

EP MANUFACTURING BHD.

(Company No. 199601017765 (390116-T))

(Incorporated in Malaysia)

Condensed statements of profit or loss and other comprehensive income

for the financial year ended 31 December 2023 - (Unaudited)

	Individual Quarter		Cumulative Period	
	Current year quarter ended 31/12/2023 RM'000	Preceding year corresponding quarter ended 31/12/2022 RM'000	Current year- to-date 31/12/2023 RM'000	Preceding year- to-date 31/12/2022 RM'000
Revenue	199,636	186,732	648,003	516,327
Operating expenses	(186,469)	(182,082)	(611,214)	(491,420)
Depreciation and amortisation	(7,409)	(6,412)	(26,912)	(26,187)
Other income	5,641	2,904	25,994	5,946
Results from operating activities	11,399	1,142	35,871	4,666
Finance costs	(3,121)	(2,189)	(11,767)	(7,952)
Finance income	2,185	78	2,655	121
Net finance costs	(936)	(2,111)	(9,112)	(7,831)
Share of profit of equity-accounted joint venture, net of tax	692	534	2,684	1,436
Profit/(Loss) before tax	11,155	(435)	29,443	(1,729)
Tax expense	(8,212)	2,735	(9,222)	2,128
Profit for the year	2,943	2,300	20,221	399
Total comprehensive income for the year	2,943	2,300	20,221	399
Profit attributable to :				
Owners of the Company	1,335	2,300	18,613	399
Non-controlling interests	1,608	-	1,608	-
Profit for the year	2,943	2,300	20,221	399
Total comprehensive income attributable to :				
Owners of the Company	1,335	2,300	18,613	399
Non-controlling interests	1,608	-	1,608	-
Total comprehensive income for the year	2,943	2,300	20,221	399
Earnings per ordinary share (sen):				
Basic	0.61	1.13	8.45	0.20
Diluted	-	-	-	-

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Condensed Consolidated Statements of Financial Position

as at 31 December 2023 - (Unaudited)

	31/12/2023 (Unaudited) RM'000	31/12/2022 (Audited) RM'000
Assets		
Property, plant and equipment	214,200	206,083
Right-of-use assets	6,526	5,320
Investment properties	14,417	14,417
Intangible assets	84,597	85,630
Investment in a joint venture	751	594
Inventories	54,847	54,796
Deferred tax assets	3,079	3,764
Total non-current assets	378,417	370,604
Inventories	63,326	40,756
Trade and other receivables	76,480	64,991
Contract assets	32,014	20,967
Current tax assets	2,540	5,633
Prepayments and other assets	7,906	6,544
Other investment	2,955	2,655
Cash and cash equivalents	53,967	61,064
	239,188	202,610
Assets classified as held for sales	-	39,090
Total current assets	239,188	241,700
Total assets	617,605	612,304
Equity		
Share capital	218,932	218,932
Reserves	83,534	64,921
Equity attributable to owners of the Company	302,466	283,853
Non-controlling interests	1,356	(252)
Total equity	303,822	283,601
Liabilities		
Loan and borrowings	39,389	32,247
Lease liabilities	3,139	2,404
Deferred income	1,822	2,010
Deferred tax liabilities	5,259	864
Total non-current liabilities	49,609	37,525
Loan and borrowings	148,343	145,211
Lease liabilities	4,703	3,115
Deferred income	188	188
Contract liabilities	3,066	3,483
Current tax liabilities	1,726	12
Provision for warranties	186	216
Trade and other payables	105,962	138,953
Total current liabilities	264,174	291,178
Total liabilities	313,783	328,703
Total equity and liabilities	617,605	612,304
Net assets per share attributable to owners of the Company (RM)	1.37	1.29

The condensed consolidated statements of financial position should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2022 and the accompanying explanatory notes attached to the interim financial statements.

