THE HOUR GLASS

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Co. Registration No: 197901972D

Unaudited Third Quarter and Nine Months Financial Statement For The Period Ended 31 December 2012

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

	Note
Revenue Other income Total revenue and other income	(i)
C ost of goods sold Salaries and employees benefits Depreciation of property, plant and equipment Selling and promotion expenses Rental expenses Finance costs Foreign exchange loss/(gain) Other operating expenses Total costs and expenses	
Share of results of associates Profit before taxation	
Taxation Profit for the period	
Profit attributable to: Owners of the Company Non-controlling interests	

	Group							
Third	l Quarter end	led	Nine Months ended					
31 Dec 12	31 Dec 11	Change	31 Dec 12	31 Dec 11	Change			
\$'000	\$'000	%	\$'000	\$'000	%			
157,883	169,674	-7%	433,647	449,562	-4%			
1,565	887	76%	3,137	2,901	8%			
159,448	170,561	-7%	436,784	452,463	-3%			
117,988	126,366	-7%	330,343	344,630	-4%			
10,218	10,707	-5%	27,600	29,144	-5%			
1,478	1,401	5%	4,255	4,286	-1%			
4,245	4,159	2%	12,205	11,165	9%			
5,346	4,007	33%	13,444	11,031	22%			
160	97	65%	351	232	51%			
163	(180)	NM	314	48	554%			
1,775	1,540	15%	5,498	4,736	16%			
141,373	148,097	-5%	394,010	405,272	-3%			
266	406	-34%	958	770	24%			
18,341	22,870	-20%	43,732	47,961	- 9 %			
3,420	4,449	-23%	8,702	9,485	-8%			
14,921	18,421	-19%	35,030	38,476	- 9 %			
14,596	18,079	-19%	33,980	37,356	-9%			
325	342	-5%	1,050	1,120	-6%			
14,921	18,421	-19%	35,030	38,476	-9%			

Group

31 Dec 12

\$'000

800

755

285

286

392

619

3,137

Nine Months ended

31 Dec 11

\$'000

778

588

94

414

1,027

2,901

Note:

(i) Other income

Rental income
Interest income
Gain/(loss) on disposal of property, plant and
equipment, net
Management fee
Dividend Income
Others

31 Dec 12 31 Dec 11 Change \$'000 \$'000 % 256 263 -3% 207 19% 246 285 (2) NM106 145 -27% 392 NM280 274 2% 1,565 887 76%

Third Quarter ended

NM - Not Meaningful

Change

3%

28%

203%

-31%

NM

-40%

8%

1(a)(ii) Amount of any adjustment for under or overprovision of tax in respect of prior years

31 Dec 12 31 Dec 11 Change 31 Dec 12 31 Dec 11 Change \$'000 \$'000 \$'000 \$'000 Income tax

(51)

Third Quarter ended

37

- (Over)/under provision of tax in respect of prior years

1(a)(iii) Statement of Comprehensive Income

Profit for the period

net of tax

Other comprehensive income

Foreign currency translation Net surplus on revaluation of leasehold premises Net change in fair value of investment security Other comprehensive (loss)/income for the period,

Total comprehensive income for the period Total comprehensive income attributable to: Owners of the Company Non-controlling interests

Group							
Third	Quarter end	led	Nine Months ended				
31 Dec 12	31 Dec 11	Change	31 Dec 12	31 Dec 11	Change		
\$'000	\$'000	%	\$'000	\$'000	%		
14,921	18,421	-19%	35,030	38,476	-9%		
(1,176)	1,892	NM	(5,548)	2,628	NM		
-	-	NM	-	69	NM		
(288)	124	NM	371	(701)	NM		
(1,464)	2,016	NM	(5,177)	1,996	NM		
13,457	20,437	-34%	29,853	40,472	-26%		
10,407	20,407	0470	23,000	10,112	2070		
13,153	20,091	-35%	29,535	39,366	-25%		
304	346	-12%	318	1,106	-71%		
13,457	20,437	-34%	29,853	40,472	-26%		

Group

NM

Nine Months ended

51

4%

53

1(b)(i) A statement of financial position (for the Company and Group), together with a comparative statement as at the end of the immediately preceding financial year.

