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#### NOTES TO THE REPORT FOR THE QUARTER AND YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

# PART A: EXPLANATORY NOTES PURSUANT TO MALAYSIAN FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARD ("MFRS") 134: INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORTING

#### A1. BASIS OF PREPARATION

These condensed consolidated interim financial statements ("Interim Reports") are unaudited and have been prepared in accordance with the Malaysian Financial Reporting Standard ("MFRS") 134 'Interim Financial Reporting' issued by the Malaysian Accounting Standards Board ("MASB"), the International Accounting Standard ("IAS") 34 'Interim Financial Reporting' and the requirements of Companies Act 2016 in Malaysia, where applicable. These Interim Reports have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of investment properties, financial assets at fair value through profit or loss and financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income.

These Interim Reports have also been prepared in accordance with paragraph 9.22 of the Main Market Listing Requirements of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad ("Bursa Securities").

These unaudited Interim Reports should be read in conjunction with the Group's audited financial statements for the 18 months period ended 30 June 2022. The explanatory notes attached to these Interim Reports provide explanation of events and transactions that are significant for an understanding of the changes in the financial position and performance of the Group since the preceding financial period ended 30 June 2022.

#### A2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

# (a) Adoption of Standards, Amendments and Annual Improvements to Standards

The significant accounting policies and presentation adopted by the Group in these Interim Reports are consistent with those adopted in the Group's audited financial statements for the financial period ended 30 June 2022, except for the following which were adopted at the beginning of the current financial year:

- Amendments to MFRS 3 Business Combinations Reference to the Conceptual Framework
- Amendments to MFRS 116 Property, Plant and Equipment Proceeds before Intended Use
- Amendments to MFRS 137 Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets Onerous Contracts - Cost of Fulfilling a Contract
- Annual Improvements to MFRS Standards 2018 2020:
  - Amendments to MFRS 9 Financial Instruments Fees in the '10 percent' test for Derecognition of Financial Liabilities
  - Amendments to MFRS 1 First time adoption of Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards -Subsidiary as a First-Time Adopter
  - o Amendments to MFRS 141 Agriculture Taxation in Fair Value Measurements
  - Amendments to Illustrative Example accompanying MFRS 16 Leases Lease Incentives

None of the amendments listed above have any significant impact on the amounts recognised in prior periods and are not expected to significantly affect the current or future periods of the Group's financial statements.

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# A2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

# (b) Standards and amendments issued but not yet effective

As at the date of authorisation of these Interim Reports, the following accounting standards, interpretations and amendments to MFRSs that have been issued by the Malaysian Accounting Standards Board ("MASB") but have not been adopted by the Group:

# MFRSs, interpretations and amendments effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2023

- MFRS 17, Insurance Contracts
- Amendments to MFRS 17, Insurance Contracts Initial application of MFRS 17 and MFRS 9 Comparable Information
- Amendments to MFRS 101, Presentation of Financial Statements Disclosures of Accounting Policies
- Amendments to MFRS 108, Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors Definition of Accounting Estimates
- Amendments to MFRS 112, Income Taxes Deferred Tax related to Assets and Liabilities arising from a Single Transaction and International Tax Reform Pillar Two Model Rules

# MFRSs, interpretations and amendments effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2024

- Amendment to MFRS 16, Leases Lease Liability in a Sale and Leaseback
- Amendments to MFRS 101, Presentation of Financial Statements Non-current Liabilities with Covenents and Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current
- Amendments to MFRS 107, Statement of Cash Flows and MFRS 7, Financial Instruments : Disclosures Supplier Finance Arrangements

# MFRSs, interpretations and amendments effective for annual periods beginning on or after a date vet to be determined

 Amendments to MFRS 10, Consolidated Financial Statements and MFRS 128, Associates and Joint Ventures – Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture

#### A3. COMMENTS ABOUT SEASONAL OR CYCLICAL FACTORS

The Group's business operations were not significantly affected by any seasonal or cyclical factors.

# A4. UNUSUAL ITEMS DUE TO THEIR NATURE, SIZE OR INCIDENCE

There were no unusual items affecting assets, liabilities, equity, net income or cash flows during the current quarter and year ended 30 June 2023.

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#### A5. SIGNIFICANT ESTIMATES AND CHANGES IN ESTIMATES

There were no changes in estimates that have had any material effect during the current quarter and year ended 30 June 2023.

#### **DEBT AND EQUITY SECURITIES** A6.

There were no issuances, repurchases and repayments of debt and equity securities during the current quarter and year ended 30 June 2023.

#### A7. **DIVIDEND PAID**

There was no dividend paid by the Company during the current quarter and year ended 30 June 2023.

#### **A8.** SIGNIFICANT EVENT AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD

There were no significant events subsequent to the end of the current financial year ended 30 June 2023 that have not been reflected in these Interim Reports.

#### A9. **SEGMENTAL INFORMATION**

The following summary describes the operations in each of the Group's operating segments:

- **Investment Holdings**
- investment holdings
- General Insurance
- underwriting of all classes of general insurance business
- **Education Services**
- provision of education services and operation of tuition centers
- **Credit Services**
- provision of money lending, debt factoring and other credit activities
- **Hospitality Services**
- provision of hospitality services, food and beverage, retailer of Cigars,
- and other services including logistics, renovation and facilities management service

The Group's Other segments comprise property management, advisory and consultancy services, film distribution and cinema businesses none of which has met the requirements of MFRS 8 'Operating Segment' to be separately presented as an operating segment.

There have been no material changes in total assets, the basis of segmentation and the basis of measurement of segment profit or loss from the last annual financial statements.

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# A9. SEGMENTAL INFORMATION (continued)

# Current quarter ended 30 June 2023 ("Q4 FY2023") - Unaudited

	Investment	General	Education	Credit	Hospitality	Other	
	Holdings	Insurance	Services	Services	Services	segments	Group
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
Operating revenue							
External revenue	1,977	49,355	6,530	3,797	11,297	2,212	75,168
Inter segment revenue	4,553	114	638	220	22	577	6,124
Total revenue	6,530	49,469	7,168	4,017	11,319	2,789	81,292
Net earned premiums	_	23,286	_	_	_	_	23,286
Investment income	1,163	769	-	-	-	-	1,932
Interest income	755	2,702	6	3,797	-	1	7,261
Realised gains and losses – net	-	(30)	6	-	-	-	(24)
Fair value gains and losses - net	848	(627)	3	-	-	-	224
Commission income	-	1,089	-	-	-	-	1,089
Other operating revenue from non-insurance businesses	59	-	6,524	-	11,297	2,211	20,091
Other operating income/(expenses) – net	550	1,125	2,512	(11,311)	(397)	14	(7,507)
Net claims incurred	-	(9,491)	-	-	-	-	(9,491)
Commission expenses	-	(10,781)	-	-	-	-	(10,781)
Management expenses	(6,950)	(7,684)	(9,268)	1,261	(14,099)	(2,969)	(39,709)
Finance costs	(760)	(22)	(185)	(4)	(546)	(348)	(1,865)
Loss before taxation by segments	(4,335)	336	(402)	(6,257)	(3,745)	(1,091)	(15,494)
Share of profit of associates not included in reportable							
segments	-	-	-	-	-	-	54
(Loss)/profit before taxation	(4,335)	336	(402)	(6,257)	(3,745)	(1,091)	(15,440)
Taxation	(1,047)	(1,685)	(528)	407	(412)	(51)	(3,316)
(Loss)/profit after taxation	(5,382)	(1,349)	(930)	(5,850)	(4,157)	(1,142)	(18,756)

<sup>(\*)</sup> There will be no comparative financial information available for the corresponding quarter and period as the Group had changed its financial year end from 31 December to 30 June.

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# A9. SEGMENTAL INFORMATION (continued)

# 12 months period ended 30 June 2023 ("12M FY2023") - Unaudited

	Investment	General	Education	Credit	Hospitality	Other	
	Holdings	Insurance	Services	Services	Services	segments	Group
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
Operating revenue							
External revenue	3,476	187,774	28,173	12,352	45,094	6,525	283,394
Inter segment revenue	17,123	163	4,601	932	75	1,694	24,588
Total revenue	20,599	187,937	32,774	13,284	45,169	8,219	307,982
Net earned premiums	-	96,794	-	-	-	-	96,794
Investment income	1,600	3,029	-	-	-	-	4,629
Interest income	1,639	9,801	63	12,352	-	3	23,858
Realised gains and losses – net	(456)	449	6	-	-	-	(1)
Fair value gains and losses - net	13,236	3,506	8	-	-	-	16,750
Commission income	-	3,944	-	-	-	-	3,944
Other operating revenue from non-insurance businesses	237	-	28,110	-	45,094	6,522	79,963
Other operating income/(expenses) – net	2,959	5,328	17,501	(13,179)	786	17	13,412
Net claims incurred	-	(39,223)	-	-	-	-	(39,223)
Commission expenses	-	(39,916)	-	-	-	-	(39,916)
Management expenses	(22,600)	(24,427)	(38,427)	(998)	(56,101)	(11,364)	(153,917)
Finance costs	(2,262)	(59)	(923)	(4)	(1,630)	(966)	(5,844)
(Loss)/profit before taxation by segments	(5,647)	19,226	6,338	(1,829)	(11,851)	(5,788)	449
Share of profit of associates not included in reportable							
segments	-	-	-	-	-	-	146
(Loss)/profit before taxation	(5,647)	19,226	6,338	(1,829)	(11,851)	(5,788)	595
Taxation	(1,657)	(5,065)	(3,898)	(62)	(457)	(113)	(11,252)
(Loss)/profit after taxation	(7,304)	14,161	2,440	(1,891)	(12,308)	(5,901)	(10,657)

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# A9. SEGMENTAL INFORMATION (continued)

