



ASTI HOLDINGS LIMITED

Company No. 199901514C
(Incorporated in the Republic of Singapore)

Results For The Financial Period Ended 30 September 2008 Unaudited Financial Statements and Dividend Announcement

The Directors are pleased to make the following announcement of the unaudited results for the financial period ended 30 Sep 2008

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

	Group					
	Third Quarter Ended			Nine Months Ended		
	S\$'000		%	S\$'000		%
	30/9/08	30/9/07	Change	30/9/08	30/9/07	Change
Turnover	138,651	170,665	(19%)	396,274	457,267	(13%)
Cost of sales	(118,653)	(141,539)	(16%)	(339,557)	(381,811)	(11%)
Gross profit	19,998	29,126	(31%)	56,717	75,456	(25%)
Selling and marketing costs	(7,148)	(9,520)	(25%)	(22,301)	(24,569)	(9%)
Research and development costs	(2,403)	(2,995)	(20%)	(6,786)	(8,524)	(20%)
General and administrative costs	(9,416)	(12,010)	(22%)	(28,285)	(30,086)	(6%)
Foreign exchange gain/(loss)	322	(888)	NM	43	(559)	NM
Exceptional items	-	218	NM		218	NM
Share of results of associated companies	(118)	164	NM	(1,540)	136	NM
Operating profit/(loss)	1,235	4,095	(70%)	(2,152)	12,072	NM
Other income	182	219	(17%)	680	1,042	(35%)
Finance costs, net	(1,819)	(2,318)	(22%)	(5,170)	(6,234)	(17%)
(Loss)/profit before income tax	(402)	1,996	NM	(6,642)	6,880	NM
Income tax	(956)	(1,286)	(26%)	(2,040)	(3,345)	(39%)
(Loss)/profit for the period	(1,358)	710	NM	(8,682)	3,535	NM
Attributable to :						
Members of the Company	(1,294)	1,419	NM	(7,912)	5,280	NM
Minority interests	(64)	(709)	(91%)	(770)	(1,745)	(56%)
	(1,358)	710	NM	(8,682)	3,535	NM

NM : Not meaningful



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1(a)(ii) The following items (with appropriate breakdowns and explanations), if significant, must either be included in the income statement or in the notes to the income statement for the current financial period reported on and the corresponding period of the immediately preceding financial year.

	Group					
	Third Quarter Ended			Nine Months Ended		
	S\$'000		%	S\$'000		%
	30/9/08	30/9/07	Change	30/9/08	30/9/07	Change
Profit before income tax is stated after crediting/(charging):						
Interest income	108	221	(51%)	356	762	(53%)
Interest on borrowings	(1,581)	(2,111)	(25%)	(4,581)	(6,038)	(24%)
Depreciation and amortisation	(3,178)	(3,618)	(12%)	(9,405)	(10,723)	(12%)
Net (provision)/back for doubtful debts	(99)	6	NM	(235)	7	NM
Net provision for stocks obsolescence	(285)	(284)	0%	(2,164)	(1,623)	33%

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

There is a net under-provision of income tax of \$7,000 (2007: over-provision of \$268,000) in respect of prior years.



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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

