

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE QUARTER AND TWELVE MONTHS ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2008

CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE QUARTER AND TWELVE MONTHS ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2008

| | | 3 months ended | | 12 montl | ns ended |
|------------------------------------|--------|----------------|------------|------------|------------|
| RM'000 | Note | 31.12.2008 | 31.12.2007 | 31.12.2008 | 31.12.2007 |
| | | Audited | Audited | Audited | Audited |
| | | | | | |
| Operating revenue | 9 | 61,150 | 92,844 | 290,307 | 443,401 |
| Other income | 10 | 9,964 | 10,361 | 41,368 | 48,567 |
| | | 71,114 | 103,205 | 331,675 | 491,968 |
| Staff costs | | (20,935) | (20,912) | (85,747) | (85,397) |
| Depreciation and amortisation | | (6,227) | (3,563) | (20,529) | (14,034) |
| Other operating expenses | 11 | (20,658) | (21,217) | (79,137) | (72,913) |
| Profit from operations | | 23,294 | 57,513 | 146,262 | 319,624 |
| Finance costs | | (158) | (160) | (635) | (644) |
| Profit before tax | | 23,136 | 57,353 | 145,627 | 318,980 |
| Income tax expense | 27 | (9,611) | (7,864) | (41,207) | (78,355) |
| Profit for the period attributable | to | | | | |
| equity holders of the Company | | 13,525 | 49,489 | 104,420 | 240,625 |
| | | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| Earnings per share (EPS) attributa | able | | | | |
| to equity holders of the Company | (sen): | | | | |
| Basic EPS | 35(a) | 2.6 | 9.5 | 19.9 | 46.1 |
| Diluted EPS | 35(b) | 2.4 | 9.0 | 19.0 | 43.7 |

The above consolidated income statement should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2007 and the accompanying explanatory notes attached to the interim financial statements.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2008

| | | As at | As at |
|---|------|------------|------------|
| RM'000 | Note | 31.12.2008 | 31.12.2007 |
| | | Audited | Audited |
| ASSETS | | | |
| Property, plant and equipment | | 253,722 | 267,531 |
| Computer software | | 91,828 | 64,541 |
| Goodwill | | 44,720 | 44,720 |
| Other investments | | 47,200 | 80,580 |
| Staff loans receivable | | 20,578 | 22,926 |
| Deferred tax assets | | 6,357 | 9,687 |
| Non-current Assets | | 464,405 | 489,985 |
| T I | | 45.400 | 00.000 |
| Trade receivables | | 15,496 | 28,062 |
| Other receivables | | 11,598 | 12,621 |
| Tax recoverable | | 21,203 | 50 |
| Short term investments | | 72,857 | 74,953 |
| Cash and bank balances | | 1,144,305 | 841,325 |
| Current Assets | | 1,265,459 | 957,011 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | | 1,729,864 | 1,446,996 |
| EQUITY AND LIABILITIES | | | |
| Share capital | | 262,943 | 261,825 |
| Share premium | | 70,736 | 65,254 |
| Other reserves | | 54,690 | 52,380 |
| Retained earnings | | 343,886 | 400,770 |
| Equity Attributable to Equity Holders of the Company | | 732,255 | 780,229 |
| | | | |
| Retirement benefit obligations | | 22,940 | 20,771 |
| Deferred income | 13 | 11,617 | 2,477 |
| Long term borrowings | | - | 219 |
| Deferred tax liabilities | | 16,179 | 4,636 |
| Non-current Liabilities | | 50,736 | 28,103 |
| Trade payables | 17 | 827,755 | 503,182 |
| Other payables | | 79,728 | 85,661 |
| Clearing Participants' (TCPs') contributions | | -, - | , |
| to Clearing Guarantee Fund (CGF) | 18 | 10,012 | 9,011 |
| Clearing Participants' (CPs') contributions | . • | . 0,0 . = | 0,01 |
| to Derivatives Clearing Fund (DCF) | 16 | 23,733 | 21,733 |
| Tax payable | .0 | 5,426 | 18,857 |
| Short term borrowings | | 219 | 220 |
| Current Liabilities | | 946,873 | 638,664 |
| Total Liabilities | | 997,609 | 666,767 |
| TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES | | 1,729,864 | 1,446,996 |
| | | 1,120,004 | 1, 170,000 |
| Net assets per share attributable to equity holders of the Company (RM) | | 1.39 | 1.49 |

The above consolidated balance sheet should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2007 and the accompanying explanatory notes attached to the interim financial statements.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2008

| | • | • | | Attributable to e | • • | s of the Con | npany — | Distributable | | Minority interest | Total equity |
|--|---------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|-----------|-------------------|--------------|
| | | | | | Foreign | | | 210111101101101 | | | - qy |
| RM'000 | Share capital | Share premium | Capital reserve | Capital redemption reserve | currency exchange reserve | Share option reserve | Clearing Fund reserves | Retained | Total | | |
| At 1 January 2007 Effects of reclassification subsequent to exercise of | 259,801 | 51,500 | 12,600 | 5,250 | (512) | 8,269 | 25,000 | 447,515 | 809,423 | * | 809,423 |
| ESOS (Note 3) Reclassification of DCF | - | 2,718 | - | - | - | (2,718) | - | - | - | - | - |
| (Note 3/Note 16) | - | - | - | - | - | - | 5,000 | (5,000) | - | - | |
| | 259,801 | 54,218 | 12,600 | 5,250 | (512) | 5,551 | 30,000 | 442,515 | 809,423 | * | 809,423 |
| Issuance of ordinary shares pursuant to ESOS (Note 3) Issuance of preference shares | 2,024 | 11,036 | - | - | - | (2,276) | - | - | 10,784 | - | 10,784 |
| by a subsidiary | - | - | 900 | - | - | - | - | - | 900 | ** | 900 |
| Foreign currency translation, representing net expense recognised directly in equity | _ | _ | _ | - | (421) | _ | _ | - | (421) | - | (421) |
| Share options granted under ESOS | - | - | - | - | - | 1,288 | - | - | 1,288 | - | 1,288 |
| Dividends paid | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | (282,370) | (282,370) | - | (282,370) |
| Profit for the year | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 240,625 | 240,625 | - | 240,625 |
| At 31 December 2007 | 261,825 | 65,254 | 13,500 | 5,250 | (933) | 4,563 | 30,000 | 400,770 | 780,229 | *** | 780,229 |

Note a

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2008 (CONTD.)

