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Introduction

The Board of Directors of Asia Brands Berhad is pleased to announce the unaudited financial results of the Group for the financial period ended 31 March 2023.

This interim financial statements is prepared in accordance with Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards ("MFRS") 134, "Interim Financial Reporting" issued by Malaysian Accounting Standards Boards ("MASB") and paragraph 9.22 of the Listing Requirements of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad.

This interim financial statements is intended to provide an update on the last annual audited financial statements, for financial year ended 31 March 2022.

This report comprises the following:

- Condensed consolidated statements of financial position
- Condensed consolidated statements of profit or loss and other comprehensive income
- Condensed statements of changes in equity
- Condensed consolidated statements of cash flow
- Explanatory notes

Asia Brands Berhad (197501000740(22414-V)) (Incorporated in Malaysia) Condensed Consolidated Statements of Financial Position as at 31 March 2023

	Unaudited 31.3.2023 RM'000	Audited 31.3.2022 RM'000
ASSETS		
Non-current assets		
Plant and equipment	11,274	10,802
Right of use assets	15,211	10,286
Intangible assets	131,000	131,000
Goodwill on consolidation	26,705	26,705
Deferred tax assets	4,227	6,347
	188,417	185,140
Current assets	74 512	F2 200
Inventories Trade receivables	74,513 26,725	53,398 25,768
Other receivables	6,029	4,241
Tax recoverable	234	10
Deposits in Money Market	-	540
Cash and bank balances	13,887	15,811
	121,388	99,768
TOTAL ASSETS	309,805	284,908
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		
Share capital	198,279	198,279
Reserves	36,668	29,222
Minority Interest	52	19
Shareholders' Equity	234,999	227,520
Non-Current Liabilities		
Hire purchase payables	148	210
Lease liabilities	10,396	5,802
Deferred tax liabilities	69	30
Borrowing	10,000	10,000
	20,613	16,042
Current Liabilities	22.424	15.005
Trade payables	22,626	15,225
Other payables	9,377	7,724
Amount owing to related party Hire purchase payables	2,516 141	106
Lease liabilities	5,338	4,946
Short term borrowings	14,195	13,345
TOTAL LIABILITIES	54,193 74,806	41,346 57,388
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TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	309,805	284,908
Net assets per share (RM)		
	1.01	0.98

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Condensed Consolidated Statements of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income for the period ended 31 March 2023 (Unaudited)

		<u>Restated</u>		<u>Restated</u>
	3 months ended 31.3.2023 RM'000	3 months ended 31.3.2022 RM'000	Year-to-date ended 31.3.2023 RM'000	Year-to-date ended 31.3.2022 RM'000
Revenue	43,430	41,573	184,554	161,449
Cost of sales	(18,170)	(17,109)	(75,686)	(66,839)
Gross profit	25,260	24,464	108,868	94,610
Other operating income	193	264	1,023	1,164
Selling and distribution expenses	(22,161)	(18,058)	(86,909)	(68,911)
Administrative and other operation expenses	(1,094)	(1,135)	(4,612)	(3,615)
Finance costs	(534)	(460)	(2,143)	(2,460)
Profit before taxation	1,664	5,075	16,227	20,788
Taxation	(320)	(1,156)	(4,095)	(5,166)
Profit after taxation	1,344	3,919	12,132	15,622
Other comprehensive income: Available for sale (AFS) Investments fair value movement	-	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income	1,344	3,919	12,132	15,622
Total comprehensive income attributable to:				
Equity holders	1,336	3,900	12,099	15,603
Non-controlling Interest	8	19	33	19
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Earnings per share	0.58	1.68	5.21	6.71

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Condensed Consolidated Statements of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income for the period ended 31 March 2023 (Unaudited) (cont'd)

Overstatement of Revenue and Cost of Sales

The financial statements for prior period have been retrospectively restated to adjust for the overstatement of revenue and cost of sales due to commission income from third party concessionaire sales which was accounted for as revenue and purchases. The effects of the adjustments are disclosed below:

