

HIAP TECK VENTURE BERHAD
(Registration No. 199701005844 (421340-U))
(Incorporated in Malaysia)

Condensed Consolidated Statements of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income for fourth quarter ended 31 July 2023

	Individual Quarter		Cumulative Quarter	
	Current Year Quarter	Preceding Year Corresponding Quarter	Current Year To-date	Preceding Year Corresponding Period
	31/07/2023	31/07/2022	31/07/2023	31/07/2022
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
Revenue	453,792	386,495	1,585,208	1,583,278
Cost of Sales	(412,406)	(369,531)	(1,535,944)	(1,396,517)
Gross Profit	41,386	16,964	49,264	186,761
Other Income	1,882	3,242	8,884	7,765
Operating Expenses	(17,612)	(14,545)	(53,899)	(46,539)
Profit from Operations	25,656	5,661	4,249	147,987
Finance Costs	(6,586)	(3,775)	(20,673)	(13,383)
Finance Income	554	1,017	2,373	2,599
Share of profit of equity-accounted investees, net of tax	17,138	22,746	44,515	52,700
Profit Before Tax	36,762	25,649	30,464	189,903
Tax income/(expense)	5,275	(1,119)	1,366	(33,539)
Profit for the Period	42,037	24,530	31,830	156,364
Other Comprehensive Income				
Fair value profit/(loss) on other investments	174	(66)	218	(6)
Foreign currency translation differences for foreign operations	(43)	32	10	43
	131	(34)	228	37
Total Comprehensive Income	42,168	24,496	32,058	156,401
Profit/(Loss) Attributable to:				
Owners of the parent	42,603	24,476	30,911	156,013
Non-Controlling Interests	(566)	54	919	351
	42,037	24,530	31,830	156,364
Total Comprehensive Income/(Loss) Attributable to:				
Owners of the parent	42,734	24,442	31,139	156,050
Non-Controlling Interests	(566)	54	919	351
	42,168	24,496	32,058	156,401
Earnings Per Share (EPS)				
(a) Basic (sen)	2.45	1.41	1.77	9.00
(b) Diluted (sen)	2.45	1.41	1.77	8.96

The Condensed Consolidated Statements of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income should be read in conjunction with the Annual Financial Report for the year ended 31 July 2022 and the accompanying explanatory notes attached to the interim financial statements.

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Condensed Consolidated Statements of Financial Position as at 31 July 2023

	31/07/2023 (Unaudited)	31/07/2022 (Audited)
	RM'000	RM'000
ASSETS		
Non-current assets		
Property, plant and equipment	280,152	257,217
Right-of-use assets	4,160	5,067
Investment properties	10,656	10,190
Investment in joint venture	594,351	549,837
Other investments	996	778
Deferred tax assets	2,538	2,853
Other Receivables	31,598	26,737
	<u>924,451</u>	<u>852,679</u>
Current assets		
Inventories	444,106	641,703
Trade and other receivables	369,406	365,630
Derivative financial assets	420	-
Current tax assets	14,031	6,103
Other investments	3,644	11,922
Cash and cash equivalents	134,315	150,061
	<u>965,922</u>	<u>1,175,419</u>
Total assets	<u>1,890,373</u>	<u>2,028,098</u>
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		
Equity		
Share capital	872,654	872,654
Treasury shares	(7,499)	(7,499)
Translation reserves	(316)	(326)
Fair value reserves	(1,614)	(1,832)
Retained earnings	423,046	409,557
	<u>1,286,271</u>	<u>1,272,554</u>
Non-Controlling Interests	(259)	(443)
Total equity	<u>1,286,012</u>	<u>1,272,111</u>
Non-current liabilities		
Lease liabilities	3,366	4,239
Deferred tax liabilities	7,712	15,908
	<u>11,078</u>	<u>20,147</u>
Current liabilities		
Loans and borrowings	539,076	608,483
Trade and other payables	49,829	115,204
Lease liabilities	873	845
Derivative liabilities	2,506	3
Contract liabilities	-	1,129
Current tax payable	999	10,176
	<u>593,283</u>	<u>735,840</u>
Total liabilities	<u>604,361</u>	<u>755,987</u>
Total equity and liabilities	<u>1,890,373</u>	<u>2,028,098</u>
Net assets per share attributable to owners of the parent (RM)	0.74	0.73

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Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the period ended 31 July 2023