Condensed Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity

for the financial year ended 31 December 2023 - (Unaudited)

	<----- Attributable to equity holders of the Company ----->					Total Equity RM'000
	Share Capital RM'000	Treasury Shares RM'000	Retained Earnings RM'000	Total RM'000	Non- Controlling Interests RM'000	
	<-- Non Distributable -->		Distributable			
At 1 January 2023	218,932	-	64,921	283,853	(252)	283,601
Profit for the year	-	-	18,613	18,613	1,608	20,221
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	18,613	18,613	1,608	20,221
		-				
At 31 December 2023	218,932	-	83,534	302,466	1,356	303,822
At 1 January 2022	197,346	-	64,719	262,065	(252)	261,813
Profit for the year	-	-	399	399	-	399
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	399	399	-	399
Ordinary shares issued pursuant to Private Placement	21,586	-	(197)	21,389	-	21,389
At 31 December 2022	218,932	-	64,921	283,853	(252)	283,601

The condensed consolidated statement of changes in equity should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2022 and the accompanying explanatory notes attached to the interim financial statements.

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Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

for the financial year ended 31 December 2023 - (Unaudited)

	12 months Ended 31/12/2023 RM'000	12 months Ended 31/12/2022 RM'000
Cash flows from operating activities		
Profit/(Loss) before tax	29,443	(1,729)
Adjustments for:		
Non-cash items	31,984	28,214
Non-operating items	9,031	7,946
Gain on disposal of assets classified as held for sale	(12,534)	-
Share of profit of equity-accounted joint venture, net of tax	(2,684)	(1,436)
Operating profit before changes in working capital	55,240	32,995
Changes in working capital:		
Inventories	(22,980)	(49,740)
Trade and other receivables, prepayments and other assets	(19,045)	(8,455)
Trade and other payables	4,858	13,354
Contract liabilities	(417)	3,483
Contract assets	(11,047)	(20,967)
Cash generated from/(used in) operations	6,609	(29,330)
Interest paid	(7,266)	(5,888)
Tax refund/(paid)	665	(1,336)
Warranties paid	(98)	(98)
Net cash from/(used in) operating activities	(90)	(36,652)
Cash flows from investing activities		
Development costs	616	(198)
Acquisition of investment in a subsidiary	-	(250)
Acquisition of property, plant and equipment	(29,736)	(7,137)
Dividend received from a joint venture	2,527	1,319
Increase in pledged deposits with licensed banks	(300)	(12)
Interest received	2,655	121
Proceeds from disposal of assets classified as held for sale	15,562	37,938
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment	-	63
Net cash (used in)/from investing activities	(8,676)	31,844
Cash flows from financing activities		
Net repayment of bankers' acceptances	(4,019)	(2,950)
Net drawdown of term loans	14,847	12,666
Interest paid	(4,560)	(2,278)
Payment of lease liabilities	(4,045)	(1,598)
Net repayment/(drawdown) of other bank facilities	(303)	541
Proceeds from issuance of shares pursuant to Private Placement	-	21,389
Net cash from financing activities	1,920	27,770
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents	(6,846)	22,962
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year	51,949	28,987
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year	45,103	51,949

The condensed consolidated statements of cash flows should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2022 and the accompanying explanatory notes attached to the interim financial statements.

Cash and cash equivalents in the statements of cash flows comprise the following:

Cash and bank balances	53,967	61,064
Cash and cash equivalents in the statements of financial positions	53,967	61,064
Bank overdraft	(8,864)	(9,115)
Cash and cash equivalents in the statements of cash flows	45,103	51,949

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A Notes to the Interim Financial Statements Pursuant to Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards (“MFRS”) 134

A1. Basis of preparation

These condensed consolidated interim financial statements for the fourth quarter ended 31 December 2023 are unaudited and have been prepared in accordance with MFRS 134: *Interim Financial Reporting* and Paragraph 9.22 of the Main Market Listing Requirements of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad. They do not include all of the information required for a full annual financial statements.

The unaudited interim financial report should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2022. The explanatory notes attached to the unaudited interim financial report provide an explanation of events and transactions that are significant to an understanding of the changes in the financial position and performance of the Group since the financial year ended 31 December 2022.

A2. Significant accounting policies

The significant accounting policies and methods of computation adopted in these interim financial statements are consistent with those adopted in the audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2022 except for the adoption of the following accounting standards, amendments and interpretations that have been issued by the Malaysian Accounting Standards Board (“MASB”) for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2023.