| | ← Attributable to equity holders of the Company → Distributable → Distributable | | | | | | Minority interest | Total equity | | | |
|---|---|---------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|--|----------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|-----------|------|-----------|
| RM'000 | Share capital | Share premium | Capital reserve | Capital redemption reserve | Foreign currency exchange reserve | Share option reserve | Clearing Fund reserves | Retained earnings | Total | | |
| At 1 January 2008 Effects of reclassification subsequent to exercise of | 261,825 | 60,260 | 13,500 | 5,250 | (933) | 9,557 | 25,000 | 405,770 | 780,229 | *** | 780,229 |
| ESOS (Note 3) Reclassification of DCF | - | 4,994 | - | - | - | (4,994) | - | - | - | - | - |
| (Note 3/Note 16) | _ | - | - | - | - | - | 5,000 | (5,000) | - | - | |
| | 261,825 | 65,254 | 13,500 | 5,250 | (933) | 4,563 | 30,000 | 400,770 | 780,229 | *** | 780,229 |
| Issuance of ordinary shares pursuant to ESOS Issuance of preference share | 1,118 | 5,482 | - | - | - | (1,180) | - | - | 5,420 | - | 5,420 |
| by a subsidiary | - | _ | 200 | - | - | - | - | - | 200 | **** | 200 |
| Foreign currency translation, representing net income recognised directly in equity | - | - | - | - | 304 | - | - | - | 304 | - | 304 |
| Share options granted under ESOS, net of options lapsed during the | | | | | | | | | | | |
| year | - | - | - | - | - | 2,986 | - | - | 2,986 | - | 2,986 |
| Dividends paid | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | (161,304) | (161,304) | - | (161,304) |
| Profit for the year | - | _ | - | - | - | - | - | 104,420 | 104,420 | - | 104,420 |
| At 31 December 2008 | 262,943 | 70,736 | 13,700 | 5,250 | (629) | 6,369 | 30,000 | 343,886 | 732,255 | **** | 732,255 |

Note a

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2008 (CONTD.)

Note a

Minority interest of the Group relates to subscriptions in the non-cumulative preference shares of RM1 each in Bursa Malaysia Derivatives Berhad (Bursa Malaysia Derivatives), a wholly-owned subsidiary, for registration as Trading Participants, at a subscription price determined by Bursa Malaysia Derivatives. The preference shareholders are not entitled to a refund of any part of the premium paid for the preference shares.

- * Denotes RM79
- ** Denotes RM3
- *** Denotes RM82
- **** Denotes RM1
- ***** Denotes RM83

The above consolidated statement of changes in equity should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2007 and the accompanying explanatory notes attached to the interim financial statements.

CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2008

| | 12 month | ns ended |
|---|------------|------------|
| RM'000 | 31.12.2008 | 31.12.2007 |
| | Audited | Audited |
| | | |
| CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES | | |
| Profit before tax | 145,627 | 318,980 |
| Adjustments for: | | |
| Amortisation of premium less accretion of discount | (33) | (81) |
| Depreciation and amortisation | 20,529 | 14,034 |
| Grant released | (732) | (354) |
| Increase in retirement benefit obligation | 2,603 | 2,811 |
| Interest expense | 11 | 13 |
| Interest income | (28,859) | (32,678) |
| Net gain on disposal of investments | (161) | (5,392) |
| Net gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment | (34) | - |
| Net impairment loss on investments | 2,597 | 4,535 |
| Net reversal of provision for bad and doubtful debts | (416) | (345) |
| Net unrealised gain on foreign exchange differences | (2) | (23) |
| Property, plant and equipment written off | - | 757 |
| Provision for short term accumulating compensated | | |
| unutilised leave | 131 | 256 |
| Share options granted under ESOS | 2,986 | 1,288 |
| Operating profit before working capital changes | 144,247 | 303,801 |
| Decrease in receivables | 13,780 | 4,858 |
| Increase in trade margins | 350,595 | 42,837 |
| (Decrease)/increase in SBL collaterals | (26,020) | 41,476 |
| Increase in TCP contributions to CGF | 1,001 | 462 |
| Increase in CP contributions to DCF | 2,000 | 4,000 |
| (Decrease)/increase in other payables | (3,764) | 936 |
| Cash generated from operations | 481,839 | 398,370 |
| Retirement benefits paid | (434) | (494) |
| Interest paid | (11) | (13) |
| Taxes paid net of refund | (60,918) | (74,826) |
| Net cash generated from operating activities | 420,476 | 323,037 |

CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2008 (CONTD.)

| | | 12 month | ns ended |
|---|--------|------------|------------|
| RM'000 | | 31.12.2008 | 31.12.2007 |
| | | Audited | Audited |
| | | | |
| CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES | | | |
| Interest received | | 27,404 | 31,310 |
| Proceeds from disposal of investments, net of purch | ases | 33,188 | 56,858 |
| Purchases of property, plant and equipment and | | | |
| computer software, net of proceeds | | (36,286) | (24,792) |
| Staff loans repaid, net of disbursements | | 3,916 | 6,475 |
| Net cash generated from investing activities | | 28,222 | 69,851 |
| | | | |
| CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES | | | |
| Dividends paid (Note 8) | | (161,304) | (282,370) |
| Grant received | | 9,872 | - |
| Preference shares issued by a subsidiary | | 200 | 900 |
| Proceeds from exercise of ESOS, net of forfeiture | | 5,420 | 10,784 |
| Repayment of borrowings and liability | | (219) | (220) |
| Net cash used in financing activities | | (146,031) | (270,906) |
| | | | |
| Net increase in cash and cash equivalents | | 302,667 | 121,982 |
| Effects of exchange rate changes | | 313 | (430) |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year | | 841,325 | 719,773 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of year | | 1,144,305 | 841,325 |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| COMPOSITION OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALE | NTS | | |
| Short term deposits | | 1,113,433 | 832,520 |
| Cash and bank balances | | 30,872 | 8,805 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of year | Note A | 1,144,305 | 841,325 |

The above consolidated cash flow statement should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2007 and the accompanying explanatory notes attached to the interim financial statements.

CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2008 (CONTD.)

NOTE A

Included in cash and cash equivalents as at balance sheet date are the following:

(i) Cash collected by the following wholly-owned subsidiaries from:

| | As at | As at |
|--|------------|------------|
| RM'000 | 31.12.2008 | 31.12.2007 |
| Clearing Participants of Bursa Malaysia Derivatives | | |
| Clearing Berhad (Bursa Malaysia Derivatives Clearing) | | |
| for security deposits and cash margins | 811,338 | 461,625 |
| CPs of Bursa Malaysia Derivatives Clearing | | |
| being contribution to the DCF | 23,733 | 21,733 |
| TCPs of Bursa Malaysia Securities Clearing Sdn. Bhd. | | |
| (Bursa Malaysia Securities Clearing) as collateral for | | |
| Securities Borrowing and Lending (SBL) | 15,456 | 41,980 |
| TCPs of Bursa Malaysia Securities Clearing being | | |
| contribution to the CGF | 10,012 | 8,994 |
| | 860,539 | 534,332 |

- (ii) An amount of RM25,000,000 (31.12.2007: RM25,000,000) which has been set aside in respect of Bursa Malaysia Securities Clearing's contribution to the CGF.
- (iii) Cash set aside to meet or secure the claims of creditors and certain lease payments pursuant to the High Court orders issued in relation to reduction in capital of:

| RM'000 | High Court Order dated | As at 31.12.2008 | As at 31.12.2007 |
|--|---------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Bursa Malaysia Berhad Bursa Malaysia Securities | 27 January 2005 | 9,506 | 10,141 |
| Clearing | 30 August 2007 | - | 738 |
| | | 9,506 | 10,879 |

(iv) An amount of RM5,000,000 (31.12.2007: RM5,000,000) which has been set aside in respect of Bursa Malaysia Derivatives Clearing's appropriation to the DCF.

PART A: EXPLANATORY NOTES PURSUANT TO FRS 134

1. BASIS OF PREPARATION

The interim financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The interim financial statements are audited and have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of FRS 134: Interim Financial Reporting and paragraph 9.22 of the Listing Requirements of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad.

