Singapore Press Holdings

SINGAPORE PRESS HOLDINGS LIMITED
Reg. No. 198402868E
(Incorporated in Singapore)

ANNOUNCEMENT
UNAUDITED RESULTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED FEBRUARY 29, 2008

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 Second Quarter ended February 29, 2008

	Group		
	2Q 2008	**2Q 2007 Restated***	**Change**
	S$'000	S$'000	%
Operating revenue			
Newspaper and Magazine	236,423	218,071	8.4
Property	54,333	27,254	99.4
Others	7,339	5,317	38.0
	298,095	250,642	18.9
Other operating income	3,709	3,011	23.2
	301,804	253,653	19.0
Materials, consumables & broadcasting costs	(41,289)	(41,068)	0.5
Property development costs	(6,897)	-	NM
Staff costs	(80,279)	(73,212)	9.7
Depreciation	(14,974)	(14,380)	4.1
Other operating expenses	(41,778)	(37,611)	11.1
Finance costs	(4,805)	(5,175)	(7.1)
Profit before investment income #	111,782	82,207	36.0
Net income from investments	5,145	31,565	(83.7)
Share of net profits of associates and jointly controlled entities	2,630	1,519	73.1
Profit before taxation	119,557	115,291	3.7
Taxation	(20,254)	(9,054)	123.7
Profit after taxation	99,303	106,237	(6.5)
Attributable to:			
Shareholders of the Company	**99,595**	**106,265**	**(6.3)**
Minority interests	(292)	(28)	942.9
	99,303	106,237	(6.5)

* The comparative financial statements have been restated to take into account the retrospective adjustments relating to FRS 40 – Investment Property. Please see paragraph 5 for details.

This represents the recurring earnings of the media and property businesses, including profits from the Group's Sky@eleven development.

NM: Not meaningful

(ii) Notes:
Profit before taxation is arrived at after accounting for:

	Group		
	2Q 2008 S$'000	**2Q 2007** S$'000	**Change** %
Share-based compensation expenses	(1,302)	(1,590)	(18.1)
Net currency translation loss from operations	(117)	(98)	19.4
(Allowance for)/write-back of impairment of trade receivables	(447)	156	NM
Bad debts recovery	32	23	39.1
Write back of allowance for stock obsolescence	-	209	(100.0)
Net profit on disposal of property, plant and equipment	158	418	(62.2)
Impairment of internally-managed investments	-	(1,666)	(100.0)
Net profit on sale of internally-managed investments	397	23,407	(98.3)
Net fair value gain/(loss) of			
- Internally-managed assets at fair value through profit and loss	185	(4)	NM
- Derivative instruments	(326)	(1,115)	(70.8)
(Loss)/income from funds under management	(1,431)	5,758	NM

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	
	Feb 29, 2008	Aug 31, 2007 Restated*	Feb 29, 2008	Aug 31, 2007
	S$'000	S$'000	S$'000	S$'000
CAPITAL EMPLOYED				
Share capital	481,369	467,973	481,369	467,973
Treasury shares	(23,351)	(19,153)	(23,351)	(19,153)
Reserves	280,920	314,426	55,900	54,803
Retained profit	1,267,090	1,359,878	389,666	550,824
Shareholders' interests	2,006,028	2,123,124	903,584	1,054,447
Minority interests	13,544	3,260	-	-
Total equity	2,019,572	2,126,384	903,584	1,054,447
EMPLOYMENT OF CAPITAL				
Non-current assets				
Property, plant and equipment	487,482	488,912	316,243	316,860
Investment properties	1,124,317	1,100,620	-	-
Interests in subsidiaries	-	-	387,340	387,340
Interests in associates	70,296	71,079	29,160	29,160
Interests in jointly controlled entities	9,094	10,497	-	-
Long-term investments	309,304	318,858	38,217	38,734
Intangible assets	38,402	15,006	-	-
Amount owing by subsidiaries	-	-	709,321	804,734
Amount owing by associates	79	579	-	-
Amount owing by a jointly controlled entity	227	1,004	-	-
Other non-current assets	5,552	5,808	4,565	4,901
	2,044,753	2,012,363	1,484,846	1,581,729
Current assets				
Inventories	21,846	19,341	20,728	18,867
Trade receivables	192,356	150,990	96,620	95,799
Other receivables and prepayments	16,036	11,122	5,366	4,028
Short-term investments	563,289	815,075	-	62,000
Derivative financial instruments	5,103	1,291	1	-
Amount owing by associates	6,207	6,015	6,014	6,015
Amount owing by a jointly controlled entity	20	-	-	-
Cash held as fixed deposits	137,968	90,272	50,280	18,580
Cash and bank balances	40,555	31,888	24,115	20,518
	983,380	1,125,994	203,124	225,807
Total assets	3,028,133	3,138,357	1,687,970	1,807,536
Current liabilities				
Trade payables	78,673	78,920	42,949	43,457
Other payables and accrued liabilities	122,869	139,205	107,732	119,359
Derivative financial instruments	-	955	-	-
Amount owing to a subsidiary	-	-	17,591	10,081
Amount owing to associates	56	-	-	-
Amount owing to a jointly controlled entity	14,986	20,408	14,923	20,408
Borrowings	1,800	1,000	-	-
Current income tax liabilities	102,441	99,638	68,248	62,988
	320,825	340,126	251,443	256,293
Non-current liabilities				
Other payables and accrued liabilities	22,389	20,144	-	-
Derivative financial instruments	19,364	3,493	-	-
Amount owing to subsidiaries	-	-	487,253	449,916
Borrowings	573,745	573,745	-	-
Deferred income tax liabilities	72,238	74,465	45,690	46,880
	687,736	671,847	532,943	496,796
Total liabilities	1,008,561	1,011,973	784,386	753,089
Net assets	2,019,572	2,126,384	903,584	1,054,447

