

**NICHE CAPITAL EMAS HOLDINGS BERHAD (527272-V)**  
**INTERIM REPORT FOR THE SECOND QUARTER ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017**  
**Condensed Consolidated Income Statement (Unaudited)**

|  | Individual Quarter   |                                      | Cumulative Quarter   |                                     |
|--|----------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------|
|  | Current Year Quarter | Preceding Year Corresponding Quarter | Current Year-To-Date | Preceding Year Corresponding Period |
|  | 31/12/2017<br>RM'000 | 31/12/2016<br>RM'000                 | 31/12/2017<br>RM'000 | 31/12/2016<br>RM'000                |
| Revenue                                  | 5,001                | 3,191                                | 7,226                | 9,388                               |
| Cost of goods sold                       | (3,581)              | (2,609)                              | (4,699)              | (4,765)                             |
| Gross profit / (loss)                    | 1,420                | 582                                  | 2,527                | 4,623                               |
| Administrative expenses                  | (878)                | (1,399)                              | (1,487)              | (2,750)                             |
| Other expenses                           | (2,580)              | (1)                                  | (3,577)              | (1)                                 |
| Other income                             | -                    | (155)                                | -                    | 50                                  |
| Operating profit / (loss)                | (2,038)              | (973)                                | (2,537)              | 1,922                               |
| Finance cost                             | -                    | (11)                                 | (1)                  | (23)                                |
| Profit/(Loss) before tax                 | (2,038)              | (984)                                | (2,538)              | 1,899                               |
| Taxation                                 | -                    | -                                    | -                    | -                                   |
| Profit/(Loss) for the period             | (2,038)              | (984)                                | (2,538)              | 1,899                               |
| Profit/(Loss) after tax attributable to: |                      |                                      |                      |                                     |
| - Equity holders of the Company          | (2,038)              | (621)                                | (2,538)              | 2,537                               |
| - Non-Controlling Interest               | -                    | (363)                                | -                    | (638)                               |
|  | (2,038)              | (984)                                | (2,538)              | 1,899                               |
| Earnings per share (sen)                 |                      |                                      |                      |                                     |
| - basic                                  | (0.61)               | (0.21)                               | (0.76)               | 0.84                                |
| - diluted                                | (0.61)               | (0.21)                               | (0.76)               | 0.84                                |

*The Condensed Consolidated Income Statements should be read in conjunction with the Group's audited Financial Statements for the financial year ended 30 June 2017. The accompanying notes form an integral part of this Income Statement.*

**NICHE CAPITAL EMAS HOLDINGS BERHAD (527272-V)**  
**INTERIM REPORT FOR THE SECOND QUARTER ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017**  
**Condensed Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income (Unaudited)**

|   | Individual Quarter         |   | Cumulative Quarter      |  |
|---|----------------------------|---|-------------------------|--|
|   | Current<br>Year<br>Quarter | Preceding<br>Year<br>Corresponding<br>Quarter | Current<br>Year-To-Date | Preceding<br>Year<br>Corresponding<br>Period |
|   | 31/12/2017                 | 31/12/2016                                    | 31/12/2017              | 31/12/2016                                   |
|   | RM'000                     | RM'000  | RM'000                  | RM'000                                       |
| Profit / (Loss) for the period                      | (2,038)                    | (984)   | (2,538)                 | 1,899  |
| Other comprehensive income:                         |                            |   |                         |  |
| Currency translation differences                    | (421)                      | 1,253   | (621)                   | 1,441  |
| Total comprehensive income/ (loss) for the period   | <u>(2,459)</u>             | <u>269</u>                                    | <u>(3,159)</u>          | <u>3,340</u>                                 |
| Total comprehensive income/ (loss) attributable to: |                            |   |                         |  |
| Equity holders of the Company                       | (2,459)                    | 483   | (3,159)                 | 3,739  |
| Non-Controlling interest                            | -                          | (214)   | -                       | (399)  |
|   | <u>(2,459)</u>             | <u>269</u>                                    | <u>(3,159)</u>          | <u>3,340</u>                                 |

