

# Annual Report 2022

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#### **CORPORATE INFORMATION**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS Datuk Chua Hock Gee

Non-Independent Non-Executive Chairman

Lau Fook Meng Executive Director

Hew Chee Hau

Independent Non-Executive Director

Cheng Lai Chuan

Independent Non-Executive Director (Appointed on 29 March 2023)

Wong See Mei

Independent Non-Executive Director (Appointed on 29 March 2023)

Tan Kong Ang

Independent Non-Executive Director (Resigned on 29 March 2023)

Lim Choon Liat

Independent Non-Executive Director (Resigned on 29 March 2023)

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**AUDIT COMMITTEE** 

**Chairman** Hew Chee Hau

MemberCheng Lai Chuan (Appointed on 29 March 2023)MemberWong See Mei (Appointed on 29 March 2023)Tan Kong Ang (Resigned on 29 March 2023)

Lim Choon Liat (Resigned on 29 March 2023)

NOMINATION COMMITTEE

Chairman Cheng Lai Chuan (Appointed on 29 March 2023)

Lim Choon Liat (Resigned on 29 March 2023)

Member Hew Chee Hau

Member Wong See Mei (Appointed on 29 March 2023)

Tan Kong Ang (Resigned on 29 March 2023)



# **CORPORATE INFORMATION (CONT'D)**

REMUNERATION COMMITTEE

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Lim Choon Liat (Resigned on 29 March 2023)

Member Hew Chee Hau

Member Wong See Mei (Appointed on 29 March 2023)

Tan Kong Ang (Resigned on 29 March 2023)

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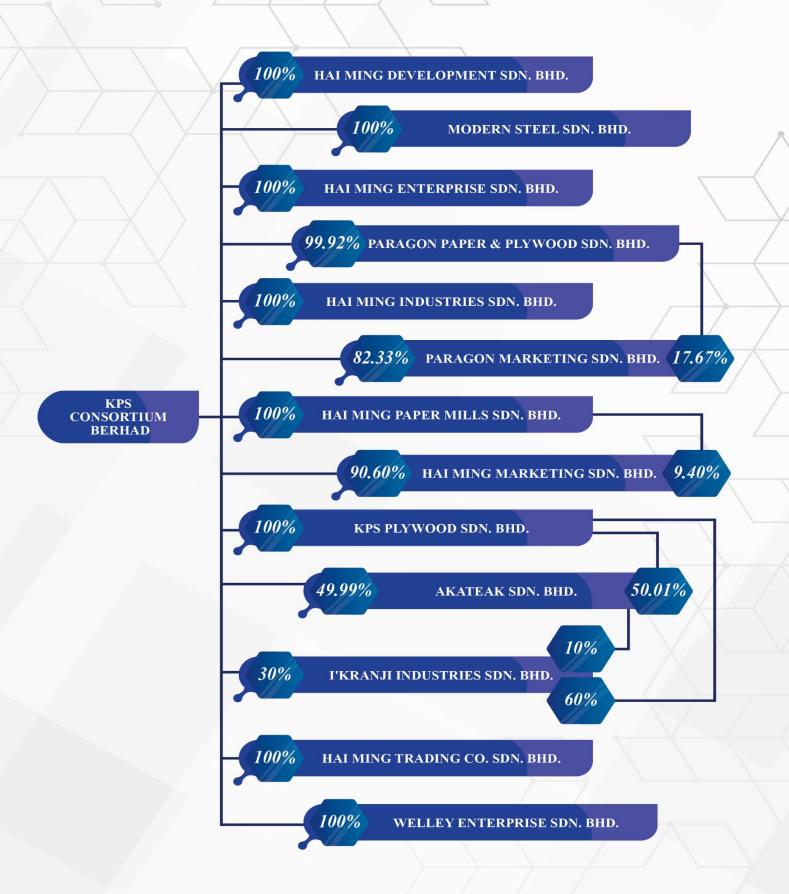
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# **CORPORATE STRUCTURE**

As at 31 December 2022





#### PROFILE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

At the date of this report, the Board of Directors of KPS Consortium Berhad ("KPSCB" or "the Company") comprises one (1) Non-Independent Non-Executive Chairman, one (1) Executive Director and three (3) Independent Non-Executive Directors.

The Board meets quarterly and additional Board Meetings are held as and when required. The Board met five (5) times during the financial year ended 31 December 2022.

Particulars of the Directors are as follows:-

**DATUK CHUA HOCK GEE**, male, Malaysian, age 62, was appointed as an Executive Director of KPSCB on 24 May 2014 and re-designated to Executive Chairman on 19 January 2015. On 4 April 2018, he was re-designated to Non-Independent Non-Executive Chairman. He obtained Diploma in Electrical Engineering from a Polytechnic.

From 1982 to 1984, he worked as Production cum Engineering Superintendent in United Malaysia Timber Products Sdn. Bhd. in Kemaman, Terengganu. He was in charge of planning of raw material, manpower requirements and monitoring all the maintenance and up-keep factory machinery.

From 1985 to 1991, he was with Lion Group Berhad as Senior Project Executive and Project Coordinator at Mechanical (M&E) Department. He was involved in vast projects including aquaculture project in Puchong, Selangor Darul Ehsan; Kuala Sedili, Johor; Kota Belut and Tawau, Sabah. He was also responsible in planning and executing overall mechanical and engineering renovation in Parkson Sg. Wang and Keramunsing, Sabah. He set up the preventive maintenance system in ASM Steel Mill Sdn. Bhd., Bukit Raja, Klang, Selangor Darul Ehsan.

From 1992 to 2004, he was appointed as an Executive Director of Syarikat CHG Plywood Sdn. Bhd., Syarikat Cheng Hin Timber Industry, Syarikat Galas Setia and OSK Timber Concession Sdn. Bhd. He was responsible in the overall planning of the companies operations which involved raw material, manufacturing and marketing. He was assigned to develop new products and explore into a new market sector. He was in charge in planning, searching and developing of alternative source of materials and mechanisation of process manufacturing.

From 2007 till to-date, he is an active member in the Palm Plywood Project Phase 1 and 2 funded by Levy Fund of Ministry of Plantation Industries and Commodity which is also directly involved. This project involved the collaboration of Malaysian Timber Industry Board ("MTIB"), Forest Research Institute Malaysia, Malaysia Palm Oil Board and Universiti Putra Malaysia ("UPM").

From 2011 until present, he is a consultant for JES Development Ptd. Ltd., Singapore involving in international timber products trading.

Datuk Chua attended all five (5) Board of Directors' Meetings held during the financial year ended 31 December 2022.



# PROFILE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS (CONT'D)

**LAU FOOK MENG**, male, Malaysian, age 71, was appointed as an Executive Director of KPSCB on 19 September 2002. He is a Chartered Accountant. He obtained his Fellowship from the Institute of Chartered Accountant of England & Wales. Upon graduation, he joined Asiatic Development Berhad in 1981 as an Accountant until 1983. In 1984, he joined Unico Holdings Berhad as the Group Accountant and left in 1992. From 1993 to 2002, he was the General Manager of Nichmurni Sdn. Bhd.

Mr. Lau attended all five (5) Board of Directors' Meetings held during the financial year ended 31 December 2022.

**HEW CHEE HAU**, male, Malaysian, age 46 was appointed as an Independent Non-Executive Director of KPSCB on 10 December 2020. He has a Degree of Accounting from University of Malaya and a Member of Malaysian Institute of Accountants.

Mr. Hew Chee Hau is a Chartered Accountant. He is a Managing Director in several companies providing accounting, tax advisor, corporate secretarial and corporate advisory services. He also serves as corporate advisor and strategic partner in financial and strategic planning to propel execution of growth strategies in several businesses in Malaysia for more than 10 years.

Mr. Hew Chee Hau is the Chairman of the Audit Committee. He is also a member of the Nomination Committee and Remuneration Committee.

Mr. Hew attended all five (5) Board of Directors' Meetings held during the financial year ended 31 December 2022.

**CHENG LAI CHUAN**, male, Malaysian, age 51 was appointed as an Independent Non-Executive Director of KPSCB on 29 March 2023. He obtained his Masters in Educational/Instructional Technology from University of Maine, Degree of Bachelor of Science from Western Michigan University and Diploma in Computer Science from RIMA College.

Mr. Cheng Lai Chuan is currently the Principal of AI Smartual Learning Sdn. Bhd. since 2018, which successfully developed three platforms for Education and Corporate Industry use. He also helps in Sustainability Reports of Public Listed Companies in Malaysia, Singapore, and Hong Kong.

He was the Investors Relations and Sustainability Director of SCGM Berhad and Business Development Manager in the Sales and Marketing Department for the subsidiary company, Lee Soon Seng Plastic Industries Sdn. Bhd. since 2015.

He began his career as a Junior Research Analyst with CH Williams Talhar and Wong from 1995 till 1999. He joined Kong Sun Sdn. Bhd. as Marketing Executive. RHB Banking Group as Personal Financial Consultant, CIMB-Principal Asset Management as Vice President Institutional Equity Sales from 2000 to 2009.

Mr. Cheng then joined SCGM Plaza Sdn. Bhd. as General Manager from 2005 to 2011 overseeing the construction of Kulai Centre Point from conceptualization to design and the shopping centre's construction.

Mr. Cheng is the Chairman of the Nomination Committee and Remuneration Committee. He is also a member of the Audit Committee.



# PROFILE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS (CONT'D)

**WONG SEE MEI**, female, Malaysian, age 34 was appointed as an Independent Non-Executive Director of KPSCB on 29 March 2023. She has a Diploma, Major in Graphic Design & Advertising from THE ONE Academy of Communication Design.

Ms Wong has more than 10 years of experience in Graphic Design & Advertising. She began her career as Head & Senior graphic designer in an event company in Exquisite Impression Sdn. Bhd. from 2010 till 2011.

She then joined Keyframe Design House as a Graphic designer in 2011 and subsequently joined Banway Marketing Sdn. Bhd., a printing company as a Senior graphic designer from October 2011 to February 2020.

She is currently the R&D Manager in Value Plus Industries Sdn. Bhd., a furniture company where she specializes in hardware and timber materials and furniture drawing since 2020.

She is also a freelance graphic designer in logo design, packaging design and layout and print design.

Ms Wong is also a member of the Audit Committee, Nomination Committee and Remuneration Committee.

#### Note:

All the above-named Directors of the Company have no family relationship with any director or major shareholder of the Company; and have not been convicted of any criminal offences within the past five (5) years (other than traffic offences, if any) and do not have any conflict of interest in the Company.



#### PROFILE OF KEY SENIOR MANAGEMENT

#### LAU FOOK MENG

Malaysian, male, age 71

As detailed on Page 6 - Profile of The Board of Directors in this Annual Report.

#### LOW TECK CHEONG

Malaysian, male, age 60

Qualification: Diploma in Business Administration

Mr. Low Teck Cheong joined Hai Ming Industries Sdn. Bhd. on 15 June 2009 as General Manager. He has been working with KPSCB group for more than thirteen (13) years. He is a Director to the Board of the subsidiaries of KPSCB since 2015 namely, Hai Ming Industries Sdn. Bhd., Hai Ming Paper Mills Sdn. Bhd. and Hai Ming Trading Co. Sdn. Bhd. where he is in charge of paper converting division and other trading divisions.

He does not have any family relationship with any director or major shareholder of KPSCB group.

He has not been convicted of any offences within the past 5 years (other than traffic offences, if any) and does not has any conflict of interest in the Company.

#### KOH KOK HOOR

Malaysian, male, age 38

Qualification: Secondary school education

Mr. Koh Kok Hoor has been working in KPSCB group for more than seventeen (17) years. He is a Director to the Board of subsidiaries of KPSCB since 2004. He is in charge of purchasing and marketing in the building materials division.

Mr. Koh Kok Hoor is the son of Mr. Koh Poh Seng, the major shareholder of KPSCB group.

He has not been convicted of any offences within the past 5 years (other than traffic offences, if any) and does not has any conflict of interest in the Company.

#### YONG CHEE WEI

Malaysian, male, age 41

Qualification: Higher National Diploma in Mechanical Engineering, UPM

Mr. Yong Chee Wei worked in a Taiwanese company as Assistant Production Manager for eight (8) years. He joined KPS Consortium Berhad group since 2010. He is a Director of Hai Ming Development Sdn. Bhd., Hai Ming Marketing Sdn. Bhd. and Modern Steel Sdn Bhd. Currently, he oversees Paragon Paper & Plywood Sdn. Bhd., I'Kranji Industries Sdn. Bhd. and Hai Ming Trading Co. Sdn. Bhd.

Mr. Yong Chee Wei is the son-in-law of Mr. Koh Poh Seng, the major shareholder of KPSCB group.

He has not been convicted of any offences within the past 5 years (other than traffic offences, if any) and does not has any conflict of interest in the Company.



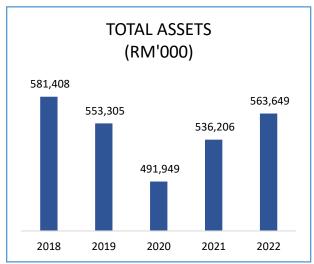
# **5-YEAR GROUP FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

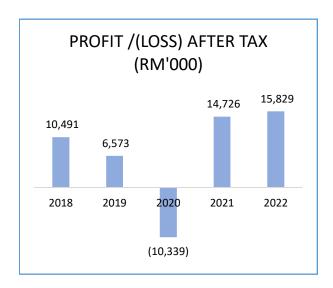
In RM'000	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Revenue from continuing operations	943,298	656,854	735,991	954,490	775,739
Profit/(Loss) from continuing operations before tax	19,833	18,460	(6,520)	8,627	15,539
Profit/(Loss) from continuing operations after tax	15,829	14,726	(10,339)	6,573	10,491
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the financial year	20,341	14,726	(10,339)	6,722	10,491
Total comprehensive income/(loss) attributable to owners of the Company	15,828	14,726	(9,732)	6,634	10,258
Total assets	563,649	536,206	491,949	553,305	581,408
Equity attributable to owners of the parent	296,888	276,541	261,349	271,081	264,447
In RM Net assets per share	2.01	1.87	1.77	1.83	1.79
In Sen Earnings/(Loss) per share	10.71	9.96	(6.58)	4.39	6.94



# 5-YEAR GROUP FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS (CONT'D)











#### MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

On behalf of the Board of Directors, we are pleased to present the Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements of the Group and of the Company for the financial year ended ("FYE") 31 December 2022.

#### **Financial Performance Review**

#### **Operating Results**

For the FYE 31 December 2022, Group's turnover was RM943.3 million (2021: RM656.8 million). The Group recorded an after-tax profit of RM15.8 million (2021: RM14.7 million in the previous year).

At the Company level, turnover attributed to inter-company billings of management fees of RM0.26 million (2021: RM0.26 million) and loss after tax of RM0.07 million (2021: loss after tax of RM0.9 million).

#### **Business Review by Operating Segments**

The Group's performances are explained under the various activity reports below:-

#### Paper Milling

This division's operations registered external revenue of RM34.0 million (2021: RM24.8 million) and profit after tax of RM0.8 million (2021: loss after tax of RM1.77 million).

Profit was achieved from the increase in revenues, lower finance costs and expenditures compared to 2021 Operations which have resumed normal hours in 2022.

#### Paper Converting and Trading of Woodfree Paper

This division recorded a turnover of RM169.1 million as compared to RM135.9 million previously. This division recorded a profit after tax of RM0.7 million (2021: loss after tax of RM0.23 million).

The profit in FYE 2022 was due to higher revenues, lower costs, and lower impairments written off on inventories compared with the previous year.

#### Plywood and Building Materials Trading and Timber Manufacturing

The Plywood and Building Materials Division registered a higher turnover of RM713.9 million (2021: RM487.5 million) and an operating profit after tax of RM14.82 million compared to RM15.15 million previously.

This sector is susceptible to the economic cycle of housing activities affected by the current economic conditions. Management continues to be on a cautiously positive view for the coming year.

#### Property Development and Construction

This division recorded a turnover of RM22.1 million as compared to RM4.2 million previously. This division recorded a loss after tax of RM1.17 million (2021: loss after tax of RM1.81 million).

The 2022 revenue was due to contract billings.



# MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (CONT'D)

#### **Business Review by Operating Segments (Cont'd)**

#### Others – trading of paper products and general household products, property, insurance agency

Turnover for this division was RM4.1 million for FYE 2022 compared with RM4.5 million in FYE 2021. This division made a loss after tax of RM2.4 million compared with a profit after tax of RM0.20 million for the FYE 2021. The loss was mainly due to the impairment of intercompany advances pending court decision on claims from third party.

#### Dividend

The Board does not recommend for dividend payment.

### **Outlook and Prospects**

#### 1. Outlook and overview of the Malaysian economy

The Malaysian economy registered a growth of 7.0% in the fourth quarter of 2022 compared to 14.2% in the third quarter, as support from the stimulus measures and low base effect waned. At 7.0%, the fourth quarter growth was still above the long-term average of 5.1%. On a quarter-to-quarter seasonally adjusted basis, the economy registered a decline of 2.6% (3Q 2022: 1.9%). For 2022 as a whole, the economy expanded by 8.7% (2021: 3.1%).

The construction sector expanded by 10.1% (3Q 2022: 15.3%). Of significance, civil engineering and non-residential subsectors were lifted by the continued progress of large infrastructure, commercial and industrial projects.

The manufacturing sector is forecast to grow by 3.9% in 2023 supported by expansion in all subsectors. Output in export-oriented industries is anticipated to increase despite a softening global trade, with the E&E segment continues to drive the industries.

(Source: Economic Outlook 2023, Chapter 2, Ministry of Finance Malaysia)

#### 2. Outlook and prospects of the paper industry in Malaysia

Malaysia has been relying on recovered paper as the main raw material in the production of recycled pulp, kraft paper, test liner, corrugated medium paper, and paperboard, which is then mostly used to produce tissues, diapers, corrugated cartons, and paper packaging. The outlook of the industry remains optimistic.

#### 3. Outlook and prospects of the wood and wood products industry in Malaysia

The Malaysian timber industry remained resilient. In 2022, Malaysia's export of wood and wood products (excluding wooden furniture) increased by 15 per cent to RM7.0 billion as compared to RM6.1 billion in 2021. Asian countries, most notably Japan, India, Thailand, and the PRC, were the largest export markets for Malaysia's timber products of logs, sawn wood, and plywood.

Asia's wood-based industries, including Malaysia's, stand to gain from opportunities especially in the area of wood chip and pellet production catering to rising renewable energy demand as a result of international sanctions on Russia, the world's largest exporter of softwood timber. At the same time, the supply of wood and wood products from Belarus has been curtailed while supply from Ukraine has been severely hampered. These three countries account for a quarter of the worldwide timber trade.



# MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (CONT'D)

#### Outlook and Prospects (Cont'd)

#### 3. Outlook and prospects of the wood and wood products industry in Malaysia (Cont'd)

On the ESG front, the use of wood as a building material in construction can help reduce the use of concrete and steel, contributing towards lowering the 10 per cent of global carbon dioxide emissions generated by the construction sector. This has to be balanced against the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the usage of forestry resources. To ensure they remain ESG-compliant suppliers, wood-based product manufacturers in Malaysia are exploring initiatives to fulfil similar requirements to those of the Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC), thus maintaining transparency of supply chain data within the forestry and timber sector.

(Source: Malaysia Investment Performance Report 2022, Malaysian Investment Development Authority)

#### 4. Prospects and future plans of the Group

The Company envisaged its business and earning visibility to gradually recover from the slowdown caused by the global COVID-19 outbreak and the implementation of Movement Control Order in Malaysia. The Board anticipates further increase in revenue and profits from the paper milling, paper converting and building materials segment in FYE 31 December 2023.

In line with the Group's long-term plans to continuously optimising its operational cost and efficiency, the Group is progressively monitoring its overheads and strive to enhance its existing manufacturing lines to improve the manufacturing capabilities and efficiency. The Company will continue to undertake more stringent cost control measures for its existing business to improve the Group's profitability levels.

The construction sector expanded by 10.1% (3Q 2022: 15.3%). Of significance, civil engineering and non-residential subsectors were lifted by the continued progress of large infrastructure, commercial and industrial projects.

(Source: Quarterly Bulletin Vol. 37 No. 4 for the Fourth Quarter of 2022, Bank Negara Malaysia)

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# MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (CONT'D)

#### **Outlook and Prospects (Cont'd)**

#### 5. Outlook and prospects of the paper industry in Malaysia (Cont'd)

The outlook of the industry remains optimistic, with the global market for paper packaging materials projected to reach US\$323 billion by 2026, growing at a CAGR of 5.9 per cent. The COVID-19 outbreak highlighted the safety, hygiene, and integrity of goods delivered as a result of e-commerce activities. The demand for innovative packaging materials surged as merchants sought to minimise the risk of product loss, damage, and contamination on the way to the end-users.

Hygienic paper-based products such as wet wipes, sanitary towels, and tissues were also in high demand throughout the pandemic. As Malaysia started to move into the endemic phase, hygiene and sanitation products remained in demand by the general public, as well as the private and public sectors. Beyond that, the imposition of anti-plastic-bag initiatives motivated by governments has benefitted the paper industry, as the market moves towards eco-friendly alternatives.

(Source: Malaysia Investment Performance Report 2022, Malaysian Investment Development Authority)

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(Source: Malaysia Investment Performance Report 2022, Malaysian Investment Development Authority)

Finally and above all, the Board wishes to offer our heartfelt thanks to all our staff for their dedication and loyalty over the past years and their steadfastness and resilience in facing new challenges.

Datuk Chua Hock Gee Chairman of the Board Non-Independent Non-Executive Chairman



#### SUSTAINABILITY STATEMENT

#### ABOUT KPS CONSORTIUM BERHAD ("KPSCB" or "the Group")

102-1, 102-2, 102-3, 102-4, 102-5, 102-6, 102-7

KPSCB is a Malaysian investment holding company that is primarily engaged in the manufacturing of tissue paper and tissue-related products, as well as in the conversion of paper into related products. The company also operates in the property development and investment holding sectors.

KPSCB's tissue paper manufacturing business includes the production of various types of tissue paper, toilet tissues, and paper napkins. In addition to its tissue-related businesses, KPSCB is also involved in the property development business including the development of residential and commercial properties, including landed properties, apartments, and commercial shop lots.

KPSCB's investment holding business involves investing in other companies and assets, including real estate. With a diverse portfolio of businesses and a strong presence in Malaysia and beyond, KPSCB is a dynamic and growing company with a solid reputation for quality and reliability.





#### REPORTING STANDARDS

102-50, 102-51, 102-52, 102-53, 102-54, 103-1, 103-2, 103-3

#### Overview

KPSCB's annual Sustainability Statement details the company's efforts towards sustainable development during the financial year ended 2022, and it is produced to fulfil our responsibilities towards stakeholders.

By enhancing transparency and disclosure in the report, we aim to build trust and improve relationships with our stakeholders, including employees, investors, customers, business partners, suppliers, and the communities in which we operate. The Sustainability Statement is consistent with the Company's Annual Report and corporate website, and other material issues such as detailed corporate governance, internal operations, and business activities are reported elsewhere.

The Group acknowledges that sustainability is an ongoing process, and continuous effort is required to improve performance targets and achievements. While some third parties assisted in data collection, analysis, and information presentation, we did not seek external assurance for other information.

#### **Scope of Period**

Our Sustainability Statement covers the sustainability performance and progress from all segments for the reporting period from 01 January 2022 to 31 December 2022, unless otherwise stated. Detailed references to our company's financial earnings can be found in the Annual Report 2022. All financial amounts stated in the statement is denominated in Ringgit Malaysia ("RM") unless otherwise stated.

#### **Identification and Communication with Stakeholders**

The Group can comprehend diverse viewpoints and recognise crucial environmental and social challenges, as advised by stakeholder engagements. The Group is dedicated to conducting business sustainably while balancing the interests of its many stakeholders, including shareholders, employees, customers, suppliers, and subcontractors, regulatory authorities, and the local communities in which the Group operates. These stakeholders are reached out to through meetings, enquiries, interviews, and discussions.

#### **Forward-Looking Statements**

This Sustainability Statement presented herein contains forward-looking statements expressing KPSCB's present views on the prospects of future events and financial performance. Such statements entail risks and uncertainties and are recognizable by the use of words such as "aim," "believe," "expect," "anticipate," "intend," "estimate," "project," "outlook," "forecast," and other similar expressions that indicate future events and trends.

Although KPSCB management considers such statements reasonable based on the available information, there is no assurance that the outcomes implied or reflected by any forward-looking statement will come to fruition or that they will have the expected or projected consequences and effects. Any forward-looking statement is only valid as of the date of this report and are subject to change without notice, and neither the Group nor any of its subsidiaries undertakes responsibility to revise any forward-looking statement, whether due to new information, future events, or other causes.



#### MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIRMAN

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Dear readers,

We are grateful for your continued support and are pleased to present the Sustainability Statement for the fiscal year 2022 for KPSCB and its subsidiaries. This report provides a detailed account of our non-financial performance and showcases our unwavering commitment to sustainability through the implementation of various sustainability initiatives across all our business units.

The following pages offer a summary of our accomplishments, challenges, and ongoing efforts. By regularly engaging and communicating with our stakeholders, we are better equipped to anticipate and respond to economic, social, environmental, and regulatory changes as they arise.

#### ETHICAL AND RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS ETHICS

102-15, 102-16, 102-17

KPSCB recognizes that the challenges facing our world today require a significant shift in the way we do business. That is why we have made a commitment to integrate ESG considerations into every aspect of our operations, from the way we source materials and manage our supply chain, to the way we engage with our employees, customers, and communities.

Our commitment to ESG and sustainability is not just about meeting targets or complying with regulations. It is about doing the right thing for our planet and the people who inhabit it. As such, the Group will continue to hold ourselves accountable to the highest standards of transparency and ethics, and we will seek to engage with our stakeholders on an ongoing basis to ensure that we are living up to our commitments.

The Group understands that this journey towards greater sustainability will not be easy, but we are committed to making it happen. Together, we can build a more resilient, equitable, and sustainable future for us all.

#### **Datuk Chua Hock Gee**

Chairman of the Board Non-Independent Non-Executive Chairman



# **OUR REPORTING BOUNDARIES**

102-9, 102-45, 102-46, 102-47

KPSCB's sustainability approach incorporates a number of business segments. Unless otherwise stated, the sustainability information included in the report includes the performance of the following Group assets:-

Segments	Company (reference in the Report)
Building materials	Welley Enterprise Sdn Bhd Akateak Sdn Bhd Hai Ming Enterprise Sdn Bhd Modern Steel Sdn Bhd KPS Plywood Sdn Bhd I'Kranji Industries Sdn Bhd
Paper converting	Hai Ming Industries Sdn Bhd
Paper milling	Paragon Marketing Sdn Bhd Hai Ming Paper Mills Sdn Bhd Paragon Paper & Plywood Sdn Bhd
Property development and construction	Hai Ming Development Sdn Bhd
Other trading	Hai Ming Trading Co. Sdn Bhd Hai Ming Marketing Sdn Bhd

# WHAT WE PRODUCE



PAPER MILLING

Manufacture of various types of tissue paper and tissue related products.

Converting of paper into related products and trading in paper related products.



PAPER CONVERTING



Distributor and retailer of wooden doors, plywood and related building materials.

**BULDING MATERIALS** 







Providing management services, investment holding and dormant companies

**INVESTMENT** 

Undertakes the development of factories and construction activities.



# PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT & CONSTRUCTION



**OTHER TRADING** 

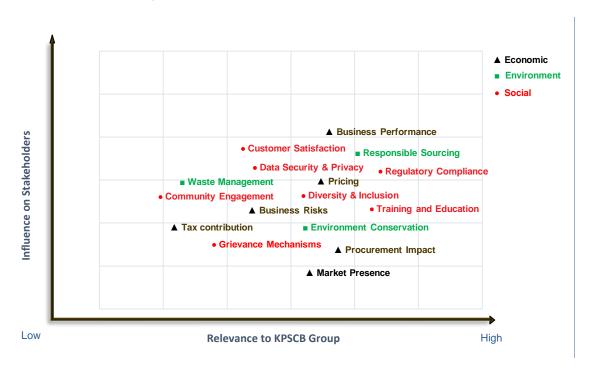
Trading in paper, paper products, stationery, general household products, and other unclassified companies of diversed activities.



#### IDENTIFICATION OF MATERIAL TOPICS

102-46, 102-47, 103-1

Our materiality approach helps to link our strategies, performance management, and reporting, making it a crucial part of our sustainability management process. When it comes to sustainability, issues that could significantly harm our company's bottom line as well as those that might make it more difficult for us to meet both present and future demands are considered material. In order to determine which subjects should be included in the Report, the Group undertook a materiality analysis. The material subjects are listed as follows, based on a brief survey.



KPSCB will utilize the materiality assessment to achieve the following objectives:-

- a) Identify sustainability issues that are most significant for the business in terms of value, risks, and long-term planning opportunities.
- b) Understand the relationship between sustainability and critical business concerns.
- c) Receive guidance for future sustainability commitments and resource allocation.
- d) Facilitate engagement with internal and external stakeholders.



#### STAKEHOLDERS ENGAGEMENT

102-40, 102-42, 102-43, 102-44

Due to the Group's involvement in a wide range of businesses, including the trading of plywood and building materials, manufacturing of tissue papers and tissue-related products and trading in paper products, stationery and household products and property development, KPSCB has relationships with a number of different stakeholders. Our engagement with our stakeholders is important to us because we strive to meet the needs of our stakeholders.



Developing informed relationships through constructive bilateral communication will promote accountability and transparency. Our sustainability strategy has been influenced in several crucial ways by the perspectives of stakeholders on a wide range of topics. Stakeholders aid us in the testing of novel ideas and the solution of problems affecting the entire industry. We also point out critical points, talk about significant issues from our perspective, and help others comprehend the Group's path by highlighting vital areas.



#### STAKEHOLDERS ENGAGEMENT (CONT'D)

102-9, 102-40, 102-42, 102-43, 102-44

The following is a list of each stakeholder group's priority issues for 2022, along with our plans for addressing each one:-

#### **Employees and Families**

KPSCB recognize the critical role that employees and their families play in promoting sustainability. We believe that a sustainable workplace must prioritize the health, safety, and wellbeing of our employees and their loved ones, both now and for future generations.

To achieve this goal, we are committed to providing a safe and healthy working environment that supports the physical and mental wellbeing of our employees. We strive to minimize our environmental impact by implementing sustainable practices throughout our operations, including reducing waste, conserving energy and water, and promoting the use of eco-friendly products.

We recognize that our employees and their families are valuable stakeholders in our sustainability efforts, and we are committed to engaging them in meaningful ways. We encourage our employees to share their ideas and feedback on sustainability initiatives, and we provide them with the training and resources they need to be effective ambassadors for sustainability both inside and outside of the workplace.

#### **Customers' Engagement**

The Group acknowledges the significance of engaging customers in promoting sustainability. We firmly believe that a sustainable business should prioritize the requirements and expectations of customers, not only for the present but also for future generations. To attain this objective, we have pledged to offer high-quality products and services that cater to the needs of our customers while also reducing our environmental impact. We strive to utilize sustainable materials, minimize waste, and reduce our carbon footprint across our supply chain and operations.

We also consider it imperative to engage with our customers in sustainability-related matters. We encourage them to share their ideas and opinions on sustainability initiatives, and we provide them with adequate information and resources to make informed and sustainable choices. Through ongoing collaboration and dialogue with our customers, we are committed to continuously improving our sustainability practices and making a positive impact on the environment and our communities. We believe that sustainable business practices are not only good for the planet, but also good for our customers, and we are dedicated to building long-term, sustainable relationships with them.

#### **Local Community**

KPSCB recognizes that the local community is a key stakeholder in our efforts towards sustainability. We strongly believe that sustainable business practices must prioritize the social, economic, and environmental welfare of the local community, not only for the present but also for future generations. We have made a commitment to actively engage with the local community and work closely with local organizations, community leaders, and residents to identify their specific sustainability needs and priorities. Our aim is to develop initiatives that address these needs while minimizing our environmental impact.

The Group is dedicated to being a responsible and ethical corporate citizen, which includes supporting local businesses, providing employment opportunities to local residents, and investing in community development initiatives. The Group also believes that sustainability education and awareness are essential in promoting sustainable practices in the local community, and works with local organizations to promote sustainability education and awareness programs. The Group will continue to collaborate and communicate with the local community, aiming to continuously improve our sustainability practices and make a positive impact on the environment and our communities. The Group is confident that by working together, we can create a more sustainable future for everyone.



#### STAKEHOLDERS ENGAGEMENT (CONT'D)

#### **Environment Engagement**

KPSCB includes information on an organization's environmental impact, sustainability goals, and initiatives to reduce their environmental footprint. The Group has shown efforts to comply with environmental regulations and standards, procure plywood and other trading materials it uses from credible suppliers. From a business perspective, the rising popularity of climate-friendly and sustainable products among customers presents growth potential for us.

The Group's commitment to environmental sustainability can be demonstrated through its participation in initiatives that focus on conserving and preserving the environment, as well as partnerships with environmental organizations. Additionally, the organization's plans to continually improve and innovate its sustainability practices can also be highlighted.

#### **Business Partners/Suppliers Engagement**

As consumer demand for sustainable wood and paper-based products continues to grow, it is becoming increasingly important for companies in this industry to prioritize responsible sourcing practices. In order to ensure that it is only working with reliable and certified suppliers who source their timbers from sustainable forest management and timber procurement, KPSCB conducts thorough supplier evaluations.

KPSCB takes the issue of illegal logging very seriously and is committed to upholding laws and regulations related to this matter. To that end, the company is committed to ensuring that all of its procurements are legally sourced.

Overall, KPSCB's commitment to working only with reliable and certified suppliers that adhere to sustainable practices is a testament to the company's dedication to responsible sourcing and environmental stewardship.

#### **Shareholders and Investors**

KPSCB recognizes the significance of engaging in meaningful dialogue with its shareholders and investors through informal channels. Such interactions provide an opportunity for transparent communication, which can yield valuable feedback that is integrated into the company's processes, practices, and strategic direction.

