

KNM GROUP BERHAD

(Company No:521348-H)
(Incorporated in Malaysia)

INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORT ON CONSOLIDATED RESULTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2019 (Unaudited)

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

	Individual Quarter		Cumulative year to date	
	Unaudited 3 months ended 30.09.2019 RM'000	Unaudited 3 months ended 30.09.2018 RM'000	Unaudited 30.09.2019 RM'000	Unaudited 30.09.2018 RM'000
Revenue	<u>447,882</u>	<u>350,738</u>	<u>1,186,290</u>	<u>1,065,250</u>
Operating profit/(loss)	31,635	(1,848)	101,122	(22,782)
Finance costs	(16,178)	(9,752)	(53,464)	(38,922)
Interest income	135	210	550	1,115
Share of (loss)/gain of equity-accounted associates and joint ventures, net of tax	-	(178)	-	2,405
Profit/(Loss) before tax	<u>15,592</u>	<u>(11,568)</u>	<u>48,208</u>	<u>(58,184)</u>
Tax expense	(8,354)	(7,203)	(19,853)	(14,068)
Net profit/(loss) for the period	<u>7,238</u>	<u>(18,771)</u>	<u>28,355</u>	<u>(72,252)</u>
Other comprehensive (expenses)/income, net of tax				
Foreign currency translation differences for foreign operations	(42,357)	35,142	(46,922)	(8,369)
Hedge of net investment in subsidiaries	(20,294)	(2,149)	(21,860)	(17,078)
Cash flow hedge	(1,806)	2,025	(197)	(1,096)
Share of (loss)/gain of equity-accounted associates and joint ventures	(3)	(6)	1,359	101
Other comprehensive (expenses)/income for the period, net of tax	<u>(64,460)</u>	<u>35,012</u>	<u>(67,620)</u>	<u>(26,442)</u>
Total comprehensive (expenses)/income for the period	<u>(57,222)</u>	<u>16,241</u>	<u>(39,265)</u>	<u>(98,694)</u>
Attributable to:				
Owners of the Company	10,558	(17,055)	36,500	(69,122)
Non-controlling interests	<u>(3,320)</u>	<u>(1,716)</u>	<u>(8,145)</u>	<u>(3,130)</u>
	<u>7,238</u>	<u>(18,771)</u>	<u>28,355</u>	<u>(72,252)</u>
Total comprehensive (expenses)/income attributable to:				
Owners of the Company	(48,121)	23,624	(25,077)	(89,807)
Non-controlling interests	<u>(9,101)</u>	<u>(7,383)</u>	<u>(14,188)</u>	<u>(8,887)</u>
Total comprehensive (expense)/income for the period	<u>(57,222)</u>	<u>16,241</u>	<u>(39,265)</u>	<u>(98,694)</u>
Profit/(Loss) per share:				
- Basic / Diluted (sen)	0.42	(0.73)	1.46	(2.95)