**NICHE CAPITAL EMAS HOLDINGS BERHAD (527272-V)**  
**INTERIM REPORT FOR THE SECOND QUARTER ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017**  
**Condensed Consolidated Statement of Financial Position**

|   | Unaudited<br>As at<br>31/12/2017<br>RM'000 | Audited<br>As at<br>30/6/2017<br>RM'000 |
|---|--|---|
| <b>Non-Current Assets</b>                                     |  |   |
| Property, Plant & Equipment                                   | 47   | 46                                      |
| <b>Current Assets</b>   |  |   |
| Inventories   | 64,541                                     | 73,301                                  |
| Trade Receivables   | 4,800                                      | 1,600                                   |
| Other Receivables, Deposits and Prepayments                   | 9,739                                      | 9,393                                   |
| Cash & Cash Equivalents                                       | 704  | 1,166                                   |
| <b>Total Current Assets</b>                                   | <u>79,784</u>                              | <u>85,460</u>                           |
| <b>Total Assets</b>   | <u><b>79,831</b></u>                       | <u><b>85,506</b></u>                    |
| <b>Equity</b>   |  |   |
| Share Capital   | 32,850                                     | 32,850                                  |
| Reserves  |  |   |
| Share Premium   | 8,254                                      | 8,254                                   |
| Exchange Fluctuation Reserve                                  | (270)                                      | 351                                     |
| Warrants Reserve  | -  | 1,225                                   |
| Accumulated Losses  | (24,519)                                   | (23,206)                                |
| <b>Equity attributable to the shareholders of the Company</b> | <u>16,315</u>                              | <u>19,474</u>                           |
| <b>Total Equity</b>   | <u>16,315</u>                              | <u>19,474</u>                           |
| <b>Non-Current Liability</b>                                  |  |   |
| Deferred Taxation   | 4  | 4                                       |
| <b>Total Non-Current Liability</b>                            | <u>4</u>                                   | <u>4</u>                                |
| <b>Current Liabilities</b>                                    |  |   |
| Trade Payables  | 59,515                                     | 62,337                                  |
| Other Payables & Accruals                                     | 3,633                                      | 3,260                                   |
| Provision for taxation  | 284  | 322                                     |
| Finance Lease Liability                                       | 80   | 109                                     |
| <b>Total Current Liabilities</b>                              | <u>63,512</u>                              | <u>66,028</u>                           |
| <b>Total Equity and Liabilities</b>                           | <u><b>79,831</b></u>                       | <u><b>85,506</b></u>                    |
| <b>Net Assets per Share (RM)</b>                              | <b>0.05</b>                                | <b>0.06</b>                             |

*The Condensed Consolidated Statement of Financial Position should be read in conjunction with the Group's audited Financial Statements for the financial year ended 30 June 2017. The accompanying notes form an integral part of this Statement of Financial Position.*

**NICHE CAPITAL EMAS HOLDINGS BERHAD (527272-V)**  
**INTERIM REPORT FOR THE SECOND QUARTER ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017**  
**Condensed Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity (Unaudited)**

|  | Attributable to shareholders of the Company |               |                  |                              |   | Total Equity  |
|--|---|---------------|------------------|------------------------------|---|---------------|
|  | Non-Distributable                           |               |                  | Distributable                | Retained Earnings /<br>(Accumulated Losses) |               |
|  | Share Capital                               | Share Premium | Warrants Reserve | Exchange Fluctuation Reserve |   |               |
| RM'000   | RM'000                                      | RM'000        | RM'000           | RM'000                       | RM'000                                      |               |
| Balance as at 1/7/2017                             | 32,850                                      | 8,254         | 1,225            | 351                          | (23,206)                                    | 19,474        |
| Profit / (Loss) for the period                     | -   | -             | -                | -                            | (2,538)                                     | (2,538)       |
| Other Comprehensive Income / (Loss)                | -   | -             | -                | (621)                        | -   | (621)         |
| Total Comprehensive Income / (Loss) for the period | -   | -             | -                | (621)                        | (2,538)                                     | (3,159)       |
| <b>Transactions with owners</b>                    |   |               |                  |                              |   |               |
| Warrants Expired                                   | -   | -             | (1,225)          | -                            | 1,225                                       | -             |
| <b>Balance as at 31/12/2017</b>                    | <b>32,850</b>                               | <b>8,254</b>  | <b>-</b>         | <b>(270)</b>                 | <b>(24,519)</b>                             | <b>16,315</b> |

