



SINGAPORE PRESS HOLDINGS LIMITED

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

**ANNOUNCEMENT
AUDITED RESULTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 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 Year ended August 31, 2016

	Group		Change %
	2016 S\$'000	2015 S\$'000	
Operating revenue			
Media	834,221	902,506	(7.6)
Property	241,310	230,751	4.6
Others	48,818	43,823	11.4
	<u>1,124,349</u>	<u>1,177,080</u>	(4.5)
Other operating income	28,759	27,636	4.1
	<u>1,153,108</u>	<u>1,204,716</u>	(4.3)
Materials, production and distribution costs	(165,630)	(176,128)	(6.0)
Staff costs	(362,551)	(371,610)	(2.4)
Premises costs	(69,740)	(67,952)	2.6
Depreciation	(44,699)	(49,582)	(9.8)
Other operating expenses	(145,690)	(143,255)	1.7
Impairment of goodwill and intangibles	(28,358)	(9,069)	NM
Finance costs	(31,271)	(33,620)	(7.0)
Operating profit [#]	305,169	353,500	(13.7)
Fair value change on investment properties	11,823	36,258	(67.4)
Net income from investments	51,753	51,707	0.1
Share of results of associates and joint ventures	(7,704)	(11,220)	(31.3)
Profit before taxation	361,041	430,245	(16.1)
Taxation	(54,902)	(59,823)	(8.2)
Profit after taxation	<u>306,139</u>	<u>370,422</u>	(17.4)
Attributable to:			
Shareholders of the Company	265,293	321,701	(17.5)
Non-controlling interests	40,846	48,721	(16.2)
	<u>306,139</u>	<u>370,422</u>	(17.4)

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:

	Group		
	2016	2015	Change
	S\$'000	S\$'000	%
(Allowance)/Write-back of allowance for stock obsolescence	(404)	1,634	NM
Share-based compensation expense	(4,885)	(5,940)	(17.8)
Allowance for impairment of trade receivables	(598)	(370)	61.6
Bad debts recovery	167	251	(33.5)
Net loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	(374)	(150)	NM
Amortisation of intangible assets	(11,110)	(11,042)	0.6
Impairment of goodwill	(26,775)	(8,768)	NM
Impairment of intangible assets	(1,583)	(301)	NM
Gain on divestment of associates	28	100	(72.0)
Gain on dilution of interest in an associate	85	1,943	(95.6)
Loss on divestment of a joint venture	-	(459)	NM
Write-back of allowance for impairment of an associate	259	-	NM
Interest Income	5,984	7,119	(15.9)
Net profit on sale of investments	14,218	43,998	(67.7)
Net fair value changes on			
- Internally-managed assets at fair value through profit or loss	1,282	(274)	NM
- Derivatives	6,919	(37,318)^	NM
Net foreign exchange differences	412	9,454	(95.6)
Impairment of investments	(810)	(1,419)	(42.9)
Net (under)/over-provision of prior years' taxation	(75)	319	NM

[^] 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.

1(a)(iii) Statement of Comprehensive Income

	Group		Change
	2016	2015	
	S\$'000	S\$'000	%
Profit after taxation	306,139	370,422	(17.4)
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	(11)	190	NM
Cash flow hedges			
- net fair value changes	(19,565)	7,970	NM
- transferred to income statement	3,888	5,919	(34.3)
Net fair value changes on available-for-sale financial assets			
- net fair value changes	(23,458)	(12,605)	86.1
- transferred to income statement	(10,483)	(35,330)	(70.3)
Currency translation difference			
- arising from consolidation of financial statements of foreign subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures	(2,261)	(115)	NM
	(51,890)	(33,971)	52.7
Total comprehensive income	<u>254,249</u>	<u>336,451</u>	(24.4)
Attributable to:			
Shareholders of the Company	218,063	284,049	(23.2)
Non-controlling interests	36,186	52,402	(30.9)
	<u>254,249</u>	<u>336,451</u>	(24.4)

