



SCICOM (MSC) BERHAD
 (Company No. 200201029763 (597426-H))
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FIRST QUARTER REPORT ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Board of Directors of Scicom (MSC) Berhad (hereinafter referred to as “Scicom” or “the Company”) is pleased to announce the following unaudited consolidated results for the first quarter ended 30 September 2022.

UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

	INDIVIDUAL QUARTER			CUMULATIVE QUARTERS		
	Current Period Quarter 30.9.2022	Preceding Year Corresponding Quarter 30.9.2021	Changes	Current Financial Period Ended 30.9.2022	Preceding Financial Period Ended 30.9.2021	Changes
	RM'000	RM'000	%	RM'000	RM'000	%
Revenue	67,769	65,023	4%	67,769	65,023	4%
Operating expenses	(52,123)	(49,407)	5%	(52,123)	(49,407)	5%
Depreciation and amortisation	(4,377)	(4,570)	-4%	(4,377)	(4,570)	-4%
Operating profit	11,269	11,046	2%	11,269	11,046	2%
Share of loss of joint venture (net of tax)	-	(1)		-	(1)	
Gain/(Loss) on foreign exchange	695	(13)		695	(13)	
Finance income	141	138		141	138	
Finance costs	(481)	(605)		(481)	(605)	
Profit before taxation	11,624	10,565	10%	11,624	10,565	10%
Taxation	(2,608)	(2,748)	-5%	(2,608)	(2,748)	-5%
Profit for the financial period	9,016	7,817	15%	9,016	7,817	15%

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	INDIVIDUAL QUARTER			CUMULATIVE QUARTERS		
	Current Period	Preceding Year	Changes	Current Financial	Preceding Financial	Changes
	Quarter	Corresponding		Period Ended	Period Ended	
	30.9.2022	30.9.2021		30.9.2022	30.9.2021	
	RM'000	RM'000	%	RM'000	RM'000	%
Other comprehensive loss, net of tax						
Foreign currency translation differences for foreign operations	(25)	2		(25)	2	
Total comprehensive income for the financial period	8,991	7,819	15%	8,991	7,819	15%
Profit attributable to:						
- Owners of the Company	9,017	7,818	15%	9,017	7,818	15%
- Non-controlling interest	(1)	(1)	0%	(1)	(1)	0%
Profit for the financial period	9,016	7,817	15%	9,016	7,817	15%
Total comprehensive income attributable to:						
- Owners of the Company	8,992	7,820	15%	8,992	7,820	15%
- Non-controlling interest	(1)	(1)	0%	(1)	(1)	0%
Total comprehensive income for the financial period	8,991	7,819	15%	8,991	7,819	15%
Earnings per share attributable to equity holders of the Company:						
- Basic (sen)	2.54	2.20	15%	2.54	2.20	15%
- Diluted (sen)	2.54	2.20	15%	2.54	2.20	15%

Other disclosure items pursuant to Paragraph 16, Part A of Appendix 9B of the Main Market Listing Requirements of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad are not applicable.

The condensed consolidated statement of comprehensive income should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements for the financial year ended 30 June 2022 and the accompanying explanatory notes attached to the interim financial report.

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UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	As At Current Financial Period Ended 30.9.2022 RM'000	As At Preceding Financial Year Ended 30.6.2022 RM'000
ASSETS		
Non-Current Assets		
Plant and equipment	19,492	19,341
Intangible assets	8,835	9,058
Right-of-use assets	30,577	32,612
Other receivables, deposits and prepayments	3,336	3,336
Deferred tax assets	1,509	1,506
	63,749	65,853
Current Assets		
Trade receivables and contract assets	51,012	57,252
Other receivables, deposits and prepayments	8,253	3,749
Tax recoverable	1,259	1,290
Investments in cash funds	13,330	13,263
Cash and bank balances	30,595	23,568
	104,449	99,122
TOTAL ASSETS	168,198	164,975
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		
Equity attributable to Owners of the Company		
Share capital	35,545	35,545
Retained earnings	87,534	85,626
Currency translation reserve	(7,440)	(7,415)
Total equity attributable to Owners of the Company	115,639	113,756
Non-controlling interest	(1,620)	(1,619)
TOTAL EQUITY	114,019	112,137
Non-Current Liabilities		
Lease liabilities	24,370	26,029
Deferred tax liabilities	1,773	1,773
	26,143	27,802
Current Liabilities		
Trade and other payables	19,863	16,644
Lease liabilities	8,173	8,392
	28,036	25,036
TOTAL LIABILITIES	54,179	52,838
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	168,198	164,975
NET ASSETS PER SHARE ATTRIBUTABLE TO OWNERS OF THE COMPANY (RM)	0.33	0.33

