

NATSTEEL LTD

Third Quarter Financial Statement Announcement

The figures have not been audited

PART I - INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS OF QUARTERLY (Q1, Q2 & Q3), HALF-YEAR AND FULL YEAR RESULTS

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

		THE GROUP					
		Quarter ended 30 September			9 months ended 30 September		
		2004	2003	Change	2004	2003	Change
Notes		S\$'000	S\$'000	%	S\$'000	S\$'000	%
		531,807	421,434	26	1,546,606	1,273,850	21
		(488,917)	(382,237)		(1,426,598)	(1,163,931)	
		42,890	39,197	9	120,008	109,919	9
		3,748	(1,904)		8,318	10,536	
		(7,120)	(7,045)		(21,955)	(22,200)	
		(15,276)	(17,011)		(50,291)	(54,479)	
		(3,982)	(3,974)		(13,956)	(11,987)	
		20,260	9,263	119	42,124	31,789	33
		121	1,145		400	2,295	
		2,430	3,364		5,892	6,982	
		(1,778)	(1,896)		(4,450)	(6,228)	
		14,737	10,664		39,064	27,530	
		35,770	22,540	59	83,030	62,368	33
		9,351	13,445		17,037	16,367	
		45,121	35,985	25	100,067	78,735	27
		(4,323)	(3,918)		(10,029)	(14,534)	
		40,798	32,067		90,038	64,201	
		(2,468)	(1,668)		(7,882)	(5,051)	
		38,330	30,399	26	82,156	59,150	39

Comments on Income Statement

a) Other operating income / expenses

The decrease in other operating income and increase in other operating expenses in 2004 were mainly due to net foreign exchange losses for the nine months ended 30 September 2004 as compared to net foreign exchange gains for the same period last year.

b) Finance costs

The lower finance costs in 2004 were mainly due to lower borrowings of the Group for nine months ended 30 September 2004 as compared to the corresponding period of the previous year.

c) Share of results of associated companies

The increase was mainly due to stronger contributions from the Group's operations in Malaysia and Thailand.

d) Taxation

The taxation charge on profit for the Group for year-to-date September 2004 was lower than the amount that would arise by applying the Singapore statutory tax rate. This was mainly due to certain income that were not subject to tax or taxed at different tax rates in other countries and a decrease in net deferred tax liability of the Group resulting from the reduction in the corporate tax rate from 22% to 20%.

Note 1 – Profit from operations is arrived at after (charging) / crediting the following items:

Amortisation of intangible assets
 Depreciation of property, plant and equipment
 Property, plant and equipment written off
 Net foreign exchange (loss) / gain
 Net (provision) made / write back for
 - stock obsolescence
 - doubtful debts
 Net gain on sale of property, plant and equipment
 Amortisation of deferred income

THE GROUP			
Quarter ended 30 September		9 months ended 30 September	
2004 S\$'000	2003 S\$'000	2004 S\$'000	2003 S\$'000
(136)	(1,614)	(297)	(5,344)
(10,452)	(10,454)	(31,887)	(34,922)
(15)	(1,260)	(697)	(1,435)
(772)	(2,929)	(4,055)	2,535
(599)	4	(1,482)	(82)
657	(653)	(2,172)	(4,422)
448	160	610	1,327
222	195	614	694

Note 2 – Exceptional items comprise the following:

Net gain on disposal of investments
 Exchange differences released upon disposal of
 associated company
 Net write back for diminution in value of investments
 Recovery on disposal of property, plant and equipment
 previously written off
 Others
 Net gain

THE GROUP			
Quarter ended 30 September		9 months ended 30 September	
2004 S\$'000	2003 S\$'000	2004 S\$'000	2003 S\$'000
922	3,812	2,767	5,614
-	-	(1,604)	-
9,107	9,556	16,716	10,164
-	39	90	214
(678)	38	(932)	375
9,351	13,445	17,037	16,367

1(b)(i) A balance sheet (for the issuer and group), together with a comparative statement as at the end of the immediately preceding financial year

