

UNAUDITED THIRD QUARTER AND NINE-MONTH FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2017
PART 1 – INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR QUARTERLY (Q1, Q2 & Q3), HALF-YEAR AND FULL YEAR ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

	Group					
	3Q2017	3Q2016	Change	9M2017	9M2016	Change
	\$'000	\$'000	%	\$'000	\$'000	%
Revenue	64,373	59,811	7.6	188,695	192,063	(1.8)
Cost of sales	(53,243)	(49,998)	6.5	(157,210)	(166,419)	(5.5)
Gross profit	11,130	9,813	13.4	31,485	25,644	22.8
Other item of income						
Other operating income	1,025	654	56.7	2,789	2,158	29.2
Other items of expense						
Marketing and distribution expenses	(197)	(72)	173.6	(768)	(251)	206.0
Administrative expenses	(5,321)	(5,074)	4.9	(15,247)	(14,010)	8.8
Finance costs	(961)	(870)	10.5	(2,788)	(1,374)	102.9
Other operating expenses	(189)	(155)	21.9	(552)	(567)	(2.6)
Share of results of associates	439	587	(25.2)	1,810	1,731	4.6
Profit before tax	5,926	4,883	21.4	16,729	13,331	25.5
Income tax expense	(1,274)	(674)	89.0	(2,374)	(1,341)	77.0
Profit for the period	4,652	4,209	10.5	14,355	11,990	19.7
Other comprehensive income:						
Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss						
Foreign currency translation	20	(70)	n.m.	(14)	39	n.m.
Total comprehensive income for the period	4,672	4,139	12.9	14,341	12,029	19.2
Profit for the period attributable to:						
Owners of the Company	4,473	4,115	8.7	13,935	11,560	20.5
Non-controlling interests	179	94	90.4	420	430	(2.3)
	4,652	4,209	10.5	14,355	11,990	19.7
Total comprehensive income for the period attributable to:						
Owners of the Company	4,493	4,045	11.1	13,921	11,599	20.0
Non-controlling interests	179	94	90.4	420	430	(2.3)
	4,672	4,139	12.9	14,341	12,029	19.2

n.m.: Not meaningful

1(a)(ii) Notes to consolidated statements of profit or loss and other comprehensive income

The Group's profit before tax was arrived at after charging/(crediting) the following:

	Group					
	3Q2017	3Q2016	Change	9M2017	9M2016	Change
	\$'000	\$'000	%	\$'000	\$'000	%
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	410	333	23.1	1,150	837	37.4
Inventories recognised as an expense in cost of sales	52,492	49,496	6.1	155,232	164,695	(5.7)
Operating lease expense	1,114	972	14.6	3,058	2,894	5.7
Interest expense on loans and borrowings	1,594	1,372	16.2	4,765	3,097	53.9
Allowance for/(write-back of) doubtful trade receivables	213	(33)	n.m.	573	156	267.3
Write-off of consideration over fair value of interest acquired in a subsidiary	-	127	n.m.	-	334	n.m.
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	-	-	n.m.	-	85	n.m.
Net fair value (gain)/loss on loan from an unrelated party	(31)	32	n.m.	(71)	307	n.m.
Net exchange loss/(gain)	8	(27)	n.m.	10	(70)	n.m.
Write-off of fair value over consideration of interest acquired in a subsidiary	(39)	-	n.m.	(39)	-	n.m.
Increase in fair value of inventories less point-of-sale costs	(50)	(54)	(7.4)	(112)	(434)	(74.2)
Rental income from leasehold property	(410)	(226)	81.4	(928)	(682)	36.1
Interest income	(164)	(105)	56.2	(461)	(324)	42.2
Dividend income from unquoted investments	-	-	n.m.	(48)	(32)	45.6

n.m.: Not meaningful

1(b)(i) A statement of financial position (for the issuer and group), together with a comparative statement as at the end of the immediately preceding financial year.

