



**SINGAPORE PRESS HOLDINGS LIMITED**

*Reg. No. 198402868E  
(Incorporated in Singapore)*

**ANNOUNCEMENT  
UNAUDITED RESULTS\* FOR THE PERIOD ENDED MAY 31, 2016**

**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 Third Quarter ended May 31, 2016**

	Group		
	3Q 2016 S\$'000	3Q 2015 S\$'000	Change %
Operating revenue			
Media	216,554	233,079	(7.1)
Property	60,328	59,366	1.6
Others	14,697	14,344	2.5
	291,579	306,789	(5.0)
Other operating income	5,086	7,713	(34.1)
	296,665	314,502	(5.7)
Materials, production and distribution costs	(42,714)	(46,438)	(8.0)
Staff costs	(93,388)	(91,027)	2.6
Premises costs	(17,321)	(16,774)	3.3
Depreciation	(11,045)	(12,135)	(9.0)
Other operating expenses	(35,186)	(34,659)	1.5
Impairment of goodwill and intangibles	(28,353)	(1,069)	NM
Finance costs	(7,888)	(7,208)	9.4
	60,770	105,192	(42.2)
Net income from investments	18,672	23,986	(22.2)
Share of results of associates and joint ventures	(1,526)	(3,772)	(59.5)
	77,916	125,406	(37.9)
Taxation	(15,936)	(17,510)	(9.0)
Profit after taxation	61,980	107,896	(42.6)
Attributable to:			
<b>Shareholders of the Company</b>	52,656	98,214	(46.4)
Non-controlling interests	9,324	9,682	(3.7)
	61,980	107,896	(42.6)

\* Please refer to the attached auditors' review report.

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

NM Not Meaningful

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

	<b>Group</b>		
	<b>3Q 2016</b>	<b>3Q 2015</b>	<b>Change</b>
	S\$'000	S\$'000	%
(Allowance)/Write-back of allowance for stock obsolescence	(164)	475	NM
Share-based compensation expense	(1,487)	(1,420)	4.7
Write-back of allowance for impairment of trade receivables	417	442	(5.7)
Bad debts recovery	21	101	(79.2)
Net (loss)/profit on disposal of property, plant and equipment	(19)	24	NM
Amortisation of intangible assets	(2,771)	(2,797)	(0.9)
Impairment of goodwill	(26,775)	(768)	NM
Impairment of intangible assets	(1,578)	(301)	NM
Gain on disposal of an associate	28	-	NM
(Loss)/Gain on dilution of interest in an associate	(66)	56	NM
Interest Income	1,285	1,368	(6.1)
Net profit on sale of investments	1,304	5,482	(76.2)
Net fair value changes on			
- Internally-managed assets at fair value through profit or loss	386	(328)	NM
- Derivative financial instruments	3,949	1,809	NM
Net foreign exchange differences	54	(1,248)	NM
Impairment of investments	(429)	(25)	NM
Net under-provision of prior years' taxation	(97)	(8)	NM

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

	<b>Group</b>		
	<b>3Q 2016</b> S\$'000	<b>3Q 2015</b> S\$'000	<b>Change</b> %
Profit after taxation	61,980	107,896	(42.6)
Other comprehensive income, net of tax			
<u>Items that may be re-classified subsequently to profit or loss</u>			
Capital reserve			
- share of capital reserves of associates	4	10	(60.0)
Cash flow hedges			
- net fair value changes	(3,580)	(667)	NM
- transferred to income statement	523	1,337	(60.9)
Net fair value changes on available-for-sale financial assets			
- net fair value changes	(5,975)	(80,066)	(92.5)
- transferred to income statement	(959)	(4,551)	(78.9)
Currency translation difference			
- arising from consolidation of financial statements of foreign subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures	(1,434)	(61)	NM
	(11,421)	(83,998)	(86.4)
<b>Total comprehensive income</b>	<b>50,559</b>	<b>23,898</b>	<b>NM</b>
Attributable to:			
<b>Shareholders of the Company</b>	<b>42,154</b>	<b>14,054</b>	<b>NM</b>
Non-controlling interests	8,405	9,844	(14.6)
	50,559	23,898	NM

