CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

		INDIVIDUAL	QUARTER	CUMULATIVE QUARTER		
	-	UNAUDITED	UNAUDITED	UNAUDITED	AUDITED	
		31.12.2022	31.12.2021	31.12.2022	31.12.2021	
	Note	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	
Revenue	A9	72,967	64,257	264,407	222,842	
Cost of sales		(53,849)	(51,723)	(193,556)	(171,226)	
Gross profit	-	19,118	12,534	70,851	51,616	
Other income		213	1,751	2,641	3,766	
Marketing and distribution						
expenses		(3,955)	(1,741)	(9,092)	(5,847)	
Administrative expenses		(7,341)	(4,805)	(22,489)	(17,223)	
Other expenses	_	(1,909)	(1,695)	(5,524)	(6,095)	
Profit from operation	_	6,126	6,044	36,387	26,217	
Finance costs		(388)	(170)	(1,366)	(662)	
Share of result of an associate,						
net of tax	_	(128)	(170)	(632)	(170)	
Profit before tax		5,610	5,704	34,389	25,385	
Tax expense	В6	298	(1,114)	(6,629)	(5,791)	
Profit for the financial year	-	5,908	4,590	27,760	19,594	
Other comprehensive income,						
net of tax						
Item that may be reclassified						
subsequently to profit or loss						
Foreign currency translation						
differences for foreign						
subsidiaries		(48)	99	150	(240)	
Item that will not be reclassified						
subsequently to profit or loss						
Remeasurement of defined benefit plan	_	(29)	(35)	25	(35)	
Total other comprehensive						
income	_	(77)	64	175	(275)	
Total comprehensive income						
for the financial year		5,831	4,654	27,935	19,319	
Profit for the financial year						
attributable to:						
Owners of the Company		5,462	4,418	26,421	18,985	
Non-controlling interests	_	446	172	1,339	609	
Profit for the financial year	-	5,908	4,590	27,760	19,594	

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	_	INDIVIDUAL	QUARTER	CUMULATIVE QUARTER		
		UNAUDITED	UNAUDITED	UNAUDITED	AUDITED	
		31.12.2022	31.12.2021	31.12.2022	31.12.2021	
	Note	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	
Comprehensive income for the financial year attributable to:						
Owners of the Company		5,466	4,494	26,605	18,704	
Non-controlling interests	_	365	160	1,330	615	
Total comprehensive income for the	•					
financial year		5,831	4,654	27,935	19,319	
Earnings per share						
Basic and Diluted (sen)	B11	0.65	0.53	3.17	2.28	

Notes:-

The basis of preparation of the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Profit Or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income are detailed in Note A1 and should be read in conjunction with the Group's audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2021 and the accompanying explanatory notes attached to this interim financial report.

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	UNAUDITED As at 31.12.2022 RM'000	AUDITED As at 31.12.2021 RM'000
ASSETS		
Non-current assets		
Property, plant and equipment	43,582	34,033
Right-of-use assets	2,844	1,812
Intangible assets	9,538	7,638
Investment in an associate	1,898	1,030
Deferred tax assets	578	986
	58,440	45,499
Current assets		
Inventories	27,260	20,738
Trade receivables	59,957	52,590
Other receivables	9,894	9,068
Tax recoverable	3,378	1,112
Short-term investments	23,651	40,101
Fixed deposits with financial institutions Short-term deposits	20,507 14,380	19,174 16,350
Cash and bank balances	33,318	25,508
Cash and bank balances		
	192,345	184,641
TOTAL ASSETS	250,785	230,140
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		
Equity		
Share capital	80,775	80,775
Legal reserve Translation reserve	25 (1,023)	25 (1,193)
Merger deficit	(20,228)	(20,228)
Retained earnings	99,427	76,329
Total equity attributable to Owners of the Company	158,976	135,708
Non-controlling interests	3,658	2,171
Total Equity	162,634	137,879
Non-current liabilities		
Borrowings	16,041	16,660
Lease liabilities	1,065	670
Deferred tax liabilities	932	471
Provision for post-employment benefits	1,458	1,301
	19,496	19,102

