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1 Basis of Preparation

The interim financial report has been prepared in accordance with the applicable disclosure provisions of the Malaysian Financial Reporting Standard (MFRS) 134, *Interim Financial Reporting*, issued by the Malaysian Accounting Standards Board ("MASB") and paragraph 9.22 of the Listing Requirements of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad ("Bursa Securities").

The interim financial statements should read in conjunction with the audited financial statements as at and for the year ended 31 December 2020 which were prepared in compliance with MFRS. These explanatory notes attached to the interim financial statement explain 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 2020.

1.1 Adoption of Standards, Amendments and IC interpretations

The significant accounting policies adopted in the interim financial report are consistent with those adopted in the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020 except for the adoption of the following standards which are effective for annual periods beginning on and after 1 January 2020:

	Effective for Periods
Description	beginning on or after

Amendment to MFRS 16, Leases – Covid-19-Related	1 June 2020
Rent Concessions	
Amendments to MFRS 9, Financial Instruments,	1 January 2021
MFRS 139, Financial Instruments: Recognition and	
Measurement, MFRS 7, Financial Instruments: Disclosures,	
MFRS 4, Insurance Contracts, and MFRS 16, Leases	
- Interest Rate Benchmark Reform – Phase 2	

The adoption of the above standards does not have a significant impacts to the current financial period.

2 Auditors' Report on Preceding Annual Financial Statements

The audited financial statements of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2020 were reported without any qualification.

3 Seasonality or Cyclicality of interim operations

The Group's operations are not subject to seasonal or cyclical factors.

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4 Nature and amount of items affecting assets, liabilities, equity, net income, or cash flows that are unusual because of their nature, size or incidence

On 26 February 2021, the Company had received a written notification from Marubeni Itochu Steel Inc. ("MISI") on the intention of MISI to exercise the powers conferred by the share charge pursuant to clause 3.4 of the First Repayment Agreement dated 3 June 2020 for the settlement of a substantial portion of the amount owing by the YKGI Holdings Berhad ("YKGI") to MISI as at 31 December 2020 by the Company. The share transfer was completed on 15 March 2021 with 19.637% of ASTEEL Resources Sdn Bhd ("ARSB") shares transferred to MISI's nominee.

With the transfer of ARSB shares, the equity interest of YKGI in ARSB now stood at 80.36%.

There were no items affecting assets, liabilities, equity, net income, or cash flows that are unusual because of their nature, size and incidence during the quarter under review.

5 Nature and amount of changes in estimates of amounts reported in prior interim periods of the current financial year, which give a material effect in the current interim period

There were no changes in estimates that have had a material effect on the current quarter's results.

6 Issuances, cancellations, repurchases, resale and repayments of debt and equity securities

There were no issuances, cancellations, repurchases, resale and repayments of debt and equity securities during the quarter under review.

7 Dividends

There were no dividends paid during the financial quarter.

8 Segmental reporting

Segmental information for the Group's business segments is as follows:

East	West	Inter-	Total
Malaysia	Malaysia	segment	
RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
43,611	14,480	-	58,091
2,254	579	(2,833)	-
45,865	15,059	(2,833)	58,091
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	East	West	Inter-	Total
	Malaysia	Malaysia	Segment	
<u>1st Quarter 2020</u>	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
Revenue from				
external customers	33,452	12,240	-	45,692
Inter-segment	1,643	402	(2,405)	-
	35,095	12,642	(2,045)	45,692

East Malaysia: Manufacture and sale of Pre-painted, Galvanised Iron, Roll-formed products and trading in hardware and building materials in East Malaysia.

West Malaysia: Manufacture and sale of roll-formed products, trading of non-coated coils and sale of remaining inventory of the coated coils.

For decision making and resources allocation, the Deputy Executive Chairman together with the Managing Director review the statements of financial position of the respective subsidiaries.

9 Valuation of property, plant and equipment

The valuation of land and building was brought forward without amendment from the revaluation made in the previous quarter period.

10 Material events subsequent to the end of the financial period

There were no material events subsequent to the end of the financial period.

