

A1 Basis of Preparation & Significant Accounting Policies

This Quarterly Report is unaudited and has been prepared in accordance with the Malaysian Financial Reporting Standard ("MFRS") 134 - Interim Financial Reporting issued by the Malaysian Accounting Standards Board ("MASB") and Paragraph 9.22 and Appendix 9B of the Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad ("Bursa Malaysia") Listing Requirements. In addition, the financial statements comply with IFRS as issued by IASB. The report should be read in conjunction with the Group's audited financial statements for the financial year ended 30 June 2023 which was prepared in accordance with the MFRS.

The 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 preceding financial year ended 30 June 2023.

The significant accounting policies and methods adopted for this unaudited interim financial report are consistent with those adopted for the audited financial statements for the financial year ended 30 June 2023, except for the following new amendments to the MFRS ("standards") effective for financial year beginning after 1 July 2023 which the Group has adopted since the commencement of the current financial year on 1 July 2023:

- MFRS 17 'Insurance Contracts' replaces MFRS 4
- Amendments to MFRS 17 'Insurance Contracts Initial application of MFRS 17 and MFRS 9 Comparative Information'
- Amendments to MFRS 101 'Presentation of Financial Statements Disclosures of Accounting Policies'
- Amendments to MFRS 108 'Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors Definition of Accounting Estimates'
- Amendments to MFRS 112 'Income Taxes Deferred Tax related to Assets and Liabilities arising from a Single Transaction'

The adoption of these amendments to standards did not have any impact on the Group's financial statements for the current period.

The Group has not adopted the following amendments to standards that have been issued but not yet effective for the current financial year.

Effective for financial year beginning after 1 July 2024

- Amendments to MFRS 16 'Leases Lease Liability in a Sale and Leaseback'
- Amendments to MFRS 101 'Presentation of Financial Statements Non-current Liabilities with Covenants and Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current'
- Amendments to MFRS 107 'Statement of Cash Flows' and MFRS 7 'Financial Instruments: Disclosures Supplier Finance Arrangements'

Effective for financial year beginning after 1 July 2025

• Amendments to MFRS 121 'The Effects of Changes in Foreign Exchange Rates – Lack of Exchangeability'

Effective for financial year beginning after a date yet to be confirmed

 Amendments to MFRS 10 'Consolidated Financial Statements' and MFRS 128 'Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures – Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture'

These amendments to published standards will be adopted when effective.



A2 Audit Qualification

The audit report of the Group in respect of the annual financial statements for the financial year ended 30 June 2023 was not subject to any audit qualification.

A3 Seasonality or Cyclicality of Operations

The business operations of the Group were generally neither cyclical nor seasonal except for decreased activities during the Ramadan and Chinese New Year festive months.

A4 Unusual Items Affecting Assets, Liabilities, Net Income or Cash Flows

There were no unusual items affecting assets, liabilities, equity, net income, or cash flows that were unusual because of their nature, size, or incidence in the current financial quarter.

A5 Material Changes in Estimates

There were no material changes in estimates that would have a material effect on the financial results of the Group for the current financial quarter ended 30 September 2023.

A6 Debts and Equity Securities

Saved as disclosed below, there were no other issuances, cancellations, repurchases, or resale of the Company's equity securities during the current financial quarter ended 30 September 2023.

(a) The Company increased its issued and paid-up share capital by way of issuance of 38,400 new ordinary shares arising from the exercise of warrants amounting to cash consideration of RM15,360.

The Group has a policy to maintain its Gearing Ratio (measured as interest-bearing debts over shareholders' equity adjusted for the exclusion of intangibles) at below 1.5 times, consistent with its bank covenants.

