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## CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS

For the six months ended 30 September 2021

	Note	(Unaudited)	
		Six months ended 30 September	
		2021	2020
		US\$'000	US\$'000
Turnover	7	58,768	54,591
Cost of goods sold		(37,467)	(39,712)
<b>Gross profit</b>		<b>21,301</b>	14,879
Other income	8	5,867	9,894
Other gains, net	9	92	41
Selling and distribution expenses		(14,382)	(14,994)
Administrative expenses		(10,802)	(12,319)
Provision for loss allowance of trade receivables		(52)	(108)
Other operating expenses		(1,957)	(2,459)
<b>Operating profit/(loss)</b>	10	<b>67</b>	(5,066)
Finance costs	11	(216)	(289)
Share of results of an associate and a joint venture		(4)	–
<b>Loss before income tax</b>		<b>(153)</b>	(5,355)
Income tax (expense)/credit	12	(507)	117
<b>Loss for the period</b>		<b>(660)</b>	(5,238)
<b>Loss attributable to:</b>			
Owners of the Company		(511)	(4,899)
Non-controlling interests		(149)	(339)
		<b>(660)</b>	(5,238)
<b>Loss per share attributable to owners of the Company</b>			
Basic (US cents)	13	(0.03)	(0.29)
Diluted (US cents)	13	(0.03)	(0.29)

The above condensed consolidated statement of profit or loss should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

## CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the six months ended 30 September 2021

	(Unaudited)	
	Six months ended 30 September	
	2021	2020
	US\$'000	US\$'000
<b>Loss for the period</b>	<b>(660)</b>	(5,238)
<b>Other comprehensive (loss)/income</b>		
<b>Item that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:</b>		
Currency translation differences	<b>(1,419)</b>	5,251
<b>Item that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:</b>		
Fair value change on financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income	<b>(76)</b>	1,172
<b>Other comprehensive (loss)/income for the period, net of tax</b>	<b>(1,495)</b>	6,423
<b>Total comprehensive (loss)/income for the period</b>	<b>(2,155)</b>	1,185
<b>Total comprehensive (loss)/income for the period attributable to:</b>		
Owners of the Company	<b>(1,983)</b>	1,201
Non-controlling interests	<b>(172)</b>	(16)
	<b>(2,155)</b>	1,185

The above condensed consolidated statement of comprehensive income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

## CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 30 September 2021

		(Unaudited) As at 30 September 2021 US\$'000	(Audited) As at 31 March 2021 US\$'000
	<i>Note</i>		
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>Non-current assets</b>			
Property, plant and equipment	15	61,735	65,218
Investment properties		24,508	24,711
Intangible assets		8,161	8,560
Deferred income tax assets		91	94
Investments accounted for using the equity method		26	31
Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income		863	942
		<b>95,384</b>	99,556
<b>Current assets</b>			
Inventories		15,180	16,996
Trade and other receivables	16	20,773	20,422
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		1,301	1,310
Income tax recoverable		711	914
Short-term bank deposits		28,849	25,252
Cash and cash equivalents		64,467	69,181
		<b>131,281</b>	134,075
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Trade and other payables	17	22,024	20,217
Contract liabilities		7,668	7,160
Income tax liabilities		400	404
Bank and other borrowings	18	27,614	32,104
Lease liabilities		365	870
Current portion of other non-current liabilities	19	46	46
		<b>58,117</b>	60,801
<b>Net current assets</b>		<b>73,164</b>	73,274
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<b>168,548</b>	172,830

## CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 30 September 2021

		<b>(Unaudited)</b>	(Audited)
		<b>As at</b>	As at
		<b>30 September</b>	31 March
		<b>2021</b>	2021
	<i>Note</i>	<b>US\$'000</b>	<b>US\$'000</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>			
<b>Equity attributable to owners of the Company</b>			
Share capital	20	<b>21,715</b>	21,715
Share premium	20	<b>54,664</b>	54,664
Other reserves		<b>(116,700)</b>	(115,228)
Retained earnings		<b>202,692</b>	204,890
		<b>162,371</b>	166,041
<b>Non-controlling interests</b>		<b>208</b>	380
<b>Total equity</b>		<b>162,579</b>	166,421
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>			
Lease liabilities		<b>378</b>	501
Deferred income tax liabilities		<b>4,843</b>	5,149
Other non-current liabilities	19	<b>748</b>	759
		<b>5,969</b>	6,409
		<b>168,548</b>	172,830

The above condensed consolidated statement of financial position should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

## CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

For the six months ended 30 September 2021

(Unaudited)

	Attributable to owners of the Company					Sub-total US\$'000	Non- controlling interests US\$'000	Total equity US\$'000
	Note	Share capital US\$'000	Share premium US\$'000	Other reserves US\$'000	Retained earnings US\$'000			
<b>At 1 April 2020</b>		21,715	54,664	(121,506)	207,280	162,153	645	162,798
<b>Loss for the period</b>		-	-	-	(4,899)	(4,899)	(339)	(5,238)
<b>Other comprehensive income</b>								
<b>Item that may be reclassified</b>								
<b>subsequently to profit or loss:</b>								
Currency translation differences		-	-	5,245	-	5,245	6	5,251
<b>Item that will not be reclassified</b>								
<b>subsequently to profit or loss:</b>								
Fair value change on financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income		-	-	855	-	855	317	1,172
<b>Other comprehensive income, net of tax</b>		-	-	6,100	-	6,100	323	6,423
<b>Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the period ended 30 September 2020</b>		-	-	6,100	(4,899)	1,201	(16)	1,185
Release of reserve upon disposal of financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income		-	-	(228)	228	-	-	-
<b>Total transactions with owners, recognised directly in equity</b>								
2019/2020 second interim dividend	14	-	-	-	(1,687)	(1,687)	-	(1,687)
2019/2020 interim dividend paid by an unlisted subsidiary		-	-	-	-	-	(1)	(1)
		-	-	-	(1,687)	(1,687)	(1)	(1,688)
<b>At 30 September 2020</b>		21,715	54,664	(115,634)	200,922	161,667	628	162,295

## CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

For the six months ended 30 September 2021

	Note	(Unaudited)						Total equity US\$'000
		Attributable to owners of the Company					Non-controlling interests US\$'000	
		Share capital US\$'000	Share premium US\$'000	Other reserves US\$'000	Retained earnings US\$'000	Sub-total US\$'000		
<b>At 1 April 2021</b>		21,715	54,664	(115,228)	204,890	166,041	380	166,421
<b>Loss for the period</b>		-	-	-	(511)	(511)	(149)	(660)
<b>Other comprehensive loss</b>								
<b>Item that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:</b>								
Currency translation differences		-	-	(1,417)	-	(1,417)	(2)	(1,419)
<b>Item that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:</b>								
Fair value change on financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income		-	-	(55)	-	(55)	(21)	(76)
<b>Other comprehensive loss, net of tax</b>		-	-	(1,472)	-	(1,472)	(23)	(1,495)
<b>Total comprehensive loss for the period ended 30 September 2021</b>		-	-	(1,472)	(511)	(1,983)	(172)	(2,155)
<b>Total transactions with owners, recognised directly in equity</b>								
2020/2021 interim dividend	14	-	-	-	(1,687)	(1,687)	-	(1,687)
<b>At 30 September 2021</b>		21,715	54,664	(116,700)	202,692	162,371	208	162,579

The above condensed consolidated statement of changes in equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**

For the six months ended 30 September 2021

	Note	(Unaudited)	
		Six months ended 30 September	
		2021	2020
		US\$'000	US\$'000
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Cash generated from operations		6,602	1,180
Interest paid		(216)	(289)
Income tax paid		(580)	(980)
Net cash generated from/(used in) operating activities		5,806	(89)
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Dividends received		21	25
Increase in short-term bank deposits with original maturity over three months		(3,597)	(4,135)
Proceeds from sales of financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income		–	1,590
Interest received		507	550
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment		19	2
Purchases of intangible assets		(17)	(27)
Purchases of property, plant and equipment	15	(177)	(260)
Investment in a joint venture		–	(32)
Payment for acquisition of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		–	(851)
Net cash used in investing activities		(3,244)	(3,138)
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>			
Dividends paid	14	(1,687)	(1,687)
Dividends paid to non-controlling interests by an unlisted subsidiary		–	(1)
Proceeds from bank and other borrowings		8,947	5,696
Repayments of bank and other borrowings		(13,390)	(3,905)
Principal elements of lease liabilities		(532)	(368)
Net cash used in financing activities		(6,662)	(265)
<b>Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents</b>		<b>(4,100)</b>	<b>(3,492)</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period		69,181	60,452
Exchange adjustments on cash and cash equivalents		(614)	1,803
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of period</b>		<b>64,467</b>	<b>58,763</b>

The above condensed consolidated statement of cash flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.