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

Group Borrowings

Amount repayable in one year

As at February 29, 2008		As at August 31, 2007	
Secured S$'000	**Unsecured** S$'000	**Secured** S$'000	**Unsecured** S$'000
-	1,800	-	1,000

Amount repayable after one year

As at February 29, 2008		As at August 31, 2007	
Secured S$'000	**Unsecured** S$'000	**Secured** S$'000	**Unsecured** S$'000
570,000	3,745	570,000	3,745

Details of collateral

The secured bank loan facilities as at February 29, 2008 comprised the term loan facilities of S$610 million (August 31, 2007: 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$40 million up to February 29, 2008.

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 Second Quarter ended February 29, 2008

	2Q 2008 S$'000	2Q 2007 Restated* S$'000
Cash Flows from Operating Activities		
Profit before taxation	119,557	115,291
Adjustments for :		
Amortisation of intangible assets	92	122
Depreciation	14,974	14,380
Net profit on disposal of property, plant and equipment	(158)	(418)
Interest expense	3,526	5,184
Net income from investments	(5,145)	(31,565)
Share of net profits of associates and jointly controlled entities	(2,630)	(1,519)
Share-based compensation expenses	1,302	1,590
Other non-cash items	(60)	-
Operating cash flow before working capital changes	131,458	103,065
Changes in operating assets and liabilities, net of effects from purchase of subsidiaries and business:		
Inventories	(928)	6,827
Trade and other receivables	(13,364)	29,057
Trade and other payables	(32,501)	(32,890)
	84,665	106,059
Income tax paid	(23,717)	(23,867)
Dividends paid	(304,439)	(271,239)
Dividends paid (net) by a subsidiary to a minority shareholder	(31)	-
	(243,522)	(189,047)
Decrease/(Increase) in other non-current assets	185	(104)
Increase/(Decrease) in other non-current payables	989	(416)
Exchange translation difference	91	106
Net cash used in operating activities	(242,257)	(189,461)

Consolidated Cash Flow Statement for the Second Quarter ended February 29, 2008 (cont'd)

	2Q 2008	**2Q 2007 Restated***
	S$'000	S$'000
Cash Flows from Investing Activities		
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(12,607)	(12,916)
Proceeds on disposal of property, plant and equipment	401	430
Additions to investment properties	(4,949)	(744)
Acquisition of interests in subsidiaries (net of cash acquired)	(392)	(5,161)
Acquisition of interests in associates/jointly controlled entities	-	(2,000)
Acquisition of business by a subsidiary	(23,203)	-
Decrease/(Increase) in amounts owing by associates/ jointly controlled entities	693	(9)
Increase in amounts owing to associates/ jointly controlled entities	2,395	-
Proceeds on disposal of an associate	284	-
Purchase of long-term investments	(479)	-
Proceeds on disposal/redemption of long-term investments	673	30,584
Proceeds from capital reduction exercise of an investee company	5,725	-
Purchase of short-term investments	(19,713)	(98,725)
Proceeds on disposal of short-term investments	10,417	151,960
Net decrease/(increase) in funds under management	69,646	(32,482)
Dividends received	1,714	772
Interest received	1,684	2,749
Other investment income	1,747	28,044
	34,036	62,502
Add/(Less): Items not involving movement of funds		
Changes in fair value of financial instruments	162	1,119
Impairment of internally-managed investments	-	1,666
Net profit on sale of internally-managed investments	(397)	(23,407)
Currency translation loss	225	45
Effective interest on bonds	37	(12)
Net cash from investing activities	34,063	41,913
Cash Flows from Financing Activities		
Proceeds from bank loans	500	1,200
Repayment of bank loans	-	(13,278)
Interest paid	(3,526)	(5,184)
Proceeds on issue of shares by the Company	7,514	9,475
Proceeds on issue of shares by subsidiaries to minority shareholders	5,537	125
Share buy-back	(4,198)	-
Net cash from/(used in) financing activities	5,827	(7,662)
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(202,367)	(155,210)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	380,890	365,097
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	178,523	209,887

