

**SINGAPORE PRESS HOLDINGS LIMITED**
*(Incorporated in Singapore)*
**ANNOUNCEMENT**
**AUDITED RESULTS FOR THE YEAR - AUGUST 31, 2005**
**1(a) An income statement (for the group) together with a comparative statement for the corresponding period of the immediately preceding financial year**
**(i) Results for the year ended August 31, 2005**

	<b>Group</b>		
	<b>2005</b> S\$'000	<b>2004</b> S\$'000	<b>Change</b> %
Operating revenue			
Newspaper and magazine	891,783	833,202	7.0
Broadcasting and multimedia	26,284	54,301	(51.6)
Property	89,445	82,572	8.3
	<u>1,007,512</u>	<u>970,075</u>	3.9
Other operating income	8,713	11,353	(23.3)
	<u>1,016,225</u>	<u>981,428</u>	3.5
Materials, consumables & broadcasting costs	(181,647)	(202,596)	(10.3)
Staff costs	(261,826)	(262,369)	(0.2)
Depreciation	(50,300)	(51,685)	(2.7)
Other operating expenses	(141,665)	(126,829)	11.7
	<u>380,787</u>	<u>337,949</u>	12.7
Profit from operations	380,787	337,949	12.7
Finance costs	(22,526)	(24,203)	(6.9)
Net income from investments	248,609	258,017	(3.6)
Share of net losses of associates and jointly controlled entity	(3,590)	(249)	NM
Profit before exceptional items	603,280	571,514	5.6
Exceptional items	(38,542)	28,677	NM
Profit before taxation	564,738	600,191	(5.9)
Taxation	(69,975)	(53,914)	29.8
Profit after taxation	494,763	546,277	(9.4)
Minority interests	(69)	5	NM
Profit attributable to shareholders	<u>494,694</u>	<u>546,282</u>	(9.4)

**(ii) Notes:**
**Profit before taxation is arrived at after accounting for:**

	<b>Group</b>		
	<b>2005</b> S\$'000	<b>2004</b> S\$'000	<b>Change</b> %
Write-back of allowance/(allowance) for bad & doubtful debts and bad debts written off (net of bad debts recovery)	3,530	(1,499)	NM
Allowance for stocks obsolescence (net of write-back of allowance)	(311)	(2,779)	(88.8)
Net foreign exchange (loss)/gain from operations	(2,231)	602	NM
Profit on sale of internally- and externally-managed investments	199,203*	35,083	467.8

NM: Not meaningful

\* Included net gain of S\$128.5 million on disposal of a substantial portion of the Group's interest in StarHub Limited.

**1(b)(i) A balance sheet (for the issuer and group), together with a comparative statement as at the end of the immediately preceding financial year**

**Balance Sheets As At**

	GROUP		COMPANY	
	Aug 31, 2005 S\$'000	Aug 31, 2004 S\$'000	Aug 31, 2005 S\$'000	Aug 31, 2004 S\$'000
<b>CAPITAL EMPLOYED</b>				
Share capital	318,082	316,527	318,082	316,527
Share premium	89,206	62,319	89,206	62,319
Capital redemption reserve	4,509	4,509	4,509	4,509
Capital reserve	2,005	2,005	-	-
Retained profit	1,207,179	1,093,755	777,472	883,559
	1,620,981	1,479,115	1,189,269	1,266,914
Exchange translation difference	222	4	-	-
Shareholders' interests	1,621,203	1,479,119	1,189,269	1,266,914
Minority interests	2,271	518	-	-
	1,623,474	1,479,637	1,189,269	1,266,914
<b>EMPLOYMENT OF CAPITAL</b>				
<b>Non-current assets</b>				
Property, plant and equipment	530,358	565,531	318,543	342,668
Investment property	1,059,000	1,045,852	-	-
Interests in subsidiaries	-	-	386,812	386,812
Interests in associates	34,103	928	35,172	-
Interests in jointly controlled entity	33	-	-	-
Long-term investments	121,005	174,415	3,362	36,002
Intangible assets	11,029	-	-	-
Amount owing by subsidiaries	-	-	804,379	796,146
Other non-current assets	4,691	5,051	4,616	4,900
	1,760,219	1,791,777	1,552,884	1,566,528
<b>Current assets</b>				
Stocks	30,870	32,278	30,591	23,208
Trade debtors	92,660	86,435	80,361	76,634
Other debtors and prepayments	21,528	15,130	7,014	5,904
Short-term investments	653,590	473,639	-	-
Cash on deposit	45,373	166,093	25,360	8,222
Cash and bank balances	24,819	26,528	16,424	19,699
	868,840	800,103	159,750	133,667
<b>Total assets</b>	2,629,059	2,591,880	1,712,634	1,700,195
<b>Current liabilities</b>				
Trade creditors	70,206	64,860	38,816	34,784
Other creditors and accrued liabilities	129,304	130,145	107,534	106,670
Borrowings	-	81,000	-	-
Current taxation	88,298	81,112	55,544	59,408
	287,808	357,117	201,894	200,862
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>				
Deferred taxation	67,777	72,126	55,895	59,210
Borrowings	650,000	683,000	-	-
Amount owing to subsidiaries	-	-	265,576	173,209
	717,777	755,126	321,471	232,419
<b>Total liabilities</b>	1,005,585	1,112,243	523,365	433,281
<b>Net assets</b>	1,623,474	1,479,637	1,189,269	1,266,914

