



**SINGAPORE PRESS HOLDINGS LIMITED**

Reg. No. 198402868E

(Incorporated in Singapore)

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

**UNAUDITED RESULTS\* FOR THE FIRST QUARTER ENDED NOVEMBER 30, 2016**

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

**Results for the First Quarter ended November 30, 2016**

	<b>Group</b>		
	<b>1Q 2017</b>	<b>1Q 2016</b>	<b>Change</b>
	<b>S\$'000</b>	<b>S\$'000</b>	<b>%</b>
Operating revenue			
Media	201,907	223,030	(9.5)
Property	60,460	59,661	1.3
Others	15,937	13,515	17.9
	<u>278,304</u>	<u>296,206</u>	(6.0)
Other operating income	<u>3,580</u>	<u>8,520</u>	(58.0)
	<u>281,884</u>	<u>304,726</u>	(7.5)
Materials, production and distribution costs	(41,204)	(42,110)	(2.2)
Staff costs	(90,188)	(92,112)	(2.1)
Premises costs	(15,923)	(16,451)	(3.2)
Depreciation	(10,718)	(11,296)	(5.1)
Other operating expenses	(45,499)	(36,004)	26.4
Finance costs	<u>(7,553)</u>	<u>(7,769)</u>	(2.8)
Operating profit <sup>#</sup>	70,799	98,984	(28.5)
Net income from investments	(1,800)	10,333	NM
Share of results of associates and joint ventures	<u>(1,068)</u>	<u>(1,809)</u>	(41.0)
Profit before taxation	67,931	107,508	(36.8)
Taxation	<u>(12,117)</u>	<u>(16,475)</u>	(26.5)
Profit after taxation	<u>55,814</u>	<u>91,033</u>	(38.7)
Attributable to:			
<b>Shareholders of the Company</b>	<b>45,734</b>	<b>81,324</b>	<b>(43.8)</b>
Non-controlling interests	<u>10,080</u>	<u>9,709</u>	3.8
	<u>55,814</u>	<u>91,033</u>	(38.7)

\* 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>1Q 2017</b>	<b>1Q 2016</b>	<b>Change</b>
	S\$'000	S\$'000	%
(Allowance)/Write-back of allowance for stock obsolescence	(58)	35	NM
Share-based compensation expense	(1,298)	(1,529)	(15.1)
Retrenchment and outplacement costs	(7,238)	-	NM
Write-back of allowance/(Allowance) for impairment of trade receivables	391	(2,375)	NM
Bad debts recovery	124	56	NM
Impairment of property, plant and equipment	(2,614)	-	NM
Net loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	(214)	(72)	NM
Amortisation of intangible assets	(2,724)	(2,868)	(5.0)
Gain on dilution of interest in a joint venture	298	-	NM
(Allowance)/Write-back of allowance for impairment of associates	(4,786)	259	NM
Allowance for impairment of a joint venture	(159)	-	NM
Interest Income	1,855	1,597	16.2
Net profit on sale of investments	4,054	5,343	(24.1)
Net fair value changes on			
- Internally-managed assets at fair value through profit or loss	(122)	(267)	(54.3)
- Derivatives	(8,782) <sup>^</sup>	1,273	NM
Net foreign exchange differences	(425)	(500)	(15.0)
Impairment of investments	(7)	-	NM
Net over/(under)-provision of prior years' taxation	162	(53)	NM

<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.

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

	<b>Group</b>		
	<b>1Q 2017</b> S\$'000	<b>1Q 2016</b> S\$'000	<b>Change</b> %
Profit after taxation	55,814	91,033	(38.7)
Other comprehensive income, net of tax			
<u>Items that may be re-classified subsequently to profit or loss</u>			
Cash flow hedges			
- net fair value changes	2,264	(3,810)	NM
- transferred to income statement	1,472	355	NM
Net fair value changes on available-for-sale financial assets			
- net fair value changes	(81,649)	(9,547)	NM
- transferred to income statement	(2,647)	(4,050)	(34.6)
Currency translation difference			
- arising from consolidation of financial statements of foreign subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures	(188)	(224)	(16.1)
	(80,748)	(17,276)	NM
Total comprehensive income	(24,934)	73,757	NM
Attributable to:			
<b>Shareholders of the Company</b>	<b>(35,984)</b>	<b>65,106</b>	<b>NM</b>
Non-controlling interests	11,050	8,651	27.7
	(24,934)	73,757	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**