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	NOTE	Unaudited As at 30.09.2019 RM'000	Audited As at 31.12.2018 RM'000
Assets			
Non-current assets			
Other intangible assets		421,774	456,049
Goodwill		879,313	895,461
Property, plant and equipment		1,345,617	1,294,584
Right of use assets		7,308	-
Other investments, including derivatives		245	254
Deferred tax assets		10,556	10,922
		<u>2,664,813</u>	<u>2,657,270</u>
Current assets			
Inventories		110,392	139,813
Contract assets		242,445	188,708
Trade and other receivables		433,416	393,293
Cash and bank balances		374,060	411,149
		<u>1,160,313</u>	<u>1,132,963</u>
Assets classified as held for sale		40,523	58,956
		<u>1,200,836</u>	<u>1,191,919</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>3,865,649</u>	<u>3,849,189</u>
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
Equity attributable to equity holders of the parent			
Share capital		1,922,337	1,883,498
Treasury shares		(53,425)	(53,425)
Reserves		(312,249)	(289,295)
		<u>1,556,663</u>	<u>1,540,778</u>
Non-controlling interests		<u>(17,449)</u>	<u>(2,454)</u>
Total Equity		<u>1,539,214</u>	<u>1,538,324</u>
Non-current liabilities			
Long term payables		7,720	8,051
Long service leave liability		6,792	7,851
Lease liabilities		4,325	-
Loans and borrowings	B9	1,080,179	1,047,525
Deferred tax liabilities		185,094	193,852
		<u>1,284,110</u>	<u>1,257,279</u>
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables		401,421	411,229
Contract liabilities		192,825	202,876
Lease liabilities		1,571	-
Loans and borrowings	B9	425,107	423,081
Current tax liabilities		21,401	16,400
		<u>1,042,325</u>	<u>1,053,586</u>
Total liabilities		<u>2,326,435</u>	<u>2,310,865</u>
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		<u>3,865,649</u>	<u>3,849,189</u>
Net assets per share attributable to equity holders of the parent (RM)		<u>0.62</u>	<u>0.66</u>

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2019

	← Attributable to Equity Holders of the Parent →					Retained Earnings/ (Accumulated Losses) RM'000	Total RM'000	Non-controlling Interests RM'000	Total Equity RM'000
	Share Capital RM'000	Treasury Shares RM'000	Hedging Reserve RM'000	Warrant Reserve RM'000	Revaluation and Other Reserves RM'000				
As at 1 January 2018	1,883,513	(53,425)	(1,902)	27,468	(97,677)	638,245	2,396,222	13,514	2,409,736
- as previously reported									
Adjustment on initial application of MFRS 15, net of tax	-	-	-	-	-	(31,012)	(31,012)	-	(31,012)
As at 1 January 2018 (Restated)	1,883,513	(53,425)	(1,902)	27,468	(97,677)	607,233	2,365,210	13,514	2,378,724
Other comprehensive expense for the period	-	-	(1,096)	-	(19,589)	-	(20,685)	(5,757)	(26,442)
Loss for the period	-	-	-	-	-	(69,122)	(69,122)	(3,130)	(72,252)
Total comprehensive expense for the period	-	-	(1,096)	-	(19,589)	(69,122)	(89,807)	(8,887)	(98,694)
Transactions with owners of the Company									
Share-based payment	-	-	-	-	34	-	34	-	34
Share issue expenses	(15)	-	-	-	-	-	(15)	-	(15)
As at 30 September 2018 (Unaudited)	1,883,498	(53,425)	(2,998)	27,468	(117,232)	538,111	2,275,422	4,627	2,280,049
As at 1 January 2019	1,883,498	(53,425)	(2,571)	27,468	(146,609)	(167,583)	1,540,778	(2,454)	1,538,324
- as previously reported									
Adjustment on initial application of MFRS 16, net of tax	-	-	-	-	-	1,893	1,893	-	1,893
As at 1 January 2019 (Restated)	1,883,498	(53,425)	(2,571)	27,468	(146,609)	(165,690)	1,542,671	(2,454)	1,540,217
Other comprehensive expense for the period	-	-	(197)	-	(71,607)	10,227	(61,577)	(6,043)	(67,620)
Profit for the period	-	-	-	-	-	36,500	36,500	(8,145)	28,355
Total comprehensive (expenses)/income for the period	-	-	(197)	-	(71,607)	46,727	(25,077)	(14,188)	(39,265)
Transactions with owners of the Company									
Change in ownership interest in a subsidiary	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(807)	(807)
Share-based payment	-	-	-	-	230	-	230	-	230
Share issuance arising from private placement	37,536	-	-	-	-	-	37,536	-	37,536
ESOS	1,303	-	-	-	-	-	1,303	-	1,303
As at 30 September 2019 (Unaudited)	1,922,337	(53,425)	(2,768)	27,468	(217,986)	(118,963)	1,556,663	(17,449)	1,539,214