For year to date ended 31 March 2022

Statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income

	As previously stated	Prior year adjustments	Reclassification	Restated
	RM	RM	RM	RM
Revenue Cost of Sales	170,127 (75,517)	(13,134) 8,678	-	156,993 (66,839)
Commission income	-	-	4,456	4,456

For 3 months ended 31 March 2022 Statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income

	As previously stated	Prior year adjustments	Reclassification	Restated
	RM	RM	RM	RM
Revenue	44,170	(3,904)	-	40,266
Cost of Sales	(19,706)	2,597	-	(17,109)
Commission income	-	-	1,307	1,307

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Condensed Statements of Changes in Equity for the period ended 31 March 2023 (Unaudited)

	Non- distributable	Distributable			
	Share Capital RM'000	Retained Profits RM'000	Non- Controlling Interest RM'000	Total RM'000	
At 1.4.2021	198,279	15,945	-	214,224	
Profit after taxation/ Total comprehensive expenses	-	15,603	19	15,622	
Transaction with owners - Dividend	-	(2,326)	-	(2,326)	
At as 31.3.2022	198,279	29,222	19	227,520	
At 1.4.2022	198,279	29,222	19	227,520	
Profit after taxation/ Total comprehensive income	-	12,099	33	12,132	
Transaction with owners - Dividend	-	(4,653)	-	(4,653)	
At as 31.3.2023	198,279	36,668	52	234,999	

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Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flow for the period ended 31 March 2023 (Unaudited)

	12 months ended 31.3.2023 RM'000	12 months ended 31.3.2022 RM'000
Cash flow from operating activities		K/W 000
Profit before tax Adjustments for:	16,227	20,788
Interest income	(44)	(217)
Interest expenses	2,143	2,460
Non-cash items	10,130	11,188
Operating profit before working capital changes		
Net change in current assets	28,456 (26,107)	34,219 564
Net change in current liabilities	9,014	1,679
Cash generated from operations		
	11,363	36,462
Interest paid	(1,870)	(2,460)
Tax paid	(2,121)	(870)
Net cash generated from operating activities	7,372	33,132
Cash flow from investing activities		
Cash flow from investing activities Purchase of plant and equipment	(2,719)	(1.077)
Proceeds from disposal of plant and equipment	(2,718) 100	(1,277)
Interest income	44	217
Net cash used in investing activities		
	(2,574)	(1,060)
Cash flow from financing activities Net increase/(decrease) in bank borrowings and hire		
purchase obligations	20,824	(9,598)
(Repayment to)/Advances from related parties	2,516	(2,720)
Repayment of Sukuk IMTN	(20,000)	(10,000)
Payment of Lease Liabilities	(5,676)	(5,228)
Interest paid on term loan	(273)	-
Dividends Paid	(4,653)	(2,326)
Net cash used in financing activities	(7,262)	(29,872)
Net (decrease)/ increase in cash and cash equivalents	(2,464)	2,200
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	16,351	14,151
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	13,887	16,351
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	12 months ended 31.3.2023 RM'000	12 months ended 31.3.2022 RM'000
Cash and bank balance	13,887	15,811
Deposits in Money Market Fund	10,007	540
Less: Bank Balance Pledge-Al Rajhi	-	540
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	13,887	16,351
	10,007	10,001

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Explanatory Notes

Explanatory notes pursuant to MFRS 134, "Interim Financial Reporting"

1. Basis of Preparation

The unaudited quarterly report has been prepared in accordance with Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards ("MFRSs"), International Financial Reporting Standards and the requirements of the Companies Act 2016 in Malaysia and should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 March 2022.

The significant accounting policies and methods adopted for the unaudited condensed financial statements are consistent with those adopted for the audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 March 2022 except for the adoption of the following MFRSs and Amendments to MFRSs during the financial year which did not have any significant impact on the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements upon their initial application.

