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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT FOR PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	3 Months Ended 31 March		3 Months Ended 31 March	
	2021	2020	2021	2020
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
		(Restated)		(Restated)
Continuing operations				
Revenue	151,809	122,114	151,809	122,114
Operating profit from continuing operations	17,009	9,026	17,009	9,026
Interest expense	(5,918)	(7,073)	(5,918)	(7,073)
Interest income	387	1,521	387	1,521
Share of profit/(loss) of associates & joint venture	(657)	384	(657)	384
Profit before tax from continuing operations	10,821	3,858	10,821	3,858
Taxation	(4,018)	(1,178)	(4,018)	(1,178)
Profit after tax from continuing operations	6,803	2,680	6,803	2,680
Profit after tax from discontinued operations	-	470,628	-	470,628
Profit for the period	6,803	473,308	6,803	473,308
Profit attributable to:				
Ordinary equity holders of the Company	2,297	466,646	2,297	466,646
Non-controlling interest	(97)	50	(97)	50
Holder of private debt securities of the Company	4,603	6,612	4,603	6,612
	6,803	473,308	6,803	473,308
Earnings par share ("EDS") attributable				
Earnings per share ("EPS") attributable to Ordinary equity holders of the Company (sen):				
Basic EPS	0.37	76.59	0.37	76.59
Diluted EPS	0.36	73.82	0.36	73.82

The Condensed Consolidated Income Statement should be read in conjunction with the Annual Financial Report for the Year Ended 31 December 2020.

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	3 Months Ended 31 March		3 Months 31 Ma		
	2021 2020		2021	2020	
	RM'000	RM'000 (Restated)	RM'000	RM'000 (Restated)	
		(Restated)		(100/0100)	
Profit for the period	6,803	473,308	6,803	473,308	
Other comprehensive income	(2,870)	342	(2,870)	342	
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the period	3,933	473,650	3,933	473,650	
Total comprehensive income attributable to:					
Ordinary equity holders of the Company	(573)	466,988	(573)	466,988	
Non-controlling interest	(97)	50	(97)	50	
Holder of private debt securities of the Company	4,603	6,612	4,603	6,612	
	3,933	473,650	3,933	473,650	

The Condensed Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income should be read in conjunction with the Annual Financial Report for the Year Ended 31 December 2020.

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 MARCH 2021

	As at 31/3/2021	As at 31/12/2020	As at 1/1/2020
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
		(Restated)	(Restated)
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	43,882	44,644	42,935
Right-of-use asset	15,517	16,514	20,224
Inventories - land held for property development	992,093	993,664	873,440
Investment properties	516,739	517,014	514,626
Investment in associates	192,032	192,618	29,242
Investment in a joint venture	1,013	1,110	235
Other investments	22,432	25,077	10,212
Deferred tax assets	55,837	55,979	46,565
	1,839,545	1,846,620	1,537,479
Current assets			
Inventories and contract cost assets	373,911	380,907	294,967
Trade receivables	140,601	136,415	141,691
Other receivables	34,207	30,177	35,774
Other current assets	4,997	5,080	5,584
Contract assets	294,591	353,004	252,413
Tax recoverable	10,496	8,187	3,863
Cash and bank balances	164,735	204,260	134,739
	1,023,538	1,118,030	869,031
Assets of disposal group/Non-current			
assets held for sale	0	0	664,478
	1,023,538	1,118,030	1,533,509
Total assets	2,863,083	2,964,650	3,070,988
Current liabilities			
Borrowings	121,660	165,215	211,308
Lease liabilities	3,453	4,509	3,708
Trade payables	147,111	178,531	166,622
Other payables	111,320	119,449	123,266
Tax payable	3,560	7,017	6,718
Contract liabilities	126	214	53
	387,230	474,935	511,675
Liabilities directly associated with			
the assets held for sale	0	0	373,235
	387,230	474,935	884,910
Net current assets	636,308	643,095	648,599
Non-current liabilities			
Borrowings	775,785	788,995	700,637
Lease liabilities	15,257	15,235	17,659

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 MARCH 2021

	As at 31/3/2021 RM'000	As at 31/12/2020 RM'000 (Restated)	As at 1/1/2020 RM'000 (Restated)
Deferred tax liabilities	6,097	` 6,101 [´]	` 6,198 [´]
	797,139	810,331	724,494
Total liabilities	1,184,369	1,285,266	1,609,404
Equity Share capital Reserves	330,834 1,098,322	324,909 1,104,820	316,945 821,470
Equity attributable to ordinary equity holders of the Company Private debt securities Non-controlling interests Total equity Total equity and liabilities	1,429,156 248,707 851 1,678,714 2,863,083	1,429,729 248,707 948 1,679,384 2,964,650	1,138,415 248,972 74,197 1,461,584 3,070,988
Net assets (NA) per share (RM)	2.31	2.33	1.88

The Condensed Consolidated Statement of Financial Position should be read in conjunction with the Annual Financial Report for the Year Ended 31 December 2020.

