## **GUOCO GROUP LIMITED**

(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)
(Stock Code: 53)

## **OVERSEAS REGULATORY ANNOUNCEMENT**

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The board of directors of Guoco currently comprises Mr. Quek Leng Chan as Executive Chairman; Mr. Kwek Leng Hai as President, CEO; Mr. Tan Lim Heng and Mr. James Eng, Jr. as executive directors; Mr. Kwek Leng San as non-executive director and Mr. Sat Pal Khattar, Mr. Volker Stoeckel and Mr. Ding Wai Chuen as independent non-executive directors.



#### Third Quarter \* Financial Statement And Dividend Announcement

\* Asterisks denote mandatory information

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## **Unaudited Third 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

	Unau	dited		Unau	dited	
	9 month	s ended		3"	3 <sup>rd</sup> Qtr	
	1 Jul 07 to	1 Jul 06 to	Increase/	1 Jan to	1 Jan to	Increase/
	31 Mar 08	31 Mar 07	(Decrease)	31 Mar 08	31 Mar 07	(Decrease)
	US\$m	US\$m	%	US\$m	US\$m	%
Revenue	405.1	311.0	30.3%	109.4	109.7	(0.3%)
Bass Strait oil and gas royalty	27.4	14.7	86.4%	13.3	4.5	195.6%
Gain on disposal of investments / assets	3.5	1.0	250.0%	0.2	-	100.0%
Other operating income	21.2	15.1	40.4%	7.6	6.6	15.2%
Direct costs of raw materials and consumables	(214.2)	(158.5)	35.1%	(54.0)	(58.2)	(7.2%)
Personnel expenses	(105.8)	(92.4)	14.5%	(34.1)	(31.2)	9.3%
Other operating expenses	(30.9)	(21.1)	46.4%	(13.1)	(8.7)	50.6%
PROFIT BEFORE DEPRECIATION & AMORTISATION	106.3	69.8	52.3%	29.3	22.7	29.1%
Depreciation and impairment	(24.7)	(22.0)	12.3%	(8.0)	(7.7)	3.9%
Amortisation	(5.1)	(4.4)	15.9%	(1.8)	(1.5)	20.0%
PROFIT BEFORE FINANCING COSTS	76.5	43.4	76.3%	19.5	13.5	44.4%
Interest on borrowing	(40.9)	(37.0)	10.5%	(13.0)	(13.1)	(0.8%)
Interest income	10.8	9.2	17.4%	3.5	3.1	12.9%
Net foreign exchange loss	(2.0)	(3.0)	(33.3%)	(0.3)	(1.0)	(70.0%)
PROFIT BEFORE TAX	44.4	12.6	252.4%	9.7	2.5	288.0%
Income tax (expense) / benefit	(4.4)	(2.3)	91.3%	0.2	(0.7)	NM
NET PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD	40.0	10.3	288.3%	9.9	1.8	450.0%

#### NOTE TO INCOME STATEMENT

	Unau	ıdited		Una	udited	
	9 month			3 <sup>rd</sup> Qtr		
	1 Jul 07 to 31 Mar 08 US\$m	1 Jul 06 to 31 Mar 07 US\$m	Increase/ (Decrease) %	1 Jan to 31 Mar 08 US\$m	1 Jan to 31 Mar 07 US\$m	Increase/ (Decrease) %
Profit before tax is stated after (charging)/crediting:		ОСФІП	70	- CC\$	ССФП	70
Gain on disposal of investments / assets:						
Gain on disposal of investments	3.5	1.0	250.0%	0.2	-	100.0%
Other operating income:						
Dividend income	0.2	0.3	(33.3%)	-	0.2	(100.0%)
Management fees	6.0	4.0	50.0%	1.5	1.1	36.4%
Other fees	7.2	1.9	278.9%	3.4	1.9	78.9%
Direct costs of raw materials and consumables:						
Write back of provision for doubtful debts	0.3	0.9	66.7%	2.2	0.9	(144.4%)
Amortisation :						
Amortisation of Bass Strait oil and gas royalty	(5.1)	(4.4)	15.9%	(1.8)	(1.5)	20.0%