	Investment Holdings	General Insurance	Education Services	Credit Services	Hospitality Services	Other segments	Group
At 30 June 2023 (Unaudited)	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
Segment Assets Associates	125,846	458,059	107,570	63,570	38,838	28,376	822,259 813
Total Assets At 30 June 2022 (Audited)							823,072
Segment Assets	119,555	450,439	56,677	67,166	43,059	39,649	776,545
Associates Total Assets						-	667 777,212

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# A10. CHANGES IN THE COMPOSITION OF THE GROUP

- (a) On 2 December 2022, Edumaax Sdn Bhd, a wholly-owned sub-subsidiary of the Company entered into a conditional sale and purchase agreements ("SPA") with MAACA Labuan Ltd, Tunku Yaacob Khyra and Samuele Minotti (collectively referred as the "Sellers") to acquire 1,000,000 shares, representing 100% of the issued and paid-up share capital of Villa Castiglioni S.R.L ("VC"), for a total cash consideration of Euro (€2,200,000 or RM10,362,000 equivalent (based on the exchange rate of €1.00 = RM4.71)) and assumption of advance from the shareholders of VC/the Sellers at completion.
- (b) On 6 December 2022, Hospitality 360 Sdn Bhd ("H360"), a 51% sub-subsidiary of the Company via its subsidiary, Perfect Host (M) Sdn Bhd subscribed for 100 ordinary shares at an issue price of RM1 each, representing 100% of the issued and paid-up capital in a new subsidiary, Luxe Paradigm Sdn Bhd, a company incorporated in Malaysia, for cash purchase consideration of RM100.
- (c) On 12 January 2023, H360 acquired 100 ordinary shares representing 100% of the share capital in Magnum Glory Sdn Bhd from Tan Hou Ham for cash consideration of RM100.

#### A11. VALUATION OF INVESTMENT PROPERTIES

Investment properties of the Group were carried at revalued amount at the financial year ended 30 June 2023 based on valuations carried out by professional valuers during the financial year and the fair value changes therein were recognised in the profit or loss.

#### A12. CONTINGENT ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

There were no contingent assets and liabilities as at 30 June 2023.

# A13. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

Significant capital expenditures contracted but not provided for as at the end of the reporting period are as follows:

	As at	As at
	30.6.2023	30.6.2022
	RM'000	RM'000
Property, plant and equipment		
- Computer and software	500	500
- Furniture, fitting and equipment	2,751	1,000
- Renovation	15,160	13,850
	18,411	15,350

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# **A14. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

All related party transactions and balances within the Group had been entered into the normal course of business and were carried out on normal commercial terms. The Company monitors related party transactions to comply with the requirements under Chapter 10 of the Main Market Listing Requirements of Bursa Securities.

# **A15. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENT OF INVESTMENTS**

The following tables show the Group's investments which are measured at fair value analysed by the various level within the fair value hierarchy:

# At 30 June 2023 (Unaudited)

	Carrying				Total fair
	values	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	values
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
Investments measured at fair value					
Investments at FVTPL:					
Equity securities quoted in Malaysia	135	135	-	-	135
Equity securities quoted outside					
Malaysia	58,337	58,337	-	-	58,337
Equity securities unquoted outside					
Malaysia	24,590	-	-	24,590	24,590
Unit trusts quoted outside Malaysia	43	43	-	-	43
Unit trusts unquoted in Malaysia	409	-	409	-	409
	83,514	58,515	409	24,590	83,514
Investments measured at fair value					
Investments at FVOCI:					
Government debt securities quoted					
outside Malaysia	66,835	66,835	-	-	66,835
Corporate debt securities quoted					
outside Malaysia	1,385	1,385	-	-	1,385
Equity securities quoted outside					
Malaysia	18,593	18,593	-	-	18,593
Equity securities unquoted in					
Malaysia	100	-	-	100	100
Equity securities unquoted outside					
Malaysia	43		-	43	43
	86,956	86,813	-	143	86,956

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# A15. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENT OF INVESTMENTS (continued)

The following tables show the Group's investments which are measured at fair value analysed by the various level within the fair value hierarchy: (continued)

# At 30 June 2023 (continued)

	Carrying values	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total fair values
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
Investments for which fair values are disclosed Investments at AC:					
Government debt securities quoted	20.424	20 205			20 205
outside Malaysia Corporate debt securities quoted	29,424	28,295	-	-	28,295
outside Malaysia Investment notes unquoted in	118,628	115,379	-	-	115,379
Malaysia	3,480	-	-	3,480	3,480
	151,532	143,674	-	3,480	147,154

# 30 June 2022 (Audited)

	Carrying				Total fair
	values	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	values
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
Investments measured at fair value Investments at FVTPL:					
Equity securities quoted in Malaysia Equity securities quoted outside	239	239	-	-	239
Malaysia	63,067	63,067	-	-	63,067
Equity securities unquoted outside					
Malaysia	22,562	-	-	22,562	22,562
Unit trusts unquoted in Malaysia	401	-	401	-	401
	86,269	63,306	401	22,562	86,269

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# A15. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENT OF INVESTMENTS (continued)

The following tables show the Group's investments which are measured at fair value analysed by the various level within the fair value hierarchy: (continued)

# 30 June 2022 (Audited) (continued)

	Carrying				Total fair
	values	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	values
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
Investments measured at fair value					
Investments at FVOCI:					
Government debt securities quoted					
outside Malaysia	45,645	45,645	-	-	45,645
Corporate debt securities quoted					
outside Malaysia	1,350	1,350	-	-	1,350
Equity securities quoted outside					
Malaysia	24,317	23,091	1,226	-	24,317
Equity securities unquoted in					
Malaysia	100	-	-	100	100
Equity securities unquoted outside					
Malaysia	43	-	-	43	43
	71,455	70,086	1,226	143	71,455
Investments for which fair values are					
disclosed					
Investments at AC:					
Government debt securities quoted					
outside Malaysia	18,011	16,345	_	_	16,345
Corporate debt securities quoted	10,011	10,515			10,5 15
outside Malaysia	110,448	110,298	_	_	110,298
Investment notes unquoted in		,			,
Malaysia	2,725	_	_	2,725	2,725
	131,184	126,643	-	2,725	129,368

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# A15. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENT OF INVESTMENTS (continued)

The Group's policy is to recognise transfers into and transfers out of fair value hierarchy levels as at the end of the reporting period. There were no transfers among Level 1, 2 and 3 of their fair value hierarchy during the current quarter and year ended 30 June 2023.

The following table shows the movement in Level 3 investments for the current year ended 30 June 2023:

			Unquoted investment
	Unquoted equi	ty securities	notes
	FVTPL	FVOCI	AC
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
At 1 July 2022	22,562	143	2,725
Purchases	-	-	6,864
Disposal/maturities	-	-	(5,850)
Fair value gain	675	-	-
Allowance for impairment loss	-	-	(259)
Effect of movement in exchange rates	1,353	-	-
At 30 June 2023	24,590	143	3,480

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PART B: EXPLANATORY NOTES PURSUANT TO APPENDIX 9B OF THE MAIN MARKET LISTING REQUIREMENTS OF BURSA MALAYSIA SECURITIES BERHAD

#### **B1.** REVIEW OF GROUP PERFORMANCE

#### Group

	3 months pe	eriod ended	12 months period ended		
Key financial performance	30.6.2023	30.6.2022 <sup>(*)</sup>	30.6.2023	30.6.2022 <sup>(*)</sup>	
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	
Operating revenue	75,168	-	283,394	-	
(Loss)/profit before taxation	(15,440)	-	595	-	

<sup>(\*)</sup> There will be no comparative financial information available for the corresponding quarter and period as the Group had changed its financial year end from 31 December to 30 June.

# Current quarter ended 30 June 2023 ("Q4 FY2023")

For Q4 FY2023, the Group recorded a total operating revenue of RM75.2 million which comprised of gross earned premiums of RM45.9 million recorded by General Insurance business, investment and interest income of RM9.2 million and other operating revenue from non-insurance businesses of RM20.1 million.

The Group recorded a Loss before taxation ("LBT") of RM15.4 million for Q4 FY2023, mainly affected by , LBT of RM4.3 million from Investment Holdings segment, LBT of RM0.4 million from Education Services segment, LBT of RM6.3 million from Credit services segment, LBT of RM3.7 million from Hospitality Services segment and LBT of RM1.1 million from Other segment; whilst General Insurance business recorded a Profit before taxation ("PBT") of RM0.3 million.

#### 12 months period ended 30 June 2023 ("12M FY2023")

For 12M FY2023, the Group recorded a total operating revenue of RM283.4 million which comprised of gross earned premiums of RM174.9 million recorded by General Insurance business, investment and interest income of RM28.5 million and other operating revenue from non-insurance businesses of RM80.0 million.

The Group recorded a PBT of RM0.6 million for 12M FY2023. General Insurance business and Education Services segment recorded PBT of RM19.2 million and RM6.3 million respectively; however, these profits were offset by LBT of RM5.6 million from Investment Holdings segment, LBT of RM1.8 million from Credit services segment, LBT of RM11.9 million from Hospitality Services segment and LBT of RM5.8 million from Other segment.

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# **B1. REVIEW OF GROUP PERFORMANCE** (continued)

# **Investment Holdings**

	3 months pe	eriod ended	12 months p	eriod ended
Key financial performance	30.6.2023	30.6.2022 <sup>(*)</sup>	30.6.2023	30.6.2022 <sup>(*)</sup>
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
Operating revenue	1,977	-	3,476	-
Loss before taxation	(4,335)	-	(5,647)	-

<sup>(\*)</sup> There will be no comparative financial information available for the corresponding quarter and period as the Group had changed its financial year end from 31 December to 30 June.

