

HG METAL MANUFACTURING LIMITED

(Company Registration No. 198802660D)

Financial Statements and Dividend Announcement for Financial Year Ended 30 September 2008

PART I - INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS OF QUARTERLY (Q1, Q2 & Q3), HALF YEAR AND FULL YEAR RESULTS

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

	I	Group		Group			
	YTD FY08	YTD FY07	%	4Q FY08	4Q FY07	%	
	S\$'000	S\$'000	(+/-)	S\$'000	S\$'000	(+/-)	
Revenue	732,944	438,142	67	199,377	100,697	98	
Cost of sales	(615,789)	(388,219)	59	(171,689)	(89,900)	91	
Gross profit	117,155	49,923	135	27,688	10,797	156	
Other operating income	2,833	2,048	38	2,332	1,502	55	
Distribution expenses	(8,590)	(5,425)	58	(1,875)	(1,205)	56	
Administrative expenses	(12,384)	(12,711)	(3)	2,063	(2,393)	(186)	
Other operating expenses	(60,701)	(2,250)	2598	(65,555)	(660)	9827	
Finance expenses	(10,731)	(9,046)	19	(2,951)	(2,383)	24	
Profit / (loss) before tax	27,582	22,539	22	(38,298)	5,658	(777)	
Income tax expense	(4,844)	(4,226)	15	4,887	(856)	nm*	
Net profit / (loss) for the period	22,738	18,313	24	(33,411)	4,802	(796)	
Attributable to:							
Equity holders of the Company	22,562	18,109	25	(33,268)	4,808	nm*	
Minority interest	176	204		(143)	(6)		
	22,738	18,313		(33,411)	4,802		
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Earnings per share - Basic (cents)	5.31	7.58		(7.83)	2.01		
Earnings per share - Diluted (cents)	4.77	6.46		(7.03)	1.71		

^{*}nm denotes not meaningful

The Group had acquired 56.14% of the issued share capital of BRC Asia Limited ("BRC"), a company listed on Singapore Stock Exchange, on 18 September 2008 through HG Metal Pte Ltd, a 51% owned subsidiary of HG Metal Manufacturing Limited. The effective date of acquisition is deemed to be on 30 September 2008. Accordingly, the financial results of BRC up to 30 September 2008 are considered to be pre-acquisition in nature and has no impact on the Group's profit for the financial year ended 30 September 2008.

1(a)(ii) Notes to the Consolidated Income Statement

FY08 S\$'000	YTD FY07 S\$'000	4Q FY08 S\$'000	4Q FY07 S\$'000
		S\$'000	S\$'000
(271)	(2.52)		
(4/1)	(262)	(60)	(95)
0,731	9,046	2,951	2,383
2,111	1,528	534	419
4,323	1,002	1,825	502
(1,990)	(782)	(371)	(544)
7,006	-	47,006	-
2,730	(489)	12,612	(1,034)
(62)	(74)	(1)	29
77	-	38	-
(67)	-	(67)	-
1,000	-	650	-
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 $1(b)(i) \quad A \ balance \ sheet \ (for \ the \ issuer \ and \ group), \ together \ with \ a \ comparative \ statement \ as \ at \ the \ end \ of \ the \ immediately \ preceding \ financial \ year:$