In line with its commitment to transparency, KPSCB upholds fair disclosure in all its communications with shareholders and investors. The company ensures that information is provided in a timely and unbiased manner. The management team and the investor relations department work hand in hand to develop proactive activities that promote sustained growth and long-term business value.

Through prioritizing communication and collaboration with shareholders and investors, KPSCB enhances its understanding of their needs and concerns. This understanding helps the company to address these needs and concerns proactively, promote sustainable growth, and create long-term value.



# STAKEHOLDERS ENGAGEMENT (CONT'D)

Stakeholder group	Frequency and type of engagement	Topics of concern	How we manage the issue
Customers (Existing and potential)	Frequency: Ongoing  Type: Periodic meetings, satisfaction surveys, customer relationship management	<ul> <li>Pricing</li> <li>Customer service and satisfaction</li> <li>Products and services quality</li> <li>Regulatory compliance</li> <li>Business ethics</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Provide competitive pricing</li> <li>Timely response towards customers' concerns and interests</li> <li>Quality management system</li> </ul>
Employees	Frequency: Regular, ongoing  Type: Induction programme, performance appraisals, engagement sessions, townhall	<ul> <li>Training and career development</li> <li>Occupational health and safety</li> <li>Employee engagement</li> <li>Employee satisfaction and well-being</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Ongoing education and training programmes</li> <li>Implementation of Environment, Safety &amp; Health programmes involving employees</li> <li>Employee engagement activities</li> <li>Regular communications</li> </ul>
Suppliers	Frequency: Occasional  Type: Performance review meetings, workshops, coaching for compliance	<ul> <li>Fair and transparent selection of suppliers</li> <li>Regulatory compliance</li> <li>Tender prices and payments</li> <li>Product specification and quality expectations</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Negotiations with suppliers/ business partners</li> <li>Process improvement</li> <li>Communication of product and quality expectations</li> </ul>
Investors and financiers	Frequency: Annual, quarterly  Type: Annual general meeting, quarterly results announcement, press conference, targeted briefing, meetings	<ul> <li>Business ethics and governance</li> <li>Financial performance at expense of environmental/social wellbeing</li> <li>Business risks</li> <li>Negative public perception</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Annual and Sustainability Statements</li> <li>Rolling out diversified affordable products</li> <li>Provide timely updates of business performance</li> <li>Press release and coverage</li> </ul>
Business partners	Frequency: Ad hoc  Type: Meetings, discussions, functions, product launches	<ul><li>Payment</li><li>Terms of reference (TOR)</li><li>Appraisal</li><li>Human rights</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Standard Operating Procedure ("SOP")</li> <li>Proper SOP for monitoring and tracking</li> </ul>
General public	Frequency: Ad hoc  Type: Dialogue, meetings, engagement	Environmental impact to communities	Engage with experts and explain via reporting
Governments and regulators	Frequency: Ad hoc  Type: Meetings, preconsult submission, periodical monitoring reporting	<ul> <li>Regulatory compliance</li> <li>Workplace safety compliance</li> <li>Environmental standards compliance</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Responsible reporting and marketing communications</li> <li>Strict adherence to laws and regulations as well as applicable standards through reliable reporting and monitoring checklist</li> </ul>



#### AN OVERVIEW OF THE MATERIAL ASSESSMENT

Due to the extensive range of business segments within KPSCB, we will limit our focus to the trading of building materials. For the current financial year, our scope of work will revolve around evaluating the following materials:-



#### MATERIALS ASSESSMENT

103-1, 103-2, 103-3, 201-1, 201-2, 202-2, 302-1, 302-4, 401-2

#### **ECONOMIC**

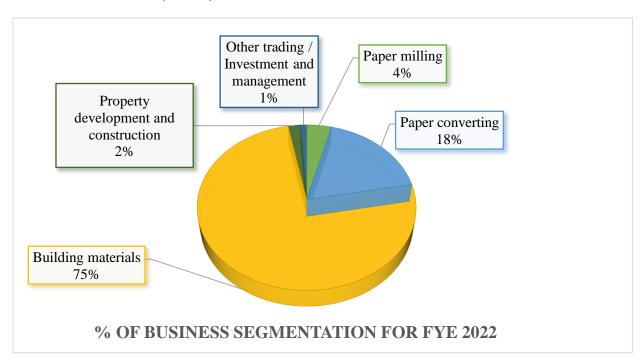
#### **Financial Performance**

To align with our scope of work, we will categorize the financial performance into six (6) distinct business segments or divisions. KPSCB's primary focus lies in trading plywood, wood products, and building materials, as well as paper products, stationery, and household goods trading. Additionally, they are involved in the manufacturing of tissue papers and related products. Besides that, KPSCB is also involved in the property development and investment holding sectors.



ECONOMIC (CONT'D)

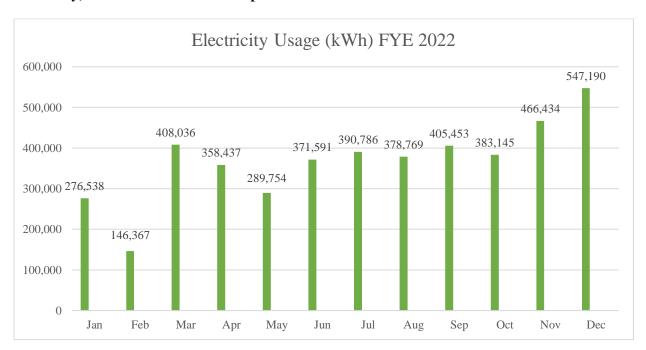
#### Financial Performance (Cont'd)



The division that contributes the most significant amount to the revenue is the trading of Building Materials, as shown in the chart above. Specifically, it represents 75% of the total revenue for the fiscal year ending 2022.

#### **ENVIRONMENT ASSESSMENT**

#### **Electricity, Water and Diesel Consumption**

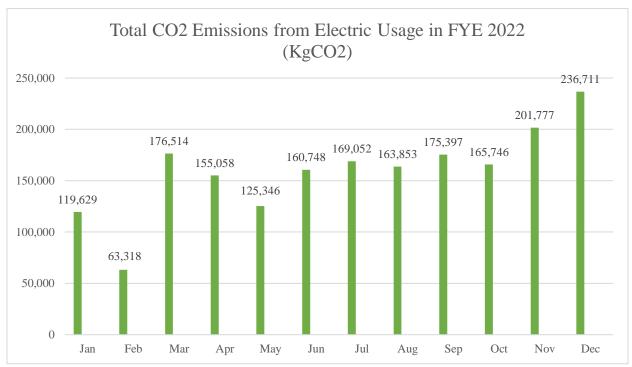


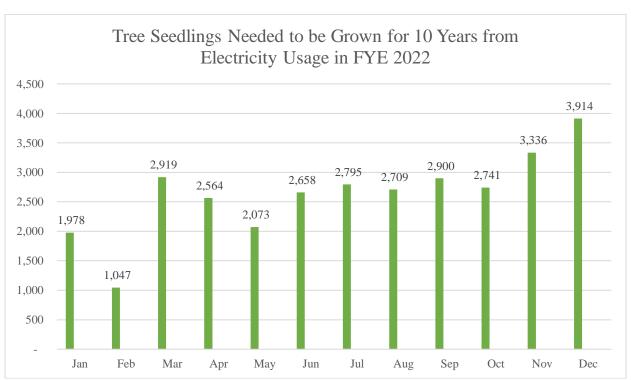


#### **ENVIRONMENT ASSESSMENT (CONT'D)**

#### **Electricity, Water and Diesel Consumption (Cont'd)**

In FYE 2022, the production of waste paper led to the generation of approximately 4,422,500 kWh of electricity and the release of almost 1,913,149 kgs of CO2. This quantity of emissions is similar to what could be sequestered by around 31,634 trees if they were planted.





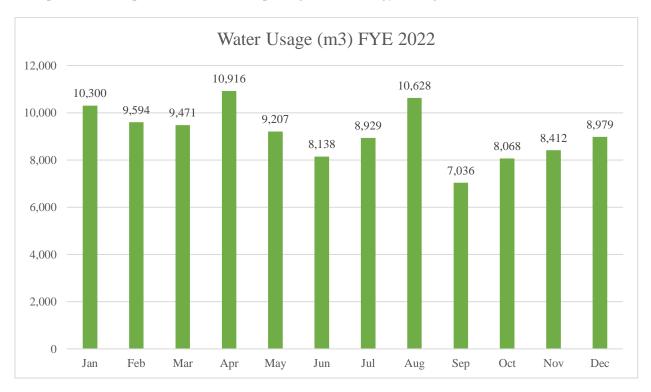


#### **ENVIRONMENT ASSESSMENT (CONT'D)**

#### **Electricity, Water and Diesel Consumption (Cont'd)**

According to the information presented above, the majority of the Group's energy consumption is attributed to production and office use. The Group aims to make a positive impact by reducing its electricity consumption and increasing the recycling of waste paper, with the ultimate goal of achieving zero trees needing to be replanted.

To achieve this target, the Group regularly motivates all staff to reduce their electricity consumption by powering down electronic devices like computers and laptops when they're not at their workstations. Additionally, we have adopted the habit of turning off machineries, lights, air conditioning and air handling units ("AHUs") at the production site or office when they are not required, resulting in significant energy conservation. To increase energy efficiency and conservation, the Group is also on the lookout to install solar panels at their production site and exploring various energy-saving initiatives.

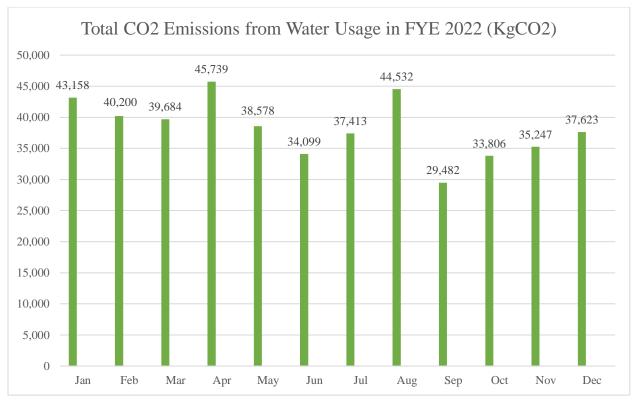


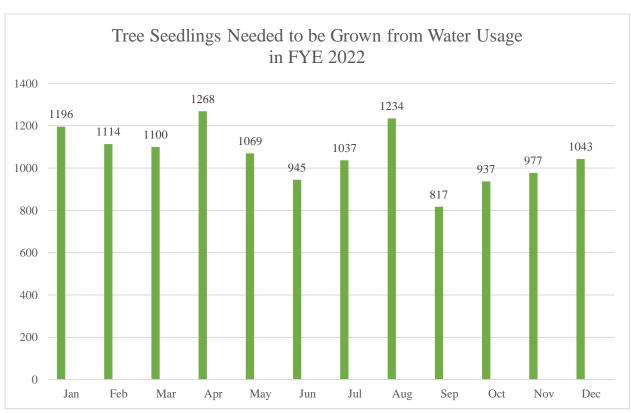
In addition to energy conservation, Paragon Paper & Plywood Sdn. Bhd. has implemented a water recycling program in its production process. In an effort to reduce water consumption, the Group encourages all employees to raise awareness about environmental conservation by conserving water. Furthermore, the Group is actively collaborating with the Department of Environment ("DOE") to treat waste water.



#### **ENVIRONMENT ASSESSMENT (CONT'D)**

#### Electricity, Water and Diesel Consumption (Cont'd)

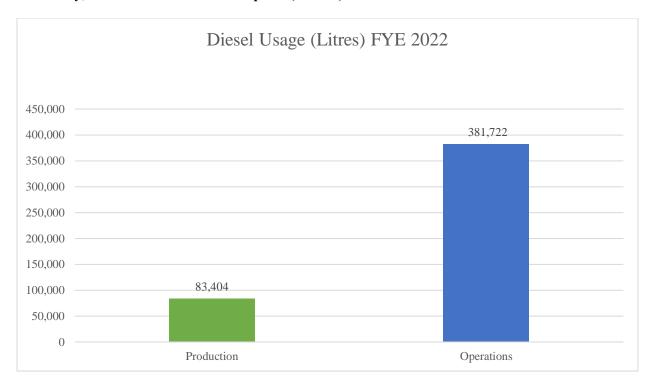




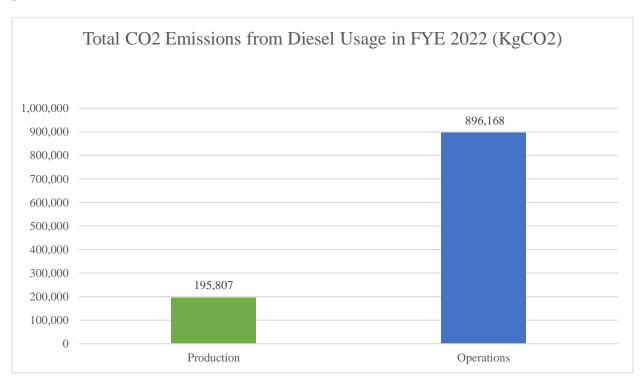


#### **ENVIRONMENT ASSESSMENT (CONT'D)**

#### **Electricity, Water and Diesel Consumption (Cont'd)**



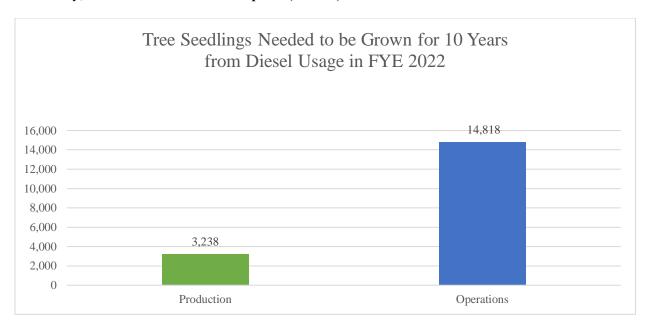
In FYE 2022, the use of forklifts and heavy-duty lorries at production and operations site respectively, led to the consumption of approximately 465,126 litres of diesel and the release of almost 1,091,975 kgs of CO2. This quantity of emissions is similar to what could be sequestered by around 18,056 trees if they were planted.





#### **ENVIRONMENT ASSESSMENT (CONT'D)**

#### Electricity, Water and Diesel Consumption (Cont'd)



Forklifts are commonly used in smaller areas, like warehouses and distribution centers, where they require less power and torque as they do not transport goods over long distances or haul heavy loads. In contrast, heavy-duty lorries require high power and torque to handle heavy loads and travel long distances without frequent refueling. Diesel engines are preferred for heavy-duty lorries due to their higher torque output and greater fuel efficiency.

Overall, the increase in numbers for electricity, water and diesel consumption are attributable to the fact that the production site commenced full operations following the 2021 Movement Control Order ("MCO"). The Group will strive to find ways to decrease its electricity, water and diesel consumption in order to meet the KPI of not having to replant any trees.

#### WORKPLACE

102-8, 103-1, 103-2, 103-3, 202-2, 401-2, 403-2, 404-1, 404-2, 405-1, 408-1, 413-1

#### **Fair Employment Practices**

KPSCB has implemented fair employment practices, where our goal is not only to create a healthy and safe workplace but also to establish a diverse and inclusive working environment that respects the human rights of our employees.

#### a. Equal Employment Opportunity

At KPSCB, we take pride in offering equal employment opportunities during our appointment and recruitment processes. Establishing a workplace that is diverse and inclusive is essential for the long-term viability of our enterprise. To further this objective, we strive to establish a work culture founded on mutual trust and respect, ensuring equitable opportunities for all via unbiased recruitment practices. We endorse the equitable and just treatment of all personnel, irrespective of age, gender, ethnicity, nationality or heritage. Any kind of discrimination or harassment is unacceptable to us.



#### WORKPLACE (CONT'D)

#### b. Workforce Diversity and Inclusivity

KPSCB values diversity and believes it is a key asset. We aim to embed Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) in our organizational culture to attract diverse and talented candidates. We support proactive efforts to broaden diversity and ensure equal opportunities for all job applicants and employees.

#### c. Adherence to Minimum Wages

KPSCB adheres to the Minimum Wages Order 2012, along with any subsequent amendments or announcements issued by the government.

#### d. Prohibition of Harassment

Our aim is to establish a work environment that is safe, supportive, and free of discrimination or harassment. Sexual harassment is viewed as a serious violation of our company's values and regulations. To ensure that our employees are protected from discrimination and to promote safety in the workplace, we have implemented policies such as a sexual harassment policy and a grievance procedure. These policies are available to all employees and we ensure that our employees are well-informed and trained on them. There were no reported incidents of discrimination during the reporting period. Any employee who violates these policies will face disciplinary action, including termination.

#### e. Prevention of Child Labour

We adhere to the Children and Young Persons (Employment) (Amendment) Act 2010 during our recruitment process, which mandates that only individuals aged 18 and above are eligible for employment. This policy is in line with the standards established by the International Labour Organization ("ILO").

#### f. Employees' Benefits and Remuneration

When it comes to sustainability, employees' benefits and remuneration play an essential role in creating a positive impact. A company that treats its employees fairly and provides them with adequate benefits is likely to foster a culture of loyalty, motivation, and productivity. KPSCB is committed to providing its employees with fair and competitive compensation packages, which include a combination of base pay, bonuses, and benefits. Our remuneration policy is designed to attract and retain the best talent while ensuring that all employees are treated fairly and equitably.

In addition to competitive salaries, the Group provides its employees with a range of benefits, including healthcare, retirement plans, and paid time-off. These benefits are designed to support the health and well-being of our employees and their families, while also providing them with financial security.

The Group is committed to providing fair and competitive remuneration packages and a range of benefits to support the health, well-being, and development of our employees. We believe that by treating our employees fairly and providing them with a supportive and positive work environment, we can create a culture of loyalty, motivation, and productivity that ultimately benefits our business, our employees, and our stakeholders.



#### WORKPLACE (CONT'D)

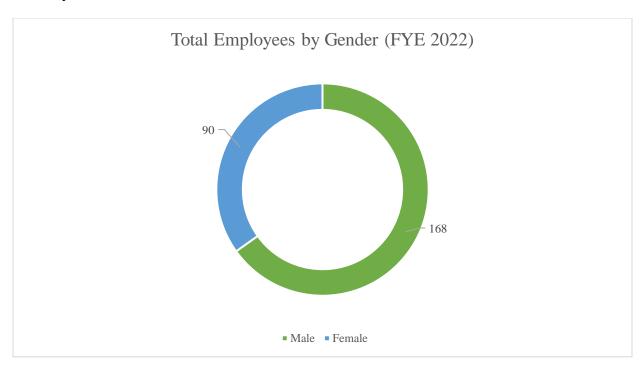
#### g. Employees' Development and Growth

We are a responsible organization that invests in the development of our employees, recognizing the significance of a welcoming workplace that provides opportunities and incentives for professional and personal growth, which in turn benefits both our business and society as a whole. To achieve this, we prioritize internal promotions and training to enhance our human capital, foster teamwork, and promote employee loyalty. We ensure that all employees, from new hires and frontline service employees to supervisors and top management levels, receive regular and structured training.

#### h. Occupational Health and Safety Management

In the financial year ended 2022, there were no reported incidents of injuries. This indicates that the Group may have implemented appropriate safety measures and protocols to prevent workplace injuries, which in turn promotes a culture of safety and well-being for its employees.

#### **Diversity**



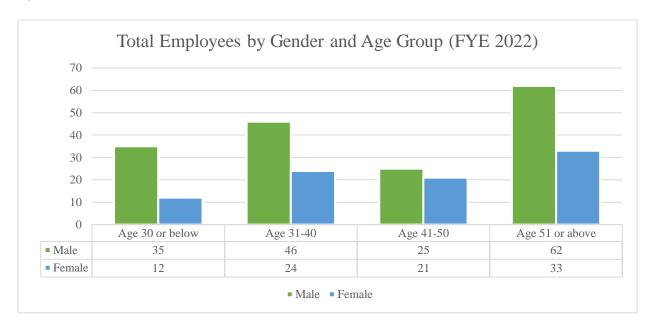
KPSCB is committed to creating more job opportunities for local workers and to providing training programs to enhance their skills. However, it should be noted that 65.11% of the company's employees are male, primarily due to the physically demanding nature of the work involved.



#### WORKPLACE (CONT'D)

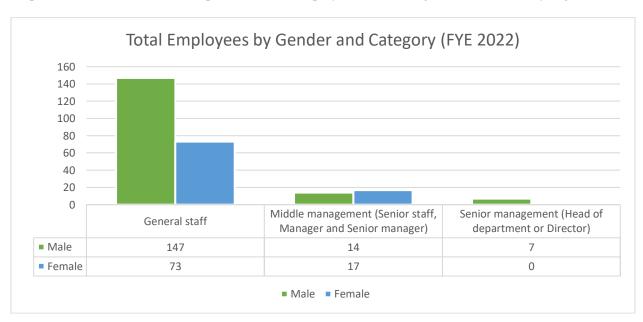
# Diversity (Cont'd)

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The proportion of employees aged 51 and above is 36.82% of the total workforce. From a social responsibility standpoint, employing older workers can also be viewed as supporting age diversity and addressing issues related to ageism in the workplace. Furthermore, retaining experienced employees can contribute to reducing employee turnover and the associated costs, which aligns with governance principles that emphasize the importance of effective management and cost control.

Their maturity, judgment, and critical thinking abilities can also positively influence the workplace culture, contributing to a more stable and harmonious work environment. Additionally, older workers tend to exhibit a strong work ethic and dedication to their job, which can lead to increased productivity and high-quality output. Overall, a workforce comprised of older employees can be a significant asset to any organization.

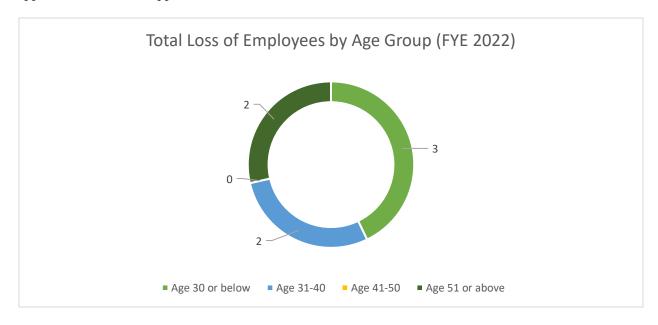




#### WORKPLACE (CONT'D)

#### Diversity (Cont'd)

The Group is dedicated to promoting gender diversity and inclusion while recognizing the distinct job requirements of its production sites, which involve significant physical demands. While the Group is actively seeking to recruit and hire more female employees, achieving an equal gender balance may be challenging due to these requirements. However, the Group is committed to enhancing diversity and inclusivity that provides equal opportunities for both genders, including fair pay and career development. In the near future, the Group will take further steps to ensure that all employees are provided with equal opportunities and are supported in their career advancement.



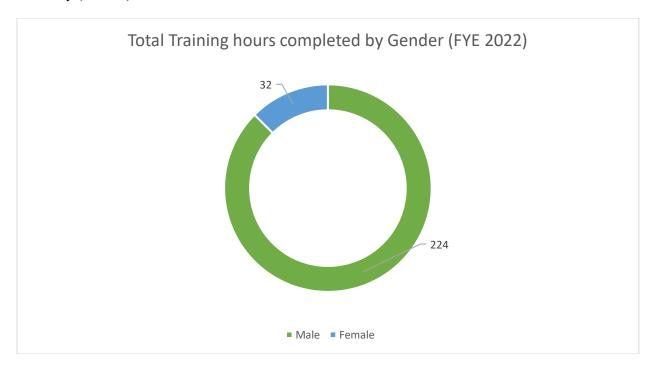
The senior management team comprises less than 3% of the total workforce, while 12.02% of employees hold middle management positions. To attract and retain talented individuals, the Group is considering offering opportunities for professional advancement, such as mentorship programs, training sessions, and leadership development programs, along with competitive compensation, flexible work arrangements, and a supportive work environment.

As compared to prior year, the loss of employees by age group has greatly reduced from 58 staff to merely 7 staff. The Group's commitment to prioritizing employee well-being, development, diversity, inclusion, and participation has resulted in the retention of its talented workforce. The Group strives to continuously enhance its staff through ongoing efforts.



#### WORKPLACE (CONT'D)

#### Diversity (Cont'd)



As at year ended 31 December 2022, the total training hours for both genders amounted to 256 hours. The increase in total training hours (FYE 2021: 56 hours) demonstrates the Group's dedication to providing its employees with opportunities to improve their capabilities, which will benefit them in their current roles and also prepare them for future career advancement.

#### **GOVERNANCE**

102-18, 102-19, 102-20, 102-23, 103-1, 103-2, 103-3, 418-1

## **Regulatory Compliance**

At KPSCB, we uphold integrity, honesty, and strict compliance with applicable laws in all our business practices. The Group has a zero-tolerance policy for unethical or illegal conduct and have established clear compliance policies reflected in our Code of Conduct. All employees must sign the Code before commencing work to ensure our behavior and communications align with our values.

The Group also complies with the new Corporate Liability Section 17A of MACC Amendment Act 2018, which came into effect on June 1, 2020. The Group has communicated our corporate integrity pledge against corruption and our bribery policy to our vendors and employees, which is posted on our corporate website.

Moreover, the Group has a whistleblowing practice that encourages employees, suppliers, and stakeholders to report any suspected malpractice, abuse, wrongdoing, or misconduct. The Group believes in promoting a culture of shared responsibility and openness and ensure that all reports are kept confidential, thoroughly investigated, and appropriate action is taken. The Group abides by various regulations such as Listing Requirements, Capital Markets and Services Act, Companies Act 2016, Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (Amendment) Act 2018, Employment Act 1955, Personal Data Protection Act 2010, and Occupational Safety and Health Act 1994.



#### **GOVERNANCE (CONT'D)**

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The Group also adheres to its insider trading policy as there no unusual market activity, rumors, or signs of insider trading were noted by the Board and Management during FYE 2022.

Protecting the personal data of our customers, employees, and stakeholders is of utmost importance to KPSCB. The Group strictly uses all collected personal data in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Additionally, all employees and third-party service providers with access to customers' data are obligated to maintain its confidentiality.

#### **Corporate Governance**

The Group aims to continuously support the integration of ESG factors into decision-making processes and strategies, with the goal of achieving long-term value creation for all stakeholders. The Group is pleased to disclose our sustainability integration aligned with the recommendations of Bursa Securities Listing Requirements and the guidance provided by the Malaysian Code on Corporate Governance ("MCCG").

#### **Practice 4.1**

The Board is responsible for overseeing the KPSCB Group's sustainability agenda, practices, strategies, and performance, while the Management is tasked with supporting and ensuring effective implementation of these initiatives in the Group's daily operations. To assist the Board, a Sustainability Management Committee, comprising senior management members, oversees the development and execution of sustainability strategies. The Board reviews and evaluates the strategic direction required for the company's long-term sustainable growth objectives.

#### **Practice 4.2**

KPSCB is committed to the guiding principles of ESG and recognizes the importance of a Sustainability Statement as the first step towards implementing a strategy that can help a company with goal-setting, performance evaluation, risk management, and understanding the value it creates for its stakeholders. By investing in sustainability, the Company can also reduce long-term risks, which makes it more attractive to investors.

To promote accountability and transparency, KPSCB believes in building informed relationships through constructive two-way communication. Stakeholder opinions have influenced the sustainability strategy in significant areas, enabling the Company to test new concepts and address industry-wide issues. The Company also shares its perspectives on critical issues and highlights important details to help stakeholders understand the KPSCB Group's journey. The Sustainability Statement for 2022 includes a list of key stakeholders, key areas of concern, and engagement platforms.



#### **GOVERNANCE (CONT'D)**

#### Practice 4.3

The Board acknowledges the importance of sustainable development and incorporates routine sustainability practices into the Group's operations. To ensure that material matters are still relevant to the interests of stakeholders and aligned with the current business landscape, the Group conducts a materiality assessment annually. The Group understands that addressing the diverse needs of each stakeholder group is essential to building a sustainable and prosperous business. Consequently, the Group uses several techniques, one of which involves involving stakeholders in the materiality analysis process.

#### Practice 4.4

After assessing the Board Members' knowledge and understanding of sustainability issues relevant to KPSCB, the Nomination Committee ("NC") has concluded that each director possesses the necessary experience and core competencies to carry out their responsibilities effectively. The NC is satisfied that the directors have invested sufficient time in fulfilling their obligations, enhancing their education, and developing the necessary knowledge and abilities to serve on the Board and its relevant subcommittees.

#### Practice 4.5

The Board bears the responsibility of evaluating the strategic direction necessary for attaining the Group's long-term sustainable growth objectives, with assistance from Management. Management is in charge of guaranteeing the successful implementation of the Group's sustainability plans and integrating sustainability factors into daily operations. The Group intends to create a Sustainability Committee in the near future, composed of chosen senior management personnel to support the Board in developing and executing sustainability strategies.



# **GRI CONTENT INDEX**

This report has been prepared accordingly to the "In Accordance" – Core option as provided by the GRI guidelines. This index shows each disclosure and relevant references within the report.

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#### CORPORATE GOVERNANCE OVERVIEW STATEMENT

The Board of Directors of KPS Consortium Berhad ("the Company") ("the Board") continues to believe the practice of good corporate governance is important in achieving sustainable growth as well as engenders trust and infuses confidence among its shareholders and stakeholders. The Board remains committed towards governing, guiding and monitoring the direction of the Company with the objective of enhancing long term sustainable value creation aligned to the interests of shareholders and stakeholders.

This Corporate Governance Overview Statement is presented pursuant to Paragraph 15.25 of the Main Market Listing Requirements ("MMLR") of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad ("Bursa Securities"). The objective of this statement is to provide an overview of the application of the corporate governance practices of the Group during the financial year ended 31 December 2022 with reference to the three (3) main principles, i.e. Board Leadership and Effectiveness, Effective Audit and Risk Management and Integrity in Corporate Reporting and Meaningful Relationship with Stakeholders as set out in the latest Malaysian Code on Corporate Governance ("MCCG" or "Code").

The Board has also provided specific disclosures on the application of each Practices in its Corporate Governance Report ("CG Report"). The CG Report is announced together with the Annual Report of the Company on 28 April 2023. The Corporate Governance Overview Statement should be read in tandem with the CG Report to provide comprehensive disclosure of the application of each principles and practices set out in the MCCG during the financial year.

The CG Report can be accessed from the Company's website at <a href="www.kpsconsortium.com.my">www.kpsconsortium.com.my</a>. The Board is pleased to provide the following statement, which outlines the main corporate governance that has been in place throughout the financial year.

#### PRINCIPLE A – BOARD LEADERSHIP AND EFFECTIVENESS

#### • Board Responsibilities

The Company is headed by the Board, which assumes responsibility for the Company's leadership and is collectively responsible for meeting the objectives and goals of the Company.

#### **Board Responsibilities**

The Board takes full responsibility for the performance of the Group. The Board recognises the key role it plays in charting the strategic direction of the Company and has assumed the following principal responsibilities in discharging its fiduciary and leadership functions:-

- Reviewing and adopting a strategic plan for the Company, addressing the sustainability of the Group's business;
- Overseeing the conduct of the Group's business and evaluating if its businesses are being properly managed;
- Identifying principal business risks faced by the Group and ensuring the implementation of appropriate internal controls and mitigating measures to address such risks;
- Ensuring that all candidates appointed to senior management positions are of sufficient caliber, including the orderly succession of senior management personnel;
- Overseeing the development and implementation of shareholder communications policy; and
- Reviewing the adequacy and integrity of the Group's internal control and management information systems.



#### PRINCIPLE A – BOARD LEADERSHIP AND EFFECTIVENESS (CONT'D)

#### Board Responsibilities (Cont'd)

Board Responsibilities (Cont'd)

The roles and responsibilities of the Non-Independent Non-Executive Chairman and Executive Director are distinct, separate and clearly defined with no overlapping roles. The Non-Independent Non-Executive Chairman holds the principal obligations in focusing, guiding, addressing, supervising, regulating, managing and controlling as well as communicating the Company's goals and objectives, as well as all significant corporate matters, corporate restructuring plans, business extension plans and proposals.

The Non-Independent Non-Executive Chairman is also responsible for proposing, developing and implementing applicable and relevant new policies and procedures. The Board has established three (3) Board Committees, namely Audit Committee, Nomination Committee and Remuneration Committee that are delegated with specific responsibilities and authorities to assist the Board in executing its duties and to provide the Board with recommendations and advice. The delegation of authority to the Committees enables the Board to achieve operational efficiency by empowering each Committee to review, report and make recommendations to the Board on matters relevant to their roles and responsibilities. Each Committee is governed by its own Terms of Reference which sets out its functions and duties, composition, rights and meeting procedures. These Terms of Reference are reviewed periodically in accordance with the needs of the Company and taking into account the changes in the business, governance and legal environment that may have an impact on the discharge of the Committees' duties and responsibilities.

The Chairman of the Board is not a member of the Audit Committee, Nomination Committee and Remuneration Committee and does not involve in all three (3) Board Committees.

#### **Board Charter**

The Board is guided by a Board Charter which sets out the principles governing the Board of Directors of the Company and adopts the principles of good governance and practice in accordance with applicable laws, rules and regulations in Malaysia. The Board Charter also sets out the respective roles and responsibilities of the Board, board committees, individual Directors and managements; and issues and decisions reserved for the Board.

The Board Charter was last reviewed on 13 April 2023 and is made publicly available on the Company's website at www.kpsconsortium.com.my.

#### Code of Conduct

The Company's Code of Conduct encompasses transparency, integrity, accountability and corporate social responsibility. The Board, in discharging its duties and responsibilities, is guided by the Code of Conduct.

The Code of Conduct is formulated to enhance the standard of corporate governance and behavior with a view to achieve the following objectives:-

- To establish standard of ethical conduct for directors based on acceptable belief and values that one upholds.
- To uphold the spirit of social responsibility and accountability of the Company in line with the legislations, regulations and guidelines governing it.



#### PRINCIPLE A – BOARD LEADERSHIP AND EFFECTIVENESS (CONT'D)

#### • Board Responsibilities (Cont'd)

Code of Conduct (Cont'd)

The Board is committed to adhering to best practices in corporate governance and observing the highest standards of integrity and behavior in all activities conducted by the Company and the Group, including the interaction with its shareholders, employees, creditors, customers and within the community and environment in which the Company and the Group operate. The Code of Conduct is made publicly available on the Company's website at <a href="www.kpsconsortium.com.my">www.kpsconsortium.com.my</a> in line with Practice 3.1 of the Code.

