

Financial Statement And Dividend Announcement For The Second Quarter Ended 30 June 2018 ("2Q18")

PART I - INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR ANNOUNCEMENT OF QUARTER (Q1, Q2, Q3), HALF-YEAR AND FULL YEAR RESULTS

1(a) A Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income (for the group) together with a comparative statement for the corresponding period of the immediately preceding financial year.

		Group						
		Second Quarter Year-To-Date					te	
		Q2 2018	Q2 2017	Change	30/6/2018	30/6/2017	Change	
	Note	\$'000	\$'000	%	\$'000	\$'000	%	
Revenue								
Dental and Medical Clinics Excluding Aoxin		27,080	26,514	2	53,788	52,136	3	
Dental Equipment & Supplies Distribution Excluding Aoxin		2,468	1,631	51	4,452	3,279	36	
Sub Total Dental Clinics - Aoxin		29,548	28,145 828	5 NM	58,240	55,415 4,144	5 NM	
Dental Equipment & Supplies Distribution - Aoxin			651	NM	-	4, 144 2,060	NM	
Total Revenue		29,548	29,624	-	58,240	61,619	(5)	
Other Items of Income								
Interest Income		23	12	92	81	50	62	
		20	12	02	U.		02	
Other Items of Expense								
Consumables and Supplies Used in Dental & Medical		(2.020)	(4 550)	24	(4.0.46)	(2.242)	04	
Clinics Cost of Sales - Dental Equipment & Supplies		(2,039) (1,667)	(1,559) (1,518)	31 10	(4,046) (3,103)	(3,343) (3,781)	21 (18)	
Employee Benefits Expense		(16,559)		10	(33,056)			
			(16,396)	I I		(33,885)	(2)	
Depreciation and Amortisation Expense		(802)	(805)	-	(1,574)	(1,727)	(9)	
Rental Expense		(3,363)	(3,198)	5	(6,536)	(6,473)	(06)	
Other Expenses		(1,622)	(2,123)	(24)	(3,146)	(4,248)	(26)	
Finance Costs	1(a)(i)	(575)	(855)	(33)	(1,308)	(1,671)	(22)	
Other Gains / (Losses)	1(a)(i)	4 762	9,357	(100)	626	9,695	(94)	
Share of Profit from Equity-Accounted Associates		1,763	1,145	54	3,039	1,647	85	
Profit Before Tax from Continuing Operations Income Tax Expense		4,713 (90)	13,684 (139)	(66) (35)	9,217 (129)	17,883 (531)	(48) (76)	
Profit From Continuing Operations, Net of Tax		(90) 4,623	13,545	(66)	9,088	17,352	(78)	
Excluding Other Gains / (Losses)		4,023	(9,357)	(100)	(626)	(9,695)	(48)	
Profit Excluding Other Gains / (Losses)		4,617	4,188	10	8,462	7,657	(34)	
Other Comprehensive Income / (Loss):								
Exchange Differences on Translating Foreign Operations,								
Net of Tax		(296)	314	NM	397	(163)	NM	
Other Comprehensive Income / (Loss) for the Period,		(230)	514		551	(103)	INIVI	
Net of Tax		(296)	314	NM	397	(163)	NM	
Total Comprehensive Income for the Period		4,327	13,859	(69)	9,485	17,189	(45)	
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Profit / (Loss) Attributable to:		4 564	40 607	(67)	0.060	47 470	(40)	
Owners of the Parent, Net of Tax		4,561 62	13,637	(67)	9,060	17,478	(48) NM	
Non-Controlling Interests, Net of Tax Profit Net of Tax		4,623	(92) 13,545	NM (66)	28 9,088	(126) 17,352	(48)	
		4,023	13,343	(00)	3,000	17,552	(40)	
Profit / (Loss) Excluding Other Gains / (Losses)								
Attributable to:		AEEF	4 200	C C	0 404	7 700	0	
Owners of the Parent, Net of Tax		4,555	4,280	6 NM	8,434	7,783	8 NM	
Non-Controlling Interests, Net of Tax Profit Net of Tax		62	(92)	NM 10	28	(126)	NM 11	
		4,617	4,188	10	8,462	7,657	11	
Total Comprehensive Income / (Loss) Attributable to:		4 070	44.000	(70)	A 101	17 170	(10)	
Owners of the Parent	1	4,270	14,003	(70)	9,434	17,472	(46)	
Non-Controlling Interests	1	57	(144)	NM (CO)	51	(283)	NM (45)	
Total Comprehensive Income NM: Not Meaningful		4,327	13,859	(69)	9,485	17,189	(45)	

