(ii) Upgrading of Machinery and Equipment for Nextol

As part of our expansion plans, we intend to purchase automated control systems to upgrade and automate our production facilities for our plastic compound manufacturing operations at Nextol Factory 4846 by 2022. We expect to fund the purchase of the above machinery and equipment amounting to RM0.200 million from IPO proceeds and this will be utilised by 2022.

5.8.3 Expansion in Product Range

5.8.3.1 New Range of Cables and Wires

Part of our future plans includes an expansion of our range of cables and wires to cater to the requirements of our existing customers as well as potential customers in the market and their respective sectors. We will manufacture high voltage thermal resistant aluminium conductor cables and industrial cables at Southern Factory, and automotive and elevator cables at the new factory in Lot 38. Following are the details relating to the type of cables and wires, product description, and target industries:-

Types of cables	Product description	Target industries	
New range of power cal	bles and wires		
High voltage thermal resistant aluminium conductor cable	Aluminium based overhead conductors in trapezoidal shaped thermal resistant aluminium alloy wires and high tensile aluminium clad steel for better capacity, corrosion resistance and reduction in power loss compared to conventional overhead conductors. This type of cable is designed for transmission of electrical power with voltage up to 500kV. Trapezoidal shaped Conventional round shaped	Power	
New range of other cab	New range of other cables and wires		
Industrial cables with synthetic rubber based sheathing	Heavy duty cables insulated with flexible synthetic rubber to withstand abrasion and outdoor conditions.	Power	
Automotive and elevator cables and wires	Internal electrical and control cabling mainly for passenger vehicles and elevators.	Automotive and elevator	

The expected commercialisation of the above new products is as follows:-

Expected Timing of Comm		Commercialisation
	1 st half of 2021	2 nd half of 2021
New range of power cables and wires		
High voltage thermal resistant aluminium conductor cable	\checkmark	
New range of other cables and wires		
Industrial cables with synthetic rubber based sheathing	\checkmark	
Automotive and elevator cables and wires		\checkmark

5.8.3.2 New Range of Plastic Compounds

We utilise mainly PVC, PE, HDPE, MDPE, XLPE and XLPO for insulation, bedding and sheathing in our cables and wires. We have our own PVC compounding facilities which are carried out by our subsidiary, Nextol. With the exception of PVC compounds, we source other plastic compounds including PE, HDPE, MDPE, XLPE and XLPO from external parties.

Part of our future plans is to manufacture new range of plastic compounds at the new factory PT 4845 We expect to commence the manufacture of the following new range of plastic compounds by second half of 2022:-

New range of plastic		
compounds	Description	
PO compounds (halogen free and flame retardant)	This type of PO compound exhibits characteristics of low flammability, generates low amounts of smoke, and low emission of toxic fumes in the event of a fire. This type of compounds can be used for insulation and sheathing due to its mechanical properties, with a mixture of some additives and fillers to achieve the flame retardant characteristics.	
PE compounds	PE compound exhibits various mechanical properties such as abrasive resistance, tensile strength, as well as dielectric strength. This will involve mixing required additives such as carbon black fillers or other UV inhibitors to assure the electrical and mechanical properties are preserved under a high temperature during the extrusion process to form insulation materials for cables and wires.	
XLPE compounds	The use of cross-linked plastic compounds in insulated cables and wires offer water resistance, increased tensile strength, resistance to elevated temperatures, resistance to elongation, and impact resistance as compared to other types of insulation materials. As we are currently sourcing XLPE compound from external parties, we intend to develop this compound internally to be used for our low and medium voltage cables.	

5.9 ADDITIONAL DISCLOSURE

Until 18 June 2019, Southern has been operating the lifting bucket for its aluminium furnace located in Lot 34 without a valid certificate of fitness issued by DOSH. Lifting bucket is a material handling equipment which is used to load the aluminium ingots into the aluminium furnace. On 26 February 2013 and 21 March 2018, Southern received two (2) prohibition orders in writing pursuant to the Factories and Machinery Act 1967 prohibiting the operation of the lifting bucket for the aluminium furnace located in Lot 34. According to the prohibition orders, Southern shall not operate the lifting bucket until a certificate of fitness for this machine is issued.

In between 2013 to 2019, there were site visits and discussions between DOSH and Southern to apply for a certificate of fitness. Consultants were appointed by Southern in 2014 to provide relevant advice and to submit the application for certificate fitness for and on behalf of Southern. Southern also appointed an engineering firm to do machine testing and to issue a test certificate to support the application for the certificate of fitness. In 2015, DOSH rejected the application by Southern. DOSH informed Southern's appointed consultant to obtain the verification of the design of lifting bucket from the headquarters of DOSH, Putrajaya, instead of DOSH, Kedah. Thereafter, there were continuing attempts by the management to procure relevant advice from other consultants to review the resubmission and to reapply for a certificate of fitness. These attempts were unsuccessful.

From 19 June 2019, Southern has stopped using the lifting bucket and replaced the loading of aluminium ingots using manual feed-in. Southern has on 19 June 2019 obtained an acknowledgement from DOSH that the notice of prohibition has been lifted and replaced with the manual feed-in process.

Based on the manual feed-in process, we require more time to manually feed the raw materials into the furnace. In this respect, our production capacity for aluminium rods reduced by approximately 19%, from a maximum of 18,000 tonnes per year to 14,500 tonnes per year. Our Group believes that this manual process will not materially affect the production of aluminium rods as we only produced an output of 6,776 tonnes of aluminium rods in FYE 31 December 2018. In the event that our production of aluminium rods are insufficient to meet the required volume for our cable and wire manufacturing, we will prioritise our production schedules to meet our internal requirements in place of selling the aluminium rods to external parties.

Southern has appointed another consultant to prepare the submission of the certificate of fitness application with a modified design of the lifting equipment and expect to obtain the certificate of fitness for this equipment in four (4) to nine (9) months from the date of said submission. Southern will only commence the operation of the modified lifting equipment upon obtaining certificate of fitness.

As at the LPD, Southern did not receive any approval, hence our Board has decided not to proceed with the certificate of fitness. In this respect, Southern will continue to use the manual feed-in process in view that Southern is still able to meet with its own requirement of aluminium rods as well as external demand. Please refer to Section 5.7(a) of this Prospectus for the information on the annual capacity of the manufacture of aluminium rods.

6. OTHER INFORMATION

6.1 INFORMATION ON MATERIAL LANDS AND BUILDINGS

6.1.1 Properties owned

A summary of the material lands and buildings owned by our Group for our operations as at the LPD is as follows:-

Net book value as at 30 June 2020 RM'000	2,192
Date of Issuance of CF/ CCC	31 October 2016
Land/ Gross Built-Up Area (sq. ft.) ⁽²⁾	12,680/ 7,650
Date of acquisition ⁽¹⁾ / Approximate Age of Building (years)	Dateofacquisition13September20172017Approximateageofbuilding4
Restrictions in Interest/Material Encumbrance(s)	Restrictions in Interest This land cannot be transferred unless the construction of the infrastructure for public usage has commenced as per the plan approved by the relevant local council Material Encumbrance(s) Charged to Public Bank Berhad
Category of Land Use/ Tenure of Property	Category Of Land Use Industry Industry Property Freehold Industry
Description and Existing Use	Description Industrial land with a developer designed factory cum office premises comprising a one and a half (1½) storey semi-detached industrial factory and office Used as an office and warehouse
Property Address/Title Details	Property Address PTD 12913, 46 Jalan Alam Jaya Perindustrian Alam Jaya, 81500 Pekan Nanas, Johor Darul Takzim Darul Takzim Laran Batu, Daerah Pontian, Negeri Johor
Registered/ Beneficial Owner	Southern
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Net book value as at 30 June 2020 RM'000	6,404
Date of Issuance of CF/ CCC	13 July 2010
Land/ Gross Built-Up Area (sq. ft.) ⁽²⁾	11,055/ 5,202
Date of acquisition ⁽¹⁾ / Approximate Age of Building (years)	Dateofacquisition55520182018Approximateageofbuilding10
Restrictions in Interest/Material Encumbrance(s)	RestrictionsinInterestInterestThis land can betransferred, leasedor charged uponreceipt the consentfrom the stateauthorityMaterialEncumbrance(s)Charged to PublicBerhad
Category of Land Use/ Tenure of Property	CategoryOfLand UseLand UseIndustryIndustryTenureofProperty99yearsexpiring on 4January 2110(approximately 9090yearsunexpired lease term)
Description and Existing Use	Description Industrial land with a developer designed premises comprising a one and a half (1½) storey semi-detached industrial building Existing Use Vacant ⁽³⁾
Property Address/Title Details	Property Address No. 12A-G, Pusat Teknologi, Jalan Teknologi, Jalan Teknologi, Sunsuria, Jalan Teknologi, Sunsu Selangor, Kota Damansara PJU 5, 47810 Petaling Jaya, Selangor Darul Ehsan Parul Ehsan Buloh, Daerah Petaling, Negeri Selangor
Registered/ Beneficial Owner	Southern
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Net book value as at 30 June 2020 RM'000	1,380
Date of Issuance of CF/ CCC	25 October 2016 and 20 February 2020 ⁽⁵⁾
Land/ Gross Built-Up Area (sq. ft.) ⁽²⁾	55,262/ 16.921
Date of acquisition ⁽¹⁾ / Approximate Age of Building (years)	Date of acquisition 16 November 2008 of Approximate of building of 16 for ade of add 4 factory
Restrictions in Interest/Material Encumbrance(s)	Restrictions in Interest Nil Nil Encumbrance(s) (i) Private caveat lodged by Public Bank (ii) Charged to Public Bank Berhad to Berhad bank
Category of Land Use/ Tenure of Property	Category of Land Use Industry <u>Tenure of</u> Freehold
Description and Existing Use	Description Industrial land with an individual designed factory detached factory and office and factory and office and factory to manufacture plastic compounds
Property Address/Title Details	PropertyAddressAddressPT4846,KawasanPerusahaanCendana, 08000SungaiPerusahaanCendana, 08000SungaiPerusahaanAman
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Net book value as at 30 June 2020 RM'000	656	
Date of Issuance of CF/ CCC	A/N	
Land/ Gross Built-Up Area (sq. ft.) ⁽²⁾	44,778/ N/A	
Date of acquisition ⁽¹⁾ / Approximate Age of Building (years)	Dateofacquisitionacquisition22 May 20132P May 2013ageofbuildingN/A	
Restrictions in Interest/Material Encumbrance(s)	Restrictions in Interest Nil Material Encumbrance(s) Charged to Public Bank Berhad	
Category of Land Use/ Tenure of Property	Category of Land Use Industry <u>Tenure of</u> Property Freehold	
Description and Existing Use	<u>Description</u> Vacant land <u>Existing Use</u> Vacant ⁽⁶⁾	
Property Address/Title Details	Property Address PT 4845, Mukim Sungai Pasir/Pinang Tunggal, 08600 Tikam Batu, Kedah Darul Aman	<u>Title Details</u> HS(D) 99899, PT 4845, Bandar Sungai Petani, Daerah Kuala Muda, Negeri Kedah
Registered/ Beneficial Owner	Nextol	
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(1)	Based on the date of the sale and purchase agreement entered into between the companies within Southern Cable Group and the respective vendors.
(2)	Conversion of original measurement for properties in sq. m to sq. ft. at 1 sq. m = 10.7639 sq. ft.
(3)	Intended to be used as a sales office and warehouse.
(4)	The private caveat lodged by Public Bank Berhad on 14 January 2009 had lapsed by virtue of Section 328 of the National Land Code 1965 which states a private caveat shall lapse at the expiry of six (6) years from the time from which it took effect, and the entry thereof may be cancelled accordingly by the Registrar or on an application by any person or body who has interest in the land.
(5)	A temporary permit issued by the Majlis Perbandaran Sungai Petani, Kedah Darul Aman which expires on 31 December 2020 in respect of new roofing installed. The Majlis Perbandaran Sungai Petani, Kedah Darul Aman has the right to suspend or revoke such temporary permit as it has granted at any time without giving any compensation. We will comply with the conditions to the permit prescribed by the Majlis Petani, Kedah Darul Aman from time and periodically apply for renewal of the relevant permit before its expiry.
(9)	Intended to be used for expansion of our plastic compounding factory to support expansion of our cable and wire manufacturing business.

6. OTHER INFORMATION (CONT'D)

6.1.2 Properties leased/rented

(i) Properties leased

The properties occupied by Southern are located on a few parcels of leasehold lands leased from Perbadanan Kemajuan Negeri Kedah. Perbadanan Kemajuan Negeri Kedah is the registered owner of these lands. The lease tenure for the lands is approximately 60 years, with remaining lease tenure of each of the land as provided in the table below. A summary of the properties (including buildings and land leases) as at the LPD is as follows:-

	Registered Owner / Landlord	Tenant	Property Address	Description and Existing Use	Land / Gross Built-Up Area (sq. ft.) ⁽¹⁾	Lease Tenure	Consideration for the Lease RM'000	Date of Issuance of CF / CCC
÷.	Perbadanan Kemajuan Negeri Kedah	Southern	Lot 34, Lots 35 and 42, Lots 36 and 41, Lots 43 and 44, Jalan Merbau Pulas, Kawasan Retil, 09300 Kuala Ketil, Kedah Darul Aman	Description (i) Two (2) units of single storey detached factory with double storey office; (ii) One (1) unit of individual designed factory comprising a single storey and a three (3) storey and a three (3) storey detached factory. (iii) One (1) unit of single storey detached factory. Existing Use (i) Head office; (i) Manufacturing of aluminium rods and copper rods; (ii) Manufacturing of power cables. communication	696,651/ 416,487	Lease tenure of 60 years as follows: (i) Lots 43 and 44: from 15 June 1995 to 14 June 2055 (approximately 35 years unexpired lease term); (ii) Lot 34: from 17 April 2002 to 16 April 2002 to 10 April 2002 to 10	5,319 ⁽²⁾	14 May 2019

	n Issuance e of CF / 0 CCC		⁴⁾
	Consideration for the Lease RM'000		1,133 ⁽⁴⁾
	Lease Tenure	2055 and from 8 July 1995 to 7 July 2055 (approximately 35 years unexpired lease terms respectively); and 17 April 2062 to 16 April 2062 to 16 April 2062 to 16 April 2062 to 16 April 2062 to mately 42 years unexpired lease term), with an option to renew for a further 39 years	Lease from 17 April 2002 to 16 April 2062 (approximately 42 years unexpired lease term) with an option to renew for a further 39 years
	Land / Gross Built-Up Area (sq. ft.) ⁽¹⁾		119,307/ -
	Description and Existing Use	cables, and control and instrumentation cables; and (iv) Storage of raw materials and finished goods, and routine test and factory acceptance test of the cables.	<u>Description</u> Vacant land <u>Existing Use</u> Vacant land ⁽³⁾
ĥ	Property Address		Lot 28, Kawasan Perindustrian Kuala Ketil, 09300 Kuala Ketil, Kedah Darul Aman
	Tenant		Southern
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Date of Issuance of CF / CCC	N/A	N/A	30 December 2019
Consideration for the Lease RM'000	1,094 ⁽⁴⁾	1,200 ⁽⁶⁾	1,200 ⁽⁶⁾
Lease Tenure	Lease from 17 April 2002 to 16 April 2062 (approximately 42 years unexpired lease term) with an option to renew for a further 39 years	Lease from 7 September 2009 to 6 September 2069 (approximately 49 years unexpired lease term) with an option to renew for a further 39 years	Lease from 7 September 2009 to 6 September 2069 (approximately 49 years unexpired lease term) with an option to renew for a further 39 years
Land / Gross Built-Up Area (sq. ft.) ⁽¹⁾	115,206/ -	93,797/ -	93,797/ 31,780
Description and Existing Use	<u>Description</u> Vacant land <u>Existing Use</u> Vacant land ⁽³⁾⁽⁵⁾	<u>Description</u> Vacant land <u>Existing Use</u> Vacant land ⁽³⁾	<u>Description</u> A single storey detached factory <u>Existing Use</u> Vacant ⁽³⁾⁽⁷⁾
Property Address	Lot 29, Kawasan Perindustrian Kuala Ketil, 09300 Kuala Ketil, Kedah Darul Aman	Lot 38, Jalan Merbau Pulas, Kawasan Perusahaan Kuala Ketil, 09300 Kuala Ketil, Kedah Darul Aman	Lot 39, Jalan Merbau Pulas, Kawasan Perusahaan Kuala Ketil, G9300 Kuala Ketil, Kedah Darul Aman
Tenant	Southern	Southern	Southern
Registered Owner / Landlord	Perbadanan Kemajuan Negeri Kedah	Perbadanan Kemajuan Negeri Kedah	Perbadanan Kemajuan Negeri Kedah
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Date of Issuance of CF / CCC	6 October 1998	6 October 1998
Consideration for the Lease RM'000	450 ⁽³⁾	450 ⁽⁹⁾
Lease Tenure	Lease from 4 November 1996 to 3 November 2056 (approximately 36 years unexpired lease term) with an option to renew for a further 39 years	Lease from 4 November 1996 to 3 November 2056 (approximately 36 years unexpired lease term) with an option to renew for a further 39 years
Land / Gross Built-Up Area (sq. ft.) ⁽¹⁾	16,254/ 6,896	18,234/ 6,896
Description and Existing Use	<u>Description</u> A one and a half (1½) storey semi-detached factory <u>Existing Use</u> Used as hostel for foreign workers	<u>Description</u> A one and a half (1½) storey semi-detached factory <u>Existing Use</u> Used as hostel for foreign workers
Property Address	Lot 90, Jalan Merbau Pulas, Kawasan Perusahaan Kuala Ketil, 09300 Kuala Ketil, Kedah Darul Aman	Lot 91, Jalan Merbau Pulas, Kawasan Perusahaan Kuala Ketil, 09300 Kuala Ketil, Kedah Darul Aman
Tenant	Southern	Southern
Registered Owner / Landlord	Perbadanan Kemajuan Negeri Kedah	Perbadanan Kemajuan Negeri Kedah
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Notes:-	
(1)	Conversion of original measurement for properties in sq. m to sq. ft. at 1 sq. m = 10.7639 sq. ft.
(2)	Purchase consideration paid for the residue unexpired 60 years lease tenure by virtue of the Sale and Purchase Agreements dated 8 July 1995 (Lot 42), 11 December 1995 (Lot 35), 9 May 2005 (Lot 34), 8 January 2007 (Lots 43 and 44), and 10 March 2011 (Lots 36 and 41).
(3)	Intended to be used for future manufacturing activities.
(4)	Purchase consideration paid for the residue unexpired 60 years lease tenure by virtue of the Sale and Purchase Agreement dated 18 June 2019.
(5)	Intended to construct a new production facility in Lot 29. Please refer to Section 5.8.2.1(i)(b) of this Prospectus for further details on the establishment of a new production facility in Lot 29.
(9)	Lot 38 and Lot 39 were transferred to Southern being settlement of a total outstanding amount of approximately RM1,200,000 owed by One Southwire Sdn Bhd (Registration No. 200801025329 (826653-P)) to Southern.
(2)	We have obtained an approval from MIDA on 25 June 2020 for manufacturing licence and we have submitted the relevant supporting documents requested by MIDA. As at the LPD, we are following up with MIDA on the issuance of the manufacturing licence. Southern will only commence manufacturing activities upon obtaining the manufacturing licence.
(8)	Purchase consideration paid for the residue unexpired 60 years lease tenure by virtue of the Sale and Purchase Agreement dated 6 November 2007.
(6)	Purchase consideration paid for the residue unexpired 60 years lease tenure by virtue of the Sale and Purchase Agreement dated 8 April 2008.

6. OTHER INFORMATION (CONT'D)

(ii) Properties rented

A summary of the material properties rented by our Group for our operations as at the LPD is as follows:-

Registered Owner/ LandlordTenant TenantProperty Address Existing UseDescription and Existing UseLand/Gross Built-Up Area (sq. ft.)Evercoat PaintsSouthernC-2-03, Strand Garden, No.EncorpDescription An office unit on the second floor of a 12, Jalan PJU 5/1,N/A
ty Address Encorp Garden, No. an PJU 5/1,

Notes:-

- Conversion of original measurement for property in sq. m to sq. ft. at 1 sq. m = 10.7639 sq. ft. Ē
- Subsequent to the expiry of the tenancy from 1 August 2019 to 31 July 2020, Southern entered into a 4 months short term tenancy with the landlord. (2)
- (3) Based on monthly rental of RM0.004 million only.

6. OTHER INFORMATION (CONT'D)

Relocation of Daya Factory to Lot 41 of Southern Factory

plantations. In view that Daya Factory is a property tenanted by Daya for manufacturing of its wooden cable drums, the Board has decided to relocate its wooden cable drum operations from Daya Factory to Lot 41, an existing site within Southern Factory which Daya Factory the category of land use is "agriculture" and the express condition provides that the land can only be used for rubber complies with all relevant land rules and building regulations. Prior to commencement of manufacturing of wooden cable drums on Lot Daya has been manufacturing wooden cable drums on Daya Factory since 2012. According to the land search results conducted on 41, Daya requires the following licences:-

- (a) Wood-Based Licence; and
- (b) business licence.

(SP) Sdn Bhd had been terminated since 1 March 2020. There is no legal impact from the termination of the tenancy agreement up to the date of termination. The temporary cessation of Daya's operations does not have any material impact on our Group as the revenue contribution from Daya is relatively small (which is 0.01% of the total Group's revenue for the FYE 31 December 2019 and FPE 30 June 1 March 2020, our Company had temporarily ceased all the manufacturing activities of wooden cable drums and sourced the supply of wooden cable drums directly from third party suppliers. The tenancy agreement for the tenancy of Daya Factory with Genting Ehsan On 11 July 2019, Daya submitted an application to apply for the Wood-Based Licence from the Jabatan Perhutanan Negeri Kedah. As of 2020) and our Company is able to source the wooden cable drums directly from the external party suppliers.

Licence, Daya will proceed to submit an application to apply for the business licence for Lot 41. Daya intends to commence As at the LPD, Daya has received an approval for the Wood-Based Licence for the manufacturing of wooden cable drums and is following up with the Jabatan Perhutanan Negeri Kedah on the issuance of the Wood-Based Licence. Upon receipt of the Wood-Based manufacturing activities on Lot 41 by first quarter of 2021.

6.1.3 Regulatory Requirements and Environmental Issue

compliance with any regulatory requirement, land rules, building regulations and environmental issue which may materially affect our Group's Save as disclosed in Section 6.1.2 of this Prospectus, as at the LPD, there is no breach of any property or land use conditions and/or nonoperation and usage of properties owned, leased and rented by our Group as set out in Sections 6.1.1 and 6.1.2 of this Prospectus.

7. INDUSTRY OVERVIEW



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8 September 2020

The Board of Directors Southern Cable Group Berhad Lot 42, Jalan Merbau Pulas Kawasan Perindustrian Kuala Ketil 09300 Kuala Ketil, Baling Kedah

Dear Sirs/Madam

Independent Industry Assessment of Manufacture of Cables and Wires in Malaysia

We are an independent business consulting and market research company in Malaysia. We commenced our business in 1993 and, among others, our services include development of business plans incorporating financial assessments, information memorandums, commercial due diligence, feasibility and financial viability studies, and market and industry studies. We have been involved in corporate exercises since 1996, including initial public offerings and reverse takeovers for public listed companies on Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad (Bursa Securities), acting as the independent business and market research consultants.

We have been engaged to provide an independent industry assessment on the above subject for inclusion into the prospectus of Southern Cable Group Berhad in relation to its proposed listing on the ACE Market of Bursa Securities. We have prepared this report in an independent and objective manner and had taken all reasonable consideration and care to ensure the accuracy and completeness of the report. It is our opinion that the report represents a true and fair assessment of the industry within the limitations of, among others, secondary statistics and information, and primary market research. Our assessment is for the overall industry and may not necessarily reflect the individual performance of any company. We do not take any responsibilities for the decisions or actions of readers of this document. This report should not be taken as a recommendation to buy or not to buy the shares of any company.

Our report includes assessments, opinions and forward-looking statements, which are subject to uncertainties and contingencies. Note that such statements are made based on, among others, secondary information, primary market research, and after careful analysis of data and information, the industry is subjected to various known and unforeseen forces, actions and inactions that may render some of these statements to differ materially from actual events and future results.

Yours sincerely

Wong Wai Ling Director

Wong Wai Ling has a Bachelor of Arts degree from Monash University, Australia and a Graduate Diploma in Management Studies from the University of Melbourne, Australia. She has more than 20 years of experience in business consulting and market research including initial public offering for companies seeking listing on Bursa Securities.

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INDEPENDENT INDUSTRY ASSESSMENT OF MANUFACTURE OF CABLES AND WIRES IN MALAYSIA

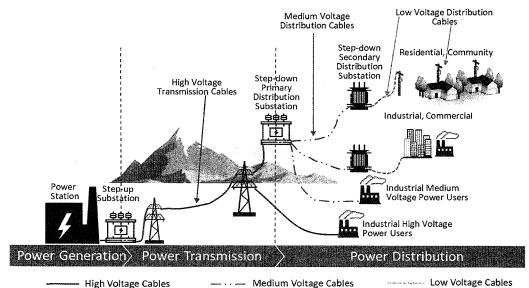
1. INTRODUCTION

- Southern Cable Group Berhad and its group of subsidiaries (Southern Cable Group or the Group) is principally a manufacturer of cables and wires that are used for applications including power distribution, communications as well as control and instrumentation. For FYE 2019, the manufacture of cables and wires accounted for approximately 90% of total Group revenue. Within cables and wires, power cables and wires alone accounted for approximately 76% of total Group revenue for FYE 2019. Other types of cables and wires manufactured by the Group are namely communications cables and wires and control and instrumentation cables and wires. Therefore, power cables and wires will be the focus of this industry assessment while some discussions will cover the manufacture of communications, and control and instrumentation cables and wires.
- All references to cables and wires in this industry assessment are electric and electronic cables and wires, unless otherwise stated. The report excludes fibre optic cables as it is not manufactured by the Group. The term power and electricity are used interchangeably in this report. References to cables in this report may also include wires. For the past four financial years under review, Southern Cable Group derived at least 90% of its total revenue from Malaysia. As such, this industry assessment will cover Malaysia.

2. DESCRIPTION OF THE INDUSTRY

2.1 Power Cables and Wires

• Power is an essential service in all aspects of commercial, industrial and government operations, and the general population and community. Cables and wires are used to carry electricity from power generating facilities to end-users. As the economy and population continue to grow, they will drive the demand for power cables and wires.



Power is generated at various locations, transmitted and distributed via national or state-wide power grid. Currently, most of the electricity is generated from power stations and to a lesser extent, hydropower plants. A small proportion also comes from solar photovoltaic facilities. The power grid comprises an interconnected network of transmission and distribution cables, which carry electricity to industries, commerce, buildings, amenities and infrastructures (including, among others, roads, railway systems, water treatment plants and ports). In Peninsular Malaysia, the power grid is under the purview

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of Tenaga Nasional Berhad (TNB) while Sarawak and Sabah are under Sarawak Energy Berhad and Sabah Electricity Sdn Bhd respectively.

- In Malaysia, electricity is transmitted at a voltage of 500 kilovolt (kV), 275kV and 132kV, whilst electricity is distributed at a voltage of 33kV, 11kV, and 400/230V. In certain parts of Johor and Perak, the electricity distribution voltage may include 22kV and 6.6kV.
- For the past four financial years under review, Southern Cable Group mainly manufactures medium and low voltage power cables and wires for distribution of electricity. It also manufactures low voltage power cables and wires used in buildings. The Group started manufacturing high voltage power cables in 2019.

2.2 Communications Cables and Wires

- Communications cables and wires are used in the telecommunications industry, particularly networks
 ranging from trunk networks linking two points over large distances, wide area networks linking different
 points within large geographical areas, and local area networks (LAN) linking devices within enclosed
 areas, usually within a building. The internet is an example where communications cables and wires
 link many networks globally such that the internet is able to connect billions of devices in the world.
 Networking and communications have become an essential service to daily living as well as in
 commerce and government.
- Generally, fibre optics can also be used as a substitute for copper based communication cables and wires. Fibre optics became popular due to its higher capacity and faster transmission rate compared to copper based communication cables and wires. Therefore, there is a risk that fibre optic cables may replace copper based communication cables and wires. Despite the said advantages of fibre optics cables, copper based communication cables and wires are still widely used as a cost effective medium of data transmission for example Ethernet based technologies and systems for use in LAN. Ethernet for LAN uses Category (Cat) 6, Cat 7 or Cat 8 copper based cables. Cat 8 cables operate at a frequency of 2 gigahertz and are able to support 25 gigabits per second (Gbps) and 40 Gbps data transfer rates.
- Additionally, in some situations wireless technologies including terrestrial and satellite wireless are substitutes for copper based communications cables and wires. Improved terrestrial wireless technologies, such as fifth generation (5G) networks which are focused on mobile applications, can also be used for fixed wireless applications.

2.3 Control and Instrumentation Cables and Wires

- Control and instrumentation cables and wires are similar to communication cables and wires in that
 they basically carry data or signals. However, they are specially designed to work in industrial and
 commercial settings where they are used to connect instruments and devices that monitor or measure
 certain situations or events (for example a thermometer measuring the temperature of liquid). Such
 data is then transmitted, often in real time, to another processor or device that will trigger an action or
 display analysed information.
- Control and instrumentation cables are essential in automated industrial and commercial environment. As processes and operations become more automated, they will continue to drive demand for these types of cables and wires. This is further reinforced by Malaysia Government's emphasis and move towards Industry 4.0, which promotes the use of automation, robotics and artificial intelligence.

2.4 Usage of Different Types of Conductors

 Power cables and wires use either copper or aluminium (or aluminium alloy) as conductors. Cost and applications are major considerations in choosing to use copper or aluminium. Aluminium has 61% of the conductivity and 30% of the weight of copper. Thus, for the same conductivity capacity, an



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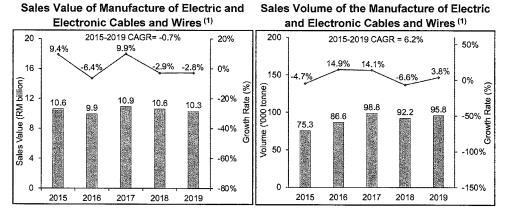
aluminium conductor will weigh approximately half of a copper conductor. Aluminium also costs less compared to copper. In July 2020, the average copper price was USD6,372 per tonne while aluminium was USD1,644 per tonne, making copper approximately 3.88 times more expensive compared to aluminium.

- Generally, aluminium conductors are used in overhead transmission power cables as they are lighter compared to copper conductor cables. Therefore, aluminium conductor cables will have less cable sag due to lower weight compared to copper conductor cables. This allows for wider distances between transmission towers, which would reduce the number and cost of transmission towers.
- Distribution power cables, comprising medium and low voltage cables commonly have copper conductors. However, aluminium conductors are increasingly being used in medium and low voltage power cables due to lower cost compared to copper conductor cables.
- Power cables and wires within buildings and structures commonly use copper conductors because of
 its conductivity, tensile strength and flexibility. Cables and wires used within buildings commonly need
 to traverse round corners and are commonly bent or bunched together. This is where the flexibility or
 pliability and strength of copper is superior compared to aluminium.
- Communications, and control and instrumentation cables and wires commonly use copper conductors for short and medium distances because they are relatively cheaper compared to fibre optic cables and wires. Such cables and wires commonly use copper as their conductors because of the copper's higher carrying capacity which allows for faster transmission rates compared to other metals like aluminium.

3. PERFORMANCE OF CABLES AND WIRES INDUSTRY

3.1 Manufacture of Electric and Electronic Cables and Wires

The manufacture of cables and wires that are used for power distribution, communications as well as control and instrumentation applications is classified under the manufacture of electric and electronic cables. Overall, the sales value of the manufacture of electric and electronic cables and wires in Malaysia declined at an average annual rate of 0.7% between 2015 and 2019. In 2019, the sales value of manufacture of electric cables and wires declined by 2.8% to RM10.3 billion. Meanwhile, sales volume of the manufacture of electric and electronic cables and wires increased at a CAGR of 6.2% between 2015 and 2019. In 2019, sales volume grew by 3.8% to 95.8 thousand tonnes.



 Includes electric and electronic cables and wires, harnesses, wiring sets, telephone and computer cords, and copper rods, strips and bars. Excludes fibre optic cables and wires. (Source: Department of Statistics, Malaysia)



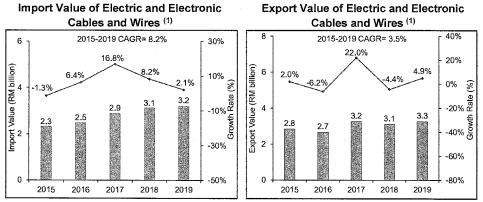
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- The sales value of the manufacture of electric and electronic cables and wires contracted by 7.9% and 38.4% in the first quarter (Q1) and second quarter (Q2) of 2020 respectively as compared to the corresponding periods in 2019. Overall, the manufacturing industry in Malaysia contracted by 18.3% in Q2 2020 compared to a growth of 1.5% in Q1 2020. This was amidst Malaysia's real GDP which also contracted by 17.1% in Q2 2020 compared to a growth of 0.7% in Q1 2020. This was mainly due to the impact of the stringent containment measures for the COVID-19 pandemic. In 2020, the Malaysian economy is forecasted to register a contraction ranging between 3.5% and 5.5% before staging a rebound with a forecasted growth ranging between 5.5% and 8.0% in 2021.
- According to Bank Negara Malaysia, Malaysia's economy is expected to gradually improve in the second half of 2020 underpinned by key growth drivers including continued improvement in global growth, trade and technology cycle, reopening of the domestic economy, improvement in income prospects and sentiments to support consumption spending, and stimulus measures including fiscal, monetary and financial. The continuation of large-scale infrastructure projects namely MRT2, LRT3, Pan Borneo Highway, East Coast Rail Link project, Johor Bahru-Singapore rapid transit system, National Fiberisation and Connectivity Plan, ramp-up of upstream and downstream oil and gas projects, and power generation projects will also contribute to the improvement in Malaysia's economy.
- In addition, it is expected that there will be a gradual normalisation in economic activities and labour market conditions contributed by the rebound of key indicators such as wholesale and retail trade, industrial production, gross exports and electricity generation during the second half of 2020. The recovery of Malaysia's economy will be supported by the Malaysian Government's economic stimulus packages including the Prihatin Rakyat Economic Stimulus (PRIHATIN) with an allocation of RM250 billion, Prihatin SME Economic Stimulus Package (PRIHATIN SME+) with an allocation of RM10 billion and Short Term Economic Recovery Plan (PENJANA) with an allocation of an RM35 billion.

3.2 Imports and Exports of Electric and Electronic Cables and Wires

Overall, import value and export value of electric and electronic cables and wires increased at a CAGR of 8.2% and 3.5% between 2015 and 2019 respectively. In 2019, Malaysia's export of this type of products increased by 4.9% to RM3.3 billion. The continuing growth in exports indicate that there are export opportunities for cable and wire manufacturers in Malaysia.



 Includes electric and electronic cables and wires, hamesses, wiring sets, telephone and computer cords, and copper rods, strips and bars. Excludes fibre optic cables and wires. (Source: Department of Statistics, Malaysia)

4. SUPPLY AND PRICING EFFECTS OF KEY RAW MATERIALS

 Copper and aluminium are the main metals used as conductors for power, communications, as well as control and instrumentation cables and wires. The supply and prices of these key metals would have an impact on end-user industries including utility companies as well as service providers and



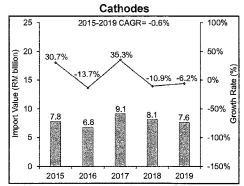
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manufacturers who use these metals as input materials of cables and wires. Although power, communications, and control and instrumentation cables and wires are essential in their respective areas of applications, the high cost of these metal commodities can still dampen demand resulting in possible delays in implementation. Any shortages of these metals in the global market will also have an effect in increasing their prices.

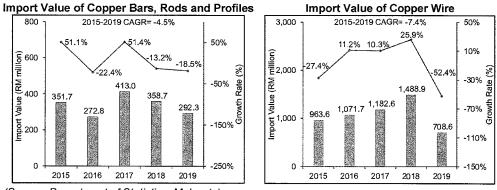
4.1 Supply of Copper

- There was no copper production in Malaysia after the last production of 240 tonnes in 2009. As such, demand for copper was sourced externally through imports from other copper producing countries (Source: Department of Mineral and Geoscience, Malaysia).
- Copper cathodes commonly represent one of the highest levels in the value chain in processing of copper products in Malaysia. As such, Malaysia is highly dependent on the imports of copper cathodes and other copper products for the manufacture of power cables and wires, as well as other copper and copper based products.



(Source: Department of Statistics, Malaysia)

- Between 2015 and 2019, imports of copper cathodes declined at an average annual rate of 0.6 %. In 2019, imports of copper cathodes declined by 6.2%. In 2019, imports of cathodes were mainly sourced from Australia, Indonesia and Korea, which represented 38.0%, 18.6% and 16.6% of the total import value respectively.
- Power, communications, and control and instrumentation cable and wire manufacturers who do not have their own furnace and casting facilities will rely on the purchase of copper rods and wires to be used as copper conductors. Copper rods and wires may be sourced locally from manufacturers of copper rods and wires or sourced from imports. Based on latest available information, sales value of locally manufactured copper bars, rods and profiles grew at a CAGR of 3.1%, whereas sales volume of this category declined at an average annual rate of 3.2% between 2014 and 2018.
- In 2019, imports of copper bars, rods and profiles were mainly sourced from Indonesia, Japan and China, which represented 24.6%, 16.8% and 15.8%, of the total import value of copper bars, rods and profiles respectively.



(Source: Department of Statistics, Malaysia)

 In 2019, import of copper wires in Malaysia were mainly sourced from Indonesia, Thailand and Taiwan which represented 27.2%, 19.6% and 15.5%, of the total import value of copper wires respectively.

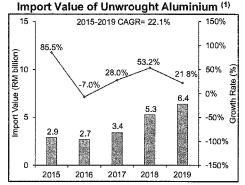


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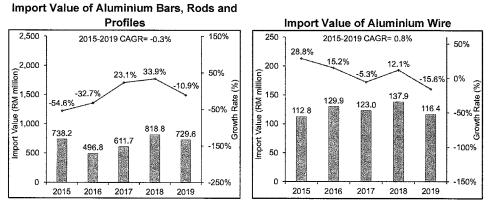
4.2 Supply of Aluminium

• Bauxite ore is the primary source of aluminium. Based on latest available information, local production of bauxite declined at an average annual rate of 11.5% between 2014 and 2018. The decline in production was due to the implementation of bauxite mining moratorium in Pahang since 2016 in response to the environmental issue raised by the public. In 2018, production of bauxite increased drastically by 211.8% from 189,131 tonnes in 2017 to 589,684 tonnes in 2018. The production came from three bauxite mines in Johor (Source: Department of Mineral and Geoscience, Malaysia).



(1) Not alloyed and mainly in the form of ingots. (Source: Department of Statistics, Malaysia)

- Unwrought aluminium, also referred as aluminium
 ingots, is commonly the upstream input material for those manufacturers who are not involved in mining or processing of bauxite and alumina. For power cable and wire manufacturers that have their own furnace and casting facilities, they would use aluminium ingots as their main input materials. The aluminium ingots will be melted down to produce aluminium rods, which are subsequently drawn to smaller diameter wires and used as conductors.
- Between 2015 and 2019, import value of unwrought aluminium grew at a CAGR of 22.1% and in 2019, import value of this said material grew by 21.8%. In 2019, imports of unwrought aluminium were mainly sourced from India, Bahrain and China, which represented 71.4%, 7.7% and 4.2% of the total import value respectively.
- Power cable and wire manufacturers who do not have their own furnaces and casting facilities will rely on the supply of aluminium rods and wires to be used as conductors.



(Source: Department of Statistics, Malaysia)

- In 2019, China continued to be the largest source of aluminium bars, rods and profiles which represented 61.6% of the total import value. This was followed by Korea and Taiwan, which accounted for 11.3% and 7.7% respectively.
- In 2019, imports of aluminium wire were mainly sourced from China, Japan and Indonesia which represented 29.5%, 22.0% and 17.9% of the total import value respectively.

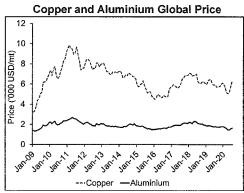


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5. COPPER AND ALUMINIUM PRICES

 Copper and aluminium are globally traded commodities and are subject to price fluctuations or volatility. Global prices affect local manufacturers as copper or aluminium conductors represent a significant proportion of the overall cost of cables and wires. For Southern Cable Group, purchases of copper and aluminium based materials including among others, copper cathode, copper rods, aluminium ingots and rods accounted for approximately 71% to 79% of the total purchases of input materials and services for the past four financial years under review.

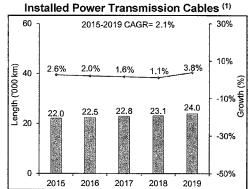


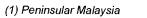
- Between 2009 and 2019, copper recorded the lowest global price at USD3,221 per tonne in January 2009 before it peaked at USD9,868 per tonne in February 2011. In July 2020, the global copper price was USD6,372 per tonne which was 7.3% higher compared to USD5,941 per tonne in July 2019.
- Global price of aluminium was relatively stable compared to the price of copper with the lowest price recorded at USD1,330 per tonne in February 2009 and highest price registered at USD2,678 per tonne in April 2011. In July 2020, the global aluminium price was USD1,644 per tonne which was 8.5% lower compared to USD1,797 per tonne in July 2019.

6. DEMAND FROM KEY END-USER INDUSTRIES

6.1 **Power Transmission and Distribution**

- Utility companies are the main buyers of power transmission and distribution cables particularly for the power grids. Length of power transmission cables in Peninsular Malaysia grew at a CAGR of 2.1% from 22,030km in 2015 to 23,964km in 2019.
- In Peninsular Malaysia, circuit length of power distribution cables grew by a CAGR of 3.9% from 632,929km in 2017 to 683,008km in 2019. (Note: Circuit length is different from conductor length. For example, a 1 km of a 3-phased connection between two points would have one conductor for each phase plus one neutral conductor, which adds up to 4 km conductor length, but it is only 1 km circuit length.)





(Source: Department of Statistics and TNB)

- Rural areas in the country recorded an electricity coverage of 98.2% in 2015. In the mid-term review
 of 11th Malaysia Plan, the government is targeting to provide electricity supply to an additional 41,160
 houses to achieve 99% electricity coverage for rural area by 2020. Rural electrification programmes
 augur well for power cable and wire manufacturers as demand increases to meet national objectives.
- According to TNB, a capital expenditure of RM13 billion will be allocated for FYE2020. This includes RM11 billion capex investments as planned in 2020, and an accelerated implementation of some high value projects of around RM2 billion, which includes projects such as LED street lights, transmission and distribution network projects and rooftop solar installations. The capital expenditure is likely to enhance development in the power transmission and distribution industry which would drive demand for power cables and wires.

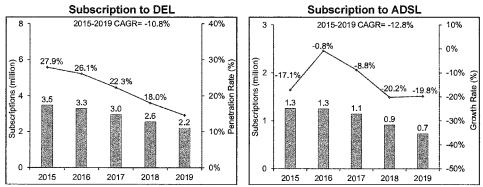


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6.2 Communications

• Copper based communications cables and wires are still being used, although they are slowly being replaced by fibre optic cables. In particular, telephone lines (direct exchange lines (DEL)) and internet connections using asymmetrical digital subscriber lines (ADSL) are copper based cables and wires.

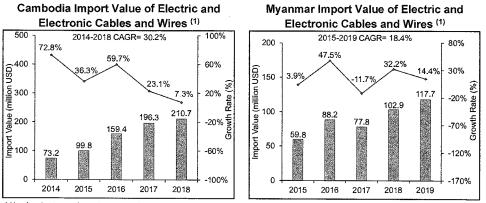


(Source: Malaysia Communication and Multimedia Commission)

- DEL subscriptions declined by an average annual rate of 10.8% between 2014 and 2018. Similarly, ADSL subscription also declined at an average annual rate of 12.8% between 2015 and 2019. This indicates the trend towards mobile communications as well as the use of fibre optic based data transmission including broadband internet access.
- On 28 August 2019, the implementation of the five-year (2019 2023) National Fiberisation and Connectivity Plan (NFCP) amounting to an estimated RM21.6 billion, was approved by the Cabinet of Malaysian. The NFCP focuses on rolling out fibre networks together with alternative technologies such as wireless network including use of satellites. One main target of the NFCP includes availability of average speed of 30 Mbps in 98% of populated areas and gigabit speed in all state capitals by 2023. (Source: Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission)

7. IMPORTS OF CABLES AND WIRES IN CAMBODIA AND MYANMAR

 Southern Cable Group plans to utilise its newly completed factory Lot 39 to expand its power cables and wires to continue serving the local market in Malaysia as well as export markets such as Myanmar and Cambodia. As such, this section will provide import statistics of cables and wires in the relevant countries.



 Includes electric and electronic cables, wires, harnesses, wiring sets, telephone and computer cords, and copper rods, strips and bars. Excludes fibre optic cables and wires. (Source: Vital Factor analysis)



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 Based on the latest available statistics, import value of electric and electronic cables and wires grew at a CAGR of 30.2% between 2014 and 2018 in Cambodia. Between 2015 and 2019, import value of electric and electronic cables and wires grew at a CAGR of 18.4% in Myanmar. As Cambodia and Myanmar are developing countries, demand for cables and wires are likely to be supported by economic growth and development including infrastructure.

8. KEY REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE INDUSTRY

8.1 Electrical Equipment Certificate of Approval

- According to the Electricity Regulation 1994, manufacturers who are involved in the manufacture of electrical equipment (which includes power cables and wires) must obtain a Certificate of Registration (CoR) from the Energy Commission of Malaysia and hold valid Certificate of Approval (CoA). CoA is an approval granted by the Energy Commission of Malaysia that allows the certificate holder to manufacture, import, sell or advertise electrical appliances or equipment including non-armoured wire/cable/cord with a cross-sectional area of 0.5mm² to 35mm².
- The manufacture of electrical equipment is also subject to the Product Certification Scheme (PCS) developed by SIRIM Berhad (SIRIM) which requires the product to be affixed with label issued by SIRIM or bear the SIRIM Certification Mark before being sold to the market. (Source: Energy Commission of Malaysia)
- Southern Cable Group has obtained certificates of approval from the Energy Commission of Malaysia and product certification licences from SIRIM for their power cables and wires.

8.2 Registration with Construction Industry Development Board (CIDB)

According to the Malaysian Construction Industry Development Board (CIDB) Act 1994, personnel
involved in the construction or construction related activities such as electrical works are required to be
registered and to hold a valid certificate of registration issued by the CIDB before undertaking any
construction works in Malaysia. As Southern Cable Group is involved in the supply and installation of
rectifier systems which includes on-site cabling and wiring works, the Group is registered with CIDB
under category G7.

8.3 Registration with Tenaga Nasional Berhad and Telekom Malaysia Berhad (TMB)

• Companies intending to supply products or services to TNB and TMB including cables and wires are required to be an approved supplier of these respective companies. (Source: TNB and TMB). Southern Cable Group is an approved supplier of TNB and TMB.

8.4 Environmental Regulation

 Manufacturing of cables and wires involving the use of furnace to melt copper and aluminium generate wastes in the form of dross and sludges which are listed in the First Schedule of the Environment Quality (Scheduled Wastes) Regulation 2005. The disposal of dross and sludges must be managed in accordance to the regulation (Source: Department of Environment, Malaysia).

9. MARKET PLAYERS

 The following table is a selected list of public listed companies or their subsidiaries that are involved in the manufacture of cables and wires in Malaysia as well as Southern Cable Group (in descending order of revenue):



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Company name	FYE ⁽⁶⁾	Rev ⁽⁷⁾ (RM mil)	NP ⁽⁷⁾ (RM mil)	GP Margin (%)	Gearing Ratio
Sarawak Cable Bhd ⁽¹⁾	31 Dec' 19	793.5	-86.6	4.5	3.35
Southern Cable Group	31 Dec' 19	656.7	28.5	10.2	0.88
Olympic Cable Company S/B ⁽²⁾	31 Dec' 19	228.0	18.8	15.6	N/A
Sindutch Cable Manufacturer S/B ⁽⁵⁾	31 Dec' 18	158.1	-0.8	N/A	1.15
Pan-International Wire & Cable (Malaysia) S/B ⁽³⁾	31 Dec' 18	130.7	13.0	11.7	N/A
Tai Sin Electric Cables Malaysia S/B ⁽⁴⁾	30 Jun' 19	101.2	-0.3	4.5	0.29

FYE = Financial year ended; Rev = Revenue; NP = Net profit; GP = Gross profit; mil = million; Bhd = Berhad; S/B = Sdn Bhd; N/A = not available.

Notes:

- (1) A listed entity on Bursa Securities and the holding company for Leader Cable Industry Berhad, Universal Cable (M) Berhad and Universal Cable (Sarawak) Sdn Bhd.
- (2) A subsidiary of OSK Holdings Berhad, a listed entity on Bursa Securities.
- (3) A subsidiary of the P.I.E. Industrial Berhad, a listed entity on Bursa Securities.
- (4) A subsidiary of Tai Sin Electric Limited, listed entity on Singapore Exchange Limited.
- (5) A subsidiary of the Prysmian S.p.A., a listed entity on Borsa Italiana S.p.A.
- (6) Latest available financial information. Audited figures from annual report, Companies Commission of Malaysia (CCM) and Southern Cable Group.
- (7) May include other business activities.
- The above list of companies was selected based on the following criteria:
 - Public listed or subsidiaries of public listed companies with manufacture of cables and wires operations in Malaysia;
 - Availability of financial information;
 - Having an annual revenue of RM100 million and above for their latest available financial statements.
- The methodology used to compile the above list of companies is based on secondary market research, such as published documents, websites and industry directories. The companies listed above are some of the comparable companies to Southern Cable Group.

10. MARKET SIZE AND SHARE

Market Size

• In 2019, the market size for the manufacture of electric and electronic cables and wires in Malaysia was valued at RM10.3 billion (*Source: Department of Statistics, Malaysia*). (Note: The market size above includes electric and electronic cables, wires, harnesses, wiring sets, telephone and computer cords, and copper rods, strips and bars. It excludes fibre optic cables).

Market Share

 In 2019, Southern Cable Group has an estimated market share of 6% for the manufacture of electric and electronic cables and wires in Malaysia (Source: Department of Statistics, Malaysia and Vital Factor analysis). (Note: Market share was calculated based on Southern Cable Group's revenue of RM589 million from the manufacture of cables and wires alone for FYE 2019, divided by the market size of RM10.3 billion in 2019.)

8. **RISK FACTORS**

NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROSPECTS OF OUR GROUP AS OUTLINED IN THIS PROSPECTUS, YOU SHOULD CAREFULLY CONSIDER, IN ADDITION TO THE OTHER INFORMATION CONTAINED ELSEWHERE IN THIS PROSPECTUS, THE FOLLOWING RISK FACTORS (WHICH MAY OCCUR EITHER INDIVIDUALLY OR IN COMBINATION, AT THE SAME TIME OR AROUND THE SAME TIME) THAT MAY HAVE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE FUTURE PERFORMANCE OF OUR GROUP BEFORE INVESTING IN OUR SHARES.

If you are in any doubt to the information contained in this section, you should consult your stockbroker, bank manager, solicitor, accountant or other professional advisers.