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 Second Quarter ended February 29, 2008

(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	Currency Translation Reserve S$'000	Retained Profit S$'000	Minority Interests S$'000	Total Equity S$'000
Balance as at November 30, 2007	473,191	(19,153)	2,005	19,494	(5,955)	283,045	(4,107)	1,471,906	11,949	2,232,375
Net fair value changes on available-for-sale financial assets	-	-	-	-	-	(285)	-	-	-	(285)
Net fair value changes on cash flow hedges	-	-	-	-	(13,409)	-	-	-	-	(13,409)
Exchange translation difference	-	-	-	-	-	-	(481)	-	-	(481)
Losses recognised directly in equity	-	-	-	-	(13,409)	(285)	(481)	-	-	(14,175)
Profit for the quarter	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	99,595	(292)	99,303
Total recognised (losses)/gains	-	-	-	-	(13,409)	(285)	(481)	99,595	(292)	85,128
Share-based compensation	-	-	-	1,305	-	-	-	-	-	1,305
Issue of shares	8,178	-	-	(664)	-	-	-	-	-	7,514
Dividends	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(304,439)	(31)	(304,470)
Lapse of share options	-	-	-	(28)	-	-	-	28	-	-
Share buy-back – held as treasury shares	-	(4,198)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(4,198)
Issue of shares by subsidiaries to minority interests	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,787	1,787
Purchase of additional equity interests in a subsidiary	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	131	131
Balance as at February 29, 2008	**481,369**	**(23,351)**	**2,005**	**20,107**	**(19,364)**	**282,760**	**(4,588)**	**1,267,090**	**13,544**	**2,019,572**

Statements of Changes in Total Equity for the Second Quarter ended February 29, 2008 (cont'd)

(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 November 30, 2006	442,425	(12,018)	2,005	15,894	2,191	317,151	(65)	1,405,475	2,415	2,175,473
Effect of adopting FRS 40	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(51,216)	-	(51,216)
As restated	442,425	(12,018)	2,005	15,894	2,191	317,151	(65)	1,354,259	2,415	2,124,257
Net fair value changes on available-for-sale financial assets	-	-	-	-	-	(5,251)	-	-	-	(5,251)
Net fair value changes on cash flow hedges	-	-	-	-	409	-	-	-	-	409
Exchange translation difference	-	-	-	-	-	-	111	-	-	111
Gains/(losses) recognised directly in equity	-	-	-	-	409	(5,251)	111	-	-	(4,731)
Profit for the quarter (restated)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	106,265	(28)	106,237
Total recognised gains/(losses)	-	-	-	-	409	(5,251)	111	106,265	(28)	101,506
Share-based compensation	-	-	-	1,590	-	-	-	-	-	1,590
Issue of shares	10,310	-	-	(835)	-	-	-	-	-	9,475
Dividends	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(271,239)	-	(271,239)
Lapse of share options	-	-	-	(4)	-	-	-	4	-	-
Issue of shares by a subsidiary to minority interests	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	125	125
Purchase of additional equity interests in subsidiaries	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(117)	(117)
Restructuring of Magazine's operations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1,728)	(1,728)
Balance as at February 28, 2007 (restated)	**452,735**	**(12,018)**	**2,005**	**16,645**	**2,600**	**311,900**	**46**	**1,189,289**	**667**	**1,963,869**

Statements of Changes in Total Equity for the Second Quarter ended February 29, 2008 (cont'd)

(b)