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

Statements of Financial Position as at August 31, 2016

	Note	Group		Company	
		Aug 31, 2016	Aug 31, 2015	Aug 31, 2016	Aug 31, 2015
		S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000
CAPITAL EMPLOYED					
Share capital		522,809	522,809	522,809	522,809
Treasury shares		(8,683)	(13,408)	(8,683)	(13,408)
Reserves		430,447	482,704	45,351	50,167
Retained profits		2,572,753	2,626,708	1,043,768	792,423
Shareholders' interests		3,517,326	3,618,813	1,603,245	1,351,991
Non-controlling interests		724,078	727,837	-	-
Total equity		4,241,404	4,346,650	1,603,245	1,351,991
EMPLOYMENT OF CAPITAL					
Non-current assets					
Property, plant and equipment		219,523	249,976	117,731	139,641
Investment properties		3,963,000	3,940,951	-	-
Subsidiaries		-	-	419,250	419,250
Associates		78,153	75,874	31,160	31,160
Joint ventures		12,417	16,295	-	-
Investments		628,860	617,312	38,105	38,001
Intangible assets		149,312	188,595	30,278	32,211
Trade and other receivables		5,731	4,442	4,457	3,675
Derivatives		200	4,631	-	-
		5,057,196	5,098,076	640,981	663,938
Current assets					
Inventories		21,225	12,477	19,112	10,785
Trade and other receivables		136,953	192,138	1,788,257	1,455,812
Investments		406,700	474,633	-	32,055
Asset held for sale	(a)	8,831	-	-	-
Derivatives		89	472	-	-
Cash and cash equivalents		312,894	292,246	162,764	152,929
	(b)	886,692	971,966	1,970,133	1,651,581
Total assets		5,943,888	6,070,042	2,611,114	2,315,519
Non-current liabilities					
Trade and other payables		43,444	48,199	4,103	5,471
Deferred tax liabilities		47,372	50,658	20,571	23,208
Borrowings	(c)	1,197,399	947,271	-	-
Derivatives		10,983	-	-	-
		1,299,198	1,046,128	24,674	28,679
Current liabilities					
Trade and other payables		245,665	271,171	871,065	818,445
Current tax liabilities		56,271	62,331	27,130	31,404
Borrowings	(c)	99,954	336,681	85,000	85,000
Derivatives		1,396	7,081	-	-
		403,286	677,264	983,195	934,849
Total liabilities		1,702,484	1,723,392	1,007,869	963,528
Net assets		4,241,404	4,346,650	1,603,245	1,351,991

Notes to the Balance Sheets

- (a) On August 2, 2016, the Group entered into an agreement to divest its interest in an investment. As the completion of the sale is in progress, the investment was classified as asset held for sale.
- (b) 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.
- (c) The movements in the Group's borrowings mainly arose from the financing activities of its subsidiary, SPH REIT. A loan tranche of S\$250 million which matured in July 2016 was revised into two tranches of S\$125 million each, with extended tenures of three years and five years.

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

Group Borrowings

Amount repayable in one year

As at August 31, 2016		As at August 31, 2015	
Secured S\$'000	Unsecured S\$'000	Secured S\$'000	Unsecured S\$'000
-	99,954	249,330	87,351

Amount repayable after one year

As at August 31, 2016		As at August 31, 2015	
Secured S\$'000	Unsecured S\$'000	Secured S\$'000	Unsecured S\$'000
1,145,362	52,037	894,740	52,531

Details of collateral

The secured bank loan facilities as at August 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\$1,145.4 million as at August 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 Year ended August 31, 2016

	2016	2015
	S\$'000	S\$'000
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Profit before taxation	361,041	430,245
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation	44,699	49,582
Net loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	374	150
Fair value change on investment properties	(11,823)	(36,258)
Share of results of associates and joint ventures	7,704	11,220
Gain on divestment of associates	(28)	(100)
Gain on dilution of interest in an associate	(85)	(1,943)
Loss on divestment of a joint venture	-	459
Write-back of allowance for impairment of an associate	(259)	-
Net income from investments	(51,753)	(51,707)
Amortisation of intangible assets	11,110	11,042
Impairment of goodwill	26,775	8,768
Impairment of intangible assets	1,583	301
Finance costs	31,271	33,620
Share-based compensation expense	4,885	5,940
Other non-cash items	1,894	2,106
Operating cash flow before working capital changes	427,388	463,425
Changes in operating assets and liabilities, net of effects from acquisition and disposal of subsidiaries and business:		
Inventories	(8,748)	11,470
Trade and other receivables, current	9,609	5,078
Trade and other payables, current	(7,442)	(13,574)
Trade and other receivables, non-current	(1,289)	(770)
Trade and other payables, non-current	(4,755)	13,324
Others	(956)	(143)
	413,807	478,810
Income tax paid	(63,464)	(58,332)
Dividends paid	(322,818)	(339,348)
Dividends paid (net) by subsidiaries to non-controlling interests	(41,340)	(41,277)
Net cash (used in)/from operating activities	(13,815)	39,853

Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows for the Year ended August 31, 2016 (cont'd)

	2016	2015
	S\$'000	S\$'000
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Additions to property, plant and equipment	(15,239)	(13,552)
Additions to intangible assets	-	(155)
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment	72	95
Additions to investment properties	(14,075)	(46,763)
Acquisition of business by a subsidiary	(1,000)	-
Acquisition of subsidiaries (net of cash acquired)	-	(29,561)
Acquisition of interests in associates	(6,800)	(271)
Acquisition of interests in joint ventures	(4,473)	(24,839)
Proceeds from partial divestment of interest in a subsidiary	143	4,011
Dividends received from associates	2,691	6,951
Proceeds from divestment of associates	349	-
(Increase)/Decrease in amounts owing by associates/joint ventures	(294)	168
Decrease in amounts owing to joint ventures	(14,236)	(7,738)
Purchase of investments, non-current	(53,145)	(83,127)
Purchase of investments, current	(137,045)	(137,230)
Proceeds from capital distribution/disposal of investments, non-current	3,103	4,111
Proceeds from redemption/disposal of investments, current	263,791	702,015
Dividends received	26,400	30,413
Interest received	4,858	6,338
Other investment income	272	(19,687)
Net cash from investing activities	55,372	391,179
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Proceeds from bank loans (net of transaction costs)	33,622	500,900
Repayment of bank loans	(22,327)	(441,252)
Repayment of loans from non-controlling interests	-	(225)
Interest paid	(30,444)	(39,967)
Repayment of fixed rate notes	-	(600,000)
Share buy-back	(1,760)	(17,979)
Loan from a non-controlling interest	-	16,800
Net cash used in financing activities	(20,909)	(581,723)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	20,648	(150,691)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of financial year	292,246	442,937
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year	312,894	292,246

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 Year ended August 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 September 1, 2015	522,809	(13,408)	(11,530)	14,124	3,424	477,889	(1,203)	2,626,708	3,618,813	727,837	4,346,650
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	(11)	-	(11,011)	(33,941)	(2,267)	265,293	218,063	36,186	254,249
Transactions with owners, recognised directly in equity											
<u>Contributions by and distributions to owners</u>											
Share-based compensation	-	-	-	4,866	-	-	-	-	4,866	-	4,866
Treasury shares re-issued	-	6,485	-	(5,680)	-	-	-	(619)	186	-	186
Share buy-back – held as treasury shares	-	(1,760)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1,760)	-	(1,760)
Lapse of share options	-	-	-	(4,109)	-	-	-	4,109	-	-	-
Dividends	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(322,818)	(322,818)	(41,340)	(364,158)
Fair value gain on interest-free loans	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,332	1,332
<u>Changes in ownership interests in subsidiaries without a change in control</u>											
Acquisition of additional interest in a subsidiary	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	81	81	(81)	-
Dilution of interest in a subsidiary	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1)	(1)	144	143
Put option to acquire non-controlling interest	-	-	(104)	-	-	-	-	-	(104)	-	(104)
Balance as at August 31, 2016	522,809	(8,683)	(11,645)	9,201	(7,587)	443,948	(3,470)	2,572,753	3,517,326	724,078	4,241,404