8.1 RISKS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS AND OPERATIONS OF OUR GROUP

8.1.1 Fluctuations in the prices of copper and aluminium may affect our profitability if we are unable to pass through the costs increment to the customers

Our main raw materials consist of copper cathodes, aluminium ingots, copper and aluminium rods, and copper wires used to make conductors for our cables and wires. For FYE 31 December 2016, FYE 31 December 2017, FYE 31 December 2018, FYE 31 December 2019 and FPE 30 June 2020, the total purchases of copper based materials include copper cathode, copper rods and wires, and annealed copper tapes accounted for 59.78%, 63.22%, 63.44%, 62.23% and 62.42% of our total purchases of materials and services respectively. Purchases of aluminium based materials including aluminium ingots and aluminium alloy rods constituted 12.45%, 7.93%, 11.25%, 16.62% and 18.42% of our total purchases of materials and services for FYE 31 December 2016, FYE 31 December 2017, FYE 31 December 2018, FYE 31 December 2019 and FPE 30 June 2020 respectively.

As copper and aluminium are globally traded commodity metals, we are subject to global price fluctuations and the risk of any unfavourable price changes will directly affect our margins and profitability if we are unable to pass through the costs increment to the customers.

The prices of copper and aluminium are influenced by global macroeconomic factors including, among others, supply and demand for the metals, energy costs to process these metals, transportation costs and currency exchange rates, all of these factors are beyond our control. Although we engaged an external party to provide commodity advisory services including trends and information on metal prices, there is no assurance that we would not be adversely affected by fluctuations in the prices of copper and aluminium.

We have contractual agreements with customers that allow us to adjust the selling price of power and communications cables and wires taking into consideration, among others, the fluctuations in the prices of copper and aluminium within specified time indicated in the agreements for the contractual period. For FYE 31 December 2018, FYE 31 December 2019 and FPE 30 June 2020, revenue from these types of customers accounted for 28.08%, 24.94% and 16.69% of our total revenue.

8.1.2 Our margins and profitability may be affected by claims arising from liquidated ascertained damages

We have contracts with certain customers where we have to deliver our products to the customers in accordance with the product specification and agreed delivery timelines stipulated in the contracts.

Any delays in delivery of our products may result in a disruption in the operations of our customers. In this respect, we are subject to the risk of claims and/or penalties pertaining to liquidated damages for late delivery.

The liquidated ascertained damages arising from defective products of our contract with our communications cables and wires customer is up to 10%. Hence, we may be subject to liquidated ascertained damages if our Group is unable to conform with the product specifications upon delivery. This may have an adverse effect on our financial performance including profitability and margins.

We have made provisions for the liquidated ascertained damages for the FYE 31 December 2016 to 2018 as follows:-

- A total net provision of liquidated ascertained damages of RM0.241 million in FYE 31 December 2016. This was mainly for the late delivery of our cables and wires to a utility operator in Sabah where we were unable to meet the agreed delivery timeline as our production was running at optimum capacity;
- (ii) A total net provision of liquidated ascertained damages of RM12.527 million in FYE 31 December 2017. Out of the RM12.527 million, RM9.552 million was for the late delivery of our cables and wires to customers and this included a refinery and petrochemical process plant operator and a utility operator in Peninsular Malaysia. The late delivery of cables and wires was mainly due to our Group's difficulty in fulfilling conflicting scheduled deliveries as our production was running at optimum capacity. The remaining liquidated ascertained damages of RM2.975 million was pertaining to a dispute with a customer on the quality of our product notwithstanding that the customer had accepted the product after undergone the factory acceptance test. The dispute was subsequently resolved after we replaced the cables and wires by purchasing cables and wires from an external party in Korea; and
- (iii) A total net reversal of provision of liquidated ascertained damages of RM1.096 million in FYE 31 December 2018. This was mainly due to a reversal of RM2.812 million that was previously provided for in FYE 31 December 2017 for the late delivery of cables and wires to a refinery and petrochemical process plant operator. In addition, we made provision of liquidated ascertained damages of RM1.716 million for late delivery to customers, including an EPCC contractor, a telecommunications company and a utility operator in FYE 31 December 2018. We were unable to meet the agreed delivery timeline as our production was running at optimum capacity in 2017.

Despite the abovementioned claims arising from liquidated ascertained damages, we continue to receive invitations to bid for new contracts directly with the said power utility operator and telecommunications company in FYE 31 December 2018. In addition, we continue to serve the said refinery and petrochemical process plant operator indirectly through a contractor in FYE 31 December 2018.

For FYE 31 December 2019, FPE 30 June 2020 and up to the LPD there were no claims made by our customers arising from liquidated ascertained damages.

Nevertheless, any material exposure to liquidated ascertained damages will adversely affect our profitability and financial position. There can be no assurance that we will be able to deliver our products on time as well as to ensure no complaints relating to defective products at all times. In the event we fail to maintain the required service levels which resulted in late delivery or defective manufacturing products, our business and financial performance including profitability and margins may be adversely affected.

8.1.3 We may suffer losses due to adverse foreign exchange fluctuations

Our business is exposed to the risk of foreign exchange fluctuations where 54.87%, 48.44%, 45.55%, 40.47% and 39.84% of our purchases of raw materials for the FYE 31 December 2016, FYE 31 December 2017, FYE 31 December 2018, FYE 31 December 2019 and FPE 30 June 2020 respectively were denominated in USD. Any adverse changes in the exchange rate between RM and USD would have a negative impact on our financial performance. Our Group has a policy to hedge all material foreign currency exposure against the transactions using a forward exchange contract as hedging instrument to manage the exposure.

Moving forward, any unfavourable foreign exchange fluctuations between RM and USD may have an impact on our financial performance including profitability and margins.

8.1.4 Our business was and may continue to be affected by the outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic or any contagious or virulent diseases

The spread or outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic or any contagious or virulent diseases may potentially affect our manufacturing operations. If any of our employees are infected with COVID-19 or any contagious or virulent diseases, we may be required to temporarily shut down our manufacturing operations for a period of time as advised by the Ministry of Health, Malaysia to contain the spread of the disease. In the event any of our employees are infected, all our employees would have to undergo COVID-19 swab test. As at the LPD, none of our employees are infected with COVID-19.

Furthermore, any MCO imposed by the Government including targeted enhanced MCO in a location resulting from a resurgence or a general containment measure has and may potentially interrupt and/or suspend our business operations. As a result of the implementation of an administrative enhanced MCO in Kota Setar District, Kedah from 11 September 2020 to 25 September 2020, one (1) of our employees, who is a process engineer, was unable to come to work in view that his residence is in this district. There is no material adverse impact on our business operations as there are three (3) other process engineers to carry out the roles in supporting the manufacturing processes. In the event of any outbreak of COVID-19 infections among our employees or any prolonged outbreak of diseases and/or MCO conditions, our manufacturing operations and our business and financial performance would be adversely affected.

On 16 March 2020, the Government announced a MCO as a measure to contain the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic in Malaysia. The MCO commenced from 18 March 2020 with several subsequent 14-day extensions up until 3 May 2020. The MCO was superseded by the CMCO from 4 May 2020 to 9 June 2020, where under the CMCO, certain restrictions previously gazetted under the MCO were gradually eased and some of the economic sectors were allowed to resume operations. Thereafter, the CMCO lapsed on 9 June 2020 and the RMCO took effect from 10 June 2020 to 31 August 2020 and further extended to 31 December 2020, where more economic sectors were allowed to resume operations.

During the MCO, we obtained several approvals from MITI which allowed us to resume partial operations based on the conditions of the approvals. Please refer to Section 5.5.13 of this Prospectus for further details on our operating environment and conditions of the MITI approvals.

Impact on our production and financial performance

During the MCO, our manufacturing activities were temporarily suspended for 11 days from 18 March 2020 to 28 March 2020. Due to the restrictions imposed by the Government during the MCO, we were unable to deliver our products to our customers for 14 days from 18 March 2020 to 31 March 2020 and the estimated value of our products that we were unable to deliver during this period was RM23.219 million. The incoming orders via purchase orders had reduced substantially during the MCO save for orders from our customers who were operating in the essential services sector. Our revenue from the sales of cables and wires declined by 95.84% from RM37.096 million in March 2020 to RM1.543 million in April 2020. In this respect, we continued to receive call-up orders pursuant to the existing contracts with TNB and TMB. As a manufacturer of cables to our customers, who were operating in the essential services in the mCO. TNB and TMB are categorised under essential services in the respective Federal Gazettes of Prevention and Control of Infectious Diseases (Measures within Infected Local Areas) Regulations 2020 as companies that are allowed to operate during the MCO.

Upon the resumption of our operations, we continued to take the necessary precautions while working under the various constraints imposed by the authorities during the MCO. Please refer to Section 5.5.13 of this Prospectus for further details on measures and steps taken by our Group. Upon receiving the first approval from MITI on 28 March 2020, we resumed partial operations with a limited number of staff allowed in the factory. This affected the volume of our production output for cables and wires where it declined by 26.65% to 9,014 km in FPE 30 June 2020 as compared to 12,289 km for a 6-month period using the production volume in FYE 31 December 2019 as a basis.

As a result of the reduction in our production output, our delivery schedules were adversely affected during the MCO. In April 2020, we notified our customers in the utility sector pertaining to the constraints resulting from the MCO and they have acknowledged and agreed on the deferment of the delivery schedules. In this respect, we do not expect any liquidated ascertained damages to be imposed on us for the late delivery, if any, of those attributable to the MCO. At the same time, we were unable to deliver our products to our customers due to the lockdown during the MCO.

As a result of the above business interruptions during the MCO between March and April 2020, our financial performance was affected due to delays and/or reduction in our billings. This contributed to a decline in our revenue by 27.35% from RM331.842 million in FPE 30 June 2019 to RM241.086 million in FPE 30 June 2020. Please refer to Section 11.2 of this Prospectus for further details on the management discussion and analysis of our financial conditions and results of operations. The operations and financial performance of our customers may be affected and our customers may cancel their orders or request for a delay in payment. As at the LPD, we have not received any cancellations of orders from our customers. Furthermore, we continued to incur cash outflow from fixed operating expenses such as labour cost, factory overheads, and other administration expenses during the MCO amounting to RM2.497 million in April 2020. Our Group resumed full operations from 29 April 2020 onwards while continuing to adhere to SOP enforced by the authorities.

Impact on our supply chain

Furthermore, the COVID-19 pandemic or other virulent diseases may impact other countries where our suppliers source their materials and any movement control order or lockdown or similar measure implemented in these countries, we may face potential delays in sourcing imported materials. Any shortages in the supply of raw materials may impact on our manufacturing operations and our financial conditions.

For our manufacturing operations, it is our practice to ensure that we have sufficient level of raw materials mainly copper and aluminium based materials to meet our production schedule by buying ahead as these materials are imported. In this respect, this is one of the reasons which contributed to our higher inventory turnover period for the FPE 30 June 2020, as we purchased these main materials during the first quarter of 2020 prior to the MCO. This was planned to meet the initial production schedules. The lower production activities during COVID-19 pandemic and MCO conditions resulted in a lower usage of raw materials. As such we still have sufficient level of raw materials when we resumed our manufacturing operations.

In addition, this also affected our trade payable turnover days which increased from 10 days for the FYE 31 December 2019 to 20 days for the FPE 30 June 2020, which is still within the credit period given by our suppliers.

In addition, any possible future outbreak of viruses may have an adverse effect on our suppliers and may result in a deficit of raw materials and supplies necessary for our Group to carry out our manufacturing operations. If the spread of COVID-19 continues or increases, there is a risk that the Government may implement increased restrictions in movement and economic and social activities in the future. In such an event or if the MCO is reintroduced, we may not be able to complete the orders as scheduled, and we may be liable to pay liquidated ascertained damages. As a result of the foregoing, our business operations and cash flow may be disrupted, and our result of operations and financial performance may be adversely affected.

Impact on our customers

Further to the above, the Group may be adversely affected by the wider macroeconomic effects of the on-going COVID-19 pandemic and possible future outbreaks. While the final effects of the COVID-19 pandemic are difficult to assess at this stage, it is possible that it will have a substantial negative effect on the markets in which we and our customers operate. These effects may also impact the operations of our customers and consequently affect their demand for our products.

Pursuant to the impact of COVID-19 pandemic, our trade receivables turnover period increased from 93 days for FYE 31 December 2019 to 122 days for the FPE 30 June 2020. This was mainly due to slow payments from customers impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Notwithstanding the above, there can be no assurance that the outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic in Malaysia can be effectively controlled, or that there would not be another resurgence of COVID-19 pandemic or other virulent diseases in the future. These adverse events, if materialise and persist for a substantial period of time, will significantly and adversely affect our business operations and financial performance.

Impact of business and earnings prospects

Our business is affected due the impact of COVID-19 pandemic resulting in a temporary suspension subsequently followed by partial operations during the MCO and CMCO periods. According to the Bank Negara Malaysia, the Malaysian economy contracted by 17.1% while the manufacturing sector contracted by 18.3% in the second quarter of 2020 due to the impact of the stringent containment measures to control the COVID-19 pandemic. Nevertheless, we are of the view that the COVID-19 pandemic will not have a material adverse impact on our prospects in Malaysia in the long run.

As at LPD, we have an unbilled order book of RM405.429 million which is expected to be recognised between FYE 31 December 2020 and up to the 2022. Please refer to Sections 5.5.13 for further details on the interruptions to business and operations and 11.2.17 of this Prospectus for further details on our order book.

8.1.5 We are dependent on the supply of electricity and gas for our furnaces and any prolonged disruptions in the supply of electricity or gas would affect our production schedules and profitability

We have two (2) electric furnaces dedicated to the production of copper rods and one (1) gasfired furnace for the production of aluminium rods. In this respect, we are dependent on the supply of electricity and gas to power our furnaces.

The purchase of electricity for our entire business operations including our electric furnaces accounted for RM7.653 million, RM7.053 million, RM8.033 million, RM8.984 million and RM3.943 million of our total purchases of input materials and services for the FYE 31 December 2016 to 2019 and FPE 30 June 2020 respectively. For the FYE 31 December 2016 to 2019, FPE 30 June 2020 and up to the LPD, we have not encountered any material disruptions in the supply of electricity which affected our manufacturing operations. We have a backup power generator for our copper furnaces. This backup power generator would only be able to maintain the temperature of our copper furnaces but unable to generate adequate electricity for the production of copper rods.

On 31 October 2018, we entered into a Gas Supply Agreement with Gas Malaysia Berhad to supply and deliver an agreed daily quantity of gas for our business operations. This agreement, which is valid until 31 December 2022, would provide regular supply of gas for one (1) of our furnaces. Pursuant to the Gas Supply Agreement, in the event the supply of gas by PETRONAS or other suppliers to Gas Malaysia Berhad is terminated or the licence issued to Gas Malaysia Berhad pursuant to the Gas Supply Act 1993 is revoked, the Gas Supply Agreement will be terminated as this will give rise to an event of default as set out under Section 5.5.12 of this Prospectus. In the event the Gas Supply Agreement is terminated, there would be disruption in the supply of gas by Gas Malaysia Berhad to Southern.

Any disruption in the supply of electricity or gas would affect our production schedules and financial performance including profitability and margins.

8.1.6 We are dependent on the demand and performance of our main user-industries including power distribution and telecommunications sectors and any reduction in demand from these industry sectors will adversely affect our financial performance

Any changes in the power sector including government policies, regulations as well as government spending on electricity coverage will directly impact on the demand for power cables and wires. We are highly dependent on the demand and performance of user on power cables and wires as these products contributed 81.04%, 70.24%, 71.66%, 76.06% and 78.13% of our total revenue for the FYE 31 December 2016, FYE 31 December 2017, FYE 31 December 2018, FYE 31 December 2019 and FPE 30 June 2020 respectively. One (1) of our top five (5) major customers, namely TNB has contributed RM93.875 million or 19.95%, RM56.109 million or 9.42%, RM103.159 million or 15.10%, RM113.731 million or 17.32% and RM30.028 million or 12.46% of our total revenue for FYE 31 December 2016, FYE 31 December 2017, FYE 31 December 2018, FYE 31 December 2019 and FPE 30 June 2020 respectively. Our medium and low voltage power cables and wires are used in buildings.

Within the telecommunications sector, copper-based communications cables and wires are slowly being replaced by fibre optic cables due to its higher capacity and faster transmission rate. In addition, the continuing decline in demand for copper cables and wires in telecommunications was also partly due to mobile communications. On 28 August 2019, the implementation of the five-year (2019 – 2023) National Fiberisation and Connectivity Plan (NFCP) amounting to an estimated RM21.6 billion, was approved by the Cabinet of Malaysian. The NFCP focuses on rolling out fibre networks together with alternative technologies such as wireless network including use of satellites. (Source: Industry Overview) The implementation of the NFCP will increase the use of fibre optics as well as terrestrial and satellite wireless technologies, all of which will reduce the demand for copper-based communications cables and wires.

We are dependent on the demand from user for communications cables and wires. One (1) of our top five (5) major customers, namely TMB, contributed RM50.351 million or 10.70%, RM50.671 million or 8.51% and RM84.724 million or 12.40% of our total revenue in FYE 31 December 2016, FYE 31 December 2017, FYE 31 December 2018. The revenue from TMB was lower in FYE 31 December 2019 amounting to RM25.004 million or 3.81% of our total revenue. In FPE 30 June 2020, TMB contributed RM10.357 million or 4.30% of our total revenue. As at the LPD, we have one (1) on-going contract of RM70.034 million with TMB for the supply of communications cables which is valid from October 2018 up to September 2021. We expect lower revenue to be recognised for FYE 31 December 2020 to FYE 31 December 2021 from this contract as compared to FYE 31 December 2018.

Although TNB has contributed more than 10% to our Group's total revenue for FYE 31 December 2016, FYE 31 December 2018, FYE 31 December 2019 and FPE 30 June 2020, whilst TMB has contributed more than 10% to our Group's total revenue for FYE 31 December 2016 and FYE 31 December 2018, we are not materially dependent on any of the contracts awarded by TNB and TMB.

8.1.7 Any delays, cancellations or reductions in contract value of our secured orders, and/or our inability to secure new contracts or purchase orders that are commercially favourable, would adversely affect our financial performance

As at the LPD, we have subsisting contracts with some of our top five (5) customers for cables and wires including TNB, TMB as well as a contract with a reseller. Generally, the contracts with TNB and TMB are not long term in nature and these contracts are only for a specific duration of one (1) to three (3) years based on issuance of purchase orders for the Group to supply the cables and wires, which is the core activity of Southern. In addition, we have a subsisting contract with TMB for the supply and installation of rectifiers. As at the LPD, we have ten (10) on-going contracts totalling of RM657.569 million. Out of RM657.569 million, contracts for cables and wires accounted for RM585.630 million or 89.06%, contract for aluminium rods accounted for RM66.476 million or 10.11%, while the remaining RM5.463 million or 0.83% was for the supply and installation of rectifiers. Please refer to Section 5.5.15 of this Prospectus for details on major customers.

Our Group's financial performance also depends on our ability to secure new contracts and purchase orders to sustain our business. Any delays or cancellation or reduction in the contract value of our orders secured or failure by the customer to raise any purchase orders, would affect our future financial performance, cash flow position and profitability. As at the LPD, our total unbilled order book was RM405.429 million which is expected to be recognised between financial year ending 2020 and up to 2022. Please refer to Section 11.2.17 of this Prospectus for details on our order book.

8.1.8 We may not be able to effectively execute some of our business strategies and plans

Our business strategies are focused on leveraging from our key strengths and capitalising on our core business in manufacturing cables and wires. This includes the expansion of our production facilities driven by our strategy to expand our range of cables and wires, and our new range of plastic compounds. Please refer to Section 5.8 of this Prospectus for further details on our business strategies.

The future growth of our business is dependent on our ability to implement and carry out our business strategies and plans in a timely manner including timely completion of new production facilities (i.e. new factories in Lot 38, Lot 29 and PT 4845) and timely delivery of machinery and equipment for our cable and wire manufacturing operations. These said new production facilities and new machinery and equipment will cater for our expansion. Hence, there is risk that we may not be able to successfully implement our business strategies and plans in a timely manner nor can we provide assurance that our business strategies will be commercially successful or that we will be able to anticipate all the business and operational risks associated with our strategies. Any failure in executing our business strategy effectively may lead to adverse effects on our future business and expected financial performance.

8.1.9 We are dependent on our Managing Director, Executive Director and key senior management for the continuing success of our Group

The continuing success of our Group's business is dependent, to a significant extent, on the efforts, commitment and abilities of our Managing Director, Executive Director and key senior management who play a significant role in the day-to-day operations as well as formulation and implementation of business strategies. Please refer to Section 5.8 of this Prospectus for further details of our business strategies.

Our Managing Director, Executive Director, and key senior management have been working in our Group for an average of 15 years. The loss of service from any of the above parties without any suitable and timely replacement may adversely affect our future business operations and financial performance.

8.1.10 We may be subject to stop work order or legal proceedings if our workers are injured due to workplace health and safety hazards

Our manufacturing operations are susceptible to certain workplace health and safety hazards. These risks include, but not limited to, exposure to fire, physical and mechanical hazards. We operate in an environment that is associated with high temperatures resulting from our furnaces as well as our casting line that involves molten metals. Therefore, our workers are subject to the risk of accidents and/or personal injuries when they are operating the equipment or carrying out certain manufacturing process.

Our workers also deal with heavy raw materials, semi-finished and finished products. All of these factors give rise to potential health and safety risks to the workplace if proper procedures are not followed or abide by our workers.

Although we generally supervise and monitor closely our workers in the implementation of all safety measures and procedures during the manufacturing process and that all our workers are provided proper training programmes on safety and health since March 2019, we cannot guarantee that our workers will follow our safety measures and/or will not breach any applicable guidelines, laws or regulations.

Any personal injuries, fatal accidents or health and safety issues to the workers of our Group may lead to stop work orders, claims or other legal proceedings against our Group.

For FYE 31 December 2018, our Group made an insurance claim of RM0.025 million for fatal accident to one (1) of our foreign workers and penalties for the sum of RM0.138 million by DOSH for breaches relating to occupational, safety and health as well as machinery handling.

8.1.11 We are subject to the risk of product liability arising from defective products and nonperformance of our products

We are exposed to the risk of product liability claims including:-

(i) Warranty in connection with defects or non-conformity of our products

Our Group extends a product warranty period ranging from 12 to 60 months after the delivery or acceptance of our products by the customers ("**warranty period**"). During the product warranty period, if the customers discover any defect or non-conformity in our products resulting from any fault or defective or inadequate or non-conforming design and engineering, workmanship or materials, we are required to replace the products or repair the defects at our own costs. We are required to provide warranty bonds to our customers which are valid from the last delivery date of the products pursuant to the contracts until the end of the warranty period. In this respect, we are subject to claims by the customers against any defect or non-conformity in our products.

Failure to rectify the product defects satisfactorily during the warranty period would increase our operational costs and consequently, this may have an adverse effect on the overall profitability of the Group.

(ii) For warranty in connection with performance of our products

Our Group has rendered performance guarantee for the due execution and proper performance of the projects with our customers. If the functionality and performance of the products purchased by our customers are not in accordance with the provisions of the contracts, our performance guarantee will be called upon.

In such situations, this may impact adversely on our customer relationships and future business opportunities.

Furthermore, the possible consequences for any defect or malfunction in our products include widespread blackouts, or in cases of extreme overheating, fire breakouts that in turn could lead to damage and loss of property, as well as personal injuries or death. If such consequences result from the defects in our products, we could be required to compensate our customers and victims for such losses, damages, personal injuries or death. We may also have to spend a significant amount of resources to defend ourselves in the event where claims or legal proceedings are instituted against us.

8.1.12 We may not have adequate insurance to cover liabilities for claims and litigation

We maintain insurance at levels that are customary in our industry to protect against various losses and liabilities.

The total sum insured by the insurance policies procured by our Group amounted to approximately RM499.394 million as at the LPD. These insurance policies mainly cover against risks of fire, flood, burglary on factory, investment property, stock, plant, machineries and other assets as well as machinery breakdown (RM359.217 million). The sum insured also covers other risks such as on public liability, directors and officers liability and group personal accident.

However, this may be insufficient to cover all the risks that are associated with our business operations including product liability. Any losses or damages in excess of our insured limits or in areas for which we are not fully insured, could have an adverse effect on our business, financial conditions and results of operations.

For example, based on the existing contracts entered into with a telecommunications company, our Group is under an obligation to ensure that the products have a life span of up to 15 years and 40 years respectively. Our Group do not have a product liability insurance to protect against claims of personal injury or property damage caused by products sold or supplied. As such, our Group have to bear such costs and expenses in defending any claims or legal proceedings taken against our Group for breach of contract arising from failure to comply with the products life span or defective products.

8.2 RISKS RELATING TO OUR INDUSTRY

8.2.1 We are subjected to political, economic and regulatory conditions, as well as risk of outbreak of diseases in Malaysia and markets that we served

Any changes and/or developments in political, economic and regulatory conditions as well as outbreak of diseases including the COVID-19 pandemic in Malaysia and markets that we serve, could adversely affect our business and financial prospects. These uncertainties include, but are not limited to, changes in inflation rates, interest rates, civil unrest, terrorism, riots, expropriation, changes in political leadership, and unfavourable changes to the government policies and laws. Similarly, any prolonged and/or wide spread economic slowdown or any outbreak of diseases would affect the business confidence as well as public and/or private expenditure. The COVID-19 pandemic may cause interruptions in our supply chain which may adversely affect our business operations. Any economic slowdown may cause our customers to defer, reduce or terminate contracts/sales orders or reduce the price of our products. In addition, any changes in the fiscal and monetary policies of the Government or the foreign markets that we serve would also impact on our business and financial performance, including profitability and margins. There is no assurance that any adverse political, fiscal or monetary policies, regulatory or economic developments and outbreak of diseases, would not materially affect our financial performance or the industry as a whole.

Pursuant to the announcement from the Government including a freeze and restrictions on recruitment of foreign workers until end of 2020, this will have an impact on the operators of the cable and wire manufacturing industry. As at the LPD, we have 232 foreign employees (out of 629 employees). In the event that we are unable to source foreign workers due to the prolonged COVID-19 pandemic or encounter any shortage of foreign workers, we will substitute with local workers for our manufacturing operations. Nevertheless, any shortage of local or foreign workers will adversely affect our business operations.

8.3 RISKS RELATING TO INVESTING IN OUR SHARES

8.3.1 Our Promoters will be able to exert significant influence over our Company as they will continue to hold majority of our Shares after the IPO

Our Promoters hold in aggregate approximately 38.32% of our enlarged issued share capital upon Listing. As a result, they will be able to, in the foreseeable future, effectively control the business direction and management of our Group as well as having voting control over our Group and as such, will likely influence the outcome of certain matters requiring the vote of our shareholders, unless they are required to abstain from voting either by law and/or by the relevant guidelines or regulations.

8.3.2 There is no prior market for our Shares

There is no public market for our Shares prior to our Listing. Hence, there is no assurance that upon Listing, an active market for our Shares will develop, or, if developed, that such market can be sustained. The IPO Price was determined after taking into consideration various factors including but not limited to our business strategies and our financial and operating history.

There can be no assurance that the IPO Price will correspond to the price at which our Shares will trade on the ACE Market upon our Listing and the market price of our Shares will not decline below the IPO Price.

8.3.3 Our Share Price and trading volume may be volatile

The performance of Bursa Securities is very much dependent on external factors such as the performance of the regional and world bourses and the inflow or outflow of foreign funds. Sentiment is also largely driven by internal factors such as economic and political conditions of the country as well as the growth potential of the various sectors of the economy. These factors invariably contribute to the volatility of trading volumes witnessed on Bursa Securities, thus adding risks to the market price of our listed Shares.

In addition, the market price of our Shares may be highly volatile and could fluctuate significantly and rapidly in response to, among others, the following factors, some of which are beyond our control:-

- (i) Variations in our results and operations;
- (ii) Success or failure in our management team in implementing business and growth strategies;
- (iii) Changes in securities analysts' recommendations, perceptions or estimates of our financial performance;
- (iv) Changes in conditions affecting the industry, the prevailing local and global economic conditions or stock market sentiments or other events or factors;
- (v) Additions or departures of key personnel;
- (vi) Fluctuations in stock market prices and volumes; or
- (vii) Involvement in litigation.

8.3.4 There may be a delay in, or termination of, our Listing

The occurrence of certain events, including the following, may cause a delay in, or termination of, our Listing:-

- (i) the Sole Underwriter's exercise of their rights under the Underwriting Agreement to discharge themselves of their obligations under such agreements;
- (ii) our inability to meet the minimum public spread requirement under the Listing Requirements of having at least 25.0% of the total number of our Shares for which our Listing is sought being in the hands of at least 1,000 public shareholders holding at least 100 Shares each at the point of our Listing; or
- (iii) the revocation of the approvals from the relevant authorities for our Listing for whatever reason.

Where prior to the issuance and allotment of our IPO Shares:-

- (a) the SC issues a stop order pursuant to Section 245(1) of the CMSA, the applications shall be deemed to be withdrawn and cancelled and we or such other person who received the monies shall repay all monies paid in respect of the applications for our IPO Shares within 14 days of the stop order, failing which we shall be liable to return such monies with interest at the rate of 10.0% per annum or at such other rate as may be specified by the SC pursuant to Section 245(7)(a) of the CMSA; or
- (b) our Listing is aborted, investors will not receive any IPO Shares, all monies paid in respect of all applications for our IPO Shares will be refunded free of interest.

Where subsequent to the issuance and allotment of our IPO Shares:-

- (i) the SC issues a stop order pursuant to Section 245(1) of the CMSA, any issue of our IPO Shares shall be deemed to be void and all monies received from the applicants shall be forthwith repaid and if any such money is not repaid within 14 days of the date of service of the stop order, we shall be liable to return such monies with interest at the rate of 10.0% per annum or at such other rate as may be specified by the SC pursuant to Section 245(7)(b) of the CMSA; or
- (ii) our Listing is aborted other than pursuant to a stop order by the SC under Section 245(1) of the CMSA, a return of monies to our shareholders could only be achieved by way of a cancellation of share capital as provided under the Act and its related rules. Such cancellation can be implemented by the sanction of our shareholders by special resolution in a general meeting and supported by either (aa) consent by our creditors (unless dispensation with such consent has been granted by the High Court of Malaya) and the confirmation of the High Court of Malaya, in which case there can be no assurance that such monies can be returned within a short period of time or at all under such circumstances; or (bb) a solvency statement from the directors.

Nonetheless, our Board will endeavour to ensure compliance with the various requirements for our successful Listing.

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9. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

means a shareholder with a shareholding of 10% or more (or 5% or more where such person is the largest shareholder in the company) of all the voting shares in which involves the interest, direct or indirect, of a related party. A "related party" is defined as a director, major shareholder or person connected with such director Pursuant to the Listing Requirements, subject to certain exemptions, a "related party transaction" is a transaction entered into by a listed issuer or its subsidiary, or major shareholder (including a director or major shareholder within the preceding six (6) months before the transaction was entered into). "Major shareholder" the company.

shareholders to enter into these transactions without having to seek separate shareholders' approval each time we wish to enter into such related party transactions the same party or with parties related to one another or if the transactions involved the acquisition or disposal of securities of interests in one corporation/asset or of during the validity period of the mandate. The interested person shall abstain from voting on resolution(s) pertaining to the respective transaction. Under the Listing After the Listing, we will be required to seek our shareholders' approval each time we enter into material related party transactions in accordance with the Listing Requirements. However, if the related party transactions can be deemed as recurrent related party transactions, we may seek a general mandate from our Requirements, related party transactions may be aggregated to determine its materiality if the transactions occurred within a 12 month period, are entered into with various parcels of land contiguous to each other.

9.1 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Save as disclosed below, our Directors have confirmed that there are no other material related party transactions that we had entered into with elated parties in respect of the FYE 31 December 2016 to 2019, FPE 30 June 2020 and up to the LPD:-Ξ

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		PJU 3/12G, Pool Villas,					(AA)		
		Tropicana Indah, 47410	Ooi Gaik Bee:-						
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(1)	Total purchase consideration of RM5,200,000 for the disposal of the said property as per Section 13.5(v) of this Prospectus, which was completed on 1 October 2019.
(2)	On 29 April 2016, we entered into a tenancy agreement with Ooi Gaik Bee for the rental of a unit of service apartment for two (2) years commencing from 15 April 2016 to 14 April 2018 and the tenancy agreement was renewed on 15 May 2018 for another one (1) year up to 14 May 2019. The tenancy agreement was further renewed on 15 May 2019 for another we the monthly rental rate of RM3,500 (" Tenancy I "). The tenure of Tenancy I is limited to two (2) years and has no option to renew.
	Either party may prematurely terminate the Tenancy I by giving two (2) months' notice in writing to the other party. If our Group terminates the tenancy (other than for breach committed by Ooi Gaik Bee) before the expiry of the Tenancy I, the deposit sum of RM3,500 paid shall be forfeited absolutely by Ooi Gaik Bee. Furthermore, Ooi Gaik Bee shall be entitled to claim for any preceding breach, cost and expenses of repair for any damages done to the service apartment.
(3)	On 1 October 2017, we entered into a tenancy agreement with Ooi Gaik Bee for the rental of the double storey semi-detached house for two (2) years commencing from 1 October 2017 to 30 September 2019 with monthly rental rate of RM3,500 (" Tenancy II ") which was higher than the market rental rate and was therefore not on commercial terms. In view that the Tenancy II was not entered into on an arm's length basis and more favourable to the related party, the tenancy agreement for the Tenancy II was terminated on 31 December 2018. Subsequently on 1 January 2019, we entered into a new tenancy agreement for two (2) years from 1 January 2019 up to 31 December 2021 with monthly rental rate of RM1,000 (" Tenancy III "), which is on an arm's length basis. The tenure of Tenancy III is limited to two (2) years and has no option to renew.
	Either party may prematurely terminate the Tenancy III by giving two (2) months' notice in writing to the other party. If our Group terminates the tenancy (other than for breach committed by Ooi Gaik Bee) before the expiry of the Tenancy III, the deposit sum of RM1,000 paid shall be forfeited absolutely by Ooi Gaik Bee. Furthermore, Ooi Gaik Bee shall be entitled to claim for any preceding breach, cost and expenses of repair for any damages done to the double storey semi-detached house.
(4)	The balance consideration sum was released to Nextol on 30 May 2019 and the transaction has been completed.

9. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (CONT'D)

Prior to our IPO, we have undertaken the following one-off related party transactions:-(ii)

Value transacted with related parties RM'000	142,407		
Nature of relationship	 Tung Eng Hai:- Promoter, substantial shareholder and Managing Director of Southern Cable; and Director and substantial shareholder of Sino 	 Wong Meng Kee:- Promoter, substantial shareholder and Executive Director of Southern Cable; and Director and substantial shareholder of Sino. 	 Ooi Gaik Bee:- Promoter and substantial shareholder of Southern Cable; and Substantial shareholder of Sino.
Nature of Transaction	Acquisition of Southern		
Transacting Parties	Sino, Semangat, Tan Chin Keat, Chong Heang Sue and Yiam Chorng Yin and Southern Cable		
	(a)		

9. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (CONT'D)

Value transacted with related parties RM'000	3,432	
Nature of relationship	 Tung Cheng Im:- Promoter and substantial shareholder of Southern Cable; Costing Manager of Southern; Director of Nextol; Sister of Promoter of Southern Cable, namely Tung Siew Luan; and Sister of Promoter, substantial shareholder and Managing Director of Southern Cable, namely Tung Eng Hai. 	 Tung Siew Luan:- Promoter of Southern Cable; Director of Nextol and Daya; Dister of Promoter and substantial shareholder of Southern Cable; Costing Manager of Southern, namely Tung Cheng Im; and Sister of Promoter, substantial shareholder and Managing Director of Southern Cable, namely Tung Eng Hai.
Nature of Transaction	Acquisition of Nextol	
Transacting Parties	Tung Siew Luan and Tung Cheng Im and Southern Cable	
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RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (CONT'D)

1	Transacting Parties	Nature of Transaction	Nature of relationship	value transacted with related parties RM'000
	Tung Siew Luan and Wong Meng Kee and Southern Cable	Acquisition of Daya	 Wong Meng Kee:- Promoter, substantial shareholder and Executive Director of Southern Cable; and Director of Daya. 	1,824
			 Tung Siew Luan:- Promoter of Southern Cable; Director of Nextol and Daya; Director of Nextol and Daya; Sister of Promoter and substantial shareholder of Southern Cable; Costing Manager of Southern, namely Tung Cheng Im; and Sister of Promoter, substantial shareholder and Managing Director of Southern Cable, namely Tung Eng Hai. 	

Save as disclosed in Section 9.1(i)(c) of this Prospectus, all the transactions under Sections 9.1(i) and (ii) of this Prospectus were carried out on an arm's length basis. Our Directors are of the opinion that the above transactions were transacted in the best interests of our Group's business. Our Directors have also confirmed that there are no other material related party transactions that we had entered into with related parties but not yet effected up to the date of this Prospectus.

Upon our Listing, our Directors, through our Audit and Risk Management Committee will review the terms of any related party transactions and ensure any related party transactions (including recurrent, if any) are:-

- carried out on an arm's length basis;
- not more favourable to the related party than those generally available to third parties dealing at arm's length; and (ii)
- (iii) not to the detriment of the interest of our Company's minority shareholders.

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6	RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (CONT'D)
9.2	TRANSACTIONS THAT ARE UNUSUAL IN NATURE OR CONDITION
	Our Directors have confirmed that there are no transactions that were unusual in its nature or condition, involving goods, services, tangible or intangible assets, to which our Company and/or any of our Subsidiaries was a party for the FYE 31 December 2016 to 2019, FPE 30 June 2020 and up to the LPD.
9.3	OUTSTANDING LOANS AND/OR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE MADE TO OR FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE RELATED PARTIES
	Our Directors have confirmed that there are no outstanding loans (including guarantees of any kind) and/or financial assistance that have been granted by our Company and/or any of our Subsidiaries to or for the benefit of the related parties for the FYE 31 December 2016 to 2019, FPE 30 June 2020 and up to the LPD.
	Our Group will not be providing any such advances (including loans and guarantees of any kind) to or for the benefit of the related parties.

10. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

10.1 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Save as disclosed below, none of our Directors and/or substantial shareholders has any other interest, whether direct or indirect, in any businesses or corporations which are carrying on a similar trade as our Group or which are the customers or suppliers of our Group.

Directors and/or substantial shareholders	Company	Position Held	Principal Activitie Remarks	es/ Direct and Indirect Equity Interest (%)
Ooi Gaik Bee	Synergy Cables Sdn Bhd	Director and shareholder	Struck-off ⁽¹⁾	Direct: 50.00 Indirect: -

Note:-

(1) Previously involved in the trading of all kinds of cables and wires. The company has submitted an application for striking-off of the company on 20 June 2019. On 7 October 2019, the company has been struck-off.

There is no conflict of interest situation arising from our substantial shareholder's interest in Synergy Cables Sdn Bhd as the company has been struck-off.

10. CONFLICT OF INTEREST (CONT'D)

10.2 DECLARATION BY ADVISERS ON CONFLICT OF INTEREST

10.2.1 Principal Adviser, Sponsor, Sole Underwriter and Placement Agent

Malaysian Industrial Development Finance Berhad ("MIDF") is the holding company of MIDF Investment. MIDF, MIDF Investment and other subsidiaries of MIDF (collectively referred to as "MIDF Group") and its related and associated companies are involved in diversified financial activities. MIDF Group has been engaged, and may in the future be engage, in transactions with and/or perform services for Southern Cable Group and its affiliates, in addition to MIDF Investment's role as the Principal Adviser, Sponsor, Sole Underwriter and Placement Agent for the IPO. Further, in the ordinary course of business, any member of the MIDF Group may at any time offer or provide its services to or engage in any transaction (on its own account or otherwise) with any member of Southern Cable Group and its affiliates, or any other entity or transactions for its own account or the account of its customer. This is a result of the business of the MIDF Group generally acting independent of each other and accordingly, there may be situations where parts of the MIDF Group and/or its customers now have, or in the future, may have interest or take actions that may conflict with the said interest. Nonetheless, the MIDF Group is required to comply with applicable laws and regulations issued by the relevant authorities governing its advisory business, which require, among others, segregation between dealing and advisory activities, and Chinese wall between different business divisions.

MIDF Investment has confirmed that there is no existing or potential conflict of interest in its capacity as the Principal Adviser, Sponsor, Sole Underwriter and Placement Agent for our IPO. The Underwriting Agreement, which certain details are set out in Section 3.7 of this Prospectus, was entered into on arm's length basis and on market terms.

10.2.2 Solicitors for the Listing

Azman Davidson & Co has confirmed that there is no existing or potential conflict of interest in its capacity as the Solicitors to our Group in relation to the Listing.

10.2.3 External Auditors and Reporting Accountants

Baker Tilly Monteiro Heng PLT has confirmed that there is no existing or potential conflict of interest in its capacity as the External Auditors and Reporting Accountants to our Group in relation to the Listing.

10.2.4 Independent Business and Market Research Consultants

Vital Factor has confirmed that there is no existing or potential conflict of interest in its capacity as the Independent Business and Market Research Consultants to our Group in relation to the Listing.

10.2.5 Independent Internal Control Consultants

Sterling Business Alignment Consulting Sdn Bhd has confirmed that there is no existing or potential conflict of interest in its capacity as the Independent Internal Control Consultants to our Group in relation to the Listing.

11. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

11.1 HISTORICAL AUDITED COMBINED FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The historical audited combined financial information of our Group for the FYE 31 December 2016 to 2019 and FPE 30 June 2020 have been extracted from the Accountants' Report set out in Section 12 of this Prospectus, which deals with the audited combined financial statements of our Group for the same financial years and financial period under review. In addition, the unaudited combined financial information of our Group for the FPE 30 June 2019 has been prepared for comparison purpose only.

You should read the historical audited combined financial information below together with:-

- Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Conditions and Results of Operations set out in Section 11.2 of this Prospectus; and
- Accountants' Report set out in Section 12 of this Prospectus.

(a) Historical audited combined statements of comprehensive income of our Group

	<	Auc	dited	>	Unaudited	Audited
	<	FYE 31	December	>	FPE 30	FPE 30
					June	June
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2019	2020
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
Revenue	470,656	595,694	683,199	656,687	331,842	241,086
Cost of sales	(429,083)	(543,128)	(617,971)	(589,465)	(294,759)	(217,115)
GP	41,573	52,566	65,228	67,222	37,083	23,971
Other income	3,050	4,262	2,334	3,377	1,697	1,130
Distribution expenses	(9,152)	(11,590)	(12,557)	(10,888)	(5,107)	(3,970)
Administrative expenses	(6,924)	(10,912)	(12,831)	(12,688)	(5,791)	(4,285)
Other expenses	(588)	(1,062)	(320)	(330)	(458)	(3)
Operating profit	27,959	33,264	41,854	46,693	27,424	16,843
Finance costs	(7,773)	(8,212)	(8,722)	(7,369)	(3,776)	(3,405)
PBT	20,186	25,052	33,132	39,324	23,648	13,438
Income tax expense	(6,032)	(6,867)	(6,899)	(10,775)	(6,359)	(4,292)
Profit for the financial year/period, representing total comprehensive income for the financial year/period	14,154	18,185	26,233	28,549	17,289	9,146
Assumed number of Shares in issue ⁽¹⁾ ('000)	590,652	590,652	590,652	590,652	590,652	590,652
Depreciation and amortisation (RM'000)	7,148	7,459	6,832	6,303	3,089	3,343
Basic and diluted EPS ⁽²⁾ (Sen)	2.40	3.08	4.44	4.83	2.93	1.55
GP margin ⁽³⁾ (%)	8.83	8.82	9.55	10.24	11.17	9.94
PBT margin ⁽⁴⁾ (%)	4.29	4.21	4.85	5.99	7.13	5.57
PAT margin ⁽⁵⁾ (%)	3.01	3.05	3.84	4.35	5.21	3.79
Effective tax rate ⁽⁶⁾ (%)	29.88	27.41	20.82	27.40	26.89	31.94

Notes:-

- (1) The number of issued ordinary shares after the Acquisitions and Share Split.
- (2) Basic EPS is calculated based on profit for the financial year/period divided by the weighted average number of Shares. No dilution of EPS.
- (3) GP margin is calculated based on GP divided by revenue.
- (4) PBT margin is calculated based on PBT divided by revenue.
- (5) PAT margin is calculated based on PAT divided by revenue.
- (6) Effective tax rate is calculated based on income tax expense divided by PBT.

(b) Historical audited combined statements of financial position of our Group

	<		Audited-		>
	<	As at 31	December	·>	As at 30
		-	r		June
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
100570	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
NON-CURRENT ASSET	50.016	EC 100	59.010	10 100	16.015
Property, plant and equipment Right-of-use assets	59,916	56,138	58,019	18,162 53,275	16,915 52,592
Investment properties	6,347	- 7,117	- 5,734	53,275	533
investment properties	0,547	7,117	5,754	550	000
TOTAL NON-CURRENT	66,263	63,255	63,753	71,973	70,040
ASSET	,		,	,	
CURRENT ASSETS					
Inventories	84,635	93,164	77,756	62,133	86,825
Current tax assets	67	14	228	97	157
Trade and other receivables	104,041	149,019	155,025	180,303	168,822
Derivative financial assets	3	-	-	-	-
Cash and short term deposits	41,418 230,164	48,674 290,871	77,989 310,998	56,600 299,133	78,049 333,853
Assets held for sale	230,164	290,671	1,214	299,133	<i>ა</i> აა,იეა
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	230,164	290,871	312,212	299,133	333,853
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TOTAL ASSETS	296,427	354,126	375,965	371,106	403,893
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES					
Equity attributable to					
owners of the Group Invested equity	26,900	26,900	26,900	147,663	147,663
Retained earnings	76,139	20,900 94,324	120,557	149,290	158,436
Reserves		- 34,024	- 120,007	(120,947)	(120,947)
TOTAL EQUITY	103,039	121,224	147,457	176,006	185,152
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NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Loans and borrowings	16,661	13,770	15,679	18,818	17,018
Lease liabilities	-	-	-	43	20
Deferred tax liabilities	3,343	1,840	1,660	1,793	2,434
TOTAL NON-CURRENT	20,004	15,610	17,339	20,654	19,472
LIABILITIES	20,004	10,010	11,000	20,004	13,712

	<		Audited		>
	<	As at 31	Decembe	·>	As at 30 June
	2016 RM'000	2017 RM'000	2018 RM'000	2019 RM'000	2020 RM'000
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Loans and borrowings	129,158	154,197	170,340	135,815	158,265
Lease liabilities	-	-	-	66	85
Provisions	50	11,989	1,079	257	115
Current tax liabilities	2,952	5,258	2,229	2,997	2,857
Trade and other payables	41,224	45,811	37,459	35,227	37,941
Derivative financial liabilities	-	37	62	84	6
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	173,384	217,292	211,169	174,446	199,269
TOTAL LIABILITIES	193,388	232,902	228,508	195,100	218,741
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	296,427	354,126	375,965	371,106	403,893
Number of issued Shares ('000) ⁽¹⁾	590,652	590,652	590,652	590,652	590,652
NA (RM'000)	103,039	121,224	147,457	176,006	185,152
NA per share (RM)	0.17	0.21	0.25	0.30	0.31

Note:-

(1) The number of issued ordinary shares after the Acquisitions and Share Split.

11.2 MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITIONS AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The following discussion and analysis should be read together with the Accountants' Report and related notes as set out in Section 12 of this Prospectus.

11.2.1 Overview of Our Business Operations

We are principally a manufacturer of cables and wires that are used for power distribution, communications as well as control and instrumentation applications. We also provide related products and services including, among others, aluminium rods, plastic compounds and wooden cable drums; trading of cables and wires, and copper strips; and supply and installation of rectifiers.

Our key supporting activities for our cable and wire manufacturing operations include furnace and casting operations. We have two (2) electric furnaces and one (1) gas-fired furnace that melt copper and aluminium before casting them into rods to be used as core materials and transmitting medium for our cables and wires. Other supporting activities include the manufacture of plastic compound that are used as insulation and protective layer materials for our cables and wires. We were involved in the manufacturing of wooden cable drums used for packaging, storage and delivery of our manufactured cables and wires for the past four (4) financial years under review up to 29 February 2020, when we decided to relocate Daya Factory. We currently source the wooden cable drums from external parties for our cables and wires manufacturing operations. Please refer to Section 6.1.2 of this Prospectus for further information relating to the relocation of Daya Factory.

Please refer to Section 5 of this Prospectus for further information about our business activities.

11.2.2 Overview of Our Financial Results

Our main revenue stream is derived from the manufacture of cables and wires that are used for power distribution, communications as well as control and instrumentation applications. Other revenue streams include sales of aluminium rods, plastic compounds and wooden cable drums; trading of cables and wires, and copper strips; and supply and installation of rectifiers.

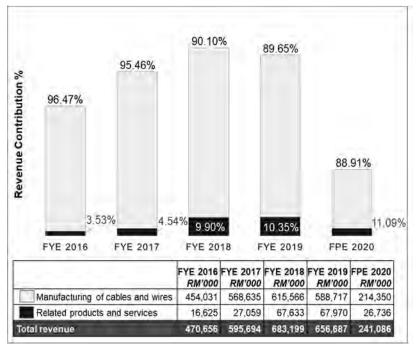
Revenue from manufactured goods are recognised at the point in time when control of the products has been transferred, being when the customers accepts the delivery of the goods.

For the FYE 31 December 2016 to 2019 and FPE 30 June 2020, products sold by our subsidiaries to customers in Malaysia are transacted in RM and USD, whereas products sold to customers in foreign countries are priced and transacted in various foreign currencies including USD, Singapore and Brunei dollars.



11.74%, from RM470.656 million in FYE 31 December 2016 to RM656.687 million in FYE 31 December 2019.

In FYE 31 December 2019 and FPE 30 June 2020, revenue from the manufacture of cables and wires represented RM588.717 million or 89.65% and RM214.350 million or 88.91% of our Group's revenue respectively. This includes cables and wires used for applications including power distribution, communications as well as control and instrumentation.



In FYE 31 December 2019 and FPE 30 June 2020, revenue from related products and services accounted for RM67.970 million or 10.35% and RM26.736 million or 11.09% of our Group's revenue respectively. This includes RM55.472 million and RM22.353 million from the sales of aluminium rods, plastic compounds and wooden cable drums for FYE 31 December 2019 and FPE 30 June 2020 respectively. The remaining RM12.498 million and RM4.383 million were from the trading of cables and wires, copper strips and polyamide compounds, as well as supply and installation of rectifiers for FYE 31 December 2019 and FPE 30 June 2020 respectively. Please refer to Section 11.2.3 of this Prospectus for further analysis of revenue by business activities and products.

For the FYE 31 December 2016, FYE 31 December 2017, FYE 31 December 2018, FYE 31 December 2019 and FPE 30 June 2020, our principal market was Malaysia, which accounted for 98.49%, 92.77%, 98.40%, 98.06% and 87.91% of our total revenue respectively.

