

Financial Statements

And Dividend Announcement

For First Quarter Ended 31 March 2009



These figures have not been audited.

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

Result         3 month of Justian (1972)         3 month of Justian (1972)         1 month of Justian (1		The Group			
Commission income         45,760         105,069         (56.4)           Interest income         8,305         22,219         (62.6)           Dividend from quoted / unquoted securities         153         127         20.5           Other operating revenue         746         1,674         (55.4)           Total revenue         54,964         129,089         (57.4)           Foreign exchange gain         2,302         76.3         201.7           Realised gain on financial assets, available-for-sale         -         4,251         N.M.           Total income         57,266         134,103         (57.3)           Personnel expenses         (11,392)         (24,295)         (53.1)           Personnel expenses         (18,477)         (36,240)         (49.0)           Personnel expenses         (18,477)         (36,240)         (49.0)           Personnel expenses         (18,477)         (36,240)         (49.0)           Personnel expenses         (18,477)         (36,240)         (18.0)           Net fair value gain / (loss) on financial assets/liabilities through profit or loss         301         (166         (28.13)           Finance expenses         (950)         55,676         (83.3)           Other oper		ended 31/03/2009	ended 31/03/2008	(Decrease)	
Dividend from quoted / unquoted securities					
Dividend from quoted / unquoted securities         153         127         20.5           Other operating revenue         746         1,674         (55.4)           Total revenue         54,964         129,089         (57.4)           Foreign exchange gain         2,302         76.3         20.17           Realised gain on financial assets, available-for-sale         -         4,251         N.M.           Total income         57,266         134,103         (57.3)           Costs and expenses         (11,392)         24,295         (53.1)           Personnel expenses         (18,477)         36,240         (49.0)           Depreciation and amortisation expenses         (606)         (629)         (37.7)           Write back of / (allowance for) impairment of trade debtors & bad debts written off         301         (16.0)         (18.0)           Net fair value gain / (loss) on financial assets/liabilities through profit or loss         301         (16.0)         (281.3)           Finance expenses         (950)         (5,766)         (83.3)           Other operating expenses         (950)         (47.2)         (82.50)           Profit before tax         (1,594)         (8,559)         (81.4)           Income tax expense*         (1,594)         <		•		,	
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Attributable to:         Equity holders of the Company       8,446       43,159       (80.4)         Minority interests       (63)       335       (118.8)	Income tax expense*	(1,594)	(8,559)	(81.4)	
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<sup>\*</sup>Overprovision of taxation in respect of prior years in the 3 months ended 31 March 2009 is \$6,885. (3 months ended 31 March 2008: \$59,283)

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.

	The C	The Group		mpany	
		As at 31/12/2008 S\$'000	As at 31/03/2009 S\$'000		
ASSETS					
<u>Current assets</u>					
Cash and cash equivalents	507,279	709,492	219	459	
Outstanding contracts receivable	807,358	402,696	-	-	
Trade receivables	487,581	664,306	=	=	
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	35,453	1,844	=	=	
Other current assets	15,385	19,996	50,708	59,070	
Derivative financial instruments	17	5	-		
	1,853,073	1,798,339	50,927	59,529	
Non-current assets					
Investments					
- in subsidiaries	-	-	235,845	235,845	
- in associates	113	109	-	-	
Financial assets, available-for-sale	18,710	18,406	-	-	
Trading rights in Exchanges	109	104	-	-	
Memberships in Exchanges	234	228	-	-	
Property, plant and equipment	48,346	43,359	-	-	
Deferred income tax assets	322	304	-	-	
Other non-current trade receivables	12,838	16,194			
	80,672	78,704	235,845	235,845	
Total assets	1,933,745	1,877,043	286,772	295,374	
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY					
Current liabilities					
Outstanding contracts payable	761,874	357,961	-	-	
Trade and other payables	55,669	227,954	67,118	75,701	
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	9	-	=	=	
Borrowings	107,069	305,983	-	-	
Current income tax liabilities	13,930	14,383	115	145	
Derivative financial instruments	72	2			
	938,623	906,283	67,233	75,846	
Non-current liabilities					
Deferred income tax liabilities	479	437	-	=	
Total liabilities	939,102	906,720	67,233	75,846	
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Equity Share conite!	70 471	70 471	72 471	72 471	
Share capital	72,471	72,471	72,471	72,471	
Reserves	6,824	(8,674)	147.069	147.057	
Retained earnings	901,537	893,091	147,068	147,057	
Min mite interests	980,832	956,888	219,539	219,528	
Minority interests	13,811	13,435	210.520	210.520	
Total Equity	994,643	970,323	219,539	219,528	
Total liabilities and equity	1,933,745	1,877,043	286,772	295,374	
Clients' trust / segregated accounts					
Bank balances					
- with affiliated corporations	166,432	119,846	-	-	
- with non-related banks	491,158	388,893	-	-	
Margin with clearing houses	6,695	8,406	-	-	
Less: Amounts held in trust	(664,285)	(517,145)			
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## 1(b)(ii) Aggregate amount of group's borrowings and debt securities