**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 May 31, 2016**

	Group		Company	
	May 31, 2016	Aug 31, 2015	May 31, 2016	Aug 31, 2015
Note	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000
<b>CAPITAL EMPLOYED</b>				
Share capital	522,809	522,809	522,809	522,809
Treasury shares	(8,683)	(13,408)	(8,683)	(13,408)
Reserves	402,245	482,704	42,979	50,167
Retained profits	2,495,553	2,626,708	583,106	792,423
Shareholders' interests	3,411,924	3,618,813	1,140,211	1,351,991
Non-controlling interests	724,000	727,837	-	-
<b>Total equity</b>	<b>4,135,924</b>	<b>4,346,650</b>	<b>1,140,211</b>	<b>1,351,991</b>
<b>EMPLOYMENT OF CAPITAL</b>				
<b>Non-current assets</b>				
Property, plant and equipment	225,844	249,976	122,379	139,641
Investment properties	3,948,202	3,940,951	-	-
Investments in subsidiaries	-	-	419,250	419,250
Investments in associates	83,381	75,874	31,160	31,160
Investments in joint ventures	12,814	16,295	-	-
Long-term investments	605,227	617,312	36,648	38,001
Intangible assets	151,116	188,595	30,735	32,211
Trade and other receivables	5,434	4,442	4,402	3,675
Derivative financial instruments	-	4,631	-	-
	<b>5,032,018</b>	<b>5,098,076</b>	<b>644,574</b>	<b>663,938</b>
<b>Current assets</b>				
Inventories	15,393	12,477	13,825	10,785
Trade and other receivables	136,351	192,138	1,418,684	1,455,812
Short-term investments	356,719	474,633	-	32,055
Derivative financial instruments	296	472	-	-
Cash and cash equivalents	278,460	292,246	72,283	152,929
(a)	<b>787,219</b>	<b>971,966</b>	<b>1,504,792</b>	<b>1,651,581</b>
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>5,819,237</b>	<b>6,070,042</b>	<b>2,149,366</b>	<b>2,315,519</b>
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>				
Trade and other payables	44,093	48,199	4,103	5,471
Deferred income tax liabilities	46,346	50,658	20,116	23,208
Borrowings	947,737	947,271	-	-
Derivative financial instruments	4,141	-	-	-
	<b>1,042,317</b>	<b>1,046,128</b>	<b>24,219</b>	<b>28,679</b>
<b>Current liabilities</b>				
Trade and other payables	252,952	271,171	873,865	818,445
Current income tax liabilities	51,365	62,331	26,071	31,404
Borrowings	334,893	336,681	85,000	85,000
Derivative financial instruments	1,786	7,081	-	-
	<b>640,996</b>	<b>677,264</b>	<b>984,936</b>	<b>934,849</b>
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>1,683,313</b>	<b>1,723,392</b>	<b>1,009,155</b>	<b>963,528</b>
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>4,135,924</b>	<b>4,346,650</b>	<b>1,140,211</b>	<b>1,351,991</b>

## Notes to the Balance Sheets

- (a) The movements in the Group's Current Assets arose from recurring investing and operating activities. The decrease in Trade and other receivables pertains to receipt of proceeds from redemption of short-term investments on settlement date.

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

#### Group Borrowings

##### Amount repayable in one year

As at May 31, 2016		As at August 31, 2015	
Secured S\$'000	Unsecured S\$'000	Secured S\$'000	Unsecured S\$'000
249,893	85,000	249,330	87,351

##### Amount repayable after one year

As at May 31, 2016		As at August 31, 2015	
Secured S\$'000	Unsecured S\$'000	Secured S\$'000	Unsecured S\$'000
895,934	51,803	894,740	52,531

#### Details of collateral

The secured bank loan facilities as at May 31, 2016 and as at August 31, 2015 comprised the term loan facilities of S\$975 million and S\$300 million undertaken by the subsidiaries, SPH REIT and The Seletar Mall Pte Ltd ("TSMPL") respectively. As at the balance sheet dates, the amounts drawn down were S\$850 million for SPH REIT and S\$300 million for TSMPL.

The term loan taken up by SPH REIT is secured by way of a first legal mortgage on SPH REIT's investment property – Paragon, first legal charge over the tenancy account and sales proceeds account for Paragon, and an assignment of certain insurances taken in relation to Paragon.

The term loan taken up by TSMPL is secured by way of a first legal mortgage on TSMPL's investment property – The Seletar Mall, first legal charge over the tenancy account and sales proceeds account for The Seletar Mall, and an assignment of certain insurances taken in relation to The Seletar Mall.

The total balance of S\$1,145.8 million as at May 31, 2016 (August 31, 2015: S\$1,144.1 million) represented the secured borrowings stated at amortised cost.