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED**30 September 2019**

(Unaudited)

	30.09.2019 (Unaudited) RM '000	30.09.2018 (Unaudited) RM '000
Cash flows from operating activities		
Profit/(Loss) before tax	48,208	(58,184)
Adjustments for:		
Amortisation of intangible assets	18,644	22,050
Share-based payment	230	34
Depreciation	21,174	18,286
Interest expense	50,813	36,624
Interest income	(550)	(1,115)
Unrealised (gain)/loss on foreign exchange	(22,881)	894
Share of gain in associates and joint ventures, net of tax	-	(2,405)
Change in fair value of forward contracts	304	(388)
Reversal of impairment loss on receivables	(4,663)	(9,902)
Bad debts written off	672	4,042
Property, plant and equipment written off	65	7
Reversal of provision for warranty	(8,172)	(3,389)
Reversal of impairment loss on property, plant and equipment	-	(9,600)
(Gain)/Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	(4,236)	4,815
Operating profit before working capital changes	<u>99,608</u>	<u>1,769</u>
Changes in working capital:		
Inventories	27,713	8,568
Trade and other receivables	(50,568)	(21,212)
Trade and other payables	(48,775)	(6,469)
Cash generated from/(used in) operations	<u>27,978</u>	<u>(17,344)</u>
Income taxes paid	(7,685)	(13,267)
Interest paid	(251)	(260)
Interest received	550	1,115
Net cash generated from/(used in) operating activities	<u>20,592</u>	<u>(29,756)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities		
Change in pledged deposits	(20,781)	(3,907)
Acquisition of property, plant and equipment	(18,079)	(13,571)
Acquisition of subsidiaries, net of cash outflow	1,557	-
Acquisition of other intangible assets	-	(729)
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment	23,144	6,925
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>(14,159)</u>	<u>(11,282)</u>
Cash flows from financing activities		
Net repayment of bills payable	(107,999)	(102,484)
Repayment of finance lease liabilities	(3,569)	(6,801)
Drawdown of term loans and revolving credits	136,249	435,397
Interest paid	(50,813)	(36,365)
Proceeds from issuance of shares	37,536	-
Share issue expenses	-	(15)
Net cash generated from financing activities	<u>11,404</u>	<u>289,732</u>
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	17,837	248,694
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	381,043	195,587
Effect of foreign currency translation	(76,497)	(22,543)
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	<u>322,383</u>	<u>421,738</u>
Cash and bank balances	282,635	426,495
Deposits with licensed banks	91,425	26,445
Less: Pledged deposits	(46,794)	(25,438)
	<u>327,266</u>	<u>427,502</u>
Bank overdraft	(4,883)	(5,764)
	<u>322,383</u>	<u>421,738</u>

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PART A: EXPLANATORY NOTES AS PER MFRS 134

A1. Basis of preparation

The interim financial statements are unaudited and have been prepared in accordance with the requirement of MFRS 134: *Interim Financial Reporting* and paragraph 9.22 of the Listing Requirements of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad.

The interim financial statements should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2018. These explanatory notes attached to the interim financial statements provide explanation of events and transactions that are significant for the understanding of the changes in the financial position and performance of the Group since the financial year ended 31 December 2018.

A2. Significant Accounting Policies

The audited financial statements of the Group for the financial year ended 31 December 2018 were prepared in accordance with MFRS. Except for certain differences, the requirements under IFRS and MFRS are similar. The significant accounting policies adopted in preparing these interim financial statements are consistent with those of the audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2018 except for the adoption of new MFRSs and amendments that are mandatory for the Group for the financial year with effect from 1 January 2019:

