

INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE FIRST QUARTER ENDED 31 MARCH 2017

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the period ended 31 March 2017 – unaudited

		INDIVIDUAL QUARTER		CUMULATIVE QUARTER	
		Current Quarter Ended	Preceding Year Corresponding Quarter Ended	Current Year To-Date Ended	Preceding Year To-Date Ended
		31 March		31 March	
		2017	2016	2017	2016
	Note	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
Revenue		631,314	591,391	631,314	591,391
Profit from operations		11,773	21,288	11,773	21,288
Finance costs		(5,170)	(4,946)	(5,170)	(4,946)
Share of profit / (loss) of associate		164	(425)	164	(425)
Profit / (Loss) before tax	A10	6,767	15,917	6,767	15,917
Tax expense	A11	(1,014)	(1,915)	(1,014)	(1,915)
Profit for the period		5,753	14,002	5,753	14,002
Other comprehensive income, net of tax					
Exchange differences on translation					
foreign operations		(3,149)	(16,852)	(3,149)	(16,852)
Remeasurement of employee benefits liability		-	-	-	-
Hedge of net investment		-	-	-	-
Total other comprehensive income for the period, net of tax		(3,149)	(16,852)	(3,149)	(16,852)
Total comprehensive income / (expense) for the period		2,604	(2,850)	2,604	(2,850)
Profit attributable to:					
Owners of the Company		5,753	13,693	5,753	13,693
Non-controlling interests		-	309	-	309
Profit for the period		5,753	14,002	5,753	14,002
Total comprehensive income attributable to:					
Owners of the Company		2,604	(3,159)	2,604	(3,159)
Non-controlling interests		-	309	-	309
Total comprehensive income / (expense) for the period		2,604	(2,850)	2,604	(2,850)
Basic earnings per ordinary share (sen)	A12(a)	1.20	2.87	1.20	2.87
Diluted earnings per ordinary share (sen)	A12(b)	1.20	2.87	1.20	2.87

The above condensed consolidated statement of comprehensive income should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2016 and the accompanying explanatory notes attached to the interim financial statements.

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 31 March 2017 – unaudited

	Note	31 March 2017 RM'000	31 December 2016 RM'000
Assets			
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment		366,739	374,338
Prepaid lease payments	A13	12,151	12,501
Intangible assets	A14	11,945	11,945
Investment property		25,493	25,846
Investment in associates		7,126	6,962
Deferred tax assets		-	-
		423,454	431,592
Current assets			
Derivative financial assets		3,625	11,200
Inventories		524,042	713,324
Trade and other receivables		290,674	274,282
Tax recoverable		-	242
Deposits, bank and cash balances		52,305	62,646
		870,646	1,061,694
Total assets		1,294,100	1,493,286
Equity			
Share capital		120,040	120,040
Treasury shares		(5,195)	(5,195)
Share premium		1,792	1,792
Foreign currency translation reserve		57,604	60,753
Retained profits		252,597	246,844
Equity attributable to owners of the Company		426,838	424,234
Non-controlling interests		-	-
Total equity		426,838	424,234
Non-current liabilities			
Loans and borrowings	A16	41,974	54,563
Provision for employee benefit		1,438	1,459
Deferred tax liabilities		20,137	20,337
		63,549	76,359
Current liabilities			
Derivative financial liabilities		9,766	35,553
Trade and other payables		101,116	301,421
Loans and borrowings	A16	692,684	655,719
Tax payable		147	-
		803,713	992,693
Total liabilities		867,262	1,069,052
Total equity and liabilities		1,294,100	1,493,286
Net assets per share (sen)			
attributable to owners of the Company		89.35	88.80

The above condensed consolidated statement of financial position should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2016 and the accompanying explanatory notes attached to the interim financial statements.

