

## AXIATA GROUP BERHAD Company No. 199201010685 (242188-H)

The Board of Directors of Axiata Group Berhad is pleased to announce the following unaudited interim results of the Group for the financial period ended 30 June 2024.

## UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarte <u>30/6/2024</u> RM'000	er Ended <u>30/6/2023</u> RM'000	Financial Pe <u>30/6/2024</u> RM'000	riod Ended <u>30/6/2023</u> RM'000
Continuing operations				
Revenue	5,755,766	5,592,159	11,417,852	10,589,387
Operating costs - depreciation, impairment and amortisation - foreign exchange (losses)/gains - domestic interconnect, international outpayment and	(1,879,054) (53,866)	(1,814,368) 193,448	(3,795,870) 34,020	(3,450,552) 200,782
other direct costs	(531,242)	(624,037)	(1,095,596)	(1,174,563)
<ul> <li>marketing, advertising and promotion</li> <li>other operating costs</li> <li>staff costs</li> <li>provision for impairment on financial assets, net</li> </ul>	(436,283) (1,513,985) (423,423) (25,634)	(450,560) (33,461)	(832,912) (48,395)	(856,282) (2,949,802) (860,899) (61,382)
- other (losses)/gains - net	(829)	1,580	1,634	332
Other (expense)/income - net	(6,682)	(9,845)	19,477	556
	884,768	874,000	1,821,328	1,437,577
Finance income	41,635	62,383	99,571	132,045
Finance costs Foreign exchange losses on financing activities	(602,966) (18,360) (621,326)	(623,026) (459,478) (1,082,504)	(1,204,997) (214,961) (1,419,958)	(1,132,669) (478,879) (1,611,548)
Joint ventures - share of results (net of tax)	890	(812)	994	419
Associates - share of results (net of tax)	144,813	107,114	251,063	220,407
Profit/(Loss) before taxation from continuing operations	450,780	(39,819)	752,998	178,900
Taxation	(249,265)	(153,766)	(416,526)	(270,124)
Profit/(Loss) for the financial period from continuing operations	201,515	(193,585)	336,472	(91,224)
Discontinued operations				
Profit/(Loss) for the financial period from discontinued operations	53,949	(528,232)	120,671	(488,659)
Profit/(Loss) for the financial period	255,464	(721,817)	457,143	(579,883)

(The above Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income should be read in conjunction with the Audited Financial Statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2023)



## UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (CONTINUED)

	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarte <u>30/6/2024</u> RM'000			riod Ended <u>30/6/2023</u> RM'000
Other comprehensive (expenses)/income (net of tax):				
Continuing operations				
Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss:				
- actuarial gains on defined benefits plan	2,851	1,867	4,718	3,743
(net of tax) - fair value through other comprehensive income	(22)	10,239	2,808	11,416
Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:				
- currency translation differences	(717,783)	1,025,547	(389,574)	1,416,582
- net cash flow hedge	(23,116)	(101,171)	(70,525)	(72,085)
- net cost of hedging	10,843	(7,334)	13,681	(15,541)
Discontinued operations				
- currency translation differences	(170)	168,443	7,391	198,124
Other comprehensive (expenses)/income for the financial period (net of tax)	(727,397)	1,097,591	(431,501)	1,542,239
Total comprehensive (expenses)/income for the financial period	(471,933)	375,774	25,642	962,356
Profit/(Loss) for the financial period attributable to: - owners of the Company:				
- continuing operations	104,417	(235,875)	137,982	(188,377)
- discontinued operations	30,482	(340,340)	56,950	(313,988)
	134,899	(576,215)	194,932	(502,365)
- non-controlling interests:				
- continuing operations	97,098	42,290	198,490	97,153
- discontinued operations	23,467	(187,892)	63,721	(174,671)
	120,565	(145,602)	262,211	(77,518)
	255,464	(721,817)	457,143	(579,883)

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## UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (CONTINUED)

	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarte <u>30/6/2024</u> RM'000 Unaudited	er Ended <u>30/6/2023</u> RM'000 Audited	Financial Per <u>30/6/2024</u> RM'000 Unaudited	iod Ended <u>30/6/2023</u> RM'000 Audited
Total comprehensive (expenses)/income for the financial period attributable to:				
- owners of the Company				
- continuing operations	(374,538)	393,015	(157,559)	787,015
- discontinued operations	30,388	(205,801)	61,024	(154,247)
	(344,150)	187,214	(96,535)	632,768
- non-controlling interests:				
- continuing operations	(151,174)	342,548	55,139	465,876
- discontinued operations	23,391	(153,988)	67,038	(136,288)
	(127,783)	188,560	122,177	329,588
	(471,933)	375,774	25,642	962,356
Earnings Per Share (sen) (Part B, Note 12) - basic:				
- continuing operations	1.2	(2.6)	1.5	(2.1)
- discontinued operations	0.3	(3.7)	0.6	(3.4)
	1.5	(6.3)	2.1	(5.5)
- diluted:				
- continuing operations	1.2	(2.6)	1.5	(2.1)
- discontinued operations	0.3	(3.7)	0.6	(3.4)
	1.5	(6.3)	2.1	(5.5)

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION					
	<u>30/6/2024</u> RM'000 Unaudited	<u>31/12/2023</u> RM'000 Audited			
CAPITAL AND RESERVES ATTRIBUTABLE TO OWNERS OF THE COMPANY					
Share capital Reserves	13,930,684 7,725,702	13,920,649 8,143,492			
Total equity attributable to owners of the Company Non-controlling interests	21,656,386 6,310,569	22,064,141 6,171,169			
Total equity	27,966,955	28,235,310			
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Borrowings Derivative financial instruments Deferred income Deferred gain on sale and leaseback assets Trade and other payables Lease liabilities Provision for asset retirement Deferred tax liabilities	22,271,133 102,779 14,969 40,673 1,326,512 9,420,654 783,097 684,483	22,171,987 4,984 63,128 1,365,047 10,015,513 751,400 637,130			
Total non-current liabilities	34,644,300	35,009,189			
	62,611,255	63,244,499			

(The above Consolidated Statement of Financial Position should be read in conjunction with the Audited Financial Statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2023)



## **CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION (CONTINUED)**

	<u>30/6/2024</u> RM'000 Unaudited	<u>31/12/2023</u> RM'000 Audited
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Intangible assets	12,029,848	12,237,545
Contract cost assets	239,822	208,903
Property, plant and equipment	27,189,215	27,439,783
Right-of-use assets	10,507,114	10,942,472
Joint ventures	17,578	16,585
Associates	15,613,505	15,636,033
Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income	119,551	114,247
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	15,296	10,842
Derivative financial instruments	233,903	182,478
Trade and other receivables	918,452	912,173
Deferred tax assets	122,471	133,002
Total non-current assets	67,006,755	67,834,063
CURRENT ASSETS		
Inventories	127,653	218,889
Trade and other receivables	4,733,990	4,784,460
Derivative financial instruments	33,671	699
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	37	35
Tax recoverable	82,107	86,065
Deposits, cash and bank balances	5,177,329	4,612,134
Assets classified as held for sale	1,026,842	881,436
Total current assets	11,181,629	10,583,718
LESS: CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Trade and other payables	8,960,984	9,293,164
Deferred gain on sale and leaseback assets	79,147	123,861
Deferred income	5,543	17,389
Lease liabilities	2,011,189	2,086,495
Borrowings	3,535,810	2,670,161
Derivative financial instruments	14,920	16,015
Current tax liabilities	589,216	597,619
Liabilities classified as held for sale	380,320	368,578
Total current liabilities	15,577,129	15,173,282
Net current liabilities	(4,395,500)	(4,589,564)
	62,611,255	63,244,499
Net assets per share attributable to owners of the Company (sen)	236	240

(The above Consolidated Statement of Financial Position should be read in conjunction with the Audited Financial Statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2023)



## UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

		Att	ributable to e	quity holders	of the Compa	ny		
	Share capital	Share capital	Currency translation differences	Reserves	Retained earnings	Total	NCI	Total equity
	'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
At 1 January 2024	9,179,085	13,920,649	(1,150,691)	(2,214,489)	11,508,672	22,064,141	6,171,169	28,235,310
Profit for the financial period	-	-	-	-	194,932	194,932	262,211	457,143
Other comprehensive (expense)/income:								
-Currency translation differences of subsidiaries	-	-	(241,028)	-	-	(241,028)	(141,155)	(382,183)
-Net cash flow hedge	-	-	-	(70,344)	-	(70,344)	(181)	(70,525)
-Net cost of hedging	-	-	-	13,270	-	13,270	411	13,681
-Actuarial gains (net of tax)	-	-	-	3,827	-	3,827	891	4,718
-Revaluation of financial assets at FVTOCI	-	-	-	2,808	-	2,808	-	2,808
Total comprehensive (expense)/income	-	-	(241,028)	(50,439)	194,932	(96,535)	122,177	25,642
Transactions with owners:								
<ul> <li>Accretion/(Dilution) of equity interests in subsidiaries</li> </ul>	-	-	108,107	(597)	(178,589)	(71,079)	71,079	-
-New/Additional investment in subsidiaries	-	-	-	-	120,184	120,184	72,739	192,923
-Partial disposal of subsidiaries	-	-	883	(142)	198,810	199,551	83,745	283,296
-Put options over shares held by NCI	-	-	-	(102,290)	-	(102,290)	-	(102,290)
-Dividend declared to shareholders of the Company	-	-	-	-	(459,096)	(459,096)	-	(459,096)
-Dividends declared to NCI	-	-	-	-	-	-	(209,463)	(209,463)
-Share-based compensation expense	-	-	-	1,510	-	1,510	(877)	633
-Transferred from share-based payment reserve upon vesting	2,833	10,035	-	(10,035)	-	-	_	_
Total transactions with owners	2,833	10,035	108,990	(111,554)	(318,691)	(311,220)	17,223	(293,997)
At 30 June 2024	9,181,918	13,930,684	(1,282,729)	(2.376.482)	11,384,913	21,656,386	6,310,569	27,966,955

Non-controlling interests ("NCI") Fair value through other comprehensive income ("FVTOCI")

(The above Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity should be read in conjunction with the Audited Financial Statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2023)



## UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY (CONTINUED)

		At	ributable to e	quity holders of	of the Compar	ту		
	Share capital	Share capital	Currency translation differences	Reserves	Retained earnings	Total	NCI	Total equity
	'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
At 1 January 2023	9,177,237	13,914,272	(2,167,219)	(2,235,379)	14,423,385	23,935,059	6,745,291	30,680,350
Loss for the financial period	-	-	-	-	(502,364)	(502,364)	(77,519)	(579,883)
Other comprehensive income/(expense):								
-Currency translation differences of subsidiaries	_	-	1,207,044	-	-	1,207,044	407,662	1,614,706
-Net cash flow hedge	-	-	-	(70,116)	-	(70,116)	(1,969)	(72,085)
-Net cost of hedging	-	-	-	(17,203)	-	(17,203)	1,662	(15,541)
-Actuarial gains/(losses) (net of tax)	-	-	-	3,992	-	3,992	(249)	3,743
-Revaluation of financial assets at FVTOCI	-	-	-	11,416	-	11,416	-	11,416
Total comprehensive income/(expense)	-	-	1,207,044	(71,911)	(502,364)	632,769	329,587	962,356
Transactions with owners:								
-Accretion of equity interests in subsidiaries	-	-	(5)	2	(2,844)	(2,847)	2,847	-
-New investment in a subsidiary	-	-	-	-	-	-	43	43
-Capital injection in a subsidiary	-	-	-	-	-	-	40,000	40,000
-Rights issue of a subsidiary	-	-	-	-	-	-	25,764	25,764
-Dividend declared to shareholders of the Company	-	-	-	-	(458,948)	(458,948)	-	(458,948)
-Dividends declared to NCI	-	-	-	-	-	-	(114,727)	(114,727)
-Share-based compensation expense	-	-	-	(561)	-	(561)	(427)	(988)
-Transferred from share-based payment reserve upon vesting	1,715	6,012	-	(27,299)	21,287	-	-	-
Total transactions with owners	1,715	6,012	(5)	(27,858)	(440,505)	(462,356)	(46,500)	(508,856)
At 30 June 2023	9,178,952	13,920,284	(960,180)	(2,335,148)	13,480,516	24,105,472	7,028,378	31,133,850



