

Southern Steel Berhad
Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Income Statements
RM'000

	Individual Quarter		Cumulative Quarter	
	Current Year Quarter 30/09/09	Preceding Year Corresponding Quarter 30/09/08	Current Year To Date 30/09/09	Preceding Year Corresponding Period To Date 30/09/08
Revenue	561,880	918,439	1,443,881	2,733,979
Cost of sales	(489,283)	(666,011)	(1,404,307)	(2,018,286)
Gross profit	72,597	252,428	39,574	715,693
Other operating expenses	(38,666)	(71,715)	(107,085)	(184,897)
Other operating income	10,765	7,286	28,462	32,027
Loss from impairment of property, plant and equipment	-	-	-	(29,718)
Provision for diminution in value of inventories	-	(104,329)	-	(104,329)
Finance cost	(4,558)	(10,804)	(17,130)	(27,145)
Share of results of associated companies	722	367	1,695	4,881
Profit/(Loss) before taxation	40,860	73,233	(54,484)	406,512
Taxation	(6,241)	(7,867)	10,953	(40,680)
Profit/(Loss) for the period	34,619	65,366	(43,531)	365,832
Attributable to:				
Equity holders of the parent	34,619	65,697	(43,531)	364,536
Minority interests	-	(331)	-	1,296
Profit/(Loss) for the period	34,619	65,366	(43,531)	365,832
Earnings/(Loss) per share (SEN)				
- Basic and fully diluted	8.3	15.7	(10.4)	86.9

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Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets

	As At End of Current Quarter 30/09/09 RM'000	As At Preceding Financial Year Ended 31/12/08 RM'000
NET ASSETS		
Non-Current Assets		
Property, plant & equipment	629,283	669,728
Prepaid lease payment	74,586	64,739
Goodwill on consolidation	48,991	48,991
Investments in associates	16,944	15,799
Other investments	788	788
	770,592	800,045
Current Assets		
Inventories	532,245	862,883
Receivables	235,180	195,979
Bank and cash balances	112,702	67,407
	880,127	1,126,269
Current Liabilities		
Payables	184,364	187,961
Short term borrowings	680,483	904,270
Current income tax liabilities	14,732	326
	879,579	1,092,557
Net Current Assets / (Liabilities)	548	33,712
Non-Current Liabilities		
Deferred tax liabilities	40,080	49,975
Other deferred liabilities	26,496	25,202
	66,576	75,177
Total Net Assets	704,564	758,580
EQUITY		
Share Capital	411,467	411,467
Reserves	293,097	347,113
Equity attributable to equity holders of the company	704,564	758,580
Minority Interest	-	-
Total Equity	704,564	758,580

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Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Cash Flow Statement

	Current Period To Date 30/09/09 RM'000	Preceding Year Corresponding Period To Date 30/09/08 RM'000
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Profit / (Loss) before taxation	(54,484)	406,512
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation (and amortisation)	64,382	61,216
Interest expense	17,130	27,145
Share of results of associated companies	(1,695)	(4,881)
Loss from impairment of property, plant and equipment	-	29,718
Provision for diminution in value of inventories	-	104,329
Net unrealised foreign exchange loss/ (gain)	7,560	23,404
Provisions for inventories, doubtful debts & others	(24,282)	44,609
Operating profit before working capital changes	8,611	692,052
Changes in working capital	355,018	(749,430)
Cash generated from operations	363,629	(57,378)
Retirement benefits/other provision paid	(1,405)	(1,605)
Interest paid	(18,129)	(24,525)
Income tax refund/(paid)	(422)	(14,849)
Net cash flows from operating activities	343,673	(98,357)
INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Dividend income	573	39
Purchase of property, plant & equipment & prepaid lease	(57,389)	(46,469)
Others	496	2,300
Net cash used in investing activities	(56,320)	(44,130)
FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Term loan repayment	-	(40,812)
Short term borrowings	(226,384)	207,630
Dividends paid	(10,485)	(20,214)
Net cash used in financing activities	(236,869)	146,604
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	50,484	4,117
Cash & cash equivalents at beginning of period	39,529	49,124
Cash & cash equivalents at end of period	90,013	53,241
Cash in hand and at bank	41,369	25,161
Short term deposits	71,333	48,350
Bank overdraft	(22,689)	(20,270)
	90,013	53,241

