

ASTRAL ASIA BHD (374600-X)
INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORT ON CONSOLIDATED RESULTS FOR THE 3RD QUARTER ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023
UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

	Note	<u>Individual Quarter</u>		<u>Cumulative Quarter</u>	
		<u>Current Year</u>	<u>Preceding Year</u>	<u>Current Year</u>	<u>Preceding Year</u>
		<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>ToDate</u>	<u>ToDate</u>
		<u>30-Sep-23</u>	<u>30-Sep-22</u>	<u>30-Sep-23</u>	<u>30-Sep-22</u>
		<u>RM'000</u>	<u>RM'000</u>	<u>RM'000</u>	<u>RM'000</u>
<u>Continuing Operations</u>					
Revenue		4,322	4,818	11,111	16,678
Cost of sales		(2,161)	(2,368)	(6,552)	(6,293)
Gross profit		<u>2,161</u>	<u>2,450</u>	<u>4,559</u>	<u>10,385</u>
Other income		1	59	2,712	59
Administrative expenses		(1,774)	(1,919)	(5,240)	(4,878)
Other expenses		-	(53)	-	(77)
Finance costs		(227)	(70)	(470)	(244)
Finance income		-	-	-	-
Depreciation and amortisation		(1,538)	(1,616)	(4,590)	(4,865)
Bearer plants written off due to replanting		-	-	-	-
Share of profit / (loss) in associate		-	-	-	-
Profit/(loss) before taxation		<u>(1,377)</u>	<u>(1,149)</u>	<u>(3,029)</u>	<u>380</u>
Tax income/(expense)	18	<u>(244)</u>	<u>(388)</u>	<u>(987)</u>	<u>(1,905)</u>
Profit/(loss) after taxation		<u>(1,621)</u>	<u>(1,537)</u>	<u>(4,016)</u>	<u>(1,525)</u>
Other Comprehensive income/(loss), net of tax		-	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the period		<u>(1,621)</u>	<u>(1,537)</u>	<u>(4,016)</u>	<u>(1,525)</u>
Profit/(loss) attributable to:					
Owners of the parent		(1,326)	(1,298)	(3,517)	(1,853)
Non-controlling interests		(295)	(239)	(499)	328
Profit/(loss) for the period		<u>(1,621)</u>	<u>(1,537)</u>	<u>(4,016)</u>	<u>(1,525)</u>
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Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the period		<u>(1,621)</u>	<u>(1,537)</u>	<u>(4,016)</u>	<u>(1,525)</u>
Earning Per Share attributable to owners of the parent:					
Earning / (loss) per share (Sen)	26	(0.20)	(0.20)	(0.53)	(0.28)

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UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

	(UNAUDITED) CURRENT QUARTER END 30-Sep-23 RM'000	(AUDITED) PRECEDING YEAR END 31-Dec-22 RM'000
ASSETS		
Non-current assets		
Property, plant and equipment	46,028	44,745
Right-of-use assets	272,787	275,248
Investment property	18,800	18,800
Investment in associated company	1,059	1,059
	338,674	339,852
Current assets		
Inventories	1,940	1,352
Bearer biological assets	677	571
Trade receivables	317	264
Other receivables	1,105	592
Cash and cash equivalents	84	6,119
Tax recoverable	1,079	-
	5,202	8,898
TOTAL ASSETS	343,876	348,750
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		
Equity Attributable To Owners of the parent		
Share capital	131,997	131,997
Reserves	38,875	42,392
Total equity attributable to owners of the parent	170,872	174,389
Non-controlling Interests	79,145	80,694
TOTAL EQUITY	250,017	255,083
Non-current liabilities		
Borrowings	11,422	7,894
Lease liabilities	7,659	7,493
Finance lease payables	-	-
Deferred taxation	69,881	69,881
	88,962	85,268
Current liabilities		
Trade payables	481	232
Other payables	1,521	5,302
Dividend payables	-	-
Bank borrowings	1,200	2,189
Lease liabilities	52	45
Amount due to associate company	565	565
Provision for Taxation	1,078	66
	4,897	8,399
TOTAL LIABILITIES	93,859	93,667
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	343,876	348,750
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UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