1(c) **A statement of cash flows (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 Third Quarter ended May 31, 2016**

	<b>3Q 2016</b>	<b>3Q 2015</b>
	S\$'000	S\$'000
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Profit before taxation	77,916	125,406
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation	11,045	12,135
Net loss/(profit) on disposal of property, plant and equipment	19	(24)
Share of results of associates and joint ventures	1,526	3,772
Gain on disposal of an associate	(28)	-
Loss/(Gain) on dilution of interest in an associate	66	(56)
Net income from investments	(18,672)	(23,986)
Amortisation of intangible assets	2,771	2,797
Impairment of goodwill	26,775	768
Impairment of intangible assets	1,578	301
Finance costs	7,888	7,208
Share-based compensation expense	1,487	1,420
Other non-cash items	589	636
Operating cash flow before working capital changes	112,960	130,377
Changes in operating assets and liabilities, net of effects from acquisition and disposal of subsidiaries and business:		
Inventories	(2,458)	3,353
Trade and other receivables, current	(17,489)	(6,145)
Trade and other payables, current	15,552	(12,668)
Trade and other receivables, non-current	(701)	(279)
Trade and other payables, non-current	(3,325)	(218)
Others	(815)	(254)
	103,724	114,166
Income tax paid	(20,515)	(20,502)
Dividends paid	(113,036)	(113,074)
Dividends paid (net) by subsidiaries to non-controlling interests	(10,564)	(10,687)
<b>Net cash used in operating activities</b>	<b>(40,391)</b>	<b>(30,097)</b>

**Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows for the Third Quarter ended May 31, 2016  
(cont'd)**

	<b>3Q 2016</b>	<b>3Q 2015</b>
	S\$'000	S\$'000
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(4,851)	(4,222)
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment	8	12
Additions to investment properties	(875)	(8,428)
Acquisition of interest in an associate	(6,800)	-
Acquisition of interests in joint ventures	(1,035)	(234)
Proceeds from disposal of an associate	30	-
Decrease/(Increase) in amounts owing by associates/ joint ventures	1,960	(68)
(Decrease)/Increase in amounts owing to associates/ joint ventures	(717)	8,984
Purchase of long-term investments	(4,660)	(22,828)
Purchase of short-term investments	(13,533)	(23,056)
Proceeds from disposal of long-term investments	-	1,838
Proceeds from redemption/disposal of short-term investments	69,128	75,969
Dividends received	12,802	16,991
Interest received	997	1,140
Other investment income	6,703	(11,242)
<b>Net cash from investing activities</b>	<u>59,157</u>	<u>34,856</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Proceeds from bank loans (net of transaction costs)	-	86,942
Repayment of bank loan	(20,000)	-
Interest paid	(8,491)	(14,915)
Repayment of fixed rate notes	-	(600,000)
<b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>	<u>(28,491)</u>	<u>(527,973)</u>
<b>Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents</b>	(9,725)	(523,214)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	<u>288,185</u>	<u>867,004</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of period</b>	<u>278,460</u>	<u>343,790</u>

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 Third Quarter ended May 31, 2016

(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 March 1, 2016	522,809	(8,683)	(11,530)	6,800	(724)	418,608	(1,894)	2,555,910	3,481,296	726,182	4,207,478
Total comprehensive income for the quarter	-	-	4	-	(2,147)	(6,934)	(1,425)	52,656	42,154	8,405	50,559
<b>Transactions with owners, recognised directly in equity</b>											
<u>Contributions by and distributions to owners</u>											
Share-based compensation	-	-	-	1,487	-	-	-	-	1,487	-	1,487
Dividends	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(113,036)	(113,036)	(10,564)	(123,600)
<u>Changes in ownership interests in subsidiaries</u>											
Acquisition of additional interest in a subsidiary without a change in control	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	23	23	(23)	-
<b>Balance as at May 31, 2016</b>	<b>522,809</b>	<b>(8,683)</b>	<b>(11,526)</b>	<b>8,287</b>	<b>(2,871)</b>	<b>411,674</b>	<b>(3,319)</b>	<b>2,495,553</b>	<b>3,411,924</b>	<b>724,000</b>	<b>4,135,924</b>



**Statements of Changes in Total Equity for the Third Quarter ended May 31, 2016 (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 March 1, 2015	522,809	(6,836)	(11,540)	10,657	(3,610)	604,348	(1,047)	2,557,171	3,671,952	714,362	4,386,314
Total comprehensive income for the quarter	-	-	10	-	445	(84,617)	2	98,214	14,054	9,844	23,898
<b>Transactions with owners, recognised directly in equity</b>											
<u>Contributions by and distributions to owners</u>											
Share-based compensation	-	-	-	1,449	-	-	-	-	1,449	-	1,449
Lapse of share options	-	-	-	(100)	-	-	-	100	-	-	-
Dividends	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(113,074)	(113,074)	(10,687)	(123,761)
<u>Changes in ownership interests in subsidiaries</u>											
Acquisition of additional interest in a subsidiary without a change in control	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(123)	(123)	123	-
<b>Balance as at May 31, 2015</b>	<b>522,809</b>	<b>(6,836)</b>	<b>(11,530)</b>	<b>12,006</b>	<b>(3,165)</b>	<b>519,731</b>	<b>(1,045)</b>	<b>2,542,288</b>	<b>3,574,258</b>	<b>713,642</b>	<b>4,287,900</b>

