



**SINGAPORE PRESS HOLDINGS LIMITED**

Reg. No. 198402868E  
(Incorporated in Singapore)

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

**UNAUDITED RESULTS\* FOR THE PERIOD ENDED FEBRUARY 29, 2012**

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

**(i) Results for the Second Quarter ended February 29, 2012**

	<b>Group</b>		<b>Change %</b>
	<b>2Q 2012 S\$'000</b>	<b>2Q 2011 S\$'000</b>	
Operating revenue			
Newspaper and Magazine	234,534	234,268	0.1
Property	48,015	39,473	21.6
Others	15,902	14,079	12.9
	<hr/> 298,451	<hr/> 287,820	3.7
Other operating income	4,335	3,082	40.7
	<hr/> 302,786	<hr/> 290,902	4.1
Materials, consumables and broadcasting costs	(38,485)	(38,397)	0.2
Staff costs	(89,962)	(90,274)	(0.3)
Depreciation	(19,933)	(18,669)	6.8
Other operating expenses	(57,861)	(54,421)	6.3
Finance costs	(6,473)	(10,251)	(36.9)
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Profit before investment income and share of net profit/(loss) of associates and jointly-controlled entities #	90,072	78,890	14.2
Net income from investments	4,371	10,251	(57.4)
Share of net profit/(loss) of associates and jointly-controlled entities	2,411	(216)	NM
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Profit before taxation	96,854	88,925	8.9
Taxation	(12,990)	(16,616)	(21.8)
Profit after taxation	<hr/> 83,864	<hr/> 72,309	16.0
Attributable to:			
<b>Shareholders of the Company</b>	<b>84,142</b>	<b>75,416</b>	<b>11.6</b>
Non-controlling interests	(278)	(3,107)	(91.1)
	<hr/> 83,864	<hr/> 72,309	16.0

\* Please refer to page 13 for the independent auditors' review report.

# This represents the recurring earnings of the media and property businesses.

NM: Not meaningful

**1(a)(ii) Notes:****Profit after taxation is arrived at after accounting for:**

	<b>Group</b>		
	<b>2Q</b>	<b>2Q</b>	<b>Change</b>
	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>%</b>
	<b>S\$'000</b>	<b>S\$'000</b>	
(Allowance)/Reversal of allowance for stock obsolescence	(223)	14	NM
Share-based compensation expense	(1,902)	(2,147)	(11.4)
Allowance for impairment of trade receivables	(363)	(651)	(44.2)
Bad debts recovery	31	70	(55.7)
Amortisation of intangible assets	(2,896)	(1,551)	86.7
Impairment of goodwill	-	(1,134)	NM
Net impairment of property, plant and equipment	(63)	(1,386)	(95.5)
Net profit on disposal of property, plant and equipment	46	17	170.6
Allowance for impairment in an associate	-	(387)	NM
Loss on disposal of an associate	-	(45)	NM
Interest income	2,076	2,774	(25.2)
Net fair value gain/(loss) of			
- Internally-managed assets at fair value through profit or loss	26	(140)	NM
- Derivative financial instruments	6,662	4,250	56.8
Realised (loss)/gain on derivative financial instruments	(799)	528	NM
Net foreign exchange loss	(3,739)	(2,716)	37.7
Net over-provision of prior years' taxation	1,196	713	67.7

### 1(a)(iii) Statement of Comprehensive Income

	<b>Group</b>		<b>Change</b> %
	<b>2Q</b> <b>2012</b> S\$'000	<b>2Q</b> <b>2011</b> S\$'000	
Profit after taxation	83,864	72,309	16.0
Other comprehensive income/(loss), net of tax			
Cash flow hedges			
- net fair value changes	(1,526)	(763)	100.0
- transferred to income statement	439	3,388	(87.0)
Net fair value changes on available-for-sale financial assets			
- net fair value changes	20,724	20,450	1.3
- transferred to income statement on disposal	955	(5)	NM
Currency translation difference			
- arising from consolidation of financial statements of foreign subsidiaries, associates and jointly-controlled entities	(354)	796	NM
	<u>20,238</u>	<u>23,866</u>	(15.2)
Total comprehensive income	<u>104,102</u>	<u>96,175</u>	8.2
Attributable to:			
<b>Shareholders of the Company</b>	<b>104,433</b>	<b>99,331</b>	<b>5.1</b>
Non-controlling interests	(331)	(3,156)	(89.5)
	<u>104,102</u>	<u>96,175</u>	8.2