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## UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY (CONTINUED)

					Reserv				
	Capital contribution	Merger	Hedging	Cost of hedging	Actuarial	Share-based payment	FVTOCI	Put option	Tota
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
At 1 January 2024	16,598	346,774	(258,880)	12,869	32,982	28,006	(2,392,838)	-	(2,214,489)
Other comprehensive (expense)/income:									
-Net cash flow hedge	-	-	(70,344)	-	-	-	-	-	(70,344)
-Net cost of hedging	-	-	-	13,270	-	-	-	-	13,270
-Actuarial gains (net of tax)	-	-	-	-	3,827	-	-	-	3,827
-Revaluation of financial assets at FVTOCI	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,808	-	2,808
Total comprehensive (expense)/income	-	-	(70,344)	13,270	3,827	-	2,808	-	(50,439)
Transactions with owners:									
-(Dilution)/Accretion of equity interests in subsidiaries	-	-	-	-	(307)	-	(290)	-	(597)
-Partial disposal of subsidiaries	_	_	_	_	(142)	_	()	_	(142)
•	-	-	-	-	(142)	-	-	-	. ,
-Put options over shares held by NCI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(102,290)	(102,290)
-Share-based compensation expense -Transferred from share-based payment reserve upon vesting	-	-	-	-	-	1,510	-	-	1,510
reserve upon vesuing	-	-	-	-	-	(10,035)	-	-	(10,035)
Total transactions with owners	-	-	-	-	(449)	(8,525)	(290)	(102,290)	(111,554)
At 30 June 2024	16,598	346,774	(329,224)	26,139	36,360	19,481	(2,390,320)	(102,290)	(2,376,482)
At 1 January 2023	16,598	346,774	(316,584)	(18,212)	18,925	28,241	(2,311,121)	-	(2,235,379)
Other comprehensive (expense)/income:									
-Net cash flow hedge	-	-	(70,116)	-	-	-	-	-	(70,116)
-Net cost of hedging	-	-	-	(17,203)	-	-	-	-	(17,203)
-Actuarial gains (net of tax)	-	-	-	-	3,992	-	-	-	3,992
-Revaluation of financial assets at FVTOCI	-	-	-	-	-	-	11,416	-	11,416
Total comprehensive (expense)/income	-	-	(70,116)	(17,203)	3,992	-	11,416	-	(71,911)
Transactions with owners:									
<ul> <li>Accretion of equity interests in subsidiaries</li> </ul>	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	2
-Share-based compensation expense	-	-	-	-	-	(561)	-	-	(561)
-Transferred from share-based payment reserve upon vesting	-	-	-	-	-	(27,299)	-	-	(27,299)
Total transactions with owners	-	-	-	-	2	(27,860)	-	-	(27,858)
			(386,700)	(35,415)	22,919	381	(2,299,705)		



## UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

	FOR THE FI PERIOD I	
	30/6/2024	30/6/2023
	RM'000	RM'000
Receipts from customers and others	11,389,042	10,862,801
Payments to suppliers, employees and others	(5,326,859)	(6,222,873)
Payments of finance costs	(1,235,924)	(1,215,876)
Payments of income taxes	(330,513)	(349,048)
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES*	4,495,746	3,075,004
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment ("PPE")	3,133	10,275
Purchase of PPE	(2,966,614)	(3,832,772)
Acquisition of intangible assets	(335,924)	(279,505)
Investments in deposits maturing more than three (3) months	55,236	448,015
Investments in subsidiaries (net of cash acquired)	5,283	(51,786)
Investments in associates	-	(460)
Net proceeds from other investments	91	-
Purchase of other investments	(42,393)	(7,818)
Repayment of loan from an associate	-	2,431,867
Proceed from disposal of a group subsidiaries	23,538	-
Payments for right-of-use ("ROU") assets	(14,431)	(77,338)
Repayments from/(Advances to) employees	271	(294)
Other deposit	23,768	-
Dividends received from an associate	271,819	244,637
Interests received	134,763	161,805
CASH FLOWS USED IN INVESTING ACTIVITIES*	(2,841,460)	(953,374)
Proceeds from borrowings (net of transaction costs)	2,914,590	6,663,120
Repayments of borrowings	(2,165,113)	(8,220,891)
Repayments of Sukuk	(114,624)	-
Partial disposal of subsidiaries	267,570	-
Additional investments in subsidiaries by NCI	29,960	-
Repayments of lease liabilities	(1,076,887)	(1,133,873)
Net proceeds from rights issue of subsidiaries	-	25,764
Capital injection in a subsidiary by NCI	-	40,000
Dividends paid to shareholders	(459,096)	(1,284,900)
Dividends paid to NCI	(155,408)	(141,901)
CASH FLOWS USED IN FINANCING ACTIVITIES*	(759,008)	(4,052,681)

(The above Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows should be read in conjunction with the Audited Financial Statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2023)



#### UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS (CONTINUED)

	FOR THE FIN PERIOD E	
	30/6/2024	30/6/2023
	RM'000	RM'000
NET INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	895,278	(1,931,051)
NET INCREASE IN RESTRICTED CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(14,561)	(13,340)
EFFECT OF EXCHANGE RATE CHANGES	(231,139)	790,230
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FINANCIAL PERIOD	3,388,578	6,326,194
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL PERIOD	4,038,156	5,172,033
Deposits, cash and bank balances	5,177,329	6,270,490
Less:		
Deposits pledged and restricted cash	(190,117)	(254,582)
Deposits maturing more than three (3) months	(509,186)	(293,815)
Bank overdraft	(439,870)	(550,060)
Total cash and cash equivalents	4,038,156	5,172,033

\* Includes net cash flows from/(used in) discontinued operations as follows:

Cash flows from operating activities Cash flows used in investing activities	-	317,639 (115,595)
Cash flows used in financing activities	-	(295,860)
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents		(93,816)

(The above Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows should be read in conjunction with the Audited Financial Statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2023)



### PART A: EXPLANATORY NOTES PURSUANT TO MALAYSIAN FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARD 134

## 1. Basis of Preparation

The unaudited financial statements for the financial period ended 30 June 2024 of the Group have been prepared in accordance with the Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards ("MFRS") 134 "Interim Financial Reporting", International Accounting Standards 34 "Interim Financial Reporting", Paragraph 9.22 and Appendix 9B of the Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad ("Bursa Securities") Main Market Listing Requirements ("Main LR"), and should be read in conjunction with the Group's audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2023 ("2023 Audited Financial Statements").

## 2. Accounting Policies

The accounting policies and method of computation applied in the unaudited financial statements are consistent with those used in the preparation of the 2023 Audited Financial Statements except for the following:

- (a) Adoption of the amendments to MFRS issued by MASB that are effective for the Group's financial year beginning 1 January 2024, as follows:
  - Amendments to MFRS 101 "Presentation of Financial Statements":
    - (i) Classification of liabilities as current or non-current; and
      - (ii) Non-current Liabilities with Covenants
  - Amendments to MFRS 16 "Leases": Lease Liability in a Sale and Leaseback
  - Amendments to MFRS 107 "Statement of Cash Flows": Supplier Finance Arrangement
  - Amendments to MFRS 7 "Financial Instruments: Disclosures": Supplier Finance Arrangement

The above adoptions did not have material impact to the Group during the current quarter and financial period to date.

#### 3. Seasonal or Cyclical Factors

The operations of the Group were not significantly affected by any seasonal or cyclical factors.



## 4. Significant Unusual Items Affecting Assets, Liabilities, Equity, Net Income or Cash Flows

The Group's performance has taken into account the following:

(a) On 26 June 2024, Dialog Axiata Plc ("Dialog") completed the acquisition of Bharti Airtel Lanka (Private) Limited ("Airtel Lanka") as disclosed in Part A, Note 12(i) of this announcement.

During the current quarter and financial period to date, a total goodwill of RM218.0 million (LKR14.1 billion) was recognised on the date of acquisition, subject to finalisation of purchase price allocation exercise within twelve (12) months from the date of acquisition of Airtel Lanka.

- (b) On 26 June 2024, Axiata Investments (Labuan) Limited entered into put option agreement with Bharti Airtel Limited ("Bharti Airtel") for the sale and purchase of up to 952,694,689 shares, exercisable at the end of the thirty-sixth (36<sup>th</sup>) month until the end of the seventy-second (72<sup>nd</sup>) month from the date of acquisition of Airtel Lanka. Accordingly, the Group recognised a derivative liability and corresponding reserve amounting to RM93.2 million.
- (c) On 28 June 2024, the Company completed the disposal of 16.71% ordinary shares in issue of Axiata Digital Sdn Bhd ("ADS") to Mitsui & Co., Ltd ("Mitsui") as disclosed in Part A, Note 12(k) of this announcement in accordance with the share sale and purchase agreement dated 31 October 2023 for a total consideration of USD58.3 million (RM275.5 million). Pursuant to the disposal, the Company received a cash consideration of USD55.0 million (RM259.8 million) and a deferred cash consideration of USD3.3 million (RM15.7 million), payable in the next twenty four (24) months from the date of completion subject to meeting certain performance conditions.
- (d) During the current quarter and financial period to date, the Group recognised net foreign exchange losses of RM72.2 million and RM180.9 million respectively, mainly arising from the revaluation of USD borrowings and working capital.

Other than the above and as disclosed in Part A, Note 12 of this announcement, there were no other unusual items affecting assets, liabilities, equity, net income or cash flows due to their nature, size or incidence for the financial period ended 30 June 2024.

#### 5. Estimates

The preparation of unaudited financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expenses. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

There were no changes in estimates of amounts reported in prior financial years that may have a material effect in the current quarter and financial period to date.

In preparing the unaudited financial statements, the significant judgements and estimates made by the management in applying the Group's accounting policies were consistent as those applied to 2023 Audited Financial Statements.



## 6. Issues, Repurchases and Repayments of Debt and Equity Securities

(a) During the financial period to date, the Company issued new ordinary shares under the Performance Based Long Term Incentive Plan as below:

	Description		ary shares of npany issued
		'000	RM'000
•	Restricted Share Plan ("RSP") at an issuance price of RM3.54		
	being the fair value of RSP issued	2,833	10,035
	Total	2,833	10,035

- (b) During the current quarter and financial period to date, PT XL Axiata Tbk ("XL") had:
  - (i) fully repaid its IDR138.0 billion (RM41.1 million) Sukuk Ijarah II Tranche II Year 2019 Series C which matured on 8 February 2024, carried an annual fixed Ijarah return of IDR12,765.0 million (payable on quarterly basis) and had a tenure of five (5) years from the date of issuance; and
  - (ii) fully repaid its IDR40.0 billion (RM11.9 million) Bond I Tranche II Year 2019 Series C which matured on 8 February 2024, carried an annual fixed interest rate of 9.25% (payable on quarterly basis) and had a tenure of five (5) years from the date of issuance.
  - (iii) fully repaid its IDR260.0 billion (RM74.9 million) Sukuk Ijarah I Tranche II Year 2017 Series D which matured on 28 April 2024, carried an annual fixed ijarah return of IDR23,660.0 million (payable on quarterly basis) and had a tenure of seven (7) years from the date of issuance.

