Financial Statement And Dividend Announcement For The Financial Year Ended 30/09/2004

PART I - INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS OF QUARTERLY (Q1, Q2 & Q3), HALF-YEAR AND FULL YEAR RESULTS

1(a) An income statement (for the group) together with a comparative statement for the corresponding period of the immediately preceding financial year.

| | Gro | oup | | Gro | oup | |
|--|-----------|-----------|---------|-----------|-----------|---------|
| | 1-Jul-04 | 1-Jul-03 | | 1-Oct-03 | 1-Oct-02 | |
| | to | to | | to | to | |
| | 30-Sep-04 | 30-Sep-03 | + / (-) | 30-Sep-04 | 30-Sep-03 | + / (-) |
| | \$'000 | \$'000 | % | \$'000 | \$'000 | % |
| Revenue (a) | 52,311 | 65,450 | (20.1) | 168,618 | 178,151 | (5.4) |
| Cost of sales (b) | (15,656) | (21,501) | (27.2) | (59,346) | (64,618) | (8.2) |
| Gross profit | 36,655 | 43,949 | (16.6) | 109,272 | 113,533 | (3.8) |
| Other operating income (c) | 21 | 107 | (80.4) | 1,649 | 4,430 | (62.8) |
| Selling and marketing expense | (1,398) | (820) | 70.5 | (4,488) | (3,970) | 13.0 |
| General and administrative expense | (3,350) | (2,456) | 36.4 | (12,785) | (11,897) | 7.5 |
| Other operating expense (d) | (5,939) | (7,377) | (19.5) | (25,166) | (28,851) | (12.8) |
| Exceptional item (e) | 6,639 | - | NM | 265,542 | - | NM |
| Operating profit | 32,628 | 33,403 | (2.3) | 334,024 | 73,245 | 356.0 |
| Finance income (f) | 304 | 430 | (29.3) | 2,546 | 2,531 | 0.6 |
| Finance costs (g) | (1,374) | (1,946) | (29.4) | (5,770) | (5,036) | 14.6 |
| Profit before tax | 31,558 | 31,887 | (1.0) | 330,800 | 70,740 | 367.6 |
| Tax (h) | (2,806) | (263) | 966.9 | (4,188) | 3,642 | NM |
| Profit from ordinary activities before minority interests | 28,752 | 31,624 | (9.1) | 326,612 | 74,382 | 339.1 |
| Minority interests | - | (3,772) | NM | - | (12,027) | NM |
| Net profit | 28,752 | 27,852 | 3.2 | 326,612 | 62,355 | 423.8 |
| Profit after tax as a percentage of revenue | 55.0% | 42.6% | | 193.7% | 35.0% | |
| Profit after tax as a percentage of issued capital and reserves at end of the financial year | 1.4% | 1.5% | | 15.7% | 3.4% | |

Notes:

NM - Not meaningful.

(a) Revenue

| | Gro | oup | | Group | | |
|--|-----------|-----------|---------|-----------|-----------|---------|
| | 1-Jul-04 | 1-Jul-03 | | 1-Oct-03 | 1-Oct-02 | |
| | to | to | | to | to | |
| | 30-Sep-04 | 30-Sep-03 | + / (-) | 30-Sep-04 | 30-Sep-03 | + / (-) |
| | \$'000 | \$'000 | % | \$'000 | \$'000 | % |
| Hotel operations | | | | | | |
| Gross revenue from hotel operations, store rentals and service fees | 32,320 | 26,159 | 23.6 | 110,436 | 91,162 | 21.1 |
| Investments operations | | | | | | |
| Proceeds from sale of trading investments | 2,900 | 14,401 | (79.9) | 8,530 | 20,045 | (57.4) |
| Dividend income from quoted equity investments in other corporations | 17,091 | 24,876 | (31.3) | 49,652 | 66,902 | (25.8) |
| Interest from quoted bonds | - | 14 | NM | - | 42 | NM |
| | 52,311 | 65,450 | (20.1) | 168,618 | 178,151 | (5.4) |