Amendments to MFRS 116 Property, Plant and Equipment	Property, Plant and Equipment —Proceeds before Intended Use
Annual Improvements to MFRS Standards 2018–2020	
Amendments to MFRS 137 Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets	Onerous Contracts—Cost of Fulfilling a Contract
Amendments to MFRS 3 Business Combinations	Reference to the Conceptual Framework

2. Audit qualification in respect of the audit report of the Group and Company for the preceding financial statements and current status of the matter(s) giving rise to the qualification

The audit report in respect of the financial statements of the Group and the Company for the financial year ended 31 March 2022 was not qualified.

3. Explanatory comments about the seasonality or cyclicality of interim operations

The Group's products cater to the consumer market and business is influenced by the state of the Malaysian economy, consumer confidence and the seasonality of promotional sales and festive seasons.

4. The nature and amount of items affecting assets, liabilities, equity, net income, or cash flow that are unusual because of their nature, size or incidence

Save for the information disclosed in this interim financial report, there are no other unusual items affecting assets, liabilities, equity, net income or cash flow.

5. The nature and amount of material changes in estimates of amounts reported in prior interim periods of the current financial year or material changes in estimates of amounts reported in prior financial year

There was no material changes in estimates of amounts reported in prior financial year.

6. Issuances, cancellations, repurchases, resale and repayments of debt and equity securities

The Group did not issue, cancel, repurchase, resell or repay any debt or equity securities during the reporting quarter.

7. The amount of dividends paid (aggregate or per share)

There were no dividends paid by the Company during the quarter ended 31 March 2023.

8. Segmental reporting for business segment, being the Group's basis of segment reporting

Segmental reporting is not presented as we are operating in a single business segment.

9. Status of valuation of plant and equipment

There was no valuation of plant and equipment carried out during the current financial quarter.

10. Material events subsequent to the end of the interim period that have not been reflected in the financial statements for the interim period

There are no material events subsequent to the end of the interim period that have not been reflected in the financial statements for the current interim period.

11. Effect of changes in the composition of the Group during the interim period, including business combinations, acquisition or disposal of subsidiary companies and long-term investments, restructurings, and discontinuing operations

There were no changes to the composition of the Group during the financial period ended 31 March 2023.

12. Changes in contingent liabilities or contingent assets since the last annual balance sheet date

The Company's contingent liabilities in respect of corporate guarantees granted to subsidiaries for banking and financing facilities as at 31 March 2023 amounted to RM41,000,000 (31 March 2022 : RM36,000,000).

Explanatory notes pursuant to Part A, Appendix 9B of the Listing Requirements of Bursa Malaysia

13. Review of performance of the Company and principal subsidiaries, setting-out material factors affecting earnings and/or revenue of the Company and Group for the financial year-to-date

The current quarter revenue for period ended 31 March 2023 amounted to RM43.4 million, which was RM1.9 million or 4.5% higher than RM41.5 million for the same quarter last year. The Group recorded a pre-tax profit of RM1.7 million as compared to a pre-tax profit of RM5.1 million for the same period of the preceding year. This was due to change of business model in East Malaysia.

However, revenue for the 12 months period ended 31 March 2023 amounted to RM184.5 million, which was RM23.1 million or 14.3% higher than RM161.4 million for the corresponding 12 months period last year. For the current 12 months period, the Group recorded a pre-tax profit amounting to RM16.2 million as compared to a pre-tax profit of RM20.8 million for the corresponding 12 months period last year.

14. Comparison with preceding quarter's results

The Group experienced a drop in revenue of RM6.5 million for the current quarter ended 31 March 2023 to RM43.4 million as compared to RM49.9 million in the preceding quarter ended 31 December 2022. The previous quarter was aided by year end sales.

