KELINGTON GROUP BERHAD ("KGB") [Company No. 199901026486 (501386-P)]

Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income

For The 3rd Quarter Ended 30 September 2024

The unaudited financial results of Kelington Group Berhad and its subsidiaries (the "Group") for the period ended 30 September 2024 are as follow:-

		Unaudited	Unaudited			Unaudited	Unaudited		
Ν	lote	Current Qtr Ended 30.9.2024 RM'000	Previous Qtr Ended 30.9.2023 RM'000		+ - %	9-months Period up to 30.9.2024 RM'000	9-months Period up to 30.9.2023 RM'000		+ - %
Revenue Cost of sales		307,310 (237,216)	401,824 (342,480)	-	24	967,795 (789,297)	1,135,662 (992,384)	-	15
Gross profit		70,094	59,344	+	18	178,498	143,278	+	25
Other income Administrative expenses Selling and distribution expenses Other expenses		1,446 (15,725) (852) (9,739)	1,833 (13,903) (716) (4,600)			5,766 (48,550) (2,676) (15,480)	6,699 (45,285) (2,071) (8,507)		
Results from operating activities	_	45,224	41,958	+	8	117,558	94,114	+	25
Finance costs		(2,407)	(2,816)			(7,179)	(8,007)		
Profit before taxation for the financial pe	eriod _	42,817	39,142	+	9	110,379	86,107	+	28
Taxation	В5	(9,224)	(7,133)			(23,973)	(17,178)		
Profit after taxation for the financial peri	iod _	33,593	32,009	+	5	86,406	68,929	+	25
Other comprehensive income, net of tax									
Foreign currency translation		(10,049)	890			(8,851)	4,091		
	-	(10,049)	890			(8,851)	4,091		
Total comprehensive income for the peri	iod _	23,544	32,899			77,555	73,020		
Profit attributable to: Shareholders of the Company Non-controlling interests Profit after taxation for the financial peri	iod _	32,917 676 33,593	31,668 341 32,009		4 5	84,407 1,999 86,406	66,920 2,009 68,929		26 25
Total comprehensive income attributable Shareholders of the Company Non-controlling interests Total comprehensive income for the period		22,872 672 23,544	32,559 340 32,899			75,557 <u>1,998</u> 77,555	71,097 1,923 73,020		
Basic earnings per ordinary share (sen):									
Basic earnings per share (sen)	311	4.83	2.96			12.66	5.48		
Diluted earnings per share (sen)	311	4.24	2.90			10.92	5.36		

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KELINGTON GROUP BERHAD ("KGB") [Company No. 199901026486 (501386-P)] Statement of Financial Position As at 30 September 2024

	Note	Unaudited As At 30.9.2024 RM'000	Audited As At 31.12.2023 RM'000
ASSETS			
Non-current assets			
Property, plant & equipment		199,629	168,750
Goodwill on consolidation		6,690	7,211
Deferred tax assets		1,614	1,333
Right-of-use assets		4,913	6,756
		212,846	184,050
Current assets			
Inventories		22,713	25,450
Contract assets		131,648	159,382
Trade receivables		295,360	386,584
Other receivables, prepayments and deposits		29,410	46,293
Current tax assets		1,324	308
Fixed deposits with licensed banks		158,692	36,129
Cash and bank balances		200,960	233,132
		840,107	887,278
TOTAL ASSETS		1,052,953	1,071,328
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES Equity			
Share capital		130,647	73,792
Retained earnings		243,589	204,797
Other reserve		47,536	54,541
Treasury share		(534)	(534)
Total Equity attributable to Shareholders of the Company Non-controlling interests		421,238 7,794	332,596 5,796
Total Equity		429,032	338,392
Non-current liabilities Deferred tax liabilities		0.459	F 022
Lease liability	B8 (a)	9,458 1,128	5,922 2,598
Hire purchase payables	B8 (b)	4,655	4,430
Long term borrowings	B8 (b)	76,310	55,617
		91,551	68,567
Current liabilities			
Contract liabilities		183,794	249,714
Trade payables		188,724	223,841
Other payables and accruals		42,313	52,040
Derivative liabilities	B7	243	434
Lease liability	B8 (a)	2,968	4,080
Current tax liabilities		10,965	12,773
Dividend payable	50 (1)	13,753	-
Short term borrowings	B8 (b)	89,601	119,241
Bank overdraft	B8 (b)	9	2,246
		532,370	664,369
Total liabilities		623,921	732,936
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		1,052,953	1,071,328
Net Assets Per Share Attributable to ordinary Equity holders of t	he company (RM)	0.6212	0.5230

The Statement of Financial Position should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements of KGB for the financial year ended 31 December 2023 and the accompanying explanatory notes enclosed to the interim financial statements.