Statements of Changes in Total Equity for the Year ended August 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 September 1, 2014	522,809	(3,046)	(10,675)	19,144	(6,386)	525,824	(1,498)	2,640,923	3,687,095	709,088	4,396,183
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	190	-	9,798	(47,935)	295	321,701	284,049	52,402	336,451
Transactions with owners, recognised directly in equity											
<u>Contributions by and distributions to owners</u>											
Share-based compensation	-	-	-	5,967	-	-	-	-	5,967	-	5,967
Treasury shares re-issued	-	7,617	-	(5,786)	-	-	-	(1,543)	288	-	288
Share buy-back – held as treasury shares	-	(17,979)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(17,979)	-	(17,979)
Lapse of share options	-	-	-	(5,201)	-	-	-	5,201	-	-	-
Dividends	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(339,348)	(339,348)	(41,277)	(380,625)
Fair value gain on interest-free loans	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	882	882
<u>Changes in ownership interests in subsidiaries without a change in control</u>											
Acquisition of additional interests in subsidiaries	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(509)	(509)	509	-
Dilution of interests in subsidiaries	-	-	27	-	12	-	-	283	322	3,690	4,012
<u>Changes in ownership interests in subsidiaries</u>											
Acquisition of subsidiaries with non-controlling interests	-	-	(1,072)	-	-	-	-	-	(1,072)	2,543	1,471
Balance as at August 31, 2015	522,809	(13,408)	(11,530)	14,124	3,424	477,889	(1,203)	2,626,708	3,618,813	727,837	4,346,650

Statements of Changes in Total Equity for the Year ended August 31, 2016 (cont'd)

(b) Company

	Share Capital S\$'000	Treasury Shares S\$'000	Share-based Compensation Reserve S\$'000	Hedging Reserve S\$'000	Fair Value Reserve S\$'000	Retained Profits S\$'000	Total Equity S\$'000
Balance as at September 1, 2015	522,809	(13,408)	14,124	-	36,043	792,423	1,351,991
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-	-	107	570,673	570,780
Transactions with owners, recognised directly in equity							
<u>Contributions by and distributions to owners</u>							
Share-based compensation	-	-	4,866	-	-	-	4,866
Treasury share re-issued	-	6,485	(5,680)	-	-	(619)	186
Share buy-back – held as treasury share	-	(1,760)	-	-	-	-	(1,760)
Lapse of share options	-	-	(4,109)	-	-	4,109	-
Dividends	-	-	-	-	-	(322,818)	(322,818)
Balance as at August 31, 2016	522,809	(8,683)	9,201	-	36,150	1,043,768	1,603,245
Balance as at September 1, 2014	522,809	(3,046)	19,098	(251)	41,037	614,378	1,194,025
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-	251	(4,994)	513,735	508,992
Transactions with owners, recognised directly in equity							
<u>Contributions by and distributions to owners</u>							
Share-based compensation	-	-	6,013	-	-	-	6,013
Treasury shares re-issued	-	7,617	(5,786)	-	-	(1,543)	288
Share buy-back – held as treasury share	-	(17,979)	-	-	-	-	(17,979)
Lapse of share options	-	-	(5,201)	-	-	5,201	-
Dividends	-	-	-	-	-	(339,348)	(339,348)
Balance as at August 31, 2015	522,809	(13,408)	14,124	-	36,043	792,423	1,351,991

- 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") and the Singapore Press Holdings Group (1999) Share Option Scheme (the "1999 Scheme") was terminated with regard to the grant of further options.
- (b) As at August 31, 2016, the number of shares granted and outstanding (being contingent award) under the Share Plan was 5,073,039 (August 31, 2015: 5,263,312). Movements in the number of performance shares during the financial year are summarised below:

<u>Outstanding as at 01.09.15</u> (‘000)	<u>Adjusted[#]</u> (‘000)	<u>Granted</u> (‘000)	<u>Vested</u> (‘000)	<u>Lapsed</u> (‘000)	<u>Outstanding and invested as at 31.08.16</u> (‘000)
5,263	(100)	1,772	(1,597)	(265)	5,073

[#] Adjusted at end of the performance period based on the level of achievement of pre-set performance conditions.

Share Options

- (a) All options granted and outstanding under the 1999 Scheme (August 31, 2015: 8,574,350) expired on December 16, 2015. With that, the 1999 Scheme has fully terminated.
- (b) During the financial year, the Company did not issue any ordinary shares under the 1999 Scheme.

Share Buy Back

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), the Company bought back 500,000 ordinary shares during the financial year. These shares are held as treasury shares, until released from time to time for the fulfillment of the awards under the Share Plan. The amount paid, including brokerage fees, totalled S\$1.8 million and was deducted against shareholders' equity.

Share Capital and Treasury Shares

As at August 31, 2016, the Company had 1,598,440,203 ordinary shares, 16,361,769 management shares and 2,208,918 treasury shares (August 31, 2015: 1,597,342,951 ordinary shares, 16,361,769 management shares and 3,306,170 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 August 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.