**NICHE CAPITAL EMAS HOLDINGS BERHAD (527272-V)**  
**INTERIM REPORT FOR THE SECOND QUARTER ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017**  
**Condensed Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity (Continued)**

|  | Attributable to shareholders of the Company |               |                  |                              |  | Total         | Non-Controlling Interest | Total Equity  |
|--|---|---------------|------------------|------------------------------|--|---------------|--------------------------|---------------|
|  | Non-Distributable                           |               |                  | Distributable                |  |               |                          |               |
|  | Share Capital                               | Share Premium | Warrants Reserve | Exchange Fluctuation Reserve | Retained Earnings / (Accumulated Losses) |               |                          |               |
| RM'000   | RM'000                                      | RM'000        | RM'000           | RM'000                       | RM'000                                   | RM'000        | RM'000                   |               |
| Balance as at 1/7/2016                             | 30,276                                      | 8,301         | 1,225            | 829                          | (20,568)                                 | 20,063        | (5,103)                  | 14,960        |
| Profit / (Loss) for the period                     | -   | -             | -                | -                            | (2,638)                                  | (2,638)       | (1,129)                  | (3,767)       |
| Other Comprehensive Income / (Loss)                | -   | -             | -                | (478)                        | -  | (478)         | -                        | (478)         |
| Total Comprehensive Income / (Loss) for the period | -   | -             | -                | (478)                        | (2,638)                                  | (3,116)       | (1,129)                  | (4,245)       |
| <b>Transactions with owners</b>                    |   |               |                  |                              |  |               |                          |               |
| Issue of Ordinary Shares                           | 2,574                                       | -             | -                | -                            | -  | 2,574         | -                        | 2,574         |
| Share Issuance Expenses                            | -   | (47)          | -                | -                            | -  | (47)          | -                        | (47)          |
| Disposal of subsidiary company                     | -   | -             | -                | -                            | -  | -             | 6,232                    | 6,232         |
| <b>Balance as at 30/6/2017</b>                     | <b>32,850</b>                               | <b>8,254</b>  | <b>1,225</b>     | <b>351</b>                   | <b>(23,206)</b>                          | <b>19,474</b> | <b>-</b>                 | <b>19,474</b> |

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**NICHE CAPITAL EMAS HOLDINGS BERHAD (527272-V)**  
**INTERIM REPORT FOR THE SECOND QUARTER ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017**  
**Condensed Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows (Unaudited)**

|   | <i>Unaudited</i><br>1/7/2017<br>to<br>31/12/2017<br>RM'000 | <i>Unaudited</i><br>1/7/2016<br>to<br>31/12/2016<br>RM'000 |
|---|--|--|
| <b>CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>                              |  |  |
| Profit / (Loss) Before Tax  | (2,538)  | 1,899  |
| Adjustments for: -  |  |  |
| Depreciation  | 4  | 121  |
| Inventory written down  | -  | 19   |
| Unrealised loss/(gain) on foreign exchange                              | 3,577  | (50)   |
| Fixed asset written off   | -  | 59   |
| Reversal of inventories written down                                    | -  | (21)   |
| Interest expenses   | 1  | 23   |
| Operating profit / (loss) before working capital changes                | 1,044  | 2,050  |
| Changes in working capital  |  |  |
| Inventories   | 4,541  | (6,756)  |
| Trade and other receivables   | (3,639)  | 3,500  |
| Trade and other payables  | (2,530)  | 727  |
| Cash generated from / (used in) operating activities                    | (584)  | (479)  |
| Interest paid   | (1)  | (23)   |
| Tax refund/(paid)   | (25)   | -  |
| Net cash generated from / (used in) operating activities                | (610)  | (502)  |
| <b>CASH FLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>                              |  |  |
| Purchase of property, plant and equipment                               | (5)  | (5)  |
| Net cash generated from / (used in) investing activities                | (5)  | (5)  |
| <b>CASH FLOW FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>                              |  |  |
| Payment of lease liability  | (30)   | (34)   |
| Advance from director   | 183  | 111  |
| Net cash generated from / (used in) financing activities                | 153  | 77   |
| Exchange difference in Translation                                      | -  | 19   |
| Net increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents                  | (462)  | (411)  |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial period/year | 1,166  | 682  |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial period/year       | 704  | 271  |
| Cash and cash equivalents comprise:                                     |  |  |
| Short term investment in cash fund of financial institutions            | 4  | 4  |
| Cash and bank balances  | 700  | 267  |
|   | 704  | 271  |

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**NICHE CAPITAL EMAS HOLDINGS BERHAD (527272-V)**  
**INTERIM REPORT FOR THE SECOND QUARTER ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017**

**A. Explanatory Notes Pursuant to Financial Reporting Standard (MFRS 134)**

**1. Accounting Policies**

**Basis of Preparation**

This interim financial report is unaudited and has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of MFRS 134: Interim Financial Reporting and paragraph 9.22 of the Listing Requirement of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad.

