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# **KARYON INDUSTRIES BERHAD**

(Company No: 612797-T)

(Incorporated in Malaysia under the Companies Act, 1965)

ISSUE OF 30,000,000 NEW ORDINARY SHARES OF RM0.10 EACH AT AN ISSUE PRICE OF RM0.18 PER ORDINARY SHARE COMPRISING:

- 20,000,000 NEW ORDINARY SHARES OF RM0.10 EACH BY WAY OF PRIVATE PLACEMENT TO SELECTED INVESTORS;
- 5,000,000 NEW ORDINARY SHARES OF RM0.10 EACH AVAILABLE FOR APPLICATION BY THE MALAYSIAN PUBLIC; AND
- 5,000,000 NEW ORDINARY SHARES OF RM0.10 EACH AVAILABLE FOR APPLICATION BY ELIGIBLE DIRECTORS, EMPLOYEES, SUPPLIERS, CUSTOMERS AND BUSINESS ASSOCIATES OF KARYON INDUSTRIES BERHAD AND ITS SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES

IN CONJUNCTION WITH ITS LISTING ON THE MESDAQ MARKET OF BURSA MALAYSIA SECURITIES BERHAD

Adviser, Sponsor, Underwriter and Placement Agent



FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING CERTAIN RISK FACTORS WHICH SHOULD BE CONSIDERED BY PROSPECTIVE INVESTORS, SEE "RISK FACTORS" IN SECTION 4 COMMENCING ON PAGE 35 HEREIN

This Prospectus is dated 23 August 2004

THIS PROSPECTUS HAS BEEN SEEN AND APPROVED BY THE DIRECTORS AND PROMOTERS OF KARYON INDUSTRIES BERHAD ("KIB" OR "COMPANY") AND THEY COLLECTIVELY AND INDIVIDUALLY ACCEPT FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ACCURACY OF THE INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN AND CONFIRM, HAVING MADE ALL REASONABLE ENQUIRIES, THAT TO THE BEST OF THEIR KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF, THERE ARE NO FALSE OR MISLEADING STATEMENTS OR OTHER FACTS THE OMISSION OF WHICH WOULD MAKE ANY STATEMENT HEREIN FALSE OR MISLEADING.

PUBLIC MERCHANT BANK BERHAD (14328-V), BEING THE ADVISER, UNDERWRITER, SPONSOR AND PLACEMENT AGENT, ACKNOWLEDGES THAT, BASED ON ALL AVAILABLE INFORMATION, AND TO THE BEST OF ITS KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF, THIS PROSPECTUS CONSTITUTES A FULL AND TRUE DISCLOSURE OF ALL MATERIAL FACTS CONCERNING THE PUBLIC ISSUE.

THE SECURITIES COMMISSION ("SC") AND BURSA MALAYSIA SECURITIES BERHAD ("BURSA SECURITIES") HAVE APPROVED THE PUBLIC ISSUE AND THAT THE APPROVAL SHALL NOT BE TAKEN TO INDICATE THAT THE SC AND BURSA SECURITIES RECOMMENDS THE PUBLIC ISSUE.

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CHARACTERISTICS OF THE MESDAQ MARKET OF BURSA SECURITIES: -

INVESTORS SHOULD BE AWARE THAT MESDAQ IS A DISTINCT MARKET FROM THE MAIN AND SECOND BOARDS IN MANY RESPECTS. IN PARTICULAR, COMPANIES LISTED ON MESDAQ ARE SUBJECT TO DIFFERENT QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE REQUIREMENTS, WHICH HAVE BEEN PRIMARILY DESIGNED TO ACCOMMODATE HIGH-GROWTH AND/OR TECHNOLOGY COMPANIES. COMPANIES THAT ARE LISTED ON MESDAQ MAY NOT HAVE AN OPERATING HISTORY OR ANY PROFIT TRACK RECORD PRIOR TO LISTING. AS SUCH, WHILST POTENTIAL INVESTMENT RETURNS MAY BE RELATIVELY HIGH, COMPANIES LISTED ON MESDAQ MAY BE OF HIGHER INVESTMENT RISK. THE REGULATORY PHILOSOPHY UNDERLYING THE MESDAQ MARKET IS THAT THE MARKET SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO DETERMINE THE MERITS OF THE SECURITIES/INSTRUMENTS IN A PARTICULAR COMPANY. HENCE, AS WITH ALL INVESTMENTS, PROSPECTIVE INVESTORS SHOULD BE AWARE OF ALL POTENTIAL RISKS IN INVESTING IN SUCH COMPANIES AND SHOULD MAKE THE DECISION TO INVEST AFTER DUE AND CAREFUL CONSIDERATION BY REFERRING TO, AMONGST OTHERS, THE PROSPECTUS, LATEST FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND CORPORATE ANNOUNCEMENTS. IN THIS RESPECT, ADVICE FROM A SECURITIES PROFESSIONAL/ADVISER IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED.

