A. INFORMATION REQUIRED BY MFRS 134

1. Basis of Preparation

The condensed consolidated interim financial statements are unaudited and have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of MFRS 134, Interim Financial Reporting and Paragraph 9.22 of the Main Market Listing Requirements of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad ("Bursa Malaysia"). These condensed consolidated interim financial statements also comply with IAS 34, Interim Financial Reporting issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ('IASB").

The interim financial statements should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 March 2023. These explanatory notes attached to the interim financial statements provide an explanation of events and transactions that are significant to an understanding of the changes in the financial position and performance of the Group since the financial year ended 31 March 2023.

2. Changes in Accounting Policies

The significant accounting policies and the methods adopted for the unaudited condensed financial statements are consistent with those adopted for the audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 March 2023, except for the adoption of the following Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards (MFRS), Amendments to MFRS and IC Interpretation for the financial periods beginning on or after 1 April 2023.

- Amendments to MFRS 112 : Income Taxes International Tax Reform Pillar Two Model Rules
- MFRS 17 : Insurance Contracts
- Amendments to MFRS 17 : Insurance Contracts
- Amendments to MFRS 17 : Initial Application of MFRS 17 and MFRS 9 Comparative Information
- Amendments to MFRS 101 : Disclosure of Accounting Policies
- Amendments to MFRS 108 : Definition of Accounting Estimates
- Amendments to MFRS 112 : Income Taxes Deferred Tax related to Assets and Liabilities arising from a Single Transaction

At the date of authorisation of the interim financial statements, the following MFRSs, Amendments to MFRSs and IC Interpretation were issued but not yet effective and have not been applied by the Group:

- Amendments to MFRS 121 : Lack of Exchangeability
- Amendments to MFRS 107 and MFRS 7 : Supplier Finance Arrangements
- Amendments to MFRS 101 : Non-current Liabilities with Covenants
- Amendments to MFRS 101 : Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current
- Amendments to MFRS 16 Leases : Lease Liability in a Sale and Leaseback
- Amendments to MFRS 10 and MFRS 128 : Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate of Joint Venture

3. Seasonal or Cyclical Factors

The business operations of the Group are not materially affected by any seasonal or cyclical factors.

4. Exceptional / Extraordinary Items

There were no exceptional / extraordinary items for the financial period under review.

5. Changes in Estimates

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

6. Debts and Equity Securities

There was no issuance, cancellation, repurchase, resale and repayment of debts and equity securities for the current financial quarter.

7. Dividend Paid

An interim single tier dividend of 0.50 sen per share, amounting to RM1,200,000 for the financial year ended 31 March 2023 was approved during the 97th Board of Directors Meeting held on 23 May 2023 and was paid on 30 June 2023.

An interim single tier dividend of 1.0 sen per share, amounting to RM2,400,000 for the financial year ending 31 March 2024 was approved during the 98th Board of Directors Meeting held on 23 August 2023 and was paid on 5 October 2023.

An interim single tier dividend of 1.5 sen per share, amounting to RM3,600,000 for the financial year ending 31 March 2024 was approved during the 99th Board of Directors Meeting held on 23 November 2023 and was paid on 8 January 2024.

8. Segment Information

Management has determined the operating segments based on the reports used to make strategic decisions.

For management purposes, the Group is organised into business units based on their products and services, and has three reportable operating segments as follows:

- i. Manufacturing and marketing of snack food and confectioneries
- ii. Property development
- iii. Investment holding

As the activities of the Group are carried out in Malaysia, segmental reporting by geographical location is not presented.

8. Segment information (continued)

31 December 2023	Manufacturing and marketing of snack food and confectioneries RM'000	Property development RM'000	Investment holding RM'000	Adjustments and eliminations RM'000	Notes	Per condensed consolidated financial statements RM'000
Revenue:						
External customers	322,061	-	-	-		322,061
Inter-segment	-	-	7,773	(7,773)	А	-
Total revenue	322,061	-	7,773	(7,773)		322,061
Results:						
Interest income	168	-	-	-		168
Depreciation of:						
- Property, plant and equipment	9,600	50	-	-		9,650
- Right-of-use assets	764	-	-	-		764
- Investment properties	7	63	-	-		70
Other non-cash expenses Segment profit/(loss)	1,425 37,820	- 221	(547)	-	B C	1,425 37,494
Assets:						
Additions to non-current assets	5,255	-	-	-	D	5,255
Segment assets	310,809	7,067	3,673		Е	321,549
Segment liabilities	64,108	143	3,929	-	F	68,180

8. Segment information (continued)

31 December 2022	Manufacturing and marketing of snack food and confectioneries RM'000	Property development RM'000	Investment holding RM'000	Adjustments and eliminations RM'000	Notes	Per condensed consolidated financial statements RM'000
Revenue:						
External customers	276,153	-	-	-		276,153
Inter-segment		-	7,114	(7,114)	А	
Total revenue	276,153	-	7,114	(7,114)		276,153
Results:						
Interest income	49	-	-	-		49
Depreciation of:						
- Property, plant and equipment	9,488	50	-	-		9,538
- Right-of-use assets	721	-	-	-		721
- Investment properties	7	63	-	-	5	70
Other non-cash expenses	1,571	-	-	-	В	1,571
Segment profit/(loss)	20,591	233	(478)		С	20,346
Assets:						
Additions to non-current assets	7,116	-	-	-	D	7,116
Segment assets	286,384	5,558	2,573	<u> </u>	Е	294,515
Segment liabilities	61,003	153	2,676	-	F	63,832