11. FINANCIAL INFORMATION (CONT'D)

11.2.3 Revenue

The following is a segmental analysis of our financial results for the FYE 31 December 2016 to 2019, as well as FPE 30 June 2019 and FPE 30 June 2020, segmented by business activities and products as follows:-

	FYE 2016)16	FYE 2017	017	FYE 2018	018	FYE 2019	19	FPE 2019	019	FPE 2020	020
Revenue	RM'000	%										
Manufacture of	454,031	96.47	568,635	95.46	615,566	90.10	588,717	89.65	301,547	90.87	214,350	88.91
Cables and wires Power cables and	381,434	81.04	418,431	70.24	489,589	71.66	499,462	76.06	252,375	76.06	188,368	78.13
wires Communications cables and	61,375	13.04	54,776	9.20	80,863	11.84	30,642	4.67	18,029	5.43	11,975	4.97
wires Control and instrumentation	11,222	2.39	95,428	16.02	45,114	6.60	58,613	8.92	31,143	9.38	14,007	5.81
cables and wires Related products and services	16,625 ⁽¹⁾	3.53	27,059 ⁽²⁾	4.54	67,633 ⁽³⁾	06.6	67,970 ⁽⁴⁾	10.35	30,295 ⁽⁵⁾	9.13	26,736 ⁽⁶⁾	11.09
TOTAL GROUP	470,656 100.00	100.00	595,694 100.00	100.00	683,199 100.00	100.00	656,687	100.00	331,842 100.00	100.00	241,086	100.00

Notes:-

- Include sales of aluminium rods, PVC compounds, wooden cable drums, and copper strips. In addition, this includes trading of cables and wires, cable accessories and batteries, as well as transportation services. E
- Include sales of aluminium rods, PVC compounds and wooden cable drums. In addition, this includes trading of cables and wires, copper strips, and batteries, as well as supply and installation of rectifiers, and transportation services. (7

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	(c)	include sales or administrations, FVO compounds and wooden capie drums. In addition, this includes trading or capies and wres, copper surps, batteries and polyamide compounds, as well as supply and installation of rectifiers.
	(4)	Include sales of aluminium rods, PVC compounds and wooden cable drums. In addition, this includes trading of cables and wires, copper strips and polyamide compounds, as well as supply and installation of rectifiers.
	(5)	Include sales of aluminium rods, PVC compounds and wooden cable drums. In addition, this includes trading of cables and wires, copper strips and polyamide compounds.
	(9)	Include sales of aluminium rods, PVC compounds and wooden cable drums. In addition, this includes trading of cables and wires, and copper strips, as well as supply and installation of rectifiers.

(a) FYE 31 December 2017 compared to FYE 31 December 2016

Manufacture of cables and wires

Revenue from the manufacture of cables and wires increased by RM114.604 million or 25.24% to RM568.635 million in FYE 31 December 2017. This was mainly contributed by an increase in the sales of our cables and wires used for power, as well as control and instrumentation applications.

- Revenue from control and instrumentation cables and wires increased by RM84.206 million or 750.37% to RM95.428 million in FYE 31 December 2017. Sales volume of this control and instrumentation cables and wires increased by 137.70%, from 992 km in FYE 31 December 2016 to 2,358 km in FYE 31 December 2017. The increased orders from these customers were based on contracts which were mainly contributed by sales orders from new customers, namely PRPC Utilities and Facilities Sdn Bhd and Tecnicas Reunidas Malaysia Sdn Bhd, as well as additional sales to existing customers such as Petrofac E&C Sdn Bhd, Punj Lloyd Limited, Sinopec Engineering Group (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd, and Wabag-Muhibbah JV Sdn Bhd. The new and additional sales were for the supply of control and instrumentation cables and wires to the PIC incorporating the RAPID and power plant projects in Johor during FYE 31 December 2017.
 - Revenue from power cables and wires increased by RM36.997 million or 9.70% to RM418.431 million in FYE 31 December 2017. This was contributed by an increase in our low voltage power cables and wires of RM34.641 million or 12.42% to RM313.601 million in FYE 31 December 2017. The increase was mainly due to sales of premium priced products to new customers, PRPC Utilities and Facilities Sdn Bhd and Technicas Reunidas Malaysia Sdn Bhd, as well as additional sales of these said products to existing customers namely Punj Llyod Limited, Sinopec Engineering Group (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd and Siemens Malaysia Sdn Bhd. These products were premium priced as they were required to comply with special requirements of the oil and gas project where the cables and wires were used in potentially hazardous environment. Some of these requirements include fire resistance and flame retardant, and anticorrosion to various chemicals. The new and additional sales of low voltage power cables and wires were for the PIC incorporating the RAPID and power plant projects in Johor. Furthermore, the increase in revenue of power cables and wires was also partly contributed by additional sales of low voltage power cables and wires to contractors.

The increase was partially offset by the decrease in revenue from the sales of communications cables and wires by RM6.599 million or 10.75% to RM54.776 million in FYE 31 December 2017. This was mainly due to lower sales from TMB and contractors for our telephone cables which fell by RM6.165 million or 10.24% to RM54.034 million in FYE 31 December 2017. Sales volume of telephone cables decreased by 40.34%, from 34,044 km in FYE 31 December 2016 to 20,309 km in FYE 31 December 2017. The decline in sales of telephone cables was due to our focus on meeting scheduled deliveries for power, control and instrumentation cables and wires for the oil and gas project. As a result, we could not take on any more sales orders for telephone cables during the said period.

• Related products and services

Revenue from our related products and services increased by RM10.434 million or 62.76% to RM27.059 million in FYE 31 December 2017, which was mainly contributed by the following:-

- Increase in revenue of RM5.149 million or 437.47% to RM6.326 million for the supply of batteries to Digi Telecommunications Sdn Bhd. This was mainly to fulfill their orders for FYE 31 December 2017. Since then and up to the LPD there were no further orders for batteries from this customer.
- Increase in revenue from trading of cables and wires by RM3.771 million or 74.04% to RM8.864 million. This was mainly attributed to sales orders we received from our new customer, Technicas Reunidas Malaysia Sdn Bhd for control and instrumentation cables and wires, as well as an existing customer, TMB, for communications cables and wires. We sourced these cables and wires from external parties to fulfill part of the sales orders to complement our manufactured products when our production capacity was fully committed to meet scheduled deliveries.
- The increase was also partly contributed by revenue of RM0.933 million from the commencement of new business in supply and installation of rectifiers to TMB in 2017, as well as an increase in revenue of RM0.915 million from sales of PVC compounds to other cable and wire manufacturers.

(b) FYE 31 December 2018 compared to FYE 31 December 2017

Manufacture of cables and wires

Revenue from manufacture of cables and wires increased by RM46.931 million or 8.25% to RM615.566 million in FYE 31 December 2018. This was mainly contributed by an increase in the sales of power and communications cables and wires.

Revenue from power cables and wires increased by RM71.158 million or 17.01% in FYE 31 December 2018. This was mainly contributed by an increase in revenue of RM37.195 million from sales of medium voltage power cables and wires. The sales volume of medium voltage power cables and wires increased by 50.63%, from 1,025 km in FYE 31 December 2017 to 1,544 km in FYE 31 December 2018. The increase was mainly related to the sales of medium voltage power cables and wires in crease in demand for medium voltage power cables from TNB as well as an increase in demand for medium voltage power cables from Dominco Sdn Bhd, which was ultimately for a power utility operator in Sarawak.

In addition, the increase in revenue for power cables and wires was due to an increase of RM33.963 million in sales of low voltage power cables and wires in FYE 31 December 2018. The sales volume of low voltage power cables and wires increased by 62.67%, from 61,286 km in FYE 31 December 2017 to 99,691 km in FYE 31 December 2018. This was mainly due to fulfilment in additional sales from TNB as well as an increase in demand of the said power cables and wires from resellers.

An increase in revenue of RM26.087 million or 47.62% from the sales of communications cables and wires. This was mainly attributed to an increase in revenue of RM26.270 million from the sales of telephone cables to TMB and contractors in FYE 31 December 2018. The sales volume of telephone cables increased by 22.00%, from 20,309 km in FYE 31 December 2017 to 24,776 km in FYE 31 December 2018. This was primarily due to fulfilment of additional sales from TMB.

The increase in revenue was partially offset by a decrease in revenue of RM50.314 million or 52.72% to RM45.114 million from control and instrumentation cables in FYE 31 December 2018. The sales volume of this type of cables and wires decreased by 41.90%, from 2,358 km in FYE 31 December 2017 to 1,370 km in FYE 31 December 2018. This was mainly attributed to the tail end of the fulfillment of orders of these said type of cables for the PIC projects incorporating the RAPID and power plant projects in FYE 31 December 2018.

• Related products and services

Revenue derived from related products and services increased by RM40.574 million or 149.95% to RM67.633 million in FYE 31 December 2018, mainly contributed by the following:-

- An increase in revenue from the trading of cables and wires of RM22.226 million or 250.74% to RM31.090 million in FYE 31 December 2018. This was mainly attributed to sales orders of power and communications cables and wires from our existing customers, namely TNB and TMB, where we purchased from external cable and wire manufacturers to fulfill part of these orders when our production capacity was fully committed to meet scheduled deliveries between July and September 2018. The surge in sales orders was due to the tax holiday period in 2018. Tax holiday period refers to zero-rated Goods and Services Tax period when the Ministry of Finance, Malaysia announced that all supplies of goods and services, and imports of goods subjected to Goods and Services Tax at 6% becomes 0% effective 1 June 2018 until 31 August 2018. This was prior to the implementation of Sales and Service Tax on 1 September 2018.
- An increase in revenue from sales of aluminium rods of RM20.896 million or 1,240.86%, from RM1.684 million in FYE 31 December 2017 to RM22.580 million in FYE 31 December 2018. These aluminium rods were primarily sold to other cable and wire manufacturers as well as sales to resellers in FYE 31 December 2018.
- An increase in revenue from trading of copper strips of RM2.883 million or 38.90% to RM10.295 million in FYE 31 December 2018. This was mainly to fulfil customers' purchase orders. Copper strips are mainly used for earthing purposes in equipment or lightning protection systems.

The increase was partially offset by a decrease in revenue from the supply of batteries by RM5.720 million or 90.42% in FYE 31 December 2018. This was mainly due to the tail end of the fulfillment of sales orders.

(c) FYE 31 December 2019 compared to FYE 31 December 2018

Manufacture of cables and wires

Revenue from manufacture of cables and wires decreased by RM26.849 million or 4.36% to RM588.717 million in FYE 31 December 2019. This was mainly due to the decrease in the sales of communications cables and wires.

Revenue from communication cables and wires decreased by RM50.221 million or 62.11% in FYE 31 December 2019. This was mainly attributed to the decrease in sales of telephone cables to TMB due to lower demand from this customer.

The decrease was partially offset by the following:-

- Increase in revenue from the sales of control and instrumentation cables and wires by RM13.499 million or 29.92% to RM58.613 million in FYE 31 December 2019. The sales volume from this type of cables and wires increased by 35.62%, from 1,370 km in FYE 31 December 2018 to 1,858 km in FYE 31 December 2019. This was mainly contributed by increases in demand from EPCC contractors for utility as well as oil and gas projects.
- Increase in revenue from the sales of power cables and wires by RM9.873 million or 2.02% to RM499.462 million in FYE 31 December 2019. This was mainly contributed by an increase in revenue of RM4.210 million from sales of low voltage power cables and wires. The sales volume also increased by 16.87%, from 99,691 km in FYE 31 December 2018 to 116,505 km in FYE 31 December 2019. This was primarily due to an increase in demand from a reseller.

The increase in power cables and wires also contributed by an increase in sales of medium voltage power cables and wires by RM2.498 million in FYE 31 December 2019. Sales volume from medium voltage power cables and wires increased by 21.44% from 1,544 km in FYE 31 December 2018 to 1,875 km in FYE 31 December 2019, mainly due to additional sales from TNB as well as resellers.

In FYE 31 December 2019, we also recorded a revenue of RM3.164 million from the sales of high voltage power cables, mainly contributed by the sales to an EPCC contractor for utility project.

• Related products and services

Revenue derived from related products and services increased by RM0.337 million or 0.50% to RM67.970 million in FYE 31 December 2019. The increase in revenue was mainly contributed by the increase in sales of aluminium rods by RM28.926 million or 128.10% in FYE 31 December 2019, which was primarily due to the increase in sales to a reseller. The increase was partially offset by the decrease in trading of cables and wires by RM26.584 million or 85.51% to RM4.506 million in FYE 31 December 2019.

(d) FPE 30 June 2020 compared to FPE 30 June 2019

Manufacture of cables and wires

Revenue from manufacture of cables and wires decreased by RM87.197 million or 28.92% to RM214.350 million in FPE 30 June 2020. This was mainly due to the decrease in sales of power cables and wires, which decreased by RM64.007 million or 25.36% in FPE 30 June 2020. In addition, sales of control and instrumentation cables decreased by RM17.136 million or 55.02%, while sales of communication cables and wires declined by RM6.054 million or 33.58% in FPE 30 June 2020.

This was mainly due to the drop in sales impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic during the MCO period in April 2020 which hindered our manufacturing operations. Our business operations were temporarily suspended for 11 days and were in partial operations for 31 days during the MCO period. In addition, due to the restrictions imposed during the MCO, we were unable to deliver our products to our customers during phase 1 of MCO. Our revenue from the sales of cables and wires declined by 95.84% from RM37.096 million in March 2020 to RM1.543 million in April 2020. Please refer to Section 5.5.13 of this Prospectus for further details on the interruptions to business and operations pursuant to the COVID-19 pandemic and the MCO conditions.

• Related products and services

Revenue derived from related products and services decreased by RM3.559 million or 11.75% to RM26.736 million in FPE 30 June 2020. This was mainly due to the decrease in sales of aluminium rods by RM3.785 million or 15.25% in FPE 30 June 2020, due to lower sales to resellers during the MCO period.

11. FINANCIAL INFORMATION (CONT'D)

11.2.4 Cost of Sales

	FYE 2016	2016	FYE 2	E 2017	FYE 2018	2018	FYE 2019	2019	FPE 2019	2019	FPE 2020	2020
Cost of sales	RM'000	%	RM'000	%	RM'000	%	RM'000	%	RM'000	%	RM'000	%
Materials for manufacturing operations	382,487	89.14	89.14 467,990	86.16	533,770	86.37	530,534	00.06	267,407	90.72	191,963	88.42
Input materials and finished goods for other business operations ⁽¹⁾	6,946	1.62	22,956	4.23	40,830	6.61	11,359	1.93	4,025	1.37	4,148	1.91
Labour cost ⁽²⁾	16,006	3.73	17,170	3.16	17,222	2.79	18,613	3.16	9,200	3.12	8,256	3.80
Factory overhead and other cost ⁽³⁾	23,644	5.51	35,012	6.45	26,149	4.23	28,959	4.91	14,127	4.79	12,748	5.87
Total	429,083	100.00	543,128	100.00	617,971	100.00	589,465	100.00	294,759	100.00	100.00 217,115	100.00

Notes:-

- Other input materials purchased for the other business operations include trading of cables and wires, copper strips as well as supply and installation of rectifiers. Ē
- (2) Includes direct and indirect staff costs.
- Includes amongst many others, electricity and water cost, depreciation and amortisation, upkeep of machinery and equipment, diesel and lubricant cost, product testing cost, and upkeep of factory for the FYE 31 December 2016 to 2019 as well as FPE 30 June 2019 and FPE 30 June 2020, and provision of liquidated ascertained damages for FYE 31 December 2016 and FYE 31 December 2017. 3

• Materials for manufacturing operations

Materials for manufacturing operations constitute the largest component of our cost of sales. Our main input materials include copper and aluminium based materials that we use for our cable and wire manufacturing operations, which include among others, copper cathodes, copper rods and wires, and aluminium ingots. Cost of sales of copper and aluminium based materials accounted for 63.58%, 64.92%, 71.29%, 74.95%, and 77.31% of our total cost of sales for FYE 31 December 2016, FYE 31 December 2017, FYE 31 December 2018, FYE 31 December 2019 and FPE 30 June 2020 respectively. This copper and aluminium based materials are globally traded, as such these said materials are subject to price fluctuations and volatility.

In this respect, we are subject to the risk of any unfavourable fluctuations in the prices of raw materials that we use. Please refer to Section 5.5.4 of this Prospectus for further details on types of copper and aluminium based materials that we purchased. In addition, please refer to Section 8.1.1 of this Prospectus for further details on risk factor relating to fluctuations in prices of copper and aluminium as raw materials.

The increasing trend in our cost of sales of materials between FYE 31 December 2016 and FYE 31 December 2018 is in line with the increase in the revenue from our manufacturing operations as follows:-

- In FYE 31 December 2017, cost of sales of materials for manufacturing operations increased by 22.35%. This was in line with the increase in revenue of 25.24% from our cable and wire manufacturing operations; and
- In FYE 31 December 2018, cost of sales of materials for manufacturing operations increased by 14.06%, mainly contributed by an increase in revenue of 8.25% from our cable and wire manufacturing operations, as well as an increase in sales of aluminium rods to customers. Please refer to Section 11.2.3(b) of this Prospectus for further details on revenue by business activities and products.

In FYE 31 December 2019, cost of sales of materials for manufacturing operations decreased by 0.61%, mainly due to decrease in revenue of 4.36% from our cable and wire manufacturing operations. This also partly attributed to lower average prices of our copper materials, where in FYE 31 December 2019, our average purchase price per tonne of copper materials was 5.75% lower compared to FYE 31 December 2018.

In FPE 30 June 2020, cost of sales of materials for manufacturing operations decreased by 28.21% which was reflected in the decrease of 28.92% in revenue from our cable and wire manufacturing operations. Please refer to Section 11.2.3(d) of this Prospectus for further details on revenue by business activities and products.

Cost of sales of other materials for manufacturing operations including plastic based materials such as PVC resins for the manufacture of PVC compounds, XLPE compounds, PE based compounds and additives. These compounds and additives are mainly used as input materials for insulation, bedding and sheathing for our cable and wire manufacturing operations. Cost of sales of plastic based materials accounted for 13.98%, 11.72%, 9.41%, 9.99% and 10.35% of our total cost of sales for FYE 31 December 2016, FYE 31 December 2017, FYE 31 December 2018, FYE 31 December 2019 and FPE 30 June 2020 respectively.

• Input materials and finished goods for other business operations

Cost of sales of input materials for other business operations mainly consist of (i) cables and wires that we purchase from external parties when our production was fully committed to meet scheduled deliveries as mentioned earlier; (ii) copper strips as a complementary product; and (iii) batteries for a mobile communication company in Malaysia. The cost of sales of input materials and finished goods increased by 230.49% and 77.86% in FYE 31 December 2017 and FYE 31 December 2018 respectively. This was mainly attributed to the supply of batteries to a mobile communication company in Malaysia in FYE 31 December 2017, and the purchase of finished goods for the trading of copper strips, cables and wires in FYE 31 December 2017 and FYE 31 December 2018. In FYE 31 December 2019, the cost of sales of input materials and finished goods for other business operations decreased by 72.18%, mainly due to the decrease in purchase of finished goods for trading of cables and wires. In FPE 30 June 2020, the cost of sales of input materials and finished soles of input materials and finished soles of input materials and finished soles of sales of input materials and finished soles of sales of input materials and finished soles for other business operations decreased by 72.18%, mainly due to the decrease in purchase of finished goods for trading of cables and wires. In FPE 30 June 2020, the cost of sales of input materials and finished soles of input materials and finished soles for other business operations increased by 3.06%, mainly attributed to the purchase of rectifiers.

Labour cost

Labour costs include direct and indirect staff cost for our factory operations. Direct and indirect staff cost include salaries, bonuses and allowances, and staff related contributions. Labour cost increased by 7.27%, 0.30%, and 8.08% in FYE 31 December 2017, FYE 31 December 2018 and FYE 31 December 2019 respectively. The increase in FYE 31 December 2017 was mainly attributed to an increase in the number of factory workers from 476 personnel as at 31 December 2016 to 503 personnel in as at 31 December 2017. In FPE 30 June 2020, our labour cost decreased by 10.26%, mainly due to a decrease in allowance and overtime as a result of a lower activity impacted by the COVID-19 and the MCO conditions. In addition, we received a subsidy amounting to RM0.360 million under the wage subsidy programme, Prihatin Rakyat Economic Stimulus Package (PRIHATIN).

• Factory overhead and other costs

Factory overhead and other costs includes amongst many others, electricity and water cost, depreciation and amortisation, upkeep of machinery and equipment, diesel and lubricant costs, product testing cost, and upkeep of factory for the past four (4) financial years under review and FPE 30 June 2020, and provision of liquidated ascertained damages for FYE 31 December 2016 and FYE 31 December 2017. Our factory overhead and other costs increased by 48.08% in FYE 31 December 2017, and subsequently decreased by 25.31% in FYE 31 December 2018. This was mainly attributed to a total net provision of liquidated ascertained damages of RM12.527 million in FYE 31 December 2017. Please refer to Section 8.1.2 of this Prospectus for further details on risk factors relating to claims arising from liquidated ascertained damages. In FYE 31 December 2019, our factory overhead and other costs increased by 10.75%, mainly attributed to the increase in workers' welfare, electricity and water cost as well as product testing cost. In FPE 30 June 2020, our factory overhead and other costs operations were in temporary suspension and thereafter in partial operations pursuant to the COVID-19 and the MCO conditions.

11. FINANCIAL INFORMATION (CONT'D)

11.2.5 Our GP Performance

GP and GP Margin Segmented by Business Activities and Products

The following table represents the breakdown of our total GP segmented by business activities and products:-

	FYE 2016	2016	FYE 2017	2017	FYE 2018	2018	FYE 2019	2019	FPE 2019	2019	FPE 2020	2020
	GP RM'000	%	GP RM'000	%	GP RM'000	%	GP RM'000	%	GP RM'000	%	GP RM'000	%
GP												
Manufacture of cables and wires	41,706	100.32	51,768	98.48	62,609	95.99	64,492	95.94	35,562	95.90	22,579	94.19
Power cables and wires	30,859	74.23	34,725	66. <i>0</i> 6	43,204	66.24	49,702	73.94	27,360	73.78	18,923	78.94
Communications cables and wires	9, 103	21.90	7,500	14.27	12,412	19.03	4,882	7.26	2,780	7.50	1,885	7.86
Control and instrumentation cables and wires	1,744	4.19	9,543	18.15	6,993	10.72	9,908	14.74	5,422	14.62	1, 771	7.39
Related products and services	(133) ⁽¹⁾	(0.32)	798⁽²⁾	1.52	2,619 ⁽³⁾	4.01	2,730 ⁽⁴⁾	4.06	1,521 ⁽⁵⁾	4.10	1,392 ⁽⁶⁾	5.81
Group GP	41,573	100.00	52,566	100.00	65,228	100.00	67,222	100.00	37,083	100.00	23,971	100.00
GP Margin		%		%		%		%		%		%
Manufacture of cables and wires		9.19		9.10		10.17		10.95		11.79		10.53
Power cables and wires		8.09		8.30		8.82		9.95		10.84		10.05
Communications cables and wires		14.83		13.69		15.35		15.93		15.42		15.74
Control and instrumentation cables and wires		15.54		10.00		15.50		16.90		17.41		12.64
Related products and services		(0.80)		2.95		3.87		4.02		5.02		5.21
Overall GP Margin		8.83		8.82		9.55		10.24		11.17		9.94

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	Notes:-	
	(1)	Includes GP from the sales of aluminium rods, PVC compounds, wooden cable drums, and copper strips. In addition, this includes trading of cables and wires, cable accessories and batteries, as well as transportation services.
	(2)	Includes GP from the sales of aluminium rods, PVC compounds and wooden cable drums. In addition, this includes trading of cables and wires, copper strips, and batteries, as well as supply and installation of rectifiers, and transportation services.
	(3)	Includes GP from the sales of aluminium rods, PVC compounds and wooden cable drums. In addition, this includes trading of cables and wires, copper strips, batteries and polyamide compounds, as well as supply and installation of rectifiers.
	(4)	Includes GP from the sales of aluminium rods, PVC compounds and wooden cable drums. In addition, this includes trading of cables and wires, copper strips and polyamide compounds, as well as supply and installation of rectifiers.
	(5)	Includes GP from the sales of aluminium rods, PVC compounds and wooden cable drums. In addition, this includes trading of cables and wires, copper strips and polyamide compounds.
	(9)	Includes GP from the sales of aluminium rods, PVC compounds and wooden cable drums. In addition, this includes trading of cables and wires, and copper strips, as well as supply and installation of rectifiers.

(a) FYE 31 December 2017 compared to FYE 31 December 2016

Manufacture of Cables and Wires

GP of the manufacture of cables and wires increased by RM10.062 million or 24.13% to RM51.768 million in FYE 31 December 2017, which was mainly contributed by our power cables and wires, as well as control and instrumentation cables and wires. Our GP margin decreased from 9.19% in FYE 31 December 2016 to 9.10% in FYE 31 December 2017, which was mainly attributed to a decrease in GP margin from our control and instrumentation cables.

Control and instrumentation cables and wires

GP from the manufacture of control and instrumentation cables and wires increased by RM7.799 million or 447.19% to RM9.543 million in FYE 31 December 2017. This was mainly attributed to an increase in sales of this type of cables and wires to PRPC Utilities and Facilities Sdn Bhd, as well as EPCC contractors including Petrofac E&C Sdn Bhd, Punj Lloyd Limited, Tecnicas Reunidas Malaysia Sdn Bhd, Sinopec Engineering Group (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd, and Wabag-Muhibbah JV Sdn Bhd for the PIC projects including RAPID and power plant projects during FYE 31 December 2017. Revenue from this product segment increased by 750.37% in FYE 31 December 2017.

GP margin from the manufacture of control and instrumentation cables and wires decreased from 15.54% in FYE 31 December 2016 to 10.00% in FYE 31 December 2017. This was mainly due to a total net provision of liquidated ascertained damages of RM12.527 million in FYE 31 December 2017. Out of the RM12.527 million, RM9.552 million was for the late delivery of our cables and wires to customers, mainly due to our Group's difficulty in fulfilling conflicting scheduled deliveries while our production was already running at optimum capacity. The remaining liquidated ascertained damages of RM2.975 million in FYE 31 December 2017 was pertaining to a dispute with a customer on the quality of our products. These same cables and wires had undergone factory acceptance testing which was accepted by the customer. The dispute was subsequently resolved when we replaced the cables and wires by purchasing cables and wires from an external party in Korea.

Power cables and wires

GP from the manufacture of power cables and wires increased by RM3.866 million or 12.53% in FYE 31 December 2017. This was mainly attributed to an increase in GP of RM3.973 million or 20.50% from our low voltage power cables and wires for FYE 31 December 2017. This was in line with our revenue growth of 12.42% from the sales of low voltage power cables and wires in FYE 31 December 2017. This GP increase was mainly attributed to sales to EPCC contractors including PRPC Utilities and Facilities Sdn Bhd, Technicas Reunidas Malaysia Sdn Bhd, Punj Llyod Limited, Sinopec Engineering Group (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd and Siemens Malaysia Sdn Bhd for the PIC incorporating the RAPID and power plant projects, as well as other contractors.

GP margin from the manufacture of power cables and wires improved from 8.09% in FYE 31 December 2016 to 8.30% in FYE 31 December 2017. This was mainly due to the improvement in GP margin from our low voltage power cables, from 6.95% in FYE 31 December 2016 to 7.45% in FYE 31 December 2017. This was due to an increase in the average selling price of low voltage power cables and wires, contributed by the sales of premium priced products to oil and gas projects.

Communications cables and wires

GP from communications cables and wires decreased by RM1.603 million or 17.61% in FYE 31 December 2017. This was mainly attributed to a decrease in GP of RM1.543 million or 17.26% from the sales of telephone cables and wires, where revenue of this said cables and wires decreased by 10.24% in FYE 31 December 2017.

GP margin decreased from 14.83% in FYE 31 December 2016 to 13.69% in FYE 31 December 2017. This was mainly due to decrease in GP margin from telephone cables from 14.85% in FYE 31 December 2016 to 13.69% in FYE 31 December 2017. This was contributed by a provision of liquidated ascertained damages of RM0.127 million in FYE 31 December 2017 due to late delivery to a telecommunications company in Malaysia.

• Related products and services

GP from related products and services improved from a gross loss of RM0.133 million to a GP of RM0.798 million in FYE 31 December 2017. GP margin from this segment improved from a gross loss margin of 0.80% in FYE 31 December 2016 to a GP margin of 2.95% in FYE 31 December 2017.

In FYE 31 December 2016, the gross loss was mainly due to unfavourable purchases of cables and wires with 14.82% higher than our selling price coupled with a depreciation in foreign exchange transaction in RM relative to USD by 3.49%. In this respect, this contributed to the gross loss incurred in FYE 31 December 2016. This was a one-off case where we purchased the cables and wires based on a customer's request for them to carry out the installation onsite in Korea.

In FYE 31 December 2017, the improvement in GP and GP margin was mainly contributed by the trading of cables and wires, and partly contributed by the GP from the commencement of supply and installation of rectifiers and supply of batteries.

(b) FYE 31 December 2018 compared to FYE 31 December 2017

Our total GP increased by RM12.662 million or 24.09% to RM65.228 million in FYE 31 December 2018. While GP margin improved from 8.82% in FYE 31 December 2017 to 9.55% in FYE 31 December 2018. The improvement was mainly attributed to the growth of our cable and wire manufacturing operations.

• Manufacture of Cables and Wires

Power cables and wires

GP from power cables and wires increased by RM8.479 million or 24.42% to RM43.204 million in FYE 31 December 2018. This was mainly attributed to an increase in GP of medium voltage power cables and wires with a growth of RM4.890 million or 42.99% to RM16.266 million in FYE 31 December 2018. The increase in the sales of these said cables and wires were to TNB as well as to Dominco Sdn Bhd that ultimately supplies to a power utility operator in Sarawak.

In addition, the increase in GP of RM3.589 million or 15.37% to RM26.938 million was partly contributed by low voltage power cables and wires to TNB and resellers in FYE 31 December 2018.

GP margin from power cables and wires improved from 8.30% in FYE 31 December 2017 to 8.82% in FYE 31 December 2018. The improvement in GP margin was due to economies of scale resulting from the increase in sales volume without corresponding increase in labour and factory overhead costs, thus we were able to achieve a lower cost per km for our power cables and wires. The increase in the volume of sales for power cables and wires was from 62,312 km in FYE 31 December 2017 to 101,234 km in FYE 31 December 2018.

Communications cables and wires

GP from communications cables and wires increased by RM4.912 million or 65.49% to RM12.412 million in FYE 31 December 2018. This was mainly contributed by an improvement in GP of RM4.938 million from the sales of telephone cables and wires to TMB as well as contractors in FYE 31 December 2018.

GP margin of communications cables and wires increased from 13.69% in FYE 31 December 2017 to 15.35% in FYE 31 December 2018 due to an increase in the average selling prices of telephone cables. This was mainly resulted from an upward adjustment in the agreed pricing upon confirmed purchase orders by factoring in the increase in the price of raw materials such as prices of copper.

Control and instrumentation cables and wires

The improvement in GP from our cable and wire manufacturing operations was partially offset by a decrease in GP from our control and instrumentation cables by RM2.550 million or 26.72% to RM6.993 million in FYE 31 December 2018. This was reflected in a decrease in our revenue of 52.72% for this type of cables and wires in FYE 31 December 2018. This was due to the tail end in the fulfillment of orders for these types of cables to customers for the PIC projects including RAPID and power plant projects.

GP margin from the control and instrumentation cables and wires improved from 10.00% in FYE 31 December 2017 to 15.50% in FYE 31 December 2018. This was mainly attributed to a reversal of RM2.812 million from the previous provision of liquidated ascertained damage for the late delivery of our cables and wires to a customer for the RAPID project.

However, the improvement in GP margin for these types of cables and wires was partially offset by provision of liquidated ascertained damages of RM0.848 million from an EPCC contractor. This was for the late delivery of instrumentation cables for the RAPID project site. Please refer to Section 8.1.2 of this Prospectus for further details on the liquidated ascertained damages.

Related products and services

GP from related products and services increased by RM1.821 million or 228.20% to RM2.619 million in FYE 31 December 2018. GP margin improved from 2.95% in FYE 31 December 2017 to 3.87% in FYE 31 December 2018. This was mainly contributed by the following:-

- GP from trading of cables and wires increased by RM0.985 million or 975.25% to RM1.086 million in FYE 31 December 2018. This was a reflection of our revenue growth of 250.74% for the trading of cables and wires in FYE 31 December 2018. The surge in sales orders for the trading of cables and wires was due to the tax holiday period in 2018 as mentioned earlier. GP margin from trading of cables and wires improved from 1.14% in FYE 31 December 2017 to 3.49% in FYE 31 December 2018.
- GP from sales of aluminium rods increased by RM0.522 million or 1,213.95% to RM0.565 million in FYE 31 December 2018. This was in line with our revenue growth of 1,240.86% for the sales of aluminium rods in FYE 31 December 2018. GP margin decreased slightly from 2.55% in FYE 31 December 2017 to 2.50% in FYE 31 December 2018. This was mainly attributed to a lower average selling price for this said product.

(c) FYE 31 December 2019 compared to FYE 31 December 2018

• Manufacture of Cables and Wires

GP from the manufacture of cables and wires increased by RM1.883 million or 3.01% to RM64.492 million in FYE 31 December 2019, while GP margin improved from 10.17% in FYE 31 December 2018 to 10.95% in FYE 31 December 2019. The improvement was mainly contributed by the power cables and wires, as well as control and instrumentation cables and wires.

Power cables and wires

GP from power cables and wires increased by RM6.498 million or 15.04% to RM49.702 million in FYE 31 December 2019. This was mainly attributed to an increase in GP of low voltage power cables and wires by RM5.199 million or 19.30% to RM32.137 million in FYE 31 December 2019, mainly contributed by the sales of this type of cables and wires to a reseller.

GP margin from the manufacture of power cables and wires improved from 8.82% in FYE 31 December 2018 to 9.95% in FYE 31 December 2019. The improvement in GP margin was mainly attributed to lower copper prices contributing to lower average material cost per km in FYE 31 December 2019. In FYE 31 December 2019, the average purchase price per tonne of copper materials was 5.75% lower compared to FYE 31 December 2018.

Control and instrumentation cables and wires

- GP from control and instrumentation cables and wires increased by RM2.915 million or 41.68% to RM9.908 million in FYE 31 December 2019. This was reflected in our revenue growth of 29.92% from these types of cables and wires mainly from sales to EPCC contractors for utility as well as oil and gas projects.

GP margin from the manufacture of control and instrumentation cables and wires improved from 15.50% in FYE 31 December 2018 to 16.90% in FYE 31 December 2019. Similarly, the improvement was also attributed to lower copper prices contributing to lower material cost per km as mentioned earlier.

Communications cables and wires

The increase in GP from the manufacture of cables and wires was partially offset by a decrease in GP from the manufacture of communications cables and wires of RM7.530 million or 60.67% in FYE 31 December 2019. This was also reflected in a decrease in sales of telephone cables and wires due to a lower demand from TMB, where revenue of communications cables and wires decreased by 62.11% in FYE 31 December 2019. GP margin from the manufacture of communications cables and wires improved from 15.35% in FYE 31 December 2018 to 15.93% in FYE 31 December 2019, mainly contributed by the higher margin telephone cables and wires sold to resellers.

• Related products and services

GP from related products and services increased by RM0.111 million or 4.24% to RM2.730 million in FYE 31 December 2019. GP margin improved from 3.87% in FYE 31 December 2018 to 4.02% in FYE 31 December 2019. This was mainly contributed by the following:-

- GP from sales of aluminium rods increased by RM0.723 million or 127.96% to RM1.288 million in FYE 31 December 2019, which was in line with our revenue growth of 128.10% for the sales of aluminium rods in FYE 31 December 2019. GP margin from sales of aluminium rods was 2.50% in FYE 31 December 2018 and FYE 31 December 2019.
- GP from supply and installation of rectifiers increased by RM0.470 million or 164.34% to RM0.756 million in FYE 31 December 2019. The supply and installation of rectifiers command high GP margin and this contributed to the improvement in GP margin of related products and services.

(d) FPE 30 June 2020 compared to FPE 30 June 2019

• Manufacture of Cables and Wires

GP from the manufacture of cables and wires declined by RM12.983 million or 36.51% to RM22.579 million in FPE 30 June 2020. The decrease in GP was reflected in the decrease of 28.92% in our revenue from manufacture of cables and wires in FPE 30 June 2020. This was mainly due to the slowdown in sales during the MCO period.

Our GP margin declined from 11.79% in FPE 30 June 2019 to 10.53% in FPE 30 June 2020. This was mainly due to the impact of COVID-19 and the MCO where we generated minimal revenue during these periods but continued to incur certain fixed costs such as staff cost and factory overhead cost including electricity which impacted our GP margin.

Related products and services

GP from related products and services decreased by RM0.129 million or 8.48% to RM1.392 million in FPE 30 June 2020. This was mainly due to the decrease in GP of RM0.191 million or 15.39% from the sales of aluminium rods, which was also reflected in the decrease in revenue of 15.25% from this product. The increase in GP was partially offset by the GP of RM0.109 million from the supply and installation of rectifiers. The supply and installation of rectifiers command high GP margin and this contributed to the improvement in GP margin of related products and services.

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11.2.6 Other Income

The table below provides a breakdown of our other income:-

	FYE 2016	2016	FYE 2017	2017	FYE 2018	2018	FYE 2019	2019	FPE 2019	2019	FPE 2020	2020
Other income	RM'000	%										
Interest income	1,121	36.75	1,097	25.74	1,573	67.40	1,564	46.31	332	19.56	365	32.30
Gains on foreign currency exchange	862	28.26	1,987	46.62	484	20.74	I	I	52	3.07	512	45.31
Others ⁽¹⁾	1,067	34.99	1,178	27.64	277	11.86	1,813	53.69	1,313	77.37	253	22.39
Total	3,050	100.00	4,262	100.00	2,334	100.00	3,377	100.00	1,697	100.00	1,130	100.00

Note:-

for FYE 31 December 2016 to FYE 31 December 2018, recovery of bad debts for FYE 31 December 2016 and FPE 30 June 2020, gains on disposal of property, plant and equipment for FYE 31 December 2019, FYE 31 December 2019 and FPE 30 June 2020, gains on disposal of assets held for sale for FYE 31 December 2019 and FPE 30 June 2020, gains on disposal of tair value gain on derivative financial instruments for FPE 30 June 2020. Comprises sundry income and scrap sales for past four (4) financial years under review, FPE 30 June 2019 and FPE 30 June 2020, rental income Ē

(a) FYE 31 December 2017 compared to FYE 31 December 2016

Other income increased by 39.74% or RM1.212 million in FYE 31 December 2017, primarily contributed by an increase in net realised gains on foreign currency exchange of RM1.125 million.

(b) FYE 31 December 2018 compared to FYE 31 December 2017

Other income decreased by 45.24% or RM1.928 million in FYE 31 December 2018, mainly due to a decrease in net gains on realised and unrealised foreign currency exchange of RM1.503 million, and a decrease in sundry and rental income.

(c) FYE 31 December 2019 compared to FYE 31 December 2018

Other income increased by 44.69% or RM1.043 million in FYE 31 December 2019, mainly due to the gain on disposal of a three (3) storey semi-detached house in Petaling Jaya, Selangor of RM0.987 million. The increase was also attributed by the increase in sundry income of RM0.460 million, which was contributed from the one-off expediting income for the delivery of cables and wires to meet the customer's urgent order.

(d) FPE 30 June 2020 compared to FPE 30 June 2019

Other income decreased by 33.41% or RM0.567 million in FPE 30 June 2020, mainly due to the one-off gain on disposal of a three (3) storey semi-detached house in Petaling Jaya, Selangor in FPE 30 June 2019 as mentioned above. The decrease was partially offset by an increase of RM0.460 million on the gains on foreign currency exchange.

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11.2.7 Operating Expenses

The table below provides a breakdown of our operating expenses:-

	FYE 2016	2016	FYE 2	YE 2017	FYE 2018	2018	FYE 2019	2019	FPE 2019	2019	FPE 2020	2020
Operating expenses	RM'000	%	% RM'000	%	% RM'000	%	% RM'000	%	% RM'000	%	% RM'000	%
Administrative ⁽¹⁾	6,924	41.55	10,912	46.31	12,831	49.91	12,688	53.07	5,791	51.00	4,285	51.89
Selling and distribution ⁽²⁾	9,152	54.92	11,590	49.19	12,557	48.84	10,888	45.55	5,107	44.97	3,970	48.07
Other expenses ⁽³⁾	588	3.53	1,062	4.50	320	1.25	330	1.38	458	4.03	r	0.04
Total	16,664	16,664 100.00 23,564	23,564	100.00	25,708	100.00	23,906	100.00	100.00 11,356	100.00	8,258	100.00

Notes:-

- remunerations; consultancy fees; depreciation of property, plant and equipment; office related expenses as well as expenses relating to the IPO Includes, among others, staff related costs including salaries and wages, bonuses, employee contributions, and other related expenses; directors' exercise. Ē
- Includes, among others, transportation and forwarding charges, sales and marketing expenses such as commission, advertisement and exhibition expenses, travelling and accommodations, and related expenses. 5
- Includes unrealised losses on foreign currency exchange for FYE 31 December 2016 and FYE 31 December 2017 and FPE 30 June 2019, penalties in relation to underpayment of estimated tax for FYE 31 December 2016, FYE 31 December 2017 and FYE 31 December 2018, and a penalty payment relating to QSHE for FYE 31 December 2018, late submission fees in relation to CF/CCC of Southern Factory for FYE 31 December 2019 and FPE 30 June 2019. 3

(a) FYE 31 December 2017 compared to FYE 31 December 2016

Our operating expenses increased by 41.41% or RM6.900 million to RM23.564 million in FYE 31 December 2017. This was mainly due to an increase in administrative expenses by 57.60% or RM3.988 million, contributed by an increase in directors' remunerations of RM2.548 million as well as increase in consultancy fees of RM0.877 million including legal and human resource consultancy fees, as well as commodity advisory service fees.

The increase was also partly contributed by an increase of RM2.438 million on our selling and distribution expenses in FYE 31 December 2017. This mainly comprises an increase in commission of RM1.043 million mainly payment to a director, an increase of RM0.881 million from transportation and forwarding charges, as well as an increase of RM0.238 million from staff related costs.

(b) FYE 31 December 2018 compared to FYE 31 December 2017

Our operating expenses increased by 9.10% or RM2.144 million to RM25.708 million in FYE 31 December 2018. This was mainly due to an increase in administrative expenses of RM1.919 million including:-

- Increase in consultancy fees of RM0.762 million including legal and human resource consultancy fees, as well as commodity advisory service fees;
- Increase in director's remuneration of RM0.703 million; and
- An impairment loss on trade receivables of RM0.316 million attributed to a customer which has been overdue since FYE 31 December 2015.

The increase in operating expenses was also partly contributed by an increase of RM0.967 million on our selling and distribution expenses in FYE 31 December 2018. This was mainly pertaining to an increase of RM0.463 million in transportation and forwarding charges as well as an increase of RM0.306 million in sales and marketing staff costs.

(c) FYE 31 December 2019 compared to FYE 31 December 2018

Our operating expenses decreased by 7.01% or RM1.802 million to RM23.906 million in FYE 31 December 2019. This was mainly due to a decrease of RM1.669 million in selling and distribution expenses mainly attributable to commission payment. The decrease was partially offset by an increase of RM0.868 million in sales and marketing staff costs.

(d) FPE 30 June 2020 compared to FPE 30 June 2019

Our operating expenses decreased by 27.28% or RM3.098 million in FPE 30 June 2020. This was mainly due to a decrease of RM1.506 million in administrative expenses including decrease of RM0.747 million in expenses relating to the IPO exercise as well as decrease in depreciation of property, plant and equipment of RM0.254 million. The decrease was also partly due to the decrease of RM1.137 million in our selling and distribution expenses in FPE 30 June 2020, mainly attributable to the decrease of RM0.549 million in transportation and forwarding charges.

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11.2.8 Finance Cost

The table below provides a breakdown of our finance cost:-

	FYE 2016	2016	FYE 2017	2017	FYE 2018	2018	FYE 2019	2019	FPE 2019	2019	FPE 2020	2020
Finance cost	RM'000	%										
Interest expense on:-												
Bankers' acceptance	5,715	73.52	6,468	78.76	6,950	79.68	6,063	82.28	3,118	82.57	2,764	81.17
Term loans	689	8.86	608	7.40	578	6.63	500	6.79	287	7.60	260	7.64
Finance lease liabilities	600	7.72	609	7.42	515	5.90	578	7.84	293	7.76	308	9.05
Bank overdrafts	51	0.66	69	0.84	26	0:30	29	0.39	13	0.35	12	0.35
Lease liabilities	•	ı	•	I	I	•	20	0.27	-	0.03	2	0.06
Others ⁽¹⁾	718	9.24	458	5.58	653	7.49	179	2.43	64	1.69	59	1.73
Total	7,773	100.00	8,212	100.00	8,722	100.00	7,369	100.00	3,776	100.00	3,405	100.00

Note:-

(1) Includes charges for bank guarantees.

Our finance cost consists primarily of interest charged on bank and trade facilities granted by banking and financial institutions, such as bankers' acceptance, term loans, finance lease liabilities, and bank overdrafts. Our finance cost for the FYE 31 December 2016, FYE 31 December 2017, FYE 31 December 2018, FYE 31 December 2019 and FPE 30 June 2020 amounted to 1.65%, 1.38%, 1.28%, 1.12% and 1.41% of our Group's total revenue respectively.

Our interest coverage ratio improved from 3.60 times in FYE 31 December 2016 to 4.05 times in FYE 31 December 2017, continued improve to 4.80 times in FYE 31 December 2018 and 6.34 times in FYE 31 December 2019. This was mainly due to improvement in earnings contributed by the growth in our business operations. This indicates that we are able to service our interest payment obligations. Our Group has not defaulted on any payment of either principal sums and/or interest in relation to the bank borrowings for the FYE 31 December 2019 and FPE 30 June 2020, and up to the LPD. Our interest coverage ratio declined to 4.95 times in FPE 30 June 2020, mainly due to the decrease in earnings as a result of slowdown in sales impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and MCO conditions.

(a) FYE 31 December 2017 compared to FYE 31 December 2016

Our finance cost increased by 5.65% or RM0.439 million to RM8.212 million in FYE 31 December 2017. This was mainly attributed to the interest expense on bankers' acceptance which increased by RM0.753 million or 13.18% to RM6.468 million in FYE 31 December 2017. These bankers' acceptance was mainly used to pay our suppliers for the purchases of input materials. As at 31 December 2017, our bankers' acceptance was RM148.428 million, which was higher compared to RM123.639 million as at 31 December 2016.

The increase was partially offset by a decrease in other finance costs by RM0.260 million or 36.21% in FYE 31 December 2017, mainly comprised charges for bank guarantees.

(b) FYE 31 December 2018 compared to FYE 31 December 2017

Our finance cost increased by 6.21% or RM0.510 million to RM8.722 million in FYE 31 December 2018, which was mainly attributed to an increase in interest expense of RM0.482 million on bankers' acceptance. As at 31 December 2018, our bankers' acceptance was RM164.283 million, which was higher compared to RM148.428 million as at 31 December 2017.

(c) FYE 31 December 2019 compared to FYE 31 December 2018

Our finance cost decreased by 15.51% or RM1.353 million to RM7.369 million in FYE 31 December 2019, which was mainly due to the decrease in interest expense of RM0.887 million on bankers' acceptance. As at FYE 31 December 2019, our bankers' acceptance was RM129.961 million, which was lower as compared to RM164.283 million in FYE 31 December 2018. The decrease was also due to a decrease in other finance costs by RM0.474 million in FYE 31 December 2019, mainly comprised charges for bank guarantees.

(d) FPE 30 June 2020 compared to FPE 30 June 2019

Our finance cost decreased by 9.83% or RM0.371 million in FPE 30 June 2020. This was mainly due to a decrease in interest expense of RM0.354 million on bankers' acceptance because of lower utilisation of bankers' acceptance facility during the FPE 30 June 2020.

11.2.9 PBT, PAT and Effective Tax Rate

The PBT, PAT and effective tax rate for the past financial years/period are as follows:-

	FYE 2016	FYE 2017	FYE 2018	FYE 2019	FPE 2019	FPE 2020
PBT (RM'000)	20,186	25,052	33,132	39,324	23,648	13,438
PBT margin	4.29%	4.21%	4.85%	5.99%	7.13%	5.57%
Total taxation (RM'000)	6,032	6,867	6,899	10,775	6,359	4,292
Effective tax rate	29.88%	27.41%	20.82%	27.40%	26.89%	31.94%
PAT (RM'000) PAT margin	14,154 3.01%	18,185 3.05%	26,233 3.84%	28,549 4.35%	17,289 5.21%	9,146 3.79%

(a) FYE 31 December 2017 compared to FYE 31 December 2016

Our PBT increased by 24.11% or RM4.866 million in FYE 31 December 2017, which was in tandem with our GP growth of 26.44% in FYE 31 December 2017. This was mainly due to the growth in revenue from our cable and wire manufacturing operations. Meanwhile our PBT margin decreased from 4.29% in FYE 31 December 2016 to 4.21% in FYE 31 December 2017. This was mainly due to lower margin from our control and instrumentation cables and wires. In addition, the decrease in PBT margin also partly attributed to an increase in our operating expenses. Please refer to Section 11.2.5 of this Prospectus for further details on GP and GP margin by business activities and products, and Section 11.2.7 of this Prospectus for further details on operating expenses.

For FYE 31 December 2016 and FYE 31 December 2017, our effective tax rate was 29.88% and 27.41% that was higher than statutory tax rate of 24%. This was mainly attributed to the following:-

- RM1.455 million of non-deductible expenses in FYE 31 December 2016, including mainly RM0.496 million of unrealised gains and losses on foreign currency exchange, RM0.402 million of sales commission, and the remaining RM0.557 million comprising depreciation of property, plant and equipment, professional consultancy fees, and other miscellaneous expenses.
- RM2.955 million of non-deductible expenses in FYE 31 December 2017, including mainly RM1.938 million of the provision of liquidated ascertained damages, RM0.457 million of unrealised gains and losses on foreign currency exchange, and the remaining RM0.560 million comprising depreciation of property, plant and equipment and other miscellaneous expenses.

(b) FYE 31 December 2018 compared to FYE 31 December 2017

Our PBT increased by 32.25% or RM8.080 million in FYE 31 December 2018, which was in tandem with our GP growth of 24.09% in FYE 31 December 2018, while PBT margin improved from 4.21% in FYE 31 December 2017 to 4.85% in FYE 31 December 2018. The improvement was mainly attributed to the improvement in GP and GP margin from our cable and wire manufacturing operations in FYE 31 December 2018. Please refer to Section 11.2.5 of this Prospectus for further details on GP and GP margin by business activities and products.

For FYE 31 December 2018, our effective tax rate was 20.82%, which was lower than the statutory tax rate of 24%. This was mainly due to lower non-deductible expenses of RM0.214 million.

(c) FYE 31 December 2019 compared to FYE 31 December 2018

Our PBT increased by 18.69% or RM6.192 million in FYE 31 December 2019, while PBT margin improved from 4.85% in FYE 31 December 2018 to 5.99% in FYE 31 December 2019. This was partly attributed to the improvement in GP and GP margin from our cable and wire manufacturing operations in FYE 31 December 2019. Please refer to Section 11.2.5 of this Prospectus for further details on GP and GP margin by business activities and products. In addition, the increase in PBT in FYE 31 December 2019 was also contributed by an increase in other income coupled with the decrease in selling and distribution expenses and finance cost.

For FYE 31 December 2019, our effective tax rate was 27.40%, which was higher than the statutory tax rate of 24%. This was mainly due to higher non-deductible expenses of RM1.488 million.

(d) FPE 30 June 2020 compared to FPE 30 June 2019

Our PBT decreased by 43.17% or RM10.210 million in FPE 30 June 2020, which was in tandem with the drop in revenue and GP in the FPE 30 June 2020, coupled with the decrease of 33.41% in other income in FPE 30 June 2020. Our PBT margin decreased from 7.13% in FPE 30 June 2019 to 5.57% in FPE 30 June 2020, which was mainly attributed to the decrease in GP margin from our manufacturing operations. Please refer to Section 11.2.5 of this Prospectus for further details on GP and GP margin by business activities and products and Section 11.2.6 of this Prospectus for further details on other income.

For FPE 30 June 2020, our effective tax rate was 31.94%, which was higher than the statutory tax rate of 24%. This was mainly due to an adjustment of deferred tax of RM0.583 million.