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SS000 SS00		30.09.2008	30.09.2007	30.09.2008	30.09.2007
Property, plant and equipment 13,527 14 Intangible assets 24,047 175 884 Investment in subsidiaries 9,168 0 Investment in subsidiaries 9,168 0 Investment in JV 8,490 - - Available for sale financial assets 29 - - Deferred tax assets 19 480 - Current assets 19 480 - Derivative financial instruments 67 - 67 Investment held for trading 1,000 - - Inventories 355,715 182,410 260,666 167 Trade and other receivables 169,972 98,547 132,746 99 Cash and cash equivalents 49,983 31,121 29,315 26 Cash and cash equivalents 49,983 31,121 29,315 26 Trade and other payables 200,628 75,368 126,379 77 Finance lease payables 1,504 298 - Bank borrowings 296,281 122,633 190,123 114 Provision for taxation 6,259 3,590 3,998 3 Derivative financial instruments - 2,667 - 3 Sol,672 204,556 320,500 19 Net current liabilities 5 Finance lease payables 680 585 - Bank borrowings 1,662 3,178 650 1 Non current liabilities 5 Finance lease payables 680 585 - Bank borrowings 1,662 3,178 650 1 A,248 4,142 822 1 Capital and reserves 151,031 117,311 125,021 100 Capital and reserves 5 Share capital 78,203 78,197 78,203 78 Capital reserves - (2,187) - (3,277 2,52		S\$000			S\$'000
Intangible assets 24,047 175 854 Investment in subsidiaries - - 9,168 6 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	Non current assets				
Investment in subsidiaries -	Property, plant and equipment	50,629	13,276	13,527	4,657
Investment in JV	Intangible assets	24,047	175	854	163
Available for sale financial assets Deferred tax assets 19	Investment in subsidiaries	_	-	9,168	6,601
Deferred tax assets	Investment in JV	8,490	-	-	-
Say	Available for sale financial assets	29	-	-	-
Current assets Chartent assets Capital and reserves Capital reserves	Deferred tax assets	19	480	-	480
Derivative financial instruments 1,000 - - -		83,214	13,931	23,549	11,901
Investment held for trading	Current assets				
Inventories 355,715 182,410 260,666 166 167 16	Derivative financial instruments	67	-	67	-
Trade and other receivables 169,972 98,547 132,746 93 Cash and cash equivalents 49,983 31,121 29,315 26 Current liabilities 576,737 312,078 422,794 28 Trade and other payables 200,628 75,368 126,379 71 Finance lease payables 1,504 298 - Bank borrowings 296,281 122,633 190,123 114 Provision for taxation 6,259 3,590 3,998 3 Derivative financial instruments - 2,667 - - Net current assets 72,065 107,522 102,294 90 Non current liabilities 680 585 - Finance lease payables 680 585 - Bank borrowings 1,662 3,178 650 1 Provision for retirement benefits 451 - - - Deferred taxation 151,031 117,311 125,021 100 Capital and r	Investment held for trading	1,000	-	-	-
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S76,737 312,078 422,794 288	Trade and other receivables	169,972	98,547	132,746	93,866
Current liabilities 200,628 75,368 126,379 71 Finance lease payables 1,504 298 - Bank borrowings 296,281 122,633 190,123 114 Provision for taxation 6,259 3,590 3,998 3 Derivative financial instruments - 2,667 - 2 Net current assets 72,065 107,522 102,294 90 Non current liabilities 72,065 107,522 102,294 90 Non current liabilities 680 585 - - Finance lease payables 680 585 - - Bank borrowings 1,662 3,178 650 1 Provision for retirement benefits 451 - - Deferred taxation 1,455 379 172 4,248 4,142 822 1 151,031 117,311 125,021 100 Capital and reserves 78,203 78,197 78,203 78	Cash and cash equivalents	49,983	31,121	29,315	26,164