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	Share Capital RM'000	<non dis<br="">Employee Share Reserve# RM'000</non>	tributable> Fair value Reserve RM'000	Translation Reserve RM'000	Distributable Retained Earnings RM'000	Non- controlling interests RM'000	Private debt securities RM'000	Total Equity RM'000
As at 1 January 2021 (Restated)	324,909	8,789	76	(145)	1,096,100	948	248,707	1,679,384
Total comprehensive income	-	-	(2,645)	(225)	2,297	(97)	4,603	3,933
Transactions with owners								
Vesting of LTIP shares	5,925	(5,925)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Private debt securities distribution	-	-	-	-	-	-	(4,603)	(4,603)
Total transactions with owners	5,925	(5,925)	-	-	-	-	(4,603)	(4,603)
As at 31 March 2021	330,834	2,864	(2,569)	(370)	1,098,397	851	248,707	1,678,714

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

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		Employee			Distributable	Non-	Private	
	Share	Share	Fair value	Translation	Retained	controlling	debt	Total
	Capital RM'000	Reserve# RM'000	Reserve RM'000	Reserve RM'000	Earnings RM'000	interests RM'000	securities RM'000	Equity RM'000
As at 1 January 2020 (Restated)	316,945	9,337	(3,957)	(251)	816,341	74,197	248,972	1,461,584
Total comprehensive income	-	-	1,648	(1,306)	466,646	50	6,612	473,650
Transactions with owners								
Vesting of LTIP shares	7,964	(7,964)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Private debt securities distribution	-	-	-	-	-	-	(6,612)	(6,612)
Disposal of discontinued operations	-	-	-	-	-	(75,797)	-	(75,797)
Acquisition of non-controlling interest	-	-	-	-	(1,579)	1,579	-	-
Total transactions with owners	7,964	(7,964)	-	-	(1,579)	(74,218)	(6,612)	(82,409)
As at 31 March 2020 (Restated)	324,909	1,373	(2,309)	(1,557)	1,281,408	29	248,972	1,852,825

- This represents reserve relating to fair valuation of restricted shares and performance shares under the long term incentive plan ("LTIP")

The Condensed Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity should be read in conjunction with the Annual Financial Report for the Year Ended 31 December 2020.

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	3 Months Ended		
	31/3/2021	31/3/2020	
	RM'000	RM'000	
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Profit before tax			
- from continuing operations	10,821	3,858	
- from discontinued operations	-	472,838	
Profit before tax Adjustment for:	10,821	476,696	
Non-cash items	4,671	4,676	
Non-operating items	6,251	(454,936	
Operating profit before working capital changes	21,743	26,436	
Decrease in receivables	60,935	43,181	
Decrease in inventories	19,722	31,874	
Decrease in payables	(51,149)	(24,112	
Cash generated from operations	51,251	77,379	
Taxes paid	(10,774)	(13,505	
Interest paid	(8,461)	(19,570)	
Net cash generated from operating activities	32,016	44,304	
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Increase in land held for development	(7,095)	(12,647)	
Acquisition of non-controlling interest	-	(3,000)	
Investment in an associate	-	(8,438	
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(754)	(1,655	
Purchase of investment properties	(1,440)	(3,576	
Proceeds from disposal of investment properties	-	1,600	
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment	2	8	
Proceeds from disposal of asset held for sale	-	479,932	
Movement in asset held for sale	-	39,066	
Interest received	387	1,683	