SECURITIES LISTED ON BURSA SECURITIES ARE OFFERED TO THE PUBLIC PREMISED ON THE FULL AND ACCURATE DISCLOSURE OF ALL MATERIAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE ISSUES FOR WHICH ANY OF THE PERSONS SET OUT IN SECTION 45 OF THE SC ACT 1993, E.G. DIRECTORS AND ADVISERS, ARE RESPONSIBLE.

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#### TENTATIVE TIMETABLE

Indicative timing of events leading up to the listing of and quotation for KIB's entire enlarged issued and paidup share capital on the MESDAQ Market is set out below: -

Events	Date
Opening date for the Public Issue	23 August 2004
Closing date for the Public Issue	2 September 2004
Balloting date for application for the Public Issue by the Malaysian public	6 September 2004
Allotment date	13 September 2004
Listing of the Company's entire issued and paid-up share capital on the MESDAQ Market of Bursa Securities	15 September 2004

This timetable is tentative and is subject to changes which may be necessary to facilitate implementation procedures. The application period will remain open until 5.00 p.m. on 2 September 2004 or for such future period or periods as the Directors and Promoters of KIB together with the Underwriter in their absolute discretion may decide. Any changes to the above tentative dates will be published in a widely circulated daily newspaper within Malaysia.

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#### DEFINITIONS

In this Prospectus, unless otherwise stated, the following abbreviations shall have the following meanings: -

Acquisitions : HLSB Acquisition, AISB Acquisition and KMSB Acquisition,

collectively

Act : Companies Act, 1965

Acquiree Companies : HLSB, KMSB and AISB, collectively

ADA : Authorised Depository Agent

ADA Code : ADA (Broker) Code

AFTA : ASEAN Free Trade Area

AISB : Allbright Industries (M) Sdn Bhd (Company No. 457414-W), a

wholly-owned subsidiary of KIB

AISB Acquisition : Acquisition by KIB of 500,000 ordinary shares of RM1.00 each in

AISB, representing the entire equity interest therein, for a purchase consideration of RM500,000 satisfied by the issuance of 500,000

new ordinary shares of RM1.00 each in KIB at par

ASEAN : Association of South-East Asia Nations

ATM : Automated Teller Machine

Board : Board of Directors of KIB

Bursa Securities : Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad (Company No. 635998-W)

(formerly known as Malaysia Securities Exchange Berhad)

CDS : Central Depository System

Consideration Shares : 7,254,330 new ordinary shares of RM1.00 each in KIB issued

pursuant to the HLSB Acquisition, AISB Acquisition and KMSB

Acquisition

Depository : Bursa Malaysia Depository Sdn Bhd (Company No. 165570-W)

(formerly known as Malaysian Central Depository Sdn Bhd)

EBIDTA : Earnings before interest, depreciation, tax and amortisation

E&E : Electrical and electronics

Electronic Share Application : The application for the Public Issue Shares through a Participating

Financial Institution's ATM

Eligible Employees : Any person (including an Executive Director) employed by the

Company or subsidiary who is eligible to participate in the Scheme

EPS : Earnings per share

ESOS Committee : The committee appointed by the Board to administer the Scheme

ESOS Option(s) : The right of Eligible Employee(s) to subscribe for new KIB Shares

pursuant to the contract constituted by acceptance by the Eligible Employee(s) of an offer made in accordance with the terms of the

Scheme

ESOS or Scheme : The employees share option scheme for the grant of ESOS Option(s)

to Eligible Employee(s) to subscribe for new KIB Shares

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Exercise Price : The exercise price of the ESOS Option(s) which has been set fixed at

