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# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

|   | INDIVIDUA  | L QUARTER  | CUMULAT  | IVE PERIOD   |
|---|--|--|--|--|
|   | CURRENT<br>YEAR<br>QUARTER<br>31/12/2023<br>RM'000 | PRECEDING<br>YEAR<br>QUARTER<br>31/12/2022<br>RM'000 | CURRENT<br>FINANCIAL<br>YEAR<br>31/12/2023<br>RM'000 | PRECEDING<br>FINANCIAL<br>YEAR<br>31/12/2022<br>RM'000 |
| Revenue   | 177,672  | 149,836  | 524,221  | 375,706  |
| Cost of sales (N1)  | (170,296)  | (134,656)  | (504,243)  | (365,878)  |
| Gross profit  | 7,376  | 15,180   | 19,978   | 9,828  |
| Other income (N2)   | 4,893  | 694  | 9,822  | 1,761  |
| Other expenses (N3)                                       | (50)   | (31)   | (146)  | (109)  |
| Administrative expenses                                   | (1,881)  | (1,202)  | (5,067)  | (6,118)  |
| Profit from operations                                    | 10,338   | 14,641   | 24,587   | 5,362  |
| Share of results of associates                            | -  | 8,735  | -  | 30,092   |
| Profit before interest and tax                            | 10,338   | 23,376   | 24,587   | 35,454   |
| Finance cost  | (38,812)   | (35,707)   | (115,230)  | (117,392)  |
| Loss before tax   | (28,474)   | (12,331)   | (90,643)   | (81,938)   |
| Income tax expenses                                       | (350)  | (292)  | (1,063)  | (781)  |
| Loss for the period                                       | (28,824)   | (12,623)   | (91,706)   | (82,719)   |
| Other comprehensive income                                | -  | -  | -  | -  |
| Total comprehensive loss                                  | (28,824)   | (12,623)   | (91,706)   | (82,719)   |
| Loss for the period attributable to:                      |  |  |  |  |
| Owners of the Company                                     | (22,394)   | (6,765)  | (72,977)   | (62,182)   |
| Non-controlling Interests                                 | (6,430)  | (5,858)  | (18,729)   | (20,537)   |
|   | (28,824)   | (12,623)   | (91,706)   | (82,719)   |
| Total comprehensive loss attributable                     | to:  |  |  |  |
| Owners of the Company                                     | (22,394)   | (6,765)  | (72,977)   | (62,182)   |
| Non-controlling Interests                                 | (6,430)  | (5,858)  | (18,729)   | (20,537)   |
|   | (28,824)   | (12,623)   | (91,706)   | (82,719)   |
| Loss per share attributable<br>to Owners of the Company : |  |  |  |  |
| - Basic (sen)   | (0.75)   | (0.23)   | (2.44)   | (2.08)   |
| - Diluted (sen)   | (0.75)   | (0.23)   | (2.44)   | (2.08)   |

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# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (cont'd)

|   | INDIVIDUA  | L QUARTER  | CUMULATIVE PERIOD                                    |  |  |  |
|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|
|   | CURRENT<br>YEAR<br>QUARTER<br>31/12/2023<br>RM'000 | PRECEDING<br>YEAR<br>QUARTER<br>31/12/2022<br>RM'000 | CURRENT<br>FINANCIAL<br>YEAR<br>31/12/2023<br>RM'000 | PRECEDING<br>FINANCIAL<br>YEAR<br>31/12/2022<br>RM'000 |  |  |
| Notes: (Refer to B1 "Review of Perfo                              | ormance'' for                                      | more informati                                       | on)  |  |  |  |
| N1) Included in Cost of Sales<br>- Amortisation of infrastructure | (2,154)  | (1,915)  | (6,462)  | (5,286)  |  |  |
| development expenditure   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| - Depreciation  | (135)  | (88)   | (318)  | (253)  |  |  |
| N2) Included in Other Income                                      |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| - Interest income   | 36   | 72   | 112  | 182  |  |  |
| - Distribution income   | 531  | 117  | 1,004  | 138  |  |  |
| - Fair value gain on other investments                            | 1,519  | 173  | 4,808  | 377  |  |  |
| - Amortisation of deferred income                                 | 384  | 322  | 1,191  | 897  |  |  |
| - Others  | 2,423  | 10   | 2,707  | 167  |  |  |
|   | 4,893  | 694  | 9,822  | 1,761  |  |  |
| N3) Included in Other Expenses                                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| - Bad debts written off   | -  | -  | (2)  | -  |  |  |
| - Depreciation  | (50)   | (31)   | (144)  | (109)  |  |  |
|   | (50)   | (31)   | (146)  | (109)  |  |  |