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

**Balance Sheets As At February 29, 2012**

	Group		Company	
	Feb 29, 2012 S\$'000	Aug 31, 2011 S\$'000	Feb 29, 2012 S\$'000	Aug 31, 2011 S\$'000
	<u>Note</u>			
<b>CAPITAL EMPLOYED</b>				
Share capital	500,197	499,484	500,197	499,484
Treasury shares	(2,190)	(11,024)	(2,190)	(11,024)
Reserves	324,225	318,965	57,732	59,486
Retained profits	1,330,649	1,424,580	606,589	714,614
Shareholders' interests	2,152,881	2,232,005	1,162,328	1,262,560
Non-controlling interests	74,657	74,584	-	-
<b>Total equity</b>	2,227,538	2,306,589	1,162,328	1,262,560
<b>EMPLOYMENT OF CAPITAL</b>				
<b>Non-current assets</b>				
Property, plant and equipment	372,674	394,086	236,232	252,315
Investment properties	1,748,260	1,754,259	-	-
Investments in subsidiaries	-	-	388,868	388,868
Investments in associates	73,903	68,414	33,109	33,109
Investments in jointly-controlled entities	10,513	14,325	-	-
Trade and other receivables	3,726	4,167	312,156	310,278
Long-term investments	364,175	360,249	37,701	36,797
Intangible assets	(a) 133,541	83,814	-	-
	2,706,792	2,679,314	1,008,066	1,021,367
<b>Current assets</b>				
Inventories	37,824	37,317	36,814	36,093
Trade and other receivables	(b) 257,758	151,969	1,315,165	1,274,050
Short-term investments	440,098	622,555	7,218	113,712
Derivative financial instruments	3,954	5,105	39	373
Cash and cash equivalents	244,324	392,514	110,094	270,670
	983,958	1,209,460	1,469,330	1,694,898
<b>Total assets</b>	3,690,750	3,888,774	2,477,396	2,716,265
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>				
Trade and other payables	(b) 58,293	27,776	-	-
Deferred income tax liabilities	48,438	49,481	34,894	37,626
Borrowings	1,012,770	1,011,168	598,969	598,797
Derivative financial instruments	5,994	6,421	-	-
	1,125,495	1,094,846	633,863	636,423
<b>Current liabilities</b>				
Trade and other payables	253,221	296,670	626,168	657,470
Current income tax liabilities	83,671	89,488	55,037	59,431
Borrowings	800	100,800	-	100,000
Derivative financial instruments	25	381	-	381
	337,717	487,339	681,205	817,282
<b>Total liabilities</b>	1,463,212	1,582,185	1,315,068	1,453,705
<b>Net assets</b>	2,227,538	2,306,589	1,162,328	1,262,560

## Note to Balance Sheets

- (a) On November 1, 2011, the Group acquired the entire share capital of ACP Magazines Pte. Ltd. (“ACP Magazines”) and became the trademark owner of The Women’s Weekly and CLEO in Singapore, Malaysia and Indonesia, and The Finder in Singapore and Malaysia. The Group also took over ACP Magazine’s 50% share in the joint venture with Hearst Magazines International, which publishes Harper’s BAZAAR and Cosmopolitan in Singapore and Malaysia.

The total consideration for the acquisition was S\$58.0 million. After accounting for cash acquired of S\$0.5 million, the net cash outflow was S\$57.5 million. The Group has recognised intangible assets of S\$53.4 million, subject to completion of the purchase price allocation exercise.

- (b) The increase in trade and other receivables was mainly attributable to the amount paid to-date for the acquisition of a commercial site (S\$91.9 million). The amount will be classified under investment properties upon handover of the site. Non-controlling interest of the subsidiary company making the acquisition had contributed S\$27.6 million for their share of payments. The amount was recorded under trade and other payables (non-current) pending the finalisation of the shareholder agreement. The net cash outflow of S\$64.3 million was included in the Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows.

### 1(b)(ii) Aggregate amount of group’s borrowings and debt securities

#### Group Borrowings

##### Amount repayable in one year

As at February 29, 2012		As at August 31, 2011	
Secured S\$’000	Unsecured S\$’000	Secured S\$’000	Unsecured S\$’000
-	800	-	100,800

##### Amount repayable after one year

As at February 29, 2012		As at August 31, 2011	
Secured S\$’000	Unsecured S\$’000	Secured S\$’000	Unsecured S\$’000
298,953	713,817	298,834	712,334

#### Details of collateral

The secured bank loan facilities as at February 29, 2012 comprised the term loan facility of S\$300 million (August 31, 2011: S\$300 million) undertaken by a subsidiary, Orchard 290 Ltd (“O290”), which commenced on July 11, 2011, with a tenure of five years and classified accordingly as a non-current liability.

The term loan is secured by way of a legal mortgage on O290’s investment property, a debenture over the assets of O290 and an assignment of the insurances on the investment property.

The balance of S\$299.0 million as at February 29, 2012 represented the borrowing stated at amortised cost.

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

**Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows for the Second Quarter ended  
February 29, 2012**

	<b>2Q 2012 S\$'000</b>	<b>2Q 2011 S\$'000</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Profit before taxation	96,854	88,925
Adjustments for:		
Amortisation of intangible assets	2,896	1,551
Impairment of goodwill	-	1,134
Depreciation	19,933	18,669
Net profit on disposal of property, plant and equipment	(46)	(17)
Net impairment of property, plant and equipment	63	1,386
Loss on disposal of an associate	-	45
Finance costs	6,473	10,251
Net income from investments	(4,371)	(10,251)
Share of net (profit)/loss of associates and jointly-controlled entities	(2,411)	216
Share-based compensation expense	1,902	2,147
Other non-cash items	137	473
Operating cash flow before working capital changes	<u>121,430</u>	<u>114,529</u>
Changes in operating assets and liabilities, net of effects from acquisition and disposal of subsidiaries and business:		
Inventories	1,635	(1,624)
Trade and other receivables	10,588	28,143
Trade and other payables	(51,150)	(32,050)
	<u>82,503</u>	<u>108,998</u>
Income tax paid	(28,110)	(35,155)
Dividends paid	(273,553)	(321,318)
Dividends paid (net) by a subsidiary to a non-controlling interest	(7)	-
	<u>(219,167)</u>	<u>(247,475)</u>
Decrease in other non-current receivables	841	97
Increase in other non-current payables	2,712	2,041
Currency translation difference	22	(430)
<b>Net cash used in operating activities</b>	<u><u>(215,592)</u></u>	<u><u>(245,767)</u></u>

**Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows for the Second Quarter ended  
February 29, 2012 (cont'd)**

	<b>2Q 2012 S\$'000</b>	<b>2Q 2011 S\$'000</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(4,291)	(6,027)
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment	58	19
Additions to investment properties	(1,345)	(24,301)
Amount paid to-date for the acquisition of a commercial site	(64,288) *	-
Net cash outflow from disposal of a subsidiary	-	(633)
Dividends received from associates	6,076	2,540
Proceeds from disposal of an associate	-	28
Additional consideration paid on interests in a jointly-controlled entity	-	(14,500)
(Increase)/Decrease in amounts owing by associates/jointly-controlled entities	(8,830)	48
Increase in amounts owing to associates/jointly-controlled entities	5,242	23,706
Purchase of long-term investments	(979)	-
Proceeds from disposal/redemption of long-term investments	-	14
Purchase of short-term investments	(50,174)	(237,872)
Proceeds from disposal of short-term investments	147,552	188,274
Dividends received	1,254	285
Interest received	2,033	2,666
Other investment income	(4,366)	(1,863)
<b>Net cash from/(used in) investing activities</b>	<u><u>27,942</u></u>	<u><u>(67,616)</u></u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Repayment of bank loans	-	(800)
Interest paid	(2,049)	(5,184)
Proceeds from issuance of shares by the Company	88	1,657
<b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>	<u><u>(1,961)</u></u>	<u><u>(4,327)</u></u>
<b>Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents</b>	(189,611)	(317,710)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	<u>433,935</u>	<u>692,767</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of period</b>	<u><u>244,324</u></u>	<u><u>375,057</u></u>

\* Please refer to the Note to Balance Sheets on page 5 for further details.

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 capitalisation issues and distributions to shareholders, together with a comparative statement for the corresponding period of the immediately preceding financial year

Statements of Changes in Total Equity for the Second Quarter ended February 29, 2012

(a) Group

	Attributable to Shareholders of the Company								Non-controlling Interests S\$'000	Total Equity S\$'000	
	Share Capital S\$'000	Treasury Shares S\$'000	Capital Reserve S\$'000	Share-based Compensation Reserve S\$'000	Hedging Reserve S\$'000	Fair Value Reserve S\$'000	Currency Translation Reserve S\$'000	Retained Profits S\$'000			Total S\$'000
Balance as at December 1, 2011	500,099	(11,024)	2,005	26,957	(3,887)	285,066	(1,706)	1,522,061	2,319,571	74,995	2,394,566
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the quarter	-	-	-	-	(1,087)	21,679	(301)	84,142	104,433	(331)	104,102
Share-based compensation	-	-	-	1,915	-	-	-	-	1,915	-	1,915
Issue of shares	98	-	-	(10)	-	-	-	-	88	-	88
Treasury shares re-issued	-	8,834	-	(6,322)	-	-	-	(2,085)	427	-	427
Lapse of share options	-	-	-	(84)	-	-	-	84	-	-	-
Dividends	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(273,553)	(273,553)	(7)	(273,560)
<b>Balance as at February 29, 2012</b>	<b>500,197</b>	<b>(2,190)</b>	<b>2,005</b>	<b>22,456</b>	<b>(4,974)</b>	<b>306,745</b>	<b>(2,007)</b>	<b>1,330,649</b>	<b>2,152,881</b>	<b>74,657</b>	<b>2,227,538</b>



Statements of Changes in Total Equity for the Second Quarter ended February 29, 2012 (cont'd)

(a) Group (cont'd)

	Attributable to Shareholders of the Company									Non-controlling Interests S\$'000	Total Equity S\$'000
	Share Capital S\$'000	Treasury Shares S\$'000	Capital Reserve S\$'000	Share-based Compensation Reserve S\$'000	Hedging Reserve S\$'000	Fair Value Reserve S\$'000	Currency Translation Reserve S\$'000	Retained Profits S\$'000	Total S\$'000		
Balance as at December 1, 2010	497,146	(19,921)	2,005	28,185	(8,368)	274,819	(1,208)	1,572,231	2,344,889	78,580	2,423,469
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the quarter	-	-	-	-	2,625	20,445	845	75,416	99,331	(3,156)	96,175
Share-based compensation	-	-	-	2,154	-	-	-	-	2,154	-	2,154
Issue of shares	1,805	-	-	(148)	-	-	-	-	1,657	-	1,657
Treasury shares re-issued	-	8,897	-	(8,272)	-	-	-	(400)	225	-	225
Lapse of share options	-	-	-	(249)	-	-	-	249	-	-	-
Dividends	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(321,318)	(321,318)	-	(321,318)
<b>Balance as at February 28, 2011</b>	<b>498,951</b>	<b>(11,024)</b>	<b>2,005</b>	<b>21,670</b>	<b>(5,743)</b>	<b>295,264</b>	<b>(363)</b>	<b>1,326,178</b>	<b>2,126,938</b>	<b>75,424</b>	<b>2,202,362</b>