**Statements of Financial Position as at November 30, 2016**

	Note	Group		Company	
		Nov 30, 2016	Aug 31, 2016	Nov 30, 2016	Aug 31, 2016
		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)	(8,683)	(8,683)	(8,683)
Reserves	(a)	350,027	430,447	38,528	45,351
Retained profits		2,618,455	2,572,753	1,069,244	1,043,768
Shareholders' interests		3,482,608	3,517,326	1,621,898	1,603,245
Non-controlling interests		724,525	724,078	-	-
<b>Total equity</b>		<b>4,207,133</b>	<b>4,241,404</b>	<b>1,621,898</b>	<b>1,603,245</b>
<b>EMPLOYMENT OF CAPITAL</b>					
<b>Non-current assets</b>					
Property, plant and equipment		208,405	219,523	109,175	117,731
Investment properties		3,964,870	3,963,000	-	-
Subsidiaries		-	-	419,250	419,250
Associates		73,492	78,153	31,160	31,160
Joint ventures		11,327	12,417	-	-
Investments	(a)	530,557	628,860	29,984	38,105
Intangible assets		146,581	149,312	29,822	30,278
Trade and other receivables		8,288	5,731	4,527	4,457
Derivatives		200	200	-	-
		4,943,720	5,057,196	623,918	640,981
<b>Current assets</b>					
Inventories		23,559	21,225	21,813	19,112
Trade and other receivables		138,694	136,953	1,768,118	1,788,257
Investments		423,490	406,700	-	-
Asset held for sale		9,282	8,831	-	-
Derivatives		47	89	-	-
Cash and cash equivalents		405,424	312,894	244,111	162,764
		1,000,496	886,692	2,034,042	1,970,133
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>5,944,216</b>	<b>5,943,888</b>	<b>2,657,960</b>	<b>2,611,114</b>
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>					
Trade and other payables		39,670	43,444	4,103	4,103
Deferred tax liabilities		47,176	47,372	19,550	20,571
Borrowings		1,198,092	1,197,399	-	-
Derivatives		7,222	10,983	-	-
		1,292,160	1,299,198	23,653	24,674
<b>Current liabilities</b>					
Trade and other payables		269,621	245,665	893,915	871,065
Current tax liabilities		68,990	56,271	33,494	27,130
Borrowings		98,092	99,954	85,000	85,000
Derivatives		8,220	1,396	-	-
		444,923	403,286	1,012,409	983,195
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>1,737,083</b>	<b>1,702,484</b>	<b>1,036,062</b>	<b>1,007,869</b>
<b>Net assets</b>		<b>4,207,133</b>	<b>4,241,404</b>	<b>1,621,898</b>	<b>1,603,245</b>

## Note to the Balance Sheets

- (a) The decrease in the Group's Reserves and non-current Investments was mainly due to fair valuation of the available-for-sale investments.

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

#### Group Borrowings

##### Amount repayable in one year

As at November 30, 2016		As at August 31, 2016	
Secured S\$'000	Unsecured S\$'000	Secured S\$'000	Unsecured S\$'000
-	98,092	-	99,954

##### Amount repayable after one year

As at November 30, 2016		As at August 31, 2016	
Secured S\$'000	Unsecured S\$'000	Secured S\$'000	Unsecured S\$'000
1,145,821	52,271	1,145,362	52,037

#### Details of collateral

The secured bank loan facilities as at November 30, 2016 and as at August 31, 2016 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 reporting 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 November 30, 2016 (August 31, 2016: S\$1,145.4 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 First Quarter ended November 30, 2016**

