

Explanatory Notes pursuant to MFRS 134 for the 1st quarter ended 31 March 2024.

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 28 May 2024.

2. BASIS OF PREPARATION

The condensed consolidated interim financial statements, for the period ended 31 March 2024, 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 2023.

3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The significant accounting policies adopted are consistent with those of the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023, except for the adoption of the following new Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards (“MFRSs”) effective for financial periods beginning on or after 1 January 2024.

- 1) Amendments to MFRS 16 : Lease Liability in a Sale and Leaseback
- 2) Amendments to MFRS 101 : Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current
- 3) Amendments to MFRS 101 : Non-current Liabilities with Covenants
- 4) Amendments to MFRS 107 & 7 : Supplier Finance Arrangements

The Group has not adopted the following standards that have been issued, but are not yet effective:

MFRSs and/or IC Interpretations (Including The Consequential Amendments)	Effective Date
Amendments to MFRS 10 & 128 : Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture	Deferred
Amendments to MFRS 121 : Lack of Exchangeability	1 January 2025

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

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 insignificant 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 2024	Malaysia Operation RM '000	Vietnam Operation RM '000	Other Operation RM '000	Adjustment RM '000	Total RM '000
Segment Revenue					
External sales	95,985	127	10,424	-	106,536
Inter-segment sales	2,120	-	256	(2,376)	-
Total revenue	98,105	127	10,680	(2,376)	106,536
Segment Results					
Interest income	(435)	(775)	(4)	-	(1,214)
Depreciation & amortisation	4,108	3	302	-	4,413
(Loss) / Profit before tax	(3,534)	687	(164)	-	(3,011)
Segment Assets					
Total assets	600,963	76,275	51,900	-	729,138
Segment Liabilities					
Total liabilities	(138,524)	(485)	(8,066)	-	(147,075)

Segmental Information - By Geographical Area 31 Mar 2023	Malaysia Operation RM '000	Vietnam Operation RM '000	Other Operation RM '000	Adjustment RM '000	Total RM '000
Segment Revenue					
External sales	72,551	142	11,021	-	83,714
Inter-segment sales	2,403	-	319	(2,722)	-
Total revenue	74,954	142	11,340	(2,722)	83,714
Segment Results					
Interest income	(230)	(279)	(4)	-	(513)
Depreciation & amortisation	4,911	32	325	-	5,268
(Loss) / Profit before tax	(18,644)	(204)	524	-	(18,324)
Segment Assets					
Total assets	593,785	72,198	44,609	-	710,592
Segment Liabilities					
Total liabilities	(122,060)	(931)	(8,869)	-	(131,860)

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

7. SEASONALITY OF OPERATIONS

The Group’s business operation is related to the construction and renovation industries. Generally in a year, 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		Cumulative Quarter	
	3 Months Ended		3 Months Ended	
	31 Mar 2024	31 Mar 2023	31 Mar 2024	31 Mar 2023
	RM '000	RM '000	RM '000	RM '000
Interest income	(1,214)	(513)	(1,214)	(513)
Interest expense	1,367	1,301	1,367	1,301
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	3,767	4,623	3,767	4,623
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	646	645	646	645
Loss / (Gain) on disposal of property, plant and equipment	50	(151)	50	(151)
Write down of inventories	7	8	7	8
Loss on foreign currency exchange-unrealised	5	135	5	135

9. INCOME TAX EXPENSE

Income tax expense 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		Cumulative Quarter	
	3 Months Ended		3 Months Ended	
	31 Mar 2024	31 Mar 2023	31 Mar 2024	31 Mar 2023
	RM '000	RM '000	RM '000	RM '000
Malaysian Income Tax	-	(295)	-	(295)
Foreign Tax	160	91	160	91
	160	(204)	160	(204)
Deferred Tax	-	295	-	295
Total Tax Expense	160	91	160	91

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		Cumulative Quarter	
	3 Months Ended		3 Months Ended	
	31 Mar 2024	31 Mar 2023	31 Mar 2024	31 Mar 2023
Loss net of tax attributable to owners of the parent used in the computation of loss per share (RM'000)	(3,171)	(18,415)	(3,171)	(18,415)
Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue ('000)	240,000	240,000	240,000	240,000
Treasury shares ('000)	(19,474)	(19,474)	(19,474)	(19,474)
Net Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue ('000)	220,526	220,526	220,526	220,526
Basic loss per share (sen per share)	(1.44)	(8.35)	(1.44)	(8.35)

11. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

During the three months ended 31 March 2024, the Group has acquired an asset of RM 0.1 million (31 March 2023: RM 0.5 million).

12. 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.

13. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash and cash equivalents comprised the following amounts:-

	31 Mar 2024 RM '000	31 Mar 2023 RM '000
Cash on hand and at banks	54,929	44,048
Short term deposits with banks	105,625	87,379
Sub-total	160,554	131,427
Less Fixed deposits with tenure of more than 3 months	(67,411)	(63,073)
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents	93,143	68,354

14. 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.

