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(Incorporated in Malaysia)

Interim Financial Report for the Third Quarter Ended 30 September 2024

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS

		INDIVIDUAL QUARTER			YEAR-TO-DATE ENDED			
	<u>Note</u>	30.9.2024 RM'000	30.9.2023 RM'000	Changes %	30.9.2024 RM'000	30.9.2023 RM'000	Changes %	
Revenue		397,028	462,039	-14	1,235,543	1,479,434	-16	
Operating expenses		(464,975)	(529,056)		(1,408,810)	(1,657,334)		
Other operating income		4,005	2,321		16,680	5,932		
Loss from operations		(63,942)	(64,696)	1	(156,587)	(171,968)	9	
Finance costs		(6,395)	(2,340)		(15,065)	(6,668)		
Share of results of associated companies and joint venture		1,739	650		7,279	10,078		
Investment income		1,592	1,082		3,098	2,584		
Gain on disposals	23(k)	-	-		21,858	32,947		
Loss before tax	23	(67,006)	(65,304)	-3	(139,417)	(133,027)	-5	
Tax (expense)/credit	16	(937)	(1,589)		226	(3,749)		
Loss for the period		(67,943)	(66,893)	-2 =	(139,191)	(136,776)	-2	
(Loss)/Profit attributable to: - Owners of the Company - Non-controlling interests		(68,271) 328	(66,234) (659)		(139,785) 594	(137,152) 376		
Loss for the period		(67,943)	(66,893)	_	(139,191)	(136,776)		
Loss per share attributable to owners of the Company (sen):	21							
- Basic		(10.03)	(9.73)	=	(20.53)	(20.15)		
- Diluted		(10.03)	(9.73)	=	(20.53)	(20.15)		

The Condensed Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss should be read in conjunction with the Audited Financial Statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2023 and the accompanying explanatory notes attached to the interim financial statements.

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

	INDIVIDUAL	QUARTER	YEAR-TO-DATE ENDED		
	30.9.2024 RM'000	30.9.2023 RM'000	30.9.2024 RM'000	30.9.2023 RM'000	
Loss for the period	(67,943)	(66,893)	(139,191)	(136,776)	
Other comprehensive income/(loss)					
Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss					
Exchange differences on translation of foreign operations	(14,020)	1,371	(10,692)	10,056	
Share of other comprehensive (loss)/income of associated companies	(27,412)	21	(30,091)	(1,753)	
Other comprehensive (loss)/income for the period, net of tax	(41,432)	1,392	(40,783)	8,303	
Total comprehensive loss for the period	(109,375)	(65,501)	(179,974)	(128,473)	
Total comprehensive (loss)/income attributable to:					
Owners of the Company Non-controlling interests	(104,712) (4,663)	(64,468) (1,033)	(176,314) (3,660)	(131,567) 3,094	
	(109,375)	(65,501)	(179,974)	(128,473)	

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATE	EMENT	OF	FINANCIAL	POSITION
	<u>Note</u>		AS AT 30.9.2024 RM'000	AS AT 31.12.2023 RM'000
ASSETS Non-Current Assets Property, plant and equipment			818,064	850,746
Investment properties Prepaid land lease payments			106,089	118,564 36,945
Right-of-use assets Land held for property development			18,093 51,724	29,382 51,626
Investment in associated companies and joint venture Long-term investments Deferred tax assets			375,531 599 9,925	398,437 599 9,937
Total Non-Current Assets			1,380,025	1,496,236
Current Assets Property development costs			4,758	4,736
Inventories Receivables Current tax assets			269,150 635,819 8,731	308,134 652,638 9,738
Investment in money market funds Deposits, cash and bank balances			2,427 106,803	2,362 114,558
Non-current assets classified as held for sale			1,027,688 32,221	1,092,166 12,725
Total Current Assets			1,059,909	1,104,891
Total Assets			2,439,934	2,601,127
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES Capital and Reserves				
Share capital Reserves			1,250,536 (326,038)	1,250,536 (149,724)
Equity attributable to owners of the Company Non-controlling interests			924,498 218,997	1,100,812 222,657
Total Equity Non-Current and Deferred Liabilities			1,143,495	1,323,469
Loans and borrowings Lease liabilities	18		513 30,810	22,200 14,618
Deferred payables Deferred tax liabilities			120,622 65,312	120,622 68,535
Total Non-Current and Deferred Liabilities Current Liabilities			217,257	225,975
Payables Loans and borrowings Lease liabilities	18		794,162 150,504 10,976	780,602 138,039 9,461
Deferred payables Current tax liabilities			123,103 437	123,103 478
Total Current Liabilities			1,079,182	1,051,683
Total Liabilities Total Equity and Liabilities			1,296,439 2,439,934	1,277,658 2,601,127
Net assets per share attributable to owners of the Company (RM)			1.36	1.62