During the financial year, the Company transferred 1,597,252 treasury shares for the fulfillment of share awards vested under the Share Plan. The total value of the treasury shares transferred was S\$6.5 million.

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

The figures for the financial year have been audited. The auditors' report on the financial statements of the Group was not subject to any modification.

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' 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 most recently audited financial statements.

The Group has adopted the new or revised Financial Reporting Standards ("FRS") and Interpretations to FRS ("INT FRS") that are mandatory for application in the financial year. The adoption of the new or revised FRS and INT FRS has not resulted in any substantial changes to the Group's accounting policies nor has 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 Year ended August 31, 2016

	Group	
	2016	2015
(a) Based on the weighted average number of shares on issue (S\$)	0.16	0.20
(b) On fully diluted basis (S\$)	0.16	0.20

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	
	Aug 31, 2016	Aug 31, 2015	Aug 31, 2016	Aug 31, 2015
Net asset value per share based on total number of issued shares at the end of period/year (S\$)	2.18	2.24	0.99	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 Year ended August 31, 2016 (“FY2016”) compared with the Year ended August 31, 2015 (“FY2015”)

7.1 Group operating revenue of S\$1,124.3 million was S\$52.7 million (4.5%) lower compared to FY2015. Revenue for the Media business declined S\$68.3 million (7.6%) to S\$834.2 million, as advertisement and circulation revenue fell S\$61.5 million (9.2%) and S\$5.3 million (3%) respectively.

Revenue for the Property segment rose S\$10.6 million (4.6%) to S\$241.3 million on higher rental and services revenue from the retail assets of the Group, including The Seletar Mall which commenced business on November 28, 2014.

7.2 Revenue from the Group’s other businesses grew S\$5 million (11.4%) to S\$48.8 million with contributions from the exhibitions and online classifieds businesses.

7.3 Total costs of S\$847.9 million was S\$3.3 million (0.4%) lower compared to FY2015.

Materials, production and distribution costs fell S\$10.5 million (6%) in line with lower revenue.

Staff costs decreased by S\$9.1 million (2.4%) due to bonus provision.

Impairment charges of S\$28.4 million recognised during the year primarily related to the magazine business whose performance was affected by unfavourable market conditions. Impairment charges of S\$9.1 million were recognised in FY2015.

7.4 Operating profit of S\$305.2 million was S\$48.3 million (13.7%) lower compared to FY 2015.

7.5 Fair value gain on investment properties of S\$11.8 million relates mainly to the increase in valuation of the retail assets of the Group. The fair value gain recognised last year amounted to S\$36.3 million.

7.6 Investment income of S\$51.8 million was flat year-on-year. Lower gains from sale of investments and dividend income were offset by foreign exchange differences on hedges for portfolio investments.

7.7 The share of results of associates and joint ventures improved by S\$3.5 million (31.3%) due to reduced losses from the regional online classifieds business.

7.8 Taxation charge of S\$54.9 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.

7.9 Net profit attributable to shareholders of S\$265.3 million was S\$56.4 million (17.5%) lower compared to FY2015. Excluding impairment charges, net profit would have fallen by S\$37.1 million (11.2%).

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 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

9.1 Market conditions are expected to remain difficult in view of the uncertain economic outlook and the continuing disruption of the media industry.

9.2 Newsprint prices are expected to strengthen but remain dependent on the degree of market balance between supply and demand.

9.3 The retail assets of the Group, comprising Paragon, The Clementi Mall and The Seletar Mall, will continue to provide a recurrent income stream.

9.4 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.

9.5 As reported in the last quarter, the Group has embarked on a comprehensive review of its core Media business. The exercise is on-going. The Group will continue to focus on its drive to transform and sustain the Media business whilst pursuing growth opportunities.

10. Dividends

(a) Current Financial Period Reported On

Any dividend recommended for the current financial period reported on?

Yes.

Name of Dividend	Final Dividend	Special Dividend
Dividend Type	Cash	Cash
Dividend Rate	8 cents per share	3 cents per share
Tax Rate	Tax exempt	Tax exempt

(b) Corresponding Period of the Immediately Preceding Financial Year

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

Yes.

Name of Dividend	Final Dividend	Special Dividend
Dividend Type	Cash	Cash
Dividend Rate	8 cents per share	5 cents per share
Tax Rate	Tax exempt	Tax exempt

(c) Date payable

The date the dividend is payable: December 23, 2016.

