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A CARSON CUMBERBATCH COMPANY



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Financial Calendar

Financial Year End 31st March 2015

Announcement of Results

First Quarter ended 30th June 2014 14th August 2014

Second Quarter ended 30th September 2014 14th November 2014

Third Quarter ended 31st December 2014 13th February 2015

Dividend Declaration

First & Final* 29th May 2015

106th Annual General Meeting 29th May 2015

** Subject to approval from Shareholders*

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Chairman's Statement

Dear Shareholders,

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I am pleased to present the Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements of Good Hope PLC for the year ended 31st March 2015, and welcome you to the One Hundred and Sixth Annual General Meeting of the Company.

The year under review turned out to be a challenging one for companies operating in the Palm Oil industry. The year started off on a positive note for the industry, however prices of Crude Palm Oil (CPO) started to drop as the year progressed, reaching a 5 year low, trading below RM 2,000 in September 2014. One of the main reasons for the downward movement in Palm Oil prices was the bumper crops witnessed in competing oils like Soybean and Sunflower. Further, the drop in crude oils prices towards the latter part of 2014, exerted downward pressure on CPO prices given the impact on the viability of palm based bio-diesel.

The production of Fresh Fruit Bunches (FFB) too was affected by biological factors and weather patterns, reflecting similar trends witnessed in the vicinity to our plantations. However, we expect the cropping pattern to recover in the coming year as majority of the Company's plantations are still within the peak production period. Further details on the production and the related initiatives being undertaken is provided in the Review of Operations presented together with this report.

Resultantly, your Company recorded a profit before tax of Rs. 79.42 mn for the year ended 31st March 2015, after taking into consideration other income and gains, as compared to Rs. 183.87 mn recorded in the year to 31st March 2014. The dividend income recorded during the period under review was significantly low as compared to the previous year as no dividend income was received from the Company's long term unquoted investment. Accordingly, the net profit after tax for the period under review was Rs. 57.40 mn as compared to Rs. 164.70 mn recorded in the previous financial year.

We expect the Palm Oil prices to trade at around current levels and stabilize towards the end of the year, in line with forecasts made by industry analysts. We have also been able to manage the cost of production through stringent cost management initiatives and through focus on improving the field management practices.

I would like to clarify the stand taken by the Company on "Rules on Minimum Public Float as a Continuous Listing Requirement" issued by the Colombo Stock Exchange of Sri Lanka (CSE), which was explained in my review last year.

The new listing rules pertaining to the "Public Float" mandates all listed companies to ensure a minimum threshold of 20% to be held by "Public" shareholders effective from 1st January 2014. However,

Chairman's Statement

on this date if a company does not fulfil this requirement, such company is expected to be fully compliant by 31st December 2016.

In that context, I would like to highlight the objective of the Voluntary Offer to all shareholders that was carried out by the Company in March 2011. As was explained in the detailed documents that were circulated together with the Voluntary Offer documents, the objective of the Offer was to consolidate the ownership of your Company under the plantation sector Holding Company, viz, Goodhope Asia Holdings Ltd.

However, since the Voluntary Offer did not result in the acquisition of the entirety of the balance minority shareholding, the Company continued to remain a listed entity, with a 'Public Float' of less than that is now required by the above Rule.

As you would appreciate, compliance with the above CSE Rule would conflict with the very objective of the aforesaid Voluntary Offer.

Thus, as was explained in the previous year's review, taking into consideration these factors and more importantly the objective of the Voluntary Offer exercise carried out in the past, the majority shareholder does not have any intention of diluting its holding nor does the Company intend to issue further shares in order to conform to the said Rule. This would therefore entail the initiation of a de-listing

process. When so decided, this would be done in consultation with the Regulator and with the required shareholder approval.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my gratitude to all business associates, financiers, and the regulatory authorities in Sri Lanka and Malaysia for their continued support. I would be failing in my duties if I don't extend the appreciation of the Board of Directors of the Company to the shareholders for their continued support and confidence placed in the Directors. I also wish to thank our management and staff in Malaysia and Sri Lanka for all their hard work and dedication. Last but not least, I would like to extend my appreciation to my fellow Board Members for their support and guidance throughout the year, and to the members of the Audit Committee, and Remuneration Committee for their invaluable efforts.

(Sgd.)

H. Selvanathan
Chairman

23rd April 2015

Review of Industry and Operational Performance

Palm Oil Industry Scenario

Despite the positive expectations on CPO price movements for the current financial year, CPO prices have been very volatile during most part of the current financial year and have traded below the expected price ranges. CPO prices fell below RM 2,000 levels, touching a 5 year low in September 2014, though the prices rallied thereafter.

One of the main reasons for the prices to be lower than the expectations at the beginning of the financial year was the materialization of bumper Soybean crop driving Soybean Oil prices down. Sunflower Oil production too continued to be strong, supported by favourable weather conditions in producing countries. The decline in global crude oil prices too had an impact on the CPO prices, as the demand for Palm Oil based bio-diesel is impacted given relatively lower crude oil price regime.

CPO prices will continue to be affected by seasonal factors like production and inventory levels in both Malaysia and Indonesia. However, current expectation by Industry Analysts is that CPO prices will continue to hold at current levels.

Overview of Financial and Operational Performance

The year under review also witnessed fluctuating weather patterns and resultant impact on crops due to biological factors, in most parts of Malaysia except for East Malaysia. Accordingly, the crop performance of the plantations of your

Company too was subject to these factors, the cropping pattern dropping substantially from the 2nd half of the current financial year.

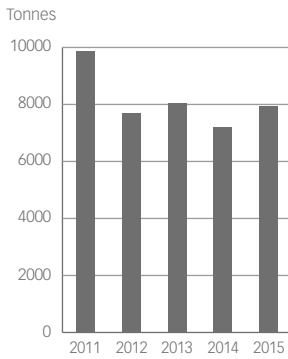
However, due to the results from the corrective actions undertaken in the previous years on areas affected by pest and diseases, the overall crop production of the Company recorded an increase of 10% against the FFB production during the previous year. We have also been able to enhance the effectiveness of the field programs and fertiliser application activities through close supervision and adoption of best agronomy management practices.

Another area of focus was on improving the productivity levels of the workforce and harvesting efficiency. We have also improved the general field conditions and drainage management within the plantations. Training was carried out by internal as well as external experts on pest and disease management, another critical area which could impact the long term crop potential of the estate. We have endeavoured to minimize the impact of such threats, through various initiatives and trials carried out at the field level.

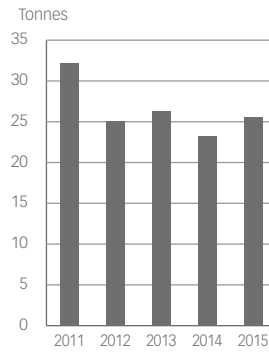
Resultantly, your Company recorded a profit after tax of Rs. 57.40 mn during the year under review, as compared to Rs. 164.70 mn recorded in the previous year. Profit before tax was Rs. 79.42 mn as compared to Rs. 183.87 mn recorded in the previous year. A dividend income of Rs. 2.20 mn was received during the year,

Review of Industry and Operational Performance

Crop Production



Yield per Ha.



which is included in the profit before tax generated, on long term investments made by the Company, as against Rs. 105.80 mn, recorded during the previous year.

As at 31st March 2015, total plantation hecтарage was 310.71 ha, and was classified as mature.

As explained in Note 23 (page 57) to the Financial Statements, consequent to the Interim Budget 2015 passed in the Parliament of Sri Lanka and the related Gazette notification issued on 30th March 2015, the Company will become liable for Super Gain Tax (SGT) based on taxable income for the year of assessment 2013/14. SGT on the Company is estimated

at approximately Rs. 17.21 mn. However, as of the date of authorizing the Financial Statements by the Board of Directors, this bill has not been passed in the Parliament. Only in the event the Bill is enacted as law, the Company will become liable to pay the estimated SGT.

Agro Harapan Lestari Sdn. Bhd.

Managers

23rd April 2015

Risk Management

The Company's overall risk management objective is to ensure that it creates value to its shareholders, whilst minimising potential adverse effects on its performance. The established risk management framework is aligned to that of its parent company within well-defined policies and guidelines.

The integrated risk framework ensures prevention and early detection of risks, contributing to a sustainable business model.

The risks are continuously reviewed and managed through the deployment of effective corrective actions.

The following key risk profile is identified;

Commodity Price Risk

The price of Crude Palm Oil (CPO) which is derived based on international market forces. The sale of oil palm Fresh Fruit Bunches (FFB) is the prime source of cash inflow for the Company.

Our end product is FFB. FFB price is derived from CPO prices. We supply our produce to palm oil mills within the region, based on pre-agreed terms.

Environmental Risk

Unfavourable global and local weather patterns, resulting in adverse weather conditions, natural and man-made disasters including fires and haze from fires, droughts, floods, pestilence and crop disease could affect the quantity or quality of FFB we are able to harvest.

The Company adopts sound fertiliser application program to safeguard the operational yields that may be impacted due to adverse weather patterns. Furthermore, we have taken measures to ensure proper water management in flood prone areas so that long term benefits can be realised.

Potential crop production is affected by diseases such as Ganoderma, leaf eating insects and Bagworms ultimately impacting yields. The Company has set in place mechanisms to monitor pest attacks, and palms affected by Ganoderma are mounded in order to prolong its productive life. The Company will also replant areas significantly impacted by Ganoderma considering its future yield potential. Additionally, the Company constantly invests in agronomy and plantation management practices to mitigate the impact that would be caused by any sudden up-rise of these diseases.

Labour Risk

A critical success factor for a labour intensive industry such as the oil palm plantation is the attraction and retention of skilled labour. It is quite challenging to attract locals for plantation work and the fact that the Malaysian government has imposed some restrictions on attracting labour from foreign regions has aggravated such vulnerabilities.

Another significant development is the noticeable shift in employment from plantations to the manufacturing sector; creating a void in the labour market. We have been successful in addressing any short fall that was encountered during the year.

Risk Management

Wage increases continue to burden the cost of production as it is not linked to commensurate productivity increases. This creates the need to manage costs through higher productivity and improved field conditions.

Operational Risk

The Malaysian plantations do not own CPO processing mills and thereby have a significant dependence on third party millers. The Company continues to negotiate for better rates and terms whilst seeking alternative millers to reduce the bargaining power of existing mill owners. Currently, the Company have arrangements in place for supply of FFB to selected Mills in close proximity on a confirmed basis.

Biological Asset Risk

The Company's biological assets are stated at fair value and are assessed by an independent professional valuer. The valuation basis and assumptions are elaborated in the respective Accounting Policies and Notes to the Financial Statements. The volatility in the environmental and industry dynamics such as market price of CPO, weather patterns, biological cycles as well as changes in macro economic and political factors including inflation rates, government bond rates and risk profiles can also have a significant impact on the fair value of the biological assets.

Financial Risks

Foreign Exchange Risk

The Company's exposure to foreign exchange risk is minimal as the Malaysian and Sri Lankan operations are primarily domestic and transactions are recorded in

the respective functional currencies, i.e., Malaysian Ringgit and Sri Lankan Rupee. However, a significant element of the risk is generated through the translation of results to Sri Lankan Rupee for the purpose of financial reporting as the principal operations are in Malaysia.

Credit Risk

The credit risk is primarily encountered through trade receivables, which arise from its operating activities and deposits with banking institutions. The Company trades only with recognized and credit worthy third parties and all customers are subject to a credit verification process. In addition, receivable balances are monitored on an on-going basis with the result that the Company's exposure to bad debts is minimal.

Liquidity Risk

The Company manages liquidity risk exposures through effective working capital management. The Company also has planning guidelines in place to ensure that the short term and medium term liquidity is managed at acceptable levels.

Investment Risk

The long term investments held by the Company are also in the Oil palm plantation industry and hence, the performance of the investee Companies are subject to a similar risk profile noted herein which the Company is exposed to.

Agro Harapan Lestari Sdn. Bhd. *Managers*

23rd April 2015

Profile of the Directors

Hariharan Selvanathan

Hariharan Selvanathan is the Chairman of Bukit Darah PLC and Deputy Chairman of Carson Cumberbatch PLC and Goodhope Asia Holdings Ltd. He is the President Commissioner of the palm oil related companies in Indonesia. He holds Directorships in several subsidiary companies within the Carsons Group and is also a Director of Sri Krishna Corporation (Private) Limited and the Chairman of Express Newspapers (Ceylon) Ltd. He is also the Chairman of Carsons Management Services (Private) Limited and Agro Harapan Lestari (Private) Limited, the Group's Management Companies. He is a Past President of the National Chamber of Commerce and Past Vice Chairman of the International Chamber of Commerce (Sri Lanka).

He counts over 20 years of experience in commodity trading in International Markets.

He holds a Bachelor of Commerce Degree.

Manoharan Selvanathan

Manoharan Selvanathan holds a Bachelors Degree in Commerce, and is the Chairman of Sri Krishna Corporation (Private) Limited, Ceylon Finance & Securities (Private) Limited and Selinsing PLC and is a Group Director of most Companies in the Carson Cumberbatch Group in Sri Lanka, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore and India and is an active Member of its Executive Management Forums. He is also the Deputy Chairman of Ceybank Asset Management Ltd.

He has served as the Chairman of The Ceylon Chamber of Commerce and the Indo Lanka Chamber of Commerce & Industry and also as the President of the Rotary Club of Colombo North. At present he is the Honorary Consul of the Republic of Chile in Sri Lanka.

He was conferred the highest National Honours in Sri Lanka the 'DESAMANYA' title by H.E. the President of Sri Lanka, in recognition of the services rendered to the Nation in November 2005.

In January 2011 he was awarded with the prestigious 'PRAVASI BHARATIYA SAMMAN AWARD' by the President of India.

He also received the Presidential Honour of 'ORDER OF KNIGHT COMMANDER' in October 2013 awarded by the Government of Chile.

Israel Paulraj

Israel Paulraj is the Chairman of Ceylon Guardian Investment Trust PLC, Ceylon Investment PLC, Guardian Capital Partners PLC and Rubber Investment Trust Limited. He serves as a Director of Carson Cumberbatch PLC and of several of the subsidiary companies within the Carsons Group.

He served as Past Chairman of the Federation of Exporters Associations of Sri Lanka and the Coconut Products Traders Association. He was a Member of the Executive Committee of The Ceylon Chamber of Commerce, National Chamber of Commerce of Sri Lanka and

Profile of the Directors

Shippers Council. He served on the Board of Arbitrators of The Ceylon Chamber of Commerce. He has served as Hony. General Secretary of the Central Council of Social Services, Hony. Treasurer of the Christian Conference in Asia, President of the Church of Ceylon Youth Movement and Hony. Treasurer of the National Christian Council of Sri Lanka. He has also served as Chairman of the Incorporated Trustees of the Church of Ceylon.

He also served on the Presidential Task Force on Non-Traditional Export and Import Competitive Agriculture set up by President R.Premadasa. He served as Chairman of the Ecumenical Loan Fund of Sri Lanka and on its International Board in Geneva. He was a Member of the Commercial Law Reform Commission and has served on the Parliamentary Consultative Committee on Internal and International Trade.

He holds a Bachelor of Law Degree and an Executive Diploma in Business Administration.

Chandima Gunawardena

Chandima Gunawardena serves as a Non-Independent, Non-Executive Director of Carson Cumberbatch PLC and in most of the Carsons Group Companies in Sri Lanka and overseas. He is also a Director of Bukit Darah PLC. Since assuming Non-Executive status in the Group, he serves as an advisor to the Group's Strategic Planning and Management Forums in Sri Lanka and serves on Board Committees including the Audit Committees of the Group in Sri Lanka and overseas covering all operating sectors of the Group.

He has over four decades of experience in varied fields of business and commercial activities and has held senior positions in Corporate, Mercantile and State Institutions. He was appointed to the Carsons Group Directorate in 1990.

He has served in the Management Committee of The Ceylon Chamber of Commerce for over 10 years and was a Founder Council Member of the Sri Lanka Institute of Directors (SLID) and continued to serve in the council for over 10 years.

He is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants, UK.

Chandana Tissera

Chandana Tissera is a Director of Carson Cumberbatch PLC and presently serves as the Chief Executive Officer for the Plantations, Oils and Fats Sector of the Carsons Group. He is also a Director of several other subsidiary companies of the Group. He has served as the Chief Executive Officer of the Investment Sector and as Director Finance of the Carsons Group.

He has previously served on the Board of Union Assurance PLC and counts over 30 years of experience in the fields of manufacturing, financial services, capital market operations, overseas plantations, project development and management services. He is a Fellow of the Institute of Management, UK.

Tennyson Rodrigo

Tennyson Rodrigo is a Director of Indo-Malay PLC. He is the former Managing Director and Chief Executive of Capital Development and Investment Company PLC, Chairman of CDIC Sassoon Cumberbatch Stockbrokers (Pvt) Ltd., and the Past Chairman of the Audit Committee of Eagle Insurance PLC. He was the Expert Advisor to the Carson Cumberbatch PLC - Audit Committee, in respect of the Real Estate, Hotels and Airlines, Investment Holding and Financial Services and Management Services Sector Companies of the Group.