MFRS 16	<i>Leases</i>
IC Interpretation 23	<i>Uncertainty over Income Tax Treatments</i>
Amendments to MFRS 3	<i>Business Combinations (Annual Improvements to MFRS Standards 2015-2017 Cycle)</i>
Amendments to MFRS 9	<i>Financial Instruments – Prepayment Features with Negative Compensation</i>
Amendments to MFRS 11	<i>Joint Arrangements (Annual Improvements to MFRS Standards 2015-2017 Cycle)</i>
Amendments to MFRS 112	<i>Income Taxes (Annual Improvements to MFRS Standards 2015-2017 Cycle)</i>
Amendments to MFRS 119	<i>Employee Benefits – Plan Amendment, Curtailment or Settlement</i>
Amendments to MFRS 123	<i>Borrowing Costs (Annual Improvements to MFRS Standards 2015-2017 Cycle)</i>
Amendments to MFRS 128	<i>Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures – Long-term Interests in Associates and Joint Ventures</i>

The initial application of the abovementioned accounting standards, interpretations or amendments is not expected to have any material financial impact to the current period and prior period financial statements of the Group and the Company except as mentioned below:

MFRS 16, *Leases*

MFRS 16 replaces the guidance in MFRS 117, *Leases*, IC Interpretation 4, *Determining Whether an Arrangement Contains a Lease*, IC Interpretation 115, *Operating Leases – Incentives* and IC Interpretation 127, *Evaluating the Substance of Transactions Involving the Legal Form of a Lease*.

MFRS 16 introduces a single, on-balance sheet lease accounting model for lessees. A lessee recognises a right-of-use asset representing its right to use the underlying asset and a lease liability representing its obligations to make lease payments.

There are recognition exemptions for short-term leases and leases of low-value items. Lessor accounting remains similar to the current standard which continues to be classified as finance or operating lease.

MFRS 16 has been adopted by the Group as at 1 January 2019 using the modified retrospective method of adoption which measures the lease liabilities based on the present value of future lease payments calculated using the incremental borrowing rate and exchange rate at date of transition. Lease payments would be split into principal and interest payments, using the effective interest method. Correspondingly, the right-of-use ("ROU") assets will be the present value of the liability at the commencement date of the lease, adding any directly attributable costs. The ROU asset will be depreciated on a straight-line basis over the shorter of the lease term and useful life of the leased asset. As the modified retrospective method of adoption is applied, comparative figures are not restated.

The Group elected to use the transition practical expedient allowing the standard to be applied only to contracts that were previously identified as leases applying MFRS 117 and IC Interpretation 4 at the date of initial application.

The adoption of MFRS 16 have the following impact on the unaudited consolidated financial statements on 1 January 2019 and for the period ended 30 September 2019 as shown below:

Group	Audited 31.12.2018 RM'000	Impact of MFRS 16 Adoption RM'000	Restated 31.12.2018 RM'000
Right of use assets	-	8,956	8,956
Lease liabilities – Current	-	(1,571)	(1,571)
Lease liabilities – Non-current	-	(5,492)	(5,492)
Accumulated losses	167,583	(1,893)	165,690

Group	Unaudited 30.09.2019 RM'000	Impact of MFRS 16 Adoption RM'000	Unaudited 30.09.2019 with adoption of MFRS 16 RM'000
Right of use assets	-	7,308	7,308
Lease liabilities – Current	-	(1,571)	(1,571)
Lease liabilities – Non-current	-	(4,325)	(4,325)
Depreciation	19,526	1,648	21,174
Operating lease	2,385	(1,648)	737
Finance costs	49,226	481	50,813

The following are accounting standards, amendments and interpretations of the MFRS that have been issued by the Malaysian Accounting Standards Board ("MASB") but have not been adopted by the Group:

MFRSs, Interpretations and amendments effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2020

Amendments to MFRS 3	<i>Business Combinations – Definition of a Business</i>
Amendments to MFRS 101	<i>Presentation of Financial Statements and MFRS 108, Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors – Definition of Material</i>

MFRSs, Interpretations and amendments effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2021

MFRS 17

Insurance Contracts

MFRSs, Interpretations and amendments effective for annual periods beginning on or after a date yet to be confirmed

Amendments to MFRS 10

Consolidated Financial Statements

MFRS 128

Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures – Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture

The Group and the Company plan to apply the abovementioned accounting standards, amendments and interpretations in the respective financial years when the abovementioned accounting standards, interpretation and amendments become effective, where applicable.

