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# MEDIA CHINESE INTERNATIONAL LIMITED

世界華文媒體有限公司 (Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability) (Malaysia Company No. 995098-A)

> (Hong Kong Stock Code: 685) (Malaysia Stock Code: 5090)

## ANNOUNCEMENT

## FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE FIRST QUARTER ENDED 30 JUNE 2014

Pursuant to Paragraph 9.22 of the Main Market Listing Requirements of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad ("Bursa Securities"), Media Chinese International Limited (the "Company"), a public company listed on the main market of Bursa Securities, announced the unaudited condensed consolidated results of the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively the "Group") and the Group's interests in joint ventures and associates for the quarter ended 30 June 2014 to Bursa Securities on 28 August 2014.

This announcement is also made pursuant to Rule 13.09(2)(a) of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited ("HK Listing Rules") and the Inside Information Provisions (as defined under the HK Listing Rules) under Part XIVA of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571, Laws of Hong Kong).

## 28 August 2014

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises Tan Sri Datuk Sir TIONG Hiew King, Dato' Sri Dr TIONG Ik King, Mr TIONG Kiew Chiong, Mr NG Chek Yong and Mr LEONG Chew Meng, being executive directors; Ms TIONG Choon, being non-executive director; and Mr David YU Hon To, Tan Sri Dato' LAU Yin Pin and Temenggong Datuk Kenneth Kanyan ANAK TEMENGGONG KOH, being independent non-executive directors.

#### CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT

	Three mon	idited) nths ended June		ths ended une	
	2014 US\$′000	2013 US\$'000	2014 RM'000 (Note)	2013 RM'000 (Note)	
Turnover	115,465	126,302	370,758	405,556	
Cost of goods sold	(74,048)	(78,109)	(237,768)	(250,808)	
Gross profit	41,417	48,193	132,990	154,748	
Other income	2,708	2,799	8,695	8,988	
Other gains, net	137	168	440	539	
Selling and distribution expenses	(17,574)	(18,385)	(56,430)	(59,034)	
Administrative expenses	(10,734)	(9,898)	(34,467)	(31,782)	
Other operating expenses	(1,686)	(1,704)	(5,414)	(5,472)	
Operating profit	14,268	21,173	45,814	67,987	
Finance costs	(1,712)	(2,182)	(5,497)	(7,007)	
Share of losses of joint ventures and associates	(61)	(114)	(196)	(366)	
Profit before income tax	12,495	18,877	40,121	60,614	
Income tax expense	(4,052)	(5,315)	(13,011)	(17,066)	
Profit for the quarter	8,443	13,562	27,110	43,548	
Profit attributable to:					
Owners of the Company	8,289	13,326	26,616	42,790	
Non-controlling interests	154	236	494	758	
	8,443	13,562	27,110	43,548	
Earnings per share attributable to owners of the Company					
Basic (US cents/sen) #	0.49	0.79	1.57	2.54	
Diluted (US cents/sen) #	0.49	0.79	1.57	2.54	

# Refer to B11 for calculations of basic and diluted earnings per share

	Three mo	udited) onths ended June	(Unaudited) Three months ended 30 June			
	2014 US\$'000	2013 US\$'000	2014 RM'000 (Note)	2013 RM'000 (Note)		
Profit for the quarter	8,443	13,562	27,110	43,548		
Other comprehensive income / (losses)						
Item that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:						
Currency translation differences	3,016	(3,672)	9,685	(11,791)		
Other comprehensive income / (losses) for the quarter, net of tax	3,016	(3,672)	9,685	(11,791)		
Total comprehensive income for the quarter	11,459	9,890	36,795	31,757		
Total comprehensive income for the quarter attributable to:						
Owners of the Company	11,283	9,647	36,230	30,977		
Non-controlling interests	176	243	565	780		
	11,459	9,890	36,795	31,757		

#### CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

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#### CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

#### CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	As at 30 June 2014 US\$′000 (Unaudited)	As at 31 March 2014 US\$'000 (Audited)	As at 30 June 2014 RM'000 (Unaudited) (Note)	As at 31 March 2014 RM'000 (Unaudited) (Note)
ASSETS			(11010)	(11010)
Non-current assets				
Property, plant and equipment	144,850	144,308	465,113	463,373
Investment properties	17,379	17,144	55,804	55,049
Intangible assets	74,001	72,920	237,617	234,146
Deferred income tax assets	1,371	1,455	4,402	4,672
Interests in joint ventures and	0.005	2.05/	0.000	0.400
associates	2,897	2,956	9,302 772,238	9,492
Current accets	240,498	238,783	112,238	766,732
Current assets Inventories	53,208	52,386	170,851	168,212
Available-for-sale financial assets	55,208 97	52,580 97	311	311
Financial assets at fair value	)1	)1	511	511
through profit or loss	261	237	838	761
Trade and other receivables	71,863	67,779	230,752	217,638
Income tax recoverable	579	684	1,859	2,196
Cash and cash equivalents	124,842	102,852	400,868	330,258
-	250,850	224,035	805,479	719,376
Current liabilities				
Trade and other payables	86,564	68,746	277,957	220,743
Dividend payable	11,473	-	36,840	-
Income tax liabilities	4,347	5,384	13,958	17,288
Bank and other borrowings	10,153	12,726	32,601	40,863
Current portion of other				
non-current liabilities	63	62	202	199
	112,600	86,918	361,558	279,093
Net current assets	138,250	137,117	443,921	440,283
Total assets less current liabilities	378,748	375,900	1,216,159	1,207,015
EQUITY Equity attributable to owners of the Company				
Share capital	21,715	21,715	69,727	69,727
Share premium	54,664	54,664	175,526	175,526
Other reserves Retained earnings	(76,952)	(79,946)	(247,093)	(256,707)
- Proposed dividend	_	11,473	_	36,840
- Others	218,195	209,906	700,624	674,008
e ultit	217,622	217,812	698,784	699,394
Non-controlling interests	7,413	7,237	23,803	23,238
Total equity	225,035	225,049	722,587	722,632
Non-current liabilities				
Bank and other borrowings	140,143	137,804	450,000	442,489
Deferred income tax liabilities	12,765	12,306	40,988	39,515
Other non-current liabilities	805	741	2,584	2,379
	153,713	150,851	493,572	484,383
	378,748	375,900	1,216,159	1,207,015
Net assets per share attributable to owners of the Company				
(US cents/sen)	12.90	12.91	41.42	41.45

## CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

	(Unaudited)						
	Α	ttributable t	o owners of	the Compar	ıy	Non-	
	Share	Share	Other	Retained		controlling	Total
	capital	premium	reserves	earnings	Total	interests	equity
	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000
At 1 April 2013 (Restated)	21,715	54,664	(71,643)	202,270	207,006	6,939	213,945
Comprehensive income							
Profit for the period	-	-	-	13,326	13,326	236	13,562
Other comprehensive (losses)/ income							
Item that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:							
Currency translation differences	-	-	(3,679)	-	(3,679)	7	(3,672)
Other comprehensive (losses)/income, net of tax	-	-	(3,679)	-	(3,679)	7	(3,672)
Total comprehensive (losses)/income for the period ended 30 June 2013	-	-	(3,679)	13,326	9,647	243	9,890
Total contributions by and distributions to owners of the Company recognised directly in equity							
2012/2013 second interim dividend paid	-	-	-	(17,125)	(17,125)	-	(17,125)
Total transactions with owners	-	-	-	(17,125)	(17,125)	-	(17,125)
At 30 June 2013	21,715	54,664	(75,322)	198,471	199,528	7,182	206,710
At 1 April 2014	21,715	54,664	(79,946)	221,379	217,812	7,237	225,049
Comprehensive income							
Profit for the period	-	-	-	8,289	8,289	154	8,443
Other comprehensive income							
Item that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:							
Currency translation differences	-	-	2,994	-	2,994	22	3,016
Other comprehensive income, net of tax	-	-	2,994	-	2,994	22	3,016
Total comprehensive income for the period ended 30 June 2014	-	_	2,994	8,289	11,283	176	11,459
Total contributions by and distributions to owners of the Company recognised directly in equity							
2013/2014 second interim dividend proposed	-	_	_	(11,473)	(11,473)	-	(11,473)
Total transactions with owners	-	-	-	(11,473)	(11,473)	-	(11,473)
At 30 June 2014	21,715	54,664	(76,952)	218,195	217,622	7,413	225,035

## CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY (Continued)

	(Unaudited)						
	Α	ttributable t	o owners of	the Compar	ıy	Non-	
	Share capital RM'000	Share premium RM′000	Other reserves RM'000	Retained earnings RM'000	Total RM'000	controlling interests RM'000	Total equity RM'000
	(Note)	(Note)	(Note)	(Note)	(Note)	(Note)	(Note)
At 1 April 2013	69,727	175,526	(230,046)	649,489	664,696	22,281	686,977
Comprehensive income							
Profit for the period	-	-	-	42,790	42,790	758	43,548
Other comprehensive (losses)/ income							
Item that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:							
Currency translation differences	-	-	(11,813)	-	(11,813)	22	(11,791)
Other comprehensive (losses)/income, net of tax	-	-	(11,813)	-	(11,813)	22	(11,791)
Total comprehensive (losses)/income for the period ended 30 June 2013			(11,813)	42,790	30,977	780	31,757
Total contributions by and distributions to owners of the Company recognised directly in equity							
2012/2013 second interim dividend paid	-	-	-	(54,988)	(54,988)	-	(54,988)
Total transactions with owners		-	-	(54,988)	(54,988)	-	(54,988)
At 30 June 2013	69,727	175,526	(241,859)	637,291	640,685	23,061	663,746
At 1 April 2014	69,727	175,526	(256,707)	710,848	699,394	23,238	722,632
Comprehensive income							
Profit for the period	-	-	-	26,616	26,616	494	27,110
Other comprehensive income Item that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:							
Currency translation differences	-	-	9.614	-	9.614	71	9,685
Other comprehensive income, net of tax	-	-	9,614	-	9,614	71	9,685
Total comprehensive income for the period			,		,		<u> </u>
ended 30 June 2014		-	9,614	26,616	36,230	565	36,795
Total contributions by and distributions to owners of the Company recognised directly in equity							
2013/2014 second interim dividend proposed		-	_	(36,840)	(36,840)	-	(36,840)
Total transactions with owners		-	-	(36,840)	(36,840)	-	(36,840)
At 30 June 2014	69,727	175,526	(247,093)	700,624	698,784	23,803	722,587

## CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

	(Unaudited) Period ended 30 June		(Unaudi Period e 30 Jui	nded
	2014	2013	2014	2013
	US\$'000	<b>US\$'000</b>	RM'000	RM'000
			(Note)	(Note)
Cash flows from operating activities		00 1 50		100.010
Cash generated from operations	28,895	32,152	92,782	103,240
Interest paid	(81)	(1,759)	(260)	(5,648)
Income tax paid	(4,712)	(5,342)	(15,130)	(17,153)
Net cash generated from operating activities	24,102	25,051	77,392	80,439
Cash flows from investing activities				
Purchases of property, plant and				
equipment	(1,021)	(1,948)	(3,278)	(6,255)
Purchases of intangible assets	(157)	(69)	(504)	(222)
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant	10			10
and equipment	19	3	61	10
Interest received	445	429	1,429	1,378
Dividends received	6	11	19	35
Net cash used in investing activities	(708)	(1,574)	(2,273)	(5,054)
Cash flows from financing activities				
Proceeds from bank and other borrowings	4,300	619	13,807	1,988
Repayments of bank and other borrowings	(6,990)	(6,178)	(22,445)	(19,838)
Net cash used in financing activities	(2,690)	(5,559)	(8,638)	(17,850)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	20,704	17,918	66,481	57,535
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	102,852	101,829	330,258	326,973
Exchange adjustments on cash and cash equivalents	1,286	(1,759)	4,129	(5,649)
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	124,842	117,988	400,868	378,859

## A. NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL INFORMATION

#### A1. <u>Basis of preparation and changes in accounting policies</u>

#### a) Basis of preparation

This financial information for the quarter ended 30 June 2014 has been prepared in accordance with International Accounting Standard ("IAS") 34 "Interim Financial Reporting" issued by the International Accounting Standard Board ("IASB"), Rule 13.09(2)(a) of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited ("HK Listing Rules") and paragraph 9.22 of the Main Market Listing Requirements of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad ("Bursa Securities").

This financial information should be read in conjunction with the annual financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2014, which were prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRSs").

This financial information has not been audited.

#### b) Accounting policies

The accounting policies applied are consistent with those of the annual financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2014 as described therein.