# NOTES TO THE INTERIM FINANCIAL INFORMATION

## 1 GENERAL INFORMATION

Media Chinese International Limited (the “Company”) is a limited liability company incorporated in Bermuda. Its registered address is Victoria Place, 5th Floor, 31 Victoria Street, Hamilton HM10, Bermuda.

The Company is an investment holding company. The principal activities of its subsidiaries are publishing, printing and distribution of newspapers, magazines, books and digital contents primarily in the Chinese language, and the provision of travel and travel related services in Hong Kong and Taiwan, North America, Malaysia and other Southeast Asian countries. The shares of the Company have been listed on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “HK Stock Exchange”) since 22 March 1991 and subsequently dual-listed on Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad (“Bursa Securities”) on 30 April 2008.

The condensed consolidated interim financial information of the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively the “Group”) for the six months ended 30 September 2021 (this “interim financial information”) is presented in United States dollars (“US\$”) unless otherwise stated. This interim financial information has been approved for issue by the Board of Directors on 24 November 2021.

This interim financial information has not been audited.

## 2 BASIS OF PREPARATION

This interim financial information has been prepared in accordance with the International Accounting Standard (“IAS”) 34 “Interim Financial Reporting” issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (“IASB”) and applicable disclosure requirements of Appendix 16 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities (the “HK Listing Rules”) on the HK Stock Exchange.

This interim financial information should be read in conjunction with the annual financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2021 which were prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (“IFRSs”).

## 3 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) The accounting policies adopted are consistent with those of the previous financial year and corresponding interim reporting period except for the following:

(i) the adoption of the following new and amended standards that are effective for the Group’s annual reporting period commencing 1 April 2021:

- Amendments to IAS 39, IFRS 4, IFRS 7, IFRS 9 and IFRS 16, “Interest rate benchmark reform — phase 2”
- Amendments to IFRS 16, “COVID-19 — related rent concessions beyond 30 June 2021”

The adoption of the above amendments has no significant impact on this interim financial information and there have been no significant changes to the accounting policies applied in this interim financial information.

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

(b) The Group has not early adopted new and amended standards that have been issued but are not mandatory for 30 September 2021 reporting periods. None of the new standards and interpretations are expected to have a significant impact on the Group’s consolidated financial statements.

## NOTES TO THE INTERIM FINANCIAL INFORMATION

### 4 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 Malaysian Ringgit ("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 US\$, its results and financial position have been translated into US\$.

### 5 ESTIMATES

The preparation of interim financial information requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expense. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

In preparing this interim financial information, the significant judgements made by management in applying the Group's accounting policies and the key sources of estimation uncertainty were the same as those that applied to the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2021.

### 6 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

#### 6.1 *Financial risk factors*

The Group's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks: market risk (including price risk, interest rate risk and foreign exchange risk), credit risk and liquidity risk.

This interim financial information does not include all financial risk management information and disclosures required in the annual financial statements, and should be read in conjunction with the Group's annual financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2021.

There have been no significant changes in the Group's risk management policy since 31 March 2021.

#### 6.2 *Liquidity risk*

Compared to 31 March 2021, there was no material change in the contractual undiscounted cash outflows for financial liabilities.

## NOTES TO THE INTERIM FINANCIAL INFORMATION

### 6 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

#### 6.3 Fair value estimation

For financial instruments that are measured at fair value, the Group classifies fair value measurements using a fair value hierarchy that prioritises the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The fair value hierarchy has the following levels:

- Level 1 – Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.
- Level 2 – Inputs other than quoted prices included within level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (that is, as prices) or indirectly (that is, derived from prices).
- Level 3 – Inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (that is, unobservable inputs).

The following table presents the Group's assets that are measured at fair value at 30 September 2021:

	(Unaudited)			Total
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss				
Listed equity securities	1,204	–	–	1,204
Unlisted club debentures	–	–	97	97
Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income				
Listed equity securities	863	–	–	863
	<b>2,067</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>2,164</b>

## NOTES TO THE INTERIM FINANCIAL INFORMATION

### 6 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

#### 6.3 Fair value estimation (Continued)

The following table presents the Group's assets that are measured at fair value at 31 March 2021:

	(Audited)			Total US\$'000
	Level 1 US\$'000	Level 2 US\$'000	Level 3 US\$'000	
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss				
Listed equity securities	1,213	–	–	1,213
Unlisted club debentures	–	–	97	97
Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income				
Listed equity securities	942	–	–	942
	2,155	–	97	2,252

The fair value of financial instruments traded in active markets is based on quoted market prices at the end of each reporting period. A market is regarded as active if quoted prices are readily and regularly available from an exchange, dealer, broker, industry group, pricing service or regulatory agency, and those prices represent actual and regularly occurring market transactions on an arm's length basis. The quoted market price used for financial assets held by the Group is the current bid price. These instruments are included in level 1.

The fair value of financial instruments that are not traded in an active market is determined by using valuation techniques.

These valuation techniques maximise the use of observable market data where it is available and rely as little as possible on the entity-specific estimates. If all significant inputs required to determine the fair value of an instrument are observable, the instrument is included in level 2.

If one or more of the significant inputs is not based on observable market data, the instrument is included in level 3.

There was no transfer between level 1, 2 and 3 of the fair value hierarchy during the period. There was no change during the period attributable to level 3 of the fair value hierarchy.

## NOTES TO THE INTERIM FINANCIAL INFORMATION

### 7 TURNOVER AND SEGMENT INFORMATION

The Group Executive Committee is the Group's chief operating decision-maker. Management has determined the operating segments based on the reports that are reviewed and used by the Group Executive Committee for strategic decision-making.

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 Taiwan

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, books and digital contents primarily in the Chinese language. The segments derive revenue mainly from the provision of advertising services and sales of newspapers and magazines. Travel and travel related services segment derives revenue from the sales 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/(loss) before income tax as presented in the internal financial report. Other information provided is measured in a manner consistent with that in the internal financial report.