11.2.10 Significant Factors Affecting Our Operations and Financial Performance

(a) Business expansion and growth

Our Group's financial results are, to a significant extent, dependent on business growth and expansion. For the FYE 31 December 2016 to 2019 and FPE 30 June 2020, our Group's revenue was mainly derived from the manufacture of cables and wires that are used for power, communications, as well as control and instrumentation applications. Our manufacturing of cables and wires was a major revenue contributor represented 96.47%, 95.46%, 90.10%, 89.65% and 88.91% of total Group's revenue for FYE 31 December 2016, FYE 31 December 2017, FYE 31 December 2018, FYE 31 December 2019 and FPE 30 June 2020 respectively. This segment has been growing at a CAGR of 9.05% between FYE 31 December 2016 and FYE 31 December 2019. Furthermore, Malaysia is our principal market which accounted for 98.49%, 92.77%, 98.40%, 98.06% and 87.91% for FYE 31 December 2019 and FPE 30 June 2020 respectively. In this respect, our business expansion and growth would be subjected to the risk of any adverse industry performance and/or regulatory changes and developments in the cable and wire industry in Malaysia.

(b) Fluctuations in prices of copper and aluminium as raw materials

Our main raw materials consist of copper cathodes, aluminium ingots, copper and aluminium rods, and copper wires used to make core conductors for our cables and wires. For FYE 31 December 2016, FYE 31 December 2017, FYE 31 December 2018, FYE 31 December 2019 and FPE 30 June 2020, the total purchases of copper-based materials include copper cathode, copper rods and wires, and annealed copper tapes which accounted for 59.78%, 63.22%, 63.44%, 62.23% and 62.42% of our total purchases of materials and services. Purchases of aluminium based materials including aluminium ingots and aluminium alloy rods constituted 12.45%, 7.93%, 11.25%, 16.62% and 18.42% of our total purchases of materials and services for FYE 31 December 2019 and FPE 30 June 2020 respectively. Hence there are risks relating to the fluctuations in prices of raw materials, which could have an adverse impact on our Group's financial performance including profitability and margins. Please refer to Section 8.1.1 of this Prospectus for further details on risk factors.

(c) Foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations

Our business is exposed to the risk of foreign exchange fluctuations where 54.87%, 48.44%, 45.55%, 40.47% and 39.84% of our purchases for the FYE 31 December 2016, FYE 31 December 2017, FYE 31 December 2018, FYE 31 December 2019 and FPE 30 June 2020 respectively were denominated in USD. Our Group has a policy for all companies within our Group to manage their treasury activities and exposure. Any adverse changes in the exchange rate between RM and USD would have a negative impact on our financial performance including profitability and margins.

Our net gain and loss on foreign exchange for FYE 31 December 2016 to 2019 and FPE 30 June 2020 are as follows:-

	FYE 2016 RM'000	FYE 2017 RM'000	FYE 2018 RM'000	FYE 2019 RM'000	FPE 2019 RM'000	FPE 2020 RM'000
Realised gain/(loss) on foreign currency exchange	862	1,987	388	(40)	(51)	86
Unrealised (loss)/gain on foreign currency exchange	(532)	(1,024)	96	(97)	52	426
Net gain/(loss) on foreign currency exchange	330	963	484	(137)	1	512

Our Group has a policy to hedge all material foreign currency exposure against the transactions using a forward exchange contract as hedging instrument to manage the exposure. We have net gains on foreign currency exchange representing 1.63%, 3.84%, and 1.46% of total PBT for FYE 31 December 2016, FYE 31 December 2017 and FYE 31 December 2018 respectively. For the FYE 31 December 2019, we have a net loss on foreign currency exchange of approximately RM0.137 million. For the FPE 30 June 2020, we have net gains on foreign currency exchange representing 3.81% of our total PBT. Please refer to Section 8.1.3 of this Prospectus for further details on risk factors.

(d) Impact of claims arising from liquidated ascertained damages

We have contracts with certain customers where we have to deliver our products to the customers in accordance with the product specification and agreed delivery timelines stipulated in the contracts. Any delays in delivery of our products may result in a disruption in the operations of our customers. In this respect, we are subject to the risk of claims and/or penalties pertaining to liquidated ascertained damages for late delivery or defective products stipulated in the contracts, if any. We have made provisions for liquidated ascertained damages pertaining to late delivery and product complaints for the FYE 31 December 2016 to 2018. For FYE 31 December 2019, FPE 30 June 2020 and up to the LPD, there were no claims made by our customers arising from liquidated ascertained damages. Please refer to Section 8.1.2 of this Prospectus for further details on claims arising from liquidated ascertained damages.

Any material exposure to liquidated ascertained damages will adversely affect our profitability including margins and financial position. There can be no assurance that we will be able to deliver our products on time as well as to ensure no complaints or claims relating to defective products at all times. In the event we fail to maintain the required service levels which resulted in late delivery or defective products, our business and financial performance may be adversely affected.

(e) Impact of MCO, CMCO and RMCO as well as COVID-19 pandemic outbreak on business, results of operations and/or financial performance of our Group

During the MCO which commenced from 18 March 2020, we encountered disruptions to our operations where our manufacturing activities were temporarily suspended from 18 March 2020 to 28 March 2020 and partially operated from 29 March 2020 to 28 April 2020. Our business and manufacturing operations were fully operational from 29 April 2020 onwards. As a result of the restrictions imposed by the Government during the MCO, our Group's monthly production output of cables and wires has been affected as below:-

	February 2020	March 2020	April 2020	May 2020	June 2020
Production Output (km)	15,037	10,445	727	7,268	13,057
Change (%)		-30.54	-93.04	899.72	79.65

Please refer to Section 5.5.13 of this Prospectus for further details on the interruptions to business and operations due to MCO, CMCO and RMCO conditions and COVID-19 pandemic. Premised on the above, our business operations were affected between the months of March and April of 2020, which will adversely impact on our financial performance. Please refer to Section 8.1.4 of this Prospectus, the impact of the MCO, CMCO and RMCO as well as COVID-19 pandemic outbreak to our business, results of operations and financial performance.

(f) Impact of interest rates

As at 30 June 2020, our Group's total borrowings was RM175.283 million, consisting of bankers' acceptance, term loans, finance lease liabilities and bank overdraft. All of our borrowings are interest bearing, including RM164.713 million based on the prevailing bank's base lending rate or base financing rate plus/minus a margin agreed with our banking institutions when respective loans and financing were granted. For FPE 30 June 2020, our borrowings are charged based on the following interest rates:-

- Bankers' acceptance at the interest rates ranging from 2.80% to 4.46%;
- Term loans at the interest rates ranging from 3.52% to 6.89%; and
- Bank overdraft at the interest rates of 6.22%.

The remaining RM10.570 million of borrowings are charged based on fixed rates ranging from 1.97% to 6.68% for FPE 30 June 2020. In this respect, we face financial risks relating to increase in interest rates that may have an impact on our financial performance including profitability and margins. For the FYE 31 December 2016 to 2019, FPE 30 June 2020 and up to the LPD, we have not defaulted on any payments of either principal sums and/or interests in relation to our borrowings.

(g) Impact of inflation

There was no material impact of inflation on our Group's historical financial results for the financial years/period under review. Nevertheless, there can be no assurance that future inflation would not have an impact on our business operations and financial performance.

(h) Government/Economic/Fiscal/Monetary Policies

Our business is subject to risks relating to Government, economic, fiscal and monetary policies, as well as risks relating to trade policies such as changes in tariffs and related duties on raw materials, cables and wires, and corporate taxes. Any unfavourable changes in Government's policies, economic conditions, fiscal or monetary policies may materially affect our operations in Malaysia, as well as other foreign markets that we serve. In this respect, this may have an impact on our financial performance including profitability and margins.

11.2.11 Liquidity and Capital Resources

(i) Working Capital

Our business is financed by both internal and external sources of funds. Our internal sources of funds comprise cash generated from our business operations and shareholders' equity while our external sources of funds consist of mainly banking facilities from financial institutions. These funds are mainly used to finance our business operations and growth.

Based on the statements of financial position as at 30 June 2020, we have RM34.293 million cash and cash equivalents and total borrowings of RM175.283 million. As at 30 June 2020, our current ratio was 1.68 times. As at the LPD, our Group had available banking facilities amounting to RM294.170 million, of which RM119.856 million has yet to be utilised.

Our Directors are of the opinion that, after taking into consideration the outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic and the period our operations were temporarily suspended or partially operated during the MCO period as set out in Sections 5.5.13 and 8.1.4 of this Prospectus, the cash and cash equivalents, the expected profits to be generated for our operations, the amount that is available under our existing banking facilities and the proceeds expected to be raised from the Public Issue, we will have adequate working capital to meet our present and foreseeable requirements for at least a period of 12 months from the date of this Prospectus.

(ii) Cash Flow

The following is a summary of our combined statements of cash flow for the FYE 31 December 2016 to 2019 and FPE 30 June 2020. This should be read in conjunction with the Accountants' Report as set out in Section 12 of this Prospectus.

	FYE 2016 RM'000	FYE 2017 RM'000	FYE 2018 RM'000	FYE 2019 RM'000	FPE 2019 RM'000	FPE 2020 RM'000
Net cash (used in)/from operating activities	(7,327)	(2,771)	27,656	30,791	9,092	5,548
Net cash used in investing activities	(6,317)	(2,763)	(6,425)	(834)	(9,226)	(1,584)
Net cash from/(used in) financing activities	6,707	11,656	3,279	(52,437)	(17,993)	17,125
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents	(6,937)	6,122	24,510	(22,480)	(18,127)	21,089
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year	11,989	5,052	11,174	35,684	35,684	13,204
Cash and cash equivalent at end of the financial year/period ⁽¹⁾	5,052	11,174	35,684	13,204	17,557	34,293

Note:-

(1) The components of our cash and cash equivalents are as displayed below:-

	FYE 2016 RM'000	FYE 2017 RM'000	FYE 2018 RM'000	FYE 2019 RM'000	FPE 2019 RM'000	FPE 2020 RM'000
Cash and bank balances Fixed deposits with licensed banks <i>Less:</i> -	5,784 35,634	11,861 36,813	37,773 40,216	13,528 43,072	18,243 42,997	34,294 43,755
Pledged deposits	35,634	36,813	40,216	43,072	42,997	43,755
Pledged cash and bank balances	521	350	1,748	-	350	-
Bank overdrafts	211	337	341	324	336	1
Total	5,052	11,174	35,684	13,204	17,557	34,293

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Net cash used in operating activities

Our Group recorded a net cash used in operating activities of RM7.327 million where cash receipts were from customers, offset by cash paid to suppliers and employees, and tax payments.

- Cash receipts from customers amounted to RM497.815 million (inclusive of goods and services tax). Some of the major cash receipts were RM171.669 million cash receipts from utility companies including TNB and TMB, RM168.597 million cash receipts from various resellers; and RM156.949 million cash receipts from various EPCC and other contractors.
- Cash paid amounted to RM505.142 million (inclusive of goods and services tax) in FYE 31 December 2016. Some of the major payments were RM329.307 million of cash payment to suppliers of metal-based materials including copper and aluminium based materials, RM63.027 million for plastic based materials; RM42.275 million of cash payment to suppliers of other materials as well as payment of RM44.910 million for operational related expenses.

We recorded a negative cash flow from operating activities in FYE 31 December 2016 which was mainly due to a net increase in inventories, which include, raw materials, work-inprogress materials and finished goods, for our cable and wire manufacturing operations as follows:-

- An increase of RM9.288 million in inventory of finished goods, mainly cables and wires manufactured in FYE 31 December 2016 for a customer based on sales orders received during FYE 31 December 2016. The said finished goods at the end of the financial year, were for the RAPID project and was only collected by the customer in the subsequent year from January 2017 onwards.
- An increase in inventory of raw materials and work-in-progress materials, mainly due to an increase of RM22.072 million from purchases of copper and aluminium based materials. The increase was mainly due to the stocking up of raw materials at the end of the financial year for the manufacture of power as well as control and instrumentation cables and wires pursuant to the contracts secured for RAPID project in FYE 31 December 2016 for delivery in subsequent years.

In this respect, the abovementioned situations have affected our cash flow position at the end of FYE 31 December 2016.

Net cash used in investing activities

In FYE 31 December 2016, our Group's net cash used in investing activities amounted to RM6.317 million. This was mainly attributed to RM2.828 million of cash used as part payment for the purchase of machinery and equipment, as well as RM1.772 million of cash for partial payment for the acquisition of a landed property in Selangor. The total cost of the landed property was RM4.568 million. On 30 April 2019, Southern disposed the said landed property to a director and promoters of our Group. In addition, RM1.205 million was for the placement of deposit that was pledged against our banking facilities, mainly comprising bank guarantees and bankers' acceptance.

Net cash from financing activities

Our Group's net cash from financing activities was RM6.707 million, mainly attributed to net cash of RM18.857 million received from the drawdown of bankers' acceptance. The net cash from financing was partially offset by RM7.004 million of interest payment, RM3.087 million for the repayment of finance lease liabilities mainly for machinery, equipment, and tools, and motor vehicles; and RM2.214 million for the repayment of term loans for land and buildings.

FYE 31 December 2017

Net cash used in operating activities

Our Group recorded a net cash used in operating activities of RM2.771 million where cash receipts were from customers, offset by cash paid to suppliers and employees, and tax payments.

- Cash receipts from customers amounted to RM586.791 million (inclusive of goods and services tax). Some of the major cash receipts were RM134.980 million cash receipts from utility companies including TNB and TMB, RM159.975 million cash receipts from various resellers; and RM289.893 million cash receipts from various EPCC and other contractors.
- Cash paid amounted to RM589.562 million (inclusive of goods and services tax) in FYE 31 December 2017. Some of the major payments were RM395.021 million of cash payment to suppliers of metal-based materials including copper and aluminium based materials; RM66.571 million for plastic based materials; RM42.573 million of cash payment to suppliers of other materials as well as payment of RM56.872 million for operational related expenses.

We recorded a negative operating cash flow of RM2.771 million in FYE 31 December 2017, mainly due to slow payment from some customers including EPCC and other contractors.

Net cash used in investing activities

In FYE 31 December 2017, our Group's net cash used in investing activities amounted to RM2.763 million. This was attributed primarily to RM1.497 million of cash used as part of payment for the purchase of machinery and equipment while the remaining payment were funded through bank borrowings, and RM1.353 million for the purchase of motor vehicles, forklifts, office furniture and equipment, and electrical installation and fire protection systems. Please refer to Section 5.4 of this Prospectus for further details on capital expenditure.

Net cash from financing activities

Our Group's net cash from financing activities of RM11.656 million was mainly attributed to net cash of RM24.790 million received from the drawdown of bankers' acceptance. The net cash from financing activities was partially offset by RM7.685 million of interest payment; RM2.243 million for the repayment of term loans mainly for land and buildings; and RM3.287 million for the repayment of finance lease liabilities mainly for machinery and equipment, motor vehicles, and factory tools and equipment.

FYE 31 December 2018

Net cash from operating activities

Our Group recorded net cash from operating activities of RM27.656 million where cash receipts were from customers, offset by cash paid to suppliers and employees, and tax payments.

- Cash receipts from customers amounted to RM701.404 million (inclusive of goods and services tax and sales and services tax). Some of the major cash receipts were RM205.840 million cash receipts from utility companies including TNB and TMB; RM231.233 million cash receipts from various resellers; and RM261.568 million of cash receipts from PRPC Utilities and Facilities Sdn Bhd, and various EPCC and other contractors.
- Cash paid amounted to RM673.748 million (inclusive of goods and services tax and sales and services tax) in FYE 31 December 2018. Some of the major payments were RM445.039 million of cash payment to suppliers of metal-based materials including copper and aluminium based materials; RM60.057 million for plastic based materials; and RM70.262 million of cash payment to suppliers of other materials as well as payment of RM58.497 million for operational related expenses.

Net cash used in investing activities

In FYE 31 December 2018, our Group's net cash used in investing activities amounted to RM6.425 million. This was mainly attributed to RM3.402 million of net placements of deposits pledged for additional banking facilities, and RM1.633 million of cash used as partial payment for the purchase of new machinery and equipment including drawing and stranding machines for Lot 39, and other machinery and equipment to expand our production facilities, as well as purchase of JB Warehouse.

Please refer to Section 5.4 of this Prospectus for further details on capital expenditure.

Net cash from financing activities

Our Group's net cash from financing activities of RM3.279 million, was primarily attributed to net cash of RM15.854 million received from the drawdown of bankers' acceptance. The net cash from financing activities was partially offset by RM8.043 million of interest payment; RM3.494 million for the repayment of finance lease liabilities mainly for machinery, equipment, and tools, and motor vehicles; as well as RM1.231 million for the repayment of term loans mainly for land and buildings including JB Warehouse in Johor.

FYE 31 December 2019

Net cash from operating activities

Our Group recorded a net cash from operating activities of RM30.791 million, where cash receipts were from customers, offset by cash paid to suppliers and employees, and tax payments.

- Cash receipts from customers amounted to RM692.521 million (inclusive of sales and services tax). Some of the major cash receipts were RM167.755 million cash receipts from utility companies including TNB and TMB; RM247.607 million cash receipts from various EPCC and other contractors; and RM273.423 million cash receipts from various resellers.
- Cash paid amounted to RM661.730 million (inclusive of sales and services tax). Some of the major payments were RM431.825 million of cash payment to suppliers of metal-based materials including copper and aluminium based materials; RM59.195 million for plastic based materials; and RM23.185 million of cash payment to suppliers of other materials as well as payment of RM111.543 million for operational related expenses.

Net cash used in investing activities

Our Group's net cash used in investing activities of RM0.834 million. This was mainly attributed to the following:-

- RM5.141 million used as partial payment for the purchase of right-of-use assets which includes the Kota Damansara Warehouse, Lot 28, Lot 29 and the construction of the new factory at Lot 39 as well as purchase of machinery and equipment for our cable and wire manufacturing operations;
- RM2.856 million of net placements of deposits pledged for additional banking facilities; and
- RM2.114 million mainly for the upgrade of aluminium rods production facilities including the gas piped-in system and related equipment as well as the purchase of testing equipment.

The net cash used in investing activities was partially offset by RM5.191 million received from the disposal of a three (3) storey semi-detached house with a swimming pool in Petaling Jaya, Selangor, RM2.201 million received from the disposal of a three (3) storey semi-detached house in Petaling Jaya, Selangor, as well as the release of RM1.748 million which was previously pledged with banks as a sinking fund for performance guarantee issued to customers.

Net cash used in financing activities

Our Group's net cash used in financing activities of RM52.437 million was mainly attributed to the following:-

- net cash of RM34.322 million for the repayment of bankers' acceptance;
- RM7.161 million of interest payment;
- RM5.014 million for the repayment of term loans mainly for land and buildings including Kota Damansara Warehouse; and
- RM4.377 million for the repayment of finance lease liabilities mainly for machinery and equipment, motor vehicles and factory tools and equipment;

FPE 30 June 2020

Net cash from operating activities

Our Group recorded a net cash from operating activities of RM5.548 million, where cash receipts were from customers, offset by cash paid to suppliers and employees, and tax payments.

- Cash receipts from customers amounted to RM264.632 million (inclusive of sales and services tax). Some of the major cash receipts were RM36.825 million cash receipts from utility companies including TNB and TMB; RM108.203 million cash receipts from various EPCC and other contractors; and RM119.604 million cash receipts from various resellers.
- Cash paid amounted to RM259.084 million (inclusive of sales and services tax). Some of the major payments were RM167.067 million of cash payment to suppliers of metal-based materials including copper and aluminium based materials; RM21.228 million for plastic based materials; and RM9.074 million of cash payment to suppliers of other materials as well as payment of RM45.944 million for operational related expenses.

Net cash used in investing activities

Our Group's net cash used in investing activities of RM1.584 million. This was mainly attributed to the following:-

- RM0.682 million of net placements of deposits pledged for additional banking facilities;
- RM0.672 million mainly for the installation of machinery and equipment for our cables and wires manufacturing operations, as well as installation of additional electrical and fire protection system; and
- RM0.230 million used as partial payment for the purchase of right-of-use assets mainly for the purchase of motor vehicles.

Net cash from financing activities

Our Group's net cash used in financing activities of RM17.125 million was mainly attributed to net cash of RM23.210 million received from the drawdown of bankers' acceptance. The net cash from financing activities was partially offset RM3.334 million of interest payment; RM2.011 million for the repayment of finance lease liabilities mainly for machinery and equipment, motor vehicles and factory tools and equipment; and RM0.697 million for the repayment of term loans mainly for land and buildings including Kota Damansara Warehouse.

(iii) Borrowings

As at 30 June 2020, our Group's total borrowings was RM175.283 million, all of which were interest bearing and denominated in RM. Our bank borrowing details are set out below:-

		l A	As at 30 June 2020)
	Notes	Payable within 12 months RM'000	Payable after 12 months RM'000	Total RM'000
Bankers' acceptance	(1)	153,172	-	153,172
Finance lease liabilities	(2)	3,551	7,019	10,570
Term loans	(3)	1,541	9,999	11,540
Bank overdraft	(1)	1	-	1
Total		158,265	17,018	175,283
Gearing Ratio*				0.95

Notes:-

- * Calculated based on total borrowings divided by total equity.
- (1) Bankers' acceptance and bank overdraft were mainly used for working capital purposes.
- (2) This refers to finance lease commitments mainly for the purchase of motor vehicles, and machinery and equipment.
- (3) Term loans were mainly utilised for the purchase of land and buildings.

The bankers' acceptance is mainly used to pay our suppliers for purchases of raw materials. Our main raw materials include copper and aluminium based materials that we use for our cable and wire manufacturing operations, which include, among others, copper cathode, copper rods and wires, and aluminium ingots. The purchases of these said raw materials are based on cash terms either cash on delivery or letter of credit or advance payment in order to secure the raw materials.

The bankers' acceptance drawn down as borrowings are generally payable within 4 months. Please refer to Section 11.2.4 of this Prospectus for further details on materials for manufacturing operations.

As at 30 June 2020, our Group's floating and fixed rate borrowings are set out below:

	A	s at 30 June 2020	
	Floating Rate Borrowings ⁽¹⁾ RM'000	Fixed Rate Borrowings ⁽²⁾ RM'000	Total RM'000
Total borrowings	164,713	10,570	175,283

Notes:-

- (1) Include bankers' acceptance, term loans and bank overdraft.
- (2) Include finance lease liabilities.

As at the LPD, all of our Group's borrowings were interest bearing borrowings. As at the LPD, we do not have any foreign currency borrowings. Our Group has not defaulted on any payment of either principal sums and/or interest in relation to the borrowings for the FYE 31 December 2016 to 2019 and FPE 30 June 2020, and up to the LPD.

As at the LPD, our Group is not in breach of any terms and conditions or covenants associated with the credit arrangements or bank loans, which can materially affect the financial position and results of business operations or investments by holders of securities in the Company.

As at the LPD, save as disclosed above, our Group did not use any other financial instruments.

11.2.12 Treasury policies and objectives

Our Group's operations have been funded through shareholder's equity, cash generated from our operations, and external sources of funds. The external sources of funds consist primarily of banking facilities from financial institutions. The normal credit terms granted by our suppliers ranges from 30 days to 90 days.

As at the LPD, our Group's banking facilities from financial institutions mainly consist of the following:-

- bank overdrafts and bankers' acceptance for working capital purposes;
- term loans used to fund purchase of land and buildings; and
- finance lease liabilities used for the purchase of motor vehicles, and machinery and equipment.

The interest rates for our bank borrowings are based on the market rates prevailing at the dates of the respective transactions. As at the LPD, our Group had available banking facilities amounting to RM294.170 million, of which RM119.856 million has yet to be utilised.

The main objective of our capital management is to ensure sustainable shareholders' equity to ensure our ability to support and grow our business in order to maximise shareholders' value. We review and manage our capital structure to maintain our debt-to-equity ratio at an optimal level based on our business requirements and prevailing economic conditions.

11.2.13 Financial Instruments for Hedging Purposes

For the FYE 31 December 2016 to 2019, FPE 30 June 2020 and up to the LPD, we have forward exchange contracts to manage our foreign currency exposure in relation to sales and purchases that are transacted and denominated in foreign currency. This forward exchange contract refers to agreement with banking institutions to buy certain amount of foreign currency on a specific future date, while the purchase is made at a predetermined exchange rate.

Generally, our forward exchange contracts are valid up to 12 months. The principal amount of the outstanding forward exchange contracts is set-out as below:-

	FYE 2016	FYE 2017	FYE 2018	FYE 2019	FPE 2020
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
Principal amount	3,404	8,868	10,686	10,929	11,843

Save as disclosed above, for the FYE 31 December 2016 to 2019 and FPE 30 June 2020, we do not use any other financial instrument for hedging purposes.

11.2.14 Material Litigation, Contingent Liabilities and Material Commitment for Capital Expenditure

(i) Material Litigation

We are not engaged in any material litigation, claim or arbitration either as plaintiff or defendant and do not know of any proceedings pending or threatened or of any fact likely to give rise to any proceedings which might materially or adversely affect our position or business as at the LPD.

(ii) Contingent Liabilities

As at the LPD, the details of our Group's contingent liabilities are as follows:-

	RM'000
Bank guarantees	
- Trade facilities	19,490
- Contract financing for performance bonds and guarantees	7,842
Total	27,332

As at the LPD, the bank guarantees of RM27.332 million above mainly for the performance and warranty bonds for the supply of our cables and wires to customers with contractual agreements. These mainly comprise utility companies, refinery and petrochemical processing plant operator, as well as EPCC and other contractors.

(iii) Material Commitment for Capital Expenditure

As at the LPD, our Group's material capital commitments are summarised as follows:-

		Source	of funds
	Capital commitment RM '000	Internal generated funds/Bank borrowings RM'000	IPO proceeds RM'000
Approved and/or contracted for⁽¹⁾:- Cable and wire, as well as aluminium rods production facilities	156	156	-
Approved and/or not contracted for ⁽²⁾ :-			
Cable and wire production facilities	25,800	-	25,800
Plastic compounds production facilities	4,200	-	4,200
Total	30,156	156	30,000

Notes:-

- (1) Between July 2020 and up to the LPD, we have placed orders for the purchase of machinery and equipment with a total estimated cost of RM1.709 million. Of the total RM1.709 million, RM1.553 million has been paid through cash and bank borrowings, and the remaining RM0.156 million which was for the aluminium rods production facilities will be funded by internal generated funds and/or bank borrowings.
- (2) Total estimated cost of RM30.000 million for future expansion of production facilities will be funded through IPO proceeds. Please refer to Section 5.8 of this Prospectus for further details on our future expansion of production facilities.

The above capital commitment will be financed through a combination of IPO proceeds and internal generated funds and/or bank borrowings. Further details on the use of proceeds are set-out in Section 3.5 of this Prospectus, and details on our business strategies are set-out in Section 5.8 of this Prospectus.

As at the LPD, save as disclosed in the table above, there were no other material capital commitments incurred or known to be incurred by our Group.

11.2.15 Key Financial Ratios

The following table provides the key financial ratios based on our combined financial statements for the financial years/period indicated below:-

	FYE 2016	FYE 2017	FYE 2018	FYE 2019	FPE 2020
Trade receivables turnover period (days) ⁽¹⁾	79	86	78	93	122
Trade payables turnover period (days) ⁽²⁾	22	19	9	10	20
Inventory turnover period (days) ⁽³⁾	72	63	46	38	73
Current ratio (times) ⁽⁴⁾	1.33	1.34	1.48	1.71	1.68
Gearing ratio (times) ⁽⁵⁾	1.42	1.39	1.26	0.88	0.95

Notes:-

- (1) Based on trade receivables less impairment of doubtful debts of the respective financial years/period over total revenue of the respective financial years/period, and multiply by 365/182 days.
- (2) Based on trade payables of the respective financial years/period over total cost of sales of the respective financial years/period, and multiply by 365/182 days.
- (3) Based on inventory value of the respective financial years/period over the cost of sales of the respective financial years/period, and multiply by 365/182 days.
- (4) Based on current assets divided by current liabilities of the respective financial years/period.
- (5) Based on total borrowings divided by total equity of the respective financial years/period.

For FYE 31 December 2018, FYE 31 December 2019 and FPE 30 June 2020, our trade payables turnover period was low, mainly due to the timing of payment settlement. This is primarily for the purchases of copper cathode and aluminium ingot which mainly involves advance payment prior to receipt of the said materials.

(i) Trade Receivables

The breakdown of our Group's trade receivables is as summarised in the table below:-

	FYE 2016	FYE 2017	FYE 2018	FYE 2019	FPE 2020
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
Trade receivables	101,259	141,069	147,114	166,735	162,167
Less:- Impairment of doubtful debts	-	-	(316)	-	-
Net trade receivables	101,259	141,069	146,798	166,735	162,167
Revenue	470,656	595,694	683,199	656,687	241,086
Trade receivables turnover period (days) ⁽¹⁾	79	86	78	93	122

Note:-

(1) Based on trade receivables less impairment of doubtful debts of the respective financial years/period over total revenue of the respective financial years/period, and multiply by 365/182 days.

We deal with our customers either on cash terms or on credit terms. The credit terms that we generally grant to our customers range from 30 to 120 days.

We grant credit terms to our customers on a case-by-case basis, based on factors such as our relationships with the customers, payment history, credit worthiness, quantum of amount owing to us, and any reasons behind customers' failure to pay within the normal credit period.

Our trade receivables turnover period increased from 79 days for FYE 31 December 2016 to 86 days for FYE 31 December 2017. This was mainly attributed to RM101.320 million or 71.82% of total trade receivables which was overdue from delays in payment from some of our customers including EPCC and other contractors. Generally, our customers of oil and gas projects require us to collate more supporting documents, which include, among others, purchase orders, delivery orders and invoices. This will enable our customers involved in oil and gas projects to verify all the supporting documents submitted by us. As such, our customers involved in oil and gas projects generally need more time for their internal verification processes before they can proceed for payment processing. In FYE 31 December 2017 we had more billings for customers of oil and gas projects. This is demonstrated by the increase in our revenue from customers of oil and gas projects for FYE 31 December 2017. Please refer to Section 11.2.3(a) of this Prospectus for further information.

Our trade receivables turnover period improved in FYE 31 December 2018, where it decreased from 86 days for FYE 31 December 2017 to 78 days for FYE 31 December 2018. This was mainly attributed to the improvement in collection from overdue outstanding payments from customers. This was also reflected on our total cash receipts from customers where it increased from RM586.791 million in FYE 31 December 2017 to RM701.404 million in FYE 31 December 2018.

Our trade receivables turnover period increased from 78 days for FYE 31 December 2018 to 93 days for FYE 31 December 2019. As at 31 December 2019, 64.68% or RM107.839 million of total trade receivables were overdue mainly due to slow payments from customers. As at the LPD, RM99.078 million of the overdue receivables have already settled.

Our trade receivables turnover period increased from 93 days for FYE 31 December 2019 to 122 days for the FPE 30 June 2020. This was mainly due to slow payments from customers. Please refer to the trade ageing analysis as at 30 June 2020 below for further details.

The ageing analysis of our Group's trade receivables as at 30 June 2020 is as follows:-

			Past due						
	Not past due	1 - 30 days	31 - 60 days	61 - 90 days	91–120 days	121–365 days	>365 days ⁽¹⁾	Total	
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	
Trade receivables	75,769	21,095	15,284	14,559	17,924	16,967	569	162,167	
% of trade receivables	46.73	13.01	9.42	8.98	11.05	10.46	0.35	100.00	
Subsequent collections as at the LPD	24,360	16,578	4,671	10,014	7,019	6,537	-	69,179	
Net trade receivables after subsequent collections	51,409	4,517	10,613	4,545	10,905	10,430	569	92,988	

Note:-

(1) More than 365 days and up to 25 months.

As at the LPD, RM69.179 million or 42.66% of total trade receivables as at 30 June 2020, has been subsequently collected. The remaining outstanding amount was RM92.988 million, representing 57.34% of total trade receivables still outstanding as at the LPD.

The remaining outstanding amount that falls within the credit period was RM51.409 million. This represented 55.29% of the remaining outstanding amount, while RM41.579 million has exceeded the credit period. This was primarily due to slow payments from customers impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Further information on outstanding trade receivables that exceeded credit period of 91 days and more is as follows:-

- 11.05% (RM17.924 million) of trade receivables exceeded credit period of 91 days and up to 120 days. Approximately 73% of the RM17.924 million were from an EPCC contractor. As at the LPD, RM7.019 million was subsequently collected. The remaining RM10.905 million is still outstanding mainly from this EPCC contractor due to the delay in payment processing approvals;
- 10.46% (RM16.967 million) of trade receivables exceeded credit period of 121 days and up to 365 days. Approximately 85% of the RM16.967 million were from seven (7) companies comprising EPCC contractors, engineering contractor and distributors. As at the LPD, RM6.537 million was subsequently collected. The remaining RM10.430 million is still outstanding mainly from a few of these companies; and
- 0.35% (RM0.569 million) of trade receivables exceeded credit period of more than 1 year and up to 25 months, which were from two (2) EPCC contractors and an electrical contractor. As at the LPD, RM0.569 million is still outstanding which are mainly retention sums.

Southern Cable has not encountered any major disputes with our debtors. With respect to overdue trade receivables in the past, Southern Cable has generally been able to recover payment eventually. As such, the Board is of the view that the net trade receivables are collectible. The management has taken constant efforts to recover the amount outstanding including follow-up calls, direct negotiations and issuance of letters of reminders. After taking into consideration of Southern Cable's on-going relationship with most of these customers, the Board is of the opinion that the overdue trade receivables are collectible.

In addition, there was an impairment amount of RM0.316 million in FYE 31 December 2018 pertaining to a remaining outstanding amount that was overdue since FYE 31 December 2015. This outstanding amount from a customer was considered non-recoverable after several collection attempts from the management between 2015 and 2018. The outstanding amount was impaired in FYE 31 December 2018 after our Group performed an impairment review for the FYE 31 December 2018. The impairment amount of RM0.316 million was subsequently written off in FYE 31 December 2019.

(ii) Trade Payables

The breakdown of our Group's trade payables is summarised in the table below:-

	FYE 2016	FYE 2017	FYE 2018	FYE 2019	FPE 2020
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
Trade payables Cost of sales Trade payables turnover period (days) ⁽¹⁾	25,657 429,083 22	27,909 543,128 19	14,416 617,971 9	16,389 589,465 10	23,339 217,115 20

Note:-

(1) Based on trade payables of the respective financial years/period over total cost of sales of the respective financial years/period, and multiply by 365/182 days.

We deal with our suppliers either on cash or on credit terms. Our suppliers generally grant us credit terms ranging from 30 to 90 days.

Our average trade payables turnover period, which ranges from 9 days to 22 days, fell within the credit period given by our suppliers.

Our average trade payables turnover period improved from 22 days for FYE 31 December 2016 to 19 days for FYE 31 December 2017 and continued to improve to 9 days for FYE 31 December 2018 and subsequently increased to 10 days and 20 days for FYE 31 December 2019 and FPE 30 June 2020 respectively. Our Group is of the view that timely settlement of payment enables us to strengthen our business relationships with suppliers to gain better service such as timely delivery of our input materials and also places us in a better position to negotiate price for future purchases. In addition, purchases of metal based materials including copper and aluminium materials are based on cash terms including cash on delivery, letter of credit or advance payment in order to secure these materials.

	Not past due RM'000	1 - 30 days RM'000	31 - 60 days RM'000	61 - 90 days RM'000	More than 90 days RM'000	Total RM'000
Trade payables	12,088	9,878	752	496	125	23,339
Subsequent payments as at the LPD	9,145	9,742	752	460	-	20,099
Net trade payables after subsequent payments	2,943	136	-	36	125	3,240

Our Group's trade payables ageing analysis as at 30 June 2020 is as follows:-

As at the LPD, RM20.099 million or 86.12% of the total net trade payables outstanding as at 30 June 2020 has been paid. The remaining RM3.240 million, representing 13.88% of total net trade payables, is still outstanding.

The remaining outstanding amount that is within our suppliers' credit period is RM2.943 million or 90.83% of the remaining outstanding amount, while RM0.297 million or 9.17% of the remaining outstanding amount exceeded the credit period.

(iii) Inventory Turnover

	FYE 2016	FYE 2017	FYE 2018	FYE 2019	FPE 2020
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
Inventory - Finished goods - Work-in- progress Bow	84,635 31,945 15,367	93,164 35,235 16,313	77,756 27,007 22,130	62,133 32,094 12,445	86,825 43,639 16,628
 Raw	37,323	41,616	28,619	17,136	26,236
materials Others⁽¹⁾	-	-	-	458	322
Cost of sales Inventory turnover period (day) ⁽²⁾	429,083 72	543,128 63	617,971 46	589,465 38	217,115 73

Notes:-

- (1) Includes trading products and packing materials.
- (2) Based on inventory value of the respective financial years/period over the cost of sales of the respective financial years/period, and multiply by 365/182 days.

Our inventory mainly comprises the following:-

- We have finished goods consisting mainly of cables and wires, stored prior to final delivery to customers and pending collection by the customers;
- Work-in-progress products that are partially finished before undergoing further processing into finished goods; and
- Raw materials consisting mainly copper and aluminium based materials such as copper cathodes, copper rods and wires, aluminium ingots, and aluminium alloy rods; plastic based materials including PVC resins and other plastic compounds; additives; and steel wires for armouring. We need to keep these raw materials in view that our production run on a 24 hours basis. As such, we need to ensure that we have sufficient level of raw materials as these are mainly imported.

Our average inventory turnover period improved for the past four (4) financial years under review, where it decreased from 72 days in FYE 31 December 2016 to 63 days in FYE 31 December 2017, and continued to decrease to 46 days in FYE 31 December 2018, and further improved to 38 days in FYE 31 December 2019. The improvement was mainly due to lower stock of raw materials which are sufficient to meet committed delivery schedules. In particular, our finished goods in inventory as a percentage of cost of sales fell from 7.44% in FYE 31 December 2016 to 6.49% in FYE 31 December 2017, and 4.37% in FYE 31 December 2018. The improvement in FYE 31 December 2019 was mainly attributed to the lower proportion of raw materials and work-in-progress products that have been used for our manufacturing operations. There was an increase in inventory of finished goods as at FYE 31 December 2019 mainly cables and wires which were expected to be delivered by January 2020.

Our average inventory turnover period increased from 38 days in FYE 31 December 2019 to 73 days in FPE 30 June 2020. This was mainly attributed to higher inventory held due to the impact of COVID-19 pandemic and temporary suspension of our business operations and various restrictions imposed during the MCO and CMCO periods. This was reflected in the decrease in our revenue by 27.35% in FPE 30 June 2020 compared to FPE 30 June 2019. In addition, as at FPE 30 June 2020, the finished goods in inventory mainly cables and wires were expected to be delivered in the next two (2) to three (3) months. In addition, the higher inventory of raw materials in FPE 30 June 2020 was mainly purchases made during the first quarter of 2020 prior to the MCO, which was planned to meet the initial production schedules. However, our production was affected by the impact of COVID-19 pandemic and MCO conditions.

(iv) Current Ratio

	FYE 2016 RM'000	FYE 2017 RM'000	FYE 2018 RM'000	FYE 2019 RM'000	FPE 2020 RM'000
Current assets	230,164	290,871	312,212	299,133	333,853
Current liabilities	173,384	217,292	211,169	174,446	199,269
Current ratio (times) ⁽¹⁾	1.33	1.34	1.48	1.71	1.68

The table below provides a summary of our Group's current ratio:-

Note:-

(1) Based on current assets divided by current liabilities of the respective financial years/period.

As at 31 December 2017, our current ratio was 1.34 times, which was slightly higher compared to 1.33 times as at 31 December 2016. This was mainly due to an improvement on our current asset position resulting from higher trade receivables in tandem with our business growth and increase in sales of power as well as control and instrumentation cables and wires. Please refer to Section 11.2.3 of this Prospectus for further details on revenue by business activities and products.

As at 31 December 2018, our current ratio was 1.48 times, which was higher compared to 1.34 times as at 31 December 2017. This was mainly attributed to an improvement on our current asset position resulting from improvements in cash collections from customers. Our total cash receipts from customers increased from RM586.791 million in FYE 31 December 2017 to RM701.404 million in FYE 31 December 2018.

As at 31 December 2019, our current ratio was 1.71 times, which was higher compared to 1.48 times as at 31 December 2018. This was mainly due to lower bankers' acceptance as at 31 December 2019 of RM129.961 million as compared to RM164.283 million in FYE 31 December 2018.

As at 30 June 2020, our current ratio was 1.68 times, which was slightly lower compared to 1.71 times as at 31 December 2019. This was mainly due to lower trade receivables as at 30 June 2020 because the business was affected between the MCO and RMCO period where incoming orders had reduced substantially during MCO period. This was reflected in the decrease in revenue by 27.35% in FPE 30 June 2020 compared to FPE 30 June 2019.

(v) Gearing Ratio

	FYE 2016 RM'000	FYE 2017 RM'000	FYE 2018 RM'000	FYE 2019 RM'000	FPE 2020 RM'000
Total borrowings	145,819	167,967	186,019	154,633	175,283
Total equity	103,039	121,224	147,457	176,006	185,152
Gearing ratio (times) ⁽¹⁾	1.42	1.39	1.26	0.88	0.95

The table below provides a summary of our gearing ratio:-

Note:-

(1) Based on total borrowings divided by total equity of the respective financial years/period.

Our borrowings mainly consist of bankers' acceptance as trade financing to support our operations, and term loans to fund our expansion of production facilities, and purchases of land and buildings such as JB Warehouse, as well as finance lease liabilities to finance our motor vehicles, machinery and equipment.

Despite the increase in our borrowings during the financial years under review, our gearing ratio improved from 1.42 times in FYE 31 December 2016 to 1.39 times in FYE 31 December 2017, and continued to improve to 1.26 times in FYE 31 December 2018.

This was mainly attributed to the result of our PAT which contributed to an increase in our retained earnings over the three (3) financial years under review. Our retained earnings increased by 23.88% to RM94.324 million in FYE 31 December 2017, and continued to increase by 27.81% to RM120.557 million in FYE 31 December 2018.

Our gearing ratio further improved to 0.88 times in FYE 31 December 2019, mainly attributed to the lower bankers' acceptance as at 31 December 2019 of RM129.961 million as compared to RM164.283 million in FYE 31 December 2018.

Our gearing ratio was 0.95 times in FPE 30 June 2020, which was slightly higher compared to 0.88 times in FYE 31 December 2019. This was mainly due to higher bankers' acceptance as at 30 June 2020 of RM153.172 million compared to RM129.961 million as at 31 December 2019, as this was mainly used as working capital to pay our suppliers for purchases of raw materials.

11.2.16 Trend Analysis

As at the LPD, save as disclosed in this Prospectus and to the best of our Board's knowledge and belief, our operations have not been and are not expected to be affected by any of the following:-

- known trends, demands, commitments, events or uncertainties that have had or that we reasonably expect to have, a material favourable or unfavourable impact on our financial performance, position and operations other than those discussed in this section and risk factors in Section 8 of this Prospectus;
- (ii) material commitment for capital expenditure, as set out in Section 5.4(a) of this Prospectus;
- unusual, infrequent events or transactions or any significant economic changes that have materially affected the financial performance, position and operations of our Group, save as disclosed in this section and risk factors in Section 8 of this Prospectus;
- (iv) known trends, demands, commitments, events or uncertainties that had resulted in a material impact on our Group revenue and/or profits save for those that have been disclosed in this section, industry overview as set out in Section 7 of this Prospectus and business strategies as set out in Section 5.8 of this Prospectus;
- (v) known trends, demands, commitments, events or uncertainties that are reasonably likely to make our Group's historical financial statements not indicative of the future financial performance and position other than those disclosed in this section and in Section 8 of this Prospectus;
- (vi) known trends, demands, commitments, events or uncertainties that have had or that we reasonably expect to have, a material favourable or unfavourable impact on our Group's liquidity and capital resources, other than those discussed in this section and risk factors in Section 8 of this Prospectus; and
- (vii) known trends, demands, commitments, events or uncertainties that are likely to have a material impact on our financial condition, results of operations (including revenue and profitability), liquidity and capital resources, as set out in Sections 5.5.13 and 8.1.4 of this Prospectus in relation to interruptions to business and operations pursuant to the COVID-19 pandemic and the MCO conditions as well as impact of the outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic or any contagious or virulent diseases on our business.

11.2.17 Order Book

Generally, our sales are based on purchase orders from customers, including those customers where we have entered into contractual agreements.

As at the LPD, our order book is based on the total unbilled amount from contracts secured which has not yet been recognised in our revenue. The order book amount is expected to be recognised between FYE 31 December 2020 and up to 2022.

	Order book as at the LPD RM'000	Order book duration
Cables and wires	357,432	
Power cables and wires	319,666	Up to FYE 2022
Communications cables and wires	37,766	Up to FYE 2021
Other related products and services	47,997	
Aluminium rods	43,843 ⁽¹⁾	FYE 2020
Supply and installation of rectifiers	4,154	FYE 2022
Total	405,429	

Note:-

(1) This is computed based on a balance quantity secured of aluminium rods for FYE 2020 multiplied by the average selling price per tonne.

As at the LPD, we have three (3) on-going contracts with TNB and two (2) on-going contracts with TMB. In addition, we have three (3) on-going contracts for the supply of aluminium rods with resellers and a cable and wire manufacturer. Out of the order book amount of RM405.429 million, the total unbilled amount from the contracts secured from TNB and TMB are RM289.548 million and RM41.920 million, respectively. However, we are not materially dependent on any one (1) of these contracts awarded by TNB and TMB. These contracts are not long term in nature and are only for a specific duration of one (1) to three (3) years for the Group to supply the cables and wires, which is the core activity of Southern. Please refer to Section 5.5.15 of this Prospectus for further details on the on-going contracts with TNB and TMB.

11.2.18 Significant Changes

Save as disclosed in Sections 5.5.13 and 8.1.4 of this Prospectus in relation to interruptions to business and operations pursuant to the COVID-19 pandemic and the MCO conditions as well as impact of the outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic or any contagious or virulent diseases on our business, there are no significant changes that have occurred which may have material effect on the financial position and results of our Group subsequent to the FPE 30 June 2020 and up to the LPD.

11.3 REPORTING ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON THE PRO FORMA CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION



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Dear Sirs/Madam,

SOUTHERN CABLE GROUP BERHAD

REPORTING ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON THE COMPILATION OF THE PRO FORMA CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 JUNE 2020 INCLUDED IN A PROSPECTUS

We have completed our assurance engagement to report on the compilation of the pro forma consolidated statements of financial position of Southern Cable Group Berhad ("Southern Cable" or the "Company") and its subsidiaries, namely Southern Cable Sdn. Bhd., Nextol Polymer Sdn. Bhd. and Daya Forwarding Sdn. Bhd. (the "Group") for which the directors of Southern Cable are solely responsible. The pro forma consolidated statements of financial position consist of the pro forma consolidated statements of financial position as at 30 June 2020 together with the accompanying notes thereon, as set out in the accompanying statements, for which the directors of Southern Cable have compiled the pro forma consolidated statements of financial position are as described in Note 2 to the pro forma consolidated statements of financial position and in accordance with the requirements of the *Prospectus Guidelines – Equity* issued by the Securities Commission Malaysia ("Prospectus Guidelines") ("Applicable Criteria").

The pro forma consolidated statements of financial position of the Group has been compiled by the directors of Southern Cable, for illustrative purposes only, for inclusion in the prospectus of Southern Cable ("Prospectus") in connection with the listing of and quotation for the entire enlarged issued share capital of Southern Cable on the ACE Market of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad ("Listing"), after making certain assumptions and such adjustments to show the effects on the pro forma consolidated financial position of the Group as at 30 June 2020 adjusted for the public issue, offer for sale and the use of proceeds as described in Notes 1.2, 1.3 and 3.2.2 to the pro forma consolidated statements of financial position.

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As part of this process, information about the Group's pro forma consolidated statements of financial positions has been extracted by the directors of Southern Cable from the audited financial statements of the Group.

The audited financial statements of the Group for the financial period ended ("FPE") 30 June 2020 were reported by us to its members without any modifications.

Directors' Responsibility for the Pro Forma Consolidated Statements of Financial Position

The directors of Southern Cable are responsible for compiling the pro forma consolidated statements of financial position based on the Applicable Criteria.

Our Independence and Quality Control

We have complied with the independence and other ethical requirement of the By-Laws (on Professional Ethics, Conduct and Practice) issued by the Malaysian Institutes of Accountants, which is founded on fundamental principles of integrity, objectivity, professional competence and due care, confidentiality and professional behaviour.

Our firm applies International Standard on Quality Control 1 (ISQC 1), Quality Control for Firms that Perform Audits and Reviews of Financial Statements, and Other Assurance and Related Services Engagements and accordingly maintains a comprehensive system of quality control including documented policies and procedures regarding compliance with ethical requirements, professional standards and applicable legal and regulatory requirements.

Reporting Accountants' Responsibilities

Our responsibility is to express an opinion, on whether the pro forma consolidated statements of financial position has been compiled, in all material respects, by the directors of Southern Cable based on the Applicable Criteria.

We conducted our engagement in accordance with International Standard on Assurance Engagements (ISAE) 3420: Assurance Engagements to Report on the Compilation of Pro Forma Financial Information Included in a Prospectus, issued by the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board and adopted by the Malaysian Institute of Accountants. This standard requires that we plan and perform procedures to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the directors of Southern Cable have compiled, in all material respects, the pro forma consolidated statements of financial position based on the Applicable Criteria.

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For the purpose of this engagement, we are not responsible for updating or reissuing any reports or opinions on any historical financial information used in compiling the pro forma consolidated statements of financial position, nor have we, in the course of this engagement, performed an audit or review of the financial information used in compiling the pro forma consolidated statements of financial position.

The purpose of the pro forma consolidated statements of financial position included in the Prospectus is solely to illustrate the impact of significant events or transactions on the unadjusted financial information of the Group as if the events had occurred or the transaction had been undertaken at an earlier date selected for illustrative purposes only. Accordingly, we do not provide any assurance that the actual outcome of the events or transactions would have been as presented.

A reasonable assurance engagement to report on whether the pro forma consolidated statements of financial position has been compiled, in all material respects, based on the Applicable Criteria involves performing procedures to assess whether the Applicable Criteria used by the directors of Southern Cable in the compilation of the pro forma consolidated statements of financial position of the Group provide a reasonable basis for presenting the significant effects directly attributable to Listing, and to obtain sufficient appropriate evidence about whether:

- (a) The pro forma consolidated statements of financial position of the Group has been properly prepared on the basis and assumptions set out in the accompanying notes to the pro forma consolidated statements of financial position, based on the audited financial statements of the Group for the FPE 30 June 2020, and in a manner consistent with both the format of the financial statements and the accounting policies adopted by the Group in the preparation of its audited financial statements for the FPE 30 June 2020; and
- (b) Each material adjustment made to the information used in the preparation of the pro forma consolidated statements of financial position is appropriate for the purpose of preparing the pro forma consolidated statements of financial position.

The procedures selected depend on our judgement, having regard to our understanding of the nature of the Group, the events or transactions in respect of which the pro forma consolidated statements of financial position have been compiled, and other relevant engagement circumstances.

The engagement also involves evaluating the overall presentation of the pro forma consolidated statements of financial position.

We believe that the evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

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Our opinion

In our opinion:

- (a) the pro forma consolidated statements of financial position of the Group has been properly prepared on the basis and assumptions set out in the accompanying notes to the pro forma consolidated statements of financial position, based on the audited financial statements of the Group for the FPE 30 June 2020 and in a manner consistent with both the format of the financial statements and the accounting policies adopted by the Group in the preparation of its audited financial statements for the FPE 30 June 2020; and
- (b) each material adjustment made to the information used in the preparation of the pro forma consolidated statements of financial position of the Group is appropriate for the purpose of preparing the pro forma consolidated statements of financial position.