The interim financial statements should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements for the financial year ended 30 June 2017 and the accompanying explanatory notes attached to the interim financial statements.

**Changes in Accounting Policies**

The accounting policies and methods of the computation adopted by the Group in this interim financial report are consistent with those adopted in the audited financial statements for the financial year ended 30 June 2017. At the date of authorisation of the Interim Report, the following Standards were issued but not yet effective and have not been adopted by the Group:

|                                    |   | Effective dates for<br>financial periods beginning<br>on or after |
|------------------------------------|---|---|
| Amendments to MFRS 1               |   | 1 January 2018  |
| Amendments to MFRS 128             |   | 1 January 2018  |
| MFRS 9                             | Financial Instruments (IFRS 9 as issued by IASB in July 2014)                         | 1 January 2018  |
| MFRS 15                            | Revenue from Contracts with Customers   | 1 January 2018  |
| Amendments to MFRS 2               | Classification and Measurement of Share-based Payment Transactions                    | 1 January 2018  |
| Amendments to MFRS 15              | Clarifications to MFRS 15   | 1 January 2018  |
| Amendments to MFRS 140             | Transfers of Investment Property  | 1 January 2018  |
| Amendments to MFRS 4               | Applying MFRS 9 Financial Instruments with MFRS 4 Insurance Contracts                 | 1 January 2018*   |
| IC Interpretation 22               | Foreign Currency Transactions and Advance Consideration                               | 1 January 2018  |
| MFRS 16                            | Leases  | 1 January 2019  |
| Amendments to MFRS 10 and MFRS 128 | Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture | Deferred until further notice                                     |

\* Entities that meet the specific criteria in MFRS 4, paragraph 20B, may choose to defer the application of MFRS 9 until that earlier of the application of the forthcoming insurance contracts standard or annual periods beginning before 1 January 2021.

## **2. Audit Report of Preceding Annual Financial Statements**

The audited financial statements of the Group for the financial year ended 30 June 2017 were not subject to any audit qualification.

## **3. Seasonal or Cyclical Factors**

Turnover of the Group is normally higher during the festive seasons.

## **4. Unusual Items Due to their Nature, Size or Incidence**

There were no items affecting assets, liabilities, equity, net income or cash flow for the current quarter and financial period-to-date that are unusual due to their nature, size or incidence.

## **5. Changes in Estimates**

There was no material change in estimates of amounts reported in prior interim periods of the current financial period or prior financial year.

## **6. Issuances and Repayment of Debt and Equity Securities**

There was no issuance and repayment of debt and equity securities, share buy-backs, share cancellations, shares held as treasury shares and resale of treasury shares for the current financial period under review except for the following:

- On 2 August 2017, the Company issued 250 ordinary shares at an issue price of RM0.16 each to a warrants holder.

## **7. Dividend Paid**

No dividend has been paid during the current quarter and financial period-to-date.