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	3 Months	s Ended
	31/3/2021	31/3/2020
	RM'000	RM'000
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Drawdown of borrowings	42,562	-
PDS distribution	(4,603)	(6,612)
Withdrawal in banks restricted for use	(6,373)	(2,597)
Repayment of borrowings	(93,858)	(166,240)
Lease payments	(1,273)	(1,817)
Net cash used in financing activities	(63,545)	(177,266)
NET (DECREASE)/INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(40,429)	360,011
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF PERIOD	176,100	119,872
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF PERIOD	135,671	479,883
	24/2/2024	24/2/2020
	31/3/2021	31/3/2020
	RM'000	RM'000
Cash and cash equivalents comprise:		400 507
Cash and bank balances	142,999 21,736	132,537
Fixed deposits Cash and bank balances	164,735	365,410
Cash and bank balances restricted for use	(18,970)	(17,428)
Fixed deposits maturing more than 3 months	(10,370) (94)	(17,420)
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Overdrafts		
Overdrafts	135,671	479,883

The Condensed Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows should be read in conjunction with the Annual Financial Report for the Year Ended 31 December 2020.

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PART A – EXPLANATORY NOTES PURSUANT TO MALAYSIAN FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARD ("MFRS") 134

A1. Basis of preparation

The interim financial statements are unaudited and have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of MFRS 134 Interim Financial Reporting and paragraph 9.22 of the Listing Requirements of the Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad.

The interim financial statements should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements of the Group for the financial year ended 31 December 2020. The explanatory notes attached to the interim financial statements provide an explanation of events and transactions that are significant to an understanding of the changes in the financial position and performance of the Group since the year ended 31 December 2020.

A2. Changes in accounting policies

The accounting policies and presentation adopted for this interim financial report are consistent with those adopted for the audited annual financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2020, except for the adoption of the Agenda Decision on borrowing costs, which is discussed below.

Agenda Decision

In March 2019, IFRS Interpretations Committee ("IFRIC") published an agenda decision on borrowing costs confirming receivables, contract assets and inventories for which revenue is recognised over time are non-qualifying assets. On 20 March 2019, the Malaysian Accounting Standards Board ("MASB") decided that an entity shall apply the change in accounting policy as a result of the IFRIC Agenda Decision to financial statements for annual periods beginning on or after 1 July 2020.

In previous financial years, borrowing costs incurred were capitalised in inventory – property under development until the completion of the units. Effective 1 January 2021, the Group had retrospectively applied the Agenda Decision according to guidance given by the Agenda Decision.

A2. Changes in accounting policies (cont'd)

The effects of the adoption of the Agenda Decision on the consolidated income statement and consolidated statement of comprehensive income are as follows:

NSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT	Previously Reported		Effect of the Agenda Decision		Restated	
	1Q 31 March 2020 RM'000	YTD 31 March 2020 RM'000	1Q 31 March 2020 RM'000	YTD 31 March 2020 RM'000	1Q 31 March 2020 RM'000	YTD 31 Marc 202 RM'00
Continuing operations Revenue	122,114	122,114			122,114	122,11
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Operating profit from continuing operations	8,419	8,419	607	607	9,026	9,02
Interest expense Interest income Share of profit/(loss) of associates & joint venture	(6,061) 1,521 384	(6,061) 1,521 384	(1,012) - -	(1,012) - -	(7,073) 1,521 384	(7,07 1,52 38
Profit before tax from continuing operations	4,263	4,263	(405)	(405)	3,858	3,8
Taxation	(1,275)	(1,275)	97	97	(1,178)	(1,1
Profit after tax from continuing operations Profit after tax from discontinued operations	2,988 470,628	2,988 470,628	(308) -	(308)	2,680 470,628	2,6 470,6
Profit for the period	473,616	473,616	(308)	(308)	473,308	473,3
Profit attributable to:						
Ordinary equity holders of the Company	466,954	466,954	(308)	(308)	466,646	466,6
Non-controlling interest	50	50	-	-	50	
Holder of private debt securities of the Company	6,612	6,612	-	-	6,612	6,6
	473,616	473,616	(308)	(308)	473,308	473,3
Earnings per share ("EPS") attributable to Ordinary equity holders of the Company (sen):						
Basic EPS	76.64	76.64	(0.05)	(0.05)	76.59	76.
Diluted EPS	73.87	73.87	(0.05)	(0.05)	73.82	73.
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Total comprehensive income for the period	473,958	473,958	(308)	(308)	473,650	473,6

A2. Changes in accounting policies (cont'd)

The effects of the adoption of the Agenda Decision on the consolidated statement of financial position are as follows:

INSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION						
	As at 31/12/2020	As at 1/1/2020	As at 31/12/2020	As at 1/1/2020	As at 31/12/2020	As at 1/1/2020
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
					(Restated)	(Restated
Non-current assets						
Property, plant and equipment	44,644	42,935			44,644	42,935
Right-of-use asset	16,514	20,224			16,514	20,22
Inventories - land held for property development	993,664	873,440			993,664	873,44 514,62
Investment properties Investment in associates	517,014 192,618	514,626 29,242			517,014 192,618	29,24
Investment in a joint venture	1,110	235			1,110	29,24
Other investments	25,077	10,212			25,077	10.21
Deferred tax assets	56,299	47,533	(320)	(968)	55,979	46,56
	1,846,940	1,538,447	(320)	(968)	1,846,620	1,537,47
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Current assets						
Inventories and contract cost assets	382,636	296,564	(1,729)	(1,597)	380,907	294,96
Trade receivables	136,415	141,691			136,415	141,69
Other receivables	30,177	35,774			30,177	35,77
Other current assets	5,080	5,584			5,080	5,58
Contract assets	353,004	252,413			353,004	252,41
Tax recoverable	8,187	3,863			8,187	3,86
Cash and bank balances	204,260	134,739		((= = = =)	204,260	134,73
Assets of disposal group/Non-current	1,119,759	870,628	(1,729)	(1,597)	1,118,030	869,03
assets held for sale	0	664,478			0	664,47
	1,119,759	1,535,106	(1,729)	(1,597)	1,118,030	1,533,50
Total assets	2,966,699	3,073,553	(2,049)	(2,565)	2,964,650	3,070,98
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Current liabilities						
Borrowings	165,215	211,308			165,215	211,30
Lease liabilities	4,509	3,708			4,509	3,70
Trade payables	178,531	166,622			178,531	166,62
Other payables	119,449	123,266			119,449	123,26
Tax payable	7,017	6,718			7,017	6,71
Contract liabilities	214	53			214	5
	474,935	511,675	0	0	474,935	511,67
Liabilities directly associated with						
the assets held for sale	0	373,235			0	373,23
	474,935	884,910	0	0	474,935	884,91
Net current assets	644,824	650,196	(1,729)	(1,597)	643,095	648,59
Non-current liabilities						
Borrowings	788,995	700,637			788,995	700,63
Lease liabilities	15,235	17,659			15,235	17,65
Deferred tax liabilities	6,101	6,198			6,101	6,19
	810,331	724,494	0	0	810,331	724,49
Total liabilities	1,285,266	1,609,404	0	0	1,285,266	1,609,40
	1,205,200	1,009,404	0		1,203,200	1,009,40
Equity						
Share capital	324,909	316,945			324,909	316,94
Reserves	1,106,869	824,035	2,049	2,565	1,104,820	821,47
Equity attributable to ordinary	·					
equity holders of the Company	1,431,778	1,140,980	2,049	2,565	1,429,729	1,138,4
Private debt securities	248,707	248,972	2,010	_,000	248,707	248,9
Non-controlling interests	948	74,197			948	74,1
Total equity	1,681,433	1,464,149	2,049	2,565	1,679,384	1,461,5
Total equity and liabilities	2,966,699	3,073,553	2,049	2,565	2,964,650	3,070,98
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Net assets (NA) per share (RM)	2.36	1.88	-		2.36	1.8

A3. Audit report qualification

The audit report for the financial year ended 31 December 2020 was not subject to any qualification.

A4. Seasonal or cyclical factors

The operations of the Group were not materially affected by any factor of a seasonal or cyclical nature.

A5. Exceptional or unusual items

Save for items disclosed in Notes A9 and B1, there were no items of an exceptional or unusual nature that have affected the assets, liabilities, equity, net income or cash flows of the Group during the current quarter and financial year to date.

A6. Changes in estimates of amounts reported previously

There were no significant changes in estimates in prior periods that have materially affected the current quarter and financial year to date results.

A7. Debt and equity securities

Save for items disclosed below, there were no other issuance, cancellation, repurchases, resale and repayments of debt and equity securities for the current quarter and financial year to date.