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022 (cont'd)

	UNAUDITED As at 31.12.2022 RM'000	AUDITED As at 31.12.2021 RM'000
Current liabilities		
Trade payables	24,007	26,573
Other payables	24,313	19,098
Borrowings	7,004	10,261
Lease liabilities	878	738
Contract liabilities	10,501	15,189
Tax payable	1,952	1,300
	68,655	73,159
Total liabilities	88,151	92,261
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	250,785	230,140
Net assets per share attributable to owners of the Company (RM)	0.19	0.16

Notes:-

The basis of preparation of the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Financial Position are detailed in Note A1 and should be read in conjunction with the Group's audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2021 and the accompanying explanatory notes attached to this interim financial report.

UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Attributable to Owners of the Company					-		
	← — Share	Non-distribu Merger	itable Legal	Translation	Distributable Retained		Non-controlling	Total
	capital	deficit	reserve	reserve	earnings	Total	interests ("NCI")	equity
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
At 1 January 2022	80,775	(20,228)	25	(1,193)	76,329	135,708	2,171	137,879
Profit for the financial year	-	-	-	-	26,421	26,421	1,339	27,760
Other comprehensive income								
- Foreign currency translation differences	-	-	-	170	-	170	(20)	150
 Remeasurement of defined benefit plan 	-	-	-	-	14	14	11	25
	-	-	-	170	14	184	(9)	175
Total comprehensive income for the financial year	-	-	-	170	26,435	26,605	1,330	27,935
Transactions with Owners of the Company								
Dividends	-	-	-	-	(3,337)	(3,337)	(1,016)	(4,353)
Subscription of shares by NCI in subsidiaries	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,173	1,173
Total transaction with Owners of the Company	-	-	-	-	(3,337)	(3,337)	157	(3,180)
At 31 December 2022	80,775	(20,228)	25	(1,023)	99,427	158,976	3,658	162,634

UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022 (cont'd)

	Attributable to Owners of the Company							
	←	Non-distribu	ıtable		Distributable			
	Share	Merger	Legal	Translation	Retained		Non-controlling	Total
	capital	deficit	reserve	reserve	earnings	Total	interests	equity
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
At 1 January 2021	80,775	(20,228)	25	(931)	57,640	117,281	1,421	118,702
Profit for the financial year	-	-	-	-	18,985	18,985	609	19,594
Other comprehensive income - Foreign currency translation								
differences - Remeasurement of defined	-	-	-	(262)	-	(262)	22	(240)
benefit plan	-	-	-	-	(19)	(19)	(16)	(35)
	-	-	-	(262)	(19)	(281)	6	(275)
Total comprehensive income for the financial year	-	-	-	(262)	18,966	18,704	615	19,319
Transactions with Owners of the Company								
Dividends Changes in ownership interests	-	-	-	-	-	-	(142)	(142)
in a subsidiary	-	-	-	-	(277)	(277)	277	-
Total transaction with Owners of the Company	-	-	-	-	(277)	(277)	135	(142)
At 31 December 2021	80,775	(20,228)	25	(1,193)	76,329	135,708	2,171	137,879

Notes:-

The basis of preparation of the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Changes in Equity are detailed in Note A1 and should be read in conjunction with the Group's audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2021 and the accompanying explanatory notes attached to this interim financial report.

