

Explanatory Notes pursuant to MFRS 134 for the 1st quarter ended 31 March 2021.

1. CORPORATE INFORMATION

White Horse Berhad is a public limited liability company, incorporated and domiciled in Malaysia, and is listed on Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad.

These condensed consolidated interim financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 25 May 2021.

2. BASIS OF PREPARATION

The condensed consolidated interim financial statements, for the period ended 31 March 2021, have been prepared in accordance with MFRS 134 *Interim Financial Reporting* and paragraph 9.22 of the Listing Requirements of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad.

These condensed consolidated interim financial statements also comply with IAS 34 Interim Financial Reporting issued by the International Accounting Standards Board.

The explanatory notes attached to these condensed consolidated 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 December 2020.

3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The significant accounting policies adopted are consistent with those of the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020, except for the adoption of the following new Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards ("MFRSs") effective for financial periods beginning on or after 1 January 2021.

- 1) Amendments to MFRS 9, MFRS 139 and MFRS 7, MFRS 4 and MFRS 16: Interest Rate Benchmark Reform – Phase 2

The Group has not adopted the following standards that have been issued but not yet effective.

MFRSs and/or IC Interpretations (Including The Consequential Amendments)	Effective Date
Amendments to MFRS 3: Reference to the Conceptual Framework	1 January 2022
Amendments to MFRS 10 and MFRS 128: Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture	Deferred
Amendments to MFRS 101: Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current	1 January 2023
Amendments to MFRS 101: Disclosure of Accounting Policies	1 January 2023
Amendments to MFRS 108: Definition of Accounting Estimates	1 January 2023
Amendments to MFRS 116: Property, Plant and Equipment – Proceeds before Intended Use	1 January 2022
Amendments to MFRS 137: Onerous Contracts – Cost of Fulfilling a Contract	1 January 2022
Annual Improvements to MFRS Standards 2018 – 2020	1 January 2022

The directors expect that the adoption of the above standards and interpretations will have no material impact on the financial statements in the period of initial application.

4. CHANGES IN ESTIMATES

There were no changes in estimates that had a material effect in the current interim results.

5. CHANGES IN COMPOSITION OF THE GROUP

There were no changes in composition of the Group for the current quarter, except the following:-

PT. WH Ceramic Indonesia (“WHIN”), a wholly owned subsidiary of White Horse Ceramic Industries Sdn Bhd (“WHC”), a wholly owned subsidiary, had ceased operations since January 2020 and is in the midst of voluntary liquidation.

The discontinuation was due to the change in the marketing strategies and also cost-savings measures. The operations of WHIN is relatively a smaller scale as compared to the Group, henceforth the discontinuation had little impact on the Group’s result as its past performances had been reflected in the financial reporting each year.

In the long run, the discontinuation will contribute positively to the Group’s bottom-line due to cost-savings measures.

6. SEGMENT INFORMATION

Segmental financial information for the cumulative quarters has been prepared based on the geographical location as per the table append below.

Segmental Information - By Geographical Area 31 Mar 2021	Malaysia Operation RM '000	Vietnam Operation RM '000	Other Operation RM '000	Adjustment RM '000	Total RM '000
Segment Revenue					
External sales	97,187	7,512	13,181		117,880
Inter-segment sales	4,992	612	333	(5,937)	-
Total revenue	102,179	8,124	13,514	(5,937)	117,880
Segment Results					
Interest income	(215)	(62)	(5)		(282)
Depreciation & amortisation	6,544	1,225	671		8,440
Loss before tax	(3,120)	(1,870)	856	(989)	(5,123)
Segment Assets					
Total assets	654,407	121,525	49,267		825,199
Segment Liabilities					
Total liabilities	174,494	61,196	7,223	-	242,913

Segmental Information - By Geographical Area 31 Mar 2020	Malaysia Operation RM '000	Vietnam Operation RM '000	Other Operation RM '000	Adjustment RM '000	Total RM '000
Segment Revenue					
External sales	73,128	10,870	10,998	-	94,996
Inter-segment sales	4,063	1,432	145	(5,640)	-
Total revenue	77,191	12,302	11,143	(5,640)	94,996
Segment Results					
Interest income	(317)	(91)	(8)	-	(416)
Depreciation & amortisation	6,923	1,483	613	-	9,019
Loss before tax	(16,307)	(3,842)	(3)	(25)	(20,177)
Segment Assets					
Total assets	698,466	138,448	49,830	-	886,744
Segment Liabilities					
Total liabilities	206,772	52,272	6,050	-	265,094

The Malaysia and Vietnam operations consist of manufacturing and distribution activities, while the other operations were merely distribution function in ASEAN region and China.

