

**SINGAPORE PRESS HOLDINGS LIMITED**

Reg. No. 198402868E  
(Incorporated in Singapore)

**ANNOUNCEMENT**
**UNAUDITED RESULTS FOR THE 1<sup>st</sup> QUARTER ENDED NOVEMBER 30, 2006**
**1(a) An income statement (for the group) together with a comparative statement for the corresponding period of the immediately preceding financial year**
**(i) Results for First Quarter ended November 30, 2006**

	<b>Group</b>		
	<b>1Q 2007</b>	<b>1Q 2006</b>	<b>Change %</b>
	S\$'000	S\$'000	%
Operating revenue			
Newspaper and Magazine	241,485	235,317	2.6
Property	25,623	23,955	7.0
Others	4,935	1,918	157.3
	<hr/> 272,043	<hr/> 261,190	4.2
Other operating income	2,145	2,386	(10.1)
	<hr/> 274,188	<hr/> 263,576	4.0
Materials, consumables & broadcasting costs	(43,717)	(41,616)	5.0
Staff costs	(68,572)	(66,770)	2.7
Depreciation	(12,528)	(11,372)	10.2
Other operating expenses	(36,606)	(35,528)	3.0
Finance costs	(5,418)	(5,241)	3.4
	<hr/> 107,347	<hr/> 103,049	4.2
Profit before investment income #			
Net income from investments	29,705	19,490	52.4
Share of net losses of associates and jointly controlled entity	(138)	(667)	(79.3)
	<hr/> 136,914	<hr/> 121,872	12.3
Profit before taxation			
Taxation	(24,549)	(23,324)	5.3
Profit after taxation	<hr/> 112,365	<hr/> 98,548	14.0
Attributable to:			
<b>Shareholders of the Company</b>	<b>112,292</b>	<b>98,413</b>	<b>14.1</b>
Minority interests	73	135	(45.9)
	<hr/> 112,365	<hr/> 98,548	14.0

# This represents the earnings of the media and property businesses on a recurring basis.

(ii) **Notes:**

**Profit before taxation is arrived at after accounting for:**

	<b>Group</b>		
	<b>1Q 2007 S\$'000</b>	<b>1Q 2006 S\$'000</b>	<b>Change %</b>
Share-based payment expenses	(1,955)	(1,911)	2.3
Net foreign exchange loss from operations	(46)	(103)	(55.3)
Allowance for bad & doubtful debts and bad debts written off (net of bad debts recovery)	(655)	(353)	85.6
Write-back of allowance for stocks obsolescence	120	-	NM
Profit on sale of internally-managed investments	6,290	3,441	82.8
Fair value gain of			
- Internally-managed assets at fair value through profit and loss	53	-	NM
- Externally-managed assets at fair value through profit and loss	2,047	6,575	(68.9)
- Derivative instruments	1,540	302	409.9

