Second Quarter and Half Year Financial Statement And Dividend Announcement for the Period Ended 30 September 2009

# PART I INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR QUARTERLY (Q1, Q2 & Q3), HALF-YEAR AND FULL YEAR ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Group income statement for the second quarter ("Q2") and the half year ("H1") ended 30 September 2009. These figures have not been audited.

	Q2	Q2		H1	H1	
	ended 30.9.09	ended 30.9.08	Chango	ended 30.9.09	ended 30.9.08	Change
	S\$'000	30.9.08 S\$'000	Change %	S\$'000	S\$'000	Change %
	3\$000	Restated	/0	3 <del>\$</del> 000	Restated	/0
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Revenue	216,138	241,905	(10.7)	403,377	463,941	(13.1)
Cost of sales	(165,155)	(203,129)	(18.7)	(309,708)	(385,825)	(19.7)
Gross profit	50,983	38,776	31.5	93,669	78,116	19.9
Other operating income	1,442	4,750	(69.6)	2,453	5,810	(57.8)
Distribution expenses	(16,099)	(12,980)	24.0	(28,479)	(25,973)	9.6
Administrative expenses	(21,056)	(23,604)	(10.8)	(41,679)	(44,425)	(6.2)
Other operating expenses	(4,370)	(1,498)	n/m	(5,279)	(1,747)	n/m
Finance costs, net	(2,210)	(2,972)	(25.6)	(4,872)	(6,107)	(20.2)
Exchange gain (loss), net	2,414	(4,819)	n/m	6,583	(3,553)	n/m
Unrealised fair value gain (loss) of commodity contracts	0	3,363	n/m	0	(1,418)	n/m
Profit before share of results of associates	11,104	1,016	n/m	22,396	703	n/m
Share of results of associates	5,026	4,333	16.0	7,423	7,106	4.5
Profit before income tax	16,130	5,349	n/m	29,819	7,809	n/m
Income tax	(3,793)	(1,700)	n/m	(6,174)	(3,028)	n/m
Profit after income tax	12,337	3,649	n/m	23,645	4,781	n/m
Attributable to:						
Equity holders of the Company	10,349	2,748	n/m	21,016	2,875	n/m
Minority interests	1,988	901	n/m	2,629	1,906	37.9
,	12,337	3,649	n/m	23,645	4,781	n/m

n/m denotes 'not meaningful'

	Q2	Q2	H1	H1
	ended	ended	ended	ended
	30.9.09	30.9.08	30.9.09	30.9.08
	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000
Profit from operations is arrived at after crediting (charging) the following:	·	Restated		Restated
Allowances for doubtful debts Allowances for stock obsolescence Depreciation and amortisation Realised gain (loss) on commodity contracts, recognised in cost of sales	(1,344)	(112)	(1,731)	(302)
	(182)	(146)	(182)	(261)
	(7,944)	(8,235)	(15,843)	(16,644)
	195	(9,694)	255	(14,687)
Included in other operating income: Dividend income Gain on disposal of equity interests in a subsidiary Interest income Technical fee income	0	44	0	346
	0	4,017	37	4,017
	134	201	339	545
	511	183	1,040	354
Included in other operating expenses: Allowance for advances to an associate Impairment loss on property, plant and equipment Impairment loss on available-for-sale investments	(1,220)	0	(1,220)	0
	(2,767)	(1,102)	(2,767)	(1,102)
	0	0	(630)	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