| (b) Cost of sales | | | 1 | | | |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Hotel operating costs | 13,346 | 10,710 | 24.6 | 52,396 | 49,135 | 6.6 |
| Carrying value of trading investments sold | 2,310 | 10,791 | (78.6) | 6,950 | 15,483 | (55.1) |
| investmente sold | 15,656 | 21,501 | (27.2) | 59,346 | 64,618 | (8.2) |
| · | | | | | | |
| (c) Other operating income | | | | | | |
| Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment | _ | _ | _ | _ | 50 | NM |
| Gain on disposal of investments | | | | | | |
| available-for-sale | - | - | - | 807 | - | NM |
| Fair value adjustment for trading investments | _ | | | 742 | 4,237 | (82.5) |
| Others | 21 | 107 | (80.4) | 100 | 143 | (30.1) |
| | 21 | 107 | (80.4) | 1,649 | 4,430 | (62.8) |
| (N = 1) | | | | | | |
| (d) Other operating expense Depreciation | 2.158 | 3,289 | (34.4) | 9,560 | 13,450 | (28.9) |
| Loss on disposal of property, plant | 2,156 | 3,209 | (34.4) | 9,560 | 13,450 | (26.9) |
| and equipment | 184 | 12 | 1,433.3 | 193 | - | NM |
| Loss on disposal of investments | | | | | | |
| available-for-sale Repairs and maintenance | 1,602 | 1,318 | 21.5 | 6,146 | 9 5,702 | NM 7.8 |
| Rental expense - operating leases | 1,331 | 934 | 42.5 | 4,687 | 4,252 | 10.2 |
| Property tax | (159) | 1,099 | NM | 3,806 | 4,368 | (12.9) |
| Fair value adjustment for trading | | | | | | , , |
| investments | 575 | 376 | 52.9 | | - | - |
| Others | 5,939 | 349 7,377 | (28.9) (19.5) | 774 25,166 | 1,070 28,851 | (27.7) (12.8) |
| | 0,000 | 1,011 | (10.0) | 20,100 | 20,00 | (1210) |
| (e) Exceptional item | | | | | | |
| Gain from liquidation of investee | | | | | | |
| Coin from liquidation of publishing | - | - | - NINA | 57,314 | - | NM |
| Gain from liquidation of subsidiaries | 6,639 6,639 | - | NM NM | 208,228 265,542 | - | NM NM |
| | 2,000 | l | | | <u> </u> | |
| (f) Finance income | | | | | | |
| Interest income from: | | | (5) | | | (|
| - Call and fixed deposits | 295 9 | 430 | (31.4) | 929 | 1,345 1,186 | (30.9) |
| Net foreign exchange gain | 304 | 430 | NM (29.3) | 1,617 2,546 | 2,531 | 36.3 0.6 |
| | 00. | .00 | (20.0) | 2,0.10 | 2,001 | 0.0 |
| (g) Finance costs | | | | | | |
| Interest expense on: | | | | | | |
| - Bank loans | 1,374 | 1,203 | 14.2 | 5,343 | 5,011 | 6.6 |
| - Bank overdrafts - Advance from a related company | - | 8 | NM | 1 426 | 25 | (96.0) NM |
| Net foreign exchange loss | - | 735 | NM | - | | - INIVI |
| riot io. oigh exemange ioos | 1,374 | 1,946 | (29.4) | 5,770 | 5,036 | 14.6 |
| | | | | | | |
| (h) Tax | | | | | | |
| Tax expense attributable to results | | | | | | |
| | 441 | 2,651 | (83.4) | 2,266 | 3,816 | (40.6) |
| of the financial year: | 441 | (4) | (03.4) NM | 2,200 | (51) | (40.0) NM |
| Singapore | _ | | | | ` ' | |
| | - 600 | 249 | 141.0 | 726 | 300 | 142.0 |
| Singapore Double tax relief | - 600 1,319 | 249 (463) | 141.0 NM | 726 752 | (579) | |
| Singapore Double tax relief Foreign Transfer to/(from) deferred taxation | | | | | | NM |
| Singapore Double tax relief Foreign Transfer to/(from) deferred taxation Adjustments in respect of prior years: | 1,319 | (463) | NM | 752 | (579) | NM |
| Singapore Double tax relief Foreign Transfer to/(from) deferred taxation Adjustments in respect of prior years: (Over)/under provision of income tax: | 1,319 2,360 | (463) 2,433 | (3.0) | 752 3,744 | (579) 3,486 | NM 7.4 |
| Singapore Double tax relief Foreign Transfer to/(from) deferred taxation Adjustments in respect of prior years: (Over)/under provision of income tax: Singapore | 1,319 | (463) 2,433 28 | NM (3.0) | 752 | (579) 3,486 (247) | NM 7.4 NM |
| Singapore Double tax relief Foreign Transfer to/(from) deferred taxation Adjustments in respect of prior years: (Over)/under provision of income tax: | 1,319 2,360 | (463) 2,433 | (3.0) | 752 3,744 | (579) 3,486 | 142.0 NM 7.4 NM NM |