	Current Year To-date 31/07/2023 RM'000	Preceding Year Corresponding Period 31/07/2022 RM'000
<u>Operating Activities</u>		
Profit Before Tax	30,464	189,903
Adjustments for:		
Allowance for impairment loss on trade receivables	1,176	799
Allowance for slow moving stock	565	3,667
Bad debts recovered	-	(104)
Dividend income	(93)	(33)
Depreciation of investment properties	254	217
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	13,702	12,753
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	908	277
Fair value loss on foreign exchange derivative	2,083	72
Finance income:		
Other investments	(268)	(25)
Deposits with licensed banks	(2,105)	(2,574)
Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment	(5,137)	(2,773)
Finance costs	20,673	13,383
Net overdue interest income	(945)	(560)
Net unrealised foreign exchange loss/(gain)	906	(365)
Property, plant and equipment written off	44	93
Reversal of allowance for impairment loss on trade receivables	(10)	(734)
Reversal of impairment of investment properties	-	(1,896)
(Reversal)/Write-down of inventories to net realisable value	(6,352)	25,236
Share of profit of equity-accounted joint venture, net of tax	(44,515)	(52,700)
Operating profit before changes in working capital	11,350	184,636
Net changes in inventory	203,674	(220,189)
Net changes in trade and other receivables	(10,799)	(181,974)
Net changes in trade and other payables	(65,690)	63,328
Contract liabilities	(1,129)	347
Cash generated from/(used in) operations	137,406	(153,852)
Interest paid	(20,522)	(13,355)
Net overdue interest income	945	560
Net income tax paid	(23,621)	(30,666)
Net cash generated from/(used in) operating activities	94,208	(197,313)
<u>Investing Activities</u>		
Dividend income	93	33
Finance income:		
Other investments	268	25
Deposits with licensed banks	2,105	2,574
Decrease in other investments	8,278	6,178
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment	5,852	3,868
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(38,186)	(10,959)
Purchase of investment properties	(220)	-
Net cash (used in)/generated from investing activities	(21,810)	1,719
<u>Financing Activities</u>		
Dividend paid	(17,422)	(17,310)
Payment of lease liabilities	(995)	(303)
(Repayment)/Drawdown of borrowings (net)	(69,407)	197,382
Equity injected by non-controlling interest	-	49
Proceed from issuance of ESOS	-	7,090
Net cash (used in)/generated from financing activities	(87,824)	186,908
Net Decrease in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(15,426)	(8,686)
Effect of exchange rate changes	(320)	216
Cash and Cash Equivalents at beginning of period	150,061	158,531
Cash and Cash Equivalents at end of period	134,315	150,061

The Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows should be read in conjunction with the Annual Financial Report for the year ended 31 July 2022 and the accompanying explanatory notes attached to the interim financial statements.

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Condensed Consolidated Statements of Changes in Equity for the period ended 31 July 2023

	-----> Attributable to equity holders of the parent <-----								
	----- Non-distributable -----				<-Distributable->				
	Share Capital RM'000	Treasury Shares RM'000	Translation Reserves RM'000	Share Option Reserves RM'000	Fair Value Reserves RM'000	Retained Earnings RM'000	Total RM'000	Non- controlling Interests RM'000	Total Equity RM'000
As at end of current quarter ended 31 July 2023									
Opening balance as at 1 August 2022	872,654	(7,499)	(326)	-	(1,832)	409,557	1,272,554	(443)	1,272,111
Total comprehensive income	-	-	10	-	218	30,911	31,139	919	32,058
Transactions with owners									
Final dividend for the financial year ended 31 July 2022 (Single tier of 1.0 sen)	-	-	-	-	-	(17,422)	(17,422)	-	(17,422)
Dividend to non-controlling interests	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(735)	(735)
Transactions with owners	-	-	-	-	-	(17,422)	(17,422)	(735)	(18,157)
Closing balance as at 31 July 2023	872,654	(7,499)	(316)	-	(1,614)	423,046	1,286,271	(259)	1,286,012
As at preceding year corresponding quarter ended 31 July 2022									
Opening balance as at 1 August 2021	865,088	(7,499)	(369)	6,407	(1,826)	264,923	1,126,724	(843)	1,125,881
Total comprehensive income/(loss)	-	-	43	-	(6)	156,013	156,050	351	156,401
Transactions with owners									
Issuance of ordinary shares pursuant to:- - Share options exercised	7,566	-	-	(476)	-	-	7,090	-	7,090
Expired of ESOS	-	-	-	(5,931)	-	5,931	-	-	-
Minority Interest on Acquisition of Subsidiary	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	49	49
Final dividend for the financial year ended 31 July 2021 (Single tier of 1.0 sen)	-	-	-	-	-	(17,310)	(17,310)	-	(17,310)
Transactions with owners	7,566	-	-	(6,407)	-	(11,379)	(10,220)	49	(10,171)
Closing balance as at 31 July 2022	872,654	(7,499)	(326)	-	(1,832)	409,557	1,272,554	(443)	1,272,111

The Condensed Consolidated Statements of Changes in Equity should be read in conjunction with the Annual Financial Report for the year ended 31 July 2022 and the accompanying explanatory notes attached to the interim financial statements.