	Group		Company	
	S\$'000		S\$'000	
	30/9/08	31/12/07	30/9/08	31/12/07
Non-current Assets				
Intangible assets	14,330	12,215	88	88
Fixed assets	41,707	46,412	82	112
Investments in subsidiary companies	-	-	71,658	67,700
Investment in associated company	144	1,682	5,170	5,170
Other investments	3,835	2,764	1,184	632
Deferred income tax asset	598	569	-	-
	60,614	63,642	78,182	73,702
Current Assets				
Stocks	59,613	69,533	-	-
Other debtors and prepayments	12,333	9,395	269	961
Amounts due from subsidiary companies	-	-	18,962	24,866
Amounts due from associated companies	22,751	18,276	21,972	17,328
Trade debtors	111,627	108,497	-	-
Cash and bank balances	53,258	74,757	6,303	16,067
	259,582	280,458	47,506	59,222
Total Assets	320,196	344,100	125,688	132,924
Equity Attributable to Members of the Company				
Share capital	127,359	127,359	127,359	127,359
Treasury shares	(11,256)	(8,412)	(11,256)	(8,412)
Accumulated losses	(17,012)	(9,100)	(33,752)	(32,198)
Foreign currency translation reserve	(4,702)	(3,312)	-	-
Fair value reserve	(2,430)	(1,982)	(2,430)	(1,982)
Share options reserve	2,330	1,890	2,330	1,890
Capital reserves	(786)	(786)	-	-
	93,503	105,657	82,251	86,657
Minority interests	17,932	20,577	-	-
Total Equity	111,435	126,234	82,251	86,657
Non-current Liabilities				
Deferred income tax liabilities	1,984	2,012	76	76
Lease creditors	1,012	720	-	-
Long term payables	567	479	-	-
Amounts due to financial institutions	10,990	20,124	5,625	11,250
	14,553	23,335	5,701	11,326
Current Liabilities				
Provision	657	752	-	-
Provision for income tax	2,986	3,220	45	45
Amounts due to financial institutions	69,697	63,158	25,702	26,001
Bills payable	40,925	43,410	-	-
Creditors and accrual	79,943	83,991	4,487	1,623
Amounts due to subsidiaries	-	-	7,502	7,272
	194,208	194,531	37,736	34,941
Total Liabilities	208,761	217,866	43,437	46,267
Total Equity and liabilities	320,196	344,100	125,688	132,924



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

Amount repayable in one year or less, or on demand

30/9/08		31/12/07	
Secured	Unsecured	Secured	Unsecured
S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000
893	68,804	185	62,973

Amount repayable after one year

30/9/08		31/12/07	
Secured	Unsecured	Secured	Unsecured
S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000
2,306	8,684	3,738	16,386

Details of any collateral

Bank term loans with aggregate amount of \$3,199,000 (31/12/07: \$3,923,000) of subsidiary companies are secured on the land and buildings of the subsidiary companies.



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

	Group	
	30/9/08 S\$'000	30/9/07 S\$'000
Cashflow from operating activities		
Cash used in operations	(3,901)	(720)
Interest paid	(4,453)	(5,870)
Interest received	356	762
Income tax paid	(2,752)	(4,730)
Income tax refund	548	-
Cash used in operating activities	(10,202)	(10,558)
Cashflow from investing activities		
Proceeds on disposals of fixed assets	4,801	1,370
Purchase of fixed assets	(5,796)	(6,437)
Acquisition of other investments	(1,519)	-
Proceeds from disposals of other investments	-	426
Acquisition of subsidiary companies, net of cash and cash equivalent	-	(1,242)
Acquisition of minority shareholders' interest in subsidiaries	(1,514)	-
Purchase of club membership	(3)	-
Net cash used in investing activities	(4,031)	(5,883)
Cashflow from financing activities		
Considerations paid for share buy-back	(2,844)	(1,180)
Proceeds from sales of treasury shares (net of brokerage fees)	-	17,012
Payment of lease creditors	(934)	(2,740)
Net (repayment of)/proceeds from banks borrowings	(2,668)	5,891
Payment of dividend	-	(6,055)
Payment of dividend to minority shareholders of subsidiary	(32)	(559)
Decrease in fixed deposits pledged	35	-
Net cash (used in)/provided by financing activities	(6,443)	12,369
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(20,676)	(4,072)
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January	74,702	55,363
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	(788)	(222)
Cash and cash equivalents at 30 September	53,238	51,069
Cash and cash equivalents		
Cash and cash equivalents consist of cash on hand, current accounts with banks and short term deposits after deducting fixed deposits pledged. Cash and cash equivalent included in the consolidated cash flow statement comprise the following balance sheet amounts:-		
Cash and bank balances	53,258	51,100
Less : Pledged fixed deposits	(20)	(31)
	53,238	51,069