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Cash Flows from Operating Activities	UNAUDITED 31.12.2022 RM'000	AUDITED 31.12.2021 RM'000
Profit before tax	34,389	25,385
Adjustments for:		
Amortisation of intangible assets	417	471
Bad debts written off	79	-
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	3,497	2,514
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	972	1,465
Fair value gain on short term investment	(478)	-
Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment	(865)	(1,401)
Gain on lease modification	(22)	-
Interest expenses	1,366	662
Interest income	(678)	(1,036)
Inventories written down	170	(653)
Inventories written off	20	757
Loss on unrealised foreign exchange	58	446
(Reversal)/Addition of loss allowance on trade receivables	(115)	766
Property, plant and equipment written off	313	3
Provision for post-employment benefits	290	272
Share of result of an associate, net of tax	632	170
Operating profit before working capital changes	40,045	29,821
Inventories	(6,712)	(1,990)
Receivables	(8,442)	(23,060)
Payables	2,438	16,435
Contract liabilities	(4,714)	7,055
Oach from an author	20.045	20.204
Cash from operations	22,615	28,261
Income tax refund	129	- (4.400)
Income tax paid	(7,335)	(4,182)
Interest paid	(690)	(485)
Post-employee benefits paid	14.710	(11)
Net cash from operating activities	14,719	23,583
Cash Flows from Investing Activities		
Acquisition of property, plant and equipment	(13,641)	(28,061)
Addition in intangible assets	(2,318)	(1,188)
Capital contribution to an associate	(1,500)	(1,100)
Fair value gain realised on short term investment	478	_
Increase in right-of-use assets	(853)	_
Interest received	678	1,036
Subscription of shares by NCI in subsidiaries	1,173	
Subscription of shares in an associate	',	(1,200)
Placement of pledged fixed deposits with financial institutions	(1,333)	(541)
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment	1,150	3,245
Net cash used in investing activities	(16,166)	(26,709)

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022 (cont'd)

	UNAUDITED 31.12.2022 RM'000	AUDITED 31.12.2021 RM'000
Cash Flows from Financing Activities		
Dividend paid	(4,353)	(142)
Net repayment of borrowings	(1,493)	(477)
Interest paid	(676)	(177)
Repayment of lease liabilities	(641)	(1,483)
Net cash used in financing activities	(7,163)	(2,279)
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(8,610)	(5,405)
Foreign currency translation differences	145	(561)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the financial year	79,393	85,359
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the financial year	70,928	79,393
Cash and cash equivalents comprise the following:		
Short-term investments	23,651	40,101
Short-term deposits	14,380	16,350
Fixed deposits with financial institutions	20,507	19,174
Cash and bank balances	33,318	25,508
Bank overdrafts	(421)	(2,566)
	91,435	98,567
Less: Fixed deposits pledged	(20,507)	(19,174)
	70,928	79,393

Notes:-

The basis of preparation of the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows are detailed in Note A1 and should be read in conjunction with the Group's audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2021 and the accompanying explanatory notes attached to this interim financial report.

A. EXPLANATORY NOTES PURSUANT TO MALAYSIAN FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARD ("MFRS") 134, INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORTING

A1. Basis of Preparation

The interim financial statements are unaudited and have been prepared in accordance with MFRS 134, Interim Financial Reporting and Rule 9.22 of the Main Market Listing Requirements ("Listing Requirements") of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad ("Bursa Securities").

The interim financial report should be read in conjunction with the Group's audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2021 and the accompanying explanatory notes attached to this interim financial report.

A2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The significant accounting policies and methods of computation applied in the unaudited interim financial statements are consistent with those adopted in the most recent audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2021.

At the date of authorization of these interim financial statements, the followings MFRS, IC Interpretations and Amendments to IC Interpretations were issued but not yet effective and have not been applied by the Group:

Effective for financial periods

MFRSs and Interpretations	beginning on or after
Amendments to Annual Improvements to MFRS Standards 2018 - 2020 Amendments to MFRS 3: Reference to the Conceptual Framework Amendments to MFRS 116: Property, Plant and Equipment - Proceeds	1 January 2022 1 January 2022 1 January 2022
before Intended Use	•
Amendments to MFRS 137: Onerous Contracts-Cost of Fulfilling a Contract	1 January 2022
MFRS 17: Insurance Contracts	1 January 2023
Amendments to MFRS 17: Insurance Contracts	1 January 2023
Amendments to MFRS 17: Initial application of MFRS 17 and MFRS 9 – Comparative Information	1 January 2023
Amendments to MFRS 101: Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non- current	1 January 2023
Amendments to MFRS 101 and MFRS Practice Statement 2: Disclosure of Accounting Policies	1 January 2023
Amendments to MFRS 112: Deferred Tax related to Assets and Liabilities arising from a Single Transaction	1 January 2023
Amendments to MFRS 16: Lease Liability in a Sale and Leaseback Amendments to MFRS 101: Non-current Liabilities with Covenants	1 January 2024 1 January 2024
Amendments to MFRS 10 and MFRS 128: Sale or Contribution of Assets	•
between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture	Deferred

