



SINGAPORE PRESS HOLDINGS LIMITED

Reg. No. 198402868E
(Incorporated in Singapore)

**ANNOUNCEMENT
AUDITED RESULTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2018**

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

Results for the Year ended 31 August 2018

	Group		
	2018	2017	Change
	S\$'000	S\$'000	%
Operating revenue			
Media	655,782	725,427	(9.6)
Property	242,417	244,159	(0.7)
Others	84,356	62,929	34.0
	982,555	1,032,515	(4.8)
Other operating income	23,117	19,504	18.5
	1,005,672	1,052,019	(4.4)
Materials, production and distribution costs	(142,752)	(156,151)	(8.6)
Staff costs	(351,785)	(357,464)	(1.6)
Premises costs	(69,998)	(65,053)	7.6
Depreciation	(33,214)	(37,823)	(12.2)
Other operating expenses	(141,708)	(138,215)	2.5
Impairment of goodwill and intangibles	(22,356)	(37,780)	(40.8)
Impairment of property, plant and equipment	-	(22,785)	NM
Finance costs	(37,513)	(31,300)	19.8
Operating profit [#]	206,346	205,448	0.4
Net income from investments	115,175	53,865	113.8
Fair value change on investment properties	45,702	57,386	(20.4)
Share of results of associates and joint ventures	3,282	562	484.0
Gain on divestment of a joint venture	-	149,690	NM
Impairment of associates and a joint venture	-	(35,459)	NM
Profit before taxation	370,505	431,492	(14.1)
Taxation	(46,508)	(36,276)	28.2
Profit after taxation	323,997	395,216	(18.0)
Attributable to:			
Shareholders of the Company	281,110	350,085	(19.7)
Non-controlling interests	42,887	45,131	(5.0)
	323,997	395,216	(18.0)

This represents the recurring earnings of the media, property and other businesses.

NM Not Meaningful

1(a)(ii) Notes:**Profit after taxation is arrived at after accounting for:**

	Group		
	2018	2017	Change
	S\$'000	S\$'000	%
Write-back of allowance for stock obsolescence	25	152	(83.6)
Share-based compensation expense	(3,610)	(4,522)	(20.2)
Retrenchment and outplacement costs	(10,824)	(6,702)	61.5
(Impairment)/Write-back of impairment of trade receivables	(306)	1,277	NM
Bad debts recovery	15	152	(90.1)
Profit/(Loss) on disposal of property, plant and equipment	182	(154)	NM
Amortisation of intangible assets	(9,728)	(11,002)	(11.6)
Impairment of goodwill	(17,270)	(9,879)	74.8
Impairment of intangible assets	(5,086)	(27,901)	(81.8)
Gain on dilution of interests in associates	5,881	-	NM
Gain on acquisition of a business by a subsidiary	-	289	NM
Gain on dilution of interest in a joint venture	-	298	NM
Interest income	7,009	7,713	(9.1)
Net profit on disposal of investments	98,654	27,959	252.9
Net fair value changes on			
- Investments at fair value through profit or loss	(1,121)	(401)	179.6
- Derivatives	(3,020)	(1,868)	61.7
Net foreign exchange differences	1,661	(1,998)	NM
Impairment of investments	(6,627)	(3,362)	97.1
Net over/(under)-provision of prior years' taxation	1,310	(1,628)	NM

1(a)(iii) Statement of Comprehensive Income

	Group		
	2018	2017	Change
	S\$'000	S\$'000	%
Profit after taxation	323,997	395,216	(18.0)
Other comprehensive income, net of tax			
<u>Items that may be re-classified subsequently to profit or loss</u>			
Cash flow hedges			
- net fair value changes	2,144	(4,106)	NM
- transferred to income statement	3,550	6,395	(44.5)
Net fair value changes on available-for-sale financial assets			
- net fair value changes	11,052	(85,534)	NM
- transferred to income statement	(81,113)	(20,459)	296.5
Currency translation difference			
- arising from consolidation of financial statements of foreign subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures	1,361	(2,143)	NM
	(63,006)	(105,847)	(40.5)
Total comprehensive income	260,991	289,369	(9.8)
Attributable to:			
Shareholders of the Company	216,271	244,293	(11.5)
Non-controlling interests	44,720	45,076	(0.8)
	260,991	289,369	(9.8)

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

Statements of Financial Position as at 31 August 2018

	Group		Company	
	31 Aug 2018	31 Aug 2017	31 Aug 2018	31 Aug 2017
	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000
CAPITAL EMPLOYED				
Share capital	522,809	522,809	522,809	522,809
Treasury shares	(7,101)	(7,384)	(7,101)	(7,384)
Reserves	259,856	324,397	7,783	32,907
Retained profits	2,691,368	2,648,576	1,518,369	1,277,297
Shareholders' interests	3,466,932	3,488,398	2,041,860	1,825,629
Non-controlling interests	761,152	734,926	-	-
Total equity	4,228,084	4,223,324	2,041,860	1,825,629
EMPLOYMENT OF CAPITAL				
Non-current assets				
Property, plant and equipment	224,918	235,042	70,731	78,044
Investment properties	4,155,122	4,034,771	-	-
Subsidiaries	-	-	439,940	438,077
Associates	95,825	68,792	-	-
Joint ventures	47,384	8,696	600	-
Investments	453,951	513,728	-	27,173
Intangible assets	176,028	204,443	44,071	46,832
Trade and other receivables	246,562	8,935	283,809	4,650
Derivatives	200	200	-	-
	5,399,990	5,074,607	839,151	594,776
Current assets				
Inventories	22,636	21,892	20,281	19,557
Trade and other receivables	292,862	314,421	2,383,725	2,391,965
Investments	121,663	363,370	-	-
Asset held for sale	-	18,000	-	18,000
Derivatives	39	1,473	-	-
Cash and cash equivalents	359,498	312,647	161,886	150,467
	796,698	1,031,803	2,565,892	2,579,989
Total assets	6,196,688	6,106,410	3,405,043	3,174,765
Non-current liabilities				
Trade and other payables	39,362	37,556	1,121	2,876
Deferred tax liabilities	38,919	49,190	12,264	13,564
Borrowings	1,312,507	528,044	279,160	-
Derivatives	2,814	7,365	-	-
	1,393,602	622,155	292,545	16,440
Current liabilities				
Trade and other payables	230,527	241,352	973,237	1,020,196
Current tax liabilities	47,682	46,591	12,401	16,500
Borrowings	294,853	971,695	85,000	296,000
Derivatives	1,940	1,293	-	-
	575,002	1,260,931	1,070,638	1,332,696
Total liabilities	1,968,604	1,883,086	1,363,183	1,349,136
Net assets	4,228,084	4,223,324	2,041,860	1,825,629