The income tax attributable to the results of the Group for the current period is lower than the amount of income tax determined by applying the Singapore standard rate of income tax to profit before taxation due mainly to gains arising from the distributions from a subsidiary and an investee company under liquidations not subject to tax and foreign dividend income which is exempted from tax.

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.

| | Group | | Comp | pany |
|--|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | As at | As at | As at | As at |
| | 30-Sep-04 | 30-Sep-03 | 30-Sep-04 | 30-Sep-03 |
| | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 |
| Current assets | | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 47,486 | 34,773 | 8,766 | 6,378 |
| Receivables | 9,032 | 7,782 | 12,577 | 27,064 |
| Inventories | 2,386 | 2,459 | 850 | 915 |
| Other current assets | 18,995 | 15,040 | 497 | 403 |
| Trading investments | 19,219 | 16,664 | 16,105 | 13,563 |
| liquidation | - | - | - | 547 |
| Amount realisable on liquidation of subsidiaries | 5,550 | 45,460 | _ | - |
| Tax recoverable | - | 1,867 | - | 232 |
| | 102,668 | 124,045 | 38,795 | 49,102 |
| Non-current assets | , | , | | -, - |
| Investments in subsidiaries | - | _ | 93,140 | 94,150 |
| Investments in an associate | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 |
| Amount realisable on liquidation | | | | |
| of subsidiaries | - | 277,241 | _ | - |
| Amount realisable on liquidation | | • | | |
| of an investee company | 182,942 | 224,000 | 70,892 | 87,000 |
| Investments available-for-sale | 1,720,435 | 1,182,168 | 2,579 | 1,149 |
| Property, plant and equipment | 251,847 | 244,062 | 39,075 | 39,690 |
| | 2,155,239 | 1,927,486 | 205,701 | 222,004 |
| Total assets | 2,257,907 | 2,051,531 | 244,496 | 271,106 |
| Current liabilities | | | | |
| Trade and other payables | 17,671 | 57,399 | 5,336 | 47,920 |
| Borrowings | 102,048 | 107,643 | 33,800 | 40,000 |
| Current tax | 707 | 915 | 118 | - |
| | 120,426 | 165,957 | 39,254 | 87,920 |
| Non-current liabilities | | • | · | · |
| Borrowings | 56,185 | 64,440 | - | - |
| Deferred tax liabilities | 8,567 | 7,632 | 2,354 | 2,713 |
| | 64,752 | 72,072 | 2,354 | 2,713 |
| Total liabilities | 185,178 | 238,029 | 41,608 | 90,633 |
| Net assets | 2,072,729 | 1,813,502 | 202,888 | 180,473 |
| Share capital and reserves | | | | |
| Share capital | 42,989 | 45,000 | 42,989 | 45,000 |
| Reserves | 1,895,203 | 1,591,410 | 102,890 | 86,204 |
| Retained profits | 134,537 | 177,092 | 57,009 | 49,269 |
| Interests of the shareholders of the | , | , | 21,300 | -,0 |
| Company | 2,072,729 | 1,813,502 | 202,888 | 180,473 |

1(b)(ii) Aggregate amount of group's borrowings and debt securities. Amount repayable in one year or less, or on demand

Secured Unsecured 89,048,000 13,000,000 108,624,000 14,008,000

Amount repayable after one year

As at 30 September 2004

As at 30 June 2004

Secured Unsecured

As at 30 September 2004 56,184,500 - As at 30 June 2004 57,461,000 -

Details of any collateral

The Group's bank facilities up to \$383 million, out of which \$158 million was utilised as at 30 September 2004. The credit facilities are secured by:

- the pledge of certain quoted equity investments with a total fair value of \$406 million.
- legal mortgages on freehold land and buildings and fixed and floating charges over the assets of certain subsidiaries.