KELINGTON GROUP BERHAD ("KGB") [Company No. 199901026486 (501386-P)]

Condensed Consolidated Statements of Changes in Equity For The 3rd Quarter Ended 30 September 2024

	<		- Attributable t	o Equity Holders (Non Distributable	of the Company >I	Distributable	>		Total
	Share	Treasury	Capital	Employee Share Scheme	Exchange Fluctuation	Retained		Non-Controlling Interest	Equity
	Capital RM'000	Share RM'000	Reserve RM'000	Reserve RM'000	Reserve RM'000	Earnings RM'000	Total RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
As at 1 January 2024	73,792	(534)	36,651	4,697	13,193	204,797	332,596	5,796	338,392
Profit after taxation for the financial period	-	-	-	-	-	84,407	84,407	1,999	86,406
Other comprehensive expense, net of tax: - Foreign currency translation	-	-	-	-	(8,850)	-	(8,850)	(1)	(8,851)
Total comprehensive income for the financial period	-	-	-	-	(8,850)	84,407	75,557	1,998	77,555
Contributions by and distribution to owners of the company:									
- Employees' share scheme exercised	802	-	-	(802)	-	-		-	
- Dividend for the period - Warrants exercised	- 56,053	-	-	-	-	(43,839)	(43,839) 56,053	-	(43,839) 56,053
- Transfer to reserve fund in accordance to	50,055	-	-	-	-	-	50,055	-	50,055
subsidiary's local regulatory requirement	-	-	871	-	-	-	871	-	871
 Transfer of non-distributable reserve funds by a subsidiary 	-	-	1,776	-	-	(1,776)	-	-	-
Total recognised income and expense for the period	56,855	-	2,647	(802)	-	(45,615)	13,085	-	13,085
As at 30 September 2024	130,647	(534)	39,298	3,895	4,343	243,589	421,238	7,794	429,032
As at 1 January 2023	73,292	(534)	11,194	634	8,928	145,785	239,299	3,816	243,115
Profit after taxation for the financial year	-	-	-	-	-	66,920	66,920	2,009	68,929
Other comprehensive income, net of tax: - Foreign currency translation differences	-	-	-	-	4,177	-	4,177	(86)	4,091
Total comprehensive income/ (expenses) for the financial year	-	-	-	-	4,177	66,920	71,097	1,923	73,020
Contributions by and distribution to owners of the company:									
 Employee's share options reserve Employees' share options exercised 	- 482	-	-	590 (482)	-	-	590 -	-	590
 Changes in ownership interests in subsidiaries tha do not result in a loss of control 		-	-	-	-	(272)	(272)	272	-
 Bonus shares issued by a subsidiary Dividends paid for the period 	-	-	250	-	-	(250) (9,645)	(9,645)	-	- (9,645)
L Total transactions with owners	482	-	250	108	-	(10,167)	(9,327)	272	(9,055)
As at 30 September 2023	73,774	(534)	11,444	742	13,105	202,538	301,069	6,011	307,080
	13,114	(554)	11,444	/42	13,105	202,330	201,009	0,011	307,080

The Condensed Consolidated Statements of Changes in Equity should be read in conjunction with KGB's audited consolidated financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2023 and the accompanying explanatory notes enclosed to the interim financial statements.

KELINGTON GROUP BERHAD ("KGB") [Company No. 199901026486 (501386-P)] Condensed Consolidated Statement of Cash Flow For The Period Ended 30 September 2024

	Unaudited 9-Months Ended 30.9.2024 RM'000	Unaudited 9-Months Ended 30.9.2023 RM'000
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES Profit before taxation	110,379	86,107
Adjustments for:- Depreciation of property, plant and equipment Depreciation of right-of-use assets Loss on lease termination	8,733 3,581 -	5,194 1,712 151
Property, plant and equipment written off Impairment loss on trade receivables Interest expense	6 3 7,179	3 124 8,317
Interest income Loss on disposal of equipment Net fair value adjustments of financial derivatives	(3,286) 2 (191)	(1,345) 210 (2,872)
Reversal of provision of warranty costs Share-based payments Safety production reserve fund	871	(117) 590 -
Writeback of impairment loss on trade receivables Unrealised loss/ (gain) on foreign exchange	(1,922) 7,226	98.098
Operating profit before working capital changes Decrease/ (Increase) in inventory Changes in net of contract assets /contract liabilities	132,581 2,737 (38,186)	(20,093) 5,873
Decrease/ (Increase) in trade and other receivables Decrease in trade and other payables CASH FROM OPERATIONS	106,414 (48,457) 155,089	(12,694) (11,559) 59,625
Income tax paid Interest paid Interest received	(23,550) (36) 3,286	(9,718) (20) 1,345
NET CASH FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	134,789	51,232
CASH FLOWS FOR INVESTING ACTIVITIES Purchase of plant and equipments Addition of right-of-use assets Proceeds from disposal of equipments Net decrease/ (increase) in pledged fixed deposits and bank balances with	(38,325) (291) -	(52,851) - 1,370
licensed bank	97	(2,406)
NET CASH FOR INVESTING ACTIVITIES	(38,519)	(53,887)
Dividend paid Interest paid Drawdown of revolving credit Net repayment of hire purchase Repayment of lease liability Net drawdown of term loan Repayment of invoice financing Proceeds from exercise of warrants	(30,086) (7,143) 4,115 (1,651) (4,196) 14,615 (27,901) 56,053	(9,645) (8,297) 19,797 (817) (1,729) 15,445 (57,559)
NET CASH FROM/(FOR) FINANCING ACTIVITIES	3,806	(42,805)
NET INCREASE/ (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	100,076	(45,460)
	(7,351)	2,953
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF THE FINANCIAL PERIOD	237,322	230,685
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF THE FINANCIAL PERIOD	330,047	188,178

Cash and cash equivalents at the end of financial period comprise the following:

Cash and bank balances Fixed deposits	200,960 158,692	190,062 30,793
	359,652	220,855
Less: bank overdraft	(9)	(2,241)
Less: fixed deposits pledged to licensed banks	(23,125)	(26,491)
Less: bank balance pledged to licensed banks	(6,471)	(3,945)
	330,047	188,178

The Condensed Consolidated Statement of Cash Flow should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements of KGB for the year ended 31 December 2023 and the accompanying explanatory notes enclosed to the interim financial statements.