Whistle Blowing Policy

The Board has established its Whistle Blowing Policy and encourages employees within the Group to report suspected and/or known misconduct, wrongdoings, corruption, fraud, waste and/or abuse involving resources of the Company. The Whistle Blowing Policy which was published in the Company's website provides and facilitates a mechanism for any individual to report concerns about any suspected and/or known misconduct, wrongdoings, corruption, fraud, waste and/or abuse.

The Whistle Blowing Policy can be viewed at the Company's website at <a href="https://www.kpsconsortium.com.my">www.kpsconsortium.com.my</a>.

Anti-Bribery Policy and Framework

The Company does not endorse to bribery, be it giving or accepting the ill-gotten monies.

The Company has adopted the Anti-Bribery Policy and Framework pursuant to Section 17A of the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission Act 2009. All staff have been trained, briefed and acknowledged on the Company's policy of Anti-Bribery. The aforesaid Anti-Bribery Policy can be assessed from the Company's website at <a href="https://www.kpsconsortium.com.my">www.kpsconsortium.com.my</a>.

Company Secretary

The Board is supported by qualified Company Secretaries, who are members of the Malaysian Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators, to provide sound governance advice, ensure adherence to rules and procedure and facilitate overall compliance with the MMLR.

The Company Secretaries are to ensure to meet statutory compliance with the Companies Act 2016 and MMLR. They constantly update the Board on any regulatory changes. The Company Secretaries also safeguard all statutory books and records of the Company.

The Company Secretaries work closely with the Management to ensure that there are timely and appropriate information flows within the Board and Board Committee.

The appointment and removal of Company Secretaries are at the purview of the Board.



#### PRINCIPLE A – BOARD LEADERSHIP AND EFFECTIVENESS (CONT'D)

#### • Board Responsibilities (Cont'd)

Sustainability of Business

The Board is mindful of the importance of business sustainability and, in conducting the Group's business, the impact on the environmental, social and governance aspects is taken into consideration. It is an ongoing process that the Board reviews the Group's business plan for diversification, to keep the business relevant and sustainable.

In respect of paper converting segment, the Company continuously explores and embrance technology in conserving environment by converting, recycling the waste papers into tissue papers, toiletries and other paper products for good usage. The Company had continuously using a waste water recycling system towards the last quarter of the financial year under review and the recycled water could be reused for soaking used papers for tissue making.

Supply of and Access to Information

The Board is regularly updated on the regulatory changes and reports on financial, operational, corporate, regulatory, business development and audit matters at the quarterly meetings supported with the Board papers or upon specific requests, for decisions to be made on an informed basis to effective discharge of Board's responsibilities.

Good practices have been observed on timely dissemination of meeting agenda, including the relevant Board and Board Committee papers to all Directors prior to the Board and Board Committee meetings, to facilitate the Board for decisions making and to deal with matters arising from such meetings. The Executive Director and/or the Management would furnish comprehensive explanation on pertinent issues. The issues are then deliberated and discussed thoroughly by the Board prior to decision making.

In addition, the Board members are updated on the Company's activities and its operations on a regular basis. All Directors have accessed to all information of the Company on a timely basis in an appropriate manner and quality necessary to enable them to discharge their duties and responsibilities.

Upholding Integrity in Financial Reporting

It is the Board's commitment to present a balanced and meaningful assessment of the Group's financial performance and prospects at the end of each reporting period and financial year, primarily through the quarterly announcement of Group's financial results to Bursa Malaysia, the annual financial statements of the Group and the Company as well as the Chairman's statement and review of the Group's operations in the Annual Report, where relevant. A statement by the Directors of their responsibilities in the preparation of financial statements is set out in the ensuing paragraph.

The Board is responsible to ensure that the financial statements are properly drawn up in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2016 and approved accounting standards in Malaysia so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Group as at the end of the financial year and of the results and cash flow of the Group for the financial year then ended.



#### PRINCIPLE A – BOARD LEADERSHIP AND EFFECTIVENESS (CONT'D)

#### • Board Responsibilities (Cont'd)

Upholding Integrity in Financial Reporting (Cont'd)

The Directors are satisfied that in preparing the financial statements of the Group for the financial year ended 31 December 2022, the Group has adopted the approved accounting standard and policies and applied them consistently, prudently and reasonably. The Directors also consider that all applicable approved accounting standards have been followed in the preparation of the financial statements, subject to any material departures being disclosed and explained in the notes to the financial statements. The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis.

The Directors are responsible for ensuring that the Group keeps sufficient accounting records to disclose with reasonable accuracy, the financial position of the Group and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2016.

#### • Board Composition

At the date of this statement, the Board consists of five (5) members, comprising one (1) Non-Independent Non-Executive Chairman, one (1) Executive Director and three (3) Independent Non-Executive Directors. This composition fulfills the requirements as set out under MMLR, which stipulates that at least two (2) Directors or one-third (1/3) of the Board, whichever is higher, must be Independent. In the event of any vacancy in the Board resulting in non-compliance with Paragraph 15.02 (1) of the MMLR, the Company must fill the vacancy within three (3) months. The profile of each Director is set out in this Annual Report. The Directors, with their differing backgrounds and specializations, collectively bring with them a wide range of experience and expertise in areas such as finance; accounting and audit; marketing and operations.

The Independent Non-Executive Directors uphold their independent view objectively to save guard the interests, not only of the Group, but also of shareholders and stakeholders. Independent Non-Executive Directors are essential for protecting the interests of shareholders and can make significant contributions to the Company's decision making by bringing in the quality of detached impartiality. In the opinion of the Board, the appointment of a Senior Independent Non-Executive Director to whom any concerns should be conveyed is not necessary. The Board operates in an open environment in which opinions and information are freely exchanged and in these circumstances any concerns need not be focused on a single director as all members of the Board fulfill this role individually and collectively.

#### **Board Independence**

The Board recognises the importance of establishing criteria on independence to be used in the annual assessment of its Independent Non-Executive Directors. Although the definition on independence according to MMLR is used, the Board will take pertinent measures to formalise such independence criteria to, inter-alia, their independent decision on any proposal brought up in the Board Meeting for deliberation. The Company does not have a formal policy to limit the tenure of Independent Non-Executive Directors to nine (9) years. The Board also noted the period to comply with the MMLR on the twelve (12) years tenure limit for Independent Directors.



#### PRINCIPLE A – BOARD LEADERSHIP AND EFFECTIVENESS (CONT'D)

#### Board Composition (Cont'd)

Board Independence (Cont'd)

The Board noted the recommendation of the Code on the tenure of an Independent Director should not exceed a cumulative term of nine (9) years. However, upon completion of the nine (9) years, the Independent Director may continue to serve the Board subject to justification and support from the Board before putting to Shareholders on two-tier voting. The Board also noted on the twelve (12) years maximum tenure limit. The Company does not have term limits for both Executive Directors and Independent Directors as the Board believes that continued contribution by Directors provides benefits to the Board and the Group as a whole. The integrity of Independent Directors is not necessarily comprised by the long period of serving.

#### Foster Commitment of Directors

The Board ordinarily meets at least once every quarter, scheduled well in advance before the end of the preceding financial year to facilitate the Directors in planning their meeting schedule for the year. Additional meetings are convened when urgent and important decisions need to be made between scheduled meetings. There were five (5) Board meetings for the financial year 2022. Board and Board Committee papers which are prepared by the Management, provide the relevant facts and analysis for the convenience of Directors. The meeting agenda, the relevant reports and Board papers are furnished to Directors and Board Committee members well before the meeting to allow the Directors have sufficient time to peruse for effective discussion and decision-making during meetings. At the quarterly Board meetings, the Board reviews the business performance of the Group and discusses major operational and financial issues. The Chairman of the Audit Committee informs the Directors at each Board meetings of any salient matters noted by the Audit Committee and which require the Boards' attention or direction. All pertinent issues discussed at Board meetings in arriving at the decisions and conclusions are properly recorded by way of minutes of meetings.

#### **Board Meetings**

There were five (5) Board meetings held during the financial year ended 31 December 2022, with details of Directors' attendance set out below:-

	Name of Directors	Attendance
(a)	Datuk Chua Hock Gee	5/5
(b)	Lau Fook Meng	5/5
(c)	Tan Kong Ang (Resigned on 29 March 2023)	5/5
(d)	Lim Choon Liat (Resigned on 29 March 2023)	5/5
(e)	Hew Chee Hau	5/5
(f)	Cheng Lai Chuan (Appointed on 29 March 2023)	-
(g)	Wong See Mei (Appointed on 29 March 2023)	-

It is the practice of the Company for the Directors to devote sufficient time and efforts to carry out their responsibilities. All Board members are required to notify the Chairman before accepting any new directorships notwithstanding that MMLR allows a Director to sit on the boards of five (5) listed issuers. Such notification is expected to include an indication of time that will be spent on the new appointment.



#### PRINCIPLE A – BOARD LEADERSHIP AND EFFECTIVENESS (CONT'D)

#### • Board Composition (Cont'd)

Nomination Committee

A Nomination Committee has been established, with specific terms of reference, by the Board, comprising exclusively Independent Non-Executive Directors as follows:-

Chairman : Cheng Lai Chuan

Independent Non-Executive Director (Appointed on 29 March 2023)

: Lim Choon Liat

Independent Non-Executive Director (Resigned on 29 March 2023)

Members : Hew Chee Hau

Independent Non-Executive Director

: Wong See Mei

Independent Non-Executive Director (Appointed on 29 March 2023)

Tan Kong Ang

Independent Non-Executive Director (Resigned on 29 March 2023)

The Nomination Committee is chaired by an Independent Non-Executive Director and is primarily responsible for assessing the performance and effectiveness of the Directors, the Board and Board Committees on an annual basis. The Nomination Committee would review if there is a need for additional Board members or for replacement. The Nomination Committee may get the source of referral from the panel Board members, senior management or third-party referral to source for the suitable qualified candidates. The Nomination Committee would assess objectively before recommending to the Board for further deliberation.

In assessing and evaluating the suitability of candidates for recommendation to the Board for appointment as well as Directors who are seeking for re-election, the Nomination Committee will consider the criteria set out in the Directors' Fit and Proper Policy including skill, knowledge, expertise and experience, professionalism, integrity, competency, commitment, contribution and performance.

On 29 March 2023, the Company has two (2) new appointment of Directors, namely Cheng Lai Chuan and Wong See Mei to replace the resigned Directors. The Management sourced the candidates through the reference from the business contact. The Nomination Committee interviewed the proposed candidates, assessed them based on Directors' Fit and Proper Policy. The proposed candidates were shortlisted and recommended to the Board. The final decision on the appointment of a candidate recommended by the Nomination Committee rests with the Board. The Board is entitled to the services of the Company Secretary who ensure that all appointments are properly made upon obtaining all necessary information from the Directors.



#### PRINCIPLE A – BOARD LEADERSHIP AND EFFECTIVENESS (CONT'D)

#### Board Composition (Cont'd)

Nomination Committee (Cont'd)

In accordance with the Constitution of the Company, one-third (1/3) of the Directors or, if their number is not three (3) or multiple of three (3), then the number nearest one-third (1/3), shall retire from office at each Annual General Meeting ("AGM") and offer themselves for re-election at AGM. Directors who are appointed by the Board to fill casual vacancies or as additional directors during the financial year are subject to re-election by shareholders at the next AGM following their appointment. All Directors shall retire from office at least once in every three years, but shall be eligible for re-election.

At the forthcoming AGM, Mr. Hew Chee Hau will retire by rotation pursuant to Clause 78 of the Company's Constitution whereas Mr. Cheng Lai Chuan and Ms Wong See Mei will retire by rotation pursuant to Clause 79 of the Company's Constitution. All retiring directors being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

The evaluation process was carried out through a set of questionnaires which was duly completed by each Nomination Committee Members, in respect to each of the Directors seeking for re-election with reference to Directors' Fit and Proper Policy. The Nomination Committee assessed and is satisfied and made recommendations to the Board for re-election of all the retiring Directors.

At present, the Board does not have formal policy on gender diversity but acknowledges the recommendation of the MCCG on gender diversity. Nonetheless, the Board support the gender diversity policy and has one (1) female Independent Non-Executive Director in the Board (i.e. 20% woman director). The Board will continue to provide a working environment that is conducive, fair and with equal opportunities within the Group and to commit to zero tolerance of workplace harassment, age, religious, ethnicity, race or gender discrimination.

The Nomination Committee concluded that each Board member is competent and committed in discharging his duties and responsibilities. During the annual assessment exercise, the Directors are given performance evaluation form to complete. In addition, Directors who are members of the Board Committees are given additional performance evaluation sheets for the respective Board Committees to complete. Sufficient time is given to the Directors to complete the forms. All assessments and evaluations carried out by the Nomination Committee were properly documented. The results of the annual assessment on the Board, the Board Committees and individual Directors for the financial year were all satisfactory.

The Directors who are subject to re-election and/or appointment at the next Annual General Meeting shall be assessed by the nomination Committee before recommendation is made to the Board and shareholders for the re-election and/or appointment. Appropriate assessment and recommendation by the Nomination Committee would be based on inter-alia the yearly assessment conducted.

#### Directors' Training

All members of the Board have attended the Mandatory Accreditation Programme, prescribed by Bursa Securities. Directors are encouraged to attend seminars and/or conferences organized by relevant regulatory authorities and professional bodies to keep abreast with latest developments in the market place and new statutory and regulatory requirements. The training needs of each Director would be assessed and proposed by the individual Director. Each Director determines the areas of training that he may require for personal development as a Director or as a member of the Board Committees.



#### PRINCIPLE A – BOARD LEADERSHIP AND EFFECTIVENESS (CONT'D)

#### • Board Composition (Cont'd)

Directors' Training (Cont'd)

During the financial year ended 31 December 2022, other than Mr. Hew Chee Hau, and Mr. Cheng Lai Chuan and Ms Wong See Mei, who were appointed as Independent Non-Executive Directors on 29 March 2023, none of the board members attended any courses/seminar due to their tight business schedule.

Name of Directors	Training Programmes
Hew Chee Hau	<ul> <li>Latest Tax Developments</li> <li>National Tax Conference 2022</li> <li>Corporate Talk 2022: Introduction to HRD Corp, Roles and Functions</li> </ul>

#### • Remuneration

A Remuneration Committee has been established by the Board, comprising exclusively Non-Executive Directors as follows:-

Chairman : Cheng Lai Chuan

Independent Non-Executive Director (Appointed on 29 March 2023)

: Lim Choon Liat

Independent Non-Executive Director (Resigned on 29 March 2023)

Members : Hew Chee Hau

Independent Non-Executive Director

Wong See Mei

Independent Non-Executive Director (Appointed on 29 March 2023)

Tan Kong Ang

Independent Non-Executive Director (Resigned on 29 March 2023)

The Remuneration Committee has been entrusted by the Board to determine that the levels of remuneration to attract and retain quality Directors to lead and manage the business of the Group. The Remuneration Committee is entrusted under its term of reference to assist the Board, amongst others, to recommend to the Board the remuneration of the Executive Directors. In the case of Non-Executive Directors, the level of remuneration shall reflect the experience and level of responsibilities undertaken by abstaining the Non-Executive Directors concerned from discussion on their individual remuneration. During the financial year under review, the Committee met once attended by all members.



#### PRINCIPLE A – BOARD LEADERSHIP AND EFFECTIVENESS (CONT'D)

#### • Remuneration (Cont'd)

Aggregate remuneration of Directors categorised into appropriate components are as follows:

Listed Issuer	Fees (RM)	Allowance (RM)	Salary (RM)	Bonus (RM)	Benefits- in-Kind (RM)	Other Emoluments# (RM)	Total (RM)
Company							
Independent and Non-Exe	cutive Dire	ctor					
Tan Kong Ang^	10,000	-	-	-	-	3,750	13,750
Lim Choon Liat^	10,000	-	-	-	-	3,750	13,750
Hew Chee Hau	20,000	1	-	-	-	3,750	23,750
Cheng Lai Chuan*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wong See Mei*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal	40,000	-	-	-	-	11,250	51,250
Non-Independent Non-Exc	ecutive Cha	irman					
Datuk Chua Hock Gee	36,000	-	-	-	-	-	36,000
Subtotal	76,000	-	-	-	-	11,250	87,250
Group							
Lau Fook Meng	30,673	-	24,750	-	-	303	55,726
Total	106,673	_	24,750	-	-	11,553	142,976

<sup>^</sup>Tan Kong Ang and Lim Choon Liat resigned as Independent Non-Executive Directors on 29 March 2023.

The remuneration of key management personnel for the financial year ended 31 December 2022 are set out below:

Key Management Personnel	Number	Salary/ Fees (RM)	Allowance (RM)	Bonus (RM)	Benefit- in-Kind (RM)	Other Emoluments <sup>#</sup> (RM)	Total (RM)
RM250,001-300,000	-	-	ı	-	-	1	-
RM200,001-250,000	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
RM150,001-200,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
RM100,001-150,000	3	382,372	ı	-	-	51,397	433,769
RM50,000-100,000	1	55,423	1	1	1	303	55,726
RM50,000 and below	-	1	1	1	-	1	1

<sup>#</sup>Inclusive of EPF and travelling allowances.

#### PRINCIPLE B: EFFECTIVE AUDIT AND RISK MANAGEMENT

#### • Audit Committee

In assisting the Board to discharge its duties on financial reporting, the Board has established an Audit Committee ("AC"), comprising wholly Independent Non-Executive Directors, with Mr Hew Chee Hau as the AC Chairman. The composition of the AC, including its roles and responsibilities, are set out in the AC Report of this Annual Report. One of the key responsibilities of the AC in its specific terms of reference is to ensure that the financial statements of the Group and Company comply with applicable financial reporting standards in Malaysia. Such financial statements comprise the quarterly financial report announced to Bursa and the annual statutory financial statements.

<sup>\*</sup>Cheng Lai Chuan and Wong See Mei was appointed as Independent Non-Executive Directors on 29 March 2023.

<sup>#</sup>Inclusive of EPF and travelling allowances.



## PRINCIPLE B: EFFECTIVE AUDIT AND RISK MANAGEMENT (CONT'D)

#### Audit Committee (Cont'd)

The terms of reference of AC shall provide for the requirements that the former key audit partner is subject to observe a cooling-off period of at least three (3) years before he or she could be appointed as a member of the AC. The terms of reference can be viewed at the Company's website at <a href="https://www.kpsconsortium.com.my">www.kpsconsortium.com.my</a>.

As the Board understands its role in upholding the integrity of financial reporting by the Company, it will take steps to revise the AC's terms of reference by formalising a policy on the types of non-audit services permitted to be provided by the external auditors of the Company so as not to compromise their independence and objectivity, including the need for the AC's approval in writing before such services can be provided by the External Auditors.

In assessing the independence of External Auditors, the AC requires written assurance by the External Auditors, confirming that they are, and have been, independent throughout the conduct of the audit engagement with the Company in accordance with the independence criteria set out by the International Federation of Accountants and the Malaysian Institute of Accountants.

Collectively, the AC has a wide range of necessary skills to discharge their duties. All members are financially literate and they understand matters under the purview of the AC including the financial reporting process.

The AC members, particularly the AC Chairman, undertake continuous professional development to keep themselves abreast of relevant developments in accounting and auditing standards, practices and rules.

Throughout the year, the Directors received regular updates and briefings, particularly on regulatory, industry and legal developments, including information on significant changes in business and procedures instituted to mitigate such risks.

The External Auditors also briefed the Board members on any changes to the Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards that would affect the Group's financial statements during the financial year under review. The Directors continue to undergo relevant training programmes to further enhance their skills and knowledge in the discharge of their stewardship role.

Report of the AC is set out in later part of this Annual Report.

## • Risk Management and Internal Control Framework

During the financial year under review, the Board has yet to establish a structured risk management framework to manage business risks, although Management has an informal process to identify and evaluate significant risks faced by the Group. This represents a departure from MCCG which stipulates the need for the Board to establish a sound framework to actively identify, assess and monitor key business risks faced by the Group to safeguard shareholder's investment and the Group's assets. The Board is aware of the importance of such a framework and will take measures to formalise one, which is expected to consider the risk appetite of various companies in the Group as well as the Group itself.



## PRINCIPLE B: EFFECTIVE AUDIT AND RISK MANAGEMENT (CONT'D)

#### • Risk Management and Internal Control Framework (Cont'd)

The internal audit function of the Group is outsourced to an independent professional firm, whose work is performed with impartially and with due professional care, in accordance with the International Professional Practices Framework of the Institute of Internal Auditors, incorporated, which sets out professional standards on internal audit. It undertakes regular reviews of the adequacy and effectiveness of the Group's system of internal controls and risk management process, as well as appropriateness and effectiveness of the corporate governance practices. The Internal Audit reports directly to the AC. Further details on the internal audit function can be seen in the Audit Committee Report and the Internal Control Statement in this Annual Report.

The objective of the internal audit function is to review the adequacy and integrity of the internal control systems of key business units.

The AC reviews and approves the annual internal audit plan before the Internal Auditors carry out their functions. All audit findings are reported to the AC and areas of improvement and audit recommendations identified are communicated to the Management for further action.

The Statement on Risk Management and Internal Control is set out in later part of this Annual Report.

# PRINCIPLE C: INTEGRITY IN CORPORATE REPORTING MEANINGFUL RELATIONSHIP WITH STAKEHOLDERS

#### • Communication with Stakeholders

The Board recognises the importance of being transparent and accountable to the Company's investors and, as such, has various channels to maintain communication with them. The various channels of communications are through the quarterly announcements on financial results to Bursa, relevant announcements and circulars, when necessary, the AGM and Extraordinary General Meetings and through the Group's website at where shareholders can access pertinent information concerning the Group.

AGM, which is the principal forum for shareholders dialogue, allows shareholders to review the Group's performance via the Company's Annual Report and pose questions to the Board for clarification. Save for Datuk Chua Hock Gee, all the Board members attended the 36<sup>th</sup> AGM.

The Group embrace the technology advancement by issuing electronic Annual Report which is towards environmental friendly and cost saving. The Annual Report can be downloaded at the Company's website at <a href="https://www.kpsconsortium.com.my">www.kpsconsortium.com.my</a>.



# PRINCIPLE C: INTEGRITY IN CORPORATE REPORTING MEANINGFUL RELATIONSHIP WITH STAKEHOLDERS (CONT'D)

#### • Conduct of General Meetings

Shareholders are encouraged to attend the AGM and any other general meetings of the Company where shareholders are given the opportunity to raise questions or concerns with regards to the Group as a whole. Such meetings also serve as a platform for shareholders to have direct access to the Board.

The Company at all times dispatched its notices of the AGM and any other general meetings of the shareholders, Annual Report and related circulars to shareholders at least twenty-one (21) days before the AGM and any other general meetings of the shareholders, unless otherwise required by laws, in order to provide sufficient time to shareholders to understand and evaluate the matters involved as well as to make necessary arrangements to attend, participate and vote either in person, by corporate representative, by proxy or by attorney, to exercise their ownership rights on an informed basis during the AGM and any other general meetings of the shareholders. Where special business items are to be transacted, a full explanation is provided in the notice of the AGM and any general meetings of the shareholders or the related circulars to shareholders in order to assist the shareholders' understanding of the matters and the implication of their decision in voting for or against a resolution.

Paragraph 8.29A of the MMLR provides that all resolutions set out in the notice of any general meeting shall be voted by poll where every one share has one vote. It also provides that a scrutineer independent of the polling process shall be appointed to validate the votes cast. The outcome of the AGM and any other general meetings of the shareholders are announced to Bursa Malaysia on the same day the meeting is held.

The Chairman of the AGM and any other general meetings of the shareholders, will invite the shareholders to raise questions pertaining to the Company's financial performance and other items for adoption at the meeting, before putting a resolution to vote.

#### • Compliance Statement

The Board is satisfied that the Company had applied most of the principles and best practices of the Code during the financial year. The Board is committed and will continue to enhance compliance with the Code within the Company and the Group.

This Corporate Governance Overview Statement has been approved by the Board of the Company on 13 April 2023.



#### **AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Board of Directors of KPSCB is pleased to present the report of Audit Committee for the financial year ended 31 December 2022.

The primary objective of the audit committee is to assist the Board of Directors in discharging its statutory duties and responsibilities relating to the corporate accounting and practices for the Company and all its subsidiaries ("Group") and to ensure the adequacy and effectiveness of the Group's internal control measures.

#### 1. Members

The current members of the Committee and their respective designations are as follows:-

Chairman : Hew Chee Hau

Independent Non-Executive Director

Members : Cheng Lai Chuan

Independent Non-Executive Director (Appointed on 29 March 2023)

: Wong See Mei

Independent Non-Executive Director (Appointed on 29 March 2023)

: Tan Kong Ang

Independent Non-Executive Director (Resigned on 29 March 2023)

: Lim Choon Liat

Independent Non-Executive Director (Resigned on 29 March 2023)

The Audit Committee consists of three (3) members all of whom are Independent Non-Executive Directors. The Company has complied with Paragraph 15.09(1) (b) of the MMLR, which requires the Audit Committee members to be Non-Executive Directors, with a majority of them being Independent Directors.

#### 2. Terms of Reference

The Terms of Reference of the Audit Committee is made publicly available on the Company's website at <a href="https://www.kpsconsortium.com.my">www.kpsconsortium.com.my</a>.

#### **Composition**

The Audit Committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors from amongst themselves and shall be composed of no fewer than three (3) members and must be all Non-Executive Directors of whom the majority must be Independent Directors.



## 2. Terms of Reference (Cont'd)

#### Composition (Cont'd)

At least one (1) member of the Committee:-

- i. must be a member of the Malaysian Institute of Accountants ("MIA"); or
- ii. if he is not a member of the MIA, he must have at least 3 years working experience and:-
  - he must have passed the examinations specified in Part 1 of the 1st Schedule of the Accountants Act, 1967; or
  - he must be a member of one of the associations of accountants specified in Part II of the 1st Schedule of the Accountants Act, 1967; or
- iii. fulfills such other requirements as prescribed or approved by the Exchange.

No alternate Director shall be appointed as a member of the Committee.

The Chairman of the Committee shall be an Independent Non-Executive Director appointed by the Board.

In the event of any vacancy in the Audit Committee resulting in the number of members being reduced to below three, the Company must fill the vacancy within three (3) months.

The review of the terms of office and performance of the Audit Committee and each of its members will be carried out by the Nomination Committee annually.

#### 3. Audit Committee Meetings Attendance

The Committee shall meet at least once every quarter and such additional meetings as the Chairman shall decide in order to fulfill its duties. In addition, the Chairman may call a meeting of the Audit Committee if a request is made by any committee member, any Executive Director, or the External Auditors.

In order to form a quorum, the majority of members present must be Independent Directors.

The Audit Committee had conducted five (5) meetings for the financial year ended 31 December 2022. Details of attendance of the Audit Committee members during this financial period are set out as below:-

Name of Committee Member	No. of meetings attended/ held during member's tenure		
*Ton Vone And	E /E		
*Tan Kong Ang	5/5		
*Lim Choon Liat	5/5		
Hew Chee Hau	5/5		
^Cheng Lai Chuan	-		
^Wong See Mei	-		

<sup>\*</sup>Resigned after financial year ended 31 December 2022

<sup>^</sup>Appointed after financial year ended 31 December 2022



#### 4. Summary of work of the Audit Committee

The work carried out by the Audit Committee during the financial year were summarised as follows:-

- a) Reviewed the Company's quarterly financial report through discussions with Management before recommending to the Board's consideration and approval.
- b) Reviewed the annual audited financial statements of the Company prior to submission to the Board for consideration and approval which focused particularly on changes on accounting policy, significant and unusual events/transactions and compliance with applicable approved accounting standards in Malaysia.
- c) Reviewed the Audit Committee Report and Statement on Risk Management and Internal Control prior to submission to the Board for consideration and approval for inclusion in the Annual Report of the Company.
- d) Reported to the Board on matters discussed and addressed at the Audit Committee meetings.
- e) Reviewed with the External Auditors, the audit planning memorandum, audit strategy and scope of work for the year.
- f) Reviewed with the Internal Auditors on their findings and recommendations with respect to system and control weaknesses and management's responses to these recommendations and actions taken to improve the system of internal control and procedures.
- g) Reviewed the status of compliance of the Company with the Malaysian Code of Corporate Governance, which are within the scope and function of the Audit Committee, for the purpose of disclosure in the Corporate Governance Overview Statement pursuant to the requirement of paragraph 15.25 of the MMLR.
- h) Considered the nomination of external auditors for recommendation to the Board for reappointment.

#### 5. Internal Audit Function

The internal audit function is essential in assisting the Audit Committee in reviewing the state of the system of internal control maintained by the Management.

The Company outsourced its internal audit function to an internal audit consulting company. The audit team members are independent of the activities audited by them. The internal auditors review and assess the Group's system of internal control and report to the Committee functionally.

The Internal Auditor reports to the Audit Committee four (4) times a year and provide the Audit Committee with independent views on the adequacy, integrity and effectiveness of the system of internal control after its reviews. The Audit Committee approves the annual internal audit plan before the commencement of the internal audit reviews for each financial year.

During the financial year, the internal auditors conducted reviews on the operations of the subsidiaries of the Group focusing on sales, credit control, inventory management, purchasing, production, cash and bank and insurance coverage. Evaluation was meant for some improvements on procedures and thereafter presented their internal audit reports to the Audit Committee. Areas of weakness were identified and communicated to the Audit Committee and the management for improvement.



#### 5. Internal Audit Function (Cont'd)

The Audit Committee had also conducted review of the Internal Auditors' performance and was satisfied with their performance. The key assessment criteria of this review are:-

- (a) Scope of internal audit;
- (b) Competency;
- (c) Resources of the internal audit function;
- (d) Necessary authority to carry out its work;
- (e) Audit independent, to perform with impartiality, proficiency and due to professional care; and
- (f) Engagement with the Audit Committee.

#### 6. Authority

The Committee is authorised by the Board:-

- i. To investigate any matter within its terms of reference;
- ii. To have the resources which required to perform its duties;
- iii. To have full and unrestricted access to any information pertaining to the Company;
- iv. To have direct communication channels with the external auditors and person(s) carrying out the internal audit function or activity (if any);
- v. To obtain independent professional or other advice; and
- vi. To convene meetings with the external auditors, the internal auditors or both excluding the attendance of other directors and employees, whenever deemed necessary.

#### 7. Functions

The functions of the Committee are as follows:-

- a) The Committee shall review, appraise and report to the Board on:-
  - the discussion with the external auditors, prior to the commencement of audit, the audit plan which states the nature and scope of the audit and to ensure co-ordination of audit where more than one audit firm is involved;
  - the review with the external auditors, his evaluation of the system of internal controls, his management letter and management's response;
  - the discussion of problems and reservations arising from the external audits, the audit report and any matters the external auditors may wish to discuss;
  - the assistance given by the employees of the Group to the external and internal auditors; and
  - any related party transaction and conflict of interest situation that may arise within the Group or Company, including any transaction, procedure or course of conduct that raises questions of management integrity.



#### 7. Functions (Cont'd)

The functions of the Committee are as follows (Cont'd):-

- b) To review where appropriate whether there is a reason to believe that the Group's external auditors is not suitable for re-appointment;
- c) To consider any question of resignation or dismissal of the external auditors;
- d) To review quarterly reporting and year-end financial statements of the Group before submission to the Board, focusing particularly on:-
  - changes in or implementation of major accounting policy;
  - significant adjustments arising from the audit;
  - the going concern assumption; and
  - compliance with accounting standards and other legal requirements.
- e) To review the following in respect of internal audit function:-
  - adequacy of the scope, functions, competency and resources of the Internal Audit Department and that it has the necessary authority to carry out its work;
  - internal audit programmes;
  - the major findings of internal audit investigations and management's responses, and ensure that appropriate actions are taken on the recommendations of the Internal Audit Department;
  - appraisal or assessments of the performance of the senior staff of the Internal Audit Department;
  - approval of any appointment or termination of senior staff member of the Internal Audit Department; and
  - resignation of senior internal audit staff member and providing the resigning staff member an opportunity to submit his/her reason for resignation.
- f) To consider the major findings of internal audit investigations and Management's response;
- g) To recommend the nomination and appointment of external auditors as well as the audit fee;
- h) To promptly report any matters resulting in breach of MMLR to the Board. Where the Committee is of the opinion that such matter reported by it to the Board has not been satisfactorily resolved, the Committee shall promptly report such matter to Bursa Malaysia; and
- Any other function that may be mutually agreed upon by the Committee and the Board, which
  would be beneficial to the Company and ensure the effective discharge of the Committee's
  duties and responsibilities.



#### STATEMENT ON RISK MANAGEMENT AND INTERNAL CONTROL

The Board of Directors ("the Board") is pleased to present its Statement on Risk Management and Internal Control for the financial year ended 31 December 2022. This Statement is prepared pursuant to paragraph 15.26(b) of the MMLR and guided by the "Statement on Risk Management and Internal Control – Guidelines for Directors of Listed Issuers" issued by the publication of Bursa on the issuance of internal control statement.

#### **BOARD RESPONSIBILITY**

The Board of Directors affirms its responsibility in maintaining a sound system of internal control and risk management procedures within the Group and constantly reviewing its adequacy and integrity. The Board also recognises that reviewing of the Group's systems of risk management and internal control is a concerted and continuing process and the objective of risk management and systems of internal control is to manage rather than eliminate risk of failure to achieve business objectives. It shall be noted that all risk management and internal control can only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance against material misstatement or loss. Nonetheless, in striving for continuous improvement, the Board will put in place appropriate action plans, when necessary, to further enhance the Group's systems of risk management and internal control.

#### RISK MANAGEMENT AND INTERNAL CONTROL

Functionally, the Group's risk management processes involve identifying, evaluating and managing significant risks in the organisation. It is the responsibilities of all Executive Director, Independent Directors and the Management team to identify and manage in order to mitigate the business risks.