## NOTES TO THE INTERIM FINANCIAL INFORMATION

### 7 TURNOVER AND SEGMENT INFORMATION (Continued)

The Group's turnover and results for the six months ended 30 September 2021, analysed by operating segment, are as follows:

	(Unaudited)					
	Publishing and printing					
	Malaysia and other Southeast				Travel and travel related	
	Asian countries US\$'000	Hong Kong and Taiwan US\$'000	North America US\$'000	Sub-total US\$'000	services US\$'000	Total US\$'000
<b>Turnover</b>	33,390	21,108	3,728	58,226	542	58,768
<b>Segment profit/(loss) before income tax</b>	403	917	(501)	819	(631)	188
Other net unallocated expenses						(341)
Loss before income tax						(153)
Income tax expense						(507)
<b>Loss for the period</b>						(660)
<b>Other segmental information:</b>						
Interest income	501	2	2	505	2	507
Finance costs	(8)	(192)	-	(200)	(16)	(216)
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	(2,400)	(569)	(87)	(3,056)	(8)	(3,064)
Amortisation of intangible assets	(362)	(23)	(3)	(388)	(2)	(390)
Share of results of an associate and a joint venture	-	(4)	-	(4)	-	(4)

## NOTES TO THE INTERIM FINANCIAL INFORMATION

### 7 TURNOVER AND SEGMENT INFORMATION (Continued)

The Group's turnover and results for the six months ended 30 September 2020, analysed by operating segment, are as follows:

	(Unaudited)					
	Publishing and printing					
	Malaysia and other Southeast Asian countries <i>US\$'000</i>	Hong Kong and Taiwan <i>US\$'000</i>	North America <i>US\$'000</i>	Sub-total <i>US\$'000</i>	Travel and travel related services <i>US\$'000</i>	Total <i>US\$'000</i>
<b>Turnover</b>	33,079	18,464	2,980	54,523	68	54,591
<b>Segment (loss)/profit before income tax</b>	(3,619)	(985)	356	(4,248)	(803)	(5,051)
Other net unallocated expenses						(304)
Loss before income tax						(5,355)
Income tax credit						117
<b>Loss for the period</b>						(5,238)
<b>Other segmental information:</b>						
Interest income	535	–	3	538	12	550
Finance costs	(25)	(234)	–	(259)	(30)	(289)
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	(2,403)	(596)	(80)	(3,079)	(405)	(3,484)
Amortisation of intangible assets	(395)	(50)	(4)	(449)	(2)	(451)

## NOTES TO THE INTERIM FINANCIAL INFORMATION

### 7 TURNOVER AND SEGMENT INFORMATION (Continued)

#### Disaggregation of revenue

Turnover is derived from publishing, printing and distribution of newspapers, magazines, books and digital contents primarily in the Chinese language, and provision of travel and travel related services.

Turnover recognised during the period is disaggregated as follows:

	(Unaudited)	
	Six months ended 30 September	
	2021	2020
	US\$'000	US\$'000
<b>By major products or service lines</b>		
<b>Timing of revenue recognition</b>		
<b>At a point in time</b>		
Sales of newspapers, magazines, books and digital contents, net of trade discounts and returns	23,524	24,756
Travel and travel related services income	80	16
<b>Over time</b>		
Advertising income, net of trade discounts	34,702	29,767
Travel and travel related services income	462	52
	58,768	54,591

The segment assets and liabilities as at 30 September 2021 are as follows:

	(Unaudited)						
	Publishing and printing						
	Malaysia and other Southeast Asian countries	Hong Kong and Taiwan	North America	Sub-total	Travel and travel related services	Elimination	Total
	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000
<b>Segment assets</b>	158,413	48,089	11,676	218,178	11,244	(3,666)	225,756
Unallocated assets							909
<b>Total assets</b>							226,665
<b>Total assets include:</b>							
Investments accounted for using the equity method	-	26	-	26	-	-	26
Additions to non-current assets (other than deferred income tax assets)	161	22	10	193	1	-	194
<b>Segment liabilities</b>	(11,077)	(38,557)	(7,883)	(57,517)	(3,723)	3,666	(57,574)
Unallocated liabilities							(6,512)
<b>Total liabilities</b>							(64,086)



## NOTES TO THE INTERIM FINANCIAL INFORMATION

### 7 TURNOVER AND SEGMENT INFORMATION (Continued)

The segment assets and liabilities as at 31 March 2021 are as follows:

	(Audited)						
	Publishing and printing				Travel and travel related services	Elimination	Total
	Malaysia and other Southeast Asian countries	Hong Kong and Taiwan	North America	Sub-total			
	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000
<b>Segment assets</b>	161,408	49,845	10,625	221,878	10,895	(271)	232,502
Unallocated assets							1,129
<b>Total assets</b>							233,631
<b>Total assets include:</b>							
Investments accounted for using the equity method	-	31	-	31	-	-	31
Additions to non-current assets (other than deferred income tax assets)	387	137	52	576	10	-	586
<b>Segment liabilities</b>	(10,371)	(41,296)	(6,177)	(57,844)	(2,820)	271	(60,393)
Unallocated liabilities							(6,817)
<b>Total liabilities</b>							(67,210)

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

Segment assets consist primarily of property, plant and equipment, investment properties, intangible assets, investments accounted for using the equity method, financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income, inventories, trade and other receivables, financial assets at fair value through profit or loss, short-term bank deposits, and cash and cash equivalents. They mainly exclude deferred income tax assets and income tax recoverable of the Group.

Segment liabilities consist primarily of trade and other payables, contract liabilities, bank and other borrowings, lease liabilities and other non-current liabilities. They mainly exclude deferred income tax liabilities and income tax liabilities of the Group.

## NOTES TO THE INTERIM FINANCIAL INFORMATION

### 7 TURNOVER AND SEGMENT INFORMATION (Continued)

The Group operates its publishing and printing businesses mainly in Malaysia, other Southeast Asian countries, Hong Kong and Taiwan (“Main operating countries”).

As at 30 September 2021 and 31 March 2021, the Group’s total non-current assets, other than deferred income tax assets, analysed by operating countries, are as follows:

	(Unaudited) As at 30 September 2021 US\$'000	(Audited) As at 31 March 2021 US\$'000
Main operating countries		
Malaysia and other Southeast Asian countries	77,014	80,399
Hong Kong and Taiwan	11,839	12,516
Other countries	6,440	6,547
	<b>95,293</b>	<b>99,462</b>

### 8 OTHER INCOME

	(Unaudited) Six months ended 30 September	
	2021 US\$'000	2020 US\$'000
Dividend income	21	25
Government grant and subsidies ( <i>note</i> )	2,812	7,520
Interest income	507	550
Licence fee and royalty income	34	94
Other media-related income	1,282	250
Rental and management fee income	402	393
Scrap sales of old newspapers and magazines	715	482
Others	94	580
	<b>5,867</b>	<b>9,894</b>

*Note:* Government grant and subsidies included a grant amounted to US\$1,446,000 (2020: US\$1,722,000) from a government for supporting the Group’s operation of eligible publications and wage subsidies amounted to US\$1,277,000 (2020: US\$5,798,000) from governments in countries/jurisdiction in which the Group operates.

## NOTES TO THE INTERIM FINANCIAL INFORMATION

### 9 OTHER GAINS, NET

	(Unaudited)	
	Six months ended 30 September	
	2021	2020
	US\$'000	US\$'000
Fair value gains/(losses) on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss, net	2	(136)
Gain on lease modification	93	–
Net exchange (losses)/gains	(3)	177
	<b>92</b>	<b>41</b>

### 10 OPERATING PROFIT/(LOSS)

The operating profit/(loss) is stated after charging/(crediting) the following:

	(Unaudited)	
	Six months ended 30 September	
	2021	2020
	US\$'000	US\$'000
Amortisation of intangible assets	390	451
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	3,064	3,484
Direct costs of travel and travel related services	387	59
Employee benefit expense (including directors' emoluments)	33,730	37,874
(Gains)/losses on disposal of property, plant and equipment, net	(3)	6
Provision for impairment and write-off of inventories	77	125
Raw materials and consumables used	<b>9,011</b>	<b>9,819</b>

## NOTES TO THE INTERIM FINANCIAL INFORMATION

### 11 FINANCE COSTS

	(Unaudited)	
	Six months ended 30 September	
	2021	2020
	US\$'000	US\$'000
Interest expense on short-term bank borrowings	198	256
Interest expense on lease liabilities	18	33
	<b>216</b>	<b>289</b>

### 12 INCOME TAX EXPENSE/(CREDIT)

Income tax for the Group's Hong Kong operations has been provided at the rate of 16.5% for the six months ended 30 September 2021 (the tax rate for the six months ended 30 September 2020 was 16.5%) on the estimated assessable profit derived from Hong Kong for the period. Income tax for the Group's Malaysian operations is calculated at the rate of 24% for the six months ended 30 September 2021 (the tax rate for the six months ended 30 September 2020 was 24%) on the estimated assessable profit derived from Malaysia for the period. Taxation on other countries' profits has been calculated on the estimated assessable profits for the period at the rates of taxation prevailing in the countries in which the Group operates.