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

Group Borrowings

Amount repayable in one year

As at 31 August 2018		As at 31 August 2017	
Secured S\$'000	Unsecured S\$'000	Secured S\$'000	Unsecured S\$'000
209,813	85,040	619,198	352,497

Amount repayable after one year

As at 31 August 2018		As at 31 August 2017	
Secured S\$'000	Unsecured S\$'000	Secured S\$'000	Unsecured S\$'000
982,849	329,658	528,004	40

Details of collateral

The secured bank loan facilities as at 31 August 2018 and as at 31 August 2017 comprised the term loan facilities of S\$975 million and S\$300 million undertaken by the subsidiaries, SPH REIT and The Seletar Mall Pte. Ltd. ("TSMPL") respectively. As at the reporting dates, the amounts drawn down were S\$895 million for SPH REIT and S\$300 million for TSMPL.

The term loan taken up by SPH REIT is secured by way of a first legal mortgage on SPH REIT's investment property – Paragon, first legal charge over the tenancy account and sales proceeds account for Paragon, and an assignment of certain insurances taken in relation to Paragon.

The term loan taken up by TSMPL is secured by way of a first legal mortgage on TSMPL's investment property – The Seletar Mall, first legal charge over the tenancy account and sales proceeds account for The Seletar Mall, and an assignment of certain insurances taken in relation to The Seletar Mall.

The total balance of S\$1,192.7 million as at 31 August 2018 (31 August 2017: S\$1,147.2 million) represented the secured borrowings stated at amortised cost.

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

Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows for the Year ended 31 August 2018

	Note	2018 S\$'000	2017 S\$'000
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Profit before taxation		370,505	431,492
Adjustments for:			
Depreciation		33,214	37,823
Impairment of property, plant and equipment		-	22,785
(Profit)/Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment		(182)	154
Fair value change on investment properties		(45,702)	(57,386)
Gain on acquisition of a business by a subsidiary		-	(289)
Share of results of associates and joint ventures		(3,282)	(562)
Gain on dilution of interests in associates		(5,881)	-
Gain on dilution of interest in a joint venture		-	(298)
Impairment of associates and a joint venture		-	35,459
Gain on divestment of a joint venture		-	(149,690)
Net income from investments		(115,175)	(53,865)
Amortisation of intangible assets		9,728	11,002
Impairment of goodwill		17,270	9,879
Impairment of intangible assets		5,086	27,901
Finance costs		37,513	31,300
Share-based compensation expense		3,610	4,522
Other non-cash items		1,499	1,677
Operating cash flow before working capital changes		308,203	351,904
Changes in operating assets and liabilities, net of effects from acquisition and disposal of subsidiaries and business:			
Inventories		(744)	109
Trade and other receivables, current		12,877	20,038
Trade and other payables, current		(11,362)	(7,908)
Trade and other receivables, non-current		1,184	(2,709)
Trade and other payables, non-current		1,806	(5,888)
Others		1,638	(450)
		313,602	355,096
Income tax paid		(48,655)	(58,467)
Dividends paid		(242,309)	(274,556)
Dividends paid (net) by a subsidiary to non-controlling interests		(42,979)	(41,859)
Net cash used in operating activities		(20,341)	(19,786)

Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows for the Year ended 31 August 2018 (cont'd)

	Note	2018 S\$'000	2017 S\$'000
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Additions to property, plant and equipment		(22,671)	(12,329)
Additions to investment properties		(74,649)	(14,385)
Additions to intangible assets		-	(450)
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment		710	206
Acquisition of a subsidiary (net of cash acquired)		-	(157,184)
Acquisition of additional interest in a subsidiary		(50)	-
Acquisition of business by a subsidiary		(4,840)	-
Acquisition of interests in associates		(12,115)	(30,991)
Acquisition of interests in joint ventures		(27,015)	(878)
Dividends received from associates		2,491	6,607
Dividends received from a joint venture		2,800	-
Proceeds from divestment of a joint venture		-	150,490
Increase in amounts owing by associates/ joint ventures		(86,831)	(168,074)
Decrease in amounts owing to associates/ joint ventures		(2,418)	(1,095)
Purchase of investments, non-current		(44,609)	(21,055)
Purchase of investments, current		(187,505)	(92,470)
Proceeds from capital distribution/disposal of investments, non-current		100,493	22,171
Proceeds from capital distribution/disposal of investments, current		302,736	139,573
Dividends received		20,308	26,198
Interest received		4,512	6,575
Other investment income		1,641	(5,090)
Net cash used in investing activities		(27,012)	(152,181)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Proceeds from bank loans (net of transaction costs)		464,462	275,000
Repayment of bank loans		(356,333)	(76,016)
Interest paid		(35,233)	(30,340)
Share buy-back		(3,498)	(4,486)
Proceeds from partial divestment of interests in subsidiaries		24,806	7,522
Loans from non-controlling interests		-	40
Net cash from financing activities		94,204	171,720
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		46,851	(247)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of financial year		312,647	312,894
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year		359,498	312,647