## 8. Segmental Information

|                                 | Malaysia     |              | HongKong / China |              | Group        |              |
|---------------------------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|                                 | Current      | Preceding    | Current          | Preceding    | Current      | Preceding    |
|                                 | Year-To-Date | Year-To-Date | Year-To-Date     | Year-To-Date | Year-To-Date | Year-To-Date |
|                                 | 31.12.2017   | 31.12.2016   | 31.12.2017       | 31.12.2016   | 31.12.2017   | 31.12.2016   |
|                                 | RM'000       | RM'000       | RM'000           | RM'000       | RM'000       | RM'000       |
| <b>Revenue</b>                  |              |              |                  |              |              |              |
| Total Revenue                   | -            | 4,717        | 7,226            | 4,671        | 7,226        | 9,388        |
| Inter-segment revenue           | -            | -            | -                | -            | -            | -            |
| <b>External Sales</b>           | -            | 4,717        | 7,226            | 4,671        | 7,226        | 9,388        |
| <b>Segment Result</b>           | (1,449)      | 2,859        | (1,084)          | (816)        | (2,533)      | 2,043        |
| Interest Income                 | -            | -            | -                | -            | -            | -            |
| Interest Expense                | (1)          | (3)          | -                | (20)         | (1)          | (23)         |
| Depreciation and amortisation   | (4)          | (4)          | -                | (117)        | (4)          | (121)        |
| <b>Profit/(loss) before tax</b> | (1,454)      | 2,852        | (1,084)          | (953)        | (2,538)      | 1,899        |
| Taxation                        | -            | -            | -                | -            | -            | -            |
| <b>Profit/(loss) after tax</b>  | (1,454)      | 2,852        | (1,084)          | (953)        | (2,538)      | 1,899        |
| <b>Assets</b>                   |              |              |                  |              |              |              |
| Segment Assets                  | 11,299       | 555          | 68,532           | 41,386       | 79,831       | 41,941       |
| Unallocated Assets              | -            | -            | -                | -            | -            | -            |
| <b>Total Assets</b>             | 11,299       | 555          | 68,532           | 41,386       | 79,831       | 41,941       |
| <b>Liabilities</b>              |              |              |                  |              |              |              |
| Segment Liabilities             | 3,754        | 2,955        | 59,762           | 20,685       | 63,516       | 23,640       |
| Unallocated Liabilities         | -            | -            | -                | -            | -            | -            |
| <b>Total Liabilities</b>        | 3,754        | 2,955        | 59,762           | 20,685       | 63,516       | 23,640       |

The segmental information is presented based on the geographical location of customers. No business segment analysis is considered necessary as the Group is primarily engaged in the trading and retailing of gold, gold jewellery, jadeite and ornaments.

## 9. Property, Plant and Equipment

There was no valuation of property, plant and equipment in the current quarter under review.

## 10. Material Subsequent Events

There was no material event subsequent to the current quarter under review.

## 11. Investment in Associate

|                             | 31.12.2017 | 30.6.2017 |
|-----------------------------|------------|-----------|
|                             | RM'000     | RM'000    |
| Unquoted shares, at cost    | 2          | 2         |
| Accumulated Impairment Loss | (2)        | (2)       |
|                             | <hr/>      | <hr/>     |
|                             | -          | -         |

## 12. Significant Related Party Transactions

There was no related party transaction in the financial period under review except the following:

|  | Transactions value for the period ended 31/12/2017<br>RM | Balance Outstanding as at 31/12/2017<br>RM |
|--|--|--|
| Advances from/(Repayment to) a director, namely Julian Foo Kuan Lin, for his advances <sup>(a)</sup> to the Company.   | 150,000  | 1,353,050                                  |
| Advances from/(Repayment to) a director, namely Julian Foo Kuan Lin, for his advances <sup>(a)</sup> to a subsidiary company, namely Niche Express Gold Sdn Bhd. | -  | 202,060                                    |
| Advances from/(Repayment to) a director, namely Julian Foo Kuan Lin, for his advances <sup>(a)</sup> to a subsidiary company, namely Niche Diamond Sdn Bhd.      | 36,100   | 36,100                                     |
| Advances from/(Repayment to) a director, namely Julian Foo Kuan Lin, for his advances <sup>(a)</sup> to a subsidiary company, namely Niche Capital (HK) Limited. | (1,986) <sup>(b)</sup>                                   | 44,726                                     |

Notes:

- (a) *The director's advances are unsecured, interest-free and repayable on demand. The Directors of the Company are of the opinion that the advances and transactions were entered into in the ordinary course of business and the terms have been established on a negotiated basis.*
- (b) *Forex translation changes.*

### 13. Contingent Assets

The Company had issued corporate guarantees to AmBank (M) Berhad, CIMB Bank Berhad, RHB Bank Berhad and United Overseas Bank (Malaysia) Berhad (the “Creditor Banks”) for banking facilities granted to Yikon Jewellery Industry Sdn Bhd (“former subsidiary” or “YJI”) for an amount of RM22,759,000/-. The former subsidiary had defaulted in the repayment of the Creditor Banks’ borrowings during the period from 28 February 2010 to 12 July 2012, leading to a Debt Settlement Agreement being inked among the Creditor Banks, the Company and the former subsidiary on 26 June 2014 where the Company will settle the borrowings on behalf of the former subsidiary.