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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

Group	Share Capital	Treasury shares	Share options reserves	Fair value reserves	Capital reserves	Foreign currency translation reserve	Accumulated losses	Minority interests	Total
	(Non-distributable)						Distributable		
	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000
Balance as at 1 Jan'08	127,359	(8,412)	1,890	(1,982)	(786)	(3,312)	(9,100)	20,577	126,234
Foreign currency translation adjustment	-	-	-	-	-	(1,390)	-	248	(1,142)
Grant of share options	-	-	440	-	-	-	-	-	440
Fair value changes on available-for-sale assets	-	-	-	(448)	-	-	-	-	(448)
Net gain and losses recognised directly in equity	-	-	440	(448)	-	(1,390)	-	248	(1,150)
Net loss for the period	-	-	-	-	-	-	(7,912)	(770)	(8,682)
Total recognized income and expenses for the period	-	-	440	(448)	-	(1,390)	(7,912)	(522)	(9,832)
Dividend paid to minority shareholders of subsidiaries	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(32)	(32)
Acquisition of additional interest in subsidiary	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(2,163)	(2,163)
Shares buy-back	-	(2,844)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(2,844)
Acquisition of subsidiary	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	72	72
Balance as at 30 Sep'08	127,359	(11,256)	2,330	(2,430)	(786)	(4,702)	(17,012)	17,932	111,435



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Group	Share Capital	Treasury shares	Share options reserves	Fair value reserves	Capital reserves	Foreign currency translation reserve	Accumulated losses	Minority interests	Total
	(Non-distributable)						Distributable		
	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000
Balance as at 1 Jan'07	127,359	(28,366)	1,303	(1,229)	-	(617)	(8,454)	19,301	109,297
Foreign currency translation adjustment	-	-	-	-	-	(905)	-	(81)	(986)
Grant of share options	-	-	526	-	-	-	-	-	526
Fair value changes on available-for-sale assets	-	-	-	293	-	-	-	-	293
Fair value changes on treasury shares	-	-	-	(232)	-	-	-	232	-
Net loss on disposal of treasury shares	-	-	-	(684)	(2,746)	-	-	-	(3,430)
Net gain and losses recognised directly in equity	-	-	526	(623)	(2,746)	(905)	-	151	(3,597)
Net profit for the period	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,280	(1,745)	3,535
Total recognised income and expenses for the period	-	-	526	(623)	(2,746)	(905)	5,280	(1,594)	(62)
Final dividend for FY 2006 paid	-	-	-	-	-	-	(3,409)	-	(3,409)
Interim dividend declared	-	-	-	-	-	-	(2,646)	-	(2,646)
Interim dividend payable to minority shareholders of subsidiary	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(559)	(559)
Transfer of treasury shares on exercise of employees' share options	-	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	9
Disposal of treasury shares held by subsidiary company	-	26,594	-	-	-	-	-	-	26,594
Share buy-back	-	(1,181)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1,181)
Acquisition of additional interest in subsidiary	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(218)	(218)
Balance as at 30 Sep'07	127,359	(2,944)	1,829	(1,852)	(2,746)	(1,522)	(9,229)	16,930	127,825



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Company

	Share Capital	Treasury shares	Share options reserves	Fair value reserves	Accumulated losses	Total
	(Non-distributable)				Distributable	
	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000
Balance as at 1 Jan'08	127,359	(8,412)	1,890	(1,982)	(32,198)	86,657
Grant of share options	-	-	440	-	-	440
Fair value changes on available-for-sale assets	-	-	-	(448)	-	(448)
Net gain and losses recognised directly in equity	-	-	440	(448)	-	(8)
Net loss for the period	-	-	-	-	(1,554)	(1,554)
Total recognised income and expenses for the period	-	-	440	(448)	(1,554)	(1,562)
Shares buy-back	-	(2,844)	-	-	-	(2,844)
Balance as at 30 Sep'08	127,359	(11,256)	2,330	(2,430)	(33,752)	82,251