		The Group		The Company		
As at	30.9.09	31.3.09	31.3.08	30.9.09	31.3.09	
	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	
		Restated	(Note)			
Non-current assets						
Investment properties	1,214	1,309	1,239	0	0	
Property, plant and equipment	250,119	275,342	263,128	350	376	
Interest in subsidiaries	0	0	0	447,385	450,617	
Interest in associates	88,204	82,216	56,057	11,694	11,694	
Available-for-sale investments	5,616	5,496	7,788	0	0	
Deferred tax assets	2,557	2,691	2,967	0	0	
Intangible assets	7,678	10,498	13,753	0	0	
Goodwill on consolidation	18,752	20,453	14,170	0	0	
Deposits	0	0	14,401	0	0	
Total non-current assets	374,140	398,005	373,503	459,429	462,687	
Current assets						
Stocks	107,215	115,857	148,435	0	0	
Debtors		191,041	198,887		-	
Derivative financial instruments	227,776 143	191,041	190,007	84,775 21	92,737	
	564		93 767		85	
Tax recoverable		762		0	0	
Deposits and prepayments	8,352	10,437	6,800	619	467	
Bank balances and cash	127,906	91,926	64,221	78,202	5,508	
Total current assets	471,956	410,108	419,203	163,617	98,797	
Current liabilities						
Creditors and accrued charges	167,976	130,000	141,498	166,119	71,707	
Derivative financial instruments	0	0	11,419	0	0	
Obligations under finance leases	212	352	539	0	0	
Income tax payable	6,462	6,274	2,623	222	155	
Bank loans and overdrafts	317,365	306,471	91,999	178,631	214,904	
Notes	0	0	59,972	0	0	
Total current liabilities	492,015	443,097	308,050	344,972	286,766	
Net current (liabilities) assets	(20,059)	(32,989)	111,153	(181,355)	(187,969)	
Non-current liabilities						
Bank loans	0	0	153,503	0	0	
Obligations under finance leases	183	585	800	0	0	
Deferred tax liabilities	4,240	3,235	4,583	0	0	
Total non-current liabilities	4,423	3,820	158,886	0	0	
Net assets	349,658	361,196	325,770	278,074	274,718	
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Represented by	220.074	220 074	220 074	220 074	220 074	
Share capital	230,971	230,971	230,971	230,971	230,971	
Reserves	68,654	77,363	46,852	47,103	43,747	
Attributable to equity holders of the Company	299,625	308,334	277,823	278,074	274,718	
Minority interests	50,033	52,862	47,947	070.074	074.740	
	349,658	361,196	325,770	278,074	274,718	

## Note:

FRS 1 (Revised) *Presentation of Financial Statements* requires an additional balance sheet to be presented as at the beginning of the earliest comparative period following a change in the accounting policy, the correction of an error, or the reclassification of items in the financial statements.

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

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

	As at 30.9.09 S\$'000	As at 31.3.09 S\$'000
Unsecured:  Current portion of long term bank loans	155,880	170,811
Short term bank loans	152,420	125,153
Bank overdrafts	2,108	4,328
Import loans	6,957	6,179
	317,365	306,471
Secured		
Obligations under finance leases	212	352
	212	352

## Amount repayable after one year

	As at 30.9.09 S\$'000	As at 31.3.09 S\$'000	
Secured Obligations under finance leases	183	585	
	183	585	

## **Details of any collateral**

Carrying amount of fixed assets in respect of certain motor vehicles and equipment held under finance leases:

As at 30	0.9.09	As at 3	31.3.09
The Group	The Company	The Group	The Company
S\$520,000	Nil	S\$1,493,000	Nil

## Other comments to paragraph 1(b)(ii)

Not applicable.

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

	Q2 ended 30.9.09 S\$'000	Q2 ended 30.9.08 S\$'000
		Restated
Operating activities		
Profit before income tax	16,130	5,349
Adjustments for:		
Allowance for advances to an associate	1,220	0
Allowance for doubtful debts	1,344	112
Allowance for stock obsolescence	182	146
Depreciation and amortisation	7,944	8,235
Dividend income from available-for-sale investments	0	(44)
Finance costs, net	2,210	2,972
Gain on disposal of equity interests in a subsidiary	0	(4,017)
Impairment loss on property, plant and equipment	2,767	1,102
Interest income	(134)	(201)
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	27	` 63 <sup>°</sup>
Property, plant and equipment written off	200	159
Realised (gain) loss on commodity contracts	(195)	9,694
Share of results of associates	(5,026)	(4,333)
Unrealised fair value gain of commodity contracts	0	(3,363)
Unrealised foreign exchange (gain) loss	(2,334)	5,362
Operating profit before working capital changes	24,335	21,236
Stocks	(1,297)	2,484
Debtors	(40,146)	21,984
Deposits and prepayments	1,218	159
Creditors and accrued charges	20,342	(4,644)
Cash from operations	4,452	41,219
Interest received	127	444
Interest paid	(3,013)	(3,180)
Income tax paid	(2,511)	(423)
Net cash (used in) from operating activities	(945)	38,060
Investing activities		
Disposal of a subsidiary, net of cash received	0	(164)
Dividends received from associates	1,304	2,369
Dividends received from available-for-sale investments	0	44
Investment in associates	0	(10,350)
Proceeds on disposal of property, plant and equipment	78	34
Proceeds on disposal of equity interests in a subsidiary	0	4,000
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(5,091)	(4,838)
Net cash used in investing activities	(3,709)	(8,905)