Other matters

This report has been prepared for inclusion in the Prospectus of Southern Cable in connection with Listing. As such, this report should not be used, circulated, quoted or otherwise referred to in any document or used for any other purpose without our prior written consent. Neither the firm nor any member or employee of the firm undertakes responsibility arising in any way whatsoever to any party in respect of this report contrary to the aforesaid purpose.

Yours faithfully,

Baker Tilly Monteiro Heng PLT 201906000600 (LLP0019411-LCA) & AF 0117 Chartered Accountants

Dato' Lock Peng Kuan No. 02819/10/2020 J Chartered Accountant

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PRO FORMA CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

1. **INTRODUCTION**

The pro forma consolidated statements of financial position of Southern Cable Group Berhad ("Southern Cable" or the "Company") and its subsidiaries (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Group") has been compiled by the directors of Southern Cable, for illustrative purposes only, for inclusion in the prospectus of Southern Cable in connection with the listing of and quotation for the entire enlarged issued share capital of Southern Cable on the ACE Market of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad ("Bursa Securities") ("Listing").

1.1 Southern Cable is undertaking a listing of and quotation for its entire enlarged issued share capital on the ACE Market of Bursa Securities. The Listing comprises the following:

1.2 **Public Issue**

The public issue of 209,348,000 new ordinary shares in Southern Cable ("Shares"), at the initial public offering ("IPO") price of RM0.34 per Share, representing approximately 26.17% of the enlarged number of shares of Southern Cable, to be allotted in the following manner:

- (i) 40,000,000 new Shares available to the Malaysian public;
- (ii) 22,000,000 new Shares available for application by the eligible directors, employees and persons who have contributed to the success of the Group;
- (iii) 67,348,000 new Shares by way of private placement to selected investors; and
- (iv) 80,000,000 new Shares by way of private placement to identified Bumiputera investors approved by Ministry of International Trade and Industry of Malaysia.

(Collectively hereinafter referred to as "Public Issue").

1.3 Offer for Sale

Offer for Sale of 20,000,000 existing Shares at the IPO price of RM0.34 per Share representing 2.50% of the enlarged number of Shares of Southern Cable by way of placement to selected investors ("Offer for Sale").

1.4 Listing on Bursa Securities

Upon completion of the Public Issue and Offer for Sale, Southern Cable will seek listing of and quotation for its entire enlarged issued share capital of RM218,841,320 comprising 800,000,000 Shares on the ACE Market of Bursa Securities.

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2. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF THE PRO FORMA CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

- 2.1 The pro forma consolidated statements of financial position has been prepared to illustrate that the audited consolidated statements of financial position of the Group as at 30 June 2020, adjusted for the Public Issue, Offer for Sale and the use of proceeds as described in Notes 1.2, 1.3 and 3.2.2 respectively.
- 2.2 The audited financial statements of the Group for the financial period under review were reported by the auditors to its respective members without any modifications.
- 2.3 The pro forma consolidated statements of financial position of the Group has been prepared for illustrative purposes only and, such information may not, because of its nature, give a true picture of the actual financial position and the results of the Group and does not purport to predict the future financial position and results of the Group.
- 2.4 The pro forma consolidated statements of financial position of the Group have been properly prepared on the basis set out in the accompanying notes to the pro forma consolidated statements of financial position based on the audited financial statements of the Group for the FPE 30 June 2020 which have been prepared in accordance with the Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards and the International Financial Reporting Standards.

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3. PRO FORMA CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE GROUP

3.1 The pro forma consolidated statements of financial position of the Group as set out below, for which the directors of the Group are solely responsible, have been prepared for illustrative purposes only, to show the effects on the audited consolidated statements of financial position of the Group as at 30 June 2020, had the Public Issue, Offer for Sale and the use of proceeds as described in the Notes 1.2, 1.3 and 3.2.2 been effected on that date, and should be read in conjunction with the notes accompanying thereto.

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ASSETS			
Non-current assets			
	16,915	16,915	16,915
5	52,592	52,592	52,592
Investment properties	533	533	533
Total non-current assets	70,040	70,040	70,040
Current assets			
Inventories	86,825	86,825	86,825
Current tax assets	157	157	157
Trade and other receivables	68,822	168,822	168,277
Cash and short-term deposits	78,049	149,227	137,991
Total current assets 3	33,853	405,031	393,250
TOTAL ASSETS 4	03,893	475,071	463,290
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES Equity attributable to owners of the Company			
	47,663	218,841	217,663
•	20,947)	(120,947)	(120,947)
	58,436	158,436	157,021
TOTAL EQUITY	85,152	256,330	253,737

Pro Forma Consolidated Statements of Financial Position



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3. PRO FORMA CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE GROUP (CONTINUED)

3.1 (Continued)

	Audited Consolidated Statements of Financial Position as at 30 June 2020 RM'000	Pro Forma I After Public Issue and Offer for Sale RM'000	Pro Forma II After Pro Forma I and the Use of Proceeds RM'000
Non-current liabilities			
Loans and borrowings	17,018	17,018	8,636
Lease liabilities Deferred tax liabilities	20 2,434	20 2,434	20 2,434
Total non-current liabilities	19,472	19,472	11,090
Current liabilities			
Loans and borrowings	158,265	158,265	157,459
Lease liabilities	85	85	85
Provisions	115	115	115
Current tax liabilities	2,857	2,857	2,857
Trade and other payables Derivative financial liabilities	37,941 6	37,941 6	37,941 6
Total current liabilities	199,269	199,269	198,463
TOTAL LIABILITIES	218,741	218,741	209,553
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	403,893	475,071	463,290
Number of ordinary shares assumed to be in issue ('000)	590,652	800,000	800,000
NA^ (RM'000)	185,152	256,330	253,737
1	0.31	0.32	0.32



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3. PRO FORMA CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE GROUP (CONTINUED)

- 3.2 Notes to the pro forma consolidated statements of financial position are as follows:
- 3.2.1 The pro forma consolidated statements of financial position of the Group, for which the directors of the Group are solely responsible, have been prepared for illustrative purposes only, to show the effects on the audited statement of financial position of the Group as at 30 June 2020, had the Public Issue, Offer for Sale and the use of proceeds as described in Notes 1.2, 1.3 and 3.2.2 been effected on that date, and should be read in conjunction with the notes accompanying thereto.
- 3.2.2 The proceeds from the Public Issue would be utilised in the following manner:

	RM'000	%
Repayment of bank borrowings	9,188	12.91%
Capital expenditure and expansion ⁽¹⁾	30,000	42.15%
Capital expenditure and expansion ⁽¹⁾ Working capital ⁽¹⁾	27,490	38.62%
Estimated listing expenses	4,500	6.32%
	71,178	100.00%

- (1) As at the latest practicable date, the Group has yet to enter into any contractual binding agreements or issue any purchase orders in relation to the capital expenditure and expansion. The Group has also yet to issue any purchase orders for the purchase of raw materials in relation to the amount earmarked for the purpose of working capital. Accordingly, the use of proceeds earmarked for capital expenditure and expansion and working capital is not reflected in the pro forma consolidated statements of financial position.
- 3.2.3 The pro forma consolidated statements of financial position should be read in conjunction with the notes below:

(a) Pro Forma I

Pro Forma I incorporate the effects of the Public Issue and Offer for Sale as described in Notes 1.2 and 1.3.

The Public Issue and Offer for Sale will have the following impact on the pro forma consolidated statements of financial position of the Group as at 30 June 2020:

	Increase/(Decrease)		
	Effects on Total Assets RM'000	Effects on Total Equity RM'000	
Cash and short-term deposits Share capital	71,178	- 71,178	
	71,178	71-178 WER	
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3. PRO FORMA CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE GROUP (CONTINUED)

- 3.2 (Continued)
- 3.2.3 (Continued)

(b) Pro Forma II

Pro Forma II incorporates the cumulative effects of Pro Forma I and the use of proceeds from the Public Issue of RM71.178 million after netting off RM4.500 million for estimated listing expenses.

The remaining proceeds expected from the Public Issue of RM66.678 million will be utilised in the manner as described in Note 3.2.2.

The proceeds arising from the Public Issue earmarked for repayment of the Group's bank borrowings totalling to RM9.188 million will be debited to Loan and Borrowings Account under current and non-current liabilities.

As at 30 June 2020, out of the RM4.500 million listing expenses, RM2.452 million has already been incurred of which RM1.907 million is charged to Retained Earnings Account and RM0.545 million has been recognised as prepayment. The RM0.545 million is recognised as prepayment as these are directly attributable expenses relating to the new issuance of shares which will be capitalised under Share Capital Account upon Listing.

Out of the remaining estimated listing expenses to be incurred of RM2.048 million, RM1.415 million will be charged to Retained Earnings Account and RM0.633 million is recognised in Share Capital Account as these are directly attributable expenses relating to the new issuance of shares. Together with the amount previously recorded as prepayment of RM0.545 million, a total of RM1.178 million will be capitalised under Share Capital Account.



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3. PRO FORMA CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE GROUP (CONTINUED)

3.2 (Continued)

3.2.3 (Continued)

(c) Pro Forma II (continued)

The use of proceeds will have the following impact on the pro forma consolidated statements of financial position of the Group as at 30 June 2020:

	Increase/(Decrease)			
	Effects on	Effects on Total Liabilities/		
	Total Assets RM'000	Equity RM'000		
Cash and short-term deposits	(11,236)	-		
Trade and other receivables	(545)	-		
Share capital	-	(1,178)		
Loan and borrowings				
- Non-current	-	(8,382)		
- Current	-	(806)		
Retained earnings		(1,415)		
	(11,781)	(11,781)		



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3. **PRO FORMA CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE GROUP (CONTINUED)**

3.2 (Continued)

3.2.4 Movements in share capital and reserves are as follows:

	Share capital RM'000	Reorganisation reserve RM'000	Retained earnings RM'000
Audited consolidated statements of financial position of Southern Cable as at 30 June 2020 Arising from the Public Issue	147,663	(120,947)	158,436
and Offer for Sale	71,178		-
Per Pro Forma I Arising from the defrayment of remaining estimated listing	218,841	(120,947)	158,436
expenses	(1,178)	-	(1,415)
Per Pro Forma II	217,663	(120,947)	157,021



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3. PRO FORMA CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE GROUP (CONTINUED)

3.2 (Continued)

3.2.5 Movements in cash and short-term deposits are as follows:

	RM'000
Audited consolidated statements of financial position of	
Southern Cable as at 30 June 2020	78,049
Arising from the Public Issue and Offer for Sale	71,178
Per Pro Forma I	149,227
Arising from the use of proceeds:	
- Repayment of bank borrowings	(9,188)
- Estimated listing expenses	(2,048)
Per Pro Forma II	137,991



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APPROVAL BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Approved and adopted on behalf of the Board of Directors of Southern Cable Group Berhad in accordance with a resolution dated 1 | SEP 2020

. **Tung En** Director

Wong Meng I Director



11.4 CAPITALISATION AND INDEBTEDNESS

Our Group's capitalisation and indebtedness as at 31 July 2020 and after taking into account the effects of our Public Issue and the utilisation of proceeds of our Public Issue are set-out in the following table.

	Unaudited As at 31 July 2020 RM'000	Pro Forma after the Public Issue and use of proceeds ⁽²⁾ RM'000
Indebtedness		
<u>Current</u>		
Secured and guaranteed		
Term loans	1,382	1,107
Bankers' acceptance	136,696	136,696
Bank overdraft	279	279
	138,357	138,082
Secured		
Finance lease liabilities	3,492	3,096
Guaranteed		
Term loans	180	26
	142,029	141,204
Non-current		
Secured and guaranteed		
Term loans	7,917	3,092
<u>Secured</u>		
Finance lease liabilities	6,742	5,043
<u>Guaranteed</u>		
Term loans	1,839	-
	16,498	8,135
Total indebtedness	158,527	149,339
Capitalisation		
Shareholders' equity	162,292	230,878
Total capitalisation	162,292	230,878
Total capitalisation and indebtedness	320,819	380,217
Gearing ratio (times) ⁽¹⁾	0.98	0.65

Notes:-

- (1) Gearing ratio is calculated based on total borrowings divided by total equity.
- (2) After the Public Issue of RM71.178 million of which RM9.188 million is utilised to repay the borrowings and RM4.500 million for estimated listing expenses.

11.5 DIVIDEND POLICY

As we are a holding company, our Company's income and ability to pay dividends are dependent upon the dividends received from our Subsidiaries. The payment of dividends by our Subsidiaries is dependent upon its distributable profits, operating results, financial condition, capital expenditure plans as well as other factors.

It is the intention of our Board's policy to recommend and distribute minimum dividends of 15.00% of our annual audited PAT attributable to the shareholders of our Company. Any dividends declared will be subject to confirmation of our Board as well as any applicable law, license conditions and contractual obligations and provided that such distribution will not be detrimental to our Group's cash requirements or any plans approved by our Board.

Save for certain banking restrictive covenants which our Subsidiaries are subject to, there are no dividend restrictions imposed on our Subsidiaries as at the LPD.

Investors should note that this dividend policy merely describes our present intention and shall not constitute legally binding statements in respect of our Company's future dividends which are subject to modification (including non-declaration thereof) at our Board's discretion. We cannot assure you that we will be able to pay dividends or that our Board will declare dividends in the future. There can also be no assurance that future dividends declared by our Board, if any, will not differ materially from historical dividend levels.

12. ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT



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11 September 2020

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Dear Sirs/Madam,

Reporting Accountants' opinion on the Combined Financial Statements contained in the Accountants' Report of Southern Cable Group Berhad ("Southern Cable" or the "Company")

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying combined financial statements of the Company as defined in Note 2 to the combined financial statements (the "Group"), which comprise of:

- The combined statements of financial position as at 31 December 2016, 31 December 2017 and 31 December 2018, the combined statements of comprehensive income, combined statements of changes in equity and combined statements of cash flows for the financial years then ended;
- The consolidated statements of financial position as at 31 December 2019 and 30 June 2020, the consolidated statements of comprehensive income, consolidated statements of changes in equity and consolidated statements of cash flows for the financial year/period then ended; and
- iii) Notes to the combined financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, as set out on pages 6 to 117.

In our opinion, the accompanying combined financial statements contained in the Accountants' Report of the Company gives a true and fair view of the combined financial positions of the Group as at 31 December 2016, 31 December 2017, 31 December 2018, 31 December 2019 and 30 June 2020, and of their financial performance and their cash flows for the financial years/period then ended in accordance with the Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards and International Financial Reporting Standards and paragraph 10.05 of Chapter 10, Part II Division 1: Equity of the Prospectus Guideline as issued by the Securities Commission Malaysia.

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Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with approved standards on auditing in Malaysia and International Standards on Auditing. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Reporting Accountants' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Combined Financial Statements* section of our report.

Independence and Other Ethical Responsibilities

We are independent of the Group in accordance with the *By-Laws* (on *Professional Ethics*, Conduct and Practice) of the Malaysian Institute of Accountants ("By-Laws") and the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' *International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (including International Independence Standards) ("IESBA Code"), and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the By-Laws and the IESBA Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Responsibilities of the Directors for the Combined Financial Statements

The directors of the Company are responsible for the preparation of the combined financial statements contained in the Accountants' Report of the Company for the financial years ended 31 December 2016, 31 December 2017, 31 December 2018, 31 December 2019 and the financial period ended 30 June 2020, so as to give a true and fair view in accordance with the Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards and the International Financial Reporting Standards. The directors are also responsible for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the combined financial statements of the Group that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the combined financial statements of the Group, the directors are responsible for assessing the Group's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the Group or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

The directors of the Company are responsible for overseeing the Group's financial reporting process.

Reporting Accountants' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Combined Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the combined financial statements of the Group as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Reporting Accountants' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with approved standards on auditing in Malaysia and International Standards on Auditing will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these combined financial statements.



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Reporting Accountants' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Combined Financial Statements (continued)

As part of an audit in accordance with approved standards on auditing in Malaysia and International Standards on Auditing, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the combined financial statements of the Group, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Group's internal control.
- evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors.
- conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Group's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our Reporting Accountants' report to the related disclosures in the combined financial statements of the Group or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our Reporting Accountants' report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Group to cease to continue as a going concern.
- evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the combined financial statements of the Group, including the disclosures, and whether the combined financial statements of the Group represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Group to express an opinion on the combined financial statements of the Group. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

We communicate with the directors regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

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Other Matters

This report is made solely to the board of directors of the Company and has been prepared solely to comply with the Prospectus Guidelines – Equity issued by the Securities Commission Malaysia and for inclusion in the Prospectus of the Company in connection with the listing of and quotation for the entire issued share capital of the Company on the ACE Market of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad and should not be relied upon any other purpose. We do not assume responsibility to any other person for the content of this report.

Baker Tilly Monteiro Heng PLT 201906000600 (LLP0019411-LCA) & AF 0117 Chartered Accountants

Dato' Lock Peng Kuan No. 02819/10/2020 J Chartered Accountant

Kuala Lumpur

Date: 11 September 2020

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STATEMENT BY DIRECTORS

We, **TUNG ENG HAI** and **WONG MENG KEE**, being two of the directors of SOUTHERN CABLE GROUP BERHAD, do hereby state that in the opinion of the directors, the accompanying combined financial statements are drawn up in accordance with Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards and International Financial Reporting Standards so as to give a true and fair view of the financial positions of the Group as at 31 December 2016, 31 December 2017, 31 December 2018, 31 December 2019 and 30 June 2020 and of its financial performance and cash flows for the financial years ended 31 December 2016, 31 December 2017, 31 December 2019 and 30 June 2020.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Directors in accordance with a resolution of the directors:

TUNG ENG HAI Director

WONG MENG **(EE** Director

Kuala Lumpur

Date: 1 | SEP 2020

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COMBINED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

		←		Audited as at		
	Note	31.12.2016 RM '000	31.12.2017 RM '000	31.12.2018 RM '000	31.12.2019 RM '000	30.06.2020 RM '000
ASSETS						
Non-current assets						
Property, plant and equipment	5	59,916	56,138	58,019	18,162	16,915
Right-of-use assets	6	-	-	-	53,275	52,592
Investment properties	7	6,347	7,117	5,734	536	533
Total non-current assets		66,263	63,255	63,753	71,973	70,040
Current assets						
Inventories	8	84,635	93,164	77,756	62,133	86,825
Current tax assets		67	14	228	97	157
Trade and other receivables	9	104,041	149,019	155,025	180,303	168,822
Derivative financial assets	10	3	-	-	, -	-
Cash and short-term deposits	11	41,418	48,674	77,989	56,600	78,049
		230,164	290,871	310,998	299,133	333,853
Assets held for sale	12	-	-	1,214	-	-
Total current assets		230,164	290,871	312,212	299,133	333,853
TOTAL ASSETS		296,427	354,126	375,965	371,106	403,893
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES						
Equity attributable to owners of the Group						
Invested equity	13	26,900	26,900	26,900	147,663	147,663
Reserves	14	76,139	94,324	120,557	28,343	37,489
TOTAL EQUITY		103,039	121,224	147,457	176,006	185,152
Non-current liabilities						
Loans and borrowings	15	16,661	13,770	15,679	18,818	17,018
Lease liabilities	16	-	-	-	43	20
Deferred tax liabilities	17	3,343	1,840	1,660	1,793	2,434
Total non-current liabilities		20,004	15,610	17,339	20,654	19,472
Current liabilities						
Loans and borrowings	15	129,158	154, 197	170,340	135,815	1 58,265
Lease liabilities	16	-	-	-	66	85
Provisions	18	50	11,989	1,079	257	115
Current tax liabilities		2,952	5,258	2,229	2,997	2,857
Trade and other payables	19	41,224	45,811	37,459	35,227	37,941
Derivative financial liabilities	10	· <u>-</u>	37	62	84	6
Total current liabilities		173,384	217,292	211,169	174,446	199,269
TOTAL LIABILITIES		193,388	232,902	228,508	195,100	218,741
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		296,427	354,126	375,965	371,106	403,893

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these combined financial statements.

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COMBINED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

	← Audited ← FYE 31 December					Audited Unaudited FPE 30 June		
	Note	2016 RM '000	2017 RM '000	2018 RM '000	2019 RM '000	2020 RM '000	2019 RM '000	
Revenue	20	470,656	595,694	683,199	656,687	241,086	331,842	
Cost of sales		(429,083)	(543,128)	(617,971)	(589,465)	(217,115)	(294,759)	
Gross profit	21	41,573	52,566	65,228	67,222	23,971	37,083	
Other income		3,050	4,262	2,334	3,377	1,130	1,697	
Distribution expenses		(9,152)	(11,590)	(12,557)	(10,888)	(3,970)	(5,107)	
Administrative expenses		(6,924)	(10,912)	(12,831)	(12,688)	(4,285)	(5,791)	
Other expenses		(588)	(1,062)	(320)	(330)	(3)	(458)	
Operating profit	22	27,959	33,264	41,854	46,693	16,843	27,424	
Finance costs		(7,773)	(8,212)	(8,722)	(7,369)	(3,405)	(3,776)	
Profit before tax	23	20,186	25,052	33,132	39,324	13,438	23,648	
Income tax expense	25	(6,032)	(6,867)	(6,899)	(10,775)	(4,292)	(6,359)	
Profit for the financial year/period, representinig total comprehensive income for the financial year/period		14,154	18,185	26,2 33	28,549	9,146	17,289	

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these combined financial statements.

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COMBINED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

	Attributable to owners of the Group							
	Invested equity RM '000	Reorganisation reserve RM '000	Retained earnings RM '000	Total reserves RM '000	Total equity RM '000			
At 1 January 2016	26,900	-	61,985	61,985	88,885			
Profit for the financial year, representing total comprehensive income for the financial year	-		14, 154	14, 154	14,154			
At 31 December 2016	26,900	•	76,139	76,139	103,039			
Profit for the financial year, representing total comprehensive income for the financial year	_	-	18,185	18, 185	18,185			
At 31 December 2017	26,900	-	94,324	94,324	121,224			
Profit for the financial year, representing total comprehensive income for the financial year			26,233	26,233	26,233			
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At 31 December 2018 Profit for the financial year,	26,900	-	120,557	120,557	147,457			
representing total comprehensive income for the financial year	-	-	28, 549	2 8 ,549	2 8 ,549			
Transactions with owners								
Issuance of shares at date of incorporation	*	-		*	×			
Issuance of shares pursuant to acquisition of subsidiaries	120,763	(120,947)	184	(120,7 6 3)	-			
Total transactions with owners	120,7 6 3	(120,947)	184	(120,7 6 3)	-			
At 31 December 2019	147,663	(120,947)	149,290	28,343	176,006			
Profit for the financial period, representing total comprehensive income for the financial period			9,146	9,14 6	9 ,146			
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At 30 June 2020	147,663	(120,947)	158,436	37,489	185,152			

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COMBINED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY (CONTINUED)

	Attributable to owners of the Group							
	Invested equity RM '000	Reorganisation reserve RM '000	Retained earnings RM '000	Total reserves RM '000	Total equity RM '000			
At 1 January 2019 Profit for the financial period, representing total comprehensive income for the financial period	26,900 -		120,557 17,289	120,557 17,289	147,457 17,289			
At 30 June 2019	26,900	-	137,846	137,846	164,746			

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these combined financial statements.

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COMBINED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

		(Audi		Audited	Unaudited	
		0040	FYE 31 De			FPE 30	
	Note	2016 RM '000	2017 RM '000	2018 RM '000	2019 RM '000	2020 RM '000	2019 RM '000
Cash flows from operating activities							
Profit before tax		20,186	25,052	33,132	39,324	13,438	23,648
Adjustments for							
Amortisation/depreciation of investment properties		44	163	168	92	3	75
Amortisation/depreciation of property, plant and equipment		7,104	7,296	6,664	2,746	1,610	1,643
Depreciation of right-of-use assets		-	-	-	3,465	1,730	1,371
Bad debts written off		-	-	30	-	-	-
Bad debts recovered		-	-	-	-	(20)	-
Fair value loss on derivative financial instruments		293	40	25	22	(78)	-
Loss/(gain) on disposal of property, plant and equipment		5	66	(5)	(41)	@	12
Gain on disposal of assets held for sale		-	-	-	(987)		(987)
Gain on disposal of investment property		-	-	-	(85)	-	-
Impairment losses on trade receivables		-		316	-	-	-
Impairment losses on other receivables		55	-	-	-		-
Interest expense		7,773	8,212	8,722	7,369	3,405	3,776
Interest income		(1,121)	(1,097)	(1,573)	(1,564)	(365)	(332)
Provision for employee benefit (net)		(97)	155	24	27	(141)	-
Provision of liquidated ascertained damages		214	12,527	(1,096)	-	-	-
Property, plant and equipment written off		-	*	3	33	1	31
Unrealised loss/(gain) on foreign exchange		532	1,024	(96)	97	(426)	(52)
Operating profit before changes in working capital		34,988	53,438	46,314	50,498	19,157	29,185
Changes in working capital:							
Inventories		(31, 195)	(8,529)	15,408	15,623	(24,692)	3,548
Trade and other receivables		370	(44,979)	(6,352)	(25,356)	11,911	(33,842)
Trade and other payables		(6,486)	3,483	(8,449)	(739)	2,729	14,673
Provision of liquidated ascertained damages		(214)	(744)	(9,838)	(849)	-	(849)
Net cash (used in)/generated from operations		(2,537)	2,669	37,083	39,177	9,105	12,715
Income tax paid		(5,142)	(6,010)	(10,321)	(9,742)	(3,851)	(3,878)
Interest received		1,121	1,097	1,573	1,564	365	332
Interest paid		(769)	(527)	(679)	(208)	(71)	(77)
Net cash (used in)/from operating activities		(7,327)	(2,771)	27,656	30,791	5,548	9,092

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COMBINED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (CONTINUED)

		•	Audit		•••••	Audited	Unaudited
		2016	FYE 31 De 2017	2018	2019	FPE 30 2020	June 2019
	Note	RM '000	2017 RM '000	2018 RM '000	2019 RM '000	2020 RM '000	RM '000
Cash flows from investing activities							
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(a)	(2,828)	(1,497)	(1,633)	(2,114)	(672)	(1,102)
Purchase of right-of-use assets	(b)	•	•	-	(5,141)	(230)	(9,079)
Purchase of investment properties	(c)	(1,772)	(933)	-	•	-	•
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment		9	676	8	137	&	137
Proceeds from disposal of assets held for sale		-		-	2,201	-	2,202
Proceeds from disposal of investment property		-	-	-	5, 191	-	-
Change in pledged deposits		(1,205)	(1,180)	(3,402)	(2,856)	(682)	(2,782)
Change in pledged bank balances		(521)	171	(1,398)	1,748	-	1,398
Net cash used in investing activities		(6, 317)	(2,763)	(6,425)	(834)	(1,584)	(9,226)
Cash flows from financing activities	(d)						
Interest paid		(7,004)	(7,685)	(8,043)	(7,161)	(3,334)	(3,699)
Repayment of term loans		(2,214)	(2,243)	(1,231)	(5,014)	(697)	(1,605)
Repayment of finance lease liabilities		(3,087)	(3,287)	(3,494)	(4,377)	(2,011)	(2,097)
Repayment of lease liabilities		-	-	-	(49)	(43)	(17)
Drawdown of bankers' acceptance		485,838	575,542	607,531	565, 184	232,060	282,565
Repayment of bankers' acceptance		(466,981)	(550,752)	(591,677)	(599,506)	(208,850)	(291,626)
Net change in amount owing to directors		155	81	193	(1,514)	-	(1,514)
Proceeds from issuance of share capital upon							(, ,
incorporation		-	-	-	#		
Net cash from/(used in) financing activities	•	6,707	11,656	3,279	(52,437)	17,125	(17,993)
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents	•	(6,937)	6,122	24,510	(22,480)	21,089	(18,127)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning							
of the financial year/period		11,989	5,052	11,174	35,684	13,204	35,684
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the							
financial year/period	11	5,052	11,174	35,684	13,204	34,293	17,557

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COMBINED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (CONTINUED)

(a) Purchase of property, plant and equipment:

	Audited FYE 31 December			>	Audited Unaudited FPE 30 June		
1	Note	2016 RM '000	2017 RM '000	2018 RM '000	2019 RM '000	2020 RM '000	2019 RM '000
Purchase of property, plant and equipment Financed by way of finance lease arrangements Financed by way of term loans	5	7,007 (4,179) -	4,260 (2,763) -	8,551 (4,518) (2,400)	2,114 _ _	672 - -	1,10 2 - -
Cash payments on purchase of property, plant and equipment	-	2,828	1,497	1,633	2 ,114	672	1,102

(b) Purchase of right-of-use assets:

	4		——— Audited ——— FYE 31 December			Audited FPE 30	Unaudited) June
	Note	2016 RM '000	2017 RM '000	2018 RM '000	2019 RM '000	2020 RM '000	2019 RM '000
Purchase of right-of-use assets	6	-	-	-	17,6 2 4	739	9,487
Financed by way of term loans		-	-	-	(7, 0 00)	-	-
Financed by way of finance lease arrangements Operating lease recognised as right-of-use	Ì	-	-	-	(5,346)	(470)	(292)
assets		-	-	-	(137)	(39)	(116)
Cash payments on purchase of right-of-use assets		-	-	-	5,141	230	9,079

(c) Purchase of investment properties:

	← Audited ← → FYE 31 December				Audited Unaudited FPE 30 June		
	Note	2016 RM '000	2017 RM '000	2018 RM '000	2019 RM '000	2020 RM '000	2019 RM '000
Purchase of investment properties Financed by way of term loans	7	4,56 8 (2,796)	933 -	-	-	-	-
Cash payments on purchase of investment properties	-	1,77 2	933	-	-	-	-

(d) Changes in liabilities arising from financing activities comprise of net changes in loans and borrowings, net changes in lease liabilities, amount owing to directors and proceeds from issuance of share capital upon incorporation during the financial years/periods. There have been no non-cash changes in liabilities arising from financing activities.

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these combined financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

The Company was incorporated on 4 April 2019 under Companies Act 2016, as a private limited liability company, and is domiciled in Malaysia. The Company was converted to a public company limited by shares and assumed its present name on 27 May 2019. The registered office of the Company is located at Third Floor, No. 77, 79 & 81, Jalan SS21/60, Damansara Utama, 47400 Petaling Jaya, Selangor Darul Ehsan. The principal place of business of the Company is located at Lot 42, Jalan Merbau Pulas, Kawasan Perusahaan Kuala Ketil, 09300 Kuala Ketil, Kedah Darul Aman.

The principal activity of the Company is investment holding. The details of the operating entities are as follows:

Operating entities	Principal place of business/ country of incorporation	Principal activities
Southem Cable Sdn. Bhd.	Malaysia	Manufacture of cables and wires, and related products and services includings aluminium rods, trading of cables and wires, and copper strips and supply and installation of rectifiers.
Nextol Polymer Sdn. Bhd.	Malaysia	Manufacture of plastic compunds.
Daya Forwarding Sdn. Bhd.	Malaysia	Manufacture and trading of wooden cable drums.

There have been no significant changes in the nature of these activities during the financial years/period under review.

Daya Forwarding Sdn. Bhd. ceased its manufacturing operations since 29 February 2020.

The combined financial statements were authorised for issue by the Board of Directors in accordance with a resolution of the directors on 11 September 2020.

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NOTES TO THE COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

2. BASIS OF PREPARATION

The combined financial statements of the Company (as defined herein) for the financial years ended ("FYE") 31 December 2016, 31 December 2017, 31 December 2018 and 31 December 2019 and financial periods ended ("FPE") 30 June 2019 and 30 June 2020 have been prepared pursuant to the listing of and quotation for the entire issued share capital of the Company on the ACE Market of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad which consist of the financial statements of the following entities under common control for each of the financial years/periods.

	FYE 31 December				FPE 30 June	
Operating Entities	2016	2017	2018	2019	2019	2020
Southern Cable Group Berhad	*	*	*	&	#	&
Southern Cable Sdn. Bhd.	√, ^	√,^	√,^	&	#	&
Nextol Polymer Sdn. Bhd.	√, @	√, @	√,^	&	#	&
Daya Forwarding Sdn. Bhd.	√,@	√;@	√,^	&	#	&

- The combined financial statements of the Group include the financial statements of these operating entities for the respective financial years.
- No financial statements available for Southern Cable Group Berhad as the company was incorporated on 4 April 2019.
- ^ The combined financial statements of the Group for the respective financial years have been prepared based on the audited financial statements which were audited by Baker Tilly Monteiro Heng PLT.
- @ The combined financial statements of the Group for the respective financial years have been prepared based on the financial statements which were audited by Baker Tilly Monteiro Heng PLT for the purpose of inclusion into the combined financial statements of the Group. The audited financial statements which were lodged with Companies Commission of Malaysia were audited by a firm of chartered accountants other than Baker Tilly Monteiro Heng PLT.
- & The consolidated financial statements of the Group for the financial year/period have been prepared based on the audited financial statements which were audited by Baker Tilly Monteiro Heng PLT.
- # The combined financial statements which includes combined statements of comprehensive income, combined statements of changed in equity, combined statements of cash flows and notes to the combined financial statements were prepared based on the financial statements of these operating entities.

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NOTES TO THE COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

2. BASIS OF PREPARATION (CONTINUED)

Combined financial statements of the Group for FYE 31 December 2016, 31 December 2017 and 31 December 2018 and FPE 30 June 2019

The combined financial statements of the Group for the relevant periods were prepared in a manner as if the entities under common control were operating as a single economic enterprise from the beginning of the earliest comparative period covered by the relevant period or the dates of incorporation of the entities within the Group, if later.

Entities under common control are entities which are ultimately controlled by the same parties and that control is not transitory ("commonly controlled entities"). Control exists when the same parties have, as a result of contractual agreements, ultimate collective power to govern the financial and operating policies of each of the commonly controlled entities so as to obtain benefits from their activities, and that ultimate collective power is not transitory. The financial statements of commonly controlled entities are included in the combined financial statements from the day that control commences until the date that control ceases.

The financial information presented in the combined financial statements may not correspond to those in the consolidated financial statements of the Group had the relevant transactions to legally constitute a group been incorporated in the consolidated financial statements for the respective financial years/period. Such financial information in the combined financial statements does not purport to predict the financial position, results and the cash flows of the entities under common control for those financial years/period.

Consolidated financial statements of the Group for FYE 31 December 2019 and FPE 30 June 2020

The consolidated financial statements of the Group for FYE 31 December 2019 and FPE 30 June 2020 were prepared based on the audited consolidated financial statements of the Company for FYE 31 December 2019 and FPE 30 June 2020.

The combined financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention except otherwise indicated in the summary of significant accounting policies.

The accounting policies applied by the Group are consistently applied for all the financial years/periods presented in these combined financial statements.

2.1 Statement of compliance

The combined financial statements of the Group have been prepared in accordance with the Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards ("MFRSs") and International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRSs").

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2. BASIS OF PREPARATION (CONTINUED)

2.2 Adoption of amendments/improvements to MFRSs

The Group has adopted the following amendments/improvements to MFRSs that are mandatory for the current financial period:

Amendments/Improvements to MFRSs

MERS 3	Business Combinations
MFRS 7	Financial Instruments: Disclosures
MFRS 9	Financial Instruments
MFRS 101	Presentation of Financial Statements
MFRS 108	Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors
MFRS 139	
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The adoption of the above amendments/improvements to MFRSs did not have any significant effect on the combined financial statements of the Group, and did not result in significant changes to the Group's existing accounting policies.

2.3 New MFRS and amendments/improvements to MFRSs that have been issued, but yet to be effective

(a) The Group has not adopted the following new MFRS and amendments/improvements to MFRSs that have been issued, but yet to be effective:

		Effective for financial periods beginning on or after
<u>New MFRS</u> MFRS 17	Insurance Contracts	1 January 2023
Amendments/	Improvements to MFRSs	
MFRS 1	First-time Adoption of MFRSs	1 January 2022^/
		1 January 2023#
MFRS 3	Business Combinations	1 January 2022/
		1 January 2023*
MFRS 5	Non-current Assets Held for Sale and Discontinued Operation	1 January 2023*
MFRS 7	Financial Instruments: Disclosures	1 January 2023 [#]
MFRS 9	Financial Instruments	1 January 2022^/
		1 January 2023#
MFRS 10	Consolidated Financial Statements	Deferred
MFRS 15	Revenue from Contracts with Customers	1 January 2023#
MFRS 16	Leases	1 June 2020*/
		1 January 2022^
MFRS 101	Presentation of Financial Statements	1 January 2023/
		1 January 2023#
MFRS 107	Statements of Cash Flows	1 January 2023#

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2.3 New MFRS and amendments/improvements to MFRSs that have been issued, but yet to be effective (continued)

		Effective for financial periods beginning on or after
Amendments	/Improvements to MFRSs (continued)	
MFRS 116	Property, Plant and Equipment	1 January 2022/ January 2023 [#]
MFRS 119	Employee Benefits	1 January 2023#
MFRS 128	Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures	/Deferred 1 January 2023
MFRS 132	Financial Instruments: Presentation	1 January 2023#
MFRS 136	Impairment of Assets	1 January 2023#
MFRS 137	Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets	1 January 2022/ 1 January 2023#
MFRS 138	Intangible Assets	1 January 2023#
MFRS 140	Investment Property	1 January 2023#
MFRS 141	Agriculture	1 January 2022^

- ^ The Annual Improvements to MFRSs 2018-2020
- * Earlier application is permitted, including in financial statements not authorised for issue at 28 May 2020
- # Amendments as to the consequence of effective of MFRS 17 Insurance Contracts
- (b) The Group plans to adopt the above applicable new MFRS and amendments/ improvements to MFRSs when they become effective. A brief discussion on the above significant new MFRS and amendments/improvements to MFRSs are summarised below.

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2.3 New MFRS and amendments/improvements to MFRSs that have been issued, but yet to be effective (continued)

Annual Improvements to MFRSs 2018-2020

Annual Improvements to MFRSs 2018-2020 covers amendments to:

- MFRS 1 *First-time Adoption of MFRSs* simplifies the application of MFRS 1 by a subsidiary that becomes a first-time adopter after its parent in relation to the measurement of cumulative translation differences.
- MFRS 9 Financial Instruments clarifies the fees a company includes when assessing whether the terms of a new or modified financial liability are substantially different from the terms of the original financial liability.
- Illustrative Examples accompanying MFRS 16 Leases deletes from Illustrative Example 13 the reimbursement relating to leasehold improvements in order to remove any potential confusion regarding the treatment of lease incentives.
- MFRS 141 Agriculture removes a requirement to exclude cash flows from taxation when measuring fair value thereby aligning the fair value measurement requirements in MFRS 141 with those in other MFRS Standards.

Amendments to MFRS 3 Business Combinations

The amendments also update by replacing a reference to an old version of the Conceptual Framework for Financial Reporting with a reference to the latest version which was issued by MASB in April 2018.

Amendments to MFRS 10 Consolidated Financial Statements and MFRS 128 Investment in Associates and Joint Ventures

These amendments address an acknowledged inconsistency between the requirement in MFRS 10 and those in MFRS 128, in dealing with sale or contribution of assets between an investor and its associate or joint venture.

The main consequence of the amendments is that a full gain or loss recognised when a transaction involves a business, as defined in MFRS 3. A partial gain or loss is recognised when a transaction involves assets that do not constitute a business.

Amendment to MFRS 16 Leases

The amendment exempts lessees from having to consider individual lease contracts to determine whether rent concessions occurring as a direct consequence of the Coronavirus ("COVID-19") pandemic are lease modifications and allows lessees to account for such rent concessions as if they were not lease modifications. It applies to COVID-19-related rent concessions that reduce lease payments due on or before 30 June 2021.

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2. BASIS OF PREPARATION (CONTINUED)

2.3 New MFRS and amendments/improvements to MFRSs that have been issued, but yet to be effective (continued)

Amendments to MFRS 101 Presentation of Financial Statements

The amendments include specifying that an entity's right to defer settlement of a liability for at least twelve months after the reporting period must have substance and must exist at the end of the reporting period; clarifying that classification of liability is unaffected by the likelihood of the entity to exercise its right to defer settlement of the liability for at least twelve months after the reporting period; clarifying how lending conditions affect classification of a liability; and clarifying requirements for classifying liabilities an entity will or may settle by issuing its own equity instruments.

Amendments to MFRS 116 Property, Plant and Equipment

The amendments prohibit an entity from deducting from the cost of property, plant and equipment amounts received from selling items produced while an entity is preparing the asset for its intended use. Instead, an entity shall recognise such sales proceeds and related cost in profit or loss.

Amendments to MFRS 137 Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets

The amendments specify which costs an entity includes in determining the cost of fulfilling a contract for the purpose of assessing whether the contract is onerous.

2.4 Functional and presentation currency

The individual financial statements of each entity in the Group are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which they operate (the "functional currency"). The combined financial statements are presented in Ringgit Malaysia ("RM"), which is also the Group's functional currency, unless stated otherwise.

2.5 Basis of measurement

The combined financial statements of the Group have been prepared on the historical cost basis, except as otherwise disclosed in Note 3.

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2. BASIS OF PREPARATION (CONTINUED)

2.6 Use of estimates and judgement

The preparation of combined financial statements in conformity with MFRSs requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the combined financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. It also requires directors to exercise their judgement in the process of applying the Group's accounting policies. Although these estimates and judgement are based on the directors' best knowledge of current events and actions, actual results may differ.

The areas involving higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates that are significant to the Group's combined financial statements are disclosed in Note 4.

3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Unless otherwise stated, the following accounting policies have been applied consistently to all the financial years/periods presented in the combined financial statements of the Group.

3.1 Basis of combination/consolidation

Combined financial statements of the Group for FYE 31 December 2016, 31 December 2017 and 31 December 2018 and FPE 30 June 2019

The combined financial statements comprise the financial statements of Southern Cable Sdn. Bhd., Nextol Polymer Sdn. Bhd. and Daya Forwarding Sdn. Bhd.. The financial statements used in the preparation of the combined financial statements are prepared for the same reporting date as Southern Cable. Consistent accounting policies are applied to like transactions and events in similar circumstances.

Entities under a reorganisation does not result in any change in economic substance. Accordingly, the combined financial statements of the Group is a continuation of the Group and is accounted for as follows:

- the assets and liabilities of the acquired entity is recognised and measured in the combined financial statements at the pre-combination carrying amounts, without restatement to fair value;
- the retained earnings, and other equity balances of acquired entity immediately before the business combination are those of the Group; and
- the equity structure, however, reflects the equity structure of the Group and the differences arising from the change in equity structure of the Group will be accounted for in other reserves.

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NOTES TO THE COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

3.1 Basis of combination/consolidation (continued)

<u>Combined financial statements of the Group for FYE 31 December 2016, 31</u> <u>December 2017 and 31 December 2018 and FPE 30 June 2019</u> (continued)

(a) Business combination

The Group apply the merger method of accounting.

A business combination involving entities under common control is a business combination in which all the combining entities are ultimately controlled by the same party and parties both before and after the business combination, and that control is not transitory. Combining entities acquired which have met the criteria for pooling of interest are accounted for using merger accounting policies. Under the merger method of accounting, the results of combining entities are presented as if the business combination had been affected throughout the current and previous financial years/period. The assets and liabilities combined are accounted for based on the carrying amounts from the perspective of the common control shareholder at the date of transfer. On consolidation, the difference between the costs of acquisition over the nominal value of share capital of the combining entities is taken to reorganisation reserve or merger deficit.

(b) Transactions eliminated on combination

Intra-group balances and transactions, and any unrealised income and expenses arising from intra-group transactions are eliminated in preparing the combined financial statements.

Consolidated financial statements of the Group for FYE 31 December 2019 and FPE 30 June 2020

The consolidated financial statements comprise the financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries. The financial statements of the subsidiaries used in the preparation of the consolidated financial statements are prepared for the same reporting date as the Company. Consistent accounting policies are applied to like transactions and events in similar circumstances.

(a) Subsidiaries and business combination

Subsidiaries are entities (including structured entities) over which the Group is exposed, or has rights, to variable returns from its involvement with the acquirees and has the ability to affect those returns through its power over the acquirees.

The financial statements of subsidiaries is included in the consolidated financial statements from the date the Group obtains control of the acquirees until the date the Group loses control of the acquirees.

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3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

3.1 Basis of combination/consolidation (continued)

Consolidated financial statements of the Group for FYE 31 December 2019 and FPE 30 June 2020 (continued)

(a) Subsidiaries and business combination (continued)

Acquisition of entities under a reorganisation scheme does not result in any change in economic substance. Accordingly, the consolidated financial statements of the Company are a continuation of the acquired entity and is accounted for as follows:

- the assets and liabilities of the acquired entity are recognised and measured in the consolidated financial statements at the pre-combination carrying amounts, without restatement to fair value;
- the retained earnings and other equity balances of acquired entity immediately before the business combination are those of the Group; and
- the equity structure, however, reflects the equity structure of the Company and the differences arising from the change in equity structure of the Group will be accounted for in other reserves.

Upon the loss of control of a subsidiary, the Group derecognises the assets and liabilities of the former subsidiary, any non-controlling interests and the other components of equity related to the former subsidiary from the consolidated statement of financial position. Any gain or loss arising on the loss of control is recognised in profit or loss. If the Group retains any interest in the former subsidiary, then such interest is measured at fair value at the date that control is lost. Subsequently, it is accounted for as an associate, a joint venture, an available-for-sale financial asset or a held for trading financial asset.

Changes in the Group's ownership interest in a subsidiary that do not result in a loss of control are accounted for as equity transactions. The difference between the Group's share of net assets before and after the change, and the fair value of the consideration received or paid, is recognised directly in equity.

(b) Transactions eliminated on consolidation

Intra-group balances and transactions, and any unrealised income and expenses arising from intragroup transactions are eliminated in preparing the consolidated financial statements.

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3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

3.2 Foreign currency transactions

Translation of foreign currency transactions

Foreign currency transactions are translated to the presentation functional currencies of the Group entities using the exchange rates prevailing at the transaction dates.

At the end of each reporting date, monetary items denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the exchange rates prevailing at the reporting date.

Non-monetary items denominated in foreign currencies that are measured at fair value are retranslated at the rates prevailing at the dates the fair values were determined. Non-monetary items denominated in foreign currencies that are measured at historical cost are translated at the historical rates as at the dates of the initial transactions.

Foreign exchange differences arising on settlement or retranslation of monetary items are recognised in profit or loss except for monetary items that are designated as hedging instruments in either a cash flow hedge or a hedge of the Group's net investment of a foreign operation.

The gain or loss arising on translation of non-monetary items measured at fair value is treated in line with the recognition of the gain or loss on the change in fair value of the item (i.e. translation differences on items whose fair value gain or loss is recognised in other comprehensive income or profit or loss are also recognised in other comprehensive income or profit or loss, respectively).

3.3 Financial instruments

Financial instruments are recognised in the combined statement of financial position when, and only when, the Group become a party to the contract provisions of the financial instrument.

Accounting policies applied from 1 January 2018

Except for the trade receivables that do not contain a significant financing component or for which the Group has applied the practical expedient, the financial instruments are recognised initially at its fair value plus or minus, in the case of a financial asset or financial liability not at fair value through profit or loss, transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition or issue of the financial asset and financial liability. Transaction costs of financial assets carried at fair value through profit or loss are expensed in profit or loss. Trade receivables that do not contain a significant financing component or for which the Group has applied the practical expedient are measured at the transaction price determined under MFRS 15.

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3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

3.3 Financial instruments (continued)

Accounting policies applied from 1 January 2018 (continued)

An embedded derivative is recognised separately from the host contract and accounted for as a derivative if, and only if, it is not closely related to the economic characteristics and risks of the host contract; it is a separate instrument with the same terms as the embedded derivative would meet the definition of a derivative; and the hybrid contract is not measured as fair value through profit or loss. The host contract, in the event an embedded derivative is recognised separately, is accounted for in accordance with the policy applicable to the nature of the host contract.

A derivative embedded within a hybrid contract containing a financial asset host is not accounted for separately. The financial asset host together with the embedded derivative is required to be classified in its entirety as a financial asset at fair value through profit or loss.

(a) Subsequent measurement

The Group categorises the financial instruments as follows:

(i) Financial assets

For the purposes of subsequent measurement, financial assets are classified in four categories:

- Financial assets at amortised cost
- Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income with recycling of cumulative gains and losses upon derecognition
- Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income with no recycling of cumulative gains and losses upon derecognition
- Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

The classification depends on the entity's business model for managing the financial assets and the contractual cash flows characteristics of the financial assets.

The Group reclassifies financial assets when and only when its business models for managing those assets change.

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3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

3.3 Financial instruments (continued)

Accounting policies applied from 1 January 2018 (continued)

(a) Subsequent measurement (continued)

(i) Financial assets (continued)

Debt instruments

Subsequent measurement of debt instruments depends on the Group's business model for managing the asset and the cash flow characteristics of the asset. There are three measurement categories into which the Group classifies its debt instruments:

Amortised cost

Financial assets that are held for collection of contractual cash flows and those cash flows represent solely payments of principal and interest are measured at amortised cost. Financial assets at amortised cost are subsequently measured using the effective interest method and are subject to impairment. The policy for the recognition and measurement of impairment in accordance with Note 3.10(a). Gains and losses are recognised in profit or loss when the financial asset is derecognised, modified or impaired.

Fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI) Financial assets that are held for collection of contractual cash flows and for selling the financial assets, and the assets' cash flows represent solely payments of principal and interest, are measured at FVOCI. For debt instruments at FVOCI, interest income, foreign exchange revaluation and impairment losses or reversals are recognised in profit or loss and computed in the same manner as for financial assets measured at amortised cost. The remaining fair value changes are recognised in other comprehensive income. Upon derecognition, the cumulative fair value change recognised in other comprehensive income is recycled to profit or loss.

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3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

3.3 Financial instruments (continued)

Accounting policies applied from 1 January 2018 (continued)

(a) Subsequent measurement (continued)

(i) Financial assets (continued)

Debt instruments (continued)

• Fair value through profit or loss (FVPL)

Financial assets at FVPL include financial assets held for trading, financial assets designated upon initial recognition at FVPL, or financial assets mandatorily required to be measured at fair value. Financial assets are classified as held for trading if they are acquired for the purpose of selling or repurchasing in the near term. Derivatives, including separated embedded derivatives, are also classified as held for trading unless they are designated as effective hedging instruments. Financial assets with cash flows that are not solely payments of principal and interest are classified and measured at FVPL, irrespective of the business model. Notwithstanding the criteria for debt instruments to be classified at amortised cost or at FVOCI, as described above, debt instruments may be designated at FVPL on initial recognition if doing so eliminates, or significantly reduces, an accounting mismatch.

Financial assets at FVPL are carried in the combined statements of financial position at fair value with net changes in fair value recognised in the profit or loss.

Equity instruments

The Group subsequently measures all equity investments at fair value. Upon initial recognition, the Group can make an irrevocable election to classify its equity investments that is not held for trading as equity instruments designated at FVOCI. The classification is determined on an instrument-by-instrument basis.

Gains and losses on these financial assets are not recycled to profit or loss. Dividends are recognised as other income in the profit or loss when the right of payment has been established, except when the Group benefits from such proceeds as a recovery of part of the cost of the financial asset, in which case, such gains are recorded in other comprehensive income. Equity instruments designated at FVOCI are not subject to impairment assessment.

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3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

3.3 Financial instruments (continued)

Accounting policies applied from 1 January 2018 (continued)

(a) Subsequent measurement (continued)

(ii) Financial liabilities

The Group classifies its financial liabilities in the following measurement categories:

- Financial liabilities at FVPL
- Financial liabilities at amortised cost

Financial liabilities at FVPL

Financial liabilities at FVPL include financial liabilities held for trading, including derivatives (except for a derivative that is a financial guarantee contract or a designated and effective hedging instrument) or financial liabilities designated into this category upon initial recognition.

Subsequent to initial recognition, financial liabilities at FVPL are measured at fair value with the gain or loss recognised in profit or loss.