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

**Group Borrowings**

**Amount repayable in one year or less, or on demand**

<b>As at August 31, 2005</b>		<b>As at August 31, 2004</b>	
<b>Secured</b> S\$'000	<b>Unsecured</b> S\$'000	<b>Secured</b> S\$'000	<b>Unsecured</b> S\$'000
-	-	-	81,000

**Amount repayable after one year**

<b>As at August 31, 2005</b>		<b>As at August 31, 2004</b>	
<b>Secured</b> S\$'000	<b>Unsecured</b> S\$'000	<b>Secured</b> S\$'000	<b>Unsecured</b> S\$'000
650,000	-	683,000	-

**Details of collateral**

As at August 31, 2005, the secured bank loan facilities of S\$650 million, undertaken by a subsidiary, Times Properties Private Limited ("Times Properties"), relate to a term loan which commenced on July 11, 2005 with a tenure of one year. The funds made available by the term loan facility were used to redeem and refinance the existing term loan facilities of Times Properties at a lower interest rate margin. The balance S\$33 million has been repaid by Times Properties during the financial year.

The term loan was classified as a non-current liability, repayable after one year, on the basis that Times Properties expects and has the discretion to refinance the term loan facility for at least another twelve months when the facility matures.

The term loan is secured by way of a legal mortgage on the Group's investment property, an assignment of rental proceeds from the investment property and the insurances on the investment property. The requirement for the Company to provide interest deficiency support was removed under the new loan facility.

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

**Consolidated Cash Flow Statement for the Year ended August 31**

	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>
	S\$'000	S\$'000
<b>Cash Flows from Operating Activities</b>		
Profit before taxation	564,738	600,191
Adjustments for:-		
Amortisation of intangible assets	552	-
Depreciation	50,300	51,685
(Profit)/Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	(86)	305
Finance costs	22,526	24,203
Net income from investments	(248,609)	(258,017)
Share of net losses of associates and jointly controlled entity	3,590	249
Exceptional items	38,542	(28,677)
Gain on disposal of subsidiary	(2)	-
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Operating cash flow before working capital changes	431,551	389,939
Changes in working capital:-		
Stocks	(6,092)	7,750
Prepaid content rights	(2,209)	(2,927)
Debtors	(10,559)	1,258
Creditors	(26,689)	22,307
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	386,002	418,327
Income tax paid	(67,884)	(54,587)
Dividends paid	(381,270)	(290,992)
Dividends paid (net) by a subsidiary to a minority shareholder	-	(108)
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	(63,152)	72,640
Decrease/(Increase) in non-current assets	360	(135)
Exchange translation difference	250	-
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<b>Net cash (used in)/from operating activities</b>	<b>(62,542)</b>	<b>72,505</b>
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**1(c) Consolidated Cash Flow Statement for the Year ended August 31 (cont'd)**