	Q2 ended 30.9.09 S\$'000	Q2 ended 30.9.08 S\$'000
		Restated
Financing activities		
Bank loans (repaid) obtained	(3,585)	268
Dividends paid	(1,645)	(2,742)
Dividends paid to minority shareholders	0	(832)
Repayment of obligations under finance leases	(93)	(144)
Net cash used in financing activities	(5,323)	(3,450)
Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	(9,977)	25,705
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	138,934	37,036
Effect of exchange rate changes on the balance		
of cash held in foreign currencies	(3,159)	747
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Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	125,798	63,488
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period comprise:		
Bank balances and cash	127,906	66,785
Bank overdrafts	(2,108)	(3,297)
	125,798	63,488
Disposal of a subsidiary, net of cash received:		
The assets and liabilities of a subsidiary disposed during the year were as follows:		
Non-current assets	0	1,578
Current assets	0	8,739
Current liabilities	0	(7,195)
Minority interests	0	(1,530)
Net assets disposed	0	1,592
Equity interest retained as associates	0	(999)
Gain on disposal	0	37
Consideration of acquisition	0	630
Less: Consideration receivable	0	(630)
Less: Cash and cash equivalents disposed	0	(164)
Cash outflow on disposal, net of cash received	0	(164)

## 1(d) Statement of Comprehensive Income

With effect from 1 April 2009, FRS 1 (Revised) *Presentation of Financial Statements* requires an entity to present all non-owner changes in equity in a Statement Comprehensive Income. Non-owner changes include income and expenses recognised directly in equity. This is a change of presentation and does not affect the recognition of measurement of the entity's transactions. Previously, such non-owner changes are included in Statement of Changes in Equity.

The Group	Q2 ended 30.9.09 S\$'000	Q2 ended 30.9.08 S\$'000 Restated
Profit for the year	12,337	3,649
Other comprehensive (expense) income:		
Translation differences arising from consolidation of foreign operations Fair value gain on available-for-sale financial assets Fair value gain (loss) on cash-flow hedges Fair value adjustments arising from business combinations	(10,991) 112 33 0	19,547 0 (289) 1,216
Other comprehensive (expense) income for the period, net of tax	(10,846)	20,474
Total comprehensive income for the period	1,491	24,123
Attributable to: Equity holders of the Company Minority interests	626 865 1,491	20,993 3,130 24,123

1(e)(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.

	Share	Capital	Legal	Translation		Retained	Share option	Fair value	Hedging	Sub	Minority	
The Group	capital <b>S\$'000</b>	reserve S\$'000	reserve S\$'000	reserve <b>S\$'000</b>	reserve <b>S\$'000</b>	profits <b>S\$'000</b>	reserve S\$'000	reserve S\$'000	reserve S\$'000	Total <b>S\$'000</b>	interests S\$'000	Total <b>S\$'000</b>
Balance at 30.6.09 (Restated)	230,971	(34,983)	10,948	(89,158)	3,358	177,803	1,133	482	90	300,644	49,168	349,812
Total comprehensive income Transfer to (from) reserves Dividends paid	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 340 0	(9,868) 0 0	0 0 0	10,349 (340) (1,645)	0 0 0	112 0 0	33 0 0	626 0 (1,645)	865 0 0	1,491 0 (1,645)
Balance at 30.9.09	230,971	(34,983)	11,288	(99,026)	3,358	186,167	1,133	594	123	299,625	50,033	349,658
Balance at 30.6.08	230,971	(35,507)	9,386	(104,254)	2,151	173,054	1,133	(2,916)	(155)	273,863	47,351	321,214
Total comprehensive income	0	_										
•	0	0	202	17,318	1,216	2,748	0	0	(289)	20,993	3,130	24,123
Transfer to (from) reserves Dividends paid	0	0 0 0	0 382 0	17,318 0 0	1,216 0 0	2,748 (382) (2,742)	0 0 0	0 0 0	(289) 0 0	20,993 0 (2,742)	3,130 0 0	24,123 0 (2,742)
Transfer to (from) reserves Dividends paid Dividends paid to minority shareholders Effects of changes in	0	0	382	0	0	(382)	0	0	O	0	0	0
Transfer to (from) reserves Dividends paid Dividends paid to minority shareholders	0	0	382 0	0	0	(382) (2,742)	0	0	0 0	0 (2,742)	0	0 (2,742)

The Company	Share capital <b>S\$'000</b>	Retained profits <b>S\$'000</b>	Share option reserve <b>S\$'000</b>	Translation reserve <b>S \$ '000</b>	Total equity <b>S \$ '0 0 0</b>
Balance at 30.6.09	230,971	44,349	1,133	(1)	276,452
Total comprehensive income	0	3,276	0	(9)	3,267
Dividends paid	0	(1,645)	0	0	(1,645)
Balance at 30.9.09	230,971	45,980	1,133	(10)	278,074
Balance at 30.6.08	230,971	84,298	1,133	0	316,402
Total comprehensive expense	. 0	(315)	. 0	0	(315)
Dividends paid	0	(2,742)	0	0	(2,742)
Balance at 30.9.08	230,971	81,241	1,133	0	313,345

1(e)(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 well as the number of shares held as treasury shares, if any, against the total number of issued shares excluding treasury shares of the issuer, as at the end of the current financial period reported on and as at the end of the corresponding period of the immediately preceding financial year.