RM0.18 per share

FIC : Foreign Investment Committee

Flotation Scheme : The Acquisitions, the Share Split, the Rights Issue, the Public Issue

and the ESOS, collectively

GDP : Gross domestic product

HLSB : Hsing Lung Sdn Bhd (Company No. 157460-D), a wholly-owned

subsidiary of KIB

HLSB Acquisition : Acquisition by KIB of 4,733,750 ordinary shares of RM1.00 each in

HLSB, representing the entire equity interest therein, for a purchase consideration of RM5,207,125 satisfied by the issuance of 5,207,125

new ordinary shares of RM1.00 each in KIB at par

Issue Price : RM0.18 for each Public Issue Share

KG : Kilograms

KIB Group or Group : KIB and its wholly-owned subsidiary companies, collectively

KIB or Company : Karyon Industries Berhad (Company No. 612797-T)

KMSB : Karyon (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd (Company No. 286370-H), a wholly-

owned subsidiary of KIB

KMSB Acquisition : Acquisition by KIB of 1,031,470 ordinary shares of RM1.00 each in

KMSB, representing the entire equity interest therein, for a purchase consideration of RM1,547,205 satisfied by the issuance of 1,547,205

new ordinary shares of RM1.00 each in KIB at par

Listing Requirements : Listing Requirements of Bursa Securities for the MESDAQ Market

MESDAQ Market : MESDAQ Market of Bursa Securities

MIDFCCS: MIDF Consultancy and Corporate Services Sendirian Berhad

(Company No. 11324-H)

MITI : Ministry of International Trade and Industry

MNC(s) : Multi-national corporations

MT : Metric tonnes

NTA : Net tangible assets

Participating Financial Institution(s) : Participating financial institutions for Electronic Share Application

as listed in Section 18.5(ii) of this Prospectus

PE Multiple : Price earnings multiple

PMBB : Public Merchant Bank Berhad (Company No. 14328-V)

Promoter(s) : Dr. Chua Kee Lam, Ang Ah Kow @ Ang Cheok Sai, Poon Sau Mui,

Teoh Liang Huat @ Teoh Lean Huat, Koay Choo Cheng, Tan Yeow Pong, Wo Ka Seng, Central Equity Sdn Bhd, Chua Ling Hong, Teoh

Kooi Kim, Chua Ling Lee, and Wo Chin Yong, collectively

#### DEFINITIONS (Cont'd)

Public Issue : Issue of 30,000,000 new ordinary shares of RM0.10 each in KIB at

an issue price of RM0.18 per share to public investors by way of public issue and private placement, subject to the terms and

conditions of this Prospectus

Public Issue Shares : The 30,000,000 new ordinary shares of RM0.10 each in KIB, which

are the subject of the Public Issue

RAMCS : RAM Consultancy Services Sdn Bhd (Company No. 515578-M)

R&D : Research and development

Rights Issue : Rights issue of 17,456,680 Rights Shares at par on the basis of one

(1) new Share for approximately 4.16 existing KIB Shares held, prior

to the Public Issue

RM and sen : Ringgit Malaysia and sen respectively

SC : Securities Commission

Share(s)/KIB Share(s) : Ordinary share(s) of RM0.10 each in KIB

Share Split : The sub-division of every existing one (1) ordinary share of RM1.00

each in KIB into ten (10) new ordinary shares of RM0.10 each

SME(s) : Small and medium size enterprises

UK : United Kingdom

US : United States of America

USD : US Dollars

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#### **Technical Definitions**

ABS : Acrylonitrile butadine styrene

BKC : Bacteria killing chemical

CDE : Coconut diethanolamide

CDP : Concentrated detergent paste, a non-toxic and biodegradable semi-

finished raw materials

DINP : Di-isononyl phthalate

DOP : Di-octyl phthalate

IC Integrated circuit

LABS : Linear alkyl benzene sulphonic acid

PE : Polyethylene

PKDE : Palm kernel diethanolamide

PP : Polypropylene

PS : Polystyrene

PVC : Polyvinyl chloride

RBD-PKO : Refined, bleached, deodorised palm kernel oil

TPE : Thermoplastic elastomer

TPO : Thermoplastic polyolefin

XLPE : Cross-linked polyethylene

Words importing the singular shall, where applicable, include the plural and vice versa and words importing the masculine gender shall, where applicable, include the feminine and neuter genders and vice versa. Reference to persons shall include corporation.

Any reference in this Prospectus to any enactment is a reference to that enactment as for the time being amended or re-enacted.

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