The internal control system is established to ensure there is a check and balance to facilitate the Audit Committee to discharge their duties and responsibilities. A good internal control system in place is to safeguard the interest of minority shareholders and stakeholders. The present key elements of the Group's systems of internal control are:-

- The Group Management review of the financial results and forecasts for business units and formulation of action plans for operational and financial performance improvement;
- Board's reviews and discussions with the Management on significant financial and operating performances of the Group;
- Audit Committee reviews and consultation with the management on the integrity of the financial results, annual report and audited financial statements;
- Audit findings and reports on the review of the system of internal control from the Internal Auditors;
- Management assurance that the Group's risk management and internal control systems have been in place and operating adequately at all time;
- An internal audit function to assist the Audit Committee and the Board in conducting an independent assessment on the systems of internal control and the governance practices;



# STATEMENT ON RISK MANAGEMENT AND INTERNAL CONTROL (CONT'D)

#### RISK MANAGEMENT AND INTERNAL CONTROL (Cont'd)

- The Group implemented the COVID-19 health and safety preventive and detective standard operating procedures in accordance with the authorities' requirements. These include the use of MySejahtera application, social distancing, sanitisation, temperature reading and compulsory wearing of face masks in workplace and public area; and
- Anti-Bribery Guideline and Whistleblowing Policy are defined to guide staff members, employees
  and business associates in taking appropriate measures and steps to prevent association with bribery
  activities.

#### INTERNAL AUDIT

The Group has engaged an independent professional services firm to carry out the internal audit function. The objective of the internal audit function is to review the adequacy and integrity of the internal control systems of key business units.

The Audit Committee reviews and approves the annual internal audit plan before the Internal Auditors carry out their functions.

During the financial year, the Internal Auditors conducted internal control reviews on certain key operating functions and procedures and recommended actions plans. The audit reports containing audit findings and recommendations together with Management's responses thereto were circulated to all members of the Audit Committee on a quarterly basis. Areas of improvement identified were communicated to the Management for further action. All audit reports were reviewed by the Audit Committee and discussed at Audit Committee Meetings. Follow-up reviews are performed to ascertain the extent of Management's implementation of the recommended corrective action for improvements.

The area of internal control review covered are sales, credit control, inventory, purchasing, production, cash and bank, insurance coverage and Covid-19 preventive measures for the selected active subsidiaries. The cost incurred for the internal audit function in respect of the financial year ended 31 December 2022 was RM85,000.

#### MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES AND ASSURANCE

In accordance to the Bursa's Guidelines, Management is responsible to the Board for identifying risks relevant to the business of the Group's objectives and strategies implementing, maintaining sound systems of risk management and internal control and monitoring and reporting to the Board of significant control deficiencies and changes in risks that could significantly affect the Group achievement of its objective and performance.

Before producing this Statement, the Board has received assurance from the Directors of the entire group that, to the best of his knowledge that the Group's risk management and internal control systems are operating adequately and effectively, in all material aspects.



# STATEMENT ON RISK MANAGEMENT AND INTERNAL CONTROL (CONT'D)

#### **CONCLUSION**

There is no significant breakdown or weaknesses in the system of internal control of the Group that have resulted material losses incurred by the Group for the financial year ended 31 December 2022.

The Board believes that the current review framework and the systems of risk management and internal control are reasonable for the present level of operations. Nonetheless, the Group will continue to take the necessary measures to ensure that the systems of risk management and internal control are functioning effectively in line with the evolving business development in the Group.

The Board of Directors has approved this statement for issuance on 13 April 2023.



#### ADDITIONAL COMPLIANCE INFORMATION

In conformance with the Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad Listing Requirements, the following additional information is provided:-

#### • Utilisation of Proceeds

No proceeds were raised from any corporate proposal during the financial year.

#### • Audit Fees and Non-Audit Fees

The amount of audit and non-audit fees incurred for the services rendered by external auditors of the Group for the financial year ended 31 December 2022 were as follows:-

	Company (RM)	Subsidiaries (RM)
Audit fees	68,000	312,000
Non-audit fees	11,900	75,600

#### • Material Contracts

There were no material contracts (not being contracts entered into in the ordinary course of business) subsisting as at or entered into since the end of the previous financial year, by the Company or its subsidiaries, which involved the interests of the Directors and major shareholders.

#### • Material Litigation

Details of material litigation during the financial year are disclosed in Note 36 to the financial statements.

#### • Recurrent Related Party Transactions of a Revenue Nature

There was no recurrent related party transaction of a revenue nature during the year.



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# **DIRECTORS' REPORT**

The Directors have pleasure in submitting their report together with the audited financial statements of the Group and of the Company for the financial year ended 31 December 2022.

#### PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The principal activity of the Company is investment holding. The principal activities of its subsidiaries are disclosed in Note 8 to the financial statements.

There have been no significant changes in the nature of this activity of the Company during the financial year.

#### FINANCIAL RESULTS

	<b>Group</b> RM	Company RM
Profit/(Loss) for the financial year	15,829,432	(68,513)
Attributable to:- Owners of the Company Non-controlling interests	15,827,603 1,829	(68,513)
	15,829,432	(68,513)

#### **DIVIDENDS**

There were no dividends proposed, declared or paid by the Company since the end of the previous financial year.

#### RESERVES AND PROVISIONS

There were no material transfers to or from reserves or provisions during the financial year except as disclosed in the notes to the financial statements.



#### **SHARE OPTIONS**

No options have been granted by the Company to any parties during the financial year to take up unissued shares of the Company.

No shares have been issued during the financial year by virtue of the exercise of any option to take up unissued shares of the Company. As at the end of the financial year, there were no unissued shares of the Company under options.

#### **DIRECTORS**

The name of the Directors of the Company in office during the financial year and during the period commencing from the end of the financial year to the date of this report are as follows:-

#### Company:-

Datuk Chua Hock Gee\*
Lau Fook Meng\*
Hew Chee Hau
Cheng Lai Chuan (Appointed on 29 March 2023)
Wong See Mei (Appointed on 29 March 2023)
Tan Kong Ang (Resigned on 29 March 2023)
Lim Choon Liat (Resigned on 29 March 2023)

#### Subsidiaries:-

Koh Kok Hoor Koh Poh Seng Koh Zi Siew Low Teck Cheong Yong Chee Wei

Hew Chee Hau will retire by rotation in accordance with Clause 78 of the Company's Constitution whereas Cheng Lai Chuan and Wong See Mei will retire by rotation in accordance with Clause 79 of the Company's Constitution and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

#### **DIRECTORS' INTERESTS IN SHARES**

According to the Register of Directors' Shareholdings, there is no Director who is in office at the end of the financial year held any direct interest in shares of the Company and its related corporations.

<sup>\*</sup> Directors of the Company and certain subsidiaries.



#### **DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION**

During the financial year, the fees and other benefits received and receivable by the Directors of the Company and its subsidiaries are as follows:-

	Incurred by the Company RM	Incurred by the subsidiaries RM	<b>Group</b> RM
Directors' fees	76,000	30,673	106,673
Salaries and other emoluments	11,250	322,586	333,836
Defined contribution plans	-	35,975	35,975
Social security contribution		3,097	3,097
	87,250	392,331	479,581

During and at the end of the financial year, no arrangements subsisted to which the Company is a party, with the object or objects of enabling Directors of the Company to acquire benefits by means of the acquisition of shares in, or debentures of, the Company or any other body corporate.

#### ISSUE OF SHARES AND DEBENTURES

There were no issuance of new shares or debentures during the financial year.

#### INDEMNITY AND INSURANCE FOR DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

There is no indemnity coverage and insurance premium paid for Directors and Officers of the Company during the financial year.

#### OTHER STATUTORY INFORMATION

Before the financial statements of the Group and of the Company were made out, the Directors took reasonable steps:-

- (a) to ascertain that proper action had been taken in relation to the writing-off of bad debts and the making of provision for doubtful debts, and satisfied themselves all known bad debts had been written off and that adequate provision had been made for doubtful debts; and
- (b) to ensure that any current assets which were unlikely to be realised in the ordinary course of business including their values as shown in the accounting records of the Group and of the Company have been written down to an amount which they might be expected so to realise.



#### OTHER STATUTORY INFORMATION (CONT'D)

At the date of this report, the Directors are not aware of any circumstances:-

- (a) which would render the amounts written off for bad debts or the amount of the provision for doubtful debts in the financial statements of the Group and of the Company inadequate to any substantial extent; or
- (b) which would render the values attributed to current assets in the financial statements of the Group and of the Company misleading; or
- (c) which have arisen which would render adherence to the existing method of valuation of assets or liabilities of the Group and of the Company misleading or inappropriate; or
- (d) not otherwise dealt with in this report or the financial statements which would render any amount stated in the financial statements misleading.

At the date of this report, there does not exist:-

- (a) any charge on the assets of the Group or of the Company which has arisen since the end of the financial year which secures the liability of any other person; or
- (b) any contingent liability of the Group or of the Company which has arisen since the end of the financial year.

In the opinion of the Directors:-

- (a) no contingent liability or other liability has become enforceable or is likely to become enforceable within the period of twelve months after the end of the financial year which, will or may affect the ability of the Group and of the Company to meet their obligations as and when they fall due;
- (b) the results of operations of the Group and of the Company during the financial year were not substantially affected by any item, transaction or event of a material and unusual nature; and
- (c) there has not arisen in the interval between the end of the financial year and the date of this report any item, transaction or event of a material and unusual nature likely to affect substantially the results of operations of the Group and of the Company for the current financial year in which this report is made.



#### **AUDITORS**

20 April 2023

The total amount of audit and other fees paid to or receivables by the Auditors, Grant Thornton Malaysia PLT, as remuneration for their services as Auditors of the Company and its subsidiaries for the financial year ended 31 December 2022 are RM76,000 and RM312,000 respectively.

The Group and the Company have agreed to indemnify the Auditors, Grant Thornton Malaysia PLT to the extent permissible under the requirements of the Companies Act 2016 in Malaysia. However, no payment has been made arising from this indemnity for the financial year.

The Auditors, Grant Thornton Malaysia PLT, have expressed their willingness to continue in office.

Signed on behalf of the Board in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.

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LAU FOOK MENG	)	
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# STATEMENT BY DIRECTORS

In the opinion of the Directors, the financial statements set out on pages 79 to 169 are drawn up in accordance with Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards, International Financial Reporting Standards and the requirements of the Companies Act 2016 in Malaysia so as to give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Group and of the Company as at 31 December 2022 and of their financial performance and their cash flows for the financial year then ended.

Signed on behalf of the Board in accorda	nce with a resolution of the Board of Directors.
DATUK CHUA HOCK GEE  Kuala Lumpur 20 April 2023	LAU FOOK MENG
STATUTO	RY DECLARATION
KPS Consortium Berhad, do solemnly an and belief, the financial statements set of	imarily responsible for the financial management of ad sincerely declare that to the best of my knowledge out on pages 79 to 169 are correct and I make this leving the same to be true and by virtue of the Act 1960.
Subscribed and solemnly declared by the abovenamed at Kuala Lumpur in the Federal Territory this day of 20 April 2023	) ) ) LAU FOOK MENG (MIA NO: 1627) CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT
Before me:	
Commissioner for Oaths	



# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF KPS CONSORTIUM BERHAD

(Incorporated in Malaysia)

**Registration No: 198501011364 (143816-V)** 

# **Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements**

### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of KPS Consortium Berhad, which comprise the statements of financial position as at 31 December 2022 of the Group and of the Company, and the statements of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statements of changes in equity and statements of cash flows for the financial year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, as set out on pages 79 to 169.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements of the Group and of the Company give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Group and of the Company as at 31 December 2022, and of their financial performance and their cash flows for the financial year then ended in accordance with Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards, International Financial Reporting Standards and the requirements of the Companies Act 2016 in Malaysia.

### **Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with approved standards on auditing in Malaysia and International Standards on Auditing. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Independence and Other Ethical Responsibilities

We are independent of the Group and of the Company in accordance with the By-Laws (on Professional Ethics, Conduct and Practice) of the Malaysian Institute of Accountants ("By-Laws") and the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards) ("IESBA Code"), and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the By-Laws and the IESBA Code.



### Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements (cont'd)

### **Key Audit Matters**

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgement, were of most significance in our audit of the financial statements of the Group and of the Company for the current financial year. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the financial statements of the Group and of the Company as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

#### **Inventories valuation**

#### The risk

Refer to Note 6 to the financial statements. The Group holds significant amount of inventories which is subject to a risk that the inventories become slow-moving or obsolete and rendering it not saleable or can only be sold for selling prices that are less than their carrying value. There is inherent subjectivity and estimation involved in determining the accuracy of inventories obsolescence provision and in making an assessment of its adequacy due to risk of inventories not stated at the lower of cost or market value.

#### Our response

We tested the methodology for calculating the provisions, challenged the appropriateness and consistency of judgements and assumptions, and considered the nature and suitability of historic data used in estimating the provisions. In doing so, we obtained understanding on the ageing profile of inventories, the process for identifying specific problem inventories and historical loss rates.

# Allowance for expected credit losses

#### The risk

Refer to Note 10 to the financial statements. We focused on this area because the Group has material amounts of trade receivables that are past due but not impaired. The key associate risk is the recoverability of billed trade receivables as management judgement is required in determining the completeness of the trade receivables provision and in assessing its adequacy through considering the expected recoverability of the year-end trade receivables.

# Our response

We have obtained an understanding of the Group's control over the trade receivables' collection process, how the Group identifies and assesses the loss allowance of trade receivables and how the Group makes the accounting estimates for loss allowance. We have reviewed the application of the Group's policy for calculating the expected credit losses, considered the ageing of the trade receivables and testing the reliability thereon. In doing so, we have evaluated techniques and methodology applied for the expected credit losses approach and assessed the estimated future cash inflows by examining the historical collection records, historical loss rate of receivables, information regarding the current creditworthiness and any significant changes in credit quality of the debtors, evidence of subsequent settlements and other relevant information.



### Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements (cont'd)

### **Key Audit Matters (cont'd)**

There is no key audit matter to be communicated in respect of the audit of the financial statements of the Company.

# Information Other than the Financial Statements and Auditors' Report Thereon

The Directors of the Company are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, but does not include the financial statements of the Group and of the Company and our auditors' report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements of the Group and of the Company do not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements of the Group and of the Company, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements of the Group and of the Company or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. As at the date of our report, except for the Directors' Report, the remaining other information has not been made available to us for our reading and accordingly we are unable to report in this regard.

However, if after reading the other information when available and we conclude there is a material misstatement therein, we will communicate the same to the Directors of the Company.

# Responsibilities of the Directors for the Financial Statements

The Directors of the Company are responsible for the preparation of financial statements of the Group and of the Company that give a true and fair view in accordance with Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards, International Financial Reporting Standards and the requirements of the Companies Act 2016 in Malaysia. The Directors are also responsible for such internal control as the Directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements of the Group and of the Company that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements of the Group and of the Company, the Directors are responsible for assessing the Group's and the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Directors either intend to liquidate the Group or the Company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.



Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements (cont'd)

### Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements of the Group and of the Company as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with approved standards on auditing in Malaysia and International Standards on Auditing will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with approved standards on auditing in Malaysia and International Standards on Auditing, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements of the Group and of the Company, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Group's and the Company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Directors.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Group's or the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditors' report to the related disclosures in the financial statements of the Group and of the Company or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditors' report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Group or the Company to cease to continue as a going concern.



Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements (cont'd)

### Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements (cont'd)

As part of an audit in accordance with approved standards on auditing in Malaysia and International Standards on Auditing, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also (cont'd):

- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements of the Group and of the Company, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements of the Group and of the Company represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Group to express an opinion on the financial statements of the Group. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

We communicated with the Directors regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identified during our audit.

We also provide the Directors with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, actions taken to eliminate threats or safeguards applied.

From the matters communicated with the Directors, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the financial statements of the Group and of the Company for the current financial year and are therefore the key audit matters. We describe these matters in our auditors' report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter or when, in extremely rare circumstances, we determine that a matter should not be communicated in our report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.



Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements (cont'd)

### **Other Matters**

This report is made solely to the members of the Company, as a body, in accordance with Section 266 of the Companies Act 2016 in Malaysia and for no other purpose. We do not assume responsibility to any other person for the content of this report.

GRANT THORNTON MALAYSIA PLT (201906003682 & LLP0022494-LCA) CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS (AF 0737) LIM CHOOI LING (NO: 03537/11/2024(J)) CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT

Kuala Lumpur 20 April 2023



# STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

		Grou	Company		
	Note	2022 RM	2021 RM	2022 RM	2021 RM
ASSETS					
Non-current assets					
Property, plant and equipment	4	67,042,007	75,117,166	_	_
Investment properties	5	55,160,000	45,150,000	-	_
Inventories	6	35,103,410	35,103,410	-	_
Goodwill on consolidation	7	43,151,039	43,151,039	-	-
Investment in subsidiaries	8	-	-	149,697,331	149,745,491
Investment in an associate	9	1	1	1	1
Trade receivables	10	4,810	45,000	-	-
Other receivables	11	-	1,540,000	-	-
Deferred tax assets	12	1,993,166	1,929,834		-
Total non-current assets	_	202,454,433	202,036,450	149,697,332	149,745,492
Current assets					
Inventories	6	58,707,978	62,890,595	-	-
Trade receivables	10	220,241,273	185,078,238	-	-
Other receivables	11	6,861,129	13,855,975	-	-
Other investments Amount due from subsidiaries	13 8	-	11,016,500	680,725	867,143
Tax recoverable	o	2,854,331	1,633,642	21,730	18,154
Cash and bank balances	_	72,530,274	59,694,970	125,769	23,606
Total current assets	_	361,194,985	334,169,920	828,224	908,903
TOTAL ASSETS	=	563,649,418	536,206,370	150,525,556	150,654,395
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES EQUITY Equity attributable to owners of the Company Share capital	14	153,228,000	153,228,000	153,228,000	153,228,000
Revaluation reserve	15	7,646,454	3,135,255	-	-
Retained earnings/(Accumulated losses)	_	136,005,237	120,177,634	(2,976,431)	(2,907,918)
		296,879,691	276,540,889	150,251,569	150,320,082
Non-controlling interests	_	8,461	6,632		-
Total equity	_	296,888,152	276,547,521	150,251,569	150,320,082
LIABILITIES Non-current liabilities					
Lease liabilities	16	40,792	2,767	-	_
Borrowings	17	24,888,935	28,799,636	_	_
Deferred tax liabilities	12	578,000	743,000	<u> </u>	-
Total non-current liabilities	_	25,507,727	29,545,403	<u> </u>	
Current liabilities					
Trade payables	18	55,530,912	56,122,102	-	-
Other payables	19	34,531,070	24,421,987	117,634	137,078
Contract liabilities	20	6,467,425	6,467,425	-	-
Amount due to a subsidiary	8	-	-	156,353	197,235
Amount due to a Director	21	418,167	184,243	-	-
Lease liabilities	16	53,115	71,462	-	-
Borrowings	17	143,582,255	142,537,179	-	-
Tax payable	_	670,595	309,048	<u> </u>	-
Total current liabilities	-	241,253,539	230,113,446	273,987	334,313
Total liabilities	_	266,761,266	259,658,849	273,987	334,313
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	=	563,649,418	536,206,370	150,525,556	150,654,395

The accompanying notes form an integral part of the financial statements.



# STATEMENTS OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

		Group		Company		
	Note	2022 RM	<u>2021</u> RM	<u>2022</u> RM	2021 RM	
Revenue	22	943,298,340	656,853,617	260,000	260,000	
Cost of sales		(903,518,117)	(624,869,796)	<u> </u>		
Gross profit		39,780,223	31,983,821	260,000	260,000	
Other income		4,333,520	9,642,852	-	-	
Selling and distribution expenses		(8,902,589)	(9,254,756)	-	-	
Administrative expenses		(9,266,934)	(8,045,479)	(261,900)	(447,639)	
Net impairment loss on non-financial assets		-	-	(48,160)	(770,046)	
Net impairment gain on financial assets		399,839	1,894,836	-	-	
Other expenses		(1,834,195)	(3,959,287)	-	-	
Finance income	23	826,912	1,214,881	28,982	35,061	
Finance costs	24	(5,504,003)	(5,016,640)	(9,011)	(6,110)	
Profit/(Loss) before tax	25	19,832,773	18,460,228	(30,089)	(928,734)	
Tax expense	26	(4,003,341)	(3,734,400)	(38,424)	(29,346)	
Profit/(Loss) for the financial year		15,829,432	14,725,828	(68,513)	(958,080)	
Other comprehensive income, net of tax  Items that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss						
Revaluation of land and buildings - Tax effect on items that will not be reclassified to		5,012,199	-	-	-	
profit or loss	26	(501,000)				
Other comprehensive income for the financial year		4,511,199				
Total comprehensive income for the financial year		20,340,631	14,725,828	(68,513)	(958,080)	
Profit/(Loss) for the financial year attributable to:- Owners of the Company Non-controlling interests		15,827,603 1,829	14,726,875 (1,047)	(68,513)	(958,080)	
		15,829,432	14,725,828	(68,513)	(958,080)	
Total comprehensive income/(loss) attributable to: Owners of the Company - Non-controlling interests		20,338,802 1,829	14,726,875 (1,047)	(68,513)	(958,080)	
		20,340,631	14,725,828	(68,513)	(958,080)	
Earning per share attributable to owners of the Company (sen):-	<u>-</u> -					
- Basic/Diluted	27	10.71	9.96			

The accompanying notes form an integral part of the financial statements.



STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Non-distributable	ibutable ──>	Distributable			
	Share <u>capital</u> RM	Revaluation <u>reserve</u> RM	Retained earnings/ (Accumulated  losses)  RM	<u>Total</u> RM	Non-controlling interests RM	Total <u>equity</u> RM
<b>Group</b> Balance at 1 January 2021	153,228,000	3,135,255	104,985,749	261,349,004	472,701	261,821,705
Transaction with owners:- Acquisition of non-controlling interest	,	ı	465,010	465,010	(465,022)	(12)
Total comprehensive income for the financial year	1	1	14,726,875	14,726,875	(1,047)	14,725,828
Balance at 31 December 2021	153,228,000	3,135,255	120,177,634	276,540,889	6,632	276,547,521
Profit for the financial year	1	1	15,827,603	15,827,603	1,829	15,829,432
Revaluation during the financial year		4,511,199		4,511,199	1	4,511,199
Total comprehensive income for the financial year		4,511,199	15,827,603	20,338,802	1,829	20,340,631
Balance at 31 December 2022	153,228,000	7,646,454	136,005,237	296,879,691	8,461	296,888,152
Company Balance at 1 January 2021	153,228,000	ı	(1,949,838)	151,278,162	1	151,278,162
Total comprehensive loss for the financial year	,		(958,080)	(958,080)		(958,080)
Balance at 31 December 2021	153,228,000	1	(2,907,918)	150,320,082		150,320,082
Total comprehensive loss for the financial year			(68,513)	(68,513)	1	(68,513)
Balance at 31 December 2022	153,228,000	1	(2,976,431)	150,251,569	1	150,251,569

The accompanying notes form an integral part of the financial statements.



# STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Group			Company		
	Note	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	2021	
		RM	RM	RM	RM	
OPERATING ACTIVITIES						
Profit/(Loss) before tax		19,832,773	18,460,228	(30,089)	(928,734)	
Adjustments for:-						
Bad debts written off		36,446	-	-	-	
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment		4,001,084	3,936,473	-	-	
Fair value gain on investment properties		(390,000)	(2,680,000)	-	-	
Fair value gain on other investment		(920,746)	(3,396,850)	-	-	
Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment		(22,909)	-	-	-	
Impairment loss on investment in a subsidiary		-	-	48,160	770,046	
Interest expenses		5,504,003	5,016,640	9,011	6,110	
Interest income		(826,912)	(1,214,881)	(28,982)	(35,061)	
Inventories written down		1,545,907	2,054,856	-	-	
Inventories written off		204,073	1,104,880	-	-	
Net impairment gain on financial assets		(399,839)	(1,894,836)	-	-	
Property, plant and equipment written off		46,700	455	-	-	
Reversal of inventories written down	-	(1,124,068)	(557,776)			
Operating profit/(loss) before working capital changes		27,486,512	20,829,189	(1,900)	(187,639)	
Changes in working capital:-						
Inventories		3,556,705	(8,188,276)	-	_	
Receivables		(26,224,606)	(7,381,518)	-	_	
Payables		(4,524,446)	11,484,849	(19,444)	13,370	
Bankers' acceptances		5,555,461	23,090,281	-	-	
Subsidiaries	-		<u> </u>	15,000	(43,101)	
Cash generated from/(used in) operations		5,849,626	39,834,525	(6,344)	(217,370)	
Interest received		826,912	1,214,881	-	-	
Interest paid		(4,085,033)	(3,527,420)	-	-	
Tax refunded		166,308	-	-	-	
Tax paid		(5,758,123)	(3,728,356)	(42,000)	(42,000)	
Net cash (used in)/from operating activities		(3,000,310)	33,793,630	(48,344)	(259,370)	
INVESTING ACTIVITIES						
Addition of investment in a subsidiary		-	-	-	(12)	
Acquisition of non-controlling interest		-	(12)	-	-	
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant & equipment		25,000	-	-	-	
Proceeds from disposal of other investment		11,937,246	-	-	-	
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	A	(493,517)	(50,152)	-	-	
Purchase of other investment		-	(7,619,650)	-	-	
Repayment from subsidiaries	-	<del></del> -	<u> </u>	176,418	111,236	
Net cash from/(used in) investing activities	<u>-</u>	11,468,729	(7,669,814)	176,418	111,224	
	-					



# STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022 (CONT'D)

		Group		Company	
	Note	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
		RM	RM	RM	RM
FINANCING ACTIVITIES					
Interest paid		(1,418,970)	(1,489,220)	(9,011)	(6,110)
Interest received		-	-	28,982	35,061
Advances from a substantial shareholder of the Company		14,042,339	3,275,182	-	-
Advances from/(Repayment to) to a Director		233,924	(233,924)	-	-
(Repayment to)/Advances from a subsidiary		-	-	(45,882)	94
Repayment of term loans		(4,379,918)	(5,547,675)	-	-
Repayment of multi-option loan		(166,595)	(402,025)	-	-
Repayment of lease liabilities		(69,322)	(223,060)		
Net cash from/(used in) financing activities		8,241,458	(4,620,722)	(25,911)	29,045
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS					
Net changes		16,709,877	21,503,094	102,163	(119,101)
Brought forward		53,381,464	31,878,370	23,606	142,707
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Carried forward	В	70,091,341	53,381,464	125,769	23,606

### NOTES TO THE STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

# A. PURCHASE OF PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

	Grou	p	Company		
	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	
	RM	RM	RM	RM	
Total purchase of plant and equipment	582,517	50,152	-	-	
Less: Acquisition by means of lease liability	(89,000)			_	
Total cash paid	493,517	50,152			

# **B. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS**

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

	Group		Company	
	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
	RM	RM	RM	RM
Cash and bank balances	72,530,274	59,694,970	125,769	23,606
Bank overdraft	(2,438,933)	(6,313,506)	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	70,091,341	53,381,464	125,769	23,606

The accompanying notes form an integral part of the financial statements.



# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – 31 DECEMBER 2022

### 1. **GENERAL INFORMATION**

The Company is a public limited liability company, incorporated and domiciled in Malaysia and listed on the Main Market of the Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad. The registered office of the Company is located at Level 15-2, Bangunan Faber Imperial Court, Jalan Sultan Ismail, 50250 Kuala Lumpur and the principal place of business is located at Lot 622, Jalan Lapis Dua, Kampung Sementa, Batu 6, Jalan Kapar, 42200 Klang, Selangor Darul Ehsan.

The principal activity of the Company is investment holding. The principal activities of its subsidiaries are disclosed in Note 8 to the financial statements.

There have been no significant changes in the nature of this activity of the Company during the financial year.

The financial statements were authorised for issue by the Board of Directors in accordance with a resolution of the Directors on 20 April 2023.

# 2. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# 2.1 Statement of compliance

The financial statements of the Group and of the Company have been prepared in accordance with Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards ("MFRSs"), International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRSs") and the requirements of the Companies Act 2016 in Malaysia.

# 2.2 Basis of measurement

The financial statements of the Group and of the Company are prepared under historical cost convention, except for certain properties that are measured at fair values at the end of each reporting period as indicated in the summary of significant accounting policies.

Historical cost is generally based on the fair value of the consideration given in exchange for goods and services.

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The fair value measurement is based on the presumption that the transaction to sell the asset or transfer the liability takes place either in the principal market for the asset or liability, or in the absence of a principal market, in the most advantageous market for the asset or liability. The principal or the most advantageous market must be accessible by the Group and the Company.



# 2.2 Basis of measurement (cont'd)

The fair value of an asset or a liability is measured on the assumptions that market participants would use when pricing the asset or liability, assuming that market participants act in their economic best interest.

A fair value measurement of a non-financial market takes into account a market participant's ability to generate economic benefits by using the asset in its highest and best use or by selling it to another market participant that would use the asset in its highest and best use.

The Group and the Company use valuation techniques that are appropriate in the circumstances and for which sufficient data are available to measure fair value, maximising the use of relevant observable inputs and minimising the use of unobservable inputs.

All assets and liabilities for which fair value is measured or disclosed in the financial statements are categorised within the fair value hierarchy, described as follows, based on the lowest level input that is significant to their fair value measurement as a whole:-

- Level 1 Quoted (unadjusted) market prices in active markets for the identical assets or liabilities.
- Level 2 Valuation techniques for which the lowest level input that is significant to their fair value measurement is directly or indirectly observable.
- Level 3 Valuation techniques for which the lowest level input that is significant to their fair value measurement is unobservable.

For assets and liabilities that are recognised in the financial statements on a recurring basis, the Group and the Company determine whether transfers have occurred between levels in the hierarchy by re-assessing categorisation (based on the lowest level input that is significant to their fair value measurement as a whole) at the end of each reporting period.

The Group and the Company have established control framework in respect of measurement of fair values of financial instruments. The Board has overall responsibility for overseeing all significant fair value measurements. The Board regularly reviews significant unobservable inputs and valuation adjustments.

For the purpose of fair value disclosures, the Group and the Company have determined classes of assets and liabilities on the basis of the nature, characteristics and risks of the asset or liability and the level of fair value hierarchy as explained above.



# 2.3 Functional and presentation currency

The financial statements are presented in Ringgit Malaysia ("RM"), which is the Company's functional currency and all values are rounded to the nearest RM except otherwise stated.

#### 2.4 MFRSs

# 2.4.1 Adoption of amendments/improvements to MFRSs

The Group and the Company have consistently applied the accounting policies set out in Note 3 to all periods presented in these financial statements.

At the beginning of the current financial year, the Group and the Company adopted amendments/improvements to MFRSs which are mandatory for the financial periods beginning on or after 1 January 2022.

Initial application of the amendments/improvements to MFRSs did not have a material impact on the financial statements of the Group and of the Company.

### 2.4.2 Standards issued but not yet effective

The new and amended standards that are issued, but yet effective, up to the date of issuance of the Group's and of the Company's financial statements are disclosed below. The Group and the Company intend to adopt these new and amended standards, if applicable, when they become effective:-

# Effective for financial period beginning on or after 1 January 2023:-

MFRS 17* and Amendments to 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 - Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current
Amendments to MFRS 101	Presentation of Financial Statements - Disclosure of Accounting Policies
Amendments to MFRS 108	Accounting Policies, Change in Accounting Estimates and Error - Definition of Accounting Estimates
Amendments to MFRS 112	Income Taxes - Deferred Tax related to Assets and Liabilities arising from a Single Transaction

# Effective for financial period beginning on or after 1 January 2024:-

Amendments to MFRS 16*	Leases: Lease	e Lia	ibility in a S	sale and Lease	back
Amendments to MFRS 101*	Presentation	of	Financial	Statements:	Non-current
	Liabilities v	vith	Covenants		



### 2.4 MFRSs (cont'd)

# 2.4.2 Standards issued but not yet effective (cont'd)

### Deferred to a date to be determined by the MASB

Amendments to MFRS 10 and MFRS 128

Consolidated Financial Statements and Investments in Associates and Joint Venture - Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Inventor and its Associate or Joint Venture

The initial application of the above new and amended standards are not expected to have material financial impact to the financial statements.

# 2.5 Significant accounting estimates and judgements

Estimates, assumptions concerning the future and judgements are made in the preparation of the financial statements. They affect the application of the Group's and of the Company's accounting policies and reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses, and disclosures made. Estimates and underlying assumptions are assessed on an on-going basis and are based on experience and relevant factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. The actual results may differ from the judgements, estimates and assumptions made by management, and will seldom equal the estimated results.

# 2.5.1 Key sources of estimation uncertainty

Information about significant judgements, estimates and assumptions that have the most significant effect on recognition and measurement of assets, liabilities, income and expenses are discussed below.

# Depreciation of property, plant and equipment and right-of-use assets

Property, plant and equipment and right-of-use assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over their useful life. However, significant judgement is involved in estimating the useful life and residual value of property, plant and equipment which are subjected to technological development and level of usage. Therefore, residual values of these assets and future depreciation charges may vary.

# **Inventories**

Inventories are measured at the lower of cost and net realisable value. In estimating net realisable values, management takes into account the most reliable evidence available at the time the estimates are made. The realisation of these inventories may be affected by market-driven changes that may occur in the future.

<sup>\*</sup> Not applicable to the Group's and the Company's operation.



# 2.5 Significant accounting estimates and judgements (cont'd)

# 2.5.1 Key sources of estimation uncertainty (cont'd)

# Impairment of non-financial assets

An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the asset's or cash-generating unit's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount. To determine the recoverable amount, management estimates expected future cash flows from each cash-generating unit and determines a suitable interest rate in order to calculate the present value of those cash flows. In the process of measuring expected future cash flows, management make assumptions about future operating results. The actual results may vary, and may cause significant adjustments to the Group's assets within the next financial year.

In most cases, determining the applicable discount rate involves estimating the appropriate adjustment to market risk and the appropriate adjustment to asset-specific risk factors.

# Provision for expected credit losses ("ECLs") of trade receivables

The Group uses a provision matrix to calculate ECLs for trade receivables. The provision rates are based on days past due for grouping of various customer segments that have similar loss patterns such as customer type and rating.