The Condensed Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income should be read in conjunction with the Annual Financial Report for the year ended 31 March 2023 and the accompanying explanatory notes attached to the interim financial report.

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#### CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

|  | UNAUDITED<br>AS AT<br>31/12/2023<br>RM'000 | AUDITED<br>AS AT<br>31/3/2023<br>RM'000 |
|--|--|---|
| ASSETS   |  |   |
| Non-current Assets   | 5 400                                      | 2.550                                   |
| Property, plant and equipment<br>Goodwill on consolidation   | 5,499                                      | 3,650                                   |
|  | 5,369                                      | 5,369                                   |
| Infrastructure development expenditure<br>Deferred tax asset | 6,777,114<br>74,193                        | 6,200,056<br>74,193                     |
| Total Non-Current Assets                                     | 6,862,175                                  | 6,283,268                               |
| Current Assets   | 0,002,175                                  | 0,203,200                               |
| Trade and other receivables                                  | 41,428                                     | 220,933                                 |
| Contract assets  | -  | 3,085                                   |
| Tax recoverable  | 2,940                                      | 1,087                                   |
| Other investments  | 288,497                                    | 230,872                                 |
| Deposits placed with licensed banks                          | 217,554                                    | 503,747                                 |
| Cash and bank balances                                       | 19,554                                     | 9,284                                   |
| Total Current Assets   | 569,973                                    | 969,008                                 |
| TOTAL ASSETS   | 7,432,148                                  | 7,252,276                               |
| EQUITY AND LIABILITIES                                       |  |   |
| Share capital  | 1,509,087                                  | 1,509,087                               |
| Warrant reserve  | 90,246                                     | 90,246                                  |
| Accumulated losses   | (563,483)                                  | (490,506)                               |
| Attributable to Owners of the Company                        | 1,035,850                                  | 1,108,827                               |
| Non-controlling interests                                    | (74,796)                                   | (56,067)                                |
| Total Equity   | 961,054                                    | 1,052,760                               |
| Non-current Liabilities                                      |  |   |
| Loans and borrowings   | 4,274,887                                  | 4,119,506                               |
| Deferred income  | 1,073,206                                  | 1,057,528                               |
| Deferred taxation  | 80,375                                     | 79,312                                  |
| Other payables   | 643,308                                    | 532,494                                 |
| Total Non-current Liabilities                                | 6,071,776                                  | 5,788,840                               |
| Current Liabilities  |  |   |
| Trade and other payables                                     | 314,403                                    | 306,804                                 |
| Contract liabilities   | 21,458                                     | 25,414                                  |
| Provisions   | 57,210                                     | 72,114                                  |
| Loans and borrowings   | 3  | 40                                      |
| Tax payable  | 6,244                                      | 6,304                                   |
| Total Current Liabilities                                    | 399,318                                    | 410,676                                 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES  | 6,471,094                                  | 6,199,516                               |
| EQUITY AND LIABILITIES                                       | 7,432,148                                  | 7,252,276                               |
| Net assets per share attributable to Owners of the           |  |   |
| Company (RM)   | 0.3467                                     | 0.3711                                  |

The Condensed Consolidated Statement of Financial Position should be read in conjunction with the Annual Financial Report for the year ended 31 March 2023 and the accompanying explanatory notes attached to the interim financial report.