		Group			Company	
	31 Dec 12	31 Mar 12	1 Apr 11	31 Dec 12	31 Mar 12	1 Apr 11
Assets		(restated)	(restated)		(restated)	(restated)
Non-current assets	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Property, plant and equipment	24,258	22,248	25,076	14,637	13,448	14,655
Investment properties	22,157	20,629	18,739	10,920	9,100	8,850
Investment in subsidiaries	-	-	-	20,459	20,459	20,459
Investment in associates	4,749	3,864	2,788	-	-	-
Loan to subsidiaries	-	-	-	8,794	8,000	-
Loan to an associate	2,582	2,023	2,084	-	-	-
Investment security	1,154	783	1,236	1,154	783	1,236
Other receivables	5,602	5,637	5,330	2,236	1,945	1,671
Deferred tax assets	766	786	715	-	-	202
	61,268	55,970	55,968	58,200	53,735	47,073
Current assets						
Stocks	281,593	230,954	190,742	172,090	141,582	117,340
Trade and other receivables	21,829	17,393	15,950	13,801	10,538	9,879
Prepaid operating expenses	646	530	477	256	292	275
Amount due from associates	95	170	866	-	-	-
Amount due from subsidiaries	-	-	-	6,201	5,276	3,946
Cash and cash equivalents	63,203	53,701	50,708	15,254	5,598	13,267
•	367,366	302,748	258,743	207,602	163,286	144,707
Total assets	428,634	358,718	314,711	265,802	217,021	191,780
Equity and liabilities						
Current liabilities						
Loans and borrowings	52,329	3,069	14,292	46,000	-	-
Trade and other payables	47,587	41,995	33,068	27,301	26,365	21,087
Amount due to subsidiaries	-	-	-	519	10	16
Provision for taxation	9,081	9,602	8,111	5,729	7,523	5,802
	108,997	54,666	55,471	79,549	33,898	26,905
Net current assets	258,369	248,082	203,272	128,053	129,388	117,802
Non-current liabilities						
Provisions	190	133	145	-	-	-
Deferred income	28	93	152	-	-	-
Deferred tax liabilities	14	14	-	14	14	-
	232	240	297	14	14	-
Total liabilities	109,229	54,906	55,768	79,563	33,912	26,905
Net assets	319,405	303,812	258,943	186,239	183,109	164,875
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Equity attributable to owners of the						
Company	67.600	67.620	00.000	67.620	67.600	00.000
Share capital	67,638	67,638	66,826	67,638	67,638	66,826
Reserves	242,536	227,101	184,236	118,601	115,471	98,049
Nicolar de all'estat	310,174	294,739	251,062	186,239	183,109	164,875
Non-controlling interests	9,231	9,073	7,881	-	-	-
Total equity	319,405	303,812	258,943	186,239	183,109	164,875
Total equity and liabilities	428,634	358,718	314,711	265,802	217,021	191,780

1(b)(ii) Aggregate amount of Group's borrowings and debt securities as at the end of the current financial period reported on with comparative figures as at the end of the immediately preceding financial year:

Amount repayable in one year or less, or on demand

As at 3	1 Dec 12	As at 31 Mar 12			
Secured	Unsecured	Secured	Unsecured		
\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000		
-	52,329	-	3,069		

Amount repayable after one year

As at 3	1 Dec 12	As at 31 Mar 12			
Secured	Unsecured	Secured	Unsecured		
\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000		
-	-	-	-		

Details of any collateral

The unsecured term loans of certain subsidiaries are covered by corporate guarantees given by the Company.