Trade and other payables 200,628 75,368 126,379 71 Finance lease payables 1,504 298 - Bank borrowings 296,281 122,633 190,123 114 Provision for taxation 6,259 3,590 3,998 3 Derivative financial instruments - 2,667 - 2 Net current assets 72,065 107,522 102,294 90 Non current liabilities 680 585 - Bank borrowings 1,662 3,178 650 1 Provision for retirement benefits 451 - - - Deferred taxation 1,455 379 172 - Capital and reserves 151,031 117,311 125,021 100 Capital reserves 2,527 2,527 2,527 2,527 2,527 2,527 2,527 2,527 2,527 2,527 2,527 2,527 2,527 2,527 2,527 2,527 2,527 2,527 2,527 </td <td></td> <td>576,737</td> <td>312,078</td> <td>422,794</td> <td>287,591</td>		576,737	312,078	422,794	287,591
Finance lease payables	Current liabilities				
Bank borrowings 296,281 122,633 190,123 114	Trade and other payables	200,628	75,368	126,379	71,316
Provision for taxation		1,504	298	-	-
Derivative financial instruments		296,281	122,633	190,123	114,221
Solution Solution	Provision for taxation	6,259	3,590	3,998	3,315
Net current assets 72,065 107,522 102,294 96 Non current liabilities 680 585 - - Bank borrowings 1,662 3,178 650 1 Provision for retirement benefits 451 - - Deferred taxation 1,455 379 172 4,248 4,142 822 1 Capital and reserves Share capital 78,203 78,197 78,203 78 Capital reserves 2,527 <td>Derivative financial instruments</td> <td>-</td> <td>· ·</td> <td>_</td> <td>2,667</td>	Derivative financial instruments	-	· ·	_	2,667
Non current liabilities Finance lease payables 680 585 -		504,672	204,556	320,500	191,519
Finance lease payables Bank borrowings Provision for retirement benefits Deferred taxation Capital and reserves Share capital Capital reserves Capital reserves Foreign currency translation reserve (120) 680 585 - 1,662 3,178 650 1 451 - 4,248 4,141 822 1 151,031 117,311 125,021 100 78,203 78,197 78,203 78 78,203 78 78 78 78 78 78 78 78 78 7	Net current assets	72,065	107,522	102,294	96,072
Bank borrowings	Non current liabilities				
Provision for retirement benefits	Finance lease payables	680	585	-	-
1,455 379 172 4,248 4,142 822 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	Bank borrowings	1,662	3,178	650	1,650
4,248	Provision for retirement benefits	451	-	-	-
151,031	Deferred taxation	1,455	379	172	56
Capital and reserves Share capital 78,203 78,197 78,203 78 Capital reserves 2,527 2,527 2,527 2,527 2 Hedging reserves - (2,187) - (2 Foreign currency translation reserve (120) (88) -		4,248	4,142	822	1,706
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Hedging reserves - (2,187) - (2 Foreign currency translation reserve (120) (88) -	Share capital	78,203	78,197	78,203	78,197
Foreign currency translation reserve (120) (88) -	Capital reserves	2,527	2,527	2,527	2,527
	Hedging reserves	-	(2,187)	-	(2,187)
D-t-in-din 55.000 27.250 44.201 25		(120)		-	-
Retained earnings 55,938 37,358 44,291 2. Equity attributable to equity holders of the	Retained earnings	55,938	37,358	44,291	27,730
		126 540	115 907	125 (2)1	106,267
				123,021	100,207
	·			125 (2)1	106,267
151,051 117,511 125,021 100	rotal equity	131,031	117,311	123,021	100,207