There were no movements in the share capital of the Company from 30 June 2009 to 30 September 2009.

The total number of shares that may be issued on exercise of all outstanding share options granted under the Company's Executives' Share Option Scheme is as follows:

Share option	Date of Expiry	Exercise Price per each ordinary share	As at 30.9.09	As at 30.9.08
1999 Scheme				
No. 1	16 March 2010	S\$1.41	375,000	375,000
No. 2	10 October 2010	S\$1.60	517,000	517,000
No. 3	4 August 2012	S\$1.25	721,000	871,000
No. 4	24 June 2013	S\$2.50	1,981,000	2,280,000
			3,594,000	4,043,000

As at 30 September 2009, the Company did not hold any of its issued shares as treasury shares (30 September 2008:Nil).

1(e)(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.

30.9.09	31.3.09
109,687,168	109,687,168
<u>109,687,168</u>	109,687,168
	109,687,168

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

As at 30 September 2009, there were no sales, transfers, disposals, cancellation and/or use of treasury shares.

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

The figures have not been audited or reviewed by the Company's auditors.

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.

Except as stated in Note 5, the Group has applied the same accounting policies and methods of computation in the financial statements for the current reporting period consistent with those of the audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 March 2009.

- 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.
  - (i) Adoption of new and revised Financial Reporting Standards ("FRS")

The Group adopted the new/revised FRS that are applicable for the financial period beginning 1 April 2009. The following are the new or amended FRSs that are relevant to the Group:

FRS 1 (Revised) Presentation of Financial Statements

FRS 23 (Revised) Borrowing Costs
FRS 108 Operating Segments

The adoption of the above FRSs does not result in any substantial change to the Group's accounting policies nor any significant impact on the financial statements.

(ii) Adjustments to initial accounting for a business combination that was determined provisionally in the financial year ended 31 March 2009

The purchase price allocation of the acquisition of Aim High Group Limited ("Aim High") in the financial year ended 31 March 2009 was provisional due to the complexity involved in identifying and valuing the underlying assets. The purchase consideration for Aim High Group Limited had a variable component that was contingent on the audited net profit achieved by Aim High in the financial year ended 31 March 2009. The purchase price allocation had been completed and in completing the initial accounting of the acquisition, the Group reviewed the estimated purchase consideration payable and reduced it by S\$2,575,000 according to the actual net profit achieved by Aim High. The following comparative information as at 31 March 2009 has been adjusted retrospectively as a result of above.

	31 March 2009 as restated S\$'000	31 March 2009 as previously stated S\$'000
Intangible assets	10,498	8,818
Interest in associates	82,216	81,381
Goodwill recognized on acquisition	2,779	6,723
Creditors and accrued charges	(130,000)	(132,575)
Deferred tax liabilities	(3,235)	(2,937)
Asset revaluation reserve	3,358	2,142
Retained profits	167,484	167,975
Translation reserve	(69,781)	(69,904)

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.

	Q2 ended 30.9.09	Q2 ended 30.9.08	YTD 30.9.09	YTD 30.9.08
		Restated		Restated
Earnings per ordinary share for the period after deducting any provision for preference dividends:				
(a) Based on weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue	9.44 cents	2.51 cents	19.16 cents	2.62 cents
(b) On a fully diluted basis	9.44 cents *	2.51 cents *	19.16 cents *	2.62 cents *
Weighted average number of ordinary shares	109,687,168	109,687,168	109,687,168	109,687,168

<sup>\*</sup> There is no dilutive effect as the share options are out-of-the-money.

For earnings per ordinary share calculation, the weighted average number of ordinary shares for the period represents the number of ordinary shares in issue at the beginning of the period adjusted for shares issued upon exercise of options, multiplied by a time-weighted factor. For the purpose of calculating the diluted earnings per ordinary shares, the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue had been adjusted to reflect the effect of all potentially dilutive ordinary shares from the exercise of all outstanding share options.

- 7. 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.

	The Group		The Company	
	30.9.09 S\$	31.3.09 S\$	30.9.09 S\$	31.3.09 S\$
		Restated		
Net asset value per ordinary share based on issued share capital at the end of the period	2.73	2.81	2.54	2.50

- 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.