Part A - Explanatory Notes Pursuant to MFRS 134

A1. Basis of Preparation

The financial statements of the Group are prepared under the historical cost convention and modified to include other bases of valuation as disclosed in other sections under significant accounting policies, and in compliance with Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards ("MFRSs"), International Financial Reporting Standards and the requirements of the Companies Act 2016 in Malaysia. The interim financial statements are unaudited and have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of MFRS 134 : Interim Financial Reporting and in accordance to the requirements of Appendix 9B of the Listing Requirements of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad (**"Bursa Malaysia"**).

The interim financial statements should be read in conjunction with KGB's audited consolidated financial statements for the financial year ended ("FYE") 31 December 2023. These explanatory notes attached to the interim financial statements provide an explanation of events and transactions that are significant to an understanding of the changes in the financial position and performance of the Group since the financial year ended 31 December 2023.

The accounting policies and methods of presentation and computation adopted in this interim financial report are consistent with those adopted in the most recent annual financial statements for the FYE 31 December 2023. The new, revised and amended MFRS and IC Interpretations, which are effective for the financial periods beginning on January 1, 2024, did not have any material impact on the financial results of the Group.

The Group have adopted the following new accounting standards and/or interpretations (including the consequential amendments, if any):

MFRSs and/or IC Interpretations (Including the Consequential Amendments)

Amendments to MFRS 16: Lease Liability in a Sale and Leaseback Amendments to MFRS 101: Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current Amendments to MFRS 101: Non-current Liabilities with Covenants Amendments to MFRS 107 and MFRS 7: Supplier Finance Arrangements

The adoption of the above accounting standards did not have any material impact on the financial statements of the Group and of the Company.

The Group has not applied in advance the following accounting standards and interpretations (including the consequential amendments) that have been issued by the Malaysian Accounting Standards Board (MASB) but are not yet effective for the current financial year:-

MFRSs and/or IC Interpretations (Including the Consequential Amendments)	Effective date
Amendments to MFRS 121: Lack of Exchangeability	1 January 2025
Amendments to MFRS 9 and MFRS 7: Amendments to the Classification and Measurement of Financial Instruments	1 January 2026
Annual Improvements to MFRS Accounting Standards – Volume 11	1 January 2026
MFRS 18 Presentation and Disclosure in Financial Statements	1 January 2027
MFRS 19 Subsidiaries without Public Accountability: Disclosures	1 January 2027

The adoption of the above accounting standards and interpretations (including the consequential amendments) is expected to have no material impact on the financial statements of the Group and of the Company upon their initial application.

A2. Status of Audit Qualification

There were no audit qualification to the annual audited financial statements of the Group for the FYE 31 December 2023.

A3. Segmental Information

segment

(a) Business Segment

The Group is organised into 3 main reportable segments as follows:

(i) Service segment - involved in the provision of scientific and technical researches, laboratory testing service and experiments;

(ii) Manufacturing, trading and rental - (1) industrial gases and leasing of tanks;

- (2) equipments and materials for contracts; and

(iii) Construction segment - involved in the provision of engineering services and construction.

A3. Segmental Information (Cont'd)

(a) Business Segment (Cont'd)

	Service Segment	Manufacturing and Trading Segment: Industrial Equipments		Construction Segment	The Group
	RM'000	Gases RM'000	& Materials RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
30.9.2024 Revenue					
External revenue	-	110,402	2,498	854,895	967,795
Inter-segment revenue	-	307	40,231	7,894	48,432
	-	110,709	42,729	862,789	1,016,227
Consolidated Adjustments					(48,432)
					967,795
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	Service Segment		g and Trading nent:	Construction Segment	The Group
	RM'000	Industrial Gases RM'000	Equipments & Materials RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
30.9.2023 Revenue					
External revenue Inter-segment revenue	527	83,329 1,018	5,578 44,913	1,046,228 25,403	1,135,662 71,334
Consolidated Adjustments	527	84,347	50,491	1,071,631	1,206,996 (71,334) 1,135,662

(b) Geographical information

Revenue is based on the country in which the customers are located. Non-current assets are determined according to the country where these assets are located.

	Reve 30.9.2024	30.9.2023	Non-curre 30.9.2024	30.9.2023
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
Malaysia	397,324	491,871	190,464	145,016
China	283,905	188,067	5,024	3,668
Taiwan	18,754	26,259	22	43
Singapore	241,314	402,196	17,336	17,213
Indonesia	8,107	5,125		-
Philipines	5,153	7,079	-	-
Australia	5,250	5,763	-	-
Fiji	4,442	3,928	-	-
New Zealand	2,112	4,689	-	-
Others	1,434	685	-	-
	967,795	1,135,662	212,846	165,940

A4. Unusual Items

There were no unusual items affecting assets, liabilities, equity, net income or cash flows during the current quarter ended 30 September 2024.

A5. Material Changes in Estimates

There were no material changes in estimates used in the preparation of the financial statements in the current financial quarter as compared with the previous financial quarters or financial year.

A6. Seasonal or Cyclical Factors

The interim operations of the Group were not affected by any significant seasonal or cyclical factors during the quarter under review.

A7. Dividends Paid

On 10 July 2024, KGB had paid the first interim tax-exempt dividend of 2 sen per ordinary share in respect of the FYE 31 December 2024 amounting to RM13,481,628.