He holds a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry and Mathematics from the University of Ceylon and a Bachelor of Science (Hons) Degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of New South Wales, Australia.

He is a Chartered Engineer and a Member of the Institute of Chemical Engineers, UK.

Kenneth Sellayah

Kenneth Sellayah is a Director of Shalimar (Malay) PLC and Prime Property Management Services (Pvt) Ltd. He is also a former Director of Shaw Wallace & Hedges Ltd., General Manager of Ceylon Trading Co. Ltd., Director of several of its subsidiaries and Managing Director of Scanships Ltd. He served as Chairman of the Coconut and General Products Exporters Association and the Exports Section of The Ceylon Chamber of Commerce.

He is a former Director of CPC (Lanka) Ltd., CPC Agrifoods Ltd. and a Member of several Committees of The Ceylon Chamber of Commerce. He is a Member of the Institute of Exports, UK and the Chartered Management Institute, UK.

Subramaniam Mahendrarajah

(Alternate Director to Israel Paulraj)

Subramaniam Mahendrarajah is a Director of Guardian Capital Partners PLC, Equity One PLC and Leechman & Company (Private) Ltd. He is also the Group Finance Director of Sri Krishna Group of Companies. He has wide experience in the fields of manufacturing, trading, financial services and management. He is also the Past President of the Rotary Club of Colombo Down Town and is the recipient of the prestigious 'Service above Self' award from Rotary International.

Statement of Directors' Responsibilities

The responsibilities of the Directors in relation to the Financial Statements are detailed in the following paragraphs, while the responsibilities of the Auditors are set out in the Report of the Auditors.

According to the Companies Act No. 7 of 2007 and the Sri Lanka Accounting & Auditing Standards Act No. 15 of 1995, Directors are required to prepare Financial Statements for each financial year, giving a true and fair view of the financial position of the Company as at the end of the financial year and of the financial performance for the said period.

In preparing these Financial Statements the Directors are required to ensure that:

- appropriate accounting policies have been selected and applied consistently while material departures, if any, have been disclosed and explained,
- all applicable Accounting Standards have been complied with, and
- reasonable and prudent judgments and estimates have been made.

The Directors are responsible for ensuring that the Company maintains sufficient accounting records to disclose with reasonable accuracy, the financial position of the Company in order to ensure that the Financial Statements of the Company meet with the requirements of the Sri Lanka Accounting & Auditing Standards Act No. 15 of 1995 and the Companies Act No. 7 of 2007. They are also responsible for taking reasonable measures to safeguard

the assets of the Company and in this regard to give proper consideration to the establishment of an appropriate system of internal controls with a view to prevent, detect and rectify frauds and other irregularities.

These Financial Statements have been prepared on a going concern basis, after reviewing the financial position and the cash flows and the Directors are of the view that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operation for the foreseeable future.

The Directors are also of the view that they have discharged their responsibilities as set out in this statement.

By Order of the Board,

(Sgd.)

K.D. De Silva (Mrs.)

Director

Carsons Management Services (Pvt) Ltd.

Secretaries

23rd April 2015

Annual Report of the Board of Directors on the Affairs of the Company

The details set out herein provide the pertinent information required by the Companies Act No. 7 of 2007, Listing Rules of the Colombo Stock Exchange and recommended best accounting practices. The Annual Report was approved by the Directors at a meeting held on 23rd April 2015.

comments on financial results is stated in the Chairman's Statement on page 1 and 2 and Review of Industry and Operational Performance on pages 3 and 4. These reports form an integral part of the Annual Report of the Board of Directors on the Affairs of the Company.

1. General

The Directors have pleasure in presenting to the shareholders their Report together with the Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2015 of Good Hope PLC, a quoted public limited liability company incorporated in Sri Lanka in 1910.

2. The Principal Activities of the Company

There were no significant changes in the nature of the principal activities of the Company during the financial year under review, where the principal activity of the Company continues to be cultivation of oil palm, selling of its Fresh Fruits Bunches and the managing and holding of an investment portfolio.

3. Review of Operations

The review of the Company's operations during the year, with

4. Financial Results

The Company recorded a net profit after tax of Rs. 57.40 mn for the year. An abridgement of the Company's performance is presented in the table below.

5. Auditors' Report

The Auditor's Report on the Financial Statements is given on page 23 of this Annual Report.

6. Significant Accounting Policies

The Accounting Policies adopted in the preparation of the Financial Statements are given on pages 29 to 43 in the Notes to the Financial Statements.

7. Financial Statements

The Company has prepared its Financial Statements in compliance with Sri Lanka Accounting Standards (SLFRS and LKAS).

For the year ended 31st March

	2015	2014
	Rs. '000	Rs. '000
Profit after taxation	57,395	164,703
Profit brought forward from previous year	284,262	320,985
Profit available for appropriation	341,657	485,688
Other Comprehensive Income	618	590
Appropriation		
Dividend paid	(67,133)	(202,016)
Unappropriated profit carried forward	275,142	284,262

Annual Report of the Board of Directors on the Affairs of the Company

The Financial Statements of the Company comprising the Statement of Profit or Loss, Statement of Comprehensive Income, Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Changes in Equity and Cash Flow Statement together with the accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2015, are set out in pages 24 to 61.

8. Statement of Directors' Responsibilities

The Statement of Directors' Responsibilities for the Financial Statements is given on page 10 of this Annual Report.

9. Interests Register

9.1 Directors' Interests

The Company maintains an Interests Register in conformity with the provisions of the Companies Act, No. 7 of 2007.

All Directors have made declarations as provided for in Section 192(2) of the Companies Act aforesaid.

The relevant details as required by the Companies Act, No. 7 of 2007 have been entered in the Interests Register during the year under review.

The Interests Register is available for inspection as required under the Companies Act.

9.2 Remuneration of Directors

The Directors' remuneration for the financial year ended 31st March 2015 is given in Note 5 and Note 24.2 to the Financial Statements on pages 44 and 60 respectively.

9.3 Directors' Interests in Contracts and Shares

Directors' interests in contracts of the Company are disclosed in Note 24.3 on page 60 to the Financial Statements and have been declared at meetings of the Directors. The Directors have no direct or indirect interest in any other contracts or proposed contracts in relation to the business of the Company, while they had the following interests in ordinary shares of the Company.

	No. of shares	
	31st March 2015	1st April 2014
Mr. H. Selvanathan	-	-
Mr. M. Selvanathan	1	1
Mr. I. Paulraj	-	-
Mr. T. Rodrigo	-	-
Mr. A.K. Sellayah	-	-
Mr. D.C.R. Gunawardena	-	-
Mr. P.C.P. Tissera	-	-
Mr. S. Mahendrarajah (Alternate to Mr. I. Paulraj)	86	-

10. Corporate Donations

There were no donations granted during the year.

11. Directors

The names of the Directors who served during the financial year are given under Corporate Information provided in the Inner Back Cover of this Annual Report.

11.1 Directors to Retire by Rotation

In terms of Articles 98 & 99 of the Articles of Association of the Company, Mr. M. Selvanathan retires by rotation and being eligible, offers himself for re-election.

11.2 Appointment of Directors who are over Seventy Years of Age

Mr. I. Paulraj, Mr. T. Rodrigo and Mr. A.K. Sellayah who are over seventy years of age are to be re-appointed as Directors of the Company for a further period of one year from the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting and that the age limit stipulated in Section 210 of the Companies Act, No. 7 of 2007 shall not be applicable to them.

12. Auditors

The Company's Auditors during the year under review were Messrs. Ernst & Young, Chartered Accountants.

A sum of Rs. 668,000 was paid to them by the Company as audit fees for the year ended 31st March 2015 (2014: Rs. 654,000).

The retiring Auditors have expressed their willingness to continue in office. A resolution to re-appoint them as Auditors of the Company and authorizing the Directors to fix their remuneration will be proposed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

The Audit Committee reviewed the appointment of the Auditors, its effectiveness and its relationship with the Group, including the level of audit and non-audit fees paid to the Auditors.

12.1. Auditors' Relationship or any Interest with the Company

The Directors are satisfied that, based on written representations made by the Independent Auditors to the Board, the Auditors did not have any interest with the Company that would impair their independence.

13. Related Party Transactions Exceeding 10% of the Equity or 5% of the Total Assets of the Company

The Company did not have any transactions that exceeded 10% of the shareholders equity or 5% of the total assets of the Company. The transactions carried out by the Company with its related parties during the year ended 31st March 2015 are disclosed in Note 24.1 on page 58 and 59 to the Financial Statements.

14. Corporate Governance

The Board has ensured that the Company has complied with the Corporate Governance Rules as per the Listing Rules of the Colombo Stock Exchange (CSE).

14.1. Board of Directors

The following Directors held office during the period under review and their brief profiles are given on pages 7 to 9 of this Annual Report.

Annual Report of the Board of Directors on the Affairs of the Company

Directors	Executive/ Non-Executive/ Independent
Mr. H. Selvanathan	Executive
Mr. M. Selvanathan	Executive
Mr. I. Paulraj	Non-Executive
Mr. T. Rodrigo	Non-Executive/ Independent*
Mr. A.K. Sellayah	Non-Executive/ Independent**
Mr. D.C.R. Gunawardena	Non-Executive
Mr. P.C.P. Tissera	Executive
Mr. S. Mahendrarajah (Alternate Director to Mr. I. Paulraj)	

Each of the Non-Executive Directors of the Company has submitted a signed declaration on Independence/Non-Independence as per Rule 7.10.2.b. of the Listing Rules of the Colombo Stock Exchange. The said declarations were tabled at a Board Meeting held on 23rd April 2015, in order to enable the Board of Directors to determine the Independence/Non-Independence of the Non-Executive Directors.

Accordingly, the Board has determined the following Non-Executive Directors as Independent Directors on the Board.

* The Board has determined that Mr. T. Rodrigo is an Independent Director in spite of being on the Board for more than nine years and being a Director of Indo-Malay PLC in which majority

of the other Directors of the Board are also Directors, since he is not directly involved in the management of the Company.

** The Board has determined that Mr. A. K. Sellayah is an Independent Director in spite of being on the Board for more than nine years and being a Director of Shalimar (Malay) PLC in which majority of the other Directors of the Board are also Directors, since he is not directly involved in the management of the Company.

The Managers of the Company are Agro Harapan Lestari Sdn. Bhd.

14.2 Remuneration Committee

In terms of Rule 7.10.5.a of the Listing Rules of the Colombo Stock Exchange, the Remuneration Committee of Carson Cumberbatch PLC (CCPLC), the parent Company of Goodhope Asia Holdings Limited (GAHL), functions as the Remuneration Committee of the Company and comprises of the following members.

Remuneration Committee Members	Executive/ Non-Executive/ Independent
Mr. I. Paulraj (Chairman)	Non-Executive Director of CCPLC
Mr. D.C.R. Gunawardena	Non-Executive Director of CCPLC
Mr. R. Theagarajah	Non-Executive/ Independent Director of CCPLC

CCPLC is in the process of re-formulating the Remuneration Committee to fall in line with the requirements set out in the Listing Rules of the CSE.

Scope and objectives

The primary objective of the Remuneration Committee is to lead and establish a formal and transparent procedure for the development of a remuneration policy and the establishment of a remuneration structure.

A remuneration policy has been formulated based on market and industry factors and individual performance for all Group Companies.

Functions and Proceedings

The Remuneration Committee recommends to the Board, the remuneration to be paid to the Non-Executive Directors (Note 24.2 on page 60). Based on the recommendation

of the Remuneration Committee, the Board approves remuneration to the respective Directors.

The Chief Executive Officer, Director-in-charge and other members of senior management may be invited to attend meetings to discuss the performance of the Executive Directors and make proposals as necessary. Neither Executive nor Non-Executive Directors are involved in Remuneration Committee meetings when determinations are made in relation to the remuneration of the respective Directors.

The Committee is authorized by the Board to seek appropriate professional advice internally and externally as and when it considers this necessary.

The Remuneration Committee meets at least twice a year.

Aggregated remuneration paid to the Non-Executive Directors are disclosed under Note 5 on page 44 and Note 24.2 on page 60.

Executive Directors are not compensated for their role on the Board.

14.3 Audit Committee

As per the Rule 7.10.6 of the Listing Rules of the Colombo Stock Exchange the Audit Committee of CCPLC, the parent Company of Goodhope Asia Holdings Limited (GAHL), functions as the Audit Committee of the Company and comprises of the following members:

Annual Report of the Board of Directors on the Affairs of the Company

Audit Committee Members	Executive/ Non-Executive/ Independent
Mr. V.P. Malalasekera (Chairman)	Non-Executive/ Independent Director of CCPLC
Mr. D.C.R. Gunawardena	Non-Executive Director of CCPLC
Mr. F. Mohideen	Non-Executive/ Independent Director of CCPLC

The Audit Committee report is given on pages 20 to 21 of this Annual Report.

15. Directors' Meetings

Three Board Meetings were convened during the financial year and the attendance of the Directors was as follows:

Directors	Meetings Attended (out of 3)
Mr. H. Selvanathan	03
Mr. M. Selvanathan	03
Mr. I. Paulraj	02
Mr. T. Rodrigo	01
Mr. A.K. Sellayah	03
Mr. D.C.R. Gunawardena	03
Mr. P.C.P. Tissera	03
Mr. S. Mahendrarajah (Alternate to Mr. I. Paulraj)	-

16. Dividend

Subject to the approval of the shareholders at the Annual General Meeting, the Board of Directors recommend a first and final dividend of Rs. 3.72 per share for the year ended 31st March 2015. However, in accordance with Sri Lanka Accounting Standard LKAS 10 - Events after the reporting period, this proposed final dividend has not been recognized as a liability as at 31st March 2015. This would result in a total outflow of Rs. 25,561,262.04 subject to approval at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

17. Solvency Test

Taking into account the said distribution, the Directors are satisfied that the Company would meet the solvency test requirement under Section 56 (2) of the Companies Act, No. 7 of 2007 immediately after the distribution. The Company's Auditors, Messrs. Ernst & Young have issued a Certificate of Solvency confirming the same.

18. Stated Capital

The Stated Capital of the Company as at 31st March 2015 was Rs. 68,713,070/- comprising of 6,871,307 ordinary shares given in Note 14 on page 54. There was no change in the Stated Capital of the Company during the year.

19. Shareholders' Funds

Total reserves of the Company as at 31st March 2015 was Rs. 5,752.55 mn (2014: Rs. 5,274.71 mn) comprising of retained earnings of Rs. 275.14 mn (2014: Rs. 284.26 mn) and other reserves of Rs. 5,477.41 mn (2014: Rs. 4,990.45 mn) Total reserves combined with stated capital as at 31st March 2015 was Rs. 5,821.27 mn (2014: Rs. 5,343.42 mn).

The movements are shown in the Statement of Changes in Equity given on page 27.

20. Capital Expenditure and Investments

The total expenditure on purchase of property, plant & equipment and development cost of biological assets during the year amounted to Rs. 4.72 mn (2014: Rs. 0.38 mn).

The movements in property, plant & equipment, biological assets and investments during the year are set out in Notes 10 to 12 in pages 49 to 53 respectively.

21. Value of the Properties

Freehold land is revalued by an independent professional valuer using industry specific and relevant assumptions that market participants would use when valuing the properties on an existing use basis. The valuation basis/techniques and the assumptions used there in have been deliberated and agreed by the Management.

The carrying value of freehold land reflected in the Financial Statements as at 31st March 2015 is Rs. 1,242.36 mn compared to Rs. 1,389.65 mn in 2014. The details of freehold land valuation are given in Note 10 on pages 49 and 50 to the Financial Statements.

22. Value of Biological Assets

Biological assets of the Company are stated at fair value less cost to sell. The Company obtains the services of an independent professional valuer at each reporting date to establish the fair value of Biological assets which are performed in accordance with international valuation standards and considering industry specific and relevant methodologies. The valuation basis/techniques and the assumptions used there in have been deliberated and agreed by the Management and are disclosed under Note 11. Accordingly, the fair value of biological assets as at 31st March 2015 was Rs. 237.59 mn (2014: Rs. 262.9 mn) as disclosed under Note 11 on pages 51 to 53 to the Financial Statements.

23. Value of the Investment Portfolio

Quoted investments are valued with reference to published market prices. The value of the unquoted investment has been derived based on the fair value of the corresponding investment. Accordingly, in arriving at the fair value of SDSB's investment in PTAI, Property, Plant & Equipment and biological assets have been determined with reference to market based information

by an independent professional valuer using industry specific and relevant assumptions that market participants would use when valuing such assets. These valuation techniques, inputs and assumptions have been deliberated and agreed by the Management

The fair value of the Company's investment portfolio as at 31st March 2015 was Rs. 4,384.89 mn (2014: Rs. 3,727.26 mn). The fair value and the basis of valuation are disclosed under Note 9 and 12 on pages 48 and 51 respectively to the Financial Statements.