Income tax expense/(credit) in the condensed consolidated statement of profit or loss represents:

	(Unaudited)	
	Six months ended 30 September	
	2021	2020
	US\$'000	US\$'000
Hong Kong taxation		
Current period	35	40
Malaysian taxation		
Current period	744	340
Other countries' taxation		
Current period	-	51
Over provision in prior years	-	(1)
Deferred income tax credit	<b>(272)</b>	<b>(547)</b>
	<b>507</b>	<b>(117)</b>

## NOTES TO THE INTERIM FINANCIAL INFORMATION

### 13 LOSS PER SHARE ATTRIBUTABLE TO OWNERS OF THE COMPANY

	(Unaudited)	
	Six months ended 30 September	
	2021	2020
Loss attributable to owners of the Company (US\$'000)	<b>(511)</b>	(4,899)
Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue	<b>1,687,236,241</b>	1,687,236,241
Basic loss per share (US cents)	<b>(0.03)</b>	(0.29)
Diluted loss per share (US cents)	<b>(0.03)</b>	(0.29)

The diluted loss per share is the same as the basic loss per share as there were no dilutive potential shares in issue during the six months ended 30 September 2021 and 2020.

### 14 DIVIDENDS

	(Unaudited)	
	Six months ended 30 September	
	2021	2020
	US\$'000	US\$'000
<b>Dividends paid during the period:</b>		
Interim, 2020/2021, US0.10 cents (2019/2020: US0.10 cents) per ordinary share (note)	<b>1,687</b>	1,687

The Board of Directors does not recommend any distribution of dividend for the six months ended 30 September 2021 (2020/2021: nil).

Note: The tax-exempt interim dividend of US0.10 cents per ordinary share, totaling US\$1,687,000, in respect of the year ended 31 March 2021, was paid on 8 July 2021.

### 15 PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

During the six months ended 30 September 2021, the Group acquired property, plant and equipment at a cost of US\$177,000 (six months ended 30 September 2020: US\$260,000) and disposed of property, plant and equipment with a carrying amount of US\$16,000 (six months ended 30 September 2020: US\$8,000).

## NOTES TO THE INTERIM FINANCIAL INFORMATION

### 16 TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

	(Unaudited) As at 30 September 2021 US\$'000	(Audited) As at 31 March 2021 US\$'000
Trade receivables ( <i>note</i> )	19,017	18,430
Less: provision for loss allowance of trade receivables	(2,311)	(2,272)
Trade receivables, net	16,706	16,158
Deposits and prepayments	2,348	2,692
Other receivables	1,719	1,572
	<b>20,773</b>	20,422

As at 30 September 2021 and 31 March 2021, the fair values of trade and other receivables approximated the carrying amounts.

*Note:* The Group allows in general a credit period ranging from 7 to 120 days to its trade customers.

As at 30 September 2021 and 31 March 2021, the ageing analysis of the trade receivables based on invoice date is as follows:

	(Unaudited) As at 30 September 2021 US\$'000	(Audited) As at 31 March 2021 US\$'000
1 to 60 days	11,457	10,899
61 to 120 days	2,994	2,976
121 to 180 days	791	829
Over 180 days	3,775	3,726
	<b>19,017</b>	18,430

## NOTES TO THE INTERIM FINANCIAL INFORMATION

### 17 TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

	<b>(Unaudited)</b>	(Audited)
	<b>As at</b>	As at
	<b>30 September</b>	31 March
	<b>2021</b>	2021
	<b>US\$'000</b>	US\$'000
Trade payables ( <i>note</i> )	<b>4,881</b>	4,825
Accrued charges and other payables	<b>15,542</b>	15,392
Deferred government grant	<b>1,601</b>	–
	<b>22,024</b>	20,217

As at 30 September 2021 and 31 March 2021, the fair values of trade and other payables approximated the carrying amounts.

*Note:* As at 30 September 2021 and 31 March 2021, the ageing analysis of the trade payables based on invoice date is as follows:

	<b>(Unaudited)</b>	(Audited)
	<b>As at</b>	As at
	<b>30 September</b>	31 March
	<b>2021</b>	2021
	<b>US\$'000</b>	US\$'000
1 to 60 days	<b>4,324</b>	3,839
61 to 120 days	<b>324</b>	742
121 to 180 days	<b>37</b>	11
Over 180 days	<b>196</b>	233
	<b>4,881</b>	4,825

## NOTES TO THE INTERIM FINANCIAL INFORMATION

### 18 BANK AND OTHER BORROWINGS

	<b>(Unaudited)</b>	(Audited)
	<b>As at</b>	As at
	<b>30 September</b>	31 March
	<b>2021</b>	2021
	<b>US\$'000</b>	US\$'000
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<b>Current</b>		
Short-term bank borrowings (secured)	<b>26,936</b>	31,778
Short-term bank borrowings (unsecured)	<b>678</b>	326
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	<b>27,614</b>	32,104
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### 19 OTHER NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES

	<b>(Unaudited)</b>	(Audited)
	<b>As at</b>	As at
	<b>30 September</b>	31 March
	<b>2021</b>	2021
	<b>US\$'000</b>	US\$'000
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Retirement benefit obligations	<b>794</b>	805
Current portion of other non-current liabilities	<b>(46)</b>	(46)
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	<b>748</b>	759
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## NOTES TO THE INTERIM FINANCIAL INFORMATION

### 20 SHARE CAPITAL AND PREMIUM

	Number of ordinary shares	Issued share capital <i>US\$'000</i>	Share premium <i>US\$'000</i>	Total <i>US\$'000</i>
<b>At 1 April 2021 and 30 September 2021</b>	<b>1,687,236,241</b>	<b>21,715</b>	<b>54,664</b>	<b>76,379</b>

The number of authorised ordinary shares is 2,500 million shares (31 March 2021: 2,500 million shares) with a par value of HK\$0.10 per share. All issued shares are fully paid.

### 21 CAPITAL COMMITMENT

Capital commitments outstanding as at 30 September 2021 and 31 March 2021 are as follows:

	(Unaudited) As at 30 September 2021 <i>US\$'000</i>	(Audited) As at 31 March 2021 <i>US\$'000</i>
Property, plant and equipment Authorised and contracted for	<b>51</b>	99
Intangible assets Authorised and contracted for	<b>485</b>	464

### 22 PLEDGE OF ASSETS

As at 30 September 2021, certain of the Group's banking facilities were secured by the following:

- (a) first legal charges on certain of the Group's leasehold land and buildings with an aggregate carrying value of US\$4,576,000 as at 30 September 2021 (As at 31 March 2021: US\$4,707,000) and assignment of rental income derived therefrom; and
- (b) corporate guarantees issued by the Company.

## NOTES TO THE INTERIM FINANCIAL INFORMATION

### 23 CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

- (a) As at 30 September 2021, 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 interim 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.
- (b) As at 30 September 2021, the Group had short-term bank deposits of US\$131,000 (At 31 March 2021: US\$542,000) pledged to a bank for a bank guarantee issued.

### 24 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

#### (a) Related party transactions

	(Unaudited)	
	Six months ended 30 September	
	2021	2020
	US\$'000	US\$'000
Advertising income received from a director	(2)	–
Advertising income received from an associate	(71)	–
Advertising income received from an employee	(2)	–
Provision of administrative and content services to a joint venture	(9)	–
Provision of air ticketing and accommodation arrangement services to a related company (note 1)	(2)	–
Provision of legal services by a related company (note 2)	17	19
Purchase of honey from a related company (note 1)	–	3
Rental expenses paid to related companies (note 1)	47	47

Notes:

- (1) Certain shareholders and directors of the Company are shareholders and/or directors of these related companies.
- (2) A director of a subsidiary of the Company is an associate of the related company.
- (3) 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.