The above pronouncements are either not relevant or do not have any material impact on the financial statements of the Group.

A3. Auditors' report on preceding annual financial statements

The report of the auditors on the Group's financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2021 was not subject to any qualification.

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NOTES TO THE INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022 (cont'd)

A. EXPLANATORY NOTES PURSUANT TO MALAYSIAN FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARD ("MFRS") 134, INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORTING (cont'd)

A4. Seasonal or cyclical factors

The Group's business operations have not been affected by seasonal or cyclical factors.

A5. Unusual items affecting assets, liabilities, equity, net income or cash flows

There were no material unusual items affecting assets, liabilities, equity, net income or cash flows of the Group during the current financial quarter and current year-to-date under review.

A6. Material changes in estimates

There was no material change in financial estimates that could materially affect the current financial quarter under review.

A7. Debt and equity securities

There were no other issuances, cancellations, repurchases, resale and repayments of debt and equity securities during the financial quarter under review.

A8. Dividend paid

There was no dividend paid during the current financial quarter under review.

A. EXPLANATORY NOTES PURSUANT TO MALAYSIAN FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARD ("MFRS") 134, INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORTING (cont'd)

A9. Segmental information

Results for individual quarter ended 31.12.2022

	Investment Holding RM'000	Equipment RM'000	Materials & Engineering Solutions RM'000	Manufacturing RM'000	Adjustments and Eliminations RM'000	Consolidated RM'000
External revenue Intra segment revenue	-	51,967 17,133	8,131 -	12,869 739	- (17,872)	72,967
Inter segment revenue	4,000	191	1,105	-	(5,296)	
Total revenue	4,000	69,291	9,236	13,608	(23,168)	72,967
Results Depreciation and						
amortisation Other non-cash	-	952	59	313	(9)	1,315
income Segment profit before	-	253	(20)	361	-	594
tax	3,816	2,412	1,381	1,993	(3,992)	5,610

Results for individual quarter ended 31.12.2021

	Investment Holding RM'000	Equipment RM'000	Materials & Engineering Solutions RM'000	Manufacturing RM'000	Adjustments and Eliminations RM'000	Consolidated RM'000
External revenue	-	44,773	10,309	9,175	-	64,257
Intra segment revenue	-	13,892	-	-	(13,892)	-
Inter segment revenue	1,452	263	237	-	(1,952)	
Total revenue	1,452	58,928	10,546	9,175	(15,844)	64,257
Results						
Depreciation and						
amortisation	-	806	57	244	(8)	1,099
Other non-cash						
expenses/(income)	-	(822)	29	315	-	(478)
Segment profit before						
tax	1,364	5,109	292	637	(1,698)	5,704

A. EXPLANATORY NOTES PURSUANT TO MALAYSIAN FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARD ("MFRS") 134, INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORTING (cont'd)

A9. Segmental information (cont'd)

Results for cumulative quarter ended 31.12.2022

	Investment		Materials & Engineering		Adjustments and	
	Holding RM'000	Equipment RM'000	Solutions RM'000	Manufacturing RM'000	Eliminations RM'000	Consolidated RM'000
External revenue Intra segment revenue Inter segment revenue	- - 4,000	193,606 84,427 4,918	34,038 - 1,485	36,763 739 -	- (85,166) (10,403)	264,407 - -
Total revenue	4,000	282,951	35,523	37,502	(95,569)	264,407
Results Depreciation and amortisation Other non-cash	-	3,517	232	1,162	(25)	4,886
income Segment profit before	-	246	(28)	342	-	560
tax	2,594	26,369	3,679	6,965	(5,217)	34,389