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	Group		Company	
	30.09.2017 \$'000	31.12.2016 \$'000	30.09.2017 \$'000	31.12.2016 \$'000
<u>Non-current assets</u>				
Property, plant and equipment	29,680	28,909	126	124
Intangible asset	451	451	-	-
Investment in subsidiaries	-	-	56,258	51,832
Investment in associates	10,506	8,923	1,002	1,002
Other investments	738	688	738	688
Trade and other receivables	48,572	60,516	2,995	3,006
	89,947	99,487	61,119	56,652
<u>Current assets</u>				
Inventories	56,879	56,206	-	-
Trade and other receivables	243,451	229,831	128,896	131,266
Prepaid operating expenses	249	1,241	38	23
Cash and bank balances	10,399	7,112	2,383	1,021
	310,978	294,390	131,317	132,310
Total assets	400,925	393,877	192,436	188,962
<u>Current liabilities</u>				
Trade and other payables	4,664	4,692	4,869	3,519
Other liabilities	3,282	2,711	1,219	1,046
Interest-bearing loans and borrowings	196,726	151,640	49,839	-
Income tax payable	2,388	1,784	143	209
	207,060	160,827	56,070	4,774
Net current assets	103,918	133,563	75,247	127,536
<u>Non-current liabilities</u>				
Provisions	266	280	-	-
Other deposits	44	-	-	-
Interest-bearing loans and borrowings	13,132	59,681	-	49,662
Deferred tax liabilities	2,025	1,802	18	12
	15,467	61,763	18	49,674
Total liabilities	222,527	222,590	56,088	54,448
Net assets	178,398	171,287	136,348	134,514
<u>Equity attributable to owners of the Company</u>				
Share capital	78,313	78,313	78,313	78,313
Treasury Shares	(26)	-	(26)	-
Retained earnings	102,338	94,164	58,061	56,201
Other reserves	(6,703)	(6,689)	-	-
	173,922	165,788	136,348	134,514
Non-controlling interests	4,476	5,499	-	-
Total equity	178,398	171,287	136,348	134,514

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 September 17		As at 31 December 16	
	Secured \$'000	Unsecured \$'000	Secured \$'000	Unsecured \$'000
Included in trade and other payables	-	3,404	-	3,114
Included in interest-bearing loans and borrowings	140,703	56,023	146,045	5,595
Total	140,703	59,427	146,045	8,709

Amount repayable by the Group after one year

	As at 30 September 17		As at 31 December 16	
	Secured \$'000	Unsecured \$'000	Secured \$'000	Unsecured \$'000
Included in interest-bearing loans and borrowings	13,132	-	10,019	49,662
Total	13,132	-	10,019	49,662

Details of collateral:

- A fixed and floating charge on all assets of certain subsidiaries, legal mortgages over several properties and personal guarantees by certain directors of a subsidiary.

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

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS	3Q2017 \$'000	3Q2016 \$'000	9M2017 \$'000	9M2016 \$'000
Operating activities				
Profit before tax	5,926	4,883	16,729	13,331
Adjustments for:				
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	410	333	1,150	837
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	-	-	-	85
Allowance for doubtful trade receivables	213	-	573	156
Interest income	(164)	(105)	(461)	(324)
Finance costs	1,594	1,372	4,765	3,097
Increase in fair value of inventories less point-of-sale costs	(50)	(54)	(112)	(434)
Net fair value loss on loan from an unrelated party	31	32	71	307
Dividend income from unquoted investments	-	-	(48)	(32)
Write-off of consideration over fair value of interest acquired in a subsidiary	-	127	-	334
Write-off of fair value over consideration of interest acquired in a subsidiary	(39)	-	(39)	-
Share of results of associates	(439)	(587)	(1,810)	(1,731)
Amortisation of bond expenses	-	60	-	76
Unrealised exchange (gain)/loss	(4)	(3)	16	29
Operating cash flows before changes in working capital	7,478	6,058	20,834	15,731
Changes in working capital				
Decrease/(increase) in inventories	2,639	724	(561)	(11,884)
(Increase)/decrease in trade and other receivables	(18,565)	(14,052)	940	(51,415)
Decrease in prepaid operating expenses	53	41	996	571
Increase/(decrease) trade and other payables	171	(3,169)	(212)	(4,344)
Increase in other liabilities	1,405	1,064	730	401
Cash flows (used in)/generated from operations	(6,819)	(9,334)	22,727	(50,940)
Interest received	164	105	461	324
Finance costs paid	(1,535)	(1,372)	(4,588)	(3,097)
Income taxes paid	(637)	(376)	(1,741)	(1,005)
Net cash flows (used in)/generated from operating activities	(8,827)	(10,977)	16,859	(54,718)
Investing activities				
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(166)	(146)	(434)	(12,569)
Purchase of investment securities	-	-	(50)	-
Net cash outflow on acquisition of a subsidiary	(4,395)	(3,418)	(4,395)	(6,063)
Dividend income from associates	-	-	200	200
Dividend income from unquoted investments	-	-	48	32
Net cash flows used in investing activities	(4,561)	(3,564)	(4,631)	(18,400)
Financing activities				
Proceeds from interest-bearing loans and borrowings	13,366	17,800	47,330	45,690
Repayment of interest-bearing loans and borrowings	(1,158)	(2,017)	(48,954)	(18,834)
Purchase of treasury shares	-	-	(26)	-
Proceeds from issuance of bonds	-	-	-	49,526
Return of investment to non-controlling interests	-	-	(1,046)	-
Dividends paid to non-controlling interests	-	(812)	(397)	(1,211)
Dividends paid on ordinary shares	-	-	(5,761)	(5,068)
Net cash flows generated from/(used in) from financing activities	12,208	14,971	(8,854)	70,103
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents	(1,180)	430	3,374	(3,015)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	9,626	6,598	5,072	10,043
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	8,446	7,028	8,446	7,028