NM: Not Meaningful



Notes:

1(a)(i) Other Gains / (Losses)

	Group				
	Second	Quarter	Year-T	o-Date	
	Q2 2018	Q2 2017	30/6/2018	30/6/2017	
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	
Osia en Disessal ef Diset en d Environent	2	4	2	4	
Gain on Disposal of Plant and Equipment	3	4	3	4	
Plant & Equipment Written Off	(33)	(36)	(59)	(36)	
Foreign Exchange Translation Gain / (Loss)	(6)	(3)	3	4	
Profit Guarantee Received/Receivable from	(6)	180	189	442	
Vendors/Shareholders					
Gain on Spin-Off of Subsidiary	-	16,891	-	16,891	
Provision for Impairment on Asset Held for Sale	-	(1,584)	-	(1,584)	
Provision for Impairment on Goodwill	-	(1,611)	-	(1,611)	
(Provision) for Impairment on Other Receivables / Reversal	-	(1,054) ^(a)	273	(1,054) ^(a)	
Provision for Legal Fee ^(a)	-	(600)	-	(600)	
Provision for Due Diligence Fee	-	(419)	-	(419)	
Impairment of Plant and Equipment	-	(44)	-	(44)	
Gain on Deem Disposal of Associate	-	-	123	-	
Professional Fees and Expenses in Relation to the Spin-Off	-	(2,210)	-	(2,210)	
of Aoxin		(, ,		(, ,	
Enhanced Special Employment Credit and Wage Credit	48	(157)	94	(88)	
Scheme / PIC		()		()	
	6	9,357	626	9,695	

Note (a): These sums relate to matters where there are ongoing legal proceedings and provisions are made as a matter of prudence as the sums due are subject to recoverability.



1(b)(i) A Statement of Financial Position of the Group and the Issuer, together with a comparative statement as at the end of the immediately preceding financial year.

	Group		Com	pany
	As	As at		at
	30/6/2018	31/12/2017	30/6/2018	31/12/2017
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
ASSETS				
Non-Current Assets				
Property, Plant and Equipment	19,649	20,329	373	343
Investment in Subsidiaries	-	-	77,857	77,857
Investment in Associates	77,329	74,281	32,365	32,692
Intangible Assets	53,332	53,453	-	-
Other Receivables	1,379	1,438	1,296	1,356
Other Assets	8,075	8,225	23	161
Total Non-Current Assets	159,764	157,726	111,914	112,409
Current Assets				
Inventories	6,838	6,468	_	-
Trade and Other Receivables	16,780	15,600	47,612	51,785
Other Assets	4,044	3,197	1,668	770
Cash and Cash Equivalents	29,509	37,040	6,188	10,458
Total Current Assets	57,171	62,305	55,468	63,013
Total Assets	216,935	220,031	167,382	175,422
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES				
Equity Attributable to Owners of the Parent				
Share Capital	86,758	86,758	86,758	86,758
Treasury Shares	(9,896)	(6,835)	(9,896)	(6,835)
Retained Earnings	36,146	34,591	5,631	11,567
Other Reserves, Total	(1,231)	(1,605)	-	-
Equity Attributable to Owners of the Parent,	444 777	440.000		04.400
Total	111,777	112,909	82,493	91,490
Non-Controlling Interests	1,009	958	-	-
Total Equity	112,786	113,867	82,493	91,490
Non-Current Liabilities				
Provisions	633	643	-	-
Deferred Tax Liabilities	1,094	1,120	-	-
Other Financial Liabilities	86,288	26,389	75,000	15,000
Total Non-Current Liabilities	88,015	28,152	75,000	15,000
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Current Liabilities				
Trade and Other Payables	15,397	17,540	9,889	8,982
Other Financial Liabilities	737	60,472	-	59,950
Total Current Liabilities	16,134	78,012	9,889	68,932
Total Liabilities	104,149	106,164	84,889	83,932
Total Equity and Liabilities	216,935	220,031	167,382	175,422