24. Statutory Payments

The Directors to the best of their knowledge and belief are satisfied that all statutory payments have been paid up to date or have been provided for in the Financial Statements.

25. Going Concern

Having taken into account the financial position and future prospects, the Directors have a reasonable expectation that the Company has adequate resources to be in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason the Company continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the Financial Statements.

26. Events after the Reporting Date

Subsequent to the Reporting date, no material circumstances have arisen, which would require adjustments to or disclosure in the Financial Statements other than those disclosed in Note 22 on page 57 to the Financial Statements.

27. Contingent Liabilities

As explained in Note 23 (page 57) to the Financial Statements, consequent to the Interim Budget 2015 passed in the Parliament of Sri Lanka on 07th February 2015 and the related Gazette notification issued on 30th March 2015, a one off 25% Super Gain Tax (SGT) is to be imposed on companies based on either the company

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level or consolidated level if in a Group profits if same is in excess of Rs. 2,000 mn profit before income tax as per the Audited Financial Statement in the Financial Year 2013/14. The consolidated profit before tax of Carson Cumberbatch PLC, the parent Company of Goodhope Asia Holdings Limited, exceeds this threshold and accordingly the Company too will become liable for SGT which is estimated at approximately Rs. 17.21 mn.

However, as of the date of authorizing the Financial Statements by the Board of Directors, this bill has not been passed in the Parliament. Only in the event the Bill is enacted as law, the Company will become liable to pay the SGT

28. Share Information

The details relating to earnings, net assets, market value per share and information on share trading is given on pages 72 to 74 of this Annual Report.

31. Twenty Major Shareholders

As at 31st March	2015		2014	
	No. of shares	%	No. of shares	%
Goodhope Asia Holdings Ltd	6,492,492	94.49	6,491,294	94.47
Miss B.R.L.B. Davi (Decd)	146,966	2.14	146,966	2.14
Maj.Gen N.S.S.J. Bahadur Rana	41,990	0.61	41,990	0.61
Mr. A.O. Wanner (Decd)	20,995	0.31	20,995	0.31
Mrs. M. Van Rooyen	20,995	0.31	20,995	0.31
Mr. W.R.F. Spearman	20,995	0.31	20,995	0.31
Mr. K.C. Vignarajah	11,891	0.17	11,765	0.17
Mrs. S. Vignarajah	11,700	0.17	11,700	0.17
Miss. N.M. Jarvis	10,497	0.15	10,497	0.15
Mr. F.W. Obeyesekere (Decd)	8,397	0.12	8,397	0.12
Mr. C.C.S. Stephenson (Decd)	8,397	0.12	8,397	0.12
Mrs. R.M.M. Dean	7,275	0.11	7,275	0.11
Mr. A.M.A. Vanderspar	6,858	0.10	6,858	0.10
Mrs. C.M. Papageorge	6,717	0.10	6,717	0.10
Mrs. M.R. Layton (Decd)	5,176	0.08	5,176	0.08
Admnx. of E. Ramiah (Decd)	5,176	0.08	5,176	0.08
Mr. N. Izat (Decd).	4,197	0.06	4,197	0.06
Mr. O.K. Shahul Hameed	3,888	0.06	3,888	0.06
Mr. B.V. Swaminathan	3,217	0.05	3,217	0.05
Mrs. G.S. Amerasinghe	2,098	0.03	2,098	0.03

29. Annual Report

The Board of Directors on 23rd April 2015 approved the Company's Financial Statements together with the Reviews which form part of the Annual Report. The appropriate number of copies of the report would be submitted to the Colombo Stock Exchange, Sri Lanka Accounting and Auditing Standards Monitoring Board and the Registrar General of Companies within the given time frames.

30. Annual General Meeting

The One Hundred and Sixth Annual General Meeting of the Company will be held on the 29th day of May 2015 at 2.00 p.m. at the 8th floor, No. 65 C, Dharmapala Mawatha, Colombo 7, Sri Lanka.

The Notice of the Annual General Meeting is on page 77 of this Annual Report.

32. Internal Control and Risk Management

The Board is responsible for the establishment of the Company's internal controls and its effectiveness. Internal control is established so as to safeguard the assets, prevent and detect frauds and irregularities and to make available, accurate and timely information. However, any system can provide only reasonable and not absolute assurance that errors and irregularities are prevented or detected within a reasonable time frame. The Board is of the view that the system of internal controls in place is sound and adequate to provide reasonable assurance. The Group's internal audit division plays an important role in assessing the effectiveness and the implementation of the internal control system. Further, the Audit Committee receives reports on the adequacy and effectiveness of the Company's internal control. The Board is also conscious of the risks and have identified and listed out the risks profile as given in pages 5 & 6 of this annual report. Action plans to monitor and manage these risks are incorporated into the business plans and reviewed on a continuous basis.

33. Pending Litigation

There are no litigations pending against the Company other than those disclosed in Note 10 (iv) on page 50.

34. Human Resources

The Company has no employees other than the plantation workers in its Malaysian operations, since the business and operation of the Company are managed by Agro Harapan Lestari Sdn. Bhd. The Company has had no material issues pertaining to employees and industrial relations during the year ended 31st March 2015.

Signed for and on behalf of the Board,

(Sgd.)

H. Selvanathan
Chairman

(Sgd.)

P.C.P. Tissera
Director

(Sgd.)

K.D. De Silva (Mrs.)
Director

Carsons Management Services (Pvt) Ltd.
Secretaries

23rd April 2015

Audit Committee Report

Audit Committee

As provided by the Colombo Stock Exchange Listing Rules, the Audit Committee of Carson Cumberbatch PLC (CCPLC), the Parent Company of Goodhope Asia Holdings Limited (GAHL), functions as the Audit Committee of the Company.

The Audit Committee consists of the following Members :

Audit Committee Members	Executive/Non-Executive/Independent
Mr. V.P. Malalasekera	Non-Executive/Independent (CCPLC)
Mr. D.C.R. Gunawardena	Non-Executive (CCPLC)
Mr. F. Mohideen	Non-Executive/Independent (CCPLC)

Mr.V.P. Malalasekera is a Non-Executive, Independent Director of CCPLC and a former Director of Ceylon Tobacco Company PLC.

Mr.D.C.R. Gunawardena is a Non-Executive Director of CCPLC and in most of its Group Companies. He is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants, U.K.

Mr.F. Mohideen, a Non-Executive, Independent Director of CCPLC, was the former Deputy Secretary to the Treasury and a former Director of Bank of Ceylon and Securities and Exchange Commission of Sri Lanka.

The audit aspects of Good Hope PLC are conducted within the Agenda of CCPLC - Audit Committee.

Meetings of the Audit Committee

CCPLC-Audit Committee held Three (03) Meetings during the financial year to discuss matters relating to the Company.

The attendance of the Members of the Committee was as follows:

	Meetings Attended (out of 03)
Mr. V.P. Malalasekera	03
Mr. D.C.R. Gunawardena	03
Mr. F. Mohideen	03

The Audit Committee Meetings were attended by the Chief Financial Officer-Plantations and Oils & Fats Sector, Internal Auditors, as well as the Senior Management staff members.

The Committee met the External Auditors, Messrs. Ernst & Young twice during the year to discuss the audit scope and to deliberate the draft Financial Report and Accounts. The Audit Committee also discussed the draft Financial Report and Accounts with the External Auditors, without the management being present.

Purpose of the Audit Committee

To assist the Board of Directors in fulfilling its oversight responsibilities for the financial reporting process, the system of internal control over financial reporting, the audit process and the Company's process for monitoring compliance with laws and regulations, Company policies and procedures and the code of conduct.

To ensure that the internal audit activity is well managed, so that it adds value to the organization by being objective in providing relevant assurance, contributing to the effectiveness and efficiency of governance, risk management and control processes.

Financial Statements

The Interim Financial Statements of Good Hope PLC have been reviewed by the Audit Committee Members at Audit Committee Meetings. The draft Financial Statements of Good Hope PLC for the year ended 31st March 2015 were also reviewed at a Meeting of the Audit Committee Members, together with the External Auditors, Messrs. Ernst & Young, prior to release of same to the Regulatory Authorities and to the shareholders. The Audit Committee Members were provided with confirmations and declarations as required, by the Managers, Agro Harapan Lestari Sdn. Bhd. that the said Financial Statements were prepared in accordance with the Sri Lanka Accounting Standards (LKAS/SLFRS) and the information required by the Companies Act No. 7 of 2007 therein and presented a true and fair view of the Company's state of affairs as at that date and the Company's activities during the year under review.

Internal Audit

In accordance with the recommendation of the Audit Committee, financial audits are carried out annually, whilst field audits at estate level are planned and implemented every alternate year, which are carried out by the Plantation Sector Internal Audit

Team. Accordingly, the Plantation Sector Internal Audit carried out a review as per the approved plan covering the plantation aspects for the current financial year.

External Audit

The Members of the Audit Committee have determined that Messrs. Ernst & Young, Chartered Accountants were independent on the basis that they did not carry out any special assignment on the operations of the Company. The Committee has reviewed the external audit plan, as well as the management letter and followed up on issues raised.

The Members of the Audit Committee have concurred to recommend to the Board of Directors the re-appointment of Messrs. Ernst & Young, Chartered Accountants, as Auditors for the financial year ending 31st March 2016, subject to the approval of the shareholders of Good Hope PLC at the Annual General Meeting.

(Sgd.)

V.P. Malalasekera

Chairman – Audit Committee

Carson Cumberbatch PLC

23rd April 2015.

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Independent Auditors' Report



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TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF GOOD HOPE PLC Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the Financial Statements of Good Hope PLC ("the Company"), which comprise the statement of financial position as at 31 March 2015, and the statement of profit or loss, statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and cash flow statement for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information. (set out on pages 24 to 61)

Board's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

The Board of Directors ("Board") is responsible for the preparation of these Financial Statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with Sri Lanka Accounting Standards, and for such internal control as Board determines is necessary to enable the preparation of Financial Statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these Financial Statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Sri Lanka Auditing Standards. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Financial Statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the Financial Statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the Financial Statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation of the Financial Statements that give a true and fair view in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the

circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by Board, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the Financial Statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the Financial Statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Company as at March 31, 2015, and of its profit and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Sri Lanka Accounting Standards.

Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

As required by section 163 (2) of the Companies Act No. 07 of 2007, we state the following:

- a) The basis of opinion and scope and limitations of the audit are as stated above.
- b) In our opinion:
 - we have obtained all the information and explanations that were required for the audit and, as far as appears from our examination, proper accounting records have been kept by the Company.
 - the Financial Statements of the Company, comply with the requirements of section 151 of the Companies Act.

Ernst and Young
Chartered Accountants

23rd April 2015
Colombo

Partners: A. D. B. Fernando FCA FCMA, M. S. D. Jayasinghe FCA FCMA, P. N. de Silva FCA FCMA, M. T. A. De Silva FCA, M. Y. A. De Silva FCA, M. P. H. Jayasinghe FCA FCMA, W. D. S. Fernando FCA FCMA, M. S. D. Jayasinghe FCA FCMA, P. N. de Silva FCA FCMA, M. T. A. De Silva FCA, M. Y. A. De Silva FCA, M. P. H. Jayasinghe FCA FCMA, M. A. A. Jayasinghe FCA FCMA, M. S. D. Jayasinghe FCA FCMA, P. N. de Silva FCA FCMA, M. T. A. De Silva FCA, M. Y. A. De Silva FCA, M. P. H. Jayasinghe FCA FCMA

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Statement of Profit or Loss

<i>For the year ended 31st March</i>		2015	2014
	Note	Rs. '000	Rs. '000
Revenue	3	155,936	253,504
Direct operating costs		(47,499)	(52,723)
Gross Profit		108,437	200,781
Gain arising from change in fair value of biological assets	11	2,245	10,017
Other income and gains	4	252	118
Administrative expenses		(31,514)	(27,044)
Profit Before Tax	5	79,420	183,872
Income tax expense	6	(22,025)	(19,169)
Profit for the Year		57,395	164,703
Earnings Per Share (Rs.)	7	8.35	23.97
Dividend Per Share * (Rs.)	7.1	3.72	24.51

The Accounting Policies and Notes from pages 29 to 61 form an integral part of these Financial Statements.

Figures in brackets indicate deductions.

* Includes first and final dividend proposed for the current year whereas, in the comparative period, includes interim dividend paid and final dividend proposed.

Statement of Comprehensive Income

<i>For the year ended 31st March</i>		2015	2014
	Note	Rs. '000	Rs. '000
Profit for the Year		57,395	164,703
Other Comprehensive Income/(Loss)			
Other comprehensive income to be reclassified to profit or loss in subsequent periods			
Exchange differences on translation of financial of foreign operations		(170,673)	(40,309)
Gain/(Loss) on change in fair value of Available-for-sale financial assets		657,637	(203,238)
Net other comprehensive income /(loss) to be reclassified to profit or loss in subsequent periods		486,964	(243,547)
Other comprehensive income /(loss) not to be reclassified to profit or loss in subsequent periods			
Actuarial gain on defined benefit plan	17	813	787
Income tax effect	16.1	(195)	(197)
Net other comprehensive income not to be reclassified to profit or loss in subsequent periods		618	590
Other Comprehensive Income/(Loss) for the year, Net of Tax		487,582	(242,957)
Total Comprehensive Income/(Loss) for the year, Net of Tax		544,977	(78,254)

The Accounting Policies and Notes from pages 29 to 61 form an integral part of these Financial Statements.

Figures in brackets indicate deductions.

Statement of Financial Position

As at 31 March 2015		31st March 2015 Rs. '000	31st March 2014 Rs. '000
	Note		
Assets			
Non-Current Assets			
Property, plant and equipment	10	1,260,661	1,408,649
Biological assets	11	237,586	262,900
Non-current financial assets	12	4,384,894	3,727,257
Total Non-Current Assets		5,883,141	5,398,806
Current Assets			
Inventories		606	1,552
Trade receivables	13	17,996	4,779
Advance and prepayments		1,602	507
Taxation recoverable		920	9,941
Cash and cash equivalents		27,883	45,301
Total Current Assets		49,007	62,080
Total Assets		5,932,148	5,460,886
Equity and Liabilities			
Equity			
Stated capital	14	68,713	68,713
Retained earnings		275,142	284,262
Other reserves	15	5,477,412	4,990,448
Total Shareholders' Funds		5,821,267	5,343,423
Non-Current Liabilities			
Deferred tax liability	16	57,492	66,418
Retirement benefit obligations	17	1,883	2,930
Total Non-Current Liabilities		59,375	69,348
Current Liabilities			
Trade and other payables	18	48,856	44,687
Provision and accrued expenses		2,650	3,428
Total Current Liabilities		51,506	48,115
Total Equity & Liabilities		5,932,148	5,460,886
Net Assets Per Ordinary Share (Rs.)		847.18	777.64

I certify that these Financial Statements are in compliance with the requirements of the Companies Act No. 7 of 2007.

(Sgd.)

C.S. Karunasena

Chief Financial Officer

The Board of Directors is responsible for the preparation and presentation of these Financial Statements. The Accounting Policies and Notes from pages 29 to 61 form an integral part of these Financial Statements.

Signed for and on behalf of the Managers,

Signed for and on behalf of the Board,

(Sgd.)

M.R. Jiffrey

Director

Agro Harapan Lestari Sdn. Bhd.

23rd April 2015

Colombo

(Sgd.)

H. Selvanathan

Chairman

(Sgd.)

P.C.P. Tissera

Director

Statement of Changes in Equity

Note	Stated Capital	Capital Accretion Reserve	Currency Translation Reserve	Available-For- Sale Reserve	Retained Earnings	Total Shareholders Funds
	Rs. '000	Rs. '000	Rs. '000	Rs. '000	Rs. '000	Rs. '000
Balance as at 1st April 2013	68,713	1,431,511	40,388	3,762,096	320,985	5,623,693
Profit for the year	-	-	-	-	164,703	164,703
Other comprehensive income/(loss)	-	-	(40,309)	(203,238)	590	(242,957)
Total comprehensive income/(loss)	-	-	(40,309)	(203,238)	165,293	(78,254)
Final dividend - 2012/13	7.1	-	-	-	(100,733)	(100,733)
Interim dividend - 2013/14	7.1	-	-	-	(101,283)	(101,283)
Balance as at 31st March 2014	68,713	1,431,511	79	3,558,858	284,262	5,343,423
Balance as at 1st April 2014	68,713	1,431,511	79	3,558,858	284,262	5,343,423
Profit for the year	-	-	-	-	57,395	57,395
Other comprehensive income/(loss)	-	-	(170,673)	657,637	618	487,582
Total comprehensive income/(loss)	-	-	(170,673)	657,637	58,013	544,977
Final dividend - 2013/14	7.1	-	-	-	(67,133)	(67,133)
Balance as at 31st March 2015	68,713	1,431,511	(170,594)	4,216,495	275,142	5,821,267

The Accounting Policies and Notes from pages 29 to 61 form an integral part of these Financial Statements.