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

For the period ended 31 March 2017 – unaudited

	Attributable To Owners Of The Company						Non-controlling Interests	Total Equity
	Non-distributable				Distributable			
	Share Capital	Treasury Share	Share Premium	Foreign Currency Translation Reserve	Retained Profits	Total		
RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	
Balance at 1 January 2017	120,040	(5,195)	1,792	60,753	246,844	424,234	-	424,234
Profit for the period	-	-	-	-	5,753	5,753	-	5,753
Other comprehensive income for the period:								
foreign currency translation	-	-	-	(3,149)	-	(3,149)	-	(3,149)
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-	(3,149)	5,753	2,604	-	2,604
Balance at 31 March 2017	120,040	(5,195)	1,792	57,604	252,597	426,838	-	426,838
Balance at 1 January 2016	119,629	(5,195)	-	50,309	211,687	376,430	431	376,861
(Loss) / Profit for the year	-	-	-	-	42,575	42,575	186	42,761
Other comprehensive income for the year:								
foreign currency translation	-	-	-	10,444	-	10,444	-	10,444
remeasurement of post-employment benefit obligation, net of tax	-	-	-	-	(249)	(249)	-	(249)
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-	10,444	42,326	52,770	186	52,956
Disposal of subsidiaries	-	-	-	-	-	-	(617)	(617)
Dividend paid	-	-	-	-	(7,169)	(7,169)	-	(7,169)
Conversion of warrants	411	-	1,792	-	-	2,203	-	2,203
Contribution from/distribution to owners of the Company	411	-	1,792	-	(7,169)	(4,966)	(617)	(5,583)
Balance at 31 December 2016	120,040	(5,195)	1,792	60,753	246,844	424,234	-	424,234

The above condensed consolidated statement of changes in equity should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2016 and the accompanying explanatory notes attached to the interim financial statements.

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the period ended 31 March 2017 – unaudited

	Three Months Ended	
	31-Mar-17	31-Mar-16
	RM'000	RM'000
Cash flows from operating activities		
Profit before tax	6,767	15,917
Adjustments for:		
Non-cash and non-operating items	15,806	41,762
Operating profit before working capital changes	22,573	57,679
Changes in working capital		
Net change in current assets	169,073	155,432
Net change in current liabilities	(199,061)	(133,773)
Cash generated from operations	(7,415)	79,338
Tax paid	(312)	(606)
Interest paid	(5,163)	(4,247)
Interest received	449	45
Net cash from operating activities	(12,441)	74,530
Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(1,964)	(930)
Payment for the lease rental	-	(124)
Net cash from / (used in) investing activities	(1,964)	(1,054)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Bank and other borrowings	27,519	(70,109)
(Payment to) / Advances from holding company	(422)	12,000
Changes in Fixed deposit pledged	943	966
Dividend paid	-	2,203
Net cash used in financing activities	28,040	(54,940)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	13,635	18,536
Effect of exchange rate changes	(23,032)	5,170
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of financial period	48,433	26,731
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of financial period	39,036	50,437
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of financial period comprise of :		
Deposits, bank and cash balances	52,305	52,142
Bank overdrafts		(89)
	52,305	52,053
Less : Non-cash and cash equivalents		
Fixed deposit pledged to bank as collateral	(13,269)	(1,616)
	39,036	50,437

The above condensed consolidated statement of cash flows should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2016 and the accompanying explanatory notes attached to the interim financial statements.

NOTES TO THE INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – FIRST QUARTER ENDED 31 MARCH 2017

A. Explanatory notes pursuant to MFRS 134

A1. Basis of preparation

The interim financial statements are unaudited and have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of MFRS 134: *Interim Financial Reporting* and paragraph 9.22 of the Main Market Listing Requirements of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad.

The interim financial statements should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements of Guan Chong Berhad (“GCB” or the “Company”) and its subsidiaries (“Group”) for the financial year ended 31 December 2016. These explanatory notes attached to the interim financial statements provide an explanation of events and transactions that are significant to an understanding of the changes in the financial position and performance of the Group since the year ended 31 December 2016.

A2. Significant accounting policies

The audited financial statements of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2016 were prepared in accordance with MFRS. The significant accounting policies adopted in preparing this Condensed Report are consistent with those of the audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2016, except for those standards, amendments and IC interpretation which are effective from the annual period beginning on or after 1 January 2017. The adoptions of these standards, amendments and IC interpretations have no material impact on this Condensed Report.

A3. Seasonal or cyclical factors

The cocoa processing industry is, to a certain extent, subject to the seasonal pattern of the consumption of cocoa-based products within a year.

A4. Unusual nature and amounts affecting assets, liabilities, equity, net income or cash flows

Other than those stated in the notes, there are no other items affecting assets, liabilities, equity, net income or cash flows that are unusual because of their nature, size, or incidence.

A5. Material changes in estimates

There was no material changes in estimates of amounts reported that will have a material effect during the current quarter under review.

A6. Issuances and repayment of debt and equity securities

There were no issuance, cancellation, repurchase, resale and repayment of debt and equity securities during the current quarter under review.