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**

Statements of Changes in Total Equity for the Year ended 31 August 2018

(a) Group

	← Attributable to Shareholders of the Company →										
	Share Capital	Treasury Shares	Capital Reserve	Share-based Compensation Reserve	Hedging Reserve	Fair Value Reserve	Currency Translation Reserve	Retained Profits	Total	Non-controlling Interests	Total Equity
	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000
Balance as at 1 September 2017	522,809	(7,384)	(10,409)	7,688	(5,970)	337,955	(4,867)	2,648,576	3,488,398	734,926	4,223,324
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-	-	3,957	(70,061)	1,265	281,110	216,271	44,720	260,991
Transactions with owners, recognised directly in equity											
<u>Contributions by and distributions to owners</u>											
Share-based compensation	-	-	-	3,610	-	-	-	-	3,610	-	3,610
Treasury shares re-issued	-	3,781	-	(3,515)	-	-	-	(221)	45	-	45
Share buy-back – held as treasury shares	-	(3,498)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(3,498)	-	(3,498)
Dividends	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(242,309)	(242,309)	(42,979)	(285,288)
Fair value gain on interest-free loans	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,474	3,474
<u>Changes in ownership interest in subsidiaries without a change in control</u>											
Acquisition of additional interests in subsidiaries	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(270)	(270)	220	(50)
Dilution of interests in subsidiaries	-	-	148	-	55	-	-	4,482	4,685	20,121	24,806
Contribution by non-controlling interest	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	670	670
Balance as at 31 August 2018	522,809	(7,101)	(10,261)	7,783	(1,958)	267,894	(3,602)	2,691,368	3,466,932	761,152	4,228,084

Statements of Changes in Total Equity for the Year ended 31 August 2018 (cont'd)

(a) Group (cont'd)

	← Attributable to Shareholders of the Company →										
	Share Capital	Treasury Shares	Capital Reserve	Share-based Compensation Reserve	Hedging Reserve	Fair Value Reserve	Currency Translation Reserve	Retained Profits	Total	Non-controlling Interests	Total Equity
	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000
Balance as at 1 September 2016	522,809	(8,683)	(11,645)	9,201	(7,587)	443,948	(3,470)	2,572,753	3,517,326	724,078	4,241,404
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-	-	1,598	(105,993)	(1,397)	350,085	244,293	45,076	289,369
Transactions with owners, recognised directly in equity											
<u>Contributions by and distributions to owners</u>											
Share-based compensation	-	-	-	4,522	-	-	-	-	4,522	-	4,522
Treasury shares re-issued	-	5,785	-	(6,035)	-	-	-	363	113	-	113
Share buy-back – held as treasury shares	-	(4,486)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(4,486)	-	(4,486)
Dividends	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(274,556)	(274,556)	(41,859)	(316,415)
<u>Changes in ownership interests in subsidiaries without a change in control</u>											
Acquisition of additional interest in a subsidiary	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(63)	(63)	63	-
Dilution of interest in a subsidiary	-	-	60	-	19	-	-	(6)	73	7,568	7,641
Reversal of put option to acquire non-controlling interest	-	-	1,176	-	-	-	-	-	1,176	-	1,176
Balance as at 31 August 2017	522,809	(7,384)	(10,409)	7,688	(5,970)	337,955	(4,867)	2,648,576	3,488,398	734,926	4,223,324

Statements of Changes in Total Equity for the Year ended 31 August 2018 (cont'd)

(b) Company

	Share Capital	Treasury Shares	Share-based Compensation Reserve	Fair Value Reserve	Retained Profits	Total Equity
	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000
Balance as at 1 September 2017	522,809	(7,384)	7,688	25,219	1,277,297	1,825,629
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-	(25,219)	483,602	458,383
Transactions with owners, recognised directly in equity						
<u>Contributions by and distributions to owners</u>						
Share-based compensation	-	-	3,610	-	-	3,610
Treasury shares re-issued	-	3,781	(3,515)	-	(221)	45
Share buy-back – held as treasury shares	-	(3,498)	-	-	-	(3,498)
Dividends	-	-	-	-	(242,309)	(242,309)
Balance as at 31 August 2018	522,809	(7,101)	7,783	-	1,518,369	2,041,860
Balance as at 1 September 2016	522,809	(8,683)	9,201	36,150	1,043,768	1,603,245
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-	(10,931)	507,722	496,791
Transactions with owners, recognised directly in equity						
<u>Contributions by and distributions to owners</u>						
Share-based compensation	-	-	4,522	-	-	4,522
Treasury shares re-issued	-	5,785	(6,035)	-	363	113
Share buy-back – held as treasury shares	-	(4,486)	-	-	-	(4,486)
Dividends	-	-	-	-	(274,556)	(274,556)
Balance as at 31 August 2017	522,809	(7,384)	7,688	25,219	1,277,297	1,825,629