(d) Record Date

The Share Transfer Books and Register of Members of the Company will be closed on December 9, 2016, 5.00 p.m. 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 5.00 p.m. on December 9, 2016 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 dividend will be paid by the Company to CDP which will distribute the dividends to holders of the securities accounts.

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

Not applicable.

12. Segmental revenue and results for business or geographical segments (of the group) in the form presented in the issuer's most recently audited annual financial statements, with comparative information for the immediately preceding year

**Group Segmental Information
2016**

	Media	Property	Treasury and Investment	Others	Eliminations	Consolidated
	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000
Operating revenue						
External sales	834,221	241,310	-	48,818	-	1,124,349
Inter-segmental sales	4,794	2,143	-	1,782	(8,719)	-
Total operating revenue	<u>839,015</u>	<u>243,453</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>50,600</u>	<u>(8,719)</u>	<u>1,124,349</u>
Result						
Segment result	175,496	179,437	50,194	(16,934)	-	388,193
Finance costs	(30)	(29,851)	(1,361)	(29)	-	(31,271)
Fair value change on investment properties	-	11,823	-	-	-	11,823
Share of results of associates and joint ventures	(262)	-	-	(7,442)	-	(7,704)
Profit/(Loss) before taxation	<u>175,204</u>	<u>161,409</u>	<u>48,833</u>	<u>(24,405)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>361,041</u>
Taxation						<u>(54,902)</u>
Profit after taxation						<u>306,139</u>
Non-controlling interests						<u>(40,846)</u>
Profit attributable to Shareholders						<u>265,293</u>
Other information						
Segment assets	<u>482,630</u>	<u>4,049,265</u>	<u>1,143,157</u>	<u>268,836</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,943,888</u>
Segment assets includes:						
Associates/ joint ventures	65,504	-	-	25,066	-	90,570
Additions to:						
- property, plant and equipment	14,407	579	-	253	-	15,239
- investment properties	-	10,226	-	-	-	10,226
- intangible assets	926	-	-	-	-	926
Segment liabilities	<u>183,920</u>	<u>1,294,553</u>	<u>102,087</u>	<u>18,281</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,598,841</u>
Current tax liabilities						56,271
Deferred tax liabilities						<u>47,372</u>
Consolidated total liabilities						<u>1,702,484</u>
Depreciation	43,689	525	-	485	-	44,699
Amortisation of intangible assets	2,824	-	-	8,286	-	11,110
Impairment of goodwill	21,041	-	-	5,734	-	26,775
Impairment of intangible assets	1,108	-	-	475	-	1,583

**Group Segmental Information
2015**

	Media	Property	Treasury and Investment	Others	Eliminations	Consolidated
	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000
Operating revenue						
External sales	902,506	230,751	-	43,823	-	1,177,080
Inter-segmental sales	4,892	2,007	-	2,180	(9,079)	-
Total operating revenue	<u>907,398</u>	<u>232,758</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>46,003</u>	<u>(9,079)</u>	<u>1,177,080</u>
Result						
Segment result	239,558	174,119	50,397	(25,247)	-	438,827
Finance costs	(144)	(24,436)	(9,020)	(20)	-	(33,620)
Fair value change on investment properties	-	36,258	-	-	-	36,258
Share of results of associates and joint ventures	2,066	-	-	(13,286)	-	(11,220)
Profit/(Loss) before taxation	<u>241,480</u>	<u>185,941</u>	<u>41,377</u>	<u>(38,553)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>430,245</u>
Taxation						(59,823)
Profit after taxation						<u>370,422</u>
Non-controlling interests						(48,721)
Profit attributable to Shareholders						<u>321,701</u>
Other information						
Segment assets	<u>540,536</u>	<u>4,065,528</u>	<u>1,230,316</u>	<u>233,662</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,070,042</u>
Segment assets includes:						
Associates/ joint ventures	62,839	-	-	29,330	-	92,169
Additions to:						
- property, plant and equipment	12,619	502	-	431	-	13,552
- investment properties	-	44,242	-	-	-	44,242
- intangible assets	930	-	-	34,795	-	35,725
Segment liabilities	<u>192,117</u>	<u>1,293,050</u>	<u>92,659</u>	<u>32,577</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,610,403</u>
Current tax liabilities						62,331
Deferred tax liabilities						<u>50,658</u>
Consolidated total liabilities						<u>1,723,392</u>
Depreciation	48,298	484	-	800	-	49,582
Amortisation of intangible assets	2,871	-	-	8,171	-	11,042
Impairment of goodwill	8,414	-	-	354	-	8,768
Impairment of intangible assets	-	-	-	301	-	301

Geographical segments

The principal geographical area in which the Group operates is Singapore. The Group's overseas operations include publishing and distributing magazines, providing marketing and editorial services, providing online classified services, organising events and exhibitions, and holding investments.