**Statements of Changes in Total Equity for the Second Quarter ended February 29, 2012 (cont'd)**

**(b) Company**

	<b>Share Capital S\$'000</b>	<b>Treasury Shares S\$'000</b>	<b>Share-based Compensation Reserve S\$'000</b>	<b>Hedging Reserve S\$'000</b>	<b>Fair Value Reserve S\$'000</b>	<b>Retained Profits S\$'000</b>	<b>Total Equity S\$'000</b>
Balance as at December 1, 2011	500,099	(11,024)	26,957	-	34,114	800,207	1,350,353
Total comprehensive income for the quarter	-	-	-	-	1,162	81,936	83,098
Share-based compensation	-	-	1,915	-	-	-	1,915
Issue of shares	98	-	(10)	-	-	-	88
Treasury shares re-issued	-	8,834	(6,322)	-	-	(2,085)	427
Lapse of share options	-	-	(84)	-	-	84	-
Dividends	-	-	-	-	-	(273,553)	(273,553)
<b>Balance as at February 29, 2012</b>	<b>500,197</b>	<b>(2,190)</b>	<b>22,456</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>35,276</b>	<b>606,589</b>	<b>1,162,328</b>
Balance as at December 1, 2010	497,146	(19,921)	28,185	(1,488)	31,532	801,061	1,336,515
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the quarter	-	-	-	241	(254)	104,996	104,983
Share-based compensation	-	-	2,154	-	-	-	2,154
Issue of shares	1,805	-	(148)	-	-	-	1,657
Treasury shares re-issued	-	8,897	(8,272)	-	-	(400)	225
Lapse of share options	-	-	(249)	-	-	249	-
Dividends	-	-	-	-	-	(321,318)	(321,318)
<b>Balance as at February 28, 2011</b>	<b>498,951</b>	<b>(11,024)</b>	<b>21,670</b>	<b>(1,247)</b>	<b>31,278</b>	<b>584,588</b>	<b>1,124,216</b>

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 well as the number of shares held as treasury shares, as at the end of the current financial period reported and as at the end of the corresponding period of the immediately preceding financial year

### Share Options

- (a) Between December 1, 2011 and February 29, 2012, the Company issued 23,625 ordinary shares under the Singapore Press Holdings Group (1999) Share Option Scheme (the "1999 Scheme").
- (b) As a result of the 23,625 ordinary shares issued pursuant to the 1999 Scheme, the Company issued 239 management shares in accordance with the Newspaper and Printing Presses Act, Cap. 206 between December 1, 2011 and February 29, 2012.
- (c) Under the 1999 Scheme, options to subscribe for 29,984,050 ordinary shares remain outstanding as at February 29, 2012 compared to 31,096,700 ordinary shares as at February 28, 2011. Movements in the number of the unissued shares of the Company under the 1999 Scheme during the second quarter are as follows:

<u>Outstanding as at 01.12.11</u> (‘000)	<u>Exercised</u> (‘000)	<u>Lapsed</u> (‘000)	<u>Outstanding as at 29.02.12</u> (‘000)
30,183	(24)	(175)	29,984

### Performance Shares

- (a) At the extraordinary general meeting of the Company held on December 5, 2006, the Company's shareholders approved the adoption of the SPH Performance Share Plan and the 1999 Scheme was terminated with regard to the grant of further options. However, options granted and outstanding prior to such termination will continue to be valid and be subject to the terms and conditions of the 1999 Scheme.
- (b) As at February 29, 2012, the number of shares granted and outstanding (being contingent award) under the SPH Performance Share Plan was 6,990,718 (February 28, 2011: 6,957,513). Movements in the number of performance shares during the second quarter are summarised below:

<u>Outstanding as at 01.12.11</u> (‘000)	<u>Adjusted<sup>#</sup></u> (‘000)	<u>Granted</u> (‘000)	<u>Vested</u> (‘000)	<u>Lapsed</u> (‘000)	<u>Outstanding and unvested as at 29.02.12</u> (‘000)
6,812	124	2,243	(2,165)	(23)	6,991

<sup>#</sup> Adjusted at end of the performance period based on the level of achievement of pre-set performance conditions

## Share Buy Back

No shares were bought back by the Company during the second quarter under the Share Buy Back Mandate (first approved by the Shareholders on July 16, 1999 and last renewed at the Annual General Meeting on December 1, 2011).

## Share Capital and Treasury Shares

As at February 29, 2012, the Company had 1,594,992,478 ordinary shares, 16,310,071 management shares and 538,318 treasury shares (August 31, 2011: 1,592,633,075 ordinary shares, 16,308,110 management shares and 2,703,596 treasury shares).

Movements in the number of the issued ordinary shares (excluding Treasury Shares) of the Company during the second quarter are as follows:

Issued <u>as at 01.12.11</u> (‘000)	Share options <u>exercised</u> (‘000)	Performance shares <u>vested</u> (‘000)	Issued <u>as at 29.02.12</u> (‘000)
1,592,804	24	2,165	1,594,993

Between December 1, 2011 and February 29, 2012, the Company transferred 2,165,278 treasury shares for the fulfillment of share awards vested under the SPH Performance Share Plan. The total value of the treasury shares transferred was S\$8,834,334.

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

The financial information as set out in paragraphs 1, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10 and 12 of this announcement has been extracted from the condensed interim financial information that has been reviewed in accordance with Singapore Standard on Review Engagements 2410, Review of Interim Financial Information Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity (“SSRE 2410”).

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

The following is the independent auditors' review report dated April 13, 2012.