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UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

	-----Attributable to Owners of the Company-----					
	Issued and fully paid ordinary shares		Non-distributable	Distributable	Non-controlling interest	Total Equity
	Number of shares	Share capital	Currency translation reserve	Retained earnings		
	'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
3 months ended 30.9.2021						
As at 1 July 2021	355,454	35,545	(4,217)	77,278	(1,613)	106,993
Currency translation differences	-	-	2	-	-	2
Profit/(expense) for the financial period	-	-	-	7,818	(1)	7,817
Total comprehensive (expense)/income for the financial period	-	-	2	7,818	(1)	7,819
Dividends paid for the financial period ended: - 30 June 2021	-	-	-	(5,331)	-	(5,331)
As at 30 September 2021	355,454	35,545	(4,215)	79,765	(1,614)	109,481
3 months ended 30.9.2022						
As at 1 July 2022	355,454	35,545	(7,415)	85,626	(1,619)	112,137
Currency translation differences	-	-	(25)	-	-	(25)
Profit/(expense) for the financial period	-	-	-	9,017	(1)	9,016
Total comprehensive (expense)/income for the financial period	-	-	(25)	9,017	(1)	8,991
Dividends paid for the financial period ended: - 30 June 2022	-	-	-	(7,109)	-	(7,109)
As at 30 September 2022	355,454	35,545	(7,440)	87,534	(1,620)	114,019

The condensed consolidated statement of changes in equity should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements for the financial year ended 30 June 2022 and the accompanying explanatory notes attached to the interim financial report.

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UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW

	Current Financial Period Ended 30.9.2022 RM'000	Preceding Financial Period Ended 30.9.2021 RM'000
Operating Activities		
Net profit for the financial period	9,016	7,817
Adjustments:		
Depreciation of plant and equipment	1,575	1,607
Amortisation of intangible assets	554	598
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	2,248	2,365
Unrealised foreign exchange (gain)/loss	(233)	58
Taxation	2,595	2,743
Finance income	(141)	(138)
Finance cost	481	605
Share of loss of joint venture	-	1
Operating profit before changes in working capital	16,095	15,656
Trade and other receivables	1,968	(14,062)
Trade and other payables	3,219	4,625
Cash flow from operations	21,282	6,219
Net tax paid	(2,565)	(2,373)
Net cash flow generated from operating activities	18,717	3,846
Investing Activities		
Purchase of plant and equipment	(1,727)	(2,525)
Purchase of intangible assets	(331)	(373)
Placement of investments in cash funds	(67)	(96)
Redemption of investment in cash funds	-	6,485
Interest received	141	138
Net cash flow (used in)/generated from investing activities	(1,984)	3,629
Financing Activities		
Payment of principal element of lease liabilities	(2,090)	(2,094)
Payment of interest element of lease liabilities	(481)	(605)
Payment of dividends	(7,109)	(5,331)
Net cash flow used in financing activities	(9,680)	(8,030)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	7,053	(555)
Effect of foreign exchange on cash and cash equivalents	(26)	406
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of financial year	21,568	3,611
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial period	28,595	3,462
Deposits with maturity of more than 3 months	2,000	1,034
Cash and bank balances at the end of the financial period	30,595	4,496

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1. BASIS OF PREPARATION

The unaudited interim financial report has been prepared in accordance with the reporting requirements of Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards (“MFRS”) 134 “Interim Financial Reporting”, International Accounting Standards (“IAS”) 34 “Interim Financial Reporting” and paragraph 9.22 and Appendix 9B of the Main Market Listing Requirements of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad (“Bursa Securities”). The unaudited interim financial report should be read in conjunction with the Group's most recent audited financial statements for the financial year ended 30 June 2022.

