

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

Notes to the Interim Financial Report (1st Quarter - 30 September 2017)

A1 Basis of Preparation

The condensed interim financial statements are unaudited and have been prepared in compliance with the Financial Reporting Standard ('FRS') 134: Interim Financial Reporting and paragraph 9.22 and Appendix 9B of the Listing Requirements of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad. The condensed interim financial statements should be read in conjunction with the Group's annual reports and financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2017.

1.1 Changes in Accounting Policies

The significant accounting policies, methods of computation and basis of consolidation adopted are consistent with those of the most recent audited financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2017.

1.2 Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards ("MFRS")

On 19 November 2011, the MASB issued a new approved accounting framework, i.e. Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards ("MFRS"). The MFRS is to be applied by all entities other than private entities for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2012, with the exception of entities subject to the application of MFRS 141 Agriculture and / or IC Interpretation 15 Agreements for Construction of Real Estate, including the entities' parent, significant investor and venture (referred to as 'Transitioning Entities" collectively). Transitioning Entities are allowed to defer adoption of the MFRS, and continue to use the existing FRS framework until the MFRS framework is mandated by the MASB. The Group falls within the definition of Transitioning Entities and has opted to defer adoption of MFRS.

According to an announcement made by the MASB on 28 October 2015, all Transitioning Entities shall adopt the MFRS framework and prepare their first MFRS financial statements for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2018.

The Group will adopt the MFRS framework and will prepare its first set of MFRS financial statements for the financial year ending 30 June 2019. In presenting its first sets of MFRS financial statements, the Group will quantify the financial effects arising from the differences between MFRS and the currently applied FRS. The majority of the adjustments required on transition are expected to be made, retrospectively, against opening retained earnings of the Group. Accordingly, the financial performance and financial position of the Group as presented in these condensed interim financial statements could be different if prepared in accordance with MFRS.



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A2 Audit Report

The preceding annual financial statements of the group were not qualified.

A3 Seasonal or Cyclical Factors

Although seasonal or cyclical changes have minimal impact on the operations of the Group, the business is nevertheless susceptible to the vagaries of the construction and property development industries.

A4 Unusual Items

There were no unusual items affecting assets, liabilities, equity, net income or cash flows during the period under review.

A5 Changes in the Estimates of Amount Reported Previously With Material Effect in Current Interim Period Not applicable.

A6 Issuances, Cancellations, Repurchases, Resale and Repayments of Debt and Equity Securities

There were no issuances, cancellations, repurchases, resale and repayments of debt and equity securities during the quarter under review.

A7 Dividend

The shareholders have on 23 November 2017 approved the payment of a first and final single tier dividend of 2 sen per ordinary share amounting to RM42,784,060 for the financial year ended 30 June 2017. The said dividend will be paid on 26 January 2018 to members whose name appear in the Record of Depositors on 29 December 2017.



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A8 Segmental Information

Segmental information is presented in respect of the Group's business segment. Transactions between segments were entered into in the normal course of business and were established on terms and conditions that are not materially different from those obtainable in transactions with unrelated parties.

Current quarter ("1Q 2018") against preceding year corresponding quarter ("1Q 2017")

	Current Year Quarter	Preceding Year Corresponding Quarter	Changes	6
	30 September 2017	30 September 2016		
	Revenue	Revenue	Amount	%
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	
Construction operations	156,470	155,311	1,159	0.75
Property development	42,629	18,429	24,200	131.31
Toll operations	31,294	29,524	1,770	6.00
Investment holding	247	282	(35)	(12.41)
	230,640	203,546	27,094	13.31

	Current Year Quarter	Preceding Year Corresponding Quarter	Change	es
	30 September 2017 Profit/(Loss) before tax	30 September 2016 Profit/(Loss) before tax	Amount	%
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	
Construction operations	34,490	57,532	(23,042)	(40.05)
Property development	18,047	5,594	12,453	222.61
Toll operations	23,753	19,270	4,483	23.26
Investment holding	27	69	(42)	(60.87)
Profit before interest and Tax	76,317	82,465	(6,148)	(7.46)
Interest income	3,709	232	3,477	1498.71
Interest expense	(24,142)	(28,516)	(4,374)	(15.34)
Profit before Tax	55,884	54,181	1,703	3.14



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Current year to date ("YTD 2018") against preceding year corresponding period ("YTD 2017")

	3 months ended	3 months ended	Change	S
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A9 Revaluation of Property, Plant and Equipment

There were no amendments in the valuation amount of revalued assets brought forward to the current quarter ended compared to most recent annual financial statements.