	Attributable to owners of the parent										Non-controlling Interest	Total Equity
	Share Capital	Share Premium	Capital Reserve	Revaluation Reserve	Available-for-sales Fair Value Reserve	Other Reserve	Accumulated Profit	Total	Non-controlling Interest	Total Equity		
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
As at 1 January 2022	131,997	-	-	-	-	-	46,133	178,130	82,567	-	260,697	
Transactions with owners:-												
Total transactions with owners							(3,741)	(3,741)	227		(3,514)	
Profit / (loss) for the year							-	-	(2,100)		(2,100)	
Dividend paid to non-controlling interests												
Total Comprehensive income for the period							(3,741)	(3,741)	(1,873)		(5,614)	
Balance as at 31 December 2022	131,997	-	-	-	-	-	42,392	174,389	80,694	-	255,083	
As at 1 January 2023	131,997						42,392	174,389	80,694		255,083	
Transactions with owners:-												
Dividend paid to non-controlling interests										(1,050)	(1,050)	
Total transactions with owners							(3,517)	(3,517)	(499)		(4,016)	
Profit / (loss) for the financial period												
Other Comprehensive income for the financial period												
Total Comprehensive income for the financial period							(3,517)	(3,517)	(499)		(4,016)	
Effects on adoption of MFRS												
Balance as at 30 September 2023	131,997						38,875	170,872	79,145		250,017	

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**INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORT ON CONSOLIDATED RESULTS FOR THE
3RD QUARTER ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023
UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**

	PERIOD ENDED 30-Sep-23 RM'000	YEAR ENDED 31-Dec-22 RM'000
<u>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</u>		
Profit/(Loss) before taxation	(3,029)	(1,927)
<i>Adjustments for:-</i>		
Non-cash items/non-operating items	7,182	7,016
Interest expense	470	651
Interest income	-	-
<i>Operating profit before working capital changes</i>	4,623	5,740
<i>Changes in working capital:-</i>		
Net Change In Current Assets / Current Liabilities	(7,384)	442
	(2,761)	6,182
Tax refund / (paid)	(1,054)	(1,665)
<i>Net cash (Used In)/ generated from operating activities</i>	(3,815)	4,517
<u>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</u>		
Interest received	-	-
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment	-	1,331
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(3,234)	(3,075)
Purchase of right of use assets	-	-
<i>Net cash used in investing activities</i>	(3,234)	(1,744)
<u>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</u>		
Dividend Paid to Non-controlling interests	(1,050)	(2,100)
Repayment of term / flexi loan	(2,029)	(1,172)
Repayment of lease liabilities/payables	(5)	(178)
Interest paid	(470)	(651)
Drawdown of borrowings	5,557	-
<i>Net cash generated from /(used in) financing activities</i>	2,003	(4,101)
NET CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(5,046)	(1,328)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF FINANCIAL YEAR	5,127	6,455
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR	81	5,127
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS COMPRISE THE FOLLOWING:		
Cash and bank balances	2,285	6,115
Fixed Deposit placed with licensed banks	3	4
Bank overdraft	(2,204)	(988)
Fixed deposit pledged	(3)	(4)
	81	5,127

5(The Condensed Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows should be read conjunction with the Annual Financial Report for the year ended 31st December 2022)

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Notes to the Interim Financial Statement - 30 September 2023

1 Statement of compliance

The interim financial report is unaudited and has been prepared in compliance with Malaysian Financial Reporting Standard ("MFRS") 134 *Interim Financial Reporting*, issued by the Malaysian Accounting Standards Board and Paragraph 9.22 of the Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad's ("Bursa Securities") Main Market Listing Requirements.

2 Accounting policies and basis of preparation

The interim financial report should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements of the Group for the financial year ended 31 December 2022. The accounting policies and methods of computation adopted by the Group in this interim financial report are consistent with those adopted in the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022.

The accounting policies are consistent with the recent audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022.