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#### CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

|  | Attributable to Owners of the Company |   |                               |                                 |                 |  |                           |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|--|---------------------------|
|  | Share<br>Capital<br>RM'000            | Redeemable<br>Convertible<br>Preference<br>Shares<br>(''RCPS'')<br>RM'000 | Warrants<br>Reserve<br>RM'000 | Accumulated<br>Losses<br>RM'000 | Total<br>RM'000 | Non-<br>controlling<br>Interests<br>RM'000 | Total<br>Equity<br>RM'000 |
|  |                                       |   |                               |                                 |                 |  |                           |
| Current financial period<br>At 1 April 2023<br>Total comprehensive loss: | 1,509,087                             | -   | 90,246                        | (490,506)                       | 1,108,827       | (56,067)                                   | 1,052,760                 |
| Loss for the period  | -                                     | -   | -                             | (72,977)                        | (72,977)        | (18,729)                                   | (91,706)                  |
| At 31 December 2023  | 1,509,087                             |   | 90,246                        | (563,483)                       | 1,035,850       | (74,796)                                   | 961,054                   |
| Preceeding financial year  | 1 500 005                             |   | 00.016                        |                                 | 1 011 557       | (21,201)                                   |                           |
| At 1 April 2022  | 1,509,087                             | -   | 90,246                        | (587,776)                       | 1,011,557       | (31,391)                                   | 980,166                   |
| <b>Total comprehensive loss:</b><br>Loss for the period                  | -                                     | -   | -                             | (62,182)                        | (62,182)        | (20,537)                                   | (82,719)                  |
| At 31 December 2022  | 1,509,087                             | -   | 90,246                        | (649,958)                       | 949,375         | (51,928)                                   | 897,447                   |

The Condensed Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity should be read in conjunction with the Annual Financial Report for the year ended 31 March 2023 and the accompanying explanatory notes attached to the interim financial report.

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# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

|  | 9 month<br>ended<br>31/12/2023<br>RM'000 | 9 month<br>ended<br>31/12/2022<br>RM'000 |
|--|--|--|
| OPERATING ACTIVITIES:                                  |  |  |
| Loss before taxation:                                  | (90,643)                                 | (81,938)                                 |
| Adjustments for :                                      |  |  |
| Share of results of associates                         | -  | (30,092)                                 |
| Amortisation of infrastructure development expenditure | 6,462                                    | 5,286                                    |
| Amortisation of deferred income                        | (1,191)                                  | (897)                                    |
| Bad debts written off                                  | 2  | -  |
| Depreciation of property, plant and equipment          | 462                                      | 362                                      |
| Distribution income from other investments             | (1,004)                                  | (138)                                    |
| Fair value gain on other investments                   | (4,808)                                  | (377)                                    |
| Gain on disposal of property                           | -  | (101)                                    |
| Profit arising from IC Interpretation 12               |  |  |
| Service Concession Arrangements                        | (4,428)                                  | (3,255)                                  |
| Net provisions   | (14,904)                                 | 1,919                                    |
| Interest income  | (112)                                    | (182)                                    |
| Interest expense                                       | 115,230                                  | 117,392                                  |
| Operating profit before changes                        |  |  |
| in working capital                                     | 5,066                                    | 7,979                                    |
| Changes in Working Capital:                            |  |  |
| Contract assets  | 3,085                                    | 84                                       |
| Contract liabilities                                   | (3,956)                                  | 5,734                                    |
| Receivables  | (13,623)                                 | (7,561)                                  |
| Payables   | 616                                      | 69,636                                   |
| Cash generated from operations                         | (8,812)                                  | 75,872                                   |
| Income tax paid  | (1,913)                                  | (2,717)                                  |
| Net cash flows from operating activities               | (10,725)                                 | 73,155                                   |