8. Segment Information (continued)

- A Inter-segment revenues are eliminated on consolidation.
- B Other non-cash expense/(incomes) consist of the following items as presented in the respective notes to the financial statements:

	31.12.2023	31.12.2022
	RM'000	RM'000
Unrealised foreign exchange loss	706	1,430
Inventories written down / (reversal)	(803)	91
Impairment loss for trade receivables	1,522	53
Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment	-	(3)
	1,425	1,571

C The following items are added to/(deducted from) segment profit to arrive at total consolidated profit before tax:

	31.12.2023 RM'000	31.12.2022 RM'000
Dividend income from inter-segment Unallocated corporate expenses	7,773 (547)	7,114 (478)
	7,226	6,636

- D Additions to non-current assets consist of property, plant and equipment.
- E Inter-segment assets are deducted from segment assets to arrive at total assets reported in the condensed consolidated statement of financial position.
- F Inter-segment liabilities are deducted from segment liabilities to arrive at total liabilities reported in the condensed consolidated statement of financial position.

Revenue information based on the geographical location of customers is as follows:

	Revenues				
	01.04.2023 - 31.1	01.04.2023 - 31.12.2023		- 31.12.2022	12.2022
	RM'000	%	RM'000	%	
Malaysia	111,046	34%	114,512	42%	
Asia	166,517	52%	122,009	44%	
Others	44,498	14%	39,632	14%	
Total reported segments	322,061	100%	276,153	100%	

The Group has one customer that contributed more than 10% of the Group's revenue.

9. Significant Related Party Disclosures

The significant related party transactions and outstanding balance described below were carried out in the ordinary course of business and on commercial terms that are no more favourable than that available to other third parties.

	Transactions for the 9 months period ended 31.12.2023 RM'000	Outstanding balance as at 31.12.2023 RM'000
Sale of goods to Syarikat Perniagaan Chong Mah Sdn. Bhd.	962	92

Syarikat Perniagaan Chong Mah Sdn Bhd, a company incorporated in Malaysia, is a substantial shareholder of the Company. The transactions with this related party are conducted in accordance with the general mandate obtained from shareholders for recurrent related party transactions.

10. Material Events Subsequent to the End of the Reporting Period

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

11. Changes in the Composition of the Group

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

12. Contingent Liabilities

There were no contingent liabilities of a material nature to be disclosed.

13. Capital Commitments

	As at 31.12.2023 RM'000
Authorised, contracted but not provided for:-	
- purchase of property, plant and equipment	1,658
	1,658

B. Additional information required by Bursa Malaysia Listing Requirements

1. *Review of Performance*

		lual Period Quarter)	Changes	Cumulative Period		Changes	
	Current Quarter	Preceding Year Corresponding Quarter	(%)	Current Period To- Date	Preceding Year Corresponding Period	(%)	
	31/12/2023 RM'000	31/12/2022 RM'000		31/12/2023 RM'000	31/12/2022 RM'000		
Revenue	115,798	96,923	19.47	322,061	276,153	16.62	
Operating Profit	15,435	7,281	111.99	37,609	20,480	83.64	
Profit Before Interest and Tax	15,435	7,281	111.99	37,609	20,480	83.64	
Profit Before Tax	15,399	7,246	112.52	37,494	20,346	84.28	
Profit After Tax	12,124	4,514	168.59	29,040	16,118	80.17	
Profit Attributable to Ordinary Equity Holders of the Parent	12,124	4,514	168.59	29,040	16,118	80.17	

The revenue for the current period to date is higher by 16.62% as compared to the preceding year corresponding period due to higher sales from export market.

Profit before tax for the current period to date is higher by 84.28% mainly due to higher sales and higher gross profit margin at 20.46% as compared to preceding year corresponding period at 15.28%.

2. Material Changes in the Quarterly Results Compared to the Results of the Preceding Quarter

	Current Quarter 31/12/2023 RM'000	Immediate Preceding Quarter 30/09/2023 RM'000	Changes (%)
Revenue	115,798	110,573	4.73
Operating Profit	15,435	14,611	5.64
Profit Before Interest and Tax	15,435	14,611	5.64
Profit Before Tax	15,399	14,573	5.67
Profit After Tax	12,124	10,869	11.55
Profit Attributable to Ordinary Equity Holders of the Parent	12,124	10,869	11.55

The increase in revenue for the current quarter as compared to the preceding quarter was contributed by the increase in local and export sales.

The higher profit before tax for the current quarter is due to higher sales as compared to the immediate preceding quarter.