Taxes on income in the interim periods are accrued using the tax rates that would be applicable to expected total annual earnings.

### c) Functional currency and translation to presentation currency

Items included in the financial statements of each of the Group's entities are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the entity operates, i.e. the functional currency. The functional currency of the Company is RM. However, each entity within the Group can present its financial statements in any currency, which can be the same or different from the entity's functional currency. As the Group operates internationally, management considers that it is more appropriate to use US\$, a globally recognised currency, as the presentation currency for the Group's consolidated financial statements. For the entity whose functional currency is not the presentation currency, i.e. US\$, its results and financial position have been translated into US\$.

#### A2. <u>Auditor's report on preceding annual financial statements</u>

The auditor's report of the Group's annual financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2014 was not subject to any qualification.

#### A3. <u>Seasonal or cyclical factors</u>

The business operations of the Group may be affected by major festive seasons or major events that may increase or decrease the advertising expenditure and the travel business revenue.

## A. NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL INFORMATION (Continued)

## A4. Unusual item

There were no unusual items affecting the Group's assets, liabilities, equity, net income or cash flows during the quarter under review.

## A5. <u>Changes in estimates</u>

There were no material changes in estimates of amounts reported in prior financial years that have a material effect on the results of the current quarter under review.

## A6. <u>Changes in debt and equity securities</u>

There were no issuance, cancellation, repurchase, resale and repayment of debt and equity securities during the current quarter under review.

## A7. Dividends paid

There was no dividend paid during the current quarter.

## A8. <u>Turnover and segment information</u>

The Group has determined the operating segments based on the reports that are reviewed and used by the Group Executive Committee for making strategic decisions.

The Group is organised operationally on a worldwide basis in four major operating segments:

Publishing and printing: Malaysia and other Southeast Asian countries Publishing and printing: Hong Kong and Mainland China Publishing and printing: North America Travel and travel related services

Publishing and printing segments are engaged in the publication, printing and distribution of newspapers, magazines, digital contents and books primarily in Chinese language. The segments derive revenue mainly from advertising and sales of newspapers and magazines. Travel and travel related services segment derives revenue from the sale of travel packages and provision of tour services.

The Group Executive Committee assesses the performance of the operating segments based on a measure of segment profit before income tax as per the internal financial report. Other information provided is measured in a manner consistent with that in the internal financial report.

## A. NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL INFORMATION (Continued)

## A8. <u>Turnover and segment information (Continued)</u>

The Group's turnover and results for the quarter ended 30 June 2014, analysed by operating segment, are as follows: (Unaudited)

		Three m	(Unaud	ited) ed 30 June 2	0014	
		Publishing and		eu 50 june 2	-014	
	Malaysia and other Southeast Asian countries US\$'000	Hong Kong and Mainland China US\$'000	North	Sub-total US\$'000	Travel and travel related services US\$'000	Total US\$'000
Turnover	66,698	16,979	5,997	89,674	25,791	115,465
Segment profit before income tax	12,030	929	60	13,019	1,269	14,288
Unallocated interest expense Other net unallocated expenses Share of losses of joint ventures and associates						(1,631) (101) (61)
Profit before income tax Income tax expense						12,495 (4,052)
Profit for the quarter						8,443
<b>Other information:</b> Interest income Interest expense Depreciation of property,	379 (62)	63 (19)	-	442 (81)	3	445 (81)
plant and equipment	(2,150)	(367)	(103)	(2,620)	(30)	(2,650)
Amortisation of intangible assets Income tax expense	(221) (3,282)	(37) (343)	(19) (55)	(277) (3,680)	(5) (372)	(282) (4,052)

## A. NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL INFORMATION (Continued)

## A8. <u>Turnover and segment information (Continued)</u>

		Three m Publishing and		ted) ed 30 June 20	013	
	Malaysia and other Southeast Asian countries US\$'000	Hong Kong and Mainland China US\$'000	North America US\$'000	Sub-total US\$'000	Travel and travel related services US\$'000	Total US\$′000
Turnover	76,127	17,507	6,856	100,490	25,812	126,302
Segment profit before income tax	18,054	976	379	19,409	1,907	21,316
Unallocated interest expense Other net unallocated expenses Share of losses of joint ventures and associates						(2,113) (212) (114)
Profit before income tax Income tax expense						18,877 (5,315)
Profit for the quarter						13,562
<b>Other information:</b> Interest income Interest expense Depreciation of property,	386 (69)	42	-	428 (69)	1	429 (69)
plant and equipment Amortisation of intangible	(2,162)	(342)	(96)	(2,600)	(11)	(2,611)
assets Income tax expense	(228) (4,642)	(33) (260)	(22) (198)	(283) (5,100)	(5) (215)	(288) (5,315)