A7. Dividends paid

There was no dividend declared or paid by the Company during the current quarter under review.

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A8. Segmental information

The Group presenting segmental information on the basis of geographical segments, segment revenue and segment assets are based on the geographical location of the assets.

Three Month Ended 31 March 2017	Malaysia RM'000	Singapore RM'000	Indonesia RM'000	Others RM'000	Elimination RM'000	Consolidated RM'000
Geographical Segments:						
Total external revenue	294,092	291,557	26,809	18,856	-	631,314
Internal segment revenue	234,266	387,252	19,870	-	(641,388)	-
Total revenue	528,358	678,809	46,679	18,856	(641,388)	631,314
Segment result	5,546	6,382	6,546	(705)	185	17,954
Interest income						449
Finance cost						(5,170)
Depreciation & amortisation						(6,466)
Profit before tax						6,767
Tax expenses						(1,014)
Profit for the period						5,753
Segment assets	636,581	309,924	305,892	41,703	-	1,294,100
Deferred tax assets						-
Tax recoverable						-
Total assets						1,294,100
Segment liabilities	25,325	67,636	8,703	10,656	-	112,320
Deferred tax liabilities						20,137
Tax payables						147
Borrowings						734,658
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A8. Segmental information – (cont'd)

Three Month Ended 31 March 2016	Malaysia RM'000	Singapore RM'000	Indonesia RM'000	Others RM'000	Elimination RM'000	Consolidated RM'000
Geographical Segments:						
Total external revenue	223,593	333,530	23,219	11,049	-	591,391
Internal segment revenue	133,967	563,226	319,671	-	(1,016,864)	-
Total revenue	357,560	896,756	342,890	11,049	(1,016,864)	591,391
Segment result	30,844	3,339	4,725	(10,142)	(973)	27,793
Interest income						45
Finance cost						(4,946)
Depreciation & amortisation						(6,975)
Profit before tax						15,917
Tax expenses						(1,915)
Profit for the period						14,002
Segment assets	744,182	221,239	408,278	34,275	-	1,407,974
Deferred tax assets						115
Tax recoverable						9,426
Total assets						1,417,515
Segment liabilities	35,246	227,419	6,438	12,468	-	281,571
Deferred tax liabilities						17,861
Tax payables						1,928
Borrowings						739,942
						1,041,302

A9. Changes in the composition of the Group

There were no changes in the composition of the Group during the current quarter under review.

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A10. Profit before tax

Included in the profit before tax are the following items:

	Current Quarter Ended 31-Mar-17 RM'000	Current Year To-Date 31-Mar-17 RM'000
Amortisation of prepaid lease payments	152	152
Depreciation	6,314	6,314
Realised gain on foreign exchange	(3,099)	(3,099)
Unrealised gain on foreign exchange	(2,202)	(2,202)
Realised loss on forward currency contracts	981	981
Unrealised loss on forward currency contracts	149	149
Realised loss on commodity future contracts	22,605	22,605
Unrealised gain on commodity future contracts	(19,354)	(19,354)
Unrealised gain on commodity option contracts	(63)	(63)
Unrealised loss on currency option contracts	399	399
Write down of inventories	2,301	2,301
Interest expense	5,163	5,163
Interest income	(449)	(449)
Unrealised gain on interest rate swap	(67)	(67)

A11. Tax expense

	Current Quarter Ended		Current Year To-Date Ended	
	31-Mar-17 RM'000	31-Mar-16 RM'000	31-Mar-17 RM'000	31-Mar-16 RM'000
Income tax expense:				
- Current period estimate	1,014	1,915	1,014	1,915
- Under/ (over)provision in prior year	-	-	-	-
	1,014	1,915	1,014	1,915

Income tax expense is recognised in each interim period based on the best estimate of the weighted average annual income tax rate expected for the full financial year. The effective tax rate for the current interim period was higher than the statutory tax rate principally due to additional tax provision as a result of better performance.

