

GROUP FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2017

	2017 S\$'000	2016 S\$'000	Change %
Operating revenue	1,032,515	1,124,349	(8.2)
Operating profit[#]	205,448	305,169	(32.7)
Profit before taxation	431,492	361,041	19.5
Profit after taxation	395,216	306,139	29.1
Non-controlling interests	(45,131)	(40,846)	10.5
Profit attributable to shareholders	350,085	265,293	32.0
Shareholders' interests	3,488,398	3,517,326	(0.8)
Total assets	6,106,410	5,943,888	2.7
Total liabilities	1,883,086	1,702,484	10.6
Non-controlling interests	734,926	724,078	1.5
Dividends declared for the financial year	242,276	290,664	(16.6)

Profitability ratios	%	%	% points
Operating margin [^]	19.9	27.1	(7.2)
Return on operating revenue	33.9	23.6	10.3
Return on shareholders' funds	10.0	7.5	2.5

Per share data			%
Net assets attributable to shareholders (S\$)	2.16	2.18	(0.9)
Profit attributable to shareholders (S\$)	0.22	0.16	37.5
Dividends declared for the financial year (cents) ^{##}	15	18	(16.7)
Dividend cover for the financial year (times)	1.5	0.9	66.7

Value added	S\$	S\$	%
Per employee	162,996	193,792	(15.9)
Per \$ employment costs	2.01	2.20	(8.6)
Per \$ investment in property, plant and equipment (before depreciation)	0.70	0.82	(14.6)
Per \$ operating revenue	0.71	0.73	(2.7)

[#] This represents the recurring earnings of the media, property and other businesses.

[^] Computed based on recurring earnings.

^{##} These dividends are tax-exempt. The proposed final dividend of 9 cents per share, comprising a normal dividend of 3 cents per share and a special dividend of 6 cents per share, is subject to approval by shareholders at the Annual General Meeting on December 1, 2017.