The interim financial statements should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2007. These explanatory notes attached to the interim financial statements provide an explanation of events and transactions that are significant to an understanding of the changes in the financial position and performance of the Group since the year ended 31 December 2007.

2. ADOPTION OF REVISED FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARDS AND INTERPRETATIONS

The significant accounting policies adopted are consistent with those of the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2007 except for the adoption of revised Financial Reporting Standards (FRSs) and Interpretations effective for its financial period beginning on 1 January 2008. These revised FRSs and Interpretations do not have any significant impact on the financial statement of the Group.

At the date of authorisation of these interim financial statements, the following FRSs and Interpretations were issued but not yet effective and have not been applied by the Group:

FRSs and Interpretations Effective for financial periods beginning on or after

| FRS 4 | Insurance Contracts | 1 January 2010 |
|----------------------|--|----------------|
| FRS 7 | Financial Instruments: Disclosures | 1 January 2010 |
| FRS 8 | Operating Segments | 1 July 2009 |
| FRS 139 | Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement | 1 January 2010 |
| IC Interpretation 9 | Reassessment of Embedded Derivatives | 1 January 2010 |
| IC Interpretation 10 | Interim Financial Reporting and Impairment | 1 January 2010 |

The adoption of the above FRSs and Interpretations upon their effective dates are not expected to have any significant impact on the interim financial statements of the Group. The Group is exempted from disclosing the possible impact, if any, to the financial statements upon its initial application of FRS139.

PART A: EXPLANATORY NOTES PURSUANT TO FRS 134

3. COMPARATIVES

The following opening balances have been reclassified following clarification from Malaysian Institute of Certified Public Accountants (MICPA) on employee share options exercised:

| | Previously | Reclassification | After |
|----------------------|------------|------------------|------------------|
| RM'000 | stated | FRS2 | reclassification |
| At 1 January 2007 | | | |
| Share option reserve | 8,269 | (2,718) | 5,551 |
| Share premium | 51,500 | 2,718 | 54,218 |
| At 31 December 2007 | | | |
| Share option reserve | 9,557 | (4,994) | 4,563 |
| Share premium | 60,260 | 4,994 | 65,254 |

The following opening balances have been reclassified to reflect the amount earmarked by Bursa Malaysia Derivatives Clearing for the DCF and CPs contributions to the DCF.

| | Previously | | After |
|--------------------------|------------|------------------|------------------|
| RM'000 | stated | Reclassification | reclassification |
| At 1 January 2007 | | | |
| Clearing fund reserves | 25,000 | 5,000 | 30,000 |
| Retained earnings | 447,515 | (5,000) | 442,515 |
| At 31 December 2007 | | | |
| Trade payables | 524,915 | (21,733) | 503,182 |
| CPs contributions to DCF | - | 21,733 | 21,733 |
| Clearing fund reserves | 25,000 | 5,000 | 30,000 |
| Retained earnings | 405,770 | (5,000) | 400,770 |

PART A: EXPLANATORY NOTES PURSUANT TO FRS 134

4. COMMENTS ABOUT SEASONAL OR CYCLICAL FACTORS

The Group's performance is not affected by any seasonal or cyclical factors but is affected by the level of activities in the securities and derivatives market.

5. UNUSUAL ITEMS DUE TO THEIR NATURE, SIZE OR INCIDENCE

There were no unusual items affecting assets, liabilities, equity, net income, or cash flows during the current quarter and financial year.

6. SIGNIFICANT ESTIMATES AND CHANGES IN ESTIMATES

There were no changes in estimates that have had any material effect on the current quarter and financial year results.

7. DEBT AND EQUITY SECURITIES

There were no issuances, repurchases and repayments of debt and equity securities during the financial year ended 31 December 2008 other than the issuance of 2,237,000 new ordinary shares of RM0.50 each pursuant to the exercise of the ESOS at the following option prices:

| Exercise price | (RM) | 2.06 | 2.28 | 3.41 | 3.78 | 4.86 | 7.96 | 8.82 |
|----------------------|--------|------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|
| No. of shares issued | ('000) | 710 | 1,382 | 4 | 6 | 105 | 6 | 24 |

PART A: EXPLANATORY NOTES PURSUANT TO FRS 134

8. DIVIDENDS PAID

The following dividends were paid during the current and previous year:

| | 31.12.2008 | 31.12.2007 |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|
| Final dividend for the financial year | 2007 | 2006 |
| Approved and declared on | 3 April 2008 | 6 April 2007 |
| Date paid | 30 April 2008 | 7 May 2007 |
| Number of ordinary shares on which | | |
| dividends were paid ('000) | 525,061 | 521,564 |
| Amount per share | 25.0 sen less | 14.0 sen less |
| | 26 per cent taxation | 27 per cent taxation |
| Net dividend paid (RM'000) | 97,136 | 53,304 |
| Interim dividend for the financial year | 2008 | 2007 |
| Approved and declared on | 17 July 2008 | 17 July 2007 |
| Date paid | 13 August 2008 | 10 August 2007 |
| Number of ordinary shares on which | | |
| dividends were paid ('000) | 525,535 | 522,714 |
| Amount per share | 16.5 sen less | 32.0 sen less |
| | 26 per cent taxation | 27 per cent taxation |
| Net dividend paid (RM'000) | 64,168 | 122,106 |
| Special dividend for the financial year | 2008 | 2007 |
| Approved and declared on | - | 11 October 2007 |
| Date paid | - | 7 November 2007 |
| Number of ordinary shares on which dividends were paid ('000) | _ | 523,287 |
| Amount per share | _ | 28.0 sen less |
| Amount por ondio | _ | 27 per cent taxation |
| Net dividend paid (RM'000) | - | 106,960 |

PART A: EXPLANATORY NOTES PURSUANT TO FRS 134

9. OPERATING REVENUE

| | 3 month | s ended | 12 months ended | | |
|---|------------|------------|-----------------|------------|--|
| RM'000 | 31.12.2008 | 31.12.2007 | 31.12.2008 | 31.12.2007 | |
| | | | | | |
| Clearing fees | 20,891 | 49,294 | 111,780 | 256,614 | |
| Equity trade fees | 2,585 | 5,427 | 14,486 | 27,019 | |
| Institutional Settlement Service (ISS) fees | 2,331 | 2,594 | 9,721 | 11,093 | |
| Buying-in commissions | 97 | 308 | 846 | 1,814 | |
| Trading revenue from equity market | 25,904 | 57,623 | 136,833 | 296,540 | |
| Clearing fees | 2,187 | 2,102 | 9,226 | 9,439 | |
| Trade fees | 6,921 | 6,752 | 29,253 | 31,706 | |
| Guarantee / tender fees | 1,174 | 1,023 | 5,079 | 3,531 | |
| Trading revenue from derivatives market | 10,282 | 9,877 | 43,558 | 44,676 | |
| Total trading revenue | 36,186 | 67,500 | 180,391 | 341,216 | |
| Listing fees | 8,367 | 6,946 | 36,318 | 27,082 | |
| Depository services | 4,967 | 6,696 | 25,467 | 28,391 | |
| Information services | 6,392 | 5,099 | 24,822 | 19,776 | |
| Broker services | 3,361 | 3,801 | 13,611 | 15,043 | |
| Participants' fees | 712 | 780 | 2,979 | 3,639 | |
| Total stable revenue | 23,799 | 23,322 | 103,197 | 93,931 | |
| Other operating income | 1,165 | 2,022 | 6,719 | 8,254 | |
| Total operating revenue | 61,150 | 92,844 | 290,307 | 443,401 | |

