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KOSSAN RUBBER INDUSTRIES BHD

Company No. 197901003918 (48166-W)
(Incorporated in Malaysia)

INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE FINANCIAL QUARTER ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Explanatory Notes

1. Basis of Preparation

The unaudited interim financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards and paragraph 9.22 of the Main Market Listing Requirements (MMLR) of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad. The accounting policies and method of computation adopted for the interim financial reports were consistent with new standards effective from 1/1/2023 inclusive of those adopted for the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022.

2. Annual Audit Report

The audit report of the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022 was not subject to any qualification.

3. Seasonal or Cyclical Operations

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

4. Extraordinary and Exceptional Items

A one-off impairment loss of plant and machinery amounting to RM 35.38 million was recorded for the current quarter and financial year ended 31 December 2023.

Other than the above, there were no other extraordinary and exceptional items of an unusual nature affecting assets, liabilities, equity, net income, or cash flows for the current quarter and financial year ended 31 December 2023.

5. Changes in Material Estimates

There were no significant changes in estimates used in the current quarter and financial year ended 31 December 2023

6. Movement of Company's Securities

There were no issuance and repayment of debt and equity securities, share cancellations and resale of treasury shares in the current quarter and financial year ended 31 December 2023.

7. Dividend Paid

A 1st interim dividend of 2.5 sen per ordinary share for financial year ended 31 December 2022 declared on 16 Feb 2023 amounting to RM 63.79 million was paid out on 22 March 2023.

Other than the above, there were no other dividends paid in the current quarter and financial year ended 31 December 2023.

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Explanatory Notes**8. Segmental Reporting**

	Divisions				
	Technical Rubber RM '000	Gloves RM '000	Clean-Room RM '000	Others* RM '000	Total RM '000
Financial year ended					
- 31/12/2023					
Revenue	204,745	1,284,215	96,918	-	1,585,878
Profit/(loss) before tax	37,459	(25,070)	9,626	13,831	35,846
- 31/12/2022					
Revenue	197,008	2,001,600	145,156	-	2,343,764
Profit before tax	23,313	142,312	11,349	36,548	213,522
Quarter ended					
- 31/12/2023 (4Q23)					
Revenue	44,437	329,583	26,129	-	400,149
Profit/(loss) before tax	9,989	(9,304)	2,837	(88)	3,434
- 31/12/2022 (4Q22)					
Revenue	44,435	402,645	34,366	-	481,446
Profit/(loss) before tax	7,629	(22,701)	3,460	12,568	956

* **Others** division of the Group mainly comprise investment holding, engineering and management services which are not of sufficient size to be reported separately.

9. Valuation of Property, Plant and Equipment

There were no changes or amendments to the valuation of property, plant and equipment from the previous year audited financial statements.

10. Material Events Subsequent to the End of the Interim Report

There were no significant event that has occurred between 01 January 2024 and the date of this announcement which will materially affect the earnings or income of the Group.

11. Changes in the Composition of the Group**Treasury Shares**

	No of shares '000	Total Value RM '000
Balance as at 01 January 2023	6,252	26,764
Buy back during the year ended 31 December 2023	-	-
Balance as at 31 December 2023	<u>6,252</u>	<u>26,764</u>

Of the total 2,557,871,616 issued and fully paid ordinary shares as at 31 December 2023, 6,252,000 ordinary shares are held as treasury shares by the Company.

Other than the above, there were no other changes in the composition of the Group including disposal of subsidiaries and long-term investment, restructuring and discontinuing operations of the Group in the current quarter and financial year ended 31 December 2023.

12. Contingent Liabilities

As at 31 December 2023, the Company has unsecured outstanding contingent liabilities amounting to RM9.81 million (31 Dec 2022: RM70.88 million) being corporate guarantees given to financial institutions for banking facilities granted to certain subsidiaries.

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	As at financial year ended	
	31/12/2023	31/12/2022
	RM'000	RM'000
Property, plant and equipment		
Within one year: Contracted but not provided	<u>63,485</u>	<u>96,345</u>

14. Additional Information required pursuant to MMLR.**14.1 Review of Results**

	Individual Period (4 th Quarter)			Cumulative Period		
	Current Year Quarter 31/12/23 RM '000	Preceding Year Corresponding Quarter 31/12/22 RM '000	Changes %	Current Year to-date 31/12/23 RM '000	Preceding Year Corresponding Period 31/12/22 RM '000	Changes %
Revenue	400,149	481,446	(16.89)	1,585,878	2,343,764	(32.34)
Operating profit	4,174	2,217	88.27	37,467	217,776	(82.80)
Profit Before Interest and Tax	4,174	2,217	88.27	37,467	217,776	(82.80)
Profit before tax	3,434	956	259.21	35,846	213,522	(83.21)
Profit/loss after tax	1,596	(2,483)	164.28	17,158	159,212	(89.22)
Profit/(loss) attributed To Ordinary Equity Shareholders	806	(2,489)	132.38	14,222	157,095	(90.95)