Pursuant to the Debt Settlement Agreement, the Company had, on 23 December 2014, allotted 115,130,000 new ordinary shares to the Creditor Banks as full and final settlement for the former subsidiary’s defaulted bank borrowings with the Creditor Banks, which as at 31 December 2013 amounted to RM18,314,300/-.

As a result of the Company settling the Creditor Banks on behalf of the former subsidiary, the Company has obtained undertakings from the former subsidiary to reimburse the Company for all expenses incurred in the settlement of the former subsidiary’s borrowing with the Creditor Banks. Following are the Company’s entitlement to future receivables from the former subsidiary:-

- (i) Letter of undertaking dated 8 April 2013 and Suit Assignment Agreement dated 25 April 2013 from the former subsidiary assigning all its rights to money to be recovered from its Royal Mint suit to the Company (“Suit Assignment”)

The former subsidiary had instituted legal proceedings at the Penang High Court (“the Suit”) against The Royal Mint of Malaysia Sdn Bhd (“RMM”), Paradym Resources Sdn Bhd (“PRI”), Azli Bin Abdul Rahman, Mimi Sharkina Bte Md Noh and Bank Negara Malaysia (“BNM”) for inter-alia, the recovery of all the cupro nickel material stocks (“the Stocks”) which are currently held by BNM and which the former subsidiary had supplied to RMM for a value up to RM18,879,435/-.

On 14 April 2014, the Company and BNM have reached settlement and entered into a consent judgement. It is recorded in the consent judgement that the former subsidiary and BNM have been awarded joint ownership over the Stocks which is currently held under custody of the Seremban Criminal Session Court. The consent judgement, inter alia, states that the former subsidiary and BNM shall jointly make an application to the Seremban Criminal Session Court for the release of the Stocks from the court’s custody. Both the former subsidiary and BNM shall then put up the Stocks for public open tender, whereby both parties are also eligible to bid for the Stocks with a reserve price of no less than 80% of the Stocks’ market value. The proceeds from the sales of the Stocks through the aforesaid open tender shall be split between the former subsidiary and BNM at the ratio of 40:60. NICE is entitled to the former subsidiary’s split of the sales proceed pursuant to the Suit Assignment Agreement.

On 23 February 2017, the BNM’s application for revocation of the bond dated 21 May 2007 to produce the raw materials as exhibit and for the raw materials to be released to BNM have been allowed by the Seremban Magistrate.

### 13. Contingent Assets (Continued)

On 15 March 2017, YJI's solicitors had a meeting with BNM to discuss the necessary steps and tentative timeline to put up the Stock for sale by open tender. The proceeds from the sale of the Stock through open tender shall be split between YJI and BNM at the ratio of 40:60, in which NICE is entitled to YJI's split of the sales proceeds pursuant to the Suit Assignment Agreement dated 25 April 2013. On 23 May 2017, BNM reverted to YJI's solicitors informing that they have received a proposal from MNP Auctioneers to undertake a stocktake exercise on the raw materials. On 25 May 2017, YJI's solicitors informed BNM that it is agreeable to the proposal but enquired whether the cost of the proposed auctioneer will be shared on the same 40:60 ratio as mentioned above.

On 10 October 2017, YJI's solicitors had another meeting with BNM to discuss on the arrangement with MNP. BNM and YJI target the auction to take place on 15 January 2018 and there should be a meeting by the parties with MNP around 17 December 2017 after the documentation and terms and conditions of the auction is prepared by MNP and circulated to the parties. Currently, YJI is still awaiting a reply from BNM with regards to the cost of the proposed auctioneer.

(ii) Settlement Agreement dated 25 September 2015

On 25 September 2015, NICE and YJI had entered into a Settlement Agreement to partially settle the amount owing by YJI to NICE ("Inter-Company Debt"). Under the Settlement Agreement, YJI proposed to partially settle the amount owing up to RM8.2 million by way of assignment debts and delivering gemstones and jewellery to NICE. As at 30 September 2015, the assignment of the Inter-Company Debt was executed and the Group has recognized a RM5 million gain on reimbursement from YJI through the contra of intercompany debt with YJI.

## **B. Explanatory Notes Pursuant to Paragraph 9.22 of the Main Market Listing Requirements of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad**

### **14. Detailed Analysis of Group Performance for the Current Quarter and Financial Period-to-Date**

The Group recorded a turnover of RM5 million for the current quarter and RM7.23 million for the financial period-to-date.