The provision matrix is initially based on the Group's historical observed default rates. The Group will calibrate the matrix to adjust the historical credit loss experience with forward-looking information. At every quarterly reporting date, the historical observed default rates are updated and changes in the forward-looking estimates are analysed.

The assessment of the correlation between historical observed rates, forecast economic conditions and ECLs is a significant estimate. The amount of ECLs is sensitive to changes in circumstances and of forecast economic conditions. The Group's historical credit loss experience and forecast of economic conditions may also not be representative of customers' actual default rate in the future.

# Income taxes/Deferred tax liabilities

Significant judgement is involved in determining the Group's and the Company's provision for income taxes. There are certain transactions and computations for which the ultimate tax determination is uncertain during the ordinary course of business. The Group and the Company recognised tax liabilities based on estimates of whether additional taxes will be due. Where the final tax outcome of these matters is different from the amounts that were initially recognised, such difference will impact the income tax and deferred tax provisions in the period in which such determination is made.



# 2.5 Significant accounting estimates and judgements (cont'd)

# 2.5.1 Key sources of estimation uncertainty (cont'd)

# Deferred tax assets

Deferred tax assets are recognised for all deductible temporary differences to the extent that it is probable that taxable profit will be available against which all the deductible temporary differences can be utilised. Significant management judgement is required to determine the amount of deferred tax assets that can be recognised, based upon the likely timing and level of future taxable profits together with future tax planning strategies.

Assumptions about the generation of future taxable profits depend on the management's estimates of future cash flows. These depend on estimates of future production and sales volume, operating costs, capital expenditure, dividends and other capital management transactions. Judgement is also required about the application of income tax legislation. These judgements and assumptions are subject to risks and uncertainties, hence there is a possibility that changes in circumstances will alter expectations, which may impact the amount of deferred tax assets recognised in the statements of financial position and the amount of unrecognised tax losses and unrecognised temporary differences.

### Fair value measurement and valuation processes

Some of the Group's assets and liabilities are measured at fair value for financial reporting. Significant judgement is involved in determining the appropriate valuation techniques and inputs for fair value measurements where active market quotes are not available.

In estimating the fair value of an asset or a liability, the Group uses market-observable data to the extent it is available. Management makes maximum use of market inputs, and uses estimates and assumptions that are, as far as possible, consistent with observable data that market participants would use in measuring the assets and liabilities. Where level 1 inputs are not available, management uses its best estimate about the assumptions that market participants would make. These estimates may vary from the actual prices that would be achieved in an arm's length transaction at the end of the reporting date. For the valuation of land and buildings, the Group engages third party qualified valuers to perform the valuation.

Information about the valuation techniques and inputs used in determining the fair value of various assets are disclosed in Note 5 to financial statements.



# 2.5 Significant accounting estimates and judgements (cont'd)

# 2.5.1 Key sources of estimation uncertainty (cont'd)

### Revenue from contracts with customers

Revenue is recognised when or as the control of the asset is transferred to our customers and, depending on the terms of the contract and the applicable laws governing the contract, control of the asset may transfer over time or at a point in time. If control of the asset transfers over time, revenue is recognised over the period of the contract by reference to the progress, based on the stage of completion method. The stage of completion is measured using the input method, which is based on the physical proportion of contract work-to-date over the estimated total contract cost.

Significant judgement is required in determining the progress based on the certified work-to-date corroborated by the level of completion of the construction based on actual costs incurred to date over the estimated total construction costs. The total estimated costs are based on approved budgets, which require assessments and judgements to be made on changes in, for example, work scope, changes in costs and costs to completion. In making these judgements, management relies on past experience and the work of specialists. A change in the estimate will directly affect the revenue to be recognised.

# 2.5.2 Judgements made in applying accounting policies

The following are significant management judgements in applying the accounting policies of the Group that have the most significant effect on the financial statements.

### Classification of investment properties and owner-occupied properties

The Group determines whether a property qualifies as an investment property, and has developed criteria in making that judgement. Investment property is a property held to earn rentals or for capital appreciation or both. Therefore, the Group considers whether a property generates cash flows largely independently of the other assets held by the Group.

Some properties comprise a portion that is held to earn rentals or for capital appreciation and another portion that is held for use in the production or supply of goods or services or for administrative purposes. The Group accounts for the portions separately if the portions could be sold separately (or leased out separately under a finance lease). If the portions could not be sold separately, the property is an investment property only if an insignificant portion is held for use in the production or supply of goods or services or for administrative purposes.

Judgement is made on an individual property basis to determine whether ancillary services are so significant that a property does not qualify as an investment property.



### 3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Group and the Company apply the significant accounting policies, as summarised below, consistently throughout all periods presented in the financial statements, unless otherwise stated.

#### 3.1 **Consolidation**

#### 3.1.1 **Subsidiaries**

Subsidiaries are entities, including structured entities, controlled by the Group or the Company. Control exists when the Group or the Company is exposed, or has rights, to variable returns from its involvement with the entity and has the ability to affect those returns through its power over the entity. Potential voting rights are considered when assessing control only when such rights are substantive. Besides, the Group or the Company considers it has de facto power over an investee when, despite not having the majority of voting rights, it has the current ability to direct the activities of the investee that significantly affect the investee's return.

Investment in subsidiaries are stated at cost less any impairment losses in the Company's statement of financial position, unless the investment is held for sale or distribution. The cost of investments includes transaction costs. Where an indication of impairment exists, the carrying amount of the subsidiary is assessed and written down immediately to their recoverable amount.

Upon the disposal of investment in a subsidiary, the difference between the net disposal proceeds and its carrying amount is recognised in profit or loss.

### 3.1.2 **Basis of consolidation**

Changes in the Company owners' ownership interest in a subsidiary that do not result in a loss of control are accounted for as equity transactions. In such circumstances, the carrying amounts of the controlling and non-controlling interests are adjusted to reflect the changes in their relative interests in the subsidiary. Any difference between the amount by which the non-controlling interest is adjusted and the fair value of the consideration paid or received is recognised directly in equity and attributed to owners of the Company.

# 3.1.3 **Business combinations**

Business combinations are accounted for using the acquisition method. The cost of an acquisition is measured as the aggregate of the consideration transferred, measured at acquisition date fair value and the amount of any non-controlling interest in the acquiree. For each business combination, the Group elects whether it measures the non-controlling interest in the acquiree either at fair value or at the proportionate share of the acquiree's identifiable net assets. Acquisition costs incurred are expensed and included in administrative expenses. Acquisition-related costs are recognised as expenses in the periods in which the costs are incurred and the services are received (for all the acquisition took place after 1 January 2011).



# 3.1 Consolidation (cont'd)

# 3.1.3 Business combinations (cont'd)

All the subsidiaries within the Group are acquired before 1 January 2011. Thus, the cost of an acquisition is measured as the fair value of the assets given, equity instruments issued and liabilities incurred or assumed at the date of exchange, plus costs directly attributable to the acquisition.

When the Group acquires a business, it assesses the financial assets and liabilities assumed for appropriate classification and designation in accordance with the contractual terms, economic circumstances and pertinent conditions as at the acquisition date.

If business combinations achieved in stages, previously held equity interests in the acquiree are re-measured to fair value at the acquisition date and any corresponding gain or loss is recognised in profit or loss.

The Group elects for each individual business combination, whether non-controlling interest in the acquiree, if any, is recognised on the acquisition date at fair value, or at the non-controlling interest's proportionate share of the acquiree net identifiable assets.

Any contingent consideration to be transferred by the acquirer will be recognised at fair value at the acquisition date. Subsequent changes in the fair value of the contingent consideration which is deemed to be an asset or liability will be recognised in accordance with MFRS 139 either in profit or loss or as a change to other comprehensive income. If the contingent consideration is classified as equity, it will not be remeasured. Subsequent settlement is accounted for within equity. In instances where the contingent consideration does not fall within the scope of MFRS 139, it is measured in accordance with the appropriate MFRSs.

Any excess of the sum of the fair value of the consideration transferred in the business combination, the amount of the non-controlling interest in the acquiree (if any), and the fair value of the Group's previously held equity interest in the acquiree (if any), over the net fair value of the acquiree's identifiable assets and liabilities is recorded as goodwill in the statements of financial position. The accounting policy for goodwill is set out in Note 3.1.4 to the financial statements. For instances where the latter amount exceeds the former, the excess is recognised as a gain on bargain purchase in profit or loss on the acquisition date.

#### 3.1.4 Goodwill

Goodwill represents the excess of the cost of acquisition over the Group's interest in the fair value of the identifiable assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities of a subsidiary at the date of acquisition.

Goodwill arising on the acquisition of subsidiaries is presented separately in the statements of financial position.



# 3.1 Consolidation (cont'd)

# 3.1.4 Goodwill (cont'd)

Following initial recognition, goodwill is measured at cost less any accumulated impairment losses. Goodwill is reviewed for impairment, annually or more frequently if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying values may be impaired.

For the purpose of impairment testing, goodwill acquired in a business combination is, from the acquisition date, allocated to each of the Group's cash-generating units, or groups of cash-generating units, that are expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination.

A cash-generating unit (or group of cash-generating units) to which goodwill has been allocated is tested for impairment annually and, whenever there is an indication that the unit may be impaired, by comparing the carrying amount of the unit, including goodwill, with the recoverable amount of the unit. Where the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit (or group of cash-generating units) is less than the carrying amount, an impairment loss is recognised.

An impairment loss recognised for goodwill shall not be reversed in subsequent period.

Where goodwill forms part of a cash-generating unit (or group of cash-generating units) and part of the operations within that unit is disposed off, the goodwill associated with the operations disposed off is included in the carrying amount of the operations when determining the gain or loss on disposal of the operations. Goodwill disposed of in these circumstances is measured based on the relative values of the operations disposed of and portion of the cash-generating unit retained.

As part of its transition to MFRSs framework, the Group elected not to restate those business combinations that occurred before the date of transition to MFRSs. Goodwill arising from acquisitions before 1 January 2011 has been carried forward from the previous FRS framework as at the date of transition.

### 3.1.5 Loss of control

Upon the loss of control of a subsidiary, the Group derecognises the assets and liabilities of the subsidiary, any non-controlling interests and the other components of the equity related to the subsidiary. Any surplus or deficit arising on the loss of control is recognised in profit or loss.

If the Group retains any interest in the previous subsidiary, then such interest is measured at fair value at the date that control is lost. Subsequently it is accounted for as an equity accounted investee or as an available-for-sale financial asset depending on the level of influence retained.



# 3.1 Consolidation (cont'd)

# 3.1.6 Non-controlling interests

Non-controlling interests at the end of the reporting period, being the equity in a subsidiary not attributable directly or indirectly to the equity holders of the Company, are presented in the consolidated statement of financial position and statement of changes in equity within equity, separately from equity attributable to the owners of the Company. Non-controlling interests in the results of the Group is presented in the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income as an allocation of the profit or loss and the comprehensive income for the financial year between non-controlling interests and the owners of the Company.

Losses applicable to the non-controlling interests in a subsidiary are allocated to the non-controlling interests even if that results in a deficit balance.

#### 3.1.7 Eliminations on consolidation

All intra-group balances, income and expenses and unrealised gains and losses resulting from intra-group transactions are eliminated on consolidation.

#### 3.1.8 Associates

Associates are entities in which the Group has significant influence, but no control, over their financial and operating policies.

The Group's investment in associates are accounted for using the equity method. Under the equity method, investment in an associate is carried in the statements of financial position at cost plus post acquisition changes in the Group's share of net assets of the associate since the acquisition date. Goodwill relating to the associate is included in the carrying amount of the investment and is neither amortised nor individually tested for impairment.

The share of the result of an associate is reflected in profit or loss. This is the profit attributable to equity holders of the associate and therefore is the profit after tax and non-controlling interests in the subsidiaries of the associate. When the Group's share of losses exceeds its interest in an associate, the carrying amount of that interest including any long-term investment is reduced to zero, and the recognition of further losses is discontinued except to the extent that the Group has an obligation or has made payments on behalf of the associate.

Where there has been a change recognised directly in the equity of an associate, the Group recognises its share of any changes and discloses this, when applicable, in the statements of changes in equity. Unrealised gains and losses resulting from transactions between the Group and the associate are eliminated to the extent of the interest in the associate.



# 3.1 Consolidation (cont'd)

### 3.1.8 Associates (cont'd)

The financial statements of the associates are prepared as of the same reporting period as the Group. Where necessary, adjustments are made to bring the accounting policies of the associates in line with those of the Group.

After application of the equity method, the Group determines whether it is necessary to recognise an additional impairment loss on the Group's investments in its associates. The Group determines at each end of the reporting period whether there is any objective evidence that the investments in the associates are impaired. If this is the case, the Group calculates the amount of impairment as the difference between the recoverable amount of the associates and their carrying value, then recognise the amount in the share of profit of an equity-accounted associate in profit or loss.

Upon loss of significant influence over an associate, the Group measures and recognises any retaining investment at its fair value. Any difference between the carrying amount of the associate upon loss of significant influence and the fair value of the retaining investment and proceeds from disposal is recognised in profit or loss.

In the Company's separate financial statements, investment in associates are stated at cost less impairment losses. On disposal of such investments, the difference between net disposal proceeds and their carrying amounts is included in profit or loss.

# 3.2 **Property, plant and equipment**

All property, plant and equipment are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and less any impairment losses. The cost of an item of property, plant and equipment is recognised as an asset if, and only if, it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the Group and the cost of the item can be measured reliably.

Cost includes expenditures that are directly attributable to the acquisition of the assets and any other costs directly attributable to bring the asset to working condition for its intended use, cost of replacing component parts of the assets, and the present value of the expected cost for the decommissioning of the assets after their use. The cost of self-constructed assets also includes the cost of materials and direct labour. For qualifying assets, borrowing costs are capitalised in accordance with the accounting policy on borrowing costs. All other repair and maintenance costs are recognised in profit or loss as incurred.



# 3.2 Property, plant and equipment (cont'd)

Depreciation is recognised on the straight-line method in order to write off the cost of each asset over its estimated useful life. Freehold land with an infinite life is not depreciated. Other property, plant and equipment are depreciated based on the estimated useful lives of the assets as follows:-

Buildings	2% - 3.13%
Plant and machinery	7% - 20%
Motor vehicles	7% - 20%
Furniture, fittings and office equipment	10% - 25%

Freehold land is not depreciated but is subject to impairment test if there is indication of impairment.

The residual values, useful lives and depreciation method are reviewed for impairment when events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable, or at least annually to ensure that the amount, method and period of depreciation are consistent with previous estimates and the expected pattern of consumption of the future economic benefits embodied in the items of property, plant and equipment.

Property, plant and equipment are derecognised upon disposal or when no future economic benefits are expected from its use or disposal. Gains or losses arising on the disposal of property, plant and equipment are determined as the difference between the disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the assets and are recognised in profit or loss in the financial year in which the asset is derecognised.

# 3.3 **Investment properties**

Investment properties are properties which are owned or held under a leasehold interest to earn rental income or for capital appreciation or for both, but not for sale in the ordinary course of business, use in the production or supply of goods or services or for administrative purposes.

Investment properties are initially measured at cost, including transaction cost. Cost includes expenditures that are directly attributable to the acquisition of the investment property. The cost of self-constructed investment property includes the cost of materials and direct labour, any other costs directly attributable to bringing the investment property to a working condition for their intended use and capitalised borrowing costs.



# 3.3 Investment properties (cont'd)

Subsequent to initial recognition, investment properties are measured at fair value and are revalued annually and are included in the statements of financial position at their open market values. Any gain or loss resulting from either a change in the fair value or the sale of an investment property is immediately recognised in profit or loss in the period in which they arise. The fair values are determined by external professional valuers with sufficient experience with respect to both the location and the nature of the investment property and supported by market evidence. Where the fair value of the investment property under construction is not reliably determinable, the investment property under construction is measured at cost until either its fair value becomes reliably determinable or construction is complete, whichever is earlier.

Investment properties are derecognised when either they are disposed of or when they are permanently withdrawn from use and no future economic benefit is expected from the disposal. Any gain or loss on the retirement or disposal of an investment property is recognised in the profit or loss in the financial year in which they arise.

Transfers are made to or from investment property only when there is a change in use. For a transfer from investment property to owner-occupied property, the deemed cost for subsequent accounting is the fair value at the date of the change. When an item of property, plant and equipment is transferred to investment property following a change in its use, any difference arising at the date of transfer between the carrying amount of the item immediately prior to transfer and its fair value is recognised directly in equity as a revaluation of property, plant and equipment. However, if a fair value gain reverses a previous impairment loss, the gain is recognised in profit or loss. Upon disposal of an investment property, any surplus previously recorded in equity is transferred to retained earnings; the transfer is not made through profit or loss.

#### 3.4 Leases

The Group assesses at contract inception whether a contract is, or contains, a lease. That is, if the contract conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset for a period of time in exchange for consideration.

# 3.4.1 Group as a lessee

The Group applies a single recognition and measurement approach for all leases, except for short-term leases and leases of low-value assets. The Group recognises lease liabilities to make lease payments and right-of-use assets representing the right to use the underlying assets.



# 3.4 Leases (cont'd)

# 3.4.1 Group as a lessee (cont'd)

# Right-of-use assets

The Group recognises right-of-use assets at the commencement date of the lease (i.e., the date the underlying asset is available for use). Right-of-use assets are measured at cost, less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses, and adjusted for any remeasurement of lease liabilities. The cost of right-of-use assets includes the amount of lease liabilities recognised, initial direct costs incurred, and lease payments made at or before the commencement date less any lease incentives received. Right-of-use assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the shorter of the lease term and the estimated useful lives of the assets, as follows:-

Leasehold land22 to 60 yearsPlant and machinery7% - 20%Motor vehicles7% - 20%

If ownership of the leased asset transfers to the Group at the end of the lease term or the cost reflects the exercise of a purchase option, depreciation is calculated using the estimated useful life of the asset.

The right-of-use assets are also subject to impairment. The accounting policies for impairment of non-financial assets is set out in Note 3.10 to the financial statements.

# Lease liabilities

At the commencement date of the lease, the Group recognises lease liabilities measured at the present value of lease payments to be made over the lease term. The lease payments include fixed payments (including in-substance fixed payments) less any lease incentives receivable, variable lease payments that depend on an index or a rate, and amounts expected to be paid under residual value guarantees. The lease payments also include the exercise price of a purchase option reasonably certain to be exercised by the Group and payments of penalties for terminating the lease, if the lease term reflects the Group exercising the option to terminate. Variable lease payments that do not depend on an index or a rate are recognised as expenses (unless they are incurred to produce inventories) in the period in which the event or condition that triggers the payment occurs.

In calculating the present value of lease payments, the Group uses its incremental borrowing rate at the lease commencement date because the interest rate implicit in the lease is not readily determinable. After the commencement date, the amount of lease liabilities is increased to reflect the accretion of interest and reduced for the lease payments made. In addition, the carrying amount of lease liabilities is remeasured if there is a modification, a change in the lease term, a change in the lease payments (e.g., changes to future payments resulting from a change in an index or rate used to determine such lease payments) or a change in the assessment of an option to purchase the underlying asset.



# 3.4 Leases (cont'd)

# 3.4.1 Group as a lessee (cont'd)

### Short-term leases and leases of low-value assets

The Group applies the short-term lease recognition exemption to its short-term leases of office and warehouse (i.e., those leases that have a lease term of 12 months or less from the commencement date and do not contain a purchase option). It also applies the lease of low-value assets recognition exemption to leases of office equipment that are considered to be low value. Lease payments on short-term leases and leases of low-value assets are recognised as expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

# 3.4.2 Group as a lessor

Leases in which the Group does not transfer substantially all the risks and rewards incidental to ownership of an asset are classified as operating leases. Rental income arising is accounted for on a straight-line basis over the lease terms and is included in revenue in the statements of profit or loss due to its operating nature. Initial direct costs incurred in negotiating and arranging an operating lease are added to the carrying amount of the leased asset and recognised over the lease term on the same basis as rental income. Contingent rents are recognised as revenue in the period in which they are earned.

#### 3.5 Contract liabilities

Contract liabilities is the obligation to transfer goods or services to customer for which the Group has received the consideration or have billed the customer. Contract liabilities include the other deferred income where the Group has billed or has collected the payment before the goods are delivered or services are provided to the customer.

### 3.6 Inventories

# 3.6.1 Raw materials, consumables, finished goods and trading goods

Inventories are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Inventories are determined by using the weighted average method. The costs of raw materials, consumables and trading goods comprise costs of purchase plus the cost of bringing the inventories to their present condition and location. The cost of finished goods comprises raw materials, direct labour, other direct costs and appropriate proportions of production overheads.

The net realisable value represents the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business less selling and distribution costs and all other estimated costs to completion. Write-down to net realisable value and inventory losses are recognised as an expense when it occurred and any reversal is recognised in profit or loss in the period in which it occurs.



# 3.6 Inventories (cont'd)

# 3.6.2 Property development cost

Property development cost is stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. The land premium cost and related development costs common to whole projects and direct building costs are carried in the statements of financial position as inventories (property development cost). The property development cost is subsequently recognised as an expense in profit or loss as and when the control of the inventory is transferred to the customer.

Property development cost of unsold unit is transferred to completed development unit once the development is completed.

# 3.6.3 **Inventory properties**

Property acquired or being constructed for sale in the ordinary course of business, rather than to be held for rental or capital appreciation, is held as inventory and is measured at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Cost includes land premium cost, amounts paid to contractors for construction, borrowing costs, professional fees for legal services, construction overheads and other related costs.

Net realisable value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of the business, based on market prices at the reporting date and discounted for the time value of money if material, less costs to completion and the estimated costs to sale.

The cost of inventory recognised in profit or loss on disposal is determined with reference to the specific costs incurred on the property sold and an allocation of any non-specific costs based on the relative size of the property sold.

### 3.7 Financial instruments

#### 3.7.1 Financial assets

### 3.7.1.1 Classification and subsequent measurement

### Initial recognition and measurement

A financial asset is recognised when the Group and the Company become a party to the contractual provisions of the financial instrument.

Except for those trade receivables that do not contain a significant financing component and are measured at the transaction price in accordance with MFRS 15, all financial assets are initially measured at fair value adjusted for transaction costs (where applicable).



### 3.7 Financial instruments (cont'd)

# 3.7.1 Financial assets (cont'd)

### 3.7.1.1 Classification and subsequent measurement (cont'd)

### Classification

The classification is determined by both:-

- (i) the entity's business model for managing the financial asset; and
- (ii) the contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial asset.

All income and expenses relating to financial assets that are recognised in profit or loss are presented within finance costs, finance income, impairment (loss)/gain of financial assets.

### Subsequent measurement

Financial assets, other than those designated and effective as hedging instruments, are classified into the following categories:-

- (i) amortised cost;
- (ii) designated at fair value through other comprehensive income with no recycling of cumulative gains and losses upon derecognition (equity instruments) ("FVTOCIEI");
- (iii) fair value through other comprehensive income with recycling of cumulative gains and losses (debt instruments) ("FVTOCIDI"); and
- (iv) fair value through profit or loss ("FVTPL").

In the periods presented, the Group and the Company only carry financial assets at amortised cost and FVTPL.

### Financial assets at amortised cost

Financial assets are measured at amortised cost if the assets meet the following conditions (and are not designated as FVTPL):-

- (i) they are held within a business model whose objective is to hold the financial assets and collect its contractual cash flows; and
- (ii) the contractual terms of the financial assets give rise to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

After initial recognition, these are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest ("EIR") method and are subject to impairment. Gain or loss are recognised in profit or loss when the asset is derecognised, modified or impaired. Discounting is omitted where the effect of discounting is immaterial.



### 3.7 Financial instruments (cont'd)

# 3.7.1 Financial assets (cont'd)

# 3.7.1.1 Classification and subsequent measurement (cont'd)

# Financial assets at amortised cost (cont'd)

The Group's and the Company's trade receivables, most of other receivables, amount due from subsidiaries and cash and bank balances fall into this category of financial instruments.

A financial asset or part of it is derecognised when, and only when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire or the financial asset is transferred to another party without retaining control or substantially all risks and rewards of the asset. On derecognition of a financial asset, the difference between the carrying amount and the sum of the consideration received (including any new asset obtained less any new liability assumed) and any cumulative gain or loss that had been recognised in the profit or loss.

### Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss ("FVTPL")

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss are carried in the statements of financial position at fair value with net changes in fair value recognised in the profit or loss.

This category includes listed equity investments which the Company had not irrevocably elected to classify at fair value through OCI. Dividends from listed equity investments are recognised as other income in the profit or loss when the right of payment has been established.

# 3.7.1.2 Impairment

The Group and the Company assess on a forward-looking basis of expected credit losses ("ECLs") for all debt instruments not held at FVTPL. ECLs represent probability-weighted estimate of the difference between the contractual cash flows due to in accordance with the contract and all cash flows that the Group and the Company expects to receive, discounted at an approximation of the original effective interest rate. The expected cash flows include cash flows from the sale of collateral held or other credit enhancements that are integral to the contractual terms. The impairment methodology applied depends on whether there has been a significant increase in credit risk.



# 3.7 Financial instruments (cont'd)

# 3.7.1 Financial assets (cont'd)

# 3.7.1.2 Impairment (cont'd)

The measurement of ECLs reflects:-

- an unbiased and probability weighted amount that is determined by evaluating a range of possible outcomes;
- the time value of money; and
- reasonable and supportable information that is available without undue cost or effort at the reporting date about past events, current conditions and forecasts of future economic conditions.

ECLs are measured on either of the following basis:-

- 12-month ECLs: the portion of lifetime expected credit losses that represent the expected credit losses that result from default events on a financial instrument that are possible within the 12 months after the reporting date; and
- lifetime ECLs: the expected credit losses that result from all possible default events over the expected life of a financial instruments.

The maximum period considered when estimating ECLs is the maximum contractual period (including extension options) over which the Group and the Company is exposed to credit risk.

For trade receivables, the Group applies a simplified approach in calculating ECLs. Therefore, the Group does not track changes in credit risk, but instead recognises a loss allowance based on lifetime ECLs at each reporting date. The Group has established a provision matric that is based on its historical credit loss experience, adjusted for forward looking factors specific to the debtors and economic environment.

For all other financial instruments, the Group and the Company recognise a loss allowance equal to 12-month ECLs unless there has been a significant increase in credit risk of the financial instrument since initial recognition, in which case the loss allowance is measured at an amount equal to lifetime ECLs.

ECLs are re-measured at each reporting date to reflect changes in the financial instrument's credit risk since initial recognition. Any change in the ECLs amount is recognised as an impairment gain or loss in profit or loss. The Group recognised an impairment gain or loss for all financial instruments with a corresponding adjustment to their carrying amount through a loss allowance account, except for investments in debt securities that are measured at fair value through other comprehensive income with recycling of cumulative gains and losses (recycling), for which the loss allowance is recognised in other comprehensive income and accumulated in the fair value reserve (recycling).



# 3.7 Financial instruments (cont'd)

# 3.7.1 Financial assets (cont'd)

# 3.7.1.2 Impairment (cont'd)

The gross carrying amount of a financial asset is written off (either partially or in full) to the extent that there is no realistic prospect of recovery. This is generally the case when the Group and the Company determine that the debtor does not have any assets or sources of income that could generate sufficient cash flows to repay the amount subject to the write-off.

# Collective assessment

To measure ECLs, trade receivables are differentiated by the different business risks and are subject to different credit assessments.

# Individual assessment

Trade receivables, most of other receivables and amount due from subsidiaries which are in default or credit impaired are assessed individually.

# 3.7.2 Financial liabilities

# 3.7.2.1 Classification and subsequent measurement

# Initial recognition and measurement

Financial liabilities are classified, at initial recognition, as financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss, loans and borrowings, payables, or as derivatives designated as hedging instruments in an effective hedge, as appropriate.

All financial liabilities are recognised initially at fair value and, in the case of loans and borrowings and payables, net of directly attributable transaction costs.

The Group's and the Company's financial liabilities include trade payables, most of other payables, amount due to a subsidiary, amount due to a Director and borrowings.

# Subsequent measurement

For purposes of subsequent measurement, financial liabilities are classified in two categories:-

- (i) financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss; and
- (ii) financial liabilities at amortised cost.

The Group and the Company have not designated any financial liability as at fair value through profit or loss.



# 3.7 Financial instruments (cont'd)

# 3.7.2 Financial liabilities (cont'd)

### 3.7.2.1 Classification and subsequent measurement (cont'd)

### Financial liabilities at amortised cost

Financial liabilities are recognised initially at fair value plus transaction costs and thereafter, at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Gains and losses are recognised in profit or loss when the liabilities are derecognised as well as through the EIR amortisation process. Amortised cost is calculated by taking into account any discount or premium on acquisition and fees or costs that are an integral part of the EIR. The EIR amortisation is included as finance costs in the statements of profit or loss.

Financial liabilities are classified as current liabilities for those having maturity dates of not more than 12 months after the reporting date, and the balance is classified as non-current.

A financial liability is derecognised when the obligation under the liability is discharged or cancelled or expires. When an existing financial liability is replaced by another from the same lender on substantially different terms, or the terms of an existing liability are substantially modified, such an exchange or modification is treated as the derecognition of the original liability and the recognition of a new liability. The difference in the respective carrying amounts is recognised in the statements of profit or loss.

# Financial guarantee contracts

Financial guarantee contracts issued by the Company are those contracts that require a payment to be made to reimburse the holder for a loss it incurs because the specific debtor fails to make a payment when due in accordance with the terms of a debt instrument. Financial guarantee contracts are recognised initially as a liability at fair value, adjusted for transaction costs that are directly attributable to the issuance of the guarantee. Subsequently, the liability is measured at the higher of the best estimate of the expenditure required to settle the present obligation at the reporting date and the amount recognised less cumulative amortisation.

# 3.7.3 Offsetting of financial instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are offset and the net amount reported in the statements of financial position if, and only if, there is a currently enforceable legal right to offset the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis, or to realise the assets and settle the liabilities simultaneously.



# 3.8 **Interest in joint operations**

A joint operation is a joint arrangement whereby the parties that have joint control of the arrangement have rights to the assets, and obligations for the liabilities, relating to the arrangement. Joint control is the contractually agreed sharing of control of an arrangement, which exists only when decisions about the relevant activities require unanimous consent of the parties sharing control.

When a Group undertakes its activities under joint operations, the Group as a joint operator recognises in relation to its interest in a joint operation:-

- Its assets, including its share of any assets held jointly;
- Its liabilities, including its share of any liabilities incurred jointly;
- Its revenue from the sale of its share of the output arising from the joint operation;
- Its share of the revenue from the sale of the output by the joint operation; and
- Its expenses, including its share of any expenses incurred jointly.

The Group accounts for the assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses relating to its interest in a joint operation in accordance with the MFRSs applicable to the particular assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses.

When the Group transacts with a joint operation in which a group is a joint operator (such as a sale or contribution of assets), the Group does not recognise its share of the gains and losses until the transfer of significant risks and rewards of ownership to the customer.

# 3.9 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand, bank balances and bank overdraft which are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

Bank overdraft is shown in current liabilities in the statements of financial position.

For the purpose of the statements of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents are presented net of bank overdraft.



# 3.10 Impairment of non-financial assets

Further disclosures relating to impairment of non-financial assets are also provided in the following notes to the financial statements:-

Note 2.5 - Significant accounting estimates and judgements

Note 3.2 - Property, plant and equipment

Note 3.4.1 - Right-of-use assets

The Group assesses at each reporting date whether there is an indication that an asset may be impaired. If any indication exists, or when annual impairment testing for an asset is required, the Group estimates the asset's recoverable amount. An asset's recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's or cash-generating unit's ("CGU") fair value less costs to sell and its value in use and is determined for an individual asset, unless the asset does not generate cash inflows that are largely independent of those from other assets or groups of assets. Where the carrying amount of an asset or CGU exceeds its recoverable amount, the asset is considered impaired and is written down to its recoverable amount. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset. In determining fair value less costs to sell, recent market transactions are taken into account, if available. If no such transactions can be identified, an appropriate valuation model is used. These calculations are corroborated by valuation multiples, quoted share prices for publicly traded subsidiaries or other available fair value indicators.

The Group bases its impairment calculation on detailed budgets and forecast calculations which are prepared separately for each of the Group's cash-generating units to which the individual assets are allocated. These budgets and forecast calculations are generally covering a period of five years. For longer periods, a long-term growth rate is calculated and applied to project future cash flows after the third year.

Impairment losses of continuing operations, including impairment on inventories, are recognised in the profit or loss in those expense categories consistent with the function of the impaired asset, except for a property previously revalued where the revaluation was taken to other comprehensive income. In this case, the impairment is also recognised in other comprehensive income up to the amount of any previous revaluation.

For assets excluding goodwill, an assessment is made at each reporting date as to whether there is any indication that previously recognised impairment losses may no longer exist or may have decreased. If such indication exists, the Group estimates the asset's or cash-generating unit's recoverable amount. A previously recognised impairment loss is reversed only if there has been a change in the assumptions used to determine the asset's recoverable amount since the last impairment loss was recognised. The reversal is limited so that the carrying amount of the asset does not exceed its recoverable amount, nor exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined, net of depreciation, had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset in prior years.



### 3.10 Impairment of non-financial assets (cont'd)

Such reversal is recognised in the profit or loss unless the asset is carried at a revalued amount, in which case the reversal is treated as a revaluation increase.

Goodwill is tested for impairment annually at the end of each reporting period, and when circumstances indicate that the carrying value may be impaired. Impairment is determined for goodwill by assessing the recoverable amount of each cash-generating unit (or group of cash-generating units) to which the goodwill relates. Where the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit is less than their carrying amount, an impairment loss is recognised. Impairment losses relating to goodwill cannot be reversed in future periods.

### 3.11 **Borrowing costs**

Borrowing costs directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of a qualifying asset are capitalised as part of the cost of the assets during the period of time that is necessary to complete and prepare the asset for its intended use or sale.

The capitalisation of borrowing costs as part of the cost of a qualifying asset commences when expenditure for the asset is being incurred, borrowing costs are being incurred and activities that are necessary to prepare the asset for its intended use or sale are in progress. Capitalisation of borrowing costs is suspended or ceases when substantially all the activities necessary to prepare the qualifying asset for its intended use or sale are interrupted or completed.

