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GEORGE KENT DELIVERS RECORD RESULTS FOR FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2018

PUCHONG, 19 MARCH 2018 – George Kent (Malaysia) Berhad (“George Kent” or “the Group”) today announced its 4th quarter (“Q4FYE2018”) and full-year results for the financial year ended 31 January 2018 (“FY2018”) as follows:-

4th Quarter vs Corresponding Quarter Last Year

- Profit before tax of RM65.6 million, up 13% from RM58.0 million.
- Profit after tax of RM51.9 million, up 23% from RM42.1 million.

Full-Year vs Corresponding Period Last Year

- Profit before tax of RM160.3 million, up 20% from RM134.1 million.
- Profit after tax of RM124.4 million, up 23% from RM101.4 million.
- Earnings per share of 22 sen, up 22% from 18 sen.

Dividend for the Full Year

- RM53.51 million, up 43% from RM37.56 million.

Highest ever record full-year profit before tax and profit after tax were brought on by contributions from the Group’s Engineering and Metering divisions.

The Engineering division’s strong performance was derived from the delivery of the rail, hospital and water infrastructure projects in the financial year, where a number of projects were successfully completed. The Metering division’s stronger contribution came on the back of the delivery of a number of contracts secured during the financial year.

Dividend

The Directors have declared a third interim dividend of 5.0 sen per share (FY2017: final dividend of 5.0 sen per share) on the enlarged 563.27 million shares (FY2017: 375.51 million shares) amounting to RM28.16 million (FY2017: RM18.78 million), up 50% for the financial year ended 31 January 2018. The dividend will be paid on 25 April 2018 to shareholders whose names appear in the Record of Depositors on 5 April 2018.

Two interim dividends have been paid for the financial year ended 31 January 2018. The first and second interim dividends of 2.5 sen per share (FY2017: 3.0 sen per share) and 2.0 sen per share (FY2017: 2.0 sen per share) respectively on the enlarged share capital amounting to RM25.35 million (FY2017: RM18.78 million) were paid on 9 November 2017 and 12 January 2018 respectively.

In Ringgit term, the total dividend for the financial year ended 31 January 2018 will be RM53.51 million (FY2017: RM37.56 million), up by 43%.

Corporate Exercise

During the year, the share split involving the subdivision of every 2 existing ordinary shares in George Kent (Malaysia) Berhad ("GKM") into 3 ordinary shares in GKM has increased the number of George Kent shares in issue from 375,512,710 to 563,269,065.

Award of Contract for Water Meter Tender in Hong Kong

During the year, George Kent secured a tender to supply and deliver 650,000 water meters to the Water Supplies Department ("WSD"), Hong Kong. This is the second consecutive time the Group has been successful in its bid to supply water meters to WSD.

To-date, George Kent is the only company that has successfully secured large water meter contracts consecutively from both the Hong Kong and Singapore water authorities at the same time, which are renowned for their stringent standards in water meter evaluations.

Consortium Partnership for KL-SG High Speed Rail AssetsCo Tender

During the year, George Kent announced the signing of the Pre-Consortium Agreement with Siemens Aktiengesellschaft, Germany and Siemens Pte Ltd, Singapore (collectively referred to as "Siemens") for the Kuala Lumpur – Singapore High Speed Rail (KL-SG HSR) tender. George Kent and Siemens will form an Engineering, Procurement and Construction ("EPC") Pre-Consortium to prepare a joint offer on the EPC level to the Special Purpose Company ("SPC") which shall bid for the development, financing, construction and technical operation and maintenance of the KL-SG HSR ("AssetsCo Tender").

Subsequently on 12 February 2018, Siemens, Alstom, Ferrovie dello Stato Italiane and George Kent together with PORR have mutually agreed to join forces in a consortium to bid for the KL-SG HSR AssetsCo Tender.

MRT3

During the year on 18 January 2018, George Kent, together with our consortium partners, submitted the tender for turnkey construction with financing for the MRT3 Circle Line to Mass Rapid Transit Corp Sdn Bhd.

The scope comprises engineering, procurement, construction, testing & commissioning of tunnels, viaducts, stations, depots, trackworks, rolling stock, signalling, power supply and other associated works for Project Mass Rapid Transit Lembah Kelang Laluan 3, Circle Line.

Chairman's Statement

Commenting on the Group's record performance across the segments, Chairman Tan Sri Dato' Tan Kay Hock commented:

"The Group has achieved yet another record set of results delivering a revenue of RM617 million, pre-tax profit of RM160 million and profit after tax of RM124 million. This is the highest profit ever achieved in the history of George Kent. There is all-round improvement in contribution from all divisions. These included the rail projects, water infrastructure projects, turnkey hospital projects and the supply of water meters. Our balance sheet remains robust with a net cash position.

Our strong order book of RM5.6 billion will continue to provide immense earnings visibility going forward while we continue to seek opportunities locally and in the region."

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About George Kent (Malaysia) Berhad

George Kent is an established engineering and metering company in the water infrastructure, rail transportation and hospital construction industry. The Company specialises in the turnkey construction of water infrastructure and hospital projects, system works for rail transportation, and operation and maintenance of water treatment facilities. Known for proven engineering excellence, George Kent has a strong track record of successfully completing high-value and technology-critical projects. The Company also manufactures and supplies water metering products and solutions for household, industrial and plant use. It operates one of the largest hot brass forging plants in South East Asia for the production of internationally certified water meters and supply to water authorities in Malaysia and in the ASEAN region.

For more information, please visit www.georgekent.net.

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