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**

**Balance Sheets As At**

	Group		Company	
	Nov 30, 2006 S\$'000	Aug 31, 2006 S\$'000	Nov 30, 2006 S\$'000	Aug 31, 2006 S\$'000
<b>CAPITAL EMPLOYED</b>				
Share capital	442,425	432,807	442,425	432,807
Treasury shares	(12,018)	(12,018)	(12,018)	(12,018)
Reserves	337,176	332,424	45,644	51,012
Retained profit	1,405,475	1,293,182	727,155	653,656
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Shareholders' interests	2,173,058	2,046,395	1,203,206	1,125,457
Minority interests	2,415	2,342	-	-
<b>Total equity</b>	<hr/> <b>2,175,473</b>	<hr/> <b>2,048,737</b>	<hr/> <b>1,203,206</b>	<hr/> <b>1,125,457</b>
<b>EMPLOYMENT OF CAPITAL</b>				
<b>Non-current assets</b>				
Property, plant and equipment	494,751	501,891	294,877	299,578
Investment property	1,130,986	1,130,890	-	-
Interests in subsidiaries	-	-	386,840	386,812
Interests in associates	69,591	69,729	29,160	29,160
Long-term investments	366,827	403,466	32,395	39,273
Derivative financial instruments	2,962	9,855	-	-
Intangible assets	11,484	11,554	-	-
Amount owing by subsidiaries	-	-	930,955	771,291
Amount owing by associates	6,059	6,051	6,019	6,020
Other non-current assets	5,218	5,177	5,034	5,029
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	2,087,878	2,138,613	1,685,280	1,537,163
<b>Current assets</b>				
Stocks	38,682	34,579	38,030	33,935
Trade debtors	110,113	100,342	91,788	85,687
Other debtors and prepayments	30,008	11,093	9,687	4,221
Short-term investments	546,596	671,196	-	-
Derivative financial instruments	3,877	2,339	1	-
Cash held as fixed deposits	333,039	55,297	13,688	16,047
Cash and bank balances	32,058	26,090	18,612	15,545
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	1,094,373	900,936	171,806	155,435
<b>Total assets</b>	<hr/> <b>3,182,251</b>	<hr/> <b>3,039,549</b>	<hr/> <b>1,857,086</b>	<hr/> <b>1,692,598</b>
<b>Current liabilities</b>				
Trade creditors	92,381	82,756	50,265	42,891
Other creditors and accrued liabilities	126,863	119,633	113,111	99,222
Borrowings	667	667	-	-
Current taxation	112,563	104,932	75,505	69,292
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	332,474	307,988	238,881	211,405
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>				
Deferred taxation	71,623	72,046	52,283	52,454
Borrowings	602,681	610,778	-	-
Amount owing to subsidiaries	-	-	362,716	303,282
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	674,304	682,824	414,999	355,736
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<hr/> <b>1,006,778</b>	<hr/> <b>990,812</b>	<hr/> <b>653,880</b>	<hr/> <b>567,141</b>
<b>Net assets</b>	<hr/> <b>2,175,473</b>	<hr/> <b>2,048,737</b>	<hr/> <b>1,203,206</b>	<hr/> <b>1,125,457</b>

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

### Group Borrowings

#### Amount repayable in one year

As at November 30, 2006		As at August 31, 2006	
Secured S\$'000	Unsecured S\$'000	Secured S\$'000	Unsecured S\$'000
667	-	667	-

#### Amount repayable after one year

As at November 30, 2006		As at August 31, 2006	
Secured S\$'000	Unsecured S\$'000	Secured S\$'000	Unsecured S\$'000
602,611	70	610,778	-

### Details of collateral

The secured bank loan facilities as at November 30, 2006 comprised the following:

- (a) Term loan facilities of S\$610 million (August 31, 2006: S\$610 million) undertaken by a subsidiary, Orchard 290 Ltd ("O290"), which commenced on July 11, 2006, with a tenure of five years and classified accordingly as a non-current liability.

The term loan is secured by way of a legal mortgage on the Group's investment property, a debenture over the assets of O290, an assignment of rental proceeds from the investment property and the insurances on the investment property.

O290 had repaid S\$8 million up to November 30, 2006.

- (b) Term loan facilities of S\$2 million undertaken by another subsidiary, SPH MediaBoxOffice Pte Ltd ("SPHMBO"), which commenced on September 20, 2005, with a tenure of three years and a fixed repayment schedule. The term loan, drawn down on October 31, 2005, is secured by way of fixed charge on certain assets ("Secured Assets") of SPHMBO, an assignment of all rights and benefits arising from all advertising/leasing contracts in relation to the Secured Assets and insurances on the Secured Assets.

SPHMBO had repaid S\$722,000 up to November 30, 2006.