Financial liabilities designated upon initial recognition at FVPL are designated at the initial date of recognition, and only if the criteria in MFRS 9 are satisfied. The Group has not designated any financial liability at FVPL.

Financial liabilities at amortised cost

Subsequent to initial recognition, other financial liabilities are measured at amortised cost using effective interest method. Gains and losses are recognised in profit or loss when the financial liablities are derecognised and through the amortisation process.

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3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

3.3 Financial instruments (continued)

Accounting policies applied from 1 January 2018 (continued)

(b) Financial guarantee contracts

A financial guarantee contract is a contract that requires the issuer to make specified payments to reimburse the holder for a loss it incurs because a specified debtor fails to make payment when due in accordance with the original or modified terms of a debt instrument.

Financial guarantee contracts are recognised initially as a liability at fair value, net of transaction costs that are directly attributable to the issuance of the guarantee. Subsequent to initial recognition, the liability is measured at the higher of the amount of the loss allowance determined in accordance with Section 5.5 of MFRS 9 and the amount initially recognised, when appropriate, the cumulative amount of income recognised in accordance with the principles of MFRS 15.

(c) Regular way purchase or sale of financial assets

A regular way purchase or sale is a purchase or sale of a financial asset under a contract whose terms require delivery of the asset within the time frame established generally by regulation or convention in the marketplace concerned.

A regular way purchase or sale of financial assets shall be recognised and derecognised, as applicable, using trade date accounting (i.e. the date the Group commits itself to purchase or sell an asset).

Trade date accounting refers to:

- (i) the recognition of an asset to be received and the liability to pay for it on the trade date; and
- (ii) derecognition of an asset that is sold, recognition of any gain or loss on disposal and the recognition of a receivable from the buyer for payment on the trade date.

Generally, interest does not start to accrue on the asset and corresponding liability until the settlement date when title passes.

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3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

3.3 Financial instruments (continued)

Accounting policies applied from 1 January 2018 (continued)

(d) Derecognition

A financial asset or a part of it is derecognised when, and only when:

- (i) the contractual rights to receive cash flows from the financial asset expire; or
- (ii) the Group has transferred its rights to receive cash flows from the asset or have assumed an obligation to pay the received cash flows in full without material delay to a third party; and either (a) the Group has transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset, or (b) the Group has neither transferred nor retained substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset, but have transferred control of the asset.

The Group evaluates if, and to what extent, it has retained the risks and rewards of ownership. When it has neither transferred nor retained substantially all of the risks and rewards of the asset, nor transferred control of the asset, the Group continues to recognise the transferred asset to the extent of its continuing involvement. In that case, the Group also recognise an associated liability. The transferred asset and the associated liability are measured on a basis that reflects the rights and obligations that the Group has retained.

Continuing involvement that takes the form of a guarantee over the transferred asset is measured at the lower of the original carrying amount of the asset and the maximum amount of consideration that the Group could be required to repay.

On derecognition of a financial asset, the difference between the carrying amount (measured at the date of derecognition) and the consideration received (including any new asset obtained less any new liability assumed) is recognised in profit or loss.

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3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

3.3 Financial instruments (continued)

Accounting policies applied from 1 January 2018 (continued)

(d) Derecognition (continued)

A financial liability or a part of it is derecognised when, and only when, the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expired. On derecognition of a financial liability, the difference between the carrying amount and the consideration paid, including any non-cash assets transferred or liabilities assumed, is recognised in profit or loss.

(e) Offsetting of financial instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are offset and the net amount is presented in the combined statements of financial position if there is a currently enforceable legal right to offset the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis, to realise the assets and settle the liabilities simultaneously.

In accounting for a transfer of a financial asset that does not qualify for derecognition, the entity shall not offset the transferred asset and the associated liability.

(f) Derivatives

The Group uses interest swap contracts to hedge the exposure of floating interest rate. Such derivative financial instruments are initially recognised at fair value on the date on which a derivative contract is entered into and are subsequently remeasured at fair value. Derivatives are carried as financial assets when the fair value is positive and as financial liabilities when the fair value is negative. Any gains or losses arising from changes in the fair value of derivatives are taken directly to the profit or loss.

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3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

3.3 Financial instruments (continued)

Accounting policies applied until 31 December 2017

Financial instruments are recognised initially at fair value, except for financial instruments not measured at FVPL, they are measured at fair value plus transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition or issue of the financial instruments.

An embedded derivative is recognised separately from the host contract and accounted for as a derivative if, it is not closely related to the economic characteristics and risks of the host contract and the host contract is not categorised as FVPL. The host contract, in the event an embedded derivative is recognised separately, is accounted for in accordance with the policy applicable to the nature of the host contract.

(a) Subsequent measurement

The Group categorises the financial instruments as follows:

(i) Financial assets

Financial assets at FVPL

Financial assets are classified as financial assets at FVPL when the financial assets are either held for trading, including derivatives (except for a derivative that is a financial guarantee contract or a designated and effective hedging instrument) or are designated into this category upon initial recognition.

Subsequent to initial recognition, financial assets at FVPL are measured at fair value with the gain or loss recognised in profit or loss.

Derivatives that are linked to and must be settled by delivery of unquoted equity instruments whose fair values cannot be reliably measured are measured at costs.

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NOTES TO THE COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

3.3 Financial instruments (continued)

Accounting policies applied until 31 December 2017 (continued)

(a) Subsequent measurement (continued)

The Group categorises the financial instruments as follows:

(i) Financial assets (continued)

Loans and receivables

Financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market are classified as loans and receivables.

Subsequent to initial recognition, loans and receivables are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method less accumulated impairment losses, if any. The policy for the recognition and measurement of impairment losses is in accordance with Note 3.10(a). Gains and losses are recognised in profit or loss through the amortisation process.

Held-to-maturity investments

Financial assets with fixed or determinable payments and fixed maturities are classified as held-to-maturity when the Group has the positive intention and ability to hold them to maturity.

Subsequent to initial recognition, held-to-maturity investments are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method less accumulated impairment losses, if any. The policy for the recognition and measurement of impairment losses is in accordance with Note 3.10(a). Gains and losses are recognised in profit or loss through the amortisation process.

Available-for-sale financial assets

Available-for-sale financial assets comprise investments in equity and debt securities that are designated as available-for-sale or are not classified in any of the three preceding categories.

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3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

3.3 Financial instruments (continued)

Accounting policies applied until 31 December 2017 (continued)

(a) Subsequent measurement (continued)

The Group categorises the financial instruments as follows:

(i) Financial assets (continued)

Available-for-sale financial assets (continued)

Subsequent to initial recognition, available-for-sale financial assets are measured at fair value. Gains or losses from changes in fair value of the financial assets are recognised in other comprehensive income, except for impairment losses and foreign exchange gains and losses arising from monetary items and gains and losses of hedged items attributable to hedge risks of fair values hedges which are recognised in profit or loss. The cumulative gain or loss previously recognised in other comprehensive income is reclassified from equity to profit or loss as a reclassification adjustment when the financial asset is derecognised. Interest income calculated using the effective interest method is recognised in profit or loss. Dividends on an available-for-sale equity instrument are recognised in profit or loss when the Group's right to receive payment is established.

Unquoted equity instruments carried at cost

Investments in equity instruments that do not have a quoted market price in an active market and whose fair value cannot be reliably measured are measured at cost less accumulated impairment losses, if any. The policy for the recognition and measurement of impairment losses is in accordance with Note 3.10(a).

(ii) Financial liabilities

Same accounting policies applied until 31 December 2017 and from 1 January 2018.

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NOTES TO THE COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

3.3 Financial instruments (continued)

Accounting policies applied until 31 December 2017 (continued)

(b) Financial guarantee contracts

A financial guarantee contract is a contract that requires the issuer to make specified payments to reimburse the holder for a loss it incurs because a specified debtor fails to make payment when due in accordance with the original or modified terms of a debt instrument.

Financial guarantee contracts are recognised initially as a liability at fair value, net of transaction costs that are directly attributable to the issuance of the guarantee. Subsequent to initial recognition, the liability is measured at the higher of the best estimate of the expenditure required to settle the present obligation at the reporting date and the amount initially recognised less cumulative amortisation.

(c) Regular way purchase or sale of financial assets

Same accounting policies applied until 31 December 2017 and from 1 January 2018.

(d) Derecognition

A financial asset or a part of it is derecognised when, and only when, the contractual rights to receive the cash flows from the financial asset expire or control of the asset is not retained or substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset are transferred to another party. On derecognition of a financial asset, the difference between the carrying amount and the sum of the consideration received (including any new asset obtained less any new liability assumed) and any cumulative gain or loss that had been recognised in other comprehensive income is recognised in profit or loss.

A financial liability or a part of it is derecognised when, and only when, the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expires. On derecognition of a financial liability, the difference between the carrying amount and the consideration paid, including any non-cash assets transferred or liabilities assumed, is recognised in profit or loss.

(e) Offsetting of financial instruments

Same accounting policies applied until 31 December 2017 and from 1 January 2018.

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3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

3.3 Financial instruments (continued)

Accounting policies applied until 31 December 2017 (continued)

(f) Derivatives

Same accounting policies applied until 31 December 2017 and from 1 January 2018.

3.4 **Property**, plant and equipment

(a) Recognition and measurement

Property, plant and equipment are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. The policy for the recognition and measurement of impairment losses is in accordance with Note 3.10(b).

Cost of assets includes expenditures that are directly attributable to the acquisition of the asset and any other costs that are directly attributable to bringing the asset to working condition for its intended use, and the costs of dismantling and removing the items and restoring the site on which they are located. The cost of self-constructed assets also includes cost of materials, direct labour, and any other direct attributable costs but excludes internal profits.

Purchased software that is integral to the functionality of the related equipment is capitalised as part of that equipment.

When significant parts of an item of property, plant and equipment have different useful lives, they are accounted for as separate items of property, plant and equipment.

(b) Subsequent costs

The cost of replacing a part of an item of property, plant and equipment is included in the asset's carrying amount or recognised as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that the future economic benefits associated with the part will flow to the Group and its cost can be measured reliably. The carrying amount of the replaced part is derecognised. All other repairs and maintenance are charged to the profit or loss as incurred.

(c) Depreciation

Freehold land has unlimited useful life and therefore is not depreciated. Assets under construction included in property, plant and equipment are not depreciated as these assets are not yet available for use.

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3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

3.4 Property, plant and equipment (continued)

(c) Depreciation (continued)

All other property, plant and equipment are depreciated on straight-line basis by allocating their depreciable amounts over their remaining useful lives.

	Useful lives (years)
Freehold buildings	50 years
Leasehold land	
 Long-term leasehold land 	51-56 years
- Short-term leasehold land	46-47 years
Leasehold buildings	50 years
Furniture, fittings and office equipment	4-10 years
Plant and machineries	10-20 years
Motor vehicles	5 years
Factory tools and equipment	10 years
Electrical installation and renovation	10 years
Fire protection system	10 years

The residual values, useful lives and depreciation methods are reviewed at the end of each reporting period and adjusted as appropriate.

(d) Derecognition

An item of property, plant and equipment is derecognised upon disposal or when no future economic benefits are expected from its use or disposal. Any gain or loss arising on derecognition of the asset is recognised in profit or loss.

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3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

3.5 Leases

Accounting policies applied from 1 January 2019

At inception of a contract, the Group assesses whether a contract is, or contains, a lease. A contract is, or contains, a lease if the contract conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset for a period of time in exchange for consideration. To assess whether a contract conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset, the Group assesses whether:

- the contract involves the use of an identified asset;
- the Group has the right to obtain substantially all of the economic benefits from the use of the asset throughout the period of use; and
- the Group has the right to direct the use of the asset.

Accounting policies applied until 31 December 2018

The determination of whether an arrangement is, or contains, a lease is based on the substance of the arrangement at the inception of the lease. The arrangement is, or contains, a lease if fulfilment of the arrangement is dependent on the use of a specific asset or assets and the arrangement conveys a right to use the asset or assets.

A lease is classified as a finance lease if it transfers substantially all the risks and rewards incidental to ownership. All other leases that do not meet this criterion are classified as operating leases.

(a) Lessee accounting

Accounting policies applied from 1 January 2019

At the lease commencement date, the Group recognises a right-of-use asset and a lease liability with respect to all lease agreements in which it is the lessee, except for short-term leases (defined as leases with a lease term of 12 months or less) and leases of low value assets.

The Group presents right-of-use assets and lease liabilities as separate lines in the combined statements of financial position.

Right-of-use asset

The right-of-use asset is initially recognised at cost, which comprises the initial amount of the lease liability adjusted for any lease payments made at or before the commencement date, plus any initial direct costs incurred and an estimate of costs to dismantle and remove the underlying asset or to restore the underlying asset or the site on which it is located, less any lease incentives received.

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3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

3.5 Leases (continued)

(a) Lessee accounting (continued)

Accounting policies applied from 1 January 2019 (continued)

Right-of-use asset (continued)

The right-of-use asset is subsequently measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses, and adjusted for any remeasurement of the lease liabilities. The right-of-use asset is depreciated using the straight-line method from the commencement date to the earlier of the end of the useful life of the right-of-use asset or the end of the lease term. If the Group expects to exercise a purchase option, the right-of-use asset is depreciated over the useful life of the underlying asset. The depreciation starts from the commencement date of the underlying asset. The policy for the recognition and measurement of impairment losses is in accordance with Note 3.10(b).

Lease liability

The lease liability is initially measured at the present value of the lease payments that are not paid at the commencement date, discounted by using the rate implicit in the lease. If this rate cannot be readily determined, the Group uses its incremental borrowing rate.

Lease payments included in the measurement of the lease liability comprise:

- fixed lease payments (including in-substance fixed payments), less any lease incentives;
- variable lease payments that depend on an index or rate, initially measured using the index or rate at the commencement date;
- the amount expected to be payable by the lessee under residual value guarantees;
- The exercise price of a purchase option, if the lessee is reasonably certain to exercise that option; and
- payments of penalties for terminating the lease, if the lease term reflects the lessee exercising an option to terminate the lease.

The lease liability is subsequently measured by increasing the carrying amount to reflect interest on the lease liability and by reducing the carrying amount to reflect the lease payments made.

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3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

3.5 Leases (continued)

(a) Lessee accounting (continued)

Accounting policies applied from 1 January 2019 (continued)

Lease liability (continued)

The Group remeasures the lease liability (and makes a corresponding adjustment to the related right-of-use asset) whenever:

- the lease term has changed or there is a change in the assessment of exercise of a purchase option, in which case the lease liability is remeasured by discounting the revised lease payments using a revised discount rate.
- the lease payments change due to changes in an index or rate or a change in expected payment under a guaranteed residual value, in which cases the lease liability is remeasured by discounting the revised lease payments using the initial discount rate (unless the lease payments change is due to a change in a floating interest rate, in which case a revised discount rate is used).
- a lease contract is modified and the lease modification is not accounted for as a separate lease, in which case the lease liability is remeasured by discounting the revised lease payments using a revised discount rate.

Variable lease payments that do not depend on an index or a rate are not included in the measurement of the lease liability and the right-of-use asset. The related payments are recognised as an expense in the period in which the event or condition that triggers those payments occurs and are included in the line "other expenses" in the combined statements of comprehensive income.

The Group has elected not to separate non-lease components and account for the lease and non-lease components as a single lease component.

Short-term leases and leases of low value assets

The Group has elected not to recognise right-of-use assets and lease liabilities for short-term leases and leases of low value assets. The Group recognises the lease payments as an operating expense on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease unless another systematic basis is more representative of the time pattern in which economic benefits from the leased asset are consumed.

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3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

3.5 Leases (continued)

(a) Lessee accounting (continued)

Accounting policies applied until 31 December 2018

If the Group is a lessee in a finance lease, it capitalises the leased asset and recognises the related liability. The amount recognised at the inception date is the fair value of the underlying leased asset or, if lower, the present value of the minimum lease payments. Subsequent to initial recognition, the asset is accounted for in accordance with the accounting policy applicable to that asset.

Minimum lease payments are apportioned between the finance charge and the reduction of the outstanding liability using the effective interest method. The finance charge is allocated to each period during the lease term so as to produce a constant periodic rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability. Contingent lease payments are charged as expenses in the periods in which they are incurred.

The capitalised leased asset is classified by nature as property, plant and equipment or investment property.

For operating leases, the Group does not capitalise the leased asset or recognise the related liability. Instead lease payments under an operating lease are recognised as an expense on the straight-line basis over the lease term unless another systematic basis is more representative of the time pattern of the user's benefit.

(b) Lessor accounting

If an entity in the Group is a lessor in a finance lease, it derecognises the underlying asset and recognises a lease receivable at an amount equal to the net investment in the lease. Finance income is recognised in profit or loss based on a pattern reflecting a constant periodic rate of return on the lessor's net investment in the finance lease.

If an entity in the Group is a lessor in an operating lease, the underlying asset is not derecognised but is presented in the statement of financial position according to the nature of the asset. Lease income from operating leases is recognised in profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the lease term, unless another systematic basis is more representative of the time pattern in which use benefit derived from the leased asset is diminished.

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3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

3.6 Investment properties

Investment properties are properties held to earn rental income or for capital appreciation or both.

Investment properties are initially measured at cost, including transaction costs. Cost includes purchase price and any directly attributable costs incurred to bring the property to its present location and condition intended for use as an investment property. The cost of a self-constructed investment property includes the cost of material, direct labour and any other direct attributable costs.

The Group uses the cost model to measure its investment properties after initial recognition. Accordingly, investment properties are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. The policy for the recognition and measurement of impairment losses is in accordance with Note 3.10(b).

An investment property is derecognised on their disposal or when it is permanently withdrawn from use and no future economic benefits are expected from its disposals. Any gains and losses arising from derecognition of the asset is recognised in the profit or loss.

Transfers are made to or from investment property only when there is a change in use.

Leasehold condominium and leasehold building are amortised over its lease period of 83 and 85 years respectively. Renovation is depreciated on a straight-line basis to write of the cost of the asset to its residual values over their estimated useful lives at an annual rate of 10%.

3.7 Inventories

Inventories are measured at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Costs incurred in bringing the inventories to their present location and condition are accounted for as follows:

- raw materials: purchase costs on a first-in first-out basis.
- finished goods and work-in-progress: costs of direct materials and labour and a proportion of manufacturing overheads based on normal operating capacity. These costs are assigned on a weighted average cost basis.

Net realisable value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business, less the estimated costs of completion and the estimated costs necessary to make the sale.

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3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

3.8 Non-current asset held for sale

Non-current asset are classified as held for sale if their carrying amount will be recovered principally through a sale transaction rather than through continuing use. The criteria for held for sale classification is regarded as met only when:

- the asset is available for immediate sale in its present condition;
- the management is committed to a plan to sell the asset and the asset is actively marketed for sale at a price that is reasonable in relation to its current fair value; and
- the sale is expected to be completed within one year from the date of classification and actions required to complete the plan indicates that it is unlikely that significant changes to the plan will be made or that the sale will be withdrawn.

Immediately before classification as held for sale, the assets are measured in accordance with the Group's accounting policies. Thereafter, generally the assets are measured at the lower of carrying amount and fair value less costs to sell.

Impairment losses on initial classification as held for sale and subsequent gains or losses on remeasurement are recognised in profit or loss. A gain for any subsequent increase in fair value less costs to sell of an asset is recognised but not in excess of the cumulative impairment loss that has been recognised.

Assets and liabilities classified as held for sale are presented separately as current items in the combined statements of financial position.

3.9 Cash and cash equivalents

For the purpose of the combined statements of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand, bank balance, deposits and short-term, highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of change of value. For the purpose of combined statements of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents are presented net of bank overdrafts and bank and short-term deposits pledged to financial institutions.

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3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

3.10 Impairment of assets

(a) Impairment of financial assets

Accounting policies applied from 1 January 2018

Financial assets measured at amortised cost, contract assets or a loan commitment and financial guarantee contracts will be subject to the impairment requirement in MFRS 9 which is related to the accounting for expected credit losses on the financial assets. Expected credit loss is the weighted average of credit losses with the respective risks of a default occurring as the weights.

The Group measures loss allowance at an amount equal to lifetime expected credit loss, except for the following, which are measured as 12-month expected credit loss:

- debt securities that are determined to have low credit risk at the reporting date; and
- other debt securities and bank balances for which credit risk (i.e. risk of default occurring over the expected life of the financial instrument) has not increased significantly since initial recognition.

For trade receivables, the Group applies the simplified approach permitted by MFRS 9 to measure the loss allowance at an amount equal to lifetime expected credit losses.

When determining whether the credit risk of a financial asset has increased significantly since initial recognition and when estimating expected credit loss, the Group considers reasonable and supportable information that is relevant and available without undue cost or effort. This includes both quantitative and qualitative information and analysis, based on the Group's historical experience and informed credit assessment and including forward-looking information.

The Group assumes that the credit risk on a financial asset has increased significantly if it is more than 120 days past due.

The Group considers a financial asset to be in default when:

- the borrower is unable to pay its credit obligations to the Group in full, without taking into account any credit enhancements held by the Group; or
- the contractual payment of the financial asset is more than 120 days past due unless the Group has reasonable and supportable information to demonstrate that a more lagging default criterion is more appropriate.

Lifetime expected credit losses are the expected credit losses that result from all possible default events over the expected life of a financial instrument.

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3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

3.10 Impairment of assets (continued)

(a) Impairment of financial assets (continued)

Accounting policies applied from 1 January 2018 (continued)

12-month expected credit losses are the portion of lifetime expected credit losses that represent the expected credit losses that result from default events on a financial instrument that are possible within the 12 months after the reporting date.

The maximum period considered when estimating expected credit losses is the maximum contractual period over which the Group is exposed to credit risk.

Expected credit losses are a probability-weighted estimate of credit losses (i.e. the present value of all cash shortfalls) over the expected life of the financial instrument. A cash shortfall is the difference between the cash flows that are due to an entity in accordance with the contract and the cash flows that the entity expects to receive.

Expected credit losses are discounted at the effective interest rate of the financial assets.

At each reporting date, the Group assesses whether financial assets carried at amortised cost and debt securities at FVOCI are credit-impaired. A financial asset is credit-impaired when one or more events that have a detrimental impact on the estimated future cash flows of that financial asset have occurred. Evidence that a financial asset is credit-impaired include observable data about the following events:

- * significant financial difficulty of the issuer or the borrower;
- a breach of contract, such as a default of past due event;
- the lender(s) of the borrower, for economic or contractual reasons relating to the borrower's financial difficulty, having granted to the borrower a concession(s) that the lender(s) would not otherwise consider;
- * it is becoming probable that the borrower will enter bankruptcy or other financial reorganisation;
- the disappearance of an active market for that financial asset because of financial difficulties; or
- * the purchase or origination of a financial asset at a deep discount that reflects the incurred credit losses.

The amount of expected credit losses (or reversal) shall be recognised in profit or loss, as an impairment gain or loss.

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3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

3.10 Impairment of assets (continued)

(a) Impairment of financial assets (continued)

Accounting policies applied from 1 January 2018 (continued)

The gross carrying amount of a financial asset is written off (either partially or fully) to the extent that there is no realistic prospect of recovery. This is generally the case when the Group determines that the debtor does not have assets or source of income that could generate sufficient cash flows to repay the amounts subject to the write-off. However, financial assets that are written off could still be subject to enforcement activities in order to comply with the Group's procedure for recovery of amounts due.

Accounting policies applied until 31 December 2017

At each reporting date, all financial assets (except for financial assets categorised at FVPL) are assessed whether there is any objective evidence of impairment as a result of one or more events having an impact on the estimated future cash flows of the financial asset that can be reliably estimated. Losses expected as a result of future events, no matter how likely, are not recognised.

Evidence of impairment may include indications that the debtors or a group of debtors are experiencing significant financial difficulty, default or delinquency in interest or principal payments, the probability that they will enter bankruptcy or other financial reorganisation, and where observable date indicates that there is a measureable decrease in the estimated future cash flows, such as changes in arrears or economic conditions that correlate with defaults.

Loans and receivables and held-to-maturity investments

The Group first assesses whether objective evidence of impairment exists individually for financial assets that are individually significant, and individually or collectively for financial assets that are not individually significant. If no objective evidence for impairment exists for an individually assessed financial asset, whether significant or not, the Group may include the financial asset in a group of financial assets with similar credit risk characteristics and collectively assess them for impairment. Financial assets that are individually assessed for which an impairment loss is or continues to be recognised are not included in the collective assessment of impairment.

The amount of impairment loss is measured as the difference between the financial asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows discounted at the financial asset's original effective interest rate. The carrying amount of the financial asset is reduced through the use of an allowance account and the loss is recognised in profit or loss.

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3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

3.10 Impairment of assets (continued)

(a) Impairment of financial assets (continued)

Accounting policies applied until 31 December 2017 (continued)

Loans and receivables and held-to-maturity investments (continued)

If, in a subsequent period, the amount of the impairment loss decreases due to an event occurring after the impairment that was recognised, the previously recognised impairment loss is then reversed by adjusting an allowance account to the extent that the carrying amount of the financial asset does not exceed what the amortised cost would have been had the impairment not been recognised.

Loans together with the associated allowance are written off when there is no realistic prospect of future recovery and all collateral has been realised or has been transferred to the Group. If a write-off is later recovered, the recovery is credited to the profit or loss.

Available-for-sale financial assets

In the case of equity investments classified as available for sale, a significant or prolonged decline in the fair value below its cost is considered to be objective evidence of impairment. The Group uses its judgement to determine what is considered as significant or prolonged decline, evaluating past volatility experiences and current market conditions.

Where there is objective evidence that the asset is impaired, the decline in the fair value of an available-for-sale financial asset together with the cumulative loss recognised in other comprehensive income shall be reclassified from equity to profit or loss as a reclassification adjustment even though the financial asset has not been derecognised. The amount of cumulative loss that is reclassified from equity to profit or loss shall be the difference between its cost (net of any principal repayment and amortisation) and it current fair value, less any impairment loss previously recognised in profit or loss.

Impairment losses on available-for-sale equity investments are not reversed through profit or loss in the subsequent periods. Increase in fair value, if any, subsequent to impairment loss, is recognised in other comprehensive income.

For available-for-sale debt investments, impairment losses are subsequently reversed through profit or loss if an increase in the fair value of the investment can be objectively related to a loss event occurring after the recognition of the impairment loss in profit or loss.

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3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

3.10 Impairment of assets (continued)

(a) Impairment of financial assets (continued)

Accounting policies applied until 31 December 2017 (continued)

Unquoted equity instruments carried at cost

In the case of unquoted equity instruments carried at cost, the amount of the impairment loss is measured as the difference between the carrying amount of the financial asset and the present value of estimated future cash flows discounted at the current market rate of return for a similar financial asset. Such impairment losses shall not be reversed.

(b) Impairment of non-financial assets

The carrying amounts of non-financial assets (except for inventories) are reviewed at the end of each reporting period to determine whether there is any indication of impairment. If any such indication exists, the Group makes an estimate of the asset's recoverable amount.

For the purpose of impairment testing, assets are grouped together into the smallest group of assets that generates cash inflows from continuing use that are largely independent of the cash inflows of non-financial assets or cash-generating units ("CGUs").

The recoverable amount of an asset or a CGU is the higher of its fair value less costs of disposal and its value-in-use. In assessing value-in-use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset or CGU. In determining the fair value less costs of disposal, recent market transactions are taken into account. If no such transactions can be identified, an appropriate valuation model is used.

Where the carrying amount of an asset exceed its recoverable amount, the carrying amount of asset is reduced to its recoverable amount. Impairment losses recognised in respect of a CGU or groups of CGUs are allocated first to reduce the carrying amount of any goodwill allocated to those units or groups of units and then, to reduce the carrying amount of the other assets in the unit or groups of units on a pro-rata basis.

Impairment losses are recognised in profit or loss, except for assets that were previously revalued with the revaluation surplus recognised in other comprehensive income. In the latter case, the impairment is recognised in other comprehensive income up to the amount of any previous revaluation.

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3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

3.10 Impairment of assets (continued)

(b) Impairment of non-financial assets (continued)

For other assets, an assessment is made at each reporting date as to whether there is any indication that previously recognised impairment losses may no longer exist or may have decreased. An impairment loss is reversed only if there has been a change in the estimates used to determine the assets recoverable amount since the last impairment loss was recognised. Reversal of impairment loss is restricted by the asset's carrying amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset in the prior years. Such reversal is recognised in profit or loss unless the asset is measured at revalued amount, in which case the reversal is treated as a revaluation increase.

3.11 Equity instruments

An equity instrument is a contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the Group after deducting all of its liabilities. Ordinary shares are recorded at the proceeds received, net of directly attributable incremental transaction costs. Dividends on ordinary shares are recognised in equity in the period in which they are declared.

3.12 Employee benefits

(a) Short-term employee benefits

Short-term employee benefit obligations in respect of wages, salaries, social security contributions, annual bonuses, paid annual leave, sick leave and non-monetary benefits are recognised as an expense in the financial year where the employees have rendered their services to the Group.

(b) Defined contribution plans

As required by law, the Group contributes to the Employees Provident Fund ("EPF"), the national defined contribution plan. Such contributions are recognised as an expense in the profit or loss in the period in which the employees render their services.

(c) Termination benefits

Termination benefits are expensed at the earlier of when the Group can no longer withdraw the offer of those benefits and when the Group recognises costs for restructuring. If benefits are not expected to be settled wholly within 12 months of the end of the reporting period, then they are discounted.

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3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

3.13 Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the Group has a present obligation (legal or constructive) as a result of a past event, it is probable that an outflow of economic resources will be required to settle the obligation and the amount of the obligation can be estimated reliably.

If the effect of the time value of money is material, provisions that are determined based on the expected future cash flows to settle the obligation are discounted using a current pre-tax rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the liability. When discounting is used, the increase in provisions due to passage of time is recognised as finance costs.

Provisions are reviewed at each reporting date and adjusted to reflect the current best estimate. If it is no longer probable that an outflow of economic resources will be required to settle the obligation, the provision is reversed.

3.14 Revenue and other income

The Group recognises revenue that depict the transfer of promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the Group expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services.

Revenue recognition of the Group is applied for each contract with a customer or a combination of contracts with the same customer (or related parties of the customer). For practical expedient, the Group applied revenue recognition to a portfolio of contracts (or performance obligations) with similar characteristics if the Group reasonably expect that the effects on the combined financial statements would not differ materiality from recognising revenue on the individual contracts (or performance obligations) within that portfolio.

Revenue from sale of goods are recognised at a point in time when control of the products has been transferred, being when the customer accepts the delivery of the goods.

A receivable is recognised when the customer accepts the delivery of the goods as the consideration is unconditional other than the passage of time before the payment is due.

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3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

3.14 Revenue and other income (continued)

The Group measures revenue from sale of good or service at its transaction price, being the amount of consideration to which the Group expects to be entitled in exchange for transferring promised good or service to a customer, excluding amounts collected on behalf of third parties such as sales and services tax, adjusted for the effects of any variable consideration, constraining estimates of variable consideration, significant financing components, non-cash consideration and consideration payable to customer. If the transaction price includes variable consideration, the Group uses the expected value method by estimating the sum of probability-weighted amounts in a range or possible consideration amounts, or the most likely outcome method, depending on which method the Group expects to better predict the amount of consideration to which it is entitled.

For contract with separate performance obligations, the transaction price is allocated to the separate performance obligations on the relative stand-alone selling price basis. If the stand-alone selling price is not directly observable, the Group estimates it by using the costs plus margin approach.

Revenue from contracts with customers is recognised by reference to each distinct performance obligation in the contract with customer, i.e. when or as a performance obligation in the contract with customer is satisfied. A performance obligation is satisfied when or as the customer obtains control of the good or service underlying the particular performance obligation, which the performance obligation may be satisfied at a point in time or over time.

(a) Sale of goods

The Group manufactures and sells manufactured cables, wires, related products and services including aluminium rods, trading of cables and wires and copper strips, manufacture and supply plastic compounds and wooden drum to customers. Revenue from sale of manufactured goods are recognised at the point in time when control of the products has been transferred, being when the customer accepts the delivery of the goods.

Sales are made with credit term of 30 to 120 days, which is consistent with market practice, therefore, no element of financing is deemed present. A receivable is recognised when the customer accepts the delivery of the goods as the consideration is unconditional other than the passage of time before the payment is due.

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3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

3.14 Revenue and other income (continued)

(b) Interest income

Interest income is recognised using the effective interest method.

(c) Rental income

Rental income is recognised on an accrual basis.

3.15 Borrowing costs

Borrowing costs are interests and other costs that the Group incurs in connection with borrowing of funds.

Borrowing costs that are not directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of a qualifying asset are recognised in profit or loss using the effective interest method.

Borrowing costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of a qualifying assets, which are assets that necessarily take a substantial period of time to get ready for their intended use or sale, are capitalised as part of the cost of those assets, until such time as the assets are substantially ready for their intended use or sale.

The Group begins capitalising borrowing costs when the Group has incurred the expenditures for the asset, incurred related borrowing costs and undertaken activities that are necessary to prepare the asset for its intended use or sale.

3.16 Income tax

Income tax expense in profit or loss comprises current and deferred tax. Current and deferred tax are recognised in profit or loss except to the extent that it relates to a business combination or items recognised directly in equity or other comprehensive income.

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3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

3.16 Income tax (continued)

(a) Current tax

Current tax is the expected taxes payable or receivable on the taxable income or loss for the financial year, using the tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the end of the reporting period, and any adjustment to tax payable in respect of previous financial years.

(b) Deferred tax

Deferred tax is recognised using the liability method on temporary differences at the reporting date between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the statements of financial position. Deferred tax liabilities are generally recognised for all taxable temporary differences. Deferred tax assets are generally recognised for all deductible temporary differences, unutilised tax losses and unused tax credits, to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profit will be available against which the deductible temporary differences, unused tax losses and unused tax credits can be utilised.

The carrying amount of deferred tax assets is reviewed at each reporting date and reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable profit will be available to allow the benefit of part or all of that deferred tax asset to be utilised. Unrecognised deferred tax assets are reassessed at each reporting date and are recognised to the extent that it has become probable that future taxable profit will allow the deferred tax assets to be utilised.

Deferred tax is measured at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the period when the asset is realised or the liability is settled, based on tax rates and tax laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted at the reporting date.

Deferred tax relating to items recognised outside profit or loss is recognised outside profit or loss. Deferred tax items are recognised in correlation to the underlying transaction either in other comprehensive income or directly in equity.

Deferred tax assets and deferred tax liabilities are offset if there is a legally enforceable right to offset current tax assets against current tax liabilities and when they relate to income taxes levied by the same taxation authority on the same taxable entity, or on different tax entities, but they intend to settle their income tax recoverable and income tax payable on a net basis or their tax assets and liabilities will be realised simultaneously.

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3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

3.17 Operating segments

Operating segments are reported in a manner consistent with the internal reporting provided to the chief operating decision-maker.

3.18 Fair value measurements

Fair value of an asset or a liability, except for share-based payment and lease transactions, is determined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The measurement assumes that the transaction to sell the asset or transfer the liability takes place either in the principal market or in the absence of a principal market, in the most advantageous market.

For a non-financial asset, the fair value measurement takes into account a market participant's ability to generate economic benefits by using the asset in its highest and best use or by selling it to another market participant that would use the asset in its highest and best use.

When measuring the fair value of an asset or a liability, the Group uses observable market data as far as possible. Fair value is categorised into different levels in a fair value hierarchy based on the input used in the valuation technique as follows:

- Level 1: Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the Group can access at the measurement date.
- Level 2: Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly.
- Level 3: Unobservable inputs for the asset or liability.

The Group recognises transfers between levels of the fair value hierarchy as of the date of the event or change in circumstances that caused the transfers.

3.19 Contingencies

A contingent liability or asset is a possible obligation or asset that arises from past events and whose existence will be confirmed only by the occurrence or nonoccurrence of uncertain future event(s) not wholly within the control of the Group.

Contingent liability is also referred as a present obligation that arises from past events but is not recognised because:

- (a) it is not probable that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation; or
- (b) the amount of the obligation cannot be measured with sufficient reliability.

Contingent liabilities and assets are not recognised in the combined statements of financial position.

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4. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING JUDGEMENTS, ESTIMATES AND ASSUMPTIONS

Significant areas of estimation, uncertainty and critical judgements in applying accounting policies that have significant effect in determining the amount recognised in the financial years/periods include the following:

4.1 Provision

The Group uses a "best estimate" as the basis for measuring a provision. Management evaluates the estimates based on the Group's historical experience and other inputs or assumptions, current developments and future events that are reasonably possible under the particular circumstances. In the case when a provision relates to large population of customers (such as warranty provision), a probability-weighted estimate of the outflows required to settle the obligation is used. In the case of a single estimate (such as a provision for site restoration cots), a reference contractor's price or market price is used as the best estimate. If an obligation is to be settled over time, the expected outflows are discounted at a rate that takes into account the time value of money and the risk that the actual outcome might differ from the estimate made.

The carrying amounts of the Group's provision are disclosed in Note 18.

4.2 Depreciation and useful lives of property, plant and equipment

As disclosed in Note 3.4(c), the Group reviews the residual values, useful lives and depreciation methods at the end of each reporting period. Estimates are applied in the selection of the depreciation method, the useful lives and the residual values. The actual consumption of the economic benefits of the property, plant and equipment may differ from the estimates applied and therefore, future depreciation charges could be revised.

The carrying amounts of the Group's property, plant and equipment are disclosed in Note 5.

4.3 Measurement of income taxes

Significant judgement is required in determining the Group's estimation for current and deferred taxes because the ultimate tax liability for the Group as a whole is uncertain. When the final outcome of the tax payable is determined with the tax authorities in each jurisdiction, the amounts might be different from the initial estimates of the tax payables. Such differences may impact the current and deferred taxes in the period when such determination is made. The Group will make adjustments for current or deferred taxes in respect of prior years in the current period on those differences arise.

The income tax expense of the Group is disclosed in Note 25.

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4. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING JUDGEMENTS, ESTIMATES AND ASSUMPTIONS (CONTINUED)

4.4 Impairment of financial assets

The impairment provisions for financial assets are based on assumptions about risk of default and expected loss rate. The Group uses judgement in making these assumptions and selecting inputs to the impairment calculation, based on the Group's past history, existing market conditions as well as forward looking estimates at the end of each reporting period.

The Group uses a provisional matrix to calculate expected credit losses for trade receivables. The provision rates are depending on the number of days that a trade receivable is past due. The Group uses the grouping according to the customer segments that have similar loss patterns. The criteria include geographical region, product type and rating, collateral or trade credit insurance.

The provision matrix is initially based on the Group's historical observed default rates. The Group will calibrate the matrix to adjust the historical credit loss experience with forward-looking information. At each reporting date, the historical observed default rates are updated and changes in the forward-looking estimates are analysed.

The information about the impairment losses on the Group's financial assets are disclosed in Note 26(b).

4.5 Impairment of non-financial assets

The Group assesses impairment of non-financial assets whenever the events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may be irrecoverable i.e. the carrying amount of the asset is more than the recoverable amount.

Recoverable amount is measured at the higher of the fair value less cost of disposal for that asset and its value-in-use. The Group uses fair value less cost to sell as the recoverable amount. Fair values are arrived at using comparison method and valuation technique method to suit the assets characteristic of the Group.

The carrying amounts of the non-financial assets are disclosed in Notes 5, 6 and 7.

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4. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING JUDGEMENTS, ESTIMATES AND ASSUMPTIONS (CONTINUED)

4.6 Fair value of derivatives and other financial instruments

The fair value of financial instruments that are not traded in an active market is determined by using valuation techniques. The Group uses its judgement to select a variety of methods and make assumptions that are mainly based on market conditions existing at the end of each reporting period. The input to these models are taken from observable markets where possible, but where this is not feasible, a degree of judgement is required in establishing fair values. Any changes in these assumptions will have an impact on the carrying amounts of the derivatives and other financial instruments.

The carrying amounts of the derivatives and other financial instruments are disclosed in Note 10.

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PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT ů.

	Note	Freehold land RM '000	Freehold buildings RM '000	Leasehold land RM '000	Leasehold buildings RM '000	Furniture, fittings and office equipment RM '000	Plant and machineries RM '000	Motor vehicles RM '000	Factory tools and equipment RM '000	Electrical installation and renovation RM '000	Fire protection system RM '000	Capital work-in- progress RM '000	Total RM '000
cost At 1 January 2016		956	611	4,862	26,012	3,195	60,063	4,363	10,306	4,077	260	9,427	124,132
Additions		•	•	•	162	199	3,944	1,309	1,086	113	183	1	7,007
Transfers		ĸ	624	•	644	17	6,645		210	145	•	(8,285)	
Disposals		•	•	•	x	(2)		(20)	•	•	•	•	(25)
At 31 December 2016		956	1,235	4,862	26,818	3,406	70,652	5,652	11,602	4,335	443	1,153	131,114
Accumulated depreciation													
At 1 January 2016 Demociation charge for the			8	731	4,411	2,147	46,059	2,813	5,429	2,310	112		64,105
	ន	•	25	92	519	345	4,277	572	857	389	28	·	7,104
Disposals		•			•	(3)		(8)	•	•	•	•	(11)
At 31 December 2016			118	823	4,930	2,489	50,336	3,377	6,286	2,699	140		71,198
Carry ing amount At 1 January 2016		956	518	4,131	21,601	1,048	14,004	1,550	4,877	1,767	148	9,427	60,027
At 31 December 2016		956	1,117	4,039	21,888	917	20,316	2,275	5,316	1,636	303	1,153	59,916

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Total RM '000 131,114 4,260 (2,455) (2) 71,198 71,198 7,296 (1,713) 76,779	Capital work-in- progress RM '000 1,153 1,153	system RM '000 35 443 35 - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	renovation system RM '000 RM '000 4,335 443 22 35 22 35 22 443 22 55 2,699 140 2,699 140 364 46 364 46 363 186		Motor vehicles RM '000 5,652 1,116 (353) - 3,377 820 (353) - 3,377 - 3,377 - 3,377 - 3,377 - 3,844	Plant and machine ries RM '000 70,652 2,157 (2,096) - - 70,713 4,182 (1,356) - 53,162 53,162		Leasehold bulldings RM '000 26,818 2,818 2,818 2,930 4,930 5,26 5,456 5,456	sehold and 1'000 1'000 4,862		
59,916	1,153	303	1,636	5,316	2,275	20,316	917		21,888	4,039 21,888	
59,91 6	1,153	303	1,636	5,316	2,275	20,316	917		21,888		4,039
76,779	·	186	3,083	7,156	3,844	53,162	,834	2		5,456	915 5,456
(2)	•	•			•	•	(2)		•	•	-
(1,713)	•		•	•	(353)	(1,356)	(4)		·	Ţ	
7,296	•	46	384	870	820	4,182	351		526		92
71,198		140	2,699	8,286	3,377	50,336	2,489			4,930	823 4,930
132,917	1,153	478	4,357	12,352	6,415	70,713	3,578			26,818	4,862 26,818
(2)	·		•		•		(2)		-	•	•
(2,455)		•	·	*	(353)	(2,096)	9			•	•
4,260	•	35	22	750	1,116	2,157	180		·		•
131,114	1,153	443	4,335	11,602	5,652	70,652	3,406			26,818	4,862 26,818
Total RM '000	Capital work-in- progress RM '000	system RM '000			Motor vehicles RM '000	Plant and machineries RM '000		off equiț RM			Leasehold Leasehold land buildings RM '000 RM '000

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PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (CONTINUED) . D

	Freehold	Freehold	Leasehold	Leasehold	Furniture, fittings and office	Plant and	Motor	Factory tools and	Electrical installation and	Fire protection	Capital work-in-	
land buildings RM '000 RM '000	buildings RM '000		land RM '000	buildings RM '000	equipment RM '000	machineries RM '000	vehicles RM '000	equipment RM '000	renovation RM '000	system RM '000	progress RM '000	Total RM '000
956 1.235	1.235		4,862	26.818	3.578	70.713	6 415	12 352	4 357	478	1 153	132 917
	864		, I	135	343	1,329	874	310	44	•	3,283	8,551
•				•	(8)	(339)	·	•	·	ł	•	(347)
	ŧ		•	•	(510)	(7,351)	t	(166)	(67)	3	:	(8,094)
2,325 2,099	2,099		4,862	26,953	3,403	64,352	7,289	12,496	4,334	478	4,436	133,027
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- 41	41		, a	52/	315 (5)	3,460 (330)	969	8/8	340	43		6,664 (344)
	·			•	(507)	(7,351)		(166)	(67)	I	I	(8,091)
- 184	184		1,006	5,983	2,637	48,932	4,813	7,868	3,356	229	.	75,008
956 1,092	1,092		3,947	21,362	744	17,551	2,571	5,196	1,274	292	1,153	56,138
2,325 1,915	1,915		3,856	20,970	766	15,420	2,476	4,628	978	249	4,436	58,019
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PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (CONTINUED) ņ.

	Note	Freehold land RM '000	Freehold buildings RM '000	Leasehold Iand RM '000	Leasehold buildings RM '000	Furniture, fittings and office equipment RM '000	Plant and machineries RM '000	Motor vehicles RM '000	Factory tools and equipment RM '000	Electrical installation and renovation RM '000	Fire protection system RM '000	Capital work-in- progress RM '000	Total RM '000
Cost At 1 January 2019 Adiustment on initial		2,325	2,099	4,862	26,953	3,403	64,352	7,289	12,496	4,334	478	4,436	133,027
application of MFRS 16	I	•	•	(4,862)	(26,953)	•	(12,737)	(4,338)	(92)			(4,392)	(53, 374)
At 1 January 2019 (adjusted)		2,325	2,099			3,403	51,615	2,951	12,404	4,334	478	4	79,653
Additions		•	51	ı	•	551	586	•	662	28	206		2,114
Disposals		•	•	•	•	(43)	•	(141)	6)	•			(193)
Written off		•	£	•	•	(168)	•	•	•	(49)	•	•	(217)
Transfers from nght-of-use assets	9		•				3,451	230		·			3,681
At 31 December 2019	•	2,325	2,150			3,743	55,652	3,040	13,057	4,343	684	4	85,038

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PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (CONTINUED) ċ.

		Freehold land	Freehold buildings	Leasehold land	Leasehold buildings	Furniture, fittings and office equipment	Plant and machineries	Motor vehicles	Factory tools and equipment	Electrical installation and renovation	Fire protection system	Capital work-in- progress	Total
	Note	RM '000	RM "000	RM '000	RM '000	RM '000	RM '000	RM '000	RM '000	RM '000	RM '000	RM '000	RM '000
Accumulated depreciation At 1 January 2019	-		184	1,006	5,983	2,637	48,932	4,813	7,868	3,356	229		75,008
Adjustment on initial application of MFRS 16				(1,006)	(5, 983)		(2,691)	(2,301)	(25)	3	•		(12,006)
At 1 January 2019 (adjusted)	_	•	184	•		2,637	46,241	2,512	7,843	3,356	229		63,002
ucpreciation criatye for the financial year	23		43			307	1,104	118	889	244	41		2,746
Disposals		•	•	•	•	(27)	•	(99)	(4)			•	(16)
Written of		•	·	•	•	(165)	•	3	P	(19)	•	·	(184)
Iransters from nght-of-use assets	9	•			•	•	1,207	202	,			•	1,409
At 31 December 2019			227	•		2,752	48,552	2,766	8,728	3,581	270	•	66,876
Carrying amount At 1 January 2019 (adjusted)		2,325	1,915	•	•	766	5,374	439	4,561	978	249	4	16,651
At 31 December 2019		2,325	1,923			991	7,100	274	4,329	762	41 4	44	18,162
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PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (CONTINUED) 'n.

		Freehold Iand	Freehold buildings	Leasehold land	Leasehold buildings	Furniture, fittings and office equipment	Plant and machineries	Motor vehicles	Factory tools and equipment	Electrical installation and renovation	Fire protection svstem	Capital work-in- progress	Total
L to	Note	000. WY	RM '000	000. MN	RM '000	RM '000	RM '000	RM '000	RM '000	RM '000	RM '000	RM '000	RM '000
At 1 January 2020		2,325	2,150	t	1	3,743	55,652	3,040	13,057	4,343	6 84	44	85,038
Additions		1	1	1	1	74	383		97	53	6 5	1	672
Disposals		1	1	1	1	(2)	1	1	r	1	1	ı	(2)
Written off		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	(2)	r	1	1	(2)
Transfer from right-of-use assets	9	1	1	3	1	1	99	1,138	1	1	1	ı	1,204
At 30 June 2020		2,325	2,150	1		3,815	56,101	4,178	13,151	4,396	749	44	86,909
Accumulated depreciation													
At 1 January 2020		1	227	1	1	2,752	48,552	2,766	8,728	3,581	270	1	6 6,87 6
Depreciation charge for the	;		;				:	:	:	1	;		
Tinancial period	ន	1	21	1	1	149	826	53	436	92	33	1	1,610
Written off		1 1		τ 1		(z) ,	1 1		. (2)				(z) (z)
Transfer from/(to)									Ĵ				Ì
right-of-use assets	9	1	1	1	1	1	428	1,096	(12)	,	1	1	1,512
At 30 June 2020	I I	1	248	1	1	2,899	49,806	3,915	9,150	3,673	303	1	6 9,994
Carrying amount		305 C	1 033	:	:	100	1 100	1.C	000 8	car	Ţ	3	40.465
ALL JARIUALY EVEN	1	2,023	1,323	1		LAA	· 100	5/4	4,323	70/	414	ŧ	10, 102
At 30 June 2020	1	2,325	1,902	,	1	916	6,295	263	4,001	723	446	44	16,915

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5. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (CONTINUED)

(a) Assets under finance lease

The carrying amounts of assets under finance lease arrangements are as follows:

			Audited as at		>
	31.12.2016 RM '000	31.12.2017 RM '000	31.12.2018 RM '000	31.12.2019 RM '000	30.06.2020 RM '000
Plant and machineries	10,341	9,759	10,010	•	-
Fumiture, fittings and office equipment	209	-	-	-	-
Factory tools and equipment	1,462	1,277	1,092	-	-
Motor vehicles	2,212	2,492	2,157	-	-
Capital work-in-progress	1,109	1,109	4,392	-	-
	15,333	14,637	17,651	-	-

(b) Assets pledged as security

	4		Audited as at		
	31.12.2016 RM '000	31.12.2017 RM '000	31.12.2018 RM '000	31.12.2019 RM '000	30.06.2020 RM '000
Freehold land	956	956	2, 3 25	2,325	2,325
Freehold buildings	1,117	1,092	1,916	1,92 3	1,902
Leasehold land	4,040	3,948	3 ,857	-	-
Leasehold buildings	21,887	21,3 61	20,969	-	-
	28,000	27, 3 57	29,067	4,248	4,227

Freehold and leasehold land and building have been pledged as security to secure credit facilities of the Group as disclosed in Note 15(a).

Leased assets are pledged as security for the related finance lease liabilities as disclosed in Note 15(b).

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RIGHT-OF-USE ASSETS e.