A8. Valuation of Property, Plant and Equipment

Property, plant and equipment of the Group were not revalued during the current quarter under review. As at 30 September 2024, all the property, plant and equipment were stated at cost less accumulated depreciation.

A9. Movement of Debt And Equity Securities

Saved as disclosed in the following, there were no issuance, cancellation, resale and repayment of debt and equity securities during the current quarter under review:

(a) Exercise of Warrants

During the quarter under review, KGB issued 11,743,810 new ordinary shares from the exercise of Warrants 2021/2026 at the exercise price of RM1.38 which amounted to RM16,206,458.

(b) Employee Shares Scheme ("ESS")

On 25 September 2024, the Company increased its issued and paid up capital by the issuance of 291,250 ordinary shares at an issue price of RM0.2715 per ordinary share, subsequent to the vesting of ESS shares to the eligible employees.

A10. Changes in Composition of the Group

There were no change in the composition of the Group during the current quarter under review.

A11. Discontinued Operation

There were no discontinued operations within the activities of the Group for the quarter under review.

A12. Capital Commitments

Saved as disclosed in the following, there were no capital commitments for the purchase of any property, plant and equipment or any other expenses that were not accounted for in the financial statements of the current quarter under review.

	As at
	30.9.2024 RM'000
Purchase of plant & equipment	18,792

A13. Changes in Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets

There were no contingent liabilities and contingent assets as at 30 September 2024.

A14. Material Subsequent Events

Saved as disclosed in note 6 of part B, there has been no material subsequent events after the quarter ended 30 September 2024.

B. Additional information required by the Bursa Malaysia's Listing Requirements

B1 Review Of Performance

	Current Year Quarter	Preceding Year Corresponding Quarter	Changes		Current Year-to-date	Preceding Year Corresponding Period	Change	s
	30.9.2024 RM'000	30.9.2023 RM'000	Amount RM'000	%	30.9.2024 RM'000	30.9.2023 RM'000	Amount RM'000	%
Revenue	307,310	401,824	(94,514)	-24%	967,795	1,135,662	(167,867)	-15%
Operating profit	45,224	41,958	3,266	8%	117,558	94,114	23,444	25%
Profit before tax ("PBT")	42,817	39,142	3,675	9%	110,379	86,107	24,272	28%
Profit after tax ("PAT") Profit attributable to	33,593	32,009	1,584	5%	86,406	68,929	17,477	25%
shareholders of the	32,917	31,668	1,249	4%	84,407	66,920	17,487	26%
company								

(a) Current Quarter vs. Previous Year Corresponding Quarter

	Revenue 3Q2024 30.9.2024 RM'000	% of total	Revenue 3Q2023 30.9.2023 RM'000	% of total	Changes %
Service segment:	-	0%	191	0%	-100%
Manufacturing & - Industrial gases	39,389	13%	30,700	8%	28%
trading segment: Equipments and materials	11,675	4%	29,754	7%	-61%
Construction segment: Ultra High Purity ("UHP") - Process Engineering - General Contracting	216,190 19,236 32,807	70% 6% 11%	30,264	62% 8% 27%	-13% -36% -70%
Consolidated Adjustments	(11,987)	-4%	(45,153)	-11%	
Total	307,310		401,824		-24%

Kelington's revenue declined by 24% YoY to RM307.3 million in 3Q2024 compared to 3Q2023. This decrease was primarily due to lower revenue contributions from Singapore and Malaysia, as several major projects in these areas had transitioned out of their accelerated phases and were approaching completion. Additionally, Kelington is leveraging the semiconductor industry's upcycle by shifting its focus from general contracting to UHP projects, which are typically smaller in contract size but offer higher profitability.

In terms of geographical breakdown, revenue contribution was led by Malaysia (40%), followed by Singapore (29%), China (26%), and Taiwan (3%).

Notably, revenue from China rose to RM78.8 million, representing a significant 22.3% increase from RM64.5 million during the same period last year. This notable growth was primarily fueled by several large UHP projects awarded in the second half of 2023 and the first half of 2024, showcasing strong demand in the region.

In Malaysia, revenue decreased by 33.8% to RM121.6 million, down from RM183.6 million in 3Q2023. This reduction was primarily due to several major projects nearing completion, leading to a slowdown in revenue contributions during this period.

Additionally, revenue from Singapore experienced a 34.3% YoY decline, amounting to RM88.1 million in 3Q2024, compared to RM134.1 million in 3Q2023. This decrease primarily stems from the conclusion of several significant projects in Singapore that were nearing completion.

Revenue from Taiwan slightly reduced by 2.2% to RM10.5 million from RM10.8 million in 3Q2023 mainly due to the lower revenue recognition during the quarter compared to same period last year.

In terms of business segments, the UHP division continued to be the primary revenue driver, contributing 70% of the Group's total revenue in 3Q2024. Although UHP revenue declined by 13% to RM216.2 million compared to the same period last year, its increased share of total revenue led to higher project margins, contributing to overall profit. This reflects the successful completion of several UHP projects in Singapore.

The Process Engineering division's revenue contribution experienced a decrease of 36%, totaling RM19.2 million in 3Q2024 compared to 3Q2023. This shift is mainly attributed to a process engineering project awarded in Malaysia in 2022, which has been progressing at a more measured pace following a period of accelerated activity.

Revenue from the General Contracting division decreased by 70%, dropping to RM32.8 million in the 3Q2024 from RM108.9 million in 3Q2023. This reduction was mainly due to slower progress on General Contracting projects in Malaysia following their period of accelerated activity.