Aside from the above, there was no other significant issues, repurchases and repayments of debt and equity securities during the financial period ended 30 June 2024.

## 7. Dividends Paid

(a) The Company paid the dividends during the financial period as below:

Date of payment	Description	Per ordinary share	Total
		Sen	RM'000
16 April 2024	Tax exempt dividend under single tier in respect of financial year ended 31 December 2023	5.0	459,096



## 8. Segmental Information

## For the financial period ended 30 June 2024

Segment		Mob	oile		Fixed BB <sup>1</sup>	Infractive	Digit	al	Others <sup>4</sup>	Consolidation adjustments/	Continuing
	Indonesia	Bangladesh	Sri Lanka	Cambodia	Indonesia	Infrastructure	ADA <sup>2</sup>	Boost <sup>3</sup>	Others	eliminations	operations
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
Total operating revenue	5,064,324	2,166,770	1,273,798	961,461	544,274	1,341,629	478,801	64,620	115,234	-	12,010,911
Inter-segment <sup>6</sup>	(92,318)	(47,155)	(1,797)	(19,721)	(6,800)	(327,012)	(16,040)	(486)	(81,730)	-	(593,059)
External operating revenue	4,972,006	2,119,615	1,272,001	941,740	537,474	1,014,617	462,761	64,134	33,504	-	11,417,852
Earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation ("EBITDA") <sup>7</sup>	2,680,119	1,020,862	417,497	572,626	261,238	935,859	31,963	(72,164)	(78,991)	(206,942)	5,562,067
Finance income		2,856	11,936		553	935,859	-	2,204	46,222	,	
	9,578	,		22,698		,	8,554		,	(14,516)	99,571
Finance cost	(460,547)	(160,494)	(92,325)	(22,764)	(90,243)	( ,	(663)	(13,173)	(215,040)	118,465	(1,204,997)
Depreciation of PPE	(1,031,859)	(317,557)	(223,452)	(166,868)	(237,591)	(332,620)	(1,848)	(388)	(2,610)	3,943	(2,310,850)
Depreciation of ROU assets	(762,240)	(113,415)	(15,973)	(40,456)	(12,026)	(153,031)	(2,542)	(1,720)	(2,487)	124,448	(979,442)
Amortisation of intangible assets ("IA")	(33,334)	(180,905)	(41,733)	(6,592)	(10,014)	(23,725)	(8,001)	(19,529)	(3,331)	(70,058)	(397,222)
Impairment of PPE, ROU assets and IA (licence and others), net Joint ventures:	(7,730)	(88)	(3,000)	-	(4,335)	(2,728)	-	-	-	-	(17,881)
- share of results (net of tax)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	994	-	994
Associates:											
- share of results (net of tax)	(30,285)	-	(534)	3,095	-	-	-	-	255,585	23,202	251,063
Other income/(expense)	38,358	(63,534)	(9,221)	297	(1,267)	(79,094)	6,461	(4,321)	(137,050)	(934)	(250,305)
Taxation	(90,453)	(97,101)	(24,935)	(69,194)	9,842	(112,497)	(7,860)	(45)	(35,296)	11,013	(416,526)
Segment profit/(loss) for the financial period	311,607	90,624	18,260	292,842	(83,843)	(26,563)	26,064	(109,136)	(172,004)	(11,379)	336,472



## 8. Segmental Information (continued)

#### For the financial period ended 30 June 2024

Segment	Continuing	Discontinued operations	Total	
	operations⁵	(Infrastructure - Myanmar) <sup>8</sup>	Total	
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	
Total operating revenue	12,010,911	156,655	12,167,566	
Inter-segment <sup>6</sup>	(593,059)	-	(593,059)	
External operating revenue	11,417,852	156,655	11,574,507	
Earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation ("EBITDA") <sup>7</sup>	5,562,067	135,742	5,697,809	
Finance income	99,571	29,139	128,710	
Finance cost	(1,204,997)	(4,466)	(1,209,463)	
Depreciation of PPE	(2,310,850)	-	(2,310,850)	
Depreciation of ROU assets	(979,442)	-	(979,442)	
Amortisation of IA	(397,222)	-	(397,222)	
Impairment of PPE, ROU assets and IA (licence and others), net Joint ventures:	(17,881)	-	(17,881)	
- share of results (net of tax)	994	-	994	
Associates:				
- share of results (net of tax)	251,063	-	251,063	
Other expense	(250,305)	(26,247)	(276,552)	
Taxation	(416,526)	(13,497)	(430,023)	
Segment profit for the financial period	336,472	120,671	457,143	

#### <sup>1</sup> Fixed broadband

<sup>2</sup> ADA refers to Axiata Digital & Analytics Sdn Bhd ("ADA") and its subsidiaries.

<sup>3</sup> Boost refers to Boost Holdings Sdn Bhd ("BHSB") and its subsidiaries.

<sup>4</sup> Others include the Company, special purpose vehicles and other entities.

<sup>5</sup> Reference to previous page disclosure of continuing operations.

<sup>6</sup> Inter-segment operating revenue has been eliminated at the respective segment operating revenue. The inter-segment operating revenue was entered into in the normal course of business and at prices available to third parties or at negotiated terms.

<sup>7</sup> EBITDA consolidation adjustments/eliminations mainly due to inter-segment elimination for leases under MFRS 16.

<sup>8</sup> Infrastructure segment Myanmar refers to edotco Investments Singapore Pte Ltd and its subsidiaries ("EIS Group").



## 8. Segmental Information (continued)

## For the financial period ended 30 June 2023

Segment		Mob	oile		Fixed BB <sup>1</sup>	In fire a fire a firm	Digi	tal	Others <sup>4</sup>	Consolidation	Continuing
	Indonesia	Bangladesh	Sri Lanka	Cambodia	Indonesia	Infrastructure	ADA <sup>2</sup>	Boost <sup>3</sup>	Others	adjustments/ eliminations	operations
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
Total operating revenue	4,666,300	2,049,470	1,321,594	817,647	581,325	1,183,978	355,113	60,351	75,987	-	11,111,765
Inter-segment <sup>6</sup>	(45,541)	(42,450)	(3,677)	(16,051)	(39)	(302,336)	(60,060)	(594)	(51,630)	-	(522,378)
External operating revenue	4,620,759	2,007,020	1,317,917	801,596	581,286	881,642	295,053	59,757	24,357	-	10,589,387
Earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation ("EBITDA") <sup>7</sup>	2,275,258	880,814	367,367	430,697	268,621	803,071	(371)	(88,076)	(70,362)	(180,560)	4,686,459
Finance income	13,662	2,979	13,899	14,594	1,343	9,403	5,094	3,362	79,521	(11,812)	132,045
Finance cost	(421,270)	(131,602)	(89,870)	(13,161)	(65,705)	(233,778)	(501)	(8,460)	(275,413)	107,091	(1,132,669)
Depreciation of PPE	(932,586)	(321,348)	(214,706)	(155,847)	(211,592)	(295,080)	(1,597)	(451)	(3,691)	3,930	(2,132,968)
Depreciation of ROU assets	(692,814)	(77,369)	(10,363)	(33,660)	(22,285)	(146,845)	(2,277)	(2,069)	(3,105)	100,931	(889,856)
Amortisation of IA	(14,333)	(178,475)	(22,548)	(6,656)	(10,183)	(23,637)	(7,314)	(17,448)	(2,485)	(69,450)	(352,529)
Impairment of PPE, ROU assets and IA (licence and others), net Joint ventures:	(91)	(27,165)	10,927	6,692	(3,104)	(1,217)	-	-	-	-	(13,958)
- share of results (net of tax)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	419	-	419
Associates:											
- share of results (net of tax)	(22,924)	-	(468)	1,354	-	-	-	-	227,343	15,102	220,407
Other income/(expense)	39,234	(69,776)	123,925	12,087	2,223	(163,027)	3,068	4,007	(294,748)	4,557	(338,450)
Taxation	(44,557)	(50,220)	(18,775)	(52,096)	2,654	(97,949)	(967)	(187)	(21,076)	13,049	(270,124)
Segment profit/(loss) for the financial period	199,579	27,838	159,388	204,004	(38,028)	(149,059)	(4,865)	(109,322)	(363,597)	(17,162)	(91,224)



## 8. Segmental Information (continued)

## For the financial period ended 30 June 2023

Segment	Continuing		Discontinue	d operations	Discontinued		
	operations <sup>5</sup>	(Malaysia)	(Mobile - Nepal) <sup>9</sup>	(Infrastructure - Myanmar) <sup>8</sup>	operations	Total	
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	
Total operating revenue	11,111,765	-	638,805	144,610	783,415	11,895,180	<sup>1</sup> Fixed broadband
Inter-segment <sup>6</sup>	(522,378)	-	440	-	440	(521,938)	<sup>2</sup> ADA refers to Axiata Digital & Analytics Sdn Bhd ("ADA")
External operating revenue	10,589,387	-	639,245	144,610	783,855	11,373,242	and its subsidiaries.
Earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation							<sup>3</sup> Boost refers to Boost Holdings Sdn Bhd ("BHSB") and its subsidiaries.
("EBITDA") <sup>7</sup>	4,686,459	-	334,605	124,440	459,045	5,145,504	<sup>4</sup> Others include the Company, special purpose vehicles
Finance income	132,045	-	12,334	16,434	28,768	160,813	and other entities.
Finance cost	(1,132,669)	-	(121,424)	(4,193)	(125,617)	(1,258,286)	
Depreciation of PPE	(2,132,968)	-	(120,626)	(36,640)	(157,266)	(2,290,234)	<sup>5</sup> Reference to previous page disclosure of continuing operations.
Depreciation of ROU assets	(889,856)	-	(9,555)	(7,063)	(16,618)	(906,474)	
Amortisation of IA	(352,529)	-	(173,456)	(12,399)	(185,855)	(538,384)	<sup>6</sup> Inter-segment operating revenue has been eliminated at the
Impairment of PPE, ROU assets and IA (licence and others), net Joint ventures:	(13,958)	-	(702,590)	-	(702,590)	(716,548)	respective segment operating revenue. The inter-segment operating revenue was entered into in the normal course of business and at prices available to third parties or at negotiated terms.
<ul> <li>share of results (net of tax)</li> </ul>	419	-	-	-	-	419	7
Associates:							<sup>7</sup> EBITDA consolidation adjustments/eliminations mainly due to inter-segment elimination for leases under MFRS 16.
- share of results (net of tax)	220,407	-	-	-	-	220,407	to inter-segment emmination for leases under wir KS 10.
Other (expense)/income	(338,450)	402,000	(368,389)	(45,978)	(12,367)	(350,817)	<sup>8</sup> Infrastructure segment Myanmar refers to edotco Investments
Taxation	(270,124)	-	223,871	(30)	223,841	(46,283)	Singapore Pte Ltd and its subsidiaries ("EIS Group").
Segment (loss)/profit for the financial period =	(91,224)	402,000	(925,230)	34,571	(488,659)	(579,883)	<sup>9</sup> Mobile segment Nepal refers to Reynolds Holding Limited and its subsidiary ("Reynolds Group").



## 9. Valuation of PPE

The Group does not adopt a revaluation policy on its PPE.

## 10. Acquisitions of PPE

During the financial period to date, the Group acquired additional PPE amounting to RM2,383.3 million mainly for its telecommunication network equipment and capital work in progress.