- 1(d)(ii) **Details of any changes in the company's share capital arising from rights issue, bonus issue, share buy-backs, exercise of share options or warrants, conversion of other issues of equity securities, issue of shares for cash or as consideration for acquisition or for any other purpose since the end of the previous period reported on. State the number of shares that may be issued on conversion of all the outstanding convertibles, if any, against the total number of issued shares excluding treasury shares and subsidiary holdings 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. State also the number of shares held as treasury shares and the number of subsidiary holdings, if any, and the percentage of the aggregate number of treasury shares and subsidiary holdings held against the total number of shares outstanding in a class that is listed 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.**

Performance Shares

- (a) At the annual general meeting of the Company held on 1 December 2016, the Company's shareholders approved the adoption of the SPH Performance Share Plan 2016 ("the 2016 Share Plan"). This replaced the SPH Performance Share Plan ("the Share Plan") which was terminated, except that awards granted prior to such termination and are outstanding continue to be valid.
- (b) As at 31 August 2018, the number of shares granted and outstanding (being contingent award) under the Share Plan and the 2016 Share Plan (collectively, "SPH PSP") was 4,444,202 (31 August 2017: 4,075,695). Movements in the number of performance shares during the financial year are summarised below:

<u>Outstanding as at 01.09.17</u> (‘000)	<u>Adjusted[#]</u> (‘000)	<u>Granted</u> (‘000)	<u>Vested</u> (‘000)	<u>Lapsed</u> (‘000)	<u>Outstanding as at 31.08.18</u> (‘000)
4,076	(222)	1,783	(1,042)	(151)	4,444

[#] Adjusted at end of the performance period based on the level of achievement of pre-set performance condition

Share Buy Back

Under the Share Buy Back Mandate (first approved by the Shareholders on 16 July 1999 and last renewed at the Annual General Meeting on 1 December 2017), the Company bought back 1,300,000 ordinary shares during the financial year. These shares are held as treasury shares, until released from time to time for the fulfilment of the awards under the SPH PSP. The amount paid, including brokerage fees, totalled S\$3.5 million and was deducted against shareholders' equity.

Share Capital and Treasury Shares

As at 31 August 2018, the Company had 1,598,353,733 ordinary shares, 16,361,769 management shares and 2,295,388 treasury shares (31 August 2017: 1,598,612,211 ordinary shares, 16,361,769 management shares and 2,036,910 treasury shares).

The treasury shares held represent 0.1% (31 August 2017: 0.1%) of the total number of issued shares (excluding treasury shares).

The Company has no subsidiary holdings as at 31 August 2018 and 31 August 2017.

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.

As at 31 August 2018, the Company had 1,598,353,733 ordinary shares and 16,361,769 management shares (31 August 2017: 1,598,612,211 ordinary shares and 16,361,769 management shares).

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

During the financial year, the Company transferred 1,041,522 treasury shares for the fulfillment of share awards vested under the SPH PSP. The total value of the treasury shares transferred was S\$3.8 million.

1(d)(v) A statement showing all sales, transfers, cancellation and/or use of subsidiary holdings as at the end of the current financial period reported on.

The Company has no subsidiary holdings as at 31 August 2018.

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

The figures for the financial year have been audited. The auditors' report on the financial statements of the Group was not subject to any modification.

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

Please refer to the attached auditors' report.

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

Accounting Policies

The financial information has been prepared in accordance with the same accounting policies and methods of computation adopted in the most recently audited financial statements.

The Group has adopted the new or revised Financial Reporting Standards ("FRS") and Interpretations to FRS ("INT FRS") that are mandatory for application in the financial year. The adoption of the new or revised FRS and INT FRS has not resulted in any substantial changes to the Group's accounting policies nor has any significant impact on these financial statements.

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

Earnings Per Share for the Year ended 31 August 2018

	Group	
	2018	2017
(a) Based on the weighted average number of shares on issue (S\$)	0.17	0.22
(b) On fully diluted basis (S\$)	0.17	0.22

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

Net Asset Value Per Share

	Group		Company	
	31 Aug 2018	31 Aug 2017	31 Aug 2018	31 Aug 2017
Net asset value per share based on total number of issued shares at the end of year (S\$)	2.15	2.16	1.26	1.13

7. **A review of the performance of the group, to the extent necessary for a reasonable understanding of the group's business. It must include a discussion of 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; and any material factors that affected the cash flow, working capital, assets or liabilities of the group during the current financial period reported on**

Business Segments

The Group is organised into three major operating segments, namely Media, Property, and Treasury and Investment. The Media segment is involved in the production of content for distribution on print and other media platforms. The Property segment holds, manages and develops properties of the Group. The Treasury and Investment segment manages the investment activities of the Group. Other operations under the Group, which are currently not significant to be reported separately, are included under "Others". These include the Group's businesses and investments in online classifieds, events and exhibitions, aged care, education and the New Media Fund.

Review of Results for the Year ended 31 August 2018 (“FY2018”) compared with the Year ended 31 August 2017 (“FY2017”)

7.1 Income Statement

- 7.1.1 Group operating revenue of S\$982.6 million was S\$50 million (4.8%) lower compared to FY2017. Revenue for the Media business declined S\$69.6 million (9.6%) to S\$655.8 million as advertisement and circulation revenue fell S\$58.7 million (11.6%) and S\$11.3 million (7%) respectively.

Revenue for the Property segment was marginally lower by S\$1.7 million (0.7%).

Revenue from the Group’s other businesses grew by S\$21.4 million (34%) to S\$84.4 million, led by contributions from the aged care business.

- 7.1.2 Other operating income increased by S\$3.6 million (18.5%) mainly due to a gain arising from the dilution of interest on the IPO listing of MindChamps Preschool.