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# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS (cont'd)

|  | 9 month<br>ended<br>31/12/2023<br>RM'000 | 9 month<br>ended<br>31/12/2022<br>RM'000 |
|--|--|--|
| INVESTING ACTIVITIES   |  |  |
| Additions to property, plant and equipment                                 | (2,457)                                  | (1,032)                                  |
| Infrastructure development expenditure                                     | (451,760)                                | (323,306)                                |
| Proceeds from disposal of associate  | 197,600                                  | 98,800                                   |
| Proceeds from disposal of property   | -  | 156                                      |
| Upliftment of other investments  | (51,813)                                 | (94,327)                                 |
| (Placement)/Upliftment of fixed deposits                                   | (45,681)                                 | 14,019                                   |
| Interest received  | 8,725                                    | 6,453                                    |
| Net cash flows used in investing activities                                | (345,386)                                | (299,237)                                |
| FINANCING ACTIVITIES   |  |  |
| Drawdown of government support loan  | 49,999                                   | 50,000                                   |
| Drawdown of term loan  | 102,970                                  | 90,719                                   |
| Drawdown of RLC  | -  | 400,000                                  |
| Interest paid  | (134,885)                                | (118,219)                                |
| Lease liabilities  | (37)                                     | (4)                                      |
| Issuance of murabahah loan stocks  | 16,460                                   | 11,680                                   |
| Net cash flows from financing activities                                   | 34,507                                   | 434,176                                  |
| Net change in cash and cash equivalents                                    | (321,604)                                | 208,094                                  |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of financial period                 | 351,346                                  | 321,636                                  |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial period                       | 29,742                                   | 529,730                                  |
| Note :   |  |  |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial period comprise of : |  |  |
| Cash and bank balances   | 19,554                                   | 109,263                                  |
| Fixed deposits with licensed banks   | 217,554                                  | 510,167                                  |
| Less: Deposits with maturity of more than 3 months                         | (207,366)                                | (89,700)                                 |
|  | 29,742                                   | 529,730                                  |

The Condensed Consolidated Cash Flow Statement should be read in conjunction with the Annual Financial Report for the year ended 31 March 2023 and the accompanying explanatory notes attached to the interim financial report.

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#### NOTES TO CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### PART A – Explanatory Notes Pursuant to MFRS 134

#### A1. Basis of Preparation

The unaudited interim financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards ("MFRS") 134 "Interim Financial Reporting" and paragraph 9.22 of the Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad Listing Requirements. The unaudited interim financial statements should be read in conjunction with the Group's audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 March 2023 and the accompanying explanatory notes attached to the unaudited interim financial statements.

These explanatory notes attached to the unaudited 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 March 2023.

#### A2. Accounting Policies

The significant accounting policies and methods of computation applied in the unaudited interim financial statements are consistent with those adopted in the audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 March 2023, except for the adoption of the following new and amendments to MFRSs for the current financial year:-

MFRS 17Insurance ContractsAmendments to:MFRS 17Insurance ContractsMFRS 101Presentation of Financial StatementsMFRS 108Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and ErrorsMFRS 112Income Taxes

The adoption of the above new and amendments to MFRSs did not have any significant effect on the financial statements of the Group, and did not result in significant changes to the Group's existing accounting policies.

#### Amendments to MFRSs that in Issue But Not Yet Effective

The Group has not adopted the following amendments to MFRSs that have been issued, but yet to be effective:

- MFRS 7 Financial Instruments: Disclosures
- MFRS 16 Leases
- MFRS 101 Presentation of Financial Statements
- MFRS 107 Statements of Cash Flows

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#### NOTES TO CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### A3. Seasonality or Cyclicality of Operations

The business operations of the Group are not materially affected by any seasonal or cyclical factors.

#### A4. Unusual Items

There were no unusual items affecting the Group's assets, liabilities, equity, net income or cash flows during the financial period ended 31 December 2023.

#### A5. Material Changes in Estimates

There were no material changes in estimates that have a material effect in the current year quarter and current financial year.

#### A6. Debt and Equity Securities

There were no issuances, cancellations, repurchases, resale and repayments of debt or equity securities in the current quarter.

