

# Auditors' Report

to the Members of Singapore Press Holdings Limited

We have audited the financial statements of Singapore Press Holdings Limited and the consolidated financial statements of the Group for the year ended August 31, 1999 set out on pages 38 to 65. 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 financial statements and consolidated financial statements are properly drawn up in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act and Statements of Accounting Standard and so as to give a true and fair view of:-
  - (i) the state of affairs of the Company and of the Group as at August 31, 1999, the results of the Company and of the Group and the cash flows of the Group for the year ended on that date; and
  - (ii) the other matters required by Section 201 of the Act to be dealt with in the financial statements and consolidated financial statements.
- (b) the accounting and other records, and the registers required by the Act to be kept by the Company and by those subsidiaries incorporated in Singapore have been properly kept in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

We are satisfied that the financial statements of the subsidiaries that have been consolidated with the financial statements of the Company are in form and content appropriate and proper for the purposes of the preparation of the consolidated financial statements and we have received satisfactory information and explanations required by us for those purposes.

The auditors' reports on the financial statements of the subsidiaries were not subject to any qualification and in respect of subsidiaries incorporated in Singapore did not include any comment made under Section 207(3) of the Act.



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PricewaterhouseCoopers  
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Singapore,  
October 6, 1999