

**BLD PLANTATION BHD.**(562199-A)

**Interim Financial Report**  
30 September 2023

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(Company No: 562199-A)

**Interim Financial Report for the Period Ended 30 September 2023**

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**Condensed Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income**

For the Period Ended 30 September 2023

(The figures have not been audited)

	Note	Individual Quarter		Cumulative Quarter	
		30.09.2023	30.09.2022	30.09.2023	30.09.2022
		RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
Revenue		590,345	580,924	975,178	1,277,284
Cost of sales		(534,638)	(531,276)	(899,830)	(1,162,083)
Gross profit		55,707	49,648	75,348	115,201
Other operating (expenses) / income		(12)	(8,186)	9,158	(16,657)
Selling expenses		(34,186)	(30,068)	(53,896)	(62,297)
Administrative expenses		(5,317)	(4,390)	(9,963)	(8,153)
Finance costs		(2,567)	(2,128)	(4,829)	(4,431)
Profit before taxation		13,625	4,876	15,818	23,663
Income tax expenses	<b>18</b>	(6,305)	(1,516)	(7,775)	(6,381)
Profit for the period, net of tax representing total Comprehensive Income for the period		7,320	3,360	8,043	17,282
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Profit for the period attributable to:					
Owners of the Company		7,101	3,074	7,771	15,923
Non-controlling interests		219	286	272	1,359
		7,320	3,360	8,043	17,282
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<b>Earnings per share (sen) attributable to Owners of the Company:</b>	<b>25</b>				
- Basic		7.59	3.29	8.31	17.03
- Diluted		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
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The unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023 and the accompanying explanatory notes.

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**Condensed Consolidated Statement of Financial Position**

(The figures have not been audited)

	<b>As At 30.09.2023 RM'000</b>	<b>As At 31.03.2023 RM'000</b>
<b>Non-current Assets</b>		
Property, plant and equipment	590,420	588,803
Right-of-use assets	118,516	119,431
	<u>708,936</u>	<u>708,234</u>
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Inventories	134,947	112,384
Biological assets	27,517	20,434
Receivables	166,208	37,373
Prepaid operating expenses	960	1,453
Tax refundable	2,728	10,692
Deposits, cash and bank balances	205,863	346,771
Derivative financial instruments	-	327
	<u>538,223</u>	<u>529,434</u>
<b>Total assets</b>	<u>1,247,159</u>	<u>1,237,668</u>
<b>EQUITY AND LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>Equity attributable to owners of the Company</b>		
Share capital	173,180	173,180
Reserves	568,657	560,886
	<u>741,837</u>	<u>734,066</u>
<b>Non-controlling interests</b>	2,960	2,688
	<u>744,797</u>	<u>736,754</u>

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(The figures have not been audited)

	<b>As At 30.09.2023 RM'000</b>	<b>As At 31.03.2023 RM'000</b>
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>		
Borrowings	64,600	68,061
Lease liabilities	1,082	435
Deferred tax liabilities	114,201	110,084
	179,883	178,580
<b>Current liabilities</b>		
Payables	125,058	105,473
Borrowings	195,641	216,169
Lease liabilities	764	513
Tax payable	125	179
Derivative financial instruments	891	-
	322,479	322,334
<b>Total liabilities</b>	502,362	500,914
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<b>Total equity and liabilities</b>	1,247,159	1,237,668
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<b>Net assets per share attributable to Owners of the Company (RM)</b>	7.93	7.85
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**Condensed Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity**

For the Period Ended 30 September 2023

(The figures have not been audited)

	Attributable to owners of the Company			Non- controlling Interests	Total Equity
	Share Capital RM'000	Retained Profit RM'000	Total RM'000		
<b>At 1 April 2023</b>	173,180	560,886	734,066	2,688	736,754
Total comprehensive income	-	7,771	7,771	272	8,043
<b>At 30 September 2023</b>	173,180	568,657	741,837	2,960	744,797

	Attributable to owners of the Company			Non- controlling Interests	Total Equity
	Share Capital RM'000	Retained Profit RM'000	Total RM'000		
<b>At 1 April 2022</b>	173,180	535,281	708,461	2,208	710,669
Total comprehensive income	-	15,923	15,923	1,359	17,282
<b>Transaction with owners</b>					
Dividend paid to owners of Company	-	(4,675)	(4,675)	-	(4,675)
<b>At 30 September 2022</b>	173,180	546,529	719,709	3,567	723,276

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**Condensed Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows**

For the Period Ended 30 September 2023

(The figures have not been audited)