#### A7. Dividend

No dividend has been paid in the current financial year.

#### A8. Segmental Information

|  |            | Current quarter |          |      |            | Cumulative | e period |      |
|--|------------|-----------------|----------|------|------------|------------|----------|------|
|  | 31/12/2023 | 31/12/2022      | Chang    | ges  | 31/12/2023 | 31/12/2022 | Chang    | jes  |
|  | RM'000     | RM'000          | RM'000   | %    | RM'000     | RM'000     | RM'000   | %    |
| <u>Segmental</u><br><u>Revenue</u>                         |            |                 |          |      |            |            |          |      |
| Toll concession:   |            |                 |          |      |            |            |          |      |
| - Construction   | 158,527    | 125,753         | 32,774   | 26%  | 461,323    | 314,745    | 146,578  | 47%  |
| - Toll collection  | 13,371     | 11,619          | 1,752    | 15%  | 39,904     | 32,344     | 7,560    | 23%  |
|  | 171,898    | 137,372         | 34,526   | 25%  | 501,227    | 347,089    | 154,138  | 44%  |
| Construction   | 5,774      | 12,464          | (6,690)  | -54% | 22,994     | 28,617     | (5,623)  | -20% |
|  | 177,672    | 149,836         | 27,836   | 19%  | 524,221    | 375,706    | 148,515  | 40%  |
| (Loss)/Profit before tax                                   |            |                 |          |      |            |            |          |      |
| Toll concession  | (29,128)   | (20,824)        | (8,304)  | 40%  | (91,936)   | (90,661)   | (1,275)  | 1%   |
| Construction   | (276)      | (315)           | 39       | -12% | (1,392)    | (18,005)   | 16,613   | -92% |
| Investment holding,<br>management services<br>and others * | 930        | 8,808           | (7,878)  | -89% | 2,685      | 26,728     | (24,043) | -90% |
|  | (28,474)   | (12,331)        | (16,143) | 131% | (90,643)   | (81,938)   | (8,705)  | 11%  |

\* In the previous year quarter, this includes share of results of associates, including results of Radiant Pillar Sdn Bhd, a company involved in property development.

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#### NOTES TO CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### A9. Material Subsequent Events

There were no material events subsequent to the financial period ended 31 December 2023.

#### A10. Changes in the Composition of the Group

There were no material changes in the composition of the Group in the current year quarter and financial year.

#### A11. Contingent Liabilities

There were no contingent liabilities at the end of this quarter and as at the date of this report.

#### A12. Capital Commitments

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Capital commitments not provided for in the financial statements as at 31 December 2023 are as follows:

|  | <b>RM'000</b> |
|--|---------------|
| Infrastructure Development Expenditure |               |
| - Contracted but not provided for      | 589,073       |
|  | 589.073       |

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

#### **B1.** Detailed Analysis of Performance of all Operating Segments:

#### For the current quarter (3Q FY2024):

The Group recorded revenue of RM177.7 million for 3Q FY2024, an increase of 18.6% compared to RM149.8 million in 3Q FY2023.

The Group recorded a loss before tax of RM28.5 million for 3Q FY2024 as compared to RM12.3 million in 3Q FY2023. The loss before tax was mainly due to the interest cost for completed sections of RM38.8 million (3Q FY2023: RM34.7 million). In addition, the loss before tax of RM12.3 million for 3Q FY2023 included a share of profit from associates of RM8.7 million which has since ceased upon completion of the Proposed Disposal (as defined in Note B6) on 28 February 2023.

Despite the loss before tax, the Group recorded an earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortisation (EBITDA) of RM12.3 million for 3Q FY2024 indicating that the Group is profitable at an operating level.

For the cumulative financial period ended 31 December 2023 (9-Month FY2024): The Group recorded revenue of RM524.2 million for 9-Month FY2024, an increase of 39.5% compared to RM375.7 million in 9-Month FY2023.