	As at 31/03/2009		As at 31/	12/2008
	Secured	Secured Unsecured		Unsecured
	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000
Amounts repayable in one year or less, or on demand	82,576	24,493	51,622	254,361
Amounts repayable after one year	-	-	-	-

### Details of any collateral

Details of secured group borrowings are as follows:

## 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 Group		
	3 months ended 31/03/2009 \$\$'000	3 months ended 31/03/2008 S\$'000	
Operating activities			
Profit before tax	9,977	52,053	
Adjustments for:	606	(20	
Depreciation and amortisation expenses	606	629	
Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment	-	(1)	
Realised gain on sale of financial assets, available-for-sale	(152)	(4,251)	
Dividend income from quoted / unquoted securities Interest income	(153)	(127)	
	(8,305) 950	(22,219) 5,676	
Finance expenses Exchange differences	15,570	(8,091)	
Operating cash flow before working capital changes	18,645	23,669	
Operating cash flow before working capital changes	18,043	23,009	
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:			
Financial assets/liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	(33,600)	(718)	
Trade, outstanding contracts and other receivables	(219,982)	423,100	
Trade, outstanding contracts and other payables	231,698	217,925	
Cash (used in) / generated from operations	(3,239)	663,976	
Interest received	8,305	22,219	
Interest paid	(950)	(5,676)	
Income tax paid	(1,959)	(1,454)	
Net cash provided by operating activities	2,157	679,065	
Investing activities			
Payments for property, plant and equipment	(5,520)	(382)	
Proceeds from sale of financial assets, available-for-sale	-	2,664	
Payment for financial assets, available -for-sale	(89)	, <u>-</u>	
Dividends received from quoted / unquoted securities	153	127	
Net cash (used in) / provided by investing activities	(5,456)	2,409	
Financing activities			
Repayment of short-term bank loans	(204,816)	(652,540)	
Net cash used in financing activities	(204,816)	(652,540)	

<sup>1.</sup> Bank overdrafts and short term loans of subsidiaries amounting to S\$82,575,496 are secured by a fixed charge over immovable fixed assets and a floating charge over all assets.



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)

	The Group		
	3 months ended 31/03/2009	3 months ended 31/03/2008	
	S\$'000	S\$'000	
Net (decrease) / increase in cash and cash equivalents during the financial			
period	(208,115)	28,934	
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the financial period	708,724	122,257	
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the financial period	500,609	151,191	

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

	THC G	roup
	As at 31/03/2009	As at 31/03/2008
	S\$'000	S\$'000
Cash and bank balances	507,279	172,188
Less: Bank overdrafts	(6,670)	(20,997)
Cash and cash equivalents per consolidated cash flow statement	500,609	151,191
Less: Bank overdrafts	507,279 (6,670)	172,188 (20,997)

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 capital S\$'000	Statutory reserve S\$'000	Fair value reserve S\$'000	Foreign currency translation reserve S\$'000	Retained earnings S\$'000	Minority interests S\$'000	Total Equity S\$'000
Balance at 1 January 2009	72,471	1,351	7,990	(18,015)	893,091	13,435	970,323
Fair value gains on financial assets, available-for-sale	-	-	164	-	-	-	164
Currency translation differences	-	45	8	15,281	-	439	15,773
Net gain recognised directly in equity	-	45	172	15,281	-	439	15,937
Net profit / (loss) for the first quarter	-	-	-	-	8,446	(63)	8,383
Total recognized gain for the first quarter	-	45	172	15,281	8,446	376	24,320
Balance at 31 March 2009	72,471	1,396	8,162	(2,734)	901,537	13,811	994,643