## A. NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL INFORMATION (Continued)

## A8. Turnover and segment information (Continued)

The segment assets as at 30 June 2014 are as follows:

				(Unaudited	1)					
	P	Publishing and printing								
		5								
	countries	China	America	Sub-total		Elimination	Total			
	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000			
Segment assets	372,348	74,382	16,803	463,533	25,684	(331)	488,886			
Unallocated assets							2,462			
Total assets							491,348			
<b>Total assets include:</b> Interests in joint ventures and										
associates Additions to non-current assets (other than deferred	-	2,897	-	2,897	-	-	2,897			
income tax assets)	822	308	22	1,152	26	-	1,178			

The segment assets as at 31 March 2014 are as follows:

				(Audited)			
	Р	ublishing ar	nd printing				
		Hong Kong and Mainland	North		Travel and travel related		
	countries US\$'000	China US\$'000	America US\$'000	Sub-total US\$'000		Elimination US\$'000	Total US\$'000
Segment assets	356,121	72,071	16,813	445,005	15,387	(221)	460,171
Unallocated assets							2,647
Total assets							462,818
<b>Total assets include:</b> Interests in joint ventures and associates Additions to non-current assets (other than deferred	-	2,956	-	2,956	-	-	2,956
income tax assets)	9,840	711	289	10,840	329		11,169

The elimination between segments represents intercompany receivables and payables between segments.

Segment assets consist primarily of property, plant and equipment, investment properties, intangible assets, interests in joint ventures and associates, inventories, trade and other receivables, and cash and cash equivalents. They exclude deferred income tax assets, available-for-sale financial assets, financial assets at fair value through profit or loss – listed equity securities, income tax recoverable and assets held by the Company.

## A. NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL INFORMATION (Continued)

## A9. Valuation of property, plant and equipment

There was no revaluation of the Group's property, plant and equipment during the quarter ended 30 June 2014.

## A10. Subsequent material events

There were no subsequent material events of the Group.

## A11. Changes in the composition of the Group

There was no material change in the composition of the Group during the quarter under review.

## A12. Capital commitments

Capital commitments outstanding as at 30 June 2014 are as follows:

	(Unaudited) US\$'000
Property, plant and equipment : Authorised and contracted for	2.373
Authorised but not contracted for	6,151
	8,524

## A13. <u>Related party transactions</u>

	(Unaudited) Three months ended 30 June	
	2014	2013
	US\$'000	US\$'000
Newsprint purchases from a related company (note 1)	9,778	12,860
Rental expenses paid to related companies (note 1)	19	5
Purchases of air tickets from a related company (note 1)	7	6
Royalty fee for sales of books and DVDs to a related company		
(note 1)	3	-
Scrap sales of old newspapers and magazines to a related		
company (note 1)	(694)	(759)
Agency fee income received from an associate	(66)	(41)
Content providing and video production income received		
from a joint venture	(30)	-
Rental income received from a related company (note 1)	(9)	(18)
Provision of air tickets and accommodation arrangement		
services to related companies (note 1)	(4)	(73)
Provision of accounting service to a related company		
(note 1)	(1)	-
Advertising income received on behalf of an associate	-	(134)

Notes:

- 1) Certain shareholders and directors of the Company are shareholders and/or directors of these related companies.
- 2) All the transactions above have been entered into in the normal course of business and have been charged at predetermined rates agreed mutually by the parties involved.

## B. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUIRED BY BURSA SECURITIES' MAIN MARKET LISTING REQUIREMENTS

## B1. <u>Analysis of performance</u>

	(Unaudited) Three months ended 30 June	
	2014 US\$'000	2013 US\$'000
Turnover	115,465	126,302
Profit before income tax	12,495	18,877
EBITDA	16,694	23,529

For the quarter ended 30 June 2014, the Group's turnover amounted to US\$115,465,000, 8.6% or US\$10,837,000 less than the US\$126,302,000 in the same quarter last year. The decline in revenue was primarily due to lower contribution from the publishing and printing segment.