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 capitalization issues and distributions to shareholders, together with a comparative statement for the corresponding period for the immediately preceding financial year.

STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

Group	Attributable to owners of the Company						Total	Non-controlling interests	Total equity
	Share capital	Treasury shares	Capital reserve	Merger reserve	Foreign currency translation reserve	Retained earnings			
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
At 1 January 2017	78,313	–	1,984	(7,599)	(1,074)	94,164	165,788	5,499	171,287
Profit for the period	–	–	–	–	–	13,935	13,935	420	14,355
Foreign currency translation	–	–	–	–	(14)	–	(14)	–	(14)
Total comprehensive income for the period	–	–	–	–	(14)	13,935	13,921	420	14,341
<u>Distributions to owners</u>									
Dividends paid on ordinary shares	–	–	–	–	–	(5,761)	(5,761)	–	(5,761)
Dividends paid to non-controlling interests	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	(397)	(397)
Return of investment to non-controlling interests	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	(1,046)	(1,046)
Purchase of treasury shares	–	(26)	–	–	–	–	(26)	–	(26)
Total distributions to owners	–	(26)	–	–	–	(5,761)	(5,787)	(1,443)	(7,230)
At 30 September 2017	78,313	(26)	1,984	(7,599)	(1,088)	102,338	173,922	4,476	178,398

	Attributable to owners of the Company					Total	Non-controlling interests	Total equity
	Share capital	Capital reserve	Merger reserve	Foreign currency translation reserve	Retained earnings			
Group	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
At 1 January 2016	78,313	1,984	(7,599)	(893)	83,673	155,478	4,208	159,686
Profit for the period	—	—	—	—	11,560	11,560	430	11,990
Foreign currency translation	—	—	—	39	—	39	—	39
Total comprehensive income for the period	—	—	—	39	11,560	11,599	430	12,209
<u>Distributions to owners</u>								
Dividends paid on ordinary shares	—	—	—	—	(5,068)	(5,068)	—	(5,068)
Dividends paid to non-controlling interests	—	—	—	—	—	—	(1,211)	(1,211)
Total distributions to owners	—	—	—	—	(5,068)	(5,068)	(1,211)	(6,279)
<u>Changes in ownership interests in subsidiaries</u>								
Acquisition of interest in a subsidiary	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,916	1,916
Total transactions with owners in their capacity as owners	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,916	1,916
At 30 September 2016	78,313	1,984	(7,599)	(854)	90,165	162,009	5,343	167,352

Company	Attributable to owners of the Company			
	Share capital \$'000	Treasury shares \$'000	Retained earnings \$'000	Total equity \$'000
At 1 January 2017	78,313	–	56,201	134,514
Profit for the period, representing total comprehensive income for the period	–	–	7,621	7,621
<u>Distributions to owners</u>				
Dividends paid on ordinary shares	–	–	(5,761)	(5,761)
Purchase of treasury shares	–	(26)	–	(26)
At 30 September 2017	78,313	(26)	58,061	136,348
At 1 January 2016	78,313	–	50,919	129,232
Profit for the period, representing total comprehensive income for the period	–	–	9,227	9,227
Dividends paid on ordinary shares	–	–	(5,068)	(5,068)
At 30 September 2016	78,313	–	55,078	133,391

1(d)(ii) Details of any changes in the company's share capital arising from rights issue, bonus issue, share buy-backs, exercises 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 issued shares excluding 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.