Report on the review of condensed interim financial information to the Board of Directors of Singapore Press Holdings Limited for the second quarter and year-to-date ended February 29, 2012

*Introduction*

We have reviewed the accompanying condensed interim financial information of Singapore Press Holdings Limited (the "Company") and its subsidiaries (the "Group") set out on pages # to #, which comprise the balance sheet of the Company and consolidated balance sheet of the Group as of February 29, 2012, and the related consolidated statements of income, comprehensive income, changes in total equity and cash flows of the Group for the period from December 1, 2011 to February 29, 2012, and September 1, 2011 to February 29, 2012, and statement of changes in total equity of the Company for the period from December 1, 2011 to February 29, 2012. Management is responsible for the preparation and presentation of this condensed interim financial information in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 34, "Interim Financial Reporting". Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on this condensed interim financial information based on our review.

*Scope of Review*

We conducted our review in accordance with Singapore Standard on Review Engagements 2410, "Review of Interim Financial Information Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity". A review of condensed interim financial information consists of making inquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with Singapore Standards on Auditing and consequently does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion.

*Conclusion*

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the accompanying condensed interim financial information is not prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 34, "Interim Financial Reporting".

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PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP  
Public Accountants and Certified Public Accountants

Singapore,

April 13, 2012

# The page numbers are as stated in the report of the review of condensed interim financial information dated April 13, 2012 included in the Singapore Press Holdings Group Condensed Interim Financial Information for the second quarter and year-to-date ended February 29, 2012.

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

**Accounting Policies**

The financial information has been prepared in accordance with the same accounting policies and methods of computation adopted in the audited financial statements of the previous financial year, except where new or amended Financial Reporting Standards ("FRS") and Interpretations to FRS ("INT FRS") became effective from this financial year.

The adoption of the new/revised FRS and INT FRS has not resulted in any substantial changes to the Group's accounting policies nor any significant impact on these financial statements.

5. **Earnings per 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**

**Earnings Per Share for the Second Quarter ended February 29, 2012**

		Group	
		2Q 2012	2Q 2011
(a)	Based on the weighted average number of shares on issue (S\$)	0.05	0.05
(b)	On fully diluted basis (S\$)	0.05	0.05

6. **Net asset value (for the issuer and group) per share based on the total number of issued shares excluding treasury shares of the issuer at the end of the (a) current period reported on and (b) immediately preceding financial year**

**Net Asset Value Per Share As At**

	Group		Company	
	Feb 29, 2012	Aug 31, 2011	Feb 29, 2012	Aug 31, 2011
Net asset value per share based on total number of issued shares at the end of period/year (S\$)	1.34	1.39	0.72	0.78

7. **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 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 any material factors that affected the cash flow, working capital, assets or liabilities of the group during the current financial period reported on**

## **Business Segments/Review of Results**

### **Business Segments**

The Group is organised into three major operating segments, namely Newspaper and Magazine, Treasury and Investment and Property. The Newspaper and Magazine segment is involved in the publishing, printing and distributing of newspapers and magazines. The Treasury and Investment segment manages the investment activities of the Group. The Property segment holds, manages and develops properties of the Group. Other operations under the Group, which are currently not significant to be reported separately, are included under "Others". These comprise the Group's businesses and investments in Internet and related activities, outdoor advertising, radio broadcasting, television broadcasting, organising events/exhibitions/conventions/conferences, book publishing and distribution, online investor relations services, developing applications and operating a financial portal.

### **Review of Results for the Second Quarter ended February 29, 2012 ("2Q 2012") compared with the Second Quarter ended February 28, 2011 ("2Q 2011")**

- 7.1 Group operating revenue of S\$298.5 million for 2Q 2012 was S\$10.6 million (3.7%) higher than that of 2Q 2011. Revenue for the Group's Newspaper and Magazine business saw relatively flat growth of S\$0.3 million (0.1%) to S\$234.5 million compared to 2Q 2011. Print advertisement revenue increased by S\$1.3 million (0.8%) to S\$177.6 million. Circulation revenue dipped S\$0.5 million (1.1%) to S\$49.7 million.

Rental income for the Group grew by S\$8.5 million (21.6%) to S\$48.0 million. Clementi Mall recorded rental income of S\$9.2 million, S\$7.8 million higher compared to 2Q 2011 during which the mall was not fully operational. Revenue from Paragon increased by S\$0.7 million (1.7%) on the back of higher rental rates.

Operating revenue from the Group's other businesses increased by S\$1.8 million (12.9%) to S\$15.9 million attributed mainly to the internet business.

- 7.2 Materials, consumables and broadcasting costs rose slightly by S\$0.1 million (0.2%) year-on-year. Newsprint costs increased by S\$0.9 million (3.5%) driven by higher newsprint prices but cushioned by a favourable exchange rate. The higher newsprint costs was partially negated by other production costs.

Staff costs decreased by S\$0.3 million (0.3%) due to lower variable bonus provision partially offset by salary increments.

The increase in depreciation expenses of S\$1.3 million (6.8%) was attributable to Clementi Mall and enhancements to existing assets.

Other operating expenses rose by S\$3.4 million (6.3%) due to costs arising from newspaper subscription drives and Clementi Mall operations.

7.3 Consequently, recurring earnings for 2Q 2012 of S\$90.1 million was S\$11.2 million (14.2%) higher than that of 2Q 2011.

7.4 Investment income of S\$4.4 million was S\$5.9m (57.4%) lower than that of 2Q 2011. This was due to a reversal of provision for loss on derivative financial instrument last year.