PART A: EXPLANATORY NOTES PURSUANT TO FRS 134

10. OTHER INCOME

| | 3 month | s ended | 12 months ended | | |
|---|-----------------------|---------|-----------------|------------|--|
| RM'000 | 31.12.2008 31.12.2007 | | 31.12.2008 | 31.12.2007 | |
| | 400 | 50 | 0.700 | 0.004 | |
| Conference fees and exhibition related income | 128 | 56 | 3,786 | 3,304 | |
| Fines income | 606 | 689 | 1,152 | 2,014 | |
| Interest income | 7,069 | 7,608 | 28,859 | 32,678 | |
| Net (loss) / gain on disposal of investments | (59) | - | 161 | 5,392 | |
| Net gain on disposal of property, plant and | | | | | |
| equipment | - | - | 34 | - | |
| Rental income | 1,273 | 713 | 4,638 | 1,582 | |
| Miscellaneous income | 947 | 1,295 | 2,738 | 3,597 | |
| | 9,964 | 10,361 | 41,368 | 48,567 | |

11. OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES

| | 3 month | s ended | 12 months ended | | |
|--|------------|------------|-----------------|------------|--|
| RM'000 | 31.12.2008 | 31.12.2007 | 31.12.2008 | 31.12.2007 | |
| | | | | | |
| Market development and promotions | 6,676 | 6,217 | 17,629 | 18,119 | |
| Information technology (IT) upkeep and | | | | | |
| maintenance | 4,237 | 1,916 | 15,274 | 13,421 | |
| Professional fees | 3,127 | 5,225 | 11,559 | 7,170 | |
| Administrative expenses | 2,889 | 347 | 9,988 | 6,675 | |
| Building management costs | 2,958 | 2,387 | 10,348 | 9,359 | |
| CDS consumables | 453 | 851 | 2,527 | 2,964 | |
| Conference and exhibition related expenses | 80 | 26 | 3,526 | 2,628 | |
| Net (reversal) / impairment loss on | | | | | |
| investments | (1,066) | 1,846 | 2,597 | 4,535 | |
| Miscellaneous expenses | 1,304 | 2,402 | 5,689 | 8,042 | |
| • | 20,658 | 21,217 | 79,137 | 72,913 | |

12. SEGMENTAL INFORMATION

Segmental information is provided in two formats, one based on market segments and the other based on business segments. Expenses, assets and liabilities which are common and cannot be meaningfully allocated to the segments are presented under unallocated expenses, assets and liabilities, respectively.

PART A: EXPLANATORY NOTES PURSUANT TO FRS 134

12. SEGMENTAL INFORMATION (CONTD.)

(a) Market Segments

| | Cash | Derivatives | Offshore | Information | Exchange | | | |
|----------------------------|----------|-------------|----------|-------------|----------|--------|-------------|--------------|
| RM'000 | market | market | market | services | holding | Others | Elimination | Consolidated |
| | | | | | | | | |
| RESULTS FOR 3 MONTHS | | | | | | | | |
| ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2008 | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| External operating revenue | 44,169 | 10,546 | 70 | 6,183 | - | 182 | - | 61,150 |
| Inter-segment revenue | 148 | - | - | 240 | 58,402 | - | (58,790) | |
| Total operating revenue | 44,317 | 10,546 | 70 | 6,423 | 58,402 | 182 | (58,790) | 61,150 |
| Other income | 2,670 | 3,214 | 31 | 35 | 3,571 | 443 | - | 9,964 |
| | 46,987 | 13,760 | 101 | 6,458 | 61,973 | 625 | (58,790) | 71,114 |
| Operating expenses | (33,773) | (6,693) | (141) | (3,288) | (45,372) | (434) | 43,202 | (46,499) |
| Segment results | 13,214 | 7,067 | (40) | 3,170 | 16,601 | 191 | (15,588) | 24,615 |
| Segment margins | 28% | 51% | -40% | 49% | | | | |
| Corporate expenses | | | | | | | | (1,321) |
| Finance costs | | | | | | | | (158) |
| Profit before tax | | | | | | | | 23,136 |

PART A: EXPLANATORY NOTES PURSUANT TO FRS 134

12. SEGMENTAL INFORMATION (CONTD.)

(a) Market Segments (Contd.)

| | Cash | Derivatives | Offshore | Information | Exchange | | | |
|----------------------------|----------|-------------|----------|-------------|----------|--------|-------------|--------------|
| RM'000 | market | market | market | services | holding | Others | Elimination | Consolidated |
| | | | | | | | | |
| RESULTS FOR 3 MONTHS | | | | | | | | |
| ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2007 | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| External operating revenue | 77,707 | 10,132 | 67 | 4,938 | - | - | - | 92,844 |
| Inter-segment revenue | 146 | - | - | 241 | 285,297 | - | (285,684) | - |
| Total operating revenue | 77,853 | 10,132 | 67 | 5,179 | 285,297 | - | (285,684) | 92,844 |
| Other income | 4,019 | 2,428 | 69 | 35 | 3,467 | 504 | (161) | 10,361 |
| | 81,872 | 12,560 | 136 | 5,214 | 288,764 | 504 | (285,845) | 103,205 |
| Operating expenses | (33,160) | (7,821) | (98) | (3,305) | (41,399) | 1 | 41,473 | (44,309) |
| Segment results | 48,712 | 4,739 | 38 | 1,909 | 247,365 | 505 | (244,372) | 58,896 |
| Segment margins | 59% | 38 % | 28% | 37% | | | | |
| Corporate expenses | | | | | | | | (1,383) |
| Finance costs | | | | | | | | (160) |
| Profit before tax | | | | | | | | 57,353 |

PART A: EXPLANATORY NOTES PURSUANT TO FRS 134

12. SEGMENTAL INFORMATION (CONTD.)

(a) Market Segments (Contd.)

| | Cash | Derivatives | Offshore | Information | Exchange | | | |
|----------------------------|-----------|--------------------|----------|-------------|-----------|---------|-------------|--------------|
| RM'000 | market | market | market | services | holding | Others | Elimination | Consolidated |
| | | | | | | | | |
| RESULTS FOR 12 MONTHS | | | | | | | | |
| ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2008 | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| External operating revenue | 220,815 | 44,505 | 307 | 24,204 | - | 476 | - | 290,307 |
| Inter-segment revenue | 639 | - | - | 969 | 388,186 | - | (389,794) | |
| Total operating revenue | 221,454 | 44,505 | 307 | 25,173 | 388,186 | 476 | (389,794) | 290,307 |
| Other income | 10,716 | 11,261 | 134 | 127 | 17,928 | 1,160 | 42 | 41,368 |
| | 232,170 | 55,766 | 441 | 25,300 | 406,114 | 1,636 | (389,752) | 331,675 |
| Operating expenses | (130,844) | (28,517) | (634) | (12,783) | (173,067) | (1,345) | 166,831 | (180,359) |
| Segment results | 101,326 | 27,249 | (193) | 12,517 | 233,047 | 291 | (222,921) | 151,316 |
| Segment margins | 44% | 49% | -44% | 49% | | | | |
| Corporate expenses | | | | | | | | (5,054) |
| Finance costs | | | | | | | | (635) |
| Profit before tax | | | | | | | | 145,627 |