A3. Qualification of annual financial statements

There was no audit qualification in the annual financial statements of the Group for the financial year ended 31 December 2018.

A4. Seasonal and cyclical factors

The Group's business operation results were not materially affected by any major seasonal or cyclical factors.

A5. Unusual nature and amount of items affecting assets, liabilities, equity, net income or cash flows

There were no unusual nature and amount of items affecting assets, liabilities, equity, net income or cash flows for the current quarter and financial period to date.

A6. Material changes in estimates

There were no material changes in estimates of amounts reported in the current quarter.

A7. Debt and equity securities

- a. The Company had on 19 June 2019 obtained its shareholders' approval for the Share Buy Back exercise and thus far, there were no repurchase of shares conducted for the current financial period to-date.

As at the date of this report, generally the Company has repurchased a total of 23,341,275 of its issued share capital from the open market. The average price paid for the shares repurchased was RM2.29 per share. The repurchase transactions were financed by internally generated funds. The shares repurchased are being held as treasury shares and treated in accordance with the requirement of Section 127 of the Companies Act 2016.

- b. On 18 April 2019, the Company announced to undertake a private placement of up to 234,609,500 new ordinary shares ("Proposed Private Placement") and Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad had, vide its letter dated 24 April 2019, approved the listing of and quotation of up to 234,609,500 placement shares to be issued pursuant to the Proposed Private Placement.

The private Placement was completed on 3 June 2019 and the exact total placement shares issued were 234,600,000 and fixed at RM0.16 per placement shares.

- c. On 24 July 2019, 20 August 2019, 25 September 2019, 17 October 2019 and 14 November 2019, the Company had announced the additional listing of 1,100,000, 256,200, 10,480,500, 2,560,100 and 497,400 ordinary shares in the Company respectively pursuant to the Company's Employees' Share Option Scheme ("ESOS"), and the said ESOS shares have been allotted to the eligible employees on 25 July 2019, 21 August 2019, 26 September 2019, 18 October 2019 and 15 November 2019 respectively.

A8. Dividend Paid

No dividend was paid during the quarter under review.

A9. Segment information

Segmental analysis of the revenue and result:-

Geographical segments:

	Revenue	Gross Profit	EBITDA/ (LBITDA)
	9 months ended 30.09.2019	9 months ended 30.09.2019	9 months ended 30.09.2019
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
Asia & Oceania	251,606	20,172	42,866
Europe	929,823	184,280	124,594
Americas	4,861	720	(752)
	<u>1,186,290</u>	<u>205,172</u>	<u>166,708</u>

	Revenue	Gross Profit/ (Loss)	EBITDA/ (LBITDA)
	9 months ended 30.09.2018	9 months ended 30.09.2018	9 months ended 30.09.2018
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
Asia & Oceania	202,493	(6,780)	(31,411)
Europe	859,800	165,038	85,452
Americas	2,957	269	(3,183)
	<u>1,065,250</u>	<u>158,527</u>	<u>50,858</u>

A10. Valuation of property, plant and equipment

Valuation of freehold lands of the Group has been brought forward without amendment from the financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2018.

There is no revaluation of property, plant and equipment during the period under review.

The next valuation is expected to be concluded by the financial year ending 31 December 2019.