	Divisions				
	Technical Rubber RM '000	Gloves RM '000	Clean-Room RM '000	Others RM '000	Total RM '000
Financial year ended - 31/12/2023					
Revenue	<u>204,745</u>	<u>1,284,215</u>	<u>96,918</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,585,878</u>
Profit/(loss) before tax	<u>37,459</u>	<u>(25,070)</u>	<u>9,626</u>	<u>13,831</u>	<u>35,846</u>
PBT/(LBT)/Revenue %	18.30	(1.95)	9.93	na	2.26
- 31/12/2022					
Revenue	<u>197,008</u>	<u>2,001,600</u>	<u>145,156</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,343,764</u>
Profit before tax	<u>23,313</u>	<u>142,312</u>	<u>11,349</u>	<u>36,548</u>	<u>213,522</u>
PBT/Revenue %	11.83	7.11	7.82	na	9.11
Comparison of financial year Percentage change	%	%	%	%	%
Revenue	3.93	(35.84)	(33.23)	na	(32.34)
Profit/(loss) before tax	60.68	(117.62)	(15.18)	(62.16)	(83.21)

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Explanatory Notes**14.1 Review of Results (continue)**

	Divisions				
	Technical Rubber RM '000	Gloves RM '000	Clean-Room RM '000	Others RM '000	Total RM '000
Quarter ended					
- 31/12/2023 (4Q23)					
Revenue	44,437	329,583	26,129	-	400,149
Profit/(loss) before tax	9,989	(9,304)	2,837	(88)	3,434
PBT(LBT)/Revenue %	22.48	(2.82)	10.86	na	0.86
Quarter ended					
- 31/12/2022 (4Q22)					
Revenue	44,435	402,645	34,366	-	481,446
Profit/(loss) before tax	7,629	(22,701)	3,460	12,568	956
PBT(LBT)/Revenue %	17.19	(5.64)	10.07	na	0.20
Comparison of quarter period					
Percentage change	%	%	%	%	%
Revenue	0.00	(18.15)	(23.97)	na	(16.89)
Profit/(loss) before tax	30.94	59.02	(18.00)	(100.70)	259.21

Comparison of Current financial year ("FY23") with Preceding year corresponding financial year. ("FY22")

For the year ended 31 December 2023, the Group recorded revenue of RM1.59 billion, a decrease of 32.34% as compared with RM2.34 billion in FY22. Profit before taxation (PBT) for FY23 was RM35.85 million as compared with PBT of RM213.52 million for FY22. Both the decrease was recorded from the Gloves and Clean-Room division.

The Gloves division's revenue decreased by 35.84% to RM1.28 billion in FY23 as compared with RM2.00 billion in FY22. Loss before tax (LBT) was RM25.07 million in FY23 as compared with PBT of RM142.31 million in FY22. The decrease mainly due to a one-off impairment loss and write off of plant and machinery amounting to RM35.38 million and RM4.41 million respectively. This was compounded by lower sales volume, lower average selling price (ASP) and higher natural gas cost in FY23.

The TRPs division's revenue increased by 3.93% to RM204.75 million in FY23 as compared with RM197.01 million in FY22. PBT increased by 60.68% to RM37.46 million as compared with RM23.31 million in FY22 due to higher margin infrastructure products.

The Clean-Room division's revenue decreased by 33.23% to RM96.92 million in FY23 as compared with RM145.16 million in FY22 due to lower ASP in Clean-Room's products. PBT decreased by 15.18% to RM9.63 million in FY23 as compared with RM11.35 million in FY22 in tandem with the lower revenue.

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Explanatory Notes**14.1 Review of Results (continue)****Comparison of Current quarter ("4Q23") with Preceding year corresponding quarter ("4Q22")**

For the fourth quarter ended 31 December 2023, the Group recorded revenue of RM400.15 million, a decrease of 16.89% as compared with RM481.45 million in 4Q22 due to the lower revenue from Gloves and Clean-Room divisions. Profit before taxation (PBT) increased by 259.21% to RM3.43 million as compared with PBT of RM0.96 million in 4Q22.