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Company	Share Capital	Treasury shares	Share options reserves	Fair value reserves	Accumulated losses	Total
	(Non-distributable)			Distributable		
	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000
Balance as at 1 Jan'07	127,359	(1,772)	1,303	(2,145)	(32,892)	91,853
Grant of share options	-	-	526	-	-	526
Fair value changes on available-for-sale assets	-	-	-	293	-	293
Net gain and losses recognised directly in equity	-	-	526	293	-	819
Net profit for the period	-	-	-	-	1,311	1,311
Total recognised income and expenses for the period	-	-	526	293	1,311	2,130
Final dividend for FY 2006 paid	-	-	-	-	(3,409)	(3,409)
Interim dividend declared	-	-	-	-	(2,829)	(2,829)
Transfer of treasury shares on exercise of employees' share	-	9	-	-	-	9
Shares buy-back	-	(1,181)	-	-	-	(1,181)
Balance as at 30 Sep'07	127,359	(2,944)	1,829	(1,852)	(37,819)	86,573



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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 or 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 well as the number of shares held as treasury shares, if any, against the number of issued shares excluding treasury shares of the issuer 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

No ordinary shares were issued during the period.

Under the ASTI Share Option Scheme (2001), options for 27,869,000 unissued ordinary shares were outstanding as at 30 September 2008 (30 September 2007: 28,360,000 unissued ordinary shares).

See below for details relating to the number of shares held as treasury shares.

1(d)(iii) To show the total number of issued shares excluding treasury shares as at the end of the current financial period and as at the end of the immediately preceding year.

	Group & Company	
	30/9/08	31/12/07
Total number of issued shares	572,844,427	572,844,427
Less : Treasury shares	(57,148,000)	(40,439,000)
Total number of issued shares (excluding treasury shares)	515,696,427	532,405,427

1(d)(iv) A statement showing all sales, transfer, disposal, cancellation and/or use of treasury shares as at the end of the current financial period reported on.

During the current financial quarter, no treasury share was sold, transferred, disposed, cancelled and/or used.

2. Whether the figures have been audited, or reviewed and in accordance with which (e.g. the Singapore Standard on Auditing 910 (Engagements to Review Financial Statements), or an equivalent standard)

The figures have not been audited or reviewed.

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

Not Applicable



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

The same accounting policies and methods of computation are followed in the financial statements as compared with the most recent audited annual financial statements.

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

See paragraph 4 above.

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

	Group			
	Third Quarter Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	30/9/08	30/9/07	30/9/08	30/9/07
(Loss)/earning per share after deducting any provision for preference dividends:-				
a) Based on weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue	(0.25) cents	0.25 cents	(1.53) cents	1.00 cents
Weighted average number of shares	515,696,427	564,578,878	516,701,497	525,518,544
b) On a fully diluted basis	(0.25) cents	0.25 cents	(1.53) cents	1.00 cents
Adjusted weighted average number of shares	516,147,210	575,896,857	517,152,280	529,882,178

Diluted loss per share for the current period is the same as basic loss per share because the potential ordinary shares to be converted from the exercise of share options are anti-dilutive as the effect of the share conversion was to decrease the loss per share.

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

	Group		Company	
	30/9/08	31/12/07	30/9/08	31/12/07
Net assets value per ordinary share	18.13 cts	19.85 cts	15.95 cts	16.28 cts
Number of ordinary shares at end of financial period	515,696,427	532,405,427	515,696,427	532,405,427

The number of ordinary shares used in the computation of net assets value per share excludes those shares held as treasury shares.