The Group experiencing a loss position due to the stiff market competition, where the selling prices are unable to match with the uprising manufacturing and operating costs.

7. SEASONALITY OF OPERATIONS

The Group's business operation is related to the construction and renovation industries. Due to the festive season in the first quarter, the business has performed at a slower pace and it is a norm that the business in the forthcoming quarters will perform better.

8. LOSS BEFORE TAX

Included in the Loss Before Tax are the following items:-

	Current Quarter 3 Months Ended		Cumulative Quarter 3 Months Ended	
	31 Mar 2021	31 Mar 2020	31 Mar 2021	31 Mar 2020
	RM '000	RM '000	RM '000	RM '000
Interest income	(282)	(416)	(282)	(416)
Interest expense	945	1,538	945	1,538
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	7,123	7,520	7,123	7,520
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	1,317	1,499	1,317	1,499
Loss / (Gain) on disposal of property, plant and equipment	34	(22)	34	(22)
Write down of inventories	3	22	3	22
Loss on foreign currency exchange - unrealised	2,322	6,531	2,322	6,531

9. INCOME TAX EXPENSE / (INCOME)

Income tax income is recognised in each interim period based on the best estimate of the weighted average annual income tax rate expected for the full financial year.

	Current Quarter 3 Months Ended		Cumulative Quarter 3 Months Ended	
	31 Mar 2021	31 Mar 2020	31 Mar 2021	31 Mar 2020
	RM '000	RM '000	RM '000	RM '000
Malaysian Income Tax	(590)	(275)	(590)	(275)
Foreign Tax	278	(18)	278	(18)
	(312)	(293)	(312)	(293)
Deferred Tax	400	249	400	249
Total Tax Expense / (Income)	88	(44)	88	(44)

10. LOSS PER SHARE

Basic loss per share amounts are computed by dividing the loss for the period, net of tax, attributable to owners of the parent by the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the period excluding treasury shares held by the Company.

	Current Quarter 3 Months Ended		Cumulative Quarter 3 Months Ended	
	31 Mar 2021	31 Mar 2020	31 Mar 2021	31 Mar 2020
Loss net of tax attributable to owners of the parent used in the computation of loss per share (RM'000)	(5,211)	(20,133)	(5,211)	(20,133)
Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue ('000)	240,000	240,000	240,000	240,000
Treasury shares ('000)	(12,289)	(12,289)	(12,289)	(12,289)
Net Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue ('000)	227,711	227,711	227,711	227,711
Basic loss per share (sen per share)	(2.29)	(8.84)	(2.29)	(8.84)

11. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

During the three months ended 31 March 2021, the Group has acquired asset of RM 0.6 million (31 March 2020: RM 0.5 million).

12. ASSETS AND LIABILITIES HELD FOR SALE

Per the audited financial statement for the year ended 31 December 2020, the Group has identified the following assets and liabilities of White Horse Ceramic Industries (Vietnam) Co., Ltd., a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, for disposal:

	RM'000
Assets held for sale	
Property, plant and equipment	34,170
Right-of-use assets	26,088
	<u>60,258</u>
Liabilities held for sale	
Lease liabilities	<u>28,330</u>

Pursuant to *MFRS 5: "Non-Current Assets held for sale" paragraph 6*, the assets and liabilities have been presented in the statement of financial position as "Assets held for sale" and "Liabilities held for sale".

13. INTANGIBLE ASSETS : GOODWILL

Goodwill is initially measured at cost. Following initial recognition, goodwill is measured at cost less accumulated impairment losses.

For the purpose of impairment testing, goodwill acquired is allocated, from the acquisition date, to each of the Group's cash-generating units that are expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination.

The cash-generating unit to which goodwill has been allocated is tested for impairment annually and whenever there is an indication that the cash-generating unit may be impaired, by comparing the carrying amount of the cash-generating unit, including the allocated goodwill, with the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit. Where the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit is less than the carrying amount, an impairment loss is recognised in the profit or loss. Impairment losses recognised for goodwill are not reversed in subsequent periods.