2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies and method of computation adopted by the Group in this interim financial report are consistent with those adopted in the annual financial statements for the financial year ended 30 June 2022.

Amendments to published standards that are effective

The Group have applied the following for the first time for the financial year beginning on 1 July 2022:

- Amendments to MFRS 3 Reference to the Conceptual Framework
- Amendments to MFRS 9 Financial Instruments – Fees in the ‘10 percent’ Test for Derecognition of Financial Liabilities
- Amendments to MFRS 116 Property, Plant and Equipment – Proceeds before Intended Use
- Amendments to MFRS 137 Onerous Contracts – Cost of Fulfilling a Contract

The adoption of the above did not have any impact on the current period or any prior period and is not likely to affect future periods.

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2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont'd)

Standards and amendments that have been issued but not yet effective

A number of amendments to standards and interpretations are effective for financial year beginning after 1 July 2023. The Group will apply the following amendments to standard in the financial year beginning on/after 1 July 2023:

Effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2023

- Amendments to MFRS 101 'Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current'
- Amendments to MFRS 101, MFRS Practice Statement 2 and MFRS 108 on 'Disclosure of Accounting Policies' and 'Definition of Accounting Estimates'
- Amendments to MFRS 112 'Deferred Tax related to Assets and Liabilities arising from a Single Transaction'

There are no other standards, amendments and improvements to published standards and interpretations to existing standards that are not effective that would be expected to have a material impact on the Group.

3. AUDITORS' REPORT OF PRECEDING AUDITED ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The auditors' report on the financial statements for the financial year ended 30 June 2022 was not qualified.

4. SEASONAL / CYCLICAL FACTORS

The operations of the Group were not significantly affected by seasonal and cyclical factors during the financial quarter under review.

5. UNUSUAL ITEMS

There were no significant unusual items affecting assets, liabilities, equity, net income or cash flows during the financial quarter under review and financial period to date.



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6. MATERIAL CHANGES IN ESTIMATES OF AMOUNTS REPORTED

There were no material changes in the basis of estimates of amounts previously reported which have a material effect in the financial quarter under review and financial period to date.

7. MOVEMENT IN DEBT AND EQUITY SECURITIES

During the current financial quarter and financial period to date, there were no issuances, cancellation, repurchases, resale and repayments of debt and equity securities.

8. DIVIDENDS PAID

The following dividends were paid during the financial period to date :-

In respect of the financial year ended	Dividend	Date of dividend payment	Amount paid
2022	Interim dividend of 2.0 sen per ordinary share	28 September 2022	RM7,109,071

9. SEGMENT RESULTS AND REPORTING

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 profit or loss.

The two primary segments that are the focus of the management’s internal financial and operational reporting structure are as follows:

- a. Business Process Outsourcing (BPO)’s suite of services include integrated solutions in Customer Lifecycle Management, Digital/ E-Commerce Solutions and E-Government (Gov-Tech) Solutions.
- b. Education includes educational and industrial training services primarily focused on customer care in the service industry and also internal training for the Group.

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9. SEGMENT RESULTS AND REPORTING (cont'd)

Segmental analysis by geographical areas:

	Current Period Quarter 30.9.2022 RM'000	Preceding Year Corresponding Quarter 30.9.2021 RM'000
Revenue		
Malaysia	52,624	47,691
Singapore	1,414	2,098
Philippines	6,211	6,681
Sri Lanka	948	1,508
Greater China	4,570	5,822
Others	2,002	1,223
	67,769	65,023

Segmental analysis by business segment is as follows:

For the financial period ended 30 September 2022

FY 2023	Current Financial Period Ended 30.9.2022			
	Outsourcing services RM'000	Education RM'000	Elimination RM'000	Consolidated RM'000
Revenue from external customers	67,424	345	-	67,769
Inter-segment revenue	1,500	-	(1,500)	-
Total revenue	68,924	345	(1,500)	67,769
Segment results	16,178	163	-	16,341
Depreciation of plant and equipment				(1,575)
Amortisation of intangible assets				(554)
Amortisation of right-of-use assets				(2,248)
Finance income				141
Finance cost				(481)
Profit before taxation				11,624
Taxation				(2,608)
Net profit for the financial period				9,016