**Statements of Changes in Total Equity for the Third Quarter ended May 31, 2016 (cont'd)**

**(b) Company**

	<b>Share Capital</b> S\$'000	<b>Treasury Shares</b> S\$'000	<b>Share-based Compensation Reserve</b> S\$'000	<b>Hedging Reserve</b> S\$'000	<b>Fair Value Reserve</b> S\$'000	<b>Retained Profits</b> S\$'000	<b>Total Equity</b> S\$'000
Balance as at March 1, 2016	522,809	(8,683)	6,800	-	33,443	655,098	1,209,467
Total comprehensive income for the quarter	-	-	-	-	1,249	41,044	42,293
<b>Transactions with owners, recognised directly in equity</b>							
<u>Contributions by and distributions to owners</u>							
Share-based compensation	-	-	1,487	-	-	-	1,487
Dividends	-	-	-	-	-	(113,036)	(113,036)
<b>Balance as at May 31, 2016</b>	<b>522,809</b>	<b>(8,683)</b>	<b>8,287</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>34,692</b>	<b>583,106</b>	<b>1,140,211</b>
Balance as at March 1, 2015	522,809	(6,836)	10,657	4	42,709	473,586	1,042,929
Total comprehensive income for the quarter	-	-	-	(4)	(2,916)	10,186	7,266
<b>Transactions with owners, recognised directly in equity</b>							
<u>Contributions by and distributions to owners</u>							
Share-based compensation	-	-	1,449	-	-	-	1,449
Lapse of share options	-	-	(100)	-	-	100	-
Dividends	-	-	-	-	-	(113,074)	(113,074)
<b>Balance as at May 31, 2015</b>	<b>522,809</b>	<b>(6,836)</b>	<b>12,006</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>39,793</b>	<b>370,798</b>	<b>938,570</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, if any, against the total number of issued shares excluding treasury shares of the issuer, 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**

### 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 ("the Share Plan").
- (b) As at May 31, 2016, the number of shares granted and outstanding (being contingent award) under the Share Plan was 5,116,249 (May 31, 2015: 5,274,185). Movements in the number of performance shares during the current quarter are summarised below:

<u>Outstanding as at 01.03.16</u> (‘000)	<u>Lapsed</u> (‘000)	<u>Outstanding and unvested as at 31.05.16</u> (‘000)
5,116	-	5,116

### Share Buy Back

No shares were bought back by the Company during the current 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, 2015).

### Share Capital and Treasury Shares

As at May 31, 2016, the Company had 1,598,440,203 ordinary shares, 16,361,769 management shares and 2,208,918 treasury shares (May 31, 2015: 1,598,978,551 ordinary shares, 16,361,769 management shares and 1,670,570 treasury shares).

- 1(d)(iii) **To show the total number of issued shares excluding treasury shares as at the end of the current financial period and as at the end of the immediately preceding year.**

As at May 31, 2016, the Company had 1,598,440,203 ordinary shares and 16,361,769 management shares (August 31, 2015: 1,597,342,951 ordinary shares and 16,361,769 management shares).

**1(d)(iv) A statement showing all sales, transfers, disposal, cancellation and/or use of treasury shares as at the end of the current financial period reported on.**

There were no sale, transfer, disposal, cancellation and/or use of treasury shares during the current quarter.

**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, 7, 9, 10, 11 and 17 of this announcement has been extracted from the condensed interim financial information that has been reviewed by our auditors, KPMG LLP, in accordance with Singapore Standard on Review Engagements 2410, Review of Interim Financial Information Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity.

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

Please refer to the attached auditors' review report.

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

**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 for new or amended Financial Reporting Standards ("FRS") and Interpretations to FRS ("INT FRS") which 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 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**

**Earnings Per Share for the Third Quarter ended May 31, 2016**

	Group	
	3Q 2016	3Q 2015
(a) Based on the weighted average number of shares on issue (S\$)	0.03	0.06
(b) On fully diluted basis (S\$)	0.03	0.06

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

#### Net Asset Value Per Share

	Group		Company	
	May 31, 2016	Aug 31, 2015	May 31, 2016	Aug 31, 2015
Net asset value per share based on total number of issued shares at the end of period/year (S\$)	2.11	2.24	0.71	0.84

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 Media, Property, and Treasury and Investment. The Media segment is involved in the production of content for distribution on print and other media platforms. The Property segment holds, manages and develops properties of the Group. The Treasury and Investment segment manages the investment activities of the Group. Other operations under the Group, which are currently not significant to be reported separately, are included under "Others". These include the Group's businesses and investments in online classifieds, events and exhibitions and the New Media Fund.