Where goodwill forms part of a cash-generating unit and part of the operation within that cash-generating unit is disposed of, the goodwill associated with the operation disposed of is included in the carrying amount of the operation when determining the gain or loss on disposal of the operation. Goodwill disposed of in this circumstance is measured based on the relative fair values of the operations disposed of and the portion of the cash-generating unit retained.

14. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash and cash equivalents comprised the following amounts:-

	31 Mar 2021 RM '000	31 Mar 2020 RM '000
Cash on hand and at banks	59,257	39,588
Short term deposits with banks	54,461	35,250
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents	120,005	74,838

15. FAIR VALUE HIERARCHY

No transfers between any level of the fair value hierarchy took place during the current interim period and the comparative period. There were also no changes in the purpose of any financial asset that subsequently resulted in a different classification of that asset.

The Group does not hold credit enhancements or collateral to mitigate credit risk. The carrying amount of financial assets therefore represents the potential credit risk.

16. SHARE CAPITAL AND TREASURY SHARES

Details of the treasury shares as at 31 March 2021, are as follows :-

Month	No. of shares purchased	Purchase Price		Average Price	Total Consideration
		Highest	Lowest		
Balance as at 31 Mar 2021	12,289,200	RM 2.5000	RM 0.7700	RM 1.5384	RM 18,905,148

17. INTEREST-BEARING LOANS AND BORROWINGS

Borrowings as at 31 March 2021									
	Long-term	Short-term				Total			
	RM '000	SGD '000	USD '000	EURO 000	RM '000	SGD '000	USD '000	EURO 000	RM '000
Unsecured									
Term loan	-		-	-	1,000	-	-	-	1,000
Revolving Credit			8,500	-	44,625	-	8,500	-	44,625
Trade lines		78	1,314	299	19,011	78	1,314	299	19,011
Total	-	78	9,814	299	64,636	78	9,814	299	64,636
Foreign exchange rate	1.0000	3.0845	4.1460	4.8699	1.0000	3.0845	4.1460	4.8699	1.0000
RM'000 Equivalent	-	241	40,689	1,456	64,636	241	40,689	1,456	64,636
Total (RM'000)	-				107,022				107,022

Borrowings as at 31 March 2020									
	Long term	Short-term				Total			
	RM '000	SGD '000	USD '000	EURO 000	RM '000	SGD '000	USD '000	EURO 000	RM '000
Unsecured									
Term loan	1,000		-	-	4,000	-	-	-	5,000
Revolving Credit			18,300	-	44,625	-	18,300	-	44,625
Trade lines		67	829	160	10,853	67	829	160	10,853
Total	1,000	67	19,129	160	59,478	67	19,129	160	60,478
Foreign exchange rate	1.0000	3.0255	4.3130	4.7352	1.0000	3.0255	4.3130	4.7352	1.0000
RM'000 Equivalent	1,000	203	82,503	756	59,478	203	82,503	756	60,478
Total (RM'000)	1,000				142,939				143,939

The unsecured borrowings are subject to corporate guarantee and negative pledge.

All borrowings are based on the floating interest rate and its weighted average interest rate is about 3.65% per annum.

There was a reduction in borrowings for RM 36.9 million in the current year to-date as compare to the same corresponding period in the immediate preceding year. It was due to the repayment of borrowing to the Banks.

No hedging was made for the borrowings denominated in United State Dollar, as source of repayment of which is from the export proceeds denominated in the same currency.

18. PROVISIONS FOR COSTS OF RESTRUCTURING

There were no provisions for costs of restructuring for the current quarter and comparative period.

19. DIVIDEND

No dividend has been recommended for the current quarter. (31 March 2020: Nil).

20. COMMITMENT

There were no commitments for the current quarter and comparative period.

21. CONTINGENCIES

There were no other contingencies for the current quarter, except the contingent liability, which was made-up of Corporate Guarantees issued to financial institutions for the subsidiaries' borrowings and banking facilities.

22. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The following table provides information on the transactions, which have been entered into with related parties during the 3 months period ended 31 March 2021 and 31 March 2020 as well as the balances with the related parties as at 31 March 2021 and 31 December 2020.