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

	As at 30	September	2008	As at 30 September 2007			
			Finance			Finance	
	Secured	Unsecured	lease	Secured	Unsecured	lease	
	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	
Repayable in one year or less	3,728	292,554	1,504	1,711	120,922	298	
Repayable after one year	1,662	-	680	3,178	-	585	
Total	5,390	292,554	2,184	4,889	120,922	883	

Details of collaterals:

Term loan facility outstanding of \$5.4million is secured by way of legal mortgage over leasehold buildings of the Group.

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

corresponding period of the immediately preceding fi	Gro		Group			
	YTD FY08		4Q FY08	4Q FY07		
	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000		
Cash flows from operating activities	ΒΦ 000	5 φ 000	υ φ 000	υ φ 000		
Profit / (Loss) before tax	27,582	22,539	(38,298)	5,658		
Adjustments for non cash items:	21,302	22,337	(30,270)	3,030		
Amortised discount		60	_	60		
Adjustment to minority interest		(70)	_	-		
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	2,111	1,528	534	419		
Amortisation of computer software	2,111 77		38	419		
*		- (74)		- 20		
(Gain) / Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	(62)	(74)	(1)	29		
Intangible assets written off	47.006	61	- 47.00 <i>(</i>	-		
Write down of inventories to net realisable value	47,006	-	47,006	- (40)		
Allowance for doubtful debts, net	2,333	220	1,454	(42)		
Fair value gain on derivatives	(67)	-	(67)	-		
Fair value loss on investment held for trading	1,000	-	650	-		
Interest expense	10,731	9,046	2,951	2,383		
Interest income	(271)	(262)	(60)	(95)		
Foreign currency realignment	347	20	430	(46)		
Operating profit before working capital changes	90,787	33,068	14,637	8,366		
Working capital changes:						
Fixed deposits pledged	(21)	(385)	2	(27)		
Inventories	(147,171)	(80,796)		(27)		
			(108,699)	(39,314)		
Trade and other receivables	(28,450)	(6,635)	31,145	8,946		
Trade and other payables	78,181	31,929	46,094	18,394		
Cash used in operations	(6,674)	(22,819)	(16,821)	(3,635)		
Interest expense paid	(10,731)	(9,046)	(2,951)	(2,383)		
Interest income received	271	262	60	95		
Income tax paid	(3,556)	(2,423)	(517)	(103)		
Net cash used in operating activities	(20,690)	(34,026)	(20,229)	(6,026)		
Cash flows from investing activities						
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment	315	84	68	135		
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(11,421)	(2,070)	(6,548)	(1,511)		
Purchase of intangible assets	(768)	(11)	(0,2 .0)	(11)		
Purchase of quoted equity shares	(2,000)	-	_	-		
Net cash outflow from acquisition of subsidiary (Note 1)	(29,558)	_	(29,558)	_		
Net cash used in investing activities	(43,432)	(1,997)	(36,038)	(1,387)		
The easi used in investing activities	(43,432)	(1,227)	(30,030)	(1,307)		
Cash flows from financing activities						
Net proceeds from bank borrowings	87,460	19,620	64,487	1,132		
Dividend paid to equity shareholders	(3,982)	(7,414)	-	_		
Dividend paid to minority shareholders	(9)	(10)	_	_		
Proceeds from share placement	- ` ´	19,240	_	19,240		
Proceeds from share of profits from share conversion	_	2,426	_	509		
Proceeds from warrant conversion and rights issue	6	14,855	_	4		
Payment of issuance costs	_	(1,172)	_	(1,172)		
Repayment of finance lease payables	(513)	(387)	(135)	(86)		
Net cash generated from financing activities	82,962	47,158	64,352	19,627		
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Net change in cash and cash equivalents	18,840	11,135	8,085	12,214		
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of financial year	30,642	19,507	41,397	18,428		
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year	49,482	30,642	49,482	30,642		
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Note 1:

The summary of effects of acquisition of subsidiary on Group's cash flows is as follows:

	S\$'000
Consideration paid for 56.14% equity interest acquired	39,495
Less:	
Cash and cash equivalents of subsidiary acquired	(9,937)

Group cash and cash equivalents comprise of the following:

	Group			
	As at 30 Sept 2008 As at 30 Sept 2			
	S\$'000	S\$'000		
Cash and bank balances	37,283	20,298		
Fixed deposits	12,700	10,823		
	49,983	31,121		
Fixed deposits pledged with banks ⁽¹⁾	(501)	(479)		
Cash and cash equivalents per consolidated cash flow				
statement	49,482	30,642		

 $^{^{(1)}}$ Fixed deposits are pledged with bank to secure credit facilities granted to a Malaysian subsidiary.