A10 Material Subsequent Event

There have been no material event subsequent to the quarter and period ended 30 September 2017.

A11 Changes in Composition of the Group

The Company had on 20 October 2017 acquired the entire issued and paid-up share capital of Tanahmas Kapital Sdn Bhd ("TKSB") at a total purchase consideration of Ringgit Malaysia: Two only (RM2.00). TKSB was incorporated on 12 July 2016 with an issue and paid-up share capital of RM2.00. TKSB is currently dormant.

The Company had on 19 October 2017 acquired the entire issued and paid-up share capital of KL Rivercity Sdn Bhd (formerly known as Ekovest Rivercity Sdn Bhd) at a total purchase consideration of Ringgit Malaysia: Two only (RM2.00). KL Rivercity Sdn Bhd ("KLRSB") was incorporated on 11 July 2014 as Ekovest Rivercity Sdn Bhd. It assumed its present name on 3 October 2017. KLRSB has an issued and paid-up share capital of RM2.00 and is currently dormant.

Other than the above changes, there were no other changes in the composition of the Company or the Group for the quarter under review.

A12 Contingent Liabilities

There have been no contingent liabilities subsequent to the quarter and period ended 30 September 2017.

A13 Capital Commitments

Capital commitments of the Group as 30 September 2017 are as follows -

	RM '000
Capital expenditure in respect of :	
 purchase of properties, approved and contracted for 	36,744
 concession assets, approved and contracted for 	3,027,838



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A14 Significant Related Party Transactions

The Group has significant related party transactions with companies in which certain directors of the Company have interests, as follows:

	As at 30 September 2017 RM '000
With company in which certain Directors of the Company, have interests:	
Astana Setia Sdn Bhd Knusford Marketing Sdn Bhd Lim Seong Hai Lighting Sdn Bhd	829 5,279 4,356
WCM Power Sdn Bhd	1,463



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B1 Financial review for current quarter

	Individual Period (1 st Quarter)		Chang	ges
	Current Year	Preceding Year	Amount	%
	Quarter	Corresponding		
		Quarter		
	30 September	30 September		
	2017	2016		
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	
Revenue	230,640	203,546	27,094	13.31
Gross Profit	88,744	95,179	(6,435)	(6.76)
Profit Before Interest				
and Tax	76,317	82,465	(6,148)	(7.46)
Profit Before Tax	55,884	54,181	1,703	3.14
Profit After Tax	41,148	40,094	1,054	2.63
Profit Attributable to				
Ordinary Equity Holders				
of Parent	39,907	40,096	(189)	(0.47)

Current quarter ("1Q 2018") against preceding year corresponding quarter ("1Q 2017")

For the 1Q 2018, the Group registered revenue of RM230.64 million and profit before tax of RM55.884 million as compared to revenue of RM203.546 million and profit before tax of RM54.181 million reported in the 1Q 2017. The increase in Group revenue was mainly due to higher revenue from the construction and property development segment.

The performance of the respective operating business segments for the 1Q 2018 under review as compared to the 1Q 2017 is analysed as follow:



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B1 Financial review for current quarter (continued)

Construction operations

The construction sector reported a higher revenue of RM156.47 million for the 1Q 2018 as compared to RM155.311 million in 1Q 2017. Despite an increase in the revenue, the profit before interest and tax is lower than the 1Q 2017 as more income from the initial commencement of preliminary and enabling work for SPE, which has a better profit margin was recognised in 1Q 2017 as compared to 1Q 2018.