7.5 The Group's share of results of associates and jointly-controlled entities included profits from MediaCorp Press, MediaCorp TV Holdings and OpenNet, and net losses from its other media investments.

7.6 Taxation charge of S\$13.0 million was arrived at after accounting for tax on the taxable income at the corporate tax rate of 17%. This included an amount of S\$1.2 million for over-provision of taxation in respect of prior years.

7.7 Overall, net profit attributable to shareholders of S\$84.1 million was S\$8.7 million (11.6%) higher compared to 2Q 2011.

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

No forecast was made previously.



9(a) **Performance for the Half Year ended February 29, 2012**

(i) **Results for the Half Year ended February 29, 2012**

	<b>Group</b>		<b>Change %</b>
	<b>1H 2012 S\$'000</b>	<b>1H 2011 S\$'000</b>	
Operating revenue			
Newspaper and Magazine	496,830	499,761	(0.6)
Property	94,867	76,295	24.3
Others	39,160	30,481	28.5
	<u>630,857</u>	<u>606,537</u>	4.0
Other operating income	6,866	5,779	18.8
	<u>637,723</u>	<u>612,316</u>	4.1
Materials, consumables and broadcasting costs	(81,029)	(80,012)	1.3
Staff costs	(178,292)	(177,275)	0.6
Depreciation	(38,842)	(35,528)	9.3
Other operating expenses	(114,915)	(103,554)	11.0
Finance costs	(13,343)	(20,752)	(35.7)
	<u>211,302</u>	<u>195,195</u>	8.3
Profit before investment income and share of net profit of associates and jointly- controlled entities #	211,302	195,195	8.3
Net income from investments	4,958	16,306	(69.6)
Share of net profit of associates and jointly- controlled entities	1,683	760	121.4
	<u>217,943</u>	<u>212,261</u>	2.7
Profit before taxation	217,943	212,261	2.7
Taxation	(36,532)	(38,699)	(5.6)
Profit after taxation	<u>181,411</u>	<u>173,562</u>	4.5
Attributable to:			
<b>Shareholders of the Company</b>	<b>181,603</b>	<b>177,703</b>	<b>2.2</b>
Non-controlling interests	(192)	(4,141)	(95.4)
	<u>181,411</u>	<u>173,562</u>	4.5

# This represents the recurring earnings of the media and property businesses.

NM: Not meaningful

**9(a)(ii) Notes:****Profit after taxation is arrived at after accounting for:**

	<b>Group</b>		
	<b>1H 2012</b>	<b>1H 2011</b>	<b>Change</b>
	S\$'000	S\$'000	%
Allowance for stock obsolescence	(595)	(314)	89.5
Share-based compensation expense	(3,482)	(3,819)	(8.8)
Allowance for impairment of trade receivables	(648)	(1,035)	(37.4)
Bad debts recovery	261	269	(3.0)
Amortisation of intangible assets	(4,483)	(2,554)	75.5
Impairment of goodwill	-	(1,134)	NM
Net impairment of property, plant and equipment	(63)	(2,155)	(97.1)
Net profit on disposal of property, plant and equipment	169	123	37.4
Allowance for impairment of an associate	(45)	(387)	(88.4)
Loss on disposal of an associate	-	(45)	NM
Interest income	4,141	5,446	(24.0)
Net fair value (loss)/gain of			
- Internally-managed assets at fair value through profit or loss	(436)	(538)	(19.0)
- Derivative financial instruments	(1,176)	4,642	NM
Realised (loss)/gain on derivative financial instruments	(2,507)	2,307	NM
Net foreign exchange loss	(1,118)	(4,445)	(74.8)
Net over-provision of prior years' taxation	1,373	433	216.9

9(a)(iii) Statement of Comprehensive Income

	<b>Group</b>		
	<b>1H 2012 S\$'000</b>	<b>1H 2011 S\$'000</b>	<b>Change %</b>
Profit after taxation	181,411	173,562	4.5
Other comprehensive income/(loss), net of tax			
Cash flow hedges			
- net fair value changes	(586)	(701)	(16.4)
- transferred to income statement	1,257	6,870	(81.7)
Net fair value changes on available-for-sale financial assets			
- net fair value changes	7,917	31,447	(74.8)
- transferred to income statement on disposal	(1,950)	(1,459)	33.7
Currency translation difference			
- arising from consolidation of financial statements of foreign subsidiaries, associates and jointly-controlled entities	1,867	(41)	NM
	<u>8,505</u>	<u>36,116</u>	(76.5)
Total comprehensive income	<u>189,916</u>	<u>209,678</u>	(9.4)
Attributable to:			
<b>Shareholders of the Company</b>	<b>189,836</b>	<b>213,998</b>	<b>(11.3)</b>
Non-controlling interests	80	(4,320)	NM
	<u>189,916</u>	<u>209,678</u>	(9.4)

9(b) Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows for the Half Year ended February 29, 2012