PART A: EXPLANATORY NOTES PURSUANT TO FRS 134

12. SEGMENTAL INFORMATION (CONTD.)

(a) Market Segments (Contd.)

| | Cash | Derivatives | Offshore | Information | Exchange | | | |
|----------------------------|-----------|-------------|----------|-------------|-----------|--------|-------------|--------------|
| RM'000 | market | market | market | services | holding | Others | Elimination | Consolidated |
| | | | | | | | | |
| RESULTS FOR 12 MONTHS | | | | | | | | |
| ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2007 | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| External operating revenue | 378,249 | 45,558 | 308 | 19,286 | - | - | - | 443,401 |
| Inter-segment revenue | 684 | - | - | 951 | 557,617 | - | (559,252) | |
| Total operating revenue | 378,933 | 45,558 | 308 | 20,237 | 557,617 | - | (559,252) | 443,401 |
| Other income | 16,662 | 10,242 | 305 | 172 | 20,736 | 524 | (74) | 48,567 |
| | 395,595 | 55,800 | 613 | 20,409 | 578,353 | 524 | (559,326) | 491,968 |
| Operating expenses | (124,764) | (28,209) | (512) | (12,934) | (157,765) | - | 156,077 | (168,107) |
| Segment results | 270,831 | 27,591 | 101 | 7,475 | 420,588 | 524 | (403,249) | 323,861 |
| Segment margins | 68% | 49% | 16% | 37% | | | | |
| Corporate expenses | | | | | | | | (4,237) |
| Finance costs | | | | | | | | (644) |
| Profit before tax | | | | | | _ | | 318,980 |

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12. SEGMENTAL INFORMATION (CONTD.)

(a) Market Segments (Contd.)

| RM'000 | Cash market | Derivatives market | Offshore market | Information services | Exchange holding | Others | Elimination | Consolidated |
|---|----------------|-----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|------------------|--------|-------------|------------------------------|
| ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2008 | | | | | | | | |
| Segment assets Corporate assets | 275,392 | 944,042 | 6,749 | 8,865 | 431,227 | 19,762 | - | 1,686,037 43,827 |
| Total assets | | | | | | | | 1,729,864 |
| Segment liabilities Corporate liabilities Total liabilities | 32,228 | 839,943 | 227 | 2,346 | 101,256 | 4 | - | 976,004 21,605 997,609 |

Notes

- (i) Included in segment assets of the cash market are cash and accrued interest belonging to TCPs of Bursa Malaysia Securities Clearing in respect of SBL collaterals and CGF contributions amounting to RM25,468,000. The corresponding liability is included in segment liabilities of the cash market.
- (ii) Included in segment assets of the derivatives market are cash and accrued interest belonging to CPs of Bursa Malaysia Derivatives Clearing in respect of security deposits, cash margins and DCF contributions amounting to RM836,032,000. The corresponding liability is included in segment liabilities of the derivatives market.

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12. SEGMENTAL INFORMATION (CONTD.)

(b) Business Units

| | | and | Information | Exchange | | | |
|--|-----------|-------------------|--------------|-------------|--------|---------------|--------------|
| RM'000 | Exchanges | and depository | services | holding | Others | Elimination | Consolidated |
| RESULTS FOR 3 MONTHS ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2008 | | | | | | | |
| External operating revenue Inter-segment revenue | 34,788 | 20,179 15 | 6,183 240 | - 58,402 | - | - (58,657) | 61,150 - |
| Total operating revenue | 34,788 | 20,194 | 6,423 | 58,402 | - | (58,657) | 61,150 |
| Other income | 1,995 | 4,227 | 35 | 3,571 | 136 | - | 9,964 |
| | 36,783 | 24,421 | 6,458 | 61,973 | 136 | (58,657) | 71,114 |
| Operating expenses | (25,954) | (14,954) | (3,288) | (45,372) | - | 43,069 | (46,499) |
| Segment results | 10,829 | 9,467 | 3,170 | 16,601 | 136 | (15,588) | 24,615 |
| Segment margins | 29% | 39% | 49% | | | | |
| Corporate expenses | | | | | | | (1,321) |
| Finance costs | | | | | | | (158) |
| Profit before tax | | | | | | • | 23,136 |

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12. SEGMENTAL INFORMATION (CONTD.)

(b) Business Units (Contd.)

| | | and | Information | Evolongo | | | |
|--|-------------|-------------------|----------------------|---------------------|--------|----------------|--------------|
| RM'000 | Exchanges | and depository | Information services | Exchange holding | Others | Elimination | Consolidated |
| RESULTS FOR 3 MONTHS ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2007 | | | | | | | |
| External operating revenue Inter-segment revenue | 52,732 - | 35,174 8 | 4,938 241 | - 285,297 | - | - (285,546) | 92,844 |
| Total operating revenue | 52,732 | 35,182 | 5,179 | 285,297 | - | (285,546) | 92,844 |
| Other income | 2,472 | 4,044 | 35 | 3,467 | 504 | (161) | 10,361 |
| | 55,204 | 39,226 | 5,214 | 288,764 | 504 | (285,707) | 103,205 |
| Operating expenses | (25,051) | (16,028) | (3,305) | (41,399) | 1 | 41,473 | (44,309) |
| Segment results | 30,153 | 23,198 | 1,909 | 247,365 | 505 | (244,234) | 58,896 |
| Segment margins | <i>55%</i> | 59% | 37% | | | | |
| Corporate expenses | | | | | | | (1,383) |
| Finance costs | | | | | | | (160) |
| Profit before tax | | | | | | | 57,353 |

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12. SEGMENTAL INFORMATION (CONTD.)

(b) Business Units (Contd.)

| | | Settlement | | | | | |
|---|-----------|------------|-------------|-----------|--------|-------------|--------------|
| | | and | Information | Exchange | | | |
| RM'000 | Exchanges | depository | services | holding | Others | Elimination | Consolidated |
| | | | | | | | |
| RESULTS FOR 12 MONTHS ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2008 | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| External operating revenue | 165,157 | 100,946 | 24,204 | - | - | - | 290,307 |
| Inter-segment revenue | - | 55 | 969 | 388,186 | - | (389,210) | - |
| Total operating revenue | 165,157 | 101,001 | 25,173 | 388,186 | - | (389,210) | 290,307 |
| Other income | 6,792 | 16,343 | 127 | 17,928 | 136 | 42 | 41,368 |
| | 171,949 | 117,344 | 25,300 | 406,114 | 136 | (389,168) | 331,675 |
| Operating expenses | (99,308) | (61,448) | (12,783) | (173,067) | - | 166,247 | (180,359) |
| Segment results | 72,641 | 55,896 | 12,517 | 233,047 | 136 | (222,921) | 151,316 |
| Segment margins | 42% | 48% | 49% | | | | |
| Corporate expenses | | | | | | | (5,054) |
| Finance costs | | | | | | | (635) |
| Profit before tax | | | • | | | | 145,627 |