# Current quarter ended 30 June 2023 ("Q4 FY2023")

For Q4 FY2023, Investment Holdings segment recorded a total operating revenue of RM2.0 million which comprised mainly from investment and interest income of RM1.9 million with a LBT of RM4.3 million, mainly caused by higher management expenses of RM7.0 million.

# 12 months period ended 30 June 2023 ("12M FY2023")

For 12M FY2023, Investment Holdings segment recorded a total operating revenue of RM3.5 million which comprised mainly from investment and interest income of RM3.2 million with a LBT of RM5.6 million. Investment Holdings segment recorded net fair value gains on equities investments of RM13.2 million in 12M FY2023, however, this gain was offset by higher management expenses of RM22.6 million.

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# **B1. REVIEW OF GROUP PERFORMANCE** (continued)

# **General Insurance**

The Group's General Insurance business in the Philippines held via subsidiary, MAA General Assurance Philippines, Inc. ("MAAGAP") is principally engaged in underwriting general insurance businesses.

	3 months period ended						
Key financial performance		30.6.2023		30.6.2022 <sup>(*)</sup>			
	PHP'000	RM'000	PHP'000	RM'000			
Gross premium written ("GPW")	511,663	41,892	-	-			
Underwriting surplus	51,216	4,103	-	-			
Investment income	9,426	769	-	-			
Interest income	33,023	2,702	-	-			
Claim ratio in %	40.8%	40.8%	-	-			
Commission ratio in %	45.3%	45.3%	-	-			
Profit before taxation	5,170	336	-	-			
Range of currency exchange rate	1RM = 12.01	to 12.35PHP		-			

<sup>(\*)</sup> There will be no comparative financial information available for the corresponding quarter and period as the Group had changed its financial year end from 31 December to 30 June.

# Current quarter ended 30 June 2023 ("Q4 FY2023")

For Q4 FY2023, MAAGAP recorded a GPW of PHP511.7 million (RM41.9 million equivalent). The motor and non-motor classes contributed PHP148.3 million (RM12.1 million equivalent) and PH363.4 million (RM29.8 million equivalent) respectively of the total GPW.

MAAGAP recorded a PBT of PHP5.2 million (RM0.3 million equivalent) for Q4 FY2023 contributed by underwriting surplus of PHP51.3 million (RM4.1 million equivalent), investment and interest income of PHP42.4 million (RM3.5 million equivalent); offset by net fair value losses of PHP7.8 million (RM0.6 million equivalent) on equity investments and management expenses of PHP93.8 million (RM7.7 million equivalent).

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# **B1. REVIEW OF GROUP PERFORMANCE** (continued)

# **General Insurance**

	12 months period ended				
Key financial performance		30.6.2023		30.6.2022 <sup>(*)</sup>	
	PHP'000	RM'000	PHP'000	RM'000	
Gross premium written ("GPW")	2,203,383	177,020	-	-	
Underwriting surplus	270,175	21,599	-	-	
Investment income	37,636	3,029	-	-	
Interest income	121,848	9,801	-	-	
Claim ratio in %	40.5%	40.5%	-	-	
Commission ratio in %	37.1%	37.1%	-	-	
Profit before taxation	240,365	19,226	-	-	
Range of currency exchange rate	1RM = 12.01	to 12.73PHP		-	

<sup>(\*)</sup> There will be no comparative financial information available for the corresponding quarter and period as the Group had changed its financial year end from 31 December to 30 June.

# 12 months period ended 30 June 2023 ("12M FY2023")

For 12M FY2023, MAAGAP recorded a GPW of PHP2,203.4 million (RM177.0 million equivalent). The motor and non-motor classes contributed PHP630.1 million (RM50.6 million equivalent) and PHP1,573.3 million (RM126.4 million equivalent) respectively of the total GPW.

MAAGAP recorded a PBT of PHP240.4 million (RM19.2 million equivalent) for 12M FY2023 contributed by underwriting surplus of PHP270.2 million (RM21.6 million equivalent), investment and interest income of PHP159.5 million (RM12.8 million equivalent), net fair value gains of PHP10.0 million (RM0.9 million equivalent) on equity investments, fair value gain on investment properties of PHP33.4 million (RM2.6 million equivalent) and other income of PHP65.9 million (RM5.3 million equivalent); offset by management expenses of PHP303.6 million (RM24.4 million equivalent).

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# **B1. REVIEW OF GROUP PERFORMANCE** (continued)

# **Education Services**

Education Services comprised of the following business units:

- Kasturi Academy Sdn Bhd ("Kasturi") offers private tuition for Malaysia National secondary school curriculum;
- St John's International Edu Group Sdn Bhd and Alfaakademik Sdn Bhd (collectively known as "SJI Group") operates international school and offers primary and secondary education and private tuition for Cambridge, IGCSE O-Level and A-Level programmes;
- Imperium Edumaax Sdn Bhd ("Imperium Edumaax") offers tertiary education for certificates, foundations, diplomas, bachelor degrees and professional accountancy qualifications. Imperium Edumaax is also a Human Resource Development Corporation ("HRDF Corp") training provider offering a suite of continuous professional development and training programmes; and
- Edumaax Sdn Bhd and other dormant subsidiaries ("Others unit") investment holding and other business units on development.

					3 months	period ended
Key financial					30.6.2023	30.6.2022 <sup>(*)</sup>
performance by			Imperium	Others		
business units	Kasturi	SJI Group	Edumaax	unit	Total	Total
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
Operating revenue	347	5,788	395	-	6,530	-
(Loss)/profit before taxation	(617)	1,108	(2,795)	1,902	(402)	-

					12 months	period ended
Key financial					30.6.2023	30.6.2022 <sup>(*)</sup>
performance by			Imperium	Others		
business units	Kasturi	SJI Group	Edumaax	unit	Total	Total
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
Operating revenue	1,269	24,336	2,568	-	28,173	-
(Loss)/profit before taxation	(2,371)	5,074	(9,601)	13,236	6,338	-

<sup>(\*)</sup> There will be no comparative financial information available for the corresponding quarter and period as the Group had changed its financial year end from 31 December to 30 June.

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# **B1. REVIEW OF GROUP PERFORMANCE** (continued)

**Education Services (continued)** 

Current quarter ended 30 June 2023 ("Q4 FY2023")

# (i) Kasturi

For Q4 FY2023, Kasturi recorded a total operating revenue of RM0.3 million with a LBT of RM0.6 million. LBT was attributable to loss from tuition centre, mainly due to low students' enrolment. In response to it, Kasturi will continue to streamline its operations and promote its online learning portal to enable it to reach out to a larger population with a wider coverage than in Klang valley.

#### (ii) SJI Group

For Q4 FY2023, SJI Group recorded a total operating revenue of RM5.8 million with a PBT of RM1.1 million primarily from its Secondary education.

# (iii) Imperium Edumaax

For Q4 FY2023, Imperium Edumaax recorded a total operating revenue of RM0.4 million with a LBT of RM2.8 million. To improve students' enrolment rate, the college will continue to promote its existing certificate, foundation, diploma, UK Degree Programmes and the newly launched world class American Degree Programme ("ADP").

# (iv) Others unit

For Q4 FY2023, Others unit recorded a PBT of RM1.9 million mainly contributed from other income.

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# **B1. REVIEW OF GROUP PERFORMANCE** (continued)

**Education Services** (continued)

12 months period ended 30 June 2023 ("12M FY2023")

# (i) Kasturi

For 12M FY2023, Kasturi recorded a total operating revenue of RM1.2 million with a LBT of RM2.4 million. LBT was attributable to loss from tuition centre, mainly due to low students' enrolment. Kasturi is undertaking series of transformation plans which includes enhancing students' learning experience, rationalisation exercise, rebranding exercise, increasing existing market share, implementing 'SPEED' marketing focusing on people, e-marketing, educators, and direct marketing. In addition, Kasturi had also launched its online learning portal, namely "Kazoom" to allow it to reach out to a larger population especially those who live out of klang valley.

# (ii) SJI Group

For 12M FY2023, SJI Group recorded a total operating revenue of RM24.4 million with a PBT of RM5.0 million with major contribution from the Secondary education.

# (iii) Imperium Edumaax

For 12M FY2023, Imperium Edumaax recorded a total operating revenue of RM2.6 million with a LBT of RM9.6 million. To Improve students' enrolment rate, management has reviewed key areas including programs and fee structure to ensure premium education quality with affordable fees. Management is also constantly intensifying marketing initiatives, actively engaging agents, and promoting synergy effort within group of education companies. In view of these initiatives, Management expects a higher enrolment rate in the upcoming quarters.

#### (iv) Others unit

For 12M FY2023, Others unit recorded a PBT of RM13.2 million mainly from other income of RM14.1 million. In year 2020, wholly owned subsidiary Edumaax SPA acquired a non-performing loan ("Receivable") for a nominal value of EUR3.19 million (RM15.8 million equivalent) and the Receivable was secured by an immovable property ("Property"). The value of the Property identified in the decree of transfer is equal to EUR6.23 million (RM29.8 million equivalent) . The Receivable was subsequently realised with transfer of ownership of the Property to the company and resulted in other income of RM14.1 million recognised in the current period. The other income was reduced with professional fees and other expenditures incurred.

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# **B1. REVIEW OF GROUP PERFORMANCE** (continued)

# **Credit Services**

	3 months pe	riod ended	12 months period ended		
Key financial performance	30.6.2023	30.6.2022 <sup>(*)</sup>	30.6.2023	30.6.2022 <sup>(*)</sup>	
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	
Operating revenue	3,797	-	12,352	-	
Loss before taxation	(6,257)	-	(1,829)	-	

<sup>(\*)</sup> There will be no comparative financial information available for the corresponding quarter and period as the Group had changed its financial year end from 31 December to 30 June.