Nature of the reserves are described in Note 15 to the Financial Statements.

Figures in brackets indicate deductions.

Cash Flow Statement

<i>For the year ended 31st March</i>		2015	2014
	Note	Rs.'000	Rs.'000
Cash Flows from Operating Activities			
Profit Before Taxation		79,420	183,872
Adjustments for:			
Depreciation on property, plant and equipment	10	2,633	2,418
Provision for retirement benefit obligation	17	266	413
Interest income	3	(358)	(2,854)
Net gain from change in fair value of biological assets	11	(2,245)	(10,017)
Write off of property, plant and equipment		659	-
Exchange differences in currency translation of Malaysian operations		(3,605)	(1,223)
Operating Profit Before Working Capital Changes		76,770	172,609
(Increase)/ Decrease in inventories		946	(1,144)
(Increase)/ Decrease in trade & other receivables		(14,313)	(208)
Increase in trade payables and accruals		(2,700)	4,386
Net Cash Generated from Operating Activities		60,703	175,643
Tax paid		(12,534)	(13,100)
Retirement benefits obligations paid	17	(186)	-
Net Cash Inflows from Operating Activities		47,983	162,543
Cash Flows from Investing Activities			
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	10	(4,592)	(342)
Development costs of biological assets	11	(126)	(34)
Interest income	3	358	2,854
Net Cash used in Investing Activities		(4,360)	2,478
Cash Flows from Financing Activities			
Dividend paid		(61,041)	(191,881)
Net cash used in Financing activities		(61,041)	(191,881)
Net Decrease in Cash and Cash Equivalents		(17,418)	(26,860)
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the Beginning of the Year		45,301	72,161
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the End of the Year (Note A)		27,883	45,301
Note A			
Cash and Cash Equivalents			
Cash and bank balances		26,191	35,084
Short-term deposits		1,692	10,217
		27,883	45,301

The Accounting Policies and Notes from pages 29 to 61 form an integral part of these Financial Statements.

Figures in brackets indicate deductions.

Notes to the Financial Statements

1. CORPORATE INFORMATION

1.1 General

Good Hope PLC ("Company") is a public quoted company with limited liability, incorporated and domiciled in Sri Lanka. The registered office of the Company is located at No. 61, Janadhipathi Mawatha, Colombo 01 and the principal place of business is situated at Ladang Banting, Selangor, Malaysia.

1.2 Principal Activities and Nature of Operations

During the year, the principal activities of the Company were cultivation of oil palm and selling of its Fresh Fruits Bunches and the managing and holding of an investment portfolio.

1.3 Parent Entity and Ultimate Parent Entity

The Company's parent entity is Goodhope Asia Holdings Limited incorporated in Singapore. In the opinion of the directors, the Company's ultimate parent undertaking and controlling party is Bukit Darah PLC which is incorporated in Sri Lanka.

1.4 Date of Authorization for Issue

The Financial Statements of Good Hope PLC for the year ended 31 March 2015 was authorized for issue in accordance with a resolution of the board of directors on 23rd April 2015.

2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

2.1 General Accounting Policies

2.1.1 Statement of Compliance

The Financial Statements of Good Hope PLC comprises the Statement of Financial Position and the statement of profit or loss, Statement of Comprehensive Income, Statement of Changes in Equity and Statement of Cash Flows, together with the Accounting Policies and Notes to the Financial Statements.

These Financial Statements are prepared in accordance with the Sri Lanka Accounting Standards laid down by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka, and also in compliance with the requirements of the Companies Act No. 7 of 2007.

2.1.2 Basis of Preparation

The Financial Statements of the Company have been prepared in accordance with Sri Lanka Accounting Standards (SLFRS and LKAS) as issued by Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka.

The Financial Statements have been prepared on a historical cost basis, except for the following material items in the statement of Financial Position,

Notes to the Financial Statements

- Biological assets are measured at fair value less cost to sell
- Available-for-sale financial assets are measured at fair value
- Land is measured at cost at the time of the acquisition and subsequently land is revalued

2.1.3 Comparative Information

The accounting policies have been consistently applied by the Company and, are consistent with those used in the previous year. Previous year's figures and phrases have been re-arranged whenever necessary to conform to current presentation.

2.2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

2.2.1 Conversion of Foreign Currencies

(a) Presentation Currency

The Financial Statements are presented in Sri Lankan Rupees.

(b) Investment Operations in Sri Lanka

The functional currency of the investment operations in Sri Lanka is Sri Lankan Rupees. Transactions in foreign currencies are initially translated into functional currency using the exchange rate ruling at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies as at the reporting date are translated at the functional currency rate of exchange

ruling at that date. The exchange differences arising on translation are taken to Statement of Profit or Loss.

(c) Operations in Malaysia

The functional currency of the foreign operations in Malaysia is the Malaysian Ringgit. As at the reporting date, the assets and liabilities of the Malaysian Operations are translated into the presentation currency (Sri Lankan Rupees) at the rate of exchange ruling at the reporting date and the items in the Statement of Profit or Loss are translated at the average exchange rate for the period. The exchange differences arising on the translation are recognized in other comprehensive income.

2.2.2 Taxation

(a) Current Income Taxes

The Company's liability to taxation is computed in accordance with the provisions of the Inland Revenue Act, No. 10 of 2006 and the subsequent amendments thereto. Full consideration is given to the tax laws prevailing in the countries of incorporation and operation.

Liability to taxation of the Company is made after claiming relief available in terms of the Double Taxation Agreement entered into between the Governments of Malaysia and Sri Lanka.

(b) Deferred Taxation

Deferred tax is provided on temporary differences at the reporting date between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts for financial reporting purposes. Deferred tax liabilities are recognized for all temporary differences, except:

- Where the deferred tax liability arises from an asset or liability in a transaction that affects neither the accounting profit nor the taxable profit.

Deferred tax assets are recognized for all deductible differences, carry forward of unused tax credits and unused tax losses, to the extent that it is probable that taxable profits will be available against which the deductible temporary differences and the carry forward of unused tax credits and unused tax losses can be utilized, except:

- Where the deferred tax assets relating to deductible temporary differences arises from the initial recognition of an asset or liability in a transaction that affects neither the accounting profit nor the taxable profit.

The carrying amount of deferred tax assets are reviewed at each reporting date and reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable profits will be

available to allow the deferred tax assets to be utilized. Unrecognized deferred tax assets are re-assessed at each reporting date and are recognized to the extent that it has become probable that future taxable profits will allow the deferred tax assets to be recovered.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the year when the assets are realized or the liabilities are settled, based on tax rates and tax laws that have been enacted or substantially enacted at the reporting date.

Current tax and deferred tax relating to items recognized directly in Statement of Other Comprehensive Income are also recognized in Statement of Other Comprehensive Income and not in the Statement of Profit or Loss.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are set off if a legally enforceable right exists to set off current tax assets against current tax liabilities and the deferred taxes relate to the same taxable entity and the same taxation authority.

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2.2.3 Events occurring after the Reporting Period

The materiality of the events occurring after the reporting date is considered and appropriate adjustments or disclosures are made in the Financial Statements in accordance with LKAS 10: Events After the Reporting Period.

2.3 Assets and Bases of their Valuation

Assets classified as current assets in the Statement of Financial Position are cash and those which are expected to be realised in cash during the normal operating cycle of the Company's business or within one year from the reporting date.

Assets other than current assets are those which the Company intends to hold beyond a period of one year from the reporting date.

2.3.1 Property, Plant & Equipment

(1) Valuation

Property, Plant & Equipment are stated at cost or valuation less accumulated depreciation, provided on the basis stated in (3) below.

(2) Cost

Cost of Property, Plant & Equipment is the cost of acquisition or construction together with any expenses incurred in bringing the assets to its working condition for its intended use.

Expenditure incurred for the purpose of acquiring, extending or improving assets of a permanent nature by means of which to carry on the business or to increase the earning capacity of the business has been treated as capital expenditure.

(3) Depreciation

The provision for depreciation is calculated by using a straight line method on the cost or valuation of all Property, Plant & Equipment other than freehold land, in order to write off such amounts over the estimated useful lives.

The principal annual rates used are:

	No. of years
Freehold buildings	20
Plant & machinery	10
Furniture, fittings & office equipment	8-10
Motor vehicles	4

No depreciation is provided on freehold land.

Depreciation of an asset begins when it is available for use whereas depreciation of an asset is ceased at the earlier of the date that the asset is classified as held for sale and the date that the asset is derecognised.

The appropriateness of useful lives of the assets and the residual value is assessed annually.

An asset's carrying amount is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the asset's carrying amount is greater than its estimated recoverable amount.

(4) Plantations

(a) Permanent Land Development Costs

Land development costs incurred in respect of developing the land for cultivation which are permanent in nature, are capitalized as "land cost".

(b) Revaluation of Land

Revaluation of the freehold land in Malaysia is carried out on an annual basis in order to ensure that the book value reflects the market value. Any surplus or deficit arising therefrom is adjusted through the Capital Accretion Reserve once in every three years, unless there is a significant change in the valuation in which case it is recognized immediately.

2.3.2 Biological Assets

Biological assets represent immature and mature palm oil plantations and are stated at fair value less costs to sell. Oil palm trees have an average life up to 26 years, with the first 30 to 36 months as immature and the remaining years as mature. As market determined prices or values are not readily available for plantations in its present condition, the Company uses the present value of expected future cash flows

(excluding any future cash flows for financing the assets, taxation, or re-establishing plantations after harvest) from the asset, discounted at a current market determined pre-tax rate in determining fair values.

Gains or losses arising on initial recognition of plantations at fair values less costs to sell and from the change in fair values of plantations at each reporting date are included in the Statement of Profit or Loss for the period in which they arise.

2.3.3 Financial Instruments — Initial Recognition and Subsequent Measurement

Financial assets within the scope of LKAS 39 are broadly categorised as financial assets at fair value through profit or loss, loans and receivables, held-to-maturity investments, available-for-sale financial assets, or as derivatives designated as hedging instruments in an effective hedge, as appropriate. The Company determines the classification of its financial assets at initial recognition.

All financial assets are recognised initially at fair value plus (in the case of assets not at fair value through profit or loss) directly attributable transaction costs.

Purchases or sales of financial assets that require delivery of assets within a time frame established by regulation or convention in the

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market place (regular way trades) are recognised on the trade date, i.e., the date that the Company commits to purchase or sell the asset.

The Company's financial assets include cash and short-term deposits, trade and other receivables, quoted and unquoted financial instruments.

Subsequent Measurement

The subsequent measurement of financial assets depends on their classification as follows:

(a) Trade and Other Receivables

Trade and other receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments. They do not contain assets that are quoted in an active market. Trade and other receivables are initially recognized at fair value plus any directly attributable transaction cost. After initial measurement, such financial assets are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method (EIR), less impairment. The losses arising from impairment are recognised in the profit or loss as a part of administration costs.

(b) Available-For-Sale Financial Investments

Available-for-sale financial investments include equity securities. Equity investments

classified as available-for-sale are those, which are neither classified as held for trading nor designated at fair value through profit or loss.

After initial measurement, available-for-sale financial investments are subsequently measured at fair value with unrealised gains or losses recognised as comprehensive income in the available-for-sale reserve until the investment is derecognised, at which time the cumulative gain or loss is recognised in other operating income, or determined to be impaired, at which time the cumulative loss is reclassified to the Statement of Profit or Loss in finance costs and removed from the available-for-sale reserve.

Fair value of investments in unquoted ordinary shares are determined based on the fair value of consolidated net assets of such companies and fair value of investment in quoted shares is determined by reference to published price quotation in an active market.

The Company evaluates its available-for-sale financial assets to determine whether the ability and intention to sell them in the near term is still appropriate. Reclassification to loans and receivables is permitted when the financial assets meet the definition of loans and receivables and the Company has the intent and

ability to hold these assets for the foreseeable future or until maturity.

Derecognition

A financial asset is derecognised when:

- The rights to receive cash flows from the asset have expired
- The Company has transferred its rights to receive cash flows from the asset or has assumed an obligation to pay the received cash flows in full without material delay to a third party under a 'pass-through' arrangement; and either (a) the Company has transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset, or (b) the Company has neither transferred nor retained substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset, but has transferred control of the asset.

When the Company has transferred its rights to receive cash flows from an asset or has entered into a pass-through arrangement, and has neither transferred nor retained substantially all of the risks and rewards of the asset nor transferred control of it, the asset is recognised to the extent of the Company's continuing involvement in it.

Impairment of Financial Assets

The Company assesses at each reporting date whether there is any objective evidence that a financial

asset is impaired. A financial asset is deemed to be impaired if, and only if, there is objective evidence of impairment as a result of one or more events that has occurred after the initial recognition of the asset (an incurred 'loss event') and that loss event has an impact on the estimated future cash flows of the financial asset that can be reliably estimated.

Financial Assets Carried at Amortised Cost

For financial assets carried at amortised cost, the Company first assesses whether objective evidence of impairment exists individually for financial assets that are individually significant, or collectively for financial assets that are not individually significant. If the Company determines that no objective evidence of impairment exists for an individually assessed financial asset, whether significant or not, it includes the asset in a group of financial assets with similar credit risk characteristics and collectively assesses them for impairment. Assets that are individually assessed for impairment and for which an impairment loss is, or continues to be, recognised are not included in a collective assessment of impairment.

If there is objective evidence that an impairment loss has been incurred, the amount of the loss is measured

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as the difference between the assets carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows (excluding future expected credit losses that have not yet been incurred). The carrying amount of the asset is reduced through the use of an allowance account and the amount of the loss is recognised in the Statement of Profit or Loss. If, in a subsequent year, the amount of the estimated impairment loss increases or decreases because of an event occurring after the impairment was recognised, the previously recognised impairment loss is increased or reduced by adjusting the allowance account.

(c) Cash & Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are cash in hand, demand deposits and short-term highly liquid investments, readily convertible to known amounts of cash and subject to insignificant risk of changes in value.

For the purpose of Cash Flow Statement, cash and cash equivalents consist of cash in hand and deposits in banks net of outstanding bank overdrafts. Investments in money market instruments with short maturities i.e. three months or less from the date of acquisition are also treated as cash equivalents.

Financial Liabilities Initial Recognition and Measurement

Financial liabilities within the scope of LKAS 39 are broadly categorized as

financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss, loans and borrowings, or as derivatives designated as hedging instruments in an effective hedge, as appropriate. The Company determines the classification of its financial liabilities at initial recognition.

All financial liabilities are recognised initially at fair value and, in the case of loans and borrowings, carried at amortised cost. This includes directly attributable transaction costs.

The Company's financial liabilities include trade and other payables.

Subsequent Measurement

Trade and other payables are measured at amortized cost.

Derecognition

A financial liability is derecognised when the obligation under the liability is discharged or cancelled or expired.

2.3.4 Inventories

Inventories except for fresh fruit bunches are stated at cost or net realizable value whichever is lower, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items. Fresh fruit bunches are stated at since realised values.

The value of consumables is determined on a weighted average cost basis.

2.3.5 Impairment of Non-Financial Assets

The Company assesses at each reporting date whether there is

any objective evidence that a non-financial asset or a group of non-financial assets is impaired. If any such indication exists, or when annual impairment testing for an asset is required, the Company makes an estimate of the group of non-financial asset's recoverable amount.

An asset's recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's or cash generating unit's fair value less costs to sell or its value in use and is determined for an individual asset, unless the asset does not generate cash inflows that are largely independent of those from other assets or group of non-financial assets. Where the carrying amount of an asset exceeds its recoverable amount, the asset is considered impaired and is written down to its recoverable amount.

2.4 Liabilities and Provisions

Liabilities classified as current liabilities in the Statement of Financial Position are those obligations payable on demand or within one year from the reporting date. Items classified as non-current liabilities are those obligations which become payable beyond a period of one year from the reporting date.

All known liabilities have been accounted for in preparing these Financial Statements. Provisions and liabilities are recognised when the Company has a legal or constructive obligation as a result of past events and it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation.

2.4.1 Retirement Benefit Obligations

(a) Defined Benefit Plans - Retirement Gratuity

Gratuity is a defined benefit plan. The Company is liable to pay gratuity in terms of relevant statute.

The Company's operations in Malaysia are liable to pay Retirement Gratuity where employees have served in the Company's operations in Malaysia for more than five years and fulfilling the conditions in the Malaysian Agricultural Producers Association and National Union Plantation Worker's agreements.

The Company measures the present value of the promised retirement benefits of gratuity which is a defined benefit plan with the advice of an actuary every year using "Projected Unit Credit Method". An actuarial valuation of the gratuity liability of the Company as at 31 March 2015 was undertaken by Actuarial and Management Consultants (Pvt) Ltd, a firm of professional actuaries. The result of such valuation was incorporated in these Financial Statements.