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

| | Gro | oup | Gro | Group | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------------|--|--|
| | 1-Jul-04 | 1-Jul-03 | 1-Oct-03 | 1-Oct-02 | | |
| | to | to | to | to | | |
| | 30-Sep-04 | 30-Sep-03 | 30-Sep-04 | 30-Sep-03 | | |
| | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | | |
| Cash Flows From Operating | | | | | | |
| Activities | | | | | | |
| Profit before tax | 31,558 | 31,887 | 330,800 | 70,740 | | |
| Adjustments for: | | | | | | |
| Depreciation | 2,157 | 3,289 | 9,559 | 13,450 | | |
| Loss/(Gain) on disposal of property, | | | | | | |
| plant and equipment | 182 | 3 | 191 | (50) | | |
| Adjustment to replaceable assets | 40 | (1) | (14) | (4) | | |
| Unrealised exchange differences | (406) | 135 | 120 | 226 | | |
| investments | 575 | 376 | (742) | (4,237) | | |
| Loss / (gain) on disposal of | | | , | , , , | | |
| investments available-for-sale | - | 10 | (807) | 9 | | |
| and an investee company under | | | ` , | | | |
| liquidation | (6,467) | - | (265,542) | - | | |
| Interest income | (295) | (430) | (929) | (1,345) | | |
| Interest expense | 1,374 | 1,211 | 5,770 | 5,036 | | |
| Operating cash flow before | | | | | | |
| working capital changes | 28,718 | 36,480 | 78,406 | 83,825 | | |
| Changes in operating assets | | | | | | |
| and liabilities: | | | | | | |
| Trade and other debtors | (17,231) | (21,344) | (5,205) | (2,095) | | |
| Inventories | 202 | (11) | 73 | (61) | | |
| Trading investments | (115) | 9,583 | (1,813) | 10,873 | | |
| Trade and other payables | 2,354 | 1,342 | 4,008 | 307 | | |
| Cash generated from operations | 13,928 | 26,050 | 75,469 | 92,849 | | |
| Income tax paid | (580) | (4,348) | (1,777) | (12,308) | | |
| Net cash inflow from operating | (, | () / | | , , , , , , , | | |
| activities | 13,348 | 21,702 | 73,692 | 80,541 | | |
| | Í | , | , | , | | |
| Cash Flows From Financing | | | | | | |
| Activities | | | | | | |
| (Repayment)/increase of bank loans | (20,093) | (2,228) | (18,261) | 2,708 | | |
| Repayment of amount owing to | | | | | | |
| subsidiary under liquidation | - | - | (42,990) | - | | |
| Interest paid | (1,374) | (1,211) | (5,770) | (5,036) | | |
| Dividends paid | - | - | (48,240) | (26,325) | | |
| Dividends paid to minority | | | | | | |
| shareholders of subsidiaries | - | (18,163) | - | (24,217) | | |
| Net cash outflow from financing | | | | | | |
| activities | (21,467) | (21,602) | (115,261) | (52,870) | | |
| | | | | | | |

| Cash Flows From Investing | | | | |
|---|--------|----------|---------|----------|
| Activities | | | | |
| Purchase of property, plant and | | | | |
| equipment | (787) | (165) | (3,701) | (3,949) |
| Proceeds from sale of property, plant | | | | |
| and equipment | 5 | - | 14 | 54 |
| Purchase of investments | | | | |
| available-for-sale | - | - | - | (1,638) |
| Proceeds from sale of investments | | | | |
| available-for-sale | - | 44 | 807 | 370 |
| Proceeds from distributions from a | | | | |
| subsidiary under liquidation | 8,739 | - | 55,719 | - |
| Interest received | 295 | 430 | 929 | 1,345 |
| Net cash outflow from investing | | | | |
| activities | 8,252 | 309 | 53,768 | (3,818) |
| Net increase in cash and cash | | | | |
| equivalents | 133 | 409 | 12,199 | 23,853 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the | | | , | · |
| beginning of the financial period | 47,558 | 67,426 | 34,772 | 43,378 |
| Effects of adjustments arising from | | | | |
| deconsolidation of subsidiaries in | | | | |
| liquidation during the financial period | - | (32,948) | - | (32,948) |
| Effects of exchange rate changes | | | | |
| on cash and cash equivalents | (205) | (115) | 515 | 489 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the | | | | |
| end of the financial period | 47,486 | 34,772 | 47,486 | 34,772 |