PART A: EXPLANATORY NOTES PURSUANT TO FRS 134

12. SEGMENTAL INFORMATION (CONTD.)

(b) Business Units (Contd.)

| | | settiement | | | | | |
|----------------------------|-----------|------------|-------------|-----------|--------|-------------|--------------|
| | | and | Information | Exchange | | | |
| RM'000 | Exchanges | depository | services | holding | Others | Elimination | Consolidated |
| | | | | | | | |
| RESULTS FOR 12 MONTHS | | | | | | | |
| ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2007 | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| External operating revenue | 255,030 | 169,085 | 19,286 | - | - | - | 443,401 |
| Inter-segment revenue | 15 | 38 | 951 | 557,617 | - | (558,621) | |
| Total operating revenue | 255,045 | 169,123 | 20,237 | 557,617 | - | (558,621) | 443,401 |
| Other income | 8,724 | 18,485 | 172 | 20,736 | 524 | (74) | 48,567 |
| | 263,769 | 187,608 | 20,409 | 578,353 | 524 | (558,695) | 491,968 |
| Operating expenses | (92,236) | (61,249) | (12,934) | (157,765) | - | 156,077 | (168,107) |
| Segment results | 171,533 | 126,359 | 7,475 | 420,588 | 524 | (402,618) | 323,861 |
| Segment margins | 65% | 67% | 37% | | | | |
| Corporate expenses | | | | | | | (4,237) |
| Finance costs | | | | | | | (644) |
| Profit before tax | | • | | | | | 318,980 |

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12. SEGMENTAL INFORMATION (CONTD.)

(b) Business Units (Contd.)

Clearing, settlement

| Exchanges | | Information services | Exchange holding | Others | Elimination | Consolidated |
|-----------|-----------|---|-------------------------|---|--|--|
| | | | | | | |
| 213,762 | 1,026,215 | 8,865 | 431,227 | 5,968 | - | 1,686,037 43,827 |
| | | | | | | 1,729,864 |
| 2,175 | 870,223 | 2,346 | 101,256 | 4 | - | 976,004 21,605 997,609 |
| | 213,762 | and Exchanges depository 213,762 1,026,215 | 213,762 1,026,215 8,865 | and Information Exchange holding 213,762 1,026,215 8,865 431,227 | and Information Exchange holding Others 213,762 1,026,215 8,865 431,227 5,968 | and Information Exchange holding Others Elimination 213,762 1,026,215 8,865 431,227 5,968 - |

Note

Included in segment assets of the clearing, settlement and depository unit are cash and accrued interest belonging to CPs of Bursa Malaysia Derivatives Clearing in respect of security deposits, cash margins and DCF contributions and TCPs of Bursa Malaysia Securities Clearing in respect of SBL collaterals and CGF contributions amounting to RM861,500,000. The corresponding liability is included in segment liabilities of the clearing, settlement and depository market.

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13. DEFERRED INCOME

| RM'000 | |
|---|---------|
| At 1 January 2008 | 2,477 |
| Grant received | 9,872 |
| Grants utilised | (1,050) |
| Overrecognition of grant income in prior year | 318 |
| At 31 December 2008 | 11,617 |

The deferred income of the Group refer to grants for the bond trading and derivatives clearing systems.

14. FINANCIAL RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR USE

| | As at |
|---|------------|
| RM'000 | 31.12.2008 |
| Gross financial resources* | 1,264,362 |
| Cash collected for security deposits and margins, | |
| SBL collaterals and CGF contributions | (860,539) |
| Financial resources available for use | 403,823 |

^{*} Gross financial resources of the Group comprise of cash and bank balances and investments.

15. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

Significant transactions between the Group and related parties are as follows:

| | 3 month | s ended | 12 months ended | |
|---|------------|------------|-----------------|------------|
| RM'000 | 31.12.2008 | 31.12.2007 | 31.12.2008 | 31.12.2007 |
| Administration fee income from Securities Compensation Fund, a fund managed by Bursa Malaysia Berhad Administration fee income from Derivatives Fidelity Fund, a fund managed by Bursa Malaysia Derivatives | 214 | 208 | 848 | 820 |
| Berhad | 30 | 30 | 120 | 120 |

The Directors are of the opinion that the above transactions have been established on terms and conditions that are not materially different from those obtainable in transactions with unrelated parties.

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16. DCF

Pursuant to the Rules of Bursa Malaysia Derivatives Clearing, Bursa Malaysia Derivatives Clearing set up a DCF for derivatives clearing and settlement. The DCF comprises contributions from CPs and designation of certain amounts from Bursa Malaysia Derivatives Clearing's retained earnings.

As at the balance sheet date, the DCF composition was as follows:

| RM'000 | As at 31.12.2008 |
|---|------------------|
| Bursa Malaysia Derivatives Clearing - reserves | 5,000 |
| Contribution from CPs of Bursa Malaysia Derivatives Clearing, including accrued | , |
| interest, in the form of cash (recognised as liability on the balance sheet) | 23,733 |
| | 28,733 |

There were no non-cash collaterals from CPs of Bursa Malaysia Derivatives Clearing for DCF held by the Group as at 31 December 2008.

17. TRADE PAYABLES

| | As at |
|--|------------|
| RM'000 | 31.12.2008 |
| Trade margins from Clearing Participants of Bursa Malaysia | |
| Derivatives Clearing, including accrued interest: | |
| Margin and excess cash on derivatives contracts | 801,620 |
| Security deposits | 10,679 |
| Total trade margins* | 812,299 |
| SBL collaterals from TCPs of Bursa Malaysia Securities Clearing: | |
| Cash collaterals | 15,456 |
| Total trade payables | 827,755 |

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17. TRADE PAYABLES (CONTD.)

* The margins per contract for the actively traded derivatives products are as follows:

| | As at | As at |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| RM | 31.12.2008 | 31.12.2007 |
| Crude Palm Oil Futures (FCPO) | 7,250 - 7,500 | 5,500 - 5,750 |
| Kuala Lumpur Index Futures (FKLI) | 4,000 | 5,000 |

The amount of non-cash trade margins held by the Group not included in the balance sheet as at 31 December 2008 comprise letters of credit amounting to RM407,144,000 from CPs of Bursa Malaysia Derivatives Clearing.

There were no non-cash SBL collaterals from TCPs of Bursa Malaysia Securities Clearing held by the Group as at 31 December 2008.

18. TCPS' CONTRIBUTIONS TO CGF

| | As at | | |
|--|------------|--|--|
| RM'000 | 31.12.2008 | | |
| Contributions from TCPs of Bursa Malaysia Securities Clearing, | | | |
| including accrued interest, are in the form of: | | | |
| Cash | 10,012 | | |
| Bank guarantees | 6,364 | | |
| | 16,376 | | |

19. CHANGES IN COMPOSITION OF THE GROUP

There were no changes in the composition of the Group during the current guarter and financial year.

20. CHANGES IN CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AND CONTINGENT ASSETS

There were no changes in contingent liabilities or contingent assets since the last annual balance sheet date.