Company

	Share Capital 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 November 30, 2007	473,191	(19,153)	19,494	36,310	630,469	1,140,311
Net fair value changes on available-for-sale financial assets	-	-	-	(517)	-	(517)
Losses recognised directly in equity	-	-	-	(517)	-	(517)
Profit for the quarter	-	-	-	-	63,608	63,608
Total recognised (losses)/gains	-	-	-	(517)	63,608	63,091
Share-based compensation	-	-	1,305	-	-	1,305
Issue of shares	8,178	-	(664)	-	-	7,514
Dividends	-	-	-	-	(304,439)	(304,439)
Lapse of share options	-	-	(28)	-	28	-
Share buy-back – held as treasury shares	-	(4,198)	-	-	-	(4,198)
Balance as at February 29, 2008	**481,369**	**(23,351)**	**20,107**	**35,793**	**389,666**	**903,584**
Balance as at November 30, 2006	442,425	(12,018)	15,894	29,750	727,155	1,203,206
Net fair value changes on available-for-sale financial assets	-	-	-	7,745	-	7,745
Gains recognised directly in equity	-	-	-	7,745	-	7,745
Profit for the quarter	-	-	-	-	67,517	67,517
Total recognised gains	-	-	-	7,745	67,517	75,262
Share-based compensation	-	-	1,590	-	-	1,590
Issue of shares	10,310	-	(835)	-	-	9,475
Dividends	-	-	-	-	(271,239)	(271,239)
Lapse of share options	-	-	(4)	-	4	-
Balance as at February 28, 2007	**452,735**	**(12,018)**	**16,645**	**37,495**	**523,437**	**1,018,294**

1(d)(ii) <u>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</u>

Share Options

(a) Between December 1, 2007 and February 29, 2008, pursuant to the Singapore Press Holdings Group (1999) Share Option Scheme (the "1999 Scheme"), the Company issued 1,807,500 ordinary shares upon the exercise of options.

(b) As a result of the 1,807,500 ordinary shares issued pursuant to the 1999 Scheme, the Company issued 18,256 management shares in accordance with the Newspaper and Printing Presses Act, Cap. 206 between December 1, 2007 and February 29, 2008.

(c) Under the 1999 Scheme, options to subscribe for 53,945,575 ordinary shares remain outstanding as at February 29, 2008 compared to 64,765,100 ordinary shares as at February 28, 2007.

Performance Shares

(a) At the extraordinary general meeting of the Company held on December 5, 2006, the Company's shareholders approved the adoption of the SPH Performance Share Plan and the 1999 Scheme was terminated with regard to the grant of further options. However, options granted and outstanding prior to such termination will continue to be valid and be subject to the terms and conditions of the 1999 Scheme.

(b) As at February 29, 2008, the number of shares granted and outstanding (being contingent award) under the SPH Performance Share Plan was 3,924,855 (February 28, 2007: 1,849,875).

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, 2007), the Company bought back 1,000,000 ordinary shares during the current second quarter. These shares are held as treasury shares. The amount paid, including brokerage fees, totalled S$4.2 million and was deducted against shareholders' equity.

Share Capital and Treasury Shares

As at February 29, 2008, the share capital of the Company comprised 1,585,371,971 ordinary shares, 16,265,042 management shares and 5,701,000 treasury shares (November 30, 2007: 1,584,564,471 ordinary shares, 16,246,786 management shares and 4,701,000 treasury shares).

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

The financial information as set out in paragraphs 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12 and 14 of this announcement has been extracted from the interim financial report that has been reviewed in accordance with Singapore Standard on Review Engagements 2410, Review of Interim Financial Information performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity.

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

The following is the independent auditors' review report dated April 14, 2008.

Report on the review of condensed interim financial information to the Board of Directors of Singapore Press Holdings Limited for the second quarter and half year ended February 29, 2008

Introduction

We have reviewed the accompanying condensed balance sheet of the Company and condensed consolidated balance sheet of the Group as of February 29, 2008, and the related condensed consolidated statement of income, changes in equity and cash flows of the Group for the period from December 1, 2007 to February 29, 2008, and September 1, 2007 to February 29, 2008, and statement of changes in equity of the Company for the period from December 1, 2007 to February 29, 2008. Management is responsible for the preparation and presentation of this condensed consolidated interim financial information in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 34 Interim Financial Reporting. Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on this interim financial information based on our review.

Scope of Review

We conducted our review in accordance with Singapore Standard on Review Engagements 2410, Review of Interim Financial Information Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity. A review of interim financial information consists of making inquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with Singapore Standards on Auditing and consequently does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion.

Conclusion

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the accompanying condensed interim financial information is not prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 34 Interim Financial Reporting.

PricewaterhouseCoopers
Certified Public Accountants

Singapore,
April 14, 2008

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

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.

Apart from FRS 40 – Investment Property, the adoption of the new/revised accounting standards does not have any significant financial impact on the Group. The financial effects of adopting FRS 40 are summarised in note 5 below.

