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# NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Twenty-Fifth Annual General Meeting of the Company will be held at The Katerina Hotel, Diamond Room, Level 2, No. 8, Jalan Zabedah, 83000 Batu Pahat, Johor Darul Takzim, Malaysia on Monday, 26th June 2000 at 10.00 a.m.

#### **AGENDA**

- To receive and adopt the Audited Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31 December 1999 together with the Directors' and Auditors' Reports thereon.
- 2. To sanction the declaration of a first and final dividend of 5% less 28% income tax.
- 3. To approve payment of the increased Directors' fees of RM60,000.00.
- 4. To re-elect the following Directors who retire in accordance with the Company's Articles of Association:-
  - Soo Thien Ming @ Soo Thien See Lee Kah Keng @ Lee Kah Heng
- 5. To appoint Auditors and authorise the Directors to fix their remuneration.
- 6. To transact any other business appropriate to an Annual General Meeting.
- 7. As SPECIAL BUSINESS, to consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolution:-

ORDINARY RESOLUTION - AUTHORITY TO ALLOT AND ISSUE SHARES IN GENERAL PURSUANT TO SECTION 132D OF THE COMPANIES ACT, 1965

"That, subject to the Companies Act, 1965 and the Articles of Association of the Company and approvals from the Securities Commission and the Kuala Lumpur Stock Exchange and other relevant governmental or regulatory authorities, the Directors be and are hereby empowered pursuant to Section 132D of the Companies Act, 1965 to allot and issue shares in the capital of the Company from time to time upon such terms and conditions and for such purposes as the Directors may in their discretion deem fit provided that the aggregate number of shares issued pursuant to this resolution does not exceed 10% of the issued share capital of the Company for the time being and that such authority shall continue in force until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting of the Company."

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that, subject to the approval of the Shareholders at the Twenty-Fifth Annual General Meeting, the first and final dividend of 5% less 28% income tax in respect of the financial year ended 31 December 1999 will be paid to Shareholders on 28 July 2000. The entitlement date for the Dividend shall be on 6 July 2000.

A Depositor shall qualify for entitlement to the Dividend only in respect of:-

- a) Shares transferred to the Depositor's securities account on and before 12.30 p.m. on 6 July 2000 in respect of ordinary transfers.
- b) Shares bought on the Kuala Lumpur Stock Exchange on a cum entitlement basis according to the Rules of the Kuala Lumpur Stock Exchange.

By Order of the Board

JESSICA CHIN TENG LI (MAICSA 7003181) Secretary

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia 8 June 2000

#### NOTES:

A member entitled to attend and vote at the Meeting is entitled to appoint more than 2 proxies to attend and vote instead of him. A proxy need not be a member of the Company. The instrument appointing a proxy must be deposited at the Registered Office of the Company at No. 12, Jalan Jorak, Kawasan Perindustrian Tongkang Pecah, 83010 Batu Pahat, Johor Darul Takzim, Malaysia, not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the Meeting.

#### **EXPLANATORY NOTES TO THE SPECIAL BUSINESS:**

#### ORDINARY RESOLUTION

The proposed Ordinary Resolution, if passed, will give the Directors of the Company the power to issue shares in the Company up to an amount not exceeding in total 10% of the issued share capital of the Company for such purposes as the Directors consider would be in the interest of the Company. This would avoid any delay and cost involved in convening a general meeting to specifically approve such an issue of shares. This authority, unless revoked or varied at a general meeting, will expire at the next Annual General Meeting of the Company.



# **CORPORATE INFORMATION**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS	1	
		Soo Thien Ming @ Soo Thien See (Chairman)
		Lee Thye @ Lee Chooi Yoke (Executive Director)
	-	Lee Kah Keng @ Lee Kah Heng (Chief Operating Officer)
		Y.M. Raja Zainal Abidin Bin Raja Hussin
	-	Soo Suat Swon
	-	Wilson Ma Chi Hung

**SECRETARY** 

Jessica Chin Teng Li (MAICSA 7003181)

**REGISTERED OFFICE** 

No. 12 Jalan Jorak Kawasan Perindustrian Tongkang Pecah 83010 Batu Pahat Johor Darul Takzim, Malaysia Tel. No.: 07-4151688

REGISTRAR

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**AUDITORS** 

Monteiro & Heng *Public Accountants* 22-1, Jalan Tun Sambanthan 3 50470 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

PRINCIPAL BANKERS

RHB Bank Berhad Bank of Commerce (M) Berhad Standard Chartered Bank Malaysia Berhad OCBC Bank (M) Berhad Arab-Malaysian Bank Berhad Ban Hin Lee Bank Berhad

LISTING

The Kuala Lumpur Stock Exchange Second Board



# **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

# **MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE**

Y.M. Raja Zainal Abidin Bin Raja Hussin *(Chairman)* Wilson Ma Chi Hung Lee Kah Keng @ Lee Kah Heng Independent Non-Executive Director Independent Non-Executive Director Executive Director

#### **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

#### Membership

- 1. An Audit Committee shall be appointed by the directors from among their number (pursuant to a resolution of the board of directors) and shall composed of not fewer than 3 members of whom a majority shall not be:
  - a) executive directors of the Company or any related corporation;
  - b) A spouse, parent, brother, sister, son or adopted son or daughter of an executive director of the Company or of any related corporation; or
  - c) Any person having relationship which in the opinion of the board of directors, would interfere with the exercise of independent judgement in carrying out the functions of an audit committee.
- 2. A quorum shall be 2 members;
- 3. The members of the Audit Committee shall elect a chairman from among their number who is not an executive director or employee of the Company or any related corporation;
- 4. If a member of the Audit Committee resigns, dies or for any other reason ceases to be a member with the result that the number of members is reduced below 3, the board of directors shall, within 3 months of that event, appoint such number of new members as may be required to make up the minimum of 3 members.

### Meetings

- 1. The auditor has the right to appear and be heard at any meeting of the Audit Committee and shall appear before the committee when required to do so by the committee;
- 2. Upon the request of the auditor, the chairman of the Audit Committee shall convene a meeting of the committee to consider any matters the auditor believes should be brought to the attention of the directors or shareholders;
- The accounts manager, the head of internal audit (if any) and a representative of the external auditors may be invited to attend meetings. If necessary, the Audit Committee shall meet with the external auditors without any executive board member present;
- 4. The company secretary shall be the secretary of the Audit Committee.



# **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

# **Authority**

- 1. The Audit Committee is authorised by the board to investigate any activity within its terms of reference. It is authorised to seek any information it requires from any employee and all employees are directed to cooperate with any request made by the committee;
- 2. The Audit Committee is authorised by the board to obtain outside legal or other independent professional advice and to secure the attendance of outsiders with relevant experience and expertise if it considers this necessary.

#### **Duties**

The duties of the Audit Committee shall be:

- 1. To consider the appointment of the external auditor, the audit fee and any questions of resignation or dismissal;
- 2. To review:
  - a) with the auditor, the audit plan;
  - b) with the auditor, his evaluation of the system of internal accounting controls;
  - c) with the auditor, his audit report;
  - d) the assistance given by the Company's officers to the auditor;
  - e) the internal audit programme, consider the major findings of internal audit investigations and management's response and ensure co-ordination between the internal and external auditors;
  - f) the half-year and annual financial statements before submission to the board; and
  - g) any related party transactions that may arise within the Company or group.
- 3. To discuss problems and reservations arising from the interim and final audits, and matters the auditor may wish to discuss (in the absence of management where necessary);
- 4. To keep under review the effectiveness of internal control systems, and in particular review the external auditor's management letter and management's response;
- 5. To consider other topics, as agreed to by the Audit Committee and the board of directors.

#### **Procedures**

Each Audit Committee may regulate its own procedure and in particular the calling of meetings, the notice to be given of such meetings, the voting and proceedings thereat, the keeping of minutes and the custody, production and inspection of such minutes.



# CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT/PENYATA PENGERUSI

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Hwa Tai Industries Berhad, I am pleased to present the 25th Annual Report and Accounts of the Group and of the Company for the year ended 31st December 1999.

Bagi pihak Ahli Lembaga Pengarah Hwa Tai Industries Berhad, saya dengan sukacitanya membentangkan Laporan Tahunan ke 25 dan Akaun Kumpulan Dan Syarikat bagi tahun berakhir 31 Disember 1999.