The Group recorded a loss before tax of RM90.6 million for 9-Month FY2024 as compared to RM81.9 million in 9-Month FY2023. The loss before tax was mainly due to the interest cost for completed sections of RM114.2 million (9-Month FY2023: RM114.2 million). In addition, the loss before tax of RM81.9 million for 9-Month FY2023 included a share of profit from associates of RM30.1 million which has since ceased upon completion of the Proposed Disposal (as defined in Note B6) on 28 February 2023.

Despite the loss before tax, the Group recorded an earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortisation (EBITDA) of RM30.2 million for 9-Month FY2024 indicating that the Group is profitable at an operating level.

An analysis of the performance of operating segments of the Group is as follows:

#### a) Toll Concession Segment

Revenue for toll concession for 3Q FY2024 and 9-Month FY2024 increased by 25.1% and 44.4% respectively as compared to 3Q FY2023 and 9-Month FY2023, mainly due to higher level of construction work activities and higher traffic volume during the period. Toll collection for 3Q FY2024 increased by 15.1% as compared to 3Q FY2023, mainly driven by the opening of Section 6 (Bandar Bukit Raja Utara – Assam Jawa) in November 2023. The opening of Section 6 (Bandar Bukit Raja Utara – Assam Jawa) has connected WCE to Kuala Lumpur – Kuala Selangor Expressway (LATAR) which significantly amplified the West Coast Expressway's ("WCE") daily traffic volume. The average daily traffic increased by a significant 29% compared to the preceding year quarter.

Loss before tax for toll concession in respect of 3Q FY2024 increased by 39.9% as compared to 3Q FY2023, mainly due to higher interest and operating costs upon additional sectional opening (i.e. Section 6 (Bandar Bukit Raja Utara – Assam Jawa)) in November 2023.

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#### NOTES TO CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### **B1.** Detailed Analysis of Performance of all Operating Segments: (Cont'd)

#### b) Construction Segment

Revenue for construction for 3Q FY2024 and 9-Month FY2024 decreased by 53.7% and 19.6% respectively as compared to 3Q FY2023 and 9-Month FY2023, mainly due to lower level of construction work activities during the period.

Loss before tax for construction for 9-Month FY2024 reduced by 92.3% as compared to 9-Month FY2023, mainly due to a provision of additional cost amounting to RM16.5 million in the previous financial period in respect of the construction projects.

# B2. Material Changes in the Current Quarter's Profit/(Loss) Before Tax Compared to the Immediate Preceding Quarter

The Group reported a loss before tax of RM28.5 million in 3Q FY2024, a slight improvement from loss before tax of RM29.9 million in the 2Q FY2024, representing a marginal increase of 4.7%. This improvement was primarily driven by the performance of the toll concession segment.

#### **B3.** Prospects

#### (a) <u>Toll concession</u>

The WCE Project involves the development of a 233 kilometres tolled highway from Banting, Selangor to Taiping, Perak (including 40 kilometres of highway to be constructed later). The WCE Project is a build-operate-transfer project with a concession period of up to a maximum of 60 years effective from 20 December 2013.

To ensure the successful completion of the WCE Project, WCESB assembled a project management team to undertake the WCE Project and the appointment of IJMC-KEB Joint Venture ("IJMC-KEB JV") as the Turnkey/Engineering and Procurement Contractor for the construction of the WCE Project has allowed our Group to leverage on the manpower, skills and technical resources of IJM, which has a proven track record in undertaking projects of this nature.

The toll concession segment has reported a loss before tax in the current quarter mainly due to interest expense incurred in relation to project financing for completed sections of the WCE Project. In accordance with MFRS 123, an entity shall cease capitalising borrowing costs when substantially all the activities necessary to prepare the qualifying asset for its intended use is complete. The interest expense was capitalised as part of the infrastructure development expenditure prior to the completion of construction works. Upon the completion of sectional construction, the interest expense for these sections will be charged to the statement of profit or loss. The Group is expected to incur losses in the early years of toll operations due to the cessation of capitalisation of interest expenses for completed sections. Nonetheless, the Group is still expecting a surplus from toll operations before accounting for this interest expense.