	30/09/2023	30/06/2023
Total interest-bearing debts (RM'million)	104.3	129.2
Adjusted shareholders' equity (RM'million)	591.7	590.6
Absolute Gearing Ratio	0.18	0.22

Of the total interest-bearing debts as at 30 September 2023, around RM87.8 million was represented by the respective debenture at its Steel Tube and Cold Rolled Coil subsidiaries, whilst RM3.8 million was represented by unsecured interest-bearing supplier's credit at the respective operating subsidiaries (see Note B10). Debts of RM12.7 million was secured against a fixed charge on a property and other specific assets to which the financing relates. Lease liability classification pursuant to MFRS 16 are excluded from the ratio computation as these are contractually non-interest bearing.

A7 Dividends Paid

During the current financial quarter, no dividend was paid by the Company.



A8 Segmental Reporting

The Group's 'year-to-date' segmental information on its remaining businesses held based on the nature of business is as follows:

	Steel Tube RM'000	Cold Rolled Coil RM'000	Investment Holding RM'000	Others RM'000	Total RM'000
Revenue Total revenue	93,737	90,760	3,454	2,402	190,353
Inter segment		(22,327)	(3,454)	(419)	(26,200)
External revenue	93,737	68,433	-	1,983	164,153
Profit/(Loss) before tax	5,551	357	(2,918)	(1,049)	1,941
Segment assets	240,948	380,354	86,259	12,820	720,381

Reconciliation of segment assets to total assets is as follows:

	RM'000
Segment assets Deferred tax assets Derivative financial assets	720,381 554 1,389
Current tax receivables	1,011
Total assets	723,335

A9 Valuation of Property, Plant and Equipment (PPE) and Rights-of-Use (ROU) Assets

The valuation on PPE has been brought forward from the audited financial statements for the preceding financial year ended 30 June 2023 and adjusted for the current financial year's depreciation and impairment provisions where appropriate to reflect the current period's ending net carrying value.



A10 Fair Value Measurement

Except for the financial instruments disclosed below which are fair valued, the carrying value of short-term maturity financial instruments like deposits, cash and bank balances, receivables, short-term borrowings and payables approximate their fair values.

Financial instruments subjected to fair valuation were categorised into the following fair value hierarchy and were represented in the table below as at 30 September 2023:

Level 1: Based on unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets and liabilities

Level 2: Based on observable inputs not included within Level 1

Level 3: Based on unobservable inputs

Recurring fair value measurement

Investment in Quoted Shares
Investment Funds
Forward Foreign Currency Exchange Contracts
as Assets (Hedge Accounted)

Fair Value RM'000								
Level 1	Level 2	Level 3						
2,950	-	-						
-	2,017	-						
-	1,389	-						
2,950	3,406	-						

Total

The Investment in Quoted Shares is fair valued by way of marking-to-market using the quoted closing price on Bursa Malaysia.

The fair value of Investment Funds is determined based on independent fund valuations.

The Forward Foreign Currency Exchange Contracts are fair valued by way of marking-to-market using the market (forward) rates published or quoted by counterparty financial institutions.

A11 Significant Events and Transactions

Saved as disclosed below, there were no other significant events and transactions for the current financial quarter affecting the Group's financial position and performance of its entities.

(a) On 18 August 2023, 66,909,018 units of the unexercised warrants expired and delisted from Bursa Securities on 21 August 2023.

A12 Subsequent Material Events

Saved as disclosed below, there were no other known material subsequent events up-till the date of this report which may affect the Group's financial position and performance of its entities.

(a) On 6 October 2023, the Company subscribed for 37 million shares of KNM Group Berhad from open market for a total outlay of RM6.3 million. This investment is reflected as a financial instrument fair valued at Level 1 hierarchy.



A13 Changes in the Composition of the Group

On 1 August 2023, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company, 3Bumi Sdn Bhd has acquired remaining 100,000 shares in 3Bumi Trading Sdn Bhd ("3BT") from a non-controlling interest at a total cash consideration of RM1, thus increasing its shareholding in 3BT from 90% to 100%. The acquisition of the said minority stake resulted in a loss of RM0.8 million at the Group level.

Besides the above, there were no other changes to the composition of the Group during the current financial quarter.