## 11. Events after the Interim Period

## (a) Intragroup acquisition of equity interest in Axiata Global Services Pte Ltd ("AGS")

XL, had on 16 July 2024 completed the acquisition of 100,000 ordinary shares, representing the entire issued and paid up share capital of AGS from Axiata Enterprise Sdn Bhd ("AE") based on the terms and subject to the conditions set out in the sale and purchase agreement between AE and XL for a consideration of USD1.

# (b) Accretion of equity interest in Dialog Axiata Digital Innovation Fund (Private) Limited ("DADIF")

DADIF, had from 1 July to 31 July 2024, issued 94,924 preference shares, out of which the entire 94,924 shares were issued to Digital Holdings Lanka (Private) Limited ("DHL"). Accordingly, DHL's equity interest in DADIF increased from 93.38% to 94.13% as at 31 July 2024.

## (c) Situation in Bangladesh

Widespread discontent over socio-political issues in Bangladesh led to local protests in July 2024. These events have impacted our mobile, infrastructure and digital operations. The Group is actively communicating with all stakeholders including our employees, customers and vendors in Bangladesh and will continue to closely monitor and assess the businesses, operational and financial risks. The Group's priorities remain on ensuring the safety of our employees and the resilience of our operations and assets.

Other than as disclosed above, there was no other significant event after interim period that requires disclosure and/or adjustment as at 21 August 2024.



## 12. Effects of Changes in the Composition of the Group

## (a) Accretion of equity interest in DADIF

DADIF, had:

- (i) from 1 January to 31 March 2024 ("Q1'24"), issued 7,547 preference shares, out of which 7,500 shares were issued to DHL and the remaining shares were issued to individual shareholders; and
- (ii) from 1 April to 30 June 2024 ("Q2'24"), issued 7,546 preference shares, out of which 7,500 shares were issued to DHL and the remaining shares were issued to individual shareholders.

Accordingly, DHL's equity interest in DADIF increased from 93.26% to 93.32% in Q1'24 and from 93.32% to 93.38% in Q2'24, respectively.

The accretions above did not have a material impact to the Group during the current quarter and financial period to date.

## (b) Strike off of Asian Towers Holdings Private Limited ("ATH")

ATH, had on 29 September 2023 filed an application under Section 344, Companies Act 1967 (Singapore) to the Accounting and Corporate Regulatory Authority ("ACRA") to have its name struck off of the Register of Companies ("Register"). ACRA issued a notice on strike off within sixty (60) days from the date of notice dated 30 September 2023 with ATH subsequently struck off of the Register with effect 8 January 2024 as published in Final Gazette on even date.

The strike off above did not have a material impact to the Group during the financial period to date.

#### (c) Accretion of equity interest in PT Creative Mobile Adventure ("CMA")

CMA, had on 29 January 2024 issued additional 8,971 Series B shares to BHSB and 2,000 Series B shares to PT Monetrans Mitra Indonesia for a total consideration of IDR109,710.0 million (RM32.7 million). Accordingly, the Group's effective shareholding in CMA increased from 51.94% to 57.88%.

The accretion above did not have a material impact to the Group during the financial period to date.

## (d) Voluntary winding up of Axiata Investments 2 (India) Limited ("AI2")

Al2, had on 10 November 2023, completed the Members' voluntary winding up process registered with Director of Insolvency of Mauritius on 17 November 2022. The notification of the completion of the Members' voluntary winding up of Al2 was received by Al2 on 19 February 2024.

The winding up above did not have a material impact to the Group during the financial period to date.



## 12. Effects of Changes in the Composition of the Group (continued)

#### (e) Dilution of equity interest in PT Link Net Tbk ("Link Net")

Axiata Investments (Indonesia) Sdn Bhd, had on 31 May 2024 completed the disposal of 28,631,954 shares representing 1.05% of Link Net to PT Sucorinvest Asset Management for a total consideration of IDR27,085.8 million (RM7.8 million). As a result, the Group's effective shareholding in Link Net decreased from 92.83% to 91.78%.

The dilution above did not have a material impact to the Group during the current quarter and financial period to date.

#### (f) Incorporation of PT Linknet Fiber Indonesia ("FiberCo")

Link Net, had on 12 June 2024 completed the incorporation of FiberCo (Registration No. 2307240052994), a private company limited by shares under the laws of Indonesia based on Deed No. 101, authorised by the Minister of Law and Human Rights of the Republic of Indonesia.

FiberCo was incorporated with an issued and paid-up share capital of IDR125.0 million (RM36.5 million). The principal activities of FiberCo are to operate in the area of cable telecommunication, non-cable telecommunication and satellite telecommunication activities.

The incorporation above did not have a material impact to the Group during the current quarter and financial period to date.

#### (g) Incorporation of PT Axentec Fiber Indonesia ("EntCo")

Link Net, had on 12 June 2024 completed the incorporation of EntCo (Registration No. 2307240053701), a private company limited by shares under the laws of Indonesia based on Deed No. 100, authorised by the Minister of Law and Human Rights of the Republic of Indonesia.

EntCo was incorporated with an issued and paid-up share capital of IDR125.0 million (RM36.5 million). The principal activities of FiberCo are to operate in the area of telecommunication activities, wholesale activities, and programming, computer consulting and other related activities.

The incorporation above did not have a material impact to the Group during the current quarter and financial period to date.

#### (h) Capital reduction by ADS

ADS, had on 19 June 2024 completed its share capital reduction exercise by cancellation of its 124,043,004 ordinary shares via distribution of its entire shareholding, equivalent to 78.12% in BHSB on proportionate basis to the shareholders of ADS, namely the Company and Mitsui. Effectively, BHSB became a direct owned subsidiary of the Company.

The capital reduction above did not have any impact to the Group during the current quarter and financial period to date.



## 12. Effects of Changes in the Composition of the Group (continued)

## (i) Acquisition of Airtel Lanka by Dialog

Dialog, had on 26 June 2024 completed the acquisition of 100% issued shares in Airtel Lanka upon the fulfilment of the conditions as stipulated in the Share Sale Agreement entered with Bharti Airtel via issuance of 952,694,689 ordinary shares of Dialog representing 10.355% of the enlarged total issued shares of Dialog to Bharti Airtel by way of a share swap. Accordingly, Airtel Lanka became a wholly owned subsidiary of Dialog. Dialog aims to amalgamate with Airtel Lanka under the applicable provisions of the Companies Act No. 7 of 2007, with Dialog remaining as the amalgamated company.

The Group recognised an increase of RM120.2 million and RM42.8 million in consolidated retained earnings and non-controlling interest, respectively.

## (j) Dilution of equity interest in Dialog

Following the issuance of the ordinary shares by Dialog as disclosed in Part A, Note 12(i) of this announcement above, the Group's interest in Dialog diluted from 82.27% to 73.75%. Accordingly, the Group recognised an increase in consolidated currency translation differences and non-controlling interest of RM108.1 million and RM74.1 million, respectively and a decrease of RM0.6 million and RM181.6 million in consolidated reserves and consolidated retained earnings, respectively.

#### (k) Disposal of equity interest in ADS

The Company, had on 28 June 2024 completed the disposal of 682,828 ordinary shares representing 16.71% shareholding in ADS to Mitsui. As a result, the Group's effective shareholding in ADS decreased from 96.71% to 80.00%.

The Group recognised an increase of RM0.6 million, RM205.3 million and RM69.6 million in consolidated currency translation differences reserve, consolidated retained earnings and non-controlling interest, respectively.

Other than the above, there was no other change in the composition of the Group for the financial period ended 30 June 2024.

## 13. Significant Changes in Contingent Assets or Contingent Liabilities

Other than as disclosed in Part B, Note 10 of this announcement, there was no significant change in contingent assets or contingent liabilities of subsidiaries from that disclosed in the 2023 Audited Financial Statements.

#### 14. Capital Commitments

	Group			
As at	30 June 2024	31 December 2023		
	RM'000	RM'000		
<b>PPE</b> Commitments in respect of expenditure approved and contracted for	1,702,848	1,733,415		



## 15. Related Party Transactions

All related party transactions are entered into in the normal course of business and at prices available at negotiated terms. The names of these related parties, nature of these transactions and their total value have been set out in accordance with the provisions of MFRS 124 "Related Parties Disclosure".

Khazanah Nasional Berhad ("Khazanah") has direct interest in the Company's shares. Khazanah is the sovereign wealth fund of the Government of Malaysia and was incorporated under the Companies Act 2016 on 3 September 1993 as a public limited company.

The Government of Malaysia and bodies controlled or jointly controlled by the Government of Malaysia are related parties of the Group. The Group enters into transactions with many of these bodies, which includes but are not limited to:

- receiving telecommunications services, including interconnection revenue/charges
- purchasing of goods, including use of public utilities and amenities, and
- placing of bank deposits

The Group has established its procurement policies and approval processes for purchases of products and services, which do not depend on whether the counterparties are government-related entities or not.

The Group provides telecommunications services as part of its ordinary operations. The Group has collectively, but not individually significant transactions with Government-related entities. These telecommunication services are carried out on commercial terms that are negotiated and agreed upon between the parties.

Set out below are significant related party transactions and balances which were carried out on terms and conditions negotiated amongst the related parties.

	Financial Period Ended		
	30 June 2024	30 June 2023	
	RM'000	RM'000	
Continuing operations:			
Sale of telecommunication services to associates	5,918	9,561	
Sale of information technology services to an associate	24,741	16,931	
Lease services to an associate	393,630	296,446	
Interest income on advances to an associate	-	34,254	
Purchase of network related services from associates	(27,684)	(36,476)	

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54,981
(11,336)
64,191
(107,922)



## 16. Financial Instruments at Fair Value Measurements

The Group's financial instruments that were measured at fair value as at reporting date were as follow:

- Derivative financial instruments (assets and liabilities); and
- Securities

The Group measured the financial instruments based on:

- Level 1 (traded in active markets): quoted market prices
- Level 2 (not traded in active markets): valuation techniques such as quoted market prices or dealer quotes for similar instruments, present value of the estimated future cash flows based on observable market curves and forward exchange rates at reporting date with the resulting value discounted back to present value
- Level 3 (unobservable inputs): underlying assets' significant inputs are not available from observable market data

Financial		30 Ju	ne 2024		31 December 2023			
instruments	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
Assets								
Financial assets at FVTPL:								
-Trading securities	37	-	-	37	35	-	-	35
-Unquoted securities	-	-	15,296	15,296	-	-	10,842	10,842
-Non-hedging derivatives	-	2,311	-	2,311	-	2,311	-	2,311
-Derivative used for hedging	-	265,263	-	265,263	-	180,866	-	180,866
Financial assets at FVTOCI <sup>1</sup> :								
-Equity securities Assets at FVTPL:	-	-	119,551	119,551	-	-	114,247	114,247
-Other receivables	-	-	70,011	70,011	-	-	71,318	71,318
<u>Liabilities</u> Financial liabilities at FVTPL:								
-Derivatives used for hedging	-	(15,409)	-	(15,409)	-	(16,015)	-	(16,015)
Financial liabilities at FVTOCI <sup>1</sup> :								
-Non-hedging derivatives	-	-	(102,290)	(102,290)	-	-	-	-
Total	37	252,165	204,858	457,060	35	167,162	196,407	363,604

The Group's financial instruments were grouped as below:

<sup>1</sup> Fair value of these instruments are obtained mainly from independent valuations.