Results for cumulative quarter ended 31.12.2021

	Investment Holding RM'000	Equipment RM'000	Materials & Engineering Solutions RM'000	Manufacturing RM'000	Adjustments and Eliminations RM'000	Consolidated RM'000
External revenue	-	166,894 78,051	30,490 286	25,458 -	(78,337)	222,842 -
Inter segment revenue Total revenue	2,952 2,952	1,046 245,991	353 31,129	25,458	(82,688)	222,842
Results Depreciation and amortisation Other non-cash	-	3,206	222	1,053	(31)	4,450
expenses/(income) Segment profit before	-	351	162	(153)	-	360
tax	2,763	22,239	1,339	2,219	(3,175)	25,385

A. EXPLANATORY NOTES PURSUANT TO MALAYSIAN FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARD ("MFRS") 134, INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORTING (cont'd)

A9. Segmental information (cont'd)

(a) Analysis of revenue by divisions

	INDIVIDUAL QUARTER				CUMULATIVE QUARTER			
	31.12.2	2022	31.12.2021		31.12.2	31.12.2022		021
	RM'000	%	RM'000	%	RM'000	%	RM'000	%
Distribution Division								
Product distribution								
Equipment	38,715	53.1	32,326	50.3	147,909	55.9	124,181	55.7
Materials &								
Engineering Solutions	6,571	9.0	9,235	14.4	28,792	10.9	26,082	11.7
Services & supply								
of spare parts								
Equipment	13,252	18.2	12,447	19.3	45,697	17.3	42,713	19.2
Materials &								
Engineering Solutions	1,560	2.1	1,074	1.7	5,246	2.0	4,408	2.0
Sub-total	60,098	82.4	55,082	85.7	227,644	86.1	197,384	88.6
Manufacturing Division								
Manufacturing Division Manufacturing	12,869	17.6	9,175	14.3	36,763	13.9	25,458	11.4
wandactumg .	12,009	17.0	9,173	14.5	30,703	13.9	23,436	11.4
Sub-total	12,869	17.6	9,175	14.3	36,763	13.9	25,458	11.4
Total	72,967	100.0	64,257	100.0	264,407	100.0	222,842	100.0

(b) Analysis of revenue by geographical location

	IND	INDIVIDUAL QUARTER				CUMULATIVE QUARTER			
	31.12.2	2022	31.12.2021		31.12.2022		31.12.2021		
	RM'000	%	RM'000	%	RM'000	%	RM'000	%	
Malaysia	33,217	45.5	28,764	44.8	114,834	43.4	92,044	41.3	
ASEAN									
(excluding Malaysia)									
Singapore	8,235	11.3	7,371	11.5	41,831	15.8	34,282	15.4	
Vietnam	6,684	9.2	9,852	15.3	28,226	10.7	25,963	11.7	
Philippines	7,545	10.3	4,208	6.5	22,157	8.4	16,377	7.3	
Thailand	4,876	6.7	4,073	6.3	20,674	7.8	19,925	8.9	
Indonesia	4,528	6.2	3,125	4.9	11,417	4.3	12,957	5.8	
Other ASEAN	711	1.0	519	0.8	1,404	0.5	2,351	1.1	
China	392	0.5	243	0.4	10,840	4.1	8,086	3.6	
Others	6,779	9.3	6,102	9.5	13,024	5.0	10,857	4.9	
Total	72,967	100.0	64,257	100.0	264,407	100.0	222,842	100.0	

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A. EXPLANATORY NOTES PURSUANT TO MALAYSIAN FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARD ("MFRS") 134, INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORTING (cont'd)

A10. Valuation of property, plant and equipment

There was no valuation of the property, plant and equipment in the current financial quarter under review.

A11. Subsequent events

There were no subsequent material events as at the date of this report.

