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INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE SECOND QUARTER ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the period ended 30 June 2024 - unaudited

			INDIVIDUA	L QUARTER	CUMULATIVE QUARTER		
			Current	Preceding Year	Current Year	Preceding Year	
			Quarter	Corresponding	To-Date	To-Date	
			Ended	Quarter Ended	Ended	Ended	
			30 Jun	30 Jun	30 Jun	30 Jun	
			2024	2023	2024	2023	
		Note	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	
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Revenue			2,222,438	1,160,194	4,092,600	2,262,679	
Profit from operation	one .		143,431	66,974	310,527	123,410	
Finance costs	ліз			(31,560)	-		
			(63,312)		(120,603)	(58,017)	
Share of profit of ass	sociates	140	96	92	547	146	
Profit before tax		A10	80,215	35,506	190,471	65,539	
Tax expense		A11	(13,219)	(7,381)	(31,438)	(13,658)	
Profit for the period		-	66,996	28,125	159,033	51,881	
	ive income, net of tax						
Exchange difference							
	foreign operations		(3,344)	45,188	11,379	57,615	
Share of other comp							
	of associates		(3)	116	109	128	
Remeasurement of	employee benefits liability		-	-	-	-	
Exchange difference							
	ments in foreign operations		743	(11,003)	(4,862)	(11,377)	
Total other compre	hensive income for						
	the period, net of tax		(2,604)	34,301	6,626	46,366	
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lotal comprehensi	ve income for the period	-	64,392	62,426	165,659	98,247	
Profit attributable to	O:						
Owners of the Comp	pany		66,996	28,125	159,033	51,881	
Non-controlling inte	•		-	-	-	-	
Profit for the period	I		66,996	28,125	159,033	51,881	
•	ve income attributable to:						
Owners of the Comp	•		64,392	62,426	165,659	98,247	
Non-controlling inte			-	-	-	-	
Total comprehensi	ve income for the period		64,392	62,426	165,659	98,247	
Basic earnings per	ordinary share (sen)	A12	5.70	2.39	13.54	4.42	
Basic earnings per	ordinary share (sen)	A12	5.70	2.39	13.54	2	

The above condensed consolidated statement of comprehensive income should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 and the accompanying explanatory notes attached to the interim financial statements.



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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 30 June 2024 - unaudited

		30 June	31 December
		2024	2023
	Note	RM'000	RM'000
Assets			
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment		1,442,314	1,407,123
Intangible assets	A13	86,328	86,897
Investment property		51,244	51,624
Investment in associates		5,398	4,742
Deferred tax assets		1,664	1,618
		1,586,948	1,552,004
Current assets			
Inventories		3,371,127	2,524,313
Trade and other receivables		1,582,839	850,028
Derivative financial assets	A14	713,235	466,554
Tax recoverable		23,145	23,925
Deposits, bank and cash balances		157,268	85,094
		5,847,614	3,949,914
Total assets	_	7,434,562	5,501,918
Equity			
Share capital		495,237	495,237
Treasury shares		(720)	(720)
Foreign currency translation reserve		123,543	112,055
Hedging reserve		(24,532)	(19,670)
Retained profits		1,324,904	1,165,871
Total equity		1,918,432	1,752,773
Non-current liabilities			
Loans and borrowings	A15	675,484	648,000
Provision for employee benefit		3,004	3,074
Deferred tax liabilities		78,507	80,257
Lease liabilities		60,356	63,132
		817,351	794,463
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables		1,431,553	1,181,617
Derivative financial liabilities	A14	460,074	211,349
Loans and borrowings	A15	2,762,745	1,533,833
Tax payable		28,737	14,144
Lease liabilities		15,670	13,739
		4,698,779	2,954,682
Total liabilities		5,516,130	3,749,145
Total equity and liabilities		7,434,562	5,501,918
Net assets per share (sen)		100.00	
attributable to owners of the Company		163.28	149.18

The above condensed consolidated statement of financial position should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 and the accompanying explanatory notes attached to the interim financial statements.