The Gloves division's revenue decreased by 18.15% to RM329.58 million in 4Q23 as compared with RM402.65 million in 4Q22 due to the lower average selling price (ASP) and lower sales volume. LBT was RM9.30 million in 4Q23 inclusive of a one-off impairment loss of plant and machinery amounting to RM35.38 million as compared with LBT of RM22.70 million in 4Q22.

The TRPs division's revenue was similar for 4Q23 and 4Q22 at RM44.44 million. PBT increased by 30.94% to RM9.99 million in 4Q23 as compared with RM7.63 million in 4Q22 due to higher margin infrastructure products.

The Clean-Room division's revenue decreased by 23.97% to RM26.13 million in 4Q23 as compared with RM34.37 million in 4Q22 due to lower sales volume and lower ASP. PBT decreased by 18.0% to RM2.84 million in 4Q23 as compared with RM3.46 million in 4Q22 in tandem with the lower revenue.

14.2 Explanatory comments on any material change in the profit before taxation for the quarter reported on as compared with the preceding quarter.

	Current Quarter 31/12/2023 RM '000	Immediate Preceding Quarter 30/09/2023 RM '000	Changes %
Revenue	400,149	403,479	(0.83)
Operating profit	4,174	49,136	(91.51)
Profit Before Interest and Tax	4,174	49,136	(91.51)
Profit before tax	3,434	48,957	(92.99)
Profit/(loss) after tax	1,596	41,794	(96.18)
Profit/(loss) attributable To Ordinary Equity Shareholders	806	40,969	(98.03)

Explanatory Notes

14.2 Explanatory comments on any material change in the profit before taxation for the quarter reported on as compared with the preceding quarter. (continue)

	Divisions				
	Technical Rubber RM '000	Gloves RM '000	Clean-Room RM '000	Others RM '000	Total RM '000
Current Quarter ended - 31/12/2023 (4Q23)					
Revenue	44,437	329,583	26,129	-	400,149
Profit/(loss) before tax	9,989	(9,304)	2,837	(88)	3,434
PBT(LBT)/Revenue %	22.48	(2.82)	10.86	na	0.86
Preceding Quarter ended - 30/09/2023 (3Q23)					
Revenue	56,330	321,235	25,914	-	403,479
Profit/before tax	10,975	31,212	2,817	3,953	48,957
PBT/Revenue %	19.48	9.72	10.87	na	12.13
Comparison of quarters					
Percentage change	%	%	%	%	%
Revenue	(21.11)	2.60	0.83	na	(0.83)
Profit/(loss) before tax	(8.99)	(129.81)	0.71	(102.23)	(92.99)

Comparison of Current Quarter (“4Q23”) with immediate Preceding Quarter (“3Q23”)

For 4Q23, the Group’s revenue was recorded at RM400.15 million as compared with 3Q23 of RM403.48 million. Profit before taxation (PBT) was RM3.43 million in 4Q23 compared with RM48.96 million in 3Q23 mainly due to a one-off impairment loss of plant and machinery amounting to RM35.38 million.

The Gloves division’s revenue increased slightly by 2.6% to RM329.58 million in 4Q23 from RM321.24 million in 3Q23. LBT of RM9.30 million was recorded as compared with PBT of RM31.21 million in 3Q23 mainly due to a one-off impairment loss of plant and machinery amounting to RM35.38 million in 4Q23.

The TRPs division’s revenue decreased by 21.11% to RM44.44 million in 4Q23 as compared with RM56.33 million in 3Q23 due to lower deliveries of TRP’s products. PBT decreased by 8.99% to RM9.99 million as compared with RM10.98 million in 3Q23.

The Clean-Room division’s revenue was recorded at RM26.13 million in 4Q23 as compared with RM25.91 million in 3Q23. PBT recorded at RM2.84 million from RM2.82 million in 3Q23 was in tandem with the revenue.

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14.3 Commentary on Prospects

The glove sector remains impacted by an enduring supply-demand imbalance, with expectations for this challenging operational landscape to continue throughout FY2024. As the market experiences realignments due to industry consolidation and capacity rationalization, the pressure on average selling prices from international competitors is likely to persist. Despite these immediate market challenges, the long-term outlook for glove demand remains optimistic, driven by increasingly stringent standards and heightened hygiene awareness in both the medical and industrial sectors.

The Technical Rubber Products ("TRP") division anticipates a gradual uptick in global economic activity and infrastructure spending, which will in turn stimulate the infrastructure sectors. The Group expects this division to deliver a satisfactory performance for FY2024.