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

**Consolidated Cash Flow Statement for the First Quarter ended November 30, 2006**

	<b>1Q 2007 S\$'000</b>	<b>1Q 2006 S\$'000</b>
<b>Cash Flows from Operating Activities</b>		
Profit before taxation	136,914	121,872
Adjustments for :		
Amortisation of intangible assets	70	143
Depreciation	12,528	11,372
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	96	6
Finance costs	5,418	5,241
Net income from investments	(29,705)	(19,490)
Share of net losses of associates and jointly controlled entity	138	667
Share-based payment expenses	1,955	1,911
Other non-cash items	-	337
Operating cash flow before working capital changes	<u>127,414</u>	<u>122,059</u>
Changes in working capital :		
Stocks	(4,103)	(689)
Debtors	(28,686)	(41,742)
Creditors	17,062	9,930
	<u>111,687</u>	<u>89,558</u>
Income tax paid	(17,090)	(14,654)
Dividends paid (net) by a subsidiary to a minority shareholder	-	(30)
	<u>94,597</u>	<u>74,874</u>
Increase in other assets	(41)	(50)
Exchange translation difference	(49)	(126)
<b>Net cash from operating activities</b>	<u><u>94,507</u></u>	<u><u>74,698</u></u>

## Consolidated Cash Flow Statement for the First Quarter ended November 30, 2006 (cont'd)

	<b>1Q 2007 S\$'000</b>	<b>1Q 2006 S\$'000</b>
<b>Cash Flows from Investing Activities</b>		
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(5,642)	(5,178)
Proceeds on disposal of property, plant and equipment	158	60
Additions to investment property	(96)	(304)
Acquisition of intangible assets – magazine title	-	(1,100)
Acquisition of business by a subsidiary (net of cash acquired)	-	(2,762)
Acquisition of interests in associates/jointly controlled entity	-	(337)
Amounts owing by associates	(8)	(8)
Amounts owing by a jointly controlled entity	-	(44)
Purchase of long-term investments	(50)	(1,680)
Proceeds on disposal/redemption of long-term investments	45,406	10,391
Purchase of short-term investments	(265,712)	(101,229)
Proceeds on disposal of short-term investments	395,373	209,253
Net decrease/(increase) in funds under management	2,920	(6,575)
Investment income	29,705	19,490
	<u>202,054</u>	<u>119,977</u>
Add/(Less): Items not involving movement of funds		
Changes in fair value of financial instruments	(1,593)	(887)
Impairment of internally-managed investments	-	150
Profit on sale of internally-managed investments	(6,290)	(3,441)
Exchange translation loss	138	262
Effective interest on bonds	(325)	-
<b>Net cash from investing activities</b>	<u>193,984</u>	<u>116,061</u>
<b>Cash Flows from Financing Activities</b>		
Loan from a minority shareholder	70	-
Repayment of bank loans	(8,167)	-
Finance costs	(5,418)	(5,241)
Proceeds on issue of shares by the Company	8,734	2,429
<b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>	<u>(4,781)</u>	<u>(2,812)</u>
<b>Net increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>	283,710	187,947
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	81,387	70,192
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of period</b>	<u>365,097</u>	<u>258,139</u>

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**

**Statements of Changes in Total Equity for the First Quarter ended November 30, 2006**

(a)

**Group**

	Share Capital S\$'000	Treasury Shares S\$'000	Capital Reserve S\$'000	Share-based Compensation Reserve S\$'000	Hedging Reserve S\$'000	Fair Value Reserve S\$'000	Exchange Translation Reserve S\$'000	Retained Profit S\$'000	Minority Interests S\$'000	Total Equity S\$'000
Balance as at September 1, 2006	432,807	(12,018)	2,005	14,824	7,540	308,135	(80)	1,293,182	2,342	2,048,737
Net fair value changes on available-for-sale financial assets	-	-	-	-	-	9,016	-	-	-	9,016
Net fair value changes on cash flow hedges	-	-	-	-	(5,349)	-	-	-	-	(5,349)
Exchange translation difference	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	-	-	15
(Losses)/gains recognised directly in equity	-	-	-	-	(5,349)	9,016	15	-	-	3,682
Profit for the quarter	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	112,292	73	112,365
Total recognised (losses)/gains	-	-	-	-	(5,349)	9,016	15	112,292	73	116,047
Share-based payment expenses	-	-	-	1,955	-	-	-	-	-	1,955
Issue of shares	9,618	-	-	(884)	-	-	-	-	-	8,734
Lapse of share options	-	-	-	(1)	-	-	-	1	-	-
<b>Balance as at November 30, 2006</b>	<b>442,425</b>	<b>(12,018)</b>	<b>2,005</b>	<b>15,894</b>	<b>2,191</b>	<b>317,151</b>	<b>(65)</b>	<b>1,405,475</b>	<b>2,415</b>	<b>2,175,473</b>