	<b>1H 2012</b>	<b>1H 2011</b>
	S\$'000	S\$'000
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Profit before taxation	217,943	212,261
Adjustments for:		
Amortisation of intangible assets	4,483	2,554
Impairment of goodwill	-	1,134
Depreciation	38,842	35,528
Net profit on disposal of property, plant and equipment	(169)	(123)
Net impairment of property, plant and equipment	63	2,155
Allowance for impairment of an associate	45	-
Loss on disposal of an associate	-	45
Finance costs	13,343	20,752
Net income from investments	(4,958)	(16,306)
Share of net profit of associates and jointly-controlled entities	(1,683)	(760)
Share-based compensation expense	3,482	3,819
Other non-cash items	283	558
Operating cash flow before working capital changes	<u>271,674</u>	<u>261,617</u>
Changes in operating assets and liabilities, net of effects from acquisition and disposal of subsidiaries and business:		
Inventories	499	(7,046)
Trade and other receivables	3,181	28,610
Trade and other payables	(47,760)	(18,783)
	<u>227,594</u>	<u>264,398</u>
Income tax paid	(43,663)	(55,860)
Dividends paid	(273,553)	(321,318)
Dividends paid (net) by a subsidiary to a non-controlling interest	(7)	-
	<u>(89,629)</u>	<u>(112,780)</u>
Decrease/(Increase) in other non-current receivables	441	(18)
Increase in other non-current payables	1,245	7,654
Currency translation difference	1,329	(692)
<b>Net cash used in operating activities</b>	<u><u>(86,614)</u></u>	<u><u>(105,836)</u></u>

**Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows for the Half Year ended February 29, 2012  
(cont'd)**

	<b>1H 2012 S\$'000</b>	<b>1H 2011 S\$'000</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(8,079)	(12,534)
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment	209	146
Additions to investment properties	(2,737)	(30,729)
Amount paid to-date for the acquisition of a commercial site	(64,288) *	-
Acquisition of a subsidiary (net of cash acquired)	(57,513) *	-
Acquisition of business by a subsidiary (net of cash acquired)	-	(43,065)
Net cash outflow from disposal of a subsidiary	-	(633)
Acquisition of an associate	-	(500)
Consideration paid on interests in an associate	(800)	-
Additional consideration paid on interests in an associate	(3,750)	(1,250)
Dividends received from associates	6,282	2,540
Proceeds from disposal of an associate	-	28
Additional consideration paid on interests in a jointly-controlled entity	(2,250)	(14,500)
Increase in amounts owing by associates/jointly-controlled entities	(9,539)	(818)
Increase in amounts owing to associates/jointly-controlled entities	1,707	20,780
Purchase of long-term investments	(1,373)	(7,629)
Proceeds from disposal/redemption of long-term investments	4	118
Purchase of short-term investments	(69,832)	(319,400)
Proceeds from disposal of short-term investments	258,005	557,682
Dividends received	3,029	1,780
Interest received	4,180	5,221
Other investment income	(3,077)	(1,440)
<b>Net cash from investing activities</b>	<b>50,178</b>	<b>155,797</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Repayment of bank loans	(100,000)	(120,800)
Interest paid	(12,419)	(19,020)
Proceeds from issuance of shares by the Company	665	3,921
<b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>	<b>(111,754)</b>	<b>(135,899)</b>
<b>Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>(148,190)</b>	<b>(85,938)</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	392,514	460,995
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of period</b>	<b>244,324</b>	<b>375,057</b>

\* Please refer to the Note to Balance Sheets on page 5 for further details.

**10. Earnings Per Share for the Half Year ended February 29, 2012**

		<b>Group</b>	
		<b>1H 2012</b>	<b>1H 2011</b>
(a)	Based on the weighted average number of shares on issue (S\$)	0.11	0.11
(b)	On fully diluted basis (S\$)	0.11	0.11

**11. Review of Results for the Half Year ended February 29, 2012 (“1H 2012”) compared with the Half Year ended February 28, 2011 (“1H 2011”)**

- 11.1 Operating revenue for the Newspaper and Magazine segment in 1H 2012 contracted by S\$2.9 million (0.6%) to S\$496.8 million compared to 1H 2011. Print advertisement revenue dipped by S\$1.2 million (0.3%) to S\$381.4 million. Circulation revenue declined by S\$1.4 million (1.4%) to S\$100.0 million.

Rental income for the Group grew by S\$18.6 million (24.3%) in 1H 2012 against 1H 2011. Clementi Mall, which commenced operations in January 2011, recorded rental income of S\$18.2 million which was higher by S\$16.8 million year-on-year. Paragon’s rental income increased by S\$1.6 million (2.2%) as a result of higher rental rates achieved.

Operating revenue from the Group’s other businesses rose by S\$8.7 million (28.5%) to S\$39.2 million, with the increase coming from the internet and exhibitions businesses.

- 11.2 Materials, consumables and broadcasting costs increased by S\$1.0 million (1.3%). Newsprint costs rose by S\$1.9 million (3.9%) but was partially negated by other production costs.

Staff costs were up by S\$1.0 million (0.6%) due to salary increments partially offset by a reduced variable bonus provision.

The increase in depreciation expense of S\$3.3 million (9.3%) was mainly attributable to Clementi Mall and enhancements to existing assets.

Other operating expenses rose by S\$11.4 million (11.0%). Costs from newspaper subscription drives and the newly acquired ACP Magazines Pte Ltd accounted for S\$4.9 million of this increase. The balance was partly attributed to Clementi Mall operations.

- 11.3 Consequently, recurring earnings for 1H 2012 of S\$211.3 million was S\$16.1 million (8.3%) higher than that of 1H 2011.

- 11.4 Investment income fell by S\$11.3 million (69.6%) to S\$5.0 million as last year’s income included a reversal of provision for loss on derivative financial instrument. In addition, higher foreign exchange losses on investments were incurred this year arising from volatility in the financial markets.