	<b>1Q 2017</b>	<b>1Q 2016</b>
	S\$'000	S\$'000
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Profit before taxation	67,931	107,508
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation	10,718	11,296
Impairment of property, plant and equipment	2,614	-
Net loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	214	72
Share of results of associates and joint ventures	1,068	1,809
Gain on dilution of interest in a joint venture	(298)	-
Allowance/(Write-back of allowance) for impairment of associates	4,786	(259)
Allowance for impairment of a joint venture	159	-
Net income from investments	1,800	(10,333)
Amortisation of intangible assets	2,724	2,868
Finance costs	7,553	7,769
Share-based compensation expense	1,298	1,529
Other non-cash items	459	584
Operating cash flow before working capital changes	<u>101,026</u>	<u>122,843</u>
Changes in operating assets and liabilities, net of effects from acquisition and disposal of subsidiaries and business:		
Inventories	(2,334)	(157)
Trade and other receivables, current	(7,214)	(9,506)
Trade and other payables, current	5,185	3,076
Trade and other receivables, non-current	(2,557)	41
Trade and other payables, non-current	(3,774)	1,629
Others	(133)	(107)
	<u>90,199</u>	<u>117,819</u>
Income tax paid	(694)	(842)
Dividends paid (net) by a subsidiary to non-controlling interests	<u>(10,635)</u>	<u>(10,482)</u>
<b>Net cash from operating activities</b>	<b><u>78,870</u></b>	<b><u>106,495</u></b>

**Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows for the First Quarter ended November 30,  
2016 (cont'd)**

	<b>1Q 2017</b>	<b>1Q 2016</b>
	S\$'000	S\$'000
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Additions to property, plant and equipment	(2,674)	(2,564)
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment	15	5
Additions to investment properties	(1,870)	(5,970)
Acquisition of interest in a joint venture	-	(1,241)
Dividends received from associates	33	1,230
Proceeds from divestment of an associate	-	259
Decrease/(Increase) in amounts owing by associate/joint ventures	54	(69)
Decrease in amounts owing to joint ventures	(1,122)	(3,347)
Purchase of investments, non-current	(2,708)	(9,097)
Purchase of investments, current	(18,078)	(4,166)
Proceeds from disposal of investments, non-current	8,891	861
Proceeds from redemption/disposal of investments, current	39,399	52,713
Dividends received	1,617	2,834
Interest received	1,592	1,323
Other investment income	(1,629)	(6,829)
<b>Net cash from investing activities</b>	<b>23,520</b>	<b>25,942</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Repayment of bank loans	(2,284)	(2,327)
Interest paid	(7,576)	(7,781)
<b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>	<b>(9,860)</b>	<b>(10,108)</b>
<b>Net increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>92,530</b>	<b>122,329</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	312,894	292,246
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of period</b>	<b>405,424</b>	<b>414,575</b>

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 First Quarter ended November 30, 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, 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
Total comprehensive income for the quarter	-	-	-	-	2,631	(84,296)	(53)	45,734	(35,984)	11,050	(24,934)
<b>Transactions with owners, recognised directly in equity</b>											
<u>Contributions by and distributions to owners</u>											
Share-based compensation	-	-	-	1,298	-	-	-	-	1,298	-	1,298
Dividends	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(10,635)	(10,635)
<u>Changes in ownership interests in subsidiaries without a change in control</u>											
Acquisition of additional interest in a subsidiary	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(32)	(32)	32	-
<b>Balance as at November 30, 2016</b>	<b>522,809</b>	<b>(8,683)</b>	<b>(11,645)</b>	<b>10,499</b>	<b>(4,956)</b>	<b>359,652</b>	<b>(3,523)</b>	<b>2,618,455</b>	<b>3,482,608</b>	<b>724,525</b>	<b>4,207,133</b>



**Statements of Changes in Total Equity for the First Quarter ended November 30, 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, 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 quarter	-	-	-	-	(2,424)	(13,597)	(197)	81,324	65,106	8,651	73,757
<b>Transactions with owners, recognised directly in equity</b>											
<u>Contributions by and distributions to owners</u>											
Share-based compensation	-	-	-	1,529	-	-	-	-	1,529	-	1,529
Lapse of share options	-	-	-	(107)	-	-	-	107	-	-	-
Dividends	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(10,482)	(10,482)
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	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	6	(6)	-
<b>Balance as at November 30, 2015</b>	<b>522,809</b>	<b>(13,408)</b>	<b>(11,530)</b>	<b>15,546</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>464,292</b>	<b>(1,400)</b>	<b>2,708,145</b>	<b>3,685,454</b>	<b>727,332</b>	<b>4,412,786</b>