Property development

The property development segment reported a higher revenue of RM42.629 million as compared to RM18.429 million in the preceding year corresponding period. Higher sales recognition for property development project following additional progress work done has contributed to a higher revenue for the segment. Correspondingly, this sector recorded higher profit before interest and tax of RM18.047 million for the 1Q 2018 as compared to RM5.594 million in 1Q 2017.

Toll operations

The toll operations sector registered a higher revenue of RM31.294 million in 1Q 2018 as compared to RM29.524 million in 1Q 2017. An increase of 6% in the revenue for 1Q 2018 was mainly due to a higher traffic volume in the month of July 2017 during the Hari Raya Aidilfitri celebration month.

Investment holding

Revenue for the current quarter decreased from RM0.282 million to RM0.247 million due to reduction from rental income as some of the tenancies were not renewed. Correspondingly, this has reduced the profit before tax for the quarter.



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B1 Financial Review (continued)

Financial review for financial year to date

	Cumulative Period		Chang	ges
	Current Year	Preceding Year	Amount	%
	To- Date	Corresponding		
		Period		
	30 September	30 September		
	2017	2016		
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	
Revenue	230,640	203,546	27,094	13.31
Gross Profit	88,744	95,179	(6,435)	(6.76)
Profit Before Interest				
and Tax	76,317	82,465	(6,148)	(7.46)
Profit Before Tax	55,884	4,181	1,703	3.14
Profit After Tax	41,148	40,094	1,054	2.63
Profit Attributable to				
Ordinary Equity Holders				
of Parent	39,907	40,096	(189)	(0.47)

Current year to date ("YTD 2018") against preceding year corresponding period ("YTD 2017")

For the YTD 2018, the financial review for the Group compared the YTD 2017 are similar to the financial review of the current quarter ("1Q 2018") against preceding year corresponding quarter ("1Q 2017"). Please refer to the above for the analysis of the performance of the respective operating business segments.



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B2 Comparison with preceding quarter results

	Current Quarter	Immediate Preceding Quarter	Chang	ges
	30 September 2017	30 June 2017	Amount	%
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	
Revenue	230,640	318,453	(87,813)	(27.57)
Gross Profit	88,744	98,971	(10,227)	(10.33)
Profit Before Interest				
and Tax	76,317	80,425	(4,108)	(5.11)
Profit before Tax	55,884	50,835	5,049	9.93
Profit After Tax	41,148	20,733	20,415	98.47
Profit Attributable to Equity Holders of the				
Company	39,907	18,417	21,490	116.69

Financial review for current quarter compare with immediate preceding quarter

The Group recorded a revenue of RM230.640 million for the current quarter as compared to the preceding quarter of RM318.453 million. The decrease in revenue as compared to preceding quarter was mainly due to the recognition of the Incentive for the Enhancement of design in respect of Bunus Regional Sewage Treatment Plant in the preceding quarter. Despite decrease in revenue, the profit before tax was higher by 9.93% mainly due repayment of term loan which resulted in lower interest expense as compared to preceding quarter.

B3 Prospects

The Board expects the ongoing construction of SPE, River of Life and related projects, the opening of the DUKE Phase-2's toll revenue and the recognition of unbilled sales from property development activities to contribute positively to the Group's turnover and profitability in the current financial year.

Barring any unforeseen circumstances, the Board is confident that the Group's performance would remain satisfactory for the financial year ending 30 June 2018.

B4 Forecast/Profit Guarantee

There is no profit guarantee or financial forecast for the current quarter and for the year.



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B5 Taxation

	C	GROUP
	CURRENT	3 MONTHS
	QUARTER ENDED	ENDED
	30 SEPTEMBER	30 SEPTEMBER
	2017	2017
	RM '000	RM '000
Current period provision		
Tax expense	14,736	14,736

The effective tax rate for the quarter and period ended 30 September 2017 is higher than the statutory tax rate mainly due to the losses incurred by certain subsidiaries and disallowable expenses.