All other borrowing costs are expensed in the period in which they are incurred. Borrowing costs consist of interest and other costs that the Group and the Company incurred in connection with the borrowing of funds.

#### 3.12 Equity, reserves and distribution to owners

An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the Company after deducting all of its liabilities. Ordinary shares are equity instruments.

The revaluation reserve within equity comprises gains and losses due to the revaluation of property, plant and equipment.

Retained earnings or accumulated losses include all current and prior periods' accumulated profits/losses.

Interim dividends are simultaneously proposed and declared, because the articles of association of the Company grants the Directors the authority to declare interim dividends. Consequently, interim dividends are recognised directly as a liability when they are proposed and declared.



### 3.12 Equity, reserves and distribution to owners (cont'd)

Final dividends proposed by the Directors are not accounted for in shareholder's equity as an appropriation of retained earnings, until they have been approved by the shareholders in a general meeting. When these dividends have been approved by the shareholders and declared, they are recognised as a liability.

The distribution of non-cash assets to owners is recognised as a dividend payable when the dividend was approved by shareholders. The dividend payable is measured at the fair value of the shares to be distributed. At the end of the financial year, the Company reviews the carrying amount of the dividend payable, with any changes in the fair value of the dividend payable are recognised in equity. When the Company settles the dividend payable, the difference between the carrying amount of the dividend distributed and the carrying amount of the dividend payable is recognised as a separate line item in profit or loss.

All transactions with the owners of the Company are recorded separately within equity.

#### 3.13 Revenue and other income

#### Sales of goods and rendering of services

Revenue is measured based on the consideration specified in a contract with a customer in exchange for transferring goods or services to a customer, excluding amounts collected on behalf of third parties. The Group and the Company recognise revenue when (or as) it transfers control over a product or services to the customer. An asset is transferred when (or as) the customer obtains control of the asset.

The Group and the Company transfer control of a good or service at a point in time unless one of the following overtime criteria is met:-

- (a) the customer simultaneously receives and consumes the benefits provided as the Group or the Company performs;
- (b) the Group's or the Company's performance creates or enhances an asset that the customer controls as the asset is created or enhanced; or
- (c) the Group's or the Company's performance does not create an asset with an alternative use and the Group or the Company has an enforceable right to payment for performance completed to date.

### Dividend income

Dividend income is recognised when the Group's right to receive payment is established, which is generally when shareholders approve the dividend.

#### Rental income

Rental income from investment properties is recognised on an accrual basis unless collectability is in doubt.



### 3.13 Revenue and other income (cont'd)

#### Interest income

Interest income is recognised on time proportion basis, taking into account the principal outstanding and the effective rate over the period to maturity, when it is determined that such income will accrue to the Company.

#### Management fee

Management fee is recognised when services are rendered.

### Property development

Revenue is recognised as and when the significant risks and rewards of ownership of the real estate have been transferred to the buyer.

#### Construction contracts

Construction contracts are contract specifically negotiated for the construction of an asset or a combination of assets that are closely interrelated or interdependent in terms of their design, technology and function or their ultimate purpose or use.

When the outcome of a construction contract can be estimated reliably, contract revenue and contract costs are recognised over the period of contract as revenue and expenses respectively by reference to the percentage of completion of the contract activity at the end of the reporting period. The Group uses the percentage of completion method to determine the appropriate amount of revenue and costs to be recognised in a period of the contract by reference to the proportion that contract costs incurred for work performed to date over the estimated total contract cost.

When the outcome of a construction contract cannot be estimated reliably, contract revenue is recognised only to the extent of contract costs incurred that is probably recoverable and contract costs are recognised as expenses in the period in which they are incurred.

Irrespective whether the outcome of a construction contract can be estimated reliably, when it is probable that contract costs will exceed total contract revenue, the expected loss is recognised as an expense immediately.

Contract revenue comprises the initial amount of revenue agreed in the contract and variations in contract work, claims and incentive payments to the extent that it is probably that they will result in revenue and they are capable of being reliably measured.



### 3.13 Revenue and other income (cont'd)

### Construction contracts (cont'd)

The aggregate of the costs incurred and the profit/loss recognised on each contract is compared against the progress billings up to the financial year end. Where costs incurred and recognised profits (less recognised losses) exceed progress billings, the balance is shown as contract assets under current assets. Where progress billings exceed costs incurred plus recognised profits (less recognised losses), the balance is shown as contract liabilities under current liabilities.

### Money lending services

Money lending services are recognised using the effective interest rate method, accreting the amount over the instalment period of the customer.

### 3.14 Tax expense

Tax expense comprises current and deferred taxes. Current tax and deferred tax is recognised in profit or loss except to the extent that it relates to a business combination or items recognised directly in equity or other comprehensive income.

### 3.14.1 Current tax

Current tax is the expected tax payable or receivable on the taxable income or loss for the financial year, using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted by the end of the reporting period, and any adjustment to tax payable in respect of previous financial years.

Current tax for current and prior periods is recognised in the statements of financial position as a liability (or an asset) to the extent that it is unpaid (or refundable).

#### 3.14.2 **Deferred tax**

Deferred tax is recognised using the liability method, providing for temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities in the statements of financial position and their tax bases. Deferred tax is not recognised for the temporary differences arising from the initial recognition of goodwill, the initial recognition of assets and liabilities in a transaction that is not a business combination and that affects neither accounting nor taxable profit or loss. Deferred tax is measured at the tax rates that are expected to be applied to the temporary differences when they reverse, based on the laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the end of the reporting date.



### 3.14 Tax expense (cont'd)

### 3.14.2 **Deferred tax (cont'd)**

The amount of deferred tax recognised is measured based on the expected manner of realisation or settlement of the carrying amount of the assets and liabilities, using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the reporting date, except for investment properties carried at fair value model. Where investment properties are carried at their fair value in accordance with the accounting policy set out in Note 3.4 to the financial statements, the amount of deferred tax recognised is measured using the tax rates that would apply on sale of those assets at their carrying value at the reporting date unless the property is depreciable and is held with the objective to consume substantially all of the economic benefits embodied in the property over time, rather than through sale.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset if there is a legally enforceable right to offset current tax liabilities and assets, and they relate to income taxes levied by the same tax authority on the same taxable entity, or on different tax entities, but they intend to settle current tax liabilities and assets on a net basis or their tax assets and liabilities will be realised simultaneously.

A deferred tax asset is recognised to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profits will be available against which the temporary difference can be utilised. Deferred tax assets are reviewed at the end of each reporting period and are reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that the related tax benefit will be realised.

Unutilised reinvestment allowances, being tax incentives that is not a tax base of an asset, is recognised as a deferred tax asset to the extent that it is probable that the future taxable profits will be available against the unutilised tax incentive can be utilised.

#### 3.15 Sales tax

Expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of sales tax, except:-

- When the sales tax incurred on a purchase of assets or services is not recoverable from the taxation authority, in which case, the sales tax is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of the expense item, as applicable; and
- When receivables and payables are stated with the amount of sales tax included.

The amount of sales tax payable to the taxation authority is included as part of payables in the statements of financial position.



### 3.16 Employee benefits expense

### 3.16.1 Short-term employee benefits

Wages, salaries, bonuses and social security contributions are recognised as expenses in the financial year in which the associated services are rendered by employees of the Group and of the Company. Short-term accumulating compensated absences such as paid annual leave are recognised when services are rendered by employees that increase their entitlement to future compensated absences and short-term non-accumulating compensated absences such as sick leave are recognised when the absences occur.

### 3.16.2 **Defined contribution plans**

Defined contribution plans are post-employment benefit plans under which the Group and the Company pay fixed contributions into separate entities or funds and will have no legal or constructive obligation to pay further contributions if any of the funds do not hold sufficient assets to pay all employee benefits relating to employee services in the current and preceding financial years.

Such contributions are recognised as an expense in the profit or loss as incurred. As required by law, the companies in Malaysia make such contributions to the Employees Provident Fund ("EPF").

#### 3.17 **Foreign currency**

### 3.17.1 Foreign currency translation

The Group's consolidated financial statements are presented in RM, which is also the Company's functional currency.

#### 3.17.2 Foreign currency transactions and balances

Transactions in foreign currencies are initially recorded at the functional currency rates prevailing at the date of the transaction.

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the functional currency spot rate of exchange ruling at the reporting date.

All differences are taken to the profit or loss with the exception of all monetary items that forms part of a net investment in a foreign operation. These are recognised in other comprehensive income until the disposal of the net investment, at which time they are reclassified to profit or loss. Tax charges and credits attributable to exchange differences on those monetary items are also recorded in other comprehensive income.



### 3.17 Foreign currency (cont'd)

### 3.17.2 Foreign currency transactions and balances (cont'd)

Non-monetary items that are measured in terms of historical cost in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rates as at the dates of the initial transactions. Non-monetary items measured at fair value in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rates at the date when the fair value is determined. The gain or loss arising in translation of non-monetary items is recognised in line with the gain or loss of the item that gave rise to the translation difference (translation differences on items whose gain or loss is recognised in other comprehensive income or profit or loss is also recognised in other comprehensive income or profit or loss respectively).

### 3.18 **Operating segments**

An operating segment is a component of the Group that engages in business activities from which it may earn revenues and incur expenses, including revenue and expenses that relate to transactions with any of the Group's other components. All operating segments' operating results are reviewed regularly by the chief operating decision maker to make decisions about resources to be allocated to the segment and to assess its performance, and for which discrete financial information is available. Additional disclosures on each of these segments are shown in Note 33 to the financial statements.

#### 3.19 **Provisions**

Provisions are recognised when the Group and the Company have a present obligation (legal or constructive) as a result of a past event, it is probable that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation. When the Group and the Company expect some or all of a provision to be reimbursed, for example, under an insurance contract, the reimbursement is recognised as a separate asset, but only when the reimbursement is virtually certain. The expense relating to a provision is presented in the statements of profit or loss net of any reimbursement.

If the effect of the time of money is material, provisions are discounted using a current pre-tax rate that reflects, where appropriate, the risks specific to the liability. When discounting is used, the increase in the provision due to the passage of time is recognised as a finance cost.



### 3.20 Contingencies

### 3.20.1 Contingent liabilities

Where it is not probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required, or the amount cannot be estimated reliably, the obligation is not recognised in the statements of financial position and is disclosed as contingent liability, unless the probability of outflow of economic benefits is remote.

Possible obligations, whose existence will only be confirmed by the occurrence or non-occurrence of one or more future events, are also disclosed as contingent liabilities unless the probability of outflow of economic benefits is remote.

### 3.20.2 Contingent assets

When an inflow of economic benefit of an asset is probable where it arises from past events and where existence will be confirmed only by the occurrence or non-occurrence of one or more uncertain future events not wholly within the control of the entity, the asset is not recognised in the statements of financial position but is being disclosed as a contingent asset. When the inflow of economic benefit is virtually certain, then the related asset is recognised.

### 3.21 Earning per ordinary share

The Group presents basic and diluted earning per share data for its ordinary shares.

Basic earning per share is calculated by dividing the profit or loss attributable to ordinary shareholders of the Company over the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the period.

Diluted earning per share is calculated by dividing the profit or loss attributable to ordinary shareholders of the Company over the weighted average number of shares outstanding, for the effects of all dilutive potential ordinary shares during the period.



### 3.22 Related parties

A related party is a person or entity that is related to the Group and the Company. A related party transaction is a transfer of resources, services or obligations between the Group and the Company and its related party, regardless of whether a price is charged.

- (a) A person or a close member of that person's family is related to the Group if that person:-
  - (i) Has control or joint control over the Group.
  - (ii) Has significant influence over the Group.
  - (iii) Is a member of the key management personnel of the Group.
- (b) An entity is related to the Group if any of the following conditions apply:-
  - (i) The entity and the Group are members of the same group.
  - (ii) The entity is an associate or joint venture of the Group.
  - (iii) Both the Group and the entity are joint ventures of the same third party.
  - (iv) The Group is a joint venture of a third entity and the other entity is an associate of the same third entity.
  - (v) The entity is a post-employment benefit plan for the benefits of employees of either the Group or an entity related to the Group.
  - (vi) The entity is controlled or jointly-controlled by a person identified in (a) above.
  - (vii) A person identified in (a)(i) above has significant influence over the entity or is a member of the key management personnel of the ultimate holding company or the entity.
  - (viii) The entity, or any member of a group of which it is a part, provides key management personnel services to the Group.



# 4. **PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT**

Group	Freehold <u>land</u> RM	Leasehold <u>land</u> RM	Buildings RM	Plant and machinery RM	Motor <u>vehicles</u> RM	Furniture, fittings and office equipment RM	<u>Total</u> RM
Cost At 1 January 2021 Additions Written off	42,464,491	3,556,068	24,777,187	51,026,143 9,836	8,958,289	2,758,113 40,316 (366,962)	133,540,291 50,152 (366,962)
At 31 December 2021 Additions Disposal Written off Transfer to investment properties	42,464,491 - - - (4,607,801)	3,556,068	24,777,187 - - - -	51,035,979 345,550 - (120,709)	8,958,289 178,260 (87,693)	2,431,467 58,707 (4,400) (56,376)	133,223,481 582,517 (92,093) (177,085) (4,607,801)
At 31 December 2022	37,856,690	3,556,068	24,777,187	51,260,820	9,048,856	2,429,398	128,929,019
Accumulated depreciation At 1 January 2021 Charge for the financial year Written off At 31 December 2021 Charge for the	- - - -	2,009,849 72,891 - 2,082,740	12,024,326 530,270 - 12,554,596	29,663,339 2,689,502 - 32,352,841	7,392,381 576,422 7,968,803	2,485,142 67,388 (366,507) 2,186,023	53,575,037 3,936,473 (366,507) 57,145,003
financial year Disposal Written off	- - -	72,891 - -	730,275	2,623,866 (76,449)	506,600 (87,692)	67,452 (2,310) (53,936)	4,001,084 (90,002) (130,385)
At 31 December 2022		2,155,631	13,284,871	34,900,258	8,387,711	2,197,229	60,925,700
Accumulated impairment							
At 1 January 2021/31 December 2021/31 December 2022		-		961,312	-	-	961,312
<b>Net carrying amount</b> At 31 December 2022	37,856,690	1,400,437	11,492,316	15,399,250	661,145	232,169	67,042,007
At 31 December 2021	42,464,491	1,473,328	12,222,591	17,721,826	989,486	245,444	75,117,166



## 4. **PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (CONT'D)**

### Assets pledged as securities to financial institutions

The net carrying amount of property, plant and equipment of the Group have been pledged to licensed banks for banking facilities granted to certain subsidiaries are as follows:-

	Group		
	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	
	RM	RM	
Freehold land	37,856,690	42,464,491	
Leasehold land	1,400,437	1,473,328	
Buildings	11,492,316	12,222,591	
Plant and machinery	6,712,149	7,331,020	
	57,461,592	63,491,430	

### Plant and machinery subject to operating lease

The Group leases some of its plant and machinery to third parties. All the leases are cancellable within two to three months prior written notice or payment of two to three months fee in lieu of notice.

### Transfer to investment properties

During the financial year, freehold land was transferred to investment properties because it was no longer used by the Group and these land were leased to third parties.

Immediately before the transfer, the Group remeasured the properties at fair value and recognised a gain of RM5,012,199 in other comprehensive income. The valuation techniques and significant unobservable input used in measuring the fair value of the freehold land at the date of transfer were the same as those applied to investment properties.

#### Lease assets

Included in the net carrying amount of property, plant and equipment are right-of-use assets as below:-

	Leasehold <u>land</u>	Plant and machinery	Motor vehicles	<u>Total</u>
Group	RM	RM	RM	RM
Cost				
At 1 January 2021	3,556,068	163,438	805,684	4,525,190
Transfer to property, plant and equipment		(163,438)	(387,041)	(550,479)
At 31 December 2021	3,556,068	_	418,643	3,974,711
Additions	-	_	89,000	89,000
Transfer to property, plant and equipment			(149,898)	(149,898)
At 31 December 2022	3,556,068		357,745	3,913,813



## 4. **PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (CONT'D)**

## Lease assets (cont'd)

Included in the net carrying amount of property, plant and equipment are right-of-use assets as below (cont'd):-

	Leasehold <u>land</u> RM	Plant and machinery RM	Motor <u>vehicles</u> RM	<u>Total</u> RM
Group (cont'd)				
Accumulated depreciation				
At 1 January 2021	2,009,849	19,068	382,161	2,411,078
Charge for the financial year	72,891	12,893	187,366	273,150
Transfer to property, plant and				
equipment		(31,961)	(221,486)	(253,447)
At 31 December 2021	2,082,740	-	348,041	2,430,781
Charge for the financial year	72,891	-	54,491	127,382
Transfer to property, plant and				
equipment			(137,525)	(137,525)
At 31 December 2022	2,155,631		265,007	2,420,638
Net carrying amount				
At 31 December 2022	1,400,437		92,738	1,493,175
At 31 December 2021	1,473,328	_	70,602	1,543,930

The above motor vehicles and plant and machinery are under lease arrangement.

Leased assets are pledged as security for the related lease liabilities.

### 5. **INVESTMENT PROPERTIES**

	Freehold land	Buildings	Total
	RM	RM	RM
Group			
Fair value			
At 1 January 2021	9,000,000	33,470,000	42,470,000
Fair value adjustments	3,020,000	(340,000)	2,680,000
At 31 December 2021 Transfer from property, plant	12,020,000	33,130,000	45,150,000
and equipment	9,620,000	_	9,620,000
Fair value adjustments	800,000	(410,000)	390,000
At 31 December 2022	22,440,000	32,720,000	55,160,000



### 5. INVESTMENT PROPERTIES (CONT'D)

Investment properties comprise of freehold land and buildings that are leased to third parties. The leases contain non-cancellable period of three years and cancellable within three months prior written notice or payment of three months fee in lieu of notice. No contingent rents are charged.

During the financial year, freehold land has been transferred from property, plant and equipment to investment properties as disclosed in Note 4 to the financial statements, since these properties were no longer used by the Group and leased to third party.

### Income and expenses recognised in profit or loss

	Group	
	2022 RM	2021 RM
Lease income	908,098	1,127,253
Direct operating expenses for investment properties:		
<ul><li>income generating investment properties</li><li>non-income generating investment properties</li></ul>	114,115 10,435	97,732 17,624

The operating lease payments to be received are as follows:-

	Group	
	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
	RM	RM
Within 1 year	1,411,501	508,385
Between 1 and 2 years	1,343,182	16,000
Between 2 and 3 years	500,856	
Total undiscounted lease payments	3,255,539	524,385

### Investment properties pledged as securities to financial institutions

The net carrying amount of investment properties which are pledged to licensed banks for banking facilities granted to subsidiaries are as follows:-

	Group		
	2022 RM	<u>2021</u> RM	
Freehold land	19,620,000	9,200,000	
Buildings	29,810,000	30,220,000	
	49,430,000	39,420,000	



### 5. **INVESTMENT PROPERTIES (CONT'D)**

### Strata title yet to issue

The strata title of buildings of subsidiaries with net carrying amount of RM16,200,000 (2021: RM16,200,000) are yet to issue by relevant authorities.

### Fair value basis of investment properties

Investment properties are stated at fair value, which has been determined based on valuations at the end of the reporting period. As at financial year end, the fair values of the investment properties are based on valuations performed by accredited independent valuers with recent experience in the location and category of properties being valued. In estimating the fair value of the properties, the highest and best use of the properties is their current use. There has been no change to the valuation technique during the financial year.

Fair value measurement of the investment properties were categorised as follows:-

	<b>Group</b> Level 2		
	<u>2022</u> RM	2021 RM	
Recurring fair value measurement			
Freehold land	22,440,000	12,020,000	
Buildings	32,720,000	33,130,000	

### Level 2 fair value

Level 2 fair value of freehold land and buildings have been generally derived using the sales comparison approach. Sales price of comparable properties in close proximity are adjusted for differences in key attributes such as property size.

The most significant input into this valuation approach is price per square feet of comparable properties.



#### 6. **INVENTORIES**

	Group	
	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
	RM	RM
Non-current		
Completed properties (Note 6.1)	35,103,410	35,103,410
Current		
Raw materials	7,975,257	15,594,997
Consumables	84,202	60,478
Work-in-progress	691,013	1,366,764
Finished goods	6,954,639	6,787,701
Trading goods	43,002,867	39,080,655
	58,707,978	62,890,595
	93,811,388	97,994,005
Recognised in profit or loss:-		
Inventories recognised as cost of sales	872,353,438	600,347,815
Inventories written down	1,545,907	2,054,856
Inventories written off	204,073	1,104,880
Reversal of inventories written down	(1,124,068)	(557,776)

The reversal of inventories written down was made and recognised in profit or loss when the related inventories were subsequently used or were sold above their carrying amount.

### 6.1 Completed properties

One of the wholly-owned subsidiary, Hai Ming Development Sdn. Bhd. ("the subsidiary") is currently involved in material litigation with third parties as disclosed in Note 36 to the financial statements. This litigation has restricted the subsidiary to conduct any business transactions related to the above completed properties.

#### 7. GOODWILL ON CONSOLIDATION

	Group	
	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
	RM	RM
Goodwill arising from business combination		
At 1 January/31 December	43,151,039	43,151,039

Goodwill has been allocated to the Group's CGU, being Akateak Sdn. Bhd. and KPS Plywood Sdn. Bhd., both of which are in the plywood business segment. No impairment loss was required for the goodwill on consolidation as its recoverable values was in excess of their carrying values.



### 7. GOODWILL ON CONSOLIDATION (CONT'D)

### Impairment test for goodwill

### Key assumptions used in value-in-use calculations

The recoverable amount of a CGU is determined based on value-in-use calculations using cash flow projections based on financial budgets approved by management covering a five-years period. The values assigned to key assumptions is in respect of management's assessment of future trends in the industry.

The key assumptions used for value-in-use calculations are as follows:-

### (i) Budgeted gross margin

The basis used to determine the value assigned to the budgeted gross margins is the average gross margins achieved in the year immediately before the budgeted year, increased for expected efficiency improvements. The average gross margin applied was 3.22% (2021: 3.21%).

### (ii) Discount rate

The discount rate used are pre-tax and reflect specific risks relating to the plywood segment. The average discount rate applied was 6.45% (2021: 7.82%) per annum.

### Sensitivity to changes in assumptions

With regard to the assessment of value-in-use of the CGU relating to trading in plywood products, management believes that any changes to the key assumptions above would not result in the carrying values of the CGU to materially exceed their recoverable amounts.

#### 8. **SUBSIDIARIES**

#### **Investment in subsidiaries**

	Comp	any
	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
	RM	RM
At cost		
Unquoted shares in Malaysia	153,374,652	153,374,652
Less: Accumulated impairment losses	(3,677,321)	(3,629,161)
	149,697,331	149,745,491



### 8. **SUBSIDIARIES (CONT'D)**

## **Investment in subsidiaries that are impaired**

Investment in subsidiaries are impaired at reporting date when the fair value less cost to sales of the subsidiary is lower than cost of investment. The reconciliation of the allowance account is as follows:-

	Company		
	<u>2022</u> RM	2021 RM	
At 1 January Additions	3,629,161 48,160	2,859,115 770,046	
At 31 December	3,677,321	3,629,161	

Details of the subsidiaries are as follows:-

Name of company	Principal place of business	Effective own interest and interest 2022 %	voting	Principal activities
Akateak Sdn. Bhd.	Malaysia	100	100	Distributor and retailer of wooden doors, plywood and related building materials.
Hai Ming Development Sdn. Bhd.	Malaysia	100	100	Involving in general, reinsurance agency, brokerage business and property development.
Hai Ming Enterprise Sdn. Bhd.	Malaysia	100	100	Trading of plywood.
Hai Ming Industries Sdn. Bhd.	Malaysia	100	100	Converting of paper into related products, marketing of these products and trading in cements and other related products.
Hai Ming Marketing Sdn. Bhd.	Malaysia	100	100	Trading in paper products and carry-on business as money lenders and give guarantees for payment of money.
Hai Ming Paper Mills Sdn. Bhd.	Malaysia	100	100	Manufacturing of tissue paper and converting tissue paper into tissue related products.
Hai Ming Trading Co. Sdn. Bhd.	Malaysia	100	100	Trading in paper products, stationery and general household products.
I'Kranji Industries Sdn. Bhd.	Malaysia	100	100	Manufacturing and trading in printed laminated plywood.



### 8. **SUBSIDIARIES (CONT'D)**

Details of the subsidiaries are as follows (cont'd):-

Name of company	Principal place of business	interest a	ownership and voting erest 2021 %	Principal activities
KPS Plywood Sdn. Bhd.	Malaysia	100	100	Trading of plywood and investment holding.
Modern Steel Sdn. Bhd.	Malaysia	100	100	Trading in steel bar and cement.
Paragon Marketing Sdn. Bhd.	Malaysia	100	100	Trading in tissue, plywood and related products.
Paragon Paper & Plywood Sdn. Bhd.	Malaysia	99.9	99.9	Manufacturing of tissue paper and tissue related products.
Welley Enterprise Sdn. Bhd.	Malaysia	100	100	Distributing and retailing of plywood and related building materials.

The Company does not have any subsidiaries which are controlled with less than a majority of voting rights and the Group does not have any material non-controlling interests.

### 2021

### **Acquisition of non-controlling interest**

On 26 November 2021, the Company had acquired 171,500 ordinary shares representing 49% equity interest in Modern Steel Sdn. Bhd. for a total cash consideration of RM12. After acquisition, Modern Steel Sdn. Bhd. became a whollyowned subsidiary of the Company.

### Amount due from/(to) subsidiaries

	Company	
	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
	RM	RM
Amount due from subsidiaries		
Trade balance	118,379	128,379
Non-trade balance	562,346	738,764
	680,725	867,143



### 8. **SUBSIDIARIES (CONT'D)**

### Amount due from/(to) subsidiaries (cont'd)

	Company		
	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	
	RM	RM	
Amount due from/(to) a subsidiary			
Trade balance	5,000	10,000	
Non-trade balance	(161,353)	(207,235)	
	(156,353)	(197,235)	

The amount due from subsidiaries are unsecured, interest free and repayable on demand, except for an amount of RM543,084 (2021: RM740,000) subject to interest rate of 4.50% (2021: 4.50%) per annum.

The amount due to a subsidiary is unsecured, interest free and repayable on demand except for amount due to a subsidiary RM161,353 (2021: RM207,235) subject to interest rate of 4.50% (2021: 4.50%) per annum.

### 9. **ASSOCIATE**

### **Investment in an associate**

	Group and Company	
	<u>2022</u> <u>202</u>	
	RM	RM
At cost Unquoted share in Malaysia	1	1

Details of associate are as follows:-

Name of company	Principal place of business	interest a	ownership and voting erest		Principal activities
		2022 %	<u>2021</u> %		-
Hai Ming Exsim Development Sdn. Bhd.	Malaysia	40	40	Property	development.



### 9. **ASSOCIATE (CONT'D)**

### Investment in an associate (cont'd)

The summarised fianancial information of the associate, not adjusted for the proportion of ownership interest held by the Group is as follows:-

	Hai Ming Exsim Development Sdn. Bhd.	
	2022 RM	2021 RM
Financial position as at 31 December	2.100	1,000,410
Current assets Current liabilities	2,199 (1,441,841)	1,666,419 (2,269,300)
Net liabilities	(1,439,642)	(602,881)
Financial performance for the financial year ended 31 December		
Total comprehensive (loss)/income	(836,761)	31,651
Reconciliation of net assets to carrying amount Group's share of net assets and carrying amount in		
the statement of financial position	(575,857)	(241,152)
Group's share of results Group's share of total comprehensive income*		

<sup>\*</sup> The Group has not recognise full losses relating to Hai Ming Exsim Development Sdn. Bhd. where its share losses exceed the Group's interest. As at the end of the financial year, the Group's share unrecognised losses is RM575,857 (2021: RM241,152). The Group has no obligation in respect of these losses.

### **Contingent liabilities and capital commitments**

The associates have no contingent liability and capital commitment to which the Group is exposed nor the Group has any contingent liability and capital commitment in relation to its interest in the associate.



### 10. TRADE RECEIVABLES

	Group		
	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	
	RM	RM	
N			
Non-current			
Trade receivables	64,110	115,199	
Less: Allowance for impairment loss	(59,300)	(70,199)	
	4,810	45,000	
Current			
Trade receivables	235,329,369	203,015,761	
Retention sum	2,605,055	404,754	
Less: Allowance for impairment loss	(17,693,151)	(18,342,277)	
	220,241,273	185,078,238	
	220,246,083	185,123,238	

The movements in the allowance for impairment loss in respect of trade receivables during the year were as follows:-

	Individual <u>impairment</u> RM	Collective <u>impairment</u> RM	<u>Total</u> RM
Group			
At 1 January 2021	16,233,739	2,238,914	18,472,653
Additions	2,153,406	2,808,509	4,961,915
Reversal	(4,632,703)	(316,102)	(4,948,805)
Written off	(73,287)		(73,287)
At 31 December 2021	13,681,155	4,731,321	18,412,476
Additions	1,460,371	412,393	1,872,764
Reversal	(1,776,448)	(496,155)	(2,272,603)
Written off	(260,186)		(260,186)
At 31 December 2022	13,104,892	4,647,559	17,752,451

Trade receivables are non-interest bearing and are recognised at their original invoice amounts which represent their fair value on initial recognition. Interest is charged on overdue accounts at the rates ranging from 0.75% to 1.50% (2021: 0.75% to 1.50%) per month.

The credit terms granted by the Group to the trade receivables ranging from cash term to 120 days (2021: cash term to 120 days). Other credit terms are assessed and approved on a case-by-case basis.



### 10. TRADE RECEIVABLES (CONT'D)

Included in the Group's trade receivables amounting to RM354,966 (2021: RM2,484,942) is guaranteed by its holding company in the event of payment on demand.

### 11. **OTHER RECEIVABLES**

	Group		
	2022 RM	2021 RM	
Non-current			
Non-trade receivable		1,540,000	
Current			
Non-trade receivables	590,068	7,138,202	
Less: Allowance for impairment loss	(145,043)	(145,043)	
	445,025	6,993,159	
Deposits Less: Allowance for impairment loss	2,872,245	1,858,795	
Brought forward	_	(2,052,989)	
Reversal	_	2,052,989	
Carried forward			
	2,872,245	1,858,795	
Advances to suppliers	1,791,240	2,823,653	
Prepayments	1,752,619	2,172,860	
GST recoverable		7,508	
	6,861,129	13,855,975	
	6,861,129	15,395,975	

Non-trade receivables are non-interest bearing and are recognised at their original invoice amounts which represent their fair value on initial recognition. Interest is charged on overdue accounts at the rate of 5% (2021: 5%) per annum.



### 12. **DEFERRED TAX ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)**

	Group		
	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	
	RM	RM	
At 1 January	1,186,834	1,023,234	
Revaluation reserve	(501,000)	-	
Recognised in profit or loss	729,332	163,600	
At 31 December	1,415,166	1,186,834	
Presented after appropriate offsetting as follows:-			
Deferred tax assets	1,993,166	1,929,834	
Deferred tax liabilities	(578,000)	(743,000)	
	1,415,166	1,186,834	

The components and movement of deferred tax assets and liabilities prior to offsetting are as follows:-

Group		
<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	
RM	RM	
6,364,805	5,355,062	
(4,371,639)	(3,425,228)	
1,993,166	1,929,834	
(4,949,639)	(4,168,228)	
4,371,639	3,425,228	
(578,000)	(743,000)	
1,415,166	1,186,834	
	2022 RM  6,364,805 (4,371,639)  1,993,166  (4,949,639) 4,371,639  (578,000)	

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset when there is a legally enforceable right to set off current tax assets against current tax liabilities and when the deferred taxes relate to the same authority.



## 12. **DEFERRED TAX ASSETS/(LIABILITIES) (CONT'D)**

The components and movement of deferred tax assets and liabilities prior to offsetting are as follows (cont'd):-

## Deferred tax assets

	Unutilised <u>business losses</u> RM	Unabsorbed capital <u>allowances</u> RM	Allowance for impairment RM	Inventories RM	<u>Total</u> RM
Group At 1 January 2021 Recognised in profit or loss	13,111	2,124,154	2,412,977	59,400	4,609,642
	(7,831)	293,921	258,118	201,212	745,420
At 31 December 2021	5,280	2,418,075	2,671,095	260,612	5,355,062
Recognised in profit or loss	(1,627)	485,516	108,854	417,000	1,009,743
At 31 December 2022	3,653	2,903,591	2,779,949	677,612	6,364,805

## Deferred tax liabilities

	Real property		
Property, plant	gains tax on	Investment	
and equipment	revaluation gain	properties	<u>Total</u>
RM	RM	RM	RM
(2,854,208)	(382,600)	(349,600)	(3,586,408)
(208,520)	(381,400)	8,100	(581,820)
(3.062.728)	(764.000)	(341.500)	(4,168,228)
* * * * *	(50,000)	3,000	(280,411)
	(501,000)	<u> </u>	(501,000)
(3,296,139)	(1,315,000)	(338,500)	(4,949,639)
	and equipment RM (2,854,208) (208,520) (3,062,728) (233,411)	Property, plant and equipment RM gains tax on revaluation gain RM  (2,854,208) (382,600) (208,520) (381,400)  (3,062,728) (764,000) (50,000) - (501,000)	Property, plant and equipment RM RM RM RM RM  (2,854,208) (382,600) (349,600) (208,520) (381,400) 8,100  (3,062,728) (764,000) (341,500) (233,411) (50,000) 3,000 - (501,000) -



### 13. **OTHER INVESTMENT**

	Group		
	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	
	RM	RM	
FVTPL			
- Quoted shares in Malaysia	_	11,016,500	

### 14. SHARE CAPITAL

	Group and	Company
	<u>2022</u> RM	2021 RM
<b>Issued and fully paid with no par value:</b> 147,827,158 units of ordinary shares	153,228,000	153,228,000

The holders of ordinary shares are entitled to receive dividends as and when declared by the Company. All ordinary shares carry one vote per share without restrictions and rank equally with regard to the Company's residual assets.