# Current quarter ended 30 June 2023 ("Q4 FY2023")

For Q4 FY2023, Credit Services segment recorded a total operating revenue of RM3.8 million which comprised mainly of total interest income of RM3.6 million from money lending, other credit activities and debt factoring business.

Credit Services segment recorded a LBT of RM6.3 million for Q4 FY2023, mainly caused by allowance for impairment loss RM11.2 million on loan receivables.

# 12 months period ended 30 June 2023 ("12M FY2023")

For 12M FY2023, Credit Services segment recorded a total operating revenue of RM12.4 million which comprised mainly of interest income of RM9.6 million from money lending and other credit activities and income from debt factoring business of RM2.2 million.

Credit Services segment recorded a LBT of RM1.8 million for 12M FY2023. The allowance for impairment loss of RM12.3 million on loan receivables has outweighed the total operating revenue of RM12.4 million.

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# **B1. REVIEW OF GROUP PERFORMANCE** (continued)

# **Hospitality Services**

	3 months pe	eriod ended	12 months period ended		
Key financial performance	30.6.2023	30.6.2022 <sup>(*)</sup>	30.6.2023	30.6.2022 <sup>(*)</sup>	
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	
Operating revenue	11,297	-	45,094	-	
Loss before taxation	(3,745)	-	(11,851)	-	

<sup>(\*)</sup> There will be no comparative financial information available for the corresponding quarter and period as the Group had changed its financial year end from 31 December to 30 June.

# Current quarter ended 30 June 2023 ("Q4 FY2023")

For Q4 FY2023, the Hospitality Services segment recorded total operating revenue of RM11.3 million mainly contributed by RM9.5 million from hospitality industry, RM1.2 million from Cigar division and RM0.6 million from other services.

The LBT of RM3.7 million in Q4 FY2023 was mainly caused by LBT of RM3.3 million from hospitality industry and LBT of RM0.6 million from other services, whilst the Cigar division recorded a small PBT of RM0.2 million.

# 12 months ended 30 June 2023 ("12M FY2023")

For 12M FY2023, the Hospitality Services segment recorded total operating revenue of RM45.1 million mainly contributed by RM38.3 million from hospitality industry, RM4.1 million from Cigar division and RM2.7 million from other services.

The LBT of RM11.9 million in 12M FY2023 was mainly caused by LBT of RM10.5 million from hospitality industry and LBT of RM1.7 million from other services, whilst the Cigar division recorded a small PBT of RM0.3 million.

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# B2. MATERIAL CHANGE IN PERFORMANCE OF THE CURRENT QUARTER COMPARED WITH IMMEDIATE PRECEDING QUARTER

		Quarter ended
	30.6.2023	31.3.2023
	RM'000	RM'000
Operating revenue	75,168	67,964
(Loss)/profit before taxation	(15,440)	5,629

The Group recorded total operating revenue of RM75.2 million in current quarter ended 30 June 2023 ("Q4 FY2023"), an increase of 10.6% from RM68.0 million in the immediate preceding quarter ended 31 March 2023 ("Q3 FY2023"). The increase mainly from higher gross earned premiums from General insurance business of RM45.9 million (Q3 FY2023: RM41.1 million) and higher total investment and interest income of RM9.2 million (Q3 FY2023: RM6.4 million).

The Group recorded a LBT of RM15.5 million in Q4 FY2023 as compared to the RM5.6 million in Q3 FY2023, mainly due to allowance for impairment loss RM11.2 million on loan receivables from Credit Services segment.

#### **B3.** INVESTMENT INCOME

	3 months p	eriod ended	12 months p	eriod ended
	30.6.2023	30.6.2022 <sup>(*)</sup>	30.6.2023	30.6.2022 <sup>(*)</sup>
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
Rental income from investment properties	314	-	736	-
Investments at FVTPL				
Dividend income				
Equity securities				
- quoted in Malaysia	1	-	6	-
<ul> <li>quoted outside Malaysia</li> </ul>	496	-	1,805	-
<ul> <li>unquoted outside Malaysia</li> </ul>	841	-	841	-
	1,338	-	2,652	-
Investments at FVOCI				
Dividend income				
Equity securities quoted outside Malaysia	280	-	1,241	-
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	1,932	-	4,629	-

 $<sup>\</sup>overline{(^{*})}$  There will be no comparative financial information available for the corresponding quarter and period as the Group had changed its financial year end from 31 December to 30 June.

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# **B4.** INTEREST INCOME

	3 months pe	eriod ended	12 months p	eriod ended
	30.6.2023	30.6.2022 <sup>(*)</sup>	30.6.2023	30.6.2022 <sup>(*)</sup>
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
Investments at FVOCI				
Interest income				
Government debt securities quoted				
outside Malaysia	705	-	2,465	-
Corporate debt securities quoted				
outside Malaysia	14	-	58	-
Corporate debt securities unquoted				
in Malaysia	710	-	1,428	-
	1,429	-	3,951	_
Investments at AC				
Interest income				
Government debt securities quoted				
outside Malaysia	388	-	947	-
Corporate debt securities quoted				
outside Malaysia	1,506	-	6,083	-
Investment notes unquoted in Malaysia	181	-	529	-
	2,075	-	7,559	
Interest income from:				
- staff loans	27	-	106	-
- associates	6	-	25	-
- fixed and call deposits	108	-	394	_
	141	-	525	-
Interest income from:				
Loans from money lending and other				
credit activities	4,867	-	9,619	-
Debt factoring business	(1,251)	-	2,204	-
	3,616	-	11,823	-
	7,261	-	23,858	-

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# **B5.** REALISED GAINS AND LOSSES - NET

	3 months po	eriod ended	12 months p	eriod ended
	30.6.2023	30.6.2022 <sup>(*)</sup>	30.6.2023	30.6.2022 <sup>(*)</sup>
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
Net losses from disposal of property, plant				
and equipment	(6)	-	(11)	-
Investments at FVTPL				
Net realised gains/(losses)				
Equity securities				
- quoted in Malaysia	2	-	(15)	-
- quoted outside Malaysia	(49)	-	(79)	-
	(47)	-	(94)	-
Investments at FVOCI				
Net realised gains				
Government debt securities quoted				
outside Malaysia	29	-	104	-
	(24)	-	(1)	-

<sup>(\*)</sup> There will be no comparative financial information available for the corresponding quarter and period as the Group had changed its financial year end from 31 December to 30 June.

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# **B6.** FAIR VALUE GAINS AND LOSSES - NET

	3 months pe	eriod ended	12 months period ended	
	30.6.2023	30.6.2022 <sup>(*)</sup>	30.6.2023	30.6.2022 <sup>(*)</sup>
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
Fair value (losses)/gains on investment				
properties	(103)	-	2,675	-
Investments at FVTPL				
Net fair value gains/(losses)				
Equity securities				
- quoted in Malaysia	(13)	-	3	-
- quoted outside Malaysia	(1,508)	-	13,387	-
<ul> <li>unquoted outside Malaysia</li> </ul>	1,841	-	675	-
Unit trusts				
- unquoted in Malaysia	3	-	8	-
- quoted outside Malaysia	4	-	2	-
	327	-	14,075	-
	224	-	16,750	-

<sup>(\*)</sup> There will be no comparative financial information available for the corresponding quarter and period as the Group had changed its financial year end from 31 December to 30 June.

#### **B7. OTHER OPERATING REVENUE FROM NON-INSURANCE BUSINESSES**

	3 months po	eriod ended	12 months period ended	
	30.6.2023	30.6.2022 <sup>(*)</sup>	30.6.2023	30.6.2022 <sup>(*)</sup>
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
Fee income from education services	6,524	-	28,110	-
Revenue from hotel room and hotel related				
services	8,741	-	34,054	-
Sale of cigar and accessories	1,204	-	4,225	-
Revenue from sale of cinema tickets and				
concessions	2,205	-	6,509	-
Others	1,417	-	7,065	-
	20,091	-	79,963	-
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<sup>(\*)</sup> There will be no comparative financial information available for the corresponding quarter and period as the Group had changed its financial year end from 31 December to 30 June.

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# B8. (LOSS)/PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION FOR THE QUARTER AND PERIOD

(Loss)/profit before taxation for the quarter and period is arrived at after crediting/(charging):

	3 months po	eriod ended	12 months period ended	
	30.6.2023	30.6.2022 <sup>(*)</sup>	30.6.2023	30.6.2022 <sup>(*)</sup>
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
Property, plant and equipment written off	(53)	-	(70)	-
Impairment loss on intangible assets	(247)	-	(247)	-
Impairment loss on right-of-use assets	(682)	-	(682)	-
(Allowance for)/write back of impairment loss				
on:				
- investments at amortised costs	894	-	948	-
- insurance receivables	(792)	-	(1,203)	-
- trade receivables	(204)	-	(234)	-
- loans from money lending and other credit				
activities	(11,237)	-	(12,288)	-
- factoring receivables	1,618	-	278	-
Realised foreign exchange losses – net	(346)	-	(411)	-
Unrealised foreign exchange gains – net	3,386	-	3,489	-
Other income (Note)	-	-	14,106	-
Depreciation of property, plant and				
equipment	(1,223)	-	(5,633)	-
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	(3,567)	-	(13,395)	-
Amortisation of intangible assets	(70)	-	(249)	_
Hire purchase interests	(2)	-	(14)	-
Lease interests	(959)	-	(2,925)	-
Other finance costs	(904)	-	(2,905)	-

<sup>(\*)</sup> There will be no comparative financial information available for the corresponding quarter and period as the Group had changed its financial year end from 31 December to 30 June.

(Note) Other income of RM14.1 million was mainly from the difference between the value of the Property on initial recognition and the derecognition of Receivable, as disclosed in Note B1 – Section of Education Services.

