

BOARDROOM LIMITED

Half Year Financial Statement And Dividend Announcement

Half-year financial statement on consolidated results for the six months ended 31 December 2001
These figures have not been audited.

		Group			Company		
		S\$'000	%	S\$'000	%		
		Latest half year	Previous half year	Change	Latest half year	Previous half year	Change
1.(a)	Turnover	9,271	8,617	7.6	0	0	0
1.(b)	Investment income	0	0	0	5,200	5,500	-5.5
1.(c)	Other income including interest income	200	132	51.5	1,213	1,032	17.5
2.(a)	Operating profit before income tax, minority interests, extraordinary items, interest on borrowings, depreciation and amortisation, foreign exchange gain/(loss) and exceptional items	3,063	3,262	-6.1	5,283	5,593	-5.5
2.(b)(i)	Interest on borrowings	0	0	0	0	0	0
2.(b)(ii)	Depreciation and amortisation	189	181	4.4	3	0	NM
2.(b)(iii)	Foreign exchange gain/(loss)	0	0	0	0	0	0
2.(c)	Exceptional items	0	0	0	0	0	0
2.(d)	Operating profit before income tax, minority interests and extraordinary items but after interest on borrowings, depreciation and amortisation, foreign exchange gain/(loss) and exceptional items	2,874	3,081	-6.7	5,280	5,593	-5.6

		Group			Company		
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		Latest half year	Previous half year	Change	Latest half year	Previous half year	Change
2.(e)	Income derived from associated companies	0	0	0	0	0	0
2.(f)	Less Income tax	575	721	-20.2	1,294	1,434	-9.8
2.(g)(i)	Operating profit after tax before deducting minority interests	2,299	2,360	-2.6	3,986	4,159	-4.2
2.(g)(ii)	Less minority interests	0	0	0	0	0	0
2.(h)	Operating profit after tax attributable to members of the company	2,299	2,360	-2.6	3,986	4,159	-4.2
2.(i)(i)	Extraordinary items	0	0	0	0	0	0
2.(i)(ii)	Less minority interests	0	0	0	0	0	0
2.(i)(iii)	Extraordinary items attributable to members of the company	0	0	0	0	0	0
2.(i)(iv)	Transfer to/from Exchange Reserve	0	0	0	0	0	0
2.(i)(v)	Transfer to Capital Reserve	0	0	0	0	0	0
2.(i)(vi)	Transfer to Reserve Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
2.(j)	Operating profit after tax and extraordinary items attributable to members of the company	2,299	2,360	-2.6	3,986	4,159	-4.2

Note:

- The effective tax rate for the six months ended 31 December 2001 for the Group is lower than the statutory tax rate due to the write-back of overprovision of tax in respect of the prior year.

Group Figures

		Latest half year	Previous half year
3.(a)	Earnings per share based on 2(h) above after deducting any provision for preference dividends:-		
	(i) Based on existing issued share capital	1.70 cents	2.11 cents

	(ii) On a fully diluted basis	1.70 cents	2.03 cents
3.(b)	Earnings per share based on 2(j) above:-		
	(i) Based on existing issued share capital	1.70 cents	2.11 cents
	(ii) On a fully diluted basis	1.70 cents	2.03 cents
3.(c)	Net tangible asset backing per ordinary share	16.7 cents	15.1 cents

Note:

The earnings per share is calculated based on the profit after taxation on the number of shares in issue of 135,000,000 (31.12.2000 - weighted average number of shares of 111,666,666).

The diluted earnings per share is calculated based on the profit after taxation on the number of shares in issue adjusted for the effect of dilutive potential ordinary shares. The total number of shares amounted to 135,245,390 (31.12.2000 - 116,826,666).

4.(a) Amount of any adjustment for under or overprovision of tax in respect of prior years

Overprovision of tax in respect of prior year for the Group - \$85,516.00

4.(b) Amount of any pre-acquisition profits

NIL

4.(c) Amount of profits on any sale of investments and/or properties

Sale of investments/properties	\$Profit/(Loss)
NIL	\$0.00

4.(d) Any other comments relating to Paragraph 4

NIL

5.(a) Review of the performance of the company and its principal subsidiaries

Compared to the same period last year, Group turnover recorded a 7.6% increase from \$8.6 million to \$9.3 million. The increase was attributed to a larger client base for all 3 business units and a higher number of ad hoc share registration and accounting assignments. The corporate secretarial business saw a decline in the number of value-added assignments reflecting the poor business sentiments and conditions. The slack IPO market and the delisting of several client companies also curtailed the turnover growth of both the share registration and corporate secretarial businesses.