MFRSs, interpretations and amendments effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2023

- MFRS 17, *Insurance Contracts*
- Amendments to MFRS 17, *Insurance Contracts – Initial Application of MFRS 17 and MFRS 9 - Comparative Information*
- Amendments to MFRS 101, *Presentation of Financial Statements – Disclosures of Accounting Policies*
- Amendments to MFRS 108, *Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors – Definition of Accounting Estimates*
- Amendments to MFRS 112, *Income Taxes – Deferred Tax related to Assets and Liabilities arising from a Single Transaction*

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A2. Significant accounting policies (continued)

MFRSs, interpretations and amendments effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2024

- Amendments to MFRS 16, *Leases – Lease Liability in a Sale and Leaseback*
- Amendments to MFRS 101, *Presentation of Financial Statements – Non-Current Liabilities with Covenants and Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current*
- Amendments to MFRS 107, *Statement of Cash Flows* and MFRS 7, *Financial Instruments: Disclosures – Supplier Finance Arrangements*

MFRSs, interpretations and amendments effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2025

- Amendments to MFRS 121, *The Effects of Changes in Foreign Exchange Rates – Lack of Exchangeability*

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* and MFRS 128, *Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures – Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture*

The initial application of the abovementioned accounting standards, interpretation and amendments are not expected to have any material financial impacts to the current period and prior period financial statements of the Group.

A3. Audit qualifications

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

A4. Unusual items affecting assets, liabilities, equity, net income or cash flows

There were no items affecting assets, liabilities, equity, net income, or cash flows that were unusual in nature, size or incidence during this financial year.

A5. Material changes in estimates

There were no significant estimates or changes in estimates that have had any material effect on the results of the current financial year.

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A6. Changes in the composition of the Group

There were no major changes in the composition of the Group for the quarter under review and up to the date of this report.

A7. Seasonality or cyclicity of operations

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

A8. Segmental information

During the current reporting period, the Group operates under one main business segment which is Automotive. The information contained in the condensed statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income represent the Automotive segment.

A9. Valuation of property, plant and equipment

The valuations of certain property, plant and equipment have been brought forward without amendment from the latest audited annual financial statements.

A10. Material impairment of assets

There was no material impairment of assets during the quarter under review and the financial year.

A11. Capital commitments

Capital commitments not provided for in the financial statements as at 31 December 2023 are as follows:

	RM'000
Property, plant and equipment	
Contracted but not provided for	<u>6,965</u>

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A12. Changes in contingent liabilities or contingent assets

The changes in contingent liabilities since 31 December 2022 are summarised as follows:-

	RM'000
Balance as at 31 December 2022	52,990
Movement in corporate guarantee issued to financial institutions for banking facilities granted to the subsidiaries	20,733
Balance as at 31 December 2023	<u>73,723</u>

The contingent liabilities were in respect of financial guarantees to banks for banking facilities granted to certain subsidiaries. There was no indication that any subsidiary would default on repayment.

A13. Debt and equity securities

There was no issuance, cancellation, repurchase, resale and repayment of debts and equity securities during the current quarter under review.

A14. Related party transactions

The Group has significant related party transactions with companies in which certain directors of the Company have interests. Related parties are those defined under MFRS 124 Related Party Disclosures. Transactions with these related parties have been entered into in the normal course of business and have been established under arms length basis.

A15. Material events subsequent to the end of the financial year

Save as disclosed in Note B6 of this report on the status of corporate proposals, there were no other material events subsequent to the end of the current quarter and financial period under review and up to the date of this report that have not been reflected in this interim financial report.

A16. Dividends Paid

There is no dividend paid during the quarter under review.

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B. Explanatory Notes Pursuant to Appendix 9B of the Listing Requirements of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad

B1. Review of the performance

Current Quarter

	Individual quarter (4 th quarter)		Changes		Cumulative period		Changes	
	Current year quarter ended 31/12/2023	Preceding year corresponding quarter ended 31/12/2022	Amount	%	Current year-to-date 31/12/2023	Preceding year-to- date 31/12/2022	Amount	%
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000		RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	
Revenue	199,636	186,732	12,904	6.9	648,003	516,327	131,676	25.5
Operating profit	12,091	1,676	10,415	621.4	38,555	6,102	32,453	531.8
Profit/(loss) before tax	11,155	(435)	11,590	2,664.4	29,443	(1,729)	31,172	1,802.9
Profit after tax	2,943	2,300	643	28.0	20,221	399	19,822	4,967.9
Profit attributable to owners of the Company	1,335	2,300	(965)	(42.0)	18,613	399	18,214	4,564.9

The Group reported higher revenue of RM199.6mil as compared to RM186.7mil in the preceding year's corresponding quarter. The revenue is higher by RM12.9mil mainly attributed by the increase in sales of automotive parts resulted from new product launched i.e car seat and high growth in car sales.