3 Auditors' report on preceding annual financial statements

The auditors' report on the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022 was not qualified.

4 Seasonal or cyclical factors

The business of the Group was not affected by any significant seasonal or cyclical factors in the current quarter.

5 Unusual items affecting the assets, liabilities, equity, net income, or cash flows

There were no unusual items affecting the assets, liabilities, equity, net income or cash flow of the Group for the current quarter and financial year-to-date.

6 Material changes in estimates

There were no changes in estimates that have had material effect in the current results.

7 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 for the current financial year-to-date.

8 Dividend paid

No dividend was paid out during the current quarter under review.

9 Segmental reporting

Segmental information for the Group is presented as follows:

	Financial Year ended 30 September 2023					
	Plantation	Construction & Property Development	Investment	Trading	Adjustments & eliminations	Consolidated
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000		RM'000
Segment Revenue	10,494	-	617	-	-	11,111
External revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-
Inter-segment revenue	-	-	617	-	-	11,111
Total revenue	10,494	-	617	-	-	11,111
Segment Results						
Operating results	4,313	(2,109)	(124)	(49)	-	2,031
Depreciation and bearer plant write off	(4,477)	(82)	(21)	(10)	-	(4,590)
Bearer plant written off due to replanting	-	-	-	-	-	-
Share of results of associate company	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interest Income	(270)	-	(200)	-	-	(470)
Finance cost	(434)	(2,191)	(345)	(59)	-	(3,029)
Profit/(loss) before tax	(992)	-	5	-	-	(987)
Tax (expense)/income	(1,426)	(2,191)	(340)	(59)	-	(4,016)

	Financial Year ended 30 September 2022					
	Plantation	Construction & Property Development	Investment	Trading	Adjustments & eliminations	Consolidated
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000		RM'000
Segment Revenue	16,015	11	555	97	-	16,678
External revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-
Inter-segment revenue	-	11	555	97	-	16,678
Total revenue	16,015	11	555	97	-	16,678
Segment Results						
Operating results	7,609	(1,939)	(109)	(72)	-	5,489
Depreciation and bearer plant write off	(4,723)	(119)	(21)	(2)	-	(4,865)
Bearer plant written off due to replanting	-	-	-	-	-	-
Share of results of associate company	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interest Income	(43)	-	(201)	-	-	(244)
Finance cost	2,843	(2,058)	(331)	(74)	-	380
Profit/(loss) before tax	(1,906)	-	1	-	-	(1,905)
Tax (expense)/income	937	(2,058)	(330)	(74)	-	(1,525)

The Group principally operates within Malaysia.

10 Valuation of Property, Plant & Equipment

There were no material changes to the valuation of property, plant & equipment brought forward from the previous annual financial statements.

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

There were no material subsequent events to the end of the current quarter.

12 Changes in the composition of the Group

There were no changes in the composition of the Group for the current quarter and year-to-date.

13 Contingent liabilities or assets

There were no material contingent liabilities or contingent assets as at the date of this report.

14 Review of performance

The Group recorded a pre-tax loss of RM3.0 million on a revenue of RM11.1 million for the 9 months under review compared to the pre-tax gain of RM0.4 million on revenue of RM16.7 million for the corresponding period in 2022.

The revenue of the plantation segment had decreased by 34.5% to RM10.5 million during the 9 months under review compared to the previous financial period. The Fresh Fruit Bunches ("FFB") harvested for the period under review had decreased by 2.3% to 12,988 MT (2022: 13,291 MT). The average CPO prices realised during the period under review had decreased by 28.39% to RM 3,867 MT (2022: 5,400 M/T). The planted acreage, FFB production and yield of the Group's estates during the financial year were as follows:-

Table of FFB production and yield

Estate	Planted area as at 30.09.2023		Total (ha)	FFB production (m/t)		Yield (m/t / ha)	
	Immature (ha)	Mature (ha)		year ended 30.09.2023	year ended 30.09.2022	year ended 30.09.2023	year ended 30.09.2022
Bukit Kuin	0	792	792	6,964	8,639	8.8	10.9
Kertau	1,040	573	1,613	2,784	2,486	4.9	4.3
Sungai Pejing	735	400	1,135	3,240	2,166	8.1	5.4
Buildings, roads and others	1,775	1,765	3,540				
Total area (hectares)			553				
Total FFB production (m/t)			4,093	12,988	13,291		

In the construction segment, the Group had not been successful to secure new construction projects during the period under review.

