

PART 1 - INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS OF QUARTERLY (Q1, Q2 & Q3), HALF-YEAR AND FULL YEAR RESULTS
1(ai) An income statement (for the group) together with a comparative statement for the corresponding period of the immediately preceding financial year.

The Board of Directors of F J Benjamin Holdings Ltd wishes to announce the unaudited results of the Group for the third quarter ended 31 March 2016 (3Q16)

	-----GROUP-----		Change %
	3Q16 \$'000	3Q15 \$'000	
Turnover	60,971	69,711	(13)
Cost of goods sold	(36,245)	(39,672)	(9)
Gross Profit	24,726	30,039	(18)
Other income	447	1,976	(77)
Staff costs	(9,354)	(12,087)	(23)
Rental of premises	(10,569)	(13,631)	(22)
Advertising and promotion	(1,121)	(2,292)	(51)
Depreciation of property, furniture, fixtures and equipment	(1,301)	(1,933)	(33)
Other operating expenses	(8,739)	(5,261)	66
OPERATING LOSS	(5,911)	(3,189)	85
Interest expenses	(683)	(724)	(6)
	(6,594)	(3,913)	69
Foreign exchange gain/(loss)	1,598	(670)	nm
Share of results of associates, net of tax	275	375	(27)
Loss on disposal of subsidiary	-	(1,127)	nm
LOSS BEFORE TAXATION	(4,721)	(5,335)	(12)
Taxation	(380)	(188)	nm
NET LOSS FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD	(5,101)	(5,523)	(8)
Loss attributable to:			
Equity holders of the Company	(5,101)	(6,986)	(27)
Non-controlling interests	-	1,463	nm
	(5,101)	(5,523)	(8)

OPERATING LOSS IS STATED AFTER CHARGING/(CREDITING):-

Loss on disposal of furniture, fixtures and equipment	72	43
Reversal of allowance for doubtful debts and bad debts written off	(4)	(12)
Allowance for inventory / (Reversal of allowance) obsolescence and inventories written off	2,634	(1,163)
Reversal of allowance for inventory obsolescence	(1,818)	(874)

nm - not meaningful

1(aii) CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**Loss for the financial period****Other comprehensive gain/(loss)**

Item that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:

Foreign currency translation

Total comprehensive (loss)/income for the financial period**Total comprehensive (loss)/income attributable to:**

Equity holders of the Company

Non-controlling interests

GROUP		
3Q16	3Q15	Change
\$'000	\$'000	%
(5,101)	(5,523)	-8%
806	(100)	nm
(4,295)	(5,623)	-24%
(4,295)	(7,023)	-39%
-	1,400	nm
(4,295)	(5,623)	-24%

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-----	
	31-Mar-16 \$'000	30-Jun-15 \$'000	31-Mar-16 \$'000	30-Jun-15 \$'000
NON-CURRENT ASSETS				
Property, furniture, fixtures and equipment	13,570	15,080	66	242
Subsidiaries	-	-	84,952	80,851
Investment in associates	6,556	8,638	-	-
Mandatory convertible bonds	29,862	29,862	-	-
Other receivables	1,320	1,631	-	-
Deferred tax assets	1,049	1,006	-	-
	<u>52,357</u>	<u>56,217</u>	<u>85,018</u>	<u>81,093</u>
CURRENT ASSETS				
Inventories	66,951	74,257	-	-
Investment securities	167	1,642	-	-
External trade debtors	4,809	5,959	-	-
Trade debts due from related companies	20,279	25,879	-	-
Tax recoverable	1,277	3,025	-	-
Other debtors	15,004	18,106	30,110	31,564
Cash on hand and at banks	2,889	5,555	152	3,545
	<u>111,376</u>	<u>134,423</u>	<u>30,262</u>	<u>35,109</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Trade and other creditors	45,015	51,366	1,976	1,840
Finance lease creditors	155	171	155	137
Bank borrowings	47,655	50,685	-	-
Provision for taxation	2	43	-	-
	<u>92,827</u>	<u>102,265</u>	<u>2,131</u>	<u>1,977</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS	18,549	32,158	28,131	33,132
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Finance lease creditors	147	263	147	253
Bank borrowings	-	500	-	-
Other liabilities	28	2,616	-	-
Deferred tax liabilities	40	40	-	-
	<u>215</u>	<u>3,419</u>	<u>147</u>	<u>253</u>
NET ASSETS	70,691	84,956	113,002	113,972
EQUITY ATTRIBUTABLE TO EQUITY HOLDERS OF THE COMPANY				
Share capital	165,447	165,447	165,447	165,447
Exchange translation reserve	(26,265)	(26,267)	-	-
Accumulated losses	(68,491)	(54,224)	(52,445)	(51,475)
	<u>70,691</u>	<u>84,956</u>	<u>113,002</u>	<u>113,972</u>