Profit before tax for the current quarter was RM11.2mil as compared to loss before tax of RM0.4mil in the preceding year's corresponding quarter. Sales was higher and the Group has benefitted from the improved economies of scale.

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B2. Comparison with Immediate Preceding Quarter

	Current year quarter ended 31/12/2023	Immediate preceding quarter ended 30/9/2023	Changes	
			Amount	%
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	
Revenue	199,636	158,382	41,254	26.0
Operating profit	12,091	3,409	8,682	254.7
Profit before tax	11,155	1,161	9,994	860.8
Profit after tax	2,943	408	2,535	621.3
Profit attributable to owners of the Company	1,335	408	927	227.2

For the quarter ended 31 December 2023, the Group reported a higher revenue of RM199.6mil as compared to RM158.4mil reported in the preceding quarter. The revenue is higher by RM41.3mil mainly attributed by the increased in sales of automotive parts.

In line with the increased in revenue, the Group recorded higher profit before tax of RM11.2mil as compared to RM1.2mil in the preceding quarter resulted from ongoing cost optimization effort.

B3. Prospects for the coming financial year

The Group is set to begin construction of its planned new vehicle assembly plant in Melaka. The new facility will be established in several phases at the Hicom Pegoh Industrial Park, with over RM100 million set to be invested into the project. Upon completion, the assembly plant will have the capacity to produce up to 30,000 Energy Efficient Vehicles ("EEV") and Electric Vehicles ("EV") annually in the first phase of its operations.

The new plant is set to manufacture and assemble vehicle models for BAIC International Development Co., Ltd ("BAIC"), and Great Wall Motor Sales Malaysia.

The initiatives undertaken thus far are part of the Group's effort to navigate the Group's businesses amid the global movement which will gradually phase out ICE vehicles and to ensure the sustainability of the Group. The Group will continue to strengthen its core business segments and at the same time, focus on new market opportunities which are expected to contribute positively to the result of the Group in 2024 and the upcoming years. It is expected the new Completely Knocked Down ("CKD") plant to contribute further to the existing business as there will be more opportunities for automotive components to be manufactured by the Group in the future.

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B4. Profit forecast or profit guarantee

There were no profit forecast or profit guarantee issued by the Group.

B5. Tax expense

	Individual Quarter		Cumulative Period	
	Current year quarter ended 31/12/2023 RM'000	Preceding year corresponding quarter ended 31/12/2022 RM'000	Current year- to-date 31/12/2023 RM'000	Preceding year-to- date 31/12/2022 RM'000
Income tax:				
-Current year	2,566	29	4,029	245
-Prior years	88	(15)	113	103
	<u>2,654</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>4,142</u>	<u>348</u>
Deferred tax:				
-Current year	4,111	(2,741)	3,633	(2,468)
-Prior years	1,447	(8)	1,447	(8)
	<u>5,558</u>	<u>(2,749)</u>	<u>5,080</u>	<u>(2,476)</u>
	<u>8,212</u>	<u>(2,735)</u>	<u>9,222</u>	<u>(2,128)</u>

The Group's effective tax rate (excluding the results of joint ventures, which is equity accounted net of tax) for the current quarter was higher than the statutory tax rate mainly due to certain expenses which are not tax deductible.

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B6. Status of corporate proposals

There were no corporate proposals announced which have not been completed as at the date of this report.

B7. Memorandums and Agreements

i) Memorandum of Agreement between EP Manufacturing Bhd, CIS Pride Silver Rock Fund ("CIS") and Sharkgulf Technologies Group Limited ("Sharkgulf")

On 8 March 2022, the Board of Directors announced that the Company has entered into a Memorandum of Agreement ("MOA") with CIS and Sharkgulf for the establishment and development of a production and localisation plan with the objective of assembling, manufacturing and distributing 2-wheel Electronic Vehicles ("EVs") and other related products in Malaysia and such other countries in Southeast Asia.