B6 Profit on Sale of Investment and/or Properties

There were no sale of investment or properties during the quarter and period ended 30 September 2017.

B7 Group Borrowings

AMOUNT REPAYABLE WITHIN ONE YEAR	CURRENT 1 st QUARTER ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2017 RM '000	PRECEDING YEAR CORRESPONDING PERIOD 30 SEPTEMBER 2016 RM '000
Bank overdraft -secured -unsecured	36,605 143	50,512 1,332
Bank Term Loans-secured	76,868	258,000
Letter of credit	-	634
Medium term notes	18,371	-
Revolving credit-secured	260,000	229,500
	391,987	539,978



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B7 Group Borrowings (continued)

	GROUP		
AMOUNT REPAYABLE AFTER ONE YEAR	CURRENT 1 st QUARTER ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2017 RM '000	PRECEDING YEAR CORRESPONDING PERIOD 30 SEPTEMBER 2016 RM '000	
Bank Term Loans-secured	554,942	669,157	
Medium term notes	16,068	29,008	
Islamic medium term notes	5,353,679	5,325,020	
	5,924,689	6,023,185	

The decrease in total borrowing is mainly the repayment of term loan from the proceeds raised from the Proposed Disposal (please refer to Note B13).

B8 Material Litigation

Save as disclosed below as at 30 September 2017, neither the Company nor its subsidiaries are engaged in any material litigation, claims or arbitration, either as plaintiff or defendant and the Board are not aware and do not have any knowledge of any proceedings, pending or threatened against the Group or any facts likely to give rise to any proceedings which might materially and adversely affect the financial position or business of the Company and its subsidiaries :

A dispute arose between our Company ("**Plaintiff**") and Shapadu Construction Sdn Bhd ("**Shapadu**") or ("**Defendant**") in respect of five (5) packages of sub-contract work under the New North Klang Straits Bypass Highway Project ("**Project**"). The holding company of the Defendant i.e. Lebuhraya Shapadu Sdn Bhd ("**Lebuhraya Shapadu**"), is the employer of the Project.



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B8 Material Litigation (continued)

Our claims against the Defendant are, inter alia, the following:

- (i) the sum of RM29,558,720.93 on quantum meruit for loss and damage under the subcontract; and/or alternatively; and
- (ii) the sum of RM7,459,356.15 being the uncertified value of work done and the sum of RM8,217,960.68 being retention monies in respect of work executed and the value of goods and material delivered under the sub-contract.

The Defendant's counter claims against our Company are, inter alia, the following:

- (i) the sum of RM33,010,000.00 allegedly being the liquidated ascertained damages ("LAD") due to the Defendant;
- (ii) the sum of RM30,700,000.00 being the LAD due to Lebuhraya Shapadu;
- (iii) the sum of RM2,008,868.93 as an indemnity for failure to carry-out and maintain the work;
- (iv) the sum of RM22,189,859.75 as an indemnity for the cost of completion;
- (v) the sum of RM8,298,455.65 as indemnity for damages suffered by Lebuhraya Shapadu in completing the work; and
- (iv) the sum of RM2,006,101.39 as an indemnity for the loss and expense suffered by Lebuhraya Shapadu.

On 1 August 2000, we issued a notice to arbitrate and the hearing of the arbitration commenced on 14 August 2006. Both the Plaintiff and Defendant have closed their cases and the hearing for the arbitration was adjourned to a date to be fixed. The arbitration proceeding is kept in abeyance pending settlement of the dispute.. As at the LPD, the parties have yet to finalise a settlement proposal.

Our Directors are of the opinion that the financial impact on our Group is minimal since we had sub-contracted all the relevant work to a third party on a "back-to-back" basis, and the third party sub-contractor has agreed to indemnify us against any losses or damages that we may suffer in the event Shapadu's counter claim is allowed by the court.

Further, we had sought legal advice in respect of the counter claim made by Shapadu and our solicitors are of the opinion that we have a reasonable prospect of defending the claim particularly when the employer has not taken action against the Defendant since most of the claims are on indemnity basis. On that premises, this dispute with Shapadu is not envisaged to have any material adverse impact on the financial position of our Group.