## Statements of Changes in Total Equity for the First Quarter ended November 30, 2006 (cont'd)

(a) **Group**

	Share Capital <sup>^</sup> S\$'000	Share Premium <sup>^</sup> S\$'000	Capital Redemption Reserve <sup>^</sup> S\$'000	Capital Reserve S\$'000	Share-based Compensation Reserve S\$'000	Hedging Reserve S\$'000	Fair Value Reserve S\$'000	Exchange Translation Reserve S\$'000	Retained Profit S\$'000	Minority Interests S\$'000	Total Equity S\$'000
Balance as at September 1, 2005	318,082	89,206	4,509	2,005	-	-	-	222	1,207,179	2,271	1,623,474
Effect of adopting FRS 102	-	-	-	-	8,942	-	-	-	(8,942)	-	-
As restated	318,082	89,206	4,509	2,005	8,942	-	-	222	1,198,237	2,271	1,623,474
Effect of adopting FRS 39	-	-	-	-	-	(4,305)	309,345	-	29,662	-	334,702
	<u>318,082</u>	<u>89,206</u>	<u>4,509</u>	<u>2,005</u>	<u>8,942</u>	<u>(4,305)</u>	<u>309,345</u>	<u>222</u>	<u>1,227,899</u>	<u>2,271</u>	<u>1,958,176</u>
Net fair value changes on available-for-sale financial assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	(14,496)	-	-	-	(14,496)
Net fair value changes on cash flow hedges	-	-	-	-	-	11,384	-	-	-	-	11,384
Exchange translation difference	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(126)	-	-	(126)
Gains/(losses) recognised directly in equity	-	-	-	-	-	11,384	(14,496)	(126)	-	-	(3,238)
Profit for the quarter	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	98,413	135	98,548
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,384</u>	<u>(14,496)</u>	<u>(126)</u>	<u>98,413</u>	<u>135</u>	<u>95,310</u>
Total recognised gains/(losses)	-	-	-	-	-	11,384	(14,496)	(126)	98,413	135	95,310
Share-based payment expenses	-	-	-	-	1,911	-	-	-	-	-	1,911
Issue of shares	132	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	132
Premium on issue of shares	-	2,297	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,297
Dividends	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(30)	(30)
	<u>318,214</u>	<u>91,503</u>	<u>4,509</u>	<u>2,005</u>	<u>10,853</u>	<u>7,079</u>	<u>294,849</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>1,326,312</u>	<u>2,376</u>	<u>2,057,796</u>

<sup>^</sup> Following the amendments to the Companies Act ("The Companies (Amendment) Act 2005") on 30 January 2006, any amounts standing to the credit of the Company's share premium account and capital redemption reserve account shall become part of the Company's share capital. Accordingly, the share premium account and capital redemption reserve account have been combined into the share capital account.



## Statements of Changes in Total Equity for the First Quarter ended November 30, 2006 (cont'd)

(b)

