

Financial Statements

And Dividend Announcement

For Second Quarter Ended 30 June 2007



These figures have not been audited.

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

|   |   | The Group                                 |                               |   |   |                               |  |  |
|---|---|---|-------------------------------|---|---|-------------------------------|--|--|
|   | 6 months<br>ended<br>30/6/2007<br>S\$'000 | 6 months<br>ended<br>30/6/2006<br>S\$'000 | Increase /<br>(Decrease)<br>% | 3 months<br>ended<br>30/6/2007<br>S\$'000 | 3 months<br>ended<br>30/6/2006<br>S\$'000 | Increase /<br>(Decrease)<br>% |  |  |
| Revenue   |   |   |                               |   |   |                               |  |  |
| Commission income   | 324,961                                   | 183,098                                   | 77.5                          | 182,194                                   | 94,189                                    | 93.4                          |  |  |
| Interest income   | 43,082                                    | 21,086                                    | 104.3                         | 24,482                                    | 11,372                                    | 115.3                         |  |  |
| Dividend from quoted securities   | 379                                       | 276                                       | 37.3                          | 205                                       | 116                                       | 76.7                          |  |  |
| Facility, shares withdrawal and arrangement fees  | 790                                       | 1,634                                     | (51.7)                        | 379                                       | 745                                       | (49.1)                        |  |  |
| Other operating revenue   | 2,158                                     | 2,928                                     | (26.3)                        | 968                                       | 1,444                                     | (33.0)                        |  |  |
| Total revenue   | 371,370                                   | 209,022                                   | 77.7                          | 208,228                                   | 107,866                                   | 93.0                          |  |  |
| Foreign exchange gain   | 6,505                                     | 976                                       | 566.5                         | 4,082                                     | 712                                       | 473.3                         |  |  |
| Realised gain on financial assets, available-for-sale   | 13,724                                    | 19,282                                    | (28.8)                        | 7,172                                     | 15,937                                    | (55.0)                        |  |  |
| Total income  | 391,599                                   | 229,280                                   | 70.8                          | 219,482                                   | 124,515                                   | 76.3                          |  |  |
| Costs and expenses  |   |   |                               |   |   |                               |  |  |
| Commission expenses   | (80,101)                                  | (43,424)                                  | 84.5                          | (44,727)                                  | (20,470)                                  | 118.5                         |  |  |
| Personnel expenses  | (96,100)                                  | (56,352)                                  | 70.5                          | (56,099)                                  | (30,066)                                  |                               |  |  |
| Depreciation and amortisation expenses  | (1,514)                                   | (2,012)                                   | (24.8)                        | (827)                                     | (980)                                     |                               |  |  |
| Allowance for impairment of trade debtors & bad debts written off   | (187)                                     | 300                                       | (162.3)                       | 392                                       | (89)                                      | (540.4)                       |  |  |
| Allowance for impairment of investment in associated companies  Net fair value gain on financial assets/liabilities | -   | (1,000)                                   | N.M.                          | -   | -   | N.M                           |  |  |
| through profit or loss  | 121                                       | 70  | 72.9                          | 476                                       | 24  | 1,883.3                       |  |  |
| Finance expenses  | (17,969)                                  | (5,139)                                   | 249.7                         | (10,148)                                  | (3,106)                                   | 226.7                         |  |  |
| Other operating expenses  | (27,067)                                  | (24,927)                                  | 8.6                           | (13,329)                                  | (13,221)                                  | 0.8                           |  |  |
|   | (222,817)                                 | (132,484)                                 | 68.2                          | (124,262)                                 | (67,908)                                  | 83.0                          |  |  |
| Profit from operations  | 168,782                                   | 96,796                                    | 74.4                          | 95,220                                    | 56,607                                    | 68.2                          |  |  |
| Share of results of associated companies after tax  | 145                                       | 763                                       | (81.0)                        | 22  | 102                                       | (78.4)                        |  |  |
| Profit before tax   | 168,927                                   | 97,559                                    | 73.2                          | 95,242                                    | 56,709                                    | 67.9                          |  |  |
| Income tax expense*   | (27,412)                                  | (15,611)                                  | 75.6                          | (15,149)                                  | (7,892)                                   | 92.0                          |  |  |
| Profit after tax  | 141,515                                   | 81,948                                    | 72.7                          | 80,093                                    | 48,817                                    | 64.1                          |  |  |
| Attributable to :   |   |   |                               |   |   |                               |  |  |
| Equity holders of the Company   | 140,873                                   | 80,831                                    | 74.3                          | 79,683                                    | 48,384                                    | 64.7                          |  |  |
| Minority interests  | 642                                       | 1,117                                     | (42.5)                        | 410                                       | 433                                       | (5.3)                         |  |  |
| ,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,  | 141,515                                   | 81,948                                    | 72.7                          | 80,093                                    | 48,817                                    | 64.1                          |  |  |
|   | 171,313                                   | 01,740                                    | 12.1                          | 00,073                                    | 70,01/                                    | 04.1                          |  |  |