11 Changes in the composition of the Group

On 15 January 2021, the Company incorporated a new subsidiary AS Scaffolding Sdn Bhd ("ASCF") which is a 100% owned subsidiary of ASTEEL Sdn Bhd and the principal activities of ASCF shall be to carry on trading and renting of scaffolding and structural frames.

On 9 April 2021, the Company incorporated a new subsidiary ASTEEL (NZ) Private Limited ("ASNZ") under the law of New Zealand. ASNZ is a 100% owned subsidiary of ARSB with its principal activities of import and distribution of hardware and building materials in New Zealand.

On 19 April 2021, the Company via its subsidiary ASTEEL (Sarawak) Sdn Bhd acquired 70% shares of AS Trans Paint Sdn Bhd ("ASTP") from a related party with the remaining 30% held by another related party. ASTP is now a member of YKGI Group with its principal activities of marketing and sale of paint products to projects.

On 15 March 2021, 19.637% shares of ARSB which is a 100% owned subsidiary of YKGI has been disposed pursuant to the Share Charge as disclosed in Note 4 above.

Save as above, there were no other changes in the composition of the Group during the

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quarter under review.

12 Changes in contingent liabilities or contingent assets

There are no contingent liabilities or assets for the current financial period.

13 *Review of performance*

Financial review for the current quarter and financial year to date

	Individu	al Period	Changes		Changes Cumulative Period		Changes	
Continuing operations	Current Year Quarter 31 Mar	Preceding Year Correspon ding Quarter 31 Mar			Current Year To-date 31 Mar	Preceding Year Correspo nding Period 31 Mar		
	2021 RM'000	2020 RM'000	RM'00 0	%	2021 RM'000	2020 RM'000	RM'000	%
Revenue	58,091	45,692	12,399	27%	58,091	45,692	12,399	27%
Operating profit	5,145	1,578	3,566	226%	5,145	1,578	3,566	226%
Profit Before Interest and Tax	3,083	157	2,925	1858%	3,083	157	2,925	1858%
Profit/(Loss) Before Tax	2,174	(740)	2,913	394%	2,174	(740)	2,913	394%
Profit/(Loss) After Tax	1,259	(3,020)	4,279	142%	1,259	(3,020)	4,279	142%
Profit/(Loss) Attributable to Ordinary owner of the Company	1,314	(3,157)	4,471	142%	1,314	(3,157)	4,471	142%

The Group's total revenue for the current quarter increased by 27% or RM12.4 million to RM58.09 million as compared to RM45.69 million in the corresponding quarter last year. The increase in revenue was contributed from the higher sales volume by 14.36% coupled with a higher selling price of its steel products by about 11.18%.

The Group reported a profit before tax of RM2.17 million on its continuing operations compared to a loss before tax of RM0.074 million in the corresponding quarter. The positive result was aided by better gross profit margin and a higher revenue.

On year-to-year basis, the Group recorded an increase in revenue by RM12.4 million to RM58.09 million. Profitability improved by 394% for the continuing operations, a much better performance compared to preceding corresponding period. The better result was contributed from a higher gross profit margin and increased sales volume. The Group recorded a profit after tax and minority interest ("PATMI") of RM1.31 million versus a loss after tax and a minority interest of RM3.16 million mainly from the lower losses registered in the discontinued operation.

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14 Variation of results against preceding quarter

Financial review for the current quarter compared with the immediately preceding quarter

Continuing operations	Current Quarter	Immediate	Changes (%)	
		Preceding Quarter		
	31 Mar 2021	31 Dec 2020		
	RM'000	RM'000	%	
Revenue	58,091	55,491	4.69%	
Operating profit	5,145	2,130	141.53%	
Profit Before Interest and Tax	3,083	354	770.81%	
Profit/(Loss) Before Tax	2,174	(600)	462.26%	
Profit/(Loss) After Tax	1,259	(2,433)	151.75%	
Profit/(Loss) Attributable to Ordinary Owner of the Company	1,314	(2,244)	158.57%	

For the quarter under review, the Group recorded a pre-tax profit of RM2.17 million as compared to a pre-tax loss of RM0.60 million in the previous quarter for the continuing operations. In terms of operating result, the current quarter registered a higher turnover of 4.69%. The operating profit for the period was RM5.14 million versus RM2.13 million, an improvement of 141.53%. The better result was aided by higher gross margin and higher turnover.