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# **B9. TAXATION**

	3 months period ended		12 months period ended	
	30.6.2023	30.6.2022 <sup>(*)</sup>	30.6.2023	30.6.2022 <sup>(*)</sup>
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
<u>Current tax expenses</u>				
Malaysia				
- current year	1,162	-	3,116	-
- prior years	241	-	164	-
Overseas				
- current year	574	-	3,168	-
	1,977	-	6,448	-
<u>Deferred tax expenses</u>				
Malaysia				
- origination and reversal of temporary				
differences	228	-	713	-
Overseas				
- origination and reversal of temporary				
differences	1,111	-	4,091	-
	1,339	-	4,804	-
Total tax expense	3,316	-	11,252	-

<sup>(\*)</sup> There will be no comparative financial information available for the corresponding quarter and period as the Group had changed its financial year end from 31 December to 30 June.

Even though the Group recorded loss in the current quarter ended 30 June 2023, provision for taxation has been made mainly for the profit recorded by General Insurance business held via MAAGAP as the group loss relief in Malaysia is not applicable to MAAGAP and certain expenses that are not deductible for tax purposes.

# **B10. BORROWINGS**

	As at	As at
	30.6.2023	30.6.2022
	RM'000	RM'000
Secured:		
<u>Current</u>		
Redeemable preference shares	15,481	-
Margin trading financial liability	-	18,943
Hire purchase liabilities	45	47
	15,526	18,990
<u>Non-current</u>		
Hire purchase liabilities	124	169
	15,650	19,159

The Group's borrowings are denominated in Ringgit Malaysia (RM).

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# **B11.** PROSPECTS

Malaysia's gross domestic product ("GDP") is expected to have moderate growth between 4% to 5% in 2023 rising to 4.6% in 2024 amid challenging external environment, with domestic demand continuing to drive growth, supported by the continued improvement in the labour market and the realisation of multi-year investment projects.

Similar to previous recent years, the General Insurance business in the Philippines, held by MAAGAP, is poised to continue with premium growth and improved profit margins in 2024 by capturing a wider market share in the Philippines through agencies expansion, venture to innovative digital transformation and management efficiency while preserving its prudent selection of risk and underwriting principles. Baring other unforeseen circumstances like natural disasters which Philippines is most vulnerable to and the market driven stock performance, the Group is cautiously optimistic and expects MAAGAP to improve its revenue and financial performance in 2024.

The Group's Education Services' operating units namely Kasturi, SJI Group and Imperium Edumaax will continue to intensify their marketing efforts to increase student enrolment, diversify program offerings and continue with cost control measures for 2024.

The Credit Services segment of the Group comprises of Money Lending and Debt Factoring business activities. The Money Lending business will implement management action plans to re-strategise its business plans and improve its debt collection activities. The Debt Factoring business will continue to pursue growth opportunities in-line with the opening of all economic sectors.

The Hospitality Services segment of the Group will continue to strengthen its efforts and position in the market which looks increasingly promising with the additional 5 hotels going live this year plus the increasing influx of tourism activities.

Going into 2024, the Group expects the operating environment to be increasingly challenging and competitive. Notwithstanding this, the Group will continue to be cautious while continuing its efforts in implementing and executing management strategic plans in expanding the existing business and improving profitability.

#### **B12.** PROFIT FORECAST OR PROFIT GUARANTEE

There was no profit forecast or profit guarantee issued by the Group.

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# **B13.** CORPORATE PROPOSALS

(a) On 22 June 2021, the Company had entered into an unconditional share sale and purchase agreement ("SPA") with Ithmaar Bank B.S.C. (Closed) ("Ithmaar") to acquire 132,151,497 ordinary shares in Turiya Berhad ("Turiya") ("Turiya Shares"), representing approximately 57.78% equity interest in Turiya, for a cash consideration of RM23,787,269.46 or RM0.18 per Turiya Shares ("Acquisition").

Upon completion of the Acquisition, MAAG's shareholding in Turiya increased from nil to approximately 57.78%. Accordingly, MAAG is obliged to extend a mandatory take-over offer to acquire all the remaining Turiya Shares not already held by MAAG ("Offer Shares") at a cash offer price of RM0.18 per Offer Share pursuant to Section 218(2) of the Capital Markets and Services Act, 2007 and paragraph 4.01(a) of the Rules on Take-overs, Mergers and Compulsory Acquisitions issued by the Securities Commission Malaysia ("SC") ("Proposed Offer").

The Company had, on 5 July 2021, been served with a sealed copy of Writ of Summons dated 3 July 2021 from Empire Holdings Ltd ("Plaintiff"), together with the Notice of Application dated 3 July 2021 and Affidavit in Support of Sarin Sahadev Swami affirmed on 2 July 2021. Please refer to Note B14 of these Interim Reports for details on the status of litigations.

In view of the legal proceedings, SC had, vide its letter dated 12 July 2021, approved and further approved verbally in October 2021 MAAG's application for an extension of time to despatch the offer document.

Other than as stated above, there was no corporate proposal announced but not completed as at the reporting date.

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# **B14. CHANGES IN MATERIAL LITIGATION**

(a) 1<sup>st</sup> Litigation

High Court of Malaya at Kuala Lumpur ("KL High Court")

Civil Suit No: WA-22NCC-295-07/2021 ("Empire's Suit")

Plaintiff : Empire Holdings Ltd ("Empire")

Defendents: 1. Ithmaar Development Company Ltd ("1st Defendant" or "IDC")

Ithmaar Bank B.S.C ("2<sup>nd</sup> Defendant" or "IB")
 MAA Group Berhad ("3rd Defendant" or "MAAG")
 Tunku Dato' Yaacob Khyra ("4th Defendant" or "TY")

5. Turiya Berhad ("5th Defendant" or "Turiya") (Collectively referred to as "Defendants")

On 5 July 2021, MAAG had served with a sealed copy of a Writ of Summons dated 3 July 2021 ("Writ") from Empire together with the Notice of Application dated 3 July 2021 and Affidavit in Support of Sarin Sahadev Mohan Swami affirmed on 2 July 2021 ("Injunction Application").

Empire's claim against the IDC and IB is inter alia for breach of contract and/or duty of care and/or good faith as lender and/or charge in respect of 132,151,497 ordinary shares in Turiya held as security and/or by way of charge by IDC, and owned at all material times by Empire ("the Turiya Shares"), pursuant to a Share Charge dated 20 April 2008 and a Charge Supplement dated 28 October 2015, arising out of and/or in connection with the IDC's and/or IB's sale and/or disposal of the Turiya Shares to the MAAG at below market value and/or at an undervalue, pursuant to a share sale and purchase agreement entered into between the IB and MAAG on 22 June 2021 ("Share Sale and Purchase Agreement") to acquire the Turiya Shares, without reasonable or any notice to Empire, and contrary to and/or in breach of the representations and/or agreement by Abdulla Taleb made for and on behalf of the IDC and/or IB to Empire for inter alia the redemption inter alia of the Turiya Shares by Empire ("the Agreement") and/or giving rise to an estoppel against the sale and transfer of the Turiya Shares to MAAG.

Further to the e-review case management held on 7 July 2021, the Court issued an Ad Interim Injunctive Order (interim injunction) against MAAG, IDC and the IB.

On 27 September 2021, the decision on the inter-parties for Empire's Injunction Application was delivered by Yang Arif Tuan Ong Chee Kwan, Judicial Commissioner ("YA OCK"), via e-review. YA OCK decided as follows:

- (i) Empire's Injunction Application is dismissed;
- (ii) The Ad Interim Injunctive Order against the Defendants, first granted on 7 July 2021, iss set aside; and
- (iii) Empire to pay cost of RM35,000 each to IDC and IB, MAAG and TY.

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# **B14.** CHANGES IN MATERIAL LITIGATION (continued)

(a) 1<sup>st</sup> Litigation (continued)

On 27 September 2021, Empire filed the notices of appeal against the KL High Court's decision to dismiss the Empire's Injunction Application and to set aside the Ad Interim Injunction Order ("Appeals"). On 28 September 2021, they filed the Notice of Motion for an Erinford Injunction ("Notice of Motion").

Empire and MAAG agreed to grant each other certain undertakings, pending the disposal of the Appeals by the Court of Appeal. In exchange for the abovementioned undertakings by MAAG to Empire, and the abovementioned cross-undertakings by Empire to MAAG, Empire agreed to withdraw its Notice of Motion against MAAG.

The Appeals were heard by the Court of Appeal on 1 December 2021, and the Court of Appeal delivered their unanimous decision as follows:

- (i) The Appeals were dismissed.
- (ii) The decision by YA OCK, at the KL High Court dated 27 September 2021, was upheld.
- (iii) The Court of Appeal awarded costs of RM20,000 to MAAG.

Empire had filed a Notice of Application dated 27 December 2021, pursuant to Order 14A of the Rules of Court 2012 ("Order 14A Application") and Affidavit in Support of Tan Seow Wan, affirmed on 27 December 2021 ("Affidavit in Support"), to dispose of the civil suite action No. WA-22NCC-295-07/2021 in respect of the Acquisition ("Litigation"), filed against MAAG.

Empire filed a Notice of Application dated 29 December 2021, applying to the KL High Court for an injunction against MAAG, pending the disposal of the Order 14A Application and, an affidavit in support of Tan Seow Wan, affirmed on 31 December 2021 ("Injunction Affidavit in Support") ("Second Injunction Application").

On 6 January 2022, the KL High Court fixed the Order 14A Application for hearing on 18 February 2022 and the trial dates for the Litigation be rescheduled to 15 June 2022, 16 June 2022 and 17 June 2022.

The Order 14A Application filed by Empire was heard by the KL High Court on 18 February 2022. The Order 14A Application was dismissed; and costs of RM30,000 each was awarded to IDC, IB, MAAG and TY. Following the dismissal of the Order 14A Application, the Second Injunction Application filed by Empire pending the disposal of the Order 14A Application was struck out by the KL High Court, with no order as to costs.