Employee share scheme

On 19 March 2021, the Company issued 4,754,400 shares to its eligible employees pursuant to the vesting of the Restricted Share Incentive Plan ("RS Award') and Performance-based Incentive Plan ("PS Award') of the Long Term Incentive Plan ("LTIP"). The details of the vested shares are as below:

	LTIP	Grant date	Vesting	No. of shares
(a)	2018 RS Award	11 June 2018	Third	903,400
(b)	2019 RS Award	13 March 2019	Second	904,400
(c)	2020 RS Award	13 March 2020	First	845,800
(d)	2018 PS Award	11 June 2018	Final	2,100,800
				4,754,400

A8. Dividends paid

There was no dividend paid during the current quarter and financial year to date.

A9. Profit/(loss) before tax

The following items have been included in arriving at profit before tax:

	3 months 31 Ma		3 months ended 31 March	
	2021	2020	2021	2020
Continuing operations	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
Depreciation of:				
 Property, plant and equipment 	1,515	1,381	1,515	1,381
- Right-of-use asset	1,016	1,084	1,016	1,084
 Investment properties 	2,134	1,976	2,134	1,976
Interest expense on:				
- Borrowings	4,971	6,910	4,971	6,910
- Lease liabilities	947	163	947	163
Additions/(reversal) of allowance for				
impairment of receivables	6	0	6	0
(Gain)/loss on disposal of:				
 Property, plant and equipment 	(2)	(7)	(2)	(7)
 Investment properties 	0	(478)	0	(478)
Net derivative (gain)/loss:				
Forward foreign exchange contract	141	0	141	0
Net foreign exchange (gain)/loss	65	536	65	536

	3 months ended 31 March		3 month 31 M	
Discontinued operations	2021 RM'000	2020 RM'000	2021 RM'000	2020 RM'000
Interest expense on:				
- Borrowings	0	596	0	596
- Lease liabilities	0	786	0	786
Additions/(reversal) of allowance for				
impairment of receivables	0	160	0	160
Bad debts written off	0	75	0	75
(Gain)/loss on disposal of: - Equity interest in subsidiaries	0	(460,595)	0	(460,595)

Save for the items disclosed in the Income Statement and the note above, other items pursuant to Appendix 9B Note16 of the Listing Requirements of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad are not applicable.

A10. Segment reporting for the current financial year to date

	3 months ended 31 March Revenue		3 months ended 31 March Profit/(loss) before ta:		
Analysis by Business Segment	2021 RM'000	2020 RM'000	2021 RM'000	2020 RM'000	
Property	149,612	119,659	15,087	5,575	
Co-labs Coworking	1,399	1,059	(1,141)	(1,358)	
Investment & others	21,651	25,272	(7,544)	(10,364)	
	172,662	145,990	6,402	(6,147)	
Inter-segment elimination	(20,853)	(23,876)	4,419	10,005	
Total - continuing	151,809	122,114	10,821	3,858	
Education - discontinued	-	34,200	0	34,200	

A11. Carrying amount of revalued assets

The valuations of property, plant and equipment and investment properties have been brought forward without amendments from the financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2020.

A12. Subsequent events

Save for the corporate proposal disclosed in B6(ii), there were no material events subsequent to the end of the current quarter that have not been reflected in the interim financial report.

A13. Changes in composition of the Group

There was no change in composition of the Group since the last annual reporting date.

A14. Changes in contingent assets and contingent liabilities

There were no contingent assets or contingent liabilities of the Group since the last annual reporting date.

A15. Capital commitment

The amount of commitments not provided for in the interim financial statements as at 31 March 2021 were as follows:

	RM ¹ 000
Approved and contracted for:-	
Payment under DRA (Note: B6(i))	113,000
Investment properties	69,345
	182,345
Approved but not contracted for:-	
Investment properties	8,628
	8,628
	190,973

A16. Capital expenditure

The major additions and disposals to the property, plant and equipment during the current quarter and financial year to date were as follows:

	Current Quarter RM'000	Financial Year-to-date RM'000
Property, plant and equipment	754	754
A17. Related party transactions		Financial Year-to-date RM'000
Rental charges and license fees paid to Damansara Uptown One Sdn Damansara Uptown Seven Sdn Bhd, Damansara Uptown Retail Centro and Damansara Uptown Car Parks Sdn Bhd, companies in which a br late Dato' Teo Chiang Quan has interest	e Sdn Bhd	524
Rental income received from UOW Malaysia KDU University College S UOW Malaysia KDU University College (PG) Sdn Bhd, associated con the Company		924
Rental income received from Peoplender Sdn Bhd, a company in which Sun Teong and Mr. Benjamin Teo Jong Hian have direct interest	h Mr. Chew	31
Rental charges paid to Mr Chew Sun Teong, a director of the Company	У	12
		1,491

The directors are of the opinion that all the above transactions have been entered into in the normal course of business and have been established on terms and conditions that are not materially different from those obtainable in transactions with unrelated parties.