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Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statements of Changes in Equity
RM'000

	<----- Attributable to Equity Holders of SSB ----->					Minority Interest RM'000	Total Equity RM'000
	Share Capital RM'000	Reserves RM'000	Retained Profit / (Accumulated Losses) RM'000	ICULS- Equity RM'000	Total RM'000		
Balance at 01.01.08	398,959	65,902	228,949	12,482	706,292	2,112	708,404
Movements during the period	12,508	-	364,536	(12,482)	364,562	1,296	365,858
Balance at 30.09.08	411,467	65,902	593,485	-	1,070,854	3,408	1,074,262
Balance at 01.01.09	411,467	65,902	281,211	-	758,580	-	758,580
Movements during the period	-	-	(43,531)	-	(43,531)	-	(43,531)
Dividends paid	-	-	(10,485)	-	(10,485)	-	(10,485)
Balance at 30.09.09	411,467	65,902	227,195	-	704,564	-	704,564

Notes

1. Accounting Policies & Methods

This quarterly financial report prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard ("FRS") 134 "Interim Financial Reporting" and paragraph 9.22 of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad Listing Requirements should be read in conjunction with the Group's financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2008.

The accounting policies and methods of computation are consistent with those adopted for the annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2008.

As at 30 September 2009, the following FRSs and Issues Committee ("IC") Interpretations were in issue but not yet effective and have not been applied by the Group:

FRS 7	Financial Instruments: Disclosures
FRS 8	Operating Segments
FRS 139	Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement
IC Interpretation 9	Reassessment of Embedded Derivatives
IC Interpretation 10	Interim Financial Reporting and Impairment

The Group is exempted from disclosing the possible impact, if any, to the financial statements upon the initial application of the above mentioned FRS and IC Interpretation.

2. Audit Report

The preceding financial year's audit report was not qualified.

3. Seasonal or Cyclical Factors

The business operations of the Group are affected by both cyclical factors in the construction industry as well as festive seasons.

4. Unusual Items

There were no items of unusual nature, size, or incidence which affect assets, liabilities, equity, net income or cash flows.

5. Changes in estimates

There have been no changes in estimates of amounts reported in the prior financial year.

6. Debt and Equity Securities

There were no issuance, cancellations, repurchases, resale and repayment of debt and equity securities for the current financial year to date.

7. Dividends

(a) For the financial year ending 31 December 2009, a first interim tax exempt dividend of 2.5% (2008: 7.5%) was approved and paid on 11 September 2009. A second interim tax exempt dividend of 2.5% (2008: 5.0%) is now approved and will be payable on 15 December 2009 to depositors registered in the Record of Depositors at the close of business on 30 November 2009.

(b) For the financial year-to-date, a total gross tax exempt dividend of 5.0% has been declared (2008: 12.5%).

8. Primary Segment Revenue and Results

The Group's primary business segment is steel. As such, the segment revenue and results are as disclosed in the condensed consolidated income statement.

9. Valuation of Lands and Buildings

Lands and buildings are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation.

10. Material Subsequent Events

There were no material subsequent events that have not been reflected at the date of issue of this announcement.

11. Changes in the Composition of the Group

There were no changes in the composition of the Group for the current financial year to date.

12. Changes in Contingent Liabilities or Contingent Assets

There were no material changes in contingent liabilities or assets since the last annual balance sheet date.

13. Tax (Charge) / Credit

(a) Taxation comprises the following:

	Current year quarter 30/09/09 RM'000	Current year-to-date 30/09/09 RM'000
Current income taxation	1,115	1,058
Deferred taxation	(7,356)	9,895
	<u>(6,241)</u>	<u>10,953</u>

(b) Reconciliation of income tax expense:

	Current year quarter 30/09/09 RM'000	Current year-to-date 30/09/09 RM'000
Profit/ (Loss) before taxation	<u>40,860</u>	<u>(54,484)</u>
Tax calculated at tax rate of 25%	(10,212)	13,621
Tax expense on share of results of associated company	180	424
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	353	(938)
Utilisation of reinvestment allowances	33	38
Over provision in prior financial year	2,480	2,126
Current year tax losses not recognised	1,001	(4,129)
Others	(76)	(189)
	<u>(6,241)</u>	<u>10,953</u>

The over provision of taxation in prior year is due to claiming of specific allowable expense against general provision made previously.