The define benefit costs comprise the following:

- Service cost
- Interest cost on the define benefit liability
- Re-measurement of define benefit liability

Service costs which include current service costs, past service costs

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and gains or losses on non-routine settlements are recognised as expense in profit or loss. Past service costs are recognised when plan amendment or curtailment occurs.

Interest on the defined benefit liability is the change during the period in the defined benefit liability that arises from the passage of time which is determined by applying the discount rate based on the yield on long term government bonds to the defined benefit liability. The interest on the defined benefit liability is recognised as expense or income in profit or loss.

Re-measurements comprising actuarial gains and losses are recognised immediately in other comprehensive income in the period in which they arise. Re-measurements are recognised in retained earnings within equity and are not reclassified to profit or loss in subsequent periods.

Further, this liability is not externally funded.

(b) Defined Contribution Plans - EPF

All employees who are eligible for Defined Provident Fund contributions in Malaysia are covered by relevant contribution funds in line with the relevant statutes.

Employer's contribution to Defined Provident Fund covering the employees is recognised as an expense in the Statement of Profit or Loss in the period in which it is incurred.

2.4.2 Capital Commitments and Contingencies

All material capital commitments and contingent liabilities which exist as at the reporting date are disclosed in the respective notes to the Financial Statements.

2.5 Statement of Profit or Loss

2.5.1 Revenue

Revenue represents proceeds from sale of fresh fruit bunches from Malaysian operations and investment income from Sri Lankan operations.

2.5.2 Revenue Recognition

Revenue is recognised to the extent that it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the Company and the revenue and associated costs incurred or to be incurred can be reliably measured. Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable net of trade discounts and sales taxes. The following specific criteria are used for the purpose of recognition of revenue:

Sale of fresh fruit bunches - upon delivery and acceptance by customers.

Dividend income - when the shareholders' right to receive dividend is established.

Interest income - accrued on a time proportionate basis.

Other income - on an accrual basis.

2.5.3 Expenditure Recognition

The expenses are recognized on an accrual basis. All expenditure incurred in the ordinary course of business and in maintaining the Property, Plant & Equipment in a state of efficiency has been charged to income in arriving at the profit for the year.

For the purpose of presentation of the Statement of Profit or Loss, the Directors are of the opinion that “function of expenses” method presents fairly the elements of the Company’s performance, and hence such presentation method is adopted.

2.6 Segment Reporting

An operating segment is a component of the Company that engages in business activities from which it may earn revenues and incur expenses, including revenues and expenses that relate to transactions with any of the Company’s other components. All operating segments’ operating results are reviewed regularly by the senior management to make decisions about resources to be allocated to the segment and assess its performance, and for which discrete financial information is available.

Segment results that are reported to the senior management and board of directors include items directly attributable to a segment as well as those that can be allocated on a reasonable basis.

Segment capital expenditure is the total cost incurred during the period to acquire property, plant and equipment.

2.7 Related Party Disclosures

Disclosures are made in respect of related party transactions in accordance with LKAS 24.

2.8 Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgments

The preparation of Financial Statements in conformity with Sri Lanka Accounting Standards requires management to make judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are based on historical experience and various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis of making the judgments about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognized in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

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Estimates/Judgments made by management in the application of Sri Lanka Accounting Standards that have a significant effect on the Financial Statements are mentioned below.

	Policy	Note
Property, plant & equipment valuation and depreciation	2.3.1	10
Deferred tax	2.2.2(b)	16
Impairment of assets	2.3.3 / 2.3.6	9
Employee benefit liabilities	2.4.1	17
Financial instruments	2.3.3	9/12/13/18
Biological assets valuation	2.3.2	11

2.9. Current Versus Non-Current Classification

The Company presents assets and liabilities in Statement of Financial Position based on current/non-current classification. An asset is current when it is:

- Expected to be realised or intended to sold or consumed in normal operating cycle
- Held primarily for the purpose of trading
- Expected to be realised within twelve months after the reporting period or

- Cash or cash equivalent unless restricted from being exchanged or used to settle a liability for at least twelve months after the reporting period.

All other assets are classified as non-current.

A liability is current when:

- It is expected to be settled in normal operating cycle
- It is held primarily for the purpose of trading
- It is due to be settled within twelve months after the reporting period or
- There is no unconditional right to defer the settlement of the liability for at least twelve months after the reporting period

The Company classifies all other liabilities as non-current.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are classified as non-current assets and liabilities.

2.10. Fair Value Measurement

The Company measures financial instruments such as investment in equity instruments, and non-financial assets such as biological assets, land, at fair value at each reporting date. Fair value related disclosures for financial instruments and non-financial assets that are measured at fair value or where

fair values are disclosed are summarised in the following notes:

	Note
Disclosures for valuation methods, significant estimates and assumptions	9/10/11
Quantitative disclosures of fair value measurement hierarchy	9
Investment in unquoted equity shares	9/ 12.1
Property, plant and equipment under revaluation model	10
Financial instruments	12.2

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The fair value measurement is based on the presumption that the transaction to sell the asset or transfer the liability takes place either:

- In the principal market for the asset or liability or
- In the absence of a principal market, the most advantageous market for the asset or liability

The principal or the most advantageous market must be accessible by the Company.

The fair value of an asset or a liability is measured using the assumptions

that market participants would use when pricing the asset or liability, assuming that market participants act in their best economic interest.

A fair value measurement of a non-financial asset takes into account a market participant's ability to generate economic benefits by using the asset in its highest and best use or by selling it to another market participant that would use the asset in its highest and best use.

The Company uses valuation techniques that are appropriate in the circumstances and for which sufficient data are available to measure fair value, maximising the use of relevant observable inputs and minimising the use of unobservable inputs.

All assets and liabilities for which fair value is measured or disclosed in the Financial Statements are categorised within the fair value hierarchy, described as follows, based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement as a whole:

- Level 1 — Quoted (unadjusted) market prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities
- Level 2 — Valuation techniques for which the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement is directly or indirectly observable
- Level 3 — Valuation techniques for which the lowest level input

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that is significant to the fair value measurement is unobservable

For assets and liabilities that are recognised in the Financial Statements on a recurring basis, the Company determines whether transfers have occurred between levels in the hierarchy by re-assessing categorisation (based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement as a whole) at the end of each reporting period.

External valuers are involved for valuation of significant assets, such as Biological Assets and Free Hold Land. Involvement of external valuers is decided upon annually by the Management after discussion with and approval by the Company's Audit Committee. Selection criteria include market knowledge, reputation, independence and whether professional standards are maintained. The Management decides, after discussions with the Company's external valuers, which valuation techniques and inputs to use for each case.

At each reporting date, the Management analyses the movements in the values of assets and liabilities which are required to be remeasured or re-assessed as per the Company's accounting policies. For this analysis, the Management verifies the major inputs applied in the latest valuation by agreeing the information in the valuation computation to contracts and other relevant documents.

The Management, in conjunction with the Company's external valuers, also compares the

change in the fair value of each asset and liability with relevant external sources to determine whether the change is reasonable.

The Management presents the valuation results to the Audit Committee and the Company's independent auditors. This includes a discussion of the major assumptions used in the valuations.

For the purpose of fair value disclosures, the Company has determined classes of assets and liabilities on the basis of the nature, characteristics and risks of the asset or liability and the level of the fair value hierarchy as explained above.

2.11 Standards Issued But Not Yet Effective

The standards and amendments and interpretations that are issued but not yet effective up to the date of issuance of the Company's Financial Statements are disclosed below. The Company intends to adopt these standards, if applicable, when they become effective.

(a) **SLFRS 9 -Financial Instruments: Classification and Measurement**

SLFRS 9, as issued reflects the first phase of work on replacement of LKAS 39 and applies to classification and measurement of financial assets and liabilities.

This standard was originally effective for annual periods commencing on or after 01 January 2015. However the effective date has been deferred subsequently.

(b) SLFRS 14 - Regulatory Deferral Accounts

The scope of this standard is limited to first-time adopters of SLFRS that already recognise regulatory deferral account balances in their Financial Statements. Consequently, the Financial Statements of rate regulated entities that already apply SLFRS, or that do not otherwise recognise such balances, will not be affected by this standard. This standard is effective for the annual periods beginning on or after 01 January 2016.

(after maturity). The amendments also require that produce that grows on bearer plants will remain in the scope of LKAS 41 measured at fair value less costs to sell. This amendment is retrospectively effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2016, with early adoption permitted.

Pending the detailed review on the above standards and interpretations, the extent of the impact has not been determined by the Management.

(c) SLFRS 15 -Revenue from Contracts with Customers

SLFRS 15 establishes a comprehensive framework for determining whether, how much and when revenue is recognised. It replaces existing revenue recognition guidance, including LKAS 18 Revenue, LKAS 11 Construction Contracts and IFRIC 13 Customer Loyalty Programmes. This standard is effective for the annual periods beginning on or after 01 January 2017.

(d) Amendments to LKAS 16-Property,Plant and Equipment and LKAS 41-Agriculture

The amendments change the accounting requirements for biological assets that meet the definition of bearer plants. Under the amendments, biological assets that meet the definition of bearer plants will no longer be within the scope of LKAS 41. Instead, LKAS 16 will apply. After initial recognition, bearer plants will be measured under LKAS 16 at accumulated cost (before maturity) and using either the cost model or revaluation model

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<i>For the year ended 31st March</i>		2015	2014
		Rs. '000	Rs. '000
3. REVENUE			
Oil Palm:			
Sale of fresh fruit bunches		153,375	144,850
Investment:			
Dividend income		2,203	105,800
Interest income		358	2,854
		155,936	253,504
4. OTHER INCOME AND GAINS			
Other income		252	118
5. PROFIT BEFORE TAX			
is stated after charging all expenses including the following:			
Depreciation (Note 10)		2,633	2,418
Management fee, performance incentive and sales commission (Note 24.1)		19,290	18,913
Professional fees		6,185	4,019
Auditors' remuneration		668	654
Directors' fees (Note 24.2)		1,200	1,200
Personnel costs (Note 5.1)		25,043	22,295
5.1 Personnel Costs*			
Salaries, wages and other staff related expenses		23,716	20,358
Defined contribution plans - EPF		1,061	1,524
Retirement benefit obligations (Note 17)		266	413
		25,043	22,295

* The Company has no employees, other than the plantation workers in its Malaysian operation.

6. TAXATION

6.1 Major components of income tax expense

The major components of income tax expense for the financial year ended 31st March 2015 and 2014 are:

<i>For the year ended 31st March</i>	2015	2014
	Rs. '000	Rs. '000
Statement of profit or loss		
Current Income Tax		
Current year income tax expense	21,554	18,263
Deferred Tax		
Origination/(Reversal) of temporary differences (Note 16)	471	906
Income tax expense recognized in the statement of profit or loss	22,025	19,169
Other Comprehensive Income		
Deferred tax on actuarial gains and losses (Note 16)	195	197
Income tax charged directly to other comprehensive income	195	197

6.2 Relationship between tax expense and accounting profit

The reconciliation between tax expense and the product of accounting profit multiplied by the applicable corporate tax rate for the year ended 31 March 2015 and 31 March 2014 are as follows:

<i>For the year ended 31st March</i>	2015	2014
	Rs. '000	Rs. '000
Profit before tax	79,420	183,872
Tax at the domestic rates applicable to profits generated in countries where the Company operates	9,588	22,521
Adjustments:		
Non-deductible expenses	1,900	1,350
Income not subject to tax		
including biological gains (Note 6.3(d) and Note 11)	(564)	(13,912)
Double tax credit for Malaysian Branch (Note 6.3(c))	(10,823)	(9,158)
Others-Taxation in Malaysian Branch (Note 6.3(a))	21,453	17,462
Deferred Tax (Note 16)	471	906
Income tax expense recognized in profit or loss	22,025	19,169

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6.3 Taxation of Profits

- (a) The provision for taxation on profits from plantation activities is based on the Company's liability to income tax in Malaysia. Profits from plantation activities are liable to tax in Malaysia at a rate of 25% (2014 - 25%).
- (b) During the year ended 31 March 2015, as provided for under Section 46 of the Inland Revenue Act No. 10 of 2006, and amendments thereto, these profits are liable to tax in Sri Lanka at 12% (2014 - 12%).
- (c) In terms of the double tax treaty agreement entered into between Sri Lanka and Malaysia, the Company is entitled to claim credit for tax paid in Malaysia, when calculating the Company's tax liability in Sri Lanka on profits from plantation in Malaysia.
- (d) In terms of Section 9 & 10 of the Inland Revenue Act No. 10 of 2006, and amendments thereto, dividend and interest income received from Malaysia is exempt from income tax.
- (e) Profits of the Company, other than such referred to in Note 6.3 (b) and (d) are liable to tax at a rate of 28% (2014 - 28%).

6.4 Dividend Tax

Dividend distribution would consist of a distribution of operational profits and a redistribution of dividend income. Redistribution of dividend income received from a already taxed source would not be liable to dividend tax.

7. EARNINGS PER SHARE

The calculation of Earnings per ordinary share of Rs. 8.35 (2014 - Rs. 23.97) is based on the profit after taxation over the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue during the year.

Given below is the computation of Earnings Per Share:

<i>For the year ended 31st March</i>	2015	2014
Numerator		
Profit for the year (Rs.)	57,395,145	164,702,899
Profit attributable to ordinary shareholders (Rs.)	57,395,145	164,702,899
Denominator		
Number of ordinary shares (Note 14)	6,871,307	6,871,307
Earnings Per Share (Rs.)	8.35	23.97

<i>For the year ended 31st March</i>	2015	2014
	Rs. '000	Rs. '000
7.1 Dividend paid or proposed		
<u>Dividend paid during the year:</u>		
Dividends on ordinary shares:		
Interim Dividend for 2015: Rs. Nil per share (2014 Rs. 14.74 per share)	-	101,283
Final Dividend for 2014: Rs. 9.77 per share (2013: Rs. 14.66 per share)	67,133	100,733
<u>Dividend proposed for approval at AGM</u> <u>(Not recognised as a liability as at 31 March)</u>		
2015: Rs. 3.72 per share (2014: Rs. 9.77 per share)	25,561	67,133

	2015	2014
Dividend per share (Rs.)*	3.72	24.51

*Dividend per share is calculated by considering first and final dividend proposed for the year under review whereas, in the comparative period, considering interim dividend paid and final dividend proposed.

8. FOREIGN CURRENCY TRANSLATION

The Accounting Policy of foreign currency translation is shown under 2.2.1 of summary of significant accounting policies. The principal exchange rates used for conversion of foreign currency balances are as follows:

<i>As at</i>	31st March	31st March
	2015	2014
	Rs.	Rs.
Malaysian Ringgit	35.80	40.05
US Dollar	133.32	130.73

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9. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENT

The following table provides the fair value measurement hierarchy of the Company's assets which are stated at fair value.
Fair value measurement hierarchy for assets as at 31 March 2015 and 2014:

	Date of valuation	Fair value measurement using			
		Total Rs. '000	Quoted prices in active markets (Level 1) Rs. '000	Significant observable inputs (Level 2) Rs. '000	Significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) Rs. '000
Assets measured at fair value:					
As at 31 March 2015					
Non Financial Assets					
Land (Note 10)	31 March 2013	1,242,357	-	-	1,242,357
Biological Assets (Note 11)	31 March 2015	237,586	-	-	237,586
Non Financial Assets as at 31 March 2015		1,479,943	-	-	1,479,943
Available for sale financial assets (AFS)					
Quoted equity shares					
Shalimar (Malay) PLC (Note 12.1)	31 March 2015	462,543	462,543	-	-
Unquoted equity shares					
Shalimar Developments Sdn.Bhd (Note 12.1)	31 March 2015	3,922,351	-	-	3,922,351
AFS financial assets as at 31 March 2015		4,384,894	462,543	-	3,922,351
As at 31 March 2014					
Non-Financial Assets					
Land (Note 10)	31 March 2013	1,389,648	-	-	1,389,648
Biological Assets (Note 11)	31 March 2014	262,900	-	-	262,900
Non-Financial Assets as at 31 March 2014		1,652,548	-	-	1,652,548
AFS financial assets					
Quoted equity shares					
Shalimar (Malay) PLC (Note 12.1)	31 March 2014	268,920	268,920	-	-
Unquoted equity shares					
Shalimar Developments Sdn.Bhd (Note 12.1)	31 March 2014	3,458,337	-	-	3,458,337
AFS financial assets as at 31 March 2014		3,727,257	268,920	-	3,458,337

Key assumptions, methods of valuations and significant unobservable inputs for assets categorised under Level 3 of the fair value measurement hierarchy are disclosed under Notes 10, 11 and 12 to the Financial Statements.

10. PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT

	Freehold Land	Freehold Buildings	Plant, Machinery & Equipment	Furniture & Fittings	Motor Vehicles	Total
	Rs. '000	Rs. '000	Rs. '000	Rs. '000	Rs. '000	Rs. '000
Cost/Valuation						
As at 1st April 2014	1,389,648	24,940	1,627	4,111	9,741	1,430,067
Additions	-	1,185	140	126	3,142	4,593
Write offs	-	(1,383)	(32)	-	-	(1,415)
Translation adjustment for the year	(147,291)	(2,548)	(170)	(446)	(1,171)	(151,626)
As at 31st March 2015	1,242,357	22,194	1,565	3,791	11,712	1,281,619
Depreciation						
As at 1st April 2014	-	7,352	1,492	3,957	8,617	21,418
Charge for the year	-	1,118	62	30	1,423	2,633
Write offs	-	(651)	(32)	-	-	(683)
Translation adjustment for the year	-	(806)	(161)	(421)	(1,022)	(2,410)
As at 31st March 2015	-	7,013	1,361	3,566	9,018	20,958
Net Book Value						
As at 31st March 2015	1,242,357	15,181	204	225	2,694	1,260,661
As at 31st March 2014	1,389,648	17,588	135	154	1,124	1,408,649

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10. PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT (Contd.)

- (i) The freehold land was revalued on 31st March 2013 based on existing use basis, by an independent valuer Encik W. M. Malik, a member of the Institution of Surveyors, Malaysia, a partner with W. M. Malik & Kamaruzaman. The Company has obtained a confirmation of the value of freehold land as at 31st March 2015 from the same valuer, and the carrying value approximates its fair value.

Valuation Technique

Existing use basis

Significant unobservable valuation inputs

Indicative market value of comparable land

Significant increases (decreases) in indicative market value per hectare of comparable land would result in a significantly higher (lower) fair value measurement.

- (ii) The carrying value of the freehold land, if the asset was carried at historical cost would be Rs. 58 mn (2014- Rs. 58 mn)
- (iii) Property, plant & equipment includes fully depreciated assets having a gross carrying amount of Rs. 12.05 mn (2014 - Rs. 12.35 mn)
- (iv) During the financial year 2002/03, a portion of freehold land was compulsorily acquired by the Government of Malaysia pursuant to the Land Acquisition Act, of 1960.

During the previous financial years, the Company received the accrued compensation of Rs. 94.43 mn (RM 2.98 mn) ("Land Administrator's Award") in respect of a compulsory acquisition of a portion of the Malaysian operations' freehold land. The Company, however, objected to this offer and claimed additional compensation. This claim was decided in favour of the Company and the Company was awarded additional compensation in a sum of Rs.10 mn (RM 0.24 mn) with interest at 8% per annum from the date of possession. In respect of this, the Company received a sum of Rs. 18.05 mn (RM 0.43 mn) during the year 2012/13.

Further, in July 2010, the Company filed an application against the State Governor of Selangor ("Defendant") seeking late payment charges in the sum of RM 1,309,080.46 (Rs. 46.86 mn), being the late payment of the sum awarded under the Land Administrator's Award. After hearing of this Application, the High Court on 31 May 2013 allowed the claim of the Company for late payment charges of RM 1,309,080.46 (Rs. 46.86 mn) with interest at the rate of 4 % per annum and costs of RM 8,000 (Rs. 0.29 mn).

The Defendant filed an appeal against the decision of the High Court and on hearing of the appeal proper, the Court of Appeal on 15th April 2014, dismissed the appeal filed by the Defendant with costs of RM 10,000 and affirmed the Order of the High Court.

The Defendant aggrieved by the decision of the Court of Appeal, thereafter on 15th May 2014 filed an application for leave to appeal in the Federal Court of Malaysia, against the decision of the Court of Appeal. Considering the preliminary objections raised by the Company, the Federal Court ordered the Defendant to regularize its application and awarded RM 2,000 to the Company as costs. On 24th November 2014, the Defendant filed its application for regularization and the Company filed its affidavit in reply on 11th December 2014.

The Federal Court has now fixed the application for leave to appeal and the application to regularise the leave to appeal application for hearing on 27th May 2015.

In line with the Company's policy, compensation will be accounted for only upon receipt of the confirmation by the Government of Malaysia.

- (v) All property, plant & equipment are located in Malaysia.
- (vi) During the financial year, the Company acquired and paid for property, plant and equipment to the aggregate value of Rs. 4.59 mn (2014: Rs. 0.34 mn).

11. BIOLOGICAL ASSETS

<i>As at</i>	31st March 2015 Rs. '000	31st March 2014 Rs. '000
Carrying value at the beginning of the year	262,900	259,651
Plantation development costs	126	34
Gain arising from changes in fair value	2,245	10,017
	265,271	269,702
Currency translation differences	(27,685)	(6,802)
Carrying value at the end of the year	237,586	262,900

Biological assets represent mature and immature palm oil plantations in Malaysia. As market determined prices or values are not readily available for plantations in its present condition, the company uses present value of expected future cash flows from the asset of the plantation, discounted at current market determined pre-tax rate in establishing the fair value.

Gains or losses arising on initial recognition of plantations at fair value less costs to sell and from the changes in fair values of plantations at each reporting date are included in the profit or loss for the respective period. The deferred tax impact on recognition of biological assets has been charged to the Statement of Profit or Loss.

Analysis of biological assets are as follows:

<i>As at</i>	31st March 2015 Rs. '000	31st March 2014 Rs. '000
Plantation Values		
Mature plantation	237,586	262,900
	Ha	Ha
Plantation Area		
Mature plantation	310.71	310.71

11.1 The Company obtains the services of an independent professional valuer to establish the fair value of the biological assets. Accordingly, the biological assets of the Company have been valued as at 31st March 2015 and 31st March 2014 by KJPP Rengganis, Hamid & Partners of Indonesia. These valuations are performed in accordance with international valuations standards, using the following key assumptions:

- (a) Projected economic production life of palm oil plants is 22 years (2014: 22 years) after maturity.

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- (b) Malaysian discount rate per annum of 8.58% in 2015 (2014: 8.27%).
- (c) This valuation is based on market FFB Price. FFB price for the first year is estimated at RM 466 per MT. FFB price is projected to increase for second year at RM 520 per MT. The third year is estimated at RM 517 per MT. The fourth year and the fifth year are estimated at RM 516 per MT. The remaining years are also estimated at RM 516 per MT.
- (d) Yield per hectare of 12 MT to 29 MT (2014: 13 MT to 29 MT)
Yield per hectare is based on year of planting, maturity profile and the terrain of the plantation.

11.2 Sensitivity of the key assumptions used

	FFB Price		Discount Rate		Yield	
	5% Increase	5% Decrease	1% Increase	1% Decrease	5% Increase	5% Decrease
	Rs. '000	Rs. '000	Rs. '000	Rs. '000	Rs. '000	Rs. '000
Effect on the carrying value of biological assets	5,477	(5,477)	(2,291)	2,291	4,868	(4,868)

12 FINANCIAL ASSETS AND FINANCIAL LIABILITIES

12.1 Non-Current Financial Assets

<i>As at</i>	31st March 2015 Rs. '000	31st March 2014 Rs. '000
Available-for-sale investments		
Unquoted equity shares (12.1.a)	3,922,351	3,458,337
Quoted equity shares (12.1.b)	462,543	268,920
Total available-for-sale investments	4,384,894	3,727,257
Total financial assets: Non-Current	4,384,894	3,727,257

12.1.a Available-for-Sale Investment - Unquoted Equity Shares

The Company holds a 13.33% equity investment (2014: 13.33%) in Shalimar Development Sdn. Bhd. (SDSB), an investment holding company incorporated in Malaysia. The sole equity investment of SDSB is in PT Agro Indomas (PTAI), an oil palm plantation company based in Indonesia, in which it has a controlling interest. The Company has designated its investment in SDSB as an available-for-sale investment.

12.1.b Available-for-Sale Investment - Quoted Equity Shares

The Company holds a non-controlling interests of 3.10% (2014: 3.10%) in Shalimar (Malay) PLC. The fair value of the said investment is determined by reference to published price quotations in the Colombo Stock Exchange.

12.2 Fair Values

Set out below is a comparison by class of the carrying amounts and fair values of the Company's financial Instruments that are carried in the Financial Statements.

As at	31st March	31st March	31st March	31st March
	2015	2014	2015	2014
	Rs. '000	Rs. '000	Rs. '000	Rs. '000
	Carrying amount		Fair value	
Financial Assets				
Available for sale Financial Investments	4,384,894	3,727,257	4,384,894	3,727,257

The value of the Company's unquoted investment in SDSB has been determined based on the fair value of SDSB's investment in PTAI. In arriving at fair value of SDSB's investment in PTAI, property, plant and equipment and biological assets have been valued with reference to market based information by an independent professional valuer as at 31 December 2014.

The Management assessed that the fair value of cash and short-term deposits, trade and other receivables, trade and other payables approximate their carrying amounts largely due to the short-term maturities of these instruments.

12.3 Description of significant unobservable inputs to valuation:

The significant unobservable inputs used in the fair value measurement categorised within Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy together with a quantitative sensitivity analysis as at 31 March 2015. (Note 9)

Assets	Valuation technique	Significant unobservable inputs	Range	Sensitivity of the input to fair value
AFS assets in unquoted equity shares - Shalimar Developments Sdn. Bhd.	Fair value of consolidated net assets	Fair value of consolidated net assets per share	+ / - 5%	Change in business operation of the investee company would result in a change in the net asset value. 5% increase (decrease) in the fair value of consolidated net asset per share would result in an increase (decrease) in fair value by Rs. 196 mn

13. TRADE RECEIVABLES

As at	31st March	31st March
	2015	2014
	Rs. '000	Rs. '000
Trade debtors	17,996	4,779
	17,996	4,779

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As at 31 March, the ageing analysis of trade receivables is as follows:

	Total	Neither past due nor impaired	Past due but not impaired			
			<30 days	30 -60 days	61 - 90 days	> 90 days
	Rs.'000	Rs.'000	Rs.'000	Rs.'000	Rs.'000	Rs.'000

At 31 March 2015	17,996	17,996	-	-	-	-
At 31 March 2014	4,779	4,779	-	-	-	-

<i>As at</i>	31st March 2015 Rs. '000	31st March 2014 Rs. '000
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14. STATED CAPITAL

Issued and Fully Paid - Ordinary

6,871,307 Ordinary Shares	68,713	68,713
	68,713	68,713

<i>As at</i>	31st March 2015 Rs. '000	31st March 2014 Rs. '000
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15. OTHER RESERVES

Currency translation reserve	(170,594)	79
Available-for-sale reserve	4,216,495	3,558,858
Capital accretion reserve	1,431,511	1,431,511
Total	5,477,412	4,990,448

Currency translation reserve

Currency translation reserve represents exchange differences arising from the translation of the Financial Statements of foreign operations whose functional currencies are different from that of the Company's presentation currency.

Available for - sale reserve

Available-for-sale reserve represents the excess between the fair value and cost of available-for-sale financial assets.

Capital accretion reserve

Capital accretion reserve includes surplus arising from revaluation of property, plant and equipment.

The movements of the above reserves are given in the Statement of Other Comprehensive Income.

	Statement of Financial Position		Statement of Profit	
	31st March	31st March		or Loss
	2015	2014	2015	2014
	Rs. '000	Rs. '000	Rs. '000	Rs. '000
16. DEFERRED TAX				
Deferred Tax Liability				
Deferred tax on property, plant & equipment	804	1,427	(623)	178
Deferred tax on biological assets	66,357	65,725	812	812
	67,341	67,152	189	990
Deferred Tax Assets				
Defined benefit plans - Through Statement of Profit or Loss	(647)	(929)	282	(84)
Defined Benefit Plans - Through Other Comprehensive Income	195	197	-	-
Provision for ex-gratia	(11)	(11)	-	-
	(463)	(743)	282	(84)
Effect of exchange rate movement	(9,386)	9	-	-
Deferred tax expense			471	906
Net deferred tax liability	57,492	66,418		

16.1 Reconciliation of Deferred Tax Charge / (Reversal)

	2015	2014
	Rs. '000	Rs. '000
Deferred Tax Charge reported in the Statement of Profit or Loss	471	906
Deferred Tax Charge reported in Other Comprehensive Income	195	197
	666	1,103

17. RETIREMENT BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS

<i>As at</i>	31st March	31st March
	2015	2014
	Rs. '000	Rs. '000
Retirement Benefits Obligation-Gratuity		
Beginning of the year	2,930	3,380
Charge for the year (Note 17.1)	266	413
Actuarial gain - Recognized in Other Comprehensive Income	(813)	(787)
Payments made during the year	(186)	-
Exchange Loss	(314)	(76)
End of the year	1,883	2,930

Messrs. Actuarial & Management Consultants (Pvt) Ltd. Independent Actuaries, carried out an actuarial valuation of the defined benefit plan gratuity on March 31, 2015. Appropriate and compatible assumptions were used in determining the cost of retirement benefits. The principal assumptions used are as follows:

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	2015	2014
Discount Rate	4%	4%
Salary Increase Rate	3%	3%
Withdrawal Rate	10%	10%

17.1 Charge for the year

	2015 Rs. '000	2014 Rs. '000
Interest Cost	162	132
Current Service Cost	104	281
	266	413

17.2 Sensitivity of the principal assumptions used

	Expected Future Salaries		Discount Rate	
	0.5% increase	0.5% decrease	1% increase	1% decrease
	Rs. '000	Rs. '000	Rs. '000	Rs. '000
Change in Present value of Defined Benefit Obligation	46	(45)	(110)	120

17.3 The average future working life of the defined benefit obligation at the end of the reporting period is 7 years.

18. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

As at	31st March 2015 Rs.'000	31st March 2014 Rs.'000
Trade and other creditors	3,850	5,772
Unclaimed dividend	45,006	38,915
	48,856	44,687

19. SEGMENTAL REPORTING

For management purpose, the company is organised into the following two business segments.

(A) Industry

	Oil Palm		Investment		Company	
	2015 Rs. '000	2014 Rs. '000	2015 Rs. '000	2014 Rs. '000	2015 Rs. '000	2014 Rs. '000
Revenue						
External revenue	153,375	144,850	2,561	108,654	155,936	253,504
	153,375	144,850	2,561	108,654	155,936	253,504
Result						
Segment result	80,200	78,493	(780)	105,379	79,420	183,872
Taxation	(21,953)	(18,545)	(72)	(624)	(22,025)	(19,169)
	58,247	59,948	(852)	104,755	57,395	164,703

	Oil Palm		Investment		Company	
	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014
	Rs. '000	Rs. '000	Rs. '000	Rs. '000	Rs. '000	Rs. '000

Other Information

Segment assets	1,535,910	1,718,880	4,396,238	3,742,006	5,932,148	5,460,886
Segment liabilities	64,575	77,337	46,306	40,126	110,881	117,463
Capital expenditure	4,718	376	-	-	4,718	376
Depreciation	2,633	2,418	-	-	2,633	2,418
Retirement benefits charge	266	413	-	-	266	413

(B) Geographical

	Malaysia		Sri Lanka		Company	
	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014
	Rs. '000	Rs. '000	Rs. '000	Rs. '000	Rs. '000	Rs. '000

Revenue	153,375	144,850	2,561	108,654	155,936	253,504
Non-current assets	1,498,247	1,671,549	4,384,894	3,727,257	5,883,141	5,398,806

20. CONTRACTS FOR CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

There were no material contracts for capital expenditure as at the reporting date.

21. ASSETS PLEDGED

There were no assets pledged as at the reporting date.

22. EVENTS AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD

After satisfying the solvency test in accordance with Section 57 of the Companies Act No. 7 of 2007, the Directors recommended the payment of first and final dividend of Rs. 3.72 per share for the year ended 31st March 2015. However, in accordance with Sri Lanka Accounting Standard No. 10 (LKAS-10) Events After the Reporting Period, this proposed first and final dividend has not been recognized as a liability as at 31st March 2015. This would result in a total outflow of Rs. 25.56 mn subject to approval at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting. There were no circumstances which require adjustment to or disclosures in these Financial Statements other than disclosed above.

23. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

As per the interim Budget 2015 passed in the Parliament of Sri Lanka on 07th February 2015, the Government proposed a one off 25% Super Gain Tax (SGT) be imposed on companies based on either the company level or consolidated level if in a Group profits if same is in excess of Rs. 2,000 mn profit before income tax as per the Audited Financial Statement in the Financial Year 2013/14. The Bill in respect of the above budget proposal was issued by the Government of Sri Lanka on 30th March 2015. The consolidated profit before tax of Carson Cumberbatch PLC, the parent Company of Goodhope Asia Holdings Limited, exceeds this threshold.

Accordingly, the Company will become liable for SGT based on taxable income for the year of assessment 2013/14. SGT is to be paid in three installments commencing from 15th May 2015. The probable impact of SGT on the Company is estimated at approximately Rs. 17.21 mn. However, as of the date of authorizing the Financial Statements by the Board of Directors, this bill has not been passed in the Parliament. Only in the event the Bill is enacted as law, the Company will become liable to pay the estimated SGT.

There are no other material contingent liabilities as at the reporting date.