A11. Material events subsequent to the end of the interim period

On 28 August 2019, the Company announced that its indirect wholly-owned subsidiaries, Borsig GmbH and Borsig ZM Compression GmbH (“BZM”) had on 27 August 2019 entered into a Sale and Purchase Agreement (“SPA”) with Borsig ZM Schweiz AG and Iskra-Neftegaz Compressor Limited Liability Company for the disposal of its entire equity interests comprising 1 ordinary share of EUR24,000 and 1 ordinary share of EUR1,000 held in BZM for a cash consideration of EUR28 million (equivalent to approximately RM130.76 million based on the exchange rate of EUR1.00 : RM4.67) (hereinafter referred to as the “Proposed Disposal”).

Upon completion of the Proposed Disposal, BZM will cease to be a subsidiary company of Borsig GmbH and an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of KNM Group Berhad.

Save for the above, there were no other material events subsequent to the end of the reporting period and up to the date of issuance of this report.

A12. Changes in the composition of the Group

Please refer to Note A11 above.

Save for the above, there were no other changes in the composition of the Group since the last update in the Q2 2019 results.

A13. Contingent liabilities and Assets

The contingent liabilities for the Group as at the date of this announcement were :-

	30.09.2019	31.12.2018
	RM'000	RM'000
Guarantees and contingencies relating to borrowings and performance obligation of subsidiaries	647,386	751,602
Share of joint ventures' contingent liabilities incurred jointly with other investors		
- Secured guaranteed bank facilities and unsecured performance obligation of joint ventures	26,265	15,555

There were no other material changes in the contingent liabilities.

There were no material contingent assets for the Group.

A14. Capital commitments

	Contracted but not provided for RM'000
Property, plant and equipment	1,076,639

A15. Related party transactions

Significant related party transactions for the financial period to date are as follows:

	RM'000
Inter Merger Sdn. Bhd. (a)	
- Office rental, administrative expense and other support services	809
IM Bina Sdn. Bhd. (a)	
- Contract billing payable	120
Inter Merger Realty & Development Sdn. Bhd. (a)	
- Office rental, administrative expense and other support services	6

(a) a company in which Mr. Lee Swee Eng and Madam Gan Siew Liat are directors.

PART B: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THE BURSA MALAYSIA LISTING REQUIREMENTS

B1. Performance of 9-month ended 30 September 2019 against 30 September 2018

The Group posted a higher revenue of approximately RM1.19 billion in the nine-month ended 30 September 2019 as compared with RM1.07 billion achieved in the corresponding period of 2018. The higher revenue in the current period was mainly contributed by improved performance of Europe and Asia & Oceania Segments with more new orders secured since the beginning of 2019 and higher profit margins from new projects secured. As a result, the Group registered an approximately 29% increase in the gross profit to RM205.17 million in the current period as compared with RM158.53 million in the corresponding period of 2018.

Therefore, the Group recorded a higher Earnings Before Interest, Tax, Depreciation and Amortisation (“EBITDA”) of RM166.71 million in the current period which is approximately 2.3 times higher than 2018 as compared with RM50.86 million in the corresponding period of the 2018 due to improved gross profit margins from all business segments of the Group.

Consequently, the Group turned around and posted a profit after tax of RM28.36 million in the current period as compared with a loss after tax of RM72.25 million in the corresponding period of 2018.

Asia & Oceania Segment

Asia & Oceania Segment recorded a higher revenue at approximately RM251.61 million in the current period as compared with RM202.49 million in the corresponding period of 2018.

This Segment recorded an improved gross profit and EBITDA of approximately RM20.17 million and RM42.87 million respectively in the current period as compared with a gross loss of approximately RM6.78 million and a Loss Before Interest, Tax, Depreciation and Amortisation (“LBITDA”) of approximately RM31.41 million in the corresponding period of 2018, mainly due to the better profit margins and stringent cost saving measures.

Europe Segment

The Europe Segment recorded a higher revenue of approximately RM929.82 million in current period as compared with RM859.80 million in the corresponding period of 2018 mainly due to higher new orders secured.

Consequently, this Segment recorded a higher gross profit of approximately RM184.28 million and EBITDA of approximately RM124.59 million in current period as compared with RM165.04 million and RM85.45 million respectively in the corresponding period of 2018, mainly due to improved profit margins and lower operating expenses.