#### **OPERATING RESULTS**

1999 has seen HWA TAI achieving the highest turnover of RM97.3 million, an improvement of 3% over that of previous year of RM94.4 million. At the Company level, turnover increased by 49.8% to RM86.1 million as compared to RM57.5 million in 1998.

Group operating profit before tax and exceptional items stood at RM5.3 million compared to a loss of RM2.3 million in 1998, an improvement of 333%. At the Company level, operating profit before tax and exceptional items increased to RM16.3 million compared to RM1.5 million in 1998.

The achivement of the above results was mainly due to the full effects of our constructive cost cutting exercise, relaxing of the financial charges and aggressive promotion and marketing efforts.

Net loss per share was RM0.18 while net tangible asset per share was RM1.85.

# **DIVIDENDS**

Your Board is pleased to recommend a final gross dividend of 5 sens per share less 28% income tax for the year ended 31st December 1999 (1998: NIL).

#### PENCAPAIAN OPERASI

Hwa Tai telah mencapai perolehan yang paling tinggi pada tahun 1999, iaitu sebanyak RM97.3 juta, peningkatan sebanyak 3% berbanding dengan RM94.4 juta pada tahun sebelumnya. Perolehan syarikat juga meningkat sebanyak 49.8 % kepada RM86.1 juta, berbanding dengan RM57.5 juta pada tahun 1998.

Keuntungan operasi kumpulan sebelum cukai dan perkara yang luar biasa adalah RM5.3 juta, meningkat sebanyak 333% berbanding dengan kerugian sebanyak RM2.3 juta pada tahun 1998. Keuntungan operasi syarikat juga meningkat ke RM16.3 juta berbanding dengan RM1.5 juta pada tahun 1998.

Pencapaian tersebut merupakan hasil daripada langkahlangkah pengawalan kos yang berkesan, kos kewangan yang lebih rendah dan aktiviti pemasaran dan promosi yang agresif.

Kerugian bersih sesaham adalah RM0.18, manakala nilai bersih asset sesaham adalah RM1.85.

# DIVIDEN

Lembaga Pengarah dengan sukacitanya mencadangkan dividen akhir sebanyak 5 sen sesaham ditolak 28% cukai bagi tahun berakhir 31 Disember 1999 (1998: Tiada).



# CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT/PENYATA PENGERUSI

#### **FUTURE PROSPECTS**

Amidst the success of our new Luxury range of biscuit products, the surfacing of similar products pose a strong challenge to our sales.

We will endeavour to maintain consistent product quality, add value to the products, create more product line extensions and pursue aggressive promotion and marketing activities to create a strong brand awareness among the customers.

We shall further pursue the concept of value-for-money and health biscuits to tap the emerging trend and serve todays discerning and sophisticated consumers.

In view of the current improving economic situation, barring unforeseen circumstances, the Board expects the Group's performance for the year 2000 to maintain at a satisfactory level of profit.

The Board is also pleased to inform that our operating and financial systems are year 2000 compliant.

#### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

On behalf of the Board, I would like to extend my appreciation to our valued customers, business associates, suppliers, bankers, regulatory authorities for their continued support and also the management and staff for their dedication, diligence and commitment to the Group.

SOO THIEN MING @ SOO THIEN SEE

Chairman

8 June 2000

### **PROSPEK**

Sambil kita terus mencapai kejayaan dalam produk biskut Luxury yang mempunyai pelbagai rasa, kemunculan produk yang seakan-akan sama juga memberikan cabaran yang hebat keatas jualan kita.

Kita akan terus berusaha untuk mengekalkan kualiti produk, meningkatkan nilai produk, mencipta dan memperkenalkan lebih banyak produk untuk meningkatkan kepelbagaian produk Luxury dan menjalankan aktiviti pemasaran dan promosi yang agresif untuk mencapai jenama yang terkenal dan kukuh di kalangan pengguna kita.

Kita berikhtiar untuk meneruskan konsep keluaran yang bernilai dengan harga berpatutan, dan biskut yang berkhasiat untuk memenuhi keperluan tertentu dan permintaan pengguna-pengguna yang semakin peka dan bijak.

Memandangkan keadaan ekonomi yang sedang mengalami pemulihan, sekiranya tidak ada perkara yang tidak diingini berlaku, Lembaga Pengarah yakin Hwa Tai akan mencapai kadar keuntungan yang memuaskan pada tahun 2000.

Lembaga Pengarah juga dengan sukacitanya mengumumkan bahawa sistem operasi dan kewangan kita telah mematuhi Y2K.

#### **PENGHARGAAN**

Bagi pihak Lembaga, saya ingin menyampaikan penghargaan saya kepada pelanggan, rakan perniagaan sekutu, pembekal, bank dan pihak penguatkuasa atas sokongan dan naungan mereka. Kami juga mengucapkan terima kasih kepada pihak pengurusan dan pekerja kerana dedikasi, kesetiaan dan komitmen mereka.

SOO THIEN MING @ SOO THIEN SEE

Pengerusi

8 Jun 2000



# FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 1999

The directors hereby submit their report and the audited accounts of the Group and of the Company for the year ended 31st December 1999.

#### PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The principal activities of the Company are that of a biscuit manufacturer and investment holding. The principal activities of the subsidiaries are disclosed in Note 3 to the accounts. There have been no significant changes in these principal activities during the financial year.

#### **RESULTS**

	Group RM	Company RM
Operating profit	5,293,716	16,298,461
Exceptional items	(7,045,929)	(7,045,929)
(Loss)/profit before taxation	(1,752,213)	9,252,532
Taxation	(193,761)	(3,492,745)
(Loss)/profit for the year after taxation	(1,945,974)	5,759,787
Minority interest	(481,278)	=
(Loss)/profit attributable to shareholders of the Company	(2,427,252)	5,759,787
Unappropriated profit brought forward	16,893,061	4,006,101
Profit available for appropriation Appropriation:	14,465,809	9,765,888
Proposed final dividend of 5% less income tax	(476,280)	(476,280)
Unappropriated profit carried forward	13,989,529	9,289,608

# DIVIDEND

The directors propose a first and final dividend of 5% less income tax on the share capital of RM13,230,000/- amounting to RM476,280/- to be paid in respect of the current financial year.

#### **RESERVES AND PROVISIONS**

There were no material transfers to or from reserves or provisions during the year other than as disclosed in the accounts.



# **DIRECTORS OF THE COMPANY**

The directors who served since the date of the last report are:-

Y.M. Raja Zainal Abidin Bin Raja Hussin Soo Thien Ming @ Soo Thien See Soo Suat Swon Lee Thye @ Lee Chooi Yoke Wilson Ma Chi Hung Lee Kah Keng @ Lee Kah Heng

According to the Register of Directors' Shareholdings required to be kept under Section 134 of the Companies Act, 1965, the undermentioned directors who held office at the end of the financial year had an interest in shares of the Company as detailed below:-

	Num	ber of ordinary s	hares of RM1/-	each
	At			At
	1.1.99	Bought	Sold	31.12.99
Soo Thien Ming @ Soo Thien See				
- direct	170,000	679,730	30 –	849,730
- indirect	421,000	_	-	421,000
Lee Thye @ Lee Chooi Yoke				
- direct	435,000	_	435,000	_
- indirect	1,385,000	_	202,000	1,183,000

None of the directors holding office at the end of the financial year had interest in shares of the subsidiaries during the financial year.

In accordance with the Articles of Association of the Company, Soo Thien Ming @ Soo Thien See and Lee Kah Keng @ Lee Kah Heng retire and being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

# DIRECTORS' BENEFITS

Since the end of the previous financial year, no director of the Company has received or become entitled to receive any benefit (other than as disclosed in the accounts) by reason of a contract made by the Company or a related corporation with the director or with a firm of which the director is a member, or with a company in which the director has a substantial financial interest.

Neither during nor at the end of the financial year, was the Company a party to any arrangements whose object is to enable the directors to acquire benefits by means of the acquisition of shares in or debentures of the Company or any other body corporate.



#### OTHER STATUTORY INFORMATION

Before the profit and loss accounts and balance sheets of the Group and of the Company were made out, the directors took reasonable steps:-

- (a) to ascertain that action had been taken in relation to the writing off of bad debts and the making of provisions for doubtful debts, and that all known bad debts had been written off and that adequate provision had been made for doubtful debts;
- (b) to ensure that any current assets, other than debts, which were unlikely to realise in the ordinary course of business their value as shown in the accounting records have been written down to an amount which they might be expected to realise.