Profit before income tax fell 33.8% or US\$6,382,000 to US\$12,495,000 from US\$18,877,000 in the first quarter of last year. The decline largely reflected lower revenues, partially offset by the decreases in operating expenses and finance costs.

EBITDA for the quarter was US\$16,694,000, reflecting a 29.0% or US\$6,835,000 decrease when compared with US\$23,529,000 in the year-ago quarter.

The publishing and printing segment reported a profit before income tax of US\$13,019,000, down 32.9% or US\$6,390,000 against the same quarter last year, primarily due to a 10.8% decrease in revenue.

The Malaysian segment's profit before income tax fell 33.4% to US\$12,030,000 while its revenue declined 12.4% to US\$66,698,000 from US\$76,127,000 a year earlier. During the quarter, the segment's advertising sales were affected by the soft sentiment that has weighed down the local advertising market since the government's announcement of the implementation of the Goods and Services Tax and the subsidy rationalisation programme in the second half of last year. The MH 370 incident further negatively impacted the advertising market in April and May as many events and promotions were held back or cancelled by the advertisers. Adding to this, higher advertising revenue was reported in the corresponding quarter last year driven mainly by one-off political advertisements.

Although Hong Kong's property market has started to show some signs of increasing activity, the growth was offset by weak retail sales, especially for luxury and branded labels. Turnover from the Hong Kong and Mainland China segment decreased marginally by 3.0% to US\$16,979,000 while the segment profit before income tax fell 4.8% to US\$929,000.

The publishing and printing segment in North America was adversely impacted by the slow economy and severe weather conditions in the region during the quarter and reported a 12.5% drop in revenue. Consequently, profit before income tax reduced to US\$60,000 from US\$379,000 in the prior-year quarter.

Tour revenue for the current quarter amounted to US\$25,791,000, which was at about the same level as in the corresponding quarter of last year. The tour operation in Hong Kong reported a decline in revenue amid tough competition in the local market, but this was all offset by improved performance from the tour operations in North America. However, due to the increase in operating costs, the tour segment's profit before income tax fell by 33.5% to US\$1,269,000.

The weakening of both Malaysian Ringgit and Canadian dollar against US dollar during the quarter brought negative currency impact on the Group's revenue and profit before income tax of approximately US\$4,065,000 and US\$656,000 respectively.

## B. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUIRED BY BURSA SECURITIES' MAIN MARKET LISTING REQUIREMENTS (Continued)

	(Unaudited) Three months ended 30 June 2014 US\$'000	(Unaudited) Three months ended 31 March 2014 US\$'000	% change
Turnover	115,465	99,609	+15.9%
Profit before income tax	12,495	12,993	-3.8%

## B2. Variation of results against immediate preceding quarter

The Group's turnover grew 15.9% or US\$15,856,000 to US\$115,465,000 from US\$99,609,000 in the immediate preceding quarter. The higher turnover was mainly attributed to increased revenue from the tour segment as Easter Holidays fell in April this year. In addition, the fourth quarter is traditionally a quiet season for the publishing and printing segment. Profit before income tax, however, decreased by 3.8% or US\$498,000 to US\$12,495,000 mainly due to higher labour costs in the current quarter.

## **B3.** <u>Current year prospects</u>

We expect the remaining quarters to be challenging as the advertising environment in the Group's key markets remain soft in the light of economic uncertainties and decline in consumer confidence.

Nevertheless, the recent fall in newsprint price will provide some buffer to the weak market conditions.

Given the difficult trading environment, we will remain focused on driving revenue growth through aggressive sales initiatives and product enhancement; while at the same time continue reinforcing operational efficiencies in all business units.

## B4. <u>Profit forecast and profit guarantee</u>

The Group has not provided any profit forecast or profit guarantee in any public document.

#### **B5.** <u>Profit before income tax</u>

Profit before income tax has been arrived at after crediting / (charging):

	(Unaudited) Three months ended 30 June	
	2014	2013
	US\$'000	US\$'000
Allowance for impairment and written-off of trade and other		
receivables	(63)	(162)
Allowance for and written-off of inventories	(36)	(37)
Exchange gains – net	113	84

Save as disclosed above and in A8, the other items as required under Part A(16) of Appendix 9B of the Bursa Securities' Listing Requirements are not applicable.