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

	GR	OUP	COM	PANY
	Unaudited 31 Mar 08 US\$m	Audited 30 Jun 07 US\$m	Unaudited 31 Mar 08 US\$m	Audited 30 Jun 07 US\$m
ASSETS	·		·	
Hotels, property, plant and equipment	1,437.3	1,449.5	-	-
Development properties	205.2	249.9	-	-
Intangible assets	192.7	188.0	-	-
Investment in subsidiaries	-	-	1,220.3	1,180.8
Other investments	14.2	22.3	-	-
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	1,849.4	1,909.7	1,220.3	1,180.8
Trade and other receivables	87.5	103.7	0.4	-
Advances to subsidiaries	-	-	469.4	354.1
Cash and cash equivalents	53.2	47.1	-	-
Inventories	1.1	1.1	-	-
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	141.8	151.9	469.8	354.1
TOTAL ASSETS	1,991.2	2,061.6	1,690.1	1,534.9
LESS LIABILITIES				
Loans and borrowings	105.9	183.7	104.7	-
Trade and other payables	97.8	110.0	0.8	0.6
Corporate tax payable	1.4	0.1	-	-
Provisions	3.3	5.9	0.4	0.5
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	208.4	299.7	105.9	1.1
Advances from subsidiaries	-	-	481.1	466.7
Loans and borrowings	522.1	533.9	-	-
Provisions	19.8	24.2	-	-
Deferred tax liabilities	137.8	136.7	-	-
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	679.7	694.8	481.1	466.7
TOTAL LIABILITIES	888.1	994.5	587.0	467.8
NET ASSETS	1,103.1	1,067.1	1,103.1	1,067.1
SHARE CAPITAL AND RESERVES	1,103.1	1,067.1	1,103.1	1,067.1

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

## Amount repayable in one year or less, or on demand

As at 31	Mar 2008	As at 30	Jun 2007
Secured	Unsecured	Secured Unsecure	
US\$m	US\$m	US\$m	US\$m
-	105.9	177.7	6.0

## Amount repayable after one year

As at 31	Mar 2008	As at 30 Jun 2007		
Secured	Unsecured	Secured	Unsecured	
US\$m	US\$m	US\$m	US\$m	
522.1	•	533.9	I.	

## **Details of any collateral**

At 31 March 2008, the Group's borrowings which are repayable in one year or less are unsecured.

The Group's long tem borrowing is secured against various hotels with a net book value of US\$1,078.6 million (£542.9 million).

# 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					
	Unau	ıdited	Una	udited		
	9 months 1 Jul 07 to 31 Mar 08 US\$m	9 months 1 Jul 06 to 31 Mar 07 US\$m	3 <sup>rd</sup> Qtr 1 Jan to 31 Mar 08 US\$m	3 <sup>rd</sup> Qtr 1 Jan to 31 Mar 07 US\$m		
OPERATING ACTIVITIES						
Profit before financing costs and exchange gain / (loss)	76.5	43.4	19.5	13.5		
Adjustments for non-cash items						
Depreciation of hotel, property, plant and equipment	24.7	22.0	8.0	7.7		
Amortisation Bass Strait oil and gas royalty	5.1	4.4	1.8	1.5		
Other non cash item	1.3	0.2	1.3	0.2		
Gain on disposal of assets included in investing cash flow	(3.5)	(1.0)	(0.2)	-		
Net change in working capital items						
Inventories	-	(0.3)	0.2	-		
Trade and other receivables	16.2	13.5	(1.5)	(9.3)		
Trade and other payables	(12.1)	11.5	10.2	27.7		
Provisions utilised	(7.1)	(8.3)	(1.9)	(5.4)		
Income tax (paid) / benefit	(8.0)	-	(0.6)	-		
Other operating cash flows	(1.2)	(0.4)	(5.5)	-		
Dividend received	0.2	0.3	-	0.2		
Repurchase of shares for employee share option scheme	(7.7)	-	(7.7)	-		
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	91.6	85.3	23.6	36.1		
INVESTING ACTIVITIES						
Proceeds from sale of plant and equipment	0.1	0.1	-	-		
Proceeds from sale of investments	5.0	-	1.7	-		
Disposal of subsidiaries	-	1.9	-	-		
Acquisition of hotel, property, plant and equipment	(23.5)	(15.4)	(11.7)	(4.9)		
Disposal of development properties	49.3	1.3	4.1	1.2		
Acquisition of development properties	(3.4)	(30.5)	(2.2)	(10.6)		
Acquisition of other investments	(0.5)	(0.8)	(0.4)	-		
Acquisition of business operation	-	(59.4)	-	-		
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	27.0	(102.8)	(8.5)	(14.3)		
FINANCING ACTIVITIES						
Drawdown / (repayment) of short-term borrowings	(80.1)	123.3	(6.0)	(5.9)		
Interest received	5.6	9.2	(1.7)	3.1		
Interest paid	(39.9)	(43.8)	(12.7)	(15.4)		
Retainer and guarantee fees paid	(1.0)	(0.6)	(0.3)	(0.2)		
Realised exchange gains on financial derivatives	3.1	1.1	2.3	0.3		
Dividend paid to shareholders of the Company	_	(30.2)	-	-		
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES	(112.3)	59.0	(18.4)	(18.1)		
NET INCREASE / (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	6.3	41.5	(3.3)	3.7		
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the period	47.1	7.1	54.8	44.2		
Effect of exchange rate fluctuations on cash held	(0.2)	3.7	1.7	4.4		
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF THE PERIOD	53.2	52.3	53.2	52.3		