### 15. **REVALUATION RESERVE**

### Group

Revaluation reserve arising from revaluation of properties are not available for distribution as dividends.

#### 16. **LEASE LIABILITIES**

Lease liabilities included in the statements of financial position are as follows:-

Grou	Group		
<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>		
RM	RM		
40,792	2,767		
53,115	71,462		
93,907	74,229		
	2022 RM 40,792 53,115		

The maturity analysis of lease liabilities is disclosed in Note 31 to the financial statements.



### 16. **LEASE LIABILITIES (CONT'D)**

The expenses relating to payment not included in the measurement of lease liabilities are as follows:-

	Group		
	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	
	RM	RM	
Short-term leases	159,864	143,401	
Low value assets	3,325	3,534	
	163,189	146,935	

The total cash outflows of the Group for leases amounted to RM240,556 (2021: RM387,706).

The effective interest rates of lease liabilities are ranging from 4.59% to 5.39% (2021: 4.59% to 6.95%) per annum.

The lease liabilities of the Group are secured by way of corporate guarantee by the Company, a Director of a subsidiary and personal guarantee by a substantial shareholder of the Company.

### 17. **BORROWINGS**

	Group		
	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	
Non-current	RM	RM	
Secured:-			
Term loans	24,888,935	28,799,636	
Current			
Secured:-			
Term loans	4,326,936	4,796,153	
Multi-option loan	-	166,595	
Bankers' acceptances	103,156,328	93,292,508	
Bank overdraft	2,438,933	6,313,506	
	109,922,197	104,568,762	
Unsecured:-			
Bankers' acceptances	33,660,058	37,968,417	
	143,582,255	142,537,179	
	168,471,190	171,336,815	



#### 17. **BORROWINGS (CONT'D)**

	Group		
	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	
	RM	RM	
T-4-1 h			
Total borrowings			
Term loans	29,215,871	33,595,789	
Multi-option loan	-	166,595	
Bankers' acceptances	136,816,386	131,260,925	
Bank overdraft	2,438,933	6,313,506	
	168,471,190	171,336,815	

The secured term loans, multi-option loan, bankers' acceptance and bank overdraft are secured in the following manner:-

- (i) Charge and deeds of assignment over the landed properties and plant and machinery of certain subsidiaries as disclosed in Notes 4 and 5 to the financial statements:
- (ii) Personal guarantee by a substantial shareholder of the Company and a Director of a subsidiary;
- (iii) Corporate guarantee by the Company and a subsidiary;
- (iv) Pledged over quoted shares owned by a substantial shareholder of the Company;
- (v) Debenture by way of fixed and floating charges over the entire assets of a subsidiary;
- (vi) Assignment of Life Assurance Policy by a Director of a subsidiary;
- (vii) Facility agreement;
- (viii) Letter of Hibah; and
- (ix) Letter of negative pledge.

The unsecured bankers' acceptance is guaranteed by the Company, a subsidiary, a Director of subsidiary and a substantial shareholder of the Company and assignment of Life Insurance Policy by a Director of a subsidiary.

The bank overdraft bears interest rates ranging from 7.07% to 8.07% (2021: 7.07%) per annum.

The bankers' acceptances bear interest rates ranging from 1.85% to 5.42% (2021: 1.70% to 5.42%) per annum.

The multi-option loan bears interest rates ranging from 3.93% to 4.37% (2021: 4.19% to 4.22%) per annum. The repayment term for secured multi-option loan is 60 (2021: 60) monthly installments.

The term loans bear interest rates ranging from 4.15% to 5.72% (2021: 4.11% to 4.95%) per annum. The repayment term for secured term loans ranging from 60 to 180 (2021: 60 to 180) monthly installments.



#### 18. TRADE PAYABLES

### Group

The normal trade credit term granted to the Company by the suppliers ranging from cash term to 120 days (2021: cash term to 120 days).

Included in trade payables are the retention sum amounting to RM4,521,175 (2021: RM2,387,256).

Included in trade payables is an amount of RM84,640 (2021: RM208,136) guaranteed by the Company.

### 19. **OTHER PAYABLES**

	Group		Comp	any
	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
	RM	RM	RM	RM
Non-trade payables	32,381,195	22,631,354	7,734	27,178
Accruals of expenses	1,484,092	1,216,488	109,900	109,900
Deposits received	532,626	499,318	-	-
SST payable	133,157	74,827		
	34,531,070	24,421,987	117,634	137,078

### Group

Included in non-trade payables consist of amount due to a substantial shareholder and person connected to substantial shareholder of the Company amounted to RM27,785,466 and RM90,000 (2021: RM13,743,127 and RM90,000) respectively. This amount due are unsecured, interest free and repayable on demand.

#### 20. **CONTRACT LIABILITIES**

	Group		
	2022 RM	2021 RM	
Deferred revenue	6,467,425	6,467,425	

Deferred revenue relates to deposits made by customers for the goods or services which is yet to transfer or perform by the Group as at the reporting date. The Group applies the practical expedient in MFRS 15 on not disclosing the aggregate amount of the revenue expected to be recognised in the future as the performance obligation is part of a contract that has an original expected duration of less than one year.



### 21. **AMOUNT DUE TO A DIRECTOR**

### Group

The amount due to a Director is non-trade in nature, unsecured, interest free and repayable on demand.

### 22. **REVENUE**

	Group		Compa	any
	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	2022	2021
	RM	RM	RM	RM
Revenue from contract				
with customers				
Products and services transferred at a point in time:-				
Sales of goods	920,919,261	652,691,369	_	_
Rendering of services	57,365	65,617	_	_
Management fee	-	-	260,000	260,000
Money lending services	230,000			
	921,206,626	652,756,986	260,000	260,000
Products and services transferred over time:-				
Construction	22,091,714	4,096,631		
	943,298,340	656,853,617	260,000	260,000

### 22.1 Disaggregation of revenue from contracts with customers

Revenue from contracts with customers is disaggregated by primary geographical market, major products and timing of revenue recognition in the following table:-

Group 2022	Paper milling RM	Paper converting RM	Building materials RM	Property development and <u>construction</u> RM	Other trading RM	<u>Total</u> RM
Major products/service lines						
Manufacture of tissue paper and tissue related products	34,011,040	-	-	-	-	34,011,040
Paper converting and trading						
in paper related products	-	169,145,584	-	-	-	169,145,584
Distributor and retailer of						
building materials	-	-	713,887,486	-	-	713,887,486
Trading in stationery and						
paper related products	-	-	-	-	3,875,151	3,875,151
Money lending services	-	-	-	-	230,000	230,000
Construction	-	-	-	22,091,714	-	22,091,714
Others	_			57,365		57,365
Total revenue from contracts with customers	34,011,040	169,145,584	713,887,486	22,149,079	4,105,151	943,298,340



## 22. **REVENUE (CONT'D)**

## 22.1 Disaggregation of revenue from contracts with customers (cont'd)

Revenue from contracts with customers is disaggregated by primary geographical market, major products and timing of revenue recognition in the following table (cont'd):-

Group (cont'd)	Paper milling RM	Paper converting RM	Building materials RM	Property development and <u>construction</u> RM	Other trading RM	<u>Total</u> RM
2022 (cont'd) Primary geographical markets	KW	KW	KW	KW	KW	KW
Malaysia	34,011,040	169,145,584	713,887,486	22,149,079	4,105,151	943,298,340
Timing of revenue recognition Products and services						
transferred at a point in time Products and services	34,011,040	169,145,584	713,887,486	57,365	4,105,151	921,206,626
transferred over time	-	-	-	22,091,714	-	22,091,714
	34,011,040	169,145,584	713,887,486	22,149,079	4,105,151	943,298,340
2021 Major products/service lines Manufacture of tissue paper						
and tissue related products Paper converting and trading	24,808,250	-	-	-	-	24,808,250
in paper related products	-	135,929,775	-	-	-	135,929,775
Distributor and retailer of building materials	_	-	487,471,470	-	-	487,471,470
Trading in stationery and paper related products					1 101 071	1 101 071
Construction	-	-	-	4,096,631	4,481,874	4,481,874 4,096,631
Others	-	-	-	65,617	-	65,617
Total revenue from contracts with customers	24,808,250	135,929,775	487,471,470	4,162,248	4,481,874	656,853,617
Primary geographical markets						
Malaysia	24,808,250	135,929,775	487,471,470	4,162,248	4,481,874	656,853,617
Timing of revenue recognition Products and services						
transferred at a point in time	24,808,250	135,929,775	487,471,470	65,617	4,481,874	652,756,986
Products and services transferred over time	-	-	-	4,096,631	-	4,096,631
_	24,808,250	135,929,775	487,471,470	4,162,248	4,481,874	656,853,617



## 22. **REVENUE (CONT'D)**

## 22.1 Disaggregation of revenue from contracts with customers (cont'd)

Revenue from contracts with customers is disaggregated by primary geographical market, major products and timing of revenue recognition in the following table (cont'd):-

	Company		
	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	
	RM	RM	
<b>Revenue from contract with customers</b>			
Services transferred at a point in time:-			
Management fee	260,000	260,000	
Primary geographical market:-			
Malaysia	260,000	260,000	

### 23. FINANCE INCOME

	Group		Company		
	2022	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	
	RM	RM	RM	RM	
Interest income:					
- Subsidiaries	-	-	28,982	35,061	
- Banks	27,588	730,420	-	-	
- Overdue interest	799,324	484,461			
	826,912	1,214,881	28,982	35,061	

### 24. FINANCE COSTS

	Group		Company		
	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	
	RM	RM	RM	RM	
Interest expenses:					
- Bankers' acceptances	4,076,201	3,521,093	-	-	
- Lease liabilities	8,045	17,711	-	-	
- Term loans	1,409,989	1,456,553	_	-	
- Multi-option loan	936	14,888	-	-	
- Bank overdraft	8,832	6,327	-	-	
- Subsidiary		68_	9,011	6,110	
	5,504,003	5,016,640	9,011	6,110	



## 25. **PROFIT/(LOSS) BEFORE TAX**

Profit/(Loss) before tax has been determined after charging/(crediting), amongst other items, the followings:-

	Group		Compa	Company	
	<u>2022</u>		<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	
	RM	RM	RM	RM	
Auditors' remuneration:		- 4- 000		10.000	
- statutory audit	380,000	342,000	68,000	68,000	
- others	87,500	87,500	11,900	11,900	
Bad debts written off	36,446	-	-	-	
Realised gain on foreign					
exchange	(404,525)	(273,227)	-	-	
Rental income	(1,365,490)	(1,661,841)	-		

### 26. TAX EXPENSE

	Group		Company		
	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	
	RM	RM	RM	RM	
Current tax - Current financial year	4,905,575	3,932,078	40,000	33,300	
- Over provision in prior financial year	(172,902)	(34,078)	(1,576)	(3,954)	
	4,732,673	3,898,000	38,424	29,346	
Deferred tax - Current financial year - (Over)/Under recognised	(525,332)	(234,400)	-	-	
in prior financial year	(204,000)	70,800			
	(729,332)	(163,600)			
	4,003,341	3,734,400	38,424	29,346	

Malaysian income tax is calculated at the statutory tax rate 24% (2021: 24%) of the estimated taxable profit for the financial year.



## 26. TAX EXPENSE (CONT'D)

A reconciliation of income tax expense applicable to profit/(loss) before tax at the statutory income tax rate to income tax expense at the effective income tax rate of the Group and of the Company are as follows:-

	Group		Company		
	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	
	RM	RM	RM	RM	
Profit/(Loss) before tax	19,832,773	18,460,228	(30,089)	(928,734)	
Tax at statutory tax rate of 24%	4,759,866	4,430,455	(7,221)	(222,896)	
Tax effects in respect of:- Expenses not deductible					
for tax purposes	775,692	445,091	47,221	256,196	
Income not subject to tax	(488,915)	(1,448,348)	-	-	
Movement of deferred tax assets not recognised	(716,400)	270,480	-	-	
Over provision of tax expense in prior financial					
year	(172,902)	(34,078)	(1,576)	(3,954)	
(Over)/Under recognised of deferred tax in prior					
financial year	(204,000)	70,800	-	-	
Additional deferred tax liabilities on real					
property gain tax	50,000				
<u>.</u>	4,003,341	3,734,400	38,424	29,346	
			Grou	ıp	
			<u>2022</u> RM	<u>2021</u> RM	
Tax recognised in other con	nnrehensive inc	ome:-			
Revaluation of land	-Promonor of me	~ <del></del>	501,000		



## 26. TAX EXPENSE (CONT'D)

Deferred tax assets (at gross) have not been recognised in respect of these items as it is not probable that future taxable profits will be available against which the Group can utilise the benefits therefrom.

	Group		
	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	
	RM	RM	
Property, plant and equipment	464,000	286,000	
Contract liabilities	6,467,000	6,467,000	
Unutilised business losses	8,602,000	7,482,000	
Unabsorbed capital allowances	2,570,000	4,259,000	
Unutilised reinvestment allowances	6,754,000	6,754,000	
Inventories	439,000	2,090,000	
Allowance for impairment loss	7,690,000	8,633,000	
	32,986,000	35,971,000	

The expiry of the unutilised business losses is as follows:-

	Grou	ıp
	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
	RM	RM
YA 2028	4,334,000	4,455,000
YA 2029	1,282,000	1,309,000
YA 2030	901,000	1,579,000
YA 2031	139,000	139,000
YA 2032	1,946,000	
	8,602,000	7,482,000



### 27. **EARNINGS PER SHARE**

### Basic earnings per ordinary share

The calculation of basic earnings per share was based on the profit attributable to ordinary equity holders of the Company and weighted average number of ordinary shares issued calculated as follows:-

	Group		
	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	
Profit for the financial year attributable to ordinary equity holders of the Company (RM)	15,827,603	14,726,875	
Weighted average number of ordinary shares at 31 December	147,827,158	147,827,158	
Basic earning per share (sen)	10.71	9.96	

### Diluted earnings per share

Diluted earnings per ordinary share equals basic earnings per ordinary share as there are no dilutive potential ordinary shares.

#### 28. EMPLOYEE BENEFITS EXPENSE

	Group		Company		
	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	
	RM	RM	RM	RM	
Salaries and other	0.662.700	0.211.020	11.250	0.000	
emoluments Defined contribution plans	9,662,799 812,406	8,311,939 714,607	11,250	9,000	
Social security contribution	134,363	113,342			
	10,609,568	9,139,888	11,250	9,000	

The employee benefits expense of the Group and of the Company included Directors' emoluments as disclosed in Note 29 to the financial statements.



## 29. **DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION**

The details of remuneration received and receivable by Directors of the Company and subsidiaries during the financial year are as follows:-

	Group		Company	
	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
	RM	RM	RM	RM
Executive Directors:-				
<b>Directors of the Company</b>				
Fees	30,673	39,019	-	-
Salaries and other				
emoluments	24,750	28,719	-	-
Social security contribution	303	324		
	55,726	68,062	_	_
-	22,720			
Directors of subsidiaries				
Salaries and other				
emoluments	297,836	238,319	-	-
Defined contribution plans	35,975	28,283	-	-
Social security contribution	2,794	2,281		
	336,605	268,883	_	_
	330,003	200,003		
Total Executive Directors'				
remuneration	392,331	336,945		
Non-executive Directors:-				
Directors of the Company				
Fees	76,000	66,000	76,000	66,000
Salaries and other	,	,	,	,
emoluments	11,250	9,000	11,250	9,000
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Total Non-executive	97.250	75,000	97.250	75.000
Directors' remuneration	87,250	75,000	87,250	75,000
Total Directors'				
remuneration	479,581	411,945	87,250	75,000
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#### 30. **RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

The Group has related party relationship with its significant investors, subsidiaries, associate, Directors and key management personnel.

#### Related party transactions and balances

Related party transactions have been entered into the normal course of business under normal trade terms. The significant related party transactions of the Group and of the Company are as follows:-

	Grou	ıp	Company		
	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	2022	<u>2021</u>	
	RM	RM	RM	RM	
Cubaidiamias					
Subsidiaries					
Loan given by	-	-	-	207,235	
Interest charged to	-	-	28,982	35,061	
Interest charged by	-	-	9,011	6,110	
Management fee charged					
to	-	-	260,000	260,000	
Payment made on behalf					
from	-	-	-	1,236	
Payment made on behalf to	-	-	557	-	
Internal audit fee back					
charged to	-	-	96,312	-	
Substantial shareholder of the Company					
Consultancy fee paid	180,000	135,000	-	-	
Advance from	14,042,339	3,275,182	_	-	

The outstanding balances arising from related party transactions were disclosed in Notes 8, 19 and 21 to the financial statements.

#### Compensation of key management personnel

Key management personnel are defined as those persons having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the Group either directly or indirectly. The key management personnel consist of Executive Director of the Company and certain members of senior management of the Group.



#### 30. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES (CONT'D)

#### Compensation of key management personnel (cont'd)

The remuneration of key management personnel of the Group during the financial year are as follows:-

	Grou	p
	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
	RM	RM
Fees	30,673	39,019
Salaries and other emoluments	407,122	337,757
Defined contribution plans	39,150	38,059
Social security contribution	12,550	3,633
	489,495	418,468

#### 31. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

#### **Categories of financial instruments**

The table below provides an analysis of financial instruments categorised as follows:-

- (i) Amortised cost ("AC"); and
- (ii) Financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss ("FVTPL").

	Carrying		
	amount	<u>AC</u>	<b>FVTPL</b>
	RM	$\overline{\mathrm{RM}}$	RM
Group			
2022			
Financial assets			
Trade receivables	220,246,083	220,246,083	-
Other receivables	3,317,270	3,317,270	-
Cash and bank balances	72,530,274	72,530,274	-
	296,093,627	296,093,627	-
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Financial liabilities			
Trade payables	55,530,912	55,530,912	-
Other payables	34,397,913	34,397,913	-
Amount due to a Director	418,167	418,167	-
Borrowings	168,471,190	168,471,190	-
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	258,818,182	258,818,182	-



### **Categories of financial instruments (cont'd)**

The table below provides an analysis of financial instruments categorised as follows (cont'd):-

	Carrying <u>amount</u> RM	<u>AC</u> RM	FVTPL RM
Group (cont'd)			
2021			
Financial assets Trade receivables	105 102 020	105 102 020	
Other receivables	185,123,238 10,391,954	185,123,238 10,391,954	-
Other investments	11,016,500	10,391,934	11,016,500
Cash and bank balances	59,694,970	59,694,970	11,010,300
Cash and bank balances	39,094,970	39,094,970	<del>_</del> _
	266,226,662	255,210,162	11,016,500
Financial liabilities			
Trade payables	56,122,102	56,122,102	-
Other payables	24,347,160	24,347,160	-
Amount due to a Director	184,243	184,243	-
Borrowings	171,336,815	171,336,815	-
	251,990,320	251,990,320	
Company 2022			
Financial assets			
Amount due from subsidiaries	680,726	680,726	-
Cash and bank balances	125,769	125,769	
	806,495	806,495	
Financial liabilities			
Other payables	117,634	117,634	-
Amount due to a subsidiary	156,353	156,353	
	273,987	273,987	



#### **Categories of financial instruments (cont'd)**

The table below provides an analysis of financial instruments categorised as follows (cont'd):-

	Carrying <u>amount</u> RM	AC RM	<u>FVTPL</u> RM
Company (cont'd)			
2021			
Financial assets			
Amount due from subsidiaries	867,143	867,143	-
Cash and bank balances	23,606	23,606	
	890,749	890,749	
Financial liabilities	125.050	125.050	
Other payables	137,078	137,078	-
Amount due to a subsidiary	197,235	197,235	
	334,313	334,313	-

#### Financial risk management objectives and policies

#### **Financial risks**

The Group and the Company are exposed to financial risks arising from their operations and the use of financial instruments. Financial risk management policies are established to ensure that adequate resources are available for the development of the Group's and of the Company's business whilst managing their credit risk, liquidity risk, interest rate risk, foreign currency risk and market price risk. The Group and the Company operate within clearly defined policies and procedures that are approved by the Board of Directors to ensure the effectiveness of the risk management process. The Group and the Company do not engage in the trading of financial assets for speculative purpose nor does it write options. The Group and the Company do not apply hedge accounting.

The main areas of financial risks faced by the Group and the Company and the policy in respect of the major areas of treasury activity are set out as follows:-

#### (a) Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk of a financial loss to the Group if a customer or counterparty to a financial instrument fails to meet its contractual obligations. It is the Group's policy to enter into financial instrument with a diversity of creditworthy counterparties. The Group does not expect to incur material credit losses of its financial assets or other financial instruments.



#### Financial risk management objectives and policies (cont'd)

#### Financial risks (cont'd)

The main areas of financial risks faced by the Group and the Company and the policy in respect of the major areas of treasury activity are set out as follows (cont'd):-

#### (a) Credit risk (cont'd)

Concentration of credit risk exists when changes in economic, industry and geographical factors similarly affect the group of counterparties whose aggregate credit exposure is significant in relation to the Group's total credit exposure. The Group's portfolio of financial instrument is broadly diversified along industry, product and geographical lines, and transactions are entered into with diverse creditworthy counterparties, thereby mitigate any significant concentration of credit risk.

It is the Group's policy that all customers who wish to trade on credit terms are subject to credit verification procedures. The Group does not offer credit terms without the approval of the head of credit control.

The Group's and the Company's maximum exposure to credit risk is represented by the carrying amount of trade receivables, most of other receivables and amount due from subsidiaries in the statements of financial position.

The areas where the Group's and the Company is exposed to credit risk are as follows:-

#### Receivables

The Group's exposure to credit risk is influenced mainly by the individual characteristics of each customer. However, management also considers the factors that may influence the credit risk of its customer base, including the default risk associated with the industry and country in which customers operate.

An impairment analysis performed at each reporting date using a provision matrix to measure expected credit losses. The provision rates are based on days past due for grouping of various customer segments with similar loss patterns by customer type and rating. The calculation reflects the probability-weighted outcome, the time value of money and reasonable and supportable information that is available at the reporting date about past events, current conditions and forecasts of future economic conditions. The letters of credit and other forms of credit insurance are considered integral part of trade receivables and considered in the calculation of impairment.



#### Financial risk management objectives and policies (cont'd)

#### Financial risks (cont'd)

The main areas of financial risks faced by the Group and the Company and the policy in respect of the major areas of treasury activity are set out as follows (cont'd):-

#### (a) Credit risk (cont'd)

The areas where the Group's and the Company is exposed to credit risk are as follows (cont'd):-

#### Receivables (cont'd)

The following table provides information about the credit risk exposure on the Group's trade receivables using a provision matrix:-

				Days past due	:		_
		1 to 30	31 to 60	61 to 90	91 to 120	More than	
	Current	days	days	days	days	120 days	Total
	RM	RM	RM	RM	RM	RM	RM
2022							
Gross carrying amount	119,747,434	46,274,707	21,695,812	11,363,650	7,379,210	31,537,721	237,998,534
ECLs							
(Collective)	297,805	562,677	312,748	417,106	296,253	2,760,970	4,647,559
ECLs							
(Individual)		-	-	-	-	13,104,892	13,104,892
2021							
Gross carrying							
amount	74,954,847	52,194,665	14,238,887	13,990,887	2,396,312	45,760,116	203,535,714
ECLs							
(Collective)	390,551	646,675	383,030	465,474	123,573	2,722,018	4,731,321
ECLs							
(Individual)		-	-	-	-	13,681,155	13,681,155

Trade receivables that are individually determined to be impaired at the reporting date relate to debtors that are in significant financial difficulties and have defaulted on payments. These receivables are not secured by any collateral or credit enhancements.



#### Financial risk management objectives and policies (cont'd)

#### Financial risks (cont'd)

The main areas of financial risks faced by the Group and the Company and the policy in respect of the major areas of treasury activity are set out as follows (cont'd):-

#### (a) Credit risk (cont'd)

The areas where the Group's and the Company is exposed to credit risk are as follows (cont'd):-

#### Concentration of credit risk

The credit risk concentration profile of the Group as at the reporting date is as follows:-

	Group		
	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	
	RM	RM	
By country:-			
Malaysia	220,246,083	185,123,238	
By industry sector:-			
Paper milling	9,899,940	10,586,001	
Paper converting	22,763,243	22,974,041	
Building materials	153,644,439	146,970,394	
Property development and construction	24,858,144	3,976,624	
Other trading	9,080,317	616,178	
-			
	220,246,083	185,123,238	

#### **Intercompany balances**

The Company provides unsecured advances to subsidiaries and monitors the results of the subsidiaries regularly.

As at the end of the reporting date, there was no indication that the carrying amount of advances to the subsidiaries are not recoverable.

#### Other receivables

As at the reporting date, the management is of the opinion that all necessary impairment that is required has been provided for.

#### Cash and bank balances

The credit risk for cash and bank balances is considered negligible, since the counterparties are reputable financial institutions with high quality external credit ratings and have no history of default.



#### Financial risk management objectives and policies (cont'd)

#### Financial risks (cont'd)

The main areas of financial risks faced by the Group and the Company and the policy in respect of the major areas of treasury activity are set out as follows (cont'd):-

#### (a) Credit risk (cont'd)

The areas where the Group's and the Company is exposed to credit risk are as follows (cont'd):-

#### Financial guarantee/Corporate guarantee

The maximum exposure to credit risk amounting to RM162,377,664 (2021: RM165,516,930) representing the outstanding banking facilities of the subsidiaries and RM84,640 (2021: RM208,136) to subsidiaries' supplier as at the end of the reporting period.

The Company provides unsecured financial guarantees to banks in respect of banking facilities granted to certain subsidiaries and to supplier of subsidiaries in supplying trading goods to the subsidiaries.

The corporate guarantee does not have a determinable effect on the term of the credit facilities due to the bank requiring parent's guarantees as a pre-condition for approving the banking facilities granted to subsidiaries. The actual terms of the credit facilities are likely to be the best indicator of "at market" term and hence the fair value of the credit facilities are equal to the credit facilities amount received by the subsidiaries. As such, there is no value on the corporate guarantee to be recognised in the financial statements.

#### (b) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Group and the Company will not be able to meet their financial obligations as and when they fall due as a result of shortage of funds.

In managing their exposures to liquidity risk, the Group and the Company maintain a level of cash and cash equivalents and bank facilities deemed adequate by the management to ensure, as far as possible, that it will have sufficient liquidity to meet their liabilities as and when they fall due.



#### Financial risk management objectives and policies (cont'd)

#### Financial risks (cont'd)

The main areas of financial risks faced by the Group and the Company and the policy in respect of the major areas of treasury activity are set out as follows (cont'd):-

#### (b) Liquidity risk (cont'd)

The summary of the maturity profile based on contractual undiscounted repayment obligations are as below:-

			•	Ma	turity —	<b></b>
			Current	←	Non-current	<b></b>
	Carrying	Total contractual cash	On demand/	1 to 2	2 to 5	More than 5
	amount	flows	1 year	years	years	years
Group 2022	RM	RM	RM	RM	RM	RM
Non-derivative financial liabilities						
Bank overdraft	2,438,933	2,438,933	2,438,933	-	-	-
Bankers' acceptances	136,816,386	136,816,386	136,816,386	-	-	-
Term loans	29,215,871	35,703,502	5,627,921	4,168,927	11,446,147	14,460,507
Lease liabilities	93,907	99,320	56,200	43,120	-	-
Trade payables	55,530,912	55,530,912	55,530,912	-	-	-
Other payables	34,397,913	34,397,913	34,397,913	-	-	-
Amount due to a						
Director	418,167	418,167	418,167	-	-	-
	258,912,089	265,405,133	235,286,432	4,212,047	11,446,147	14,460,507
2021						
Non-derivative financial liabilities						
Bank overdraft	6,313,506	6,313,506	6,313,506	-	-	-
Bankers' acceptances	131,260,925	131,260,925	131,260,925	-	-	-
Term loans	33,595,789	40,092,542	5,770,739	5,611,716	11,267,521	17,442,566
Multi-option loan	166,595	168,348	168,348	-	-	-
Lease liabilities	74,229	82,607	73,447	9,160	-	-
Trade payables	56,122,102	56,122,102	56,122,102	-	-	-
Other payables	24,347,160	24,347,160	24,347,160	-	-	-
Amount due to a						
Director	184,243	184,243	184,243	-	-	-
	252,064,549	258,571,433	224,240,470	5,620,876	11,267,521	17,442,566



#### Financial risk management objectives and policies (cont'd)

#### Financial risks (cont'd)

The main areas of financial risks faced by the Group and the Company and the policy in respect of the major areas of treasury activity are set out as follows (cont'd):-

#### (b) Liquidity risk (cont'd)

The summary of the maturity profile based on contractual undiscounted repayment obligations are as below (cont'd):-

		Total	Current On		Non-current	<b>*</b>
Company 2022	Carrying amount RM	contractual cash <u>flows</u> RM	demand/ Less than 1 year RM	1 to 2 years RM	2 to 5 years RM	More than 5 <u>years</u> RM
Non-derivative financial liabilities Other payables	117,634	117,634	117,634	_	_	-
Amount due to a subsidiary	156,353	156,353	156,353		-	
Financial guarantee *	273,987 162,462,304	273,987 162,462,304	273,987 162,462,304	-	-	-
2021 Non-derivative financial liabilities						
Other payables Amount due to a	137,078	137,078	137,078	-	-	-
subsidiary	197,235	197,235	197,235	-	-	<u>-</u>
	334,313	334,313	334,313	-	-	
Financial guarantee *	165,725,066	165,725,066	165,725,066	-	-	

<sup>\*</sup> This exposure of liquidity risk is included for illustration purpose only as the related financial guarantee has not crystalised.

The above amounts reflect the contractual undiscounted cash flows, which may differ from the carrying values of financial liabilities at the reporting date.



#### Financial risk management objectives and policies (cont'd)

#### Financial risks (cont'd)

The main areas of financial risks faced by the Group and the Company and the policy in respect of the major areas of treasury activity are set out as follows (cont'd):-

#### (c) Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of the Group's and of the Company's financial instruments will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates.

The Group's investments in fixed rate instruments and its fixed rate borrowings are exposed to a risk of change in their fair value due to changes in interest rates. The Group's and the Company's variable rate borrowings are exposed to a risk of change in cash flows due to changes in interest rates.

Short-term receivables and payables are not significantly exposed to interest rate risk.

#### Interest rate sensitivity

The Group's and the Company's interest rate management objective is to manage the interest expenses consistent with maintaining an acceptable level of exposure to interest rate fluctuation. In order to achieve this objective, the Group and the Company targets a mix of fixed and floating debt based on assessment of its existing exposure and desired interest rate profile.

The interest rate profile of the Group's and of the Company's significant interest-bearing financial instruments, based on carrying amounts as at the reporting date were:-

	Group		
	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	
	RM	RM	
Fixed rate instruments			
Financial asset			
Trade receivables	9 640 000	142 705	
Trade receivables	8,640,000	143,795	
Financial liabilities			
Lease liabilities	(93,907)	(74,229)	
Bankers' acceptances	(136,816,386)	` ' '	
r		( - ,, ,	
Total financial liabilities	(136,910,293)	(131,335,154)	
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Net financial liabilities	(128,270,293)	(131,191,359)	
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#### Financial risk management objectives and policies (cont'd)

#### Financial risks (cont'd)

The main areas of financial risks faced by the Group and the Company and the policy in respect of the major areas of treasury activity are set out as follows (cont'd):-

#### (c) Interest rate risk (cont'd)

#### Interest rate sensitivity (cont'd)

The interest rate profile of the Group's and of the Company's significant interest-bearing financial instruments, based on carrying amounts as at the reporting date were (cont'd):-

	Group		
	<u>2022</u> RM	<u>2021</u> RM	
	Kivi	KWI	
Floating rate instruments			
<u>Financial liabilities</u> Term loans	(20.215.971)	(22 505 790)	
Multi-option loan	(29,215,871)	(33,595,789) (166,595)	
Bank overdraft	(2,438,933)	(6,313,506)	
Net financial liabilities	(31,654,804)	(40,075,890)	
	Comp	any	
	<u>2022</u> RM	<u>2021</u> RM	
	KIVI	KIVI	
Floating rate instruments Financial asset			
Amount due from a subsidiary	543,084	740,000	
Financial liability			
Amount due to a subsidiary	(161,353)	(207,235)	
Net financial asset	381,731	532,765	



#### Financial risk management objectives and policies (cont'd)

#### Financial risks (cont'd)

The main areas of financial risks faced by the Group and the Company and the policy in respect of the major areas of treasury activity are set out as follows (cont'd):-

#### (c) Interest rate risk (cont'd)

#### Cash flow sensitivity analysis for variable rate instruments

The following table illustrates the sensitivity of profit to a reasonably possible change in interest rates of +/-25 (2021: +/-25) basis points ("bp"). These changes are considered to be reasonably possible based on observation of current market conditions. The calculations are based on a change in the average market interest rate for each period, and the financial instruments held at each reporting date that are sensitive to changes in interest rates. All other variables are held constant.

	Increase/(Decrease) on profit/equity of the year				
	Grou	p	Compa	ny	
	RM	RM	RM	RM	
2022 (+/- 25bp)	(79,137)	79,137	954	(954)	
2021 (+/- 25bp)	(100,190)	100,190	1,332	(1,332)	

#### Fair value sensitivity analysis for fixed rate instruments

The Group does not account for any fixed rate financial assets and liabilities at fair value through profit or loss and does not designate derivatives as hedging instruments under fair value hedge accounting model. Therefore, a change in interest rates at the end of the reporting period would not affect profit or loss.

#### (d) Foreign currency risks

Foreign currency risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in foreign exchange rates.

To mitigate the Group's exposures to foreign currency risk, the Group are exposed to foreign currency risk on sales and purchases that are denominated in a currency other than the functional currencies of Group. The currency giving rise to this risk is primarily United States Dollar ("USD").



#### Financial risk management objectives and policies (cont'd)

#### Financial risks (cont'd)

The main areas of financial risks faced by the Group and the Company and the policy in respect of the major areas of treasury activity are set out as follows (cont'd):-

#### (d) Foreign currency risks (cont'd)

The carrying amount of the Group's foreign currency denominated financial assets and financial liabilities at the end of the reporting period are as follows:-

	Group		
	<u>2022</u> RM	<u>2021</u> RM	
USD/RM Other receivables Cash and bank balances	- 91,269	663,796 302	
Cush and bank bulances	91,269	664,098	

#### Sensitivity analysis for foreign currency risk

The following table demonstrates the sensitivity of the Group's profit/(loss) for the year and equity to a reasonably possible change in the USD exchange rate against RM, with all other variables held constant.