Explanatory Notes on the Quarterly Report – Fourth Quarter ended 31 July 2023

PART A : EXPLANATORY NOTES AS PER MALAYSIAN FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARDS (“MFRS”) 134, INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORTING

1. Basis of preparation

These interim financial statements are unaudited and have been prepared in accordance with MFRS 134 “Interim Financial Reporting” issued by Malaysian Accounting Standards Board (“MASB”) and paragraph 9.22 of the Listing Requirement of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad.

The interim financial report should be read in conjunction with the Company’s annual audited financial statements for the year ended 31 July 2022. These explanatory notes attached to the 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 financial year ended 31 July 2022.

2. Significant Accounting Policies

This interim financial report has been prepared based on accounting policies and methods of computation which are consistent with those adopted in the annual audited financial statements for the year ended 31 July 2022.

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

MFRSs, interpretations and amendments effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2023

- MFRS 17, *Insurance Contracts*
- Amendments to MFRS17, *Insurance Contracts – Initial application of MFRS17 and MFRS9 – Comparative Information*
- Amendments to MFRS 101, *Presentation of Financial Statements – Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current and 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 and International Tax Reform – Pillar Two Model Rules*

2. Significant Accounting Policies (cont'd)

MFRSs, interpretations and amendments effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2024

- Amendment to MFRS 16, *Lease – Lease Liability in a Sale and Leaseback*
- Amendment to MFRS 101, *Presentation of Financial Statements – Non-current Liabilities with Covenants and Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current*

MFRSs, interpretations and amendments effective for annual periods beginning on or 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*

The Group plans to apply the abovementioned accounting standards, interpretations and amendments:

- from the annual period beginning on 1 August 2023 for the accounting standard and amendments that are effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2023, except for MFRS 17 which is not applicable to the Group.
- from the annual period beginning on 1 August 2024 for the accounting standard and amendments that are effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2024.

The initial application of the abovementioned accounting standards, amendments and interpretations is not expected to have any material financial impact to the current period and prior period financial statements of the Group.

3. Audit qualification

There were no audit qualifications on the annual financial statements of the Group for the year ended 31 July 2022.

4. Seasonal or cyclical factors

The Group's business operations are not materially affected by any major seasonal factors except during Hari Raya and Chinese New Year festive seasons where business activities generally slow down.

5. Material unusual items

There were no items of an unusual nature or amount affecting assets, liabilities, equity, net income or cash flows during the quarter.

6. Material changes in estimates

There were no material changes in estimates of amount reported in prior interim period that have material impact in the current quarter under review.

7. Issuances, cancellation, repurchase, resale and repayment of debt and equity securities

There were no other issuance, cancellation, repurchase, resale and repayment of debt and equity securities for the current quarter under review. As at quarter ended 31 July 2023, a total of 5,492,000 buy-back shares were held as treasury shares and carried at cost.

8. Dividend paid

No dividend was paid during the quarter under review.

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9. Segment information

The Group's activities are identified into the following business segments:

12 months ended 31 July 2023								
	Trading RM'000	Manufac- turing RM'000	Property and Investment RM'000	Transport- ation RM'000	Mining explor- ation RM'000	Selling of Electricity RM'000	Others/ Elimination RM'000	Group RM'000
SALES								
- External sales	964,772	588,909	-	92	3,130	28,305	-	1,585,208
- Intersegment sales	-	20,452	51,719	2,139	-	-	(74,310)	-
Total sales	964,772	609,361	51,719	2,231	3,130	28,305	(74,310)	1,585,208
RESULTS								
Finance income	999	1,116	215	43	-	-	-	2,373
Finance costs	14,040	6,483	150	-	-	-	-	20,673
Depreciation & amortisation	786	9,264	3,317	333	1,112	52	-	14,864
Share of profit of joint venture	-	-	-	-	-	-	44,515	44,515
Segment (loss) / profit	1,755	(27,691)	7,403	(210)	1,921	2,771	44,515	30,464

