

INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED JUNE 30, 2019



LB Finance PLC

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

Period ended 30 June 2019	FOR THE 3 MONTHS ENDED					
	Group			Company		
	30.06.2019 Rs.('000)	30.06.2018 Rs.('000)	Variance %	30.06.2019 Rs.('000)	30.06.2018 Rs.('000)	Variance %
Income	7,755,709	6,900,453	12	7,723,848	6,895,553	12
Interest Income	7,292,366	6,482,606	12	7,261,800	6,478,182	12
Interest Expenses	(3,442,291)	(3,069,428)	12	(3,439,702)	(3,069,291)	12
Net Interest Income	3,850,075	3,413,178	13	3,822,098	3,408,891	12
Fee and Commission Income	434,237	386,380	12	432,995	385,706	12
Net Trading Income	(761)	(575)	32	(761)	(575)	32
Other Operating Income	29,866	32,043	(7)	29,814	32,240	(8)
Total Operating Income	4,313,418	3,831,025	13	4,284,146	3,826,262	12
Impairment Charges and Other Losses	(359,683)	(279,572)	29	(357,015)	(278,995)	28
Gold Loan Auction Losses	(19)	(453)	(96)	(19)	(453)	(96)
Net Operating Income	3,953,716	3,551,000	11	3,927,112	3,546,814	11
Operating Expenses						
Personnel Expenses	(709,334)	(642,947)	10	(703,354)	(640,484)	10
Depreciation of Property, Plant and Equipment	(110,445)	(99,255)	11	(110,225)	(99,161)	11
Amortisation of Intangible Assets	(4,396)	(5,060)	(13)	(4,140)	(4,801)	(14)
Other Operating Expenses	(668,230)	(606,934)	10	(663,473)	(604,519)	10
Operating Profit before Tax on Financial Services	2,461,311	2,196,803	12	2,445,920	2,197,849	11
Tax on Financial Services	(399,094)	(383,766)	4	(399,094)	(383,766)	4
Debt Repayment Levy	(205,719)	-	100	(205,719)	-	100
Profit before Taxation	1,856,498	1,813,038	2	1,841,107	1,814,083	1
Income Tax Expense	(710,517)	(655,428)	8	(705,907)	(655,428)	8
Profit for the Period	1,145,981	1,157,610	(1)	1,135,200	1,158,655	(2)
Profit Attributable to:						
Equity Holders of the Company	1,145,981	1,157,613	(1)	1,135,200	1,158,655	(2)
Non-Controlling Interest	-	(3)		-		
Profit for the Period	1,145,981	1,157,610	(1)	1,135,200	1,158,655	(2)
Basic Earnings Per Share (Rs.)	8.27	8.36	(1)	8.20	8.36	(2)
Other Comprehensive Income						
Other Comprehensive Income to be reclassified to Profit or Loss						
Net Gains/(Losses) from Translating the Financial Statements of the Foreign Operations	1,887	(6,891)	(127)			
Other Comprehensive Income that will never be Reclassified to Income Statement						
Net Gains/(Losses) on Investment in Equity Instruments - Fair Value Through Other Comprehensive Income	1,640	(13,619)	(112)	1,640	(13,619)	(112)
Other Comprehensive Income for the Period, Net of Tax	3,527	(20,510)	(117)	1,640	(13,619)	(112)
Total Comprehensive Income for the Period, Net of Tax	1,149,508	1,137,099	1	1,136,840	1,145,036	(1)
Attributable to:						
Equity Holders of the Company	1,149,508	1,137,123	1	1,136,840	1,145,036	(1)
Non-Controlling Interest	-	(24)		-		
Total Comprehensive Income for the Period, Net of Tax	1,149,508	1,137,099	1	1,136,840	1,145,036	(1)