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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

(A) Analysis of Group Performance

<u>Business Segment</u>	<u>Sales</u>					
	<u>3Q2008</u> <u>S\$'000</u>	<u>3Q2007</u> <u>S\$'000</u>	<u>9Mths 2008</u> <u>S\$'000</u>	<u>9Mths 2007</u> <u>S\$'000</u>	<u>2Q2008</u> <u>S\$'000</u>	<u>2Q2007</u> <u>S\$'000</u>
Backend Equipment Solutions & Technologies ("BEST")	26,775	42,143	77,942	111,060	25,036	34,894
Distribution & Services	111,876	128,522	318,332	346,207	105,103	113,863
	<u>138,651</u>	<u>170,665</u>	<u>396,274</u>	<u>457,267</u>	<u>130,139</u>	<u>148,757</u>

3RD QUARTER 2008

INCOME STATEMENT

Revenue

In 3Q2008, the Group reported a 19% decline in revenue from \$170.7 million (3Q2007) to \$138.7 million (3Q2008). Compared to 2Q2008, the Group reported a 7% increment in revenue, which rose from \$130.1 million (2Q2008) to \$138.7 million (3Q2008).

Both Distribution & Services and Backend Equipment Solutions & Technologies ("BEST") divisions turned in weaker performances. Contribution from Distribution Services business, which accounted for 80.7% of the Group's total revenue, declined by \$16.6 million from \$128.5 million (3Q2007) to \$111.9 million (3Q2008). This was mainly due to the continued decline in revenue contribution from the trading division and the consumer electronic division. The drop in revenue was however cushioned by the contribution from the Dragon Technology business that was acquired in May 2007.

The balance of 19.3% of the Group's revenue comprises contribution from its BEST business. During the quarter, the BEST business reported a \$15.3 million drop in revenue, which declined from \$42.1 million (3Q2007) to \$26.8 million (3Q2008). The decline in revenue contribution is attributable to lower business activities caused by the weaker demand in the semiconductor equipment industries.

Gross Profit

Gross profit margin declined from 17.1% (3Q2007) to 14.4% (3Q2008), as a result of the lower sales turnover generated by the BEST business. This in turn resulted in an increase in the fixed overhead per unit of goods produced that ultimately affected its gross profit margin. Moreover, with the Group's sales mixed comprised of smaller proportion 19.3% (3Q2008) vs 24.7% (3Q2007) of higher margin revenue from the BEST group, the overall margin of the Group has been reduced.

Operating Expenses

Selling, marketing and general administrative expenses were lower by \$5.5 million, declining from \$24.5 million (3Q2007) to \$19.0 (3Q2008) million, mainly due to the deconsolidation of Advanced Systems Automation Limited in 2nd half of FY2007.

Financing costs was lower by 21.5% declining from \$2.3 million (3Q2007) to \$1.8 million (3Q2008). This is mainly due to the deconsolidation of Advanced Systems Automation Limited in 2nd half of FY2007 and lower interest rate charged by the banks in year 2008.

The Group reported a foreign exchange gain of \$0.3 million in 3Q2008 compared to the loss of \$0.9 million reported in 3Q2007.

Net Loss

The Group reported a lower net loss of \$1.3 million in 3Q2008 compared to the net loss of \$2.5 million incurred in 2Q2008. The net loss attributable for 9 Months 2008 amounted to \$7.9 million, compared to a gain of \$5.3 million in the previous corresponding period.



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(A) Analysis of Group Performance (cont'd)

BALANCE SHEET

As at 30 September 2008, total assets stood at \$320.2 million comprising \$60.6 million from non-current asset and \$259.6 million from current assets. Total liabilities stood at \$208.8 million comprising current liabilities of \$194.2 million and non-current liabilities of \$14.6 million. Shareholders' equity including minority interests stood at \$111.4 million.

The following are highlights of the Group's balance sheet as at 30 September 2008:

Intangible assets

Intangible assets increased by \$2.1 million from \$12.2 million to \$14.3 million. This is mainly due to the acquisition of minority shareholdings' interest in subsidiaries and additional acquisition of a subsidiary in 2008.