America Segment

The business activities in this Segment are still low despite a higher revenue recorded in the current period as compared with the same period of 2018.

This Segment registered a lower LBITDA mainly due to a lower unabsorbed fixed overhead.

B2. Performance of the current quarter against the preceding quarter (3rd Quarter 2019 versus 2nd Quarter 2019)

The Group’s revenue generated has been improved to approximately RM447.88 million in the current quarter from approximately RM375.03 million in the preceding quarter.

Consequently, the Group posted an improved gross profit of approximately RM79.18 million in the current quarter as compared with RM64.89 million in the previous quarter.

The Group reported a higher profit before tax of RM15.59 million as compared with RM12.20 million in preceding quarter, mainly due to higher revenue recognition as well as improved profitability in the current quarter.

B3. Prospects

The Board anticipates the outlook for financial year ending 31 December 2019 will remain challenging due to the intensified trade war between China and US, and its consequent effects on the global economy.

The Group's strategy to diversify its sources of income from project-based contracts to recurring-income businesses in renewable energy industry is still on going.

B4. Profit forecast

Not applicable as no profit forecast was given.

B5. Tax expense

	3 months ended 30.09.2019 RM'000	3 months ended 30.09.2018 RM'000	9 months ended 30.09.2019 RM'000	9 months ended 30.09.2018 RM'000
Current	10,908	5,991	19,851	17,820
Prior period	(352)	(66)	205	(215)
Deferred tax	(2,202)	1,278	(203)	(3,537)
	<u>8,354</u>	<u>7,203</u>	<u>19,853</u>	<u>14,068</u>

The Group's effective tax rate for the financial period is higher than statutory tax rate mainly due to non-deductible expenses and no deferred tax assets have been recognised on tax losses subsidiaries.

B6. Unquoted investments and properties

There were no significant investments or disposals in unquoted investments and properties for the current quarter and financial period to date.

B7. Quoted and marketable investments

There were no significant investments or disposals in quoted and marketable securities during the current quarter and financial period to date.

B8. Status of corporate proposals announced but not completed

On 19 June 2015, Splendid Investments Limited ("Splendid", as the "Issuer"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of KNM Group Berhad ("KNM", as the "Guarantor"), had established a multicurrency medium term note ("MTN") programme of an initial size of up to SGD300 million (the "Programme"). The Programme is unconditionally and irrevocably guaranteed by KNM.

As at to-date, no notes have been issued by the Issuer since the inception of the Programme. On 23 October 2019, the Programme has been terminated.

B9. Group borrowings and debt securities

The Group's borrowings as at the end of the reporting period were as follows:

	As at 30.09.2019 RM'000
Short term:	
Bank overdraft	4,883
Borrowings (secured)	78,499
Borrowings (unsecured)	92,967
Bills Payable	50,002
Hire Purchase	3,564
Revolving credits	195,192
	<u>425,107</u>
Long term :	
Borrowings (secured)	112,243
Borrowings (unsecured)	952,754
Hire Purchase	11,200
Revolving credits	3,982
	<u>1,080,179</u>
	<u>1,505,286</u>

The above are also inclusive of other borrowings in foreign currency of RMB40.00 million, EURO 147.62 million, CAD5.96 million, USD49.83 million, THB2.95 billion, and AED19.63 million.

The exchange rates used are 1 RMB = RM0.5857, 1 EURO = RM4.5638, 1 CAD = RM3.1622, 1 USD = RM4.1870, 1 THB = RM0.1368, and 1 AED = RM1.1399.

B10. Financial Instruments

The outstanding forward foreign currency exchange contracts as at the end of the reporting period were as follows:-

Type of Derivative	Contract/Notional value RM'000	Gain on Fair value changes RM'000
Foreign Exchange Contracts		
-Less than 1 year	79,579	2,679
	<u>79,579</u>	<u>2,679</u>

Exposure to foreign currency fluctuation of underlying commitments is monitored on on-going and timely basis. The Company's objective to incept derivative instrument contract is mainly to hedge against foreign exchange exposure on transactions in currencies other than its own.