	Operating revenue		Non-current assets		Total assets	
	2016 S\$'000	2015 S\$'000	2016 S\$'000	2015 S\$'000	2016 S\$'000	2015 S\$'000
Singapore	1,089,880	1,136,032	5,019,461	5,049,503	5,886,021	5,998,781
Other countries	34,469	41,048	37,735	48,573	57,867	71,261
	<u>1,124,349</u>	<u>1,177,080</u>	<u>5,057,196</u>	<u>5,098,076</u>	<u>5,943,888</u>	<u>6,070,042</u>

13. **In the review of performance, the factors leading to any material changes in contributions to turnover and earnings by the business or geographical segments**

Refer to paragraph 7.

14. **Breakdown of Sales**

	Group		
	2016 S\$'000	2015 S\$'000	Change %
(a) Operating revenue reported for first half year	555,502	577,350	(3.8)
(b) Profit after tax before deducting non-controlling interests reported for the first half year	154,809	157,456	(1.7)
(c) Operating revenue reported for second half year	568,847	599,730	(5.1)
(d) Profit after tax before deducting non-controlling interests reported for the second half year	151,330	212,966	(28.9)

15. **A breakdown of the total annual dividend (in dollar value) for the issuer's latest full year and its previous full year as follows:-**

Total Net Annual Dividend	2016	2015
	S\$'000	S\$'000
Ordinary	290,664	322,855
Preference	-	-
Total	<u>290,664</u>	<u>322,855</u>

The amount of S\$290,664,000 (Last year: S\$322,855,000) included S\$2,945,000 (Last year: S\$3,272,000) relating to management shares.

* This may be increased depending on the number of issued shares existing as at the books closure date on December 9, 2016.

16. **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.

17. **Disclosure of person occupying a managerial position in the issuer or any of its principal subsidiaries who is a relative of a director or chief executive officer or substantial shareholder of the issuer pursuant to Rule 704(13). If there are no such persons, the issuer must make an appropriate negative statement.**

The Company confirms that there is no person occupying a managerial position in the Company who is related to a director, chief executive officer or substantial shareholder of the Company.

18. **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.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

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Singapore,
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Independent Auditors' Report on the Full Financial Statements

Members of the Company
Singapore Press Holdings Limited

Report on the financial statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Singapore Press Holdings Limited (the Company) and its subsidiaries (the Group), which comprise the statements of financial position of the Group and the Company as at August 31, 2016, the income statement, statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in total equity and statement of cash flows of the Group for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, as set out on pages # to #.

Management's responsibility for the financial statements

Management is responsible for the preparation of financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with the provisions of the Singapore Companies Act, Chapter 50 (the Act) and Singapore Financial Reporting Standards, and for devising and maintaining a system of internal accounting controls sufficient to provide a reasonable assurance that assets are safeguarded against loss from unauthorised use or disposition; and transactions are properly authorised and that they are recorded as necessary to permit the preparation of true and fair financial statements and to maintain accountability of assets.

Auditors' responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Singapore Standards on Auditing. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation of financial statements that give a true and fair view in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.



Opinion

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements of the Group and the statement of financial position of the Company are properly drawn up in accordance with the provisions of the Act and Singapore Financial Reporting Standards so as to give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Group and of the Company as at August 31, 2016 and the financial performance, changes in equity and cash flows of the Group for the year ended on that date.

Report on other legal and regulatory requirements

In our opinion, the accounting and other records required by the Act to be kept by the Company and by those subsidiary corporations incorporated in Singapore of which we are the auditors have been properly kept in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

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*Public Accountants and
Chartered Accountants*

Singapore

October 14, 2016

The page numbers are as stated in the Independent Auditors' Report dated October 14, 2016 included in Singapore Press Holdings Limited's Annual Report for the financial year ended August 31, 2016.