Turnover for the three months and six months ended 30 September 2009 was S\$216.1 million and S\$403.4 million respectively, a decrease of 11% and 13% over the corresponding periods last year.

Sales of rechargeable batteries registered a decline by about 24%, a trend witnessed in developed countries. Sales of 9-volt Alkaline and Alkaline primary cylindrical batteries rose by about 34% and 22% respectively while 9-volt Carbon Zinc batteries decreased by about 12%.

Sales across regions generally decreased but it has been cushioned by the 15% rise in sales to North & South America.

Despite the decrease in turnover, gross profit contributions increased by 32% and 20% for the three months and six months ended 30 September 2009 as compared to the corresponding periods last year due to improved margins. Excluding the effect of commodity hedging contracts, gross profit margins for both the three months and six months ended 30 September 2009 improved to approximately 23% from 20% for the corresponding periods last year mainly due to a sales mix with better profit margin. The effects of cost control measures implemented were also apparent as evidenced by the decrease of administrative expenses of 11% and 6% for the three months and six months ended 30 September 2009.

Distribution expenses for the three months and six months ended 30 September 2009 were S\$16.1 million and S\$28.5 million respectively, an increase of 24% and 10% over the corresponding periods last year since we stepped up marketing effort in mainland China.

Finance costs for the three months and six months ended 30 September 2009 were S\$2.2 million and S\$4.9 million respectively, a decrease of 26% and 20% over the corresponding periods last year due to lower interest rates.

Exchange gain for the three months and six months ended 30 September 2009 were S\$2.4 million and S\$6.6 million mainly due to gains on revaluation of US dollar denominated bank borrowings.

The Group had implemented new marketing campaigns to encourage conversion from primary Alkaline batteries to GP ReCyko+ with the slogan "Lasts Longer than Alkaline Batteries". The campaigns were first launched in selected markets and will subsequently be extended to other consumer markets.

To exploit the potential market for plug-in hybrid vehicles conversion, the Group acquired 40% of the total common stock of Plug-In Conversions Corporation ("PCC") in the USA. This allows the Group to sell directly into the after-sales consumer market.

As at 30 September 2009, the Group's cash balance was \$\$127.9 million. In October 2009, the Group entered into a Facility Agreement with DBS Bank Ltd and Oversea-Chinese Banking Corporation Limited in respect of a \$\$60 million 3-year syndicated transferable term loan facility ("Facility"). Using the proceeds from the Facility, together with the cash balances accumulated, the Group repaid the \$\$60 million and US\$45 million syndicated loan facility due in October 2009.

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

These results are in line with the statement made by the Company in the announcement of results for the financial period ended 30 June 2009 released on 28 July 2009.

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.

Business outlook is expected to improve with global economy showing signs of recovery. However, volatility of foreign currencies and commodity prices may affect margins. The Group will continue with its cost management to maintain competitiveness.

The Group will further promote GP ReCyko+ rechargeable batteries in developed markets where existing brands of primary batteries are dominant. It will continue to enhance its GP brand management in developing markets for its broad range of primary and rechargeable batteries.

With the global trend towards carbon footprint reduction, the Group will continue to capitalize on opportunities in larger batteries for electric transportation and other applications.

The Group has, through a new US subsidiary "New Vectrix LLC", acquired certain assets of Vectrix Corporation pursuant to a supervised sale under Section 363 of the United States Bankruptcy Code, the details of which were announced on 6 November 2009. The Group is in the process of formulating plans to capitalize on this unexpected opportunity to better establish ourselves as a force in electric transportation.

#### 11. Dividend

## (a) Current Financial Period Reported On

Any dividend declared for the current financial period reported on?

Name of Dividend	Interim
Dividend type	Cash
Dividend amount per share (in cents)	2.0 cents
Tax rate	Tax-exempt (one-tier)

## (b) Corresponding Period of the Immediately Preceding Financial Year

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

Name of Dividend	Interim
Dividend type	Cash
Dividend amount per share (in cents)	1.1 cents
Tax rate	Tax-exempt (one-tier)

## (c) Date payable

To be announced later.

# (d) Books closure date

To be announced later.

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

Not applicable.

#### 13. Confirmation by the Board

We, Andrew Ng Sung On and Richard Ku Yuk Hing, being two directors of GP Batteries International Limited (the "Company"), do hereby confirm on behalf of the directors of the Company that, to the best of their knowledge, nothing has come to the attention of the board of directors of the Company which may render the financial statements for second quarter ended 30 September 2009 to be false or misleading in any material aspect.

## BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

Andrew Ng Sung On
Chairman and Chief Executive

Richard Ku Yuk Hing Vice Chairman

10 November 2009