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B9 Dividend

No interim dividend has been declared for the quarter ended 30 September 2017.

B10 Earnings Per Share

	INDIVIDUAL	. QUARTER Preceding	CUMULATIVE QUARTER		
	Current year quarter	year correspondin g quarter	3 months to	3 months to	
	30 September 2017 RM '000	30 September 2016 RM '000	30 September 2017 RM '000	30 September 2016 RM '000	
(a) Basic earnings per share Net profit attributable to					
ordinary shareholders	39,907	40,096	39,907	40,096	
Weighted average number of ordinary share issue ('000)	2,139,203	2,138,620*	2,139,203	2,138,620*	
Basic earnings per ordinary share (sen)	1.87	1.87	1.87	1.87	
(b) Diluted earnings per ordinary Share (sen)	1.73	1.87	1.73	1.87	

Remarks *: The weighted average number of ordinary shares have been adjusted to reflect the completion of the Proposed Share Split. (Please refer to Note B13)



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B11 Notes to the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income

	Current quarter ended 30 September 2017 RM '000	3 months ended 30 September 2017 RM '000
Profit before tax is stated after charging / (crediting):		
Interest income	(3,709)	(3,709)
Other income including investment income	(1,751)	(1,751)
Interest expense	24,142	24,142
Depreciation and amortization	4,983	4,983

B12 Realised and Unrealised Retained Earnings

The retained earnings as at 30 September 2017 are analysed as follows:

	As at 30 September 2017 RM '000	As at 30 June 2017 RM '000
Realised	1,133,152	1,093,245
Unrealised	(72,275)	(72,275)
Total retained earnings	1,060,877	1,020,970



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B13 Corporate Exercises

The Board of Directors of Ekovest Berhad ("**Board**"), had on 19 August 2016, announced that Company had received an expression of interest letter ("**EOI**") from the Employees Provident Fund Board ("**EPF**") expressing its interest to enter into an exclusive negotiation with the Company on the proposed disposal of 40% equity interest held in Konsortium Lebuhraya Utara-Timur (KL) Sdn Bhd ("**Kesturi**") to EPF. The parties shall endeavour to finalise the terms and conditions in relation to the proposed disposal of 40% equity interest held in Kesturi to EPF within twenty-one (21) market days from the acceptance of the EOI or such other extended date to be mutually agreed.

On 21 September 2016, it was announced that our wholly-owned subsidiary, Nuzen Corporation Sdn Bhd (**Nuzen**) had entered into a binding term sheet with EPF to dispose a 40% equity interest held in Kesturi to EPF.

On 8 November 2016, on behalf of the Board of Directors of Ekovest ("**Board**"), CIMB Investment Bank Berhad ("**CIMB**"), Astramina Advisory Sdn Bhd ("**Astramina**") and AmInvestment Bank Berhad ("**AmInvestment**") announced that Nuzen had entered into a conditional share sale agreement ("**SSA**") with EPF for the disposal of:

(i) 3,440,400 ordinary shares of RM1.00 each in Kesturi, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Nuzen; and

(ii) 18,000,000 redeemable preference shares of RM1.00 each in Kesturi,

which represents 40% of the issued and paid-up share capital of Kesturi, for a total cash consideration of RM1,130.0 million, subject to the terms and conditions contained in the SSA ("**Disposal**").

In addition to the above, we had also announced that the Company proposes to undertake the following:

- proposed share split involving the subdivision of every two (2) existing ordinary shares of RM0.50 each into five (5) ordinary shares of RM0.20 each in Ekovest held on an entitlement date to be determined and announced later ("Share Split"); and
- (ii) proposed amendments to the Company's Memorandum and Articles of Association to facilitate the implementation of the Share Split ("**Amendments**").