## NOTES TO THE INTERIM FINANCIAL INFORMATION

### 24 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (Continued)

#### (b) Key management compensation

Key management comprised members of the Group's executive committees, some of whom are directors of the Company. The compensation paid or payable to the key management for employee services is shown below:

	<b>(Unaudited)</b>	
	<b>Six months ended 30 September</b>	
	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>US\$'000</b>	<b>US\$'000</b>
Directors' fees, basic salaries, bonuses, other allowances and benefits in kind ( <i>note</i> )	<b>872</b>	818
Employer's contribution to pension schemes	<b>51</b>	52
	<b>923</b>	870

*Note:* Other benefits in kind included housing, use of company cars, air tickets for home trips, insurance coverage and club membership.

#### (c) Ultimate controlling party

The ultimate controlling party of the Group is Tan Sri Datuk Sir TIONG Hiew King, who is the controlling shareholder holding an aggregate equity of 64.85% in the Company as at 30 September 2021. Details of interests held by Tan Sri Datuk Sir TIONG Hiew King in the Company is set out in "Substantial shareholders' interests and short positions in the shares and underlying shares of the Company" on page 33.

## MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

	(Unaudited)		
	Six months ended 30 September		
	2021	2020	% Change
<b>US\$'000</b>	US\$'000		
Turnover	<b>58,768</b>	54,591	7.7%
Loss before income tax	<b>(153)</b>	(5,355)	97.1%
EBITDA/(EBITDA loss)	<b>3,014</b>	(1,681)	279.3%
Basic loss per share (US cents)	<b>(0.03)</b>	(0.29)	89.7%

### OVERALL REVIEW OF OPERATIONS

Year 2021 was anticipated to be a year of recovery. However, the highly infectious new Delta coronavirus variant kept borders closed whilst movement controls have to be imposed again by many countries. This resulted in weak economic sentiments in the Group's key markets.

Nevertheless, the Group recorded a turnover of US\$58,768,000 for the six-month period ended 30 September 2021, which reflected an increase of 7.7% over the US\$54,591,000 reported a year ago. This improvement was contributed by both the publishing and printing and travel segments. Through improved revenues and continued cost control, the Group managed to reduce its loss before income tax to US\$153,000 from US\$5,355,000 in the same period last year.

The turnover of the Group's publishing and printing segment increased by 6.8% or US\$3,703,000 from US\$54,523,000 in the same period last year to US\$58,226,000. This resulted in the segment reporting a profit before income tax of US\$819,000 for the current period as opposed to a loss before income tax of US\$4,248,000 in the prior year period.

Meanwhile, turnover of the travel segment rose to US\$542,000 from US\$68,000 recorded in the same period last year. This helped reduce the segment's loss before income tax to US\$631,000 from US\$803,000 recorded a year earlier.

The Group reported an EBITDA of US\$3,014,000 for the six months ended 30 September 2021, as opposed to an EBITDA loss of US\$1,681,000 in the corresponding period last year.

Basic loss per share for the period ended 30 September 2021 was US0.03 cents, representing an improvement of 89.7% from US0.29 cents in the prior year period.

As at 30 September 2021, the Group's cash and cash equivalents and short term bank deposits totalled US\$93,316,000 and the Group's net assets per share attributable to owners of the Company was US9.62 cents.

## MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

### *Publishing and Printing*

#### **Malaysia and other Southeast Asian countries**

Malaysia's imposition of a nationwide total lockdown in May 2021 in response to rising COVID-19 cases caused an immediate disruption to businesses and an adverse impact on the segment's business performance during the current period.

Despite a difficult economic environment amid a third wave of the COVID-19 and the enforcement of a new lockdown, the segment's turnover increased marginally by 0.9% or US\$311,000 from US\$33,079,000 in the same period last year to US\$33,390,000.

While revenue growth was muted during the period under review, the segment's performance improved to a profit before income tax of US\$403,000 from a loss before income tax of US\$3,619,000 in the same period last year. This was primarily driven by the Group's cost optimisation efforts and reduced newsprint consumption.

#### **Hong Kong and Taiwan**

Hong Kong's economy has gradually improved during the period under review on the back of subsiding virus cases and a rising vaccination rate. The government's launch of a digital consumption voucher scheme also helped stimulate local consumption and boost the retail sector. However, its borders remained closed as a measure to prevent another wave of the coronavirus.

As life has returned to some semblance of normality in Hong Kong, the Group has sought to increase its revenue by rolling out more multi-platform marketing campaigns which combined print and digital platforms with physical events for its clients. Adding to this, the segment saw strong performance in its recruitment advertisements driven by the improvement in Hong Kong's labour market conditions.

The Hong Kong and Taiwan segment recorded a turnover of US\$21,108,000 for the period in review, an increase of 14.3% when compared to US\$18,464,000 in the prior year period. This was driven by improved business conditions as the pandemic restrictions in Hong Kong have been progressively eased during the period under review. The revenue growth, complemented with cost savings, resulted in the segment reporting a profit before income tax of US\$917,000 for the period in review as opposed to a loss before income tax of US\$985,000 a year ago.

#### **North America**

Canada's massive vaccination rollout has been quite successful and it has become one of the highest vaccinated countries in the world. This enabled the Canadian government to ease lockdown measures and allow more businesses to resume operations. The Group's publishing and printing operations in North America recorded a turnover of US\$3,728,000 for the current period, an increase of 25.1% when compared with the US\$2,980,000 recorded in the same period last year. However, the segment recorded a loss before income tax of US\$501,000 for the period under review as opposed to a profit before income tax of US\$356,000 in the prior year period. This was mainly due to less subsidies received from the Canadian government which had phased out its subsidy programs in light of the improved economic situation.

## MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

### *Travel and travel related services*

As the borders of many countries remained closed and international travel was still depressed due to the still high infection rates in most countries and the highly infectious variant of the coronavirus, the travel industry seemed far from recovery.

The Group's turnover of the travel segment for the six months ended 30 September 2021 was US\$542,000. This was an encouraging improvement when compared to the US\$68,000 recorded in the same period last year. As a result, the travel segment's loss before income tax narrowed to US\$631,000 for the period under review from US\$803,000 a year ago.

### *Digital business*

With the absence of full physical events to reach out to its customers and prospects, the Group has to rely on its digital and social network platforms to achieve its reach. As readers and advertisers have grown accustomed to relying on digital platforms not only for work but also for entertainment and for connecting with friends and family members, the Group has leveraged on this trend by driving more advertising campaigns on its websites and social media sites.

In Malaysia, *Sin Chew Daily* had successfully organised a number of online Education Fairs and family theme events such as the Parents Appreciation Day. It also intensified its membership recruitment efforts through its digital platforms and increased its digital and print subscriptions. Meanwhile *Nanyang Siang Pau* launched its Nanyang Property Web online portal in August 2021 to provide online advertisement services and at the same time a platform with comprehensive resources for property buyers.

In Hong Kong, *Ming Pao Daily News* continued to organise topical webinars and Facebook Live sessions on a regular basis to generate revenue and to keep its audience with up-to-date and relevant information. Webinars covering different topics including finance, property and education were all well attended and generated positive feedback. *Ming Pao Daily News* also held regular Facebook Live events on different health topics with doctors giving health tips and advice. Its e-commerce platform "PowerUp", which sells a wide range of lifestyle products, continued to help expand its customer database while providing its business partners with more business opportunities.

## MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

### OUTLOOK

With the continuation of the highly contagious Delta variant of the coronavirus, many countries have intensified their movement control restrictions, thereby slowing down the pace of economic recovery and normalisation of activities in the Group's markets. Also, as many countries are cautious and still reluctant to open their borders, it is unlikely that the Group's travel business can resume soon. Therefore, the Group expects the prospects for the second half of the financial year 2021/2022 to remain challenging.