At the date of this report, the directors are not aware of any circumstances:-

- (a) which would render the amount written off for bad debts, or the amount of provision for doubtful debts of the Group and of the Company inadequate to any substantial extent; or
- (b) which would render the values attributed to the current assets in the accounts of the Group or of the Company misleading;or
- (c) which have arisen which render adherence to the existing methods of valuation of assets or liabilities of the Group and of the Company misleading or inappropriate; or
- (d) not otherwise dealt with in this report or the accounts of the Group and of the Company which would render any amount stated in the respective accounts misleading.

At the date of this report, there does not exist:-

- (a) any charge on the assets of the Group or of the Company that has arisen since the end of the financial year which secures the liabilities of any other person, or
- (b) any contingent liability of the Group or of the Company that has arisen since the end of the financial year.

No contingent or other liability of the Group and of the Company has become enforceable, or is likely to become enforceable within the period of twelve months after the end of the financial year which, in the opinion of the directors, will or may substantially affect the ability of the Group and of the Company to meet their obligations as and when they fall due.

In the opinion of the directors:-

- (a) the results of the operations of the Group and of the Company for the financial year were not substantially affected by any item, transaction or event of a material and unusual nature except as stated in the accounts, and
- (b) there has not arisen in the interval between the end of the financial year and the date of this report any item, transaction or event of a material and unusual nature likely to affect substantially the results of the operations of the Group and of the Company for the current financial year.



AUDITORS
Messrs Monteiro & Heng have expressed their willingness to continue in office.
On behalf of the Board,
LEE THYE @ LEE CHOOI YOKE
LEE KAH KENG @ LEE KAH HENG
Kuala Lumpur 18 April 2000



# BALANCE SHEETS

# AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 1999

		Gro	up	Comp	any
		1999	1998	1999	1998
	Note	RM	RM	RM	RM
FIXED ASSETS	2	32,132,952	27,318,751	22,279,152	22,546,819
INTEREST IN SUBSIDIARIES	3	_	_	21,441,649	7,751,662
CURRENT ASSETS	4	47,742,729	58,836,917	20,951,207	30,856,116
Less:					
CURRENT LIABILITIES	8	48,934,633	53,009,385	38,229,758	39,754,470
NET CURRENT (LIABILITIES)/ASSETS		(1,191,904)	5,827,532	(17,278,551)	(8,898,354)
EXPENDITURE CARRIED FORWARD - at cost	11	42,458	33,748	-	_
GOODWILL ON CONSOLIDATION		2,649,216	2,649,216	-	
		33,632,722	35,829,247	26,442,250	21,400,127
Financed by:					
SHARE CAPITAL	12	13,230,000	13,230,000	13,230,000	13,230,000
CAPITAL RESERVE	13	7,664	7,664	7,664	7,664
UNAPPROPRIATED PROFIT	14	13,989,529	16,893,061	9,289,608	4,006,101
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS		27,227,193	30,130,725	22,527,272	17,243,765
MINORITY INTEREST		842,962	361,684	-	_
LONG TERM LIABILITIES	15	4,820,567	4,795,838	3,373,978	3,615,362
DEFERRED TAXATION	16	742,000	541,000	541,000	541,000
		33,632,722	35,829,247	26,442,250	21,400,127

The accompanying notes to the accounts form an integral part of these accounts.



# PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNTS

# FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 1999

		Gro	oup	Comp	oany
	Note	1999 RM	1998 RM	1999 RM	1998 RM
TURNOVER	17	97,343,609	94,386,788	86,084,719	57,456,015
TORNOVER	17	<del></del>	94,380,788	00,004,719	37,430,013
Operating profit/(loss)	18	5,293,716	(2,274,280)	16,298,461	1,545,772
Exceptional items	19	(7,045,929)	(29,674,235)	(7,045,929)	(29,674,235)
(Loss)/profit before taxation		(1,752,213)	(31,948,515)	9,252,532	(28,128,463)
Taxation	20	(193,761)	(25,905)	(3,492,745)	(21,335)
(Loss)/profit after taxation		(1,945,974)	(31,974,420)	5,759,787	(28,149,798)
Minority interest		(481,278)	(361,684)	-	-
(Loss)/profit attributable to					
shareholders of the Company		(2,427,252)	(32,336,104)	5,759,787	(28,149,798)
Unappropriated profit brought forward		16,893,061	49,229,165	4,006,101	32,155,899
Profit available for appropriation		14,465,809	16,893,061	9,765,888	4,006,101
Appropriation:					
Proposed final dividend of 5%		(		(	
(1998 : Nil) less income tax	21	(476,280)	_	(476,280)	
UNAPPROPRIATED PROFIT CARRIED FORWARD		13,989,529	16,893,061	9,289,608	4,006,101
Retained by:-					
The Company		9,289,608	4,006,101		
Subsidiaries		4,699,921	12,886,960		
		13,989,529	16,893,061		
(Loss)/earnings per ordinary share	25	(0.18)	(2.44)		
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The accompanying notes to the accounts form an integral part of these accounts.



# CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT

# FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 1999

	1999 RM	1998 RM
CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Loss before taxation but after minority interest	(2,233,491)	(32,310,199)
Adjustments for:		
Exceptional items	7,045,929	29,674,235
Bad debts written off	273,605	686,950
Depreciation	3,405,488	1,900,496
Fixed assets written off	118,960	2,583
Gain on foreign exchange	_	(6,567)
Interest income	(10,508)	(8,922)
Interest expenses	2,183,897	2,488,448
Minority interest	481,278	361,684
Gain on disposal of fixed assets	(163,661)	(242,733)
Provision for doubtful debts	2,094,256	601,170
Rental expenses	97,290	130,590
Operating Profit Before Working Capital Changes	13,293,043	3,277,735
(Increase)/decrease in stocks	(2,077,936)	7,349,897
Decrease in debtors	937,296	9,370,109
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	875,933	(6,020,788)
Decrease in amount owing by unconsolidated subsidiary	-	14,024
Cash Generated From Operations	13,028,336	13,990,977
Interest paid	(1,488,526)	(2,192,293)
Tax paid	(10,865)	(4,771,901)
Rental paid	(97,290)	(130,590)
Pre-operating expenses paid	(8,710)	(13,905)
Net Cash From Operating Activities	11,422,945	6,882,288
CASH FLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Purchase of fixed assets *	(6,046,981)	(12,351,537)
Purchase of marketable securities	(51,993,970)	(6,093,587)
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets	377,477	475,151
Proceeds from sale of marketable securities	56,293,870	-
Interest received	10,508	8,922
Net Cash Used In Investing Activities	(1,359,096)	(17,961,051)



# CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT

	1999 RM	1998 RM
CASH FLOW FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Proceeds from revolving credit	_	2,000,000
Drawdown of term loan	_	4,500,000
Repayment of revolving credit	(2,000,000)	_
Repayments of term loan	(948,123)	(243,171)
Repayments of hire purchase creditors	(894,603)	(359,689)
Interest paid	(695,371)	(940,951)
Net Cash (Used In)/From Financing Activities	(4,538,097)	4,956,189
NET INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	5,525,752	(6,122,574)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF THE YEAR	(18,382,402)	(12,259,828)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF THE YEAR	(12,856,650)	(18,382,402)
ANALYSIS OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS:		
Cash and bank balances	2,282,450	1,452,348
Fixed deposits	774,576	125,816
Short term borrowings	(15,913,676)	(19,960,566)
	(12,856,650)	(18,382,402)

The accompanying notes to the accounts form an integral part of these accounts.

<sup>\*</sup> During the year, the Group acquired fixed assets amounting to RM8,552,.465/- (1998: RM13,050,265/-) of which RM3,269,043 /- (1998: RM1,065,339/-) were acquired under hire purchase. Cash payments amounting to RM763,559/- (1998: RM366,611 /-) were made towards the hire purchase.



# 1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### (a) Basis of Preparation

The accounts of the Group and of the Company have been prepared under the historical cost convention modified to include the revaluation of certain fixed assets and comply with applicable approved accounting standards.

# (b) Basis of Consolidation

The consolidated accounts include the accounts of the Company and its subsidiary companies made up to the end of the financial year.

The results of subsidiary companies are consolidated on the acquisition method of accounting. Under the acquisition method of accounting, the results of subsidiary companies acquired or disposed of during the financial year are included in the consolidated profit and loss account from the effective date of their acquisition or up to the date of their disposal. All significant inter-company transactions and balances are eliminated on consolidation.