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A12. Earnings per share

- (a) Basic earnings per share are calculated by dividing the net profit for the period by the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue during the financial period as follows:-

	Current Quarter Ended		Current Year To-Date Ended	
	31-Mar-17	31-Mar-16	31-Mar-17	31-Mar-16
Profit for the financial period attributable to owners of the Company (RM'000)	5,753	13,693	5,753	13,693
Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue ('000)	477,736	477,736	477,736	477,736
Basic earnings per share (sen)	1.20	2.87	1.20	2.87

- (b) For the purpose of calculating diluted EPS, profit for the period and the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue during the financial period have been adjusted for the dilutive effects of all potential ordinary shares convert under warrants issued as shown below:

	Current Quarter Ended		Current Year To-Date Ended	
	31-Mar-17	31-Mar-16	31-Mar-17	31-Mar-16
Profit for the financial period attributable to owners of the Company (RM'000)	5,753	13,693	5,753	13,693
Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue ('000)	477,736	477,736	477,736	477,736
Adjusted weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue and issuales	477,736	477,736	477,736	477,736
Diluted earnings per share (sen)	* 1.20	2.87 *	1.20	2.87

* There is no dilutive effect on the earnings per share as all unexercised warrants have expired on 16 February 2016.

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A13. Prepaid lease payments

	31-Mar-17 RM'000	31-Dec-16 RM'000
Cost:		
At 1 January	12,501	14,308
Add: Payment for sub-leases	-	124
Additions	-	-
	12,501	14,432
Less: Amortisation of prepaid lease payments	(152)	(668)
Sub-lease rental	(34)	(259)
Foreign exchange difference	(164)	481
Disposal of subsidiaries	-	(1,485)
At 31 December	12,151	12,501
Analysed as:		
Sub-leases of warehouse	779	813
Leasehold land	11,372	11,688
	12,151	12,501

A14. Intangible assets

	Goodwill RM'000	Technical know-how RM'000	Clientele list RM'000	Total RM'000
Cost:				
At 1 January 2017 / 31 December 2016	12,650	1,016	972	14,638
Acquisition of subsidiary	-	-	-	-
Adjustment	-	-	-	-
At 31 March 2017	12,650	1,016	972	14,638
Accumulated amortisation and impairment				
At 1 January 2016	(705)	(1,016)	(972)	(2,693)
Amortisation	-	-	-	-
Impairment	-	-	-	-
At 31 December 2016 and 1 January 2017	(705)	(1,016)	(972)	(2,693)
Amortisation	-	-	-	-
Impairment	-	-	-	-
At 31 March 2017	(705)	(1,016)	(972)	(2,693)
Net carrying amount:				
At 31 December 2016	11,945	-	-	11,945
At 31 March 2017	11,945	-	-	11,945

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A15. Fair value information

The Group uses the following hierarchy for determining the fair value of all financial instruments carried at fair value:

- Level 1 – Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities;
- Level 2 – Inputs other than quoted prices included within level 1, that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly; and
- Level 3 – Inputs are unobservable inputs for the asset or liability.

As at reporting date, the Group held the following financial assets or liabilities that are measured at fair value:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
31 March 2017				
Financial assets				
Derivative assets :				
- forward foreign currency contracts	-	-	-	-
- commodity futures contract	3,625	-	-	3,625
	3,625	-	-	3,625
Financial liabilities				
Derivative liabilities :				
- forward foreign currency contracts	-	24	-	24
- commodity futures contract	9,742	-	-	9,742
	9,742	24	-	9,766
31 December 2016				
Financial assets				
Derivative assets :				
- forward foreign currency contracts	-	1,112	-	1,112
- commodity futures contract	8,017	-	-	8,017
- option foreign currency contracts	-	12	-	12
- commodity option contracts	2,059	-	-	2,059
	10,076	1,124	-	11,200
Financial liabilities				
Derivative liabilities :				
- forward foreign currency contracts	-	-	-	-
- commodity futures contract	31,802	-	-	31,802
- option foreign currency contracts	-	21	-	21
- commodity option contracts	3,730	-	-	3,730
	35,532	21	-	35,553

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A16. Loans and borrowings

The Group's borrowings at the end of the current quarter are as follows:

	Denominated in currency	31-Mar-17 RM'000	31-Dec-16 RM'000
Current			
- Term loans	USD	69,238	70,225
- Trade loans	USD	580,133	539,340
- Revolving credit	RM	43,134	45,963
- Obligation under finance leases	RM	179	191
- Bank overdrafts	RM	-	-
		692,684	655,719
Non-Current			
- Term loans	USD	41,886	54,431
- Obligation under finance leases	RM	88	132
		41,974	54,563
		734,658	710,282

A17. Contingent liabilities

	Group and company	
	31-Mar-17 RM'000	31-Dec-16 RM'000
Corporate guarantees - unsecured		
Issued to banks for banking facilities granted to subsidiaries		
- limit of guarantee	1,470,603	1,485,093
- amount utilised	(907,772)	(784,497)

The Directors are of the view that the chances of the financial institutions to call upon the corporate guarantees are remote. Accordingly, the fair values of the above corporate guarantees given to subsidiaries for banking facilities are negligible.