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.

| | Share | Share | Revalua- | Foreign | Fair | Distribu- | Retained | |
|---------------------------------------|---------|---------|----------|-------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | capital | premium | tion | currency | value | table | profits | |
| | | | reserve | translation | reserve | reserve | | |
| The Group | | | | reserve | | | | Total |
| | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 |
| Balance at 1 October 2003 | 45,000 | 1,812 | 1,060 | 16,451 | 1,316,674 | 255,413 | 177,092 | 1,813,502 |
| Currency translation differences | - | - | - | 9,872 | - | - | - | 9,872 |
| Fair value adjustment for investments | | | | | | | | |
| available-for-sale | - | - | - | - | 317,894 | ı | - | 317,894 |
| Gains not recognised in income | - | - | - | 9,872 | 317,894 | | - | 327,766 |
| Net profit | - | - | - | - | 1 | ı | 326,612 | 326,612 |
| Total recognised gains for the | | | | | | | | |
| financial year | - | - | - | 9,872 | 317,894 | 1 | 326,612 | 654,378 |
| Share cancellation | (2,011) | - | - | - | - | ı | (74,414) | (76,425) |
| Realisation of fair value reserve on | | | | | | | | |
| distributions from subsidiaries | | | | | | | | |
| under liquidation | - | - | - | - | (208, 228) | = | - | (208,228) |
| Realisation of fair value reserve on | | | | | | | | |
| distributions from an investee | | | | | | | | |
| company under liquidation | | | | | (62,258) | | | (62,258) |
| Transfer from retained earnings to | | | | | Ì | | | , , |
| distributable reserve: | | | | | | | | |
| - Gain on distributions from | | | | | | | | |
| subsidiaries and an investee | | | | | | | | |
| company under liquidation | - | - | - | - | = | 245,706 | (245,706) | - |
| - Gain on disposals of investments | | | | | | | | |
| available-for-sale | - | - | - | - | - | 807 | (807) | - |
| Dividend for 2003 | - | - | - | - | - | - | (31,590) | (31,590) |
| Dividend for 2004 | -1 | - | - | - | - | _ | (16,650) | (16,650) |
| Balance at 30 September 2004 | 42,989 | 1,812 | 1,060 | 26,323 | 1,364,082 | 501,926 | 134,537 | 2,072,729 |
| | · | | | · | | | | |

| Balance at 1 October 2002 | 45,000 | 1,812 | 1,060 | 10,627 | 811,887 | 255,417 | 141,058 | 1,266,861 |
|--|--------|-------|-------|--------|-----------|---------|----------|-----------|
| Currency translation differences | = | - | - | 5,824 | - | - | - | 5,824 |
| Fair value adjustment for investments | | | | | | | | |
| available-for-sale | - | - | - | - | 504,759 | ı | - | 504,759 |
| Gain not recognised in income | - | - | - | 5,824 | 504,759 | - | - | 510,583 |
| Net profit | - | - | - | - | - | - | 62,355 | 62,355 |
| Total recognised gains for the | | | | | | | | |
| financial year | - | - | - | 5,824 | 504,759 | - | 62,355 | 572,938 |
| Transfer from fair value reserve to income statement on disposal of investments available-for-sale | - | _ | - | - | 28 | - | - | 28 |
| Transfer to distributable reserve - loss on disposal of investments available-for-sale | - | _ | - | - | - | (4) | 4 | - |
| Dividend for 2002 | - | - | - | - | - | | (10,530) | (10,530) |
| Dividend for 2003 | = | - | - | = | - | - | (15,795) | (15,795) |
| Balance at 30 September 2003 | 45,000 | 1,812 | 1,060 | 16,451 | 1,316,674 | 255,413 | 177,092 | 1,813,502 |