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

	Group		Group		
	Third Quart	ter ended	Nine Montl	ns ended	
	31 Dec 12	31 Dec 11	31 Dec 12	31 Dec 11	
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	
Operating activities					
Profit before taxation	18,341	22,870	43,732	47,961	
Adjustments for:					
Finance costs	160	97	351	232	
Interest income	(246)	(207)	(755)	(588)	
Dividend income	(392)	-	(392)	-	
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	1,478	1,401	4,255	4,286	
Foreign currency translation adjustment	(8)	15	(314)	525	
(Gain)/loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment, net	(285)	2	(285)	(94)	
Share of results of associates	(266)	(406)	(958)	(770)	
Operating cash flows before changes in working capital	18,782	23,772	45,634	51,552	
Increase in stocks	(8,037)	(13,246)	(53,068)	(41,440)	
Increase in receivables	(516)	(3,699)	(4,785)	(6,387)	
Decrease/(increase) in prepaid operating expenses	436	67	(128)	(643)	
(Increase)/decrease in amount due from associates	(838)	(63)	(524)	230	
Increase in payables	6,709	7,798	6,099	11,373	
Cash flows from/(used in) operations	16,536	14,629	(6,772)	14,685	
Income taxes paid	(3,604)	(2,909)	(9,104)	(7,908)	
Interest paid	(160)	(97)	(351)	(232)	
Interest received	246	207	755	588	
Net cash flows from/(used in) operating activities	13,018	11,830	(15,472)	7,133	
Investing activities					
Dividend Income	392		392		
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment	451	- 1	392 451	110	
Purchase of investment property	(1,820)	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	(1,820)	110	
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(6,238)	(235)	(7,984)	(1,514)	
Net cash flows used in investing activities	(7,215)	(234)	(8,961)	(1,404)	
not sash hone assa in intesting activities	(1,210)	(204)	(0,001)	(1,404)	
Financing activities					
Proceeds from loans and borrowings	5,219	2,434	50,905	26,933	
Repayment of loans and borrowings	-	(34)	(1,423)	(8,913)	
Proceeds from issue of shares pursuant to scrip dividend					
scheme	-	-	-	812	
Dividends paid to non-controlling interests	(72)	(72)	(160)	(152)	
Dividends paid on ordinary shares		-	(14,100)	(11,717)	
Net cash flows from financing activities	5,147	2,328	35,222	6,963	
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Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	10,950	13,924	10,789	12,692	
Effects of exchange rate changes	(372)	459	(1,287)	1,331	
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of financial period	52,625	50,348	53,701	50,708	
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial period	63,203	64,731	63,203	64,731	
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period comprise the fo	ollowina:				
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			\$1000	\$'000	
Cash and bank balances			35,723	33,146	
Fixed Deposits with banks			27,480	31,585	
		-	63,203	64,731	
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1(d)(i) A statement (for the Company 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.

		Foreign				Total		
		currency	Fair value	Asset		attributable to	Non-	
	Share	translation	adjustment	revaluation	Revenue	owners of the	controlling	Total
	capital	reserve	reserve	reserve	reserve	Company	interests	equity
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Group								
Balance at 1 April 2011, as previously								
reported	66,826	3,194	(206)	2,532	177,234	249,580	7,881	257,461
Effects of adopting Amendments to FRS 12	-	(25)	-	500	1,007	1,482	-	1,482
Balance at 1 April 2011, as restated	66,826	3,169	(206)	3,032	178,241	251,062	7,881	258,943
Profit for the period	-	-	-	-	8,614	8,614	498	9,112
Other comprehensive income	-	(1,049)	(618)	-	-	(1,667)	(18)	(1,685)
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	(1,049)	(618)	-	8,614	6,947	480	7,427
Dividends paid to non-controlling interests	-	-	-	-	-	-	(80)	(80)
Balance at 30 June 2011	66,826	2,120	(824)	3,032	186,855	258,009	8,281	266,290
Balance at 1 July 2011	66,826	2,120	(824)	3,032	186,855	258,009	8,281	266,290
Profit for the period	-	-	-	-	10,663	10,663	280	10,943
Other comprehensive income	-	1,802	(206)	69	-	1,665	-	1,665
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	1,802	(206)	69	10,663	12,328	280	12,608
Issuance of new shares pursuant to scrip								
dividend scheme	812	-	-	-	-	812	-	812
Dividends on ordinary shares	-	-	-	-	(11,717)	(11,717)	-	(11,717)
Balance at 30 September 2011	67,638	3,922	(1,030)	3,101	185,801	259,432	8,561	267,993
Balance at 1 October 2011	67,638	3,922	(1,030)	3,101	185,801	259,432	8,561	267,993
Profit for the period	-	-	-	-	18,079	18,079	342	18,421
Other comprehensive income	-	1,887	124	-	-	2,011	5	2,016
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	1,887	124	-	18,079	20,090	347	20,437
Dividends paid to non-controlling interests	-	-	-	-	-	-	(72)	(72)
Balance at 31 December 2011	67,638	5,809	(906)	3,101	203,880	279,522	8,836	288,358