The excess of purchase price over the fair value of the net assets of subsidiaries at the date of acquisition is included in the consolidated balance sheet as goodwill on consolidation and is not amortised unless, in the opinion of the directors, there is a permanent diminution in the value of the investment.

# (c) Depreciation

Freehold buildings are amortised on a straight line basis at 2% per annum. Capital work-in-progress will be depreciated once the assets are ready for use. The leasehold properties are amortised over the remaining period of the lease of 41 to 99 years.

All other fixed assets are depreciated over their estimated useful lives on a straight line basis. The principal annual rates used are as follows:-

Plant and machinery	10%
Office equipment, furniture and fittings and vehicles	10% - 20%
Renovation	10%

## (d) Investments

Investments in subsidiaries are stated at cost. Provision for diminution in value is made when, in the opinion of the directors, there is a permanent impairment in the value of these investments.

#### (e) Marketable Securities

Marketable securities are stated at the lower of cost and market value.

# 1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

#### (f) Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value, cost being determined on the first-in first-out basis.

Costs of finished goods and work-in-progress include direct materials, direct labour and an allocation of manufacturing overheads. Raw materials, packing materials and consumable stores comprise purchase price and carriage cost.

Contract work-in-progress is stated at cost which includes direct materials, labour and direct overheads.

# (g) Expenditure Carried Forward

Preliminary and pre-operating expenses of the subsidiaries are written off upon commencement of operations of the subsidiaries concerned.

#### (h) Income Recognition

- (i) Income from construction contracts is recognised on the percentage of completion method in cases where the outcome of the contract can be reliably estimated. In all cases, anticipated losses are provided for in full.
- (ii) Dividends from subsidiaries are recognised as and when declared or proposed.

#### (i) Currency Translation

Transactions in foreign currencies are converted into Malaysian Ringgit at exchange rates prevailing at transaction dates. Unsettled amounts at balance sheet date have been converted into Malaysian Ringgit at the rates of exchange ruling at that date. Exchange differences arising therefrom have been transferred to the Profit and Loss Account.

# (j) Deferred Taxation

Provision is made for deferred taxation, using the liability method, in respect of all material timing differences except where such differences are not expected to reverse in the foreseeable future.

# (k) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents consist of cash in hand, bank balances, demand deposits, bills payable and short term, highly liquid investments in money instruments that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.



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Total RM	40,479,627 8,552,465 99,374 (1,806,977)	47,324,489	13,160,876 3,405,488 99,374 (1,474,201)	15,191,537	32,132,952	28,099,680 13,050,265 - (670,318)	40,479,627	11,704,969 1,900,496	(444,589)	13,160,876	27,318,751
Capital Work-in- Progress RM	419,516 1,723,752 (1,905,542)	237,726	1111	ı	237,726	1,150,920 12,269,607 (13,001,011)	419,516	1 1 1	ı	ı	419,516
Office Equipment, Furniture and Fittings and Vehicles	7,608,163 2,038,229 254,346 (1,053,295)	8,847,443	4,145,874 1,181,819 99,374 (914,561)	4,512,506	4,334,937	6,849,406 715,328 563,699 (520,270)	7,608,163	3,790,100 790,546 -	(434,772)	4,145,874	3,462,289
Plant and Machinery RM	22,423,390 365,359 1,750,570 (725,641)	23,813,678	7,245,442 1,998,397 - (551,455)	8,692,384	15,121,294	9,971,108 27,370 12,437,312 (12,400)	22,423,390	6,371,029 884,230 -	(9,817)	7,245,442	15,177,948
Properties RM	10,028,558 4,425,125 - (28,041)	14,425,642	1,769,560 225,272 - (8,185)	1,986,647	12,438,995	10,128,246 37,960 - (137,648)	10,028,558	1,543,840 225,720 _	ı	1,769,560	8,258,998

# 2. FIXED ASSETS

Group 1999 Cost (except as stated otherwise)

At 1st January 1999

Reclassification

Disposals

Additions

Accumulated Depreciation

At 1st January 1999

Charge for the year Reclassification

At 31st December 1999

Net Book Value at 31st December 1999

At 31st December 1999

Disposals

Cost (except as stated otherwise)

At 1st January 1998

Additions

Reclassification

Disposals

Accumulated Depreciation

At 1st January 1998 Charge for the year Reclassification

At 31st December 1998

Net Book Value at 31st December 1998

At 31st December 1998

Disposals



FIXED ASSETS (CONT'D)				S. Cho		
Properties consist of:-	b lo de est	Long	Short	Leasehold		
Group 1999	Land and Buildings RM	Leasenota Land and Buildings RM	Leasenotu Land and Buildings RM	Buildings (At Valuation) RM	Renovation RM	Total RM
Cost (except as stated otherwise) At 1st January 1999 Additions Disposals	1,062,309 4,392,121	453,897	5,442,299 - (28,041)	2,483,176	586,877 33,004	10,028,558 4,425,125 (28,041)
At 31st December 1999	5,454,430	453,897	5,414,258	2,483,176	619,881	14,425,642
Accumulated Depreciation At 1st January 1999 Charge for the year Disposals	32,004 8,004 -	10,980 4,669 -	779,980 107,209 (8,185)	704,927 45,762 -	241,669 59,628 -	1,769,560 225,272 (8,185)
At 31st December 1999	40,008	15,649	879,004	750,689	301,297	1,986,647
Net Book Value at 31st December 1999	5,414,422	438,248	4,535,254	1,732,487	318,584	12,438,995
1998 Cost (except as stated otherwise) At 1st January 1998 Additions Disposals	1,199,957 - (137,648)	453,897	5,442,299	2,483,176	548,917 37,960 -	10,128,246 37,960 (137,648)
At 31st December 1998	1,062,309	453,897	5,442,299	2,483,176	586,877	10,028,558
Accumulated Depreciation At 1st January 1998 Charge for the year Disposals	24,000 8,004	6,311 4,669 -	669,323 110,657 -	659,546 45,381 -	184,660 57,009 -	1,543,840 225,720
At 31st December 1998	32,004	10,980	779,980	704,927	241,669	1,769,560
Net Book Value at 31st December 1998	1,030,305	442,917	4,662,319	1,778,249	345,208	8,258,998

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FIXED ASSETS (CONT'D)			Office Facinment		
Company 1999	Properties RM	Plant and Machinery RM	Furniture and Fittings and Vehicles RM	Capital Work-in- Progress RM	Total RM
Cost (except as stated otherwise) At 1st January 1999 Additions Reclassification Disposals	6,355,066 6,850 - (28,041)	22,419,225 365,359 1,750,570 (725,641)	3,776,065 716,093 254,346 (726,476)	419,516 1,723,752 (1,905,542)	32,969,872 2,812,054 99,374 (1,480,158)
At 31st December 1999	6,333,875	23,809,513	4,020,028	237,726	34,401,142
Accumulated Depreciation At 1st January 1999 Charge for the year Reclassification Disposals	1,239,775 141,128 - (8,185)	7,243,054 1,997,981 - (551,455)	1,940,224 570,475 99,374 (550,381)	1 1 1 1	10,423,053 2,709,584 99,374 (1,110,021)
At 31st December 1999	1,372,718	8,689,580	2,059,692	ı	12,121,990
Net Book Value at 31st December 1999	4,961,157	15,119,933	1,960,336	237,726	22,279,152
Cost (except as stated otherwise) At 1st January 1998 Additions Reclassification Transfer to subsidiary company Disposals	6,485,714 7,000 - - (137,648)	9,966,943 27,370 12,437,312 (12,400)	3,377,097 303,869 563,699 (219,474) (249,126)	1,150,920 12,269,607 (13,001,011)	20,980,674 12,607,846 - (219,474) (399,174)
At 31st December 1998	6,355,066	22,419,225	3,776,065	419,516	32,969,872
Accumulated Depreciation At 1st January 1998 Charge for the year Reclassification Transfer to subsidiary company Disposals	1,096,367 143,408 - -	6,369,057 883,814 - (9,817)	1,983,102 330,954 - (210,462) (163,370)	1 1 1 1 1	9,448,526 1,358,176 - (220,279) (163,370)
At 31st December 1998	1,239,775	7,243,054	1,940,224	1	10,423,053
Net Book Value at 31st December 1998	5,115,291	15,176,171	1,835,841	419,516	22,546,819

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# 2. FIXED ASSETS (CONT'D)