**Statements of Changes in Total Equity for the First Quarter ended November 30, 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>Fair Value Reserve</b> S\$'000	<b>Retained Profits</b> S\$'000	<b>Total Equity</b> S\$'000
Balance as at September 1, 2016	522,809	(8,683)	9,201	36,150	1,043,768	1,603,245
Total comprehensive income for the quarter	-	-	-	(8,121)	25,476	17,355
<b>Transactions with owners, recognised directly in equity</b>						
<u>Contributions by and distributions to owners</u>						
Share-based compensation	-	-	1,298	-	-	1,298
<b>Balance as at November 30, 2016</b>	<b>522,809</b>	<b>(8,683)</b>	<b>10,499</b>	<b>28,029</b>	<b>1,069,244</b>	<b>1,621,898</b>
Balance as at September 1, 2015	522,809	(13,408)	14,124	36,043	792,423	1,351,991
Total comprehensive income for the quarter	-	-	-	(310)	44,873	44,563
<b>Transactions with owners, recognised directly in equity</b>						
<u>Contributions by and distributions to owners</u>						
Share-based compensation	-	-	1,529	-	-	1,529
Lapse of share options	-	-	(107)	-	107	-
<b>Balance as at November 30, 2015</b>	<b>522,809</b>	<b>(13,408)</b>	<b>15,546</b>	<b>35,733</b>	<b>837,403</b>	<b>1,398,083</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"), which expired on December 4, 2016.

At the annual general meeting of the Company held on December 1, 2016, the Company's shareholders approved the adoption of the SPH Performance Share Plan 2016, which replaced the Share Plan.

- (b) As at November 30, 2016, the number of shares granted and outstanding (being contingent award) under the Share Plan was 5,068,801 (November 30, 2015: 5,233,566). Movements in the number of performance shares during the current quarter are summarised below:

<u>Outstanding as at 01.09.2016</u>	<u>Lapsed</u>	<u>Outstanding and unvested as at 30.11.2016</u>
('000)	('000)	('000)
5,073	(4)	5,069

### 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, 2016).

### Share Capital and Treasury Shares

As at November 30, 2016, the Company had 1,598,440,203 ordinary shares, 16,361,769 management shares and 2,208,918 treasury shares (November 30, 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 November 30, 2016, the Company had 1,598,440,203 ordinary shares and 16,361,769 management shares (August 31, 2016: 1,598,440,203 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 and 14 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 First Quarter ended November 30, 2016**

	<b>Group</b>	
	<b>1Q 2017</b>	<b>1Q 2016</b>
(a) Based on the weighted average number of shares on issue (S\$)	0.03	0.05
(b) On fully diluted basis (S\$)	0.03	0.05

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	
	Nov 30, 2016	Aug 31, 2016	Nov 30, 2016	Aug 31, 2016
Net asset value per share based on total number of issued shares at the end of period/year (S\$)	2.16	2.18	1.00	0.99

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 First Quarter ended November 30, 2016 ("1Q 2017") compared with the First Quarter ended November 30, 2015 ("1Q 2016")**

- 7.1 Group operating revenue of S\$278.3 million was S\$17.9 million (6%) lower compared to 1Q 2016. Revenue for the Media business fell S\$21.1 million (9.5%) to S\$201.9 million as advertisement revenue declined by S\$22.7 million (13.5%). Circulation revenue increased by S\$0.7 million (1.8%) bolstered by the positive impact of newspaper cover price increases implemented on March 1, 2016.

Revenue for the Property segment edged up S\$0.8 million (1.3%) to S\$60.5 million on the back of higher rental income from the retail assets of the Group.

Revenue from the Group's other businesses grew by S\$2.4 million (17.9%) to S\$15.9 million, led by contributions from the exhibitions business.

- 7.2 Other operating income was lower by S\$4.9 million (58%) as 1Q 2016 included a write-back of contingent consideration for an acquired business.
- 7.3 Total costs of S\$211.1 million was higher by S\$5.3 million (2.6%). The increase was attributable to charges of S\$15.9 million arising from the media business review and impairment of an associate. The charges included S\$7.2 million of retrenchment and outplacement benefits as part of an ongoing Group-wide right-sizing exercise involving a staff reduction of up to 10% over two years, and an impairment charge of S\$2.6 million on a press line with the optimisation of printing capacity. The impairment charge of S\$4.8 million on an associate was taken in conjunction with the restructuring of the video business.

Materials, production and distribution costs fell S\$0.9 million (2.2%) due to lower newsprint costs partially offset by higher production costs of the exhibitions business.

Staff costs decreased by S\$1.9 million (2.1%) due to bonus provision.