1(d)(i) Statement of Changes in equity (Cont'd)

		Foreign				Total		
		currency	Fair value	Asset		attributable to	Non-	
	Share	translation	adjustment	revaluation	Revenue	owners of the	controlling	Total
	capital	reserve	reserve	reserve	reserve	Company	interests	equity
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Group								
Balance at 1 April 2012, as previously reported	67.638	2.561	_	2.601	220.415	293,215	9.073	302,288
Effects of adopting Amendments to FRS 12	-	(25)	<u>-</u>	500	1,049	1,524	7,073	1,524
Balance at 1 April 2012, as restated	67,638	2,536	-	3,101	221,464	294,739	9,073	303,812
Profit for the period	-	-	-	-	9,345	9,345	466	9,811
Other comprehensive income	-	(876)	41	-	-	(835)	(388)	(1,223)
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	(876)	41	-	9,345	8,510	78	8,588
Dividends paid to non-controlling interests	-	-	-	-	-	-	(88)	(88)
Balance at 30 June 2012	67,638	1,660	41	3,101	230,809	303,249	9,063	312,312
Balance at 1 July 2012	67,638	1,660	41	3,101	230,809	303,249	9,063	312,312
Profit for the period	-	-	_	-	10,039	10,039	259	10,298
Other comprehensive income	-	(2,785)	618	-	-	(2,167)	(323)	(2,490)
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	(2,785)	618	-	10,039	7,872	(64)	7,808
Dividends on ordinary shares	-	-	-	-	(14,100)	(14,100)	-	(14,100)
Balance at 30 September 2012	67,638	(1,125)	659	3,101	226,748	297,021	8,999	306,020
Balance at 1 October 2012	67,638	(1,125)	659	3,101	226,748	297,021	8,999	306,020
Profit for the period	-	-	-	-	14,596	14,596	325	14,921
Other comprehensive income	-	(1,155)	(288)	-	-	(1,443)	(21)	(1,464)
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	(1,155)	(288)	-	14,596	13,153	304	13,457
Dividends paid to non-controlling interests	-	-	-	-	-	-	(72)	(72)
Balance at 31 December 2012	67,638	(2,280)	371	3,101	241,344	310,174	9,231	319,405

1(d)(i) Statement of Changes in equity (Cont'd)

Balance at 31 December 2012

	Share capital \$'000	Fair value adjustment reserve \$'000	Rev enue reserv e \$'000	Total equity \$'000
Company	\$ 000	\$ 000	\$ 000	\$ 000
Balance at 1 April 2011, as previously reported Effects of adopting Amendments to FRS 12	66,826	(206)	97,351 904	163,971 904
Balance at 1 April 2011, as restated	66,826	(206)	98,255	164,875
Profit for the period Other comprehensive income	-	(618)	3,404 -	3,404 (618)
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	(618)	3,404	2,786
Balance at 30 June 2011	66,826	(824)	101,659	167,661
Balance at 1 July 2011	66,826	(824)	101,659	167,661
Profit for the period Other comprehensive income	-	(206)	5,172 -	5,172 (206)
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	(206)	5,172	4,966
Issuance of new shares pursuant to scrip dividend scheme	812	-	-	812
Dividends on ordinary shares	-	-	(11,717)	(11,717)
Balance at 30 September 2011	67,638	(1,030)	95,114	161,722
Balance at 1 October 2011	67,638	(1,030)	95,114	161,722
Profit for the period	-	-	10,101	10,101
Other comprehensive income	<u> </u>	124	10 101	124
Total comprehensive income for the period Balance at 31 December 2011	67,638	(906)	10,101	10,225 171,947
balance at 51 December 2011	07,030	(900)	105,215	171,947
Balance at 1 April 2012, as previously reported Effects of adopting Amendments to FRS12 Balance at 1 April 2012, as restated	67,638 - 67,638	-	114,524 947 115,471	182,162 947 183,109
Profit for the period	07,030	-	4,151	4,151
Other comprehensive income	_	41	-	41
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	41	4,151	4,192
Balance at 30 June 2012	67,638	41	119,622	187,301
Balance at 1 July 2012	67,638	41	119,622	187,301
Profit for the period	-	-	4,331	4,331
Other comprehensive income	-	618	-	618
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	618	4,331	4,949
Dividends on ordinary shares	- (7.400	-	(14,100)	(14,100)
Balance at 30 September 2012	67,638	659	109,853	178,150
Balance at 1 October 2012	67,638	659	109,853	178,150
Profit for the period Other comprehensive income		- (288)	8,377	8,377 (288)
Total comprehensive income for the period		(288)	8,377	8,089
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67,638