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9. SEGMENT RESULTS AND REPORTING (cont'd)

For the financial period ended 30 September 2021

FY 2022	Preceding Financial Period Ended 30.9.2021			
	Outsourcing services	Education	Elimination	Consolidated
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
Revenue from external customers	65,023	-	-	65,023
Inter-segment revenue	1,500	-	(1,500)	-
Total revenue	66,523	-	(1,500)	65,023
Segment results	15,846	(243)	-	15,603
Depreciation of plant and equipment				(1,607)
Amortisation of intangible assets				(598)
Amortisation of right-of-use assets				(2,365)
Share of results of joint venture				(1)
Finance income				138
Finance cost				(605)
Profit before taxation				10,565
Taxation				(2,748)
Net profit for the financial period				7,817

10. VALUATION OF PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

There was no revaluation of plant and equipment during the financial quarter under review and financial period to date. As at 30 September 2022, all plant and equipment were stated at cost less accumulated depreciation.

11. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

There were no material events subsequent to the end of the financial quarter under review up to the date of the interim financial report.

12. CHANGES IN THE COMPOSITION OF THE GROUP

There were no changes in the composition of the Group, including business combinations, acquisition or disposal of subsidiaries and long term investments, restructuring and discontinuing operations for the financial quarter under review.

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13. CONTINGENT LIABILITY OR CONTINGENT ASSET

There was no contingent liability or contingent asset arising since the last audited financial statement for the financial year ended 30 June 2022.

14. COMMITMENTS

Commitments for the Group not provided for are as follows:

(a) Capital commitments

	Current Financial Period Ended 30.9.2022	Preceding Financial Period Ended 30.9.2021
	RM'000	RM'000
In respect of plant and equipment - Authorised and contracted	223	1,109

15. SIGNIFICANT RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

There were no significant related party transactions during the financial period under review.

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16. REVIEW OF PERFORMANCE

PERFORMANCE BY QUARTER

Financial quarter ended	30 Sep 2022	30 Sep 2021	Increase/ (decrease)
Revenue	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
BPO	67,424	65,023	2,401
Education	345	-	345
Total revenue	67,769	65,023	2,746
Profit before taxation	11,624	10,565	1,059

a. Revenue

BPO

The Group recorded an increase in BPO revenue of RM2.40 million for the current financial quarter under review as compared to the preceding year corresponding quarter. The increase is due mainly to growth for existing projects amounting to RM1.30 million and RM1.10 million from new projects.

Education

For the current financial quarter under review, the Education business continues to generate external training revenue from the Group's eLMS (e Learning Management System).

b. Profit before taxation

The Group's profit before taxation registered an increase of 10.0% as compared to the preceding year corresponding quarter primarily due to the forex gain position for the current quarter under review and an increase in BPO revenue.

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17. COMPARISON WITH PRECEDING QUARTER'S RESULTS

Financial quarter ended	30 Sep 2022	30 Jun 2022	Increase/ (decrease)
Revenue	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
BPO	67,424	67,254	170
Education	345	263	82
Total revenue	67,769	67,517	252
Profit before taxation	11,624	10,906	718

a. Revenue

BPO

For the current financial quarter under review, the Group's BPO revenue increased by RM0.17 million as compared to the preceding quarter primarily due to the completion of an ad-hoc project at the end of the preceding quarter.

Education

For the current financial quarter under review, the Education business continues to generate external training revenue from the Group's eLMS (e Learning Management System).

b. Profit before taxation

The Group's profit before taxation registered an increase of 6.6% as compared to the preceding quarter primarily due to the lower depreciation and higher forex gain recognized during the current quarter under review.

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18. CURRENT YEAR REVIEW

For the current financial year under review, the Group registered an increase in revenue and profit before taxation of 4.2% and 10.0% respectively, as compared to the preceding year corresponding quarter. The higher revenue is primarily due to new BPO projects being secured during the financial year ended 30 June 2022 and the revenue generated from the Group's ELMS for the Education business unit.