Other operating expenses increased by S\$9.5 million (26.4%) due to the above-mentioned charges of S\$15.9 million, partially offset by reduced business promotion costs and lower provision for doubtful debts.

- 7.4 Operating profit of S\$70.8 million was S\$28.2 million (28.5%) lower compared to 1Q 2016. Excluding the charges of S\$15.9 million, operating profit would have declined by S\$12.3 million (12.4%).
- 7.5 The decrease in investment income of S\$12.1 million mainly arose from fair value loss on hedges for portfolio investments due to strengthening of the USD.
- 7.6 The share of results of associates and joint ventures improved by S\$0.7 million (41%) due to lower losses recorded by the regional online classifieds business.
- 7.7 Taxation charge of S\$12.1 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\$45.7 million was S\$35.6 million (43.8%) lower compared to 1Q 2016.

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 Business conditions are expected to remain challenging in view of the economic headwinds and structural challenges confronting the media industry.
- 9.2 Newsprint prices are expected to strengthen marginally 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 and returns are expected to be commensurate with a low risk-return profile to mitigate against volatility.
- 9.5 The Group will focus on continued innovation and investment in the media business to stay ahead and stay relevant, improve cost efficiency with a leaner organisation and wage restraint measures, and grow business adjacencies to diversify revenue streams.

**10. 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.

**11. 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.

**12. 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.

**13. 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.

**14. Segmental information (of the group) for the period ended November 30, 2016**

**1Q 2017**

	<b>Media</b>	<b>Property</b>	<b>Treasury and Investment</b>	<b>Others</b>	<b>Eliminations</b>	<b>Consolidated</b>
	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000
<b>Operating revenue</b>						
External sales	201,907	60,460	-	15,937	-	278,304
Inter-segmental sales	1,265	496	-	342	(2,103)	-
<b>Total operating revenue</b>	<b>203,172</b>	<b>60,956</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>16,279</b>	<b>(2,103)</b>	<b>278,304</b>
<b>Result</b>						
Segment result	33,343	46,163	(2,712)	(242)	-	76,552
Finance costs	-	(7,238)	(311)	(4)	-	(7,553)
Share of results of associates and joint ventures	(101)	-	-	(967)	-	(1,068)
<b>Profit/(Loss) before taxation*</b>	<b>33,242</b>	<b>38,925</b>	<b>(3,023)</b>	<b>(1,213)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>67,931</b>

\* Included charges of S\$15.9 million relating to the review of the media business and impairment of an associate.

**1Q 2016**

	<b>Media</b>	<b>Property</b>	<b>Treasury and Investment</b>	<b>Others</b>	<b>Eliminations</b>	<b>Consolidated</b>
	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000
<b>Operating revenue</b>						
External sales	223,030	59,661	-	13,515	-	296,206
Inter-segmental sales	1,325	485	-	131	(1,941)	-
<b>Total operating revenue</b>	<b>224,355</b>	<b>60,146</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>13,646</b>	<b>(1,941)</b>	<b>296,206</b>
<b>Result</b>						
Segment result	61,546	44,766	9,762	1,012	-	117,086
Finance costs	(30)	(7,475)	(284)	20	-	(7,769)
Share of results of associates and joint ventures	1,431	-	-	(3,240)	-	(1,809)
<b>Profit/(Loss) before taxation</b>	<b>62,947</b>	<b>37,291</b>	<b>9,478</b>	<b>(2,208)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>107,508</b>

**BY ORDER OF THE BOARD**

Ginney Lim May Ling  
Khor Siew Kim

Company Secretaries

Singapore,  
January 13, 2017





**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 period ended November 30, 2016 to be false or misleading in any material respect.

On behalf of the Directors

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. Lee', is positioned above the printed name.

LEE BOON YANG  
*Chairman*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chan Heng Loon Alan', is positioned above the printed name.

CHAN HENG LOON ALAN  
*Director*

Singapore,  
January 13, 2017



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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 statement of financial position and changes in total equity of Singapore Press Holdings Limited (the “Company”) and consolidated statement of financial position of Singapore Press Holdings Limited and its Subsidiaries (the “Group”) as at November 30, 2016, and the related consolidated statements of income, comprehensive income, changes in total equity and cash flows for the Group 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.

*KPMG LLP*

**KPMG LLP**

*Public Accountants and  
Chartered Accountants*

Singapore  
January 13, 2017