| | Share | Share | Revalua- | Fair | Distrib- | Retained | |
|---------------------------------------|---------|---------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| | capital | premium | tion | value | table | profits | |
| The Company | | | reserve | reserve | reserve | | Total |
| | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 |
| Balance at 1 October 2003 | 45,000 | 1,812 | 1,060 | 73,271 | 10,061 | 49,269 | 180,473 |
| Gain not recognized in income | | | | | | | |
| statement - fair value adjustment | | | | | | | |
| for investments available-for-sale | - | - | - | 16,446 | - | - | 16,446 |
| Net profit | - | - | - | - | - | 159,226 | 159,226 |
| Total recognised gains for the | | | | | | | |
| financial year | - | - | - | 16,446 | - | 159,226 | 175,672 |
| Capital reduction | (2,011) | - | | - | - | - | (2,011) |
| Share cancellation | - | - | - | - | 1 | (74,414) | (74,414) |
| Transfer from fair value reserve to | | | | | | | |
| income statement on disposal of | | | | | | | |
| investments available-for-sale | - | - | - | (28,592) | - | - | (28,592) |
| Transfer to distributable reserve - | | | | | | | |
| gain on disposal of investments | | | | | | | |
| available-for-sale | - | - | - | - | 28,832 | (28,832) | - |
| Dividend for 2003 | - | - | - | - | - | (31,590) | (31,590) |
| Dividend for 2004 | - | - | - | - | - | (16,650) | (16,650) |
| Balance at 30 September 2004 | 42,989 | 1,812 | 1,060 | 61,125 | 38,893 | 57,009 | 202,888 |
| | | | | | | | |
| Balance at 1 October 2002 | 45,000 | 1,812 | 1,060 | 26,269 | 10,061 | 30,891 | 115,093 |
| Gain not recognized in income | | | | | | | |
| statement - fair value adjustment for | | | | | | | |
| investments available-for-sale | - | - | - | 47,002 | - | - | 47,002 |
| Net profit | - | - | - | - | - | 44,703 | 44,703 |
| financial year | - | - | - | 47,002 | - | 44,703 | 91,705 |
| Dividend for 2002 | - | - | - | - | - | (10,530) | (10,530) |
| Dividend for 2003 | - | - | - | - | - | (15,795) | (15,795) |
| Balance at 30 September 2003 | 45,000 | 1,812 | 1,060 | 73,271 | 10,061 | 49,269 | 180,473 |

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 on and as at the end of the corresponding period of the immediately preceding financial year.

The issued and paid-up capital has been reduced from 45,000,000 ordinary shares of \$1 each to 42,988,815 ordinary shares of \$1 each due to the Selective Capital Reduction to cancel 4.47% of the issued and paid-up capital of the Company on 10 June 2004.

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

Figures have not been reviewed or audited by the auditors.

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

Not Applicable

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

The Group has applied the same accounting policies and methods of computation in the financial statements for the current financial year as those of the audited financial statements for the financial year ended 30 September 2003.

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 the effect of, the change.

Not Applicable

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

| | Group | | Gre | oup |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | 1-Jul-04 | 1-Jul-03 | 1-Oct-03 | 1-Oct-02 |
| | to | to | to | to |
| | 30-Sep-04 | 30-Sep-03 | 30-Sep-04 | 30-Sep-03 |
| | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 |
| Earnings per ordinary share based on net profit attributable to shareholders: | | | | |
| - Based on weighted average number of share | \$0.67 | \$0.62 | \$7.36 | \$1.39 |

The earning per share is computed based on the weighted average share capital of 42,988,815 for the financial quarter ended 30 September 2004 (2003: 45,000,000) and 44,379,060 for the financial year ended 30 September 2004 (2003: 45,000,000).

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

| | Group | | Com | pany |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | 9/30/2004 | 9/30/2003 | 9/30/2004 | 9/30/2003 |
| Net asset value per ordinary share based on issued | | | | |
| share capital at the end of the financial year | \$48.22 | \$40.30 | \$4.72 | \$4.01 |

Net asset value per ordinary share is computed based on 42,988,815 ordinary shares of \$1.00 each as at 30 September 2004 (2003: 45,000,000).

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 the following:-

(a) 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 (b) any material factors that affected the cash flow, working capital, assets or liabilities of the group during the current financial period reported on.

Hotel operations

The Group's hotel revenue for the current quarter improved by \$6.2 million due mainly to the cessation of SARS which in the corresponding quarter last year severely affected tourist arrivals and business travel to Singapore and depressed hotel occupancy and room rates. As a result of the increase in revenue, the Group's hotel operations recorded an increase in profit before tax of \$3.6 million.