Pursuant to the Share Buy-Back Mandate approved by shareholders, the Company purchased a total of 100,000 shares by way of on-market purchase for a total consideration of \$26,000 in 1Q2017. These shares purchased were made out of the Company's capital and held as treasury shares.

The Company's issued and fully paid up shares as at 30 September 2017 comprised 533,397,960 (30 September 2016: 533,497,960) ordinary shares and 100,000 (30 September 2016: Nil) treasury shares.

1(d)(iii) To show the total number of issued shares excluding treasury shares as at the end of current financial period and as at the end of the immediately preceding year.

	30.09.2017	31.12.2016
Total number of issued shares	533,497,960	533,497,960
Less: Treasury shares	(100,000)	-
Total number of issued shares excluding treasury shares	533,397,960	533,497,960

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

Treasury Shares	No. of shares	S\$'000
Balance as at 30/6/2017	100,000	26
No. of shares purchased	-	-
Balance as at 30/09/2017	100,000	26

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.

The Group has applied the same accounting policies and methods of computation in the financial statements for the current financial period ended as those of the audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2016, as well as applicable new and revised Financial Reporting Standards ("FRSs") which became effective for financial years beginning on or after 1 January 2017. The adoption of these new and revised FRSs has no material effect on the financial statements for the current financial period.

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.

Please refer to item 4 above.

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:

(a) Based on the weighted average number of ordinary shares on issue; and

(b) On a fully diluted basis (detailing any adjustments made to the earnings).

	Group			
	3Q2017	3Q2016	9M2017	9M2016
	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents
i) Basic earnings per share	0.84	0.77	2.61	2.17
ii) Diluted earnings per share				
- Weighted average number of shares ('000)	533,398	533,498	533,424	533,498

The calculation of basic earnings per share for 9M ended 30 September 2017 is based on the net profits attributable to shareholders for the 9M ended 30 September 2017 divided by the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding of 533,424,000.

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	
	30.09.2017	31.12.2016	30.09.2017	31.12.2016
Net asset value per ordinary share (cents)	32.61	31.08	25.56	25.21
Number of ordinary shares in issue ('000)	533,398	533,498	533,398	533,498

The number of ordinary shares was based on the number of outstanding shares as at 30 September 2017 and 31 December 2016 respectively, excluding treasury shares.

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 the Group's Performance

3Q2017 vs 3Q2016

Revenue

The Group's revenue increased from \$59.8 million in 3Q2016 to \$64.4 million in 3Q2017. Revenue from retail and trading of pre-owned jewellery and gold business increased by \$3.2 million while revenue from pawnbroking and the moneylending business increased by \$1.0 million and \$0.4 million respectively in 3Q2017.

Cost of sales

The Group's cost of sales increased from \$50.0 million in 3Q2016 to \$53.2 million in 3Q2017, in line with the increases in revenue from all three business segments.

Gross profit

Overall gross profit increased by \$1.3 million in 3Q2017 compared with the same period in 3Q2016. Gross profit margin improved from 16.4% in 3Q2016 to 17.3% in 3Q2017.

Other operating income

Other operating income was \$1.0 million in 3Q2017 compared with \$0.7 million in 3Q2016. The higher other operating income was mainly due to the increases in facility fees income from the moneylending business of \$0.1 million, rental income of \$0.2 million and interest income of \$0.1 million.

Administrative expenses

Administrative expenses comprise mainly employee benefits expense, rental expenses, depreciation expenses, legal and professional fees and insurance premiums. The increase in administrative expenses from \$5.1 million in 3Q2016 to \$5.3 million in 3Q2017 was mainly due to the increases in employee benefits expense and rental expenses of \$0.1 million each respectively.

Other operating expense

Other operating expenses comprise mainly allowance for doubtful trade receivables of \$0.2 million in 3Q2017.

Share of results of associates

The Group's share of results of associates decreased from \$0.6 million in 3Q2016 to \$0.4 million in 3Q2017, due to weaker Malaysian Ringgit against the Singapore Dollar in 3Q2017 compared with the same period in 2016, thus resulting in decreased contribution from Malaysian associated companies.