On 25 July 2022, EP Blueshark Sdn Bhd ("EPBS"), a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company, had received conditional/interim approval from the Ministry of International Trade and Industry ("MITI") on EPBS application dated 4 July 2022 for the assembly of electric bike under the Industrial Co-ordination Act 1975 [Act 156] subject to the conditions to be fulfilled by EPBS within six (6) months from the Letter of Approval ("Conditional/Interim Approval")

On 5 September 2022, the Board of Directors announced that the National Committee for Vehicle Type Approval ("VTA") and Homologation, Road Transport Department of Malaysia ("RTD") had approved the VTA for Blueshark SG3000DT model, referred to as "Blueshark R1" under the Malaysia Road Transport Act 1987 on 30 August 2022. Certificate for the VTA has been issued to EPBS.

The VTA Approval allows the electric bike "Blueshark R1" to be road registered and licensed by RTD. This endeavour created a new chapter for the Group to diversify complementing its present business.

On 3 October 2022 the Board of Directors announced that the Ministry of International Trade and Industry ("MITI") granted EPBS a Manufacturing License dated 26 September 2022 pursuant to Industrial Co-ordination Act 1975 to undertake the activity of assembly of electric bike.

The Manufacturing License is subject to, amongst others, the condition that the manufacturing and assembly activities shall take place at No. 8 & 10, Jalan Jurutera U1/23, Seksyen U1, Kawasan Perindustrian Hicom Glenmarie, 40150, Shah Alam, Selangor.

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B7. Memorandums and Agreements (continued)

- i) Memorandum of Agreement between EP Manufacturing Bhd, CIS Pride Silver Rock Fund ("CIS") and Sharkgulf Technologies Group Limited ("Sharkgulf") (continued)

EPBS plans to import two-wheel Electric Vehicle components in Semi Knocked Down ("SKD") and/or Completely Knocked Down ("CKD") form and assembly, manufacture, and localisation of certain components in Malaysia for distribution in the local and ASEAN region.

On 17 July 2023, the Board of Directors announced that the wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, EP Blueshark Sdn Bhd had entered into an Exclusive Distribution Agreement with Sharkgulf for the exclusive distributor right to sell Sharkgulf's smart electric motorcycle products in all series with brand name "Blueshark" in Malaysia for a period of one (1) year subject to further renewal to be agreed upon by both parties.

On 21 December 2023, EPBS had been granted Franchise Approved Permit ("AP") by the Ministry of Investment, Trade and Industry ("MITI") for importation of RI Blueshark in Complete Built-Up ("CBU") form in 2024.

The Completely Knocked Down ("CKD") production plant is to be completed by second or third quarter of 2024 and the Company has initiated the local assembly plan. Thus there will be no further updates for operational matters.

- ii) Memorandum of Understanding between EP Manufacturing Bhd with SJQ Investments LLC ("SJQ"), CVI Kildsen Sdn Bhd ("CK") and Sharkgulf Technologies Group Limited ("Sharkgulf")

On 19 September 2022 the Board of Directors announced that the Company had on 15 September 2022 entered into a Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") with SJQ, CK and Sharkgulf to form a strategic cooperation with one another for the expansion and development of 2-Wheel EVs and other related products in the Middle East market (hereinafter referred to as the "Strategic Cooperation").

Up to the date of this report, there is no material development pertaining to the MOU. Any material and significant development will be updated accordingly.

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B7. Memorandums and Agreements (continued)

iii) Memorandum of Agreement (“MOA”) between EP Manufacturing Bhd and SAEAN Group Inc. (“SGI”)

On 17 October 2022 the Board of Directors announced that the Company had entered into a Memorandum of Agreement (“MOA”) with SAEAN Group Inc. (“SGI”) or (“the Parties”) for the establishment of strategic alliance to mass-produce electric Vehicles (“EV”: A segment and/or small SUV class, and construction equipment) to be supplied to the Malaysian and Southeast Asian Markets, and make mutual efforts to meet the eco-friendly demands of the market.

Despite the expiry of the MOA, the Company had made efforts to continue further collaboration. However, up to date, there is no consensus reached and therefore, the Company does not intend to extend the MOA.

iv) Memorandum of understanding (“MOU”) with Petronas Dagangan Berhad (“PDB”), EP Blueshark Sdn Bhd (“EPBS”) and Blueshark Holding Limited (“BHL”)

On 7 November 2022 the Board of Directors announced that EPBS [Company No. 202201011875 (1457572-U)] had entered into a MOU with PDB [Company No. 198201008499 (88222-D)] and BHL [Company No. CR-391886] to engage in discussions to jointly collaborate for the mutual benefit of the Parties primarily in respect of the electric mobility space in Malaysia (hereinafter referred to as the “Collaboration”).