	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>
	S\$'000	S\$'000
<b>Cash Flows from Investing Activities</b>		
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(15,677)	(33,109)
Proceeds on disposal of property, plant and equipment	12,280	118,705
Additions to investment property	(13,148)	(6,098)
Acquisition of interests in associates	(33,342)	(1,009)
Acquisition of interests in subsidiaries (net of cash acquired)	(23,748)	(3,785)
Net proceeds from divestment of interests in subsidiaries and an associate	5,837	-
Amounts owing (by)/to associates	(47)	19
Amounts owing by a jointly controlled entity	(33)	-
Loan to associate	(6,000)	-
Purchase of long-term investments	(2,870)	(5,089)
Proceeds on disposal/redemption of long-term investments	198,325	105,205
Purchase of short-term investments	(264,303)	(532,310)
Proceeds on disposal of short-term investments	182,907	1,021,045
Net increase in funds under management	(69,922)	(32,806)
Investment income	252,163	258,017
	<u>222,422</u>	<u>888,785</u>
Add/(Less): Items not involving movement of funds		
Allowance for diminution in value of internally-managed investments	1,557	4,090
Profit on sale of internally-managed investments	(175,869)	(25,025)
Exchange translation gain	-	(773)
Accretion of discount on bonds	(2)	(21)
Amortisation of premium on bonds	89	1,121
	<u>48,197</u>	<u>868,177</u>
<b>Net cash from investing activities</b>		
<b>Cash Flows from Financing Activities</b>		
Repayment of bank loans	(136,500)	(65,400)
Proceeds from bank loans	22,500	36,500
Finance costs	(22,526)	(24,203)
Proceeds on issue of shares by Company	28,442	43,412
Capital reduction	-	(1,066,546)
	<u>(108,084)</u>	<u>(1,076,237)</u>
<b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>		
<b>Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents</b>	(122,429)	(135,555)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	192,621	328,176
	<u>70,192</u>	<u>192,621</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of year</b>		

**1(d)(i) A statement (for the issuer and group) showing either (i) all changes in equity or (ii) changes in equity other than those arising from capitalisation issues and distributions to shareholders, together with a comparative statement for the corresponding period of the immediately preceding financial year**

**Statements of Changes in Shareholders' Equity for the Year ended August 31**

(a)

	<b>Group</b>						
	<b>Share Capital</b>	<b>Share Premium</b>	<b>Capital Redemption Reserve</b>	<b>Capital Reserve</b>	<b>Retained Profit</b>	<b>Exchange Translation Difference</b>	<b>Total</b>
	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000
Balance as at September 1, 2004	316,527	62,319	4,509	2,005	1,093,755	4	1,479,119
Exchange translation difference	-	-	-	-	-	218	218
Gains not recognised in the income statement	-	-	-	-	-	218	218
Profit for the financial year	-	-	-	-	494,694	-	494,694
Issue of shares	1,555	-	-	-	-	-	1,555
Premium on issue of shares	-	26,887	-	-	-	-	26,887
Dividends	-	-	-	-	(381,270)	-	(381,270)
<b>Balance as at August 31, 2005</b>	<b>318,082</b>	<b>89,206</b>	<b>4,509</b>	<b>2,005</b>	<b>1,207,179</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>1,621,203</b>
Balance as at September 1, 2003	369,557	27,301	4,509	2,005	1,843,587	777	2,247,736
Exchange translation difference	-	-	-	-	-	(773)	(773)
Losses not recognised in the income statement	-	-	-	-	-	(773)	(773)
Profit for the financial year	-	-	-	-	546,282	-	546,282
Issue of shares	2,810	-	-	-	-	-	2,810
Premium on issue of shares	-	40,602	-	-	-	-	40,602
Capital reduction	(55,840)	(5,584)	-	-	(1,005,122)	-	(1,066,546)
Dividends	-	-	-	-	(290,992)	-	(290,992)
<b>Balance as at August 31, 2004</b>	<b>316,527</b>	<b>62,319</b>	<b>4,509</b>	<b>2,005</b>	<b>1,093,755</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1,479,119</b>