The WCE Project is divided into 11 sections whereby 5 sections have been opened for traffic and commenced tolling. These are Section 5 (New North Klang Straits Bypass - Bandar Bukit Raja Utara), Section 6 (Bandar Bukit Raja Utara – Assam Jawa), Section 8 (Hutan Melintang - Teluk Intan), Section 9 (Kampung Lekir - Changkat Cermin) and Section 10 (Changkat Cermin - Beruas). Traffic volume on the existing 5 operational sections has witnessed steady traffic volume, with an increase of 29% from the preceding year. During the recent Christmas festive period in December 2023, the traffic volume achieved a peak of 140,000 average daily traffic. The Group expects a further increase once the additional 3 sections are completed by the end of this financial year.

(The figures have not been audited)

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#### **B3.** Prospects (Cont'd)

#### (a) <u>Toll concession (Cont'd)</u>

The construction of Section 11 has been completed and currently at the inspection stage with an anticipated launch imminent. The completion of this section signifies the full completion of the Perak alignment, spanning 120km within the WCE Project. With direct access now available from the North South Expressway (NSE) at Changkat Jering to our highway, this alignment holds immense significance to the region's infrastructure. The Group holds an optimistic outlook on the completion of this section, anticipating a significant increment in the traffic volume as well as long haul traffic along our WCE alignment.

The Group is targeting to complete another 2 sections by the end of this financial year:

- Section 1: Banting South Klang Valley Expressway (SKVE)
- Section 2: SKVE Shah Alam Expressway (KESAS)

The completion of these 2 sections will also provide connections to several existing highways, namely the South Klang Valley Expressway (SKVE) and the Shah Alam Expressway (KESAS), which would enhance the accessibility and connectivity of these areas along the alignment.

The final 3 sections namely, Section 3 (KESAS – Federal Highway Route 2), Section 4 (Federal Highway Route 2 – New North South Klang Straits Bypass (NNKSB)) and Section 7 (Assam Jawa – Tanjung Karang) are targeted for completion by 2025. Going forward, the additional sectional toll revenue is expected to further improve the future financial performance of the Group in terms of cash flows and operating results.

(b) Construction

The Group's construction segment, managed by WCE Maju Sdn Bhd (*formerly known as KEB Builders Sdn Bhd*) ("WCE Maju"), is focused on the timely execution and completion of its construction projects with total contract sum of RM400 million. These projects entail a design, build and manage basis, the construction works of a proposed access from West Coast Expressway to a mixed development project in Kota Seri Langat ("the Seri Langat Project") and construction works for the Section 7, Part 2 of 2 ("Section 7B") of the WCE Project which is approximately 10km in length from the beginning of the Assam Jawa Interchange towards the Tanjung Karang Interchange.

WCE Maju is focused in ensuring the successful execution of these projects to enhance sustainable growth in the construction segment.

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#### **B4.** Profit Forecast and Guarantee

No profit forecast or guarantee was issued in respect of the current financial year.

#### **B5.** Taxation

|              | Individual        | Quarter    | Cumulative Period |                       |  |
|--------------|-------------------|------------|-------------------|-----------------------|--|
|              | Current Preceding |            | Current           | Preceding             |  |
|              | Year              | Year       | Year              | Year                  |  |
|              | Quarter           | Quarter    | To-date           | To-date<br>31/12/2022 |  |
|              | 31/12/2023        | 31/12/2022 | 31/12/2023        |                       |  |
|              | RM'000            | RM'000     | RM'000            | RM'000                |  |
| Deferred Tax |                   |            |                   |                       |  |
| Current year | 350               | 292        | 1,063             | 781                   |  |
| Total        | 350               | 292        | 1,063             | 781                   |  |

The effective tax rate of the Group during the quarter is disproportionate to the statutory tax rate mainly due to deferred tax assets on losses incurred by certain subsidiaries not being fully recognised.