Consequently, the Group recorded a lower pre-tax profit of RM1.7 million for the current quarter ended 31 March 2023 as compared to the pre-tax profit of RM2.9 million recorded for the quarter ended 31 December 2022.

15. Current year prospects

Coming off a strong performance in 2022, we are cautiously optimistic that the growth in 2023 is expected to be moderate but remain at elevated levels amid cost pressures such as product costs, logistic costs and the increase in minimum wage.

With agility and resilience, the Group can maintain its competitive advantage and remained the preferred brands for quality and pricing.

16. Status of profit forecast or profit guarantee

This is not applicable to the Group.

17. Details of tax charge and an explanation of the variance between the effective and statutory tax rate for the current quarter and financial year-to-date

The tax charge comprised:

	3 months ended 31.3.2023 RM'000	3 months ended 31.3.2022 RM'000	Year-to-date ended 31.3.2023 RM'000	Year-to-date ended 31.3.2022 RM'000
Income tax	(298)	(210)	(1,948)	(1,095)
Over/(Under)provision - Prior year	-	-	12	39
Deferred tax	(22)	(946)	(2,159)	(4,110)
Effect on opening deferred tax resulting from a reduction in income tax rate	-	-	-	-
	(320)	(1,156) ======	(4,095) ======	(5,166) ======

18. Details of purchase or disposal of unquoted securities other than securities in existing subsidiary companies and associated companies

The Group did not purchase or dispose any unquoted securities during the current reporting period.

19. Status of corporate proposals announced but not completed, which is not earlier than 7 days from the date of this report

The Group has no pending corporate proposals.

20. Group borrowings and debt securities as at the end of the reporting period

Details of borrowings and debt securities as at the end of the reporting period are as follows:

	As at 31.3.2023 RM'000
Long term borrowing	
Unsecured Murabahah Term Financing-i	10,000
Short term borrowings	
Unsecured Bankers' acceptances Bank overdrafts	14,195 - 14,195 24,195

The Group does not have any borrowings that are denominated in foreign currency.

21. Summary of off-balance sheet financial instruments, which is not earlier than 7 days from the date of this report

The Group has not entered into any arrangements involving financial instruments.

22. Changes in material litigation (including status of any pending material litigation) since the last annual balance sheet date, which is not earlier than 7 days from the date of this report

The Group does not have any material litigation.

23. Dividends

The Board of Directors has on 16 May 2023 declared a final dividend of 1 sen per share to be paid on 15 June 2023 to the shareholders of The Company whose names appear in the Register of Depositors of The Company on 31 May 2023.

24. Basis and methods of calculating earnings / (loss) per share

The basic earnings per share is calculated by dividing the net profit attributable to shareholder by the number of ordinary shares in issue of 232,647,600 (2022 : 232,647,600) during the period.

25. Profit for the Period/Year

	3 months ended 31.3.2023 RM'000	3 months ended 31.3.2022 RM'000	Year-to-date ended 31.3.2023 RM'000	Year-to-date ended 31.3.2022 RM'000
Profit for the period is arrived at after crediting: Interest income	11	15	44	217
and after charging: Interest expense Interest expense on lease liability Amortisation and Depreciation Depreciation for right of use asset Inventories written-down /off Impairment/(Reversal) of inventories Bad debts written off Reversal of impairment - Receivable Plant & Equipment written off Gain on short term investment Gain on disposal of plant and	352 182 575 1,509 1,455 (752) - - - (98)	288 172 523 1,649 562 (39) 48 (441) - (65)	1,449 694 2,197 5,749 2,998 (752) - - 8 (472)	1,807 653 2,034 6,065 4,205 (39) 58 (441) 76 (97)
equipment	-	-	(59)	-

There were no gain nor loss on derivatives or exceptional items for current quarter and financial period to-date 31 March 2023 (31 March 2022: N/A)

By order of the Board Mak Chooi Peng Company Secretary Petaling Jaya 25 May 2023