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

	-----GROUP-----	
	31-Mar-16	30-Jun-15
	\$'000	\$'000
Amount repayable in one year or less, or on demand - unsecured	47,810	50,856
Amount repayable after one year - unsecured	147	763
Total borrowings	47,957	51,619
Cash on hand and at banks	(2,889)	(5,555)
Net borrowings	45,068	46,064

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-----	
	3Q16	3Q15
	\$'000	\$'000
CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Loss before taxation	(4,721)	(5,335)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation of property, furniture, fixtures and equipment	1,301	1,933
Share of results of associates/ joint venture, net of tax	(275)	(375)
Currency realignment	692	(552)
Gain on disposal of leasehold property, furniture, fixtures and equipment	72	43
Allowance for inventory obsolescence/(Reversal of allowance)	816	(2,037)
Loss on disposal of subsidiary	-	1,127
Reversal of allowance for doubtful debts and bad debts written off	(4)	(12)
Interest income	(55)	(485)
Interest expense	683	724
OPERATING LOSS BEFORE REINVESTMENT IN WORKING CAPITAL	(1,491)	(4,969)
Decrease in debtors	15,102	2,564
Decrease in stocks	2,175	9,427
Decrease in creditors	(9,860)	(12,585)
CASH FROM/(USED IN) OPERATIONS	5,926	(5,563)
Income tax paid	(266)	(556)
NET CASH FROM/(USED IN) OPERATING ACTIVITIES	5,660	(6,119)
CASH FLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Purchase of furniture, fixtures and equipment	(883)	(341)
Proceeds from disposal of property, furniture, fixtures and equipment	-	2,054
Cash consideration for disposal of subsidiary	-	296
NET CASH (USED IN)/FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	(883)	2,009
CASH FLOW FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Net (repayment)/drawdown of bank borrowings	(4,070)	5,157
Repayment of obligations under finance lease	(44)	(44)
Interest paid	(659)	(728)
NET CASH (USED IN)/ FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES	(4,773)	4,385
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	4	275
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the financial period	(8,525)	(7,006)
Net effect of exchange rate changes on opening cash and cash equivalents	(216)	(3)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF FINANCIAL PERIOD	(8,737)	(6,734)
Cash and cash equivalents comprise the following:		
Cash and bank balances	2,889	6,783
Bank overdrafts	(11,626)	(13,517)
	(8,737)	(6,734)

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.

	Share Capital \$'000	Exchange Translation Reserve \$'000	(Accumulated Losses) / Retained Earnings \$'000	Non-controlling interests \$'000	Total Equity \$'000
<u>GROUP</u>					
At 1 January 2016	165,447	(27,071)	(63,390)	-	74,986
Loss for the period	-	-	(5,101)	-	(5,101)
<u>Other comprehensive gain/(loss)</u>					
Item that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:					
Foreign currency translation	-	806	-	-	806
Total comprehensive loss for the period	-	806	(5,101)	-	(4,295)
At 31 March 2016	165,447	(26,265)	(68,491)	-	70,691
At 1 January 2015	165,447	(27,530)	(34,885)	(1,043)	101,989
Loss for the financial period	-	-	(6,986)	1,463	(5,523)
<u>Other comprehensive gain/(loss)</u>					
Item that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:					
Foreign currency translation	-	(37)	-	(63)	(100)
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	(37)	(6,986)	1,400	(5,623)
Disposal of subsidiary	-	-	-	(357)	(357)
At 31 March 2015	165,447	(27,567)	(41,871)	-	96,009
<u>COMPANY</u>					
At 1 January 2016	165,447	-	(50,866)	-	114,581
Total comprehensive loss for the financial period	-	-	(1,579)	-	(1,579)
At 31 March 2016	165,447	-	(52,445)	-	113,002
At 1 January 2015	165,447	-	4,977	-	170,424
Total comprehensive loss for the financial period	-	-	(399)	-	(399)
At 31 March 2015	165,447	-	4,578	-	170,025

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 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 has been no change in the Company's share capital during the period reported.

As at 31 March 2016 and 31 March 2015, there was no outstanding warrants.

1(d) (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.

As at 31 March 2016: 568,709,857

As at 30 June 2015: 568,709,857

1(d)(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.

There is no sale, transfer, disposal, cancellation and/or use of treasury shares as at the end of the current financial period reported on.

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 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 disclosed in item 5 below, the Company and the Group have applied the same accounting policies and methods of computation as in the most recent audited annual financial statements.

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 reason for, and the effect of, the change.