1(d)(i) A statement (for the issuer and group) showing all changes in equity, together with a comparative statement for the corresponding period of the immediately preceding financial year

	Attributable to equity shareholders of the Company							
•	Share	Capital	Hedging	Foreign Currency	Accumulated		Minority	
Group	Capital	Reserves	Reserves	Translation Account	Profits	Total	Interest	Total Equity
	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000
Balance as at 1 October 2007	78,197	2,527	(2,187)	(88)	37,358	115,807	1,504	117,311
Cash flow hedges - fair value gains	-	-	2,187	-	-	2,187	-	2,187
Currency translation adjustments	-	-	-	(32)	-	(32)	(39)	(71)
Net income directly recognised in equity	-	-	2,187	(32)	-	2,155	(39)	2,116
Profit for the year	-	-	-	-	22,562	22,562	176	22,738
Total recognised net income for the financial year	-	-	2,187	(32)	22,562	24,717	137	24,854
Issue of shares	6	-	-	-	-	6	-	6
Incorporation and acqusition of subsidiaries	-	-	-	-	-	-	12,747	12,747
Issuance of new ordinary shares by a subsidiary to								
minority interest	-	-	-	-	-	-	104	104
Dividends	-	-	-	-	(3,982)	(3,982)	(9)	(3,991)
Balance as at 30 September 2008	78,203	2,527	-	(120)	55,938	136,548	14,483	151,031
Balance as at 1 October 2006	35,274	101	(3,896)	(96)	26,663	58,046	1,366	59,412
Cash flow hedges - fair value gains	-	-	2,203	-	-	2,203	-	2,203
Currency translation adjustments	-	-	-	8	-	8	(56)	(48)
Deferred tax asset on hedging reserve	-	-	(494)	-	-	(494)	-	(494)
Net income directly recognised in equity	-	-	1,709	8	-	1,717	(56)	1,661
Profit for the year	-	-	-	-	18,109	18,109	204	18,313
Total recognised net income for the financial year	-	-	1,709	8	18,109	19,826	148	19,974
Issue of shares	42,923	-	-	-	-	42,923	-	42,923
Gain from share conversion	-	2,426	-	-	-	2,426	-	2,426
Dividends	-	-	-	-	(7,414)	(7,414)	(10)	(7,424)
Balance as at 30 September 2007	78,197	2,527	(2,187)	(88)	37,358	115,807	1,504	117,311

Company	Share Capital	Capital Reserves	Hedging Reserves	Accumulated Profits	Total
	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000
Balance as at 1 October 2007	78,197	2,527	(2,187)	27,730	106,267
Cash flow hedges - fair value gains	-	-	2,187	-	2,187
Profit for the year	_	-	-	20,543	20,543
Net income for the financial year	-	-	2,187	20,543	22,730
Issue of shares	6	-	-	-	6
Dividends	-	-	-	(3,982)	(3,982)
Balance as at 30 September 2008	78,203	2,527	-	44,291	125,021
Balance as at 1 October 2006	35,274	101	(3,896)	18,851	50,330
Cash flow hedges - fair value gains	-	-	2,203	-	2,203
Deferred tax asset on hedging reserves	-	-	(494)	_	(494)
Net income directly recognised in equity	-	-	1,709	-	1,709
Profit for the year	-	-	-	16,293	16,293
Issue of shares	42,923	-	-	_	42,923
Gain from share conversion	-	2,426	-	_	2,426
Dividends	-	-	-	(7,414)	(7,414)
Balance as at 30 September 2007	78,197	2,527	(2,187)	27,730	106,267

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 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

Warrants conversion and bonus issue

During the financial year ended 30 September 2008, 13,500 ordinary shares were issued upon the exercise of warrants at the exercise price of \$0.4215.

In February 2008, the Company issued bonus shares of 106,177,458 in the capital of the Company. 14,647,411 additional warrants were issued and the exercise price was adjusted to \$0.3200 as a result of the bonus issue.

Outstanding warrants as at 30 September 2008 is 58,591,452 (2007: 43,957,541).

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 our auditors.