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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

There has been no change in the number of issued shares in the capital of the Company since the end of the previous period reported on.

The Company does not have any outstanding share convertibles and treasury shares at the end of the period under review.

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

31 Dec 12	31 Mar 12
235,003,960	235,003,960

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

Not applicable.

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

The figures have not been audited or reviewed by the auditors.

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

Not applicable.

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

The Group has applied accounting policies and methods of computation in the financial statements for the current reporting period consistent with those of the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2012, except as disclosed in paragraph 5 below.

5. 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 effect of, the change

The Group has adopted the revised and amendments to Financial Reporting Standards ("FRSs") and Interpretations of FRSs ("INT FRSs") which became effective 1 January 2012, including Amendment to FRS 12 Deferred Tax: Recovery of Underlying Assets. The adoption of these FRSs and INT FRSs do not have any significant impact on the financial statements of the Group except for the following:

5. 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 effect of, the change (cont'd)

Amendments to FRS 12 Deferred Tax: Recovery of Underlying Assets

The Amendments to FRS 12 apply to the measurement of deferred tax liabilities and assets arising from investment properties measured using the fair value model under FRS 40 Investment Property. For the purposes of measuring deferred tax, the Amendments introduce a rebuttable presumption that the carrying amount of an investment property measured at fair value will be recovered entirely through sale. The presumption can be rebutted if the investment property is depreciable and is held within a business model whose objective is to consume substantially all of the economic benefits over time, rather than through sale.

The Group previously provided for deferred tax liabilities for its investment properties on the basis that the carrying amount of the investment properties will be recovered through use. Upon adoption of the Amendments to FRS 12, there is a presumption that the carrying amount of an investment property measured at fair value will be recovered entirely through sale. Accordingly, there will be no deferred tax liability on investment properties located in certain countries as there is no capital gains tax in those countries.

This change in accounting policy has been applied retrospectively. Accordingly, the comparatives have been restated. However, there is no impact on the comparative consolidated income statement for 9M FY2012, as deferred taxes on investment properties were accounted only in 4Q FY2012. The effects on the comparatives arising from the adoption of the Amendments to FRS 12 are as follows:

Consolidated income statement	Group Full year 2012 (restated) S\$'000						
Decrease in taxation		(43) 43					
Increase in profit for the year Increase in profit attributable to owners of	of the	43					
Company	51 (110	43					
Increase in earnings per share (cents)							
Basic and diluted		0.02					
Statements of financial position	Gro	up	Com	pany			
	31 Mar 12	1 Apr 11	31 Mar 12	1 Apr 11			
	(restated) S\$'000	(restated) S\$'000	(restated) S\$'000	(restated) S\$'000			
	S\$ 000	3\$ 000	S\$ 000	3\$ 000			
Increase in deferred tax assets	-	202	-	202			
Decrease in deferred tax liabilities	(1,524)	(1,280)	(947)	(702)			
Decrease in foreign currency							
translation reserve	(25)	(25)	-	-			
Increase in asset revaluation reserve	500	500	-	-			
Increase in revenue reserve	1,049	1,007	947	904			

- 6. 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
 - Third Quarter ended Nine Months ended 31 Dec 12 31 Dec 11 31 Dec 12 31 Dec 11 (a) Weighted average number of ordinary shares for calculation of basic and diluted earnings per share 235,003,960 235,003,960 235,003,960 234,593,277 6.21 7.69 14.46 15.92
 - (b) Basic and diluted earnings per share (cents)

EPS is calculated by dividing the Group's profits after tax and non-controlling interests with the weighted average number of ordinary shares during the period. The weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the period is the number of ordinary shares outstanding at the beginning of the period, adjusted by the number of ordinary shares issued during the period multiplied by a time-weighting factor. The time-weighting factor is the number of days that the shares are outstanding as a proportion of the total number of days in the period.