5. **<u>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 effect of, the change</u>**

FRS 40 – Investment Property

The Group has adopted FRS 40 for the financial year ending August 31, 2008.

The Group had previously accounted for its properties leased out as property, plant and equipment in these financial statements. Under FRS 40, the properties that are leased out to non-related parties have been reclassified to investment properties on transition to FRS 40 on September 1, 2007.

In FY 2007, the Group accounted for its investment property under FRS 25 – Accounting for Investments. FRS 40 permits an entity to measure its investment properties either at fair value with fair value changes taken to the income statement (fair value model) or at cost less accumulated depreciation and provision for impairment (cost model). The Group has adopted the cost model for measuring its investment property.

The application of FRS 40 is retrospective and accordingly, the comparative financial statements are restated. The financial impact on the Group is illustrated in the table below:

	Group		
	Feb 29, 2008 S$'000	**Aug 31, 2007** S$'000	**Sep 1, 2006** S$'000
(Decreased)/increased by			
<u>Balance sheet</u>			
Investment properties	(46,294)	(42,615)	(35,318)
Property, plant and equipment	(10,381)	(10,500)	(10,739)
Retained earnings	(59,865)	(56,487)	(49,461)
Deferred income tax liabilities	3,190	3,372	3,404

	Group	
	2Q 2008 S$'000	**2Q 2007** S$'000
Increased/(decreased) by		
Income statement		
Depreciation	1,775	1,763
Profit before taxation	(1,775)	(1,763)
Taxation	(48)	(10)
Profit after taxation	(1,727)	(1,753)

	Group	
	1H 2008 S$'000	**1H 2007** S$'000
Increased/(decreased) by		
Income statement		
Depreciation	3,560	3,528
Profit before taxation	(3,560)	(3,528)
Taxation	(182)	(20)
Profit after taxation	(3,378)	(3,508)

	Group	
	2Q 2008 S$	**2Q 2007** S$
Decreased by		
Earnings Per Share		
Basic EPS	(0.001)	(0.001)
Diluted EPS	(0.001)	(0.001)

	Group	
	1H 2008 S$	**1H 2007** S$
Decreased by		
Earnings Per Share		
Basic EPS	(0.002)	(0.002)
Diluted EPS	(0.002)	(0.002)

6. <u>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</u>

Earnings Per Share for the Second Quarter ended February 29, 2008

		Group	
		2Q 2008	**2Q 2007 Restated***
(a)	Based on the weighted average number of shares on issue (S$)	0.06	0.07
(b)	On fully diluted basis (S$)	0.06	0.07

7. <u>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</u>

Net Asset Value Per Share As At

	Group		Company	
	Feb 29, 2008	**Aug 31, 2007 Restated***	**Feb 29, 2008**	**Aug 31, 2007**
Net asset value per share based on issued share capital at the end of period/year (S$)	1.25	1.33	0.56	0.66

8. **<u>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</u>**

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 of 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 and related activities, outdoor advertising, radio broadcasting and TV broadcasting.

Review of Results for the Second Quarter ended February 29, 2008

8.1 Group operating revenue saw a strong 18.9% growth to S$298.1 million against the corresponding quarter last year. The Group continues to build on its leading position in traditional print media with Newspaper and Magazine segment performance improving by 8.4% to S$236.4 million. Print advertisement revenue rose by an encouraging 11.3% to S$179.8 million. Circulation revenue (after absorption of S$3.4 million in GST) was slightly down by 1.6% to S$50.4 million. In the Property segment, Sky@eleven contributed S$24.2 million while Paragon posted an increase of S$2.9 million (10.6%) in income from rental and related services.

8.2 Materials, consumables and broadcasting costs remained flat at S$41.3 million with a hike in material and other production costs (S$1.3 million or 10.0%) being cushioned by a decline in newsprint costs (S$1.1 million or 3.8%). Lower newsprint costs were mainly due to favourable foreign exchange and price variances offset by higher consumption.

Property development costs of S$6.9 million pertained to the Sky@eleven development.

Staff costs were up S$7.1 million (9.7%) mainly due to increased headcount and annual salary increment. Total headcount at end February 2008 was 3,814 compared to 3,628 a year ago mainly due to staffing for new media businesses and increased operational needs for the magazine business.

Other operating expenses increased by S$4.2 million (11.1%) in tandem with the increase in business activity.

8.3 Group investment income at S$5.1 million was S$26.4 million or 83.7% lower than last year. The decline was mainly due to higher profit on sale of investments last year. In addition, this year's fair valuation of investments was impacted by the continued volatility in global financial markets.