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 capital S\$'000	Statutory reserve S\$'000	Fair value reserve S\$'000	Foreign currency translation reserve S\$'000	Retained earnings S\$'000	Minority interests S\$'000	Total Equity S\$'000
Balance at 1 January 2008	72,471	1,384	27,804	(14,558)	874,138	14,677	975,916
Fair value (loss) / gains on financial assets, available-for-sale	-	-	(11,471)	-	-	4	(11,467)
Currency translation differences	-	31	(62)	(7,899)	-	284	(7,646)
Net gain/(loss) recognised directly in equity	-	31	(11,533)	(7,899)	-	288	(19,113)
Fair value gains transferred to income statement on realisation	-	-	(4,251)	-	-	-	(4,251)
Net profit for the first quarter	-	-	-	-	43,159	335	43,494
Total recognised gain/(loss) for the first quarter	-	31	(15,784)	(7,899)	43,159	623	20,130
Acquisition of additional interest in subsidiary	-	-	-	(4)	48	(44)	-
Balance at 31 March 2008	72,471	1,415	12,020	(22,461)	917,345	15,256	996,046

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY – THE COMPANY

	Share capital S\$'000	Retained earnings S\$'000	Total S\$'000
Balance at 1 January 2009	72,471	147,057	219,528
Net profit for the first quarter	-	11	11
Balance at 31 March 2009	72,471	147,068	219,539



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 Capital S\$'000	Retained earnings S\$'000	Total S\$'000
Balance at 1 January 2008	72,471	175,234	247,705
Net profit for the first quarter	-	211	211
Balance at 31 March 2008	72,471	175,445	247,916

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 statements for the quarter ended 31 March 2009 to be false or misleading in any material aspect.

On behalf of the Board of Directors

Wee Ee-chao Esmond Choo Managing Director Executive 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 2008.

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 ended 31/03/09	3 months ended 31/03/08	
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	1.17 cents	5.96 cents	
(ii) On a fully diluted basis	1.17 cents	5.96 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 31/03/2009	As at 31/12/2008	As at 31/03/2009	As at 31/12/2008
Net asset value per ordinary share based on existing issued share	31/03/2009	31/12/2008	31/03/2009	31/12/2006
capital as at the end of the period reported on	135.34 cents	132.04 cents	30.29 cents	30.29 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**

Market sentiment continued to be weak in the first quarter of 2009 which has adversely affected trading volumes and corporate finance activities of the regional markets we operate in. Despite the extremely difficult conditions for global markets, the Group remained profitable by recording a profit after tax of \$8.4 million for the first quarter ended 31 March 2009 (2008: \$43.5 million).

The Group recorded revenue of \$57.3 million (2008: \$134.1 million) of which commission income contributed \$45.8 million (2008: \$105.1 million), a significant decrease from first quarter 2008. Commission payable and performance related personnel expenses decreased with lower commission income. The reduction in finance expense was due to lower working capital requirements. Our rental expenses in Singapore for first quarter 2009 have been substantially higher compared to first quarter 2008. Once we move to our new corporate headquarters, expected towards fourth quarter 2009, we expect our accommodation expenses to reduce.

### **Balance Sheet**

The Group's financial health remains strong with net asset value of S\$994.6 million as at 31 March 2009. The composition of Group balance sheet items, especially working capital items, between financial years/quarters are sensitive to prevailing trading volume. Funding requirements reduced substantially due to lower borrowings required arising from the decline in trading and IPO activities in Singapore and Hong Kong.

Property, plant and equipment increased with the acquisition of land to develop an office building for the Group's use.

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.

We have started to see a general improvement in investor sentiment globally in the current reporting period. If this is sustained, we will see higher trading volumes and deal flows which will improve the Group's profitability. Macro economic fundamentals are still fragile and further volatility could be expected which will affect sentiment and trading volumes in the next 12 months.

11	Dividend	
	(a) Current Financial Period Reported On	

None

(b) Corresponding Period of the Immediately Preceding Financial Year

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

None

(c) Date payable

Not applicable

(d) Books closure date

Not applicable

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

No dividend has been declared / recommended for the quarter ended 31 March 2009

Any dividend declared for the current financial period (quarter) reported on?

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

Wee Ee-chao Managing Director 15 May 2009