<sup>\*</sup>Under/(Over)provision of taxation in respect of prior years in the 6 months ended 30 June 2007 is \$36,232. (6 months ended 30 June 2006: (\$187,504))

N.M. = Not Meaningful.



# 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.

| financial year.  |                           |                  |                            |                  |
|--|---------------------------|------------------|----------------------------|------------------|
|  | The Gr<br>As at 30/6/2007 | As at 31/12/2006 | The Con<br>As at 30/6/2007 | As at 31/12/2006 |
| ASSETS   | S\$'000                   | S\$'000          | S\$'000                    | S\$'000          |
| Current assets   |                           |                  |                            |                  |
| Cash and cash equivalents                                  | 166,065                   | 133,092          | 1,139                      | 17,260           |
| Outstanding contracts receivable                           | 2,631,023                 | 1,447,527        | -                          | _                |
| Trade receivables  | 2,040,121                 | 1,038,906        | -                          | -                |
| Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss      | 6,183                     | 9,001            | _                          | -                |
| Other current assets                                       | 34,478                    | 34,599           | 26,890                     | 169,358          |
| Derivative financial instruments                           | 69                        | 11               | , <u> </u>                 | -                |
|  | 4,877,939                 | 2,663,136        | 28,029                     | 186,618          |
| Non-current assets   |                           |                  |                            |                  |
| Loans to subsidiaries                                      | -                         | -                | 32,172                     | 32,402           |
| Investments  |                           |                  |                            |                  |
| - in subsidiaries  | -                         | -                | 193,040                    | 178,577          |
| - in associated companies                                  | 3,577                     | 14,271           | -                          | 2,648            |
| Financial assets, available-for-sale                       | 31,199                    | 28,344           | -                          | -                |
| Trading rights in Exchanges                                | 112                       | 109              | -                          | -                |
| Memberships in Exchanges                                   | 26                        | 26               | -                          | -                |
| Property, plant and equipment                              | 3,836                     | 4,146            | -                          | -                |
| Deferred income tax assets                                 | 51                        | 36               |                            |                  |
|  | 38,801                    | 46,932           | 225,212                    | 213,627          |
| Total assets   | 4,916,740                 | 2,710,068        | 253,241                    | 400,245          |
| LIABILITIES  |                           |                  |                            |                  |
| <u>Current liabilities</u>                                 |                           |                  |                            |                  |
| Outstanding contracts payable                              | 2,467,083                 | 1,426,208        | -                          | -                |
| Trade and other payables                                   | 145,381                   | 88,400           | 29,992                     | 17,146           |
| Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss | 268                       | 71               | -                          | <del>-</del>     |
| Borrowings   | 1,349,735                 | 338,518          | -                          | 98,811           |
| Current income tax liabilities                             | 44,653                    | 31,347           | 516                        | 298              |
| Derivative financial instruments                           | 4,007,144                 | 15<br>1,884,559  | 30,508                     | 116,255          |
|  |                           | 1,001,557        | 30,300                     | 110,233          |
| Non-current liabilities                                    |                           |                  |                            |                  |
| Deferred income tax liabilities                            | 726                       | 724              | -                          | -                |
| Total liabilities  | 4,007,870                 | 1,885,283        | 30,508                     | 116,255          |
| Net assets   | 908,870                   | 824,785          | 222,733                    | 283,990          |
| EQUITY   |                           |                  |                            |                  |
| Share capital  | 72,471                    | 72,471           | 72,471                     | 72,471           |
| Reserves   | 26,876                    | 21,170           | -                          | -                |
| Retained earnings  | 795,321                   | 716,947          | 150,262                    | 211,519          |
| 6  | 894,668                   | 810,588          | 222,733                    | 283,990          |
| Minority interests   | 14,202                    | 14,197           | -                          | _                |
| Total Equity   | 908,870                   | 824,785          | 222,733                    | 283,990          |
| Clients' trust / segregated accounts Bank balances         |                           | 32 1,7 00        | 222,100                    | 200,930          |
| - with affiliated corporations                             | 245,484                   | 143,366          | -                          | -                |
| - with non-related banks                                   | 391,466                   | 329,518          | -                          | -                |
| Margin with clearing houses                                | 7,079                     | 5,414            | -                          | -                |
| Less: Amounts held in trust                                | (644,029)                 | (478,298)        | -                          | -                |
|  |                           | -                | _                          | -                |
|  | -                         |                  | -                          |                  |