12 months ended 31 July 2022								
	Trading RM'000	Manufac- turing RM'000	Property and Investment RM'000	Transport- ation RM'000	Mining explor- ation RM'000	Mining explor- ation RM'000	Others/ Elimination RM'000	Group RM'000
SALES								
- External sales	849,249	730,113	-	16	3,900	-	-	1,583,278
- Intersegment sales	-	4,469	40,733	2,333	-	-	(47,535)	-
Total sales	849,249	734,582	40,733	2,349	3,900	-	(47,535)	1,583,278
RESULTS								
Finance income	656	1,340	578	25	-	-	-	2,599
Finance costs	8,008	5,347	28	-	-	-	-	13,383
Depreciation & amortisation	772	8,734	2,026	377	1,338	-	-	13,247
Share of profit of joint venture	-	-	-	-	-	-	52,700	52,700
Segment profit / (loss)	43,756	89,852	1,153	(21)	2,463	-	52,700	189,903

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10. Valuation of property, plant and equipment

The valuations of property, plant and equipment have been brought forward without amendments from the previous annual report.

11. Significant events

There were no material events subsequent to the end of the interim period up to the date of this report.

12. Changes in the composition of the Group

There were no significant changes in the composition of the Group during the quarter under review.

13. Changes in contingent liabilities and assets

The Group has no contingent liabilities and assets as at 31 July 2023.

14. Capital commitments

The amount of commitments not provided for in the interim financial reports as at 31 July 2023 is as follows:

	RM'000
Property, plant and equipment	
- Authorised and contracted for	59,000
- Authorised but not contracted for	5,000
	<u>64,000</u>

15. Related party transactions

Related party transactions for the quarter under review in which certain Directors have direct/indirect interest are as follows:

	Group	
	Current year quarter	Current year-to- date
	31.07.2023	31.07.2023
	RM'000	RM'000
Purchases of steel products by certain wholly owned subsidiaries of the Group from JK Ji Seng Sdn.Bhd.	123,907	405,180
Rent of office space by Hiap Teck Venture Berhad from Pedoman Cekap Sdn. Bhd.	249	996

These transactions have been entered into in the normal course of business and at arm's length basis and on terms no more favorable to the related party than those generally available to the public and are not detrimental to minority shareholders.

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PART B: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THE BURSA MALAYSIA SECURITIES BERHAD LISTING REQUIREMENTS

16. Review of performance

Table 1: Financial review for current quarter and financial year to date for the quarter ended 31 July 2023.

	Individual Quarter		Changes		Cumulative Quarter		Changes	
	Current Year Quarter	Preceding Year Corresponding Quarter	Amount	%	Current Year To-date	Preceding Year Corresponding Period	Amount	%
	31/07/2023	31/07/2022			31/07/2023	31/07/2022		
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	%	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	%
Revenue	453,792	386,495	67,297	17%	1,585,208	1,583,278	1,930	0%
Gross profit	41,386	16,964	24,422	144%	49,264	186,761	(137,497)	-74%
Profit from operations	25,655	5,661	19,994	353%	4,248	147,987	(143,739)	-97%
Share of profit of equity-accounted investees, net of tax	17,138	22,746	(5,608)	-25%	44,515	52,700	(8,185)	-16%
Profit before tax	36,762	25,649	11,113	43%	30,464	189,903	(159,439)	-84%
Profit for the period	42,037	24,530	17,507	71%	31,830	156,364	(124,534)	-80%
Profit / (Loss) attributable to:								
Owners of the parent	42,603	24,476	18,127	74%	30,911	156,013	(125,102)	-80%
Non-controlling interests	(566)	54	(620)	-1148%	919	351	568	162%
	42,037	24,530	17,507	71%	31,830	156,364	(124,534)	-80%

Group revenue for the current quarter under review rose 17% to RM453.792 million from RM386.495 million in the preceding year's corresponding quarter due to higher sales volumes notwithstanding lower average selling prices in the current quarter. For the full financial year, Group revenue improved marginally to RM1,585.208 million from RM1,583.278 million recorded in the preceding financial year similarly on higher sales volume.

The Trading division achieved a 10% growth in revenue to RM257.380 million as compared to RM232.942 million in the preceding year's corresponding quarter, whilst the Manufacturing division reported a 13% increase in revenue to RM173.295 million as compared to the preceding year's corresponding quarter revenue of RM153.719 million.