	<b>Cumulative 6 months 30.09.2023 RM'000</b>	<b>Cumulative 6 months 30.09.2022 RM'000</b>
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>		
Profit before taxation	15,818	23,663
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	25,101	24,975
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	2,153	2,141
Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment	(70)	-
Gain on disposal of right-of-use assets	(2,243)	-
Change in fair value of biological assets	(7,083)	9,054
Interest income	(3,092)	(2,285)
Interest expense	4,785	4,392
Interest on lease liabilities	44	39
Net change in fair value on derivative	1,218	3,006
Net change in unrealised foreign exchange	(605)	(3,657)
Operating profit before changes in working capital	36,026	61,328
Changes in inventories	(22,563)	(37,773)
Changes in receivables and other assets	(128,294)	(21,359)
Changes in payables	19,584	15,167
<b>Cash (used in) / generated from operations</b>	(95,247)	17,363
Income tax paid, net of refund	4,252	(4,674)
Interest received	3,092	2,285
<b>Net cash (used in) / generated from operating activities</b>	(87,903)	14,974
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>		
Acquisition of property, plant and equipment (net of interest capitalised)	(26,718)	(17,735)
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment	70	-
Proceeds from disposal of right-of-use assets	2,383	-
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>	(24,265)	(17,735)

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	<b>Cumulative 6 months 30.09.2023 RM'000</b>	<b>Cumulative 6 months 30.09.2022 RM'000</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>		
Interest paid	(4,785)	(4,912)
Interest paid on lease liabilities	(44)	(39)
Proceeds from bank borrowings	950,717	1,254,252
Repayment of bank borrowings	(974,776)	(1,328,156)
Repayment of lease liabilities	(478)	(472)
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<b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>	(29,366)	(79,327)
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<b>Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents</b>	(141,534)	(82,088)
<b>Effect of foreign exchange rate changes</b>	556	1,092
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year</b>	346,760	300,587
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<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period</b>	205,782	219,591
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### **Notes to the Financial Information**

#### **1. Basis of preparation**

The condensed consolidated interim financial statements are unaudited and have been principally 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 interim financial statements should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023.

#### **2. Significant Accounting Policies**

The significant accounting policies and methods of computation applied in the interim financial statements are consistent with prevailing established guidelines described in MFRS and IC Interpretations wherever applicable and relevant.

The initial application of the accounting standards, interpretations and amendments that are effective from annual periods beginning on or after 1 April 2023 has no material impact on the Group’s consolidated financial statements.

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

- Amendments to MFRS 10 and MFRS 128 (Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture)
- Amendments to MFRS 16 (Lease Liability in a Sale and Leaseback)
- Amendments to MFRS 101 (Non-current Liabilities with Covenants)
- Amendments to MFRS 107 and MFRS 7 (Supplier Finance Arrangements)
- Amendments to MFRS 121 (Lack of Exchangeability)

#### **3. Auditors’ report on preceding annual financial statements**

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

#### **4. Comments about seasonal or cyclical factors**

The production of fresh fruit bunches is seasonal in nature and low during the first half of the year.

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### **Notes to the Financial Information**

#### **5. 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 reporting quarter.

#### **6. Changes in estimates**

There was no significant change in estimates of amounts reported which have a material impact on the reporting quarter.

#### **7. Debt and equity securities**

There was no issuance, cancellations, repurchases, resale and repayments of debt and equity securities for the current period ended 30 September 2023.

#### **8. Dividend paid**

There was no dividend paid in the current quarter.

#### **9. Segmental information**

No segment analysis is prepared as the Company is primarily engaged in the oil palm industry in Malaysia.

#### **10. Carrying amount of revalued assets**

As at the end of this reporting quarter, the Group does not have any revalued assets.

#### **11. Subsequent events**

There is no other material event subsequent to this reporting quarter as at the date of this announcement.

#### **12. Changes in the composition of the Group**

There were no changes in the composition of the Group as at the date of this announcement.

#### **13. Contingent liabilities and contingent assets**

The Company has given corporate guarantee for credit facilities of subsidiaries amounting to RM801 million.

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### **Notes to the Financial Information**

#### **14. Capital commitments**

The amount of commitments not provided for in the interim financial statements as at 30 September 2023 is as follows:

	<b>RM'000</b>
Approved and contracted for	16,900
Approved and not contracted for	2,415
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	19,315
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#### **15. Review of Performance**

The Group's revenue for the current quarter was higher by about RM9.4 million than the corresponding quarter of the preceding year due to higher sales volume. The Group recorded a profit before tax of about RM13.6 million as compared to the corresponding quarter of the preceding year's profit before tax of about RM4.8 million mainly attributable to higher sales volume and favourable changes in fair value of biological assets.

Notwithstanding an increase in sales volume, the Group's revenue decreased by about RM302 million during the current financial period as compared to the preceding year which was principally due to lower average selling price of products. Similarly, the Group reported profit before tax of about RM15.8 million for the current financial period as compared to the preceding year's profit before tax of approximately RM23.6 million mainly arising from lower average selling price of products during the current financial period.

#### **16. Comparison with Preceding Quarter's Results**

The Group recorded profit before tax of about RM13.6 million in the current quarter as compared to profit before tax of about RM2.2 million of the immediate preceding quarter. This was primarily attributed to combined effects of higher sales volume and higher average selling price of products during the current quarter.