	THE GROUP		THE COMPANY	
	30.09.04	31.12.03	30.09.04	31.12.03
	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000
Share Capital	186,779	186,779	186,779	186,779
Share Premium	6,881	6,881	6,881	6,881
Reserves	739,795	689,023	601,591	624,633
Shareholders' Funds	933,455	882,683	795,251	818,293
Deferred Income	12,851	13,089	-	-
Minority Interests	48,319	28,014	-	-
	994,625	923,786	795,251	818,293
Current Assets				
Inventories	185,460	166,817	53,549	56,020
Receivables and prepayments	351,852	337,768	152,861	187,551
Cash and bank balances	381,066	356,553	290,031	265,447
	918,378	861,138	496,441	509,018
Non Current Assets				
Property, plant and equipment	306,273	332,248	57,944	80,754
Investment properties	12,233	12,538	-	-
Subsidiaries	-	-	253,242	219,793
Associated companies	123,539	93,877	56,793	56,831
Long term investments	61,376	59,986	17,168	17,816
Long term receivables	4,136	14,203	605	916
Intangible assets	20,550	19,075	-	-
Deferred tax assets	7,567	7,788	-	-
	535,674	539,715	385,752	376,110
Total Assets	1,454,052	1,400,853	882,193	885,128
Current Liabilities				
Amounts due to bankers	(190,134)	(157,842)	(2,233)	(4,156)
Trade and other payables	(164,244)	(203,715)	(66,287)	(42,410)
Taxation	(11,697)	(13,853)	(1,333)	(1,312)
	(366,075)	(375,410)	(69,853)	(47,878)
Non Current Liabilities				
Provision for retirement benefits	(5,352)	(5,993)	(4,633)	(5,255)
Deferred tax liabilities	(28,765)	(31,154)	(12,456)	(13,702)
Other unsecured notes	(27,706)	(27,706)	-	-
Long term loans	(27,610)	(32,857)	-	-
Other non current liabilities	(3,919)	(3,947)	-	-
	(93,352)	(101,657)	(17,089)	(18,957)
Total Liabilities	(459,427)	(477,067)	(86,942)	(66,835)
	994,625	923,786	795,251	818,293

Comments on Balance sheet

- a) Dividend
The final dividend for financial year ended 31 December 2003 of 8 cents per share (exempt – one tier) amounting to S\$29,885,000 has been paid on 28 May 2004.
- b) Minority interests
During the financial period, a subsidiary's bank loans were restructured which resulted in partial repayment and conversion into redeemable non cumulative preference shares ("RPS") of S\$1 each. The RPS have been accounted for as minority interests in the consolidated balance sheet.

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

Amount repayable in one year or less, or on demand

As at 30 September 2004		As at 31 December 2003	
Secured S\$'000	Unsecured S\$'000	Secured S\$'000	Unsecured S\$'000
25,898	164,404	48,187	109,893

Amount repayable after one year

As at 30 September 2004		As at 31 December 2003	
Secured S\$'000	Unsecured S\$'000	Secured S\$'000	Unsecured S\$'000
27,787	27,797	32,738	27,948

Details of any collaterals

Included in the Group's property, plant and equipment are property, plant and equipment of subsidiaries of net book value of S\$93,427,000 (31 Dec 2003: S\$110,081,000) charged by way of debentures to banks for overdraft and term loan facilities granted.

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

	THE GROUP			
	Quarter ended 30 September		9 months ended 30 September	
	2004 S\$'000	2003 S\$'000	2004 S\$'000	2003 S\$'000
Cash flows from operating activities				
Profit before taxation	45,121	35,985	100,067	78,735
Non-cash and reclassified items	(14,709)	(12,568)	(25,594)	(4,594)
Working capital changes	32,136	46,428	(67,939)	281
Income taxes paid	(914)	(2,907)	(8,883)	(11,039)
Payment of expenses relating to general offer and management buy-out	-	-	-	(8,127)
Dividends received from associated companies	4,128	26,357	10,638	27,984
Other operating cash flow	(1,185)	70	(1,803)	(769)
Net cash generated from operating activities	64,577	93,365	6,486	82,471
Cash flows from investing activities				
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	1,265	3,481	2,094	6,111
Proceeds from sale of long term investments / investment properties	5,154	3,281	18,210	4,798
Net cash flow from sale of subsidiary	-	(1,972)	-	(1,972)
Acquisition of additional interest in subsidiaries	-	(7,532)	(95)	(13,007)
Acquisition of additional interest in associated companies	-	-	(1,088)	-
Acquisition of loan stock of an associated company	-	(17,662)	-	(17,662)
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(1,739)	(3,462)	(11,026)	(9,430)
Purchase of long term investments and investment properties	(2,808)	(189)	(5,982)	(1,174)
Interest received	2,170	1,924	5,890	5,435
Increase in amount due from associated companies	(2,810)	(19,389)	(2,442)	(14,586)
Net cash generated from / (used in) investing activities	1,232	(41,520)	5,561	(41,487)
Cash flows from financing activities				
Increase / (decrease) in amounts due to bankers	3,246	(69,385)	41,221	(90,878)
Interest paid	(1,775)	(2,278)	(4,561)	(6,830)
Dividends paid	-	(205,457)	(29,885)	(373,558)
Dividends and other distributions paid to minority interests	(2,378)	(582)	(2,498)	(2,740)
Other financing cash inflow	1,597	1,466	7,365	4,713
Net cash generated from / (used in) financing activities	690	(276,236)	11,642	(469,293)
Net increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	66,499	(224,391)	23,689	(428,309)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	311,675	534,553	354,485	738,471
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period*	378,174	310,162	378,174	310,162