Moving forward, the Group maintains its unwavering commitment to the glove industry despite the prevailing operational challenges. Following the recent one-off impairment loss and write-off of plant and machinery, the Group is dedicated to sustaining effective cost management while concurrently accelerating the digitisation and automation of operations to overcome manpower challenges. This strategic approach is aimed at enhancing overall productivity, efficiency, and mitigating production costs. Moreover, in alignment with the 12 principles of Sustainability L.I.V.E, the Group is steadfast in its commitment to continually improving its ESG initiatives, with a particular emphasis on social compliance and sustainability measures. In December 2023, we have been included in the constituents of the FTSE4Good Bursa Malaysia Index and FTSE4Good Bursa Malaysia Shariah Index.

Despite the challenging landscape mentioned, the Group is cautiously optimistic about its performance for FY2024.

14.4 Explanatory notes for variance of actual from forecast profit and shortfall in the profit guarantee (only applicable to the final quarter).

Not applicable.

14.5 Taxation

	Quarter period ended		Financial year ended	
	31/12/2023	31/12/2022	31/12/2023	31/12/2022
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
Tax expense	19,992	5,438	35,117	48,343
Deferred taxation	(18,154)	(1,999)	(16,429)	5,967
	<u>(1,838)</u>	<u>3,439</u>	<u>18,688</u>	<u>54,310</u>

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Explanatory Notes**14.6 Profit after taxation**

Profit after taxation arrived after charging/(crediting):

	Current Quarter 31/12/2023 RM'000	Financial Year Ended 31/12/2023 RM'000
Interest expense	737	1,621
Depreciation	26,183	116,194
Property, plant and equipment written off	-	4,411
Loss in impairment of plant and equipment	35,384	35,384
Foreign exchange (gain)/loss – realised	1,779	(5,666)
Foreign exchange (gain)/loss – unrealised	(1335)	3,311
Gain on derivatives – unrealised	(507)	(523)
Interest income	(10,007)	(38,580)
Investment income	(1,494)	(4,450)
Fair value gains on financial assets at FVTPL	(5,394)	(22,685)

14.7 Status of Corporate Proposal announced but not completed

There were no corporate proposals announced but not completed, for the current quarter and financial period year ended 31 December 2023.

14.8 Group Borrowings

a) The Group borrowings as at 31 December were as follows:

	Total Unsecured	
	As at 31/12/2023 RM'000	As at 31/12/2022 RM'000
Short Term		
Bankers' acceptance	9,521	27,353
Term loans due within 12 months	292	43,230
	<u>9,813</u>	<u>70,583</u>
Long Term		
Term loans due after 12 months	0	291
	<u>9,813</u>	<u>70,874</u>

b) There were no debt securities for the financial year ended 31 December 2023.

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Explanatory Notes**14.9 Derivative Financial assets/(liabilities)**

	As at 31/12/2023			As at 31/12/2022		
	Nominal Value	Assets	Liabilities	Nominal Value	Assets	Liabilities
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
Group						
Derivatives at fair value through profit and loss						
-Forward foreign exchange						
Contracts to sell	34,923	523	-	205,017	-	79
Contracts to buy	-	-	-	22,518	-	1,135

Forward foreign exchange contracts are used to manage the foreign currency exposures arising from the Group's receivables and payables denominated in currencies other than the functional currencies of Group entities. These forward foreign exchange contracts have maturities of less than one year after the end of the reporting period.

15. Material Litigation

There were no pending material litigation since the last audited annual financial statements date to the date of issue of the quarterly report.

16. Dividends

Details of the dividend under single-tier tax system approved and declared by the Board are as follows:

	Financial year ended 31/12/2023
Interim Dividend	
1 st Interim dividend per share	<u>2.0 sen</u>
Total dividend per share	<u>2.0 sen</u>

For the financial year ended	31 December 2023
Approved and declared on	22 February 2024
Entitlement to dividend based on records of depositors as at	14 March 2024
Date payable	08 April 2024

This dividend will be recognised in subsequent financial period.

17. Earnings Per Share

	Current Quarter ended		Financial year ended	
	31/12/2023	31/12/2022	31/12/2023	31/12/2022
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
Profit after tax and minority interest	806	(2,489)	14,222	157,095
Basic earnings per share				
Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue ('000)	2,551,620	2,551,620	2,551,620	2,551,620
Basic earnings per share (sen)	0.03	(0.10)	0.56	6.16

There is no dilution in earnings per share as there are no dilutive potential ordinary shares.

On behalf of the Board

Tan Sri Dato' Lim Kuang Sia
Group Managing Director/ CEO
22 February 2024