PART B – EXPLANATORY NOTES PURSUANT TO APPENDIX 9B OF THE LISTING **REQUIREMENTS OF BURSA MALAYSIA SECURITIES BERHAD**

B1. Review of performance

	1Q2021 RM'000	1Q2020 RM'000	Var. %	3M2021 RM'000	3M2020 RM'000	Var. %
		(Restated)			(Restated)	
Continuing						
Revenue	151,809	122,114	24%	151,809	122,114	24%
Operating profit	17,009	9,026	88%	17,009	9,026	88%
Profit before interest & tax	16,352	9,410	74%	16,352	9,410	74%
Profit before Tax	10,821	3,858	180%	10,821	3,858	180%
Profit after tax	6,803	2,680	154%	6,803	2,680	154%
Discontinued						
Profit after tax	0	470,628	-100%	0	470,628	-100%
Profit for the period	6,803	473,308	-99%	6,803	473,308	-99%
Profit attributable to ordinary equity holders of the Company	2,297	466,646	-100%	2,297	466,646	-100%

1Q2021 vs 1Q2020

For 1Q2021, the Group recorded a revenue from continuing operations of RM151.8 million, which was 24% higher than that of the corresponding quarter last year of RM122.1 million. However, the Group's profit before tax (PBT) from continuing operations was 177% higher at RM10.8 million (1Q2020: RM3.9 million) mainly attributable to the higher profit contribution from the property division but was mitigated by the lower non-recurring income from the investment & others division. However, the Group's profit attributable to ordinary equity holders of the Company was lower at RM2.3 million (1Q2020: RM466.6 million) mainly due to the financial results of the Pre-Tertiary Education business was no longer consolidated and a gain of disposal of RM460.6 million was recognised pursuant to the completion of this divestment in 1Q2020.

Continuing operations - Property Division

For 1Q2021, the property division achieved a revenue of RM149.6 million, which was 25% higher than that of the corresponding quarter last year of RM119.6 million. The top three revenue contributors in 1Q2021 were Bukit Banyan development in Kedah, Atwater development in Selangor and Utropolis Batu Kawan development in Penang. On the back of the higher revenue coupled with the higher level of construction progress recognised, the property division recorded a higher PBT of RM15.1 million as compared to RM5.6 million in 1Q2020. During 1Q2020, all of the Group's construction sites were closed when the first Movement Control Order (MCO 1.0) was imposed from 18 March 2020 and the construction works at each site progressively re-opened from mid-May till the end-May 2020, after having complied with the required standard operating procedures.

Despite the on-going pandemic, the Group's property sales for 1Q2021 grew by 63% to RM182 million (1Q2020: RM112 million) as more properties were launched during this quarter coupled with the good sales response from the existing phases. Conversely in 1Q2020, no sales could be materialised during MCO 1.0 period as legal documents could not be executed. The sales status and unbilled sales of the property division are as follow:

		For period ended 31/3/2021			As at 31/3/2021
Projects	Location	Launched units	Units sold**	Sales value RM'M	Unbilled sales RM'M
Central region	Klang Valley	0	98	75	786
Northern region	Kedah, Penang	251	202	107	247
Total		251	300	182	1,033

B1. Review of performance (cont'd)

Discontinued operations

There was no contribution from the education division in 1Q2021 as the Group has divested its controlling equity stakes in the tertiary and the pre-tertiary education businesses. The Company retains minority stakes in these businesses.

B2. Material changes in Profit Before Tax for the quarter reported on as compared with the immediate preceding quarter

	1Q2021 RM'000	4Q2020 RM'000 (Restated)	Var. %
Continuing			
Revenue	151,809	188,385	-19%
Operating profit	17,009	16,663	2%
Profit before interest & tax	16,352	16,365	0%
Profit before tax	10,821	13,017	-17%

For 1Q2021, the Group recorded a PBT from continuing operations of RM10.8 million which was 17% lower as compared to the preceding quarter of RM13.0 million mainly due to the higher interest expense in 1Q2021.