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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

For the period ended 30 June 2024 - unaudited

	←	✓ Non-distributable			Distributable	
			Foreign			
			Currency			
	Share	Treasury	Translation	Hedging	Retained	Total
	Capital	Share	Reserve	Reserve	Profits	Equity
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
Balance as at 1 January 2024	495,237	(720)	112,055	(19,670)	1,165,871	1,752,773
Profit for the period	-	-	-	-	159,033	159,033
Other comprehensive income for the period:						
foreign currency translation differences	-	-	11,379	-	-	11,379
share of other comprehensive loss of associates	-	-	109	-	-	109
hedge of net investments in foreign operations			-	(4,862)	-	(4,862)
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	-	11,488	(4,862)	159,033	165,659
Balance at 30 June 2024	495,237	(720)	123,543	(24,532)	1,324,904	1,918,432
Balance as at 1 January 2023	495,237	(720)	59,919	(4,226)	1,088,345	1,638,555
Profit for the year	-	-	-	-	100,926	100,926
Other comprehensive loss for the year:						
foreign currency translation differences	-	-	52,077	-	-	52,077
hedge of net investments in foreign operations	-	-	-	(15,444)	-	(15,444
remeasurement of post-employment benefit	-	-	-	-	90	90
obligation, net of tax						
share of other comprehensive loss of associates	-	-	59	-	-	59
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	52,136	(15,444)	101,016	137,708
Transactions with owners						
Issuance of new shares	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dividends	-	-	-	-	(23,490)	(23,490
Total transactions with owners	-				(23,490)	(23,490
Balance at 31 December 2023	495,237	(720)	112,055	(19,670)	1,165,871	1,752,773

The above condensed consolidated statement of changes in equity should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 and the accompanying explanatory notes attached to the interim financial statements.



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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the period ended 30 June 2024 - unaudited

	Six Month	s Ended
	30-Jun-24	30-Jun-23
	RM'000	RM'000
Cash flows from operating activities		
Profit before tax	190,471	65,539
Adjustments for:	· 1	,
Non-cash and non-operating items	253,714	83,996
Operating profit before working capital changes	444,185	149,535
Changes in working capital		
Net change in current assets	(1,628,788)	39,213
Net change in current liabilities	208,619	(424,414
Cash generated used in operations	(975,984)	(235,666)
Taxpaid	(12,817)	(17,332)
Tax refund	121	689
Interest paid	(119,256)	(56,347)
Interest received	9,620	2,282
Net cash used in operating activities	(1,098,316)	(306,374)
Cash flows used in investing activities		
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(50,178)	(98,142)
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment	1,549	45
Net cash used in investing activities	(48,629)	(98,097)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Bank and other borrowings	1,242,409	422,876
Changes in Fixed deposit pledged	(874)	5,667
Dividend paid	(23,490)	-
Repayment of lease liabilities	(2,787)	(1,962
Net cash from financing activities	1,215,258	426,581
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	68,313	22,110
Effect of exchange rate changes	2,510	(4,820)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of financial period	54,198	47,264
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of financial period	125,021	64,554
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of financial period	123,021	04,004
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of financial period compris	e of :	
Deposits, bank and cash balances	157,268	81,742
Less: Non-cash and cash equivalents		
Fixed deposit pledged to bank as collateral	(32,247)	(17,188
	125,021	64,554

The above condensed consolidated statement of cash flows should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 and the accompanying explanatory notes attached to the interim financial statements.



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NOTES TO THE INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - SECOND QUARTER ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

A. Explanatory notes pursuant to MFRS 134

A1. Basis of preparation

The interim financial statements are unaudited and have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of 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 of Guan Chong Berhad ("GCB" or the "Company") and its subsidiaries ("Group") for the financial year ended 31 December 2023. 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 year ended 31 December 2023.

A2. Significant accounting policies

The audited financial statements of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2023 were prepared in accordance with MFRS. The significant accounting policies adopted in preparing this Condensed Report are consistent with those of the audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2023, except for those standards, amendments and IC interpretations which are effective from the annual period beginning on or after 1 January 2024. The adoptions of these standards, amendments and IC interpretations have no material impact on this Condensed Report.

A3. Seasonal or cyclical factors

The cocoa processing industry is, to a certain extent, subject to the seasonal pattern of the consumption of cocoabased products within a year.