<b>2022</b> USD/RM	Effect for the (loss)/profit of the year/equity
- strengthened 5% - weakened 5%	4,563 (4,563)
2021 USD/RM - strengthened 5% - weakened 5%	33,205 (33,205)



#### Financial risk management objectives and policies (cont'd)

#### Financial risks (cont'd)

The main areas of financial risks faced by the Group and the Company and the policy in respect of the major areas of treasury activity are set out as follows (cont'd):-

#### (e) Market price risk

Market price risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of the Group's financial instruments will fluctuate because of changes in market prices (other than foreign exchange or interest rates). Equity price risk arises from the Group's investments in equity securities quoted in Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad.

Management of the Group monitors the equity investments on a portfolio basis. Material investments within the portfolio are managed on an individual basis and all buy and sell decisions are approved by the authorised person of the Group.

#### Equity price risk sensitivity analysis

This analysis assumes that all other variables remain constant and all the Group's equity investments moved in percentage of the share price.

In prior financial year, 8% increase in share price of each counter at the reporting date would have increase the Group's profit/equity for the financial year by RM881,320. A 8% weakening in the share price of each counter would have equal but opposite effect on the Group's profit/equity for the financial year.

#### Fair value of financial instruments

The carrying amounts of financial assets and liabilities of the Group and of the Company at reporting date approximate their fair values due to their short-term nature, insignificant impact of discounting, or that they are floating rate instruments that are repriced to market interest rates on or near the reporting date.

It was not practicable to estimate the fair value of the Group's investment in unquoted shares due to the lack of comparable quoted prices in active market. In addition, it is impracticable to use valuation technique to estimate the fair value reliably as a result of significant variability in the inputs of the valuation technique. The Group does not intend to dispose of these investments in the near future.



#### Financial risk management objectives and policies (cont'd)

#### Fair value hierarchy

The following table provides an analysis of financial instruments that are measured subsequent to initial recognition at fair value grouped into Level 1 based on the degree to which the fair value is observable.

- Level 1 fair value measurements are those derived from quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

		oup vel 1
	<u>2022</u> RM	<u>2021</u> RM
Financial assets at FVTPL	IIII	TOVI
- Quoted shares	<u> </u>	11,016,500

#### Reconciliation of liabilities arising from financing activities

	At 1 January	Drawdown	Cash flows	At 31 December
2022	RM	RM	RM	RM
Group				
Lease liabilities	74,229	89,000	(69,322)	93,907
Term loans	33,595,789	-	(4,379,918)	29,215,871
Multi-option loan	166,595	-	(166,595)	-
Amount due to a Director	184,243	-	233,924	418,167
Amount due to a substantial				
shareholder of the company	13,743,127	-	14,042,339	27,785,466
Total liabilities from financing activities	47,763,983	89,000	9,660,428	57,513,411
Company				
Amount due to a subsidiary	207,235		(45,882)	161,353
Total liability from financing activity	207,235	-	(45,882)	161,353



#### Reconciliation of liabilities arising from financing activities (cont'd)

2021	At <u>1 January</u> RM	Cash flows RM	At 31 December RM
Group	207.290	(222.060)	74.220
Lease liabilities	297,289	(223,060)	74,229
Term loans	39,143,464	(5,547,675)	
Multi-option loan	568,620	(402,025)	166,595
Amount due to a Director	418,167	(233,924)	184,243
Amount due to a substantial shareholder of the	,	, , ,	,
company	10,467,945	3,275,182	13,743,127
Total liabilities from financing activities	50,895,485	(3,131,502)	47,763,983
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Company			
Amount due to a subsidiary	207,141	94	207,235
Total liability from financing activity	207,141	94	207,235

#### 32. CAPITAL MANAGEMENT

The primary objective of the Group's capital management is to ensure that it maintains a strong credit rating and healthy capital ratio in order to support its business and maximise shareholder's value.

The Group manages its capital structure and makes adjustments to it in light of changes in economic conditions. To maintain or adjust the capital structure, the Group may adjust the dividend payment to shareholders, return capital to shareholders or issue new share capital. No changes were made in the objective, policies or processes during the financial years ended 31 December 2022 and 31 December 2021.



#### 32. CAPITAL MANAGEMENT (CONT'D)

The borrowings include lease liabilities, bankers' acceptances, bank overdraft, term loans and multi-option loan while owners' equity refers to the equity attributable to the owners of the Group.

	Group		
	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	
	RM	RM	
Total borrowings: lease liabilities	93,907	74,229	
- bankers' acceptance	136,816,386	131,260,925	
- term loans	29,215,871	33,595,789	
- multi-option loan	-	166,595	
- bank overdraft	2,438,933	6,313,506	
	168,565,097	171,411,044	
Owners' equity	296,879,691	276,540,889	
Debt-to-equity ratio	0.57	0.62	

There were no changes in the Group's approach to capital management during the financial year.

The Group has complied with Practice Note No. 17/2005 of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad which requires the Group to maintain a consolidated shareholders' equity equal to or not less than 25% of the issued and paid-up capital of the Company and shareholders' equity of not less than RM40 million.



#### 33. **OPERATING SEGMENTS**

#### (i) **Business segment**

For management purposes, the Group is organised into five major business units based on their products and services, which comprises the following:-

**Business segments** Business activities

Paper milling : Manufacture of various types of tissue paper and tissue

related products.

Paper converting : Converting of paper into related products and trading in

paper related products.

Building materials : Distributor and retailer of wooden doors, plywood and

related building materials. This segment also deals with trading in tissue related products, plywood, printed laminated plywood, cement and steel bars.

Investment and management

: Providing management services, investment holding

and dormant companies.

Property

development and construction

: Undertakes the development of factories and

construction activities.

Other trading and

services

: Trading in paper, paper products, stationery, general

household products, money lending services and other

unclassified companies of diversed activities.

The Group has aggregated certain operating segments to form a reportable segment due to the similar nature and operational characteristics of the products.

Management monitors the operating results of its business units separately for the purpose of making decisions about resource allocation and performance assessment. Segment performance is evaluated based on operating profit or loss which, in certain respects as explained in the table below, is measured differently from operating profit or loss in the consolidated financial statements.

Transfer prices between operating segments are on an arm's length basis in a manner similar to transactions with third parties.



## $(i) \ Business \ segment \ (cont'd)$

	<u>Note</u>	Paper <u>milling</u> RM	Paper converting RM	Building <u>materials</u> RM	Investment and management RM	Property development and construction RM	Other <u>trading</u> RM	Consolidation adjustments RM	Total consolidated RM
2022 Revenue External revenue		34,011,040	169,145,584	713,888,053	260,000	22,149,079	4,105,151	(260,567)	943,298,340
Inter-segment revenue	(a)	54,011,040	585	713,888,033	200,000	22,149,079	4,103,131	(200,307) $(1,170)$	943,298,340
Total revenue	_	34,011,040	169,145,169	713,888,638	260,000	22,149,079	4,105,151	(261,737)	943,298,340
Results									
Finance income		116,783	615,985	1,776,122	28,982	1,467	351,880	(2,064,307)	826,912
Finance costs		(583,110)	(749,457)	(4,663,740)	(9,011)	(1,490,723)	(72,269)	2,064,307	(5,504,003)
Depreciation		(2,017,351)	(104,374)	(1,615,506)	-	(192)	(63,661)	(200,000)	(4,001,084)
Other non-cash expenses	(b)	(140,678)	(273,660)	2,699,032	-	(380,551)	(202,616)	(700,000)	1,001,527
Tax expense		40,240	299,554	(4,213,179)	(38,424)	-	(91,532)	=	(4,003,341)
Segment profit/(loss)	(c)	1,285,143	850,540	17,705,649	(88,484)	322,649	(2,682,872)	3,113,898	20,506,523
Assets Investment in an associate Additions to non-current assets other than deferred		-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
tax assets	(d)	92,091	89,000	401,426	-	-	-	=	582,517
Segment assets	(e)	38,090,963	61,500,440	378,446,660	150,503,825	78,136,860	18,151,190	(166,028,018)	558,801,920
<b>Liabilities</b> Segment liabilities	(f)	18,369,568	6,078,025	45,352,883	273,987	73,007,593	7,660,828	(53,795,310)	96,947,574



## (i) Business segment (cont'd)

	<u>Note</u>	Paper <u>milling</u> RM	Paper converting RM	Building <u>materials</u> RM	Investment and management RM	Property development and construction RM	Other <u>trading</u> RM	Consolidation adjustments RM	Total consolidated RM
2021 Revenue External revenue		24,808,250	135,929,775	487,471,470	-	4,162,248	4,481,874	-	656,853,617
Inter-segment revenue	(a)	9,341	-	_	260,000	-		(269,341)	
Total revenue	=	24,817,591	135,929,775	487,471,470	260,000	4,162,248	4,481,874	(269,341)	656,853,617
Results									
Finance income		122,227	658,739	1,859,648	35,061	628	353,735	(1,815,157)	1,214,881
Finance costs		(692,565)	(798,482)	(4,071,999)	(6,110)	(1,204,292)	(58,349)	1,815,157	(5,016,640)
Depreciation		(2,046,597)	(132,864)	(1,684,096)	-	(191)	(72,725)	-	(3,936,473)
Other non-cash expenses	(b)	(386,303)	(1,794,424)	9,022,570	-	(1,156,899)	(15,673)	(300,000)	5,369,271
Tax expense		(3,816)	(296,400)	(3,324,349)	(29,346)	-	(80,489)	-	(3,734,400)
Segment (loss)/profit	(c)	(1,197,159)	(89,116)	17,366,652	(987,031)	(608,731)	(98,672)	4,141,644	18,527,587
Assets Investment in an associate Additions to non-current		-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
assets other than deferred tax assets	(d)	12,549		37,603					50,152
Segment assets	(u) (e)	38,241,260	46,085,224	362,959,775	149,769,097	57,449,855	6,479,047	(128,341,365)	532,642,893
505mont abboto	(0)	30,211,200	10,003,224	332,737,113	112,102,021	37,112,033	0,177,047	(120,511,505)	552,612,675
<b>Liabilities</b> Segment liabilities	(f)	19,155,750	6,030,490	49,189,119	334,313	50,374,258	1,278,532	(39,166,705)	87,195,757
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#### (i) Business segment (cont'd)

Notes to the nature of adjustments and eliminations to arrive at amounts reported in the consolidated financial statements:-

- (a) Inter-segment revenue are eliminated on consolidation.
- (b) Other non-cash (expenses)/income consist of the following items as presented in the respective notes to the financial statements:-

	2022 RM	2021 RM
	KIVI	KIVI
Bad debts written off	(36,446)	-
Fair value gain on investment		
properties	390,000	2,680,000
Fair value gain on other investment	920,746	3,396,850
Inventories written down	(1,545,907)	(2,054,856)
Inventories written off	(204,073)	(1,104,880)
Net impairment gain on financial		
assets	399,839	1,894,836
Property, plant and equipment written		
off	(46,700)	(455)
Reversal of inventories written down	1,124,068	557,776
	1,001,527	5,369,271

(c) The following items are added to/(deducted from) segment profit to arrive at "Profit after tax" presented in the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income:-

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
	RM	RM
Segment profit	20,506,523	18,527,587
Finance income	826,912	1,214,881
Finance costs	(5,504,003)	(5,016,640)
Profit after tax	15,829,432	14,725,828



#### (i) Business segment (cont'd)

Notes to the nature of adjustments and eliminations to arrive at amounts reported in the consolidated financial statements (cont'd):-

(d) Additions to non-current assets other than deferred tax assets consist of:-

	2022 RM	<u>2021</u> RM
Property, plant and equipment	582,517	50,152

(e) The following items are added to segment assets to arrive at total assets reported in the consolidated statement of financial position:-

	2022 RM	2021 RM
Segment assets Investment in an associate Deferred tax assets Tax recoverable	558,801,920 1 1,993,166 2,854,331	532,642,893 1 1,929,834 1,633,642
Total assets	563,649,418	536,206,370

(f) The following items are added to segment liabilities to arrive at total liabilities reported in the consolidated statement of financial position:-

<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
RM	RM
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96,947,574	87,195,757
578,000	743,000
93,907	74,229
168,471,190	171,336,815
670,595	309,048
266,761,266	259,658,849
	RM  96,947,574 578,000 93,907 168,471,190 670,595



#### (ii) Geographical information

Non-current assets information by geographical segment is not presented as the Group's activities are conducted principally in Malaysia.

Non-current assets information mentioned above consist of the following items as presented in the statements of financial position:-

	<u>2022</u> RM	2021 RM
Property, plant and equipment Investment properties Goodwill on consolidation	67,042,007 55,160,000 43,151,039	75,117,166 45,150,000 43,151,039
	165,353,046	163,418,205

The following is an analysis of the Group's revenue by geographical market, irrespective of the origin of the goods:-

	Reveni	Revenue by		
	geographic	geographical market		
	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>		
	RM	RM		
Malaysia *	943,298,340	656,853,617		

<sup>\*</sup> Company's home country

#### (iii) Information about major customers

The following are major customers with revenue equal or more than 10 percent of the Group's revenue:-

	RM	%	Operating Segment
2022			
Customer A	108,071,377	11	Paper converting, property development and construction
Customer B	95,319,350	10	Building materials
Customer C	96,122,820	10	Building materials
	299,513,547	31	



#### (iii) Information about major customers (cont'd)

The following are major customers with revenue equal or more than 10 percent of the Group's revenue (cont'd):-

	RM	%	Operating Segment
2021			
Customer A	79,387,886	12	Paper converting, property
Customer B	69,247,480	11	development and construction Building materials
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	148,635,366	23	

#### 34. INTEREST IN A JOINT OPERATION

The subsidiary has 75% share in the gross development values ("GDV") and has taken over the full project development cost start from the effective date 15 August 2015 onward.

#### 35. **COMPARATIVE INFORMATION**

Certain comparative figures in the financial statements have been reclassified on the face of the statements of financial position to confirm current year presentation due to change in reclassification.

	Previously stated 31.12.2021 RM	Increase/ (Decrease) RM	As reclassified 31.12.2021 RM
Group Statements of financial position Non-current asset Trade receivable	-	115,199	115,199
Current asset Trade receivables	203,535,714	(115,199)	203,420,515



#### 36. MATERIAL LITIGATION

On 18 November 2021, a wholly-owned subsidiary, Hai Ming Development Sdn. Bhd. ("the subsidiary") had filed a suit against the Nautical Wealth Sdn. Bhd., Tang For Peo and Soon Bee Kuan (collectively known as the "Defendants") to seek damages from the Defendants for the breach of the Development Agreement dated 29 April 2015 duly entered by the subsidiary and the Defendants in respect of the project located at Lot 928, Mukim Rawang, District of Gombak ("the Land"), known as 928 Corporate Park @ Rawang ("Completed Properties").

Further, the subsidiary had also filed an application to obtain an interim injunction application to restrain Nautical Wealth Sdn. Bhd. from operating various account related to the Completed Properties.

On 23 March 2022, Defendants' solicitor disclosed that Tang For Peo and Soon Bee Kuan had been declared bankruptcy on 24 February 2022 and they are the only Directors and shareholders of Nautical Wealth Sdn. Bhd..

Therefore, the subsidiary had filed an application to the court on 1 April 2022. The Judge granted a temporary variation to restrain Nautical Wealth Sdn. Bhd. from dealing with remaining project lands and there is pending hearing of the application on 27 May 2022.

The initial trial dates for 2022 have been cancelled and new trial dates have been fixed on 24 to 26 January 2022 and 7 to 9 February 2022.

On 17 August 2022, Nautical Wealth Sdn. Bhd. had been wound up and a private liquidator, Mr Chong Chuan Long was appointed as the Liquidator.

On 25 September 2022, the Liquidator has filed an application to vary the Company Injunction Order to allow the Liquidator to among others; (i) take possession and control of all bank accounts of Nautical Wealth Sdn. Bhd., (ii) to deal with the funds in the bank accounts into a new liquidation account, (iii) to deal with the bank accounts towards the liquidation expenses, and (iv) to deal with possession of all unsold 29 units of properties under Nautical Wealth Sdn. Bhd..

The Court has allowed the Liquidator's application with the Liquidator's formal undertaking that he will not dispose off any assets until the outcome of these civil suits and all appeals arising thereof and/or the filing of proof of debt and as well as all proceedings arising therefrom whichever is applicable.

The solicitor of the Company has filed a Proof of Debt to protect the Company's interests. The solicitor also filed a leave application under Section 471 of the Companies Act 2016 to continue the suits against Nautical Wealth Sdn. Bhd. As a wound-up company which the Court has allowed through an order dated 10 December 2022.

The trial for the suits commenced on 15 March 2022 with further trial dates scheduled on 2 November 2023, 6 to 9 November 2023, 16 to 17 November 2023, 20 November 2023, 1 December 2023, 8 December 2023, 14 to 15 December 2023.



### LIST OF PROPERTIES

KPS CONSORTIUM BERHAD & GROUP OF COMPANIES

#### List of 10 Largest Properties in Terms of Net Book Value as at 31 December 2022

No.	Location	Brief Description and Existing Use	Tenure/Date Of Expiry of Leasehold Land	Approximate Area (sq ft)	Approximate Age of Building (year)	Net Book Value (RM'000)	Year of Acquisition or Revaluation*
1.	Lot 622, Jalan Lapis Dua, 6¾ Miles off Jalan Kapar, 42200 Klang, Selangor Darul Ehsan	Office/ residential building, factory and warehouse for own use	Freehold	179,994	24	18,500	2022*
2.	Unit No B-08-01, Level 8, SOHO, Empire Subang, Jalan SS16/1, 47500 Subang Jaya, Selangor Darul Ehsan	Commercial unit	Freehold	21,183	13	15,600	2022*
3.	Lot 15964 (574) Jalan Batu Tiga, Batu 2 (Sg Rasa), 43100 Klang, Selangor Darul Ehsan	Freehold land with double storey office block & open warehouse rented to I'kranji	Freehold	133,185	5	14,000	2022*
4.	Lot 15985 (920) Jalan Batu Tiga, Batu 2 (Sg Rasa), 43100 Klang, Selangor Darul Ehsan	Warehouse for own use	Freehold	167,433	5	11,957	2018
5.	22 pieces of land allocated at Off Jalan Gasket 34/2, 40470 Shah Alam, Selangor Darul Ehsan	Land for Rent out	Freehold	70,155	37	9,620	2022*



## LIST OF PROPERTIES (CONT'D) KPS CONSORTIUM BERHAD & GROUP OF COMPANIES

#### List of 10 Largest Properties in Terms of Net Book Value as at 31 December 2022

No.	Location	Brief Description and Existing Use	Tenure/Date Of Expiry of Leasehold Land	Approximate Area (sq ft)	Approximate Age of Building (year)	Net Book Value (RM'000)	Year of Acquisition or Revaluation*
6.	Lot 14374, Bandar Kinrara Industrial Centre, 47100 Puchong, Selangor Darul Ehsan	Warehouse for own use	Freehold	186,950	26	6,976	2013
7.	Lot 16250 (954) Jalan Batu Tiga, Batu 2 (Sg Rasa), 43100 Klang, Selangor Darul Ehsan	Warehouse for own use	Freehold	75,413	5	6,184	2018
8.	Lot 1943 (4986) Jalan Batu Tiga, Batu 2 (Sg Rasa), 43100 Klang, Selangor Darul Ehsan	Warehouse for own use	Freehold	63,895	5	4,483	2018
9.	Pangsapuri Bunga Raya, Taman Bunga Raya, Bukit Berang, Daerah Melaka Tengah, 75450 Melaka	35 units apartment and 1 unit shop lot for rent	99-year lease to 2076	837 – 1,175 (total of 32,826)	19 to 20	4,020	2022*
10.	Lot PT129942, Kawasan Perusahaan Kanthan, 31200 Chemor, Perak	Factory and office building for own use	60-year lease to 14/03/2055	572,365	24	3,677	1992



#### **ANALYSIS OF SHAREHOLDINGS**

#### As at 31 March 2023

Total number of issued shares : 147,827,158 ordinary shares

Class of shares : Ordinary shares

Voting rights : One vote per ordinary share

### Distribution of Shareholdings as at 31 March 2023

Size of Shareholdings	No. of Holders	Total Holdings	%
Less than 100 shares	21	736	0.00
100 - 1,000 shares	576	522,302	0.35
1,001 - 10,000 shares	934	4,443,408	3.01
10,001 - 100,000 shares	325	10,434,300	7.06
100,001 - below 5% of issued shares	72	55,243,700	37.37
5% and above of issued shares	3	77,182,712	52.21
TOTAL	1,931	147,827,158	100.00

#### Substantial Shareholders as at 31 March 2023

#### No. of Shares Held

Shareholders	Direct	Indirect	%
Koh Poh Seng	68,190,425	-	46.13
Lee Shee	29,211,100	-	19.76



# **ANALYSIS OF SHAREHOLDINGS (CONT'D)**As at 31 March 2023

### List of Thirty (30) Largest Shareholders as at 31 March 2023

No.	Name of Shareholders	No. of Shares Held	%
1.	KOH POH SENG	30,371,612	20.55
2.	LEE SHEE	24,811,100	16.78
3.	AMSEC NOMINEES (TEMPATAN) SDN. BHD PLEDGED SECURITIES ACCOUNT - AMBANK ISLAMIC BERHAD FOR KOH POH SENG	22,000,000	14.88
4.	RHB NOMINEES (TEMPATAN) SDN. BHD PLEDGED SECURITIES ACCOUNT FOR KOH POH SENG	5,860,000	3.96
5.	ALLIANCEGROUP NOMINEES (TEMPATAN) SDN. BHD. - PLEDGED SECURITIES ACCOUNT FOR KOH POH SENG (100430)	5,000,000	3.38
6.	YEOH HUAN SUI @ YEOH PHUAY	4,420,000	2.99
7.	PUBLIC NOMINEES (TEMPATAN) SDN. BHD PLEDGED SECURITIES ACCOUNT FOR KOH POH SENG (E-KLC)	4,250,000	2.88
8.	YONG AH PEE	3,467,000	2.35
9.	LIAU KEEN YEE	2,700,000	1.83
10.	RHB CAPITAL NOMINEES (TEMPATAN) SDN. BHD PLEDGED SECURITIES ACCOUNT FOR YONG AH PEE (CEB)	2,300,000	1.56
11.	RHB CAPITAL NOMINEES (TEMPATAN) SDN. BHD PLEDGED SECURITIES ACCOUNT FOR LEE SHEE (CEB)	2,300,000	1.56
12.	ALLIANCEGROUP NOMINEES (TEMPATAN) SDN. BHD. - PLEDGED SECURITIES ACCOUNT FOR LEE SHEE (7002861)	2,100,000	1.42
13.	ALLIANCEGROUP NOMINEES (TEMPATAN) SDN. BHD PLEDGED SECURITIES ACCOUNT FOR YONG AH PEE (7002857)	1,600,000	1.08
14.	FIZWAH PEMBINAAN SDN. BHD.	1,425,800	0.96
15.	LIAU CHERN YEE	1,343,400	0.91



## **ANALYSIS OF SHAREHOLDINGS (CONT'D)**

#### As at 31 March 2023

#### List of Thirty (30) Largest Shareholders as at 31 March 2023 (Cont'd)

No.	Name of Shareholders	No. of Shares Held	%
16.	LIAU CHOON HWA & SONS SDN. BHD.	1,042,300	0.71
17.	TAN MENG HOOI	1,041,700	0.70
18.	HLIB NOMINEES (TEMPATAN) SDN. BHD - HONG LEONG BANK BHD. FOR TEH SHIOU CHERNG	766,000	0.52
19.	LIM TEIK HONG	759,600	0.51
20.	CIMB GROUP NOMINEES (ASING) SDN. BHD EXEMPT AN FOR DBS BANK LTD. (SFS)	708,900	0.48
21.	KOH POH SENG	708,500	0.48
22.	L.T.M HOLDINGS SDN. BHD.	645,900	0.44
23.	LIAU KEEN YEE	604,300	0.41
24.	YOONG HOI YEN	559,100	0.38
25.	WANG SHU LAN	485,700	0.33
26.	YEAM SEW MOY @ NYIAM SIEW MOY	480,000	0.32
27.	MAYBANK NOMINEES (TEMPATAN) SDN. BHD CHUA ENG HO WA'A @ CHUA ENG WAH	419,800	0.28
28.	SWISSSOUND ORGANIZATION SDN. BHD.	416,700	0.28
29.	YEAM SEW MOY @ NYIAM SIEW MOY	410,000	0.28
30.	LEONG TUD SENG	405,000	0.27

#### **Directors' Shareholdings**

Directors' Shareholdings and Interest in Shares as at 31 March 2023

No.	Name of Directors	No. of Shares Held	%
1.	Datuk Chua Hock Gee	Nil	Nil
2.	Mr. Lau Fook Meng	Nil	Nil
3	Mr. Hew Chee Hau	Nil	Nil
4	Mr. Cheng Lai Chuan	Nil	Nil
5	Ms Wong See Mei	Nil	Nil



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#### NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Thirty-Seventh Annual General Meeting of the Company will be held at Klang Executive Club, Persiaran Bukit Raja 2, Bandar Baru Klang, 41150 Klang, Selangor Darul Ehsan on Friday, 2 June 2023 at 11:00 a.m. for the following purposes:-

#### **AGENDA**

#### AS ORDINARY BUSINESS

1. To receive the Audited Financial Statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2022 together with the Reports of the Directors and Auditors thereon.

Please refer to Note 1

2. To approve the payment of Directors' fees and benefits up to RM87,250.00 or the financial year ended 31 December 2022.

**Ordinary Resolution 1** 

3. To approve the payment of Directors' fees and benefits up to RM107,250.00 from this Annual General Meeting until next Annual General Meeting of the Company.

**Ordinary Resolution 2** 

- 4. To re-elect the following Directors retiring in accordance with the Company's Constitution:-
  - (a) Hew Chee Hau (Clause 78)

**Ordinary Resolution 3** 

(b) Cheng Lai Chuan (Clause 79)

**Ordinary Resolution 4** 

(c) Wong See Mei (Clause 79)

**Ordinary Resolution 5** 

To re-appoint Grant Thornton Malaysia PLT as Auditors of the Company and to hold office until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting and to authorise the Directors to fix the Auditors' remuneration.

**Ordinary Resolution 6** 

#### AS SPECIAL BUSINESS

To consider and, if thought fit, to pass the following resolution:-

## 6. AUTHORITY TO ALLOT SHARES PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 75 AND 76 OF THE COMPANIES ACT 2016

"THAT pursuant to Sections 75 and 76 of the Companies Act 2016, and subject to the approval from other relevant governmental/regulatory authorities, the Directors be and are hereby empowered to allot shares in the Company from time to time and upon such terms and conditions and for such purposes as the Directors may deem fit provided that the aggregate number of shares allotted pursuant to this resolution does not exceed 10% of the total number of issued shares of the Company at the time of submission to the authority and that such authority shall continue in force until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting of the Company AND THAT the Directors be and are hereby also empowered to obtain the approval from Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad for the listing of and quotation of the additional shares so allotted.

AND THAT pursuant to Section 85 of the Companies Act 2016 to be read together with Clause 8 of the Company's Constitution, approval be and is hereby to waive the statutory pre-emptive rights of the shareholders of the Company to be offered with new Company shares ranking equally to the existing issued Company shares arising from any issuance of the new Company shares pursuant to Sections 75 and 76 of the Companies Act 2016."

**Ordinary Resolution 7** 



#### NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (CONT'D)

7. To transact any other business which may properly be transacted at an Annual General Meeting for which due notice shall have been given.

By order of the Board

LIM SECK WAH (MAICSA 0799845)
(SSM PRACTICING CERTIFICATE NO. 202008000054)
M. CHANDRASEGARAN A/L S. MURUGASU (MAICSA 0781031)
(SSM PRACTICING CERTIFICATE NO. 202008002193)
Company Secretaries

Kuala Lumpur

Dated this 28th day of April 2023

#### **NOTES:-**

- (i) For the purpose of determining a member who shall be entitled to attend, speak and vote at the Annual General Meeting, the Company shall be requesting the Record of Depositors as at 26 May 2023. Only a depositor whose name appears on the Record of Depositors as at 26 May 2023 shall be entitled to attend the said meeting or appoint proxies to attend, speak and vote on his/her stead.
- (ii) A member shall be entitled to appoint up to two (2) proxies to attend and vote in his place. Where a member appoints two (2) proxies, he shall specify the proportion of his holdings to be represented by each proxy. All voting will be conducted by way of poll.
- (iii) (a) Where a member of the Company is an authorised nominee as defined under the Securities Industry (Central Depositories) Act 1991, it may appoint at least one (1) proxy in respect of each securities account it holds with ordinary shares of the Company standing to the credit of the said securities account.
  - (b) Where a member of the Company is an exempt authorised nominee which holds ordinary shares in the Company for multiple beneficial owners in one securities account ("omnibus account"), there is no limit to the number of proxies which the exempt authorised nominee may appoint in respect of each omnibus account it holds.
- (iv) If the appointer is a corporation, the proxy form must be executed under its Common Seal or under the hand of its attorney.
- (v) The instrument appointing a proxy and the power of attorney, if any, under which it is signed or a certified copy thereof must be deposited at the Company's registered office at Level 15-2, Bangunan Faber Imperial Court, Jalan Sultan Ismail, 50250 Kuala Lumpur or email to <a href="mailto:mega-sharereg@megacorp.com.my">mega-sharereg@megacorp.com.my</a> not less than forty-eight (48) hours before the time set for holding the Meeting or any adjournment thereof. For those who have emailed the proxy form, please submit the original at any time before the time appointed for the meeting or to the registration staff on the meeting day for the Company's record.



#### NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (CONT'D)

#### NOTES (CONT'D):-

- (vi) Explanatory notes on Special Business:-
  - 1. The Audited Financial Statements are for discussion only as the Company's Constitution provides that the audited financial statements are to be laid in the general meeting but does not require a formal approval of shareholders.
  - 2. Ordinary Resolution 7: Authority to Allot Shares

The proposed Ordinary Resolution 7 is primarily to give flexibility to the Board of Directors to allot shares not more than 10% of the total number of issued shares at any time in their absolute discretion and for such purposes as they consider would be in the interest of the Company without convening a general meeting. This authority, unless revoked or varied at a general meeting, will expire at the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting of the Company.

The Company continues to consider opportunities to broaden its earnings potential. If any of the expansion/diversification proposals involves the allotment of new shares, the Directors, under certain circumstances when the opportunity arises, would have to convene a general meeting to approve the allotment of new shares even though the number involved may be less than 10% of the total number of issued shares of the Company.

In order to avoid any delay and costs involved in convening a general meeting to approve such allotment of shares, it is thus considered appropriate that the Directors be empowered to allot shares in the Company, up to any amount not exceeding in total 10% of the total number of issued shares of the Company at the time of submission to the authority, for such purposes. The renewed authority for allotment of shares will provide flexibility to the Company for the allotment of shares for the purpose of funding future investment, working capital and/or acquisitions.

No shares have been issued and allotted by the Company since the said authority obtained from its shareholders at the last Annual General Meeting held on 17 June 2022.

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		No. of ordinary shares held			
		CDS Account No.			
PROXY FORM (Before completing this form pl	ease refer to the notes below)				
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being a member/member	s of KPS CONSORTIUM BERH	(AD hereby appoint the follow	ing person(	(s):-	
Full Name (in Black)	NRIC/Passport No.	Proportion of Sh	of Shareholdings		
		No. of Shares		<b>%</b>	
Address					
Email Address					
Mobile Phone No.					
And/or*					
Full Name (in Black)	NRIC/Passport No.	Proportion of Shareholdings			
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behalf at the Thirty-Sev	nairman of the Meeting as *my/our enth Annual General Meeting of Bandar Baru Klang, Selangor Darul ote as indicated below:-	the Company will be held at	Klang Ex	ecutive Club,	
			FOR	AGAINST	
Ordinary Resolution 1					
for financial year ended 31 December 2022  Ordinary Resolution 2 - Approval of Directors' fees and benefits up to RM107,250.00 from this Annual General Meeting until next Annual General Meeting of the Company					
Ordinary Resolution 3 - Re-election of Director, Hew Chee Hau					
Ordinary Resolution 4 - Re-election of Director, Cheng Lai Chuan					
Ordinary Resolution 5 - Re-election of Director, Wong See Mei					
Ordinary Resolution 6 - Re-appointment of the retiring auditors, Grant Thornton Malaysia PLT					
Ordinary Resolution 7	- Authority to Allot Shares				
(Please indicate with an '	X" in the space provided above on	how you wish your vote to be	cast. If you	ı do not do so,	

Dated this.....day of......2023

the proxy will vote or abstain from voting at his/her discretion).

Signature/Common Seal of shareholder

<sup>\*</sup> Strike out whichever is not desired.

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The Company Secretary,

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#### ANNUAL REPORT REQUISITION FORM

To: The Company Secretary, **KPS Consortium Berhad** 

Level 15-2, Bangunan Faber Imperial Court,

Jalan Sultan Ismail, 50250 Kuala Lumpur

#### REQUEST FORM FOR HARD COPY OF THE ANNUAL REPORT 2022

Please find below my complete particulars for the delivery of a printed copy of KPS Consortium Berhad Annual Report 2022:-

Particulars of Shareholder				
Name of Shareholder				
NRIC No./Passport No./Company No.	:			
CDS Account No.	:			
Mailing Address	:			
	:			
	:			
Contact No.	:			
Signature of Shareholder				

*Note:* 

KPS Consortium Berhad adopts electronic Annual Report 2022.

You can download the Annual Report 2022 from KPSCB Bursa website or log into the Company's website <u>www.kpsconsortium.com.my</u> to download. Alternatively, the Company shall forward a hard copy of the Annual Report to the shareholder within four (4) market days from the date of receipt of the request.

For any enquiries, the shareholders of the Company may contact:

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