The parties are currently in discussion to extend the validity of the MOU. The first pilot programme of Battery Swapping Ecosystem have been successfully completed at a few selected Petronas Stations, The parties plan to expand the coverage with the development of additional Battery Swapping Stations.

v) Exclusive Distributor Agreement between EP 4Wheeler Sdn Bhd (“EP4W”) and Hubei Dongfeng Power Auto Trade Co., Ltd and Xiamen Tsingyan Hylong Motor Technology Co., Ltd (“Tsingyan”)

On 28 December 2022 the Board of Directors announced that its wholly owned subsidiary, EP 4Wheeler Sdn Bhd (“EP4W” or the “Distributor”) has on 27 December 2022 entered into an Exclusive Distributor Agreement with Hubei Dongfeng Power Auto Trade Co., Ltd. and Tsingyan for the exclusive right granted by Tsingyan to assemble and sell the right-hand drive LINGBOX Auto Products under the brand name and marks of LINGBOX Auto, Qingyan Hailong or EP4W’s own auto mark in Malaysia and Indonesia for a period of five (5) years commencing from 1 January 2023 and expiring on 31 December 2027 and shall be automatically renewed for a further period of five (5) years, subject to the terms and conditions as set out in the Exclusive Distributor Agreement.

Up to the date of this report, there is no material development pertaining to the above. Any material and significant development will be updated accordingly.

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B7. Memorandums and Agreements (continued)

- vi) Master Agreement for the supply of product between Averte Global Pte Ltd, Blueshark Group Limited and EP Blueshark Sdn Bhd ("EPBS")

On 9 January 2023 the Board of Directors announced that EPBS had entered into a master agreement ("Master Agreement") with Averte Global Pte Ltd and Blueshark Group Limited to collaborate to form a strategic cooperation with one another for the purposes of capturing the e-MotorBike business opportunities in Indonesia and Vietnam.

Up to the date of this report, there is no material development pertaining to the Agreement. Any material and significant development will be updated accordingly.

- vii) Memorandum Of Understanding ("MoU") Between EP Blueshark Sdn Bhd ("EPBS") and Tenaga Swithgear Sdn Bhd ("TSG")

On 17 January 2023 the Board of Directors announced that EPBS had entered into a Memorandum of Understanding ("MoU") with Tenaga Switchgear Sdn Bhd ("TSG") [Registration No. 199401035643 (321326-M)] to set out the initial intention and principles in relation to the cooperation in the respect of a collaborative project on a joint venture basis or any other method to be mutually agreed which involves the following business activities ("Collaborative Project"):-

- a. to explore the possibilities of localising the Battery and Battery Swapping Station for ASEAN market;
- b. to explore the possibilities of unifying the Battery Swapping Station and Infrastructure networks in the whole of Malaysia and ASEAN Countries; and
- c. to explore the possibilities of deploying Battery Swapping Station via TSG's network in Malaysia and ASEAN market.

The MOU has expired in January 2024 and the Company does not intend to extend the MOU.

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B7. Memorandums and Agreements (continued)

viii) Memorandum of understanding with BAIC International Development Co., Ltd

On 1 August 2023, the Board of Directors of the Company announced that the Company has on 31 July 2023 entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (“MoU”) with BAIC International Development Co., Ltd (“BAIC”) to work together on the local production of BAIC’s BJ40P and X55II sport utility vehicles (“SUVs”), along with future right-hand drive (“RHD”) internal combustion engine (“ICE”) vehicles and electric vehicles (“EVs”). EPMB and BAIC also agreed to jointly develop BAIC-branded RHD EVs to cater to Malaysia and other South-east Asian RHD markets.