8.4 The Group's share of profits of associates and jointly controlled entities comprised mainly of our stake in the results of MediaCorp Press and MediaCorp TV Holdings.

8.5 Taxation charge of S$20.3 million was arrived at after accounting for tax on the taxable income at the corporate tax rate of 18% with no material adjustments for under or over provision of taxation in respect of prior years. Last year's taxation charge included a credit adjustment of S$6.3 million as a result of the change in corporate tax rate from 20% to 18%.

8.6 Consequently, net profit of S$99.6 million was 6.3% lower than the corresponding quarter last year.

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

No forecast was made previously.

10. Performance for the Half Year ended February 29, 2008

(i) Results for the Half Year ended February 29, 2008

	Group		
	1H 2008	1H 2007 Restated*	Change
	S$'000	S$'000	%
Operating revenue			
Newspaper and Magazine	497,729	459,556	8.3
Property	97,864	52,877	85.1
Others	14,559	10,252	42.0
	610,152	522,685	16.7
Other operating income	6,702	5,156	30.0
	616,854	527,841	16.9
Materials, consumables & broadcasting costs	(85,614)	(84,785)	1.0
Property development costs	(11,527)	-	NM
Staff costs	(158,907)	(141,784)	12.1
Depreciation	(29,765)	(28,673)	3.8
Other operating expenses	(83,087)	(74,217)	12.0
Finance costs	(9,670)	(10,593)	(8.7)
Profit before investment income #	238,284	187,789	26.9
Net income from investments	14,988	61,270	(75.5)
Share of net profits of associates and jointly controlled entities	1,708	1,381	23.7
Profit before taxation	254,980	250,440	1.8
Taxation	(43,808)	(33,593)	30.4
Profit after taxation	211,172	216,847	(2.6)
Attributable to:			
Shareholders of the Company	**211,525**	**216,802**	**(2.4)**
Minority interests	(353)	45	NM
	211,172	216,847	(2.6)

* The comparative financial statements have been restated to take into account the retrospective adjustments relating to FRS 40 – Investment Property. Please see paragraph 5 for details.

\# This represents the recurring earnings of the media and property businesses, including profits from the Group's Sky@eleven development.

(ii) Notes:
Profit before taxation is arrived at after accounting for:

	Group		
	1H 2008 S$'000	**1H 2007** S$'000	**Change** %
Share-based compensation expenses	(2,871)	(3,545)	(19.0)
Net currency translation loss from operations	(396)	(144)	175.0
Allowance for impairment of trade receivables	(1,191)	(535)	122.6
Bad debts recovery	138	59	133.9
Write back of allowance for stock obsolescence	-	329	(100.0)
Net profit on disposal of property, plant and equipment	394	322	22.4
Impairment of internally-managed investments	-	(1,666)	(100.0)
Net profit on sale of internally-managed investments	2,481	29,697	(91.6)
Net fair value gain of			
- Internally-managed assets at fair value through profit and loss	164	49	234.7
- Derivative instruments	4,789	425	NM
(Loss)/income from funds under management	(7,204)	7,805	NM

11. Consolidated Cash Flow Statement for the Half Year ended February 29, 2008

	1H 2008 S$'000	1H 2007 Restated* S$'000
Cash Flows from Operating Activities		
Profit before taxation	254,980	250,440
Adjustments for :		
Amortisation of intangible assets	184	192
Depreciation	29,765	28,673
Net profit on disposal of property, plant and equipment	(394)	(322)
Interest expense	7,556	10,395
Net income from investments	(14,988)	(61,270)
Share of net profits of associates and jointly controlled entities	(1,708)	(1,381)
Share-based compensation expenses	2,871	3,545
Other non-cash items	(60)	-
Operating cash flow before working capital changes	278,206	230,272
Changes in operating assets and liabilities, net of effects from purchase of subsidiaries and business:		
Inventories	(2,505)	2,724
Trade and other receivables	(42,488)	420
Trade payables and other payables	(16,580)	(15,619)
	216,633	217,797
Income tax paid	(40,472)	(40,957)
Dividends paid	(304,439)	(271,239)
Dividends paid (net) by a subsidiary to a minority shareholder	(31)	-
	(128,309)	(94,399)
Decrease/(Increase) in other non-current assets	256	(194)
Increase/(Decrease) in other non-current payables	2,244	(625)
Currency translation difference	26	57
Net cash used in operating activities	(125,783)	(95,161)

Consolidated Cash Flow Statement for the Half Year ended February 29, 2008 (cont'd)