A14 Contingent Liabilities or Contingent Assets

There were no contingent liabilities or contingent assets as at the end of the current financial quarter.

A15 Capital Commitments

At the end of the current reporting quarter, the Group's Cold Rolled Coil subsidiary and Steel Tube subsidiary have an outstanding capital commitment that has been approved and contracted for of around RM1.2 million and RM1.7 million respectively for plant and equipment. These capital commitments will be payable over established milestones in the current financial year.

The Group's Food Trading subsidiary has approved but not contracted for capital commitment of RM1.0 million for the construction of a processing center.



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B1 Review of the Performance of the Company and Its Principal Subsidiaries

	Individual Period (1 st quarter)		Changes		Cumulative Period		Changes	
	Current Year Quarter 30/09/2023	Preceding Year Corresponding Quarter 30/09/2022			Current Year To-date 30/09/2023	Preceding Year Corresponding Period 30/09/2022		
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	%	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	%
Revenue	164,153	121,551	42,602	35%	164,153	121,551	42,602	35%
Operating Profit	3,168	3,076	92	3%	3,168	3,076	92	3%
Profit Before Interest and								
Tax	3,168	3,076	92	3%	3,168	3,076	92	3%
Profit Before Tax	1,941	2,178	(237)	-11%	1,941	2,178	(237)	-11%
Profit After Tax	789	974	(185)	-19%	789	974	(185)	-19%
Profit Attributable to Ordinary Equity Holders of the Parent	482	639	(157)	-25%	482	639	(157)	-25%

The Group's revenue for the first financial quarter ended 30 September 2023 was up by 35% from RM121.6 million to RM164.2 million in the current financial quarter. The increase in revenue was mainly due to higher sales volume despite lower average selling prices for both Cold Rolled Coil ("CRC") and Steel Tube segments.

The Group experienced a 5% decline in gross profit during the current financial quarter compared to the corresponding financial quarter of the previous year. This decrease can be mainly attributed to a reduced price spread, stemming from unfavourable market conditions and influx of imports. Throughout the entire three months of the current financial quarter, the Nation's Manufacturing PMI (Purchasing Managers Index) remained in a contractionary phase, in stark contrast to the expansionary mode observed in the same financial quarter of the preceding year. Furthermore, the recent decision by MITI to eliminate anti-dumping duties on CRC from South Korea and Vietnam, effective from July 2023, further squeezed margins for domestic CRC producers. The Group also noted a rise in imports of coated steel pipes, negatively impacting both the volume and margins of domestic producers.

The Group registered a lower pre-tax profit of RM1.9 million for the current financial quarter compared with a pre-tax profit of RM2.2 million in the corresponding financial quarter of the prior year, mainly due to higher finance cost incurred for the current financial quarter. After-tax profit of the Group for the current financial quarter was RM0.8 million versus the preceding year's corresponding financial quarter after-tax profit of RM1.0 million .

The Group recorded a slightly higher EBITDA of RM7.5 million for the current financial quarter, compared to the preceding year's corresponding financial quarter's EBITDA of RM7.2 million.



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B2 Material change in the profit before tax as compared to the immediate preceding quarter

	Current Quarter 30/09/2023	Immediate Preceding Quarter 30/06/2023	Chan	ges
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	%
Revenue	164,153	162,190	1,963	1%
Operating Profit	3,168	6,315	(3,147)	-50%
Profit/(Loss) Before Interest and Tax	3,168	(589)	3,757	638%
Profit/(Loss) Before Tax	1,941	(1,745)	3,686	211%
Profit/(Loss) After Tax	789	(1,696)	2,485	147%
Profit/(Loss) Attributable to Ordinary Equity Holders of the Parent	482	(1,550)	2,032	131%

The Group's revenue for the current financial quarter was 1% higher than the immediate preceding financial quarter of RM162.2 million which was mainly attributable to higher sales volume achieved by the Steel Tube segment but was negated by lower average selling prices from both the Cold Rolled Coil and Steel Tube segments.