Further, the Group has started to experience increases in its costs especially paper costs as newsprint price has started to spike as a result of increasing materials and shipping costs. In addition, government subsidies which helped mitigate the pandemic's impact on the Group's operations in most of its markets had been discontinued. However, the Group will remain vigilant in monitoring its costs whilst intensifying its efforts to roll out more cross platform activities to increase revenue.

### LIQUIDITY, FINANCIAL RESOURCES AND NET GEARING RATIO

As at 30 September 2021, the Group's cash and cash equivalents and short-term bank deposits amounted to US\$93,316,000 (31 March 2021: US\$94,433,000) and total bank and other borrowings were US\$27,614,000 (31 March 2021: US\$32,104,000). The net cash position was US\$65,702,000 (31 March 2021: US\$62,329,000). Owners' equity was US\$162,371,000 (31 March 2021: US\$166,041,000).

The net gearing ratio of the Group, calculated as net debt over owners' equity, was nil as at 30 September 2021 and 31 March 2021.

## OTHER INFORMATION

### INTERESTS AND SHORT POSITIONS IN THE SHARES, UNDERLYING SHARES AND DEBENTURES OF THE COMPANY OR ANY OF ITS ASSOCIATED CORPORATIONS HELD BY THE DIRECTORS, CHIEF EXECUTIVES AND THEIR ASSOCIATES

As at 30 September 2021, the interests and short positions of the directors, chief executives and their associates in the shares, underlying shares and debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporations (as defined in Part XV of the Hong Kong Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong) (the “SFO”) as recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company under Section 352 of the SFO or as otherwise notified to the Company and the HK Stock Exchange pursuant to the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers (the “HK Model Code”) contained in Appendix 10 of the HK Listing Rules are as follows:

#### (a) *Interests and short positions in the shares, underlying shares and debentures of the Company*

Name of director	Number of shares held			Total interests in shares	Percentage of issued ordinary shares
	Personal interests	Family interests	Corporate interests		
Dato’ Sri Dr TIONG Ik King	35,144,189	–	253,987,700 <sup>(1)</sup>	289,131,889	17.14%
Ms TIONG Choon	2,654,593	1,023,632 <sup>(2)</sup>	653,320 <sup>(3)</sup>	4,331,545	0.26%
Mr TIONG Kiew Chiong	4,087,539	–	–	4,087,539	0.24%
Mr WONG Khang Yen	83	–	–	83	–*

All the interests stated above represent long positions in the shares of the Company.

\* *negligible*

Notes:

- (1) Conch Company Limited (“Conch”) holds 253,987,700 shares of the Company. 40% of the interest in Conch is held by Seaview Global Company Limited, a company jointly owned by Dato’ Sri Dr TIONG Ik King and Tan Sri Datuk Sir TIONG Hiew King. In addition, Dato’ Sri Dr TIONG Ik King and Tan Sri Datuk Sir TIONG Hiew King directly hold 22% and 25% of the interest in Conch respectively.
- (2) Ms TIONG Choon is deemed to be interested in the shares by virtue of her spouse’s interest in 1,023,632 shares.
- (3) The corporate interests of 653,320 shares are held by TC Blessed Holdings Sdn Bhd, in which Ms TIONG Choon holds 99% equity interest.



## OTHER INFORMATION

### INTERESTS AND SHORT POSITIONS IN THE SHARES, UNDERLYING SHARES AND DEBENTURES OF THE COMPANY OR ANY OF ITS ASSOCIATED CORPORATIONS HELD BY THE DIRECTORS, CHIEF EXECUTIVES AND THEIR ASSOCIATES (Continued)

(b) *Interests and short positions in the shares, underlying shares and debentures of One Media Group Limited (“One Media”)*

Name of director	Number of shares held			Percentage of issued ordinary shares of One Media
	Personal interests	Corporate interests (note)	Total interests in shares	
Dato’ Sri Dr TIONG Ik King	–	292,700,000	292,700,000	73.01%
Ms TIONG Choon	26,000	–	26,000	0.01%

All the interests stated above represent long positions in the shares of One Media.

*Note:* Dato’ Sri Dr TIONG Ik King is deemed interested in 292,700,000 shares in One Media held by Comwell Investment Limited which is an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company. Dato’ Sri Dr TIONG Ik King is deemed interested in 17.14% of the Company’s shares. Details of his shareholdings in the Company are set out in paragraph (a) “Interests and short positions in the shares, underlying shares and debentures of the Company” on page 31.

Save as disclosed above, as at 30 September 2021, none of the directors, chief executives and their associates had any interests and short positions in the shares, underlying shares or debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporations (as defined in Part XV of the SFO), which are required to be recorded in the register maintained by the Company under Section 352 of the SFO or as otherwise notified to the Company and the HK Stock Exchange pursuant to the HK Model Code.

At no time during the six months ended 30 September 2021 were rights to acquire benefits by means of the acquisition of shares, underlying shares or debentures of the Company granted to any directors or their respective spouses or children under 18 years of age, or were any such rights exercised by them; or was the Company or its holding company or any of its subsidiaries or fellow subsidiaries a party to any arrangements to enable the directors of the Company to acquire such rights in any other body corporate.

## OTHER INFORMATION

### SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS' INTERESTS AND SHORT POSITIONS IN THE SHARES AND UNDERLYING SHARES OF THE COMPANY

As at 30 September 2021, the following persons (other than the directors and chief executives of the Company) had interests of 5% or more in the shares of the Company as recorded in the register required to be kept under Section 336 of Part XV of the SFO:

Name of shareholder	Number of ordinary shares held	Percentage of issued ordinary shares
Tan Sri Datuk Sir TIONG Hiew King ( <i>note 1</i> )	1,094,187,814	64.85%
Tiong Toh Siong Holdings Sdn Bhd ("TTSH")	378,998,616	22.46%
Conch Company Limited ("Conch") ( <i>note 2</i> )	253,987,700	15.05%
Teck Sing Lik Enterprise Sdn Bhd ("TSL") ( <i>note 3</i> )	196,487,646	11.65%
Tiong Toh Siong Enterprises Sdn Bhd ("TTSE") ( <i>note 3</i> )	131,168,460	7.77%
Kinta Hijau Sdn Bhd ("Kinta Hijau")	129,424,143	7.67%

All the interests stated above represent long positions in the shares of the Company.

Notes:

- (1) Of these shares, 87,109,058 shares are held by Tan Sri Datuk Sir TIONG Hiew King personally, 234,566 shares are deemed to be interested in by virtue of his spouse's interest, and corporate interests of 1,006,844,190 which comprise:
- (i) 378,998,616 shares held by TTSH;
  - (ii) 253,987,700 shares held by Conch;
  - (iii) 75,617,495 shares held by Ezywood Options Sdn Bhd ("Ezywood");
  - (iv) 65,319,186 shares held by TSL;
  - (v) 52,875,120 shares held by Madigreen Sdn Bhd ("Madigreen");
  - (vi) 15,536,696 shares held by Rimbunan Hijau (Sarawak) Sdn Bhd ("RHS");
  - (vii) 6,532,188 shares held by Rimbunan Hijau Southeast Asia Sdn Bhd ("RHSA");
  - (viii) 26,808,729 shares held by Pertumbuhan Abadi Asia Sdn Bhd ("PAA");
  - (ix) 1,744,317 shares held TTSE;
  - (x) 129,424,143 shares held by Kinta Hijau.

Tan Sri Datuk Sir TIONG Hiew King directly holds 84% interest in TSL and 99.99% interest in PAA. In addition, Tan Sri Datuk Sir TIONG Hiew King, TSL and PAA directly and indirectly hold 52.38% interest in both RHS and RHSA, 75% interest in Madigreen and 70% interest in Ezywood. Tan Sri Datuk Sir TIONG Hiew King and TSL directly holds 26% interest in TTSH.