	1H 2008 S$'000	1H 2007 Restated* S$'000
Cash Flows from Investing Activities		
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(24,863)	(18,558)
Proceeds on disposal of property, plant and equipment	705	588
Additions to investment properties	(27,377)	(840)
Acquisition of interests in subsidiaries (net of cash acquired)	(392)	(5,161)
Acquisition of interests in associates/jointly controlled entities	-	(2,000)
Acquisition of business by a subsidiary	(23,203)	-
Decrease/(Increase) in amounts owing by associates/ jointly controlled entities	1,065	(17)
Decrease in amounts owing to associates/ jointly controlled entities	(5,362)	-
Proceeds on disposal of an associate	284	-
Purchase of long-term investments	(1,925)	(50)
Proceeds on disposal/redemption of long-term investments	1,691	75,990
Proceeds from capital reduction exercise of an investee company	5,725	-
Purchase of short-term investments	(63,375)	(364,437)
Proceeds on disposal of short-term investments	224,178	547,333
Net decrease/(increase) in funds under management	77,658	(29,562)
Dividend received	6,842	10,905
Interest received	4,738	6,987
Other investment income	3,408	43,378
	179,797	264,556
Add/(Less): Items not involving movement of funds		
Changes in fair value of financial instruments	(4,932)	(474)
Impairment of internally-managed investments	-	1,666
Net profit on sale of internally-managed investments	(2,481)	(29,697)
Currency translation loss	558	183
Effective interest on bonds	(140)	(337)
Net cash from investing activities	172,802	235,897
Cash Flows from Financing Activities		
Proceeds from bank loans	800	1,200
Repayment of bank loans	-	(21,445)
Loan from minority shareholder	-	70
Interest paid	(7,556)	(10,395)
Proceeds on issue of shares by the Company	12,261	18,209
Proceeds on issue of shares by subsidiaries to minority shareholders	6,787	125
Proceeds on issue of shares by a subsidiary to a jointly controlled entity	1,250	-
Share buy-back	(4,198)	-
Net cash from/(used in) financing activities	9,344	(12,236)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	56,363	128,500
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	122,160	81,387
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	178,523	209,887

12. Earnings Per Share for the Half Year ended February 29, 2008

		Group 1H 2008	Group 1H 2007 Restated*
(a)	Based on the weighted average number of shares on issue (S$)	0.13	0.14
(b)	On fully diluted basis (S$)	0.13	0.14

13. Review of Results for the Half Year ended February 29, 2008

13.1 Group operating revenue saw a strong 16.7% growth to S$610.2 million against the corresponding period last year. The Group continues to build on its leading position in traditional print media with Newspaper and Magazine segment performance improving by 8.3% to S$497.7 million. Print advertisement revenue rose by an encouraging 10.9% increase to S$382.7 million. Circulation revenue (after absorption of S$6.9 million in GST) was slightly down by 1.8% to S$101.0 million. In the Property segment, Sky@eleven contributed S$40.3 million while Paragon posted an increase of S$4.7 million (8.9%) in income from rental and related services.

13.2 Materials, consumables and broadcasting costs rose marginally by S$0.8 million or 1.0% to S$85.6 million with a hike in material and other production costs (S$2.8 million or 10.8%) being cushioned by a decline in newsprint costs (S$2.0 million or 3.4%). Lower newsprint costs were mainly due to favourable foreign exchange and price variances offset by higher consumption.

Property development costs of S$11.5 million pertained to the Sky@eleven development.

Staff costs were up S$17.1 million or 12.1% mainly due to increased headcount and annual salary increment. Total headcount at end February 2008 was 3,814 compared to 3,628 a year ago mainly due to staffing for new media businesses and increased operational needs for the magazine business.

Other operating expenses increased by S$8.9 million (12.0%) in tandem with the increase in business activity.

13.3 Group investment income at S$15.0 million was S$46.3 million (75.5%) lower than the corresponding period last year. The decline was mainly due to last year’s higher profit on sale of investments, higher dividend income from MobileOne Limited and profit from a capital reduction exercise by Starhub Limited. In addition, this year’s fair valuation of investments was impacted by the continued volatility in global financial markets

13.4 The Group's share of profits of associates and jointly controlled entities comprised mainly of our stake in the results of MediaCorp Press, MediaCorp TV Holdings and TOM Outdoor Media Group.

13.5 Taxation charge of S$43.8 million was arrived at after accounting for tax on the taxable income at the corporate tax rate of 18% with no material adjustments for under or over provision of taxation in respect of prior years. Last year's taxation charge included a credit adjustment of S$6.3 million as a result of the change in corporate tax rate from 20% to 18%.