Although both segments contributed to a diminished gross profit performance in the current financial quarter, totalling RM10.4 million (a 30% decline compared to the immediate preceding financial quarter at RM14.9 million), the impact was more pronounced in the Cold Rolled Coil segment due to the increase in duty-exempted or evaded imports. The Cold Rolled Coil segment has brought this matter to the attention of authorities, seeking legal remedies (see Note B13). In an effort to address this issue, the Cold Rolled Coil segment has expanded its export sales, accounting for 19.3% of total sales, a significant increase from the immediate preceding financial quarter when it constituted only 2.1% of total sales.

Correspondingly, operating profit decreased (down by 50%) from RM6.3 million to RM3.2 million in the current financial quarter. Despite this, the pre-tax profit for the current financial quarter amounted to RM1.9 million, showing an improvement compared to the immediate preceding financial quarter's pre-tax loss of RM1.7 million. This improvement was attributed to the absence of an impairment charge on property, plant, and equipment amounting to RM6.4 million, which incurred in the previous financial quarter. The after-tax profit of the Group reached RM0.8 million, a positive shift from the after-tax loss of RM1.7 million reported in the immediate preceding financial quarter.

The Group recorded a lower EBITDA of RM7.5 million for the current financial quarter compared to the immediate preceding financial quarter's EBITDA of RM10.5 million.



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B3 Prospects for the next financial year

Moving into year 2024, the global economy remains in a gradual recovery from the blows of the pandemic, the effects of tighter monetary policies aimed at reducing inflation, lingering impacts of the term-of-trade shock caused by high energy prices, extreme weather events and the challenges associated with the cost-of-living crisis. Overall, economic activity still falls below the pre-pandemic trajectory. The outlook for growth in emerging and developing economies in the near term is anticipated to be less favourable.

- (i) The global manufacturing sector experienced an extensive slowdown or contraction, leading to declines in industrial production, investment, and international trade in goods. The weakness reflects the combined effects of the unwinding crisis policy support, tighter credit conditions, and general uncertainty amid intensified geoeconomic fragmentation.
- (ii) The potential deepening of China's property sector crisis in year 2024 could have global ramifications, especially affecting commodity-exporting nations. This is due to the lack of prompt measures to restructure property developers, diminished consumption amid subdued confidence, and a lack of substantial policy support. Forecasts suggest increased volatility in commodity prices, driven by renewed geopolitical tensions and disruptions associated with climate change. These factors collectively are anticipated to impose pricing and margin pressures on the regional steel industry.

Domestic GDP growth in the near-term is expected to slow down, driven by sluggish net trades, subdued domestic demand, and reduced domestic investment. The Malaysia Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index has consistently shown contraction for 14 consecutive months up to October 2023. A reversal of this trend is not expected until mid-2024, when global interest rates and capital accessibility could possibly begin to ease. Adding to this, the recent decision by Ministry of Investment, Trade & Industry (MITI) to eliminate anti-dumping duties on Cold Rolled Coil from South Korea and Vietnam, effective from July 2023, further squeezed margins for domestic steel producers. In the short-term, the domestic steel industry will likely continue to face with both subdued demand and margin pressures on the back of increasing competition from regional net-steel exporters and back-channel importers.

Within the domestic food industry, trading businesses exhibit reduced eagerness for expansion and risk taking due to less optimistic expectations for product demand, more stringent lending conditions, and increasing uncertainties related to geoeconomic fragmentation.

Barring further deterioration of the external environment, the outlook for the Group's prospects continues to be notably challenging and subject to volatility.

B4 Variance of Actual Profit from Forecast Profit

The Group did not issue any profit forecast or profit guarantee.