15 Prospects

The steel prices are on the upward trajectory and the shortage of raw materials have affected the price equilibrium in the sector. This situation is expected to persist until the return of normalcy in the supply chain.

16 Statement of the Board of Directors' opinion on the achievement of forecast

The Group did not make any announcement or disclosure in any public document on any revenue or financial estimate, forecast, projection or profit guarantee as at the date of this announcement.

17 *Profit forecast*

No profit forecast was published.

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18 Income tax expense

The income tax expense derived as below:	Current Quarter RM'000	Financial Year-To-Date RM'000
Current tax expense		
- Current year	904	904
- Previous years	-	-
Deferred tax expense		
- Current year	(162)	(162)
Total	742	742

The effective tax rate is higher than the statutory tax rate of 24% due to non-recognition of deferred tax assets in loss-making subsidiaries.

19 Loss for the period

-	Current quarter ended 31 March		The cumula ended 31	-
	2021	2020	2021	2020
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
Profit/(Loss) for the period				
is arrived at after charging:				
Depreciation of property,				
plant and equipment	2,062	1,661	2,062	1,661
Property, plant & equipment				
written off	3	83	3	83
Net foreign exchange				
(gain)/loss				
- Realised	25	157	25	157
- Unrealised	124	1,495	124	1,495
-				
And often anaditing.				
And after crediting:				
Gain on disposal of property,		57		57
plant and equipment Finance income			- 84	
	84	138	04	138
Reversal of impairment - trade receivables	46		46	
- trade receivables	40	-	40	-

20 Status of the corporate proposal announced

There was no corporate proposal announced and pending completion during the quarter under review.

21 Borrowing and debt securities

The Group's borrowings from lending institutions as at 31 March 2021, which are

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Denominated in		As at 31 March 2021				
Ringgit Malaysia	Long Term Short Term Total Borrowing					
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000			
Secured	19,866	54,683	74,549			
Unsecured	-	522	522			
Total	19,866	55,205	75,071			

denominated entirely in Ringgit Malaysia, are as follows:-

Based on the above, the Group's bank-gearing ratio is around 1.37 times.

22 Financial derivative instruments

Forward foreign exchange contracts are used to hedge foreign exchange risks associated with certain purchase transactions.

As at the end of the current quarter under review, there was no outstanding forward foreign currency exchange contracts.

23 Changes in material litigation

There was no material litigation during the quarter under review.

24 Proposed dividend

The Board of Directors has not recommended any interim dividend for the financial quarter ended 31 March 2021.

25 Earnings per share

	Quarter ended 31 Mar		Period end	ed 31 Dec
	2021	2020	2021	2020
	('000)	('000)	('000)	('000)
Basic Earnings/(Loss) per ordina	ry share			
Profit/(Loss) attributable to				
owners of the Company	1,314	(3,156)	1,314	(3,156)
(RM'000)				
Number of ordinary shares in				
issue at the beginning	420,821.0	350,684.2	420,821.0	350,684.2
period				
Effect of shares issued during				
the quarter	-	-	-	-
Weighted average number of				
ordinary shares issued as				
at end of period	420,821.0	350,684.2	420,821.0	350,684.2
Basic earnings/(loss) per				
ordinary share (sen)	0.31	(0.90)	0.31	(0.90)

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	Quarter ended 31 Mar		Period end	led 31 Mar
	2021 ('000)	2020 ('000)	2021 ('000)	2020 ('000)
Diluted Earnings/(Loss) per ordinary share	()		(• • •)	
Profit/(Loss) attributable to owners of the Company (RM'000)	1,314	(3,156)	1,314	(3,156)
Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue Adjustment for share options	420,821.0 14.5	350,684.2	420,821.0 14.5	350,684.2
Adjusted weighted average number of ordinary shares for calculating diluted earnings per ordinary share	420,835.5	350,684.2	420,835.5	350,684.2
Diluted earnings/(loss) per ordinary share (sen)	0.31	(0.90)	0.31	(0.90)