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Unaudited First Quarter Financial Statement And Dividend Announcement

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

	Unaudited 1 st Qtr		Increase/ (Decrease) %
	1 Jul to 30 Sep 06 US\$m	1 Jul to 30 Sep 05 US\$m	
Revenue	98.2	76.7	28.0%
Bass Strait oil and gas royalty	3.8	3.5	8.6%
Other operating income	5.6	1.9	194.7%
Direct costs of raw materials and consumables	(52.4)	(42.5)	23.3%
Personnel expenses	(26.1)	(21.8)	19.7%
Other operating expenses	(5.6)	(5.2)	7.7%
PROFIT BEFORE DEPRECIATION & AMORTISATION	23.5	12.6	86.5%
Depreciation	(6.7)	(6.5)	3.1%
Amortisation	(1.4)	(1.4)	0.0%
PROFIT BEFORE FINANCING COSTS	15.4	4.7	227.7%
Net financing costs	(8.2)	(6.9)	18.8%
Net foreign exchange (loss) / gain	(0.7)	0.1	NM
PROFIT /(LOSS) BEFORE TAX	6.5	(2.1)	NM
Income tax (expense) / benefit	(0.8)	17.9	NM
NET PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD	5.7	15.8	-63.9%

NOTE TO INCOME STATEMENT

	Unaudited 1 st Qtr		Increase/ (Decrease) %
	1 Jul to 30 Sep 06 US\$m	1 Jul to 30 Sep 05 US\$m	
Profit / (loss) before tax is stated after (charging)/crediting:			
Other operating income:			
Dividend income	0.1	-	NM
Management fees	3.3	0.2	1550.0%
Amortisation:			
Amortisation of Bass Strait oil and gas royalty	(1.4)	(1.4)	0.0%
Net financing costs:			
Interest income	2.7	3.1	-12.9%
Interest on borrowings	(11.0)	(10.6)	3.8%
Income tax benefit:			
Adjustments for over provision of tax in respect of prior years	-	17.9	-100.0%

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	
	Unaudited 30 Sep 06 US\$m	Audited 30 Jun 06 US\$m	Unaudited 30 Sep 06 US\$m	Audited 30 Jun 06 US\$m
ASSETS				
Hotels, property, plant and equipment	1,370.6	1,343.8	-	-
Development properties	223.1	212.7	-	-
Bass Strait oil and gas royalty	117.3	118.3	-	-
Investment in subsidiaries	-	-	1,131.6	1,120.8
Other investments	16.4	13.5	-	-
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	1,727.4	1,688.3	1,131.6	1,120.8
Trade and other receivables	99.5	91.6	1.9	-
Advances to subsidiaries	-	-	322.1	301.9
Cash and cash equivalents	16.9	7.1	-	-
Inventories	0.6	0.7	-	-
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	117.0	99.4	324.0	301.9
TOTAL ASSETS	1,844.4	1,787.7	1,455.6	1,422.7
LESS LIABILITIES				
Loans and borrowings	29.8	13.9	-	-
Trade and other payables	97.4	95.2	0.4	0.7
Corporate tax payable	0.1	0.1	-	-
Provisions	7.3	2.9	4.9	1.2
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	134.6	112.1	5.3	1.9
Advances from subsidiaries	-	-	429.8	419.6
Loans and borrowings	526.1	512.7	-	-
Provisions	29.0	34.8	2.0	5.7
Deferred tax liabilities	136.2	132.6	-	-
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	691.3	680.1	431.8	425.3
TOTAL LIABILITIES	825.9	792.2	437.1	427.2
NET ASSETS	1,018.5	995.5	1,018.5	995.5
SHARE CAPITAL AND RESERVES	1,018.5	995.5	1,018.5	995.5

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

Amount repayable in one year or less, or on demand

As at 30 Sep 2006		As at 30 Jun 2006	
Secured	Unsecured	Secured	Unsecured
25.1	4.7	9.5	4.4

Amount repayable after one year

As at 30 Sep 2006		As at 30 Jun 2006	
Secured	Unsecured	Secured	Unsecured
521.0	5.1	508.0	4.7

Details of any collateral

At 30 September 2006 the group's borrowings are secured against various hotels with a net book value of US\$955.2 million (£510.1 million) and all the Thistle shares held by the group.

At 30 June 2006, the group's borrowings were secured against various hotels with a net book value of US\$937.7 million (£511.6 million) and all the Thistle shares held by the group.