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B5 Profit Before Tax

The following expenses have been (charged)/credited in arriving at profit before tax:

		Preceding year		Preceding year
	Current year	corresponding	Current year	corresponding
	quarter	quarter	to-date	period
	30/09/2023	30/09/2022	30/09/2023	30/09/2022
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
Depreciation and amortisation:				
- property, plant and equipment	(3,868)	(3,741)	(3,868)	(3,741)
- right-of-use assets (leasehold lands)	(440)	(391)	(440)	(391)
- right-of-use assets (rented properties)	(103)	(103)	(103)	(103)
Finance costs on:				
- borrowings	(1,712)	(1,202)	(1,712)	(1,202)
- lease liabilities	(46)	(44)	(46)	(44)
Finance income:				
- interest on deposits				
with licensed banks	531	348	531	348
Write back/(Impairment) on:				
- property, plant and equipment	-	(3)	-	(3)
- receivables	9	29	9	29
Fair value loss on financial assets				
at fair value through profit or loss	(40)	(362)	(40)	(362)
FX differences gain/(loss)	1,559	(3,014)	1,559	(3,014)
FX derivatives (loss)/gain	(906)	2,826	(906)	2,826

B6 Taxation

Taxation comprises:

		Preceding year		Preceding year
	Current year	corresponding	Current year	corresponding
	quarter	quarter	to date	period
	30/09/2023	30/09/2022	30/09/2023	30/09/2022
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
Current tax expense				
- Current year	(1,088)	(1,060)	(1,088)	(1,060)
Deferred tax expense				
- Current year	(64)	(144)	(64)	(144)
	(1,152)	(1,204)	(1,152)	(1,204)



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B7 Profit on Sale of Unquoted Investments and / or Properties

The Group did not engage in any sale of unquoted investments and / or properties in the current financial quarter.

B8 Purchase or Disposal of Quoted Securities

There were no purchases or disposals of quoted securities in the current financial quarter.

B9 Status of Corporate Proposals

There were no outstanding corporate proposals as at the date of this announcement.

B10 Group Borrowings and Debt Securities

The Group's borrowings, denominated entirely in Ringgit Malaysia from lending institutions as at 30 September 2023 undertaken by its Steel subsidiaries were as follows:

	RM'000
Short-term borrowings Secured	90,472
Long-term borrowings Secured	10,106
Total borrowings	100,578

Included in the 'short-term borrowings' was a 'non-current' loan balance of RM2.9 million but reclassified to 'current' since the last financial year end due to a DSCR (Debt Service Cover Ratio) covenant short-fall computed based on 12 months rolling basis which indulgence have been obtained. The Group is in comfortable net current asset position to meet all 'current' debt repayment obligations when due.

Cash-flow movement in-relation to 'changes in liabilities arising from financing activities' on a year-to-date basis was outlined below:

	RM'000
Total Borrowings' opening balance at 1 July 2023	101,597
Inflows from drawdown Outflows on repayment	53,440 (54,459)
Closing balance at 30 September 2023	100,578

Based on the above, the Group's bank gearing ratio was around 0.17 times. Besides the said borrowings, the Group's Steel Tube subsidiary also drawn on interest-bearing trade credits from its raw-coil suppliers with an outstanding amount of RM3.8 million. Inclusive of that, the Group's absolute gearing ratio as at 30 September 2023 was around 0.18 times.



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B11 Outstanding Derivatives

The Group has entered into forward foreign currency exchange contracts ("Forward FX Contracts") to manage its foreign currency exchange exposure arising from purchases of raw materials denominated in US Dollar ("USD") and certain sales denominated in Singapore Dollar ("SGD"). In this regard, the Group covers its USD exposure at the range of 80% to 90% depending on the length of the forward period and the availability of FX facilities.

The Group designates eligible hedge relations on Forward FX Contracts incepted to cover its USD and/or SGD exposure for the purpose of hedge accounting. These are designated as fair value hedges with the arising mark-to-market foreign currency fair value gain/(loss) of both the hedging instruments (i.e. Forward FX Contracts) and the hedged items (i.e. forward purchases of raw material and or accounts payables in USD or accounts receivables in SGD) being charged to the Statement of Profit or Loss.