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	Contributed	Translation	Fair Value	Capital Reserve Share Based	Equity Compensation	Reserve for	Retained	
	Capital US\$m	Surplus US\$m	Reserve US\$m	Reserve US\$m	Payment US\$m	Reserve US\$m	Own Shares US\$m	Earnings US\$m	Total US\$m
Balance at 1 Jul 2007	273.6	654.2	94.1	2.8	(1.6)	2.7	(16.2)	57.5	1,067.1
Net exchange translation difference not	-	-	5.0	-	-	-	-	-	5.0
recognised in the income statement						0.7			0.7
Effect of IFRS2 Purchase of shares for GL VCI Share	-	-	-	-	-	0.6	(7.7)	-	0.6 (7.7)
Scheme							(7.7)		(7.7)
Changes in fair value of financial assets and									
liabilities: - available for sale investments				(1.0)					(1.0)
	-	-	-	(1.9)	-	-	-	-	(1.9)
Net gains recognised directly in equity	-	-	5.0	(1.9)	-	0.6	(7.7)	-	(4.0)
Net profit for the period	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	40.0	40.0
Total recognised income and expense for the period	-	-	5.0	(1.9)	-	0.6	(7.7)	40.0	36.0
Balance at 31 Mar 2008	273.6	654.2	99.1	0.9	(1.6)	3.3	(23.9)	97.5	1,103.1
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	-	-	62.7	-	-	-	-	-	62.7
Changes in fair value of financial assets and liabilities:									
- available for sale investments	-	-	-	2.1	-	-	-	-	2.1
Net gains recognised directly in equity	-	-	62.7	2.1	-	-	-	-	64.8
Net profit for the period	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10.3	10.3
Total recognised income and expense for the period	-	-	62.7	2.1	-	-	-	10.3	75.1
First and final dividend of SGD0.035 per share for the year ended 30 June 2006	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(30.2)	(30.2)
Balance at 31 Mar 2007	273.6	654.2	75.3	(2.8)	(1.6)	2.7	(16.2)	55.2	1,040.4

## **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 2007	273.6	654.2	(1.6)	2.7	(16.2)	154.4	1,067.1
Effect of IFRS2	-	-	-	0.6	-	-	0.6
Purchase of shares for GL VCI Share Scheme	-	-	-	-	(7.7)	-	(7.7)
Net gains recognised directly in equity	-	-	-	0.6	(7.7)	-	(7.1)
Net profit for the period	-	-	-	-	-	43.1	43.1
Total recognised income and expense for the period	-	-	-	0.6	(7.7)	43.1	36.0
Balance at 31 Mar 2008	273.6	654.2	(1.6)	3.3	(23.9)	197.5	1,103.1
Balance at 1 Jul 2006	273.6	654.2	(1.6)	2.7	(16.2)	82.8	995.5
Net profit for the period	-	-	-	-	-	75.1	75.1
Total recognised income and expense for the period	-	-	-	-	-	75.1	75.1
First and final dividend of SGD0.035 per share for the year ended 30 June 2006	-	-	-	-	-	(30.2)	(30.2)
Balance at 31 Mar 2007	273.6	654.2	(1.6)	2.7	(16.2)	127.7	1,040.4