A12. Changes in the composition of the Group

Save as disclosed below, there were no material changes in the composition of the Group for the current financial quarter under review.

QES (Hong Kong) Limited ("QHK"), a subsidiary of the Company had on 10 January 2023 incorporated a whollyowned subsidiary known as QES Technology (Shanghai) Co., Ltd. ("QTS"). QHK had subscribed 100% of the issued share capital of QTS for a total cash consideration of RMB500,000.

A13. Contingent assets or contingent liabilities

The Group has no contingent assets and contingent liabilities as at the date of this report.

A14. Capital commitments

The Group has no material capital commitments as at the date of this report.

A15. Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions during the current financial guarter under review.

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NOTES TO THE INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022 (cont'd)

B. EXPLANATORY NOTES PURSUANT TO MAIN MARKET LISTING REQUIREMENTS OF BURSA MALAYSIA SECURITIES BERHAD

B1. Review of performance

(i) Results for current quarter

	INDIVIDUAL	QUARTER		
	UNAUDITED	UNAUDITED		
	31.12.2022	31.12.2021	Changes	Changes
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	%
Revenue	72,967	64,257	8,710	13.6
Profit before tax	5,610	5,704	(94)	(1.6)

The Group recorded a revenue of RM72.97 million for the current quarter under review compared to RM64.26 million in the corresponding quarter last year, representing an increase of 13.6% or RM8.71 million. The increase of revenue was mainly attributed by higher sales from both distribution and manufacturing division by RM5.02 million and RM3.69 million respectively.

The increase in sales from the distribution division is mainly due to higher deliveries of equipment in the current quarter. The increase in sales of manufacturing division was mainly due to the higher sales of inspection and measurement equipment to semiconductor customers.

The profit before tax ("PBT") of RM5.61 million as compared to RM5.70 million in the corresponding quarter last year, was lower by 1.6% or RM0.09 million. Despite the growth in revenue generated from both distribution and manufacturing division for the current financial quarter under review, the lower PBT recorded was mainly due to the decrease in other income, higher operating expenses incurred for conducting trainings for the employees, participation in exhibitions, and accrual for performance bonuses and incentives as well as corporate events such as teambuilding.

(ii) Results for financial year-to-date

	CUMULATIVE	QUARTER		
	31.12.2022 RM'000	31.12.2021 RM'000	Changes RM'000	Changes %
Revenue	264,407	222,842	41,565	18.7
Profit before tax	34,389	25,385	9,004	35.5

The Group recorded a revenue of RM264.41 million for the current cumulative quarter under review compared to RM222.84 million in the cumulative quarter last year, representing a growth of 18.7% or RM41.57 million. The increase was mainly due to growth recorded from both distribution and manufacturing division by RM30.26 million and RM11.31 million respectively.

The profit before tax ("PBT") of RM34.39 million as compared to RM25.39 million in the cumulative quarter last year, was higher by 35.5% or RM9.00 million. The higher PBT recorded was in tandem with the revenue growth, and a better gross profit generated from both the distribution and manufacturing division.

B. EXPLANATORY NOTES PURSUANT TO MAIN MARKET LISTING REQUIREMENTS OF BURSA MALAYSIA SECURITIES BERHAD (cont'd)

B2. Comparison with preceding quarter's results and comments on material changes in PBT

	Current Quarter 31.12.2022 RM'000	Preceding Quarter 30.09.2022 RM'000	Changes RM'000	Changes %
Revenue	72,967	71,982	985	1.4
Profit before tax	5,610	13,093	(7,483)	(57.2)

The Group's revenue increased from RM71.98 million in the preceding quarter to RM72.97 million in the quarter under review, representing a slight increase of 1.4% or RM0.99 million. The increase in revenue was mainly due to the higher revenue generated from manufacturing division by RM1.42 million despite lower revenue from distribution division by RM0.43 million.

The increase of revenue from the manufacturing division was mainly due to higher sales of inspection and measurement equipment to semiconductor customers which partially offset the lower sales of handling equipment. The decrease in the distribution division was mainly due to a drop in deliveries of equipment in the current quarter.