13.6 Consequently, net profit of S$211.5 million was 2.4% lower than the corresponding period last year.

14. Segmental information (Group) for the Half Year ended February 29, 2008

	Operating Revenue			**Profit/(Loss) Before Taxation**		
	1H 2008	**1H 2007**	**Change**	**1H 2008**	**1H 2007 Restated***	**Change**
	S$'000	S$'000	%	S$'000	S$'000	%
Newspaper & Magazine	497,729	459,556	8.3	190,854	163,912	16.4
Treasury & Investment	-	-	-	14,477	60,898	(76.2)
Property	97,864	52,877	85.1	59,707	27,316	118.6
Others	14,559	10,252	42.0	(10,058)	(1,686)	496.6
	610,152	522,685	16.7	254,980	250,440	1.8

15. <u>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</u>

15.1 Advertisement revenue will continue to be driven by the Singapore economy which is expected to grow at a more moderate pace in 2008. The key uncertainty lies in the extent of the fallout from global economic woes.

15.2 Newsprint prices are poised to rise significantly driven by a recent supply crunch in Asia and higher prices for raw materials and energy. In view of rising business costs amid the current inflationary climate, efforts will be focused on sustaining operating profit margins. Concurrently, the Group will continue to commit resources to develop its digital and interactive media for longer-term growth.

15.3 Paragon has embarked on a S$82 million yield-enhancing makeover to update its building facade and increase its retail space. The renovations are expected to be completed by end 2008.

15.4 Profits from Sky@eleven will continue to provide an added boost to the Group's performance. The development project has experienced some delays due to manpower shortage and inclement weather but this is not expected to have any significant impact on costs. Temporary Occupation Permit for the project is on track for FY2010.

15.5 The performance of the investment portfolio is expected to be challenging given the continuing volatility in global financial markets, lingering sub-prime woes and economic uncertainties. Cognizant of the risks, our portfolio allocation remains conservative.

15.6 Barring unforeseen circumstances, the Directors expect the recurring earnings for the current financial year to be satisfactory.

16. Dividends

(a) <u>Current Financial Period Reported On</u>

Name of Dividend	Interim Dividend
Dividend Type	Cash
Dividend Rate	8 cents per share
Tax rate	Tax exempt (One-tier)

(b) <u>Corresponding Period of the Immediately Preceding Financial Year</u>

Name of Dividend	Interim Dividend
Dividend Type	Cash
Dividend Rate	7 cents per share
Tax rate	Tax exempt (One-tier)

(c) <u>Date payable</u>

The date the dividend is payable: May 21, 2008

(d) <u>Books closure date</u>

The Share Transfer Books and Register of Members of the Company will be closed on May 6, 2008 for preparation of dividend warrants. Duly stamped and completed transfers received by our Share Transfer Office, Tricor Barbinder Share Registration Services, 8 Cross Street, #11-00, PWC Building, Singapore 048424, up to 5 p.m. on May 5, 2008 will be registered to determine shareholders' entitlements to the interim dividend. In respect of shares in securities accounts with The Central Depository (Pte) Limited (“CDP”), the said interim dividend will be paid by the Company to CDP which will distribute the dividend to holders of the securities accounts.

17. Reclassification

Certain comparative figures have been reclassified to conform with current year's presentation. The reclassifications are as follows:

	Group 2007 S$'000	Company 2007 S$'000
Trade payables		
As reported	109,805	49,852
Reclassified to other payables and accrued liabilities - current	(10,741)	(6,395)
Reclassified to other payables and accrued liabilities - non-current	(20,144)	-
Adjusted balance	78,920	43,457
Other payables and accrued liabilities - current		
As reported	128,464	112,964
Reclassified from trade payables	10,741	6,395
Adjusted balance	139,205	119,359
Other payables and accrued liabilities - non-current		
As reported	-	-
Reclassified from trade payables	20,144	-
Adjusted balance	20,144	-
Other receivables and prepayments		
As reported	11,964	4,249
Reclassified to other non-current assets	(842)	(221)
Adjusted balance	11,122	4,028
Other non-current assets		
As reported	4,966	4,680
Reclassified from other receivables and prepayments	842	221
Adjusted balance	5,808	4,901

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

Ginney Lim May Ling
Khor Siew Kim
Company Secretaries

Singapore,
April 14, 2008

Singapore Press Holdings

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 second quarter ended February 29, 2008 to be false or misleading.

On behalf of the Directors

TONY TAN KENG YAM	CHAN HENG LOON ALAN
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