On 3 March 2022, Empire filed a notice of appeal with the Court of Appeal against the KL High Court's decision to dismiss the Order 14A Application ("Order 14A Appeal"). The Court of Appeal fixed the hearing date for the Order 14A Appeal on 30 March 2023.

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(a) 1<sup>st</sup> Litigation (continued)

The Trial for the Writ was conducted in person at the KL High Court before YA OCK, on 15 June 2022, 16 June 2022, 28 September 2022, 29 September 2022 and 30 September 2022. As the Trial for the Writ was part heard, YA OCK fixed additional trial dates for the Writ to be concluded, on 28 November 2022, 29 November 2022 and 30 November 2022.

On 22 November 2022, solicitors for MAAG were served by the solicitors for Empire with the following documents:

- 1. sealed Notice of Application to the KL High Court dated 17 November 2022 ("Postponement Application"); and
- 2. the Affidavit in Support affirmed by Tan Seow Wan on 21 November 2022, in support of the Postponement Application.

Under the Postponement Application, Empire is applying to the KL High Court for the following orders:

- that Empire's Suit, including the Trial dates fixed on 28, 29 and 30 November 2022, is stayed (suspended) pending the disposal of Empire's appeal to the Court of Appeal against the KL High Court's decision to dismiss Empire's application under Order 14A of the Rules of Court 2012 to dispose of Empire's Suit on points of law; and
- 2. in addition to or in the alternative, Empire is granted leave to reopen its case, which closed on 28 September 2022, and Empire is granted to leave to call further witnesses, including but not limited to Tan Sri Mohan Swami, before the Defendants commence their case at the Trial.

The Case Management for the Postponement Application was conducted at the KL High Court before YA OCK on 29 November 2022. YA OCK dismissed the Postponement Application, and awarded costs of RM30,000 each to IDC, IB, MAAG and TY.

After the conclusion of the Postponement Application, the Trial for Empire's Suit continued. During the continuation of the Trial for Empire's Suit, solicitors for IDC and IB informed YA OCK that IDC and IB are electing to submit a 'no case to answer'. Solicitors for MAAG, and solicitors for TY, also elected to submit a 'no case to answer'.

The Hearing for oral submissions on the 'No Case to Answer' by solicitors for the Defendants (IDC, IB, MAAG, and TY), was conducted at the KL High Court before YA OCK on 24 March 2023. After hearing submissions and reply submissions from all solicitors, YA OCK decided in favour of the Defendants (IDC, IB, MAAG, and TY) and dismissed Empire's Suit. YA OCK awarded costs of RM80,000 each to IDC, IB, MAAG and TY.

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# **B14.** CHANGES IN MATERIAL LITIGATION (continued)

(a) 1<sup>st</sup> Litigation (continued)

On 24 March 2023, solicitors for MAAG was served, by e-mail, with an unsealed copy of a notice of appeal filed by the solicitors for Empire with the Court of Appeal, against the decision of the KL High Court delivered on 24 March 2023, dismissing Empire's Suit, and awarding costs to the Defendants (IDC, IB, MAAG, and TY) ("Notice of Appeal").

The Hearing for the Notice of Motion (to stay the High Court trial), and the Order 14A Appeal, was conducted before the Court of Appeal on 30 March 2023, by way of Zoom Hearing. After hearing submissions and reply submissions from all solicitors, the Court of Appeal:

- 1. Struck out the Notice of Motion, with no order as to costs; and
- 2. Adjourned the Hearing for the Appeal, to allow Empire, at its request, to file a formal application, for the Appeal to be heard jointly with the Notice of Appeal filed by Empire with the Court of Appeal against YA OCK's decision to dismiss Empire's Suit ("High Court Suit Appeal").

The joint Hearing for the Order 14A Appeal, and the High Court Suit Appeal, is subject to Empire filing a formal application with the Court of Appeal, for both appeals to be heard together ("Appeal Consolidation Application"). The Court of Appeal will decide accordingly, based on Empire's formal application, and the respondents' submissions.

The Case Management for the Appeal Consolidation Application, the Order 14A Appeal, and the High Court Suit Appeal, were conducted on 18 May 2023 at the Court of Appeal, by way of e-review. During the Case Management, the Court of Appeal provided the following directions:

- 1. Respondents (IDC, IB, MAAG, TY and Turiya) to file their respective Affidavits in Reply on or before 2 June 2023;
- 2. Empire to file their further reply to the respective Affidavits in Reply filed by each Respondent on or before 16 June 2023; and
- 3. A Case Management is fixed for 19 June 2023, at the Court of Appeal, by way of e-review.

The Case Management for the Joint Hearing Application and the Court of Appeal, were conducted from 19 June 2023 to 20 June 2023, at the Court of Appeal, by way of e-review. During the Case Management, the Court of Appeal provided the following directions:

- 1. All parties to file their respective written submissions for the Joint Hearing Application, on or before 1 September 2023;
- 2. A Case Management for the Joint Hearing Application to update the Court of Appeal on the filing of written submissions by all parties is fixed on 4 September 2023;

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# **B14.** CHANGES IN MATERIAL LITIGATION (continued)

- (a) 1<sup>st</sup> Litigation (continued)
  - 3. The Hearing date for the Joint Hearing Application is fixed on 15 September 2023;
  - 4. A Case Management for the Order 14A Appeal to update the Court of Appeal on the outcome of the Joint Hearing Application is fixed on 19 September 2023.

The Case Management for the High Court Suit Appeal was conducted on 22 June 2023, at the Court of Appeal, by way of e-review.

During the Case Management, solicitors for IDC, IB, MAAG, and TY, raised objections regarding the filing of certain documents by Empire in the Record of Appeal.

The Court of Appeal directed for all parties to resolve this issue on the disagreement on the contents of the Record of Appeal, and fixed a Case Management on 25 July 2023, to update the Court of Appeal on this matter.

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# **B14.** CHANGES IN MATERIAL LITIGATION (continued)

(b) 2<sup>nd</sup> Litigation (Closed)

High Court of Malaya at Kuala Lumpur ("KL High Court") Originating Summons No: WA-24NCC-658-05/2022

Plaintiff : Turiya Berhad ("Turiya")

Defendents : 1. MAA Group Berhad ("1st Defendant" or "MAAG")

2. Empire Holdings Limited ("2nd Defendant" or "Empire")

On 13 May 2022, MAAG had served with a sealed copy of an Originating Summons ("OS") dated 12 May 2022 from Turiya, and an Affidavit in Support affirmed on 12 May 2022 by Jayapalasingam a/l Kandiah, the Senior Independent Non-Executive Director of Turiya ("ROD Determination").

Turiya is seeking the determination of and directions from the KL High Court, for the following question:

"Whether Turiya and/or the board of directors of Turiya and/or the officers of Turiya, including the share registrar of Turiya, is obliged to provide the record of depositors of Turiya as at 10 May 2022, to MAAG, to enable MAAG to despatch the offer document for the take-over offer by MAAG to acquire all the remaining ordinary shares in Turiya not already held by MAAG and its persons acting in concert, in compliance with paragraph 11.02 of the Rules on Take-Overs, Mergers and Compulsory Acquisitions, as requested by MAAG vide its letter dated 6 May 2022".

On 2 June 2022, solicitors for MAAG were served by the solicitors for Empire, with a notice of application dated 1 June 2022, filed by Empire on 1 June 2022 ("Stay Application"). The Stay application was for an order for stay of proceedings of the ROD Determination, pending the disposal of the judicial review application filed by Turiya on 13 May 2022 at the KL High Court, against the Securities Commission Malaysia, MAAG and Empire, in judicial review application no. WA-25-369-05/2022.

The hearing at the KL High Court, for the ROD Determination and the Stay Application, was held on 2 June 2022. During the hearing, Turiya withdrew the ROD Determination and Empire withdrew the Stay Application.

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# **B14.** CHANGES IN MATERIAL LITIGATION (continued)

(c) 3rd Litigation (Closed)

High Court of Malaya at Kuala Lumpur (Special Powers Division) ("KL High Court")

Application for Judicial Review No: WA-25-369-05/2022

Applicant : Turiya Berhad ("Turiya")

Respondents: 1. Securities Commission Malaysia ("SC")

2. MAA Group Berhad ("MAAG")

3. Empire Holdings Limited ("Empire")

On 1 June 2022, MAAG had served with cause papers relating to the Judicial Review Application, including, a sealed *ex parte* application dated 13 May 2022, for leave to commence judicial review, an Affidavit in Support of the Turiya's Judicial Review Application, affirmed on 13 May 2022, by Jayapalasingam a/I Kandiah, the Senior Independent Non-Executive Director of Turiya, and a sealed order of the KL High Court dated 23 May 2022.

In the Turiya's Judicial Review Application, Turiya applied for:

- (i) leave of the KL High Court to apply for a Mandamus order to compel the SC to investigate the Empire's allegations regarding contraventions of securities laws and the Listing Requirements in respect of a Notice of Unconditional Mandatory Take-Over Offer by MAAG for all the remaining shares in Turiya which is not already held by MAAG ("Notice");
- (ii) an order that the whole of MAAG's unconditional mandatory take-over offer ("Offer") process be stayed pending the disposal of the Judicial Review Application and if leave is granted, pending the disposal of the substantive Judicial Review Application;
- (iii) costs in the cause; and
- (iv) such further reliefs as the KL High Court deems fit and suitable.

On 23 May 2022, the KL High Court granted the following orders:

- (i) that Turiya be granted leave to apply for a Mandamus order to compel the SC to investigate the Empire's allegations regarding contraventions of securities laws and the Listing Requirements in respect of the Notice; and
- (ii) an interim stay order that the whole Offer process be stayed with liberty to the Respondents to set it aside ("Interim Stay Order").