The Industrial Gases division showcased steady improvement in 3Q2024, driven by consistent demand for liquid carbon dioxide in both local and export markets. As a result, revenue surged by 28% to RM39.4 million, compared to RM30.7 million in 3Q2023, highlighting a strong growth trajectory in this segment.

B1 Review Of Performance (Cont'd)

(a) Current Quarter vs. Previous Year Corresponding Quarter (Cont'd)

Despite the revenue decline in 3Q2024, gross profit increased by 18%, rising from RM59.3 million in 3Q2023 to RM70.1 million. This notable improvement in gross profit margin, which rose to 22.8% from 14.8% in 3Q2023, was primarily driven by a strategic focus on revenue composition and a favorable project mix, along with contributions from the Industrial Gases division. Additionally, there was an unrealized forex loss of approximately RM6.0 million, mainly due to the revaluation of foreign currency balances and receivables as the Ringgit Malaysia strengthened. Despite these factors, PBT and PAT for the quarter showed solid growth, rising by 9% and 5%, respectively, compared to 3Q2023.

(b) Current Year-to date vs. Previous Year-to date

Revenue 9M2024 RM'000	% of total	Revenue 9M2023 RM'000	% of total	Changes
-	0%	527	0%	-100%
110,709	11%	84,347	7%	31%
42,729	4%	50,491	4%	-15%
643,760	67%	727,102	64%	-11%
58,014	6%	91,534	8%	-37%
161,015	17%	252,995	22%	-36%
(48,432)	-5%	(71,334)	-6%	
967,795		1,135,662		-15%
	9M2024 RM'000 - 110,709 42,729 643,760 58,014 161,015 (48,432)	9M2024 RM'000 - 0% 110,709 11% 42,729 4% 643,760 643,760 67% 58,014 6% 161,015 17% (48,432) -5%	9M2024 RM'000 9M2023 RM'000 - 0% 527 110,709 11% 84,347 42,729 4% 50,491 643,760 67% 727,102 58,014 6% 91,534 161,015 17% 252,995 (48,432) -5% (71,334)	9M2024 RM'000 9M2023 RM'000 - 0% 527 0% 110,709 11% 84,347 7% 42,729 4% 50,491 4% 643,760 67% 727,102 64% 58,014 6% 91,534 8% 161,015 17% 252,995 22% (48,432) -5% (71,334) -6%

The Group's revenue fell by 15% to RM967.8 million in 9M2024, compared to RM1,135.7 million in the same period in 2023. This decline was mainly attributed to reduced revenue contributions from Singapore and Malaysia, as several major projects in these regions transitioned out of their accelerated phases and approached completion. Additionally, a timing gap between the completion of existing projects and the commencement of new projects contributed to the revenue decline.

Revenue from the UHP division fell by 11% to RM643.8 million in 9M2024, compared to RM727.1 million in the same period of 2023. This decline was mainly due to the completion of several UHP projects in Singapore. However, this reduction was partially offset by an increase in UHP projects in China, highlighting strong demand for UHP services in the region.

The Process Engineering division experienced a revenue decline of 37%, dropping to RM58.0 million in 9M2024 from RM91.5 million in 9M2023. This reduction was primarily due to a major project in Malaysia nearing completion and moving out of its accelerated activity phase.

Similarly, the General Contracting division's revenue fell by 36%, reaching RM161.0 million in 9M2024 compared to RM253.0 million in the 9M2023. The reduction was mainly due to lower contributions from operations in Malaysia, Singapore, and China.

On the other hand, the Industrial Gases division saw a 31% year-on-year increase in revenue, rising to RM110.7 million in 9M2024 from RM84.3 million in 9M2023. This growth was primarily driven by increased sales of liquid carbon dioxide and other gases.

In terms of geographical breakdown in 9M2024, revenue contribution was led by Malaysia (41%) followed by China (29%), Singapore (25%), and Taiwan (2%).

Despite the overall revenue decline, the Group achieved substantial improvements in gross profit, which increased from RM143.3 million in 9M2023 to RM178.5 million in 9M2024. This rise was driven by a favorable project mix and contributions from the Industrial Gases division. Consequently, both PBT and PAT showed strong year-on-year growth, with PBT up by 28% to RM110.4 million and PAT rising by 25% to RM86.4 million, highlighting the company's commitment to projects that enhance profitability.

	Current Quarter3Q2024	Immediate Preceding Quarter 202024	Changes	
	Unaudited 30.9.2024 RM'000	Unaudited 30.6.2024 RM'000	Amount RM'000	%
Revenue	307,310	321,206	(13,896)	-4%
Operating profit	45,224	37,212	8,012	22%
Profit before tax ("PBT")	42,817	34,837	7,980	23%
Profit after tax ("PAT") Profit attributable to	33,593	27,170	6,423	24%
shareholders of the company	32,917	26,668	6,249	23%

(c) Variation of Results Against Preceding Quarter

Compared to the 2Q2024, revenue in the 3Q2024 declined by 4% to RM307.3 million, largely due to reduced contributions from operations in China. However, both PBT and PAT grew significantly by 23% and 24% respectively, driven primarily by improved gross profit.