## PART B: EXPLANATORY NOTES PURSUANT TO APPENDIX 9B OF THE LISTING REQUIREMENTS OF BURSA SECURITIES

## 1. Review of Performance

## (a) Quarter-on-Quarter (Q2'24 vs Q2'23)

	Current Year Quarter	Preceding Year Corresponding Quarter	Varia	ince
	30/06/2024	30/06/2023		
	<b>RM</b> 'million	<b>RM</b> 'million	<b>RM</b> 'million	%
Continuing operations				
Revenue	5,755.8	5,592.2	163.6	2.9
EBITDA	2,825.2	2,503.2	322.0	12.9
EBIT <sup>1</sup>	946.1	688.8	257.3	37.4
PAT <sup>2</sup>	201.5	(193.6)	395.1	+>100%
PATAMI <sup>3</sup>	104.4	(235.9)	340.3	+>100%
Discontinued operations <sup>4</sup>				
PAT	54.0	(528.2)	582.2	+>100
PATAMI	30.5	(340.3)	370.8	+>100
Total⁵				
PAT	255.5	(721.8)	977.3	+>100
PATAMI	134.9	(576.2)	711.1	+>100

<sup>1</sup> EBIT: Earnings before interest and tax

<sup>2</sup> PAT: Profit after tax

<sup>3</sup> PATAMI: Profit after tax and minority interest

<sup>4</sup> Discontinued operations: Mobile segment - Nepal ("Ncell") and Infrastructure segment – Myanmar ("ECMM")

<sup>5</sup> Total: Continuing operations and Discontinued operations



## (a) Quarter-on-Quarter (Q2'24 vs Q2'23) (continued)

#### Group Performance

Compared to the preceding year's corresponding quarter (Q2'24 vs Q2'23), Group revenue for **continuing operations** grew by 2.9% to RM5,755.8 million mainly contributed by all Operating Companies ("OpCos") except for mobile operations in Sri Lanka and fixed broadband operations in Indonesia. Consequently, Group EBITDA grew by 12.9% to RM2,825.2 million. Group EBIT grew by 37.4% to RM946.1 million, flowing from higher toplines.

Group PAT and PATAMI for **continuing operations** both increased by more than 100% to RM201.5 million and RM104.4 million respectively, mainly driven by higher toplines and lower foreign exchange losses, partially offset by higher taxes.

PAT and PATAMI contribution from **discontinued operations** increased by more than 100% to RM54.0 million and RM30.5 million respectively, mainly due to PAT of preceding year's corresponding quarter included impairment of assets for mobile operations in Nepal amounting to RM491.8 million (PATAMI: RM393.5 million) and write-off of capital gain tax related receivables of RM396.1 million (PATAMI: RM316.9 million), cushioned by additional gain on disposal of Celcom Group amounting to RM402.0 million.

## Geographical Highlights

- **Indonesia**: Revenue increased by 0.9% to RM2,516.0 million, mainly due to higher data and digital revenue. EBITDA grew by 7.1% to RM1,324.3 million, flowing from higher revenue and lower operating costs. PAT increased by 4.7% to RM144.6 million, driven by higher toplines, partially offset by higher depreciation and amortisation, finance costs and taxes.
- Bangladesh: Revenue grew by 0.8% to RM1,082.8 million, mainly driven by higher data revenue from prepaid business. EBITDA grew by 12.1% to RM501.9 million, driven by lower operating costs. PAT increased by more than 100% to RM44.7 million, mainly driven by higher toplines, lower depreciation and amortisation and foreign exchange losses partially offset by higher finance costs and taxes.
- **Sri Lanka**: Revenue decreased by 11.0% to RM620.9 million, mainly due to lower hubbing revenue. EBITDA increased by 3.6% to RM212.6 million due to appreciation of Sri Lankan Rupee ("LKR") against Ringgit Malaysia ("RM"). At constant currency, EBITDA decreased by 4.0%, mainly flow through from lower revenue. PAT decreased by more than 100% to a loss of RM23.6 million, mainly due to foreign exchange losses of RM10.6 million in Q2'24 resulting from USD denominated loans and liabilities as opposed to foreign exchange gains of RM56.0 million in Q2'23.
- Cambodia: Revenue increased by 16.2% to RM488.8 million, mainly driven by higher data revenue from growth in prepaid business. EBITDA grew by 55.4% to RM318.2 million, flowing from higher revenue and lower operating costs. PAT increased by 65.5% to RM160.5 million, mainly resulting from higher toplines, partially offset by higher taxes, depreciation and amortisation.



## (a) Quarter-on-Quarter (Q2'24 vs Q2'23) (continued)

#### Geographical Highlights (continued)

- **Fixed Broadband (Indonesia)**: Revenue decreased by 10.3% to RM268.7 million, mainly due to lower enterprise revenue. EBITDA decreased by 14.3% to RM125.7 million, flowing from lower revenue. PAT decreased by 140.7% to a loss of RM50.7 million mainly due to lower toplines coupled with higher finance costs to support the network expansion.
- Infrastructure: Revenue increased by 19.0% to RM728.3 million mainly from revenue growth in Malaysia and Bangladesh. Consequently, EBITDA increased by 19.4% to RM497.2 million. PAT improved by more than 100% to a profit of RM14.2 million, driven by higher toplines and lower foreign exchange losses from USD denominated borrowings and working capital.
- Digital (ADA): Revenue increased by 17.6% to RM242.2 million, primarily due to customer engagement and e-commerce enablement revenue. EBITDA and PAT both increased by more than 100% to RM19.2 million and a profit of RM12.9 million, flowing from higher toplines.
- **Digital (Boost)**: Revenue increased by 5.2% to RM31.1 million, driven by higher interest income from loan disbursements. EBITDA improved by 12.9% to a loss of RM40.5 million, flowing from higher revenue and lower operating costs. PAT declined by 9.2% to a loss of RM RM61.4 million, due to foreign exchange losses as opposed to foreign exchange gains in Q2'23.



## (b) Year-on-Year (YTD'24 vs YTD'23)

	Current Year to Date	Immediate Preceding Year	Varia	nce
	30/06/2024	30/06/2023	Variance	
	<b>RM</b> 'million	<b>RM</b> 'million	<b>RM</b> 'million	%
Continuing operations				
Revenue	11,417.9	10,589.4	828.5	7.8
EBITDA	5,562.1	4,686.5	875.6	18.7
EBIT	1,766.2	1,235.9	530.3	42.9
PAT	336.5	(91.2)	427.7	+>100%
ΡΑΤΑΜΙ	138.0	(188.4)	326.4	+>100%
Discontinued operations				
PAT	120.7	(488.7)	609.3	+>100
ΡΑΤΑΜΙ	57.0	(314.0)	370.9	+>100
Total				
PAT	457.1	(579.9)	1,037.0	+>100
PATAMI	194.9	(502.4)	697.3	+>100

## **Group Performance**

The Group's **continuing operations** recorded a total revenue of RM11,417.9 million for YTD'24, a 7.8% increase compared to immediate preceding year, with growth across all OpCos except for mobile operations in Sri Lanka and fixed broadband operations in Indonesia. Consequently, Group EBITDA grew by 18.7% to RM5,562.1 million. Group EBIT grew by 42.9% to RM1,766.2 million, flowing from higher toplines, partially offset by higher depreciation and amortisation.

Group PAT and PATAMI for **continuing operations** both increased by more than 100% to RM336.5 million and RM138.0 million respectively, mainly driven by higher toplines, partially offset by higher taxes, depreciation and amortisation.

PAT and PATAMI contribution from **discontinued operations** increased by more than 100% to RM120.7 million and RM57.0 million respectively, mainly due to PAT and PATAMI of preceding year's corresponding period included impairment of assets for mobile operations in Nepal amounting to RM491.8 million (PATAMI: RM393.5 million) and write-off of capital gain tax related receivables of RM396.1 million (PATAMI: RM316.9 million), cushioned by additional gain on disposal of Celcom Group amounting to RM402.0 million.



## (b) Year-on-Year (YTD'24 vs YTD'23) (continued)

#### **Geographical Highlights**

- **Indonesia**: Revenue increased by 8.5% to RM5,064.3 million, mainly due to higher data and digital revenue. EBITDA grew by 17.8% to RM2,680.1 million, flowing from higher revenue. PAT increased by 56.1% to RM311.6 million, driven by higher toplines, partially offset by higher depreciation and amortisation, finance costs and taxes.
- **Bangladesh**: Revenue grew by 5.7% to RM2,166.8 million, mainly driven by higher data revenue from prepaid business. EBITDA grew by 15.9% to RM1,020.9 million, driven by higher revenue and lower operating costs. PAT increased by more than 100% to RM90.6 million, mainly driven by higher toplines, lower foreign exchange losses partially offset by higher finance costs and taxes.
- Sri Lanka: Revenue decreased by 3.6% to RM1,273.8 million, mainly due to lower hubbing revenue. EBITDA increased by 13.6% to RM417.5 million due to appreciation of Sri Lankan Rupee ("LKR") against Ringgit Malaysia ("RM"). At constant currency, EBITDA remained constant. PAT decreased by 88.5% to RM18.3 million, mainly due to higher depreciation and amortisation and lower foreign exchange gains.
- Cambodia: Revenue increased by 17.6% to RM961.5 million, mainly driven by higher data revenue from growth in prepaid business. EBITDA grew by 33.0% to RM572.6 million, flowing from higher revenue. PAT increased by 43.5% to RM292.8 million, mainly resulting from higher toplines, partially offset by higher depreciation and amortisation and taxes.
- Fixed Broadband (Indonesia): Revenue decreased by 6.4% to RM544.3 million, mainly due to lower enterprise revenue. EBITDA decreased by 2.7% to RM261.2 million, flowing from lower revenue. PAT decreased by more than 100% to a loss of RM83.8 million mainly due to higher depreciation and amortisation costs and finance costs to support the network expansion.
- Infrastructure: Revenue increased by 13.3% to RM1,341.6 million from growth in Malaysia, Bangladesh, Cambodia and Philippines. EBITDA increased by 16.5% to RM935.9 million, flowing from higher revenue. PAT improved by 82.2% to a loss of RM26.6 million, driven by higher toplines and lower foreign exchange losses from USD denominated borrowings and working capital, partially offset with higher finance costs, depreciation and amortisation.
- **Digital (ADA)**: Revenue increased by 34.8% to RM478.8 million, primarily due to customer engagement and e-commerce enablement revenue. EBITDA and PAT both increased by more than 100% to RM32.0 million and a profit of RM26.1 million, flowing from higher toplines.
- Digital (Boost): Revenue increased by 7.1% to RM64.6 million, driven by higher interest income from loan disbursements. EBITDA improved by 18.1% to a loss of RM72.2 million, flow through from lower operating costs. PAT remained flat at a loss of RM RM109.1 million.



## (c) Comparison with Preceding Quarter's Result (Q2'24 vs Q1'24)

	Current Quarter	Immediate Preceding Quarter	Varia	nce
	30/06/2024	31/03/2024		
	<b>RM</b> 'million	<b>RM</b> 'million	<b>RM</b> 'million	%
Continuing operations				
Revenue	5,755.8	5,662.1	93.7	1.7
EBITDA	2,825.2	2,736.9	88.3	3.2
EBIT	946.1	820.1	126.1	15.4
PAT	201.5	135.0	66.6	49.3
ΡΑΤΑΜΙ	104.4	33.6	70.8	+>100
Discontinued operations				
PAT	54.0	66.7	(12.8)	-19.1
ΡΑΤΑΜΙ	30.5	26.5	4.0	15.2
Total				
PAT	255.5	201.7	53.8	26.7
PATAMI	134.9	60.0	74.9	+>100

## **Group Performance**

Compared to the immediate preceding quarter (Q2'24 vs Q1'24), Group revenue for **continuing operations** grew by 1.7% to RM5,755.8 million, mainly contributed by infrastructure business. Consequently, Group EBITDA grew by 3.2% to RM2,825.2 million. Group EBIT grew by 15.4% to RM946.1 million, flowing from higher toplines.