### B. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUIRED BY BURSA SECURITIES' MAIN MARKET LISTING REQUIREMENTS (Continued)

#### B6. <u>Income tax expense</u>

Income tax expense comprises the following:

	(Unaudited) Three months ended 30 June	
	2014 US\$′000	2013 US\$'000
Current period income tax expense Under provision of income tax expense in prior years Deferred income tax expense	3,613 53 386	5,132 4 179
	4,052	5,315

The effective tax rate of the Group for the current quarter under review was higher than the Malaysian statutory tax rate of 25% mainly due to the non-deductibility of certain expenses for income tax purposes.

## B7. Status of corporate proposals

There was no corporate proposal announced but not completed at the latest practicable date, which is not earlier than seven days from the date of issue of this unaudited financial information.

## B8. Group borrowings

The Group's borrowings as at 30 June 2014 are as follows:

	(Unaudited)		
	Secured US\$′000	Unsecured US\$'000	Total US\$′000
Current			
Short-term bank borrowings	1,461	8,692	10,153
Non-current			
Medium term notes	-	140,143	140,143
	1,461	148,835	150,296

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The Group's borrowings were denominated in the following currencies:

	(Unaudited) US\$′000
Malaysian Ringgit	144,964
United States Dollars	1,461
Hong Kong Dollars	3,871
	150,296

The net gearing ratio of the Group, calculated as net debt over owners' equity, was 11.7% as at 30 June 2014 (31 March 2014: 21.9%).

## B. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUIRED BY BURSA SECURITIES' MAIN MARKET LISTING REQUIREMENTS (Continued)

## B9. <u>Material litigation</u>

As at 30 June 2014, there were several libel suits which involved claims against some companies in the Group. The Group has been strongly contesting those claims. Even though the final outcome of the proceedings is still uncertain as of the date this unaudited financial information is authorised for issue, the directors of the Company are of the opinion that the respective ultimate liability, if any, will not have a material adverse impact upon the Group's financial position.

## B10. <u>Dividend payable</u>

The tax-exempt second interim dividend of US0.680 cents per ordinary share totaling US\$11,473,000 in respect of the year ended 31 March 2014 was paid on 1 August 2014.

The board of directors does not recommend any distribution of dividend for the current quarter under review.

## B11. Earnings per share attributable to owners of the Company

	(Unaudited) Three months ended 30 June	
	2014	2013
Profit attributable to owners of the Company (US\$'000)	8,289	13,326
Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue	1,687,239,241	1,687,240,241
Basic earnings per share (US cents)	0.49	0.79
Diluted earnings per share (US cents)	0.49	0.79

The diluted earnings per share is the same as the basic earnings per share as there were no dilutive potential shares in issue during the quarter ended 30 June 2014.

## B. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUIRED BY BURSA SECURITIES' MAIN MARKET LISTING REQUIREMENTS (Continued)

### B12. Disclosure of realised and unrealised retained profits

The following analysis of realised and unrealised retained profits is prepared in accordance with the Guidance on Special Matter No.1 "Determination of Realised and Unrealised Profits or Losses in the Context of Disclosure Pursuant to Bursa Securities Listing Requirements", as issued by the Malaysian Institute of Accountants and based on the prescribed format by Bursa Securities.

	(Unaudited) As at 30 June 2014 US\$'000	(Unaudited) As at 31 March 2014 US\$'000
Total retained profits of the Company and its subsidiaries:	03\$ 000	03\$ 000
- Realised - Unrealised	245,705 (11,008)	248,231 (10,300)
-	234,697	237,931
Total share of accumulated losses from joint ventures and associates:		
- Realised	(1,332)	(1,271)
- Unrealised	33	33
	(1,299)	(1,238)
Less : consolidation adjustments	(15,203)	(15,314)
Group's retained profits as per condensed consolidated statement of financial position	218,195	221,379

The disclosure of realised and unrealised retained profits above is solely for complying with the disclosure requirements stipulated in the directive of Bursa Securities and should not be applied for any other purposes.

On behalf of the Board Media Chinese International Limited

Law Yuk Kuen Tong Siew Kheng Joint Company Secretaries 28 August 2014