Group operating profit before tax decreased by 6.7% from \$3.1 million to \$2.9 million. This was the result of higher staff costs due to additional staff being recruited in the last financial year to support the growth in turnover. These staff costs included a higher statutory rate of contribution to the Central Provident Fund (CPF) [2002: 16% vs 2001: 12%]. Profitability was also affected by lower margins brought about by keener competition. The economic slowdown also prompted slower payments which necessitated higher bad debt provisions.

Following a write back of an overprovision for tax of \$86,000, Group operating profit after tax was \$2.3 million, a decline of 2.6%.

5.(b) A statement by the Directors of the Company on whether "any item or event of a material or unusual nature which would have affected materially the results of operations of the Group and Company has occurred between the date to which the report refers and the date on which the report is issued". If none, to include a negative statement.

In the opinion of the Directors, no item, transaction or event of a material and unusual nature has arisen between the end of the first half of the financial year and the date of this announcement which would substantially affect the results of the operations of the Group and of the Company.

6. Commentary on current year prospects

Barring unforeseen circumstances, the Directors expect performance of the first half to continue into the second half of the year.

Signs of an economic recovery, coupled with the Group's continued efforts at increasing operational efficiencies, and new service offerings in the business are expected to mitigate the continuing weakness in corporate activities and keen competition in the industry.

7. Dividend

(a) Latest Period

Name of Dividend	Interim
Dividend Type	Cash
Dividend Rate	1 cent per share less tax
Par value of shares	S\$0.05 per share
Tax Rate	24.5%

(b) Any dividend declared for the previous corresponding period? None

(c) Date payable

28 March 2002

(d) Books closing date

Notice is hereby given that the Register of Members and Transfer Books of the Company will be closed on 15 March 2002 for the preparation of dividend warrants. Registrable Transfers received by the company up to 5.00pm on 14 March 2002 will be registered before entitlements to the dividend are determined.

(e) Any other comments relating to Paragraph 7

NIL

8. Details of any changes in the company's issued share capital

NIL

9. Comparative figures of the group's borrowings and debt securities

(a) Amount repayable in one year or less, or on demand

As at 31/12/2001		As at 30/06/2001	
Secured	Unsecured	Secured	Unsecured
NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL

(b) Amount repayable after one year

As at 31/12/2001		As at 30/06/2001	
Secured	Unsecured	Secured	Unsecured
NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL

(c) Any other comments relating to Paragraph 9

NIL

10. Balance Sheet

	GROUP		COMPANY	
	S\$'000		S\$'000	
	31 DEC 2001	31 DEC 2000	31 DEC 2001	31 DEC 2000
NON-CURRENT ASSETS				
Property, plant & equipment	656	557	44	0
Interest in subsidiaries	0	0	5,000	5,000
Staff loan	52	167	2	4
	708	724	5,046	5,004
CURRENT ASSETS				
Trade receivables	3,199	3,973	0	0
Unbilled disbursement	129	238	0	0
Other receivables	289	276	597	113
Excess of progress billings over work-in-progress	619	622	0	0
Amount due from subsidiaries (non-trade)	0	0	0	442
Cash & cash equivalents	20,110	17,269	19,407	16,641
	24,346	22,378	20,004	17,196
Less:				
CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Trade payables	1,142	1,349	273	314
Other payables	140	143	69	0
Amount owing to subsidiaries (non-trade)	0	0	1,298	0
Provision for taxation	1,137	1,140	0	31
	2,419	2,632	1,640	345
Net Current (Liabilities)/Assets	21,927	19,746	18,364	16,851
Deferred taxation	(113)	(56)	(8)	0
NET ASSETS	22,522	20,414	23,402	21,855
FINANCED BY:				
Share Capital	6,750	6,750	6,750	6,750
Reserves	15,772	13,664	16,652	15,105
SHAREHOLDERS' INTEREST	22,522	20,414	23,402	21,855

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

Yvonne Choo
 Company Secretary
 26/02/2002