## Statements of Changes in Shareholders' Equity for the Year ended August 31 (cont'd)

(b)

	Company				
	Share Capital S\$'000	Share Premium S\$'000	Capital Redemption Reserve S\$'000	Retained Profit S\$'000	Total S\$'000
Balance as at September 1, 2004	316,527	62,319	4,509	883,559	1,266,914
Profit for the financial year	-	-	-	275,183*	275,183
Issue of shares	1,555	-	-	-	1,555
Premium on issue of shares	-	26,887	-	-	26,887
Dividends	-	-	-	(381,270)	(381,270)
<b>Balance as at August 31, 2005</b>	<b>318,082</b>	<b>89,206</b>	<b>4,509</b>	<b>777,472</b>	<b>1,189,269</b>
Balance as at September 1, 2003	369,557	27,301	4,509	1,776,944	2,178,311
Profit for the financial year	-	-	-	402,729	402,729
Issue of shares	2,810	-	-	-	2,810
Premium on issue of shares	-	40,602	-	-	40,602
Capital reduction	(55,840)	(5,584)	-	(1,005,122)	(1,066,546)
Dividends	-	-	-	(290,992)	(290,992)
<b>Balance as at August 31, 2004</b>	<b>316,527</b>	<b>62,319</b>	<b>4,509</b>	<b>883,559</b>	<b>1,266,914</b>

\* Lower profit against last year mainly attributable to lower dividends received from subsidiaries, partially offset by gain on disposal of a substantial portion of interest in StarHub Limited and lower provision made for SPH MediaWorks Limited in the current financial year. The dividends received from subsidiaries and provision made for SPH MediaWorks Ltd were recognised solely at entity's level and had no impact on the Group financial statements.

**1(d)(ii) Details of any changes in the company's share capital arising from rights issue, bonus issue, share buy-backs, exercise of share options or warrants, conversion of other issues of equity securities, issue of shares for cash or as consideration for acquisition or for any other purpose since the end of the previous period reported on. State also the number of shares that may be issued on conversion of all the outstanding convertibles as at the end of the current financial period reported and as at the end of the corresponding period of the immediately preceding financial year**

### Share Capital And Share Options

- (a) Between June 1, 2005 and August 31, 2005, pursuant to the Singapore Press Holdings Group (1999) Share Option Scheme (the "1999 Scheme"), the Company issued 507,175 ordinary shares of S\$0.20 each upon the exercise of options.
- (b) As a result of the 507,175 ordinary shares issued pursuant to the 1999 Scheme, the Company issued 5,122 management shares of S\$0.20 each in accordance with the Newspaper and Printing Presses Act, Cap. 206 between June 1, 2005 and August 31, 2005.
- (c) There was no grant of share options to subscribe for ordinary shares under the 1999 Scheme during the current final quarter.

- (d) Under the 1999 Scheme, options to subscribe for 60,914,450 ordinary shares of S\$0.20 each remain outstanding as at August 31, 2005 compared to 54,334,075 ordinary shares of S\$0.20 each as at August 31, 2004.

### **Share Buy Back**

Under the Share Buy Back Mandate (first approved by the Shareholders on July 16, 1999 and last renewed at the Annual General Meeting on December 6, 2004), no shares were bought back by the Company during the current final quarter.

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

### **Audit**

The figures for the year have been audited by our auditors. The auditors' report on the financial statements of the Group was not subject to any qualification.

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

### **Auditors' Report**

We have audited the financial statements of Singapore Press Holdings Limited and the consolidated financial statements of the Group for the financial year ended August 31, 2005. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's directors. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Singapore Standards on Auditing. Those Standards require that we plan and perform our audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by the directors, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion,

- (a) the accompanying balance sheet of the Company and the consolidated financial statements of the Group are properly drawn up in accordance with the provisions of the Singapore Companies Act, Cap 50 ("the Act") and Singapore Financial Reporting Standards so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and of the Group as at August 31, 2005 and the results, changes in equity and cash flows of the Group for the financial year ended on that date; and
- (b) the accounting and other records required by the Act to be kept by the Company and by those subsidiaries incorporated in Singapore of which we are the auditors have been properly kept in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

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

**Accounting Policies**

The financial statements have been prepared in compliance with the same accounting policies and methods of computation adopted in the audited financial statements of last financial year, except where new/revised accounting standards became effective from this financial year. These include:

- i) FRS 103 - Business Combinations
- ii) Revised FRS 36 - Impairment of Assets
- iii) Revised FRS 38 - Intangible Assets

The adoption of FRS 103 has resulted in the change in accounting policy for goodwill arising on acquisition.