A4. Unusual nature and amounts affecting assets, liabilities, equity, net income or cash flows

Other than those stated in the notes, there are no other items affecting assets, liabilities, equity, net income or cash flows that are unusual because of their nature, size, or incidence.

A5. Material changes in estimates

There were no material changes in estimates of amounts reported that will have a material effect during the current quarter under review.

A6. Issuances and repayment of debt and equity securities

There were no issuance, cancellation, repurchase, resale and repayment of debt and equity securities during the current quarter under review.

A7. Dividends paid

There was no dividend paid by the Company during the current quarter under review.



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A8. Segmental information

The Group presenting segmental information on the basis of geographical segments, segment revenue and segment assets are based on the geographical location of the assets.

Six Months Ended	Malaysia	Singapore	Indonesia	Germany	Ivory Coast	Others	Elimination	Consolidated
30 June 2024	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
Geographical Segments:								
Total external revenue	1,271,797	1,743,003	265,005	753,954	7	58,834	-	4,092,600
Internal segment revenue	2,157,183	3,128,278	1,293,216	1,882	426,422	13,009	(7,019,990)	-
Total revenue	3,428,980	4,871,281	1,558,221	755,836	426,429	71,843	(7,019,990)	4,092,600
Segment result	128,281	141,225	21,449	39,396	29,396	4,134	(20,324)	343,557
Interest income								9,620
Finance cost								(120,603
Depreciation & amortisation								(42,103
Profit before tax								190,471
Tax expenses								(31,438)
Profit for the period								159,033
Segment assets	2,915,052	1,699,900	1,066,218	494,961	771,572	462,050	-	7,409,753
Deferred tax assets								1,664
Tax recoverable								23,145
Total assets								7,434,562
Segment liabilities	530,322	891,745	248,570	101,169	79,247	43,578	-	1,894,631
Deferred tax liabilities								78,507
Tax payables								28,737
Borrowings								3,438,229
Lease liabilities								76,026
Total liabilities								5,516,130



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A8. Segmental information – (cont'd)

Six Months Ended	Malaysia	Singapore	Indonesia	Germany	Ivory Coast	Others	Elimination	Consolidated
30 June 2023	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
Geographical Segments:								
Total external revenue	522,555	959,714	128,754	605,172	33	46,451	-	2,262,679
Internal segment revenue	1,085,555	1,385,382	540,915	735	293,448	55,169	(3,361,204)	-
Total revenue	1,608,110	2,345,096	669,669	605,907	293,481	101,620	(3,361,204)	2,262,679
Segment result	75,326	(9,741)	17,415	41,439	23,917	5,761	4,939	159,056
Interest income								2,282
Finance cost								(58,017)
Depreciation & amortisation	1							(37,782)
Profit before tax								65,539
Tax expenses								(13,658)
Profit for the period								51,881
Segment assets	1,407,881	1,679,461	761,016	439,383	510,116	394,699	-	5,192,556
Deferred tax assets								1,718
Taxrecoverable								16,265
Total assets								5,210,539
Segment liabilities	56,129	1,382,887	35,455	87,268	61,299	39,114	-	1,662,152
Deferred tax liabilities								77,616
Tax payables								10,248
Borrowings								1,641,749
Lease Liabilities								81,972
Total liabilities								3,473,737



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A9. Changes in the composition of the Group

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

A10. Profit before tax

Included in the profit before tax are the following items:

	Current	Current
	Quarter	Year
	Ended	To-Date
	30-Jun-24	30-Jun-24
	RM'000	RM'000
Amortisation of leases	2,228	4,733
Amortisation of intangible assets	296	585
Depreciation	18,672	36,785
Realised loss on foreign exchange	5,654	13,461
Unrealised (gain)/loss on foreign exchange	(184)	6,712
Realised gain on derivatives	(274,974)	(174,654)
Unrealised loss on derivatives	224,625	5,009
Interest expense	63,312	120,603
Interest income	(6,605)	(9,620)

A11. Tax expense

	Current Qua	rter Ended	Current Year To-Date End		
	30-Jun-24	30-Jun-23	30-Jun-24	30-Jun-23	
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	
Income tax expense:					
- Current period estimate	15,253	7,261	33,454	13,510	
- Under provision in prior year	251	65	139	65	
Deferred tax					
- Originated of temporary differences	(2,182)	57	(2,052)	112	
- Over provision in prior year	(103)	(2)	(103)	(29)	
	13,219	7,381	31,438	13,658	

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.