The decrease in PBT by RM7.48 million was mainly due to lower gross profit generated from the sales products mix of both distribution and manufacturing division coupled with higher operating expenses incurred for conducting trainings for the employees and accrual for performance bonuses and incentives as well as corporate events such as teambuilding.

B3. Prospects and outlook

The Board is cautiously optimistic on the business prospects for FYE 2023 with macroeconomic pressures such as rising inflation and the growing risk of a potential recession. Despite these challenges, the Group remains confident in managing risks and seizing opportunities stemming from the Group's well diversified revenue streams coming from different countries and industries. For FYE 2023, the Group will continue to execute long term strategic expansion plans by building a new factory in Batu Kawan, Penang, set up office in Shanghai, China and continue to invest and retain talent. At the same time, we will be very focus on operational efficiencies, costs control and execute clear business strategies to ensure long term commitment to ESG.

B. EXPLANATORY NOTES PURSUANT TO MAIN MARKET LISTING REQUIREMENTS OF BURSA MALAYSIA SECURITIES BERHAD (cont'd)

B4. Profit forecast and profit guarantee

The Group did not issue any profit forecast or profit guarantee during the financial quarter under review and the financial year-to-date.

B5. Status of corporate proposals

Saved as disclosed below, there were no other corporate proposals announced but not completed as at the date of this report.

On 1 June 2022, the Group proposed to undertake the proposed transfer of the listing of and quotation for the entire issued share capital of QES from the ACE Market to the Main Market of Bursa Securities ("Proposed Transfer"). The Proposed Transfer has been completed on 23 December 2022.

B6. Income tax expenses

	INDIVIDUAL (QUARTER	CUMULATIVE QUARTER		
	31.12.2022 31.12.202		31.12.2022	31.12.2021	
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	
Current tax	(545)	681	5,782	5,193	
Deferred tax	247	433	847	598	
Total tax expense	(298)	1,114	6,629	5,791	

Notes:-

- (1) The Group's effective tax rate for cumulative quarter was lower than the statutory income tax rate of 24% mainly due to impact from recognition of prior year tax exempt pioneer income coupled with current year adjustment for non-taxable and tax exempted income. This is notwithstanding adjustment on certain expenses not deductible for tax purposes such as depreciation, amortisation of intangible assets and allowance for inventories.
- (2) Tax expenses is recognised based on management's best estimate.

B. EXPLANATORY NOTES PURSUANT TO MAIN MARKET LISTING REQUIREMENTS OF BURSA MALAYSIA SECURITIES BERHAD (cont'd)

B7. Utilisation of proceeds from Private Placements

On 4 March 2022, the Company announced its intentions to vary the utilisation of proceeds raised from the private placement ("PP") on 30 October 2020. The Company has raised total gross proceeds of RM20.095 million from its private placement.

The details of utilisation following the variations of the PP Proceeds are set out below:

	Purposes	Revised Proposed Utilisation RM'000	Actual Utilisation RM'000	Balance RM'000	Revised Expected Timeframe for Utilisation
(i)	Factory capacity expansion	8,200	8,200	-	Within 18 months from 30 Oct 2020
(ii)	R&D on future product expansion	5,300	789	4,511	Within 36 months from 30 Oct 2020
(iii)	Market expansion to China	97	97	-	Within 18 months from 30 Oct 2020
(iv)	Future working capital and acquisition related investment	5,998	5,998	-	Within 36 months from 30 Oct 2020
(v)	Estimated expenses in relation to the proposed private placement	500	500	-	Immediately
		20,095	15,584	4,511	•

Save for approximately RM15.58 million that has been utilised for various purposes as disclosed above, the remaining PP proceeds has not been utilised as at 31 December 2022.