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21. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

Capital commitments for the purchase of property, plant and equipment and computer software not provided for in the interim financial statements as at the balance sheet date were as follows:

| | Approved | Approved | |
|----------------------------------|------------|------------|--|
| | and | but not | |
| | contracted | contracted | |
| RM'000 | for | for | |
| | | | |
| Computers and office automation | 15,522 | 17,942 | |
| Renovations and office equipment | 583 | - | |
| | 16,105 | 17,942 | |

22. OPERATING LEASE ARRANGEMENTS

(a) As Lessee

Following the implementation of FRS 117, leasehold land and the corresponding liability arising from lease arrangements with remaining lease periods of 84 and 87 years each have been removed from the balance sheet. The future aggregate minimum lease payments under operating leases contracted for as at balance sheet date but not recognised as liabilities were as follows:

| | As at |
|---|------------|
| RM'000 | 31.12.2008 |
| | |
| Not later than 1 year | 539 |
| Later than 1 year and not later than 2 years | 539 |
| Later than 2 years and not later than 5 years | 1,616 |
| Later than 5 years | 42,409 |
| Total future minimum lease payments | 45,103 |

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22. OPERATING LEASE ARRANGEMENTS (CONTD.)

(b) As Lessor

During the year, the Company entered into additional non-cancellable operating lease agreements for the rental of parts of the building. The leases have lives of 3 years with renewal option of another 3 years. The leases have a fixed rental rate during the original lease period with an upward revision to the rental rate for the renewed lease period.

The future aggregate minimum lease payments receivable under non-cancellable operating leases contracted for as at balance sheet date but not recognised as receivables are as follows:

| | As at |
|---|------------|
| RM'000 | 31.12.2008 |
| | |
| Not later than 1 year | 4,904 |
| Later than 1 year and not later than 2 years | 4,656 |
| Later than 2 years and not later than 5 years | 6,436 |
| Total future minimum lease receivables | 15,996 |

23. SUBSEQUENT EVENT

There was no material event subsequent to the end of the current quarter.

PART B: EXPLANATORY NOTES PURSUANT TO APPENDIX 9B OF THE LISTING REQUIREMENTS OF BURSA MALAYSIA SECURITIES BERHAD

24. PERFORMANCE REVIEW

(a) Current quarter compared with previous corresponding quarter

The Group recorded a **profit attributable to equity holders of the Company** of RM13.5 million for the quarter ended 31 December 2008 (4Q08), 73 per cent lower compared to the profit of RM49.5 million for the quarter ended 31 December 2007 (4Q07). This was mainly attributed to a decrease in trading revenue from the equity market as a result of the widening global recession and volatility of our domestic equity market.

The on-market trades (OMT) on the **equity market** recorded a velocity of 32 per cent (4Q07: 41 per cent) and a daily average trading value for OMT and direct business trades (DBT) of RM0.91 billion (4Q07: RM1.89 billion). The poorer market performance and the revised clearing fee structure effective 1 January 2008 resulted in a decrease in equity trading revenue of 55 per cent to RM25.9 million in 4Q08 compared to 4Q07.

The total number of contracts traded on the **derivatives market** increased by 77,000 contracts to 1.45 million contracts in 4Q08, resulting in an increase in trading revenue from the derivatives market by 4 per cent to RM10.3 million in 4Q08 compared to 4Q07.

The marginal growth in **stable revenue** by 2 per cent to RM23.8 million in 4Q08 compared to 4Q07 was primarily due to higher listing fees following the full charge of listing fees in the current year (a 50 per cent rebate on the increase in fees was given in 2007) and a higher market capitalisation of RM1.11 trillion as at 31 December 2007 compared to RM0.85 trillion as at 31 December 2006. The increase was also due to higher information services fees following the change in fee structure in October 2007. These increases were partially offset by a reduction in the number of requests for depositor records and lower additional and public issues.

Other income decreased by 4 per cent to RM10.0 million in 4Q08 compared to 4Q07 mainly due to lower interest income as a result of a lower level of funds available for investment and lower returns on investments. This was partially offset by higher rental income due to additional floors being tenanted.

Total expenses increased by 5 per cent to RM47.8 million in 4Q08 compared to 4Q07. This was mainly due to higher depreciation and amortisation for Bursa Trade Securities (BTS), Electronic Trading Platform (ETP) and various newly acquired or implemented IT systems. The increase was also attributed to reversals of overaccrued IT maintenance cost relating to Bursa Trade and leased line charges in 4Q07. The upward revision in electricity tariffs and new information subscribed to during the year also contributed to the increase. These increases were partially offset by lower impairment of investments in private debt securities and lower professional fees in the current quarter.

PART B: EXPLANATORY NOTES PURSUANT TO APPENDIX 9B OF THE LISTING REQUIREMENTS OF BURSA MALAYSIA SECURITIES BERHAD

24. PERFORMANCE REVIEW (CONTD.)

(b) Current financial year compared with previous corresponding financial year

The Group recorded a **profit attributable to equity holders of the Company** of RM104.4 million for the financial year ended 31 December 2008 (FY08), 57 per cent lower compared to the profit of RM240.6 million for the financial year ended 31 December 2007 (FY07). This was mainly attributed to the shrinking trading volumes and lower activity on the equity market.

The **equity market** recorded a velocity for OMT of 34 per cent (FY07: 53 per cent) and a daily average trading value for OMT and DBT of RM1.28 billion (FY07: RM2.35 billion). The poorer market performance and the revision in the clearing fee structure from 1 January 2008 resulted in a decrease in equity trading revenue of 54 per cent to RM136.8 million in FY08 compared to FY07.

The **derivatives market** recorded a decrease in the total number of contracts traded to 6.12 million contracts in FY08 from 6.20 million contracts in FY07, resulting in a decline in trading revenue from the derivatives market by 3 per cent to RM43.6 million in FY08 compared to FY07.

The growth in **stable revenue** by 10 per cent to RM103.2 million in FY08 compared to FY07 was primarily due to higher listing and information services fees. These increases were partially offset by reductions in additional issues, number of share transfers and number of requests for depositor records.

Other income decreased by 15 per cent to RM41.4 million in FY08 compared to FY07 mainly due to lower investment and fines income. These decreases were offset by higher rental income due to additional floors of the Exchange Building being tenanted.

Total expenses increased by 8 per cent to RM185.4 million in FY08 compared to FY07. This was mainly due to higher depreciation and amortisation following the implementation of new IT systems, reversals of overaccrued IT maintenance cost relating to Bursa Trade and leased line charges in 2007, higher professional fees and higher electricity tariffs in 2008. These increases were partially offset by a lower impairment of investments in private debt securities and a significant reduction in general provisions.

PART B: EXPLANATORY NOTES PURSUANT TO APPENDIX 9B OF THE LISTING REQUIREMENTS OF BURSA MALAYSIA SECURITIES BERHAD

25. MATERIAL CHANGE IN PROFIT BEFORE TAX OF CURRENT QUARTER COMPARED WITH PRECEDING QUARTER

The Group recorded a lower **profit before tax** of RM23.1 million for 4Q08 compared to RM26.2 million for the quarter ended 30 September 2008 (3Q08), representing a decrease of RM3 million or 12 per cent.

Trading revenue from the **equity market** decreased marginally by 1 per cent to RM25.9 million in 4Q08 compared to RM26.1 million in 3Q08 mainly due to lower market turnover as the global financial crisis widened.