Details on outstanding derivative Forward FX Contracts for designated for hedge accounting as at 30 September 2023 were outlined below:

Designated

Forward FX Contracts as designated hedging Instrument				Forward	purchase o	of raw materia hedge item	al and/or a/c p	ayable as	
	Notional V	alue '000	Fair Valu	ie RM'000		Notional Value '000		Fair Value RM'000	
Maturity	Long	Short	Financial	Financial	Maturity	Short	N/A	Financial	Financial
·	USD	RM	Assets	Liabilities		USD		Assets	Liabilities
Less than 1 year	18,051	83,235	1,389	-	Matching	18,051	N/A	-	1,389

Besides the above unrealised positions, the Group has recorded a total realised net loss of around RM2.3 million from its Forward FX Contracts as hedging instruments with corresponding realised net gain of around RM2.9 million from its 'foreign currency obligations & assets' over the current financial year.

(i) Risk associated with the derivatives

Counter-Party Risk

The Forward FX Contracts are entered into with domestic licensed financial institutions which have extended FX lines to the Group. The associated Counter-Party risk is negligible.

(ii) Cash requirements of the derivatives

There is no cash movement from the Group to the counterparties when the Forward FX Contracts are incepted. Upon maturity of the Forward FX Contracts, domestic currency is exchanged for the foreign currency at the contracted rate to meet its obligations.

(iii) Policies in place for mitigating or controlling the risk associated with the derivatives

The Group uses derivative financial instruments to hedge specific risk exposures of the underlying hedge items and does not enter into derivative financial instruments for speculative purposes. The Group monitors the fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates closely with the objective to minimise potential adverse effects on the financial performance of the Group. The Board of Directors regularly reviews the risk and approves the policy for managing the risk.



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B12 Off Balance Sheet Financial Instruments and Commitments

At the Group level, off-balance-sheet financial instruments as at the date of this announcement were bank guarantees issued by its subsidiaries amounting to RM7.2 million as security for inbound supply of goods and services; and corporate guarantees issued by its listed subsidiary, Mycron Steel Berhad to lenders for borrowings extended to its steel subsidiaries amounting to RM99.6 million as at 30 September 2023.

At the Company level, off-balance-sheet financial instruments as at the date of this announcement was a corporate guarantee issued to a supplier as security for inbound supply of goods and services extended to its steel subsidiaries amounting to RM20.0 million as at 30 September 2023.

B13 Material Litigation

The Cold Rolled Coil subsidiary had on 29 August 2023 applying leave from the Courts to initiate legal proceedings for judicial review and stay-of-execution on specific ruling by the Ministry of Investment, Trade & Industry (MITI) on anti-dumping removal on CRC imported from South Korea and Vietnam. This matter was heard in late October and is expected to be decided by late November 2023.

Besides the aforementioned, the Group did not engage in any on-going material litigation either as a plaintiff or defendant, claims or arbitration which have a material effect on the financial position of the Group; and the Board was not aware of any proceedings pending or threatened against the Group or of any other facts likely to give rise to any proceedings which may materially and/or adversely affect the financial position and business of the Group.

B14 Dividend

The Company did not declare any dividend for the financial period ended 30 September 2023.



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B15 Earnings per Share

(i) Basic Earnings per Ordinary Share

	Current year quarter 30/09/2023	Preceding year corresponding quarter 30/09/2022	Current year to date	Preceding year corresponding period 30/09/2022
Profit attributable to owners of the Company (RM'000)	482	639	30/09/2023	639
Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue ('000)	359,439	359,418	359,456	359,418
Basic earnings per share (sen)	0.13	0.18	0.13	0.18

(ii) Diluted Earnings per Ordinary Share

No diluted earnings per share was presented since the issued and listed warrants were in an anti-dilutive position given that its exercisable price (at 40 sen) was above the listed market price of the mother share at the close of the current financial quarter.

These interim financial statements have been authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on the date set-forth below.

By order of the Board LILY YIN KAM MAY (MAICSA 0878038) Secretary Kuala Lumpur 28 November 2023