**5. If there are any changes in the accounting policies and methods of computation, including any required by an accounting standard, what has changed, as well as the reasons for, and effect of, the change**

Prior to the adoption of the new standard, FRS 103, the accounting policy was to amortise goodwill on a straight-line basis over its economic useful life up to a maximum of 20 financial years. Goodwill assessed as having no continuing economic value is written off to the consolidated income statement. To comply with FRS 103, goodwill will no longer be amortised but will instead be subject to an annual impairment test, or more frequently if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the asset might be impaired.

The adoption of FRS 103, Revised FRS 36 and Revised FRS 38 has no impact on the comparatives and does not have any material impact on the Group financial statements for the year ended August 31, 2005.

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

**Earnings Per Share for the Year ended August 31**

		Group	
		2005	2004
(a)	Based on the weighted average number of shares on issue (S\$)		
	- before exceptional items	0.34	0.29
	- after exceptional items	0.31	0.31
(b)	On fully diluted basis (S\$)		
	- before exceptional items	0.33	0.29
	- after exceptional items	0.31	0.31

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

**Net Asset Value Per Share As At**

	Group		Company	
	Aug 31, 2005	Aug 31, 2004	Aug 31, 2005	Aug 31, 2004
Net asset value per share based on issued share capital at the end of year (S\$)	1.02	0.93	0.75	0.80

8. **A review of the performance of the group, to the extent necessary for a reasonable understanding of the group's business. It must include a discussion of any significant factors that affected the turnover, costs, and earnings of the group for the current financial period reported on, including (where applicable) seasonal or cyclical factors; and any material factors that affected the cash flow, working capital, assets or liabilities of the group during the current financial period reported on**

**Business Segments/ Review of Results**

**Business Segments**

The Group is organised into four major operating segments, namely Newspaper and Magazine, Broadcasting and Multimedia, Treasury and Investment, and Property, and reports its primary segment information through direct identification. The Newspaper and Magazine segment is involved in the publishing, printing and distributing of newspapers and magazines. The Broadcasting and Multimedia segment provides services which include provision of broadcasting, portal sites and other related services. With the rationalisation of the Group's broadcasting business completed on December 31, 2004, the broadcasting segment would henceforth comprise mainly the Group's share of interest in MediaCorp TV Holdings Pte Ltd. The Treasury and Investment segment manages the investment activities of the Group. The Property segment holds and manages properties owned by the Group.

**Review of Results**

- 8.1 Group operating revenue grew 3.9% against last year to S\$1,007.5 million. The higher revenue was mainly contributed by Newspaper and Magazine segment, which rose 7.0% to S\$891.8 million. Print advertising was up 6.4% to S\$664.2 million on the back of contribution from the Blu Inc media and publishing business and higher newspaper advertisement revenue. Circulation revenue (after absorption of S\$9.8 million in GST) was 6.7% higher than last year. Revenue from the Property segment at S\$89.4 million was 8.3% higher against last year. The financial year also included broadcasting advertising revenue of S\$12.9 million earned prior to the cessation of the Group's broadcasting activities. This was S\$24.6 million or 65.7% lower than the prior year.

- 8.2 Materials, consumables and broadcasting costs was S\$20.9 million lower, as the full impact of broadcasting production cost savings kicked in since the third quarter of the current financial year. This was partially negated by higher newsprint and magazine production costs.

Staff costs was 0.2% lower, mainly attributable to lower staff variable bonus provision and cost savings from the cessation of broadcasting operations. These were largely offset by higher staff cost arising from the acquisition of Blu Inc media and publishing business, expansion of the Group's existing magazine business and annual salary increment.