The Group posted a profit from operations for the current quarter of RM25.655 million, reflecting a substantial improvement compared to the preceding year's corresponding quarter of RM5.661 million, on improved margins and the reversal of Write-down of Inventories to Net Realisable Value amounting to RM8.029 million.

Overall, the Group achieved an improved profit before tax ("PBT") of RM36.762 million in the current quarter, as compared to RM25.649 million in the preceding year's corresponding quarter. The improvement was contributed by the higher profit from the Group's downstream operating subsidiaries as the Share of Profit from Joint Venture ("JV") entity was lower at RM17.138 million in the current quarter as compared to RM22.746 million in the preceding year's corresponding quarter.

For the full financial year, the Group's PBT was lower by 84% at RM30.464 million against RM189.903 million achieved in preceding financial year.

17. Comparison with immediate preceding quarter's results

Table 2: Financial review for current quarter compared with immediate preceding quarter.

	Individual Quarter		Changes	
	Current Year Quarter 31/07/2023	Immediate Preceding Quarter 30/04/2023	Amount	%
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	%
Revenue	453,792	373,030	80,762	22%
Gross profit	41,386	32,401	8,985	28%
Profit from operations	25,655	22,098	3,557	16%
Share of profit/(loss) of equity-accounted investees, net of tax	17,138	(1,461)	18,599	1273%
Profit before tax	36,762	16,615	20,147	121%
Profit for the period	42,037	15,530	26,507	171%
Profit/(Loss) attributable to:				
Owners of the parent	42,603	15,027	27,576	184%
Non-controlling interests	(566)	503	(1,069)	-213%
	42,037	15,530	26,507	171%

For the current quarter under review, Group revenue grew 22% to RM453.792 million from RM373.030 million reported in the immediate preceding quarter (3Q2023) on higher sales volumes.

The Group reported an improved profit from operations of RM25.655 million in the current quarter as compared to RM22.098 million in the immediate preceding quarter on higher revenue and enhanced profit margins.

Overall, the Group reported a significant improvement in profit before tax for the current quarter, amounting to RM36.762 million, in comparison to RM16.615 million in the immediate preceding quarter. This improvement was primarily due to higher share of profit from a JV entity, amounting to RM17.138 million, as opposed to a share of loss of RM1.461 million in the immediate preceding quarter. This increase in share of profit was due to improved profit margin and favourable foreign exchange translation impact in the current quarter.

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18. Prospects

Malaysia's economic growth moderated to 2.9% in Q2 2023 from 5.6% in Q1. As the global environment continues to pose challenges, Bank Negara Malaysia has maintained the country's GDP growth outlook at between 4.0% and 5.0% for 2023, supported by macroeconomic stability, firm domestic demand, tourism sector recovery and ongoing multi-year infrastructure projects.

The Mid-Term Review (MTR) of the 12th Malaysia Plan (12MP) was tabled and introduced bold measures covering various strategies and initiatives that will serve as the main catalyst in accelerating the efforts to reform the socioeconomic development of the nation. In the 12MP MTR, the government has increased Development Expenditure (DE) by an additional RM15 billion from RM400 billion to RM415 billion to boost construction activities. With RM136 billion already spent, this implies another RM279 billion to be spent for the remaining 3 years of the 12MP, or RM90 billion per year from 2023 to 2025. Eleven major structure projects were highlighted including: Sabah Pan Borneo Highway, Penang LRT, Upgrading of Penang International Airport and Subang Airport, and development of Carey Port. These projects will have a positive impact on the construction sector.

The Group takes cognisance of the stable economic outlook and prospects but remains cautious of the development on both the domestic and external fronts particularly the challenges and heightened volatility in steel prices, financial markets and geo-political tensions. Management will continue to adopt prudent procurement strategies and inventory management to optimise financial performance and preserve balance sheet strength in order to stay vigilant and navigate through this challenging period.

With the successful ignition of the new 2.0 million MT blast furnace in August 2023, the JV entity's steel production capacity has increased from 0.70 million MT to 2.7 million MT. This expansion in capacity, together with the progressive completion of the plant's auxiliary facilities, will lead to multi-folds increase in the JV entity's revenue with significant costs saving arising from the greater economy of scale. The Group looks forward to greater contributions from the JV entity.

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19. Variance of actual and forecast profit

Not applicable.