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

Not applicable

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

During the financial year, the Company had adopted the same accounting policies and methods of computation as in the most recently audited financial statements for the financial year ended 30 September 2007 except for the change in its inventory costing from FIFO basis to weighted average basis.

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 the effect of, the change

The Company had changed its inventory costing from FIFO basis to weighted average basis to be consistent with the inventory costing of its subsidiaries. There is no effect on the financials of the Company as the Company did not make any adjustment to current and prior year's balances due to impracticability.

6. Earnings per ordinary share of the group for the current period reported on and the corresponding period of the immediately preceding financial year, after deducting any provision for preference dividends

	Gre	oup	Group		
Earnings per ordinary shares:	12 mths ended 30.09.2008	12 mths ended 30.09.2007	3 mths ended 30.09.2008	3 mths ended 30.09.2007	
(a) Basic (cents)	5.31	7.58	(7.83)	2.01	
(b) Diluted (cents)	4.77	6.46	(7.03)	1.71	

Earnings per share is calculated based on weighted average number of shares during the period. Weighted average number of shares as of 30.09.2008 is 424,711,061 shares, which included the bonus shares of 106,177,458. The weighted average number of shares as of 30.09.2007 is 239,050,834.

7. Net asset value (for the issuer and group) per ordinary share based on issued share capital of the issuer at the end of the (a) current period reported on and (b) immediately preceding financial year

	Gro	oup	Company		
	30.09.2008	30.09.2007	30.09.2008	30.09.2007	
Net asset value per ordinary share (cents)	32.15	36.36	29.44	33.36	

Net asset value per ordinary share as of 30.09.2008 is calculated based on 424,714,561 shares, which included the bonus shares of 106,177,458. The net asset value as of 30.09.2007 is calculated based on 318,523,603 shares.

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

Turnover

Sales turnover for the Group for FY 2008 grew 67% to \$732 million compared to \$438 million on the back of strong demand for steel and increase in steel prices during the financial year. For the Q4 FY08, sales almost doubled to \$199 million compared to the same period last financial quarter. The strong increase in sales in the 4th quarter comes from continued increase in steel prices and the strong demand for steel products from all sectors, including construction and shipbuilding and ship repair.

Gross Profit

The Group's gross profit margin improved significantly from 11.4% in FY07 to 16.0% for FY08 as a result of higher steel prices and strong demand. With the increase in gross margin, gross profit for FY 08 increased by 134.6% to \$117 million from \$50 million in FY07. For Q4 FY08, gross profit increased 156.4% to \$27.7 million compared to the same period in FY07.

Distribution, Finance and Administrative Expenses

In line with the increase in sales turnover, distribution expense for FY08 increased by 58% to \$9 million.

However, administrative expense for FY 08 had remained relatively unchanged as compared to FY 07. The write back of provision for directors' remuneration in Q4 FY08 had resulted in an administrative gain in the last quarter of FY08.

The significant increase in other operating expenses is mainly due to a \$47 million write down of inventory to net realisable value as a result of the sharp correction in global steel prices from Sep 08 to the present. Other factors contributing to the increase include increase in operating expenses which is consistent with the increase in demand during the year and higher provision for doubtful debts.

Profit Before Tax (PBT) / Profit After Tax (PAT)

The Group managed to achieve a record of \$28 million PBT during FY08, an increase of 22.4% compared to the \$23 million in FY07. This was due mainly to the improvement in gross profit margin and higher sales during current financial year.

The Group made a loss of \$38 million in Q4 FY08 compared to PBT of \$6 million for the same period last year. The net loss reported was a result of the write down of inventory to net realisable value and loss in foreign exchange arising from the sharp appreciation of the US dollar against the Singapore dollar during the last quarter.

The Group's PAT for FY08 increased by 24.2% to \$23 million compared to \$18 million for FY07.