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24. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

24.1 Transactions with related companies - 2015

Name of the Company	Relationship	Nature of Transaction	Transaction Value During the year Rs. '000	Amount Outstanding as at 31st March 2015 Rs. '000
1. Agro Harapan Lestari Sdn. Bhd. (AHL SB)	Fellow Subsidiary (Managers)	Management fee, Performance incentive and Sales commission	(19,290)	-
2. Shallimar (Malay) PLC	Fellow Subsidiary	Dividend income	2,203	-
3. Goodhope Asia Holdings Ltd.	Immediate Parent	Dividend paid	(63,422)	-
4. Carson's Management Services (Pvt) Ltd.	Group Company	Secretarial expenses	(501)	-
5. AHL Business Solutions (Pvt) Ltd.	Fellow Subsidiary	Data processing and IT support fee	(3,966)	-
TOTAL amounts due to Related Parties				-
TOTAL amounts due from Related Parties				-

All related party transactions have been conducted on an agreed commercial terms with respective parties.

24. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES
24.1 Transactions with related companies - 2014

Name of the Company	Relationship	Nature of Transaction	Transaction Value During the year Rs. '000	Amount Outstanding as at 31st March 2014 Rs. '000
1. Agro Harapan Lestari Sdn. Bhd. (AHL SB)	Fellow Subsidiary (Managers)	Management fee, Performance incentive and Sales commission	(18,913)	-
2. Shalimar Developments Sdn. Bhd.	Fellow Subsidiary	Dividend income	99,252	-
3. Shalimar (Malay) PLC	Fellow Subsidiary	Dividend income	6,548	-
4. Goodhope Asia Holdings Ltd.	Immediate Parent	Dividend paid	(190,573)	-
5. Carlson Management Services (Pvt) Ltd.	Group Company	Secretarial expenses	(418)	-
6. AHL Business Solutions (Pvt) Ltd.	Fellow Subsidiary	Data processing and IT support fee	(4,056)	-
7. Equity One PLC	Group Company	Service Charges	(8)	-
TOTAL amounts due to Related Parties				-
TOTAL amounts due from Related Parties				-

All related party transactions have been conducted on an agreed commercial terms with respective parties.

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24.2 Compensation to key management personnel

	2015 Rs. '000	2014 Rs. '000
Emoluments/Fees	1,200	1,200

Key management personnel of the Company to whom the above fee relates, are non-executive members of the Board of Directors. Details of the non-executive directors are given in note 14.1 on pages 13 and 14 under the Annual Report of the Board of Directors on the affairs of the Company. Executive Directors are not compensated for their role on the Board.

- 24.3** No material transactions have taken place during the year with the parties/entities in which key management personnel or their close family members have control, joint control or significant influence, which require disclosure in these Financial Statements other than those disclosed under 24.1 and 24.2 above.

25. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

The Company's principal financial assets comprise of trade and other receivables and cash and short term deposits derived directly from its operations. The Company also holds available-for-sale investments. The Company's principal financial liabilities comprise of trade and other payables.

The Company is exposed to the following areas of risks.

(a) Commodity price risk

The Company's primary source of cash inflows are from the sale of Fresh Fruit Bunches (FFB). As the FFB prices (Net Sales Average-NSA) are determined by international market prices for Crude Palm Oil (CPO), the Company may be adversely affected by unfavourable price fluctuations. Company's end product is FFB.

As at 31st March 2015, had the NSA (price of FFB) been 5% higher/lower with all other variables remaining constant, profit before tax would have increased/decreased by Rs. 7.67 mn (2014: Rs. 7.24 mn).

(b) Investment risk

The Company's listed and unlisted equity securities are susceptible to market price risk arising from uncertainties.

The quoted equity investment value could be impacted due to changes in the prices. These are recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

The unquoted equity investment value could be impacted due to fluctuations/ volatilities in the performance of the investee Company.

At the reporting date, the exposure to unlisted equity securities at fair value was Rs. 3.93 mn. Sensitivity analysis of these investments have been provided in Note 12.3.

(c) Foreign exchange risk

The Company's exposure to foreign exchange transaction risk is minimal as the Malaysian and Sri Lankan operations are primarily domestic and transactions are recorded in the respective functional currencies, i.e, Malaysian Ringgit and Sri Lankan Rupee.

A significant element of exchange risk is generated through the translation of financial results into the Sri Lankan rupee for the purpose of financial reporting as the principal operations are in Malaysia.

Foreign Currency Sensitivity

The following table demonstrates the sensitivity to a reasonably possible changes in the Sri Lankan Rupees and Malaysian Ringgit exchange rates, with all other variables held constant. The impact on the Company's equity is due to changes in the fair value of Available for sale Financial Investment and net investment in Malaysian branch.

	Change in MYR Rate	
	2% increase Rs. '000	2% decrease Rs. '000
Effect on Equity of the Company	79,509	(79,509)

d) Credit Risk

The Company is exposed to credit risk primarily from its trade receivables, which arise from its operating activities and its deposits with Banking Institutions. The Company's objective is to seek continual revenue growth while minimizing losses incurred due to increased credit risk exposure.

The Company trades only with recognized and credit worthy third parties and all customers are subject to a credit verification process. In addition, receivable balances are monitored on an ongoing basis with the result that the Company's exposure to bad debts is minimal.

e) Liquidity Risk

The Company manages liquidity risk exposures through effective working capital management. The Company also has planning guidelines in place to ensure that the short term and medium term liquidity is managed at acceptable levels.

Five Year Summary

<i>For the year ended 31st March</i>	SLFRS				SLAS
	2015 Rs'000	2014 Rs'000	2013 Rs'000	2012 Rs'000	2011 Rs'000
Operating Results					
Revenue	155,936	253,504	237,450	224,653	256,986
Profit Before Taxation	79,420	183,872	178,156	255,682	191,682
Taxation	(22,025)	(19,169)	(31,548)	(40,957)	(36,811)
Profit for the Year	57,395	164,703	146,608	214,725	154,871
<i>As at 31st March</i>	SLFRS				SLAS
	2015 Rs'000	2014 Rs'000	2013 Rs'000	2012 Rs'000	2011 Rs'000
Statement of Financial Position					
Assets					
Non-Current Assets					
Property, plant and equipment	1,260,661	1,408,649	1,443,102	1,112,750	1,012,757
Biological assets	237,586	262,900	259,651	253,029	-
Non-current financial assets	4,384,894	3,727,257	3,930,495	3,777,667	168,399
	5,883,141	5,398,806	5,633,248	5,143,446	1,181,156
Current Assets	49,007	62,080	92,751	269,271	437,503
Total Assets	5,932,148	5,460,886	5,725,999	5,412,717	1,618,659
Equity and Liabilities					
Stated capital	68,713	68,713	68,713	68,713	68,713
Reserves	5,752,554	5,274,710	5,554,980	5,250,685	1,512,789
	5,821,267	5,343,423	5,623,693	5,319,398	1,581,502
Non-Current Liabilities					
Deferred tax liability	57,492	66,418	65,332	63,855	13,082
Retirement benefit obligations	1,883	2,930	3,380	3,476	2,830
	59,375	69,348	68,712	67,331	15,912
Current Liabilities	51,506	48,115	33,594	25,988	21,245
Total Equity & Liabilities	5,932,148	5,460,886	5,725,999	5,412,717	1,618,659
<i>For the year ended 31st March</i>	SLFRS				SLAS
	2015 Rs'000	2014 Rs'000	2013 Rs'000	2012 Rs'000	2011 Rs'000
Cash Flow Statements					
Net cash flows from operating activities	47,983	162,543	130,402	144,456	162,858
Net cash (outflows)/inflows from					
investing activities	(4,360)	2,478	(3,205)	337,120	(6,023)
Net cash used in financing activities	(61,041)	(191,881)	(303,258)	(375,903)	(79,142)
Net (decrease)/increase in					
cash & cash equivalents	(17,418)	(26,860)	(176,061)	105,673	77,693

Amounts in the above Five Year Summary applicable for 2015, 2014, 2013 and 2012 are based on SLFRS whilst 2011 is based on SLAS.

Five Year Summary

	SLFRS				SLAS
	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
Ratios and Statistics					
Return on ordinary shareholders' funds (%)	0.99	3.08	2.61	4.04	9.79
Current ratio (times)	0.95	1.29	2.76	10.36	7.68
Quick asset ratio (times)	0.94	1.26	2.75	10.30	7.62
Gross profit margin (%) (a)	69.54	79.20	73.83	76.35	81.78
Net profit margin (%) (a)	36.81	64.97	61.74	95.58	60.26
Earnings per ordinary share (Rs.) (b)	8.35	23.97	21.34	31.25	22.54
Dividend per ordinary share (Rs.) (c)	3.72	24.51	38.73	63.70	14.05
Dividend payout (%)	44.55	102.00	181.49	203.84	62.33
Net assets per ordinary share (Rs.) (d)	847.18	777.64	818.43	774.15	230.16
Market value per share (Rs.)	1,652.30	1,508.2	1,100.00	1,186.00	985.10
P/E ratio (times)	197.81	62.92	51.56	37.95	43.71
Market capitalization (Rs.'000)	11,353,461	10,363,305	7,558,438	8,149,370	6,768,925
Plantation Operations					
Mature area (Ha)	310.71	310.71	307.33	307.33	307.71
Immature area (Ha)	-	-	3.38	3.38	3.00
Net sales average (MYR)	494.04	495.21	532.80	645.95	613.66
Crop (MT)	7,929	7,209	8,064	7,692	9,876
Yield per Ha. (MT) (e)	25.52	23.20	26.24	25.03	32.15
Cost of Production per MT of FFB (MYR)	153.00	180.18	183.81	187.47	132.59

Amounts in the above Five Year Summary applicable for 2015, 2014, 2013 and 2012 are based on SLFRS whilst 2011 is based on SLAS.

- (a) Gross profit margin and Net profit margin consist of dividend income received from its investment.
- (b) The earnings per ordinary share is calculated by dividing the profit for the year over the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue during the year.
- (c) Based on proposed dividend and interim dividend paid.
- (d) Net assets per ordinary share is calculated by dividing shareholders' funds by the number of ordinary shares.
- (e) The yield is computed by taking into account the average mature hectares during the year.

Statement of Value Added

	2015 Rs. '000	%	2014 Rs. '000	%
Revenue	155,936		253,504	
Gain arising from change in fair value of Biological assets	2,245		10,017	
Other income & gains	252		118	
	158,433		263,639	
Bought in materials and services	(50,525)		(54,267)	
	107,908		209,372	
Distributed as follows:				
To Employees				
as remuneration	25,043	23.21	22,295	10.65
To Government				
as taxation	21,553	19.97	18,263	8.72
To Providers of capital				
as ordinary dividends	67,133	62.21	202,016	96.49
Retained in the Business				
as depreciation	2,633	2.44	2,418	1.15
as deferred tax	666	0.62	1,103	0.53
as retained profits	(9,120)	- 8.45	(36,723)	-17.54
	107,908	100	209,372	100

The Statement of Value Added shows the quantum of wealth generated by the activities of the Company and its application.

US\$ Financials

Preparation of
US Dollar Financials

The Financial Statements of the Company are stated in Sri Lankan Rupees.
The translation of the Sri Lankan Rupee amounts into US Dollars is
included solely for the convenience of Shareholders, Investors,
Bankers and other users of Financial Statements.

US Dollar financials do not form part of the
Audited Financial Statements of the Company.

Statement of Profit or Loss

<i>Year ended 31st March</i>	2015	2014
	US\$	US\$
Revenue	1,191,343	1,970,745
Direct operating costs	(362,097)	(405,746)
Gross Profit	829,246	1,564,999
Gain arising from change in fair value of biological assets	17,727	76,598
Other income and gains	1,893	893
Administrative expenses	(240,345)	(206,932)
Profit Before Tax	608,521	1,435,558
Income tax expense	(168,236)	(147,034)
Profit for the Year	440,285	1,288,524

Figures in brackets indicate deductions.

Statement of Financial Position

As at	31st March 2015 US\$	31st March 2014 US\$
Assets		
Non-Current Assets		
Property, plant and equipment	9,455,901	10,775,251
Biological assets	1,782,076	2,011,018
Non-current financial assets	32,889,990	28,511,107
Total Non-Current Assets	44,127,967	41,297,376
Current Assets		
Inventories	4,542	11,879
Trade receivables	134,980	36,558
Advance and prepayments	12,024	3,883
Taxation recoverable	6,901	76,036
Cash and cash equivalents	209,146	346,521
Total Current Assets	367,593	474,877
Total Assets	44,495,560	41,772,253
Equity and Liabilities		
Equity		
Stated capital	878,000	878,000
Retained earnings	3,052,261	3,122,732
Other reserves	39,733,623	36,873,015
Total Shareholders' Funds	43,663,884	40,873,747
Non-Current Liabilities		
Deferred tax liability	431,237	508,056
Retirement benefit obligations	14,118	22,409
Total Non-Current Liabilities	445,355	530,465
Current Liabilities		
Trade and other payables	366,448	348,200
Provision and accrued expenses	19,873	19,841
Total Current Liabilities	386,321	368,041
Total Equity & Liabilities	44,495,560	41,772,253

Notes to the Financial Statements

1. BASIS OF CONVERSION

The translation of Sri Lankan Rupee amounts into US Dollar amounts is solely for the convenience of the shareholders, investors, bankers and other users of Financial Statements.

The translation of the Financial Statements into US Dollar was affected based on the following exchange rates.

	2015	2014
	Rs.	Rs.
Statement of Profit or Loss	131.20	130.62
Monetary assets and liabilities	133.32	130.73
Non-current assets and liabilities	133.32	130.73

2. RETAINED EARNINGS

	2015	2014
	US\$	US\$
Beginning of the year	3,122,732	3,400,974
Profit for the year	440,285	1,288,524
Other comprehensive income	4,638	4,512
Ordinary dividend	(515,394)	(1,571,278)
	3,052,261	3,122,732

SEGMENTAL REPORTING

For Management purpose, the Company is organised into business units based on their products and services. The two reportable segments have been identified as indicated below;

(A) INDUSTRY

	Oil Palm		Investments		Company	
	2015 US\$	2014 US\$	2015 US\$	2014 US\$	2015 US\$	2014 US\$
Revenue						
External revenue	1,171,689	1,112,467	19,654	858,278	1,191,343	1,970,745
	1,171,689	1,112,467	19,654	858,278	1,191,343	1,970,745
Result						
Segment result	614,390	602,484	(5,869)	833,074	608,521	1,435,558
Taxation	(167,687)	(142,239)	(549)	(4,795)	(168,236)	(147,034)
	446,703	460,245	(6,418)	828,279	440,285	1,288,524
Other Information						
Segment assets	11,520,476	13,148,324	32,975,084	28,623,929	44,495,560	41,772,253
Segment liabilities	484,345	591,565	347,331	306,941	831,676	898,506
Capital expenditure	35,389	2,891	-	-	35,389	2,891
Depreciation	20,049	18,582	-	-	20,049	18,582
Retirement benefits charge	2,030	3,234	-	-	2,030	3,234

(B) GEOGRAPHICAL

	Malaysia		Sri Lanka		Company	
	2015 US\$	2014 US\$	2015 US\$	2014 US\$	2015 US\$	2014 US\$
Revenue	1,171,689	1,112,467	19,654	858,278	1,191,343	1,970,745
Non-current assets	11,237,977	12,786,269	32,889,990	28,511,107	44,127,967	41,297,376

Five Year Summary

<i>For the year ended 31st March</i>	SLFRS				SLAS
	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
Operating Results					
Revenue	1,191,343	1,970,745	1,822,619	2,014,522	2,286,992
Profit Before Taxation	608,521	1,435,558	1,362,022	2,213,586	1,704,324
Taxation	(168,236)	(147,034)	(241,100)	(366,822)	(328,391)
Profit for the Year	440,285	1,288,524	1,120,922	1,846,764	1,375,933
<i>As at 31st March</i>	SLFRS				SLAS
	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
Statement of Financial Position					
Assets					
Non-Current Assets					
Property, plant and equipment	9,455,901	10,775,251	11,372,859	8,546,477	9,169,374
Biological assets	1,782,076	2,011,018	2,046,271	1,943,391	-
Non-current financial assets	32,889,990	28,511,107	30,975,609	29,014,327	1,632,620
	44,127,967	41,297,376	44,394,739	39,504,195	10,801,994
Current Assets	367,593	474,877	731,051	2,068,134	3,961,087
Total Assets	44,495,560	41,772,253	45,125,790	41,572,329	14,763,081
Equity and Liabilities					
Stated capital	878,000	878,000	878,000	878,000	878,000
Reserves	42,785,884	39,995,747	43,441,550	39,977,593	13,548,952
	43,663,884	40,873,747	44,319,550	40,855,593	14,426,925
Non-Current Liabilities					
Deferred tax liability	431,237	508,056	514,868	490,434	118,442
Retirement benefit obligations	14,118	22,409	26,640	26,697	25,620
	445,355	530,465	541,508	517,131	144,062
Current Liabilities	386,321	368,041	264,732	199,605	192,338
Total Equity & Liabilities	44,495,560	41,772,253	45,125,790	41,572,329	14,763,325

Amounts in the above Five Year Summary applicable for 2015, 2014, 2013 and 2012 are based on SLFRS whilst 2011 is based on SLAS.