	Note	Leasehold land RM '000	Leasehold buildings RM '000	Plant and machineries RM '000	Motor vehicles RM '000	Factory tools Workers' and equipment accommodation RM '000 RM '000	Workers' accommodation RM '000	Capital work-in- progress RM '000	Total RM '000
Cost At 1 January 2019		4,862	26,953	12.737	4.338	92	20	4.392	53.394
Additions		7,428	4,017	5,619	423		137	1	17,624
Transfers		ı		3,283	J		·	(3,283)	
Transfers to property, plant and equipment	ŝ	ı	·	(3,451)	(230)	-	ı	t.	(3,681)
At 31 December 2019	• .	12,290	30,970	18,188	4,531	92	157	1,109	67,337
Accumulated depreciation		4 900 900	E 003	50 6 7	50 C				
Depreciation charge for the		000,1	0,900	2,031	100,2	C7	t	•	12,000
financial year	73	153	532	1,838	884	6	49		3,465
and equipment	S	ı		(1,207)	(202)	-	ı	·	(1,409)
At 31 December 2019		1,159	6,515	3,322	2,983	34	49		14,062
Carrying amount At 1 January 2019		3,856	20,970	10,046	2,037	67	20	4,392	41,388
At 31 December 2019		11,131	24,455	14,866	1,548	58	108	1,109	53,275
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RIGHT-OF-USE ASSETS (CONTINUED) ن

Capital work-in- progress Total RM '000 RM '000	1,109 67,337 - 739	- (1,204)	1,109 66,872	- 14 062	- 1.730	- (1,512)	- 14,280	1,109 53,275	1,109 52,592
Factory tools Workers' and equipment accommodation RM '000 RM '000	157 39	1	196	49	44	·	93	108	103
Factory tools and equipment RM '000	92	I	92	34	œ	ı	39	28	23
Motor vehicles RM '000	4,531 522	(1,138)	3,915	2,983	363	(1,096)	2,250	1,548	1,665
Plant and machineries RM '000	18,188 -	(99)	18,122	3.322	916	(431)	3,807	14,866	14,315
Leasehold buildings RM '000	30,970 178	I	31,148	6.515	301	15	6,831	24,455	24,317
Leasehold land RM '000	12,290 -	I	12,290	1.159	101	ı	1,260	11,131	11,030
Note		ŝ			23	S S			
	Cost At 1 January 2020 Additions	Iransters to property, plant and equipment	At 30 June 2020	Accumulated depreciation At 1 January 2020	Depreciation charge for the financial period	Transfers from/(to) property, plant and equipment	At 30 June 2020	Carrying amount At 1 January 2020	At 30 June 2020

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6. RIGHT-OF-USE ASSETS (CONTINUED)

(a) Workers' accommodation

The right-of-use assets represent operating lease agreements entered into by the Group for rental of workers' accommodation. The leases are mainly for a lease period of two (2) years.

(b) Assets under finance lease

The Group leased plant and machineries, motor vehicles, factory tools and equipment and capital work-in-progress with lease term of three (3) to five (5) years and have options to purchase the assets at the end of the contract term.

The carrying amounts of assets under finance lease arrangements are as follows:

	▲		Audited as at		
	31.12.2016 RM '000	31.12.2017 RM '000	31.12.2018 RM '000	31.12.2019 RM '000	30.06.2020 RM '000
Plant and machineries	-	-	-	14,866	14,315
Motor vehicles	-	-	-	1,548	1,665
Factory tools and equipment	-	-	-	58	53
Capital work-in-progress	-	-	-	1,109	1,109
	-	-	-	17,581	17,142

(c) Assets pledged as security

	←		Audited as at		
	31.12.2016 RM '000	31.12.2017 RM '000	31.12.2018 RM '000	31.12.2019 RM '000	30.06.2020 RM '000
Leasehold land	-	-	-	11,131	11,030
Leasehold buildings	-	-	-	24,455	24 ,317
	-	-	-	35,586	35,347

Leasehold land and buildings have been pledged as security to secure credit facilities of the Group as disclosed in Note 15(a).

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7. INVESTMENT PROPERTIES

Cost At 1 January 2016 Additions	Note	Leasehold land RM '000 520 3,250	Leasehold buildings RM '000 1,013 1,318	Freehold land RM '000 199	Freehold building RM '000 216	Renovation RM '000	Total RM '000 1,948 4,568
At 31 December 2016		3,770	2,331	199	216		6,516
Accumulated amortisation and depreciation		2 2 7	ä	1	22		С
Amortisation/depreciation for the financial year	23	52 33	00 18		2 7 7 7	1 3	(<u>7</u>
At 31 December 2016		57	86		26	T	169
Carrying amount At 1 January 2016		485	945	199	194	1	1,823
At 31 December 2016		3,713	2,245	199	190		6,347

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7. INVESTMENT PROPERTIES (CONTINUED)

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7. INVESTMENT PROPERTIES (CONTINUED)

1	Note	Lea se hold Iand RM '000	Leasehold buildings RM '000	Freehold land RM '000	Freehold building RM '000	Renovation RM '000	Total RM '000
Cost At 1 January 2018 Tronsfers to coost hold		3,770	2,331	199	216	933	7,449
for sale		(520)	(833)	ĩ	t	ł	(1,353)
At 31 December 2018		3,250	1,498	199	216	933	6,096
Accumulated amortisation and depreciation						:	
At 1 January 2018 Amortisation/depreciation for		101	113		30	88	332
the financial year Transfers to asset held	53	44	27	I	4	93	168
for sale		(53)	(85)	ĩ	ı	I	(138)
At 31 December 2018		92	55		34	181	362
Carrying amount At 1 January 2018		3.669	2.218	199	186	845	7.117
At 31 December 2018	-	3 158	1 443	199	182	752	5 734
	-	n, 100	2 F	>? -	471	471	5.15

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7. INVESTMENT PROPERTIES (CONTINUED)

Renovation Total RM '000 RM '000	933 6,096 (933) (5,501)	295	181 362	54 92 (395) (395)	т Т	752 5,734	- 536
Freehold building RM '000	216 -	216	34	4	38	182	178
Freehold land RM '000	199	199	ı	I I	1	199	199
Leasehold buildings RM '000	1,498 (1,318)	180	55	12 (46)	21	1,443	159
Leasehold land RM '000	3,250 (3,250)		92	22 (114)	I	3,158	
Note				33	1 1	1	
1	Cost At 1 January 2019 Disposal	At 31 December 2019	Accumulated amortisation and depreciation At 1 January 2019	the financial year Disposal	At 31 December 2019	Carrying amount At 1 January 2019	At 31 December 2019

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7. INVESTMENT PROPERTIES (CONTINUED)

Total RM '000	595	59	Ю	62	536	533
Renovation RM '000 F			I		1	*
Freehold building RM '000	216	38	2	40	178	176
Freehold Iand RM '000	199	ı		I	199	199
Leasehold buildings RM '000	180	21	~ ~	22	159	158
Leasehold land RM '000	I	ı	•	I	•	
Note	I		23		1	1
	Cost At 1 January 2020/ 30 June 2020	Accumulated amortisation and depreciation At 1 January 2020 Amortisation/depreciation for	the financial period	At 30 June 2020	Carrying amount At 1 January 2020	At 30 June 2020

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7. INVESTMENT PROPERTIES (CONTINUED)

Investment properties with a carrying amount of RM373,483 (31.12.2019: RM375,641; 31.12.2018: RM4,819,002; 31.12.2017: RM6,106,505 and 31.12.2016: RM6,179,513) has been pledged as security to secure credit facilities of the Group as disclosed in Note 15.

The strata title for a leasehold building has yet to be obtained as at the financial period ended 30 June 2020.

The following are recognised in profit or loss in respect of investment properties:

	←	FYE 31 De	Audited ecember		FPE 30 June
	2016 RM '000	2017 RM '000	2018 RM '000	2019 RM '000	2020 RM '000
Rental income Direct operating expenses:	32	28	11	-	-
 Income generating investment properties Non-income generating investment 	137	60	61	-	-
properties	22	307	291	191	10

Fair value information

The directors estimated the fair value of investment property of approximately RM738,631 (31.12.2019: RM738,631; 31.12.2018: RM8,710,000; 31.12.2017: RM8,730,000 and 31.12.2016: RM7,680,000) is categorised at Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy.

There are no Level 1 and Level 2 investment properties or transfers between levels during the financial years ended 31 December 2016, 31 December 2017, 31 December 2018 and 31 December 2019 and financial period ended 30 June 2020.

8. INVENTORIES

	4		Audited as at		
	31.12.2016 RM '000	31.12.2017 RM '000	31.12.2018 RM '000	31.12.2019 RM '000	30.06.2020 RM '000
At cost:					
Raw materials	37,323	41,6 1 6	28,619	17,136	26,236
Work-in-progress	15,367	16,313	22,130	12,445	16,628
Finished goods	31,945	35,235	27,007	32,094	43,639
Packing materials	-	-	-	35	23
Trading products	-	-	-	423	299
	84,635	93,164	77,756	62,133	86,825

The cost of inventories of the Group recognised as an expense in cost of sales during the financial years/period was RM196,200,422 (31.12.2019: RM542,068,504; 31.12.2018: RM574,791,604; 31.12.2017: RM491,114,803 and 31.12.2016: RM389,567,083).

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9. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

		4		Audited as at		>
	Note	31.12.2016 RM '000	31.12.2017 RM '000	31.12.2018 RM '000	31.12.2019 RM '000	30.06.2020 RM '000
Trade						
Trade receivables	(a)	101,259	141,069	147,114	166, 735	162,167
Less: Impairment losses		-	-	(316)	-	-
		101,259	141,069	146,798	166, 735	162,167
Non-trade						
Other receivables		714	351	567	58	35
Less: Impairment losses	(b)	(55)	-	-	-	-
	-	659	351	567	58	35
Deposits		275	277	269	371	398
Advance payments	(C)	-	5,131	2,800	10,323	2,283
Prepayments		1,848	2 , 19 1	4,591	2,816	3,939
	-	2,782	7,950	8,227	13,568	6,655
Total trade and other receivables	-	104,041	149,019	155,025	180,303	168,822

(a) Trade receivables

Trade receivables are non-interest bearing and normal credit terms offered by the Group ranging from 30 to 120 days from the date of invoices. Other credit terms are assessed and approved on a case-by-case basis.

The Group maintains an ageing analysis in respect of trade receivables only. The ageing analysis of the Group's trade receivables are as follows:

	←		Audited as at		>
	31.12.2016 RM '000	31.12.2017 RM '000	31.12.2018 RM '000	31.12.2019 RM '000	30.06.2020 RM '000
Neither past due nor impaired	46,318	39,749	44,819	58,896	75,769
Past due but not impaired:	54,941	101,320	101,979	107,839	86,398
1 to 30 days past due not impaired	30,751	45,036	38,062	40,439	21,095
31 to 60 days past due not impaired	9,884	23,175	30,982	26,093	15,284
61 to 90 days past due not impaired	9,738	17,651	7,918	15,996	14,559
91 to 120 days past due not impaired	1,605	6,457	12,643	7,182	17,924
More than 120 days past due not impaired	2,963	9,001	12,374	18,149	17,536
Impaired	-	-	316	-	-
Total trade receivables	101,259	141,069	147,114	166,735	162,167

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9. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES (CONTINUED)

(a) Trade receivables (continued)

Receivables that are impaired

The Group's trade receivables that are impaired at the reporting date and the reconciliation of movement in the impairment of trade receivables is as follows:

		◀		Audited as at		>
	Note	31.12.2016 RM '000	31.12.2017 RM '000	31.12.2018 RM '000	31.12.2019 RM '000	30.06.2020 RM '000
At 1 January		-	-		316	
Charge for the financial year/period	23	•	-	316	-	-
Written off		-	-	-	(316)	-
At 31 December/30 June		-	-	316	-	-

(b) Other receivables

Receivables that are impaired

		◀		Audited as at		>
	Note	31.12.2016 RM '000	31.12.2017 RM '000	31.12.2018 RM '000	31.12.2019 RM '000	30.06.2020 RM '000
At 1 January		-	55	-	-	-
Charge for the financial year/period	23	55	-	•	-	•
Written off		-	(55)	-	-	-
At 31 December/30 June		55	-	-	-	-

(c) Advance payments

Being advance payment for the purchase of raw materials.

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10. DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)

	31.12.2016 31.12.2017			- Audited as at			30.06.2020			
	Assets RM '000	Liabilities RM '000	Assets RM '000	Liabilities RM '000	Assets RM '000	Liabilities RM '000	Assets RM '000	Liabilities RM '000	Assets RM '000	Liabilities RM '000
Derivatives used for hedging: Forward foreign exchange contracts	3		-	(37)		(62)		(84)		(6)

Forward exchange contracts are used to manage the foreign currency exposures arising from the Group's receivables and payables denominated in currencies other than the functional currency of Group entities. Most of the forward exchange contracts have maturities of less than one year after the end of the reporting period. Where necessary, the forward contracts are rolled over at maturity. The notional principal amounts of the Group's outstanding forward foreign exchange contracts as at 30 June 2020 were RM11,842,617 (31.12.2019: RM10,929,338; 31.12.2018: RM10,686,355; 31.12.2017: RM8,867,561 and 31.12.2016: RM3,403,761).

(a) Fair value hedge

	Carrying amount RM '000	Change in fair value RM '000		Line item in the financial statements
31 December 2016 Derivatives used for hedging: Forward foreign exchange contracts	3	(293)	3,404	Derivative assets
31 December 2017 Derivatives used for hedging: Forward foreign exchange contracts	(37)	(40)	(8,868)	Derivative liabilities
31 December 2018 Derivatives used for hedging: Forward foreign exchange contracts	(62)	(25)	(10,686)	Derivative liabilities
31 December 2019 Derivatives used for hedging: Forward foreign exchange contracts	(84)	(22)	(10,929)	Derivative liabilities
30 June 2020 Derivatives used for hedging: Forward foreign exchange contracts	(6)	78	(11,843)	Derivative liabilities

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11. CASH AND SHORT-TERM DEPOSITS

			Audited as at			
	31.12.2016 RM '000	31.12.2017 RM '000	31.12.2018 RM '000	31.12.2019 RM '000	30.06.2020 RM '000	
Cash and bank balances	5,784	1 1, 86 1	37,773	13,528	34,294	
Short-term deposits	35,634	36,813	40,216	43,072	43,755	
	41,418	48,674	77,989	56,600	78,049	

For the purpose of the combined statements of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents comprise of the following:

			Audited as at	·	
	31.12.2016 RM '000	31.12.2017 RM '000	31.12.2018 RM '000	31.12.2019 RM '000	30.06.2020 RM '000
Short-term deposits	35,634	36,813	40,216	43,072	43,755
Less: Pledged deposits	(35,634)	(36,813)	(40,216)	(43,072)	(43,755)
	-	-	-	-	-
Cash and bank balances	5,784	1 1, 861	37,773	13,528	34,294
Less: Pledged cash and bank balances	(521)	(350)	(1,748)	-	•
	5,263	11,511	36,025	13,528	34,294
Bank overdraft	(211)	(337)	(34 1)	(324)	(1)
	5,052	11,174	35,684	13,204	34,293
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Short-term deposits placed with licensed banks of the Group have been pledged to the licensed banks to secure credit facilities granted to the Group as disclosed in Note 15.

Included in cash and bank balances is an amount of RM Nil (31.12.2019: RM Nil; 31.12.2018: RM1,748,085; 31.12.2017: RM349,948 and 31.12.2016: RM520,517) being sinking fund pledged with licensed bank for performance guarantee issued to customers, hence are not available for general use and with no interest earned.

12. ASSETS HELD FOR SALE

On 6 December 2018, the Board of Directors approved and entered into sales and purchase agreement to dispose one of the Group's investment property with carrying amount of RM1,214,446 as at 31 December 2018. The disposal was completed 13 May 2019.

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13. INVESTED EQUITY

	<		Audited as at		>	
	31.12.201 6	31.1 2.2017 Nur	31.12.2018 nber of shares ('	31.12.2019 000)	30.06.2020	
At 1 January	26,900	26,900	26,900	26,900	295,326	
Issuance of ordinary shares	-	-	_	*	-	
Adjustment pursuant to restrucuring exercise		-	-	(26,900)	-	
Issuance of shares pursuant to acquisition of subsidiaries	-	-	-	295,326	-	
Issuance of shares pursuant to share split	-	-	-	-	295,326	
At 31 December/30 June	26,900	26,900	26,900	295,326	590,652	
	— —		Audited as at		>	
	31.12.2016 RM '000	31.12.2017 RM '000	31.12.2018 RM '000	31.12.2019 RM '000	30.06.2020 RM '000	
At 1 January	26,900	26,900	26,900	26,900	147,663	
Issuance of ordinary shares Adjustment pursuant to restrucuring	-	-	-	#	-	
exercise Issuance of shares pursuant to	-	-	~	(26,900)	-	
acquisition of subsidiaries			-	147,663	-	
At 31 December/30 June	26,900	26,900	26,900	147,663	147,663	

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For the purpose of this report, the total number of shares as at 31 December 2016, 31 December 2017 and 31 December 2018 represent the aggregate number of issued shares of all entities within the Group. Pursuant to the Pre-Initial Public Offering Reorganisation, the total number of shares as at 31 December 2019 and 30 June 2020 represents the number of issued shares of the Group.

During the financial year ended 31 December 2019, the Company issued 295,325,996 new ordinary shares of RM0.50 each for the acquisition of subsidiaries as disclosed in Note 31.

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13. INVESTED EQUITY (CONTINUED)

During the financial period ended 30 June 2020, the Company increased its number of ordinary shares from 295,326,000 to 590,652,000 by way of subdivision of every one (1) existing ordinary share held after the acquisition into two (2) shares ("Share Split"). The Share Split were issued as fully paid, at nil consideration and without capitalisation of the Company's reserves.

The new ordinary shares issued during the financial years/period rank pari passu in all respects with the existing ordinary shares of the Company.

The holders of ordinary shares are entitled to receive dividends as declared from time to time and is entitled to one vote per share at meetings of the Company. All ordinary shares rank equally with regards to the Company's residual assets.

14. RESERVES

	◀		Audited as at	b		
	31.12.2016 RM '000			31.12.2019 RM '000	30.06.2020 RM '000	
Reorganisation reserve	-	-	-	(120,947)	(12 0,947)	
Retained earnings	76,1 3 9	94, 32 4	120,557	149,290	158,4 3 6	
	76,139	94, 32 4	120,557	28,343	37,489	

Reorganisation reserve

	←		Audited as at	b	
	31.12.2016 RM '000	31.12.2017 RM '000	31.12.2018 RM '000	31.12.2019 RM '000	30.06.2020 RM '000
At 1 January	-	-	-	-	(120,947)
Effect of acquisition of subsidaries	-	-	-	(120,947)	-
At 31 December/30 June	-	-	-	(120,947)	(120,947)

As detailed in Note 31, the Company completed its Pre-Initial Public Offering Reorganisation on 26 December 2019. Consequently, reorganisation reserve represents the difference between the purchase consideration to acquire Southern Cable Sdn. Bhd., Nextol Polymer Sdn. Bhd. and Daya Forwarding Sdn. Bhd. and the share capital of said companies as at 31 December 2019 and 30 June 2020.

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15. LOANS AND BORROWINGS

	•		Audited as at		>
N	31.12.2016 ote RM '000	31.12.2017 RM '000	31.12.2018 RM '000	31.12.2019 RM '000	30.06.2020 RM '000
Non-current:					
Term loans	9,075	7,044	8,533	10,553	9,999
Finance lease liabilities	7,586	6,726	7,146	8,265	7,019
	16,661	13,770	15,679	18,818	17,018
Current:					
Term loans	2,250	2,038	1,718	1, 684	1,541
Finance lease liabilities	3,058	3,394	3,998	3,846	3,551
Bankers' acceptance	123,639	148,428	164,283	129,961	153,172
Bank overdraft	211	337	341	324	1
	129,158	154,197	170,340	135,815	158,265
Total loans and borrowings:					
Term loans (a	a) 11,325	9,082	10,251	12,237	11,540
Finance lease liabilities (b) 10,644	10,120	11,144	12,111	10,570
Bankers' acceptance () 123,639	148,428	164,283	129,961	153,172
Bank overdraft	i) 211	337	341	324	1
	145,819	167,967	186,019	154,633	175,283

(a) Term loans

Term loans of the Group bears interests ranged from 3.52% to 6.89% (31.12.2019: 4.77% to 7.72%; 31.12.2018: 4.77% to 7.40%; 31.12.2017: 4.21% to 7.40% and 31.12.2016: 3.30% to 7.35%) per annum and is secured and supported as follows:

- (i) Legal charge over the leasehold land and building of an operating entity as disclosed in Notes 5 and 6;
- (ii) Legal charge over the freehold land and building of an operating entity as disclosed in Note 5;
- (iii) Letter of set-off over first party short-term deposits as disclosed in Note 11;
- (iv) Joint and several guarantee by several directors of the Group; and
- (v) Corporate guarantee by holding company.

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NOTES TO THE COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

15. LOANS AND BORROWINGS (CONTINUED)

(b) Finance lease liabilities

Certain property, plant and equipment of the Group as disclosed in Notes 5 and 6 are pledged for finance leases. Such leases do not have terms for renewal which would give the Group an option to purchase at nominal values at the end of the lease term. The effective interest at rates ranging from 1.97% to 6.68% (31.12.2019: 1.97% to 6.68%; 31.12.2018: 4.50% to 6.86%; 31.12.2017 and 31.12.2016: 4.46% to 6.86%) per annum.

Future minimum lease payments under finance leases together with the present value of net minimum lease payments are as follows:

			Audited as at			
	31.12.2016 RM '000	31.12.2017 RM '000	31.12.2018 RM '000	31.12.2019 RM '000	30.06.2020 RM '000	
Minimum lease payments:						
- Not later than one year	3,597	3,879	4,515	4,471	4,014	
- Later than one year and not later						
than five years	8,208	7, 193	7,728	8,973	7,589	
	11,805	11,072	12,243	13,444	11,603	
Less: Future finance charges	(1, 161)	(952)	(1,099)	(1,333)	(1,033)	
Present value of minimum lease				·		
payments .	10,644	10, 120	11,144	12,111	10,570	
Present value of minimum lease payments payable:						
- Not later than one year - Later than one year and not later	3,058	3,394	3,998	3,846	3,551	
than five years	7,586	6,726	7,146	8,265	7,019	
	10,644	10,120	11,144	12,111	10,570	
Less: Amount due within twelve						
months	(3,058)	(3,394)	(3,998)	(3,846)	(3,551)	
Amount due after tweive months	7,586	6,726	7,146	8,265	7,019	

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15. LOANS AND BORROWINGS (CONTINUED)

(c) Bankers' acceptance

Bankers' acceptance bears interests ranging from 2.80% to 4.46% (31.12.2019: 3.27% to 4.94%; 31.12.2018: 3.27% to 6.67%; 31.12.2017: 4.07% to 6.42% and 31.12.2016: 2.00% to 4.90%) and is secured and supported as follows:

- (i) Legal charge over leasehold land and building of the Group as disclosed in Notes 5 and 6;
- (ii) Letter of set-off over first party short-term deposits as disclosed in Note 11; and
- (iii) Joint and several guarantee by certain directors of the Group.

(d) Bank overdraft

Bank overdraft bears interest at 6.22% (31.12.2019: 7.22%; 31.12.2018: 7.29%; 31.12.2017 and 31.12.2016: 7.20%) per annum and is secured and supported as follows:

- (i) Legal charge over freehold land and building of the Group as disclosed in Note 5; and
- (ii) Joint and several guarantee by certain directors of the Group.

16. LEASE LIABILITIES

			Audited as at		
	31.12.2016 RM '000	31.12.2017 RM '000	31.12.2018 RM '000	31.12.2019 RM '000	30.06.2020 RM '000
Non-current	•	-	-	43	20
Current	-	-	-	66	85
	-	-	-	109	105

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17. DEFERRED TAX LIABILITIES

At 31 Recognised At 31 Recognised	profit or December in profit or June loss 2018 loss 2019 loss 2020	(Note 25)	RM '000		(180) 1,660 133 1,793 641 2.434
At 31 Recognised	December in profi 2017 I		rm '000 RM '		1,840 (1
	in profit or D loss	(Note 25)	RM '000		(1, 503)
At 31	December 2016		RM '000		3,343
At 1 Recognised	January in profit or 2016 loss	(Note 25)	RM '000		108
At 1 F	January 2016		RM '000		3,235
				Deferred tax liabilities:	Property, plant and equipment

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17. DEFERRED TAX LIABILITIES (CONTINUED)

Unrecognised deferred tax assets

Deferred tax assets have not been recognised in respect of the following items:

			Audited as at		
	31.12.2016 RM '000	31.12.2017 RM '000	31.12.2018 RM '000	31.12.2019 RM '000	30.06.2020 RM '000
Unused tax losses	-	-	74	8	-
Unabsorbed capital allowance	-	16	58	17	31
Unclaimed finance lease liabilities	38	58	34	4 1	24
Unclaimed lease liabilities	-	-	-	*	-
	38	74	166	66	55

* RM40

The availability of unused tax losses for offsetting against future taxable profits in Malaysia are subject to requirements under the Income Tax, 1967 and guidelines issued by the tax authority.

Any unutilised business losses brought forward from year of assessment 2018 can be carried forward for another 7 consecutive years of assessment (i.e. from year of assessment 2019 to 2025).

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18. PROVISION

Liquidated ascertained damages RM '000	Short-term compensated leaves RM '000	Total RM '000
-	147	147
-	50	50
-	(147)	(147)
	50	50
12,527	206	12,733
(744)	(50)	(794)
11,783	206	11,989
(1,096)	230	(866)
(9,838)	(206)	(10,044)
849	230	1,079
-	27	27
(849)	-	(849)
	257	257
-	115	115
-	(257)	(257)
-	115	115
	ascertained damages RM '000 - - 12,527 (744) 11,783 (1,096) (9,838) 849	ascertained damages RM '000 compensated leaves RM '000 - 147 - 50 - (147) - 50 - (147) - 50 12,527 206 (744) (50) 11,783 206 (1,096) 230 (9,838) (206) 849 230 - 27 (849) - - 257 - 115 - (257)

(a) Short-term compensated leaves

The provision is made for short-term compensated leaves for employees and is based on the number of days of outstanding compensated leaves of each employee multiplied by their respective salary/wages as at year/period end.

(b) Liquidated ascertain damages

The provision is made for late delivery on cables and wires to contracted customers and is based on the applicable rates prescribed in the contracts to supply multiplied by the number of days of late deliverables days.

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19. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

		4		Audited as at				
	Note	31.12.2016 RM '000	31.12.2017 RM '000	31.12.2018 RM '000	31.12.2019 RM '000	30.06.2020 RM '000		
Tra de								
Trade payables	(a)	25,657	27,909	14,416	16,389	23,339		
Non-trade								
Other payables		6,465	7,403	13,840	14,444	12,105		
Accruals		5,756	8,778	6,829	4,394	2,497		
Deposits payable		-	12	-	-	-		
Advances from customer		2,105	387	860	-	-		
Amount owing to directors	(b)	1,241	1,322	1,514	-	-		
		15,567	17,902	23,043	18,838	14,602		
Total trade and other payables		41,224	45,811	37,459	35,227	37,941		

(a) Trade payables

Trade payables are non-interest bearing and the normal credit terms granted to the Group ranges from 30 to 90 days.

(b) Amount owing to directors

Amount owing to directors are unsecured, non-interest bearing and repayable upon demand.

For explanation on the Group's liquidity risk management processes, refer to Note 26(b)(ii).

20. REVENUE

	4	Audit FYE 31 De	Audited FPE 30	Unaudited June		
	2016 RM '000	2017 RM '000	2018 RM '000	2019 RM '000	2020 RM '000	2019 RM '000
At a point in time: Manufacturing of cables and wires	454,031	568,635	615,566 *	652,569	239,760	330,522
Related products and services	16,625	27,059	67,633	4,118	1,326	1,320
	470,656	595,694	683,199	656,687	241,086	331,842

* During the financial year ended 31 December 2018, the Group reached a settlement agreement which resulted in an overprovision in liquidated ascertained damages amounting to RM1,095,514, which is a variable consideration and is presented as an increase in revenue.

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21. OTHER INCOME

(Audi	ted		Audited Unaud	
	FYE 31 De	FPE 30 June			
20 16	2017	2018	2019	2020	201 9
RM '000	RM '000	RM '000	RM '000	RM '000	RM '000
1,12 1	1,097	1,573	1,564	365	332
862	1,987	388	-	86	-
-	-	96	-	426	52
32	31	9	•	-	-
-	-	-	987	-	987
-	-	5	41	*	-
-	-	-	85	-	-
				78	-
295	-	-	-	20	-
660	1,008	93	553	21	215
80	139	170	147	134	111
3,050	4,262	2,334	3,377	1,130	1,697
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* RM151

22. FINANCE COSTS

	4	✓ Audited — FYE 31 December			Audited FPE 30	Unaudited June
	2016 RM '000	2017 RM '000	2018 RM '000	2019 RM '000	2020 RM '000	2019 RM '000
Interest expense on:						
- Term loans	689	608	578	500	260	287
- Finance lease liabilities	600	609	515	578	308	293
- Lease liabilities	-	-	-	20	2	1
- Bankers' acceptance	5,715	6,468	6,950	6,063	2,764	3,118
- Bank overdrafts	51	69	26	29	12	13
- Others	718	458	853	179	59	64
	7,773	8,212	8,722	7,369	3,405	3,776

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23. PROFIT BEFORE TAX

Other than as disclosed elsewhere in the combined financial statements, the following items have been charged in arriving at profit before tax:

		•	Audi		>	Audited	Unaudited
			FYE 31 De	cember		FPE 3) June
		20 16	2017	2018	2019	2020	2019
	Note	RM '000	RM '000	RM '000	RM '000	RM '000	RM '000
Auditors' remuneration							
- Current year		57	57	76	97	30	30
- Prior year		-	1	-	-	3	-
- Others		-	-	g	-	38	-
Amortisation/depreciation of property, plant							
and equipment	5	7,104	7,296	6,664	2,746	1,610	1,643
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	6	-	-	-	3,465	1,730	1,371
Amortisation/depreciation of investment							
properties	7	44	163	168	9 2	3	75
Bad debts written off		-	-	30	-	-	-
Fair value loss on derivative financial							
instruments		293	40	25	22	-	-
Loss on disposal of property, plant							
and equipment		5	66	-	-	-	12
Property, plant and equipment written off		-	*	3	33	1	31
Provision for liquidated ascertained damages		214	12,527	-	•	-	•
Impairment loss on trade receivables	9	-	•	316	-	-	-
Impairment loss on other receivables	g	55	-	-	-	-	-
Employee benefits expense	24	20,503	26,498	27,600	28,305	12,002	12,123
Rental expense on:							
- Premise		42	42	42	-	-	•
- Equipment		1	5	3	7	#	7
- Forklift		g	14	2	-	2	-
- Hostel		16	92	110	112	43	74
- Land		19	5	-	-	-	-
- Motor vehicles		5	3	•	-	-	-
- Factory		149	143	223	229	43	112
Net realised foreign exchange loss		-	-	-	40	-	51
Net unrealised foreign exchange loss	-	532	1,024	-	<u>97</u>	-	-

* RM380

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24. EMPLOYEE BENEFITS EXPENSE

	Audited FYE 31 December				Audited FPE 30	Unaudited June
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2019
	RM '000	RM '000	RM '000	RM '000	RM '000	RM '000
Salaries, wages, allowances and bonuses	18,065	19,9 05	20,719	23,968	10,531	10,915
Defined contribution plans	1,330	1,298	1,418	1,710	778	678
Provision for employee benefit (net)	(97)	156	24	27	(142)	-
Other staff related benefits	1,2 0 5	5,139	5,439	2,600	835	530
	20,503	26,498	27,600	28,305	12,002	12,123

Employee benefits expense include staff cost under cost of sales, administrative expenses and distribution expenses.

	◄ Audited FYE 31 December				Audited FPE 30	Unaudited) June
	2016 RM '000	2017 RM '000	2018 RM '000	2019 RM '000	2020 RM '000	2019 RM '000
included in employee benefits expenses are: Directors' remuneration						
- Salaries, allowances and bonuses	610	838	901	2,467	991	922
- Defined contribution plans	69	100	109	292	110	129
- Other staff related benefits	1,081	4,998	5,272	11	5	5
	1,760	5,936	6,282	2,770	1,106	1,056

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25. INCOME TAX EXPENSE

The major components of income tax expense for the financial years ended 31 December 2016, 31 December 2017, 31 December 2018 and 31 December 2019 and financial periods ended 30 June 2020 and 30 June 2019 are as follows:

	Audited FYE 31 December			>	Audited FPE 30	Unaudited) June
	2016 RM '000	2017 RM '000	2018 RM '000	2019 RM '000	2020 RM '000	2019 RM '000
Combined statements of comprehensive income Current income tax:						
- Current income tax charge	5,936	8,953	7,947	10,277	3,651	6,111
- Adjustment in respect of prior years	(12)	(583)	(868)	365	-	365
	5,924	8,370	7,079	10,642	3,651	6,476
Deferred tax (Note 17):						
- Origination/(reversal) of temporary diferrence	218	(272)	18	306	58	56
- Adjustment in respect of prior years	(110)	(1,231)	(198)	(173)	583	(173)
	108	(1,503)	(180)	133	641	(117)
Income tax expense recognised in profit or loss	6,032	6,867	6,899	10,775	4,292	6,359

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25. INCOME TAX EXPENSE (CONTINUED)

The income tax rate applicable to small and medium scale enterprise ("SME") incorporated in Malaysia with paid-up capital of RM2,500,000 and below is subject to the statutory tax rate of 17% (31.12.2019: 17%; 31.12.2018 & 31.12.2017: 18% and 31.12.2016: 19%) on chargeable income up to RM600,000 (31.12.2019, 31.12.2018, 31.12.2017 & 31.12.2016: RM500,000). For chargeable income in excess of RM600,000, statutory rate of 24% is still applicable.

The Group has paid-up capital of more than RM2,500,000 for the financial year ended 31 December 2019 and financial period ended 30 June 2020. Hence, domestic income tax is calculated at the Malaysian statutory income tax rate of 24% of the estimated assessable profit for the financial year/period.

The reconciliations from the tax amount at the statutory income tax rate to the Group's tax expense are as follows:

•	← Audited ← FYE 31 December		>	Audited FPE 30	Unaudited June	
	2016 RM '000	2017 RM '000	2018 RM '000	2019 RM '000	2020 RM '000	2019 RM '000
Profit before tax	20,186	25,052	33,132	39,324	13,438	23,648
Tax at Malaysian statutory income tax rate of 24%	4,845	6,012	7,952	9,438	3,225	5,676
SME tax savings	(43)	(30)	(23)	-	-	-
Adjustments:						
income not subject to tax	(129)	(44)	(6)	(264)	(1)	(259)
Non-deductible expenses	1,455	2,955	214	1,488	493	782
Deferred tax not recognised on temporary						
differences	26	36	110	(79)	(8)	(32)
Utilisation of reinvestment allowance claimed	-	(248)	(281)	-	-	•
Adjustment in respect of current income tax in						
prior years	(12)	(583)	(868)	365	-	365
Adjustment in respect deferred tax in prior years	(110)	(1,231)	(199)	(173)	583	(173)
Income tax expense	6,032	6,867	6,899	10,775	4,292	6,359

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26. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

(a) Categories of financial instruments

The following table analyses the financial instruments in the combined statements of financial position by the classes of financial instruments to which they are assigned:

From 1 January 2018:

- (i) Amortised cost
- (ii) Designated FVPL

On or before 31 December 2017:

- (i) Loans and receivables ("L&R")
- (ii) FVPL
 - Held for trading ("HFT")
- (iii) Other financial liabilities ("FL")

	Carrying amount RM '000	L&R/(FL) RM '000	FVPL - HFT RM '000
At 31 December 2016 Financial assets Trade and other receivables,			
less prepayments	102,193	102,193	_
Derivative financial assets	3	-	3
Cash and short-term deposits	41,418	41,418	-
	143,614	143,611	3
Financial liabilities			
Loans and borrowings	(145,819)	(145,819)	-
Trade and other payables	(41,224)	(41,224)	-
	(187,043)	(187,043)	-
At 31 December 2017 Financial assets Trade and other receivables,			
less prepayments	146.828	146,828	_
Cash and short-term deposits	48,674	48,674	-
	195,502	195,502	-
Financial liabilities			
Loans and borrowings	(167,967)	(167,967)	-
Trade and other payables	(45,811)	(45,811)	-
Derivative financial liabilities	(37)	-	(37)
	(213,815)	(213,778)	(37)

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26. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONTINUED)

(a) Categories of financial instruments (continued)

Carrying amount RM '000	Amortised cost RM '000	FVPL RM '000
150,434 77,989	150,434 77,989	-
228,423	228,423	-
• • •	• • •	-
(62)	(37,433) -	(62)
(223,540)	(223,478)	(62)
177,487	177,487	-
56,600	56,600	
234,087	234,087	
(154,633)	(154,633)	-
• •	• •	-
(35,227) (84)	(35,227)	- (84)
(190,053)	(189,969)	(84)
	amount RM '000 150,434 77,989 228,423 (186,019) (37,459) (62) (223,540) (223,540) 177,487 56,600 234,087 (154,633) (109) (35,227) (84)	amount RM '000 cost RM '000 150,434 150,434 77,989 77,989 228,423 228,423 (186,019) (186,019) (37,459) (37,459) (62) - (223,540) (223,478) 177,487 177,487 56,600 56,600 234,087 234,087 (154,633) (154,633) (109) (109) (35,227) (35,227) (84) -

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26. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONTINUED)

(a) Categories of financial instruments (continued)

Carrying amount RM '000	Amortised cost RM '000	FVPL RM '000
164.883	164.883	-
78,049	78,049	-
242,932	242,932	
(175,283)	(175,283)	-
(105)	(105)	-
(37,941)	(37,941)	-
(6)	-	(6)
(213,335)	(213,329)	(6)
	amount RM '000 164,883 78,049 242,932 (175,283) (105) (37,941) (6)	amount RM '000 cost RM '000 164,883 164,883 78,049 78,049 242,932 242,932 (175,283) (175,283) (105) (105) (37,941) (37,941) (6) -

(b) Financial risk management

The Group's activities are exposed to a variety of financial risks arising from its operations and the use of financial instruments. The key financial risks include credit risk, liquidity risk, interest rate risk and foreign currency risk. The Group's overall financial risk management objective is to optimise value for its shareholders.

The Board of Directors reviews and agrees to policies and procedures for the management of these risks, which are executed by the Group's senior management.

(i) Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk of financial loss to the Group that may arise on outstanding financial instruments should a counterparty default on its obligations. The Group's exposure to credit risk arises primarily from trade receivables. The Group has a credit policy in place and the exposure to credit risk is managed through the application of credit approvals, credit limits and monitoring procedures.

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26. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONTINUED)

(b) Financial risk management (continued)

(i) Credit risk (continued)

Trade receivables

As at the end of the reporting period, the maximum exposure to credit risk arising from trade receivables is represented by their carrying amounts in the combined statements of financial position.

The carrying amounts of trade receivables are not secured by any collateral or supported by any other credit enhancements. In determining the recoverability of these receivables, the Group considers any change in the credit quality of the receivables from the date the credit was initially granted up to the reporting date. The Group has adopted a policy of dealing with creditworthy counterparties as a means of mitigating the risk of financial loss from defaults.

Credit risk concentration profile

The Group has no significant concentration of credit risk from its receivables.

The Group applies the simplified approach to providing for expected credit losses prescribed by MFRS 9, which permits the use of the lifetime expected loss provision for all trade receivables. To measure the expected credit losses, trade receivables have been grouped based on shared credit risk characteristics and the days past due. The expected credit losses also incorporate forward looking information. As there is no evidence of impairment for the years/period under review, the expected credit loss is assessed as 0%.

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26. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONTINUED)

(b) Financial risk management (continued)

(i) Credit risk (continued)

Other receivables and other financial assets

For other financial assets (including investment securities, cash and cash equivalents and derivatives), the Group minimises credit risk by dealing exclusively with high credit rating counterparties. At the reporting date, the Group's maximum exposure to credit risk arising from other financial assets is represented by the carrying amount of each class of financial assets recognised in the combined statements of financial position.

The Group considers the probability of default upon initial recognition of asset and whether there has been a significant increase in credit risk on an ongoing basis throughout each reporting period. To assess whether there is a significant increase in credit risk the Group compares the risk of a default occurring on the asset as at the reporting date with the risk of default as at the date of initial recognition. It considers available reasonable and supportive forward-looking information. Especially the following indicators are incorporated:

- * internal credit rating
- * external credit rating (as far as available)
- actual or expected significant adverse changes in business, financial or economic conditions that are expected to cause a significant change to the debtor's ability to meet its obligations
- actual or expected significant changes in the operating results of the borrower
- * significant increases in credit risk on other financial instruments of the same borrower
- * significant changes in the value of the collateral supporting the obligation or in the quality of third-party guarantees or credit enhancements
- * significant changes in the expected performance and behaviour of the borrower, including changes in the payment status of borrowers in the group and changes in the operating results of the borrower

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26. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONTINUED)

(b) Financial risk management (continued)

(i) Credit risk (continued)

Other receivables and other financial assets (continued)

Macroeconomic information (such as market interest rates or growth rates) is incorporated as part of the internal rating model.

Regardless of the analysis above, a significant increase in credit risk is presumed if a debtor is more than 120 days past due in making a contractual payment.

Some intercompany loans between related entities are repayable on demand. For loans that are repayable on demand, expected credit losses are assessed based on the assumption that repayment of the loan is demanded at the reporting date. If the borrower does not have sufficient highly liquid resources when the loan is demanded, the Group will consider the expected manner of recovery and recovery period of the intercompany loan.

Refer to Note 3.10(a) for the Group's other accounting policies for impairment of financial assets.

(ii) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Group will encounter difficulty in meeting financial obligations when they fall due. The Group's exposure to liquidity risk arises primarily from mismatches of the maturities between financial assets and liabilities. The Group's exposure to liquidity risk arises principally from trade and other payables, loan and borrowings and lease liabilities.

The Group's objective is to maintain a balance between continuity of funding and flexibility through the use of stand-by facilities. The Group maintains sufficient liquidity and available funds to meet daily cash needs, while maintaining controls and security over cash movements. The Group's treasury department also ensures that there are sufficient unutilised stand-by facilities, funding and liquid assets available to meet both short-term and long-term funding requirements.

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26. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONTINUED)

(b) Financial risk management (continued)

(ii) Liquidity risk (continued)

Maturity analysis

The maturity analysis of the Group's financial liabilities by their relevant maturity at the reporting date based on contractual undiscounted repayment obligations are as follows:

		◀		cash flows –	>
	Carrying amount RM '000	On demand or within one year RM '000	Between one and five years RM '000	More than five years RM '000	Total RM '000
At 31 December 2016					
Trade and other payables	41,224	41,224	-	-	41,224
Term loans	11,325	2,852	6,503	4,766	14,121
Finance lease liabilities	10,644	3,597	8,208	-	11,805
Bankers' acceptance	123,639	123,639	-	-	123,639
Bank overdraft	211	211	-	-	211
	187,043	171,523	14,711	4,766	191,000
At 31 December 2017					
Trade and other payables	45,811	45, 811	-	-	45,811
Term loans	9, 0 82	2,505	4,623	5,162	12,290
Finance lease liabilities	10,120	3,879	7,193	-	11,072
Bankers' acceptance	148,428	148,428	-	-	148,428
Bank overdraft	337	337	-	-	337
Derivative financial liabilities	37	37	-	-	37
	213,815	200,997	11,816	5,162	217,975

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26. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONTINUED)

(b) Financial risk management (continued)

(ii) Liquidity risk (continued)

Maturity analysis (continued)

	•	•	– Contractual	cash flows —	>
	Carrying amount RM '000	On demand or within one year RM '000	Between one and five years RM '000	More than five years RM '000	Total RM '000
At 31 December 2018					
Trade and other payables	37,459	37,459	-	-	37,459
Term loans	1 0,25 1	2,084	4,939	6 , 101	1 3 ,1 24
Finance lease liabilities	11,1 44	4,515	7,728	-	12,243
Bankers' acceptance	164,283	164,283	-	-	164,283
Bank overdraft	34 1	34 1	-	-	34 1
Derivative financial liabilities	62	62	-	-	62
	223,540	208,744	12,667	6,101	227,512
At 31 December 2019					
Trade and other payables	35,227	35,227	-	-	35,227
Term loans	12,237	2,252	6,110	7,142	15,504
Finance lease liabilities	12 ,1 1 1	4,471	8,973	-	13,444
Lease liabilities	109	78	34	-	112
Bankers' acceptance	129,961	129,961	-	-	129,961
Bank overdraft	324	324	-	-	324
Derivative financial liabilities	84	84	-	-	84
	190,053	172,397	15,117	7,142	194,656
At 30 June 2020					
Trade and other payables	37,94 1	37,941	-	-	37,94 1
Term loans	11,540	2,062	5,736	6,469	14,267
Finance lease liabilities	10,570	4,014	7,589	-	11,603
Lease liabilities	105	86	20	-	106
Bankers' acceptance	153,172	153,172	-	-	153,172
Bank overdraft	<i>.</i> 1	, 1	-	-	1
Derivative financial liabilities	6	6	-	-	6
	213,335	197,282	13,345	6,469	217,096

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26. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONTINUED)

(b) Financial risk management (continued)

(iii) Foreign currency risk

Foreign currency risk is the risk of fluctuation in fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument as a result of changes in foreign exchange rates. The Group's exposure to the risk of changes in foreign exchange rates relates primarily to the Group's trade and other receivables, cash at banks and trade and other payables.

Management has set up a policy that requires all companies within the Group to manage their treasury activities and exposures. The Group's policy is to hedge all material foreign currency exposures arising from its transactions and balances using derivative instruments that have maturity periods that match the corresponding maturity periods of the hedged items. In addition, the Group also take advantage of any natural effects of its foreign currencies revenues and expenses by maintaining current accounts in foreign currencies.

The Group's unhedged financial assets and liabilities that are not denominated in their presentation currencies are as follows:

	4		Audited as at		
	31.12.2016 RM '000	31.12.2017 RM '000	31.12.2018 RM '000	31.12.2019 RM '000	30.06.2020 RM '000
Financial assets and (liabilities) not held in functional currency:					
Trade receivables					
United States Dollar ("USD")	5,533	22, 3 69	1,058	4,717	22,808
<u>Cash and short-term deposits</u> USD	6	1,529	185	258	7,49 3
<u>Trade payables</u> USD	2,787	3 ,899	2,964	1,74 6	974
<u>Other payables</u> USD	1,353	115	481	151	117

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26. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONTINUED)

(b) Financial risk management (continued)

(iii) Foreign currency risk (continued)

Sensitivity analysis for foreign currency risk

The Group's principal foreign currency exposure relates to USD.

The following table demonstrates the sensitivity to a reasonably possible change in the USD, with all other variables held constant on the Group's total equity and profit for the financial years.

	Change in rate	Effect on profit for the financial year/ period/equity RM '000
31 December 2016		
- USD	+15%	159
	-15%	(159)
31 December 2017		
- USD	+15%	2,267
	-15%	(2,267)
31 December 2018		
- USD	+15%	(251)
	-15%	251
31 December 2019		
- USD	+15%	351
	-15%	(351)
30 June 2020		
- USD	+15%	3,330
	-15%	(3,330)

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26. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONTINUED)

(b) Financial risk management (continued)

(iv) Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk of fluctuation in fair value or future cash flows of the Group's financial instruments as a result of changes in market interest rates. The Group's exposure to interest rate risk arises primarily from their long-term loans and borrowings with floating interest rates.

Sensitivity analysis for interest rate risk

The following table demonstrates the sensitivity to a reasonably possible change in interest rates, with all other variables held constant on the Group's total equity and profit for the financial years/period.

31 December 2016	Carrying amount RM '000	Change in basis point	Effect on profit for the financial year/period/ equity RM '000
Term loans	(11,325)	+ 50	(43)
		- 50	43
Bankers' acceptance	(123,639)	+ 50	(470)
		- 50	470
Bank overdraft	(211)	+ 50	(1)
		- 50	1
Short-term deposits	35,634	+ 50	135
		- 50	(135)
31 December 2017			
Term loans	(9,082)	+ 50	(35)
		- 50	35
Bankers' acceptance	(148,428)	+ 50	(564)
		- 50	564
Bank overdraft	(337)	+ 50	(1)
		- 50	1
Short-term deposits	36,813	+ 50	140
		- 50	(140)

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26. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONTINUED)

(b) Financial risk management (continued)

(iv) Interest rate risk (continued)

Sensitivity analysis for interest rate risk (continued)

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amount basis point equ RM '000 RM	
31 December 2018	
Term loans (10,251) + 50	(39)
- 50	39
Bankers' acceptance (164,283) + 50	(624)
- 50	624
Bank overdraft (341) + 50	(1)
- 50	1
Short-term deposits 40,216 + 50	153
- 50	(153)
31 December 2019	
Term loans (12,237) + 50	(47)
- 50	47
Bankers' acceptance (129,961) + 50	(494)
- 50	494
Bank overdraft (324) + 50	(1)
- 50	1
Short-term deposits 43,072 + 50	164
- 50	(164)
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30 June 2020	
Term loans (11,540) + 50	(44)
- 50	44
Bankers' acceptance (153,172) + 50	(582)
- 50	582
Bank overdraft (1) + 50	(0)
- 50	0
Short-term deposits 43,755 + 50	166
- 50	(166)

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26. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONTINUED)

(c) Fair value measurement

The carrying amount of cash and cash equivalents, short-term receivables and payables and short-term borrowings reasonably approximate to their fair values due to the relatively short-term nature of these financial instruments.

There have been no transfers between Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3 during the financial years/period.

The following table provides the fair value measurement hierarchy of the Group's financial instruments:

		Fair value	value of financial instruments carried at fair value	instruments alue	carried at	Fair value o	of financial in fair v	Fair value of financial instruments not carried at fair value	ot carried at
	amount RM 1000	Level 1 RM '000	Level 2 RM '000	Fair value 12 Level 3 000 RM '000	Total RM '000	Level 1 RM '000	Level 2 RM '000	Fair Value 12 Level 3 000 RM '000	Total RM '000
At 31 December 2016 Financial assets Derivative financial assets	ę	'	r	I	ę		,	1	1
Financial Iiabilities Term Ioans Finance lease liabilities	(11,325) (10,644)	1	 		T I		1 1	(9,561) (7,711)	(9,561) (7,711)
At 31 December 2017 Financial liabilities Term loans Finance lease liabilities Derivative financial liabilities	(9,082) (10,120) (37)		- - (37)		(37)			(6,535) (6,719)	(6,535) (6,719)

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26. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONTINUED)

(c) Fair value measurement (continued)

The following table provides the fair value measurement hierarchy of the Group's financial instruments (continued):

		Fair value	Fair value of financial instruments carried at	instruments (carried at	Fair value d	of financial ir	Fair value of financial instruments not carried at	t carried at
			fair value	alue			fair	fair value	
	amount	Level 1	Level 2 Lev	Level 3	Total	Level 1	Level 2	rair value — el 2 Level 3	Total
	RM '000	RM 000	RM '000	000, MN	RM '000	RM '000	RM '000	RM '000	RM '000
At 31 December 2018									
Financial liabilities									
Term loans	(10,251)	ı	1	I	ŧ	1	ı	(7,943)	(7,943)
Finance lease liabilities	(11,144)	ı	I	ı	I	I	I	(8,023)	(8,023)
Derivative financial liabilities	(62)	I	(62)	1	(62)	I	1	1	
At 31 December 2019									
Financial liabilities									
Term loans	(12,237)	I	ı	ı	1	I	1	(9,578)	(9,578)
Finance lease tiabilities	(12,111)	I	I	ı	1	I	I	(8,190)	(8, 190)
Lease liabilities	(109)	ı	ı	(109)	(109)	ı	1	1	1
Derivative financial liabilities	(84)	1	(84)	1	(84)	1	'	1	ı
At 30 June 2020									
Financial liabilities									
Term loans	(11,540)	I	I	1	ı	ı	1	(9,376)	(9,376)
Finance lease liabilities	(10,570)	ı	ı	ı	ı	ł	ı	(6,943)	(6,943)
Lease liabilities	(105)	ı	1	(105)	(105)	ı	1	ı	
Derivative financial liabilities	(9)	1	(9)	1	(9)	-	-	-	1

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26. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONTINUED)

(c) Fair value measurement (continued)

Level 3 fair value

Fair value of financial instruments not carried at fair value

The fair value of liability component of term loans and finance lease liabilities are calculated based on the present value of future principal and interest cash flows, discounted at the market interest rate of similar liabilities.