B1 Review Of Performance (Cont'd)

(d) Statement of Financial Position

Financial Indicators	As at 30.9.2024 Unaudited RM'000	As at 31.12.2023 Audited RM'000
Total assets	1,052,953	1,071,328
Total equity	429,032	338,392
Debt Fixed deposits, cash	174,671	188,212
& bank balances	359,652	269,261
Net cash	184,981	81,049
Debt-to-Equity (Gearing)	0.41	0.56

As of 30 September 2024, the Group's shareholders' equity (excluding non-controlling interests) rose to RM421.2 million from RM332.6 million as of 31 December 2023. This growth was attributed to the exercise of warrants and quarterly profits. Over the 9-month period, the Group proposed dividends totaling RM43.8 million to its shareholders, of which RM30.1 million was paid by 30 September 2024.

The Group's total debt decreased to RM174.7 million as of 30 September 2024, down from RM188.2 million as of 31 December 2023. This reduction was primarily due to the settlement of project financing in Singapore and China, though partially offset by loans drawn down for capital expenditures in the industrial gases division. Additionally, the net cash balance improved significantly, reaching RM185.0 million in the third quarter of 2024, up from RM81.0 million in 2023. This increase in net cash was mainly driven by debt repayments, project proceeds, and funds from the exercise of warrants.

As a result, the Group's financial position remains robust, with an improved gearing ratio of 0.41 times.

B2 Commentary Of Prospects

The global semiconductor industry is ramping up production capacity to support the rapid growth of AI, disruptive technologies, and emerging applications, with an impressive 103 new fabs projected to come online between 2023 and 2027, according to the latest SEMI World Fab Forecast report. Of these, 74 are slated for Asia, with a significant number in China, while 11 are planned in the Americas, and another 11 in Europe and the Middle East.

As a reputable player in providing engineering solutions for the semiconductor segment, the Group is well-positioned to benefit from this industry expansion. The Group remains proactive in tendering for additional projects, with a focus on targeting the semiconductor sector in key markets such as Malaysia, China, Singapore and Germany.

During the 9-months ended 30 September 2024, the Group has secured new contracts amounting to RM999 million. Combined with projects carried forward from previous years, our total orderbook stood at RM2.30 billion of which RM1.45 billion remains outstanding.

At our Industrial Gas segment, export demand for LCO₂ remains strong. The second LCO₂ plant in Kerteh, which began operations on 25 March 2024, has boosted our total production capacity to 120,000 mt/year. This expansion supports our focus on maximising returns through higher-margin revenue lines. Additionally, we have secured land adjacent to our two existing plants, providing flexibility to expand capacity as demand grows.

Barring unforeseen circumstances, we are confident of delivering a commendable financial performance in FY2024, underpinned by the execution of our existing orderbook across key markets and the continued momentum in our Industrial Gas business.

B3 Profit Forecast and Profit Guarantee

The Company did not announce any profit forecast or profit estimate for the FYE 31 December 2024 in any public document and hence this information is not applicable.

B4 Profit for the Period

	Quarter ended		Year-to-da	ate ended
	30.9.2024 RM'000	30.9.2023 RM'000	30.9.2024 RM'000	30.9.2023 RM'000
Profit for the period is arrived at after crediting/ (charging):				
Interest income	1,329	653	3,286	1,345
Interest expense	(2,407)	(2,815)	(7,179)	(8,317)
Net (provision)/ reversal of impairment loss on trade	e receivables:			
- specified	(3)	-	1,919	(124)
Depreciation and amortisation	(3,868)	(1,817)	(8,733)	(5,194)
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	(1,215)	(566)	(3,581)	(1,712)
Property, plant and equipment written off	-	-	(6)	(3)
Unrealised Foreign exchange loss	(6,738)	(355)	(7,226)	(24)
Realised Foreign exchange (loss)/ gain	790	(745)	846	(568)
Provision for gratuity	-	-	(1,264)	(5,466)
Gain/ (loss) on disposal of equipment	(2)	(33)	(2)	(210)
Loss on lease termination	-	(151)	-	(151)
Safety production reserve fund	(126)		(871)	-
Reversal of provision for warranty costs	-		-	117
Net fair value adjustments of financial derivatives	(243)	(90)	191	2,872

Save as disclosed above, the other items as required under Appendix 9B, Part A(16) of the Bursa Listing Requirements are not applicable.

B5 Taxation

	Current quarter ended 30.9.2024 RM'000	Cumulative Year to date ended 30.9.2024 RM'000
Company taxation	8,530	20,587
Deferred taxation	694	3,386
	9,224	23,973

The effective tax rate of the Group for the current financial year under review is lower than the statutory tax rate due to the tax rate in Singapore is relatively lower. Apart from this, there are some tax exemptions in China due to expenditure on research and developments.

B6 Corporate Proposal

Saved as disclosed in the following, there were no outstanding corporate proposals announced but not completed as at the date of this quarterly report.

Proposed Acquisition of the Remaining 9.29% Equity Interest in Ace Gases Sdn Bhd ("Proposed Acquisition")

On 29 July 2024, the Company had entered into a conditional share sale agreement with Palace Star Sdn Bhd, Chong Ann Tsun and Alan Lim Chui Boon for the proposed acquisition of 2,539,000 ordinary shares in Ace Gases Sdn Bhd ("AGSB"), representing the remaining 9.29% equity interest in AGSB for a purchase consideration of RM35,692,893 to be satisfied via cash consideration amounting to RM10,079,482 and issuance of 7,590,958 new ordinary shares in KGB ("Consideration Shares") at an issue price of RM3.3742 per Consideration Share.