The Group's wholly owned Hong Kong-based subsidiary, namely Niche Capital (HK) Limited ("NHK") which started operation during the second quarter of previous financial year has contributed RM7.23 million in turnover for the current financial year-to-date and produced a gross profit of RM2.53 million. NHK however incurred RM3.58 million of unrealised forex loss on its trade payables denominated in Malaysia Ringgit (MYR) due to strengthening of MYR against Hong Kong Dollar (HKD).

The Group recorded loss before taxation of RM2.04 million for the current quarter and RM2.54 million for the financial period-to-date.

### **15. Comment on Material Change in the Profit before Taxation for the Current Quarter Compared with the Immediate Preceding Quarter**

The Group recorded a loss before taxation of RM2.04 million in the current quarter compared to a loss before taxation of RM500 thousand in the immediate preceding quarter. The Group's revenue increased 124.74% compared with immediate preceding quarter and gross profit increased by 28.34% compared to immediate preceding quarter. However, the continued strengthening of MYR against HKD has resulted in unrealised forex loss on NHK's trade payables denominated in MYR.

### **16. Current Year Prospects**

The business environment for the Group is expected to continue to be challenging in the near future due to weak consumer demand and the stiff competition among jewellery retailers. The Board has reviewed and realigned its business strategies through divestment of its interest in mainland China's retail sector and kick-started its wholesale trading of jadeite stones and blocks through NHK. Locally, the proposed setting up of a jewellery emporium and retail outlets in Malaysia to build on and strengthen the Group's presence in the domestic market is still in progress.

Moving forward, the Group also intends to set-up a jewellery processing facility in Ipoh, Perak which will facilitate better control over cost, quality and timing of the processing of the Group's raw jadeite stones and provide improved efficiency and recovery rates from the raw jadeite stones. Over time, such gains would benefit the Group's performance and more importantly, enable the Group to develop relevant skill sets to reduce its dependency on out sourcing of such services.

In view of the above, the Group is expected to turn around in the current financial year.

## 17. Profit Forecast

Not applicable as no profit forecast was published.

## 18. Taxation

The taxation of the Group for the financial period under review is as follows:

|                               | Individual Quarter      |  | Cumulative Quarter       |                           |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|--|--------------------------|---------------------------|
|                               | Current Year<br>Quarter | Preceding Year<br>Corresponding<br>Quarter | Current Year-<br>To-Date | Preceding<br>Year-To-Date |
|                               | 31/12/2017<br>RM'000    | 31/12/2016<br>RM'000                       | 31/12/2017<br>RM'000     | 31/12/2016<br>RM'000      |
| <b>Income Tax</b>             |                         |  |                          |                           |
| Malaysia -current year        | -                       | -  | -                        | -                         |
| Malaysia -prior year          | -                       | -  | -                        | -                         |
| Overseas- current year        | -                       | -  | -                        | -                         |
| Overseas- prior year          | -                       | -  | -                        | -                         |
| <b>Subtotal</b>               | -                       | -  | -                        | -                         |
| <b>Deferred Taxation</b>      |                         |  |                          |                           |
| Malaysia -current year        | -                       | -  | -                        | -                         |
| Malaysia -prior year          | -                       | -  | -                        | -                         |
| <b>Subtotal</b>               | -                       | -  | -                        | -                         |
| <b>Total taxation expense</b> | -                       | -  | -                        | -                         |

## 19. Status of Corporate Proposals Announced

On 10 August 2017, Mercury Securities Sdn Bhd (“Mercury Securities”), has on behalf of the Company, announced that the Company proposes to undertake the following corporate proposals:

- (i) proposed renounceable rights issue of up to 1,332,151,400 new ordinary shares in NICE (“NICE Shares”) (“Rights Shares”) on the basis of 4 Rights Shares for every 1 existing NICE Share, together with up to 666,075,700 free detachable warrant (“Warrants”) on the basis of 2 Warrants for every 4 Rights Shares subscribed for at an issue price of RM0.045 per Rights Share; and
- (ii) proposed capitalisation of RM54,003,850 in aggregate of the amount owing to certain creditors of NICE via the issuance of 1,080,077,000 new NICE Shares (“Settlement Shares”) at an issue price of RM0.05 per Settlement Share.