Depreciation expenses were lower by S\$1.4 million against last year primarily because of a lower depreciable asset base. Included in the fourth quarter 2005 was accelerated depreciation of S\$5.3 million on certain components of printing equipment following a review of its economic useful life. Other operating expenses were up S\$14.8 million comprising mainly cost increases such as article fees, distribution costs and foreign exchange losses in the Newspaper and Magazine segment.

- 8.3 Consequently, profit from operations of S\$380.8 million was 12.7% higher against last year.

- 8.4 Group investment income at S\$248.6 million was S\$9.4 million lower than last year. Excluding one-time gain on StarHub this year (S\$128.5 million) and Belgacom last year (S\$170.5 million), group investment income would have been S\$32.5 million better than last year. This was attributable largely to higher profit on sale of investments (S\$35.6 million).

- 8.5 The Group's share of net losses of associates and jointly controlled entity for the year comprised mainly losses from MediaCorp TV Holdings Pte Ltd (S\$3.8 million) partially offset by share of profit of MediaCorp Press Ltd (S\$1.5 million).

- 8.6 The exceptional loss of S\$38.5 million for the year relates mainly to charges associated with the media merger (S\$25.9 million) and impairment of goodwill that arose from the acquisition of certain subsidiaries and an associate (S\$12.9 million).

Last year's exceptional gain of S\$28.7 million arose mainly from the sale of Times House (S\$110.1 million) partially offset by a S\$65.3 million charge pursuant to an exercise to review the Group's broadcasting assets and impairment losses on property, plant and equipment (S\$15.5 million) of the Group's newspaper and magazine segment.

- 8.7 Taxation charge of S\$70.0 million took into account group relief of S\$12.9 million from utilisation of SPH MediaWorks Ltd's tax losses and capital allowances in the current year. In addition, credit adjustment of S\$4.3 million was also made for prior year's group relief. Except for this adjustment, there were no other material adjustments for under or over provision of taxation in respect of prior years.

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

No forecast was made previously.

**10. A commentary at the date of announcement of the significant trends and competitive conditions of the industry in which the group operates and any known factors or events that may affect the group in the next reporting period and the next 12 months**

**Outlook**

- 10.1 The Group's advertising revenue is expected to move in tandem with the economy. The recent upward revision of official GDP growth forecast for year 2005 to 3.5% - 4.5% is expected to be positive for consumer and business sentiment in the near term. However, there are concerns over global economic factors such as the continued pressure on oil prices and interest rate hikes. Newsprint prices are expected to increase but at a more measured pace.
- 10.2 Excluding non-recurring gains, the returns from the Group's investible funds are expected to vary with the performance of the local and global financial markets.
- 10.3 The performance of the Group's property business is expected to remain at current levels.
- 10.4 Barring any adverse development in the economic and geopolitical environment, the Directors expect the profit from operations of the Group for the current financial year to be comparable to the last financial year.

**11. Dividends**

**(a) Current Financial Period Reported On**

Any dividend recommended for the current financial period reported on? Yes

Name of Dividend	Final Dividend	Special Dividend
Dividend Type	Cash	Cash
Dividend Rate	10 cents per share (less tax)	7.8 cents per share net See Notes below
Par Value of shares	20 cents	20 cents
Tax rate	20%	See Notes below

Notes:

1. The recommended net Special Dividend is 7.8 cents per share.
2. The Company intends to use, to the maximum extent possible, its Section 44A credits for the Special Dividend.
3. Based on its Section 44A credits available and on its issued share capital as at 5 October 2005, being the latest practicable date prior to the date of this announcement:
  - (a) assuming no increase in its issued share capital up to the books closure date referred to in paragraph (d) below ("BCD"), the recommended amount of the net Special Dividend of 7.8 cents per share would comprise:
    - (i) 8.357 cents per share (less tax at 20%) or 6.685 cents per share net of tax; and

(ii) 1.115 cents per share (one-tier tax); and

(b) assuming all exercisable options granted under the 1999 Scheme are exercised as at the BCD, the recommended amount of the net Special Dividend of 7.8 cents per share would comprise:

(i) 8.017 cents per share (less tax at 20%) or 6.414 cents per share net of tax; and

(ii) 1.386 cents per share (one-tier tax).