Investment activities

The Group's investment revenue decreased by \$19.3 million due mainly to decline in proceeds from sales of trading investments caused by continuing uncertainties in global stock market conditions and lower dividend income due to the de-consolidation of a subsidiary under liquidation. The Group's operating profit from investment activities declined by \$4.2 million as the decreases in dividend income and profit from sales of investments of \$10.7 million were offset by a gain of \$6.5 million from distributions from a subsidiary under liquidation.

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

The results are in line with the prospect statement disclosed in the circular dated 12 October 2004 on the proposed voluntary delisting of the Company pursuant to Rule 1306 of the Listing Manual.

10. A commentary at the date of the 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.

The trading performance of the Group's hotels in the financial year ending 30 September 2005 ("FY2005") will depend on whether the improvement in business and leisure travel can be substained. To the extent that the global economy remains healthy and there are no concerns arising from security threats or health epidemics, the Directors believe that FY2005 will see continued improvement in the Group's hotel operations.

The performance of the Group's investment activities cannot be accurately forecast because of the uncertain outlook for global financial markets. Fluctuations in oil prices, the growing budget deficit in the United States, as well as the risk of major movements in the US\$ (amongst others) may have a substantial impact on the value of the Group's investment portfolio and the dividend income derived therefrom.

The Group will be recognising an exceptional gain of approximately of \$131.9 million in FY2005 arising from the recent distribution of Standard Chartered plc shares by an investee company under liquidation.

11. Dividend

(a) Current Financial Period Reported On

Any dividend declared for the current financial period reported on?

Yes

| Name of Dividend | Interim | Interim | Final | Final |
|------------------------------------|------------|--------------|------------|------------|
| Dividend Type | Cash | Cash | Cash | Cash |
| Dividend Rate (per ordinary share) | 15 cents | 25 cents | 23 cents | 7 cents |
| | (less tax) | (tax exempt) | (less tax) | (one-tier) |
| Par value of shares | \$1.00 | \$1.00 | \$1.00 | \$1.00 |
| Tax Rate | 20% | - | 20% | |

(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 | Interim | Final | Special |
|------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Dividend Type | Cash | Cash | Cash |
| Dividend Rate (per ordinary share) | 45 cents | 30 cents | 60 cents |
| | (less tax) | (less tax) | (less tax) |
| Par value of shares | \$1.00 | \$1.00 | \$1.00 |
| Tax Rate | 22% | 22% | 22% |

(c) Date payable

Friday, 4 February 2005.

(d) Books closure date

Notice is hereby given that the transfer books and register of members will be closed from Tuesday, 25 January 2005 to Friday, 28 January 2005 (both dates inclusive).

Duly completed share transfers received by the Company's Registrars, Lim Associates (Pte) Ltd, 10 Collyer Quay #19-08 Ocean Building, Singapore 049315, up to 5.00 p.m. on Monday, 24 January 2005 will be registered before entitlement to the dividend is determined.

12. If no dividend has been declared/recommended, a statement to that effect.

Not Applicable

PART II - ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR FULL YEAR ANNOUNCEMENT (This part is not applicable to Q1, Q2, Q3 or Half Year Results)