LB Finance PLC**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

As at 30 June 2019	Company		Group	
	30.06.2019 Rs.('000)	Audited 31.03.2019 Rs.('000)	30.06.2019 Rs.('000)	Audited 31.03.2019 Rs.('000)
Assets				
Cash and Cash Equivalents	7,954,473	4,040,586	8,013,767	4,058,610
Financial Assets Recognised Through Profit or Loss	6,105	6,866	6,105	6,866
Financial Assets at Amortised Cost - Loans and Receivables	49,399,715	47,395,025	49,803,656	47,773,705
Financial Assets at Amortised Cost - Lease Rentals Receivable and Stock out on Hire	65,052,489	66,050,429	65,052,489	66,050,429
Financial Assets Measured at Fair Value Through Other Comprehensive Income	91,350	89,710	91,350	89,710
Other Financial Assets	8,578,324	10,804,517	8,568,480	10,794,673
Other Non Financial Assets	1,092,678	1,067,360	1,099,302	1,073,065
Investment in Subsidiary	318,999	318,999	-	-
Property, Plant and Equipment	6,885,939	6,577,379	6,890,393	6,580,725
Intangible Assets	51,404	39,847	54,838	43,523
Total Assets	139,431,474	136,390,718	139,580,380	136,471,306
Liabilities				
Due to Banks	25,949,519	24,633,508	25,997,497	24,633,508
Financial Liabilities at Amortised Cost - Due to Depositors	85,038,452	83,214,949	85,072,274	83,242,617
Debt Instruments Issued and Other Borrowed Funds	3,010,696	3,107,783	3,010,696	3,107,783
Other Financial Liabilities	1,741,322	1,974,490	1,731,478	1,974,490
Other Non Financial Liabilities	1,113,615	2,070,632	1,130,109	2,075,791
Current Tax Liabilities	1,440,305	1,395,971	1,448,280	1,403,916
Deferred Tax Liabilities	1,309,721	1,309,722	1,309,721	1,309,721
Post Employment Benefit Liability	263,851	256,512	263,851	256,512
Total Liabilities	119,867,482	117,963,567	119,963,905	118,004,339
Equity				
Stated Capital	838,282	838,282	838,282	838,282
Reserves	5,438,778	5,210,097	5,461,443	5,230,876
Retained Earnings	13,286,932	12,378,772	13,316,750	12,397,809
Total Equity Attributable to Equity Holders of the Company	19,563,992	18,427,151	19,616,475	18,466,967
Non Controlling Interest	-	-	-	-
Total Equity	19,563,992	18,427,151	19,616,475	18,466,967
Total Liabilities and Equity	139,431,474	136,390,718	139,580,380	136,471,306
Net Asset Value per Share (Rs.)	141.24	133.03	141.62	133.32
Commitments and Contingencies	2,125,834	1,820,856	2,125,834	1,820,856

The information contained in these statements have been extracted from the unaudited Financial Statements unless indicated as "Audited".

CERTIFICATION:

These Financial Statements are in compliance with the requirements of the Companies Act No. 07 of 2007.

(Sgd.)

T Hasitha Athapattu
Chief Financial Officer

The Board of Directors is responsible for the preparation and presentation of these Financial Statements.

Signed for and on behalf of the Board of Directors by,

(Sgd.)

J A S Sumith Adhietty
Managing Director

(Sgd.)

Mrs. Yogadinusha Bhaskaran
Director

30th July 2019

Colombo

LB Finance PLC**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY - COMPANY**

	Stated Capital Rs.('000)	Retained Earnings Rs.('000)	Statutory Reserve Rs.('000)	Fair Value Reserve Rs.('000)	Available for Sale Reserve Rs.('000)	Total Equity Rs.('000)
Balance as at 01 April 2018	838,282	10,240,092	4,274,827	-	(4,305)	15,348,896
Net Profit for the Period	-	1,158,655	-	-	-	1,158,655
Other Comprehensive Income, Net of Tax	-	-	-	-	(13,619)	(13,619)
Transfers During the Period	-	(231,731)	231,731	-	-	-
Balance as at 30 June 2018	838,282	11,167,016	4,506,558	-	(17,924)	16,493,932
Balance as at 01 April 2019	838,282	12,378,772	5,285,759	(75,662)	-	18,427,151
Net Profit for the Period	-	1,135,200	-	-	-	1,135,200
Other Comprehensive Income, Net of Tax	-	-	-	1,640	-	1,640
Transfers During the Period	-	(227,040)	227,040	-	-	-
Balance as at 30 June 2019	838,282	13,286,932	5,512,799	(74,022)	-	19,563,991