Fixed assets

Fixed assets decreased by \$4.7 million from \$46.4 million to \$41.7 million. This is mainly due to the depreciation of fixed assets, offsetted by additional investment in plants and machinery.

Investment in associated companies

Investment in associated company was lower, declining from \$1.7 million to \$0.1 million, mainly due to the inclusion of its share of associate's loss for the period under review.

Other investments

The increase in other investments from \$2.8 million to \$3.8 million is due mainly to an increase in the Company's investments in quoted instruments.

Inventory

Corresponding to the lower sales activities for YTD Sep 2008, inventory was lower, decreasing from \$69.5 million to \$59.6 million.

Other debtors & prepayment

The increase was due mainly to advance payments to suppliers.

Trade debtors

Compared to 31 December 2007, trade debtors' balance increased from \$108.5 million to \$111.6 million, mainly due to higher sales reported in 3Q2008 as compared to the 4Q2007.

Creditors and accruals

Creditors and accruals decreased \$4 million, declining from \$84.0 million to \$80.0 million. The decline was mainly due to lower stock purchases caused by the slow sales activities. However, the decline was partially offsetted by the payable for the acquisition of minority shareholdings and investment in subsidiary.

Amounts due to financial institutions (current and non-current)

Total borrowings from financial institutions decreased from \$83.3 million to \$80.7 million, representing a decline of 3% or \$2.6 million. The decline was due to the repayment of bank loans.

Treasury shares

The treasury shares relate to the ordinary shares of ASTI Holdings Limited ("ASTI Shares") held by the Company. In 1Q2008, the Company repurchased 16,709,000 ordinary shares from open market and accounted as treasury shares.

CASHFLOW STATEMENT

A total of \$10.2 million was used in operating activities for YTD Sep 2008, mainly for funding of working capital. The Group also utilised \$7.3 million for the acquisition of fixed assets and other investments. An additional \$2.8 million was incurred for the share buy-back exercise and \$3.6 million for repayment of bank loans and finance leases. Cash and cash equivalents amounted to \$53.2 million compared to \$74.7 million reported in 31 December 2007.

The Group is not exposed to any derivatives contracts and not under any due distress from financial institutions and creditors on repayment. The Group continues to manage its cashflows and has deferred any non-critical capital expenditure. The Group expects to service its loans repayment commitments as and when it falls due and believes that it has sufficient funds to support its operations.



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

The actual results were in line with the prospect statement stated in the previous announcement.

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 that may affect the group in the next reporting period and the next 12 months

The global financial turmoil will continue to weaken economies. Amid the weakening demand in the electronics and semiconductor industry, the Group's Distribution Services and BEST division will continue to feel the impact of the global slowdown into the final quarter of FY2008.

In view of the uncertainties overhanging the global economic landscape, we will continue to operate cautiously. On the same note, our manufacturing services business, which has remained resilient to date, will continue to explore business opportunities to tap into the growing manufacturing outsourcing trend with its customers.

In view of the weak market conditions, the Group expects to incur a loss for the current financial year.

11. Dividend

(a) Current Financial Period Reported On

Any dividend declared for the current financial period reported on?

No dividend is declared for the current financial quarter reported on.

(b) Corresponding Period of the Immediately Preceding Financial Year

Any dividend declared for the corresponding period of the immediately preceding financial year?

None

(c) Date payable

Not applicable

(d) Books closure date

Not applicable

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

No dividend has been declared or recommended for the financial period under review.

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 to quarterly announcement)



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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

Please refer to note 8.

15. A breakdown of sales

(Not applicable to quarterly announcement)

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

(Not applicable to quarterly announcement)

17. Directors' confirmation

To the best of our knowledge, nothing has come to the attention of the Board of Directors which may render the unaudited interim financial results for the financial period ended 30 September 2008 to be false or misleading in any material aspect.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

Woo Kwek Kiong
Company Secretary
12 November 2008