In the current financial period, the Group has adopted all the new and revised Financial Reporting Standards ("FRSs") and interpretation of FRSs ("INT FRSs") that are relevant to its operations and effective for the financial period beginning on or after 1 Jan 2015.

The adoption of these new / revised FRSs and INT FRSs does not result in changes in Group's accounting policies and has no material effect on the amounts reported for the current period or prior periods.

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	
	3Q16	3Q15
(a) Basic (cents)	(0.90)	(1.23)
(b) Diluted (cents)	(0.90)	(1.23)

The basic and diluted earnings per share is computed based on the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue during the financial period of 568,709,857 (3Q15: 568,709,857).

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.

	GROUP	COMPANY
Net asset value per ordinary share based on issued share capital as at:		
(a) current financial period reported on (cents)	12.43	19.87
(b) immediately preceding financial year (cents)	14.94	20.04

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.

Review of Results for Third Quarter Ended 31 March 2016 (3Q16)

During the quarter ended 31 March 2016 (3Q16), consumer sentiment continued to weaken due to the continuing slowdown in the regional economies and increased currency volatility in the region.

Given the soft retail environment, we worked harder to align our products to key markets and increased our marketing and promotional activities to drive sales. With these efforts, the Group managed to drive \$61.0 million turnover in 3Q16 and retain gross profit margin of 41% as compared to \$69.7 million and 43% in the previous corresponding quarter. The decline in turnover was due to closure of non performing stores and discontinued business amounting to \$5.8 million and \$3.0 million from the weakening translation of Malaysia currency.

We continued to manage our operating expenses across all business units and was rewarded with \$4.1 million in savings, which limited our total operating expenses to \$31.1 million. As part of the focus to rationalise our business, additional stock obsolescence provisions of \$2 million was incurred as compared to a reversal of \$1.6 million in the previous corresponding period, resulting in a turnaround impact of \$3.6 million. The Group's cost-to-revenue ratio remained constant at 51%.

The Group incurred an operating loss of \$5.9 million compared to \$3.2 million in previous corresponding period. Group net loss attributable to shareholders was \$5.1 million compared to \$7.0 million in the same period last year.

Group turnover from the fashion business decreased by 11% to \$50.8 million and revenue from the timepiece business decreased by 20% to \$9.9 million.

In Southeast Asia, the revenue contributed by the fashion business (excluding purchases by the Indonesian associate, discontinued brands and adjusting for the weakening of the Malaysian ringgit of \$3.0 million) increased by 3% while revenue from the timepiece business decreased by 10%. Sales to the Group's Indonesian associate decreased by 7% for the quarter. Whilst domestic sales in Indonesia increased by 0.4%, the associate netted a lower gross margin compared to same period last year.

(ii) Balance Sheet

Inventory holdings decreased by 10% to \$67.0 million from \$74.3 million in June 2015. Comparing to same seasonal period as at March 31, 2015, inventory holdings were lowered by \$10.7 million.

Net borrowings was \$45.1 million from \$46.1 million as at 30 June 2015. Net gearing stood at 64%.

(iii) Cash Flows

The Group generated positive cash flows of \$5.7 million from operating activities, spent \$0.9 million on shop fittings, and repaid bank borrowings and interest expenses of \$4.8 million in 3Q16.

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

Not applicable.

10. A commentary at the date of this 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 Group expects the operating environment in its key markets to remain challenging given the lacklustre retail landscape. The Group continues to execute its strategy of finding the best brands to bring to customers, rationalising shop fronts and controlling cost as well as finding the right business model for the future.

11. Dividend

(a) Current Financial Period Reported On
Any dividend declared for the current financial period report on?

None.

(b) Corresponding Period of the Immediately Preceding Financial Year
Any dividend declared for the corresponding period of the immediate preceding financial year?

None.

(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.

13. If the Company has obtained a general mandate from shareholders for interested party transactions ("IPT mandate"), the aggregate value of such transactions as required under Rule 920 (1)(a)(ii). If no IPT mandate has been obtained, a statement to that effect.

The Company does not have an IPT mandate.

14. Confirmation pursuant to Rule 705(5) of the Listing Manual.

To the best of our knowledge, nothing material has come to the attention of the Directors which may render the financial period results ended 31 March 2016 to be false or misleading.

15. Confirmation pursuant to Rule 720(1) of the Listing Manual.

The Company has procured undertakings from all its directors and executive officers (in the format set out in Appendix 7.7) under Rule 720(1).

16. Full year results for financial year ending 30 June 2016

The Company expects to announce its full year results ending 30 June 2016 in the week of 22th August 2016.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

Karen Chong Mee Keng
Company Secretary
12 May 2016