Properties consist of:-

Company 1999 Cost (except as stated otherwise) At 1st January 1999 Additions Disposals

At 31st December 1999

Accumulated Depreciation At 1st January 1999 Charge for the year

At 31st December 1999

Disposals

Net Book Value at 31st December 1999

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Cost (except as stated otherwise)
At 1st January 1998
Additions
Transfer to subsidiary company
Disposals

At 31st December 1998

Accumulated Depreciation

At 1st January 1998 Charge for the year Transfer to subsidiary company Disposals

At 31st December 1998

Net Book Value at 31st December 1998

Freehold Land and Buildings RM	·	Short Leasehold Land and Buildings RM	Short Leasehold Land and Buildings (At Valuation) RM	Renovation RM	Total RM
7	<b>9</b> 11	3,771,407 _ (28,041)	2,183,176	267,967 6,850 -	6,355,066 6,850 (28,041)
132,516	<u>ا</u> ه	3,743,366	2,183,176	274,817	6,333,875
		487,596 73,830 (8,185)	631,344 40,102 -	120,835 27,196 -	1,239,775 141,128 (8,185)
•	ı	553,241	671,446	148,031	1,372,718
132,516	<u>ر</u>	3,190,125	1,511,730	126,786	4,961,157
270,164	4 1	3,771,407	2,183,176	260,967 7,000	6,485,714 7,000
- (137,648)	- <del>(</del> (8)	1 1	1 1	1 1	- (137,648)
132,516	9	3,771,407	2,183,176	267,967	6,355,066
		210.016	604 692	767 70	1 006 267
		77,280	39,720	24,42, 26,408	1,030,30,
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	-	487,596	631,344	120,835	1,239,775
132,516	9	3,283,811	1,551,832	147,132	5,115,291

# 2. FIXED ASSETS (CONT'D)

As at balance sheet date, certificates of title to the freehold land and buildings costing RM4,392,121/- (1998: RM Nil) is in the process of being issued in the name of a subsidiary company.

Included in fixed assets are the following assets acquired under hire purchase instalment plans:-

	Gro	ир	Comp	any
	1999	1998	1999	1998
	RM	RM	RM	RM
At cost				
Motor vehicles	2,571,412	1,657,424	565,359	_
Plant and machinery	2,370,377	622,920	2,370,377	622,920
Office equipment	129,663	-	-	-
	5,071,452	2,280,344	2,935,736	622,920

Details of independent professional valuations of fixed assets owned by the Group are as follows:-

	Year of Valuation	Description of Property	Amount RM		
The Company	1983	Short leasehold land	408,000	)	Based on professional
The Company	1983	Short leasehold buildings	1,775,176	)	valuation on fair market
Subsidiary	1985	Short leasehold land	300,000	)	value basis.
			2,483,176	•	

# 3. INTEREST IN SUBSIDIARIES

	Company		
	1999	1998	
	RM	RM	
Unquoted shares at cost	5,144,673	5,144,673	
Less: Provision for diminution in value	(150,449)	(150,449)	
	4,994,224	4,994,224	
Amounts owing by subsidiaries	21,152,321	16,453,127	
Less: Provision for doubtful debt	(513,996)	(513,996)	
	20,638,325	15,939,131	
	25,632,549	20,933,355	
Amounts owing to subsidiaries	(4,190,900)	(13,181,693)	
	21,441,649	7,751,662	

# 3. INTEREST IN SUBSIDIARIES (CONT'D)

The amounts owing by/to subsidiaries are unsecured, interest free and have no fixed terms of repayment except for an amount of RM5,766,533/- (1998: RM291,856/-) owing by a subsidiary which bears interest at the rate of 1% on a monthly rest basis (1998: 12% per annum).

The following information relates to the subsidiaries which are all incorporated in Malaysia except as stated otherwise:-

Name of Company	Equity Held 1999 1998		Principal Activities
	1999	1998	
	%	%	
Direct subsidiaries:-			
Epro Industries Sdn. Bhd.	100	100	Property holding
Suria Merah Manufactory			
(Segamat) Sdn. Bhd.	100	100	Property holding
Hwa Tai Food Industries			
(Sabah) Sdn. Bhd.	100	100	Property holding
Pan Tai Trading Sdn. Bhd.	100	100	Trading in confectionery
Satria Potensi Sdn. Bhd.	100	100	Contractor
Keris Intan Sdn. Bhd. *	100	100	Insurance agency
Hwa Tai (Sarawak) Sdn. Bhd. *	100	100	Dormant
Hwa Tai Distribution Sdn. Bhd. *	100	100	Dormant
Hwa Tai Services Sdn. Bhd. *	100	100	Dormant
Absolute Focus Sdn. Bhd. *	100	100	Dormant
Acetai Corporation Sdn. Bhd. *	60	60	Trading in confectionery
Indirect subsidiary:-			
Yield Luck International Limited *+	100	100	Dormant

<sup>\*</sup> Subsidiaries not audited by Monteiro & Heng.

# 4. CURRENT ASSETS

	Gro	oup	Comp	pany
	1999	1998	1999	1998
	RM	RM	RM	RM
Stocks (Note 5)	8,879,317	6,801,381	4,774,030	4,971,785
Marketable securities (Note 6)	5,141,918	16,487,747	5,141,918	16,487,747
Trade debtors (Note 7)	28,749,792	32,276,464	6,632,077	7,503,704
Sundry debtors, deposits and prepayments	1,914,676	1,693,161	1,559,069	1,411,012
Fixed deposits placed with a licensed bank	774,576	125,816	643,568	_
Cash and bank balances	2,282,450	1,452,348	2,200,545	481,868
	47,742,729	58,836,917	20,951,207	30,856,116

<sup>+</sup> Subsidiary incorporated in Hong Kong.



# 5. STOCKS

	Group		Comp	any
	1999	1998	1999	1998
	RM	RM	RM	RM
Products:				
Raw materials	983,295	1,179,428	983,295	1,179,428
Work-in-progress	273,769	374,050	273,769	374,050
Finished goods	4,481,438	3,263,218	1,673,877	1,433,622
Packing materials	1,728,250	1,850,081	1,728,250	1,850,081
Consumable stores	114,839	134,604	114,839	134,604
Contract work-in-progress	1,297,726	-	-	-
	8,879,317	6,801,381	4,774,030	4,971,785

# 6. MARKETABLE SECURITIES

	Gro	oup	Comp	pany
	1999	1998	1999	1998
	RM	RM	RM	RM
Shares quoted in Malaysia				
At cost	5,141,918	40,517,186	5,141,918	40,517,186
Provision for diminution in value	-	(24,029,439)	-	(24,029,439)
	5,141,918	16,487,747	5,141,918	16,487,747
Market value	5,182,360	16,487,747	5,182,360	16,487,747

# 7. TRADE DEBTORS

	Gro	up	Comp	any
	1999	1998	1999	1998
	RM	RM	RM	RM
Trade debtors	31,121,935	33,404,351	8,354,799	8,221,970
Less: Provision for doubtful debts	(2,372,143)	(1,127,887)	(1,722,722)	(718,266)
	28,749,792	32,276,464	6,632,077	7,503,704

Included in trade debtors of the Group is an amount of RM5,252,283/- (1998: RM8,951,519/-) owing by a contractor of a subsidiary. Pursuant to the agreement entered into between the subsidiary, the contractor and a third party dated 28th December 1998, the said sum is to be settled by way of completed units of shopoffice. As at the balance sheet date, the construction of the shopoffices are still in progress.