1(b)(ii) In relation to the aggregate amount of the group's borrowings and debt securities, specify the following at the end of the financial period reported on with comparative figures at the end of the immediately preceding financial year.

	As at 30/6/2018	<u>As at 31/12/2017</u>
Bank Loans	\$'000	\$'000
Amount repayable within one year	263	262
Amount repayable after one year	78,972	19,072

Bank loans amounting to \$4.2 million are secured by legal mortgage of Group's properties and covered by corporate guarantee from the Company.

	At 30/6/2018	At 31/12/2017
	\$'000	\$'000
Medium Term Note		
Amount repayable within one year	-	59,950

On 19 March 2015, the Company issued \$60 million 4.40 per cent. 3 year Medium Term Note ("MTN") pursuant to the \$200 million Multicurrency Medium Term Note Programme. The MTN have been repaid on 19 March 2018.

	<u>At 30/6/2018</u> \$'000	<u>At 31/12/2017</u> \$'000
Finance Leases		
Amount repayable within one year	2	2
Amount repayable after one year	1	2

The finance leases are secured on the plant and equipment under finance leases.

	<u>As at 30/6/2018</u>	As at 31/12/2017
	\$'000	\$'000
<u>Bills Payable</u>		
Amount repayable within one year	472	258

The bills payable of the subsidiary are secured or covered by corporate guarantee, joint and severally guaranteed by certain directors and negative pledge of the subsidiary.

	<u>As at 30/6/2018</u> \$'000	<u>As at 31/12/2017</u> \$'000
Preference Shares		
Amount repayable after one year	7,315	7,315

Preference shares issued on 23 December 2016 to Q & M Professionals Holding Pte. Ltd. and preference shares issued to All Win Investment Holdings Pte. Ltd., Full Win Investment Holdings Pte. Ltd. and Initial Capital Investment Pte. Ltd. on 15 November 2017 by Q & M Aidite International Pte. Ltd. which will be mandatorily redeemed in 6 years time.



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

	Q2 2018	Q2 2017
	\$'000	\$'000
Cash Flows From Operating Activities Profit Before Tax	4 710	12 694
Prolit Belore Tax	4,713	13,684
Adjustments for:	(00)	(10)
Interest Income Interest Expense	(23) 575	(12) 855
Gain on Disposal of Plant and Equipment	(3)	(4)
Gain on Disposal of Subsidiary	- 33	(16,891)
Plant and Equipment Written Off Provision for Impairment on Other Receivables	- -	36 1,054
Provision for Impairment on Goodwill	-	1,611
Provision for Impairment on Asset Held for Sale Share of Profit from Equity – Associated Associates	- (1,763)	1,584 (1,146)
Impairment of Plant and Equipment	- (1,700)	(1,140) 44
Depreciation of Property, Plant and Equipment and Amortisation Expense	802	805
Foreign Currency Translation Reserve Provision	(20)	39 13
Operating Cash Flows Before Changes in Working Capital	4,314	1,672
Inventories	(601)	(589)
Trade and Other Receivables Other Assets	(313) 29	(1,968) 1,521
Trade and Other Payables	(1,459)	3,535
Net Cash Flows From Operating Activities Before Interest and Tax	1,970	4,171
Income Taxes Paid	(250)	(457)
Net Cash Flows From Operating Activities	1,720	3,714
Cash Flows Used in Investing Activities		
Purchase of Plant and Equipment	(458)	(612)
Sale Proceeds from Disposal of Plant and Equipment Other Assets	102 (89)	22 130
Deconsolidation of Subsidiary (Net of cash disposed)	-	(8,281)
Trade and Other Receivables Other Receivables, Non-Current	9 58	12 6
Interest Received	23	12
Net Cash Flows Used In Investing Activities	(355)	(8,711)
Cash Flows Used in Financing Activities		
Finance Lease Repayment	(1)	-
Repayment of Bank Loans	(49)	(58)
Share Buy Back Exercise Dividend From Associate	(3,013) 327	(301)
Bill Payables	388	(84)
Interest Paid	(575)	(855)
Dividends Paid to Equity Owners	(7,311)	(5,514)
Net Cash Flows Used In Financing Activities	(10,234)	(6,812)
Net Decrease in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(8,869)	(11,809)
Cash and Cash Equivalents, Statement of Cash Flows, Beginning Balance of the Period	38,378	48,051
Cash and Cash Equivalents, Statement of Cash Flows, Ending Balance of the Period	29,509	36,242
Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Period includes the following: Cash and Bank Balances	20 500	26.040
Cash and Bank Balances Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Period	29,509 29,509	36,242 36,242
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1(d)(i) A statement (for the issuer and the 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.