##### **Review of Results for the Third Quarter ended May 31, 2016 ("3Q 2016") compared with the Third Quarter ended May 31, 2015 ("3Q 2015")**

- 7.1 Group operating revenue of S\$291.6 million was S\$15.2 million (5%) lower compared to the same period last year. The Media business saw revenue decline of S\$16.5 million (7.1%) to S\$216.6 million mainly due to a S\$15.7 million (9.2%) fall in advertisement revenue. Circulation revenue was maintained year-on-year, aided by the positive impact of the newspaper cover price increases implemented on March 1, 2016.

The Property segment turned in a resilient performance despite the subdued retail environment. Revenue rose S\$1 million (1.6%) to S\$60.3 million on higher rental and services revenue from the retail assets of the Group.

7.2 Other operating income was lower by S\$2.6 million (34.1%) as 3Q 2015 included income from certain corporate events and write-back of contingent consideration for an acquired business.

7.3 The Group continued to contain its cost base despite persistent inflationary pressures on business costs. Excluding the impairment charges, operating expenditure was S\$0.7 million (0.3%) lower than 3Q 2015.

Materials, production and distribution costs fell S\$3.7 million (8%) in line with lower revenue.

Staff costs increased by S\$2.4 million (2.6%) due to annual salary increments and bonus provision.

The impairment charges of S\$28.4 million recognised during the quarter primarily related to the magazine business whose performance was affected by unfavourable market conditions.

7.4 Operating profit of S\$60.8 million was S\$44.4 million (42.2%) lower compared to 3Q 2015. Excluding the impairment charges, operating profit would have fallen by S\$17.1 million (16.1%).

7.5 Investment income for the quarter of S\$18.7 million fell S\$5.3 million (22.2%) due to lower dividend income and lower gains from sale of investments, cushioned by higher foreign exchange gain on hedges for portfolio investments.

7.6 The share of results of associates and joint ventures for the quarter improved by S\$2.2 million (59.5%) due to reduced losses from the regional online classifieds business.

7.7 Taxation charge of S\$15.9 million was based on the statutory tax rate, taking into account non-deductible expenses and non-taxable income. There were no material adjustments for over- or under- provision of taxation in respect of prior years.

7.8 Net profit attributable to shareholders of S\$52.7 million was S\$45.6 million (46.4%) lower compared to 3Q 2015.

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 Year-To-Date ended May 31, 2016**

**(i) Results for the Year-To-Date ended May 31, 2016**

	Group		Change %
	YTD 3Q 2016 S\$'000	YTD 3Q 2015 S\$'000	
Operating revenue			
Media	630,236	680,326	(7.4)
Property	181,138	171,382	5.7
Others	35,707	32,431	10.1
	<u>847,081</u>	<u>884,139</u>	(4.2)
Other operating income	18,538	16,305	13.7
	<u>865,619</u>	<u>900,444</u>	(3.9)
Materials, production and distribution costs	(120,528)	(130,189)	(7.4)
Staff costs	(277,384)	(278,614)	(0.4)
Premises costs	(53,246)	(50,493)	5.5
Depreciation	(33,450)	(37,978)	(11.9)
Other operating expenses	(101,150)	(100,276)	0.9
Impairment of goodwill and intangibles	(28,358)	(1,069)	NM
Finance costs	(23,626)	(26,296)	(10.2)
Operating profit <sup>#</sup>	227,877	275,529	(17.3)
Net income from investments	36,230	44,868	(19.3)
Share of results of associates and joint ventures	(4,047)	(7,008)	(42.3)
Profit before taxation	260,060	313,389	(17.0)
Taxation	(43,271)	(48,037)	(9.9)
Profit after taxation	<u>216,789</u>	<u>265,352</u>	(18.3)
Attributable to:			
<b>Shareholders of the Company</b>	<b>188,111</b>	<b>237,186</b>	(20.7)
Non-controlling interests	28,678	28,166	1.8
	<u>216,789</u>	<u>265,352</u>	(18.3)