* comprise cash and bank balances net of bank overdrafts

Disposal of subsidiary

The attributable net assets and proceeds from disposal of subsidiary during the period were as follows:

	THE GROUP			
	Quarter ended 30 September		9 months ended 30 September	
	2004 S\$'000	2003 S\$'000	2004 S\$'000	2003 S\$'000
Property, plant and equipment	-	143	-	143
Long term investments	-	144	-	144
Inventories	-	147	-	147
Receivables and prepayments	-	8,004	-	8,004
Cash and bank balances	-	1,972	-	1,972
Trade and other payables	-	(3,108)	-	(3,108)
	-	7,302	-	7,302
Minority interests	-	(1,029)	-	(1,029)
Attributable net assets disposed	-	6,273	-	6,273
Goodwill released upon disposal of subsidiary	-	1,314	-	1,314
Net loss on disposal of subsidiary	-	(1,613)	-	(1,613)
Total consideration	-	5,974	-	5,974
Consideration receivable at end of period	-	(5,974)	-	(5,974)
Cash and bank balances of the subsidiary disposed	-	(1,972)	-	(1,972)
Net cash flow on disposal of subsidiary	-	(1,972)	-	(1,972)

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

	Share Capital S\$'000	Share Premium S\$'000	Revenue Reserve S\$'000	Capital Reserve S\$'000	Revaluation Reserve S\$'000	Other Reserves S\$'000	Total S\$'000
THE GROUP							
Balance as at 1 January 2004	186,779	6,881	647,615	15,666	3,115	22,627	882,683
Effect of adopting FRS 103	-	-	1,581	-	-	-	1,581
As restated	186,779	6,881	649,196	15,666	3,115	22,627	884,264
Exchange differences arising on consolidation	-	-	1,714	-	-	-	1,714
Exchange differences released upon disposal of associated company	-	-	1,604	-	-	-	1,604
Exchange differences released upon striking off of a subsidiary	-	-	203	-	-	-	203
Capital reserve released upon striking off of a subsidiary	-	-	-	(133)	-	-	(133)
Net gains / (losses) not recognised in the income statement	-	-	3,521	(133)	-	-	3,388
Net profit for the period	-	-	43,826	-	-	-	43,826
Total recognised gains / (losses) for the period	-	-	47,347	(133)	-	-	47,214
Dividend paid	-	-	(29,885)	-	-	-	(29,885)
Balance as at 30 June 2004	186,779	6,881	666,658	15,533	3,115	22,627	901,593
Exchange differences arising on consolidation	-	-	(6,468)	-	-	-	(6,468)
Net losses not recognised in the income statement	-	-	(6,468)	-	-	-	(6,468)
Net profit for the period	-	-	38,330	-	-	-	38,330
Total recognised gains for the period	-	-	31,862	-	-	-	31,862
Balance as at 30 September 2004	186,779	6,881	698,520	15,533	3,115	22,627	933,455