Cash Flow / Shareholders' Funds

For FY08, net cash from operating activities, while still negative, had improved significantly from the same period last year due to increase in net profits and trade payables. A net cash outflow of \$43 million on investing activities arose mainly from the acquisition of BRC As at 30 Sept 2008, cash and cash equivalents was higher at \$49 million compared to \$31 million as at 30 Sept 2007. As at 30 Sept 2008, total Group's shareholders' funds (excluding minority interests) had increased to \$137 million.

Balance Sheet

The Group's fixed assets increased by \$37 million due mainly to purchase of freehold land in Nusajaya and acquisition of BRC's assets. Trade and other receivables, trade and other payables and bank borrowings were significantly higher compared to FY 2007 as a result of the acquisition of BRC.

The Group's acquisition of BRC has to be accounted for in accordance with FRS 103, Business Combination. The Group had performed a preliminary purchase price allocation exercise to derive the fair value of the leasehold buildings and inventories acquired. A detailed purchase price allocation will be performed in FY2009 to determine the fair value of BRC's assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities acquired.

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

Not applicable.

10. A commentary at the date of the announcement of the 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

In the last few months, the global economic conditions had deteriorated sharply with the failure of major banks and many countries going into recession. Almost all commodities have seen a sharp correction in prices and steel is no exception. With the decline in global demand for steel, many steel mills like the Mittal Group and Chinese mills have shut down or cut their production capacities.

In Singapore, some buyers are holding back purchases until there is more stability in the market. On the other hand, there are still many ongoing construction and infrastructural projects in Singapore. There is also the possibility that the government may bring forward public and infrastructural projects which it had deferred earlier this year.

In view of the current climate, the Group is adopting a cautious approach towards its inventory management and will be working towards a lower inventory level until market conditions have turn for the better.

The Group has successfully completed the takeover offer for BRC in October. In the coming years, the Group will be working closely with BRC to derive synergies in sourcing and selling. The Group believes that BRC Asia will benefit from the lower steel price environment and the increase in the building of HDB flats.

After discussions with its joint venture partner AISB, the Group has decided to defer the construction of the steel pipe project in Nusayaja until the market conditions are more stable.

On the whole, the directors expect FY 2009 to be a challenging year.

11. Dividend

(a) Current financial period reported on

Any dividend recommended for the current financial period reported on?

Name of dividend : Final Dividend type : Cash

Dividend rate : 0.25 cent per ordinary share Tax rate : Tax-exempted one tier

(b) Corresponding period of the immediately preceding financial year

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

Name of dividend : Final Dividend type : Cash

Dividend rate : 1 cent per ordinary share Tax rate : Tax-exempted one tier

Name of dividend : Special Dividend type : Cash

Dividend rate : 0.25 cent per ordinary share Tax rate : Tax-exempted one tier

(c) Date payable

To be announced on a later date

(d) Books closure date

To be announced on a later date

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

Not applicable

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

Primary business segment Financial year ended 30 Sept 2008 Revenue	Trading S\$'000	Manufacturing S\$'000	Eliminations S\$'000	Group S\$'000
Sales to external parties	677,334	55,610	_	732,944
Inter-segment sales	4,144	2,410	(6,554)	-
Total	681,478	58,020	(6,554)	732,944
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Results				
Segment results	33,704	3,599	739	38,042
Interest expense	(9,788)	(943)	-	(10,731)
Interest income	262	9	-	271
Profit (Loss) before income tax	24,178	2,665	739	27,582
Income tax expense			_	(4,844)
Profit (Loss) after income tax			_	22,738
Minority Interests				(176)
Net profit for the year			_	22,562
			_	
Other information				
Capital expenditure				
- Tangible assets	21,883	1,823	-	23,706
- Intangible assets	768	-	-	768
- Acquistion of subsidiary	-	23,181	-	23,181
Depreciation	958	1,170	(17)	2,111
Amortisation	77	-	-	77
Write down of inventories to net				
realisable value	44,413	2,593	-	47,006
Assets & liabilities				
	510,948	226,837	(77.952)	659,932
Segment assets Unallocated assets	310,948	220,637	(77,853)	<i>'</i>
Total assets			_	19 659,951
Total assets			_	037,731
Segment liabilities	378,330	164,230	(41,354)	501,206
Unallocated liabilties	,	, -	. , ,	7,714
Total liabilities			_	508,920