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

|   | As at 30/6/2007    |                      | As at 31/12/2006   |                      |  |
|---|--------------------|----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|--|
|   | Secured<br>S\$'000 | Unsecured<br>S\$'000 | Secured<br>S\$'000 | Unsecured<br>S\$'000 |  |
| Amounts repayable in one year or less, or on demand | 681,044            | 668,691              | 157,369            | 181,149              |  |
| Amounts repayable after one year                    | -                  | -                    | -                  | -                    |  |

#### Details of any collateral

Details of secured group borrowings are as follows:

- 1. Bank overdrafts of subsidiaries amounting to S\$40,087,860 are secured by a fixed charge over immovable fixed assets and a floating charge over all assets of the subsidiaries.
- 2. Bank borrowings of a subsidiary amounting to S\$640,956,353 are secured by a fixed charge over immovable fixed assets and a floating charge over all assets of subsidiary.

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

|   |  | The C                                  | Froup                                  |  |  |  |
|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|
|   | 6 months ended<br>30/6/2007<br>S\$'000 | 6 months ended<br>30/6/2006<br>S\$'000 | 3 months ended<br>30/6/2007<br>S\$'000 | 3 months ended<br>30/6/2006<br>S\$'000 |  |  |
| Cash flows from operating activities                                      |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Profit before tax and after share of results of associated companies      | 168,927                                | 97,559                                 | 95,242                                 | 56,709                                 |  |  |
| Adjustments for:  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Share of results of associated companies                                  | (145)                                  | (763)                                  | (22)                                   | (102)                                  |  |  |
| Depreciation and amortisation expenses                                    | 1,514                                  | 2,012                                  | 827                                    | 980                                    |  |  |
| (Gain)/Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment                  | (18)                                   | 7                                      | (17)                                   | 6                                      |  |  |
| Realised gain on sale of financial assets, available-for-sale             | (13,724)                               | (19,282)                               | (7,172)                                | (15,937)                               |  |  |
| Dividend income from quoted securities                                    | (379)                                  | (276)                                  | (205)                                  | (116)                                  |  |  |
| Allowance for impairment of investment in associated companies            | -                                      | 1,000                                  | -                                      | -                                      |  |  |
| Interest income   | (43,082)                               | (21,086)                               | (24,482)                               | (11,372)                               |  |  |
| Finance expenses  | 17,969                                 | 5,139                                  | 10,148                                 | 3,106                                  |  |  |
| Exchange differences  | 2,880                                  | (796)                                  | 3,011                                  | (1,215)                                |  |  |
| Operating cash flow before working capital changes                        | 133,942                                | 63,514                                 | 77,330                                 | 32,059                                 |  |  |
| Changes in operating assets and liabilities:                              |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Financial assets/liabilities at fair value through profit or loss         | 3,015                                  | 2,368                                  | 524                                    | 727                                    |  |  |
| Debtors and outstanding contracts receivable                              | (2,173,359)                            | (431,031)                              | (1,576,122)                            | 419,663                                |  |  |
| Creditors and outstanding contracts payable                               | 1,097,850                              | 336,861                                | 1,128,540                              | (281,360)                              |  |  |
| Cash (used in)/generated from operations                                  | (938,552)                              | (28,288)                               | (369,728)                              | 171,089                                |  |  |
| Interest received   | 43,082                                 | 21,086                                 | 24,482                                 | 11,372                                 |  |  |
| Interest paid   | (17,969)                               | (5,139)                                | (10,148)                               | (3,106)                                |  |  |
| Drawdown/(Repayment) of short-term bank loans                             | 981,642                                | (34,202)                               | 469,996                                | (103,136)                              |  |  |
| Income tax paid   | (14,628)                               | (8,389)                                | (13,374)                               | (7,521)                                |  |  |
| Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities                       | 53,575                                 | (54,932)                               | 101,228                                | 68,698                                 |  |  |
| Cash flows from investing activities                                      |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Payments for property, plant and equipment                                | (1,168)                                | (880)                                  | (680)                                  | (591)                                  |  |  |
| Proceeds from sale of financial assets, available-for-sale                | 14,219                                 | 21,926                                 | 7,392                                  | 17,823                                 |  |  |
| Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment                   | 22                                     | -                                      | 18                                     | -                                      |  |  |
| Payment to minority interest for dividend                                 | (340)                                  | (372)                                  | (340)                                  | (372)                                  |  |  |
| Payment to minority interest for additional interest in a subsidiary      | (868)                                  | (1,626)                                | (272)                                  | (1,626)                                |  |  |
| Acquisition of subsidiary [Note (a)]:                                     |  | ,                                      |  |  |  |  |
| Net tangible assets acquired  | 23,774                                 | -                                      | 23,774                                 | -                                      |  |  |
| Less: Net tangible assets other than cash and cash equivalents            | (10,803)                               | -                                      | (10,803)                               | -                                      |  |  |
| Cash and cash equivalents acquired on acquisition of subsidiary           | 12,971                                 | -                                      | 12,971                                 | -                                      |  |  |
| Cash consideration paid to acquire subsidiary                             | (11,815)                               | -                                      | (11,815)                               | -                                      |  |  |
| Dividends received from quoted securities                                 | 379                                    | 276                                    | 205                                    | 116                                    |  |  |
| Dividends received from associated company                                | -                                      | 13,312                                 |  | 13,312                                 |  |  |
| Net cash provided by investing activities                                 | 13,400                                 | 32,636                                 | 7,479                                  | 28,662                                 |  |  |
| Cash flows from financing activities                                      |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Dividends paid  | (62,397)                               | (46,381)                               | (62,397)                               | (46,381)                               |  |  |
| Net cash used in financing activities                                     | (62,397)                               | (46,381)                               | (62,397)                               | (46,381)                               |  |  |
| Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents during the financial | 4.570                                  | (69,677)                               | 46 210                                 | 50.070                                 |  |  |
| period  Cook and cook conjugate at harinning of the financial nation      | 4,578                                  | (68,677)                               | 46,310                                 | 50,979                                 |  |  |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the financial period            | 119,932                                | 220,164                                | 78,200                                 | 100,508                                |  |  |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of the financial period                  | 124,510                                | 151,487                                | 124,510                                | 151,487                                |  |  |



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

Note (a): Acquisition of subsidiary

The net tangible assets of subsidiary acquired by the Group during the financial period were as follows:

|  | S\$'000 |
|--|---------|
| Debtors and Other Receivables              | 11,288  |
| Creditors and Other Payables               | (15)    |
| Provision for tax                          | (470)   |
|  | 10,803  |
| Cash and cash equivalents                  | 12,971  |
| Net tangible assets of subsidiary acquired | 23,774  |

For the purpose of consolidated cash flow statement, the consolidated cash and cash equivalents comprise the following:

|  | The Group                     |                         |  |
|--|-------------------------------|-------------------------|--|
|  | As at<br>30/6/2007<br>S\$'000 | As at 30/6/2006 S\$'000 |  |
| Cash and bank balances   | 166,065                       | 159,535                 |  |
| Less: Bank overdrafts  | (41,555)                      | (8,048)                 |  |
| Cash and cash equivalents per consolidated cash flow statement | 124,510                       | 151,487                 |  |

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.

#### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY - THE GROUP

|   | Share<br>capital<br>S\$'000 | Statutory<br>reserve<br>S\$'000 | Fair value<br>reserve<br>S\$'000 | Foreign<br>currency<br>translation<br>reserve<br>S\$'000 | Retained<br>earnings<br>S\$'000 | Minority<br>interests<br>S\$'000 | Total<br>Equity<br>S\$'000 |
|---|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Balance at 1 January 2007                                       | 72,471                      | 1,036                           | 26,597                           | (6,463)  | 716,947                         | 14,197                           | 824,785                    |
| Fair value gains on financial assets, available-for-sale        | -                           | -                               | 4,943                            | -  | -                               | (1)                              | 4,942                      |
| Currency translation differences                                | -                           | 21                              | 6                                | (250)  | -                               | 250                              | 27                         |
| Net gain/(loss) recognised directly in equity                   | -                           | 21                              | 4,949                            | (250)  | -                               | 249                              | 4,969                      |
| Net profit for the first quarter                                | -                           | -                               | -                                | -  | 61,190                          | 232                              | 61,422                     |
| Total recognized gain/(loss) for the first quarter              | -                           | 21                              | 4,949                            | (250)  | 61,190                          | 481                              | 66,391                     |
| Fair value gains transferred to income statement on realisation | -                           | -                               | (6,552)                          | -  | -                               | -                                | (6,552)                    |
| Transfer from retained earnings to statutory reserve            | -                           | 52                              | -                                | -  | (39)                            | (13)                             | -                          |
| Acquisition of additional interest in subsidiary                | -                           | -                               | -                                | 31   | -                               | (635)                            | (604)                      |
| Balance at 31 March 2007  | 72,471                      | 1,109                           | 24,994                           | (6,682)  | 778,098                         | 14,030                           | 884,020                    |



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. (continued)

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY - THE GROUP (continued)

|   | Share<br>capital<br>S\$'000 | Statutory<br>reserve<br>S\$'000 | Fair value<br>reserve<br>S\$'000 | Foreign<br>currency<br>translation<br>reserve<br>S\$'000 | Retained<br>earnings<br>S\$'000 | Minority<br>interests<br>S\$'000 | Total<br>Equity<br>S\$'000 |
|---|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Balance at 31 March 2007  | 72,471                      | 1,109                           | 24,994                           | (6,682)  | 778,098                         | 14,030                           | 884,020                    |
| Fair value gains on financial assets, available-for-sale        | -                           | -                               | 12,065                           | -  | -                               | 16                               | 12,081                     |
| Currency translation differences                                | -                           | 26                              | 26                               | 2,412  |                                 | 324                              | 2,788                      |
| Net gain recognised directly in equity                          | -                           | 26                              | 12,091                           | 2,412  | -                               | 340                              | 14,869                     |
| Net profit for the second quarter                               | -                           | -                               | -                                | -  | 79,683                          | 410                              | 80,093                     |
| Total recognised gain for the second quarter                    | -                           | 26                              | 12,091                           | 2,412  | 79,683                          | 750                              | 94,962                     |
| Fair value gains transferred to income statement on realisation | -                           | -                               | (7,172)                          | -  | -                               | -                                | (7,172)                    |
| Final dividend for 2006 paid                                    | -                           | -                               | -                                | -  | (62,397)                        | -                                | (62,397)                   |
| Transfer from retained earnings to statutory reserve            | -                           | 68                              | -                                | -  | (63)                            | (5)                              | -                          |
| Acquisition of additional interest in subsidiary                | -                           | -                               | -                                | 30   | -                               | (233)                            | (203)                      |
| Payment of dividends by a subsidiary                            | -                           | -                               | -                                | -  | -                               | (340)                            | (340)                      |
| Balance at 30 June 2007   | 72,471                      | 1,203                           | 29,913                           | (4,240)  | 795,321                         | 14,202                           | 908,870                    |



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. (continued)