	Total <u>Equity</u>	Attributable to <u>Parent Sub-</u> <u>total</u>	Share <u>Capital</u>	Retained <u>Earnings</u>	Treasury <u>Shares</u>	Other <u>Reserves</u>	Non- Controlling <u>Interest</u>
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Group - Current period							
Opening Balance at 1 April 2018	118,783	117,831	86,758	38,896	(6,883)	(940)	952
Movements in Equity:							
Total Comprehensive Income for the Period	4,327	4,270	-	4,561	-	(291)	57
Share Buy Back	(3,013)	(3,013)	-	-	(3,013)	-	-
Dividends Paid	(7,311)	(7,311)	-	(7,311)	-	-	-
Closing Balance at 30 June 2018	112,786	111,777	86,758	36,146	(9,896)	(1,231)	1,009
Group - Previous period							
Opening Balance at 1 April 2017	125,232	108,729	86,222	25,714	(5,459)	2,252	16,503
Movements in Equity:							
Total Comprehensive Income for the Period	13,859	14,003	-	13,637	-	366	(144)
Deconsolidation of Subsidiary	(19,405)	(3,977)	-	-	-	(3,977)	(15,428)
Share Buy Back	(301)	(301)	-	-	(301)	-	-
Issue of Share Capital	421	421	336	-	85	-	-
Dividends Paid	(5,514)	(5,514)	-	(5,514)	-	-	-
Closing Balance at 30 June 2017	114,292	113,361	86,558	33,837	(5,675)	(1,359)	931



1(d)(i) A statement (for the issuer and the 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. (Cont'd)

	<u>Total Equity</u>	Share Capital	Treasury <u>Shares</u>	Other <u>Reserve</u>	Retained <u>Earnings</u>
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Company - Current period					
Opening Balance at 1 April 2018	92,169	86,758	(6,883)	-	12,294
Movements in Equity:					
Total Comprehensive Income for the Period	648	-	-	-	648
Share Buy Back	(3,013)	-	(3,013)	-	-
Dividends Paid	(7,311)	-	-	-	(7,311)
Closing Balance at 30 June 2018	82,493	86,758	(9,896)	-	5,631
Company - Previous period					
Opening Balance at 1 April 2017	88,797	86,422	(5,459)	-	7,834
Movements in Equity:					
Total Comprehensive Income for the Period	368	-	-	-	368
Share Issue Expense	(301)	-	(301)	-	-
Issue of Share Capital	221	136	85	-	-
Closing Balance at 30 June 2017	89,085	86,558	(5,675)	-	8,202



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.

Ordinary shares

	Number of Shares	Share Capital
	'000	\$'000
At 1 Jan 2018	794,868	79,923
At 30 Jun 2018	789,079	76,862

Employee Share Option

During the period ended 30 June 2018, no share options were issued or exercised. No share options outstanding as at 30 June 2018 (30 June 2017: NIL).