The Proposed Acquisition is deemed as a related party transaction pursuant to Paragraph 10.08 of the Main Market Listing Requirements of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad, by virtue of the interests of the directors and/ or major shareholders in relation to the Proposed Acquisition.

The resolution of this Proposed Acquisition was duly passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting held on 23 October 2024.

B7 Derivatives Financial Instruments

As at 30 September 2024, the Group has entered into the short-term foreign currency forward contracts, to hedge it's purchases denominated in foreign currency so as to limit the exposure to fluctuations in foreign exchange rates. The details of the foreign currency forward contracts are as follows:

	30.9.2024 RM'000
Type of Derivatives	
Forward Contract (US Dollar)	
Contract (Notional Value)	8,823
Less: Fair value	(8,580)
Total derivatives liabilities	243

The Group maintains a natural hedge, whenever is possible, by matching the receivables and the payables in the same currency, any unmatched balances will be hedged by the forward foreign currency contracts

B8 Lease Liability and Group Borrowings

(a) Lease liability

The lease liability as at 30 September 2024 versus 30 September 2023 were as follows:

	30.9.2024 RM'000		
Non-current	1,128	279	
Current	2,968	1,899	
Total	4,096	2,178	

The lease liability comprises tenancy agreements of more than one year. The increase in lease liability as of 30 September 2024, compared to the same period last year, was primarily due to tenancy agreements for ISO tanks in the industrial gases division.

(b) Group Borrowings

The borrowings as at 30 September 2024 versus 30 September 2023 were as follows.

		As At 30 September 2024					
	Current Liab	ilities	Non-current L	Non-current Liabilities		wings	
	Currency ('000)	RM'000	Currency ('000)	RM'000	Currency ('000)	RM'000	
Secured							
Term Loan	RM13,041	13,041	RM74,059	74,059	RM87,100	87,100	
Revolving loan	RMB7,000; RM24,000, NTD11,000	29,547	RM2,250	2,250	RMB7,000, RM26,250, NTD11.000	31,797	
Post buyer Loan/ Invoice financing	RMB66,745, RM6,052	45,285	-	-	RMB66,745, RM6,052	45,285	
Hire Purchase Payable	SGD43, RM1,592	1,729	SGD287, RM3,731	4,655	SGD330, RM5,323	6,384	
Bank overdraft	RM9	9	-	-	RM9	9	
Unsecured							
Nil	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		89,611		80,964	1	170,575	
Weighted average inter	Weighted average interest rate of borrowings					4.80%	
Proportion of borrowin	gs between fixed interest ra	ite and floating int	erest rate			4%:96%	

The reduction in borrowing as of 30 September 2024, compared to the same period last year, was mainly due to decreased project financing in Singapore and China. This decline in borrowing was partially offset by increased capital expenditure and working capital requirements for the Industrial Gases division. The improvement in the weighted average interest rate was primarily driven by the settlement of borrowings in Singapore.

		As At 30 September 2023					
	Current Liab	ilities	Non-current Li	iabilities	Total Borrowings		
	Currency ('000)	RM'000	Currency ('000)	RM'000	Currency ('000)	RM'000	
Secured							
Term Loan	RM14,054	14,054	RM53,160	53,160	RM67,214	67,214	
Revolving loan	SGD2,990; RM18,500	28,797	RM3,000	3,000	SGD2,990; RM21,500	31,797	
Post buyer loan/Invoice financing	RMB84,086, SGD16,059, RM6,427	115,766	-	-	RMB84,086, SGD16,059, RM6.427	115,766	
Hire Purchase Payable	SGD43, RM1,307	1,454	SGD335, RM3,166	4,319	SGD378, RM4,473	5,773	
Bank overdraft	RM2,241	2,241	-	-	RM2,241	2,241	
<u>Unsecured</u> Nil	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		162,312		60,479		222,791	
Weighted average inter	est rate of borrowings					5.70%	
Proportion of borrowin	gs between fixed interest ra	ate and floating int	erest rate			3%:97%	

The growth in borrowing during the period ended 30 September 2023 compared to the same period last year was mainly due to the capital expenditure for industrial gases division and the project financing for the projects undertaken in Singapore and China. This rise was partially net-off by reduced project financing in Malaysia.

B9 Material Litigation

Save as disclosed below, as at the date of this quarterly report, neither KGB nor any of its subsidiaries is engaged in any material litigation, claims or arbitration, either as plaintiff or defendant, and the Board has no knowledge of any proceedings pending or threatened against the Company and/or its subsidiaries or of any fact likely to give rise to any proceedings, which may materially or adversely affect the financial position or business of the Group:-

(1) Updates on legal proceeding against Hui Neng Mechanical & Electrical Engineering Co. ("Hui Neng")(27518963)

On 29 June 2016, the Judge has decided in favour of Kelington Taiwan and allowed Kelington Taiwan's claim of NTD34,234,442 (equivalent to RM4,279,305) being the net amount after deducting Hui Neng's progress claim of NTD1,765,558, plus all interest thereon since 13 March 2015 until full and final settlement and that all litigation cost shall be borne by Hui Neng.

On 25 July 2016, Hui Neng has submitted an appeal to the Court.

On 14 October 2016, Hui Neng has submitted a written plea to the High Court, Taiwan. On 9 December 2016, Kelington Taiwan answered to the plea submitted by Hui Neng to the High Court.