- 7.1.3 Materials, production and distribution costs saw a reduction of S\$13.4 million (8.6%) in line with lower revenue.

Staff costs decreased by S\$5.7 million (1.6%) due to lower headcount and bonus provision.

Premises costs increase of S\$4.9 million (7.6%) was attributed to the aged care business.

Depreciation charges was lower by S\$4.6 million (12.2%) as certain press lines were fully depreciated/impaired.

Impairment charges on goodwill and intangibles of S\$22.4 million and S\$37.8 million were recognised in FY2018 and FY2017 respectively. The charges in FY2018 primarily related to the online classifieds business due to challenging market conditions.

Impairment charges on property, plant and equipment of S\$22.8 million recognised in FY2017 arose from the consolidation and optimisation of printing press capacity.

Finance costs increased by S\$6.2 million (19.8%) mainly due to interest cost on the S\$280 million term loan taken up during the year to fund the development of The Woodleigh Residences and The Woodleigh Mall (collectively, “Woodleigh development”).

- 7.1.4 Operating profit of S\$206.3 million was flat compared to FY2017.

- 7.1.5 Investment income of S\$115.2 million was S\$61.3 million (113.8%) higher compared to last year due to gain on divestment of portfolio investments.

- 7.1.6 Fair value gain on investment properties of S\$45.7 million arose mainly from the increase in valuation of the retail assets of the Group. The fair value gain recognised last year was S\$57.4 million.

- 7.1.7 The share of results of associates and joint ventures improved by S\$2.7 million (484%) due to a gain recognised on disposal of the online classifieds business in Thailand.
- 7.1.8 Gain on divestment of a joint venture of S\$149.7 million recognised in FY2017 relates to a gain on the sale of the Group's stake in the online classifieds business in Malaysia, Vietnam and Myanmar. There was no divestment of joint venture in FY2018.
- 7.1.9 Impairment of associates and a joint venture recognised in FY2017 included a write-down of S\$30.5 million pursuant to the divestment of the Group's stake in MediaCorp Press and MediaCorp TV Holdings. There was no impairment of associate and joint venture in FY2018.
- 7.1.10 Taxation charge of S\$46.5 million was based on the statutory tax rate, taking into account non-deductible expenses and non-taxable income. This included an amount of S\$1.3 million for over-provision of taxation in respect of prior years.
- 7.1.11 Net profit attributable to shareholders of S\$281.1 million was S\$69 million (19.7%) lower compared to FY2017. Excluding gain on divestment of a joint venture in FY2017 and impairment charges, net profit attributable to shareholders was higher by S\$7 million (2.4%) year-on-year.

7.2 Statements of Financial Position

- 7.2.1 Property, plant and equipment decreased by S\$10.1 million (4.3%) due to depreciation charges of S\$33.2 million, partially offset by additions of S\$23.6 million comprising mainly building renovation costs and replacement costs for systems, software and equipment.
- 7.2.2 Investment properties increased by S\$120.4 million (3%) mainly due to acquisition of The Rail Mall of S\$65.3 million and fair value gain on investment properties of S\$45.7 million.
- 7.2.3 Associates and joint ventures increased by S\$65.7 million (84.8%) due to equity injection of S\$25 million and fair valuation of S\$16.2 million on shareholders' loans to the joint ventures of the Woodleigh development. The acquisition of additional stakes in Handshakes and Perennial Chinatown Point, and the effects arising from the IPO listing of MindChamps Preschool further contributed to the increase.
- 7.2.4 Non-current investments decreased by S\$59.8 million (11.6%) due primarily to partial divestment of Qoo10 and disposal of stake in Starhub.
- 7.2.5 Intangible assets decreased by S\$28.4 million (13.9%) due to impairment charges of S\$22.4 million and amortisation expense of S\$9.7 million, partially offset by addition of S\$3.7 million relating to the acquisition of Han Language Centre.
- 7.2.6 Non-current trade and other receivables increased to S\$246.6 million from S\$8.9 million due to S\$255 million of shareholders' loans provided to the joint ventures of Woodleigh development offset by fair valuation of S\$16.2 million on the loans.

- 7.2.7 Current assets decreased by S\$235.1 million (22.8%) due to reduction in investments by S\$241.7 million with the divestment of treasury portfolio investments. Proceeds of S\$189.3 million relating to the divestment and due after financial year-end were recognised in trade and other receivables. However, this was partially offset by repayment of S\$168.4 million drawn down for the Woodleigh development as at 31 August 2017.
- 7.2.8 Total non-current and current borrowings increased by S\$107.6 million due to draw-down of long-term loans of S\$280 million for shareholders' contribution to the Woodleigh development and S\$45 million to partially fund the acquisition of The Rail Mall. This was partially offset by net repayment of S\$214.5 million of short-term banking facilities, including the S\$168.4 million drawn down for the Woodleigh development as at 31 August 2017.

7.3 Statement of Cash Flows

- 7.3.1 Net cash used in operating activities of S\$20.3 million was due to payment of dividends of S\$285.3 million and income tax of S\$48.7 million, partially offset by operational cash inflows of S\$313.6 million.
- 7.3.2 Net cash used in investing activities of S\$27 million was due to additions to property, plant and equipment of S\$22.7 million and investment properties of S\$74.6 million (including acquisition of The Rail Mall), investments in associates of S\$12.1 million (including S\$5.1 million for Perennial Chinatown Point and S\$4 million for MindChamps Preschool) and additional shareholders' contributions in both equity and loans for the Woodleigh development of S\$111.6 million. The outflow was partially offset by net proceeds from the disposal/purchase of investments of S\$171.1 million and dividends received of S\$20.3 million.
- 7.3.3 Net cash from financing activities of S\$94.2 million was mainly attributed to the drawdown of S\$280 million term loan facility to provide shareholders' contributions for the Woodleigh development and S\$45 million to partially fund the acquisition of The Rail Mall. This was partially offset by net repayment of S\$214.5 million of short-term banking facilities which included the S\$168.4 million drawn down for the Woodleigh development as at 31 August 2017.