Profit before tax

As a result of the above, profit before tax increased by \$1.0 million to \$5.9 million in 3Q2017.

Income tax expense

Income tax expense increased by \$0.6 million in 3Q2017, which is in line with the increase in profit.

9M2017 vs 9M2016

Revenue

The Group's revenue decreased from \$192.1 million in 9M2016 to \$188.7 million in 9M2017. Retail and trading of pre-owned jewellery and gold business accounted for the decrease of \$8.2 million while revenue from pawnbroking and moneylending increased by \$1.5 million and \$3.3 million respectively.

Cost of sales

The Group's cost of sales decreased from \$166.4 million in 9M2016 to \$157.2 million in 9M2017. Cost of goods sold for retail and trading of pre-owned jewellery and gold business decreased by \$9.5 million, which is in line with the decrease in revenue in this segment, while interest cost for both pawnbroking and moneylending increased \$0.3 million in aggregate.

Gross profit

Overall gross profit increased by \$5.8 million in 9M2017 compared with the same period in 9M2016. Gross profit margin improved from 13.4% in 9M2016 to 16.7% in 9M2017.

Other operating income

Other operating income was \$2.8 million in 9M2017 compared with \$2.2 million in 9M2016. The higher operating income was mainly due to increases in facility fee income from the moneylending business of \$0.2 million and rental income of \$0.4 million.

Share of results of associates

The Group's share of results of associates increased from \$1.7 million in 9M2016 to \$1.8 million in 9M2017, due to increased contribution from Malaysian associated companies.

Administrative expenses

Administrative expenses comprise mainly employee benefits expense, rental expenses, depreciation expenses, legal and professional fees and insurance premiums. The increase in administrative expenses from \$14.0 million in 9M2016 to \$15.2 million in 9M2017 was mainly due to the increases in employee benefits expense of \$0.9 million, depreciation of \$0.3 million and rental expenses of \$0.1 million each respectively. The increase in employee benefits expense was due to the increase in headcount and salary adjustments.

Other operating expense

Other operating expenses comprise mainly allowance for doubtful trade receivables of \$0.6 million in 9M2017.

Profit before tax

As a result of the above, profit before tax increased by \$3.4 million to \$16.7 million in 9M2017.

Income tax expense

Income tax expense increased by \$1.0 million in 9M2017, which is in line with the increase in profit.

Review of the Group's Financial Position

Non-current assets decreased by \$9.6 million from \$99.5 million as at 31 December 2016 to \$89.9 million as at 30 September 2017. The decrease comprises decrease in trade and other receivables of \$11.9 million from the Group's moneylending business. These were offset by the increases in property, plant and equipment of \$0.8 million, and investment in associates of \$1.6 million as a result of share of results of associates.

Current assets increased by \$16.6 million from \$294.4 million as at 31 December 2016 to \$311.0 million as at 30 September 2017. This was mainly due to increases in cash and bank balances of \$3.3 million, trade and other receivables of \$13.6 million and inventories of \$0.7 million. These were partially offset by the decrease in prepaid operating expenses of \$1.0 million.

Current liabilities increased by \$46.2 million from \$160.8 million as at 31 December 2016 to \$207.0 million as at 30 September 2017 as a result of an increases in interest-bearing loans and borrowings of \$45.1 million, other liabilities of \$0.6 million, and income tax payable of \$0.6 million.

Non-current liabilities decreased by \$46.3 million from \$61.8 million as at 31 December 2016 to \$15.5 million as at 30 September 2017 mainly due to the decrease in interest-bearing loans and borrowings of \$46.5 million. This is partially offset by the increased in deferred tax liabilities of \$0.2 million.

Equity comprises share capital, treasury shares, retained earnings, capital reserve, merger reserve, foreign currency translation reserve and non-controlling interests. Equity attributable to owners of the Company increased from \$171.3 million as at 31 December 2016 to \$178.4 million as at 30 September 2017 mainly due to the increase in retained earnings.