On 19 January 2017, High court decided to call the witnesses to Court to give evidence on the next hearing. On 24 February 2017, 7 April 2017, 18 May 2017, 6 July 2017, 25 August 2017, 28 September 2017, 16 November 2017, 21 December 2017, 2 February 2018, 15 March 2018, 22 June 2018, 5 July 2018, 1 August and 29 August, High court had heard the evidences given by the witnesses and fixed the final hearing on 12 September 2018.

On 12 September 2018, High Court Taiwan has delivered its court decision and ordered that Hui Neng shall pay Kelington Taiwan the sum of NTD 29,328,814 (equivalent to RM3,946,129) plus interest of 5% per annum thereon since 10 October 2015.

On 11 January 2021, Kelington Taiwan received a judgement from the Supreme Court of Taiwan which in response to Hui Neng's petition made on 23 October 2018 that the original court judgment made on 12 September 2018 was set aside except for the provisional execution, and the case shall re-submit to the Taiwan High Court in Kaohsiung.

On 8 May 2024, High Court of Taiwan has delivered its court decision and ordered that Hui Neng shall pay Kelington Taiwan the sum of NTD 28,067,575 (approximately RM4,108,279), plus an interest of 5% per annum thereon since 11 August 2018. Hui Neng is currently appealing against the decision of the High Court of Taiwan and the matter is ongoing. KTW has replied to Hui Neng's claim and the matter is currently pending decision from court.

The Company will announce further developments on the above matter in due course.

(2) Commencement of arbitration proceeding by Kelington Technologies Sdn. Bhd. ("KTSB"), a wholly owned subsidiary of Kelington against JCT Industries Group Sdn. Bhd ("JCT")

On 19 August 2022, KTSB served a Notice of Arbitration to JCT ("Respondent"). The arbitration proceedings commenced under the Notice of Arbitration filed pursuant to the Arbitration Act 2005 and the PAM Arbitration Rules.

In summary, KTSB claims from the Respondent by way of counterclaims, including but not limited to:

- 1 the sum of RM6,272,033.97;
- 2 further, or alternatively, such sums as may be determined by this Honourable Tribunal on a quantum meruit basis;
- 3 interest for such period and rate as the Honourable Tribunal deems fit;
- 4 interest from the date of the award until full and final settlement;
- 5 costs of the arbitration; and
- 6 such further relief as the Honourable Tribunal deems fit and proper.

On 14 November 2022, KTSB received a notice dated 8 November 2022 from Pertubuhan Akitek Malaysia (PAM) that a sole arbitrator has been appointed for the Arbitration Proceedings.

On 22 April 2024, KTSB served a statement of case to JCT pursuant to Article 10 of the Pertubuhan Arkitek Malaysia Rules 2019 (PAM Rules 2019).

Particulars of the Primarily Reliefs

In this arbitral proceeding, the Claimant seeks from the Respondent, amongst others, the outstanding payment of RM6,272,033.97, and costs and interests arising from the same.

On 18 July 2024, KTSB received a statement of defence dated 18 July 2024 ("Defence") from JCT in response to the KTSB's Statement of case ("SOC"). In the Defence from JCT, JCT denied KTSB's claim and has prayed for Kelington's claim sum of RM6,272,033.97 with interests to be dismissed.

On 12 August 2024, KTSB served a Statement of Reply to Defence ("SOR") to JCT in response to JCT's Defence. In the SOR to JCT, KTSB denied the Defence filed by JCT and has requested that the reliefs set forth in KTSB's SOC to be allowed with costs.

On 15 October 2024, KTSB was notified by Pertubuhan Arkitek Malaysia (PAM) of the appointment of Ar. Alice Leong Pek Lian as the new arbitrator. This appointment is necessitated by the previous arbitrator informing parties on his ill-health condition which prevents him from continuing his duties as the arbitrator.

The Company will announce further developments on the above matter in due course.

B10 Dividends Payable

On 21 August 2024, the Board of Directors of KGB proposed the payment of second interim tax-exempt dividend of 2 sen per ordinary share in respect of the FYE 31 December 2024 amounting to RM13,752,681. This had been paid on 10 October 2024.

On 12 November 2024, the Board of Directors of KGB proposed the payment of third interim tax-exempt dividend of 2 sen per ordinary share in respect of the FYE 31 December 2024 amounting to RM13,775,880. This will be paid on 23 December 2024.

B11 Earnings Per Share

The earnings per share for the quarter and cumulative year to date are computed as follow:

	Current Quarter Ended		Cumulative Yea	r To Date Ended
	30.9.2024	30.9.2023	30.9.2024	30.9.2023
Profit After Taxation attributable to owners of the				
company (RM'000)	32,917	31,668	84,407	66,920
Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue ('000)	680,950	644,648	666,832	643,868
Basic Earnings Per Share (Sen)	4.83	4.91	12.66	10.39
Diluted Earnings Per Share (Sen) # ^	4.24	4.81	10.92	10.16

Note :

- Assuming the full exercise of the remaining 173,702,332 convertible warrants

^ - Assuming the exercise of 20,990,650 shares, which is the remaining unexercised options of Employee Shares Scheme.

B12 Comparative Figures

The following figures have been reclassified to conform with the presentation of current financial period:

Business segment

U U	As previous	As previously reported		As restated		
	Service Segment	Manufacturing and Trading Segment: Industrial		Service Segment Segment Indus		
	RM'000	Gases RM'000	RM'00	0	Gases RM'000	
30.9.2023 Revenue						
External revenue	921	82,935		527	83,329	
Inter-segment	843	175		-	1,018	
	1,764	83,110		527	84,347	