# 8. CURRENT LIABILITIES

	Gro	oup	Comp	oany
	1999	1998	1999	1998
	RM	RM	RM	RM
Trade creditors	15,814,602	18,708,219	11,306,084	10,598,944
Sundry creditors and accruals	7,117,796	3,348,246	4,875,816	2,100,904
Hire purchase creditors (Note 9)	973,273	428,792	660,901	176,004
Short term borrowings (Note 10)	21,059,056	27,012,398	20,909,224	26,862,218
Provision for taxation	3,493,626	3,511,730	1,453	16,400
Proposed dividend	476,280	-	476,280	-
	48,934,633	53,009,385	38,229,758	39,754,470

# 9. HIRE PURCHASE CREDITORS

Hire purchase obligations are repayable over the following periods:-

	Grou	ір	Compa	any
	1999	1998	1999	1998
	RM	RM	RM	RM
Due within one year	1,252,865	539,811	847,364	217,620
Due between one and two years	1,018,323	392,929	723,973	217,620
Due between two and five years	1,071,939	345,193	534,087	120,090
Due more than five years	72,817	_	72,817	-
	3,415,944	1,277,933	2,178,241	555,330
Less: Finance charges	(831,658)	(304,528)	(513,489)	(124,121)
	2,584,286	973,405	1,664,752	431,209
Represented by:				
Current (Note 8)	973,273	428,792	660,901	176,004
Long term (Note 15)	1,611,013	544,613	1,003,851	255,205
	2,584,286	973,405	1,664,752	431,209



# 10. SHORT TERM BORROWINGS

	Group		Company	
	1999	1999 1998	1999 1998 1999	1998
	RM	RM	RM	RM
Trade financing facilities	15,531,186	13,258,272	15,531,186	13,258,272
Bank overdrafts	382,490	6,702,294	382,490	6,701,946
Term loan repayable within one year (Note 15)	1,145,380	1,051,832	995,548	902,000
Revolving credit	4,000,000	6,000,000	4,000,000	6,000,000
	21,059,056	27,012,398	20,909,224	26,862,218

The trade financing facilities, bank overdrafts and revolving credit are granted on the undertaking that the Company will not pledge or execute any charges on its assets, other than those assets under hire purchase. These borrowings bear interest at rates ranging from 8.3% to 9.55% (1998: 9.80% to 17.90%) per annum.

# 11. EXPENDITURE CARRIED FORWARD - at cost

	Group		Company	
	1999	1998	1999	1998
	RM	RM	RM	RM
Preliminary expenses	12,114	12,114	_	-
Pre-operating expenses	30,344	21,634	-	-
	42,458	33,748	-	_

Included in the pre-operating expenses during the year is auditors' remuneration of RM2,000/- (1998: RM2,000/-).

# 12. SHARE CAPITAL

	Group a	nd Company
	1999 RM	1998 RM
Ordinary shares of RM1/- each	W-1	M.
Authorised	1,000,000,000	1,000,000,000
Issued and fully paid	13,230,000	13,230,000

# 13. CAPITAL RESERVE

#### **Group and Company**

Capital reserve which arises from the revaluation of certain fixed assets is not distributable by way of dividends.

# 14. UNAPPROPRIATED PROFIT - distributable

Subject to agreement with the Inland Revenue Board, the Company has sufficient tax credits under Section 108 of the Income Tax Act, 1967 and tax exempt income to frank the payment of dividends out of its entire unappropriated profit as at 31st December 1999.

# 15. LONG TERM LIABILITIES

	Group		Company	
	1999	1998	1999	1998
	RM	RM	RM	RM
Long term loans	4,354,934	5,303,057	3,365,675	4,262,157
Less: Repayable within one year (Note 10)	1,145,380	1,051,832	995,548	902,000
Repayable after one year Hire purchase creditors repayable	3,209,554	4,251,225	2,370,127	3,360,157
after one year (Note 9)	1,611,013	544,613	1,003,851	255,205
	4,820,567	4,795,838	3,373,978	3,615,362

The term loans of the Company are secured against negative pledges over all present and future assets of the Company, excluding machinery and equipment financed under hire purchase. The term loans bear interest at rates ranging from 1.25% to 1.5% (1998: 1.25% to 1.5%) per annum above base lending rate of the commercial bank.

The term loans of a subsidiary are secured by the creation of a first legal charge over the subsidiary's freehold and leasehold land and buildings, and are also jointly and severally guaranteed by certain directors of the Company. The term loans bear interest at rates ranging from 1.25% to 1.75% (1998: 1.25% to 1.75%) per annum above the base lending rate of the commercial bank.

### 16. DEFERRED TAXATION

	Group and Company	
	1999	1998
	RM	RM
Balance at the beginning	541,000	541,000
Transfer from profit and loss account (Note 20)	201,000	-
Balance at the end	742,000	541,000

The deferred taxation is in respect of timing differences between capital allowances and depreciation.

# 17. TURNOVER

# Group

Turnover of subsidiaries comprises contract billings, net invoiced value of sales and rental income from landed properties.

# Company

Turnover comprises net invoiced value of sales, rental income from landed properties and dividend income received from a subsidiary company.

# 18. OPERATING PROFIT

Operating profit is arrived at:-

	Group		Company	
	1999	1998	1999	1998
	RM	RM	RM	RM
After charging:-				
Auditors' remuneration				
• Statutory				
- current year	109,400	85,400	55,000	48,000
- overprovision in prior year	(1,500)	(3,750)	-	(2,250)
Bad debts written off	273,605	686,950	_	33,489
Directors' remuneration				
• fees	40,000	20,000	40,000	20,000
• other emoluments	793,950	607,230	328,650	216,000
Depreciation	3,405,488	1,900,496	2,709,584	1,358,176
Fixed assets written off	118,960	2,583	118,960	2,583
Hire of vehicles	288,067	152,322	268,278	135,436
Interest expenses				
- banker acceptance and bills payable	1,382,739	2,053,139	1,319,162	1,365,149
- bank overdrafts	105,787	133,307	105,787	132,120
- hire purchase	271,498	100,420	181,986	37,272
- term loan	423,873	195,735	325,812	54,676
- others	_	5,847	_	_
Loss on foreign exchange	46,644	_	40,030	_
Consultancy fee paid to directors	327,250	155,000	46,250	85,000
Provision for doubtful debts	2,094,256	601,170	1,854,456	526,609
Rental of premises	97,290	130,590	54,000	80,100
And crediting:-				
Dividend income	_	_	12,500,000	_
Gain on disposal of fixed assets	163,661	242,733	96,366	161,435
Gain on foreign exchange	_	237,697	_	222,279
Interest income	10,508	8,922	5,316	382
Bad debts recovered	398	1,617	_	_
Rental income	_	-	21,600	9,600

# 18. OPERATING PROFIT (CONT'D)

The cost of sales of manufacturing and trading activities of the Group and the Company recognised as an expense for the financial year amounted to RM70,471,105/- (1998: RM54,993,087/-) and RM57,168,730/- (1998: RM46,886,504/-) respectively.

Directors' remuneration excludes estimated monetary value of benefits-in-kind of RM12,958/- (1998: RM4,967/-).

# 19. EXCEPTIONAL ITEMS

	Group		Company	
	1999	1998	1999	1998
	RM	RM	RM	RM
Diminution in value of marketable securities	_	(24,029,439)	_	(24,029,439)
Loss on disposal of quoted shares	(7,045,929)	_	(7,045,929)	-
Provision for forfeiture of earnest money	_	(5,000,000)	_	(5,000,000)
Interest incurred on earnest money	-	(644,796)	-	(644,796)
	(7,045,929)	(29,674,235)	(7,045,929)	(29,674,235)

# 20. TAXATION

	Group		Company	
	1999	1998	1999	1998
	RM	RM	RM	RM
Income tax				
- current year	-	(6,140)	(3,500,000)	(2,400)
- underprovision in previous year	(16)	(5,765)	_	(4,935)
Deferred taxation (Note 16)	(201,000)	_	-	-
Real Property Gains Tax				
- current year	_	(14,000)	_	(14,000)
- overprovision in previous year	7,255	-	7,255	-
	(193,761)	(25,905)	(3,492,745)	(21,335)

There is no provision for taxation for the Group in view of the tax waiver for 1999 on the chargeable income of profitable subsidiaries for the current financial year in accordance with the provisions of Income Tax (Amendment) Act, 1999.

The provision for taxation of the Company for the current year is in respect of dividend income received from a subsidiary during the year.

As at 31st December 1999, the Group have estimated unabsorbed tax losses of approximately RM4,375,000/- (1998: RM5,124,000/-) and capital and reinvestment allowances totalling RM4,965,000/- (1998: RM8,430,000/-). The related tax benefits, if any, will be recognised on actual realisation.



# 21. DIVIDEND

Group and Company 1999 1998 RM RM 476,280 -

Proposed final dividend of 5% (1998: Nil) less income tax

# 22. LOSS PER ORDINARY SHARE

The loss per ordinary share for the year has been calculated based on the Group's loss after taxation and minority interest of RM2,427,252/- (1998: RM32,336,104/-) and on the number of 13,230,000 (1998: 13,230,000) ordinary shares in issue during the year.