B3. Prospects

The Malaysian economy registered a smaller GDP decline of 0.5% in the first quarter (4Q 2020: - 3.4%). All economic sectors registered an improvement, particularly in the manufacturing sector. Going forward, Malaysia is well positioned to continue benefitting from stronger global economic and trade activities. While the growth outlook continues to be shaped by developments surrounding the pandemic, the implementation of containment measures which are mainly aimed at curbing social activities and allow almost all economic sectors to operate, would minimise the impact on economic activity.

(Source: Press Release from Bank Negara Malaysia on the Economic and Financial Developments in Malaysia in the First Quarter of 2021)

The property market is expected to remain soft in 2021, being contingent on the country's economic and financial outlook. Nevertheless, the low interest rate environment coupled with the stamp duty exemption on the instruments of transfer and loan agreement for the purchase of residential homes under the home ownership campaign and 2021 Budget initiatives are expected to continue to spur buying interests in properties.

(a) <u>Property</u>

Unlike the previous movement control order (MCO), the re-imposed MCO in 2021 has allowed almost all economic sectors to operate. Hence, the Group's construction activities remained operational during such period while the sales of properties have been carried out on virtual platforms.

Despite the on-going pandemic, the Group's property sales for 1Q2021 was 63% higher than the corresponding quarter last year. Capitalising on this strong sales momentum, the Group would intensify the promotional activities to boost sales. While the pipeline of property launches for the remaining nine months of 2021 is RM1.1 billion, the pandemic could, however, derail the timing of these launches. We are hopeful that the pandemic would be brought under control with the rollout of the National COVID-19 Immunisation Programme.

B3. Prospects (cont'd)

In April 2021, the Group has successfully launched Tower B of Sinaran Residences, Utropolis Batu Kawan in Penang given the encouraging response to Tower A that was launched last year. Among the new projects lined up is The Atrium, a high-rise residential development at the prestigious U-Thant enclave of Kuala Lumpur in June 2021. Another notable launch would be Arinna, a low-density residential development at Kemuning Utama in the second half of the year.

The Group's unbilled sales of RM1.0 billion as at 31 March 2021 will provide some visibility on the Group's cashflow in the near term, the pace at which this can be converted into billings would depend largely on the construction progress of the projects. As at 31 March 2021, the Group had 554.6 acres of undeveloped land as detailed below.

Projects	Location	No. of projects	Original land size (Acres)	Undeveloped (Acres)
Central region	Klang Valley	7	920.7	187.9
Northern region	Kedah, Penang	4	760.0	366.7
Total		11	1,680.7	554.6

(b) Co-labs Coworking

With 5 outlets in Klang Valley providing 114,945 sq ft of holistic work environment in a collaborative ecosystem, Co-labs Coworking looks towards capitalising on opportunities arising from the change in business landscape as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Its wide range of membership plans provide the financial and office space flexibility that are the key considerations in a leasing decision, particularly in a period of economic uncertainties.

On the office solutions provider front, Scalable Malaysia has made progress since its launch in 2020 to provide an end-to-end consult, design, build and manage workspace ecosystem solution to the corporates. It is currently working on a office refurbishment project and has several potential customers in the pipeline.

For so long as COVID-19 infection remains a risk, the Group will continue to be vigilant and have taken measures to safeguard its staff wellbeing and minimise disruption to its supply chain. As cash and liquidity management are critical during this challenging time, the Group has also put in place risk mitigation plans and cost rationalisation measures to manage the Group's expenses but will continue to invest for long term business sustainability. To this end, Paramount's wholly owned subsidiary, Magna Intelligent Sdn Bhd is investing in a peer-to-peer financing platform as its entry point into the fintech sector. This transaction is expected to be completed in 2Q2021 at a total cash consideration of RM13.7 million for a 30% equity stake in Omegaxis Sdn Bhd.

The Group remains cautious as the pandemic persists and stricter containment measures are being imposed to curb the spread of the virus. Although the National Immunisation Programme is hoped to bring the pandemic under control, there remains uncertainties as to the duration of the pandemic and its negative economic impact on the property market and hence, the Group's financial performance. Overall, the business environment is expected to remain challenging for the rest of 2021.

B4. Profit forecast or profit guarantee

There were no profit forecast or profit guarantee for the current quarter and financial year to date.