8. Segmental 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

**Group Segmental Information
2018**

	Media	Property	Treasury and Investment	Others	Eliminations	Consolidated
	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000
Operating revenue						
External sales	655,782	242,417	-	84,356	-	982,555
Inter-segmental sales	3,691	2,538	-	2,149	(8,378)	-
Total operating revenue	<u>659,473</u>	<u>244,955</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>86,505</u>	<u>(8,378)</u>	<u>982,555</u>
Result						
Segment result	92,066	182,843	100,895	(16,770)	-	359,034
Finance costs	-	(35,585)	(1,915)	(13)	-	(37,513)
Fair value change on investment properties	-	45,702	-	-	-	45,702
Share of results of associates and joint ventures	5	4,497	-	(1,220)	-	3,282
Profit / (Loss) before taxation	<u>92,071</u>	<u>197,457</u>	<u>98,980</u>	<u>(18,003)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>370,505</u>
Taxation						(46,508)
Profit after taxation						<u>323,997</u>
Non-controlling interests						(42,887)
Profit attributable to Shareholders						<u>281,110</u>
Other information						
Segment assets	<u>303,066</u>	<u>4,539,536</u>	<u>958,139</u>	<u>395,947</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,196,688</u>
Segment assets includes:						
Associates/Joint ventures	12,823	92,663	-	37,723	-	143,209
Additions to:						
- property, plant and equipment	14,532	164	-	9,053	-	23,749
- investment properties	-	74,649	-	-	-	74,649
- intangible assets	-	-	-	3,700	-	3,700
Segment liabilities	<u>151,165</u>	<u>1,616,703</u>	<u>87,676</u>	<u>26,459</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,882,003</u>
Current tax liabilities						47,682
Deferred tax liabilities						38,919
Consolidated total liabilities						<u>1,968,604</u>
Depreciation	27,447	540	-	5,227	-	33,214
Amortisation of intangible assets	808	-	-	8,920	-	9,728
Impairment of goodwill	275	-	-	16,995	-	17,270
Impairment of intangible assets	449	-	-	4,637	-	5,086

**Group Segmental Information
2017**

			Treasury and Investment			
	Media	Property	Investment	Others	Eliminations	Consolidated
	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000
Operating revenue						
External sales	725,427	244,159	-	62,929	-	1,032,515
Inter-segmental sales	4,223	2,512	-	3,547	(10,282)	-
Total operating revenue	<u>729,650</u>	<u>246,671</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>66,476</u>	<u>(10,282)</u>	<u>1,032,515</u>
Result						
Segment result	62,175	188,281	49,089	(8,932)	-	290,613
Finance costs	-	(29,235)	(2,051)	(14)	-	(31,300)
Fair value change on investment properties	-	57,386	-	-	-	57,386
Share of results of associates and joint ventures	(268)	3,925	-	(3,095)	-	562
Gain on divestment of a joint venture	-	-	-	149,690	-	149,690
Impairment of associates and a joint venture	(35,300)	-	-	(159)	-	(35,459)
Profit before taxation	<u>26,607</u>	<u>220,357</u>	<u>47,038</u>	<u>137,490</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>431,492</u>
Taxation						(36,276)
Profit after taxation						395,216
Non-controlling interests						(45,131)
Profit attributable to Shareholders						<u>350,085</u>
Other information						
Segment assets	<u>346,191</u>	<u>4,322,917</u>	<u>999,819</u>	<u>437,483</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,106,410</u>
Segment assets includes:						
Associates/Joint ventures	11,002	44,059	-	22,427	-	77,488
Additions to:						
- property, plant and equipment	11,259	621	-	64,589	-	76,469
- investment properties	-	14,385	-	-	-	14,385
- intangible assets	655	-	-	104,770	-	105,425
Segment liabilities	<u>171,345</u>	<u>1,296,052</u>	<u>300,271</u>	<u>19,637</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,787,305</u>
Current tax liabilities						46,591
Deferred tax liabilities						49,190
Consolidated total liabilities						<u>1,883,086</u>
Depreciation	35,473	567	-	1,783	-	37,823
Amortisation of intangible assets	2,261	-	-	8,741	-	11,002
Impairment of property, plant and equipment	22,785	-	-	-	-	22,785
Impairment of goodwill	1,879	-	-	8,000	-	9,879
Impairment of intangible assets	27,901	-	-	-	-	27,901

Geographical segments

The principal geographical area in which the Group operates is Singapore. The Group's overseas operations include publishing and distributing magazines, providing marketing and editorial services, providing online classified services, organising events and exhibitions, and holding investments.

	Operating revenue		Non-current assets		Total assets	
	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017
	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000
Singapore	962,450	1,009,437	5,374,768	5,049,234	6,155,832	6,064,032
Other countries	20,105	23,078	25,222	25,373	40,856	42,378
	982,555	1,032,515	5,399,990	5,074,607	6,196,688	6,106,410

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

Group Segmental Review

Media

Profit before tax of S\$92.1 million for FY2018 was S\$65.5 million (246%) higher year-on-year due to impairment charges of S\$87.9 million recognised in FY2017. Excluding impairment charges, operating results declined S\$21.7 million (18.9%) as the fall in advertisement and circulation revenue of S\$58.7 million (11.6%) and S\$11.3 million (7%) respectively was cushioned by cost savings including newsprint costs of S\$6.4 million (13.3%), staff costs of S\$19.9 million (6.2%) and depreciation charges of S\$8 million (22.6%).

