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The financial year 2009/2010 started with expectations of a global economic recovery from one of the most severe recessions in decades. The business outlook became more positive as we witnessed improved performance with each successive quarter.

Turnover for the twelve months ended 31 March 2010 was S\$799.4 million. In the first half of the financial year we experienced a slowdown in the wake of the financial tsunami. However, business began to improve in the second half. Overall, turnover decreased marginally by about 8% compared with the last financial year.

Profit after tax attributable to equity holders of the Company was S\$37.1 million, a marked increase over S\$0.2 million for last year. Excluding the effect of commodity hedging contracts in the last financial year, gross profit margin was about 23% as compared with 21% for the previous year. Earnings per share were 33.82 Singapore cents, a great improvement from the earnings per share of 0.20 Singapore cents of last year.

The Directors recommended a final tax-exempt dividend of 8 Singapore cents per share. Together with the interim tax-exempt dividend paid, the total tax-exempt (one-tier) dividend per share for the year amounted to 10 Singapore cents.

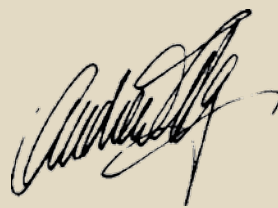
In October 2009, the Company entered into a facility agreement with several leading banks in Singapore in respect of a S\$60 million 3-year syndicated transferable term loan facility. Using the proceeds from this new facility, together with cash accumulated, the Group repaid the previous syndicated loan facilities due in 2009. This has improved the funding structure and rectified the “going concern” issues raised by our auditors. We are particularly grateful for the support and confidence of the banks that have stayed with us in these uncertain times.

With the global trend towards greater awareness of the need for carbon footprint reduction, the Group continued to explore opportunities to develop batteries for electric transportation and other industrial applications. We have generated and received encouraging interest and response from customers regionally and worldwide. With the purchase of Vectrix electric motorcycle company from bankruptcy, we expect our electric transportation business to grow in the coming year. This could become an area for long-term development for the Group.

We will continue to grow the business and generate profits to enhance shareholders’ return. We will re-engineer our operations and increase automation to ensure competitiveness and enhance productivity. To reduce pressure on profit margins due to the volatile currencies and high raw material prices, we will keep controlling our operating costs. We will continue to expand brand management and new product development while focusing on priority markets and core products. The Group will invest in resources to better position our Nickel Metal Hydride and Lithium rechargeable batteries business. The traditional consumer batteries will remain as the solid foundation of our business.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to express my appreciation to all our shareholders, business partners and customers for their continued support. To our employees, thank you for your understanding and support of the drastic austerity measures that we have implemented to pull us through the difficult times.

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The Group will expend resources to focus on new products and applications for its industrial series.

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The Group expects the electric transportation business to grow and become an area for long-term development.



to **GROWTH**



The Group will continue to build on the GP brand for its consumer batteries which will remain as the solid foundation of its business.