# 23. SIGNIFICANT RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

	Grou	р	Comp	oany
	1999	1998	1999	1998
	RM	RM	RM	RM
Dividend income received from a subsidiary company	_	_	12,500,000	_
Purchase of marketable securities of a company			12/300/000	
in which certain directors and a former director				
have substantial financial interest	_	6,093,587	_	6,093,587
Sales to subsidiaries	_	-	33,924,334	26,292,947
Purchases from a subsidiary	_	_	185,049	33,523
Rental income from a subsidiary	_	_	21,600	9,600
Rental of premises paid to subsidiaries	_	_	54,000	54,000
Management and administration	_	_	34,000	54,000
fees received/receivable from subsidiaries	_		183,600	255,600
Consultancy fee paid:	_	_	185,000	255,000
- to a company in which a director				
has substantial interest	149,812	128,722		16,700
- to directors	•	•	- 46 3E0	•
Legal and professional fees paid to a	327,250	155,000	46,250	85,000
	1.050	2 210	1.050	2 210
firm in which a director is a partner Purchase of fixed assets and services from a	1,050	3,210	1,050	3,210
company in which a director has substantial	72.000	457.056	72.000	457.056
financial interest	73,990	157,056	73,990	157,056
Disposal of fixed assets to a company in		0.760		0.750
which a director has substantial financial interest	_	2,762	-	2,762
Sales commission paid to subsidiaries	-	_	97,770	_
Office expenses charged to a subsidiary company	-	_	50,032	-
Interest charged to a subsidiary company	-	_	63,577	687,990
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# 24. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

	Group		Company	
	1999	1998	1999	1998
	RM	RM	RM	RM
Bank guarantees issued in favour of third parties - unsecured	297,000	299,000	297,000	299,000
Corporate guarantee issued in favour of third parties for facilities granted to a				
subsidiary company	-	_	3,120,661	-
	297,000	299,000	3,417,661	299,000

# 25. CAPITAL COMMITMENT

	Group and	Group and Company	
	1999	1998	
	RM	RM	
Authorised capital expenditure contracted but not			
provided for in the accounts	198,050	819,021	

# 26. SEGMENTAL INFORMATION

Turnover	Profit/(Loss)	Total assets employed
RM	RM	RM
73,563,119	3,791,772	38,088,441
385,600	94,210	13,200,560
23,394,890	(5,638,195)	31,278,354
97,343,609	(1,752,213)	82,567,355
57,446,415	1,495,865	36,904,188
20,356,428	(4,827,110)	17,928,703
16,583,945	(28,617,270)	34,005,741
94,386,788	(31,948,515)	88,838,632
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# STATEMENT BY DIRECTORS

We, LEE THYE @ LEE CHOOI YOKE and LEE KAH KENG @ LEE KAH HENG, being two of the directors of Hwa Tai Industries Berhad, do hereby state that in the opinion of the directors, the accounts set out on pages 12 to 31 are drawn up in accordance with applicable approved accounting standards so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Group and of the Company as at 31st December 1999 and of the results of the operations of the Group and of the Company and the cash flow of the Group for the year ended on that date.

the Group for the year ended on that date.	cash flow (
On behalf of the Board,	
LEE THYE @ LEE CHOOI YOKE	
LEE KAH KENG @ LEE KAH HENG	
Kuala Lumpur 18 April 2000	

# STATUTORY DECLARATION

I, LEE THYE @ LEE CH00I YOKE, being the director primarily responsible for the financial management of Hwa Tai Industries Berhad, do solemnly and sincerely declare that the accounts set out on pages 12 to 31 are, to the best of my knowledge and belief, correct and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of the provisions of the Statutory Declarations Act, 1960.

LEE THYE @ LEE CHOOI YOKE

Subscribed and solemnly declared by the abovenamed at Kuala Lumpur in the Federal Territory on 18 April 2000.

Before me,

HARON HASHIM
COMMISSIONER FOR OATH



# REPORT OF THE AUDITORS

# TO THE MEMBERS OF HWA TAI INDUSTRIES BERHAD (INCORPORATED IN MALAYSIA)

We have audited the accounts set out on pages 12 to 31. These accounts are the responsibility of the Company's directors. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these accounts based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with approved standards on auditing. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the accounts are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the accounts. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by directors, as well as evaluating the overall accounts presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion:-

- (a) the accounts are properly drawn up in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act, 1965 and applicable approved accounting standards in Malaysia so as to give a true and fair view of:-
  - (i) the state of affairs of the Group and of the Company as at 31st December 1999 and of the results of their operations and the cash flow of the Group for the year ended on that date; and
  - (ii) the matters required by Section 169 of the Companies Act, 1965 to be dealt with in the accounts of the Group and of the Company; and
- (b) the accounting and other records and the registers required by the Companies Act, 1965 to be kept by the Company and its subsidiary companies of which we have acted as auditors have been properly kept in accordance with the provisions of the said Act.

We have considered the financial statements and the auditors' reports thereon of the subsidiaries of which we have not acted as auditors, as indicated in Note 3 to the accounts.

We are satisfied that the accounts of the subsidiary companies that have been consolidated with the accounts of the Company are in form and content appropriate and proper for the purposes of the preparation of the consolidated accounts and we have received satisfactory information and explanations as required by us for those purposes.

The auditors' reports on the accounts of the subsidiary companies were not subject to any qualification and did not include any comment made under subsection (3) of Section 174 of the Companies Act, 1965.

MONTEIRO & HENG FIRM NO. AF 0117 PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS HENG JI KENG APPROVAL NO: 578/5/00 (J/PH) PARTNER OF THE FIRM

Kuala Lumpur 18 April 2000



# ANALYSIS OF SHAREHOLDINGS

# AS AT 28TH APRIL 2000

Authorised Capital : RM1,000,000,000
Issued and Fully Paid-Up Capital : RM13,230,000

Class of Shares : Ordinary shares of RM1.00 each fully paid

Voting Rights : One vote per ordinary share

# SIZE OF SHAREHOLDINGS

Range of Shareholdings	No. of Shareholders	% of Shareholders	No. of Shares	% of Shareholdings
1 - 1,000	2,079	68.43	2,070,786	15.65
1,001 - 5,000	827	27.22	2,174,000	16.43
5,001 - 10,000	71	2.34	541,000	4.09
10,001 and above	61	2.01	8,444,214	63.83
TOTAL	3,038	100.00	13,230,000	100.00

# TWENTY LARGEST SHAREHOLDERS

Nan	ne of Shareholders as per Register of Members	No. of Shares	% of Shareholdings
1.	Public Nominees (Tempatan) Sdn Bhd (A/C Soo Thien Ming @ Soo Thien See)	679,730	5.14
2.	Arab-Malaysian Finance Berhad (A/C Ang Cheng Ean)	574,000	4.34
3.	DB (Malaysia) Nominee (Asing) Sdn Bhd (A/C Flourish Holdings Limited)	560,000	4.23
4.	PM Securities Sdn Bhd	531,244	4.02
5.	DB (Malaysia) Nominee (Asing) Sdn Bhd (A/C Promote International Limited)	500,000	3.78
6.	Arab-Malaysian Finance Berhad (A/C Soo Tian Chai @ Soo Kim Chey)	450,000	3.40
7.	DB (Malaysia) Nominee (Asing) Sdn Bhd (A/C Contend Investments Limited)	433,000	3.27
8.	DB (Malaysia) Nominee (Asing) Sdn Bhd (A/C Victory Capital Limited)	359,000	2.71
9.	Arab-Malaysian Finance Berhad (A/C Tan Hua Teck @ Tang Wah Teck)	339,240	2.56
10.	Cimsec Nominees (Tempatan) Sdn Bhd (A/C Koh Pee Kiat)	330,000	2.49
11.	Cimsec Nominees (Tempatan) Sdn Bhd (A/C New Soon Meng)	330,000	2.49
12.	Cimsec Nominees (Tempatan) Sdn Bhd (A/C Goh Teong Hoe)	330,000	2.49
13.	Arab-Malaysian Finance Berhad (A/C Koh Pee Kiat)	292,000	2.21
14.	DB (Malaysia) Nominee (Tempatan) Sdn Bhd (A/C See Ai Chin)	229,000	1.73
15.	Credit Corporation (Malaysia) Berhad	205,000	1.55
16.	HLG Nominee (Asing) Sdn Bhd (A/C Shogun Investment Limited)	200,000	1.51
17.	HLG Nominee (Asing) Sdn Bhd (A/C Silver Arrow Investment Limited)	196,000	1.48
18.	Soo Thien Ming @ Soo Thien See	170,000	1.28
19.	UMB Nominees (Tempatan) Sdn Bhd (A/C Pengkalen Securities Sdn Bhd)	170,000	1.28
20.	Thong & Kay Hian Nominees (Asing) Sdn Bhd (A/C Lim Suryanti)	143,000	1.08
	TOTAL	7,021,214	53.04