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

	•——	Attributable t	to owners of	the Company		1	
	Share capital RM'000	Treasury shares RM'000	Other reserves RM'000	(Accumulated losses)/ Retained earnings RM'000	Total RM'000	Non- controlling interests RM'000	Total equity RM'000
30 September 2024							
At 1 January 2024	1,250,536	(13,193)	8,035	(144,566)	1,100,812	222,657	1,323,469
Total comprehensive loss for the period	-	-	(36,529)	(139,785)	(176,314)	(3,660)	(179,974)
At 30 September 2024	1,250,536	(13,193)	(28,494)	(284,351)	924,498	218,997	1,143,495
30 September 2023							
At 1 January 2023	1,250,536	(13,193)	3,291	256,730	1,497,364	224,571	1,721,935
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the period	-	-	5,585	(137,152)	(131,567)	3,094	(128,473)
Dividend paid by a subsidiary company	-	-	-	-	-	(750)	(750)
At 30 September 2023	1,250,536	(13,193)	8,876	119,578	1,365,797	226,915	1,592,712
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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

	YEAR-TO-DATE ENDED		
_	30.9.2024	30.9.2023	
	RM'000	RM'000	
OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Loss before tax	(139,417)	(133,027)	
Adjustments for:			
Non-cash items	28,687	3,305	
Non-operating items	4,462	(2,425)	
Operating loss before changes in working capital	(106,268)	(132,147)	
Changes in working capital:			
Net changes in current assets	107,080	124,514	
Net changes in current liabilities	(25,438)	(43,613)	
Others (mainly interest received)	3,098	2,584	
	(21,528)	(48,662)	
INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Capital repayment from a joint venture	90	-	
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment	51,451	24,891	
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(6,078)	(25,172)	
Partial proceeds from disposal of assets held for sale	-	20,170	
Increase in investment in money market funds	(65)	(62)	
Increase in land held for property development	(120)	(2,390)	
_	45,278	17,437	
FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Net borrowings and interest paid	(23,835)	(21,388)	
Increase in cash and cash equivalents - restricted	(2,105)	(1,595)	
Dividend paid to non-controlling interest of a subsidiary company	<u> </u>	(750)	
_	(25,940)	(23,733)	
Net changes in cash and cash equivalents	(2,190)	(54,958)	
Effect of exchange differences	(2,571)	500	
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the period	70,686	176,519	
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the period	65,925	122,061	

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NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Accounting policies and methods of computation

The condensed consolidated financial statements are unaudited and have been prepared in accordance with Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards ("MFRS") 134 Interim Financial Reporting and paragraph 9.22 of the Main Market Listing Requirements of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad.

The condensed consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements of the Group for the financial year ended 31 December 2023. These explanatory notes 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 financial year ended 31 December 2023.

The significant accounting policies adopted in the condensed consolidated financial statements are consistent with those of the audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2023 except for the adoption of the following Amendments to MFRSs effective for the financial period beginning on or after 1 January 2024:

Amendments to:

MFRS 16 Lease Liability in a Sale and Leaseback

MFRS 101 Classification of Liability as Current or Non-current

MFRS 101 Non-current Liabilities with Covenants MFRS 107 and MFRS 7 Supplier Finance Arrangements

The adoption of the above amendments to MFRSs has no significant effect on the financial performance or position of the Group.

2. Comments about seasonal or cyclical factors

The Group's performance is not affected by any material seasonal or cyclical factors.

3. Unusual items due to their nature, size or incidence

There were no unusual items affecting assets, liabilities, equity, net income or cash flows during the current quarter and financial year-to-date, except as disclosed in the Interim Financial Report.

4. Changes in estimates

There were no changes in estimates that have had a material effect in the results for the current quarter and financial year-to-date.

5. Debt and equity securities

There were no issuance, cancellation, repurchase, resale and repayment of debt and equity securities for the current quarter and financial year-to-date.

The shares repurchased todate are being held as treasury shares in accordance with Section 127 of the Companies Act 2016. As at 30 September 2024, the number of treasury shares held were 37,105,300 shares.

6. Dividends paid

There was no dividend paid during the current quarter and financial year-to-date.