### Company

	Share Capital <sup>^</sup> S\$'000	Share Premium <sup>^</sup> S\$'000	Capital Redemption Reserve <sup>^</sup> S\$'000	Treasury Shares S\$'000	Share-based Compensation Reserve S\$'000	Fair Value Reserve S\$'000	Retained Profit S\$'000	Total Equity S\$'000
Balance as at September 1, 2006	432,807	-	-	(12,018)	14,824	36,188	653,656	1,125,457
Net fair value changes on available- for-sale financial assets	-	-	-	-	-	(6,438)	-	(6,438)
Losses recognised directly in equity	-	-	-	-	-	(6,438)	-	(6,438)
Profit for the quarter	-	-	-	-	-	-	73,498	73,498
Total recognised (losses)/gains	-	-	-	-	-	(6,438)	73,498	67,060
Share-based payment expenses	-	-	-	-	1,955	-	-	1,955
Issue of shares	9,618	-	-	-	(884)	-	-	8,734
Lapse of share options	-	-	-	-	(1)	-	1	-
<b>Balance as at November 30, 2006</b>	<b>442,425</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(12,018)</b>	<b>15,894</b>	<b>29,750</b>	<b>727,155</b>	<b>1,203,206</b>
Balance as at September 1, 2005	318,082	89,206	4,509	-	-	-	777,472	1,189,269
Effect of adopting FRS 102	-	-	-	-	8,942	-	(8,942)	-
As restated	318,082	89,206	4,509	-	8,942	-	768,530	1,189,269
Effect of adopting FRS 39	-	-	-	-	-	29,138	99	29,237
	318,082	89,206	4,509	-	8,942	29,138	768,629	1,218,506
Net fair value changes on available- for-sale financial assets	-	-	-	-	-	(1,002)	-	(1,002)
Losses recognised directly in equity	-	-	-	-	-	(1,002)	-	(1,002)
Profit for the quarter	-	-	-	-	-	-	68,209	68,209
Total recognised (losses)/gains	-	-	-	-	-	(1,002)	68,209	67,207
Share-based payment expenses	-	-	-	-	1,911	-	-	1,911
Issue of shares	132	-	-	-	-	-	-	132
Premium on issue of shares	-	2,297	-	-	-	-	-	2,297
<b>Balance as at November 30, 2005</b>	<b>318,214</b>	<b>91,503</b>	<b>4,509</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10,853</b>	<b>28,136</b>	<b>836,838</b>	<b>1,290,053</b>

<sup>^</sup> Following the amendments to the Companies Act ("The Companies (Amendment) Act 2005") on 30 January 2006, any amounts standing to the credit of the Company's share premium account and capital redemption reserve account shall become part of the Company's share capital. Accordingly, the share premium account and capital redemption reserve account have been combined into the share capital account.

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

### **Share Capital And Share Options**

- (a) Between September 1, 2006 and November 30, 2006, pursuant to the Singapore Press Holdings Group (1999) Share Option Scheme (the "1999 Scheme"), the Company issued 2,325,975 ordinary shares upon the exercise of options.
- (b) As a result of the 2,325,975 ordinary shares issued pursuant to the 1999 Scheme, the Company issued 23,495 management shares in accordance with the Newspaper and Printing Presses Act, Cap. 206 between September 1, 2006 and November 30, 2006.
- (c) There was no grant of share options to subscribe for ordinary shares under the 1999 Scheme during the current first quarter.
- (d) Under the 1999 Scheme, options to subscribe for 67,728,525 ordinary shares remain outstanding as at November 30, 2006 compared to 59,941,125 ordinary shares as at November 30, 2005.
- (e) As at November 30, 2006, the share capital of the Company comprised 1,578,850,996 ordinary shares, 16,171,903 management shares and 3,001,000 treasury shares (August 31, 2006: 1,576,525,021 ordinary shares, 16,148,408 management shares and 3,001,000 treasury shares).

### **Share Buy Back**

Under the Share Buy Back Mandate (first approved by the Shareholders on July 16, 1999 and last renewed at the Annual General Meeting on December 5, 2006), no shares were bought back by the Company during the current first quarter.

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

### **Review**

The figures for the first quarter have not been audited but have been reviewed in accordance with Singapore Statement of Auditing Practice ("SAP") 11, Review of Interim Financial Information.

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

**Auditors' Report**

We have been engaged by the Group to review the interim financial information for the first quarter ended November 30, 2006.