The parties have agreed to extend the validity from 31 December 2023 to 1 March 2024, whilst both parties are finalising on the definitive agreement.

ix) Memorandum of Understanding between Peps-JV (Melaka) Sdn Bhd with Great Wall Motor Sales Malaysia Sdn Bhd

On 18 October 2023 the Board of Directors announced that Peps-JV (Melaka) Sdn Bhd (“PJVM”), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) with Great Wall Motor Sales Malaysia Sdn Bhd (“GWM”) to cooperate in the production, and assembly of GWM’s products in Malaysia.

On 3 January 2024 PJVM and GWM had entered into a Vehicle Assembly Agreement to appoint PJVM as the contract assembler for Great Wall Motor Company Limited’s authorised model vehicles in Malaysia.

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B8. Loans and borrowings

	As at 31/12/2023 RM'000	As at 31/12/2022 RM'000
Non- Current		
Term loans	39,039	31,692
Other bank facilities	350	555
Total	39,389	32,247
Current		
Term loans	28,652	21,152
Banker's acceptance	85,642	89,661
Revolving credit	25,000	25,000
Bank overdraft	8,864	9,115
Other bank facilities	185	283
Total	148,343	145,211
Total loans and borrowings	187,732	177,458

Borrowings are secured and denominated in Ringgit Malaysia.

Loans and borrowings of the Group increased to RM187.7mil as at 31 December 2023 as compared to RM177.5mil as at 31 December 2022. Increased in loans and borrowings were mainly due to drawdown of term loan from local bank to finance the capital expenditure investment in new production lines for the supply of automotive parts and car seats for new car models.

The weighted average interest rate of borrowings is 5.18% and the proportion of debt that is based on fixed and floating interest rates are as follows:

	As at 31/12/2023 RM'000	As at 31/12/2022 RM'000
Fixed interest rate borrowings	148,596	133,785
Floating interest rate borrowings	39,136	43,673
Total loans and borrowings	187,732	177,458

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B9. Disclosure of derivatives

The Group did not enter into any derivative contract and accordingly there were no outstanding derivatives (including financial instruments designated as hedging instruments) as at 31 December 2023.

B10. Changes in material litigation

As at the date of this report, there is no pending material litigation.

B11. Dividend

The Board of Directors does not declare any dividend for the current quarter ended 31 December 2023.

B12. Earnings per share

The calculation of basic earnings per share is based on the net profit attributable to owners of the Company for the period divided by the weighted average number of ordinary shares:

	Individual Quarter		Cumulative Period	
	Current year quarter ended 31/12/2023	Preceding year corresponding quarter ended 31/12/2022	Current year-to-date 31/12/2023	Preceding year-to-date 31/12/2022
Profit for the period attributable to owners of the Company (RM'000)	1,335	2,300	18,613	399
Weighted average number of ordinary shares ('000)	220,283	203,825	220,283	203,825
Basic earnings per share (sen)	0.61	1.13	8.45	0.20
Diluted earnings per share (sen)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

No diluted EPS is disclosed in these condensed consolidated interim financial statements as there are no dilutive potential ordinary shares.

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B13. Notes to the Statement of Comprehensive Income

	Individual Quarter		Cumulative Period	
	Current year quarter ended 31/12/2023 RM'000	Preceding year corresponding quarter ended 31/12/2022 RM'000	Current year-to-date 31/12/2023 RM'000	Preceding year-to-date 31/12/2022 RM'000
Finance income	2,185	78	2,655	121
Other income	5,641	2,904	^(N1) 25,994	5,946
Finance costs	(3,121)	(2,189)	(11,767)	(7,952)
Depreciation and amortisation	(7,409)	(6,412)	(26,912)	(26,187)
Inventories written off	(415)	(1,022)	(643)	(998)
Impairment loss of trade and other receivables	(1,613)	-	(4,833)	-
Allowance for slow moving inventories	(95)	(605)	(183)	(605)
Reversal of allowance for slow moving inventories	21	189	467	189
Foreign exchange gain/(loss)	(761)	14	(414)	517

N1 - Includes gain on disposal of asset classified as held for sale (Glenmarie properties) of RM12,534,000.

The above disclosure is prepared in accordance with the paragraph 16 of Appendix 9B of the Main Market Listing Requirements ("MMLR") issued by Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad. Except for the above, the rest of the items required for disclosures pursuant to Paragraph 16 of MMLR are not applicable to the Group.

By order of The Board
EP Manufacturing Bhd.

Lim Seck Wah
Company Secretary
Shah Alam
Date: 28 February 2024