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A12. Earnings per share

Basic earnings per share are calculated by dividing the net profit for the period by the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue during the financial period as follows:-

	Current Qua	rter Ended	Current Year To-Date Ended		
	30-Jun-24	30-Jun-23	30-Jun-24	30-Jun-23	
Profit for the financial period attributable					
to owners of the Company (RM'000)	66,996	28,125	159,033	51,881	
Weighted average number of					
ordinary shares in issue ('000)	1,174,915	1,174,915	1,174,915	1,174,915	
Basic earnings per share (sen)	5.70	2.39	13.54	4.42	

A13. Intangible assets

	Goodwill	Trademark	Non-contractual customer relationship	Total	
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	
Cost:					
At 1 January 2023	65,704	10,553	15,012	91,269	
Translation differences	4,867	1,057	1,112	7,036	
At 31 December 2023 and 1 January 2024	70,571	11,610	16,124	98,305	
Translation differences	(31)	32	4	5	
At 30 June 2024	70,540	11,642	16,128	98,310	
Accumulated amortisation and impairment					
At 1 January 2023	(2,576)	(6)	(2,269)	(4,851)	
Amortisation	-	(1)	(795)	(796)	
Impairment	(5,549)	-	-	(5,549)	
Translation differences	-	-	(212)	(212)	
At 31 December 2023 and 1 January 2024	(8,125)	(7)	(3,276)	(11,408)	
Amortisation	-	-	(549)	(549)	
Translation differences	-	-	(25)	(25)	
At 30 June 2024	(8,125)	(7)	(3,850)	(11,982)	
Net carrying amount:					
At 31 December 2023	62,446	11,603	12,848	86,897	
At 30 June 2024	62,415	11,635	12,278	86,328	



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A14. Fair value information

The Group uses the following hierarchy for determining the fair value of all financial instruments carried at fair value:

Level 1 – Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities;

Level 2 – Inputs other than quoted prices included within level 1, that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly; and

Level 3 – Inputs are unobservable inputs for the asset or liability.

As at reporting date, the Group held the following financial assets or liabilities that are measured at fair value:

	_	of financial inst	-	
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
30 June 2024				
Financial assets				
Derivative assets :				
- foreign currency forward contracts	-	2,797	-	2,797
- commodity option contracts	-	150,823	-	150,823
- firm purchase commitments denominated in	-	559,615	-	559,615
foreign currency				
<u> </u>	-	713,235	-	713,235
Financial liabilities				
Derivative liabilities :				
- foreign currency forward contracts	-	93	-	93
- cross currency swap contracts	-	24,453	-	24,453
- commodity futures contract	-	232,968	-	232,968
- commodity option contracts	-	202,560	-	202,560
	-	460,074	-	460,074
31 December 2023				
Financial assets				
Derivative assets :				
- foreign currency forward contracts	-	820	-	820
- commodity futures contract	-	50,557	-	50,557
- commodity option contracts	-	31,325	-	31,325
- firm purchase commitments denominated in	-	383,852	-	383,852
foreign currency				
	-	466,554	-	466,554
Financial liabilities				·
Derivative liabilities :				
- foreign currency forward contracts	-	995	-	995
- cross currency swap contracts	-	19,568	-	19,568
- commodity futures contracts	-	122,863	-	122,863
- commodity option contracts	-	67,923	-	67,923
	_	211,349	_	211,349



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A15. Loans and borrowings

The Group's borrowings at the end of the current quarter are as follows:

		Denominated in currency	30-Jun-24	31-Dec-23
			RM'000	RM'000
Current				
	- Term loans	USD	16,235	4,161
		EUR	42,294	16,859
		GBP	8,546	-
		RM	75,411	411
	- Trade loans	USD	1,361,432	722,229
		EUR	282,730	146,724
		GBP	782,161	463,615
	- Revolving credit	USD	178,789	171,294
		EUR	15,147	8,540
			2,762,745	1,533,833
Non-Curr	ent			
	- Term loans	USD	5,951	7,334
		EUR	5,949	40,118
		GBP	63,242	-
		RM	342	548
	- Sukuk	RM	600,000	600,000
			675,484	648,000
			3,438,229	2,181,833

