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GEORGE KENT RESULTS FOR 3 MONTHS ENDED 31 JANUARY 2021 REFLECT ROBUST BUSINESSES

PUCHONG, 22 MARCH 2021 – George Kent (Malaysia) Berhad (“George Kent” or “the Group”) today announced its financial results for the three months ended 31 January 2021.

3 Months’ Financial Results (from November 2020 to January 2021):

- **Profit Before Tax of RM17.0 million**, 64% higher than RM10.3 million in the previous corresponding period
- **Profit After Tax of RM14.3 million**, 110% higher than RM6.8 million in the previous corresponding period

The Group’s strong results were primarily due to robust water meter sales in the Group’s global markets. The Group continued to receive water meter orders in spite of continuing people movement controls in Malaysia and around the world since the beginning of last year. This demonstrates the resilience of the Metering Business. The Group continued to adhere to prevailing SOPs in managing its production activities.

The Group continued to take the necessary measures to ensure work on the two hospital projects proceeded as planned.

Dividend

The Directors have declared a second dividend of 1.5 sen per share for FY2021 (FY2020: 1.0 sen per share), payable on 28 April 2021 to shareholders whose names appear in the Record of Depositors on 7 April 2021, being the Book Closure Date (“BCD”).

On the assumption that as announced to date, the Treasury Shares of 39,859,200 (which are not entitled to dividends), remained the same as at BCD, the dividend pay-out on 523,409,865 shares will amount to approximately RM7.85 million (FY2020: RM5.37 million on 536,741,165 shares).

The Directors declared a first dividend of 1.0 sen per share (FY2020: 1.5 sen per share) on 14 September 2020 paid on 22 October 2020 which amounted to RM5.27 million on 527,256,265 shares (FY2020: RM8.07 million on 538,211,165 shares).

In Ringgit term the two interim dividends will total RM13.12 million (FYE 31.1.2020: RM13.44 million) for the financial year ending 31 March 2021.

Water Meter Business

Global demand for the Group's renowned water meters continues to outpace production capacity. In the period under review, the Group continued to adhere to the Malaysian Government's SOPs as it optimised its capacity to meet orders. The Group will continue to comply with any changes to government guidelines in managing its production activities.

Construction Business

The Group continued to adapt to prevailing SOPs in the period under review as it accelerated progress on Hospital Tanjung Karang and Hospital Endokrin Putrajaya.

The Group will continue to work with JKR in managing the delivery timelines for the two hospitals.

Chairman's Statement

Commenting on the Group's performance, Chairman Tan Sri Dato' Tan Kay Hock said:

"I am delighted by the Group's results for the three months ended 31 January 2021. The 110% year-on-year improvement in profit after tax is admirable, considering Malaysia was in various stages of the Movement Control Order during the period. Global demand for our water meters continues to outpace production capacity. We continue to take measures to ensure our Production personnel comply with the SOPs as the procedures are updated.

"We also continue to work closely with JKR to ensure the timely delivery of our construction projects.

"We are optimistic of our prospects, given our ongoing operating and long-term plans:

- It is the Group's strategy to continue to develop our water meters which are already the market leaders globally. To complement our existing range of water meters by increasing the product portfolio, our R&D team is collaborating with partners and specialists to commercialise a range of other water meters, including Smart Meters. The enlarged portfolio will accelerate the expansion of our global market footprint.
- The Group is dedicated to developing new opportunities in the Regional railway space, leveraging on our expertise as rail systems specialist in domestic railway projects. Our established network with international rail specialists will assist us in tapping into Regional projects requiring international collaborations through joint ventures or strategic alliances."

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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 industries. 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 Southeast Asia for the production of internationally certified water meters, and supplies to water authorities in Malaysia and in the ASEAN region.

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

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