Review of the Group's Cash Flows

3Q2017 vs 3Q2016

In 3Q2017, the net cash used in operating activities was \$8.8 million. This comprises operating cash inflows before working capital adjustments of \$7.5 million, adjusted by net working capital outflow of \$14.3 million. In 3Q2017, the Group received interest income of \$0.2 million, with interest expense paid of \$1.5 million and net income tax paid of \$0.6 million respectively. The net working capital outflow was a result of the increase in trade and other receivables of \$18.6 million. This was partially offset by the decreases in inventories of \$2.6 million and prepaid operating expenses of \$0.1 million, and the increases in trade and other payables of \$0.2 million and other liabilities of \$1.4 million.

In 3Q2017, the net cash used in investing activities amounted to \$4.6 million comprising net cash outflow from acquisition of a subsidiary of \$4.4 million and the purchase of property, plant and equipment of \$0.2 million.

The net cash generated from financing activities in 3Q2017 amounted to \$12.2 million comprising the net proceeds from interest-bearing loans and borrowings of \$12.2 million.

9M2017 vs 9M2016

In 9M2017, the net cash generated from operating activities was \$16.9 million. This comprises operating cash inflows before working capital adjustments of \$20.8 million, adjusted by net working capital inflow of \$1.9 million. In 9M2017, the Group received interest income of \$0.5 million, with net income tax paid of \$1.7 million and interest expense paid of \$4.6 million respectively. The net working capital inflow was a result of the decreases in trade and other receivables of \$1.0 million and prepaid operating expenses of \$1.0 million, and the increase in other liabilities of \$0.7 million. These were partially offset by the increase in inventories of \$0.6 million and the decrease in trade and other payables of \$0.2 million.

In 9M2017, the net cash used in investing activities was \$4.6 million, comprising the purchase of property, plant and equipment of \$0.4 million, net cash outflow from acquisition of a subsidiary \$4.4 million and the purchase of investment securities of \$0.1 million. This is partially offset by dividend income of \$0.2 million.

The net cash used in financing activities in 9M2017 amounted to \$8.9 million comprising the net repayment of interest-bearing loans and borrowings of \$1.6 million, payment of dividends of \$6.2 million and return of investment to non-controlling interests of \$1.0 million.

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

There is no material variance from the prospects disclosed in paragraph 10 of the Group's previous results announcement.

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.

Gold price has been fluctuating within USD1,250 and USD1,350 since the last quarter results announcement. Meanwhile, the pawnbroking business continues to face challenges from rising operating costs and keen competition.

The Group continued to expand its reach in the pawnbroking business with the acquisition of Sengkang Pawnshop Pte Ltd in October 2017. The Group will continue to explore acquisition opportunities and suitable locations to grow our network of pawnshops and retail outlets.

11. Dividend

**i. Current Financial Period Reported on
Any dividend declared for the current period?**

No.

**ii. Corresponding Period of the Immediately Preceding Financial Year
Any dividend declared for the corresponding period of the immediately preceding financial year?**

No.

12. If no dividend has been declared (recommended), a statement to that effect.

No dividend has been declared for the nine-month period ended 30 September 2017.

13. Interested Person Transactions

The Group has obtained a general mandate from shareholders of the Company for interested person transactions in the Annual General Meeting held on 25 April 2017. During the financial period, the following interested person transactions were entered into by the Group:

	Aggregate value of all interested person transactions during the financial period under review	
	YTD-30 Sep 17	YTD-30 Sep 16
	\$'000	\$'000
Sales of goods to director-related companies		
- Hwa Goldsmith and Jewellers	1,081	1,440
- Mei Zhi Jewellery	263	210
- Lucky Jewellery	69	179
Purchase of goods from director-related companies		
- Mei Zhi Jewellery	86	180
Rental paid to director-related company		
- Yeah Properties Pte Ltd	234	234
- Yeah Capital	131	120

	Aggregate value of all interested person transactions during the financial year under review (excluding transactions less than \$100,000 and transactions conducted under shareholders' mandate pursuant to Rule 920)	
	YTD-30 Sep 17	YTD-30 Sep 16
	\$'000	\$'000
Interest paid/due to a director		
- Yeah Hiang Nam	905	388

14. Negative confirmation pursuant to Rule 705(5)

The board of Directors of the Company (the "Board") confirms that, to the best of our knowledge, nothing has come to the attention of the Board which may render the unaudited interim financial statements for the period ended 30 September 2017 to be false or misleading in any material respects.

For and on behalf of the Board

Yeah Hiang Nam
 Managing Director

Yeah Lee Ching
 Executive Director