#### **17. Commentary on prospects**

The palm oil market witnessed a weakening performance relative to the record-high CPO prices marked in the first half of 2022, underpinned by slower production, continuing geopolitical tensions and subdued demand for energy and food that contributed to the decrease in palm oil exports. Demand has been constrained by cautious buying due to looming global recessionary fears and rise in inflation. In addition, narrow palm oil discounts over competing edible oils further exerted downward pressure on CPO prices.

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#### 17. Commentary on prospects (cont'd)

While the industry enters into its seasonal peak production in the second half of the year, CPO prices may experience a marginal softening trend, in anticipation of higher availability of other major oils and the easing of Indonesian palm oil exports in the recent months. On the weather front, ongoing concerns of El-Nino phenomenon could potentially heighten the CPO market volatility with the expectation of yield cut, given that the weather trend prevails until early months of 2024. CPO prices could stay elevated in the short term on positive sentiments, partially supported by the present weak Ringgit that helps to boost exports.

The Group is committed to enhance its operational efficiencies and optimise production processes to mitigate the impact of inflationary pressure on costs. By closely monitoring the development of market conditions, the Group maintains a prudent approach to cost management and focuses on minimising its exposure to potential risks that could affect its performance.

#### 18. Income tax expenses

	Individual Quarter		Cumulative Quarter	
	3 months ended	3 months ended	6 months ended	6 months ended
	30.09.2023	30.09.2022	30.09.2023	30.09.2022
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
Tax expense for the period:				
Current year provision	2,372	6,477	3,922	11,084
Deferred taxation	4,197	(4,926)	4,117	(4,668)
Overprovision	(264)	(35)	(264)	(35)
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	6,305	1,516	7,775	6,381
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The difference between the effective tax rate and statutory tax rate for the financial period ended 30 September 2023 was mainly due to certain non-deductible expenses.

#### 19. Sale of unquoted investments and properties

There were no sales of unquoted investments and properties during the current financial period.

#### 20. Quoted securities

There were no purchases or sales of quoted securities during the current financial period.

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**Notes to the Financial Information****21. Borrowings and debt securities**

	<b>RM'000</b>
<b>Short term borrowings</b>	
Secured	195,641
<b>Long term borrowings</b>	
Secured	64,600
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	260,241
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The above borrowings are denominated in Ringgit Malaysia.

**22. Changes in material litigation**

There are no material litigations pending since the last annual reporting date to this announcement date.

**23. Profit Forecast or Profit Guarantee**

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

**24. Dividend**

A first and final single-tier dividend of 3 sen per ordinary share in respect of the financial year ended 31 March 2023 was approved by the shareholders during the 21st Annual General Meeting held on 12 September 2023 and was paid on 26 October 2023. The payment was made to the shareholders whose names appeared in the Company's Record of Depositors on 3 October 2023.

**25. Earnings per share**

	<b>Individual Quarter</b>		<b>Cumulative Quarter</b>	
	<b>3 months ended</b>		<b>6 months ended</b>	
	<b>30.09.2023</b>	<b>30.09.2022</b>	<b>30.09.2023</b>	<b>30.09.2022</b>
	<b>RM'000</b>	<b>RM'000</b>	<b>RM'000</b>	<b>RM'000</b>
Net profit attributable to Owners of the Company	7,101	3,074	7,771	15,923
	=====	=====	=====	=====
Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue ('000)	93,500	93,500	93,500	93,500
	=====	=====	=====	=====
Basic earnings per share (sen)	7.59	3.29	8.31	17.03
	=====	=====	=====	=====
Diluted earnings per share (sen)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
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**Notes to the Financial Information****26. Comprehensive Income Disclosures**

	<b>Individual Quarter</b>		<b>Cumulative Quarter</b>	
	<b>3 months ended</b>		<b>6 months ended</b>	
	<b>30.09.2023</b>	<b>30.09.2022</b>	<b>30.09.2023</b>	<b>30.09.2022</b>
	<b>RM'000</b>	<b>RM'000</b>	<b>RM'000</b>	<b>RM'000</b>
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	12,805	12,398	25,101	24,975
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	1,068	1,228	2,153	2,141
Finance costs	2,567	2,128	4,829	4,431
Finance income	(1,568)	(1,223)	(3,092)	(2,285)
Other operating income	(34)	(8)	(70)	(59)
Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment	(52)	-	(70)	-
Gain on disposal of right-of-use assets	(2,243)	-	(2,243)	-
Change in fair value of biological assets	829	6,718	(7,083)	9,054
Net change in unrealised foreign exchange	120	(2,541)	(605)	(3,657)
Net change in fair value on derivative	488	2,605	1,218	3,006
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The Group does not have other material items, other than the items disclosed above, that are recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.