



## **CMS ACHIEVES STRONG REVENUE OF RM424 MILLION IN 1H2022**

**Kuching (Sarawak), Friday, 26 August 2022** – Cahya Mata Sarawak Berhad (“CMS” or the “Group”) is pleased to announce that it achieved revenue of RM423.78 million for the six months ended 30 June 2022 (“1H2022”), a 9% jump from RM387.06 million recorded in the corresponding period a year earlier.

Profit before tax (“PBT”) amounted to RM127.02 million for 1H2022, lower by 9% compared to RM140.03 million the year before. Profit after tax and non-controlling interests (“PATNCI”) stood at RM111.59 million in 1H2022, reflecting an 11% decrease from RM125.19 million recorded the year prior.

The lower PATNCI was a result of one-off gains on disposal of investment and land of RM41.26 million recognised in 1H2021. A 26% reduction in the share of profits in joint ventures also lent to the decrease in PBT and PATNCI. Nevertheless, gross margin from operations improved by RM14.60 million and share of results of associates rose by RM21.46 million during the period in focus. Therefore, without incurring extraordinary gains in the prior year, the Group’s PBT and PATNCI would improve by 29% and 33% respectively year-on-year.

While the Group continues to face industry-wide challenges such as steep increase of prices of raw materials, labour shortages and global supply chain constraints, it remained on track to execute key business strategies and initiatives during the first six months of the year.

In the Cement Division, revenue increased by 14% to RM271.33 million in 1H2022 from RM237.85 million the preceding year, while PBT jumped 37% to RM56.96 million from RM41.52 million previously. This performance was attributed to higher sales volume and improved cost efficiencies.



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The Trading Division recorded PBT of RM1.70 million during the period, 38% lower than RM2.75 million reported in 1H2021. This was due to delays in take-up of telecommunication products and the recent price hike in construction materials, thus resulting in lower customer orders. Meanwhile, the Road Maintenance Division posted PBT of RM4.15 million, representing a 7% decrease from RM4.48 million in the corresponding period last year. The Property Development Division saw PBT rise to RM11.74 million compared to RM11.26 million the year before, while revenue fell 12%.

Under the Phosphate Division, the Group's integrated phosphate complex (Phase 1) project is scheduled for completion by the fourth quarter of 2022 and was thus not operational. Given this, the Division reported higher loss before tax year-on-year mainly due to higher unrealised foreign exchange loss of RM16.00 million in the current period compared to the RM8.68 million loss recorded in 1H2021 as the USD continued to strengthen. The commissioning of the Phosphate plant commenced in early August and is targeted to be fully commissioned by Q42022.

The Strategic Investments Division recorded PBT of RM0.61 million for the first six months of 2022, after posting PBT of RM6.05 million a year ago due to a one-off gain recognised for the disposal of shares in Kenanga Investment Bank Berhad amounting to RM5.39 million in 1H2021.

Going forward, the Group anticipates that infrastructure and rural development programmes in Sarawak remain intact amid high raw material costs, labour shortages and logistics bottlenecks. Furthermore, despite the challenges faced across the industry, the Group is of the view that business activities will pick up and contribute to the performance of the Group's businesses once these issues are resolved.

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### **About Cahya Mata Sarawak Berhad**

Cahaya Mata Sarawak Berhad (CMS) is a leading corporation listed on the Main Market of the Malaysian stock exchange, Bursa Malaysia, and is a major private-sector player in Sarawak, the largest State in Malaysia. CMS has evolved from a single product manufacturer of cement (beginning in 1974) to become a corporation focused on its Vision 'To Become the Pride of Sarawak & Beyond'. Today, CMS' portfolio spans over 35 companies involved in the manufacturing and trading of cement and construction materials; construction; road maintenance; property and infrastructure development; financial services; education; steel and pipe fabrication plus installation; ferrosilicon and manganese smelting; and telecommunication infrastructure.

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