The Group is focused on sustaining its profitability growth with the timely conversion of its considerable sales pipeline within the current financial year. The Group continues to intensify its business development efforts for its suite of products and services as borders open across the world. The Group has further invested in developing a range of innovative products and services which would be relevant and complimentary to our business development efforts for a discerning prospective and existing client base.

19. EXPLANATORY NOTES FOR VARIANCE OF ACTUAL PROFIT FROM PROFIT FORECAST OR PROFIT GUARANTEE

The Group did not publish any profit forecast in respect of the financial period ended 30 September 2022.

20. TAXATION

	Current Financial Quarter Ended 30.9.2022 RM '000	Current Financial Period Ended 30.9.2022 RM '000
<u>Group</u>		
Current tax	2,608	2,608
Deferred tax	-	-
	2,608	2,608

Effective tax rate	22%	22%
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The Malaysian current income tax is calculated at the statutory tax rate of 24% (2022: 24%) of the estimated assessable profit for the financial year. For the current financial quarter under review, the Group's effective tax rate is lower than the statutory tax rate due recognition and utilisation of previously unrecognised temporary differences.



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20. TAXATION (cont'd)

As reported in the previous financial years, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company, Scicom Contact Centre Services Private Limited (India) has received tax assessment notices of RM1.4 million, INR23.8 million (2022: RM1.3 million, INR23.8 million). These assessments are in respect to transfer pricing adjustments and the disallowance of certain expenses for tax purposes. Currently, the subsidiary is challenging the assessments in the Income Tax Appellate Tribunal, in India. The Board of Directors have received expert advice on this matter from a tax agent. Based on the advice received, the Board of Directors are of the view that no significant liability will crystallize from these assessments.

21. STATUS OF CORPORATE PROPOSALS ANNOUNCED

There were no corporate proposals announced but not completed as at 21 November 2022, being the date of this report.

22. GROUP BORROWINGS AND DEBT SECURITIES

The Group does not have any borrowings and debt securities as at 30 September 2022.

23. UPDATE ON LITIGATION

Informatics International Limited

With reference to our disclosures made in the previous quarterly announcements and our annual report for the financial year ended 30 June 2022, the matter is fixed for hearing in the Supreme Court of Sri Lanka on the 23rd March 2023.

Other than the above, there were no material litigation matters dealt with during the financial period or pending as at 21 November 2022, being the date of this report.

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24. DIVIDENDS

The Board of Directors has approved and declared a first interim dividend of 2.0 sen, single-tier, per ordinary share, amounting to RM7,109,071 which is payable on 21 December 2022.

	Current Financial Period Ended 30.9.2022	Preceding Financial Period Ended 30.9.2021
Interim dividend for the financial year ended 30 June	2023	2022
<u>First interim</u>		
Approved and declared on	21-Nov-22	26-Nov-21
Date payable/paid	21-Dec-22	27-Dec-21
Based on register members dated	6-Dec-22	13-Dec-21
Amount per share	2.0 sen single-tier	1.5 sen tax exempt
Net dividend payable/paid(RM)	7,109,071	5,331,803
Interim dividend for the financial year ended 30 June	2022	2021
<u>Fourth interim</u>		
Approved and declared on	26-Aug-22	27-Aug-21
Date paid	28-Sep-22	29-Sep-21
Based on register members dated	13-Sep-22	14-Sep-21
Amount per share	2.0 sen single-tier	1.5 sen tax exempt
Net dividend paid (RM)	7,109,071	5,331,803

25. EARNINGS PER SHARE (“EPS”)

The basic earnings per share for the financial quarter/period under review are computed as follows:

	Current Financial Quarter Ended 30.9.2022	Current Financial Period Ended 30.9.2022
Profit attributable to the Owners of the Company for the financial period (RM'000)	9,017	9,017
Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue ('000)	355,454	355,454
Basic earnings per share (sen)	2.54	2.54

Diluted earnings per share is the same as basic earnings per share as the Company has no potential ordinary shares to be issued.



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26. DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

There were no outstanding derivative financial instruments as at 30 September 2022.

27. FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL LIABILITIES

There were no gains/losses arising from fair value changes of financial liabilities for the financial period ended 30 September 2022.

By order of the Board of Directors

DATO' SRI LEO SURESH ARIYANAYAKAM
DIRECTOR
21 NOVEMBER 2022