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

NM Not Meaningful

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

	<b>Group</b>		<b>Change</b>
	<b>YTD 3Q</b>	<b>YTD 3Q</b>	
	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>	
	S\$'000	S\$'000	%
(Allowance)/Write-back of allowance for stock obsolescence	(156)	1,042	NM
Share-based compensation expense	(3,955)	(3,797)	4.2
Allowance for impairment of trade receivables	(1,707)	(1,262)	35.3
Bad debts recovery	150	198	(24.2)
Net loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	(129)	(85)	51.8
Amortisation of intangible assets	(8,378)	(8,192)	2.3
Impairment of goodwill	(26,775)	(768)	NM
Impairment of intangible assets	(1,583)	(301)	NM
Gain on disposal of associates	28	12	NM
(Loss)/Gain on dilution of interest in an associate	(66)	56	NM
Write-back of allowance for impairment of an associate	259	-	NM
Interest income	4,429	5,450	(18.7)
Net profit on sale of investments	11,702	40,062	(70.8)
Net fair value changes on			
- Internally-managed assets at fair value through profit or loss	(146)	(19)	NM
- Derivative financial instruments	5,810	(27,085) <sup>^</sup>	NM
Net foreign exchange differences	444	6,458	(93.1)
Impairment of investments	(429)	(25)	NM
Net under-provision of prior years' taxation	(161)	(221)	(27.1)

<sup>^</sup> Relates mainly to fair value loss on U.S. Dollar forward hedges for portfolio investments. The corresponding gain on underlying investments was recognised as net fair value changes on available-for-sale financial assets in Other comprehensive income.



9(a)(iii) Statement of Comprehensive Income

	<b>Group</b>		<b>Change %</b>
	<b>YTD 3Q 2016 S\$'000</b>	<b>YTD 3Q 2015 S\$'000</b>	
Profit after taxation	216,789	265,352	(18.3)
Other comprehensive income, net of tax			
<u>Items that may be re-classified subsequently to profit or loss</u>			
Capital reserve			
- share of capital reserves of associates	4	190	(97.9)
Cash flow hedges			
- net fair value changes	(10,010)	29	NM
- transferred to income statement	1,042	4,467	(76.7)
Net fair value changes on available-for-sale financial assets			
- net fair value changes	(57,310)	27,320	NM
- transferred to income statement	(8,905)	(33,413)	(73.3)
Currency translation difference			
- arising from consolidation of financial statements of foreign subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures	(2,144)	287	NM
	(77,323)	(1,120)	NM
Total comprehensive income	<u>139,466</u>	<u>264,232</u>	(47.2)
Attributable to:			
<b>Shareholders of the Company</b>	<b>113,489</b>	<b>234,945</b>	<b>(51.7)</b>
Non-controlling interests	25,977	29,287	(11.3)
	<u>139,466</u>	<u>264,232</u>	(47.2)

9(b) **A statement of cash flows (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 Year-To-Date ended May 31, 2016**

	<b>YTD 3Q 2016 S\$'000</b>	<b>YTD 3Q 2015 S\$'000</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Profit before taxation	260,060	313,389
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation	33,450	37,978
Net loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	129	85
Share of results of associates and joint ventures	4,047	7,008
Gain on disposal of associates	(28)	(12)
(Loss)/Gain on dilution of interest in an associate	66	(56)
Write-back of allowance for impairment of an associate	(259)	-
Net income from investments	(36,230)	(44,868)
Amortisation of intangible assets	8,378	8,192
Impairment of goodwill	26,775	768
Impairment of intangible assets	1,583	301
Finance costs	23,626	26,296
Share-based compensation expense	3,955	3,797
Other non-cash items	1,757	2,205
Operating cash flow before working capital changes	<u>327,309</u>	<u>355,083</u>
Changes in operating assets and liabilities, net of effects from acquisition and disposal of subsidiaries and business:		
Inventories	(2,916)	5,397
Trade and other receivables, current	(5,680)	3,590
Trade and other payables, current	(1,870)	(22,825)
Trade and other receivables, non-current	(992)	(936)
Trade and other payables, non-current	(4,106)	(950)
Others	(1,446)	845
	<u>310,299</u>	<u>340,204</u>
Income tax paid	(56,902)	(51,489)
Dividends paid	(322,818)	(339,348)
Dividends paid (net) by subsidiaries to non-controlling interests	(31,084)	(31,095)
<b>Net cash used in operating activities</b>	<u><u>(100,505)</u></u>	<u><u>(81,728)</u></u>

**Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows for the Year-To-Date ended May 31, 2016  
(cont'd)**

	<b>YTD 3Q 2016 S\$'000</b>	<b>YTD 3Q 2015 S\$'000</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(9,486)	(10,544)
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment	39	62
Additions to investment properties	(11,094)	(39,414)
Acquisition of subsidiaries (net of cash acquired)	-	(29,181)
Acquisition of interest in an associate	(6,800)	-
Acquisition of interests in joint ventures	(3,414)	(21,668)
Proceeds from partial divestment of interest in a subsidiary	-	4,011
Dividends received from associates	1,805	6,591
Proceeds from disposal of associates	289	-
Increase in amounts owing by associates/joint ventures	(223)	(47)
(Decrease)/Increase in amounts owing to associates/joint ventures	(12,169)	2,034
Purchase of long-term investments	(45,777)	(46,397)
Purchase of short-term investments	(48,507)	(75,959)
Proceeds from capital distribution/disposal of long-term investments	1,358	2,743
Proceeds from redemption/disposal of short-term investments	228,355	626,784
Dividends received	16,248	20,253
Interest received	3,599	4,912
Other investment income	(130)	(16,954)
<b>Net cash from investing activities</b>	<u>114,093</u>	<u>427,226</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Proceeds from bank loans (net of transaction costs)	20,000	201,800
Repayment of bank loans	(22,327)	-
Repayment of loans from non-controlling interests	-	(225)
Interest paid	(23,287)	(34,813)
Repayment of fixed rate notes	-	(600,000)
Share buy-back	(1,760)	(11,407)
<b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>	<u>(27,374)</u>	<u>(444,645)</u>
<b>Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents</b>	(13,786)	(99,147)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	<u>292,246</u>	<u>442,937</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of period</b>	<u>278,460</u>	<u>343,790</u>

## 10. Earnings Per Share for the Year-To-Date ended May 31, 2016

	Group	
	YTD 3Q 2016	YTD 3Q 2015
(a) Based on the weighted average number of shares on issue (S\$)	0.12	0.15
(b) On fully diluted basis (S\$)	0.12	0.15

## 11. Review of Results for the Year-to-date ended May 31, 2016 (“YTD 3Q 2016”) compared with the Year-to-date ended May 31, 2015 (“YTD 3Q 2015”)

11.1 Group operating revenue of S\$847.1 million was S\$37.1 million (4.2%) lower compared to the same period last year. Revenue for the Media business declined S\$50.1 million (7.4%) to S\$630.2 million, as advertisement and circulation revenue fell S\$45.3 million (8.9%) and S\$3.9 million (3%) respectively.

Revenue for the Property segment rose S\$9.8 million (5.7%) to S\$181.1 million, boosted by contribution from The Seletar Mall which commenced business on November 28, 2014.

Revenue from the Group’s other businesses rose S\$3.3 million (10.1%) to S\$35.7 million. The increase came from the exhibitions and online classifieds businesses.

11.2 Other operating income was higher by S\$2.2 million (13.7%) mainly due to write-back of contingent consideration for certain acquired businesses.

11.3 Materials, production and distribution costs saw a reduction of S\$9.7 million (7.4%) in line with lower revenue.

Staff costs decreased by S\$1.2 million (0.4%) due to bonus provision.

Impairment charges of S\$28.4 million were recognised during 3Q 2016. These primarily related to the magazine business whose performance was affected by unfavourable market conditions.

Finance costs was lower by S\$2.7 million (10.2%) as YTD 3Q 2015 included interest costs on Medium Term Notes which were redeemed on March 2, 2015.

11.4 Operating profit of S\$227.9 million was S\$47.7 million (17.3%) lower than the same period last year. Excluding the impairment charges, operating profit would have fallen by S\$20.4 million (7.4%).

11.5 Investment income of S\$36.2 million fell S\$8.6 million (19.3%) due to lower gains from sale of investments and lower dividend income, partially offset by lower foreign exchange differences on hedges for portfolio investments.

11.6 The share of results of associates and joint ventures improved by S\$3 million (42.3%) mainly due to reduced losses from the regional online classifieds business.

11.7 Taxation charge of S\$43.3 million was based on the statutory tax rate, taking into account non-deductible expenses and non-taxable income. There were no material adjustments for over- or under- provision of taxation in respect of prior years.

11.8 Net profit attributable to shareholders of S\$188.1 million was S\$49.1 million (20.7%) lower compared to YTD 3Q 2015.

- 12. 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**
- 12.1 The operating environment is expected to remain difficult in view of the uncertain economic outlook and rapidly evolving media landscape.
- 12.2 Newsprint prices remain dependent upon the degree of market balance between supply and demand.
- 12.3 The retail assets of the Group, comprising Paragon, The Clementi Mall and The Seletar Mall will continue to provide a recurrent income stream.
- 12.4 The Group will maintain a conservative stance on its investment portfolio allocation with focus on capital preservation. Returns are expected to be commensurate with a low risk-return profile to mitigate against volatility.
- 12.5 Given the challenging market conditions, the Group has embarked on a comprehensive review of its core Media business. The aim is to better address the evolving needs of advertising customers and deliver effective, integrated solutions across various media platforms. In addition, the Group will critically examine its product portfolio and identify areas to further enhance operational efficiency.

13. **Dividends**

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

Any dividend recommended for the current financial period reported on?