Trading revenue from the **derivatives market** decreased by 9 per cent to RM10.3 million in 4Q08 compared to RM11.3 million in 3Q08. This was due to the 9 per cent decrease in total number of contracts traded to 1.45 million in 4Q08 from 1.59 million in 3Q08.

Stable revenue decreased by 8 per cent to RM23.8 million in 4Q08 compared to RM25.9 million in 3Q08 mainly due to reduction in the number of requests for depositor records, share transfers, new depositor accounts and additional issues.

Other income increased by 11 per cent to RM10.0 million in 4Q08 compared to RM8.9 million in 3Q08 primarily due to higher fines income and recognition of grant income.

Total expenses increased marginally by 1 per cent to RM47.8 million in 4Q08 compared to RM47.3 million in 3Q08. The increase was mainly due to higher depreciation and amortisation following the implementation of Bursa Trade Securities system in December 2008. This was partially offset by lower staff costs in the current quarter.

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26. COMMENTARY ON PROSPECTS AND TARGETS

The outlook for the Group's business depends on the performance of the equities and derivatives markets which continue to be challenged by the ongoing global financial crisis and economic recession. We are however positive that the government's stimulus measures would, to some extent, mitigate the adverse impact of the global economic recession on the domestic economy.

On the derivatives front, we continue to see our FCPO and FKLI products as key revenue drivers. We expect the volume for these two products to remain broadly similar to 2008 as the uncertainty surrounding oil prices is expected to continue while the equity market is expected to remain cautious. The volume for FCPO could however be boosted by the drive by Malaysian and Indonesian governments to increase the demand for CPO. We also remain optimistic that the volume brought in via the Direct Market Access channel for derivatives will continue to grow this year.

Amidst the challenges and uncertainties facing the global and local scenes, we remain focused in our efforts to make the Malaysian equity and derivatives markets attractive. Emphasis would also be placed on growing the Islamic capital market and developing a commodities niche in the region. We will continue to place importance on good corporate governance and work towards a dynamic and relevant regulatory framework for the capital market. We will work towards building a quality market through the streamlining of boards and bring our capital market to international acceptance through collaboration with FTSE for the creation of a globally recognised index. We will also continue to seek opportunities for strategic alliances or business collaborations in order to internationalise our capital market. Other on-going initiatives include enhancing our IT infrastructure, market education and product proliferation.

Thus, while we reinforce our commitment to a cost discipline culture in 2009, we will continue to invest in the above efforts which we believe will deliver long term growth and value.

Being rather optimistic at the start of 2008, we announced a target velocity of 56% and a 50% growth in derivatives contracts. We however ended 2008 with the equity market seeing an average velocity of only 34%, while the number of derivatives contracts declined by 1%.

The Board of Directors are of the opinion that the developments in the global financial economy will continue to impact our market performance and thus expect that the downward pressure on our financial results will continue in 2009.

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27. INCOME TAX EXPENSE

| | 3 months ended | | 12 months ended | |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|------------|-----------------|------------|
| RM'000 | 31.12.2008 | 31.12.2007 | 31.12.2008 | 31.12.2007 |
| | | | | |
| Income tax | | | | |
| Current tax | (593) | 17,515 | 27,150 | 87,050 |
| Under/(over) provision of income tax | | | | |
| in prior year | 38 | - | (816) | 191 |
| | (555) | 17,515 | 26,334 | 87,241 |
| Deferred tax | | | | |
| Relating to origination and reversal | | | | |
| of temporary differences | 10,084 | (9,647) | 14,791 | (9,508) |
| Relating to changes in tax rates | (217) | (758) | (217) | (132) |
| Underprovision of deferred | | | | |
| tax in prior years | 299 | 754 | 299 | 754 |
| | 10,166 | (9,651) | 14,873 | (8,886) |
| | 9,611 | 7,864 | 41,207 | 78,355 |

The statutory tax rate was reduced to 26 per cent from the previous year's rate of 27 per cent effective in the current year of assessment (YA). The statutory tax rate will be reduced to 25 per cent effective YA 2009 and remains as 25% in subsequent years. The computation of deferred tax has reflected these changes.

The effective tax rate of the Group for the current quarter and financial year was higher than the statutory tax rate of the current year principally due to certain expenses incurred throughout the year which were not deductible for tax purposes.

The effective tax rate of the Group for the previous corresponding quarter and financial year was lower than the statutory tax rate of the previous corresponding year principally due to the recognition of brought forward unutilised capital allowances and brought forward unabsorbed business losses of a profit-making subsidiary as deferred tax assets following the confirmation by the Ministry of Finance that there would be no extension to the tax exemption enjoyed by the subsidiary which expired at the end of year of assessment 2006.

28. SALE OF UNQUOTED SECURITIES AND PROPERTIES

The net gain/loss on disposal of unquoted securities for the current quarter and financial year is disclosed in Note 10.

There was no sale of properties since the last annual balance sheet date.

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29. QUOTED SECURITIES

The Group does not invest in quoted securities.

30. CORPORATE PROPOSALS

There were no corporate proposals announced but not completed as at the reporting date.

31. BORROWINGS AND DEBT SECURITIES

As at the reporting date, the Group had short term borrowings of RM220,000 and had not issued any debt securities.

32. OFF BALANCE SHEET FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

There were no off balance sheet financial instruments as at the reporting date.

33. CHANGES IN MATERIAL LITIGATION

There was no material litigation against the Group as at the reporting date.

34. PROPOSED DIVIDEND

At the forthcoming Annual General Meeting, a final dividend in respect of the financial year ended 31 December 2008, of 7.8 sen per share less 25 per cent taxation on 525,886,000 ordinary shares, amounting to a dividend payable of approximately RM30,764,000 will be proposed for shareholders' approval.

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35. EARNINGS PER SHARE (EPS)

(a) Basic EPS

| | 3 months ended | | 12 months ended | |
|---|----------------|------------|-----------------|------------|
| | 31.12.2008 | 31.12.2007 | 31.12.2008 | 31.12.2007 |
| Profit attributable to equity holders of the Company (RM'000) | 13,525 | 49,489 | 104,420 | 240,625 |
| Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue ('000) | 525,779 | 523,405 | 525,005 | 521,847 |
| Basic EPS (sen) | 2.6 | 9.5 | 19.9 | 46.1 |

(b) Diluted EPS

| | 3 months ended | | 12 months ended | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|------------|-----------------|------------|
| | 31.12.2008 | 31.12.2007 | 31.12.2008 | 31.12.2007 |
| Profit attributable to equity holders | | | | |
| of the Company (RM'000) | 13,525 | 49,489 | 104,420 | 240,625 |
| Weighted average number of | | | | |
| ordinary shares in issue ('000) | 525,779 | 523,405 | 525,005 | 521,847 |
| Effect of dilution ('000) | 31,480 | 28,261 | 25,335 | 28,255 |
| Adjusted weighted average number | | | | _ |
| of ordinary shares in issue | | | | |
| and issuable ('000) | 557,259 | 551,666 | 550,340 | 550,102 |
| | | | | |
| Diluted EPS (sen) | 2.4 | 9.0 | 19.0 | 43.7 |

36. AUDITORS' REPORT ON PRECEDING ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The auditors' report on the financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2007 was unqualified.

37. AUTHORISED FOR ISSUE

The interim financial statements were authorised for issue by the Board of Directors in accordance with a resolution of the Directors on 4 February 2009.