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY - GROUP

	Stated Capital Rs.('000)	Retained Earnings Rs.('000)	Statutory Reserve Rs.('000)	Available for Sale Reserve Rs.('000)	Foreign Currency Translation Reserve Rs.('000)	Fair Value Reserve Rs.('000)	Total Equity Attributable to Equity Holders of the Company Rs.('000)	Non-Controlling Interest Rs.('000)	Total Equity Rs.('000)
Balance as at 01 April 2018	838,282	10,234,440	4,274,827	(4,305)	5,231	-	15,348,475	459	15,348,934
Net Profit for the Period	-	1,157,613	-	-	-	-	1,157,613	(3)	1,157,610
Other Comprehensive Income, Net of Tax	-	-	-	(13,619)	(6,871)	-	(20,490)	(21)	(20,511)
Transfers During the Period	-	(231,731)	231,731	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance as at 30 June 2018	838,282	11,160,321	4,506,558	(17,924)	(1,640)	-	16,485,599	435	16,486,034
Balance as at 01 April 2019	838,282	12,397,809	5,285,759	-	20,779	(75,662)	18,466,967	-	18,466,967
Net Profit for the Period	-	1,145,981	-	-	-	-	1,145,981	-	1,145,981
Other Comprehensive Income, Net of Tax	-	-	-	-	1,887	1,640	3,527	-	3,527
Transfers During the Period	-	(227,040)	227,040	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance as at 30 June 2019	838,282	13,316,750	5,512,799	-	22,666	(74,022)	19,616,475	-	19,616,475

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CASH FLOW STATEMENT

Period ended 30 June 2019	FOR THE 3 MONTHS ENDED			
	Company		Group	
	30.06.2019 Rs.('000)	30.06.2018 Rs.('000)	30.06.2019 Rs.('000)	30.06.2018 Rs.('000)
Cash Flows from/(Used in) Operating Activities				
Profit and Other Comprehensive Income/(Expenses) before Taxation	1,842,747	1,800,464	1,856,498	1,792,527
Adjustments for				
Depreciation of Property, Plant and Equipment	110,225	99,161	110,445	99,255
Amortisation of Intangible Assets	4,140	4,801	4,396	5,060
Impairment Charges and Other Losses	357,015	278,995	357,015	279,572
Gold Loan Auction Losses	19	453	19	453
Diminution/(Appreciation) in Value of Investments	(879)	14,445	(879)	14,445
Loss/(Profit) on Disposal of Property, Plant and Equipment	(22)	(93)	(22)	(93)
Provision/(Reversal) for Defined Benefit Plans	15,636	13,666	18,304	13,666
Foreign Currency Exchange (Gain)/Loss	-	-	(54)	196
Dividend Received	(59)	(427)	(59)	(427)
Interest Income on Investing Activities	(323,099)	(232,874)	(323,099)	(232,874)
Withholding Tax Attributed to Fixed Deposits	(6,891)	(4,690)	(6,891)	(4,690)
Net Unrealised Gains/(Losses) Arising from Translating the Financial Statements of Foreign Operations	-	-	(1,887)	6,891
Operating Profit before Working Capital Changes	1,998,831	1,973,903	2,013,785	1,973,984
(Increase)/Decrease in Loans and Receivables	(2,144,427)	(1,398,538)	(2,180,434)	(1,452,233)
(Increase)/Decrease in Lease Rentals Receivable and Stock out on Hire	772,736	(1,380,590)	772,736	(1,380,590)
(Increase)/Decrease in Other Financial Assets	2,439,890	310,132	2,439,890	310,132
(Increase)/Decrease in Other Non Financial Assets	(18,426)	(53,550)	(13,455)	(60,388)
Increase/(Decrease) in Amounts Due to Customers	1,823,503	2,658,198	1,829,656	2,661,439
Increase/(Decrease) in Other Financial Liabilities	(233,168)	31,687	(233,414)	31,687
Increase/(Decrease) in Other Non Financial Liabilities	(103,545)	132,669	(103,545)	133,232
Cash Generated from Operations	4,535,395	2,273,912	4,525,220	2,217,264
Retirement Benefit Liabilities Paid	(8,297)	(3,260)	(8,297)	(3,260)
Income Tax Paid	(399,572)	(338,913)	(396,046)	(338,913)
Net Cash from/(Used in) Operating Activities	4,127,526	1,931,740	4,120,877	1,875,091
Cash Flows from/(Used in) Investing Activities				
Acquisition of Property, Plant and Equipment	(418,788)	(1,090,275)	(418,788)	(1,091,010)
Acquisition of Intangible Assets	(15,697)	(286)	(15,697)	(286)
Proceeds from Sale of Property, Plant and Equipment	25	302	25	302
Interest Received	109,955	212,163	109,955	212,163
Dividend Received	59	427	59	427
Net Cash Flows from/(Used in) Investing Activities	(324,446)	(877,669)	(324,446)	(878,404)
Cash Flows from/(Used in) Financing Activities				
Net Cash Flow from Syndicated Loans and Other Bank Facilities	1,307,273	(1,174,200)	1,355,251	(1,174,200)
Net Cash Flow from Debt Issued and Other Borrowings	(97,087)	(100,870)	(97,087)	(100,870)
Dividends Paid	(1,108,114)	-	(1,108,114)	-
Net Cash Flows from/(Used in) Financing Activities	102,072	(1,275,070)	150,050	(1,275,070)
Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	3,905,152	(221,000)	3,946,480	(278,383)
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the Beginning of the Period	2,972,222	4,589,020	2,990,248	4,704,940
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the End of the Period	6,877,374	4,368,020	6,936,728	4,426,557
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS IN THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT				
Notes and Coins Held	879,544	836,305	879,721	836,452
Balances with Banks	1,291,529	1,275,580	1,350,706	1,333,970
Treasury Bills Repurchase Agreements	5,783,400	3,310,599	5,783,400	3,310,599
Bank Overdrafts	(1,077,099)	(1,054,464)	(1,077,099)	(1,054,464)
Net Cash and Cash Equivalents	6,877,374	4,368,020	6,936,728	4,426,557