In this regard, the KL High Court provided the following directions:

(i) Turiya to file and serve a Notice of Application to withdraw the Judicial Review Application ("Withdrawal Application"), on or before 13 June 2022;

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# **B14.** CHANGES IN MATERIAL LITIGATION (continued)

- (c) 3rd Litigation (Closed) (continued)
  - (ii) MAAG to file and serve a Notice of Application to set aside the interim stay order granted by the KL High Court on 23 May 2022 ("Setting Aside Application"), on or before 17 June 2022; and
  - (iii) The Hearing date for both the Withdrawal Application and the Setting Aside Application is fixed before the High Court Judge, Yang Arif Hakim Dato' Wan Ahmad Farid bin Wan Salleh ("YA WAF"), on 27 June 2022.

On 13 June 2022, solicitors for Turiya filed with the KL High Court and served on the solicitors for MAAG, the Withdrawal Application.

On 17 June 2022, solicitors for MAAG filed with the KL High Court and served on the solicitors for Turiya, the Setting Aside Application.

The online Hearing for both the Withdrawal Application and the Setting Aside Application was conducted on 27 June 2022 before YA WAF.

Upon hearing all parties present, YA WAF granted an order in terms of the Withdrawal Application, with no order as to costs. As a consequential order to the Withdrawal Application being granted by the KL High Court, the Interim Stay Order granted by the KL High Court on 23 May 2022, is set aside with no order as to costs. Both orders are effective from 27 June 2022.

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# **B14.** CHANGES IN MATERIAL LITIGATION (continued)

(d) 4th Litigation

High Court of Malaya at Kuala Lumpur (Special Powers Division) ("KL High Court")

Application for Judicial Review No: WA-25-391-06/2022

Applicant : Empire Holdings Limited ("Empire")

Respondents : 1. Securities Commission Malaysia ("SC")

2. MAA Group Berhad ("MAAG")

3. Turiya Berhad ("Turiya")

On 22 June 2022, MAAG had served with cause papers relating to the Judicial Review Application, including, a sealed copy of an *ex parte* application dated 7 June 2022, for leave to commence judicial review, an Affidavit in Support of the Empire's Judicial Review Application, affirmed on 7 June 2022, by Tan Seow Wan, the General Manager of Empire, and a sealed order of the KL High Court dated 13 June 2022.

In the Empire's Judicial Review Application, Empire applied, ex-parte for:

- (i) leave of the KL High Court to apply for a Mandamus order to compel the SC to investigate the Empire's allegations thoroughly and completely, regarding contraventions of securities laws and the Listing Requirements in respect of a Notice of Unconditional Mandatory Take-Over Offer by MAAG for all the remaining shares in Turiya which is not already held by MAAG ("Notice");
- (ii) an order that the whole of MAAG's unconditional mandatory take-over offer ("Offer") process be stayed pending the disposal of the Empire's Judicial Review Application and if leave is granted, pending the disposal of the substantive Empire's Judicial Review Application;
- (iii) costs in the cause; and
- (iv) such further reliefs as the KL High Court deems fit and suitable.

On 13 June 2022, the KL High Court granted the following orders, ex-parte:

- (i) that Empire be granted leave to apply for a Mandamus order to compel the SC to investigate the Empire's allegations, in a thorough and complete manner, regarding contraventions of securities laws and the Listing Requirements in respect of the Notice; and
- (ii) a stay order that the whole Offer process be stayed pending the disposal of the substantive application of the Empire's Judicial Review Application.

On 4 July 2022, MAAG filed with the KL High Court and served on Empire, MAAG's Notice of Application for security for costs against Empire ("Application for Security for Costs") and MAAG's Certificate of Urgency.

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# **B14.** CHANGES IN MATERIAL LITIGATION (continued)

(d) 4th Litigation (continued)

On 8 August 2022, SC filed a Notice of Application for security for costs against Empire ("SC Application for Security for Costs") and an affidavit in support of the SC Application for Security for Costs, affirmed by Ahmad Zulkharnain bin Musa, General Manager of the Take-overs & Mergers Department of the SC, on 8 August 2022.

On 11 August 2022, the following matters were conducted at the KL High Court (Special Powers Court 1), before Tang Arif Hakim Dato' Ahmad Kamal bi Md. Shahid ("YA Dato' Ahmad Kamal"):

- (i) Case Management for the substantive Hearing of Empire's Judicial Review Application (Enclosure 13);
- (ii) Hearing for the Application for Security for Costs (Enclosure 13); and
- (iii) Hearing for the SC Application for Security for Costs (Enclosure 33).

During the Hearing for the SC Application for Security for Costs, YA Dato' Ahmad Kamal provided the following directions:

- (i) Empire to file and serve on the SC, the affidavit in reply of the SC Application for Security for Costs by 25 August 2022;
- (ii) The SC to file and serve on Empire, a reply to Empire's affidavit in reply by 8 September 2022;
- (iii) Both Empire and the SC to file written submissions by 22 September 2022;
- (iv) Both Empire and the SC to file written submissions in reply, if any, by 29 September 2022;
- (v) The Hearing for the SC Application for Security for Costs is fixed on 17 October 2022, in open court, at 9am, before YA Dato' Ahmad Kamal.

All parties, and YA Dato' Ahmad Kamal, agreed that the Application for Security for Costs and the SC Application for Security for Costs should be heard together on 17 October 2022.

YA Dato' Ahmad Kamal also fixed a new Case Management date for the substantive Hearing for Empire's Judicial Review Application (Enclosure 13) on 17 October 2022, after the Hearing for the Application for Security for Costs (Enclosure 16) and the SC Application for Security for Costs.

The Case Management at the KL High Court, for Empire's Judicial Review Application, was held on 6 September 2022 ("Case Management").

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(d) 4th Litigation (continued)

During the Case Management, the KL High Court provided the following directions:

- (i) The Hearing date fixed on 17 October 2022 is vacated;
- (ii) Written submission (in English) for Enclosure 33 to be filed and served simultaneously on or before 2 November 2022;
- (iii) Written submission in reply (in English) for Enclosure 33 to be filed and served simultaneously on or before 9 November 2022;
- (iv) The SC to file the reply to Empire's Affidavit in Reply in Enclosure 33 on or before 27 September 2022;
- (v) A new Hearing date, for the Application for Security for Costs (Enclosure 16) and the SC Application for Security for Costs (Enclosure 33) is fixed on 16 November 2022;
- (vi) A Case Management for the substantive hearing of Empire's Judicial Review Application (Enclosure 13) is fixed on 16 November 2022, after the Hearing is concluded.

On 9 September 2022, MAAG filed the following cause papers with the KL High Court:

- 1. Notice of Application to the KL High Court for, among others, the following orders (Enclosure 42):
  - (i) a variation of the Stay Order dated 13 June 2022, to allow MAAG to submit an application to the SC under Paragraph 15.01 of the Rules on Take-overs, Mergers and Compulsory Acquisitions ("TOM Rules") for the SC's consent for MAAG:
    - a. to nominate its proxy for appointment to the board of directors of Turiya; and
    - b. to vote at Turiya's 42nd Annual General Meeting ("AGM"), scheduled to be held on 20 September 2022;
  - (ii) as a consequence of Order (i) above, the rights of MAAG to vote at Turiya's 42nd AGM and all subsequent AGMs, extraordinary general meetings and other meetings of shareholders of Turiya, be restored;
  - (iii) as an alternative, an Order for Turiya's 42nd AGM to be postponed pending MAAG obtaining the consent of the SC in accordance with the TOM Rules; and
  - (iv) as an alternative, an Order for Resolutions 2, 3, 5 and 6, as set out in Turiya's 42nd AGM Notice, not be tabled.

("Variation Application").

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- (d) 4th Litigation (continued)
  - 2. Affidavit in Support of the Variation Application, affirmed by Anand Kanagasingam, Group Chief Operating Officer of MAAG, on 9 September 2022;
  - 3. Certificate of Urgency; and
  - 4. A letter from the Solicitors for MAAG to the KL High Court dated 9 September 2022.

On 14 September 2022, the KL High Court heard submissions on MAAG's request for an Order to postpone Turiya's AGM.

On 15 September 2022, the KL High Court refused MAAG's request for an Order to postpone Turiya's AGM.

On 10 January 2023, the KL High Court decided in favour of MAAG in, and granted, the Application for Security for Costs (Enclosure 16), and the SC in, and granted, the SC Application for Security for Costs (Enclosure 33), respectively, and granted the following orders:

- Empire is ordered to pay to MAAG's solicitors RM20,000 to be held as Security for Costs within 7 days from the date of the KL High Court's decision, failing which, Empire's Judicial Review Application will be struck out; and
- 2. Empire is ordered to pay to the SC's solicitors RM20,000 to be held as Security for Costs within 7 days from the date of the KL High Court's decision, failing which, Empire's Judicial Review Application will be struck out.

YA Dato' Ahmad Kamal also awarded costs of RM1,500 each to MAAG and the SC, for the Application for Security for Costs (Enclosure 16), and the SC Application for Security for Costs (Enclosure 33), respectively.

YA Dato' Ahmad Kamal also decided in favour of MAAG in, and approved the Variation Application (Enclosure 42) and granted an order in terms of the Variation Application (Enclosure 42), subject to the removal of all references to Turiya's 42nd Annual General Meeting. YA Dato' Ahmad Kamal awarded costs of RM5,000 to MAAG for the Variation Application (Enclosure 42).

The KL High Court fixed a Case Management for Empire's Judicial Review Application on 26 January 2023.

On 19 January 2023, MAAG was served, by e-mail, with an unsealed notice of appeal filed by the solicitors for Empire with the Court of Appeal, against the decision of the KL High Court delivered on 10 January 2023, approving the Variation Application and granting an order in terms of the Variation Application, subject to the removal of all references to Turiya's 42nd Annual General Meeting ("Notice of Appeal").