7. Segmental information

The Group's segmental report for the period ended 30 September 2024 was as follows:

	Steel	Building materials	Others	Eliminations	
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
Revenue					
External revenue	634,686	462,796	138,061	-	1,235,543
Inter-segment revenue	187,900		18,059	(205,959)	
Total revenue	822,586	462,796	156,120	(205,959)	1,235,543
Results					
Segment results	(160,783)	2,468	1,728	-	(156,587)
Finance costs	(12,095)	(1,067)	(1,903)	-	(15,065)
Share of results of					
associated companies					
and joint venture	107	-	7,172	-	7,279
Investment income	50	1,981	1,067	-	3,098
Gain on disposals	21,858	-	-	-	21,858
Loss before tax					(139,417)
Tax credit					226
Loss for the period					(139,191)
Assets					
Segment assets	1,314,023	379,095	352,629	-	2,045,747
Investment in associated companies					
and joint venture	8,777	-	366,754	-	375,531
Unallocated corporate assets					18,656
Total assets					2,439,934

8. Subsequent events

There were no material events subsequent to the end of the current quarter and financial year-to-date, except as disclosed in Note 17.

9. Changes in composition of the Group

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

10. Changes in contingent liabilities and contingent assets

There were no material changes in contingent liabilities or contingent assets since 31 December 2023.

11. Performance review

	INDI	VIDUAL QUAR	TER	YEAR-TO-DATE ENDED			
	30.9.2024 RM'000	30.9.2023 RM'000	Changes %	30.9.2024 RM'000	30.9.2023 RM'000	Changes %	
<u>Revenue</u>							
Steel	277,181	352,379	-21	822,586	1,135,012	-28	
Building materials	157,579	145,063	9	462,796	470,704	-2	
Others	37,593	35,094	7	156,120	105,056	49	
Eliminations	(75,325)	(70,497)		(205,959)	(231,338)		
	397,028	462,039	-14	1,235,543	1,479,434	-16	
Segment Results							
Steel	(65,885)	(64,278)	-3	(160,783)	(174,247)	8	
Building materials	1,176	49	>100	2,468	527	>100	
Others	767	(467)	>100	1,728	1,752	-1	
Loss from operations	(63,942)	(64,696)	1	(156,587)	(171,968)	9	
Finance costs	(6,395)	(2,340)		(15,065)	(6,668)		
Share of results of associated companies							
and joint venture	1,739	650		7,279	10,078		
Investment income	1,592	1,082		3,098	2,584		
Gain on disposals		-		21,858	32,947		
Loss before tax	(67,006)	(65,304)	-3	(139,417)	(133,027)	-5	

For the 9 months ended 30 September 2024, the Group posted a revenue of RM1,235.5 million contributed mainly by the Steel and the Building Materials Divisions. The Group reported a lower operating loss of RM156.6 million mainly due to the lower loss from the Steel Division compared with the same period last year.

The Group registered a loss before tax of RM139.4 million for the period under review. The Group's net assets per share as at 30 September 2024 was RM1.36.

Steel

The Division's revenue was 28% lower at RM822.6 million compared with RM1,135.0 million recorded in the same period last year mainly due to the lower sales volume. However, the Division recorded a lower loss of RM160.8 million compared with RM174.2 million in the same period last year largely due to the reduction in operating expenses despite an impairment loss of RM23.0 million on right-of-use of assets, plant and machinery.

Building materials

For the period under review, the Division recorded a revenue of RM462.8 million, a 2% decrease compared to the same period last year, mainly due to the lower sales of building materials. Despite the decline in revenue, the Division recorded a higher profit of RM2.5 million mainly driven by the on-going efforts in optimising operating efficiencies.

Others

Revenue of Others Division was mainly from the sale of lubricants, automotive products and petroleum products, as well as the provision of management services and property development projects. These activities collectively contributed a 49% higher revenue at RM156.1 million compared with RM105.1 million recorded in last year's same period mainly due to the one-off sale of a piece of land by the Property Division of RM46 million. The Division recorded a profit of RM1.7 million and there was no significant change when compared with the profit in the same period last year.

Associated companies and joint venture

The lower profit contributed by the associated companies and a jointly controlled entity was primarily attributable to the weaker performance from the retail businesses.