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

Number of shares (million)	As at 31 Mar 08
(a) Issued and fully paid ordinary shares:- Balance at beginning and end of period	1,368.1
(b) Issue of share options:- Balance at beginning and end of period	15.1

	As At 31 Mar 08 million	As at 31 Mar 07 million
No. of shares that would be transferred by the Trust to eligible employees to satisfy the outstanding share options under the Share Option Plan	15.1	-

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 2007 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

	Unaudited 9 months		Unaudited	
			3 <sup>rd</sup> Qtr	
	1 Jul 07 to	1 Jul 06 to	1 Jan to	1 Jan to
	31 Mar 08	31 Mar 07	31 Mar 08	31 Mar 07
Basic earnings per share (US cents)	3.0	0.8	0.7	0.1
Diluted earnings per share (US cents)	3.0	0.8	0.7	0.1

Both Basic and Diluted earnings per share for the current and preceding years are calculated based on the weighted average number of shares of 1,345 million shares and 1,348 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	Audited
	9 months	Full Year
Net assets per share (US cents)	31 Mar 08	30 Jun 07
The Group	82.0	79.2
The Company	82.0	79.2

Net asset value per share is calculated based on the weighted average number of shares of 1,345 million and 1,348 millions ordinary shares in issue during the current and corresponding year 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

#### Income Statement

The profit after tax for the financial period ended 31 March 2008 was US\$40.0 million compared to US\$10.3 million in the previous financial period. The following factors affected the profit before tax:

#### Revenue

- For the nine months of FY 07/08, revenue amounted to US\$405.1 million which was 30.3% above that of FY 06/07. This was due mainly to higher hotel revenues from both the Group's Guoman and Thistle hotels as well as higher sales of properties from the Group's operations in Denarau, Fiji.

#### Bass Strait Oil and Gas royalty

- With the expiry of the ordinary units in April 2007, the Group has since entitled to the full royalty distribution from the Bass Strait Oil Trust. This has contributed to an increase in royalty income in the current guarter and in the nine months of FY 07/08.

#### Other operating income

- This has increased in the current guarter chiefly attributable to higher management fees and other fees received in the hotel operations, which brings the total other operating income to US\$21.2 million in the nine months of FY 07/08 or 40.4% above that of FY 06/07.

#### Direct costs of raw materials, consumable and services

- In the nine months of FY 07/08, this increased generally due to a higher level of activity evidenced by higher revenue in the Group's property development and hotel operation, and lower start up costs of the gaming operations in the corresponding period of FY 06/07.

#### Personnel expenses

- This has increased in the nine months of FY 07/08 principally because of higher level of support for the hotel operation and shorter period of operation (4 months) in gaming business in FY 06/07.

#### Other Operating expenses

- The increase in the current quarter and in the nine months of FY 07/08 was mainly due to lower expenses incurred in the gaming operation in the corresponding period of FY 06/07.

#### Net financing costs

- The higher net financing cost for the nine months to 31 March 2008, was predominantly attributable to funding cost for the newly acquired gaming business, which started incurring interest costs towards the end of the second quarter of FY 06/07.

#### **Balance Sheet**

- Development properties as at 31 March 2008 decreased by US\$44.7 million compared to 30 June 2007 due mainly to sales of properties in the Group's projects in Fiji.
- Loans and borrowings were lower as at 31 March 2008 compared to 30 June 2007 due mainly to full repayment of project loans for property development operations in Fiji and partial repayment of short term loan for the acquisition of gaming business in December 2006.

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

The Group 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

The prevailing uncertain global economic conditions remain to be relevant factors that may affect the Group's ongoing operational performance. Subject to these and other unforeseen external factors, we are not aware of any known factors that may affect the Group in the next 12 months.

#### 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/recommended, a statement to that effect

Not applicable.

#### BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

**Linda Hoon Group General Counsel / Group Company Secretary** 

09/05/2008



## 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 GuocoLeisure Limited for the third quarter ended 31 March 2008, to be false or misleading in any material respect.

On behalf of the Board of Directors

Quek Leng Chan Director

Reggie Thein Director