There is no dilutive effect for EPS as the Company does not have any outstanding share convertibles as at 31 December 2012.

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

Number of issued shares Net asset value per ordinary share (in S\$)

Group		Company	
31 Dec 12	31 Mar 12 (restated)	31 Dec 12	31 Mar 12 (restated)
235,003,960	235,003,960	235,003,960	235,003,960
1.32	1.25	0.79	0.78

Group

- 8. 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 the following:-
 - (a) 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 (b) of the Group during the current financial period reported on

3Q FY2013 vs 3Q FY2012

Revenue for the quarter ended 31 December 2012 ("3Q FY2013") was \$157.9 million, 7% lower than the corresponding quarter last year. Consumer sentiment continues to remain weak.

Gross margin was comparable at 25.3% (3Q FY2012: 25.5%). Operating expenses, which includes rental and selling expenses, were higher due to new store openings. Profit after tax was 19% lower at \$14.9 million compared to \$18.4 million.

9M FY2013 vs 9M FY2012

For the 9 months ended 31 December 2012 ("9M FY2013"), revenue was \$433.6 million, 4% lower than 9M FY2012.

Gross margin was 23.8% compared to 23.3% in 9M FY2012. Operating expenses were higher due to the Group's increased retail network with the opening of three new boutiques, one each in Singapore, Hong Kong and Australia. Profit after tax was lower at \$35.0 million (9M FY2012: \$38.5 million).

Inventory rose by \$50.6 million due to the expansion of The Hour Glass' retail network, primarily financed by bank borrowings.

As at 31 December 2012, consolidated net assets were \$310.2 million or \$1.32 per share.

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

The Group's performance for the period under review is in line with the statement in the results announcement for the period ended 30 September 2012.

10. 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

Continued global economic uncertainty is expected to affect consumer sentiment and the demand for hard luxury goods. Barring any unforeseen circumstances, the Group is cautiously optimistic of its outlook for the remainder of the financial year.

The Company has been appointed the exclusive licensee in Singapore for Ladureé. Retail sales through two outlets located in Takashimaya Shopping Centre, Ngee Ann City in Singapore will commence from April 2013. This exclusive appointment extends the role of The Hour Glass as the leading purveyor of luxury goods and sets new benchmarks on its cultural retail offerings in this sector.

11. Dividend

(a) Current Financial Period Reported On

Any dividend recommended for the current financial period reported on?

None.

(b) Corresponding Period of the Immediately Preceding Financial Year

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

None.

(c) Date Payable

Not applicable.

(d) Books Closure Date

Not applicable.

12. If no dividend has been declared/recommended, a statement to that effect.

No dividend is declared or recommended in respect of the current financial period reported on.

13. If the Company has obtained a general mandate from shareholders for interested person transactions ("IPT mandate"), 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 does not have an IPT mandate.

14. Statement Pursuant to Rule 705(5) of the Listing Manual

The Directors confirm that, to the best of their knowledge, nothing has come to the attention of the Board of Directors which may render the unaudited interim financial results of the Group and the Company (comprising the statements of financial position, statements of changes in equity, consolidated income statement, consolidated statement of comprehensive income, and consolidated statement of cash flow together with their accompanying notes) for the nine months ended 31 December 2012 to be false or misleading in any material respect.

Signed by Dr Kenny Chan Swee Kheng and Mr Michael Tay Wee Jin on behalf of the Board of Directors.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

Christine Chan Company Secretary 7 February 2013

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On behalf of the Board of Directors

Michael ray Wee Jin Executive Director

Kenny Chan Swee Kheng Group Managing Director

Singapore 7 February 2013