Treasury Shares

During the 2Q18, the Company has bought back 5,740,900 shares by way of market acquisition and all shares acquired are held as treasury shares. Following the purchase, the Company has 15,808,479 treasury shares as at 30 June 2018 (30 June 2017: 8,198,779).

1 (d)(iii) 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 30/6/2018	As at 31/12/2017
Total number of issued shares excluding treasury shares	789,079,321	794,868,221

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

There were no sales, transfers, disposals, cancellation and/or use of treasury shares as at the end of the current financial period reported on except for 5,740,900 number of treasury shares of \$3.0 million were bought back by way of market acquisition.

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

The figures have not been reviewed / audited by the Company's auditor.

3. Where the figures have been audited or reviewed, the auditors' report (including any qualifications or emphasis of 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 set out in Note 5 of this announcement, the Group has applied the same accounting policies and methods of computation in the financial statements for the current reporting period as those used in the most recently audited annual financial statements as at 31 December 2017.

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.

In the current reporting period, the Group adopted all of the new or revised Singapore Financial Reporting Standards (International) ("SFRS(I)") and Interpretations to SFRS(I) ("SFRS(I) INT") that are relevant to its operations and are effective for first-time adoption during the current reporting period. The adoption of these new and revised SFRS(I) and SFRS(I) INT has no material effect on the amounts reported for the current or prior reporting 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.

Earnings per ordinary share for the	Second Quarter		Year-To-Date	
period :-	Q2 2018	Q2 2017	30/6/2018	30/6/2017
(i) Basic earnings per share (cents)	0.57	1.71	1.14	2.19
(ii) On a fully diluted basis (cents)	0.57	1.71	1.14	2.19

The basic EPS for the period ended 30 June 2018 and 30 June 2017 are based on the profit attributable to equity holders of parent, net of tax and the weighted average number of ordinary shares of 794,876,782 shares and 796,714,253 shares respectively.

There is no dilutive effect on the EPS for the period ended 30 June 2018 and 30 June 2017.

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 As at		Company As at	
	30/6/2018	31/12/2017	30/6/2018	31/12/2017
Net asset value per ordinary share (cents)	14.2	14.2	10.5	11.5

The net asset value per ordinary share of the Group and the Company as at 30 June 2018 has been calculated based on the total issued number of ordinary shares of 789,079,321 (2017: 794,868,221).



- 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.

Statement of Comprehensive Income

Revenue

Revenue contribution from dental and medical clinics excluding Aoxin increased by 2% from \$26.5 million for the 3 months ended 30 June 2017 ("2Q17") to \$27.1 million for the 3 months ended 30 June 2018 ("2Q18") mainly due to higher revenue from dental outlets in Singapore and Malaysia in 2Q18.

As at 30 June 2018, the Group has a total of 71 dental outlets and 4 medical outlets in operations, compared to 73 dental outlets, 4 medical outlets, 1 aesthetic centre as at 30 June 2017 in Singapore.

As at 30 June 2018, the Group has a total of 14 dental outlets in Malaysia and 1 dental outlet in People's Republic of China ("PRC") compared to 9 dental outlets in Malaysia and 1 dental outlet in PRC as at 30 June 2017.

Revenue contribution from the dental equipment and supplies distribution business excluding Aoxin increased by 51% from \$1.6 million in 2Q17 to \$2.5 million in 2Q18. The increase was mainly due to higher revenue from dental equipment and supplies distribution company in Malaysia in 2Q18.

For the first six months ended 30 June 2018 ("1H18"), revenue from dental and medical outlets excluding Aoxin increased by 3% to \$53.8 million from \$52.1 million in the previous corresponding period ("1H17") mainly due to higher revenue from dental outlets in Singapore and Malaysia..

For 1H18, revenue from the dental equipment and supplies distribution business excluding Aoxin increased by 36% to \$4.5 million from \$3.3 million in 1H17 mainly due to higher revenue from the dental equipment and supplies distribution company in Malaysia.