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY – THE GROUP (continued)

| Balance at 1 January 2006       72,471       154,206       71,271       64       25,228       (4,099)       412,9         Fair value gains on financial assets, available-for-sale       -       -       -       -       11,052       -         Currency translation differences       -       -       -       -       -       259 | - 435<br>- 435 | 746,163<br>11,052<br>694 |
|--|----------------|--------------------------|
| available-for-sale 11,052 -  |                | 694                      |
| Currency translation differences 259   |                |                          |
|  | - 435          | 11.746                   |
| Net gain recognised directly in equity 11,052 259  |                | 11,746                   |
| Net profit for the first quarter 32,4  | 47 684         | 33,131                   |
| Total recognised gain for the first quarter 11,052 259 32,4  | 47 1,119       | 44,877                   |
| Fair value gains transferred to income statement on realisation (3,345) -  |                | (3,345)                  |
| Transfer from retained earnings to statutory reserve 147 (14   | 7) -           | -                        |
| Balance at 31 March 2006 72,471 154,206 71,271 787 32,935 (3,840) 445,2  | 60 14,605      | 787,695                  |
| Fair value gains on financial assets, available-for-sale (319) -   | - 4            | (315)                    |
| Currency translation differences 17 (4) (1,730)  | - (97)         | (1,814)                  |
| Net gain/(loss) recognised directly in equity 17 (323) (1,730)   | - (93)         | (2,129)                  |
| Net profit for the second quarter 48,3   | 84 433         | 48,817                   |
| Total recognised gain/(loss) for the second quarter 17 (323) (1,730) 48,3  | 84 340         | 46,688                   |
| Fair value gains transferred to income statement on realisation (15,937) -   |                | (15,937)                 |
| Final dividend for 2005 paid (46,38  | 1) -           | (46,381)                 |
| Transfer from retained earnings to statutory reserve 60 (4   | 2) (18)        | -                        |
| Acquisition of additional interest in subsidiary   | - (1,271)      | (1,271)                  |
| Payment of dividends by a subsidiary   | - (372)        | (372)                    |
| Balance at 30 June 2006 72,471 154,206 71,271 864 16,675 (5,570) 447,22  | 1 13,284       | 770,422                  |



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. (continued)

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY – THE COMPANY

|                                   |                             | Share<br>capital<br>S\$'000   | Retained<br>earnings<br>S\$'000 | Total<br>S\$'000 |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|
| Balance at 1 January 2007         |                             | 72,471                        | 211,519                         | 283,990          |
| Net profit for the first quarter  |                             | -                             | 135                             | 135              |
| Balance at 31 March 2007          |                             | 72,471                        | 211,654                         | 284,125          |
| Net profit for the second quarter |                             | -                             | 1,005                           | 1,005            |
| Final dividend for 2006 paid      |                             | -                             | (62,397)                        | (62,397)         |
| Balance at 30 June 2007           |                             | 72,471                        | 150,262                         | 222,733          |
|                                   | Share<br>Capital<br>S\$'000 | Capital<br>Reserve<br>S\$'000 | Retained<br>earnings<br>S\$'000 | Total<br>S\$'000 |
| Balance at 1 January 2006         | 72,471                      | 154,206                       | 166,635                         | 393,312          |
| Net profit for the first quarter  | -                           | -                             | 210                             | 210              |
| Balance at 31 March 2006          | 72,471                      | 154,206                       | 166,845                         | 393,522          |
| Net profit for the second quarter | -                           | -                             | 14,570                          | 14,570           |
| Final dividend for 2005 paid      | -                           | -                             | (46,381)                        | (46,381)         |
| Balance at 30 June 2006           | 72,471                      | 154,206                       | 135,034                         | 361,711          |

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.

NIL



#### 1(e) Confirmation of the Board

The Board of Directors hereby confirms that, to the best of its knowledge, nothing has come to its attention which may render the unaudited financial results for the quarter ended 30 June 2007 to be false or misleading

On behalf of the Board of Directors

Wee Ee-chao Tang Wee Loke

Managing Director Deputy Managing Director

Whether the figures have been audited, or reviewed and in accordance with which standard (e.g. the Singapore Standard on Auditing 910. (Engagements to Review Financial Statements), or an equivalent standard)

The figures have not been audited or reviewed by the auditors.