## OTHER INFORMATION

### SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS' INTERESTS AND SHORT POSITIONS IN THE SHARES AND UNDERLYING SHARES OF THE COMPANY (Continued)

Notes: (Continued)

- (2) The details of shares held by Conch are set out in note to paragraph (a) "Interests and short positions in the shares, underlying shares and debentures of the Company" on page 31.
- (3) Of these shares, 129,424,143 shares are held by Kinta Hijau (a company wholly owned by TTSE), TTSE is deemed to be interested in shares in which Kinta Hijau is interested. TTSE holds 1,744,317 shares. TSL is deemed to be interested in shares in which Kinta Hijau and TTSE is interested. Tan Sri Datuk Sir TIONG Hiew King directly holds 84% interest in TSL and TSL directly holds 30% interest in TTSE.

Save as disclosed above and those disclosed under "Interests and short positions in the shares, underlying shares and debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporations held by the directors, chief executives and their associates", the Company had not been notified of any other persons or corporations who had interests or short positions representing 5% or more of the issued share capital of the Company as at 30 September 2021.

### PURCHASE, SALE OR REDEMPTION OF THE COMPANY'S SHARES

During the six months ended 30 September 2021, neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries had purchased, sold or the Company had redeemed any of the Company's listed securities.

### EMPLOYEES AND EMOLUMENT POLICY

As at 30 September 2021, the Group had 2,986 employees (31 March 2021: 3,084 employees), the majority of whom were employed in Malaysia and Hong Kong. The Group remunerates its employees based on industry practice and performance of individual employees. The emoluments of the directors and senior management are reviewed by the Remuneration Committee regularly, having regard to the Group's operating results, individual performance and comparable market statistics. No director or any of his/her associates is involved in dealing with his/her own remuneration.

## OTHER INFORMATION

### CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The Board of Directors (the “Board”) is committed to practising the highest standards of corporate governance and operating within a governance framework that is formulated based on the Malaysian Code on Corporate Governance 2021 (the “Malaysian Code”) and the Corporate Governance Code (the “Hong Kong Code”) contained in Appendix 14 of the HK Listing Rules. The Company has adopted the principles and recommendations of the Malaysian Code and all the code provisions in the Hong Kong Code as its own code on corporate governance practices.

During the period under review, the Company has met the code provisions as set out in the Hong Kong Code.

In respect of the Malaysian Code, the Company has complied with the principles and recommendations set out in the Malaysian Code wherever possible save for (i) at least half of the Board should comprise independent directors; (ii) the Board must have at least 30% women directors; (iii) the disclosure on a named basis of top 5 senior management’s remuneration component including salary, bonus, benefits in-kind and other emoluments in bands of RM50,000; (iv) a former partner of the external audit firm of the Company should observe a cooling-off period of at least 3 years before being appointed as a member of the Audit Committee; and (v) the Company is encouraged to adopt integrated reporting based on a globally recognised framework. The Board will continue to review and evaluate such recommendations under the Malaysian Code and is committed to achieving and sustaining high standards of corporate governance.

### DIRECTORS’ SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS

The Company has adopted the requirements and code as set out in (i) Chapter 14 (Dealings in Listed Securities) of the Main Market Listing Requirements of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad (“Chapter 14 of the Listing Requirements of Bursa Securities”) and (ii) the HK Model Code contained in Appendix 10 of the HK Listing Rules. All directors of the Company have confirmed, following specific enquiry by the Company, their compliance with the required standards as set out in (i) Chapter 14 of the Listing Requirements of Bursa Securities and (ii) the HK Model Code during the period under review.

### AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Audit Committee was established on 30 March 1999. It currently has three members, namely, Mr IP Koon Wing, Ernest (Chairman), Datuk CHONG Kee Yuon and Mr KHOO Kar Khoon, all of them are independent non-executive directors (“INEDs”). The Audit Committee meets regularly with the management and the external auditor to discuss the audit process and accounting issues, and reviews the effectiveness of the Group’s risk management and internal control systems.

## OTHER INFORMATION

### REMUNERATION COMMITTEE

The Remuneration Committee was established on 25 May 2005 with specific terms of reference that specify its authorities and duties. Following the resignation of Mr. TIONG Kiew Chiong as a member on 24 November 2021, the Remuneration Committee will have three members, namely, Datuk CHONG Kee Yuon (Chairman), Mr KHOO Kar Khoon and Mr IP Koon Wing, Ernest, all of them are INEDs. The Remuneration Committee is responsible for the review of the Company's policies for the remuneration of its directors and senior management and the making of any recommendations in relation to such policies to the Board.

### NOMINATION COMMITTEE

The Nomination Committee was established on 25 May 2005 with specific terms of reference that specify its authorities and duties. It currently has three members, namely, Mr KHOO Kar Khoon (Chairman), Datuk CHONG Kee Yuon and Mr IP Koon Wing, Ernest, all of them are INEDs. The Nomination Committee's responsibilities include reviewing the structure, size and composition of the Board on a regular basis and making recommendations to the Board regarding any proposed changes.

### CHANGE OF INFORMATION OF DIRECTOR

Pursuant to Rule 13.51B (1) of the HK Listing Rules, set out below is the change of information of Director since date of the 2020/21 Annual Report:

On 27 August 2021 and 18 November 2021, Mr IP Koon Wing, Ernest, an independent non-executive Director, the Chairman of Audit Committee and a member of the Remuneration Committee and Nomination Committee of the Company, has been appointed as an independent non-executive director of Ping An OneConnect Bank (Hong Kong) Limited ("OneConnect Bank") and OneConnect Financial Technology Co., Ltd ("OneConnect") which is listed on the New York Stock Exchange (stock code: OCFT), respectively. OneConnect Bank is a wholly-owned subsidiary of OneConnect.

## OTHER INFORMATION

### REVIEW OF INTERIM FINANCIAL RESULTS

The Audit Committee has reviewed with management this interim financial information, including accounting principles and practices adopted by the Group and discussed risk management and internal control systems and financial reporting matters.

By Order of the Board

**MEDIA CHINESE INTERNATIONAL LIMITED**

**TIONG Kiew Chiong**

*Director*

24 November 2021

*As at the date of this report, the Board comprises Ms TIONG Choon, Mr TIONG Kiew Chiong, Mr WONG Khang Yen, Mr LIEW Sam Ngan and Ms TIONG Yijia, being executive directors; Dato' Sri Dr. TIONG Ik King, being non-executive director; and Mr IP Koon Wing, Ernest, Datuk CHONG Kee Yuon and Mr KHOO Kar Khoo, being independent non-executive directors.*

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS

For the six months ended 30 September 2021

	(Unaudited)	
	Six months ended 30 September	
	2021	2020
	<i>RM'000</i>	<i>RM'000</i>
	<i>(note)</i>	<i>(note)</i>
Turnover	<b>246,062</b>	228,573
Cost of goods sold	<b>(156,875)</b>	(166,275)
<b>Gross profit</b>	<b>89,187</b>	62,298
Other income	<b>24,566</b>	41,426
Other gains, net	<b>385</b>	172
Selling and distribution expenses	<b>(60,217)</b>	(62,780)
Administrative expenses	<b>(45,228)</b>	(51,580)
Provision for loss allowance of trade receivables	<b>(218)</b>	(452)
Other operating expenses	<b>(8,194)</b>	(10,295)
<b>Operating profit/(loss)</b>	<b>281</b>	(21,211)
Finance costs	<b>(904)</b>	(1,210)
Share of results of an associate and a joint venture	<b>(17)</b>	–
<b>Loss before income tax</b>	<b>(640)</b>	(22,421)
Income tax (expense)/credit	<b>(2,123)</b>	489
<b>Loss for the period</b>	<b>(2,763)</b>	(21,932)
<b>Loss attributable to:</b>		
Owners of the Company	<b>(2,140)</b>	(20,513)
Non-controlling interests	<b>(623)</b>	(1,419)
	<b>(2,763)</b>	(21,932)
<b>Loss per share attributable to owners of the Company</b>		
Basic (sen)	<b>(0.13)</b>	(1.21)
Diluted (sen)	<b>(0.13)</b>	(1.21)