20. Tax

	Group	
	Current year quarter 31.07.2023	Current year-to- date 31.07.2023
	RM'000	RM'000
	Income tax	
- current year	1,736	5,026
- prior year	-	1,490
Deferred tax	(7,011)	(7,882)
	(5,275)	(1,366)

The Group's effective tax rate for the current year-to-date was higher than the statutory income tax rate after excluding the share of profit of the joint venture due to the charge out of prior years' tax under-provided and tax expenses for certain profit making subsidiaries.

21. Status of corporate proposal

There was no corporate proposal as at the date of this announcement.

22. Loans and borrowings

The Group's borrowings are as follows:

	As at 31.07.2023 RM'000	As at 31.07.2022 RM'000
Short-Term Loan		
Bankers' acceptances	317,787	289,826
Post shipment buyer loan	67,548	119,115
Accepted bills	130,755	169,542
Revolving credit	22,986	30,000
	539,076	608,483

All borrowings are secured by corporate guarantees of the Company. The financial impact of the guarantees is not material as the subsidiaries concerned are in positive financial standings to meet their obligations as and when they fall due.

23. Material litigation

There is no material litigation for the quarter under review.

24. Dividend

The Board of Directors is pleased to propose a First and Final Single-Tier Dividend of 0.50 sen per share for the financial year ended 31 July 2023, subject to shareholders' approval at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

25. Earnings per share ("EPS")

a) Basic EPS

The basic earnings per share is calculated by dividing the Group's net profit attributable to ordinary equity holders for the period by the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue.

	Individual Quarter		Cumulative Quarter	
	Current Year Quarter 31.07.2023	Preceding Year Corresponding Quarter 31.07.2022	Current Year To-Date 31.07.2023	Preceding Year Corresponding Period 31.07.2022
Profit attributable to owners of the parent (RM'000)	42,603	24,476	30,911	156,013
Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue ('000)	1,742,230	1,733,872	1,742,230	1,733,872
Basic earnings per share (sen)	2.45	1.41	1.77	9.00

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25. Earnings per share (“EPS”)

b) Diluted EPS

The diluted earnings per share is calculated by dividing the Group’s net profit attributable to ordinary equity holders for the period by the weighted average number of ordinary shares that would have been in issue during the year, excluding treasury shares held by the Company at the opening of the quarter and financial year under review.

	Individual Quarter		Cumulative Quarter	
	Current Year Quarter 31.07.2023	Preceding Year Corresponding Quarter 31.07.2022	Current Year- to-date 31.07.2023	Preceding Year Corresponding Quarter 31.07.2022
Profit attributable to owners of the parent (basis) (RM'000)	42,603	24,476	30,911	156,013
Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue (basis) ('000)	1,742,230	1,733,872	1,742,230	1,733,872
Effect of ESOS vested	-	8,005	-	8,005
Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue (diluted) ('000)	1,742,230	1,741,877	1,742,230	1,741,877
Diluted earnings per share (sen)	2.45	1.41	1.77	8.96

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26. Profit from operations

	Individual Quarter		Cumulative Quarter	
	Current Year Quarter 31.07.2023 RM'000	Preceding Year Corresponding Quarter 31.07.2022 RM'000	Current Year-to-date 31.07.2023 RM'000	Preceding Year Corresponding Period 31.07.2022 RM'000
<i>Profit for the period is arrived at after charging:</i>				
(Reversal of)/Allowance for slow moving stock	(1,667)	(219)	565	3,667
Allowance for impairment loss on trade receivables	1,176	695	1,176	799
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	3,881	3,066	13,702	12,753
Depreciation of investment properties	63	54	254	217
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	227	138	908	277
Fair value loss on foreign exchange derivative	2,083	72	2,083	72
Finance costs	6,586	3,775	20,673	13,383
(Reversal) / Write-down of inventories to net realisable	(8,029)	20,535	(6,352)	25,236
Property, plant and equipment written off	9	-	44	93
<i>and after crediting / (charging):</i>				
Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment	506	681	5,137	2,773
Finance income:				
Other investments	42	7	268	25
Deposits with licensed banks	512	433	2,105	2,574
Net foreign exchange gain / (loss)				
Realised	365	735	1,450	965
Unrealised	(559)	180	(906)	365
Net overdue interest income	281	31	945	560
Rental income	256	240	985	959
Reversal for impairment on trade receivables	10	629	10	734
Reversal of impairment of investment properties	-	1,896	-	1,896
Share of profit of equity-accounted joint venture, net of tax	17,138	22,746	44,515	52,700

27. Authorisation for Issue

The Interim Financial Statements were authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 27 September 2023.