Other Gains / (Losses)

Other gains / (losses) in 2Q18 amounted to \$6k compared to \$9.4 million in 2Q17. The decrease was mainly due to a one-time gain of \$16.9 million from spin-off of Aoxin from a subsidiary to an associate in April 2017 offset by provisions on impairment on goodwill and asset held for sale, provision on impairment on other receivables and professional fees and expenses in relation to the spin-off of Aoxin in 2Q17.

For 1H18, other gains / (losses) decreased to \$0.6 million from \$9.7 million in 1H17 mainly due to the same reasons given above.

Other Items of Expense

Consumables and Supplies Used in Dental & Medical Clinics

Consumables and supplies used increased by 31% from \$1.6 million in 2Q17 to \$2.0 million in 2Q18. The increase was mainly due to the change in accounting treatment effective in 2017 for small dental instruments which are now inventorised.



As a percentage of revenue from the dental and medical outlets, consumables and supplies used in the dental and medical outlets in 2Q18 was 7.5% compared to 5.7% in 2Q17.

For 1H18, consumables and supplies used increased 21% to \$4.0 million from \$3.3 million in 1H17 for the same reasons given above.

Cost of Sales Dental Equipment and Supplies

The cost of sales from dental equipment and supplies distribution business increased by 10% from \$1.5 million in 2Q17 to \$1.7 million in 2Q18. The increase was mainly due to increase in revenue from the dental equipment and supplies distribution businesses in Singapore and Malaysia offset by the deconsolidation of Aoxin from a subsidiary to an associate in April 2017.

As a percentage of revenue from dental equipment and supplies distribution, cost of sales used in the dental equipment and supplies distribution in 2Q18 was 67.5% compared to 66.5% in 2Q17.

For 1H18, cost of sales from dental equipment and supplies distribution business decreased by 18% to \$3.1 million from \$3.8 million in 1H17 mainly due to the deconsolidation of Aoxin from a subsidiary to an associate in April 2017.

Employee Benefits Expense

Employee benefits expense increased by 1% from \$16.4 million in 2Q17 to \$16.6 million in 2Q18 which was in line with the increase in revenue from existing dental outlets in Singapore and Malaysia offset by the deconsolidation of Aoxin from a subsidiary to an associate in April 2017.

As a percentage of revenue, employee benefits expense in 2Q18 was 56.0% compared to 55.3% in 2Q17.

Comparing 1H18 with 1H17, employee benefit expense decreased by \$0.8 million or 2% mainly due to the deconsolidation of Aoxin from a subsidiary to an associate in April 2017.

Rental Expense

Rental expense increased by 5% from \$3.2 million in 2Q17 to \$3.4 million in 2Q18. The increase was mainly due to an increase in the number of dental outlets in Malaysia as well as increase in rental rates for existing clinics in Singapore offset by the deconsolidation of Aoxin from a subsidiary to an associate in April 2017.

As a percentage of revenue, rental expense in 2Q18 was 11.4% compared to 10.8% in 2Q17.

Comparing 1H18 with 1H17, rental expense increased by \$0.1 million for the same reasons given above.

Other Expenses

Other expenses decreased by 24% from \$2.1 million in 2Q17 to \$1.6 million in 2Q18. The decrease was mainly due to reduced legal fees for Singapore and Malaysia and the deconsolidation of Aoxin from a subsidiary to an associate in April 2017.

As a percentage of revenue, other expenses in 2Q18 was 5.5% compared to 7.2% in 2Q17.

Comparing 1H18 with 1H17, other expenses decreased by \$1.1 million or 26%, for the same reason given above.

Share of Profit from Equity-Accounted Associates

Share of profit from equity-accounted associates increased by 54% from \$1.1 million in 2Q17 to \$1.8 million in 2Q18. The increased of \$0.7 million was mainly due to higher share of profit from Aidite.



Comparing 1H18 with 1H17, share of profit from equity-accounted associates increased by \$1.4 million or 85%, for the same reason given above.

Profit Before Tax and Net Profit

For the reasons given above, the Group's profit before tax decreased 66% from \$13.7 million in 2Q17 to \$4.7 million in 2Q18.

