

# KEJURUTERAAN ASASTERA BERHAD OPTIMISTIC OF OPPORTUNITIES PRESENT DESPITE EARNINGS DIP IN 1Q 2020

**Kuala Lumpur, Monday, 22 June 2020** – Kejuruteraan Asastera Berhad (“KAB” or “the Group”) is pleased to announce its financial performance for the first quarter ended 31 March 2020 (1Q 2020). KAB reported a marginal increase in revenue but a lower net profit year-on-year for the current quarter amidst cyclicity in earnings recognition. This was due to completion of projects in FY2019 with higher margins as well as higher operating expenses from headcount expansion and non-recurring expenses incurred for a corporate exercise.

KAB continued with its expansion plan as it has secured several new projects since the beginning of this year. As at end-March 2020, the Group’s order book expanded 26.7% to RM375 million (end-December 2019: RM296 million), in addition to RM242 million worth of tenders that are still pending.

KAB posted a total revenue of RM31.66 million and a profit before tax (PBT) of RM2.01 million for 1Q 2020, a decrease of 35% and 58% respectively, in comparison to the immediate preceding quarter’s (4Q 2019) revenue of RM48.95 million and PBT of RM4.77 million.

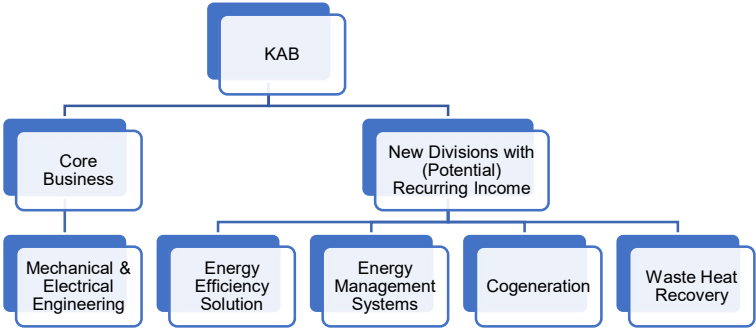
Year-on-year, the Group’s profit after tax and non-controlling interests (PATNCI) of RM1.49 million for 1Q 2020 was 37% lower than the RM2.36 million reported for 1Q 2019. Earnings per share (EPS) stood at 0.20 sen, after the completion of a share split exercise in late February 2020, against 0.74 sen in the corresponding three-month period of last year.

“The new operating environment continues to present us with new business opportunities while we maintain our best efforts in managing common industry challenges caused by disruptions on-site. To date, all our projects have resumed operations. With an expanded headcount, the Group has been more active in tenders and we continue to actively explore strategic acquisitions to grow the earnings base of the Group,” remarks KAB’s Managing Director, Dato’ Lai Keng Onn.

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### ABOUT KEJURUTERAAN ASASTERA BERHAD

**KEJURUTERAAN ASASTERA BERHAD (“KAB”)** is a mechanical and electrical (“M&E”) engineering company established in 1997 that covers all aspects of electrical, mechanical and associated engineering services for both commercial and residential buildings. KAB is registered under the Construction Industry Development Board (“CIDB”) with a Grade 7 and the Energy Commission with a Class A. KAB has been accredited with the BS EN ISO 9001:2015 certificate by NQA Certification Services (M) Sdn Bhd for the scope of M&E engineering installation and maintenance services.



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