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## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the six months ended 30 September 2021

	(Unaudited)	
	Six months ended 30 September	
	2021	2020
	<i>RM'000</i>	<i>RM'000</i>
	<i>(note)</i>	<i>(note)</i>
<b>Loss for the period</b>	<b>(2,763)</b>	(21,932)
<b>Other comprehensive (loss)/income</b>		
<b>Item that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:</b>		
Currency translation differences	<b>(5,942)</b>	21,987
<b>Item that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:</b>		
Fair value change on financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income	<b>(318)</b>	4,907
<b>Other comprehensive (loss)/income for the period, net of tax</b>	<b>(6,260)</b>	26,894
<b>Total comprehensive (loss)/income for the period</b>	<b>(9,023)</b>	4,962
<b>Total comprehensive (loss)/income for the period attributable to:</b>		
Owners of the Company	<b>(8,303)</b>	5,029
Non-controlling interests	<b>(720)</b>	(67)
	<b>(9,023)</b>	4,962

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## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 30 September 2021

	(Unaudited) As at 30 September 2021 RM'000 (note)	(Unaudited) As at 31 March 2021 RM'000 (note)
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Non-current assets</b>		
Property, plant and equipment	258,485	273,067
Investment properties	102,615	103,465
Intangible assets	34,170	35,841
Deferred income tax assets	381	394
Investments accounted for using the equity method	109	130
Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income	3,613	3,944
	<b>399,373</b>	<b>416,841</b>
<b>Current assets</b>		
Inventories	63,559	71,162
Trade and other receivables	86,977	85,507
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	5,447	5,485
Income tax recoverable	2,977	3,827
Short-term bank deposits	120,791	105,730
Cash and cash equivalents	269,923	289,661
	<b>549,674</b>	<b>561,372</b>
<b>Current liabilities</b>		
Trade and other payables	92,215	84,648
Contract liabilities	32,106	29,979
Income tax liabilities	1,675	1,692
Bank and other borrowings	115,620	134,419
Lease liabilities	1,528	3,643
Current portion of other non-current liabilities	193	193
	<b>243,337</b>	<b>254,574</b>
<b>Net current assets</b>	<b>306,337</b>	<b>306,798</b>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>	<b>705,710</b>	<b>723,639</b>

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 30 September 2021

	<b>(Unaudited)</b>	(Unaudited)
	<b>As at</b>	As at
	<b>30 September</b>	31 March
	<b>2021</b>	2021
	<b>RM'000</b>	RM'000
	<b>(note)</b>	(note)
<b>EQUITY</b>		
<b>Equity attributable to owners of the Company</b>		
Share capital	<b>90,921</b>	90,921
Share premium	<b>228,878</b>	228,878
Other reserves	<b>(488,623)</b>	(482,460)
Retained earnings	<b>848,671</b>	857,874
	<b>679,847</b>	695,213
<b>Non-controlling interests</b>	<b>871</b>	1,591
	<b>680,718</b>	696,804
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>		
Lease liabilities	<b>1,583</b>	2,098
Deferred income tax liabilities	<b>20,277</b>	21,559
Other non-current liabilities	<b>3,132</b>	3,178
	<b>24,992</b>	26,835
	<b>705,710</b>	723,639

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## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

For the six months ended 30 September 2021

	(Unaudited)						Non-controlling interests	Total equity
	Attributable to owners of the Company					Sub-total		
	Share capital	Share premium	Other reserves	Retained earnings				
RM'000 (note)	RM'000 (note)	RM'000 (note)	RM'000 (note)	RM'000 (note)	RM'000 (note)	RM'000 (note)		
<b>At 1 April 2020</b>	90,921	228,878	(508,746)	867,881	678,934	2,701	681,635	
<b>Loss for the period</b>	-	-	-	(20,513)	(20,513)	(1,419)	(21,932)	
<b>Other comprehensive income</b>								
<b>Item that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:</b>								
Currency translation differences	-	-	21,962	-	21,962	25	21,987	
<b>Item that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:</b>								
Fair value change on financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income	-	-	3,580	-	3,580	1,327	4,907	
<b>Other comprehensive income, net of tax</b>	-	-	25,542	-	25,542	1,352	26,894	
<b>Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the period ended 30 September 2020</b>	-	-	25,542	(20,513)	5,029	(67)	4,962	
Release of reserve upon disposal of financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income	-	-	(955)	955	-	-	-	
<b>Total transactions with owners, recognised directly in equity</b>								
2019/2020 second interim dividend	-	-	-	(7,063)	(7,063)	-	(7,063)	
2019/2020 interim dividend paid by an unlisted subsidiary	-	-	-	-	-	(4)	(4)	
	-	-	-	(7,063)	(7,063)	(4)	(7,067)	
<b>At 30 September 2020</b>	90,921	228,878	(484,159)	841,260	676,900	2,630	679,530	

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## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

For the six months ended 30 September 2021

	(Unaudited) Attributable to owners of the Company					Non- controlling interests RM'000 (note)	Total equity RM'000 (note)
	Share capital RM'000 (note)	Share premium RM'000 (note)	Other reserves RM'000 (note)	Retained earnings RM'000 (note)	Sub-total RM'000 (note)		
At 1 April 2021	90,921	228,878	(482,460)	857,874	695,213	1,591	696,804
Loss for the period	-	-	-	(2,140)	(2,140)	(623)	(2,763)
<b>Other comprehensive loss</b>							
<b>Item that may be reclassified   subsequently to profit or loss:</b>							
Currency translation differences	-	-	(5,933)	-	(5,933)	(9)	(5,942)
<b>Item that will not be reclassified   subsequently to profit or loss:</b>							
Fair value change on financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income	-	-	(230)	-	(230)	(88)	(318)
<b>Other comprehensive loss, net of tax</b>	-	-	(6,163)	-	(6,163)	(97)	(6,260)
<b>Total comprehensive loss for the period ended 30 September 2021</b>	-	-	(6,163)	(2,140)	(8,303)	(720)	(9,023)
<b>Total transactions with owners, recognised directly in equity</b>							
2020/2021 interim dividend	-	-	-	(7,063)	(7,063)	-	(7,063)
<b>At 30 September 2021</b>	<b>90,921</b>	<b>228,878</b>	<b>(488,623)</b>	<b>848,671</b>	<b>679,847</b>	<b>871</b>	<b>680,718</b>

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## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the six months ended 30 September 2021

	(Unaudited)	
	Six months ended 30 September	
	2021	2020
	RM'000	RM'000
	(note)	(note)
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>		
Cash generated from operations	27,642	4,940
Interest paid	(904)	(1,210)
Income tax paid	(2,428)	(4,103)
Net cash generated from/(used in) operating activities	<b>24,310</b>	(373)
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>		
Dividends received	88	105
Increase in short-term bank deposits with original maturity over three months	(15,062)	(17,313)
Proceeds from sales of financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income	-	6,657
Interest received	2,123	2,303
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment	80	8
Purchases of intangible assets	(71)	(113)
Purchases of property, plant and equipment	(741)	(1,089)
Investment in a joint venture	-	(134)
Payment for acquisition of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	-	(3,563)
Net cash used in investing activities	<b>(13,583)</b>	(13,139)
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>		
Dividends paid	(7,063)	(7,063)
Dividends paid to non-controlling interests by an unlisted subsidiary	-	(4)
Proceeds from bank and other borrowings	37,461	23,849
Repayments of bank and other borrowings	(56,064)	(16,350)
Principal elements of lease liabilities	(2,227)	(1,541)
Net cash used in financing activities	<b>(27,893)</b>	(1,109)
<b>Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>(17,166)</b>	(14,621)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	289,661	253,113
Exchange adjustments on cash and cash equivalents	(2,572)	7,549
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of period</b>	<b>269,923</b>	246,041

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