	Trading	Manufacturing	Eliminations	Group
Financial year ended 30 Sept 2007	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000
Revenue				
Sales to external parties	395,965	42,177	-	438,142
Inter-segment sales	9,051	4,614	(13,665)	-
Total	405,016	46,791	(13,665)	438,142
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Results	20.421	2 201	(200)	21 222
Segment results	28,421	3,201	(299)	31,323
Interest expense	(8,157)	(888)	-	(9,045)
Interest income	242	19	- (200)	261
Profit (Loss) before income tax	20,506	2,332	(299)	22,539
Income tax expense			_	(4,226)
Profit (Loss) after income tax				18,313
Minority Interests				(204)
Net profit for the year			_	18,109
Other information				
Capital expenditure				
- Tangible assets	1,306	1,048	(91)	2,263
- Intangible assets	-	-	(>1)	-,200
- Acquistion of subsidiary	_	_	_	_
Depreciation	716	816	(4)	1,528
Amortisation	-	-	- (.)	-
Write down of inventories to net				
realisable value				
Teansable value	-	-	-	-
Assets & liabilities				
Segment assets	311,675	35,945	(22,091)	325,529
Unallocated assets				480
Total assets			=	326,009
Segment liabilities	198,564	20,059	(13,894)	204,729
Unallocated liabilities	170,304	20,039	(13,094)	3,969
Total liabilities			-	208,698
Total Habilities			_	200,090

	Singapore	Malaysia	Indonesia	Others	Elimination	Group
Secondary geographical segment	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000
Financial year ended 30 Sept 2008						
Sales to external parties	381,772	205,925	122,816	22,431	-	732,944
Inter-segment sales	6,554	-	-	-	(6,554)	-
Total	388,326	205,925	122,816	22,431	(6,554)	732,944
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Segment assets	721,055	16,730	-	-	(77,853)	659,932
Unallocated assets					, , ,	19
Total assets					_	659,951
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Capital expenditure	11,705	12,001	-	_	-	23,706
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Financial year ended 30 Sept 2007						
Sales to external parties	198,460	159,727	65,231	14,724	-	438,142
Inter-segment sales	13,665	_	-	-	(13,665)	_
Total	212,125	159,727	65,231	14,724	(13,665)	438,142
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Segment assets	336,423	10,312	-	885	(22,091)	325,529
Unallocated assets	ŕ	,			, , ,	480
Total assets					_	326,009
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Capital expenditure	2,042	194	-	118	(91)	2,263

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

Please refer to item no. 8.

15. A breakdown of sales

	Group		
	FY 2008	FY 2007	%
	S\$'000	S\$'000	(+/-)
<u>First Half</u> Sales reported for first half year	299,599	214,041	40
Operating profit after tax before deducting minority interest reported for first half year	27,422	7,790	252
Second Half Sales reported for second half year	433,345	224,101	93
Operating profit after tax before deducting minority interest reported for second half year	(4,684)	10,523	(145)

$16.\ A$ breakdown of the total annual dividend (in dollar value) for the issuer's latest full year and its previous full year.

		Group	
	FY 20	008 FY 2007	
	S\$'0	000 S\$'000	
Ordinary	-	3,982	
Preference		-	
Total	-	3,982	

17. Interested persons transactions

The aggregate value of transactions conducted pursuant to the IPT Mandate obtained during the Annual General Meeting held on 29 January 2008 are as follows:

Name of interested persons	FY2008 S\$'000	FY2007 S\$'000
Super Marine Supplies Pte Ltd	639	2,513
Lingco Shipbuilding Pte Ltd	70	1,665

By Order of the Board

Wee Piew Chief Executive Officer 25 November 2008