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SEGMENTAL INFORMATION

For management purposes, the Group is organised into three operating segments based on services offered to customers as follows. The following table presents income and profit and certain asset and liability information regarding the Group's operating segments.

	Leasing & Stock out on Hire		Loans and Receivables		Others		Total	
	30.06.2019	30.06.2018	30.06.2019	30.06.2018	30.06.2019	30.06.2018	30.06.2019	30.06.2018
	Rs.('000)	Rs.('000)	Rs.('000)	Rs.('000)	Rs.('000)	Rs.('000)	Rs.('000)	Rs.('000)
Interest Income	4,149,175	3,920,907	2,813,201	2,324,135	329,990	237,564	7,292,366	6,482,606
Interest Expenses	(1,794,142)	(1,709,043)	(1,328,236)	(1,128,090)	(319,913)	(232,295)	(3,442,291)	(3,069,428)
Net Interest Income	2,355,033	2,211,865	1,484,964	1,196,045	10,078	5,268	3,850,075	3,413,178
Fee and Commission Income	195,827	184,155	235,030	199,180	3,380	3,045	434,237	386,380
Net Trading Income and Other Operating Income	8,244	10,895	95	(79)	20,766	20,652	29,105	31,468
Impairment Charges and Other Losses	(225,204)	(139,449)	(134,479)	(140,123)	-	-	(359,683)	(279,572)
Gold Loan Auction Losses	-	-	(19)	(453)	-	-	(19)	(453)
Net Operating Income	2,333,900	2,267,466	1,585,592	1,254,570	34,224	28,964	3,953,715	3,551,000
Other Costs	(742,462)	(704,065)	(623,585)	(535,703)	(11,518)	(10,114)	(1,377,564)	(1,249,882)
Depreciation	(61,008)	(55,369)	(52,284)	(47,099)	(1,548)	(1,848)	(114,841)	(104,315)
Operating Profits Before Taxes	1,530,430	1,508,032	909,723	671,768	21,158	17,003	2,461,310	2,196,803
Taxes							(1,315,330)	(1,039,194)
Profits for the Period							1,145,980	1,157,610
Non Controlling Interest							-	(3)
Profit Attributable to Equity Holders of the Company							1,145,980	1,157,613
Profits for the Period							1,145,980	1,157,610
Segmental Assets	69,031,001	67,293,967	52,849,572	43,411,118	17,699,807	12,847,560	139,580,380	123,552,645
Segmental Liabilities	59,329,459	58,382,774	45,422,151	37,670,241	15,212,295	11,013,596	119,963,905	107,066,611