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# **B14.** CHANGES IN MATERIAL LITIGATION (continued)

(d) 4th Litigation (continued)

On 26 January 2023, the Case Management for the substantive Hearing for Empire's Judicial Review Application was conducted by way of e-review. During the Case Management, the KL High Court provided the following directions:

- (i) The SC and Turiya are to file their respective affidavits in reply, to Empire's affidavit in support of Empire's Judicial Review Application, on or before 17 February 2023;
- (ii) Empire to file its further reply to the SC's and Turiya's respective affidavits in reply, on or before 17 March 2023;
- (iii) Another Case Management is fixed on 23 March 2023 for all parties to provide updates on the filing of affidavits;
- (iv) All parties to file their respective written submissions for the substantive Hearing for Empire's Judicial Review Application (Enclosure 13) on or before 19 June 2023;
- (v) All parties to file their respective written submissions in reply for the substantive Hearing for Empire's Judicial Review Application (Enclosure 13) on or before 3 July 2023; and
- (vi) The substantive Hearing for Empire's Judicial Review Application is fixed on 17 July 2023 at 10am, to be heard in person at the KL High Court, before YA Dato' Ahmad Kamal.

On 23 March 2023, the Case Management for the substantive Hearing for Empire's Judicial Review Application was conducted by way of e-review. During the Case Management, the KL High Court maintained the date for the substantive Hearing of Empire's Judicial Review Application on 17 July 2023, and fixed a Case Management on 9 May 2023, by way of e-review.

The Case Management for Empire's appeal to the Court of Appeal, against the decision of YA Dato' Ahmad Kamal delivered on 10 January 2023, approving the Variation Application ("High Court Decision") ("Variation Appeal") was conducted on 2 May 2023 at the Court of Appeal, by way of ereview. During the Case Management, the Court of Appeal provided the following directions:

- (i) Empire to file the grounds of judgment, and the notes of proceedings of the KL High Court Decision; and
- (ii) A Case Management is fixed on 3 July 2023, by way of e-review.

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(d) 4th Litigation (continued)

On 3 May 2023, solicitors for MAAG was served, by e-mail, with an unsealed and undated copy of a Notice of Application filed by the solicitors for Empire with the KL High Court, for the following:

- (i) a stay of execution of the decision of YA Dato' Ahmad Kamal approving the Variation Application; and
- (ii) a stay of proceedings of the substantive Hearing for Empire's Judicial Review Application, pending the disposal of Empire's appeal to the Court of Appeal against YA Dato' Ahmad Kamal's decision delivered on 10 January 2023, approving the Variation Application ("Notice of Application for Stay").

On 3 May 2023, solicitor for MAAG was also served, by e-mail from solicitors for Empire, an affidavit in support of the Notice of Application for Stay, affirmed on 2 May 2023 by Muhammad Yahya bin Abdullah @ Ayyah, a director of Empire.

The Hearing for the Notice of Application for Stay was conducted on 9 May 2023, at the KL High Court, before YA Dato' Ahmad Kamal, by way of Zoom hearing. During the Hearing, YA Dato' Ahmad Kamal provided the following directions, in respect of MAAG:

- (i) MAAG to file a reply to Turiya's Affidavit in Reply, on or before 23 May 2023;
- (ii) Empire to file a reply to MAAG's Affidavit in Reply, on or before 23 May 2023;
- (iii) MAAG to file a reply to Empire's Affidavit in Reply, on or before 6 June 2023;
- (iv) MAAG to file written submissions for the Notice of Application for Stay on or before 27 June 2023;
- (v) MAAG to file written reply submissions for the Notice of Application for Stay on or before 10 July 2023;
- (vi) The Hearing of the Notice of Application for Stay is fixed for 17 July 2023; and
- (vii) The substantive Hearing for Empire's Judicial Review Application is also fixed for 17 July 2023, immediately after the Hearing of the Notice of Application for Stay.

Solicitors for Empire then applied for an ad interim order for stay, pending the disposal of the Hearing for the Notice of Application for Stay.

YA Dato' Ahmad Kamal decided that Empire's application, for an ad interim order for stay, is without merit, and the application was dismissed.

After the Hearing for Notice of Application for Stay concluded, the Case Management for Empire's Judicial Review Application was conducted at the High Court, by way of e-review.

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(d) 4th Litigation (continued)

During the Case Management, the KL High Court confirmed the directions provided by the KL High Court during the Hearing, as set out above.

On 9 May 2023, solicitors for MAAG was served by e-mail, with an unsealed and undated copy of a notice of motion, filed by the solicitors for Empire with the Court of Appeal. Empire has applied for an ad interim order for stay of execution of YA Dato' Ahmad Kamal's decision approving the Variation Application ("Court of Appeal Ad Interim Stay Application").

The Case Management for the Court of Appeal Ad Interim Stay Application was conducted on 11 May 2023, at the Court of Appeal ("COA"), by way of e-review. During the Case Management, the COA provided the following directions:

- (i) The Respondents (SC, MAAG, and Turiya) are to file their respective Affidavits in Reply to the Appellant's (Empire) Affidavit in Support on or before 25 May 2023;
- (ii) The Appellant (Empire) to file their further reply to the Respondents' respective Affidavits in Reply on or before 9 June 2023; and
- (iii) A Case Management is fixed for 12 June 2023.

Another Case Management was conducted on 23 May 2023, at the COA, by way of e-review. The COA provided the following directions:

- (i) Filing of all affidavits for the Court of Appeal Ad Interim Stay Application (Enclosure 14) and the Turiya Notice of Motion (Enclosure 22) is to be exhausted on or before 2 June 2023;
- (ii) all parties to file written submissions on or before 8 June 2023;
- (iii) the Hearing for both the Court of Appeal Ad Interim Stay Application (Enclosure 14) and the Turiya Notice of Motion (Enclosure 22) is fixed for 23 June 2023; and
- (iv) the Case Managements previously fixed for 12 June 2023 and 3 July 2023 are vacated.

The Case Management for both the Court of Appeal Ad Interim Stay Application (Enclosure 14) and the Turiya Notice of Motion (Enclosure 22) were conducted at the COA on 4 July 2023, by way of ereview. During the Case Management, the COA provided the following directions:

- (i) The Hearing date for the Court of Appeal Ad Interim Stay Application and the Turiya Notice of Motion previously fixed on 11 September 2023 is vacated;
- (ii) Any additional submissions must be filed on or before 19 July 2023;

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# **B14.** CHANGES IN MATERIAL LITIGATION (continued)

- (d) 4th Litigation (continued)
  - (iii) A new Hearing date for the Court of Appeal Ad Interim Stay Application and the Turiya Notice of Motion is fixed on 3 August 2023; and
  - (iv) A Case Management is fixed on 9 August 2023 for parties to update the COA on the outcome of the Hearing for the Court of Appeal Ad Interim Stay Application, and the Turiya Notice of Motion.

The Hearing for the Court of Appeal Ad Interim Stay Application and the Turiya Notice of Motion was conducted at the COA, by way of Zoom Hearing on 3 August 2023. During the Hearing, the COA adjourned the Hearing of both matters to 14 August 2023, at the Appellant (Empire)'s request.

The hearing for the following matters was conducted at the COA on 14 August 2023:

- 1. Empire's application to the COA for an ad interim order for stay of execution of the variation order of the High Court dated 10 January 2023 ("Court of Appeal Ad Interim Stay Application"); and
- 2. Turiya's application to the COA seeking the COA's directions with regard to MAAG's nomination of Tunku Dato' Yaacob Khyra as a Director of Turiya ("Turiya Notice of Motion").

The COA dismissed the Court of Appeal Ad Interim Stay Application and struck out the Turiya Notice of Motion.

The Hearing for both the Substantive Hearing for Empire's Judicial Review Application and the Notice of Application for Stay, initially fixed for 17 July 2023, was converted into a Case Management, by way of e-review. During the Case Management, the KL High Court fixed the Hearing for the substantive Hearing for Empire's Judicial Review Application and the Notice of Application for Stay on 16 August 2023.

The substantive hearing for Empire's Judicial Review Application (Enclosure 13) was conducted on 16 August 2023 at the KL High Court, before Yang Arif Dato' Ahmad Kamal. Yang Arif Dato' Ahmad Kamal fixed the continued hearing for the substantive hearing for Empire's Judicial Review Application (Enclosure 13) on 12 September 2023.

On 17 August 2023, case management for Variation Appeal was conducted at the COA and the court fixed 11 October 2023 to hear the appeal.

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# NOTES TO THE REPORT FOR THE QUARTER AND YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

# **B15. DIVIDEND PAYABLE**

The Board of Directors does not recommend any dividend in respect of the current financial year ended 30 June 2023.

#### **B16.** BASIC LOSS PER SHARE

	3 months period ended		12 months period ended	
	30.6.2023	30.6.2022 <sup>(*)</sup>	30.6.2023	30.6.2022 <sup>(*)</sup>
Attributable to the Owners of the Company:				
Net loss for the quarter/period (RM'000)	(15,539)	-	(707)	-
Weighted average number of ordinary				
shares in issue ('000)	263,732	-	263,732	-
Basic loss per share (sen)	(5.89)	-	(0.27)	-

<sup>(\*)</sup> There will be no comparative financial information available for the corresponding quarter and period as the Group had changed its financial year end from 31 December to 30 June.

# **B17.** AUDITOR'S REPORT ON PRECEDING ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The auditor's report on the audited financial statements for the 18 months period ended 30 June 2022 was not qualified.

# By Order of the Board

Lily Yin Kam May Company Secretary

KUALA LUMPUR

**DATE: 28 AUGUST 2023**