3 Where the figures have been audited or reviewed, the auditors' report. (including any qualifications or emphasis of 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 and the Company have applied the same accounting policies in the financial statements for the current reporting period compared to the audited financial statements as at 31 December 2006.

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 period reported on and the corresponding period of the immediately preceding financial year, after deducting any provision for preference dividends.

|   | The Group                      |                                |  |
|---|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
|   | 3 months<br>ended<br>30/6/2007 | 3 months<br>ended<br>30/6/2006 |  |
| Earnings per ordinary share for the period after deducting any provision for preference dividends:- |                                |                                |  |
| (i) Based on weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue<br>(ii) On a fully diluted basis   | 11.00 cents<br>11.00 cents     | 6.68 cents<br>6.68 cents       |  |

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 period reported on; and (b) immediately preceding financial year.

|   | The Group       |                  | The Company     |                  |
|---|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|
|   | As at 30/6/2007 | As at 31/12/2006 | As at 30/6/2007 | As at 31/12/2006 |
| Net asset value per ordinary share based on existing issued share |                 |                  |                 |                  |
| capital as at the end of the period reported on                   | 123.45 cents    | 111.85 cents     | 30.73 cents     | 39.19 cents      |



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

#### **Operating Profit and Expenses**

The directors are pleased to announce that the Group has achieved net profit after taxation of S\$80.1million for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter ended 30 June 2007. This represents an increase of 64.1% compared to 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2006.

In the  $2^{nd}$  quarter 2007, the Group continued to ride on the good trading activities and business in Singapore and Hong Kong markets from  $1^{st}$  quarter 2007. This led to an increase in commission income from S\$94.2 million in  $2^{nd}$  quarter 2006 to S\$182.2 million in  $2^{nd}$  quarter 2007. Interest income of S\$24.5m mainly from the margin financing portfolio for  $2^{nd}$  quarter 2007 has also increased significantly by 115.3% compared to S\$11.4m in the corresponding quarter. In addition, the Group also disposed part of the available-for-sale financial assets, resulting in a profit of S\$7.2 million.

Total costs and expenses have increased with the increase in total revenue. Increase in commission and personnel expenses is in line with the increase in commission income. The substantial increase of 226.7% in finance expenses over the corresponding quarter was due to higher borrowing to fund the increased activities and margin portfolio.

#### **Balance Sheet**

The Group maintained a healthy net asset value of S\$908.9million as at 30 June 2007. Generally, the variations in the Group's balance sheet items between financial years/quarters are dependent on the volume of business activities towards the end of each reporting year/quarter.

The higher borrowing as at 30 June 2007 was to fund its increased activities and margin portfolio.

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

Not applicable.

A commentary at the date of the announcement of the 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 regional stock markets and other major bourses had a good run in the  $2^{nd}$  quarter of 2007. The  $2^{nd}$  quarter results have been exceptional due to investor confidence, good corporate results, positive economic indicators and liquidity diverted into the stock markets.

With the markets and stock prices reaching record levels recently, investors may have concerns as to whether a correction is due and how the negative news of the sub-prime mortgage market in the US may impact the stock market. We expect the long term underlying market conditions to remain positive and are confident of managing and minimising the negative impact of any correction which may occur.



#### 11 Dividend

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

Any dividend declared for the current financial year reported on?

Yes

Name of Dividend Interim Dividend Type Cash

Dividend Amount per \*9.0 cent per ordinary share less tax

Tax Rate 18.0%

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

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

Name of Dividend Interim Dividend Type Cash

Dividend Amount per 2.0 cent per ordinary share less tax

Tax Rate 20.0%

#### (c) Date payable

The interim ordinary dividend will be paid on 20 September 2007.

#### (d) Books closure date

Notice is hereby given that the Transfer Books and Register of Members of the Company will be closed on 4 September 2007 for the preparation of Dividend Warrants. Registrable transfers received by the Company's Registrar, B.A.C.S. Private Limited of 63 Cantonment Road, Singapore 089758 no later than 5.00pm on 3 September 2007, will be registered before entitlements to the dividends are determined.

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

Not applicable.

#### BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

Wee Ee-chao Chairman and Managing Director 13 August 2007

<sup>\*</sup> With this dividend, the Company has cleared all Section 44 credit balance.