Property

Profit before tax of S\$197.5 million for FY2018 declined S\$22.9 million (10.4%) year-on-year partly attributable to lower fair value gains on investment properties of S\$11.7 million (20.4%). Excluding fair value change on investment properties, operating results fell S\$11.2 million (6.9%) on marginally lower revenue of S\$1.7 million (0.7%), financing cost for shareholder's contributions for the Woodleigh development and professional fees relating to acquisitions.

Treasury and Investment

Profit before tax of S\$99 million increased by S\$51.9 million (110.4%) against FY2017, driven by gain on divestment of treasury portfolio investments to fund other strategic initiatives.

Others

Loss before tax of S\$18 million for FY2018 included impairment charges of S\$21.6 million mainly pertaining to the online classifieds business. The results also included gain on divestment of investments.

(Refer to paragraph 7 for factors leading to any material changes in contributions to turnover).

10. Breakdown of Sales

	Group		
	2018	2017	Change
	S\$'000	S\$'000	%
(a) Operating revenue reported for first half year	492,457	516,275	(4.6)
(b) Profit after tax before deducting non-controlling interests reported for the first half year	120,817	119,691	0.9
(c) Operating revenue reported for second half year	490,098	516,240	(5.1)
(d) Profit after tax before deducting non-controlling interests reported for the second half year	203,180	275,525	(26.3)

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

No forecast was made previously.

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

- 12.1 Print continues to experience headwinds but the Group is seeing encouraging results from its efforts to digitise the core Media Business.
- 12.2 The Group is making good progress in growing its Property, Digital Portfolio and Aged Care businesses, including its recently acquired assets in the Purpose-built Student Accommodation sector.

13. Dividends

(a) Current Financial Period Reported On

Any dividend recommended for the current financial period reported on?

Yes.

Name of Dividend	Final Dividend	Special Dividend
Dividend Type	Cash	Cash
Dividend Rate	3 cents per share	4 cents per share
Tax Rate	Tax exempt	Tax exempt

(b) Corresponding Period of the Immediately Preceding Financial Year

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

Yes.

Name of Dividend	Final Dividend	Special Dividend
Dividend Type	Cash	Cash
Dividend Rate	3 cents per share	6 cents per share
Tax Rate	Tax exempt	Tax exempt

(c) Date payable

The date the dividend is payable: 21 December 2018.

(d) Record Date

The Share Transfer Books and Register of Members of the Company will be closed on 10 December 2018, 5.00 p.m. for preparation of dividend warrants. Duly stamped and completed transfers received by our Share Transfer Office, Tricor Barbinder Share Registration Services, 80 Robinson Road #02-00 Singapore 068898, up to 5.00 p.m. on 10 December 2018 will be registered to determine shareholders' entitlements to the dividend. In respect of shares in securities accounts with the Central Depository (Pte) Limited ("CDP"), the said dividend will be paid by the Company to CDP which will distribute the dividend to holders of the securities accounts.

14. If no dividend has been declared (recommended), a statement to that effect

Not applicable.

15. **A breakdown of the total annual dividend (in dollar value) for the issuer's latest full year and its previous full year as follows:-**

Total Net Annual Dividend

	2018	2017
	S\$'000	S\$'000
Ordinary	209,991	242,276
Preference	-	-
Total	<u>209,991</u>	<u>242,276</u>

The amount of S\$209,991,000 (Last year: S\$242,276,000) included S\$2,127,000 (Last year: S\$2,454,000) relating to management shares.

* This may be increased depending on the number of issued shares existing as at the books closure date on 10 December 2018.

16. **If the group has obtained a general mandate from shareholders for Interested Person Transactions, the aggregate value of such transactions as required under Rule 920(1)(a)(ii). If no IPT mandate has been obtained, a statement to that effect.**

The Company has not obtained a general mandate from shareholders for Interested Person Transactions.

17. **Disclosure of person occupying a managerial position in the issuer or any of its principal subsidiaries who is a relative of a director or chief executive officer or substantial shareholder of the issuer pursuant to Rule 704(13). If there are no such persons, the issuer must make an appropriate negative statement.**

The Company confirms that there is no person occupying a managerial position in the Company who is related to a director, chief executive officer or substantial shareholder of the Company.

18. **Please disclose a confirmation that the Company has procured undertakings from all its directors and executive officers (in the format set out in Appendix 7.7) under Rule 720(1).**

The Company confirms that it has procured undertakings from all its Directors and Executive Officers pursuant to Rule 720(1) of the SGX Listing Manual.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

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Independent Auditors' Report on the Full Financial Statements

Members of the Company
Singapore Press Holdings Limited

Report on the audit of the financial statements

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Singapore Press Holdings Limited (the "Company") and its subsidiaries (the "Group"), which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position of the Group and the statement of financial position of the Company as at 31 August 2018, the consolidated income statement, consolidated statement of comprehensive income, consolidated statement of changes in total equity and consolidated statement of cash flows of the Group for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, as set out on pages # to #.