Management monitors the operating results of its business units separately for the purpose of making decisions about resource allocation and performance assessment. Segment performance is evaluated based on operating profits or losses which, in certain respects, are measured differently from operating profits or losses in the financial statements. Income taxes are managed on a group basis and are not allocated to operating segments.

No revenue from transactions with a single external customer or counterparty amounted to 10% or more of the Company's total revenue during the year ended 30th June 2019 or 2018.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

01. These Interim Financial Statements have been prepared based on the new accounting policies and methods which have been revised in line with the requirements of the SLFRS 9 - Financial Instruments. The Company complied with LKAS - 39, Financial Instruments : Recognition and measurements up to 31st March 2018, in the preparation of its Financial Statements. In order to recognise the impact on the transition, the Company has adopted the modified retrospective approach in line with SLFRS 9 - Financial Instruments for the financial year ended 31st March 2019. The accounting policies and methods of computation followed in preparing the above Interim Financial Statements are the same as those disclosed in our Annual Report for the year ended 31st March 2019.

02. These Interim Financial Statements have been prepared in compliance with the requirements of Sri Lanka Accounting Standards - LKAS 34 on Interim Financial Reporting.

03. There have been no material events occurring after the reporting date that require adjustments to or disclosure in the Financial Statements.

04. The Commitments and Contingencies as at 30th June 2019 was Rs. 2,126 Mn and as at 31st March 2019 was Rs. 1,821 Mn.

INFORMATION ON SHARES AND LISTED DEBENTURES

INFORMATION ON SHARES			For the Quarter ended	
			30.06.2019	30.06.2018
Share Price	Highest	Rs.	129.00	126.00
	Lowest	Rs.	114.00	118.50
	Closing	Rs.	120.00	120.30
			As at	As at
			30.06.2019	30.06.2018
Number of Ordinary Shares Issued			138,514,284	138,514,284
INFORMATION ON LISTED DEBENTURES			For the Quarter ended	
			30.06.2019	30.06.2018
Debenture Prices				
Debentures Issued - November 2013				
5 Year Fixed Rate (14.00 % p.a. Payable Monthly)	Highest	Rs.	N/A	Not Traded
	Lowest	Rs.	N/A	Not Traded
	Closing	Rs.	N/A	Not Traded
5 Year Fixed Rate (14.50 % p.a. Payable Semi-Annually)	Highest	Rs.	N/A	Not Traded
	Lowest	Rs.	N/A	Not Traded
	Closing	Rs.	N/A	Not Traded
5 Year Fixed Rate (15.00 % p.a. Payable Annually)	Highest	Rs.	N/A	Not Traded
	Lowest	Rs.	N/A	Not Traded
	Closing	Rs.	N/A	Not Traded
Debentures Issued - December 2017				
5 Year Fixed Rate (12.75 % p.a. Payable Semi-Annually)	Highest	Rs.	Not Traded	Not Traded
	Lowest	Rs.	Not Traded	Not Traded
	Closing	Rs.	Not Traded	Not Traded
5 Year Fixed Rate (13.25 % p.a. Payable Semi-Annually)	Highest	Rs.	Not Traded	Not Traded
	Lowest	Rs.	Not Traded	Not Traded
	Closing	Rs.	Not Traded	Not Traded
Interest Yield				
5 Year Fixed Rate (14.00 % p.a. Payable Monthly)			N/A	Not Traded
5 Year Fixed Rate (14.50 % p.a. Payable Semi-Annually)			N/A	Not Traded
5 Year Fixed Rate (15.00 % p.a. Payable Annually)			N/A	Not Traded
5 Year Fixed Rate (12.75 % p.a. Payable Semi-Annually)			Not Traded	Not Traded
5 Year Fixed Rate (13.25 % p.a. Payable Semi-Annually)			Not Traded	Not Traded
Yield of Comparable Government Securities (%)				
05 Year Treasury Bond			10.26%	10.36%
			As at	As at
			30.06.2019	30.06.2018
Ratios				
Debt Equity Ratio			173.89%	197.46%
Quick Asset Ratio			20.07%	16.47%
Interest Cover			1.54	1.59