#### **B6.** Status of Corporate Proposals

KEB Management Sdn Bhd ("KEBM"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, and WCE Maju, a wholly-owned subsidiary of KEB Plantations Holdings Sdn Bhd ("KEBP"), which in turn is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, had on 25 November 2022 entered into a conditional share sale agreement with IJM Properties Sdn Bhd ("IJMP") for the proposed disposal of a total of 400,000 ordinary shares in Radiant Pillar Sdn Bhd ("RPSB") ("Sale Shares"), representing their entire 40% equity interest in RPSB to IJMP, for a total cash consideration of RM494.00 million ("Disposal Consideration") ("SSA")("Proposed Disposal").

The Proposed Disposal has been completed on 28 February 2023 and the surplus from the Proposed Disposal has been reflected in the financial year ended 31 March 2023. The status of utilisation of the Disposal Consideration is as follows:

|                                     | Proposed<br>utilisation<br>RM'000 | Utilisation as<br>at 31 Dec<br>2023<br>RM'000 | Balance as at<br>31 Dec 2023<br>RM'000 | Intended timeframe<br>for utilisation from<br>31 Dec 2023<br>RM'000 |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|--|---|
| - Injection as equity into WCESB    | 375,610                           | (119,052)                                     | 256,558                                | Within 6 months   |
| - Payment of non-trade payable      | 68,250                            | (68,250)                                      | -                                      | Completed   |
| - Repayment of a term loan          | 48,500                            | (48,500)                                      | -                                      | Completed   |
| - Estimated expenses in relation to |                                   |   |  |   |
| the Proposed Disposal               | 1,640                             | (1,640)                                       | -                                      | Completed   |
|                                     | 494,000                           | (237,442)                                     | 256,558                                |   |

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#### **B7.** Group Borrowings and Debt Securities

The Group's borrowings which are denominated in Ringgit Malaysia as at 31 December 2023 are as follows:

|                  | <b>RM'000</b> |
|------------------|---------------|
| - secured        | 4,006,459     |
| - unsecured      | 268,431       |
| Total borrowings | 4,274,890     |

The Group received a loan from the Malaysian government at an interest rate lower than the prevailing market rate. Using the prevailing market rate, the loan amount is adjusted to its fair value and the difference treated as deferred income.

#### **B8.** Off Balance Sheet Risk Financial Instruments

The Group did not contract for any financial instruments with off balance sheet risk as at the date of this announcement.

#### **B9.** Material Litigation

The Group has no material litigation since 31 December 2023.

#### B10. Dividend

No dividend has been declared for the current and preceding financial year.

#### **B11.** Loss Per Share

#### (a) Basic

The basic loss per share is calculated as follows :

|   | INDIVIDUAI        | L QUARTER  | CUMULATIVE PERIOD |            |  |  |
|---|-------------------|------------|-------------------|------------|--|--|
|   | Current Preceding |            | Current           | Preceding  |  |  |
|   | Year              | Year       | Financial         | Financial  |  |  |
|   | Quarter           | Quarter    | Year              | Year       |  |  |
|   | 31/12/2023        | 31/12/2022 | 31/12/2023        | 31/12/2022 |  |  |
| Loss attributable to owners of the company (RM'000) | (22,394)          | (6,765)    | (72,977)          | (62,182)   |  |  |
| Weighted average number of ordinary shares ('000)   | 2,987,707         | 2,987,707  | 2,987,707         | 2,987,707  |  |  |
| Basic loss per share (sen)                          | (0.75)            | (0.23)     | (2.44)            | (2.08)     |  |  |

#### (b) Diluted

The diluted earnings per share is equivalent to the basic earnings per share. The potential ordinary shares arising from the exercise of warrants have an anti-dilutive effect.

(The figures have not been audited)

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#### **B12.** Audit Report

The auditors' report of the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023 was not subject to any qualification.

#### **B13.** Authorisation for Issue

The interim financial reports were authorised for issue by the Board of Directors in accordance with a resolution of the Directors on 26 February 2024.

By order of the Board

Raw Koon Beng Company Secretary