4. The actual amount of the Special Dividend which will be paid utilising Section 44A credits and/or on a one-tier tax basis will be based on the issued shares of the Company as at BCD and will be announced by the Company as soon as practicable on or after BCD.

**(b) Corresponding Period of the Immediately Preceding Financial Year**

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

Name of Dividend	Final Dividend	Special Dividend
Dividend Type	Cash	Cash
Dividend Rate	10 cents per share (less tax)	11.25 cents per share (less tax)
Par Value of shares	20 cents	20 cents
Tax rate	20%	20%

**(c) Date payable**

The date the dividend is payable: December 22, 2005

**(d) Books closure date**

The Share Transfer Books and Register of Members of the Company will be closed on December 13, 2005 for preparation of dividend warrants. Duly stamped and completed transfers received by our Share Transfer Office, Barbinder & Co Pte Ltd, 8 Cross Street, #11-00, PWC Building, Singapore 048424, up to 5 p.m. on December 12, 2005 will be registered to determine shareholders' entitlements to the final and special dividends. In respect of shares in securities accounts with The Central Depository (Pte) Limited ("CDP"), the said final and special dividends will be paid by the Company to CDP which will distribute the dividends to holders of the securities accounts.

12. **If no dividend has been declared/recommended, a statement to that effect**  
Not applicable.

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

**Group Segmental Information  
2005**

	<b>Newspaper and Magazine S\$'000</b>	<b>Broadcasting and Multimedia S\$'000</b>	<b>Treasury and Investment S\$'000</b>	<b>Property S\$'000</b>	<b>Eliminations S\$'000</b>	<b>Consolidated S\$'000</b>
<b>Operating revenue</b>						
External sales	891,783	26,284	-	89,445	-	1,007,512
Inter-segmental sales	1,985	95	-	2,141	(4,221)	-
Total operating revenue	<u>893,768</u>	<u>26,379</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>91,586</u>	<u>(4,221)</u>	<u>1,007,512</u>
<b>Result</b>						
Segment result	328,862	(14,843)	248,024	66,874	-	628,917
Finance costs	(51)	(440)	-	(22,035)	-	(22,526)
Finance income	169	-*	-	310	-	479
Share of profit less losses of associates/jointly controlled entity	236	(3,826)	-	-	-	(3,590)
Exceptional items	(12,786)	(25,756)	-	-	-	(38,542)
Profit/(loss) before taxation	316,430	(44,865)	248,024	45,149	-	564,738
Taxation						(69,975)
Profit after taxation						494,763
Minority interests						(69)
Profit attributable to shareholders						<u>494,694</u>
<b>Other Information</b>						
Segment assets	678,902	13,844	803,274	1,098,903	-	2,594,923
Interests in associates	21,767	12,336	-	-	-	34,103
Interests in jointly controlled entity	33	-	-	-	-	33
Consolidated total assets						<u>2,629,059</u>
Segment liabilities	161,733	465	9,056	678,256	-	849,510
Current taxation						88,298
Deferred taxation						67,777
Consolidated total liabilities						<u>1,005,585</u>
Capital expenditure	15,093	487	-	13,245	-	28,825
Depreciation	49,497	336	-	467	-	50,300
Amortisation	552	-	-	-	-	552
Impairment losses:						
- Goodwill on acquisition of subsidiaries	10,421	-	-	-	-	10,421
- Goodwill on acquisition of an associate	2,519	-	-	-	-	2,519
- Interest in an associate	105	-	-	-	-	105
- Property, plant and equipment	688	-	-	-	-	688