Group PAT and PATAMI for **continuing operations** increased by 49.3% and more than 100% to RM201.5 million and RM104.4 million respectively, mainly driven by higher toplines, lower foreign exchange losses, depreciation and amortisation, partially offset with higher taxes.



## (c) Comparison with Preceding Quarter's Result (Q2'24 vs Q1'24) (continued)

#### Geographical Highlights

- Indonesia: Revenue and EBITDA decreased by 1.3% and 2.3% to RM2,516.0 million and RM1,324.3 million respectively, due to depreciation of Indonesia Rupiah ("IDR") against RM. At constant currency of Q1'24, revenue and EBITDA grew by 2.1% and 1.0% respectively, mainly driven by higher data and digital revenue. PAT decreased by 13.4% to RM144.6 million, mainly due to higher depreciation, finance cost and taxes.
- Bangladesh: Revenue, EBITDA and PAT decreased by 0.1%, 3.3% and 2.7% to RM1,082.8 million, RM501.9 million and RM44.7 million respectively, due to depreciation of Bangladeshi Taka ("BDT") against RM. At constant currency of Q1'24, revenue grew by 3.5%, mainly driven by higher data revenue from prepaid business with EBITDA and PAT remained constant.
- Sri Lanka: Revenue decreased by 4.9% to RM620.9 million, mainly due to lower hubbing revenue. EBITDA increased by 3.8% to RM212.6 million due to appreciation of LKR against RM. At constant currency, EBITDA remained flat. PAT decreased by more than 100% to a loss of RM23.6 million, mainly due to foreign exchange losses of RM10.6 million in Q2'24 resulting from USD denominated loans and liabilities as opposed to foreign exchange gains of RM56.9 million in Q1'24.
- Cambodia: Revenue increased by 3.4% to RM488.8 million, mainly driven by higher prepaid data revenue. EBITDA grew by 25.1% to RM318.2 million, flowing from higher revenue and lower operating costs. PAT increased by 21.2% to RM160.5 million, mainly resulting from higher toplines, partially offset by higher finance costs and taxes.
- Fixed Broadband (Indonesia): Revenue decreased by 2.5% to RM268.7 million due to depreciation of IDR against RM. At constant currency, revenue marginally increased by 0.9%. EBITDA decreased by 7.3% to RM125.7 million, mainly due to higher operating costs. PAT decreased by 53.3% to a loss of RM50.7 million, mainly due to lower top lines, higher finance costs, depreciation and amortisation as well as taxes.
- Infrastructure: Revenue increased by 18.7% to RM728.3 million, mainly driven by growth in Malaysia. EBITDA increased by 13.3% to RM497.2 million, flowing from higher revenue. PAT increased more than 100% to RM14.2 million, driven by higher toplines and lower foreign exchange losses, partially offset by higher depreciation and amortisation.
- Digital (ADA): Revenue and EBITDA increased by 2.4% and 49.5% to RM242.2 million and RM19.2 million respectively, primarily due to customer engagement and ecommerce enablement revenue. PAT remained constant at RM12.9 million.
- Digital (Boost): Revenue decreased by 7.1% to RM31.1 million, driven by lower interest income from loan disbursements. EBITDA fell by 28.2% to a loss of RM40.5 million, mainly due to higher operating costs. PAT fell by 28.8% to a loss of RM61.4 million due to lower toplines and higher finance costs.



# 2. Headline Key Performance Indicators ("KPIs") for the Financial Year Ending 31 December 2024

On 22 February 2024, the Group announced its Headline KPIs guidance for the financial year ending 31 December 2024. The Group's 2024 Headline KPIs announced were as below:

	FY 2024
	Headline KPIs
	@ Constant rate <sup>1</sup>
Revenue Growth	Mid Single Digit
Earnings before Interest, and Tax ("EBIT") Growth <sup>2</sup>	Mid Teens

Notes:

<sup>1</sup> Constant rate is based on FY23 Average Forex Rate (e.g. 1 USD = RM4.558)

<sup>2</sup> Exclude impairment of assets

The Group posted strong underlying operational performance in the first half of financial year ending 31 December 2024 with revenue growth across all OpCos except for Dialog in Sri Lanka and Link Net in Indonesia. EBIT reported double-digit growth primarily contributed by XL in Indonesia, Robi in Bangladesh, Smart in Cambodia and EDOTCO due to topline expansion and reduced operating costs. PATAMI improvement was bolstered by higher share of results of associates and lower forex losses, moderated by higher net finance cost and taxation.

Year on year (YTD'24 versus YTD'23), XL in Indonesia continues to have its performance lifted by favourable industry data growth with ARPU sustaining at an all-time high of IDR44,000. Robi in Bangladesh also reported strong profit growth driven by data revenue growth and cost optimisation. Smart in Cambodia continues to deliver steady profits and remain a stable cash generator for the Group. Profitability for Dialog in Sri Lanka however, was impacted by higher depreciation and taxation.

For the Group's digital businesses, Boost is sustaining its payment ecosystem to foster growth opportunities for Boost Bank on the back of narrowing losses, whilst ADA continued its recovery trajectory in YTD'24. EDOTCO continues to record topline growth supported by improved contribution from Malaysia, Bangladesh and Philippines. Link Net continues its transformation to a fiber company, to tap growth opportunities in fixed broadband in Indonesia.

Barring any unforeseen circumstances related to the challenging macroeconomic environment particularly in Sri Lanka and Bangladesh, the Board of Directors believe that the Group's revenue growth is in line, while EBIT growth is ahead of headline KPIs for financial year ending 31 December 2024.



## 3. Variance of Actual Profit from Forecast Profit / Profit Guarantee

The Group has not provided any profit forecast or profit guarantee in a public document in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2024.

## 4. Revenue

	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarte	er Ended	nded Financial Period Ended			
	<b>30/6/2024</b> 30/6/2023		30/6/2024	30/6/2023		
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000		
Continuing operations						
Disaggregation of revenue from contracts with customers under MFRS 15: Goods or services transferred: -at a point in time -over time	260,547	208,498 5,022,534	543,551 10,059,221	413,527 9,496,769		
Revenue under other MFRS: Lease and services of passive infrastructure	5,038,861 437,215	348,059	780,656	652,218		
Financial institution interest income	19,143	13,068	34,424	26,873		
	5,755,766	5,592,159	11,417,852	10,589,387		

## 5. Taxation

The taxation charge for the Group comprises:

	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quart	er Ended	Financial Period Ended		
	<b>30/6/2024</b> 30/6/2023		30/6/2024	30/6/2023	
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	
Continuing operations					
Income tax	205,636	149,379	338,608	248,794	
Deferred tax	43,629	4,387	77,918	21,330	
Total taxation	249,265	153,766	416,526	270,124	

The current quarter and financial period to date's effective tax rate of the Group are higher than the statutory tax rate mainly due to higher non-deductible expenses.



## 6. Status of Corporate Proposals

#### (a) Proposed Divestment of Investments in Myanmar

On 4 April 2024, EDOTCO Group Sdn Bhd ("EDOTCO") had entered into a Share Purchase Agreement ("SPA") for the disposal of its entire 87.50% stake in EDOTCO Investments Singapore Pte Ltd, a special purpose investment holding company for EDOTCO's investments in Myanmar and sole shareholder of EDOTCO Myanmar Limited, for a total cash consideration of approximately USD150.0 million (equivalent to RM713.0 million), subject to customary closing statement adjustments ("Proposed Divestment – Myanmar").

The Proposed Divestment - Myanmar is subject to amongst others, regulatory approvals and expected to be completed within 12 months from the date of the SPA.

## (b) Proposed Merger of PT XL Axiata Tbk ("XL") and PT Smartfren Telecom Tbk ("Smartfren")

On 15 May 2024, the Company had entered into a non-binding Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") with PT Wahana Inti Nusantara, PT Global Nusa Data and PT Bali Media Telekomunikasi (collectively referred to as "Sinar Mas") to mutually explore a proposed merger of XL and Smartfren ("Proposed Merger") ("MergeCo").

The Proposed Merger is at an early stage of evaluation with both the Company and Sinar Mas intending to remain as joint controlling shareholders of MergeCo.

Other than the above, there was no other corporate proposal announced but not completed as at 21 August 2024.



## 7. Group's Borrowings and Debt Securities

(a) Breakdown of the Group's borrowings and debt securities were as follows:

	30 Jun	e 2024	31 December 2023		
	Current	Current Non-current RM'000 RM'000		Non-current	
	RM'000			RM'000	
Secured	139,786	4,872,743	190,049	4,396,858	
Unsecured	3,396,024	17,398,390	2,480,112	17,775,129	
Total	3,535,810	22,271,133	2,670,161	22,171,987	

(b) Foreign currency borrowings and debt securities in RM equivalent were as follows:

Foreign Currencies	30 June 2024	31 December 2023
	RM'000	RM'000
USD	14,537,123	14,607,480
IDR	5,431,182	5,102,563
BDT	607,971	363,768
LKR	1,386,723	925,158
PHP	2,073,565	2,130,492
Others	44,385	44,325
Total	24,080,949	23,173,786



## 8. Outstanding Derivatives

(a) The details of the Group's outstanding net derivatives financial instruments set out as follow:

	30 Ju	ne 2024	31 Dece	mber 2023
		Fair value		Fair value
Type of derivative	Notional	favourable/	Notional	favourable/
financial instruments	value	(unfavourable)	value	(unfavourable)
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
Cross currency interest				
rate swaps:				
- < 1 year	-	(14,920)	-	(16,015)
- 1 - 3 years	2,359,750	177,295	-	-
- > 3 years	2,359,750	53,647	4,590,000	159,658
Interest rate swaps:				
- < 1 year	802,315	12,845	-	538
- 1 - 3 years	235,975	(181)	780,300	9,641
- > 3 years	235,975	(308)	-	-
Forward:				
- < 1 year	377,560	20,826	-	161
- 1 - 3 years	141,774	650	367,200	10,868
Call option:				
- 1 - 3 years	5,522	2,311	5,370	2,311
But option:				
Put option: - 1 - 3 years	(9,056)	(9,056)		
- > 3 years	(9,030) (93,234)	(9,030) (93,234)	-	-
	(93,234)	(93,234)	-	-
Total		149,875		167,162

(b) The risks associated with the derivative financial instrument and the policies in place for mitigating such risks were disclosed in 2023 Audited Financial Statements.

## 9. Fair Value Changes of Financial Liabilities

There was no derivative financial instrument which is marked to market as at the date of financial statement position that requires the recognition of fair value changes to the consolidated profit or loss for the current quarter and financial period to date.



## 10. Material Litigations

The status of material litigation of the Group is as follows:

# (a) Robi Axiata Limited ("Robi") vs Commissioner of Large Taxpayer Unit ("LTU-VAT") and Ors. (SIM Replacement Tax)

## Robi SIM Replacement Dispute 2007-2011

On 17 May 2015, the LTU-VAT of the National Board of Revenue ("LTU-VAT of the NBR") issued a revised demand letter for BDT4,145.5 million (RM166.6 million) ("2007 to 2011 Revised Claim") to Robi alleging that Robi had evaded payment of supplementary duty and VAT levied on the issuance of a certain number of SIM cards to new customers of Robi for the duration from March 2007 to June 2011 when such SIM cards were issued as replacement cards to the existing subscribers of Robi.