B5. Taxation

The taxation charge included the following:

	Current Quarter RM'000	Financial Year-to-date RM'000
Income tax Deferred tax	4,292 (274)	4,292 (274)
	4,018	4,018

The effective tax rate for the current quarter and financial year to date was higher than the statutory income tax rate in Malaysia due to the losses of certain subsidiaries that were not available for full set off against taxable profits of other subsidiaries and certain expenses which were not deductible for tax purposes.

B6. Corporate proposal

Save for the proposals disclosed below, there were no corporate proposals announced but not completed as at 25 May 2021.

- (i) On 22 December 2017, the Group entered into a Development Rights Agreement ("DRA") with Kumpulan Hartanah Selangor Berhad (KHSB) to accept the rights granted by KHSB to the proposed development of two (2) contiguous parcels of leasehold commercial land measuring approximately 9.662 acres in total area situated in Section 14, Bandar Petaling Jaya, District of Petaling, State of Selangor Darul Ehsan. On 31 December 2020, both parties have agreed to further extend the second phase conditions precedent period to 30 September 2021.
- (ii) On 15 April 2021, Magna Intelligent Sdn Bhd (MISB), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, has entered into a conditional share subscription agreement and a shareholders' agreement with P2P Venture Sdn Bhd and Omegaxis Sdn Bhd in connection with the proposed investment of RM13,700,000.00 by MISB for a 30% direct equity interest in the holding company of a peer-to-peer financing platform operator.

B7. Borrowings and debt securities

The Group's borrowings and debt securities as at 31 March 2021 and 31 March 2020 were as follows:

	31/3/2021 RM'000	31/3/2020 RM'000
Short-term borrowings		
Bank overdraft - Unsecured	10,000	600
Revolving credit - Secured	20,000	70,200
Revolving credit - Unsecured	39,200	0
Current portion of long term loans - Secured	52,460	14,559
Total short-term borrowings	121,660	85,359
<u>Long-term borrowings (Secured)</u> Term loans	372,669	241,630
Medium Term Notes (MTN)	292,875	293,067
Sukuk Murabahah	110,241	126,249
Total long-term borrowings	775,785	660,946
Total borrowings	897,445	746,305

B7. Borrowings and debt securities (cont'd)

The weighted average interest rates at the end of the reporting period were as follows:

Floating interest rate	3.99%	4.31%
Fixed interest rate	N/A	N/A

There were no bank borrowings denominated in foreign currencies as at the reporting date.

The increase in bank borrowings were mainly due to:

(i) Drawdown of term loan of RM195 million to part finance the purchase of a freehold land for property development at a total consideration of RM243.8 million in 4Q2020.

B8. Derivative financial instrument

The outstanding forward foreign exchange contracts as at 31 March 2021 were as follows:

	Contract amount	Net Fair value Assets/ (Liabilities)
Forward foreign exchange contract*	THB'000	RM'000
- More than 3 years	124,130	(141)

* The above contracts were entered into as hedges for investment denominated in foreign currency and to limit the exposure to potential changes in foreign exchange rates with respect to the Group's foreign currency

B9. Fair value gain/(loss)

	Current	Financial
	Quarter	Year-to-date
	RM'000	RM'000
Forward foreign exchange contract	(141)	(141)

Basis of fair value measurement: The differences between contracted rates and the market forward rates

Reason for loss: The exchange rate has moved unfavourably against the Group from the last measurement date.

B10. Changes in material litigation

As at 25 May 2021, there were no changes in material litigation since the last annual reporting date of 31 December 2020.

B11. Dividends payable

The Board does not recommend the payment of any dividend for the current financial quarter ended 31 March 2021.

B12. Earnings per share

(a) Basic EPS

Basic EPS is calculated by dividing the profit for the period attributable to ordinary equity holders of the Company by the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue during the period.

	Current Quarter	Financial Year-to-date
Profit attributable to equity holders of the Company (RM'000) Weighted average number	2,297	2,297
of ordinary shares ('000)	619,198	616,029
Basic EPS (sen)	0.37	0.37
(b) Diluted EPS		
Profit attributable to equity holders of the Company (RM'000)	2,297	2,297
Weighted average number of ordinary shares ('000) Effect of dilution ('000)	619,198 19,653	616,029 19,653
Adjusted weighted average number of ordinary shares	638,851	635,682
in issue and issuable ('000) Diluted EPS (sen)	0.36	0.36