular production and sales as well as cash flow forecasts are carried out to establish hedging requirements. There are also 'stop loss' procedures in place to minimize possible losses.

There are no significant credit and market risks posed by the above financial instruments as at 30 June 2010.

B11) Material Litigation

There was no material litigation as at 24 August 2010.

B12) Proposed Dividends

- (a) On 19 June 2010, the shareholders approved a final dividend of 20% gross less 25% tax or 15.00 sen net per share (2008 – 20% gross less 25% tax or 15.00 sen net per share) and a special dividend of 30% gross less 25% tax or 22.50 sen net per share (2008 – 10% gross less 25% tax or 7.50 sen net per share) in respect of the year ended 31 December 2009.
- (b) No interim dividends have been declared or proposed for the year ending 31 December 2010.

B13) Earnings Per Share (EPS)

The calculation of EPS is based on profit attributable to the ordinary equity holders of the parent company of MYR 103,161,000 (2009: MYR 120,811,000) and the weighted average number of ordinary shares of 208,134,266 (2009: 208,134,266) in issue during the period.

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