On 16 August 2017, Mercury Securities, has on behalf of the Company, announced that the listing application in respect of the Proposals has been submitted to Bursa Securities on the same date.

## 20. Group Borrowings and Debt Securities

The Group borrowing as at 31 December 2017 is as follows:

|                                 | <b>As at<br/>31/12/2017<br/>RM'000</b> | <b>As at<br/>30/6/2017<br/>RM'000</b> |
|---------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| Amount payable within 12 months | 80                                     | 109                                   |
| Amount payable after 12 months  | -                                      | -                                     |
| Total                           | <u>80</u>                              | <u>109</u>                            |

The bank borrowing of the Group is in Ringgit Malaysia. The bank borrowing of the Company is unsecured and the subsidiaries of the Company do not have bank borrowing as at the end of the reporting period.

## 21. Changes in Material Litigation

As at the latest practicable date, neither the Company nor any of its subsidiary companies is engaged in any material litigation, either as plaintiff or defendant and the Directors of the Company are not aware of any proceedings pending or threatened against the Company and its subsidiary companies or of any facts likely to give rise to any proceedings which might materially and adversely affect the financial position or business of the Group.

## 22. Proposed Dividend

No dividend has been proposed for the current quarter and financial period-to-date.

## 23. Earnings Per Share

### (i) Basic Earnings Per Share

|  | Individual Quarter   |                                      | Cumulative Quarters  |                                      |
|--|----------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|
|  | Current Year Quarter | Preceding Year Corresponding Quarter | Current Year Quarter | Preceding Year Corresponding Quarter |
|  | 31/12/2017           | 31/12/2016                           | 31/12/2017           | 31/12/2016                           |
| Net profit/(loss) attributable to owners of the Company (Basic EPS numerator) (RM'000) | (2,038)              | (621)                                | (2,538)              | 2,537                                |
| Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue (Basic EPS denominator) ('000)     | 333,038              | 302,762                              | 333,038              | 302,762                              |
| Basic earnings/(loss) per share (sen)  | (0.61)               | (0.21)                               | (0.76)               | 0.84                                 |

### (ii) Diluted Earnings Per Share

|   | Individual Quarter   |                                      | Cumulative Quarters  |                                      |
|---|----------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|
|   | Current Year Quarter | Preceding Year Corresponding Quarter | Current Year Quarter | Preceding Year Corresponding Quarter |
|   | 31/12/2017           | 31/12/2016                           | 31/12/2017           | 31/12/2016                           |
| Net profit/(loss) attributable to owners of the Company (Diluted EPS numerator) (RM'000)      | (2,038)              | (621)                                | (2,538)              | 2,537                                |
| Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue ('000)                                    | 333,038              | 302,762                              | 333,038              | 302,762                              |
| Effect of dilution<br>- N/A   | -                    | -                                    | -                    | -                                    |
| Adjusted weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue (Diluted EPS denominator) ('000) | 333,038              | 302,762                              | 333,038              | 302,762                              |
| Basic earnings/(loss) per share (sen)   | (0.61)               | (0.21)                               | (0.76)               | 0.84                                 |



## 24. Notes to Statement of Comprehensive Income

Profit / (Loss) Before Taxation is arrived at after (charging) / crediting the following items:

|  | <b>Current<br/>Quarter<br/>RM '000</b> | <b>Cumulative<br/>Quarter<br/>RM '000</b> |
|--|--|---|
| (a) Interest Income  | -                                      | -   |
| (b) Other Income   | -                                      | -   |
| (c) Interest Expense   | -                                      | (1)                                       |
| (d) Depreciation and Amortization  | (2)                                    | (4)                                       |
| (e) Provision / Write off of Receivables   | -                                      | -   |
| (f) Provision / Write off of Inventories   | -                                      | -   |
| (g) Gain / (Loss) on Disposal of quoted or<br>unquoted investments or properties | n/a                                    | n/a                                       |
| (h) Impairment of Assets   | n/a                                    | n/a                                       |
| (i) Foreign Exchange Gain / (Loss)   | (2,580)                                | (3,577)                                   |
| (j) Gain / (Loss) on derivatives   | n/a                                    | n/a                                       |
| (k) Exceptional Items  | n/a                                    | n/a                                       |

By Order of the Board  
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Company Secretary  
28 February 2018