3. Group's Prospects

The Group is still optimistic on the long term growth for the demand of its product locally owing to the underlying strength in domestic demand. The export sales meanwhile recorded an increase of 30.55% as compared to the previous corresponding period. The business environment is still expected to be challenging due to the economic uncertainties aggravated by the on-going war. However, the Group expected the impact to be mitigated by the various policies implemented by the Government.

The Board expects that the performance of the Group will be satisfactory and remain positive for the financial year ending 31 March 2024, despite facing various challenges from the competitive and uncertain markets.

4. Board of Directors' Opinion on Revenue or Profit Estimate, Forecast, Projection or Internal Targets

The Group does not announce or disclose any revenue or profit estimate, forecast, projection or internal targets in a public document.

5. Variance of Actual Profit from Profit Forecast

The disclosure requirements for explanatory notes for the variance of actual profit after tax and non-controlling interest and forecasted profit after tax and non-controlling interest and for the shortfall in profit guarantee are not applicable.

6. Taxation

	Current Quarter	Preceding Year Corresponding Quarter	Current Period To Date	Preceding Year Corresponding Period To Date
	31.12.2023	31.12.2022	31.12.2023	31.12.2022
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
Income taxation in Malaysia				
- current year	3,489	2,494	9,829	5,438
- Over provision in prior year	(137)	(137)	(137)	(137)
Deferred taxation				
 origination and reversal of 	90	813	(1,071)	(635)
temporary differences - Over provision in prior year	(167)	(438)	(167)	(438)
	3,275	2,732	8,454	4,228
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The Group's effective tax rate for the current quarter was lower than the statutory tax rate mainly due to the tax incentives granted to a major subsidiary and expenses eligible for double deduction.

7. Profits on Sale of Unquoted Investments and / or Properties

There was no sale of unquoted investments and / or properties for the current quarter.

8. Purchases or Disposals of Quoted Securities

There were no purchase and sale of quoted securities for the current quarter.

9. Status of Corporate Proposals

There was no corporate proposal announced but not completed as at the date of this quarterly report.

10. *Group Borrowings*

	As at 31.12.2023 RM'000	As at 31.12.2022 RM'000
<u>Borrowings – current</u> Term loan - <i>secured</i>	1,218	1,183
<u>Borrowings – non-current</u> Term loan - s <i>ecured</i>	<u>1,504</u> 2,722 =====	<u>2,710</u> 3,893 =====

The borrowings are denominated in Ringgit Malaysia and are based on floating interest rates.

11. Derivatives

There were no forward foreign exchange contracts outstanding as at 31 December 2023.

12. Gain/Loss Arising from Fair Value Changes of Financial Liabilities

There was no gain or loss arising from fair value changes of the financial liabilities for the current quarter and current period to date ended 31 December 2023.

13. Material Litigation

There was no material litigation pending since the date of last announcement till the date of this interim report.

14. Dividend

- (a) An interim single tier dividend for the financial year ending 31 March 2024, amounting to RM4,800,000 computed based on 240,000,000 ordinary shares as at 31 December 2023, has been declared by the Board of Directors on 28 February 2024:
 - (i) Amount per share : Single tier dividend of 2.0 sen per share
 - (ii) The previous corresponding period as at 31 December 2022 : 1.0 sen per share
 - (iii) Entitlement date : 15 March 2024

- (iv) Payment Date : 15 April 2024
- (b) The total dividend declared for the current financial year ending 31 March 2024 : 4.5 sen per share

15. Earnings per Share

	Current Quarter 31.12.2023	Preceding Year Corresponding Quarter 31.12.2022	Current Period To Date 31.12.2023	Preceding Year Corresponding Period To Date 31.12.2022
Profit net of tax attributable to owners of the parent (RM'000)	12,124	4,514	29,040	16,118
Number of ordinary shares in issue ('000)	240,000	240,000	240,000	240,000
Basic earnings per share (sen)	5.05	1.88	12.10	6.72

16. Audit Report

The audited report of the preceding annual financial statements did not contain any qualification.

17. *Profit before Tax*

Profit before tax is arrived at after charging/(crediting):

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	Current Quarter	Current Period To Date
	31.12.2023 RM'000	31.12.2023 RM'000
Interest income	(89)	(168)
Rental income	(166)	(487)
Fair value gain on money market	(1)	(2)
Miscellaneous income	(395)	(843)
Interest expense	36	115
Property, plant and equipment		
- depreciation	3,305	9,650
- gain on disposal	2	-
Rights-of-use assets		
- depreciation	242	764
Investment properties		
- depreciation	23	70
Foreign exchange loss /(gain)		
- realised	378	(1,728)
- unrealised	1,469	706
Inventories written off /(reversal)	139	(803)
Impairment loss for trade receivables	(1,061)	1,522
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Employees benefits expense	14,936	41,901
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Other than the above items, there were no provision for and write off of receivables, impairment of assets and exceptional items for the current quarter and current financial period to date ended 31 December 2023.

For and on behalf of ORIENTAL FOOD INDUSTRIES HOLDINGS BERHAD

Datuk Seri Son Chen Chuan Group Managing Director

Dated: 28 February 2024