In our opinion, the accompanying consolidated financial statements of the Group and the statement of financial position of the Company are properly drawn up in accordance with the provisions of the Singapore Companies Act, Chapter 50 (the "Act") and Financial Reporting Standards in Singapore ("FRSs") so as to give a true and fair view of the consolidated financial position of the Group and the financial position of the Company as at 31 August 2018 and of the consolidated financial performance, consolidated changes in equity and consolidated cash flows of the Group for the year ended on that date.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Singapore Standards on Auditing ("SSAs"). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the '*Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements*' section of our report. We are independent of the Group in accordance with the Accounting and Corporate Regulatory Authority *Code of Professional Conduct and Ethics for Public Accountants and Accounting Entities* ("ACRA Code") together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Singapore, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the ACRA Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Key audit matters

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgement, were of most significance in our audit of the financial statements of the current period. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the financial statements as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

Valuation of investment properties

(Refer to Note 8 and 30(e) to the financial statements)

Risk:

Investment properties represent the single largest category of assets on the statement of financial position, at S\$4.2 billion as at 31 August 2018.



These investment properties are stated at their fair values based on independent external valuations.

The valuation process involves significant judgement in determining the appropriate valuation methodology to be used, and in estimating the underlying assumptions to be applied. The valuations are highly sensitive to key assumptions applied, i.e. a small change in the assumptions can have a significant impact to the valuation.

Our response:

We evaluated the qualifications and competence of the external valuers. We also read the terms of engagement of the valuers with the Group to determine whether there were any matters that might have affected their objectivity or limited the scope of their work.

We considered the valuation methodologies used against those applied by other valuers for similar property types. We tested the integrity of inputs of the projected cash flows used in the valuation to supporting leases and other documents. We challenged the key assumptions used in the valuation by comparing them against historical rates and available industry data, taking into consideration comparability and market factors.

We also assessed whether the disclosures in the financial statements appropriately described the inherent degree of subjectivity and key assumptions in the valuations.

Our findings:

The valuers are members of recognised professional bodies for valuers and have confirmed their own independence in carrying out their work.

The valuation methodologies adopted by the valuers are in line with generally accepted market practices and the key assumptions used are within range of available market data. The disclosures in the financial statements are appropriate in their description of the inherent subjectivity and estimation involved.

Valuation of unquoted investments

(Refer to Note 12 and 30(e) to the financial statements)

Risk:

The Group's investment portfolio of S\$576 million as at 31 August 2018 included unquoted investments of S\$133 million, measured at Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy. The Level 3 investments are measured using non-observable market data (i.e. recent transacted price, indicative price for equity participation and underlying net asset value of the investee companies) and hence, the valuation of these investments involves judgement.

Our response:

We evaluated the appropriateness of the valuation techniques and the key valuation inputs used to determine the fair value of these Level 3 investments. We also assessed the adequacy of disclosures on the fair value measurement basis.



Our findings:

The valuation methods applied are in line with generally accepted market practices and the valuations are supported by recent transacted prices or indicative price for equity participation or external net assets valuation reports. The disclosures in the financial statements are appropriate.

Valuation of goodwill and intangible assets

(Refer to Note 13 to the financial statements)

Risk:

Intangible assets of S\$176 million as at 31 August 2018 comprise mainly goodwill, trademarks and licences acquired from business combinations. Impairment charge of S\$22.4 million was recorded for goodwill and intangible assets.

The estimated recoverable amount of these assets is based on forecasted cash flows of the underlying businesses, which are inherently judgmental. There is therefore a risk that actual cash flows of the underlying businesses fall short of the forecast, resulting in more impairment losses.

Our response:

We challenged the reasonableness of the key assumptions used in the cash flow forecast, including the discount rates and terminal growth rates by comparing to historical records and externally derived data, where available. As part of the challenge, we also considered the accuracy of past projections. We also considered the adequacy of the disclosures of the key assumptions used in conveying the inherent estimation uncertainties.

Our findings:

In forecasting the cash flows of the underlying businesses, the Group took into account macroeconomic and sector trends and conditions. We found the key assumptions used in the cash flow forecast to be within acceptable range, supported by historical performance and available market growth statistics. The disclosures in the financial statements are appropriate.

Other information

Management is responsible for the other information contained in the annual report. Other information is defined as all information in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditors' report thereon.

We have obtained all other information prior to the date of this auditors' report.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.



Responsibilities of management and directors for the financial statements

Management is responsible for the preparation of financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with the provisions of the Act and FRSs, and for devising and maintaining a system of internal accounting controls sufficient to provide a reasonable assurance that assets are safeguarded against loss from unauthorised use or disposition; and transactions are properly authorised and that they are recorded as necessary to permit the preparation of true and fair financial statements and to maintain accountability of assets.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Group's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Group or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

The directors' responsibilities include overseeing the Group's financial reporting process.

Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with SSAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with SSAs, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls.
- Obtain an understanding of internal controls relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Group's internal controls.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Group's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditors' report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditors' report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Group to cease to continue as a going concern.



- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Group to express an opinion on the consolidated financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

We communicate with the directors regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal controls that we identify during our audit.

We also provide the directors with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

From the matters communicated with the directors, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the financial statements of the current period and are therefore the key audit matters. We describe these matters in our auditors' report unless the law or regulations preclude public disclosure about the matter or when, in extremely rare circumstances, we determine that a matter should not be communicated in our report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.

Report on other legal and regulatory requirements

In our opinion, the accounting and other records required by the Act to be kept by the Company and by those subsidiary corporations incorporated in Singapore of which we are the auditors have been properly kept in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

The engagement partner on the audit resulting in this independent auditors' report is Ang Fung Fung.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'KPMG LLP'.

KPMG LLP
Public Accountants and
Chartered Accountants

Singapore
15 October 2018

The page numbers are as stated in the Independent Auditors' Report dated 15 October 2018 included in Singapore Press Holdings Limited's Annual Report for the financial year ended 31 August 2018.