Appendix 7.2 of the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited Listing Manual ("Listing Manual") requires the preparation of interim financial information to be in compliance with the relevant provisions thereof. The accompanying financial information comprise the balance sheet and statement of changes in shareholders' equity of the Company and income statement, balance sheet, statement of changes in shareholders' equity and cash flow statement of the Group for the period from September 1, 2006 to November 30, 2006 and certain financial data (collectively known as "financial information") set out in this announcement. The financial information reviewed by us are those set out in paragraphs 1, 5, 6, 7 and 12 of this announcement. The interim financial information is the responsibility of, and has been approved by, the directors. Our responsibility is to issue a report solely for the use of the directors on the interim financial information based on our review.

We conducted our review in accordance with the Singapore Statement of Auditing Practice 11, Review of Interim Financial Information. A review of interim financial information consists principally of applying analytical review procedures to financial data and making inquiries of, and having discussions with, persons responsible for financial and accounting matters. It is substantially less in scope than an audit in accordance with Singapore Standards on Auditing and does not provide assurance that we would become aware of any or all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. We have not performed an audit and, accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion.

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that there is any material modification that needs to be made to the accompanying interim financial information for it to be in accordance with Appendix 7.2 of the Listing Manual.

PricewaterhouseCoopers  
Certified Public Accountants

Singapore,  
January 8, 2007

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

**Accounting Policies**

The financial statements have been prepared in compliance with the same accounting policies and methods of computation adopted in the audited financial statements of last financial year, except where new/revised accounting standards became effective from this financial year. The adoption of the new/revised accounting standards did not result in any substantial changes to the Group's accounting policies.

5. **Earnings per 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**

**Earnings Per Share for the First Quarter ended November 30, 2006**

		Group	
		1Q 2007	1Q 2006
(a)	Based on the weighted average number of shares on issue (S\$)		
	- before exceptional items	0.07	0.06
	- after exceptional items	0.07	0.06
(b)	On fully diluted basis (S\$)		
	- before exceptional items	0.07	0.06
	- after exceptional items	0.07	0.06

6. **Net asset value (for the issuer and group) per 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**

**Net Asset Value Per Share As At**

	Group		Company	
	Nov 30, 2006	Aug 31, 2006	Nov 30, 2006	Aug 31, 2006
Net asset value per share based on issued share capital at the end of period/year (S\$)	1.36	1.28	0.75	0.71

7. **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 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 any material factors that affected the cash flow, working capital, assets or liabilities of the group during the current financial period reported on**

## **Business Segments/ Review of Results**

### **Business Segments**

The Group is organised into three major operating segments, namely Newspaper and Magazine, Treasury and Investment and Property. The Newspaper and Magazine segment is involved in the publishing, printing and distributing of newspapers and magazines. The Treasury and Investment segment manages the investment activities of the Group. The Property segment holds, manages and develops properties owned by the Group. Other operations under the Group, which are currently not significant to be reported separately, are included under "Others". These comprise our businesses and investments in Internet, outdoor advertising, radio broadcasting and TV broadcasting.

### **Review of Results**

- 7.1 Group operating revenue grew 4.2% against last year to S\$272.0 million. Revenue for the Newspaper and Magazine segment rose by 2.6%, mainly driven by the 2.7% increase in print advertisement revenue to S\$183.6 million and 1.5% growth in circulation revenue (after absorption of S\$2.5 million in GST) to S\$51.7 million. Property segment posted 7.0% increase in revenue over last year to S\$25.6 million underpinned by positive sentiments in the property market. The Group's operating revenue from other segments registered a 157.3% improvement, due mainly to contributions from Internet, radio broadcasting and outdoor advertising businesses.
- 7.2 Materials, consumables and broadcasting costs were higher by S\$2.1 million (5.0%). The increase was mainly driven by increased newsprint costs (2.7%) arising from higher consumption and increased production costs (15.1%) mainly on higher circulation sales from magazine operations.

Staff costs were up by S\$1.8 million to S\$68.6 million mainly due to increase in headcount to support the launch of new editorial products and ventures into outdoor advertising and other media businesses. Annual salary increment added to the increase in staff costs. Depreciation charges rose by S\$1.2 million mainly due to replacement of existing assets and commissioning of new editorial and other systems.