\* Less than \$500

## 2004

	<b>Newspaper and Magazine S\$'000</b>	<b>Broadcasting and Multimedia S\$'000</b>	<b>Treasury and Investment S\$'000</b>	<b>Property S\$'000</b>	<b>Eliminations S\$'000</b>	<b>Consolidated S\$'000</b>
<b>Operating revenue</b>						
External sales	833,202	54,301	-	82,572	-	970,075
Inter-segmental sales	2,352	72	-	2,377	(4,801)	-
Total operating revenue	<u>835,554</u>	<u>54,373</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>84,949</u>	<u>(4,801)</u>	<u>970,075</u>
<b>Result</b>						
Segment result	337,774	(55,955)	252,716	61,169	-	595,704
Finance costs	(15)	(1,847)	-	(22,341)	-	(24,203)
Finance income	131	15	-	116	-	262
Share of net losses of associates	(249)	-	-	-	-	(249)
Exceptional items	(16,129)	(65,300)	-	110,106	-	28,677
Profit/(loss) before taxation	321,512	(123,087)	252,716	149,050	-	600,191
Taxation						(53,914)
Profit after taxation						546,277
Minority interests						5
Profit attributable to shareholders						<u>546,282</u>
<b>Other Information</b>						
Segment assets	696,695	22,130	780,291	1,091,836	-	2,590,952
Interests in associates	928	-	-	-	-	928
Consolidated total assets						<u>2,591,880</u>
Segment liabilities	148,076	100,906	36	709,987	-	959,005
Current taxation						81,112
Deferred taxation						72,126
Consolidated total liabilities						<u>1,112,243</u>
Capital expenditure	31,628	1,183	-	6,396	-	39,207
Depreciation	45,360	5,798	-	527	-	51,685
Impairment loss:						
- Property, plant and equipment	15,542	19,411	-	-	-	34,953

### Notes:

- (a) **Geographical segments:** The principal geographical area in which the Group operates is Singapore. The Group's overseas operations comprise mainly publishing and distributing magazines, holding overseas investments and the provision of marketing, editorial, art and graphical services overseas.

	<b>Operating Revenue</b>		<b>Segment Assets</b>		<b>Capital Expenditure</b>	
	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>
	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000
Singapore	993,896	970,075	2,613,322	2,583,798	28,029	39,145
Other Countries	13,616	-	15,737	8,082	796	62
	<u>1,007,512</u>	<u>970,075</u>	<u>2,629,059</u>	<u>2,591,880</u>	<u>28,825</u>	<u>39,207</u>

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

Refer to paragraph 8.

15. **Breakdown of Sales**

		<b>Group</b>		
		<b>2005</b> S\$'000	<b>2004</b> S\$'000	<b>Change</b> %
(a)	Operating revenue reported for first half year	500,296	468,418	6.8
(b)	Profit after tax before deducting minority interests reported for the first half year	319,175	173,026	84.5
(c)	Operating revenue reported for second half year	507,216	501,657	1.1
(d)	Profit after tax before deducting minority interests reported for the second half year	175,588	373,251	(53.0)

16. **A breakdown of the total annual dividend (in dollar value) for the issuer's latest full year and its previous full year as follows:-**

**Total Net Annual Dividend**

	<b>2005</b> S\$'000	<b>2004</b> S\$'000
Ordinary	362,555	329,487
Preference	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>362,555*</b>	<b>329,487</b>

The amount of S\$362,555,000 (Last year: S\$329,487,000) included S\$3,669,000 (Last year: S\$3,335,000) for management shares.

\* This may be increased depending on the number of issued shares existing as at the books closure date on December 13, 2005.

17. **Reclassification**

The comparative figures of the amounts owing by/to subsidiaries and loans to subsidiaries, which were previously included in interests in subsidiaries, have been reclassified and shown separately on the balance sheet. The reclassification was made to conform with current year's presentation. The comparative amounts reclassified out of interest in subsidiaries are as follows:

	<b>COMPANY</b> <u>2004</u> S\$'000
Interests in subsidiaries as reported on August 31, 2004	1,009,749
Reclassified to "Amount owing by subsidiaries"	(796,146)
Reclassified to "Amount owing to subsidiaries"	173,209
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Adjusted balance	<u>386,812</u>

**BY ORDER OF THE BOARD**

Ginney Lim May Ling  
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Company Secretaries

Singapore,  
October 11, 2005