Key Management Personnel of the Group : Directors' interest		Sales to	Purchases	Amounts	Amounts
		related	from	owed by	owed to
		parties	related	related	related
		RM '000	parties	parties	parties
			RM '000	RM '000	RM '000
White Horse Ceramic Co Ltd	2021	3,944		7,595	-
	2020	2,280		5,813	-
Teobros Ceramica Sdn Bhd	2021	5,311	2	17,865	4
	2020	4,803	16	19,103	16
White Horse Investment (S) Pte Ltd	2021	-	-	-	65,092
	2020	-	-	-	67,714

All outstanding balances with these related parties are unsecured and repayable on demand.

23. EVENTS AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD

There were no significant subsequent events after the reporting period.

24. PERFORMANCE REVIEW

	Current Period		Change		Cumulative		Change	
	1st Quarter				Period			
	31 Mar 2021	31 Mar 2020	+ / (-)		31 Mar 2021	31 Mar 2020	+ / (-)	
	Unaudited	Unaudited			Unaudited	Unaudited		
RM '000	RM '000	RM '000	%	RM '000	RM '000	RM '000	%	
Revenue	117,880	94,996	22,884	24.1%	117,880	94,996	22,884	24.1%
Gross Profit	17,572	9,759	7,813	80.1%	17,572	9,759	7,813	80.1%
Loss Before Tax	(5,123)	(20,177)	15,054	-74.6%	(5,123)	(20,177)	15,054	-74.6%

The revenue and gross profit for the current quarter were higher by 24.1% and 80.1% respectively as compared to the same corresponding period of last year, mainly due to the improvement in the production efficiency and also cost-savings measures, other than the on-going business activities for the current quarter as compared to last year's operations shut-down for 48 days since 18 March 2020, in compliance with the Movement Control Order imposed by the Government due to the outbreak of Covid-19 pandemic. The loss before tax was lower by 74.6% due to lower operating expenses and lower foreign exchange loss.

25. COMMENT ON MATERIAL CHANGE IN PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION

	Current Quarter 31 Mar 2021 Unaudited RM '000	Immediate Preceding Quarter 31 Dec 2020 Unaudited RM '000	Change + / (-)	
			RM '000	%
Revenue	117,880	141,561	(23,681)	-16.7%
Gross Profit	17,572	22,161	(4,589)	-20.7%
Loss Before Tax	(5,123)	(13,978)	8,855	-63.3%

The revenue and gross profit were lower by 16.7% and 20.7% respectively for the current quarter as compared with the immediate preceding quarter mainly due to the festive season in the first quarter of the year, where the business has performed at a slower pace and it is a norm that the business in the forthcoming quarters will perform better.

The loss before tax was lower by 63.3% mainly due to the provision of slow-moving stock and impairment of assets that took place in the immediate preceding quarter, at the last year end.

26. COMMENTARY ON PROSPECTS

The Group's business is linked with the construction and renovation industries, where its markets coverage is fairly distributed into property development and replacement sectors for both local and exports markets.

Business operations are still challenging in view of the Covid-19 pandemic, other than the market competitiveness, pricing strategy, marketing structure, fluctuation in foreign currencies, high production and operating costs, which have a great impact to the bottom-line of the Group. Counter measures to address these challenges include enhancing the manufacturing efficiency and productivity, new products development, cost-control and market restructuring.

27. PROFIT FORECAST OR PROFIT GUARANTEE

There was no profit forecast or profit guarantee announced as at the date of this quarterly report.

28. CORPORATE PROPOSALS

No corporate proposal announced but not completed as at the date of this quarterly report.

29. CHANGES IN MATERIAL LITIGATION

There was no material litigation as at the date of this quarterly report.

30. DIVIDEND PAYABLE

Please refer to Note 19 for details.

31. DISCLOSURE OF NATURE OF OUTSTANDING DERIVATIVES

There was no outstanding derivative as at the reporting period

32. DISCLOSURE OF GAINS / LOSSES ARISING FROM FAIR VALUE CHANGES OF FINANCIAL LIABILITIES

There were no gains or losses arising from fair value changes of financial liabilities as at the reporting period.

33. AUDITORS REPORT ON PRECEDING ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The auditors' report on the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020 was not qualified.