SELECTED PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

	As at	As at
	30.06.2019	30.06.2018
Capital Adequacy		
Core Capital to Risk Weighted Asset Ratio (Minimum 6%)	*15.45%	16.80%
Total Capital to Risk Weighted Asset Ratio (Minimum 10%)	*17.58%	19.18%
Capital Funds to Total Deposit Liabilities Ratio (Minimum 10%)	23.01%	21.82%
Profitability		
Return on Avg Shareholders' Funds (After Tax) - Annualized	23.94%	28.77%
Return on Avg Assets (After Tax) - Annualized	3.30%	3.75%
Liquidity (Rs. Mn)		
Required Minimum Amount of Liquid Assets	8,846	8,040
Available Amount of Liquid Assets	14,918	10,732
Required Minimum Amount of Government Securities	6,120	5,284
Available Amount of Government Securities	9,490	5,340

* Calculated based on the new capital adequacy framework issued by Central Bank of Sri Lanka for licensed finance companies with effect from 1st July 2018.

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Additional Notes

Twenty largest shareholders as at 30th June 2019

Name		<u>No. of Shares</u>	<u>(%)</u>
1 Vallibel One PLC		71,682,400	51.751
2 Royal Ceramics Lanka PLC	31,427,232	36,123,232	26.079
Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC/Royal Ceramics Lanka PLC	4,696,000		
3 Esna Holdings (Pvt) Ltd		14,062,400	10.152
4 BNYM Re-Frontaura Global Frontier Fund LLC		2,290,135	1.653
5 SBI Ven Holdings Pte Ltd		1,600,000	1.155
6 Pershing LLC S/A Averbach Grauson & Co.		1,507,225	1.088
7 AIA Insurance Lanka PLC A/C No. 07		777,843	0.562
8 Sterling Holdings (Private) Limited		502,826	0.363
9 Janashakthi Insurance PLC - Non Par		500,000	0.361
10 Mr. K D A A Perera		438,996	0.317
11 Hatton National Bank PLC/Mr. K R E M D M B Jayasundara		361,699	0.261
12 Mr. N Udage		329,135	0.238
13 Mr. A A K Page		314,800	0.227
14 Mr. N P De A Samaranyake		280,000	0.202
15 People's Leasing & Finance PLC/Dr. H S D Soysa & Mrs. G Soysa		230,816	0.167
16 Mrs. P C Cooray		208,632	0.151
17 DFCC Bank PLC/ Mr. W G D C Ranaweera		190,275	0.137
18 Mr. T Jeremiah		155,164	0.112
19 Mr. Karunanayake & Mis. P N Karunanayake		148,324	0.107
20 Mr. P Somadasa		146,295	0.106
		<u>131,850,197</u>	<u>95.189</u>
Others		6,664,087	4.811
Total		<u>138,514,284</u>	<u>100.000</u>

Directors' and Chief Executive Officer's holding in shares as at 30th June 2019

Name	<u>No. of Shares</u>	<u>(%)</u>
Mrs. Shirani Jayasekara	-	-
Mr. K D D Perera	-	-
Mr. J A S S Adhietty	106,120	0.077
Mr. N Udage	329,135	0.238
Mr. B D A Perera	-	-
Mr. R S Yatawara	-	-
Mrs. A K Gunawardhana	-	-
Mrs. Y Bhaskaran	-	-
Mr. M A J W Jayasekara	-	-
Mrs. Ashwini Natesan	-	-
Mr. D Rangalle	-	-

Public Holding percentage as at 30th June 2019 being 21.83% comprising of 1,979 shareholders.

The Float adjusted market capitalization as at 30th June 2019 - Rs. 3,628,702,560.00

The Float adjusted market capitalization of the Company falls under Option 4 of Rule 7.13.1 (a), of the Listing Rules of the Colombo Stock Exchange and the Company has complied with the minimum public holding requirement applicable under the said option.