THE GROUP	Share Capital S\$'000	Share Premium S\$'000	Revenue Reserve S\$'000	Capital Reserve S\$'000	Revaluation Reserve S\$'000	Other Reserves S\$'000	Total S\$'000
Balance as at 1 January 2003	186,779	6,881	933,491	15,666	3,115	21,309	1,167,241
Exchange differences arising on consolidation	-	-	5,023	-	-	-	5,023
Net gain not recognised in the income statement	-	-	5,023	-	-	-	5,023
Net profit for the period	-	-	28,751	-	-	-	28,751
Total recognised gains for the period	-	-	33,774	-	-	-	33,774
Transfer to revenue reserve	-	-	115	-	-	(115)	-
Dividend paid	-	-	(168,101)	-	-	-	(168,101)
Balance as at 30 June 2003	186,779	6,881	799,279	15,666	3,115	21,194	1,032,914
Exchange differences arising on consolidation	-	-	(2,737)	-	-	-	(2,737)
Goodwill and exchange differences released upon disposal of interest in subsidiary and associated companies	-	-	1,894	-	-	-	1,894
Net loss not recognised in the income statement	-	-	(843)	-	-	-	(843)
Net profit for the period	-	-	30,399	-	-	-	30,399
Total recognised gains for the period	-	-	29,556	-	-	-	29,556
Dividend paid	-	-	(205,457)	-	-	-	(205,457)
Balance as at 30 September 2003	186,779	6,881	623,378	15,666	3,115	21,194	857,013

	Share Capital S\$'000	Share Premium S\$'000	Revenue Reserve S\$'000	Other Reserves S\$'000	Total S\$'000
THE COMPANY					
Balance as at 1 January 2004	186,779	6,881	611,167	13,466	818,293
Net loss and total recognised loss for the period	-	-	(12,219)	-	(12,219)
Dividend paid	-	-	(29,885)	-	(29,885)
Balance as at 30 June 2004	186,779	6,881	569,063	13,466	776,189
Net gain and total recognised gain for the period	-	-	19,062	-	19,062
Balance as at 30 September 2004	186,779	6,881	588,125	13,466	795,251
Balance as at 1 January 2003	186,779	6,881	620,334	13,466	827,460
Net gain and total recognised gain for the period	-	-	302,421	-	302,421
Dividends declared	-	-	(168,101)	-	(168,101)
Balance as at 30 June 2003	186,779	6,881	754,654	13,466	961,780
Net gain and total recognised gain for the period	-	-	41,253	-	41,253
Dividend paid	-	-	(205,457)	-	(205,457)
Balance as at 30 September 2003	186,779	6,881	590,450	13,466	797,576

1(d)(ii) Details of any changes in the company's share capital arising from rights issue, bonus issue, share buy-backs, exercise of share options or warrants, conversion of other issues of equity securities, issue of shares for cash or as consideration for acquisition or for any other purpose since the end of the previous period reported on. State also the number of shares that may be issued on conversion of all the outstanding convertibles as at the end of the current financial period reported on and as at the end of the corresponding period of the immediately preceding financial year

There have been no changes to the issued share capital of the Company since 30 June 2004.

There were no outstanding options as at 30 September 2004.

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

The figures have not been audited nor reviewed by the Group's auditors.

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

Not applicable.

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

Except as disclosed in paragraph 5 below, the Group has applied the same accounting policies and methods of computation in the financial statements for current reporting period compared with the financial statements as at 31 December 2003.

5. If there are any changes in the accounting policies and methods of computation, including any required by an accounting standard, what has changed, as well as the reasons for, and the effect of, the change

On 1 July 2004, the Council on Corporate Disclosure and Governance issued Financial Reporting Standard ("FRS") 103 Business Combinations, revised FRS 36 Impairment of Assets and revised FRS 38 Intangible Assets. Accordingly, FRS 22 Business Combinations was withdrawn.

These standards are to be applied to the accounting for business combinations for annual periods beginning on or after 1 July 2004. However, early adoption of these standards is permitted and must be applied prospectively from the same date.

The Group early adopted FRS 103, revised FRS 36 and revised FRS 38. The standards are applied on a prospective basis effective 1 January 2004. As a result, the Group's opening revenue reserve and shareholders' funds at 1 January 2004 have increased by S\$1,581,000.