Five Year Summary

For the year ended 31st March	SLFRS				SLAS
	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
Cash Flow Statements					
Net cash (outflows)/inflows from operating activities	359,908	1,259,070	1,033,522	3,748,494	1,465,789
Net cash (outflows)/inflows from investing activities	(32,703)	19,177	(25,253)	(7,261)	(54,534)
Net cash used in financing activities	(457,853)	(1,500,418)	(2,346,043)	(3,125,391)	(688,648)
Net (decrease)/increase in cash & cash equivalents	(130,648)	(222,171)	(1,337,774)	615,842	722,607
	SLFRS				SLAS
	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
Ratios and Statistics					
Return on ordinary shareholders' funds (%)	1.01	3.15	2.53	4.52	9.54
Current ratio (times)	0.95	1.29	2.76	10.36	7.68
Quick asset ratio (times)	0.95	1.26	2.75	10.30	7.62
Gross profit margin (%) (a)	69.61	79.45	73.70	76.36	81.73
Net profit margin (%) (a)	36.96	65.38	61.50	91.67	60.16
Earnings per ordinary share (US\$) (b)	0.06	0.19	0.16	0.27	0.20
Dividend per ordinary share (US\$) (c)	0.03	0.19	0.30	0.57	0.13
Dividend pay out (%)	50	100.00	187.50	211.11	65.00
Net assets per ordinary share (US\$) (d)	6.35	5.95	6.45	5.95	2.10
Market value per share (US\$)	12.39	11.54	8.67	9.11	8.92
P/E ratio (times)	193.42	61.52	53.14	33.90	44.54
Market capitalization (US\$'000)	85,159	79,273	59,567	62,591	61,279

Amounts in the above Five Year Summary applicable for 2015, 2014, 2013 and 2012 are based on SLFRS whilst 2011 is based on SLAS.

- (a)** Gross profit margin and Net profit margin consist of dividend income received from its investment.
- (b)** The earnings per ordinary share is calculated by dividing the profit for the year over the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue during the year.
- (c)** Based on proposed dividend and interim dividend paid.
- (d)** Net assets per ordinary share is calculated by dividing shareholders' funds by the number of ordinary shares.

Information to Shareholders and Investors

1. Stock Exchange Listing

Good Hope PLC, is a Public Quoted Company, the ordinary shares of which are listed on the main board of the Colombo Stock Exchange of Sri Lanka.

2. Share Valuation

Market value of the Company's shares as at 31st March 2015 was Rs. 1,652.30 per share (2014: Rs. 1,508.20 per share).

3. Shareholders

<i>As at 31st March</i>	2015	2014
No. of Ordinary Shareholders	364	333

The number of ordinary shares held by non-residents as at 31st March 2015 was 6,781,076 which amounts to 98.69% of the total number of ordinary shares.

Residents/Non-Residents Shareholders as at 31st March 2015

Distribution of Shares	Residents			Non-Residents			Total		
	No. of Members	No. of Shares	%	No. of Members	No. of Shares	%	No. of Members	No. of Shares	%
1 - 1,000	330	13,494	0.20	4	2,067	0.03	334	15,561	0.23
1,001 - 10,000	12	32,151	0.46	9	45,074	0.66	21	77,225	1.12
10,001 - 100,000	3	44,586	0.65	4	94,477	1.37	7	139,063	2.02
100,001 - 1,000,000	-	-	-	1	146,966	2.14	1	146,966	2.14
Above 1,000,000	-	-	-	1	6,492,492	94.49	1	6,492,492	94.49
Grand Total	345	90,231	1.31	19	6,781,076	98.69	364	6,871,307	100

Categorization of Shareholders as at 31st March 2015

	No. of Shareholders	No. of Shares	%
Individuals	335	374,812	5.45
Institutions	29	6,496,495	94.55

Public Shareholding

Percentage of ordinary shares held by the public as at 31st March 2015 was 5.51% and the number of public shareholders were 351.

4. Market Performance - Ordinary Shares

<i>For the year ended 31st March</i>	2015	2014
Highest - (Rs.)	2,350.00	1,550.00
Lowest - (Rs.)	1,550.00	1,030.00
Volume Traded (Shares)	2,630	18,602
No. of Trades	255	223
Value of Shares Traded (Rs. '000)	4,238	20,161

5. Market Capitalisation

Market capitalisation of the Company, which is the number of ordinary shares in issue multiplied by the market value of a share, was Rs. 11,353.46 mn as at 31st March 2015 (2014: Rs. 10,363.31 mn).

6. Proposed first and final dividend

The Directors recommended a first and final dividend of Rs. 3.72 per share for the year ended 31st March 2015.

7. Record of Scrip Issues

The under mentioned scrip issues have been made by the Company.

Year ended 31st March	Issue	Basis	No. of Ordinary Shares	Cumulative Ordinary Share Capital Rs.
1994	-	-	441,828	4,418,280
1995	Bonus	1:01	441,828	8,836,560
1998	Bonus	1:02	441,828	13,254,840
1999	Bonus	1:01	1,325,484	26,509,680
2002 April	Bonus	1:05	530,193	31,811,610
2003 May	Bonus	1:05	636,232	38,173,930
2004 March	Bonus	4:05	3,053,914	68,713,070
Total Shares in Issue			6,871,307	

8. Malaysian Property

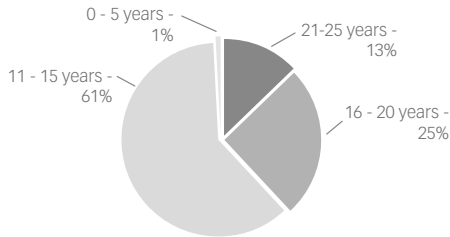
- 8.1** The gross area of the oil palm plantation is 310.71 Ha.
- 8.2** The plantation is situated in the State of Selangor, District of Kuala Langat in Malaysia.
- 8.3** The carrying value of the property, plant & equipment as at the reporting date was Rs. 1,260.66 mn (2014: Rs. 1,408.65 mn) on an existing use basis.

9. Mature and Immature Plantation Age Analysis

Year	Mature					Immature	Total
	0-5	6 - 10	11 - 15	16 - 20	21 - 25		
Hectares	3.38	-	189.87	77.98	39.48	-	310.71

Information to Shareholders and Investors

Plantation Age Analysis of the Company

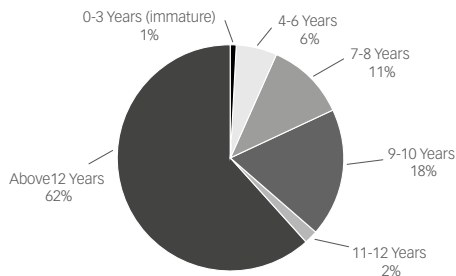


10. Indonesian Property

PT Agro Indomas (PTAI), the Company’s investment made through Shalimar Developments Sdn. Bhd. (Investment vehicle in Malaysia) is located 75 km from Sampit, in close proximity to Terawan and Lampasa villages, in the District of Danua Sembuluh, in the regency of Seruyan in Central Kalimantan province, Indonesia. The total land area of PT Agro Indomas is approximately 26,861 Ha.

	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
Crop Production (MT)	458,711	454,110	540,691	480,869	498,012
CPO (MT)	118,247	100,462	125,875	117,514	124,421
PK(MT)	27,977	23,118	29,150	26,384	28,723
CPO Ex Mill Price (US\$)	677	704	706	840	790
FFB Yeild (MT per Hectare)	22.90	22.91	27.28	25.18	26.84
CPO / Ha (MT)	5.90	4.89	5.59	5.84	6.11
Milling Capacity (MT per Hour)	225	225	180	180	180
Value of biological assets and property, plant & equipment. (US\$ Mn)	193.70	195.08	190.36	179.72	162.54

Plantation Age Analysis of PTAI



Glossary of Financial Terms

Capital Reserves

Reserves identified for specific purposes and considered not available for distribution.

Cash Equivalents

Liquid investments with original maturities of six months or less.

Contingent Liabilities

Conditions or situations at the Balance Sheet date, the financial effects of which are to be determined by future events which may or may not occur.

Current Ratio

Current assets divided by current liabilities.

Quick Ratio

Current assets less inventories divided by current liabilities.

Gross Profit Margin

Gross profit divided by revenue.

Net Profit Margin

Net profit divided by revenue.

Dividend Per Share

Dividend paid interim and proposed, divided by the number of shares in issue which ranked for those dividends.

Dividend Payout

Total interim and proposed dividends divided by profit after tax.

Earnings Per Ordinary Share

Profits attributable to ordinary shareholders before extraordinary items and after preference dividend divided by the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue, ranking for dividend.

Equity

Shareholders' funds.

Events Occurring after Reporting Date

Significant events that occur between the Reporting date and the date on which Financial Statements are authorized for issue.

Market Capitalization

The market value of a company at a given date obtained by multiplying the share price by the number of shares in issue.

Net Assets Per Share

Total assets less total liabilities divided by the number of ordinary shares in issue.

Net Current Assets

Current assets less current liabilities. Measures the capital required to finance day-to-day operations.

Price Earnings Ratio (P/E)

Market price of a share divided by earnings per share.

Rate of Ordinary Dividend

The Rupee amount of the dividend per share as a percentage of the nominal value of the shares.

Glossary of Financial Terms

Reserves

The total of capital and revenue reserves.

Related Parties

Parties who could control or significantly influence the financial and operating policies/decisions of the business.

Return on Shareholders' Funds

Profit attributable to ordinary shareholders divided by shareholders' funds (total of ordinary share capital and reserves).

Revenue Reserves

Reserves considered as being available for distribution.

Segment

Constituent business units grouped in terms of nature and similarity of operations.

Value Addition

The quantum of wealth generated by the activities of the Company.

Others

CPO - Crude Palm Oil

PK - Palm Kernel

FFB - Fresh Fruit Bunches

Ha - Hectare

MYR - Malaysian Ringgit

MPC - Malaysian Plantation Companies

AFS - Available-For-Sale

MT - Metric Tonnes

Notice of Meeting

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of GOOD HOPE PLC will be held on Friday the 29th day of May 2015, at 2.00 p.m. at the 8th Floor, No. 65C, Dharmapala Mawatha, Colombo 07, for the following purposes:

1. To receive and adopt the Annual Report of the Board of Directors and the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2015, together with the Report of the Auditors thereon.
2. To declare a dividend as recommended by the Directors.
3. To re-elect Mr. M. Selvanathan who retires by rotation in terms of Articles 98 & 99 of the Articles of Association of the Company.
4. To re-appoint Mr. I. Paulraj as a Director of the Company who is over seventy years of age and to consider and if deemed fit to pass the following resolution:

“IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the age limit stipulated in Section 210 of the Companies Act No. 7 of 2007 shall not be applicable to Mr. I. Paulraj who is seventy eight years of age and that he be re-appointed a Director of the Company from the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting for a further period of one year”.

5. To re-appoint Mr. T. Rodrigo as a Director of the Company who is over seventy years of age and to consider and if deemed fit to pass the following resolution :

“IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the age limit stipulated in Section 210 of the Companies Act No. 7 of 2007 shall not be applicable to Mr. T. Rodrigo who is eighty five years of age and that he be re-appointed a Director of the Company from the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting for a further period of one year”.

6. To re-appoint Mr. A.K. Sellayah as a Director of the Company who is over seventy years of age and to consider and if deemed fit to pass the following resolution:

“IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the age limit stipulated in Section 210 of the Companies Act No. 7 of 2007 shall not be applicable to Mr. A.K. Sellayah who is seventy three years of age and that he be re-appointed a Director of the Company from the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting for a further period of one year”.

7. To re-appoint Messrs. Ernst & Young, Chartered Accountants as Auditors of the Company as set out in Section 154 (1) of the Companies Act No. 7 of 2007 and to authorize the Directors to determine their remuneration.

By Order of the Board

(Sgd.)

K.D.De Silva (Mrs.)

Director

Carsons Management Services (Pvt) Ltd.

Secretaries

Colombo

23rd April 2015

Notes

1. A member is entitled to appoint a proxy to attend and vote instead of him/her. A proxy need not be a member of the Company. A Form of Proxy accompanies this notice.
2. The completed Form of Proxy must be deposited at the Registered Office, No. 61, Janadhipathi Mawatha, Colombo 1, not later than 2.00 p.m on 27th May 2015.
3. A person representing a Corporation is required to carry a certified copy of the resolution authorising him/her to act as the representative of the Corporation. A representative need not be a member.
4. The transfer books of the Company will remain open.
5. Security Check
We shall be obliged if the Shareholders/ proxies attending the Annual General Meeting, produce their National Identity Card to the security personnel stationed at the entrance.

Form of Proxy

*I/We.....
 of.....
 being *a Member/Members of GOOD HOPE PLC, hereby appoint

Of.....
 bearing NIC No./Passport No..... or failing him/her.

Hariharan Selvanathan	or failing him,
Manoharan Selvanathan	or failing him,
Israel Paulraj	or failing him,
Tennyson Rodrigo	or failing him,
Allen Kenneth Sellayah	or failing him,
Don Chandima Rajakaruna Gunawardena	or failing him,
Palehenalage Chandana Priyankara Tissera	

As *my/our proxy to attend at the Annual General Meeting of the Company to be held on Friday the 29th day of May 2015 at 2.00 p.m. at the 8th Floor, No. 65 C, Dharmapala Mawatha, Colombo 07 and any adjournment thereof and at every poll which may be taken in consequence thereof.

	For	Against
1. To adopt the Annual Report of the Board of Directors and the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2015, together with the Report of the Auditors thereon.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. To declare Rs. 3.72 per share as a first & final dividend for the financial year ended 31st March 2015 as recommended by the Directors.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. To re-elect Mr. M. Selvanathan who retires by rotation in terms of Articles 98 & 99 of the Articles of Association of the Company.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. To re-appoint Mr. I. Paulraj who is over seventy years of age as a Director of the Company.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. To re-appoint Mr. T. Rodrigo who is over seventy years of age as a Director of the Company.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. To re-appoint Mr. A.K. Sellayah who is over seventy years of age as a Director of the Company.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. To re-appoint Messrs. Ernst & Young, Chartered Accountants as Auditors of the Company as set out in Section 154 (1) of the Companies Act No. 7 of 2007 and to authorize the Directors to determine their remuneration.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Signed this day ofTwo Thousand and Fifteen.

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 Signature/s

Notes

- * Please delete the inappropriate words.
- A shareholder entitled to attend and vote at a General Meeting of the Company, is entitled to appoint a proxy to attend and vote instead of him/her and the proxy need not be a shareholder of the Company. A proxy so appointed shall have the right to vote on a show of hands or on a poll and to speak at the General Meeting of the shareholders
- A shareholder is not entitled to appoint more than one proxy on the same occasion.
- Instructions are noted on the reverse hereof.

INSTRUCTIONS AS TO COMPLETION

- 1. Kindly perfect the form of proxy after filling in legibly your full name and address, by signing in the space provided. Please fill in the date of signature.
- 2. If you wish to appoint a person other than the Directors as your proxy, please insert the relevant details in the space provided overleaf.
- 3. In terms of Article 86 of the Articles of Association of the Company: The instrument appointing a proxy shall be in writing and -
 - (i) in the case of an individual shall be signed by the Appointor or by his Attorney; and
 - (ii) in the case of a Corporation shall be either under its common seal or signed by its Attorney or by an officer on behalf of the Corporation.

The Company may, but shall not be bound to, require evidence of the authority of any such Attorney or officer.

A proxy need not be a member of the Company.

- 4. In the case of joint-holders of a share, the senior who tenders a vote, whether in person or by proxy or by Attorney or by representative, shall be accepted to the exclusion of the votes of the other joint- holders and for this purpose seniority shall be determined by the order in which the names stands in the Register of Members in respect of the joint holding.
- 5. To be valid the completed Form of Proxy should be deposited at the Registered Office of the Company situated at No. 61, Janadhipathi Mawatha, Colombo 1 not later than 2.00 p.m. on 27th May 2015.

Please fill in the following details

Name :

Address :

Jointly with :

Share Folio No. :

Corporate Information

NAME OF THE COMPANY

Good Hope PLC

COMPANY REGISTRATION NO.

PQ 43

LEGAL FORM

A Public Quoted Company with Limited Liability incorporated in Sri Lanka in 1910

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Manoharan Selvanathan
Israel Paulraj
Tennyson Rodrigo
Allan Kenneth Sellayah
D. Chandima R. Gunawardena
P. Chandana P. Tissera

ALTERNATE DIRECTOR

Subramaniam Mahendrarajah
(for Israel Paulraj)

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