On 18 November 2016, it was announced that the applications relating to the Share Split have been submitted to Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad ("**Bursa Securities**") and on 22 December 2016 announced that Bursa Securities resolved to approve the Share Split and listing of and quotation for up to 183,310,470 additional warrants arising from the adjustments to be made pursuant to the Share Split and up to 183,310,470 subdivided shares to be issued arising from the exercise of additional warrants, on the Main Market of Bursa Securities.



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On 19 January 2017, the shareholders of the Company have approved the resolutions in respect of the Disposal, Share Split and Amendments.

On 24 January 2017, the Board, CIMB, Astramina and AmInvestment announced that the SSA has become unconditional in accordance with the terms contained therein.

The Disposal has been completed on 13 February 2017 and in accordance with the terms of the SSA, Nuzen and EPF have entered into the Shareholders' Agreement on 13 February 2017.

Other than the above, there is no corporate proposals announced but not completed as at the date of this quarterly report.

The status of utilisation of proceeds raised from the Proposed Disposal which was completed on 13 February 2017 are as follows:

Purpose	Gross Proceeds (RM '000)	Actual Utilisation (RM '000)	Balance (RM '000)	Deviation (RM '000)	Intended Timeframe for Utilisation
Repayment of borrowings	400,000	400,000	Nil	Nil	Within 6 months
Distribution to shareholders of Ekovest <i>(Note1</i>)	Between 213,862 and 244,414	213,920	Nil	Nil	Within 6 months
Exit Payment	149,000	Nil	149,000	Nil	(Note 2)
General corporate and working capital	Between 325,168 and 355,720	273,062	82,600 (Note 3)	Nil	Within 24 months
Estimated expenses for the Proposal	11,418	9,356	2,062	Nil	Within 6 months
	1,130,000	896,338	233,662		



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Remarks :

The total cash consideration for this Proposed Disposal is RM1,130.0 million, which is payable in the following manner :

- (a) On the completion date, EPF shall pay to Nuzen the completion sum of RM921.0 million; and
- (b) Within 7 Business Days following the receipt by Nuzen of a copy of the CPC for Duke Phase-2, EPF shall pay to Nuzen the CPC payment of RM209.0 million, of which the Exit Payment of RM149.0 million is to be deposited into the Designated Accounts and Nuzen shall retain the Exit Payment and all Accrued Income.

Note (1): The Proposed Distribution represents a cash dividend of RM0.25 per share. The Proposed Dividend has been paid on 8 March 2017 amounting to RM213.92 million. The actual amount paid to the shareholders of the Company is based on the Company's shares outstanding as the entitlement date.

Note (2) : Nuzen is entitled to the full legal and beneficial rights and title to the Exit Payment amounting to RM149.0 million and the Accrued Income but is obligated to retain the Exit Payment and the Accrued Income in the Designated Account. As at todate, Nuzen has not receive the CPC Payment which includes the Exit Payment. Amount received todate is RM921.0 million only.

Note (3) : The gross proceeds for the general corporate and working capital includes part of the CPC payment of RM60.0 million which Nuzen has not received yet.

In addition, on 17 January 2017, Ekovest announced that its subsidiary, Lebuhraya DUKE Fasa 2A Sdn Bhd ("LDF2A"), had received a letter from the Government on the principle approval of the proposed privatisation of the Kampung Baru Link, Istana Link and Kapar Link Expressway ("**Proposed Project**").

With a total length of approximately 75.2 kilometres, the Proposed Project is expected to provide vital connectivity and direct linkage for movement in and around Kuala Lumpur City Center and completes the missing link for seamless travelling in and out of Greater Kuala Lumpur and Klang Valley.

The estimated total project cost of RM6.32 billion (excluding Goods & Services Tax) for the Proposed Project is expected to be financed via a combination of internally generated funds, borrowings and/or other fund raising exercise.

The Proposed Project is subject to further terms and conditions to be negotiated between the Government and LDF2A and the principle approval by the Government shall not in any way be considered as binding upon the Government until the execution of the relevant agreement between the Government and LDF2A.

Ekovest will make the appropriate announcement to Bursa Securities as and when there is a material development in relation to the Proposed Project.