6. Earnings per ordinary share of the group for the current period reported on and the corresponding period of the immediately preceding financial year, after deducting any provision for preference dividends

THE GROUP	Quarter ended 30 September		9 months ended September	
	2004	2003	2004	2003
(a) Based on the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue (cents)				
- Excluding exceptional items	7.76	4.54	17.43	11.45
- Including exceptional items	10.26	8.14	21.99	15.83
(b) On fully diluted basis (cents)				
- Excluding exceptional items	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
- Including exceptional items	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

7. Net asset value (for the issuer and group) per ordinary share based on issued share capital of the issuer at the end of the (a) current period reported on and (b) immediately preceding financial year

	THE GROUP		THE COMPANY	
	30.09.04	31.12.03	30.09.04	31.12.03
Net asset* value per ordinary share (S\$)	2.50	2.36	2.13	2.19

* Net asset refers to shareholders' funds

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

	Quarter ended 30 September			9 months ended 30 September		
	2004 S\$'000	2003 S\$'000	Change %	2004 S\$'000	2003 S\$'000	Change %
Group Turnover	531,807	421,434	26	1,546,606	1,273,850	21
Group Profit Before Tax (excluding exceptional items)	35,770	22,540	59	83,030	62,368	33
Exceptional Items	9,351	13,445	(30)	17,037	16,367	4
Group Net Profit for the period	38,330	30,399	26	82,156	59,150	39
Group Earnings Before Interest, Taxation, Depreciation and Amortisation (excluding exceptional items)	45,484	32,945	38	113,158	101,186	12

The Group achieved pre-tax profit before exceptional items of \$35.8 mil or a 59% increase over the same quarter last year. For the nine months period to Sept 30, 2004 earnings of \$83.0 mil registered a lower increase of 33%. This was due to a weak 2nd quarter group performance of \$16.3 mil.

Steel Division

Turnover

(S\$ million)	Quarter ended 30 September			9 months ended 30 September		
	2004	2003	Change	2004	2003	Change
Total turnover	468.5	344.9	36%	1,354.8	1,037.2	31%

Attributable Profit before Tax (PBT)

Total Steel	Quarter ended 30 September			9 months ended 30 September		
PBT (S\$ mil)	2004	2003	Change	2004	2003	Change
Operating PBT						
- Sing Steel	8.2	(2.4)	n/m	6.8	5.2	31%
- Overseas	15.3	13.1	17%	48.0	26.2	83%
	23.5	10.7	120%	54.8	31.4	75%
Exceptional items						
- Sing Steel	(0.5)	2.8	n/m	(0.2)	3.0	n/m
- Overseas	0.9	-	-	0.9	-	-
	0.4	2.8	(86%)	0.7	3.0	(77%)
Total						
- Sing Steel	7.7	0.4	n/m	6.6	8.2	(20%)
- Overseas	16.2	13.1	24%	48.9	26.2	87%
	23.9	13.5	77%	55.5	34.4	61%

n/m: not meaningful

Higher turnover for the current quarter of 36% was due to higher steel prices and trading of 3rd party steel products.

The Steel Division achieved a PBT of \$23.5 mil and \$54.8 mil respectively for the current quarter and for nine months ending Sep 30, 2004. These profits represent 120% and 75% increase over the same periods last year. The moderation of the profit increase on a year-to-date basis was due to a weak 2nd quarter performance of \$7.5 mil.

In the current quarter, higher sales volume and better operating margins lifted Singsteel performance. For Overseas Steel, the China mills' performances were weaker due to continuing lingering effects of the measures taken by the Chinese authorities to curb the overheating sectors of the Chinese economy, including those aimed at the steel industry. However performances by the Group's operations in Thailand and Malaysia were stronger.

Industrial Division

Turnover

(S\$ million)	Quarter ended 30 September			9 months ended 30 September		
	2004	2003	Change	2004	2003	Change
Total turnover	56.0	67.9	(18%)	161.8	195.6	(17%)

Attributable Profit before Tax (PBT)