B. EXPLANATORY NOTES PURSUANT TO MAIN MARKET LISTING REQUIREMENTS OF BURSA MALAYSIA SECURITIES BERHAD (cont'd)

B8. Group borrowings

	UNAUDITED As at 31.12.2022 RM'000	AUDITED As at 31.12.2021 RM'000
Current:		
Bank overdrafts	421	2,566
Bankers acceptance	2,048	1,664
Trust receipts	3,296	4,869
Revolving loan	600	500
Term loan	639	662
	7,004	10,261
Non-current:		
Term loan	16,041	16,660
Total		
Bank overdrafts	421	2,566
Bankers acceptance	2,048	1,664
Trust receipts	3,296	4,869
Revolving loan	600	500
Term loan	16,680	17,322
	23,045	26,921

The Group's borrowings were denominated in MYR, except for approximately RM1.32 million (USD0.30 million), RM0.70 million (GBP0.13 million), RM0.63 million (EUR0.13 million), RM0.61 million (JPY18.10 million) and RM0.04 million (SGD0.01 million) of the above borrowings were denominated in USD, GBP, EUR, JPY and SGD respectively.

B9. Material litigation

There are no material litigations pending on the date of this announcement.

B10. Dividend

On 23 February 2023, the Board declared an interim dividend of 0.50 sen per ordinary share in respect of the financial year ending 31 December 2023. The entitlement to dividend to be determined based on the record of depositors as at 10 March 2023 whilst the payment date to be fixed on 31 March 2023.

B. EXPLANATORY NOTES PURSUANT TO MAIN MARKET LISTING REQUIREMENTS OF BURSA MALAYSIA SECURITIES BERHAD (cont'd)

B11. Earnings per share ("EPS")

	INDIVIDUAL (QUARTER	CUMULATIVE QUARTER	
	31.12.2022	31.12.2021	31.12.2022	31.12.2021
Profit for the period attributable to				
owners of the Company (RM'000)	5,462	4,418	26,421	18,985
Mainhard account of				
Weighted average number of				
shares ('000)	834,139	834,139	834,139	834,139
Basic and diluted EPS (sen)	0.65	0.53	3.17	2.28

Notes:-

Diluted earnings per share of the Company for the individual quarter and year-to-date ended 31 December 2022 is equivalent to the basic earnings per share as the Company does not have any outstanding convertible securities at the end of the reporting year.

B. EXPLANATORY NOTES PURSUANT TO MAIN MARKET LISTING REQUIREMENTS OF BURSA MALAYSIA SECURITIES BERHAD (cont'd)

B12. Notes to the Statements of Profit Or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income

Profit before taxation is arrived at after charging/(crediting):-

	INDIVIDUAL	QUARTER	CUMULATIVE QUARTER		
	UNAUDITED	UNAUDITED	UNAUDITED	AUDITED	
	31.12.2022	31.12.2021	31.12.2022	31.12.2021	
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	
Amortisation of intangible assets	124	92	417	471	
Bad debts written off	33	32	79	471	
Depreciation of property, plant and	33	-	19	-	
equipment	954	618	3,497	2,514	
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	237	389	972	1,465	
Fair value gain on short term investment	(210)	309	(478)	1,400	
Gain on disposal of property, plant	(210)	-	(470)	-	
and equipment	(365)	(663)	(865)	(1,401)	
Gain on lease modification	(303)	(003)	(22)	(1,401)	
(Gain)/Loss on foreign exchange	_	_	(22)	_	
- realised	490	(27)	(164)	(405)	
- unrealised	216	161	58	446	
(Reversal)/Addition of loss allowance on	210	101	30	440	
trade receivables	452	(274)	(115)	766	
Interest expenses	388	170	1,366	662	
Interest expenses	(145)	(281)	(678)	(1,036)	
Inventories written down/(back)	40	(696)	170	(653)	
Inventories written off	20	(090) 757	20	757	
Property, plant and equipment	20	131	20	131	
written off		3	313	3	
Provision for post-employment	-	3	313	3	
benefits	70	64	290	272	
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Save as disclosed above, other disclosure items pursuant to Appendix 9B Note 16 of the Listing Requirements of Bursa Securities are not applicable.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

Andrea Huong Jia Mei Company Secretary 23 February 2023