13. Segmented 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.

(a) Primary reporting format - business segments

| | Hotel Ope 30/09/04 \$'000 | erations 30/09/03 \$'000 | Investment 30/09/04 \$'000 | 30/09/03 \$'000 | <u>To</u> 30/09/04 \$'000 | <u>tal</u> 30/09/03 \$'000 |
|---|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Revenue | 110,436 | 91,162 | 58,182 | 86,989 | 168,618 | 178,151 |
| Segment results | 15,746 | (1,663) | 318,278 | 74,908 | 334,024 | 73,245 |
| Finance income | | | | | 2,546 | 2,531 |
| Finance costs | | | | . - | (5,770) | (5,036) |
| Profit before tax | | | | | 330,800 | 70,740 |
| Tax | | | | . - | (4,188) | 3,642 |
| Profit from ordinary activities before minority interests | | | | | 326,612 | 74,382 |
| Minority interests | | | | . - | - | (12,027) |
| Net profit | | | | <u>-</u> | 326,612 | 62,355 |
| | | | | | | |
| Segment assets | 288,392 | 272,213 | 1,969,515 | 1,777,451 | 2,257,907 | 2,049,664 |
| Tax recoverable | | | | | - | 1,867 |
| Consolidated total assets | | | | = | 2,257,907 | 2,051,531 |
| | | | | | | |
| Segment liabilities | (17,468) | (13,531) | (203) | (132) | (17,671) | (13,663) |
| Borrowings | | | | | (158,233) | (172,083) |
| Current tax | | | | | (707) | (915) |
| Deferred tax liabilities | | | | | (8,567) | (7,632) |
| Due to subsidiaries | | | | | - | (43,736) |
| Consolidated total liabilities | | | | = | (185,178) | (238,029) |
| | | | | | | |
| Capital expenditure | 3,701 | 3,949 | - | - | 3,701 | 3,949 |
| Depreciation of property, plant and equipment | 9,559 | 13,450 | - | - | 9,559 | 13,450 |

The Group has two main business segments:

Hotel operations - operating hotels and restaurants owned by the Group; and Investment activities - investment holding and transactions in shares.

The Group's investments are mainly in investee corporations that are listed on Stock Exchanges in various countries, such as United Kingdom, United States and Asia Pacific countries.

(b) Secondary reporting format - geographical segments

| | <u>Singa</u> | pore | United K | <u> (ingdom</u> | <u>To</u> | <u>tal</u> |
|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | 30/09/04 \$'000 | 30/09/03 \$'000 | 30/09/04 \$'000 | 30/09/03 \$'000 | 30/09/04 \$'000 | 30/09/03 \$'000 |
| Revenue | 101,173 | 124,654 | 67,445 | 53,497 | 168,618 | 178,151 |
| Total assets | 2,052,650 | 1,859,692 | 205,257 | 191,839 | 2,257,907 | 2,051,531 |
| Capital expenditure | 1,738 | 1,396 | 1,963 | 2,553 | 3,701 | 3,949 |

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.

Not Applicable.

15. A breakdown of sales.

| | | Group | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|---------|--|
| | 1-Oct-03 | 1-Oct-02 | | |
| | to | to | + / (-) | |
| | 30-Sep-04 | 30-Sep-03 | % | |
| | \$'000 | \$'000 | | |
| Revenue as reported for first half year | 86,185 | 90,386 | (4.6) | |
| Revenue for second half year | 82,433 | 87,765 | (6.1) | |
| | 168,618 | 178,151 | (5.4) | |
| Profit after tax before minority interest as reported for first half year | 77,337 | 29,686 | 160.5 | |
| Profit after tax before minority interest for second half year | 249,275 | 44,696 | 457.7 | |
| | 326,612 | 74,382 | 339.1 | |

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

Total Annual Dividend (Refer to Para 16 of Appendix 7.2 for the required details)

| | Latest Full | Previous Full | |
|------------|-------------|---------------|--|
| | Year | Year | |
| | (S\$'000) | (S\$'000) | |
| Ordinary | 27,569 | 47,385 | |
| Preference | - | - | |
| Total: | 27,569 | 47,385 | |

17. Interested Person Transactions - Pursuant to Rule 920(1)(a)(ii) of the Listing Manual

| Name of interested person | Aggregate value of all interested person transactions during the financial year under review (excluding transactions less than \$100,000 and transactions conducted under shareholders' mandate pursuant to Rule 920) | Aggregate value of all interested person transactions conducted under shareholders' mandate pursuant to |
|---|---|---|
| | S\$ | S\$ |
| Interest paid to Hotel Malaysia Limited (In Members' Voluntary Liquidation) | 426,532 | Nil |
| Management fees paid to Management Services (Private) | | |
| Limited | 315,446 | Nil |
| Total | 741,978 | Nil |

The total value of the above transactions do not exceed 3% of the Group's latest audited net tangible asset.

18. Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Company will be held on Thursday, 20 January 2005.

The Directors (including those who may have delegated supervision of this Announcement) have taken all reasonable care to ensure that the facts stated and the opinions expressed in this Announcement are fair and accurate and that no material facts have been omitted from this Announcement, and they jointly and severally accept responsibility accordingly.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

David Poh Tze Keong Company Secretary 17/11/2004