15. SHARE CAPITAL AND TREASURY SHARES

Details of the treasury shares as at 31 March 2024, are as follows :-

No. of shares purchased	Purchase Price		Average Price RM	Total Consideration RM
	Highest RM	Lowest RM		
19,474,400	2.5000	0.7150	1.2486	24,314,843

16. INTEREST-BEARING LOANS AND BORROWINGS

Borrowings as at 31 Mar 2024									
	Long-term	Short-term				Total			
	RM '000	SGD '000	USD '000	EURO '000	RM '000	SGD '000	USD '000	EURO '000	RM '000
Secured									
Term Loan	14,813	-	-	-	1,488	-	-	-	16,301
Revolving Credit	-	-	3,500	-	22,600	-	3,500	-	22,600
Trade lines	-	-	3,577	471	5,329	-	3,577	471	5,329
Unsecured									
Trade lines	-	-	-	-	12,516	-	-	-	12,516
Total	14,813	-	7,077	471	41,933	-	7,077	471	56,746
Foreign exchange rate	1.0000	3.4990	4.7205	5.0882	1.0000	3.4990	4.7205	5.0882	1.0000
RM'000 Equivalent	14,813	-	33,407	2,397	41,933	-	33,407	2,397	56,746
Total (RM'000)	14,813				77,737				92,550

Borrowings as at 31 Mar 2023									
	Long-term	Short-term				Total			
	RM '000	SGD '000	USD '000	EURO '000	RM '000	SGD '000	USD '000	EURO '000	RM '000
Secured									
Revolving Credit	-	-	4,000	-	21,625	-	4,000	-	21,625
Unsecured									
Revolving Credit	-	-	-	-	5,000	-	-	-	5,000
Trade lines	-	68	2,370	678	20,484	68	2,370	678	20,484
Total	-	68	6,370	678	47,109	68	6,370	678	47,109
Foreign exchange rate	1.0000	3.3218	4.4170	4.8101	1.0000	3.3218	4.4170	4.8101	1.0000
RM'000 Equivalent	-	226	28,137	3,261	47,109	226	28,137	3,261	47,109
Total (RM'000)	-				78,733				78,733

Other than the corporate guarantee and negative pledge for all the loan and borrowings, the secured borrowings were secured by legal charges over landed properties.

All borrowings are based on the floating interest rate and its weighted average interest rate is about 5.5% per annum.

There was an increase in the borrowings for RM 13.8 million in the current year to-date as compare to the same corresponding period in the immediate preceding year. 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.

17. PROVISIONS FOR COSTS OF RESTRUCTURING

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

18. DIVIDEND

No interim dividend has been declared for the current quarter. (31 March 2023 : Nil)

19. COMMITMENT

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

20. 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.

21. 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 2024 and 31 March 2023 as well as the balances with the related parties as at 31 March 2024 and 31 December 2023.

			Purchases	Amounts	Amounts
		Sales to	from	owed by	owed to
	Personnel of the Group :	related	related	related	related
	Directors' interest	parties	parties	parties	parties
		RM '000	RM '000	RM '000	RM '000
White Horse Ceramic Co Ltd	2024	1,637	-	3,783	-
	2023	1,445	-	3,724	256
Teobros Ceramica Sdn Bhd	2024	5,938	-	20,657	81
	2023	3,327	-	13,819	81

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

22. EVENTS AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD

There were no significant subsequent events after the reporting period.

23. PERFORMANCE REVIEW

	Current Period		Change		Cumulative		Change	
	1st Quarter				Period			
	31 Mar 2024	31 Mar 2023	+ / (-)		31 Mar 2024	31 Mar 2023	+ / (-)	
	Unaudited	Unaudited	RM '000	%	Unaudited	Unaudited	RM '000	%
	RM '000	RM '000	RM '000	%	RM '000	RM '000	RM '000	%
Revenue	106,536	83,714	22,822	27.3%	106,536	83,714	22,822	27.3%
Gross Profit / (Loss)	13,577	(1,562)	15,139	969.2%	13,577	(1,562)	15,139	969.2%
Loss Before Tax	(3,011)	(18,324)	15,313	83.6%	(3,011)	(18,324)	15,313	83.6%

The revenue and gross profit/(loss) were higher by 27.3% and 969.2% respectively, while the loss before tax was reduced by 83.6% as compared to the same corresponding period of last year, mainly due to the better market sentiment.

24. COMMENT ON MATERIAL CHANGE IN (LOSS) / PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION

	Current	Immediate	Change	
	Quarter	Preceding Quarter	+ / (-)	
	31 Mar 2024	31 Dec 2023	RM '000	%
	Unaudited	Unaudited	RM '000	%
	RM '000	RM '000	RM '000	%
Revenue	106,536	127,124	(20,588)	-16.2%
Gross Profit	13,577	43,459	(29,882)	-68.8%
(Loss) /Profit Before Tax	(3,011)	16,618	(19,629)	-118.1%

The revenue, gross profit and (loss)/profit before tax were lower by 16.2%, 68.8% and 118.1% 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 in the first quarter and gradually improving in the forthcoming quarters for the whole year.

25. 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 terms of market competitiveness, pricing strategy, marketing structure, fluctuation in foreign currencies, high production and operating costs, which have 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.

26. PROFIT FORECAST OR PROFIT GUARANTEE

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

27. CORPORATE PROPOSALS

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

28. CHANGES IN MATERIAL LITIGATION

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

29. DIVIDEND PAYABLE

Please refer to Note 18 for details.

30. DISCLOSURE OF NATURE OF OUTSTANDING DERIVATIVES

There was no outstanding derivative as at the reporting period.

31. 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.

32. AUDITORS REPORT ON PRECEDING ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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