12. Comment on material change in profit

	Current	Immediate Preceding Quarter 30.6.2024 RM'000	Changes %
Revenue	397,028	424,673	-7
Loss from operations	(63,942)	(52,069)	-23
Loss before tax	(67,006)	(35,339)	-90

Revenue of the Group for the quarter under review was 7% lower at RM397.0 million compared with RM424.7 million in the immediate preceding quarter. The decline was primarily due to the one-off sale of a piece of land by the Property Division in the immediate preceding quarter. The Steel Division, despite achieving a 6% increase in revenue driven by higher sales volume, reported a higher operating loss. This was mainly due to declines in the selling prices of long steel products and an impairment loss of RM9.5 million on plant and machinery. Consequently, the overall loss from operations of the Group increased to RM63.9 million from RM52.1 million in the immediate preceding quarter.

Loss before tax of the Group for the quarter under review was higher at RM67.0 million. Included in the immediate preceding quarter was a gain arose from the disposal of a piece of land and buildings amounted to RM21.9 million.

13. a) Prospects

Local steel demand is expected to experience limited growth in the upcoming quarter, primarily due to the lack of major infrastructure projects. Overcapacity issues within the steel industry continue to pose challenges, while the local economic environment remains affected by persistent global market volatility, inflationary pressures and geopolitical uncertainties.

The Group will maintain a vigilant stance and proactively address prevailing market conditions. Emphasis will be placed on improving operational efficiencies, driving cost containment measures and intensifying efforts to diversify the product portfolio.

b) Forecast or target previously announced

The disclosure requirements are not applicable for the current quarter and financial year-to-date.

14. Statement of the Board of Directors' opinion on achievement of forecast or target

The disclosure requirements are not applicable for the current quarter and financial year-to-date.

15. Profit forecast or profit guarantee

No profit forecast or profit guarantee was published.

16. Tax (expense)/credit

- Tax (oxponed) or our	INDIVIDUAL	QUARTER	YEAR-TO-DATE ENDED	
	30.9.2024 RM'000	30.9.2023 RM'000	30.9.2024 RM'000	30.9.2023 RM'000
Estimated tax payable				
- Current provision	(933)	(1,587)	(2,982)	(3,746)
- (under)/Over provision in prior years	-	(2)	26	(3)
Deferred taxation				
- (under)/Over provision in prior years	(4)	-	3,182	-
	(937)	(1,589)	226	(3,749)

After excluding the share of results of associated companies and joint venture, the effective tax rate of the Group for the current quarter and financial year-to-date were higher than the Malaysian statutory tax rate principally due to certain expenses which were not deductible for tax purposes.

17. Corporate proposals

a) Status of corporate proposals

Save for the below proposals undertaken by the Company, there are no other corporate proposals as at the date of this report.

Date of Announcements	Subjects	Status
(a) 3.9.2023 5.9.2023	Proposed disposals of part of two pieces of freehold land measuring 19.781 acres and 7.006 acres for a cash consideration of RM67.96 million and RM24.07 million respectively by Amsteel Mills Sdn Bhd ("Amsteel Mills"), a 99% owned subsidiary of the Company and Gelora Berkat Sdn Bhd, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, respectively to Unichamp Mineral Sdn Bhd ("Proposed Disposals to Unichamp").	The Proposed Disposals to Unichamp are pending fulfilment of conditions precedent.
(b) 22.4.2024 6.9.2024 9.9.2024 24.9.2024 8.10.2024	Amsteel Mills had entered into the following conditional sale and purchase agreements ("SPAs") with RHB Trustees Berhad, the trustee of Axis Real Estate Investment Trust ("Purchaser"), for the following: (i) disposal of 2 pieces of leasehold industrial land held under HS(D) 17795, PT 3494 (now known as Lot No. 25170) with the buildings erected thereon together with the fixtures and fittings attached thereto and HS(D) 31354, PT 17631 (now known as Lot No. 26953), both located in Mukim of Kapar, District of Klang, State of Selangor for a total disposal consideration of RM313.00 million to be satisfied entirely in cash and the subsequent leaseback by Amsteel Mills ("Proposed Disposal of Property 1"); and (ii) disposal of a piece of leasehold industrial land held under HS(D) 119721, PT 59358 (now known as Lot 62610), located in Mukim of Kapar, District of Klang, State of Selangor for a disposal consideration of RM38.80 million to be satisfied entirely in cash ("Proposed Disposal of Property 2"). (Collectively known as the "Proposed Disposals") Prior to the Proposed Disposals, on 23 February 2024, Amsteel Mills had entered into SPA with the Purchaser for the disposal of a piece of leasehold land held under HS(D) 24277, PT 3501 in Mukim of Kapar, District of Klang, State of Selangor measuring approximately 3.23 hectares together with the buildings erected thereon, for a disposal consideration of RM49.00 million ("Lot 1 Disposal"). The Lot 1 Disposal was completed on 31 May 2024. (Proposed Disposal of Property 1, Proposed Disposal of Property 2 and Lot 1 Disposal shall collectively known as the "Proposed Axis Disposals")	(i) The Proposed Disposal of Property 1 was deemed completed on 8 October 2024. (ii) The Proposed Disposal of Property 2 is pending fulfillment of conditions precedent.