14. Sale of Unquoted Investments and/or Properties

There were neither sale of unquoted investments nor properties for the current financial year to date.

15. Quoted Securities

(a) There were neither purchases nor disposals of quoted securities for the current financial year to date.

(b) Investments in quoted securities as at 30 September 2009:

	RM'000
At cost	6,586
Provision for diminution in value of investments	<u>(5,798)</u>
At book value	788
At market value	<u>1,508</u>

16. Status of Corporate Proposals

The Group has obtained six out of the seven certificates of fitness for occupation (CFs) of properties required pursuant to the Company's ICULS issue completed in August 2003. The remaining CF for Lots 6047, 6048 and 6049, has yet to be issued. The Securities Commission has extended the time for compliance to October 31, 2010.

17. Group Borrowings

(a) The Group borrowings as at 30 September 2009 comprised of unsecured short-term borrowings amounting to RM680 million.

(b) Included in the above are US Dollars borrowings amounting to RM69 million.

18. Off Balance Sheet Financial Instruments

There were no financial instruments with material off balance sheet risk as at the date of issue of this quarterly report.

19. Changes in Material Litigation

Since the date of the last annual balance sheet date, there has not arisen any material litigation up to the date of issue of this report.

20. Related Party Transactions

Significant transactions with related parties are as follows:

		9 months ended 30/09/09 RM'000
Sales of goods to :		
Hong Leong Company (Malaysia) Berhad Group	Enterprises controlled by the same enterprise which exercises significant influence over the Company	63,238
Hong Bee Group	Enterprises that are indirectly controlled by a Director of a subsidiary	48,350
Cheah Hong Inn Sdn. Bhd.	Enterprise in which a Director of a subsidiary has significant influence	38,202
Kim Company Sdn. Bhd.	Enterprise in which a Director of a subsidiary has significant influence	9,382
Chin Well Holdings Berhad Group	Enterprises that has a Director in common with the Company	1,034
Associated company	Enterprises in which the Company has significant influence	
- Steel Industries (Sabah) Sdn. Bhd.		83,331
Purchase of goods from:		
NatSteel Trade International Pte. Ltd.	Enterprise controlled by a major shareholder of the Company	265,718

Service rendered by :
Su Hock Group

Enterprises in which
substantial interest is owned
indirectly by a Director, who
is also a substantial
shareholder of the Company

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21. Review of Performance

The Group revenue for the quarter under review was RM561.9 million, compared to RM918.4 million in the preceding year corresponding quarter. The drop in revenue was in line with the contraction in steel demand and lower prices. With the lower margin, the Group recorded a lower profit before taxation ("PBT") of RM40.9 million, as compared to a profit before taxation of RM73.2 million registered in the preceding year corresponding quarter.

22. Material Change in Profit/(Loss) Before Taxation Compared to Immediate Preceding Quarter

The Group's revenue for the current quarter increased to RM561.9 million from RM488.4 million in the immediate preceding quarter. This quarter's PBT of RM40.9 million as compared to the immediate preceding quarter loss before taxation of RM16.9 million was helped by a gradual recovery in both volume and margin.

23. Prospect

Although the worst in the current economy downturn appears to be over, concerns over the sustainability of the recovery still remain. In Malaysia, speedy and on time implementation of the stimulus package is crucial to provide further momentum to the construction sector and economy as a whole. The Board expects the Group to maintain its performance in the last quarter of this financial year.

24. Earnings/ (Loss) Per Share

Basic earnings/ (loss) per ordinary share

The calculation of basic earnings per ordinary share for the current quarter is based on the net profit attributable to ordinary shareholders of RM34.619 million and the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the quarter of 419,417,208.

The calculation of basic loss per ordinary share for the current year to date is based on the net loss attributable to ordinary shareholders of RM43.531 million and the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the quarter of 419,417,208.

	Current Quarter	Current Year to Date
Net profit/ (loss) attributable to shareholders (RM'000)	34,619	(43,531)
Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue during the current quarter/year ('000)	419,417	419,417
Basic earnings/ (loss) per ordinary share (sen)	8	(10)

Diluted earnings/ (loss) per share

The Group has no dilution in its earnings/ loss per ordinary share in the current quarter/ year to date as there are no potential ordinary shares.