After deducting provision for income tax expense of \$90k, the Group's net profit decreased 66% from \$13.5 million in 2Q17 to \$4.6 million in 2Q18.

After excluding other gains / (losses), profit attributable to owners of the parent increased 6% from \$4.3 million in 2Q17 to \$4.6 million in 2Q18.

For 1H18, net profit after tax was \$9.1 million, compared with \$17.4 million for 1H17. After excluding other gains / (losses), profit attributable to owners of the parent increased 8% from \$7.8 million in 1H17 to \$8.4 million in 1H18.

Statement of Financial Position

As at 30 June 2018, the Group has cash and cash equivalents of \$29.5 million, bank borrowings plus finance leases amounted to \$87.0 million.

Current Assets

Cash and cash equivalents as at 30 June 2018 decreased to \$29.5 million from \$37.0 million as at 31 December 2017. The decrease of \$7.5 million was mainly due to share buyback of \$3.0 million, special and final dividend payment of \$7.3 million with respect to FY2017 offset by net cash generated from operations.

Trade and other receivables as at 30 June 2018 increased to \$16.8 million from \$15.6 million as at 31 December 2017. The increase of \$1.2 million was mainly due to increase in revenue from the dental equipment and supplies distribution business in Malaysia.

Other assets as at 30 June 2018 increased to \$4.0 million from \$3.2 million as at 31 December 2017. The increase of \$0.8 million was mainly due to an increase in sign on bonus and prepayment for upgrading of computer systems.

Non-Current Assets

The net book value of property, plant and equipment as at 30 June 2018 decreased to \$19.6 million from \$20.3 million as at 31 December 2017. The decrease of \$0.7 million was mainly due to depreciation of plant and equipment.

Investment in associates as at 30 June 2018 increased to \$77.3 million from \$74.3 million as at 31 December 2017. The increase of \$3.0 million was due to the share of profit from equity-accounted associates, Aidite and Aoxin.

Current Liabilities

Trade and other payables as at 30 June 2018 decreased to \$15.4 million from \$17.5 million as at 31 December 2017. The decrease of \$2.1 million was mainly due to payment of fees to dentists, doctors and staff bonuses which were accrued as at 31 December 2017.

Other financial liabilities as at 30 June 2018 decreased to \$0.7 million from \$60.5 million as at 31 December 2017. The decrease of \$59.8 million was mainly due to repayment of the MTN on 19 March 2018.



Non-Current Liabilities

Other financial liabilities as at 30 June 2018 increased to \$86.3 million from \$26.4 million as at 31 December 2017. The increase of \$59.9 million was mainly due to a draw down of \$60.0 million bank facilities in March 2018 to repay the MTN which matured on 19 March 2018.

Statement of Cash Flows

The Group generated net cash flow from operating activities of \$1.7 million in 2Q18. This was mainly attributable to the profit generated by the Group after accounting for changes in working capital in 2Q18.

Net cash used in investing activities in 2Q18 amounted to \$0.4 million, mainly due to purchase of plant and equipment for the existing clinics and opening of new dental clinics.

Net cash used in financing activities in 2Q18 was \$10.2 million, mainly due to special and final dividend payment of \$7.3 million with respect to FY2017 and share buyback of \$3.0 million in 2Q18.

Consequent to the above factors, the Group's cash and cash equivalents was \$29.5 million as at 30 June 2018.

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

No forecast had been issued for the current financial reporting period. The financial results are in line with the expectations as disclosed in previous quarterly announcements.

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.

Industry Prospects

Barring any unforeseen circumstances, there are no significant changes in the trends and competitive conditions of the industry in which the Group operates and no major known factors or events that may adversely affect the Group in the next reporting period and the next twelve months.

Recent Developments

• Update on the Company's Malaysia Operations

On 25 June 2018, the Company announced the incorporation of two private company entities, Q & M Dental Surgery (Selatan) Sdn Bhd with an issued and paid-up share capital of RM1 comprising of 1 ordinary share and Q & M Dental Surgery (KL) Sdn Bhd with and issued and paid-up capital of RM1 comprising of 1 ordinary share, in Malaysia.