The status of corporate proposals of Lion Posim Berhad ("LPB"), a listed subsidiary company, is reported in the Interim Financial Report of LPB.

b) Status of utilisation of proceeds

The status of the utilisation of proceeds from the Proposed Axis Disposals mentioned above as at 31 October 2024 was as follows:

	Proposed Utilisation of Proceeds RM'million	Actual Utilisation as at 31 October 2024 RM'million
(i) Repayment of loans and borrowings	103.58	28.16
(ii) Partial payment of deferred payables	123.10	-
(iii) Deposits and retention for leaseback	23.21	23.16
(iv) Working capital requirements	142.49	44.78
(v) Estimated expenses in relation to the Proposed Axis Disposals	8.42	0.74
	400.80	96.84

18. Loans and borrowings

The Group's loans and borrowings as at end of the reporting period were as follows:

	As at 30.9.2024	As at 30.9.2023
	RM'000	RM'000
Non-current		
<u>Secured</u>		
Hire-purchase arrangements	-	51
Unsecured		
Hire-purchase arrangements	513	663
	513	714
Current		
<u>Secured</u>		
Term loans	36,609	45,780
Hire-purchase arrangements	-	15
Bankers acceptance and revolving credit	81,000	82,200
Receivables financing facility	24,894	7,637
Bank overdrafts	7,554	3,528
Unsecured		
Hire-purchase arrangements	127	219
Bankers acceptance and revolving credit	320	896
	150,504	140,275
	151,017	140,989

All the Group's loans and borrowings are denominated in Ringgit Malaysia.

19. Changes in material litigation

There was no material litigation since 31 December 2023.

20. Dividend proposed

The Board does not recommend any interim dividend for the current quarter and financial year-to-date.

21. Loss per share ("EPS")

Basic EPS is calculated by dividing the loss for the quarter/year-to-date attributable to owners of the Company by the weighted average number of ordinary shares of the Company in issue during the current quarter and financial year-to-date.

	INDIVIDUAL	INDIVIDUAL QUARTER		YEAR-TO-DATE ENDED	
	30.9.2024	30.9.2023	30.9.2024	30.9.2023	
Loss attributable to owners of the Company (RM'000)	(68,271)	(66,234)	(139,785)	(137,152)	
Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue ('000)	680,804	680,804	680,804	680,804	
Basic EPS (sen)	(10.03)	(9.73)	(20.53)	(20.15)	

The basic EPS and the diluted EPS are equal as the unexercised warrants were anti-dilutive due to the average market share price of the Company was below the exercise price of the warrants.

22. Auditors' report on preceding annual financial statements

The auditors' report on the financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2023 was not qualified.

23. Loss before tax

Loss before tax is arrived at after crediting/(charging) the following income/(expenses):

		INDIVIDUAL QUARTER		YEAR-TO-DATE ENDED	
		30.9.2024	30.9.2023	30.9.2024	30.9.2023
		RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
(a)	Interest income	1,592	1,082	3,098	2,584
(b)	Other operating income	4,005	2,321	16,680	5,932
(c)	Interest expense	(6,395)	(2,340)	(15,065)	(6,668)
(d)	Depreciation and amortisation	(12,682)	(13,025)	(38,229)	(39,980)
(e)	Provision for and write off of receivables	(1,710)	(1,498)	(4,866)	(4,403)
(f)	Provision for and write off of inventories	-	-	-	-
(g)	Gain/(Loss) on disposal of quoted or				
	unquoted investments or properties	-	-	-	-
(h)	Impairment of assets	(9,527)	-	(22,957)	-
(i)	Foreign exchange gain	1,286	174	1,596	1,905
(j)	Gain/(Loss) on derivatives	-	-	-	-
(k)	Gain on disposals:	-	-	21,858	32,947
	- land (prepaid land lease payments) and buildings	-	-	21,858	-
	- assets held for sale	-	-	-	25,315
	- plant and equipment	-	-	-	7,632