- 11.5 The Group's share of results of associates and jointly-controlled entities included profits from MediaCorp Press, MediaCorp TV Holdings and OpenNet, and net losses from its other media investments.
- 11.6 Taxation charge of S\$36.5 million was arrived at after accounting for tax on the taxable income at the corporate tax rate of 17%. This included an amount of S\$1.4 million for over-provision of taxation in respect of prior years.
- 11.7 Overall, net profit attributable to shareholders was S\$181.6 million, S\$3.9 million (2.2%) higher compared to 1H 2011.

**12. Segmental information (Group) for the Half Year ended February 29, 2012**

**1H 2012**

	<b>Newspaper and Magazine S\$'000</b>	<b>Treasury and Investment S\$'000</b>	<b>Property S\$'000</b>	<b>Others S\$'000</b>	<b>Eliminations S\$'000</b>	<b>Consolidated S\$'000</b>
<b>Operating revenue</b>						
External sales	496,830	-	94,867	39,160	-	630,857
Inter-segmental sales	1,926	-	971	868	(3,765)	-
<b>Total operating revenue</b>	<b>498,756</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>95,838</b>	<b>40,028</b>	<b>(3,765)</b>	<b>630,857</b>
<b>Profit/(Loss) before taxation</b>	<b>171,618</b>	<b>4,079</b>	<b>47,891</b>	<b>(5,645)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>217,943</b>

**1H 2011**

	<b>Newspaper and Magazine S\$'000</b>	<b>Treasury and Investment S\$'000</b>	<b>Property S\$'000</b>	<b>Others S\$'000</b>	<b>Eliminations S\$'000</b>	<b>Consolidated S\$'000</b>
<b>Operating revenue</b>						
External sales	499,761	-	76,295	30,481	-	606,537
Inter-segmental sales	1,957	-	940	467	(3,364)	-
<b>Total operating revenue</b>	<b>501,718</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>77,235</b>	<b>30,948</b>	<b>(3,364)</b>	<b>606,537</b>
<b>Profit/(Loss) before taxation</b>	<b>182,786</b>	<b>11,492</b>	<b>33,607</b>	<b>(15,624)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>212,261</b>

**13. A commentary at the date of 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**

- 13.1 Singapore's economic growth is expected to be subdued in view of the uncertain economic climate. The Group's print advertisement revenue will continue to move in tandem with the performance of the Singapore domestic economy.
- 13.2 Newsprint prices are expected to remain flat taking into account demand and supply considerations.
- 13.3 The Group's retail properties, Paragon and Clementi Mall, are fully leased and are expected to provide a steady recurrent income stream. The Group's property portfolio was further enhanced with the award of the tender for the Sengkang commercial site.
- 13.4 With the continued volatility in the financial market, the Group continues to adopt a conservative stance in its asset allocation strategy and returns are expected to be commensurate with a lower risk-return profile.
- 13.5 Amidst the uncertain economic outlook, the Group will continue to seek business opportunities for future growth while striving to sustain its core newspaper business.
- 13.6 Barring unforeseen circumstances, the Directors expect overall performance of the Group for FY 2012 to be satisfactory.

**14. Dividends**

**(a) Current Financial Period Reported On**

Name of Dividend	Interim Dividend
Dividend Type	Cash
Dividend Rate	7 cents per share
Tax rate	Tax exempt (One-tier)

**(b) Corresponding Period of the Immediately Preceding Financial Year**

Name of Dividend	Interim Dividend
Dividend Type	Cash
Dividend Rate	7 cents per share
Tax rate	Tax exempt (One-tier)

**(c) Date payable**

The date the dividend is payable: May 23, 2012



**(d) Books closure date**

The Share Transfer Books and Register of Members of the Company will be closed on May 10, 2012 for preparation of dividend warrants. Duly stamped and completed transfers received by our Share Transfer Office, Tricor Barbinder Share Registration Services, 80 Robinson Road #02-00 Singapore 068898, up to 5 p.m. on May 9, 2012 will be registered to determine shareholders' entitlements to the interim dividend. In respect of shares in securities accounts with The Central Depository (Pte) Limited ("CDP"), the said interim dividend will be paid by the Company to CDP which will distribute the dividend to holders of the securities accounts.

15. **If the group has obtained a general mandate from shareholders for Interested Person Transactions, the aggregate value of such transactions as required under Rule 920(1)(a)(ii). If no IPT mandate has been obtained, a statement to that effect.**

The Company has not obtained a general mandate from shareholders for Interested Person Transactions. There were no interested person transactions for the period under review.

**BY ORDER OF THE BOARD**

Ginney Lim May Ling  
Khor Siew Kim

Company Secretaries

Singapore,  
April 13, 2012



**CONFIRMATION BY THE BOARD**  
**Pursuant to Rule 705(5) of the Listing Manual**

We, Lee Boon Yang and Chan Heng Loon Alan, being two directors of Singapore Press Holdings Limited ("the Company"), do hereby confirm on behalf of the directors of the Company, that, to the best of their knowledge, nothing has come to the attention of the board of directors of the Company which may render the financial results for the second quarter ended February 29, 2012 to be false or misleading in any material respect.

On behalf of the Directors

  
LEE BOON YANG  
*Chairman*

  
CHAN HENG LOON ALAN  
*Director*

Singapore,  
April 13, 2012