27. COMMITMENTS

The Group has made commitments for the following capital expenditures:

	•		Audited as at		>
	31.12.2016 RM '000	31.12.2017 RM '000	31.12.2018 RM '000	31.12.2019 RM '000	30.06.2020 RM '000
Capital expenditures contracted but not provided for:					
- Construction of building	1, 39 3	1,255	100	45	-
- Purchase of factory building	-	2,541	5,850	-	-
- Purchase of plant and machineries	-	1,144	-	111	1,907
Capital expenditures not contracted and not provided for:					
- Purchase of plant and machineries	-	-	-	30,000	30,000
	1,393	4,940	5,950	30,156	31,907

28. CONTINGENCIES

Contingent liabilities

	◀		Audited as at		>
	31.12.2016	31.12.2017	31.12.2018	31.12.2019	30.06.2020
	RM '000	RM '000	RM '000	RM '000	RM '000
Bank guarantee					
- Trade facilities	29,247	34,656	29,042	26,479	21,659
- Contract financing for performance					
bonds and guarantees	5,202	4,690	4,619	7,842	7,842
	34,449	39,346	33,661	34,321	29,501
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29. RELATED PARTIES

(a) Identification of related parties

Parties are considered to be related to the Group if the Group has the ability, directly or indirectly, to control the party or exercise significant influence over the party in making financial and operational decisions, or vice versa, or where the Group and the party are subject to common control. Related parties may be individuals or other entities.

Related parties of the Group include:

- (i) Entities in which directors have substantial financial interests;
- (ii) A person(s) connected to a director; and
- (iii) Key management personnel of the Group, comprise persons (including directors) having the authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities directly and indirectly.

(b) Significant related party transactions

Significant related party transactions other than disclosed elsewhere in the combined financial statements are as follows:

	•	Audi FYE 31 De		>	 Audited Unaud FPE 30 June 		
	2016 RM '000	2017 RM '000	2018 RM '000	2019 RM '000	2020 RM '000	2019 RM '000	
Rental expense charged by	·						
A person connected to a director		53	84	54	27	27	
Disposal of investment property							
Persons connected to a director	-	-	-	5,200			
Disposal of assets held for sale							
Persons connected to a director	-	-	-	2,300	-	2,300	

(c) Compensation of key management personnel

		Audi FYE 31 De			Audited FPE 3	Unaudited) June
	2016 RM '000	2017 RM '000	2018 RM '000	2019 RM '000	2020 RM '000	2019 RM '000
Salaries, allowances and bonuses	1,506	1,827	1,960	3,681	1,620	1,528
Defined contribution plans	171	215	233	456	182	211
Other staff related benefits	1,09 9	5,021	5,311	210	15	14
	2,776	7,063	7,504	4,347	1,817	1,753
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30. CAPITAL MANAGEMENT

The primary objective of the Group's capital management is to ensure that it maintains a strong credit rating and healthy capital ratio in order to support its business and maximise shareholder value. The Group manages its capital structure and make adjustments to it, in light of changes in economic conditions. To maintain or adjust the capital structure, the Group may adjust the dividend payment to shareholders, return capital to shareholders or issue new shares. No changes were made in the objective, policies and processes during the financial years ended 31 December 2016, 31 December 2017, 31 December 2018 and 31 December 2019 and financial period ended 30 June 2020.

The Group monitors capital using net gearing ratio. The net gearing ratio is calculated as net debts divided by equity attributable to the owners of the Group. The net gearing ratio as at 31 December 2016, 31 December 2017, 31 December 2018, 31 December 2019 and 30 June 2020 are as follows:

		4		Audited as at			
	Note	31.12.2016 RM '000	31.12.2017 RM '000	31.12.2018 RM '000	31.12.2019 RM '000	30.06.2020 RM '000	
Loans and borrowings Less: Cash and short-term deposits	15 11	145,819 (41,418)	167,967 (48,674)	186,019 (77,989)	154,633 (56,6 0 0)	175,283 (78,049)	
Total net debts		104,401	119,293	108,030	98,033	97,234	
Total equity		103,039	121,224	147,457	176, 00 6	185,152	
Net gearing ratio (times)		1.01	0.98	0.73	0.56	0.53	

There were no changes in the Group's approach to capital management during the financial years/period under review.

The Group is required to comply with externally imposed capital requirements on current ratio, leverage ratio and maintain certain net worth in respect of its bank borrowings. The Group has complied with those capital requirements.

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31. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS DURING THE FINANCIAL YEARS/PERIODS

(a) Acquisition of Southern Cable Sdn. Bhd.

On 23 May 2019, the Company entered into a conditional share sale agreement to acquire the entire equity interest of Southern Cable Sdn. Bhd. for a total purchase consideration of RM142,406,998 which will be wholly satisfied by the issuance of 284,813,996 shares in the Company at RM0.50 per share.

The purchase consideration of RM142,406,998 was arrived at on a willing buyer-willing seller basis based on the adjusted net assets of Southern Cable Sdn. Bhd. as at 31 December 2018. The acquisition was completed on 26 December 2019.

(b) Acquisition of Nextol Polymer Sdn. Bhd.

On 23 May 2019, the Company entered into a conditional share sale agreement to acquire the entire equity interest of Nextol Polymer Sdn. Bhd. for a total purchase consideration of RM3,432,000 which will be wholly satisfied by the issuance of 6,864,000 shares in the Company at RM0.50 per share.

The purchase consideration of RM3,432,000 was arrived at on a willing buyer-willing seller basis based on the adjusted net assets of Nextol Polymer Sdn. Bhd. as at 31 December 2018. The acquisition was completed on 26 December 2019.

(c) Acquisition of Daya Forwarding Sdn. Bhd.

On 23 May 2019, the Company entered into a conditional share sale agreement to acquire the entire equity interest of Daya Forwarding Sdn. Bhd. for a total purchase consideration of RM1,824,000 which will be wholly satisfied by the issuance of 3,648,000 shares in the Company at RM0.50 per share.

The purchase consideration of RM1,824,000 was arrived at on a willing buyer-willing seller basis based on the adjusted net assets of Daya Forwarding Sdn. Bhd. as at 31 December 2018. The acquisition was completed on 26 December 2019.

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31. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS DURING THE FINANCIAL YEARS/PERIODS (CONTINUED)

(d) COVID-19 outbreak

On 11 March 2020, the World Health Organisation declared the Coronavirus Disease ("Covid-19") outbreak as a pandemic in recognition of its rapid spread across the globe. On 16 March 2020, the Malaysian Government has imposed the movement control order ("MCO") starting from 18 March 2020 to curb the spread of the Covid-19 outbreak in Malaysia. The Covid-19 outbreak also resulted in travel restriction, lockdown, and other precautionary measures imposed in various countries. The emergence of the Covid-19 outbreak since early 2020 has brought significant economic uncertainties in Malaysia and markets in which the Group operates.

The Group has performed an assessment of the overall impact of the situation on the Group's operation, including the recoverability of the carrying amount of assets and measurements of assets and liabilities and concluded that there is no material adverse effects on the financial statements for the financial period ended 30 June 2020.

The Group is unable to reasonably estimate the financial impact of these events on its financial position, results of operations or cash flows in the next financial period due to the uncertainty of the future outcome of the current events. It is however certain that the worldwide measures against the spread of the coronavirus will have direct and indirect effects on its operations. The Group will continuously monitor the impact of Covid-19 on its operations and financial performance and will be taking appropriate and timely measures to minimise the impact of the outbreak on the Group's operations.

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32. SEGMENT INFORMATION

The Group prepared the following segment information in accordance with MFRS 8 *Operating Segments* based on the internal reports of the Group's strategic business units which are regularly reviewed by the directors for the purpose of making decisions about resource allocation and performance assessment.

The four reportable operating segments are as follows:

Segments Power cables and wires	Product and services Used in electrical systems for the distribution of power.
Communications cables and wires	Used to transmit data including text, sound and images by using electrical current of various frequencies.
Control and instrumentation cables and wires	Used to transmit electrical signals and data to measure, monitor, control and regulate industrial process automation plants.
Related products and services	Includes manufacture of copper and aluminiums rod, plastic compound, wooden cable drum, trading and supply of cables and wires.

Inter-segment pricing is determined on negotiated basis.

Segments profit

Segment performance is used to measure performance as Group's Managing Director believes that such information is the most relevant in evaluating the results of certain segments relative to other entities that operate within these industries.

Segments assets

Segments assets information is neither included in the internal management reports nor provided regularly to the Managing Director. Hence no disclosure is made on segments assets.

Segments liabilities

Segments liabilities information is neither included in the internal management reports nor provided regularly to the Managing Director. Hence no disclosure is made on segments liabilities.

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	Note	Power cables and wire RM '000	Communication cables and wires RM '000	Control and instrumentation cables and wires RM '000	Others RM '000	Adjustments and eliminations RM '000	Total RM '000
31 December 2016							
Revenue:							
Revenue from external customer	3	381,434	61,375	11,222	16,625	•	470,656
inter-segment revenue	A	-	-	•	26,275	(26,275)	-
		381,434	61,375	11,222	42,900	(26,275)	470,656
Segment profit Other income Unallocated expenses Finance costs Income tax expense		29,885	8,816	1,690	2,413	(1,231)	41,573 3,050 (16,664) (7,773) (6,032)
Profit for the financial year							14,154
Results: Included in the measure of segments profit are:							
Employee benefits expense							20,503
Depreciation and amortisation							7,148

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	Note	Power cables and wire RM '000	Communication cables and wires RM '000	Control and instrumentation cables and wires RM '000	Others RM '000	Adjustments and eliminations RM '000	Total RM '000
31 December 2017	HOLE	Kai 000				rini UUU	Ravi UUU
Revenue:							
Revenue from external customer Inter-segment revenue	s A	418,431 -	54,776 -	95,428 -	27,059 30,877	- (30,877)	595,694 -
		418,431	54,776	95,428	57,936	(30,877)	595,694
Segment profit Other income Unallocated expenses Finance costs Income tax expense		33,410	7,215	9,183	3,015	(257)	52,566 4,262 (23,564) (8,212) (6,867)
Profit for the financial year							18,185
Results: Included in the measure of segments profit are:							
Employee benefits expense							26,498
Depreciation and amortisation							7,459

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NOTES TO THE COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

	Note	Power cables and wire RM '000	Communication cables and wires RM '000	Control and instrumentation cables and wires RM '000	Others RM '000	Adjustments and eliminations RM '000	Total RM '000
31 December 2018							
Revenue:							
Revenue from external customers	i	489,589	80,863	45,114	67,633	-	683,199
Inter-segment revenue	A	-	-	-	25,366	(25,366)	-
		489,589	80,863	45,114	92,999	(25,366)	683,199
Segment profit Other income Unallocated expenses Finance costs Income tax expense		42,321	12, 159	6,850	3,823	75	65,228 2,334 (25,708) (8,722) (6,899)
Profit for the financial year							26,233
Results: Included in the measure of segments profit are:							
Employee benefits expense							27,600
Depreciation and amortisation							6,832

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NOTES TO THE COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

	Note	Power cables and wire RM '000	Communication cables and wires RM '000	Control and instrumentation cables and wires RM '000	Others RM '000	Adjustments and eliminations RM '000	Total RM '000
31 December 2019				148 000	1411 000		
Revenue:							
Revenue from external customer	5	499,462	30,642	58,613	67,970	-	656,687
Inter-segment revenue	A	-	-	-	27,843	(27,843)	-
		499,462	30,642	58,613	95,813	(27,843)	656,687
Segment profit Other income Unallocated expenses Finance costs Income tax expense		48,125	4,727	9,594	4,796	(20)	67,222 3,377 (23,906) (7,369) (10,775)
Profit for the financial year							28,549
Results: Included in the measure of segments profit are:							
Employee benefits expense							28,305
Depreciation and amortisation							6,303

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	Note	Power cables and wire RM '000	Communication cables and wires RM '000	Control and instrumentation cables and wires RM '000	Others RM '000	Adjustments and eliminations RM '000	Total RM '000
30 June 2020 Revenue:							
Revenue from external customers Inter-segment revenue	A	188,368 -	11,975 -	14,0 0 7 -	26,736 12,010	- (12,010)	241,086 -
		188,368	11,975	14,007	38,746	(12,010)	241,086
Segment profit Other income Unallocated expenses Finance costs Income tax expense		18,923	1,885	1,771	1,402	(10)	23,971 1,130 (8,258) (3,405) (4,292)
Profit for the financial period						-	9,146
Results: Included in the measure of segments profit are:						-	
Employee benefits expense							12,002
Depreciation and amortisation							3,343

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32. SEGMENT INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

Ν	lote	Power cables and wire RM '000	Communication cables and wires RM '000	Control and instrumentation cables and wires RM '000	Othe <i>r</i> s RM '000	Adjustments and eliminations RM '000	Total RM '000
30 June 2019	1010		1000		144 000	TVM 000	1/141 000
Revenue:							
Revenue from external customers		252,375	18,029	31,143	30,295	-	331,842
Inter-segment revenue	A	•	•	-	14,442	(14,442)	•
		252,375	18,029	31,143	44,737	(14,442)	331,842
Segment profit Other income Unallocated expenses Finance costs Income tax expense		27,360	2,780	5,422	2,859	(1,338)	37,083 1,697 (11,356) (3,776) (6,359)
Profit for the financial period							17,289
Results: Included in the measure of segments profit are:							
Employee benefits expense							12,123
Depreciation and amortisation							3,089

A. Inter-segment revenue

Inter-segment revenues are eliminated on combination.

Geographical information

Revenue and non-current assets information based on the geographical location of customers are as follows:

	Revenue RM '000	Non-current assets RM '000
31 December 2016		
Local	463,534	66,263
Overseas	7,122	-
	470,656	66,263

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32. SEGMENT INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

Geographical information (continued)

Revenue and non-current assets information based on the geographical location of customers are as follows (continued):

	Revenue RM '000	Non-current assets RM '000
31 December 2017		
Local	552,606	63,255
Overseas	43,088	-
	595,694	63,255
31 December 2018		
Local	672,262	63,753
Overseas	10,937	-
	683,199	63,753
31 December 2019		
Local	643,927	71,973
Overseas	12,760	
	656,687	71,973
30 June 2020		
Local	211,947	70,040
Overseas	29,139	-
	241,086	70,040
30 June 2019		
Local	324,748	71,092
Overseas	7,094	-
	331,842	71,092

The Group operates predominantly in Malaysia and hence, non-current assets is all held in Malaysia.

Information about major customers

For power cables and wires, communication cables and wires and control and instrumentation cables and wires, revenue from one (1) (31.12.2019: one (1); 31.12.2018: two (2); 31.12.2017: one (1) and 31.12.2016: two (2)) customer represented approximately RM30,028,000 (31.12.2019: RM113,731,000; 31.12.2018: RM187,883,000; 31.12.2017: RM68,234,000 and 31.12.2016: RM144,226,000) of the Group's total revenue.

13. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

13.1 SHARE CAPITAL

- (i) As at the date of this Prospectus, we only have one (1) class of shares, namely ordinary shares, all of which rank equally with one another.
- (ii) None of our Group's capital is under any option or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be put under any option.
- (iii) No person has been or is entitled to be given an option to subscribe for any share, stock, debenture or other security of our Group, except for the Pink Form Allocation.
- (iv) There is no scheme involving our employees in the capital of our Group, except for the Pink Form Allocation.
- (v) Save as disclosed in Sections 3.1, 5.1.3 and 5.2 of this Prospectus, no shares, outstanding warrants, options, convertible securities or uncalled capital of our Group have been or are proposed to be issued as fully or partly paid-up, in cash or otherwise than in cash, within the two (2) years preceding the date of this Prospectus.
- (vi) As at the date of this Prospectus, our Group does not have any outstanding convertible debt securities, options, warrants or uncalled capital.

13.2 EXTRACT OF OUR CONSTITUTION

The following provisions relating to the selected matters are reproduced from our Constitution which comply with the Listing Requirements, the Act and the Rules.

The words, terms and expressions appearing in the following provisions shall bear the same meanings used in our Constitution unless they are otherwise defined herein or the context otherwise requires:-

(i) **REMUNERATION OF DIRECTORS**

The provisions in our Company's Constitution in respect of the remuneration of Directors are as follows:-

Clause 93 – Directors' Remuneration

The fees of the directors and any benefits payable to the directors shall from time to time be determined by way of an ordinary resolution of the Company in general meeting and such fees shall be divided among the Directors in such proportions and manner as the Directors may determine and in default of agreement equally, except that if a Director has held office for part only of the period in respect of which such fees are payable, such a Director shall be entitled only to that proportion of the fees as is related to the period during which he has held office provided always that:-

- (a) salaries, benefits and other emoluments payable to executive Director(s) pursuant to an employment contract or a contract of service need not be determined by the Company in general meeting but such salaries may not include a commission on or percentage of turnover;
- (b) fees payable to non-executive Directors shall be a fixed sum and not by way of a commission on or percentage of profits or turnover; and
- (c) any fee paid to an alternate Director shall be agreed upon between himself and the Director nominating him and shall be paid out of the remuneration of the latter.

(ii) VOTING AND BORROWING POWERS OF DIRECTORS

Clause 115 – Power to vote

A Director may vote in respect of:-

- (a) any arrangement for giving the Director himself or any other Directors any security or indemnity in respect of money lent by him to or obligations undertaken by him for the benefit of the Company;
- (b) any arrangement for the giving by the Company of any security to a third party in respect of a debt or obligation of the Company for which the Director himself or any other Director has assumed responsibility in whole or in part, under a guarantee or indemnity or by the deposit of a security;
- (c) any contract by a director to subscribe for or underwrite shares or debentures of the Company; or
- (d) any contract or arrangement with any other company in which he is interested only as an officer of the Company or as a holder of shares or other securities in that company.

Clause 114 – Restriction on voting

Subject to the Act, a Director shall not participate in any discussion or vote in respect of any contract or proposed contract or arrangement in which he has directly or indirectly an interest and if he shall do so his vote shall not be counted. A Director shall, notwithstanding his interest, be counted in the quorum for any meeting where a decision is to be taken upon any contract or proposed contract or arrangement in which he is in any way interested.

Clause 111 – Votes by majority Directors and Chairman to have casting vote

Subject to this Constitution, any question arising at any meeting of Directors shall be decided by a majority of votes of the Directors present and a determination by a majority of Directors shall for all purposes be deemed a determination of the Directors. In case of an equality of votes, the Chairman of the meeting shall have a second or casting vote except where at the meeting only two (2) Directors form a quorum and only such a quorum is present at the meeting or only two (2) Directors are competent to vote on the question at issue.

Clause 98 – Directors' borrowing powers

- (a) The Directors may exercise all the powers of the Company to borrow money and to mortgage or mortgage or charge its undertaking, property and uncalled capital, or any part thereof and to issue debentures and other securities whether outright or as security for any debt, liability or obligation of the Company or any related company as may be thought fit.
- (b) The Directors shall not borrow any money or mortgage or charge any of the Company's or the subsidiaries' undertaking, property or any uncalled capital, or to issue debentures and other securities whether outright or as security for any debt, liability or obligation of an unrelated third party.

(iii) CHANGES IN CAPITAL OR VARIATION OF CLASS RIGHTS

Clause 53 – Power to increase share capital

The Company may from time to time, whether all the shares for the time being issued shall have been fully called up or not, by ordinary resolution increase its share capital by the creation and issue of new shares, such new capital to be of such amount and to be divided into shares of such respective amounts and to carry such rights or to be subject to such conditions or restrictions in regard to dividend, return of capital or otherwise as the Company by the resolution authorising such increase may direct.

Clause 6 – Allotment of shares

Without prejudice to any special rights previously conferred on the holders of any existing shares or class of shares and subject to the provisions of this Constitution, the Act, any Applicable Laws, and to the provisions of any resolution of the Company, the Board may issue, allot or otherwise dispose of such shares to such persons at such price, on such terms and conditions, with such preferred, deferred or other special rights and subject to such restrictions and at such times as the Board may determine but the Board in making any issue of shares shall comply with the following conditions:-

- (i) in the case of shares, other than ordinary shares, no special rights shall be attached until the same have been expressed in this Constitution and in the resolution creating the same;
- (ii) no shares shall be issued which shall have the effect of transferring a controlling interest in the Company without the prior approval of the Members in general meetings;
- (iii) no Director shall participate in a scheme that involves a new issuance of shares or other convertible securities to employees unless the Members in a general meeting have approved the specific allotment to be made to such Director;
- (iv) except in the case of an issue of Securities on a pro-rata basis to all Members, placements undertaken in compliance with the Listing Requirements or issuance pursuant to a dividend reinvestment scheme, there shall be no issue of Securities to a Director, major shareholder, chief executive or person connected with any Director, major shareholder or chief executive (hereinafter referred to as the interested Director", "interested major shareholder", "interested chief executive" or "interested person connected with a Director, major shareholder or chief executive" respectively) unless the members in general meeting have approved of the specific allotment to be made to such aforesaid interested person connected with a Director, interested major shareholder or chief executive, as the case may be. In this Constitution, "major shareholder", "chief executive" and "person connected with any Director, major shareholder or chief executive" shall have the meaning ascribed thereto in the Listing Requirements; and
- (v) in the case of shares offered to the public or under a prospectus that is registered under the Capital Markets and Services Act 2007 for subscription, the amount payable on application on each share shall not be less than five per centum (5%) of the offer price of the share.

Clause 7 – Rights of preference shareholders

Subject to the Act and the Listing Requirements, any preference shares may with the sanction of an ordinary resolution, be issued on the terms that they are, or at the option of the Company are liable, to be redeemed and the Company shall not issue preference shares ranking in priority above preference shares already issued, but may issue preference shares ranking equally therewith. Preference shareholders shall have:-

- (a) the same rights as ordinary shareholders as regards receiving notices, reports and audited accounts and attending general meetings of the Company; and
- (b) the right to vote at any meeting convened for the purpose of reducing the capital of the Company or on a proposal to wind up or during the winding up of the Company, or sanctioning a sale of the whole of the Company's undertaking, property or business, or where any resolution to be submitted to the meeting directly affects their rights and privileges, or when the dividend on the preference shares or part of the dividend is in arrears for more than six (6) months.

Clause 9 – Variation of class rights

Subject to Section 91 of the Act, if at any time the share capital is divided into different classes of shares, the rights attached to any class (unless otherwise provided by the terms of issue of the shares of that class) may, whether or not the Company is being wound up, be varied with:-

- (a) the consent in writing of the holders of not less than seventy-five per centum (75%) of the total voting rights of the shareholders in that class; or
- (b) with the sanction of a special resolution passed at a separate general meeting of the holders of the shares of the class. To every such separate general meeting, the provisions of this Constitution relating to general meetings shall mutatis mutandis apply, but so that the necessary quorum shall be at least two (2) persons holding or representing by proxy at least one-third of the number of the issued shares of the class excluding any shares of that class held as treasury shares and that any holder of shares of the class present in person or by proxy may demand a poll and shall be entitled on a poll to one vote for every such share held by him. For adjourned meetings, quorum is one (1) person present holding shares of such class. To every such special resolution, the provisions of Section 292 of the Act shall with such adaptations as are necessary, apply.

Clause 5 – Class of shares and alteration of share capital

The shares in the original or any increased capital may be divided into several classes and there may be attached thereto respectively any preferential, deferred or other special rights, privileges, conditions or restrictions as to dividends, capital, voting or otherwise. The Company shall have the power to increase or reduce the capital, to consolidate or subdivide the shares into shares of larger or smaller amounts and to issue all or any part of the original or any additional capital as fully paid or partly paid shares, and with any special or preferential rights or privileges, or subject to any special terms or conditions and either with or without any special designation, and also from time to time to alter, modify, commute, abrogate or deal with any such privileges, terms, conditions or designations in accordance with the regulations for the time being of the Company.

Clause 56 – Power to alter capital

Subject to the provisions of this Constitution and the Act, the Company may by special resolution:-

- (a) consolidate and divide all or any of its share capital into shares of larger amount than its existing shares;
- (b) subdivide its share capital or any part thereof into shares of smaller amounts by subdivision of its existing shares or any of them subject nevertheless to the provisions of the Act;
- (c) convert and/or re-classify any class of shares into any other class of shares; or
- (d) cancel shares which at the date of the passing of the resolution in that behalf have not been taken or agreed to be taken by any person or which have been forfeited and diminish the amount of its share capital by the amount of the shares so cancelled.

Clause 57 – Power to reduce capital

The Company may by special resolution, reduce its share capital in any manner permitted or authorised under and in compliance with the Act and the Applicable Laws.

(iv) TRANSFER OF SECURITIES

Clause 29 – Transfer in writing

Subject to this Constitution, the Central Depositories Act and the Rules, any Member may transfer all or any of his Securities (except those Deposited Securities which are for the time being designated as securities in suspense) by instrument in writing in the form prescribed and approved by the Stock Exchange. The instrument shall have been executed by or on behalf of the transferor and the transferee and the transferor shall remain the holder of the Securities transferred until the transfer is registered and the name of the transferee is entered in the Record of Depositors.

Clause 30 – Transfer of securities

The transfer of any Deposited Securities shall be made by way of book entry by the Central Depository in accordance with the Rules and, notwithstanding Sections 105, 106 and 110 of the Act, but subject to subsection 148(2) of the Act and any exemption that may be made from compliance with subsection 148(1) of the Act, the Company shall be precluded from registering and effecting any transfer of such Securities.

Clause 31 – No restriction on the transfer of fully paid Securities

Subject to the Central Depositories Act and the Rules, there shall be no restriction on the transfer of fully paid Securities except where required by law.

Clause 33 – Suspension of registration

Subject to the provisions of the Act, the Depositories Act, the Rules and the Listing Requirements, the registration of transfers may be suspended at such times and for such periods as the Directors may from time to time determine PROVIDED ALWAYS that such registration shall not be suspended for more than thirty (30) days in any year. At least ten (10) clear Market Days' notice (or such other period as may from time to time be prescribed by Bursa Securities) prior to such closure shall be published in a daily newspaper circulating in Malaysia and shall also be given to Bursa Securities. The said notice shall state the period and purpose or purposes of such closure. The Company shall give notice in accordance with the requirements of the Rules to the Depository to prepare the appropriate Record of Depositors.

Clause 35 - Renunciation

Subject to the provisions of this Constitution, the Directors may recognise a renunciation of any share by the allottee thereof in favour of some other person.

13.3 LIMITATION ON THE RIGHT TO OWN SECURITIES

There is no limitation imposed by law or by the constituent documents of our Company on the right to own securities including limitation on the right of non-residents or foreign shareholders to hold or exercise their voting rights on our Shares.

13.4 MATERIAL LITIGATION

Our Group is not engaged in any material litigation and/or arbitration, either as plaintiff or defendant, which has a material effect on our financial position, and our Directors are not aware of any proceedings pending or threatened, or of any fact likely to give rise to any proceedings, which might materially and adversely affect our financial position or business as at the LPD.

13.5 MATERIAL CONTRACTS

Save as disclosed below, we have not entered into any contracts which are material (not being contracts entered into in the ordinary course of business) within the period covered by the historical financial information as disclosed in this Prospectus up to the date of this Prospectus:-

- (i) Sale and Purchase Agreement dated 13 September 2017 between Southern and Jelita Heights Sdn Bhd for the acquisition of all that piece of land held under HS(M) 6499, PTD 12913, Mukim Jeram Batu, Daerah Pontian, Negeri Johor measuring approximately 12,680 sq. ft. together with a one and half (1 ½) storey semi-detached industrial factory measuring approximately 7,649.79 sq. ft. in area erected thereon and bearing the postal address of PTD 12913, 46 Jalan Alam Jaya 1, Taman Perindustrian Alam Jaya, 81500 Pekan Nanas, Johor Darul Takzim a total cash consideration of RM2,992,804. This transaction has been completed on 30 January 2018;
- (ii) Sale and Purchase Agreement dated 5 September 2018 between Southern and Herbal Revival Sdn Bhd for the acquisition of all that piece of land held under HS(D) 267439, PT 12367, Pekan Baru Sungai Buloh, Daerah Petaling, Negeri Selangor measuring approximately 1,027 square metres in area together with a one and half (1 ½) storey semi-detached industrial building erected thereon and bearing the postal address of No.12A-G, Pusat Teknologi Sunsuria, Jalan Teknologi, Taman Sains Selangor, Kota Damansara PJU 5, 47810 Petaling Jaya, Selangor Darul Ehsan for a total cash consideration of RM6,500,000. This transaction has been completed on 5 March 2019;
- (iii) Sale and Purchase Agreement dated 6 December 2018 and Supplemental Agreement dated 13 May 2019 between Nextol and Ooi Gaik Bee and Tung XinYie for the disposal of a three (3) storey semi-detached house measuring approximately 3,498.27 sq. ft. in area bearing the postal address 72A, Jalan PJU 3/20F, Tropicana Indah Resort Homes, 47410 Petaling Jaya, Selangor Darul Ehsan and held under HS(D) 132415, PT 38291, Pekan Baru Sungai Buloh, Daerah Petaling, Negeri Selangor for a total cash consideration of RM2,300,000. This transaction has been completed on 16 May 2019;
- (iv) Gas Supply Agreement dated 31 October 2018 between Southern and Gas Malaysia Berhad ("Gas Malaysia") ("Gas Supply Agreement") wherein Gas Malaysia supplies and delivers to Southern gas in the agreed quantities as stipulated in the Gas Supply Agreement. The tariff payable by Southern for the gas delivered is as set out in accordance with the base tariff and its calculation as set out in the Gas Supply Agreement for the contract period from 1 October 2018 to 31 December 2022. This transaction is still ongoing;
- (v) Sale and Purchase Agreement dated 30 April 2019 between Southern and Ooi Gaik Bee and Tung Eng Hai for the disposal of a three (3) storey semi-detached house with a swimming pool, measuring approximately 6,565.99 sq. ft. in area bearing the postal address No. 41, Lorong PJU 3/12G, Pool Villas, Tropicana Indah, 47410 Petaling Jaya, Selangor Darul Ehsan Tropicana Pool Villas and held under HS(D) 179924, PT 32455, Pekan Baru Sungai Buloh, Daerah Petaling, Negeri Selangor for a total cash consideration of RM5,200,000. This transaction has been completed on 1 October 2019;

- (vi) Distribution Agreement dated 1 January 2019 between Southern and Southern Cable (Cambodia) Co., Ltd. for the distribution of "Southern Cable" brand of cables and wires within Cambodia at the minimum order of USD100,000 per month for the initial contract period of one (1) year from 1 January 2019 to 31 December 2019 and shall be renewed automatically at the end of the expiry. This transaction is ongoing;
- (vii) Distribution Agreement dated 1 January 2019 between Southern and Southern Cable Company Limited for the distribution of "Southern Cable" brand of cables and wires within Myanmar at the minimum order of USD100,000 per month for the initial contract period of one (1) year from 1 January 2019 to 31 December 2019 and shall be renewed automatically at the end of the expiry. This transaction is ongoing;
- (viii) Distribution Agreement dated 1 January 2019 between Southern and PT Ceramic Asia Indonesia for the distribution of "Southern Cable" brand of cables and wires within Indonesia at the minimum order of USD100,000 per month for the initial contract period of one (1) year from 1 January 2019 to 31 December 2019 and shall be renewed automatically at the end of the expiry. This transaction is ongoing;
- (ix) Conditional Share Sale Agreement dated 23 May 2019 between Sino, Semangat, Tan Chin Keat, Chong Heang Sue and Yiam Chorng Yin and Southern Cable for the Acquisition of Southern. This transaction has been completed on 26 December 2019;
- (x) Conditional Share Sale Agreement dated 23 May 2019 between Tung Siew Luan and Tung Cheng Im and Southern Cable for the Acquisition of Nextol. This transaction has been completed on 26 December 2019;
- (xi) Conditional Share Sale Agreement dated 23 May 2019 between Tung Siew Luan and Wong Meng Kee and Southern Cable for the Acquisition of Daya. This transaction has been completed on 26 December 2019;
- (xii) Sale and Purchase Agreement dated 18 June 2019 between Sunrise Phoenix Sdn Bhd and Southern for the acquisition of 60 years lease tenure in respect of Lot 28 and Lot 29 for a purchase consideration of RM2,227,876.35 to be satisfied by cash. This transaction has been completed on 10 October 2019; and
- (xiii) Underwriting agreement dated 6 March 2020 and supplemental underwriting agreement dated 24 August 2020 entered into between our Company and the Sole Underwriter for the underwriting of up to 62,000,000 Issue Shares under the Public Issue, for the underwriting commission at the rate set out in Section 3.6.2 of this Prospectus. Please refer to Section 3.7 of this Prospectus for further details of the Underwriting Agreement.

13.6 PUBLIC TAKE-OVERS

During the last financial year and up to the LPD, there were no:-

- (i) public take-over offers by third parties in respect of our Group's shares; and
- (ii) public take-over offers by our Group in respect of other companies' shares.

13.7 REPATRIATION OF CAPITAL AND PROFITS

As our Group does not physically operate in other countries other than in Malaysia, there are no governmental laws, decrees, regulations or other legislations that may affect the repatriation of capital and remittance of profit by or to our Group.

13.8 CONSENTS

- (i) The written consents of the Principal Adviser, Sponsor, Sole Underwriter and Placement Agent, Solicitors for the Listing, Share Registrar, Issuing House and Company Secretary for the inclusion in this Prospectus of their names in the form and context in which their names appear in this Prospectus have been given before the issuance of this Prospectus, and have not subsequently been withdrawn.
- (ii) The written consent of the External Auditors and Reporting Accountants for the inclusion in this Prospectus of their name, the Accountants' Report and the Reporting Accountants' Report on the Pro Forma Consolidated Statements of Financial Position in the form and context in which they are contained in this Prospectus has been given before the issuance of this Prospectus, and has not subsequently been withdrawn.
- (iii) The written consent of the Independent Business and Market Research Consultants for the inclusion in this Prospectus of its name and the Industry Overview in the form and context in which they are contained in this Prospectus has been given before the issuance of this Prospectus, and has not subsequently been withdrawn.
- (iv) The written consent of the Independent Internal Control Consultants for the inclusion in this Prospectus of its name has been given before the issuance of this Prospectus, and has not subsequently been withdrawn.

13.9 DOCUMENTS FOR INSPECTION

Copies of the following documents may be inspected at our registered office during office hours for a period of six (6) months from the date of this Prospectus:-

- (i) Our Constitution;
- (ii) The Industry Overview referred to in Section 7 of this Prospectus;
- (iii) The Reporting Accountants' Report on the Pro Forma Consolidated Statements of Financial Position of our Group as at 30 June 2020 referred to in Section 11.3 of this Prospectus;
- (iv) The Accountants' Report as included in Section 12 of this Prospectus;
- (v) The material contracts referred to in Sections 5.5.12 and 13.5 of this Prospectus;
- (vi) The letters of consent referred to in Section 13.8 of this Prospectus; and

- (vii) The audited financial statements of:-
 - (a) Southern Cable for the financial period from 4 April 2019 (date of Southern Cable's incorporation) to 31 December 2019 and FPE 30 June 2020;
 - (b) Southern for the FYE 31 December 2016 to 2019 and FPE 30 June 2020;
 - (c) Nextol for the FYE 31 December 2016 to 2019 and FPE 30 June 2020; and
 - (d) Daya for the FYE 31 December 2016 to 2019 and FPE 30 June 2020.

13.10 RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENTS

- (i) MIDF Investment acknowledges that, based on all available information and to the best of its knowledge and belief, this Prospectus constitutes a full and true disclosure of all material facts relating to the IPO.
- (ii) This Prospectus has been seen and approved by our Directors, Promoters and Offeror and they collectively and individually accept full responsibility for the accuracy of the information and confirm that, after having made all reasonable enquiries, and to the best of their knowledge and belief, there is no false or misleading statement or other facts which if omitted, would make any statement in this Prospectus false or misleading.

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14. SUMMARISED PROCEDURES FOR APPLICATION AND ACCEPTANCE

THIS SUMMARY OF PROCEDURES FOR APPLICATION AND ACCEPTANCE DOES NOT CONTAIN THE DETAILED PROCEDURES AND FULL TERMS AND CONDITIONS AND YOU CANNOT RELY ON THIS SUMMARY FOR PURPOSES OF ANY APPLICATION FOR OUR IPO SHARES. YOU MUST REFER TO THE DETAILED PROCEDURES AND TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS SET OUT IN THE "DETAILED PROCEDURES FOR APPLICATION AND ACCEPTANCE" ACCOMPANYING THE ELECTRONIC COPY OF OUR PROSPECTUS ON THE WEBSITE OF BURSA SECURITIES. YOU SHOULD ALSO CONTACT THE ISSUING HOUSE FOR FURTHER ENQUIRIES.

Unless otherwise defined, all words and expressions used here shall carry the same meaning as ascribed to them in our Prospectus.

Unless the context otherwise requires, words used in the singular include the plural, and vice versa.

14.1 OPENING AND CLOSING OF APPLICATIONS

OPENING OF THE APPLICATION PERIOD:- 10.00 A.M., 29 SEPTEMBER 2020

CLOSING OF THE APPLICATION PERIOD:- 5.00 P.M., 6 OCTOBER 2020

Applications for the IPO Shares will open and close at the times and dates stated above.

In the event of any changes to the date or time for closing, we will advertise the notice of changes in a widely circulated Bahasa Malaysia and English daily newspaper in Malaysia. The dates for the ballot of the applications for our Issue Shares, the allotment of our Issue Shares/transfer of Offer Shares and our Listing would then be extended accordingly.

Late Applications will not be accepted.

14.2 METHODS OF APPLICATIONS

14.2.1 Application for our Issue Shares by the Malaysian Public and our eligible Directors, employees and persons who have contributed to our success

Application must accord with our Prospectus and our Constitution. The submission of an Application Form does not mean that your Application will succeed. You agree to be bound by our Constitution.

Types of Application and category of investors			Application Method		
(a)	Applic	ations by the Malaysian Public:-			
	(i)	Individuals	White application form or Electronic Share Application or Internet Share Application		
	(ii)	Corporation or institution	White application form only		
(b)		igible Directors, employees and persons ave contributed to our success	Pink application forms only		

14.2.2 Application by selected investors and identified Bumiputera investors approved by MITI via private placement

Турез	s of Application	Application Method		
Applic	ations by:-			
(a)	Selected investors	The Placement Agent will contact the selected investors directly. They should follow the Placement Agent's instructions.		
(b)	Identified Bumiputera approved by the MITI	investors	MITI will contact the identified Bumiputera investors directly. They should follow MITI's instructions.	

Selected investors and identified Bumiputera investors approved by MITI may still apply for our IPO Shares offered to the Malaysian Public using the White Application Form, Electronic Share Application or Internet Share Application.

14.3 ELIGIBILITY

14.3.1 General

You must have a CDS account and a correspondence address in Malaysia. If you do not have a CDS account, you may open a CDS account by contacting any of the ADAs set out in Section 12 of the Detailed Procedures for Application and Acceptance accompanying the electronic copy of our Prospectus on the website of Bursa Securities. The CDS account must be in your own name. Invalid, nominee or third party CDS accounts will not be accepted for the Applications.

Only **ONE** Application Form for each category from each applicant will be considered and **APPLICATIONS MUST BE FOR AT LEAST 100 ISSUE SHARES OR MULTIPLES OF 100 IPO SHARES.**

MULTIPLE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED UNLESS EXPRESSLY ALLOWED IN THESE TERMS AND CONDITIONS. AN APPLICANT WHO SUBMITS MULTIPLE APPLICATIONS IN HIS OWN NAME OR BY USING THE NAME OF OTHERS, WITH OR WITHOUT THEIR CONSENT, COMMITS AN OFFENCE UNDER SECTION 179 OF THE CMSA AND IF CONVICTED, MAY BE PUNISHED WITH A MINIMUM FINE OF RM1,000,000 AND A JAIL TERM OF UP TO 10 YEARS UNDER SECTION 182 OF THE CMSA.

AN APPLICANT IS NOT ALLOWED TO SUBMIT MULTIPLE APPLICATIONS IN THE SAME CATEGORY OF APPLICATION.

14.3.2 Application by the Malaysian Public

You can only apply for our Issue Shares if you fulfill all of the following:-

- (i) You must be one of the following:-
 - (a) a Malaysian citizen who is at least 18 years old as at the date of the application for our Issue Shares; or

- (b) a corporation/institution incorporated in Malaysia with a majority of Malaysian citizens on your board of directors/trustees and if you have a share capital, more than half of the issued share capital, excluding preference share capital, is held by Malaysian citizens; or
- (c) a superannuation, co-operative, foundation, provident, pension fund established or operating in Malaysia.
- (ii) You must not be a director or employee of the Issuing House or an immediate family member of a director or employee of the Issuing House; and
- (iii) You must submit Applications by using only one of the following methods:-
 - (a) White Application Form;
 - (b) Electronic Share Application; or
 - (c) Internet Share Application.

14.3.3 Application by eligible Directors, employees and persons who have contributed to our success (pink application form)

Our eligible Directors, employees and persons (including any entities, wherever established) who have contributed to our success will be provided with pink application forms and letters from us detailing their respective allocation. The applicants must follow the notes and instructions in those documents and where relevant, of our Prospectus.

Eligible Directors, employees and persons who have contributed to our success may request for a copy of the printed Prospectus from our Company at no cost and are given an option to have the printed Prospectus delivered to them free of charge, or to obtain the printed Prospectus from our Company, the Issuing House, MIDF Investment, Participating organisations of Bursa Securities and Members of the Association of Banks in Malaysia or Malaysian Investment Banking Association.

14.4 PROCEDURES FOR APPLICATION BY WAY OF APPLICATION FORMS

The Application Form must be completed in accordance with the notes and instructions contained in the respective category of the Application Form. Applications made on the incorrect type of Application Form or which do not conform **STRICTLY** to the terms of our Prospectus or the respective category of Application Form or notes and instructions or which are illegible will not be accepted.

The FULL amount payable is RM0.34 for each IPO Share.

Payment must be made out in favour of "MIH SHARE ISSUE ACCOUNT NUMBER 602" and crossed "A/C PAYEE ONLY" and endorsed on the reverse side with your name and address.

Each completed Application Form, accompanied by the appropriate remittance and legible photocopy of the relevant documents may be submitted using one of the following methods:-

(i) despatched by **ORDINARY POST** in the official envelopes provided, to the following address:-

Malaysian Issuing House Sdn Bhd Registration Number: 199301003608 (258345-X) 11th Floor, Menara Symphony No.5, Jalan Prof. Khoo Kay Kim Seksyen 13 46200 Petaling Jaya Selangor Darul Ehsan

or

P.O. Box 00010 Pejabat Pos Jalan Sultan 46700 Petaling Jaya Selangor Darul Ehsan

(ii) DELIVERED BY HAND AND DEPOSITED in the Drop-in Boxes provided at the front portion of Menara Symphony, No. 5, Jalan Prof. Khoo Kay Kim, Seksyen 13, Petaling Jaya, Selangor Darul Ehsan, so as to arrive not later than 5.00 p.m. on 6 October 2020 or by such other time and date specified in any change to the date or time for closing.

We, together with the Issuing House, will not issue any acknowledgement of the receipt of your Application Forms or Application monies. Please direct all enquiries in respect of the White Application Form to the Issuing House.

14.5 PROCEDURES FOR APPLICATION BY WAY OF ELECTRONIC SHARE APPLICATIONS

Only Malaysian individuals may apply for our Issue Shares offered to the Malaysian Public by way of Electronic Share Application.

Electronic Share Applications may be made through the ATM of the following Participating Financial Institutions and their branches, namely, Affin Bank Berhad, Alliance Bank Malaysia Berhad, AmBank (M) Berhad, CIMB Bank Berhad, HSBC Bank Malaysia Berhad, Malayan Banking Berhad, Public Bank Berhad, RHB Bank Berhad and Standard Chartered Bank Malaysia Berhad (at selected branches only). A processing fee will be charged by the respective Participating Financial Institutions (unless waived) for each Electronic Share Application.

The exact procedures, terms and conditions for Electronic Share Application are set out on the ATM screens of the relevant Electronic Participating Financial Institutions.

14.6 PROCEDURES FOR APPLICATION BY WAY OF INTERNET SHARE APPLICATIONS

Only Malaysian individuals may use the Internet Share Application to apply for our Issue Shares offered to the Malaysian Public.

Internet Share Applications may be made through an internet financial services website of the Internet Participating Financial Institutions, namely, Affin Bank Berhad, Alliance Bank Malaysia Berhad, CIMB Bank Berhad, CGS-CIMB Securities Sdn Bhd, Malayan Banking Berhad, Public Bank Berhad and RHB Bank Berhad. A processing fee will be charged by the respective Internet Participating Financial Institutions (unless waived) for each Internet Share Application.

The exact procedures, terms and conditions for Internet Share Application are set out on the internet financial services website of the respective Internet Participating Financial Institutions.

14.7 AUTHORITY OF OUR BOARD AND THE ISSUING HOUSE

The Issuing House, on the authority of our Board reserves the right to:-

- (i) reject Applications which:-
 - do not conform to the instructions of our Prospectus, Application Forms, Electronic Share Application and Internet Share Application (where applicable); or
 - (b) are illegible, incomplete or inaccurate; or
 - (c) are accompanied by an improperly drawn up, or improper form of, remittance; or
- (ii) reject or accept any Application, in whole or in part, on a non-discriminatory basis without the need to give any reason; and
- (iii) bank in all Application monies (including those from unsuccessful/partially successful applicants) which would subsequently be refunded, where applicable (without interest), in accordance with Section 14.9 of this Prospectus.

If you are successful in your Application, our Board reserves the right to require you to appear in person at the registered office of the Issuing House at any time within 14 days of the date of the notice issued to you to ascertain that your Application is genuine and valid. Our Board shall not be responsible for any loss or non-receipt of the said notice nor will it be accountable for any expenses incurred or to be incurred by you for the purpose of complying with this provision.

14.8 OVER/UNDER-SUBSCRIPTION

In the event of over-subscription, the Issuing House will conduct a ballot in the manner approved by our Directors to determine the acceptance of Applications in a fair and equitable manner. In determining the manner of balloting, our Directors will consider the desirability of allotting and allocating our IPO Shares to a reasonable number of applicants for the purpose of broadening the shareholding base of our Company and establishing a liquid and adequate market for our Shares.

The basis of allocation of shares and the balloting results in connection therewith will be furnished by the Issuing House to the SC, Bursa Securities, all major Bahasa Malaysia and English newspapers as well as posted on the Issuing House's website (www.mih.com.my) within one (1) business day after the balloting event.

Pursuant to the Listing Requirements we are required to have a minimum of 25% of our Company's issued share capital to be held by at least 200 public shareholders holding not less than 100 Shares each upon Listing and completion of our IPO. We expect to achieve this at the point of Listing. In the event the above requirement is not met, we may not be allowed to proceed with our Listing. In the event thereof, monies paid in respect of all Applications will be returned in full (without interest).

In the event of an under-subscription of our IPO Shares by the Malaysian Public and/or eligible Directors, employees and persons who have contributed to our success, subject to the underwriting arrangements and reallocation as set out in Section 3.1.3 of this Prospectus, any of the abovementioned IPO Shares not applied for will then be subscribed by the Underwriter based on the terms of the Underwriting Agreement.

14.9 UNSUCCESSFUL/PARTIALLY SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS

If you are unsuccessful / partially successful in your Application, your Application monies (without interest) will be refunded to you in the following manner.

14.9.1 For applications by way of Application Forms

- (i) The Application monies or the balance of it, as the case may be, will be refunded to you through the self-addressed and stamped Official "A" envelope you provided by ordinary post (for fully unsuccessful applications) or by crediting into your bank account (the same bank account you have provided to Bursa Depository for the purposes of cash dividend/distribution) or if you have not provided such bank account information to Bursa Depository, the balance of Application monies will be refunded via banker's draft sent by ordinary/registered post to your last address maintained with Bursa Depository (for partially successful applications) within ten (10) Market Days from the date of the final ballot at your own risk.
- (ii) If your Application is rejected because you did not provide a CDS account number, your Application monies will be refunded via banker's draft sent by ordinary/registered post to your address as stated in the NRIC or any official valid temporary identity documents issued by the relevant authorities from time to time or the authority card (if you are a member of the armed forces or police) at your own risk.
- (iii) A number of Applications will be reserved to replace any successfully balloted Applications that are subsequently rejected. The Application monies relating to these Applications which are subsequently rejected or unsuccessful or only partly successful will be refunded (without interest) by the Issuing House as per items (i) and (ii) above (as the case may be).
- (iv) The Issuing House reserves the right to bank into its bank account all Application monies from unsuccessful applicants. These monies will be refunded (without interest) within ten (10) Market Days from the date of the final ballot by crediting into your bank account (the same bank account you have provided to Bursa Depository for the purposes of cash dividend/distribution) or by issuance of banker's draft sent by ordinary/registered post to your last address maintained with Bursa Depository if you have not provided such bank account information to Bursa Depository or as per item (ii) above (as the case may be).

14.9.2 For applications by way of Electronic Share Application and Internet Share Application

- (i) The Issuing House shall inform the Participating Financial Institutions or Internet Participating Financial Institutions of the unsuccessful or partially successful Applications within two (2) Market Days after the balloting date. The full amount of the Application monies or the balance of it will be credited (without interest) into your account with the Participating Financial Institutions or Internet Participating Financial Institutions (or arranged with the Authorised Financial Institutions) within two (2) Market Days after the receipt of confirmation from the Issuing House.
- (ii) You may check your account on the 5^{th} Market Day from the balloting date.
- (iii) A number of Applications will be reserved to replace any successfully balloted Applications that are subsequently rejected. The Application monies relating to these Applications which are subsequently rejected will be refunded (without interest) by the Issuing House by crediting into your account with the Participating Financial Institution or Internet Participating Financial Institutions (or arranged with the Authorised Financial Institutions) not later than ten (10) Market Days from the date of the final ballot. For Applications that are held in reserve and which are subsequently unsuccessful or partially successful, the relevant Participating Financial Institutions will be informed of the unsuccessful or partially successful Applications within two (2) Market Days after the final balloting date. The Participating Financial Institutions will credit the Application monies or any part thereof (without interest) within two (2) Market Days after the receipt of confirmation from the Issuing House.

14.10 SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS

If you are successful in your Application:-

- (i) Our IPO Shares allotted to you will be credited into your CDS account;
- (ii) A notice of allotment will be despatched to you at your last address maintained with the Bursa Depository, at your own risk, before our Listing. This is your only acknowledgement of acceptance of your Application;
- (iii) In accordance with Section 14(1) of the SICDA, Bursa Securities has prescribed our Shares as Prescribed Securities. As such, our IPO Shares issued/offered through our Prospectus will be deposited directly with Bursa Depository and any dealings in these Shares will be carried out in accordance with the SICDA and Rules of Bursa Depository; and
- (iv) In accordance with Section 29 of the SICDA, all dealings in our Shares will be by book entries through CDS accounts. No physical share certificates will be issued to you and you shall not be entitled to withdraw any deposited securities held jointly with Bursa Depository or its nominee as long as our Shares are listed on Bursa Securities.

14.11 ENQUIRIES

Enquiries in respect of the applications may be directed as follows:-

Mode of application		Parties to direct the enquiries		
Application Form		MIH Enquiry Services Telephone at telephone no. 03-7890 4700		
Electronic Application	Share	Participating Financial Institution		
Internet Application	Share	Internet Participating Financial Institution and Authorised Financial Institution		

You may also check the status of your Application by calling your respective ADA during office hours at the telephone number as set out in Section 12 of the Detailed Procedures for Application and Acceptance accompanying the electronic copy of our Prospectus on the website of Bursa Securities.