Other operating expenses increased by S\$1.1 million mainly due to the Group's ventures into outdoor advertising/other media businesses and higher newspaper distribution costs.

- 7.3 Consequently, profit before investment income at S\$107.3 million was 4.2% higher than last year.

- 7.4 Group investment income at S\$29.7 million was S\$10.2 million (52.4%) higher than last year mainly as a result of a capital reduction exercise undertaken by an investee company, higher profit on sale of internally-managed investments and lower contribution from externally-managed investments partially offset by foreign exchange gain from forward contracts.
- 7.5 The Group's share of losses of associates and jointly controlled entity comprised mainly losses from MediaCorp TV Holdings partially offset by profits from MediaCorp Press Ltd and TOM Outdoor Media Group.
- 7.6 Taxation charge of S\$24.5 million was arrived at after accounting for tax on the taxable income at the corporate tax rate of 20%. There were no material adjustments for under or over provision of taxation in respect of prior years.
- 7.7 Consequently, net profit rose 14.1% to S\$112.3 million compared to S\$98.4 million in the corresponding quarter last year.

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

No forecast was made previously.

9. **A commentary at the date of 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**

- 9.1 Outlook for the Singapore economy remains encouraging. The positive business climate is expected to continue providing support to the Group's print advertisement revenue. Circulation sales are expected to remain at sustainable levels.
- 9.2 Newsprint prices are expected to rise at a moderating pace due to continued global imbalances in demand and supply as evidenced by emergence of new mills in China. The Group has and will continue to put in place cost management measures with a view to sustaining its core newspaper business.
- 9.3 Paragon is expected to continue to generate healthy rental yields on the back of generally bullish sentiments in the property market. The development of the exclusive freehold condominium along Thomson Road is underway and scheduled to be launched in first half of 2007.
- 9.4 Excluding non-recurring gains, the Group's investment income is expected to vary with the performance of the local and global financial markets.
- 9.5 Barring unforeseen circumstances, the Directors expect the recurring earnings for the current financial year to be satisfactory.

## 10. Dividends

### (a) Current Financial Period Reported On

Any dividend recommended for the current financial period reported on? No

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

Any dividend declared for the corresponding period of the immediately preceding financial year? No

### (c) Date payable

Not applicable

### (d) Books closure date

Not applicable

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

No interim dividend has been declared or recommended in the current reporting period.

## 12. Segmental information (Group)

	Operating Revenue			Profit/(Loss) Before Taxation		
	1Q 2007 S\$'000	1Q 2006 S\$'000	Change %	1Q 2007 S\$'000	1Q 2006 S\$'000	Change %
Newspaper & Magazine	241,485	235,317	2.6	94,801	90,702	4.5
Treasury & Investment	-	-	-	29,530	19,363	52.5
Property	25,623	23,955	7.0	14,888	12,570	18.4
Others *	4,935	1,918	157.3	(2,305)	(763)	202.1
	<u>272,043</u>	<u>261,190</u>	4.2	<u>136,914</u>	<u>121,872</u>	12.3

\* Increase in loss was mainly due to increase in costs associated with ventures into outdoor advertising and other media businesses.

## BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

Ginney Lim May Ling  
Khor Siew Kim  
Company Secretaries

Singapore,  
January 8, 2007

**CONFIRMATION BY THE BOARD**  
**Pursuant to Rule 705(4) of the Listing Manual**

We, Tony Tan Keng Yam and Chan Heng Loon Alan, being two directors of Singapore Press Holdings Limited ("the Company"), do hereby confirm on behalf of the directors of the Company, that, to the best of their knowledge, nothing has come to the attention of the board of directors of the Company which may render the financial results of the first quarter ended November 30, 2006 to be false or misleading.

On behalf of the Directors



TONY TAN KENG YAM  
*Chairman*



CHAN HENG LOON ALAN  
*Director*

Singapore,  
January 8, 2007