No.

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

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

No.

(c) **Date payable**

Not applicable.

(d) **Record Date**

Not applicable.

14. **If no dividend has been declared (recommended), a statement to that effect**

No interim dividend has been declared or recommended in the current reporting period.

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.

16. **Please disclose a confirmation that the Company has procured undertakings from all its directors and executive officers (in the format set out in Appendix 7.7) under Rule 720(1).**

The Company confirms that it has procured undertakings from all its Directors and Executive Officers pursuant to Rule 720(1) of the SGX Listing Manual.

**17. Segmental information of the Group for the Year-To-Date ended May 31, 2016**

**YTD 3Q 2016**

	<b>Media</b>	<b>Property</b>	<b>Treasury and Investment</b>	<b>Others</b>	<b>Eliminations</b>	<b>Consolidated</b>
	<b>S\$'000</b>	<b>S\$'000</b>	<b>S\$'000</b>	<b>S\$'000</b>	<b>S\$'000</b>	<b>S\$'000</b>
<b>Operating revenue</b>						
External sales	630,236	181,138	-	35,707	-	847,081
Inter-segmental sales	3,569	1,460	-	484	(5,513)	-
<b>Total operating revenue</b>	<b>633,805</b>	<b>182,598</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>36,191</b>	<b>(5,513)</b>	<b>847,081</b>
<b>Result</b>						
Segment result	131,742	133,836	34,949	(12,794)	-	287,733
Finance costs	(30)	(22,568)	(1,005)	(23)	-	(23,626)
Share of results of associates and joint ventures	2,188	-	-	(6,235)	-	(4,047)
<b>Profit/(Loss) before taxation</b>	<b>133,900</b>	<b>111,268</b>	<b>33,944</b>	<b>(19,052)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>260,060</b>

**YTD 3Q 2015**

	<b>Media</b>	<b>Property</b>	<b>Treasury and Investment</b>	<b>Others</b>	<b>Eliminations</b>	<b>Consolidated</b>
	<b>S\$'000</b>	<b>S\$'000</b>	<b>S\$'000</b>	<b>S\$'000</b>	<b>S\$'000</b>	<b>S\$'000</b>
<b>Operating revenue</b>						
External sales	680,326	171,382	-	32,431	-	884,139
Inter-segmental sales	3,693	1,522	-	1,151	(6,366)	-
<b>Total operating revenue</b>	<b>684,019</b>	<b>172,904</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>33,582</b>	<b>(6,366)</b>	<b>884,139</b>
<b>Result</b>						
Segment result	192,568	126,543	43,919	(16,337)	-	346,693
Finance costs	(109)	(17,452)	(8,735)	-	-	(26,296)
Share of results of associates and joint ventures	1,412	-	-	(8,420)	-	(7,008)
<b>Profit/(Loss) before taxation</b>	<b>193,871</b>	<b>109,091</b>	<b>35,184</b>	<b>(24,757)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>313,389</b>

**BY ORDER OF THE BOARD**

Ginney Lim May Ling  
Khor Siew Kim

Company Secretaries

Singapore,  
July 15, 2016



**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 third quarter ended May 31, 2016 to be false or misleading in any material respect.

On behalf of the Directors

  
LEE BOON YANG  
Chairman

  
CHAN HENG LOON ALAN  
Director

Singapore,  
July 15, 2016





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## **Report on review of Condensed Interim Financial Information**

The Board of Directors  
Singapore Press Holdings Limited

### ***Introduction***

We have reviewed the accompanying balance sheet of Singapore Press Holdings Limited (the “Company”) and consolidated balance sheet of Singapore Press Holdings Limited and its Subsidiaries (the “Group”) as at May 31, 2016, and the related consolidated statements of income, comprehensive income, changes in total equity and cash flows for the Group for the three-month and nine-month periods then ended, and the statement of changes in total equity of the Company for the three-month period then ended, and certain explanatory notes (the “Condensed Interim Financial Information”). Management is responsible for the preparation and presentation of this Condensed Interim Financial Information in accordance with Singapore Financial Reporting Standard (“FRS”) 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 FRS 34 *Interim Financial Reporting*.



***Restriction on use***

Our report is provided in accordance with the terms of our engagement. Our work was undertaken so that we might report to you on the Condensed Interim Financial Information for the purpose of assisting the Company to meet the requirements of the Singapore Exchange Limited Listing Manual and for no other purpose. Our report is included in the Company's announcement of its interim financial information for the information of its members. We do not assume responsibility to anyone other than the Company for our work, for our report, or for the conclusions we have reached in our report.

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*Public Accountants and*  
*Chartered Accountants*

Singapore  
July 15, 2016