In August 2015, Robi filed an appeal against the 2007 to 2011 Revised Claim to the Customs, Excise and VAT Appellate Tribunal. Robi deposited 10.0% of the sum set out in the respective demand notices with the LTU-VAT of the NBR based on provisions of the VAT Act 1991. This appeal was first heard on 28 September 2016 by the Customs, Excise and VAT Appellate Tribunal and later reheard on 11 April 2017 by a reconstituted bench of the Customs, Excise and VAT Appellate Tribunal. The Customs, Excise and VAT Appellate Tribunal dismissed Robi's appeal.

In September 2017, Robi filed an appeal to the High Court Division against the Customs, Excise and VAT Appellate Tribunal's decision ("VAT Appeal No.1"). This VAT Appeal No. 1 is currently pending for hearing before the High Court Division.

#### Robi SIM Replacement Dispute July 2012 to June 2015

On 20 November 2017, the LTU-VAT of the NBR issued a demand letter for BDT2,852.0 million (RM114.6 million) ("2012 to 2015 Claim") to Robi alleging that Robi had evaded payment of supplementary duty and VAT levied on the issuance of certain number of SIM cards to new customers of Robi for the duration from July 2012 to June 2015 when such SIM cards were issued as replacement cards to the existing subscribers of Robi.

On 18 February 2018, Robi filed an appeal against the 2012 to 2015 Claim to the Customs, Excise and VAT Appellate Tribunal on the basis that replacement cards do not establish new connections and do not change existing subscribers' numbers. Robi deposited 10.0% of the sum set out in the respective demand notices with the LTU-VAT of the NBR based on provisions of the VAT Act 1991. This appeal was dismissed by the Customs, Excise and VAT Appellate Tribunal.

Robi then filed an appeal to the High Court Division against the Customs, Excise and VAT Appellate Tribunal's decision ("VAT Appeal No.2").



The status of material litigation of the Group is as follows: (continued)

# (a) Robi Axiata Limited ("Robi") vs Commissioner of Large Taxpayer Unit ("LTU-VAT") and Ors. (SIM Replacement Tax) (continued)

## Robi SIM Replacement Dispute July 2012 to July 2015 (continued)

On 23 November 2020, both VAT Appeal No.1 and VAT Appeal No.2 pending in the High Court Division were fixed for hearing whereupon the High Court Division ordered parties to file the remaining paper books.

On 3 December 2020, the High Court Division took the view that Robi needed to file a revision application for the VAT Appeal No. 2 under the new VAT and Supplementary Duty Act 2012 which became effective on 1 July 2019, and pursuant thereto, to deposit a further 10.0% of the sum set out in the respective demand notices with the LTU-VAT of the NBR.

Robi has filed written arguments against such views on the basis that the new VAT and Supplementary Duty Act 2012 is not applicable. This legal point was heard on 2 March 2021 in which the High Court Division dismissed Robi's argument and advised Robi to file a revision application under the new VAT and Supplementary Duty Act 2012, to which Robi had on 23 March 2021 filed the Civil Miscellaneous Petition for Leave to Appeal ("CMP") before the Appellate Division contending the dismissal. Pending the hearing of the CMP by the Appellate Division, the High Court Division issued a certified copy of the judgement on maintainability on 23 August 2021. Robi subsequently filed a Civil Petition for Leave to Appeal ("CP") before the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh. The CP is now pending for hearing.

## (b) Robi vs LTU-VAT of the NBR (VAT Audit)

The LTU-VAT of the NBR issued five (5) show cause cum demand notices to Robi for a total amount of BDT9,245.0 million (RM371.6 million). Robi filed writ petitions for judicial review on 3 May 2018 to challenge these claims. The details are as below. The LTU-VAT of the NBR referred the matter to the Directorate General of Audit Intelligence and Investigation ("DGAI") to re-examine the claims and as such, Robi is not pursuing the Writ Petitions.

(i) the first show cause cum demand notice for BDT7,118.2 million (RM286.1 million) was issued based on the credit balance of VAT payable General Ledger ("GL") and VAT Return and VAT payable for the period from 2013 to 2016. While conducting its audit, the LTU-VAT of the NBR asked for month-on-month movement of output and withholding GL from Systems, Applications and Products i.e., SAP (Opening, debit balance during the month, credit balance during the month and closing balance). Robi had submitted the required documents. The LTU-VAT of the NBR just considered the total credit balance of SAP GL as payable and compared it with VAT return without considering the documents or explanation submitted by Robi.



The status of material litigation of the Group is as follows: (continued)

## (b) Robi vs LTU-VAT of the NBR (VAT Audit) (continued)

- (ii) the second show cause cum demand notice for BDT910.5 million (RM36.6 million) alleges unpaid VAT on merger and spectrum fee. The LTU-VAT of the NBR which collected merger fee/spectrum information from the Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission ("BTRC") in relation to merger directly, thereafter arbitrarily calculated VAT without considering Robi's documents and information regarding actual payment to BTRC. This issue has already been covered in item (i), nevertheless the LTU-VAT of the NBR still arbitrarily made the same claim separately.
- (iii) the third show cause cum demand notice for BDT16.5 million (RM0.7 million) is to claim that VAT is payable on interconnection charges from Bangladesh Telecommunications Limited ("BTCL") for 2012. The output VAT for BTCL service to customer is centrally collected by the LTU-VAT of the NBR and that BTCL cannot adjust input VAT on interconnection charges payable to Robi. Therefore, BTCL did not pay the VAT on same to Robi. This issue has already been covered in item (i), nonetheless the LTU-VAT of the NBR still arbitrarily made the same claim separately.
- (iv) the fourth show cause cum demand notice for BDT35.7 million (RM1.4 million) is to claim that VAT is payable on interconnection charges from BTCL for 2013 to 2016 (the issue is same as item (iii) of this case but relating to different period (2013-2016)).
- (v) the fifth show cause cum demand notice for BDT1,164.1 million (RM46.8 million) is for VAT rebate cancellation on imported telecom items. The LTU-VAT of the NBR directly collected imports information from Customs Authority, then cancelled few imported items such as battery, switch, cable, router, system, etc. on arbitrary basis. These are the integral parts of machineries and spare parts.

Pursuant to re-examinations of the aforementioned demand notices by the DGAI, the LTU-VAT of the NBR issued four (4) new show cause notices dated 22 March 2020 to Robi on the cumulative amount of BDT7,459.5 million (RM299.7 million) for the period of January 2013 to December 2016, details of which are set out as follows:

- the first show cause notice is on BDT3,676.0 million (RM147.7 million) in relation to VAT deducted at source on grounds of (I) withholding VAT on handsets; (II) withholding VAT on dealer's commission; (III) withholding VAT not paid on revenue sharing on the basis of audited financial statements; (IV) less withholding VAT paid on the basis of audited accounts etc.
- (ii) the second show cause is on BDT394.3 million (RM15.8 million) in relation to VAT of BDT368.6 million (RM14.8 million) and supplementary duty payment of BDT25.7 million (RM1.0 million) based on Robi's audited financial statements.



The status of material litigation of the Group is as follows: (continued)

## (b) Robi vs LTU-VAT of the NBR (VAT Audit) (continued)

- (iii) the third show cause notice is on BDT1,308.0 million (RM52.6 million) in relation to VAT on revenue sharing.
- (iv) the fourth show cause notice is on BDT2,081.2 million (RM83.6 million) in relation to VAT rebate cancellation.

Robi has filed writ petitions for judicial review on 27 June 2020 to the High Court Division against these four (4) new show-cause notices. The High Court Division subsequently issued a rule nisi in favour of Robi on 31 August 2020 and the rule nisi is pending for hearing.

## (c) Robi vs BTRC

The BTRC conducted an audit on Robi's information system for the years between 1997 to 2014 and issued a claim of BDT8,672.4 million (RM348.5 million) against Robi on 31 July 2018 ("Information System Audit Claim"). This Information System Audit Claim is disputed by Robi and a Notice of Arbitration was served on BTRC on 30 May 2019.

On 13 June 2019, notwithstanding Robi's Notice of Arbitration, the BTRC directed Robi to make payment for the Information System Audit Claim within 10 days. Challenging the demand, Robi filed a suit on 25 August 2019 before the Joint District Judge, Dhaka seeking a declaration and permanent injunction against BTRC's Information System Audit Claim. The District Court admitted the suit.

Additionally, Robi filed an application seeking an ad interim relief in relation to: (i) temporary injunction restraining BTRC from demanding payment of the Information System Audit Claim; (ii) temporary injunction restraining BTRC from causing any interference with the operation of Robi's mobile telecommunication services; and (iii) direction from the court to the effect that BTRC shall issue all relevant No Objection Certificate(s) for the importation of telecommunication equipment and software, and grant all relevant approvals for tariff, service, package, etc. as and when required by Robi from time to time.

The abovementioned application for ad interim relief was dismissed on 1 September 2019 by the Joint District Judge, Dhaka. Robi referred an appeal before the High Court Division in respect of the rejection of temporary injunction application on 5 September 2019.

On 5 January 2020, the High Court Division issued an injunction upon BTRC on condition that Robi deposit BDT1,380.0 million (RM69.0 million) in five installments. Robi has deposited these five equal installments as of 31 May 2020. This matter is currently pending for hearing before the Joint District Judge in Dhaka.



The status of material litigation of the Group is as follows: (continued)

#### (d) Robi vs LTU-VAT of the NBR (VAT Rebate Cancellation)

For the period of 2010 to 2016, Robi claimed rebate for input VAT payable on certain services and goods related to capital machineries (i.e. antenna, cable, media gateway switch, battery, modem, telephone and telegraphic switch, power system, optical multi service systems, universal service router, printed service board, racks, etc.). The LTU-VAT of the NBR cancelled the rebates and issued the following demand notices cumulatively for BDT3,636.2 million (RM146.1 million) to which Robi is challenging:

- (i) the demand notice for the period of March 2012 to April 2013 is for BDT830.6 million (RM33.4 million).
- (ii) the demand notice for the period of July 2013 to June 2014 is for BDT596.8 million (RM24.0 million).
- (iii) the demand notice for the period of July 2014 to January 2016 is for BDT993.2 million (RM39.9 million).
- (iv) the demand notice for the period of February 2016 to April 2016 for BDT41.0 million (RM1.6 million).
- (v) the demand notice for the period of May 2016 to December 2016 is for BDT707.7 million (RM28.4 million).
- (vi) the demand notice for the financial years of 2010 to 2012 is for BDT466.9 million (RM18.8 million).

Robi filed VAT appeals to the High Court Division on 26 August 2013 for item (i), 21 January 2019 for items (ii) to (v), and on 1 June 2020 for item (vi). For item (i), Robi paid the amount in full. For items (ii) to (vi), Robi deposited 10.0% of the sum set out in the respective demand notices with the LTU-VAT of the NBR based on the provisions of the VAT Act 1991.

All the cases are currently pending for hearing before the High Court Division.



The status of material litigation of the Group is as follows: (continued)

## (e) Robi vs The Commissioner of Taxes

The Commissioner of Taxes assessed the income tax return of Robi and disallowed certain losses and expenses (i.e. subsidy on acquisition expenses/promotional expense (SIM tax subsidy), foreign exchange losses, non-adjustment of depreciation allowances, etc.) and further determined the income tax payable as follows:

- (i) for the assessment year 2013-2014, BDT2,273.6 million (RM91.4 million) and interest of BDT378.2 million (RM15.2 million);
- (ii) for the assessment year 2014-2015, BDT2,246.3 million (RM90.3 million) and interest of BDT414.4 million (RM16.7 million); and
- (iii) for the assessment year 2015-2016, BDT2,263.2 million (RM91.0 million) and interest of BDT295.3 million (RM11.9 million).