# ANALYSIS OF SHAREHOLDINGS

# SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS

	No. of Shares in	Other Shareholdings	Total Interest
Name of Substantial Shareholders (beneficiaries	which Shareholder	in which Shareholder	in No. of
only) as per Register of Substantial Shareholders	has direct interest	is deemed interested	Shares
	(A)	(B)	(A + B)
Tan Hua Teck @ Tang Wah Teck	1,923,902	-	1,923,902
Soo Tian Chai @ Soo Kim Chey	762,000	421,000	1,183,000
Lee Thye @ Lee Chooi Yoke	=	1,183,000	1,183,000
Koh Pee Kiat	297,000	-	297,000
Soo Thien Ming @ Soo Thien See	849,730	421,000	1,270,730
Ang Cheng Ean	574,000	-	574,000
Flourish Holdings Limited	560,000	-	560,000
Promote International Limited	500,000	-	500,000
Contend Investments Limited	433,000	-	433,000
Paragon Coral Sdn Bhd	421,000	-	421,000
Victory Capital Limited	359,000	-	359,000
New Soon Meng	330,000	-	330,000
PM Securities Sdn Bhd	534,244	-	534,244
PAN Malaysia Holdings Berhad	=	534,244	534,244
PAN Malaysia Capital Berhad	-	534,244	534,244

# DIRECTORS' SHAREHOLDINGS As at 21st January 2000

	No. of Sha	ires in Hwa Tai Industries Bei	had
Name of Director	Direct	Indirect	Total
	(A)	(B)	(A + B)
Soo Thien Ming @ Soo Thien See	849,730	421,000	1,270,730
Lee Thye @ Lee Chooi Yoke	_	1,183,000	1,183,000

None of the other directors had any interest in the shares of the Company and its related companies.



# LIST OF GROUP PROPERTIES

# HELD AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 1999

	Location	Land Area (Sq. ft)	Built Up Area (Sq. ft)	Tenure	Description	Date of Expiry (Year)	Estimated Age of Building	Net Book Value (RM)
1.	Lot No. PTD 1098 and PTD 1099 at Mukim Linau, Tongkang Pecah Industrial Estate, District of Batu Pahat, Johor.	87,120	56,150	Leasehold	Factory land & industrial buildings (own occupation)	2037	22 years	1,811,708
2.	Lot No. PTD 881 at Mukim Linau, Tongkang Pecah Industrial Estate, District of Batu Pahat, Johor.	21,780	6,600	Leasehold	Factory land & industrial building (own occupation)	2035	20 years	364,890
3.	Lot Pt 10024 at Mukim Kuala Kuantan, District of Kuantan, Pahang.	6,972	6,972	Leasehold	Warehouse (vacant)	2044	14 years	181,432
4.	Lot No. PTD 2680 & 2681 at Mukim Linau, District of Batu Pahat, Johor.	1,540 (per unit)	1,540 (per unit)	Freehold	2 units single storey terrace houses (own occupation)	<i>,</i> –	8 years	132,516
5.	Lot No. PTD 1731 at Mukim Linau, Tongkang Pecah Industrial Estate, District of Batu Pahat, Johor	43,560	23,745	Leasehold	Factory land & industrial building (own occupation)	2039	17 years	503,125
6.	Lot No. PTD 1171 at Mukim Linau, Tongkang Pecah Industrial Estate, District of Batu Pahat, Johor.	43,560	19,670	Leasehold	Factory land & industrial building (own occupation)	2038	20 years	655,321
7.	Lot No. 40 & 41 Lok Kawi Light Industrial Estate, District of Kota Kinabalu, Sabah.	110,922	529,918	Leasehold	Factory land & industrial building (own occupation)	2042	8 years	2,789,979



# LIST OF GROUP PROPERTIES

	Location	Land Area (Sq. ft)	Built Up Area (Sq. ft)	Tenure	Description	Date of Expiry (Year)	Estimated Age of Building	Net Book Value (RM)
8.	Lot No. PT 25809 at Mukim of Kajang, District of Ulu Langat, Selangor Darul Ehsan.	4,000	6,680	Freehold	2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> storey terraced factory (own occupation)	-	6 years	444,893
9.	Lot No. PT 25810 at Mukim of Kajang, District of Ulu Langat, Selangor Darul Ehsan.	4,000	5,880	Freehold	2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> storey terraced factory (own occupation)	-	6 years	444,893
10.	Lot No. PT 133946 at Mukim of Hulu Kinta, District of Kinta, Perak Darul Ridzuan.	7,276	5,220	Leasehold	1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> storey detached factory (own occupation)	2094	4 years	399,533
11	Lot No. PT 1130 & 1131 Bandar Dataran Segar at Village of Lukut, District of Port Dickson, Negeri Sembilan Darul Khusus.	1,540 (per unit)	4,613 (per unit)	Freehold	2 units 3 storey shop office (vacant)	-	1 year	692,885
12.	Lot No. PT 1132, 1133 & 1134, Bandar Dataran Segar at Village of Lukut, District of Port Dickson, Negeri Sembilan Darul Khusus.	1,540 (per unit)	4,613 (per unit)	Freehold	3 units 3 storey shop office (vacant)	-	1 year	1,470,000
13.	Lot No. PT 1135 Bandar Dataran Segar at Village of Lukut, District of Port Dickson, Negeri Sembilan Darul Khusus.	1,990	5,977	Freehold	1 unit 3 storey shop office (vacant)	-	1 year	625,967
14.	Lot No. PT 1136 Bandar Dataran Segar at Village of Lukut, District of Port Dickson, Negeri Sembilan Darul Khusus.	1,908	5,737	Freehold	1 unit 3 storey shop office (vacant)	-	1 year	602,036
15.	Lot No. PT 1137 Bandar Dataran Segar at Village of Lukut, District of Port Dickson, Negeri Sembilan Darul Khusus.	3,176	9,540	Freehold	1 unit 3 storey shop office (vacant)	-	1 year	1,001,233

# FORM OF PROXY

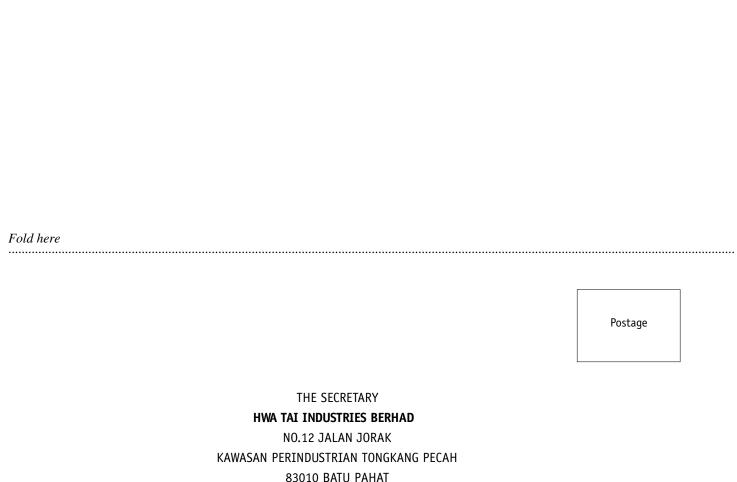


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(1) A member of the Company entitled to attend and vote at the meeting is entitled to appoint more than 2 proxies to attend and vote in his stead. A proxy need not be a member of the Company.

Date: ..... Signature: .....

- (2) Where a member appoints 2 or more proxies, the appointments shall be invalid unless he specifies the proportion of his shareholdings to be represented by each proxy.
- (3) The instrument appointing a proxy shall be in writing under the hand of the appointor or of his attorney duly authorised in writing or, if the appointor is a corporation, either under its Common Seal or signed by an officer or attorney so authorised.
- (4) The instrument appointing a proxy must be deposited at the Registered Office of the Company at No. 12, Jalan Jorak, Kawasan Perindustrian Tongkang Pecah, 83010 Batu Pahat, Johor Darul Takzim, Malaysia not less than 48 hours before the time set for holding the meeting or any adjournment thereof.



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