Total Steel PBT (S\$ mil)	Quarter ended 30 September			9 months ended 30 September		
	2004	2003	Change	2004	2003	Change
Operating PBT						
- Construction	0.5	3.0	(83%)	(0.3)	8.6	n/m
- Chemicals	12.0	8.7	38%	27.6	22.7	22%
- Engineering	1.0	(0.4)	n/m	1.6	0.3	n/m
	13.5	11.3	19%	28.9	31.6	(9%)
Exceptional items						
- Construction	-	(0.2)	-	(0.7)	(0.3)	133%
- Chemicals	-	-	-	-	-	-
- Engineering	1.5	0.1	n/m	1.1	(0.1)	n/m
	1.5	(0.1)	n/m	0.4	(0.4)	n/m
Total						
- Construction	0.5	2.8	(82%)	(1.0)	8.3	n/m
- Chemicals	12.0	8.7	38%	27.6	22.7	22%
- Engineering	2.5	(0.3)	n/m	2.7	0.2	n/m
	15.0	11.2	34%	29.3	31.2	(6%)

Lower contract value secured by the Construction Products group's precast and mortars businesses contributed mainly to the decline in Industrial division's turnover.

The Industrial division pre-tax profit of \$13.5 mil for this current quarter was 19% better compared to the corresponding period last year. Higher contribution from BST, the Group's Thai petrochemical associate contributed mainly to the improved performance. The Construction products group had lower contract volume this year while the Engineering group returned to profitability due to improving market conditions for its tower crane rental business and continued strong demand for its crane spreaders.

Overall, BST with 73% share of Industrial Division's YTD Sept 2004 earnings continues to be its dominant earnings contributor.

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

Not applicable.

10. A commentary at the date of the announcement of the competitive conditions of the industry in which the group operates and any known factors or events that may affect the group in the next reporting period and the next 12 months

(a) Competitive conditions of the industry

International steel prices remain volatile particularly due to the actions taken by the PRC government to cool its economy.

The Group's Steel and Construction Product Services serve the construction industry in Singapore and the region. Demand for steel and building materials in Singapore is expected to remain weak. However, market conditions in Thailand and Malaysia continue to be positive. Demand in China will be dependent on their government's macro economic measures.

Prospects for the Group's petrochemical business in Thailand is expected to remain strong with continuing demand for its products both locally and in the region.

(b) Known factors or events that may significantly affect the group in the next reporting period and next 12 months

- 1) On 16 August 2004, the Company announced the proposed sale of the Group's entire steel operations to Tata Steel. This proposed transaction is subject to NatSteel shareholders' approval in an EGM to be convened and completion is expected to take place on or before 15 February 2005. As at 31 December 2003, the net tangible asset value of the Group's steel businesses was approximately S\$452.3 mil while the estimated net profit before tax, minority interest and exceptional items was approximately S\$41.3 mil for the financial year ended 31 December 2003.
- 2) BSTE, a subsidiary of BST, the Group's Thai petrochemical associate, is currently in negotiation with its bankers and shareholders on restructuring of its debts. This debt restructuring exercise is expected to be completed by December 2004 and if successfully concluded, will result in accounting gains arising from a reduced debt burden owing by BST group to its bankers and shareholders.

11. Dividend

(a) Current Financial Period Reported On

Any dividend declared for the current financial period reported on? None

Name of Dividend
Dividend Type
Dividend amount per share
Dividend Rate
Par value of shares
Tax Rate

(b) Corresponding Period of the Immediately Preceding Financial Year

Any dividend declared for the corresponding period of the immediately preceding financial year? None

Name of Dividend
Dividend Type
Dividend amount per share
Dividend Rate
Par value of shares
Tax Rate

(c) Date payable

Not applicable.

(d) Books closure date

Not applicable.

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

Not applicable.

PART II - ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR FULL YEAR ANNOUNCEMENT
(This part is not applicable to Q1, Q2, Q3 or Half Year Results)

13. Segmented revenue and results for business or geographical segments (of the group) in the form presented in the issuer's most recently audited annual financial statements, with comparative information for the immediately preceding year

Not applicable.

14. In the review of performance, the factors leading to any material changes in contributions to turnover and earnings by the business or geographical segments

Not applicable.

15. A breakdown of sales

Not applicable.

16. A breakdown of the total annual dividend (in dollar value) for the issuer's latest full year and its previous full year

Total Annual Dividend (*Refer to Para 16 of Appendix 7.2 for the required details*) Not applicable.

	Latest Full Year (2004) S\$'000	Previous Full Year (2003) S\$'000
Ordinary		
Preference		
Total:		

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

LIM Su-Ling
Company Secretary
9 November 2004

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