Robi has referred its appeals to the High Court Division against the Commissioner of Taxes' respective determination and such appeals are pending hearing before the High Court Division.

#### (f) Mahtab Uddin Ahmed vs Robi and 4 Others

Former managing director and chief executive officer of Robi, Mahtab Uddin Ahmed ("MUA") filed a civil suit 22 August 2022, being Title Suit 568 of 2022 (the "Suit") against Robi and four (4) others, before the 1st Court of Joint District Judge, Dhaka. MUA is claiming BDT2,270.2 million (RM91.2 million) in retirement benefits and compensation, allegedly owed to MUA. The case is currently pending before the Joint District Judge Court.



## 11. Other Disclosure Requirements under Appendix 9B of the Main LR

Other than those items disclosed in the statements of comprehensive income and notes in Part A of this announcement, there are no material impairment of inventories, gains/loss on disposal of investments, properties and assets during the current quarter and financial period to date.

## 12. Earnings Per Share ("EPS")

## (a) Basic EPS

	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarte	er Ended	Financial Period Ended			
	30/6/2024	30/6/2023	30/6/2024	30/6/2023		
Profit/(Loss) attributable to owners of the Company (RM'000)						
- continuing operations	104,417	(235,875)	137,982	(188,377)		
- discontinued operations	30,482	(340,340)	56,950	(313,988)		
	134,899	(576,215)	194,932	(502,365)		
Adjusted weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue ('000)	9,181,918	9,178,952	9,180,688	9,178,298		
Basic EPS (sen): - continuing operations - discontinued operations	1.2 0.3	(2.6) (3.7)	1.5 0.6	(2.1) (3.4)		
	1.5	(6.3)	2.1	(5.5)		

Basic EPS of the Group was calculated by dividing the net profit attributable to shareholders by the weighted average number of ordinary shares during the current quarter and financial period to date.



## 12. Earnings Per Share ("EPS") (continued)

## (b) Diluted EPS

For the diluted EPS, the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue is adjusted to assume conversion of all dilutive potential ordinary shares.

	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarte	er Ended	Financial Period Ended			
	30/6/2024	30/6/2023	30/6/2024	30/6/2023		
Profit/(Loss) attributable to owners of the Company (RM'000)						
<ul> <li>continuing operations</li> <li>discontinued operations</li> </ul>	104,417 30,482	(235,875) (340,340)	137,982 56,950	(188,377) (313,988)		
	134,899	(576,215)	194,932	(502,365)		
Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue ('000) Adjusted for diluted effect of	9,181,918	9,178,952	9,180,688	9,178,298		
share-based compensation plans of the Company ('000)	14,420	6,403	10,181	6,775		
Adjusted weighted average number of ordinary shares ('000)	9,196,338	9,185,355	9,190,869	9,185,073		
<b>Diluted EPS (sen):</b> - continuing operations - discontinued operations	1.2 0.3	(2.6) (3.7)	1.5 0.6	(2.1) (3.4)		
	1.5	(6.3)	2.1	(5.5)		



## 13. Analysis of Consolidated Profit and Loss

The consolidated profit and loss of the Group for the financial period ended 30 June 2024 and comparative figures of 2023 are re-presented in a combined format of continuing and discontinued operations for reference purposes:

		2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter Ended 2024			inancial Period	Ended 2024
	Continuing Operations	Discontinued Operations	Total	Continuing Operations	Discontinued Operations	Total
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
Revenue	5,755,766	79,697	5,835,463	11,417,852	156,655	11,574,507
Operating costs:						
<ul> <li>depreciation, impairment and amortisation</li> </ul>	(1,879,054)	(280)	(1,879,334)	(3,795,870)	19,288	(3,776,582)
- foreign exchange (losses)/gains	(53,866)	(20,178)	(74,044)	34,020	(49,424)	(15,404)
<ul> <li>domestic interconnect, international outpayment and other direct costs</li> </ul>	(531,242)	(6,118)	(537,360)	(1,095,596)	(12,951)	(1,108,547)
<ul> <li>marketing, advertising and promotion</li> </ul>	(436,283)	-	(436,283)	(867,860)	-	(867,860)
- other operating costs	(1,513,985)	106	(1,513,879)	(3,011,022)	(1,275)	(3,012,297)
- staff costs	(423,423)	(3,372)	(426,795)	(832,912)	(6,687)	(839,599)
<ul> <li>provision for impairment on financial assets, net</li> </ul>	(25,634)	(1,249)	(26,883)	(48,395)	-	(48,395)
Other (losses)/gains - net	(829)	-	(829)	1,634	-	1,634
Other (expense)/income - net	(6,682)	155	(6,527)	19,477	3,889	23,366
	884,768	48,761	933,529	1,821,328	109,495	1,930,823
Finance income	41,635	14,915	56,550	99,571	29,139	128,710
Finance costs	(602,966)	(2,176)	(605,142)	(1,204,997)	(4,466)	(1,209,463)
Foreign exchange losses on financing activities	(18,360)	-	(18,360)	(214,961)	-	(214,961)
	(621,326)	(2,176)	(623,502)	(1,419,958)	(4,466)	(1,424,424)
Joint ventures - share of results (net of tax)	890	-	890	994	-	994
Associates						
- share of results (net of tax)	144,813	-	144,813	251,063	-	251,063
Profit before taxation	450,780	61,500	512,280	752,998	134,168	887,166
Taxation	(249,265)	(7,551)	(256,816)	(416,526)	(13,497)	(430,023)
Profit for the financial period	201,515	53,949	255,464	336,472	120,671	457,143
Profit for the financial period attribut	able to:					
- owners of the company	104,417	30,482	134,899	137,982	56,950	194,932
- non-controlling interests	97,098	23,467	120,565	198,490	63,721	262,211

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## 13. Analysis of Consolidated Profit and Loss (continued)

The consolidated profit and loss of the Group for the financial period ended 30 June 2024 and comparative figures of 2023 are re-presented in a combined format of continuing and discontinued operations for reference purposes: (continued)

					r Ended 2023
			ontinued operati	ons	
	Continuing	Celcom	Reynolds		Tatal
	operations RM'000	Group RM'000	Group RM'000	EIS Group RM'000	Total RM'000
Revenue	5,592,159	-	329,643	72,724	5,994,526
Operating costs:					
- depreciation, impairment and amortisation	(1,814,368)	-	(855,894)	(26,806)	(2,697,068)
<ul> <li>foreign exchange gains/(losses)</li> <li>domestic interconnect, international outpayment</li> </ul>	193,448	-	14,329	(46,225)	161,552
and other direct costs	(624,037)	-	(11,413)	(3,404)	(638,854)
<ul> <li>marketing, advertising and promotion</li> </ul>	(450,452)	-	(20,678)	-	(471,130)
<ul> <li>other operating costs</li> </ul>	(1,530,464)	-	(113,406)	(3,402)	(1,647,272)
- staff costs	(450,560)	-	(21,517)	(2,622)	(474,699)
- (provision for)/reversal of impairment on					
financial assets, net	(33,461)	-	(342)	5	(33,798)
Other gains - net	1,580	-	5,221	-	6,801
Other (expense)/income - net	(9,845)	-	(399,504)	2,259	(407,090)
Gain on disposal of a group of subsidiaries, net	-	402,000	-	-	402,000
	874,000	402,000	(1,073,561)	(7,471)	194,968
Finance income	62,383	-	5,785	8,774	76,942
Finance costs	(623,026)	-	(96,112)	(2,231)	(721,369)
Foreign exchange losses on financing activities	(459,478)	-	-	-	(459,478)
	(1,082,504)	-	(96,112)	(2,231)	(1,180,847)
Joint ventures - share of results (net of tax)	(812)	_	-	_	(812)
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Associates - share of results (net of tax)	107,114	_	_	_	107,114
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(Loss)/Profit before taxation	(39,819)	402,000	(1,163,888)	(928)	(802,635)
Taxation	(153,766)	-	225,344	9,240	80,818
(Loss)/Profit for the financial period	(193,585)	402,000	(938,544)	8,312	(721,817)
(Loss)/Profit for the financial period attributable to:					
- owners of the company	(235,875)	402,000	(747,572)	5,232	(576,215)
- non-controlling interests	42,290		(190,972)	3,080	(145,602)
	(193,585)	402,000	(938,544)	8,312	(721,817)



## 13. Analysis of Consolidated Profit and Loss (continued)

The consolidated profit and loss of the Group for the financial period ended 30 June 2024 and comparative figures of 2023 are re-presented in a combined format of continuing and discontinued operations for reference purposes: (continued)

	Financial Period Ended 202					
		Disc	ontinued operati	ons		
	Continuing Operations	Celcom Group	Reynolds Group	EIS Group	Total	
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	
Revenue	10,589,387	-	639,245	144,610	11,373,242	
Operating costs:						
- depreciation, impairment and amortisation	(3,450,552)	-	(1,002,996)	(56,426)	(4,509,974)	
<ul> <li>foreign exchange gains/(losses)</li> </ul>	200,782	-	15,169	(48,567)	167,384	
<ul> <li>domestic interconnect, international</li> </ul>			()	<i></i>		
outpayment and other direct costs	(1,174,563)	-	(22,767)	(10,210)	(1,207,540)	
<ul> <li>marketing, advertising and promotion</li> </ul>	(856,282)	-	(41,261)	-	(897,543)	
- other operating costs	(2,949,802)	-	(200,701)	(4,414)	(3,154,917)	
- staff costs	(860,899)	-	(40,372)	(5,864)	(907,135)	
<ul> <li>(provision for)/reversal of impairment on</li> </ul>						
financial assets, net	(61,382)	-	461	318	(60,603)	
Other gains - net	332	-	12,778	-	13,110	
Other income/(expense) - net	556	-	(399,567)	2,913	(396,098)	
Gain on disposal of group of						
subsidiaries, net	-	402,000	-	-	402,000	
	1,437,577	402,000	(1,040,011)	22,360	821,926	
	1,10,101	402,000	(1,040,011)	22,000	021,520	
Finance income	132,045	-	12,334	16,434	160,813	
Finance costs	(1,132,669)	-	(121,424)	(4,193)	(1,258,286)	
Foreign exchange losses on financing activities	(478,879)	-	-	-	(478,879)	
	(1,611,548)	-	(121,424)	(4,193)	(1,737,165)	
Joint ventures						
- share of results (net of tax)	419	-	-	-	419	
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Associates	000 407				000 407	
- share of results (net of tax)	220,407	-	-	-	220,407	
Profit/(Loss) before taxation	178,900	402,000	(1,149,101)	34,601	(533,600)	
Taxation	(270,124)	-	223,871	(30)	(46,283)	
(Loss)/Profit for the financial period	(91,224)	402,000	(925,230)	34,571	(579,883)	
(Loss)/Profit for the financial period attributable to:				· · · · · ·		
- owners of the company	(188,377)	402,000	(736,310)	20,322	(502,365)	
- non-controlling interests	97,153	-	(188,920)	14,249	(77,518)	
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## 14. Qualification of Preceding Audited Financial Statements

The 2023 Audited Financial Statements were not subject to any qualification.

#### 15. Dividend Proposed

The Board of Directors have resolved a tax exempt dividend under single tier system of 5.0 sen per ordinary share of the Company for the current quarter under review in respect of financial year ending 31 December 2024 (30 June 2023: 5.0 sen).

The details of entitlement and payment date of the above said dividend will be determined and announced in due course.

### By Order of the Board

Suryani Hussein (LS0009277) Secretary

Kuala Lumpur 28 August 2024