A18. Commitments

(a) Lease commitments

At the end of the current quarter, the Group has the following outstanding land lease rental commitments:-

Authorised and contracted for	RM'000 546
	546

(b) Capital commitments

At the end of the current quarter, capital expenditure of the Group contracted but not provided for are as follows :-

Authorised and contracted for :	RM'000
Property, plant and equipment	1,274
	1,274

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A19. Material events subsequent to the end of the current quarter

There was no material events subsequent to the current quarter ended 31 March 2017 that have not been reflected in this quarterly report.

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B. Explanatory notes pursuant to Bursa Malaysia Listing Requirements: Chapter 9, Appendix 9B, Part A

B1. Review of performance

The Group's revenue of RM 631.3 million for the current quarter ended 31 March 2017 is higher than the revenue in the previous corresponding quarter ended 31 March 2016 of RM 591.4 million. The increase of 6.7% in turnover is mainly due to increase in sales volume of cocoa butter.

The Group made a profit before tax for the quarter 31 March 2017 of RM 6.8 million as compared with the profit before tax of RM 15.9 million in the preceding year corresponding quarter ended 31 March 2016. This is mainly due to lower net gain on foreign exchange, for preceding year corresponding quarter ended 31 March 2016 as compared to current quarter ended 31 March 2017.

B2. Comment on material change in profit before tax

The Group recorded a profit before tax of RM 6.8 million for the current quarter as compared to a profit before tax of RM 5.3 million in the immediate preceding quarter. This is mainly due to higher sales volume of cocoa butter and cocoa solids. The higher net gain on foreign exchange also contributed to the increase in profit before tax for current quarter.

B3. Commentary of prospects

The Group expects the business environment for the financial year ending 31 December 2017 to be challenging. While the cocoa bean prices continue to be volatile, the demand for cocoa solids remains uncertain.

The Group will continue to focus on turnaround efforts which include reducing inventory level, exploring new markets for its wide range of cocoa ingredients, growing industrial chocolate business and optimising production according to market conditions.

B4. Profit forecast or profit guarantee

There were no profits forecast or profit guarantee issued by the Group.

B5. Corporate proposals

There were no corporate proposals announced but not completed as at the date of this report.

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B6. Derivative financial instruments

Details of the outstanding derivative financial instruments as at 31 March 2017 are as follows:

	Derivative	Contract Amount RM'000	Fair Value - Net Gains/ (Losses) RM'000	Purpose
1	Forward Foreign Exchange Contracts: Sale Contracts - Less than 1 year Purchase Contracts - Less than 1 year	173,114 -	(17) -	For hedging currency risk
2	Commodity Futures Sale Contracts - Less than 1 year Purchase Contracts - Less than 1 year	133,699 201,224	1,274 (7,056)	For hedging price risk

The fair values of the above derivatives are determined by using the market rates at the end of reporting period and changes in the fair values are recognised in the profit and loss. The subsequent cumulative change in the fair value of the commitment attributable to the hedged risk is recognised as an asset or a liability with the corresponding gain or loss recognised in the profit or loss.

There have been no significant changes to the Group's exposure credit risk, market risk and liquidity risk from the previous financial year. Also, there have been no changes to the Group's risk management objectives, policies and processes since the previous financial year end.

B7. Material litigation

There was no material litigation against the Group as at the date of these interim financial statements.

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B8. Dividend declared or recommended

The Board of Directors does not recommend any dividend for the current financial quarter.

B9. Realised and Unrealised Profits/Losses Disclosure

The retained profits as at 31 March 2017 and 31 December 2016 is analysed as follows:-

	Current Quarter Ended 31-Mar-17 RM'000	Preceding Year To-Date Ended 31-Dec-16 RM'000
Total retained profits of the Company and the subsidiaries:		
- Realised	285,667	295,723
- Unrealised	(17,934)	(33,076)
	267,733	262,647
Total share of profit / (loss) from associates		
- Realised	164	(318)
Less: Consolidated adjustments	(15,300)	(15,485)
Total group retained profits as per consolidated financial statements	252,597	246,844

B10. Auditors' report on preceding annual financial statements

The auditors' report on the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2016 was not qualified.

Tay Hoe Lian
 Managing Director
 Dated: 30.05.2017