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 Unaudited	
	1 st Qtr 1 Jul to 30 Sep 06 US\$m	1 st Qtr 1 Jul to 30 Sep 05 US\$m
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Profit before financing costs	15.4	4.7
Adjustments for non-cash items		
Depreciation of hotels, property, plant and equipment	6.7	6.5
Amortisation of Bass Strait oil and gas royalty	1.4	1.4
Net change in working capital items		
Inventories	0.1	0.3
Trade and other receivables	(7.9)	29.7
Trade and other payables	2.2	(7.7)
Provisions utilised	(1.4)	(26.9)
Income tax (paid) / refund	-	0.1
Other operating cash flows	(0.6)	0.4
Dividend received	0.1	-
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	16.0	8.5
INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Acquisition of hotels, property, plant and equipment	(4.5)	(6.0)
Disposal of development properties	0.1	3.4
Acquisition of development properties	(10.0)	(2.9)
Acquisition of other investments	(1.0)	(0.2)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	(15.4)	(5.7)
FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Drawdown of non-current borrowings	4.4	-
Drawdown of short-term borrowings	19.1	-
Repayment of short-term borrowings	(3.4)	-
Interest received	2.7	3.1
Interest paid	(13.4)	(12.8)
Retainer and guarantee fees paid	0.1	0.6
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES	9.5	(9.1)
NET INCREASE / (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	10.1	(6.3)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year	7.1	52.8
Effect of exchange rate fluctuations on cash held	(0.3)	(0.1)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF THE PERIOD	16.9	46.4

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

Statement of Changes in Equity – Group

	Share Capital US\$m	Contributed Surplus US\$m	Translation Reserve US\$m	Fair Value Reserve US\$m	Capital Reserve Share Based Payment US\$m	Equity Compensation Reserve US\$m	Reserve for Own Shares US\$m	Retained Earnings US\$m	Total US\$m
Balance at 1 Jul 2006	273.6	654.2	12.6	(4.9)	(1.6)	2.7	(16.2)	75.1	995.5
Net exchange translation difference not recognised in the income statement	-	-	15.2	-	-	-	-	-	15.2
Changes in fair value of financial assets and liabilities:									
- available for sale investments	-	-	-	2.1	-	-	-	-	2.1
Net gains recognised directly in equity	-	-	15.2	2.1	-	-	-	-	17.3
Net profit for the period	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.7	5.7
Total recognised income and expense for the period	-	-	15.2	2.1	-	-	-	5.7	23.0
Balance at 30 Sep 2006	273.6	654.2	27.8	(2.8)	(1.6)	2.7	(16.2)	80.8	1,018.5
Balance at 1 Jul 2005, as previously reported	273.6	654.2	(0.5)	3.8	-	-	-	70.6	1,001.7
Effects of IFRS2	-	-	-	-	-	2.7	-	(1.7)	1.0
Balance at 1 Jul 2005, as restated	273.6	654.2	(0.5)	3.8	-	2.7	-	68.9	1,002.7
Net exchange translation difference not recognised in the income statement	-	-	(10.0)	-	-	-	-	-	(10.0)
Changes in fair value of financial assets and liabilities:									
- available for sale investments	-	-	-	0.3	-	-	-	-	0.3
Net (loss) / gains recognised directly in equity	-	-	(10.0)	0.3	-	-	-	-	(9.7)
Net profit for the period	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15.8	15.8
Total recognised income and expense for the period	-	-	(10.0)	0.3	-	-	-	15.8	6.1
Balance at 30 Sep 2005	273.6	654.2	(10.5)	4.1	-	2.7	-	84.7	1,008.8

Statement of Changes in Equity – Company

	Share Capital US\$m	Contributed Surplus US\$m	Capital Reserve Share Based Payment US\$m	Equity Compensation Reserve US\$m	Reserve for Own Shares US\$m	Retained Earnings US\$m	Total US\$m
Balance at 1 Jul 2006	273.6	654.2	(1.6)	2.7	(16.2)	82.8	995.5
Net profit for the period	-	-	-	-	-	23.0	23.0
Total recognised income and expense for the period	-	-	-	-	-	23.0	23.0
Balance at 30 Sep 2006	273.6	654.2	(1.6)	2.7	(16.2)	105.8	1,018.5
Balance at 1 Jul 2005, as previously reported	273.6	654.2	-	-	-	73.9	1,001.7
Effects of IFRS2	-	-	-	2.7	-	(1.7)	1.0
Balance at 1 Jul 2005, as restated	273.6	654.2	-	2.7	-	72.2	1,002.7
Net profit for the period	-	-	-	-	-	6.1	6.1
Total recognised income and expense for the period	-	-	-	-	-	6.1	6.1
Balance at 30 Sep 2005	273.6	654.2	-	2.7	-	78.3	1,008.8

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 also the number of shares that may be issued on conversion of all the outstanding convertibles 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

Not applicable.