Forward foreign exchange contracts are entered into with licensed banks to hedge the Group's exposure to foreign exchange risk in respect of its export sales, import purchases and other obligations by establishing the basis rate at which a foreign currency asset or liability will be settled. These contracts are executed with credit-worthy/reputable financial institutions and as such, credit risk and liquidity risk in respect of non-performance by counterparties to these contracts is minimal.

The fair values of the forward foreign currency exchange contracts are subject to market risk and the fair values were derived from marking to available market quoted price as of the reporting period. The

fair value of the forward contracts may change in accordance to the fluctuation of the exchange rate of the underlying currency resulting in gain or loss in fair value.

The cash requirement for these derivatives will be fulfilled by future contract and other proceeds on the respective maturity date.

B11. PROFIT/(LOSS) FOR THE PERIOD

	3 Months ended 30.09.2019 RM'000	3 Months ended 30.09.2018 RM'000	9 Months ended 30.09.2019 RM'000	9 Months ended 30.09.2018 RM'000
(a)				
Profit/(Loss) for the period is arrived at after charging:				
Reversal of impairment loss on receivables	-	(8,092)	(4,663)	(9,902)
Bad debts written off	672	456	672	4,042
Change in fair value of forward contracts	498	613	304	(388)
Amortisation of intangible assets	4,107	7,328	18,644	22,050
Provision for/(Reversal of) warranty	618	1,073	(8,172)	(3,389)
Loss/(Gain) on disposal of property, plant and equipment	430	(319)	(4,236)	4,815
Reversal of impairment loss on property, plant and equipment	-	-	-	(9,600)
Property, plant and equipment written off	65	7	65	7
Share-based payment	77	11	230	34
And crediting:				
Interest income	135	210	550	1,115
(b)				
Interest expense	14,786	8,922	50,813	36,624
(c)				
Depreciation charge for the period is allocated as follow:				
Income statement	7,342	7,346	21,174	18,286
Construction work in progress	7,559	9,528	25,768	33,304
	<u>14,901</u>	<u>16,874</u>	<u>46,942</u>	<u>51,590</u>

B12. Material litigation

On 11 March 2019, a subsidiary, KNM Process Systems Sdn. Bhd. (“Claimant”) had issued and submitted a Request for Arbitration (the “Request”) against Lukoil Uzbekistan Operating Company LLC (“Respondent”) with the Institute of the Stockholm Chamber of Commerce, in Sweden.

The Request concerns disputes arising from a contract entered into with the Respondent on 3 December 2010 and the matter is currently pending.

As at the date of this announcement, there were no other material litigation since the last annual balance sheet date.

B13. Dividend payable

There was no dividend declared or recommended during quarter under review.

B14. Profit/(Loss) per share

	Individual Quarter		Cumulative Quarter	
	30.09.2019	30.09.2018	30.09.2019	30.09.2018
Basic profit/(loss) per share				
Net profit/(loss) attributable to shareholders (RM'000)	10,558	(17,055)	36,500	(69,122)
Number of shares at the beginning of the year ('000)	2,369,437	2,175,420	2,369,437	2,175,420
Issuance of share-Private Placement ('000)	160,721	194,017	160,721	194,017
Effect of Share buy-back ('000)	(23,341)	(23,341)	(23,341)	(23,341)
ESOS('000)	557	-	557	-
Weighted average number of shares ('000)	<u>2,507,374</u>	<u>2,346,096</u>	<u>2,507,374</u>	<u>2,346,096</u>
Basic profit/(loss) per share (sen)	0.42	(0.73)	1.46	(2.95)

B15. Authorisation for issue

The interim financial report was authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 27 November 2019.