15 Comparison with the immediate preceding quarter's results

There were no material changes to the losses before tax for the current quarter of RM 1.4 million compared to the immediate preceding quarter loss of RM 1.2 million.

16 Commentary on prospects

For the rest of 2023, the prices of CPO will remain soften and stay firm at RM3,500 to RM4,000 per tonne. However, in 2024, we expect CPO prices to range higher from current levels to RM4,000-RM4,500 per tonne, once the impact of El Nino starts to affect productivity in the second half of 2024.

17 Profit forecast

Not applicable as there was no profit forecast published.

18 Taxation

	<u>Individual Quarter ended</u>		<u>Cumulative Quarter ended</u>	
	30.09.2023	30.09.2022	30.09.2023	30.09.2022
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
Current Taxation	(244)	(388)	(987)	(1,905)
Over provision of tax in prior year	(244)	(388)	(987)	(1,905)
Deferred tax	-	-	-	-
Over provision of deferred tax in prior year	(244)	(388)	(987)	(1,905)
Tax income/(expense)				

The provision for income tax for the Group is mainly due to the chargeable income of the plantation segment. The tax charge is higher than the statutory rate owing to certain expenses not claimable for tax purposes.

19 Unquoted investments and properties

There were no disposals of unquoted investments or properties during the current quarter.

20 Purchase or disposal of quoted securities

a. Sale proceeds and purchase consideration

There were no disposal and purchase of quoted investments or properties for the current quarter and financial year-to-date.

b. Investment in quoted securities as at end of the reporting period

There were no quoted securities held as at end of the current quarter and year-to-date.

21 Status of uncompleted corporate proposals

There were no uncompleted corporate proposals as of the date of this report.

22 Borrowings and debts securities

The Group's borrowings and debts securities were as follows:

	As at 30.09.2023 RM'000	As at 31.12.2022 RM'000
Short term bank borrowings	1,200	2,189
Long term bank borrowings	11,422	7,894
	<u>12,622</u>	<u>10,083</u>

The above bank borrowings are secured by the properties of the subsidiary companies and the corporate guarantee of the Company.

23 Off balance sheet financial instruments

During the quarter under review, the Group did not enter into any contracts involving off balance sheet financial instruments.

24 Material Litigation

There were no pending material litigation claims against the Group as at end of this quarter.

25 Dividend Payable

No dividend has been proposed for the financial quarter under review.

26 Earnings per share

	Individual Quarter ended		Cumulative Quarter ended	
	30.09.2023	30.09.2022	30.09.2023	30.08.2022
Profit / (loss) attributable to ordinary equity holders of the parent (RM'000)	(1,326)	(1,288)	(3,517)	(1,853)
Weighted average number of ordinary share in issue ('000)	659,984	659,984	659,984	659,984
Basic earning / (loss) per share (sen)	(0.20)	(0.20)	(0.53)	(0.28)

There is no diluted earning per share as the Group has no dilutive potential ordinary share.

27 Additional notes to the Statement of Comprehensive Income

	Individual Quarter ended		Cumulative Quarter ended	
	30.09.2023 RM'000	30.09.2022 RM'000	30.09.2023 RM'000	30.09.2022 RM'000
Profit before tax is arrived at after charging / (crediting):				
Interest income	0	0	0	0
Interest expense	227	70	470	244
Depreciation and amortization	1,538	1,616	4,590	4,865

28 Capital Commitment not provided for in the Financial Statements

As at 30.9.2023, the oil palm replanting cost contracted but not yet provided for in the financial statements amounted to RM1,640,320.00 (2022: RM21,000).

This announcement is dated 27 November 2023.