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

These 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 a matter)

Not applicable.

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 as in the Group's audited financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2006 have been consistently applied.

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

Not applicable.

6. 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

	Group Unaudited 1 st Qtr	
	1 Jul to 30 Sep 06	1 Jul to 30 Sep 05
Basic earnings per share (US cents)	0.4	1.2
Diluted earnings per share (US cents)	0.4	1.2

Basic earnings per share for the current and preceding years are calculated based on the weighted average number of shares of 1,348 million shares and 1,358 million shares respectively.

Diluted earnings per share for the current and preceding years are calculated based on the weighted average number of shares of 1,348 million shares and 1,360 million shares respectively.

7. Net asset value (for the issuer and group) per ordinary share based on issued share capital of the issuer at the end of the:-

- (a) current financial period reported on; and
(b) immediately preceding financial year.

	Unaudited 1 st Qtr 30 Sep 06	Audited Full Year 30 Jun 06
Net assets per share (US cents)		
The Group	75.6	73.3
The Company	75.6	73.3

Net asset value per share is calculated based on the weighted average number of shares of 1,348 million and 1,358 million ordinary shares in issue during the current and corresponding years respectively.

8. 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 the following:-
- (a) 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
 - (b) any material factors that affected the cash flow, working capital, assets or liabilities of the group during the current financial period reported on

The following factors affected the profits before tax for the period ended 30 September 2006, as a result of which profit before tax improved from a loss of US\$2.1 million to a profit of US\$6.5 million:

Revenue

- This has increased by 28% compared with the corresponding quarter, contributed mainly by the Group's hotels segment. Last year's result were adversely impacted by the July London bombings. Occupancy and average room rate have both enjoyed growth as highlighted by the table below;
- Revenue in the property development segment has declined by 54.3% due to the timing of projects settlements.

Other operating income

- This has improved significantly from US\$1.9 million in the first quarter ended 30 September 2005 to US\$5.6 million in the first quarter ended 30 September 2006. Management fees earned by the Group's hotels segment have contributed to this improvement.

Direct costs

- This has increased due to the inclusion of start-up costs in the Group's gaming segment and higher operating costs in the Group's hotels segment.

Personnel expenses

- This has increased as a result of improved performance at the Group's hotels segment during the first quarter.

Net financing costs

- These have increased compared to the corresponding quarter due to the funding of the Group's newly established gaming segment and new projects in its property and development segment.

Profit after tax decreased because in the period to September 2005, the Group benefited from the reversal of US\$17.9 million of tax provisions made in the previous financial year.

Balance Sheet

- The net assets of the group has improved from the last financial year ended 30 June 2006 mainly due to the appreciation of the value of its hotel and properties caused by the strengthening of the British pound against the US dollar;
- BIL is currently renegotiating its banking facilities with its main banker.

The table below shows some key Thistle room statistics for owned, leased or managed hotels (the Income Statement does not include revenue from managed hotels) for the year:

July to September	London		Provincial		Total	
	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005
Occupancy %	84.5	70.0	77.2	73.5	81.4	71.4
Average Room Rate (£)	91.2	79.5	58.8	57.9	78.0	70.3
RevPar (£)	77.0	55.6	45.4	42.5	63.5	50.2
Revenue (£'m)	52.5	41.9	30.8	29.3	83.3	71.2

The table includes The Cumberland which was opened on 1 October 2004 and excludes any sold hotels.

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

BIL has not previously released any forecast or prospect statements.

10. **A commentary at the date of the 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**

There have been no other major changes in BIL's investments since 30 June 2006.

On 24 August 2006, the Company signed a sales and purchase agreement for the GBP31 million acquisition of the Clermont Club casino business in Mayfair, London from Rank Group Plc. This transaction is expected to be completed in the near future.

The group's intention is to substantially improve the facilities and performance at this location and introduce the Clermont brand into other selected locations.

11. **Dividend**

(a) Current Financial Period Reported On

Any dividend declared for the current financial period reported on? None.

(b) Corresponding Period of the Immediately Preceding Financial Year

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

Not applicable.

(c) Date payable

Not applicable.

(d) Books closure date

Not applicable.

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

Not applicable.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

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Statement Pursuant to SGX Listing Rule 705(4) of the Listing Manual

The Directors confirm that, to the best of their knowledge, nothing has come to the attention of the Board of Directors which may render the unaudited interim consolidated financial results of BIL International Limited for the first quarter ended 30 September 2006, to be false or misleading in any material respect.

On behalf of the Board of Directors

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