During 1H18, the Company has acquired the business assets of Perling Dental and Chin Dental. The Company has also signed rental agreements to open 3 new dental clinics in the second half of 2018.

• Update on the Company's Singapore Operations

During 1H18, the Company has opened 3 clinics located in Yishun, Woodlands and Century Square as well as consolidating two existing clinics in Punggol into one clinic. The Company has also signed rental agreements to open 4 new dental clinics in the second half of 2018.



Future Plans

The Group intends to continue executing the business plans outlined below.

• <u>Expansion of network of dental clinics in Singapore and acquisitions of specialist</u> <u>dental clinics in Singapore</u>

The Group will be focusing on its operation in Singapore and has initiated a strategy of intensive organic growth of its dental clinics in Singapore. It will expand its team of dentists to support the future growth of its operations in Singapore. The Group intends to add at least 10 dental clinics in Singapore for 2018. The eventual number of dental outlets will depend on opportunities and market conditions. The Group believes it is well-positioned to cater to the rising demand for primary and higher value specialist dental healthcare services.

• Expansion into private dental healthcare market in Malaysia

Currently, the Group operates 6 dental clinics in Johor, 1 dental centre and 4 dental clinics in Kuala Lumpur and 3 dental clinics in Malacca. The Group intends to add 10 dental clinics in Malaysia for 2018. The eventual number of dental clinics will depend on opportunities and market conditions.

• <u>Expansion into private dental healthcare market in the People's Republic of China</u> (<u>"PRC"</u>)

The main thrust of the Group's proposed joint ventures and organic growth initiatives in PRC is to develop a new and sustainable growth pillar that can yield long term value for the Group. The Group is actively working on opportunities to acquire large and established dental institutions and dental supplies manufacturers in PRC.

Expansion through acquisitions, joint ventures and/or strategic alliances

The Group is continuously looking for opportunities to expand its businesses through acquisitions, joint ventures or strategic alliances with parties who create synergistic value with its existing business in Singapore, Malaysia and PRC.

11. Dividend

(a) Current Financial Period Reported On

Any dividend declared for the current financial period reported on? Yes

Name of dividend	Interim
Dividend Type	Cash
Dividend Amount per Share (in cents)	0.4 cents per ordinary share
Tax Rate	One Tier Tax Exempt

(b) Corresponding Period of the immediately Preceding Financial Year

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

Name of dividend	Interim
Dividend Type	Cash
Dividend Amount per Share (in cents)	0.7 cents per ordinary share
Tax Rate	One Tier Tax Exempt



(c) The date the dividend is payable.

The dividend will be paid on 13 September 2018.

(d) Book closure date

Notice is hereby given that Share Transfer Books and Register of Members of the Company will be closed on 30 August 2018 on which day no share transfer will be effected.

Duly completed and stamped transfers received by the Company's Share Registrar, Tricor Barbinder Share Registration Services (a division of Tricor Singapore Pte Ltd), 80 Robinson Road, #11-02 Singapore 068898, up to 5.00 p.m. on 29 August 2018 will be registered to determine members' entitlements to the interim dividend. Members (being depositors) whose securities account with The Central Depository (Pte) Limited are credited with ordinary shares in the capital of the Company as at 5.00 p.m. on 29 August 2018 will be entitled to the payment of the interim dividend.

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

Not applicable.

13. If the group has obtained a general mandate from shareholders for Interested Parties Transactions (IPTs), 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 Group did not obtain a general mandate from shareholders for IPTs.

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

To the best of our knowledge, nothing has come to the attention of the Board of Directors which may render the unaudited financial statements of the Group and the Company for the period ended 30 June 2018 to be false or misleading in any material aspect.

15. Confirmation that the issuer has procured undertakings from all its directors and executive officer under Rules 720 (1) of the Listing Manual

The Company hereby confirms that it has procured undertakings from all its directors and executive officers under Rule 720 (1) of the Listing Manual.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

Dr Ng Chin Siau Group Chief Executive Officer 14 August 2018