A16. Contingent liabilities

	Group and company	
	30-Jun-24	31-Dec-23
	RM'000	RM'000
Corporate guarantees - unsecured		
Issued to banks for banking facilities granted to subsidiaries		
- limit of guarantee	3,884,324	2,519,304
- amount utilised	(2,841,703)	(1,569,601)

The Directors are of the view that the chances of the financial institutions to call upon the corporate guarantees are remote. Accordingly, the fair values of the above corporate guarantees given to subsidiaries for banking facilities are negligible.



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A17. Capital Commitments

At the end of the current quarter, capital expenditure of the Group contracted but not provided for are as follows:-

Authorised and contracted for :

Property, plant and equipment 74,029

A18. Material events subsequent to the end of the current quarter

There were no material events subsequent to the current quarter ended 30 June 2024 that have not been reflected in this quarterly report.

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B. Explanatory notes pursuant to Bursa Malaysia Listing Requirements: Chapter 9, Appendix 9B, Part A

B1. Review of performance

The Group's revenue of RM2,222.4 million for the current quarter ended 30 June 2024 is higher than the revenue in the previous corresponding quarter ended 30 June 2024 of RM1,160.2 million. The increase of 91.56% in turnover is mainly due to higher selling price for cocoa products and increased sales volume for cocoa solids.

B2. Comment on material change in profit before tax

The Group made a profit before tax for the quarter 30 June 2024 of RM80.2 million as compared with the profit before tax of RM35.5 million in the preceding year corresponding quarter ended 30 June 2023. This is mainly due to higher selling price for cocoa products and increased sales volume for cocoa solids.

B3. Commentary of prospects

Unpredictable weather conditions in cocoa-producing countries and geopolitical tensions are impacting the cocoa industry, as it likely to lead to volatility in cocoa bean prices. High cocoa bean prices could impact demand, and the Group continues to monitor this closely and adjust to market conditions as needed. Additionally, recent port congestion is anticipated to prolong the Group's trade cycle, resulting in higher working capital needs.

The Group is actively monitoring market conditions and sourcing beans to ensure a steady supply for uninterrupted factory operations. On top of this, the Group is diligently managing its working capital to maintain sufficient funds for efficient business operations.

Looking ahead, the Group will continue to focus on its core business of cocoa ingredient processing while also expanding into the higher-margin industrial chocolate market and optimizing production in accordance with market conditions.

B4. Profit forecast or profit guarantee

There were no profits forecast or profit guarantee issued by the Group.

B5. Corporate proposals

There were no corporate proposals announced but not completed as at the date of this report.

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B6. Derivative financial instruments

Details of the outstanding derivative financial instruments as at 30 June 2024 are as follows:

	Derivative	Contract Amount RM'000	Fair Value - Net Changes RM'000	Purpose
1	Forward Foreign Exchange Contracts: Sale Contracts - Less than 1 year	492,238	2,413	For hedging currency risk
2	Commodity Futures Sale Contracts	2 545 645	272 704	For hedging price risk
	- Less than 1 year Purchase Contracts - Less than 1 year	2,545,615 1,994,397	(363,887)	
3	Commodity Options Sale Contracts - Less than 1 year	1,587,685	(495,995)	For hedging price risk
	Purchase Contracts - Less than 1 year	1,830,439	302,386	

The fair values of the above derivatives are determined by using the market rates at the end of reporting period and changes in the fair values are recognised in the profit and loss. The subsequent cumulative change in the fair value of the commitment attributable to the hedged risk is recognised as an asset or a liability with the corresponding gain or loss recognised in the profit or loss.

There have been no significant changes to the Group's exposure credit risk, market risk and liquidity risk from the previous financial year. Also, there have been no changes to the Group's risk management objectives, policies and processes since the previous financial year end.



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B7. Material litigation

There was no material litigation against the Group as at the date of these interim financial statements.

B8. Dividend declared or recommended

The Board of Directors does not recommend any dividend for the current financial quarter.

B9. Auditors' report on preceding annual financial statements

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

Tay Hoe Lian Managing Director Dated: 26.08.2024