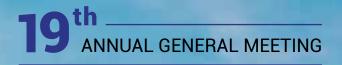


### **BENALEC HOLDINGS BERHAD**

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FAZRIN AZWAR BIN MD. NOR Chairman, Independent Non-Executive Director KENNETH CHIN KAH KIONG Independent Non-Executive Director

LEAW AI LIN Non-Independent Non-Executive Director DATO' LEAW SENG HAI Group Managing Director/ Chief Executive Officer

# BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### **Corporate Information**

#### **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

Chairman: Kenneth Chin Kah Kiong

Members: Fazrin Azwar bin Md. Nor Leaw Ai Lin Koo Hoong Kwan (resigned on 7 March 2024)

#### **REMUNERATION COMMITTEE**

Chairman: Kenneth Chin Kah Kiong

Members: Fazrin Azwar bin Md. Nor Leaw Ai Lin Koo Hoong Kwan (resigned on 7 March 2024)

#### **NOMINATION COMMITTEE**

Chairman: Kenneth Chin Kah Kiong

Members: Fazrin Azwar bin Md. Nor Leaw Ai Lin Koo Hoong Kwan (resigned on 7 March 2024)

#### **EVALUATION COMMITTEE**

Chairman: Kenneth Chin Kah Kiong (redesignated as Chairman of the Evaluation Committee on 30 May 2024)

Former Chairman: Koo Hoong Kwan (resigned on 7 March 2024)

Members: Dato' Leaw Seng Hai Leaw Ai Lin

#### **COMPANY SECRETARIES**

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#### **PRINCIPAL BANKERS**

AmBank (M) Berhad Malayan Banking Berhad United Overseas Bank Limited United Overseas Bank (Malaysia) Berhad

#### **STOCK EXCHANGE LISTING**

Main Market of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad

Stock Name : **BENALEC** Stock Code : **5190** 

#### **COMPANY WEBSITES**

www.benalec.com.my www.tgpiaimaritime.com.my www.pengerangmaritime.com.my



### **CORPORATE PROFILE**

# VISION

Our vision is to achieve and maintain a high degree of professional expertise, coupled with dedicated and very experienced management, with the objective of enhancing our commitment to participate actively as one of the foremost homegrown Marine Construction Solution Providers contributing positively to the economic development of Malaysia.

# MISSION

Our mission is to be a provider of an integrated, one-stop centre for marine construction services with the competency and capability to consistently deliver top-grade quality services to all our customers.

### **Corporate Profile**

**BENALEC HOLDINGS BERHAD** was incorporated on 12 July 2005 as a private limited company under the name of Benalec Holdings Sdn Bhd. Subsequently, the Company was converted into a public limited company and assumed its present name on 29 September 2010. On 17 January 2011, Benalec Holdings Berhad ("Benalec" or "The Group") was listed on the Main Board of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad.

Founded by the late Mr. Leaw Eng Chang, Leaw Eng Chang Construction Co. Sdn Bhd. was first incorporated in 1978 as a contracting company specialising in civil engineering works. Subsequently in 1996, it was renamed as Benalec Sdn. Bhd. "Benalec" was derived from combining the Malay word "BENA" (which means to build or construct) with "LEC" which were the initials of Mr. Leaw Eng Chang.

Our first foray into the marine construction industry was in 1993 when Benalec was awarded two coastal protection work projects by Jabatan Pengairan dan Saliran, which includes the restoration of the damaged bund at Sungai Belukang, Bagan Datoh, Perak. Despite being widely recognised as one of the most difficult coastal protection works in Malaysia, Benalec earned high commendation for the successful completion of the project ahead of schedule and under extreme circumstances. This has become the foundation of Benalec's strong belief today that every adversity could be turned into opportunity.

The core values which we proudly embrace in Benalec are Innovation, Proactivity and Perseverance; these attributes, which form the foundation of our unique business model, are the source of inspiration driving us on our incessant quest to create value from all areas within the space we have chosen to operate in. Apart from our portfolio of securing land reclamation contracts from third parties, Benalec has been successfully undertaking its own projects, including land reclamation in Melaka, Port Klang and Johor since 2003.

Benalec has in a short span of time emerged as one of Malaysia's topnotch homegrown integrated marine construction solution providers and proven its capability in undertaking high end reclamation projects locally as well as regionally. It is a class "A" Civil and Marine Engineering Contractor registered with Sijil Perolehan Kerja Kerajaan (SPKK) and Construction Industry Development Board Malaysia (CIDB) and is an ISO 9001:2015 certified company. Benalec has also further expanded its operations into Singapore with the setting up of Benalec Sdn. Bhd. Singapore Branch, which has also achieved ISO 9001:2015 and is registered with the Building and Construction Authority (BCA) Singapore under SY01-L6.

Equipped with professional expertise and experience in marine and civil engineering works, coupled with its own wide range of marine equipment and marine vessels now at its disposal, Benalec Group has extended its capacity and capability to become a provider of an integrated, onestop centre for marine construction services, competent in delivering top-grade quality services to its customers.

## **KEY MILESTONES**

## THE JOURNEY BEGINS

### 1978

 Incorporated as an earthwork and general contractor serving major clients such as MADA, JKR, JPS and PKNK

### 1993

Awarded two coastal protection works project in Sungai Belukang and Sungai Tiang, Perak by JPS which marks our first foray into the marine construction industry



### 1995

• Built our first vessel, a Twin Screw Anchor Handling Tugboat

### 1996

Changed our name from Leaw Eng Chang Construction Co. Sdn. Bhd. to Benalec Sdn. Bhd.



### 2000

First turnkey Design & Build, Construction of Jetty, Helipad, Staircase and Associated Works at Pulau Perak, Kedah



Commenced first land reclamation project in Pantai Kok, Pulau Langkawi, Kedah





First turnkey Design & Build, Beach nourishment works in Port Dickson (5km length)



Land reclamation and soil improvement works for Glenmarie Cove Project, Port Klang



Maiden large-scale land reclamation project in Melaka



### 2005

 Obtained ISO 9001:2000 for the provision of marine engineering and construction works and the provision of marine vessels and equipment chartering services

### 2008

Nusajaya Waterfront Precinct Project, Construction of marina at Puteri Harbour, Nusajaya Johor



Secured contract to supply and deliver sand to Tuas View reclamation in Singapore via a related company



Expanded our shipbuilding business activities through Benalec Shipyard



## **Key Milestones**

2009

 Benalec's ISO upgraded to ISO 9001:2008

### 2010

 Benalec Singapore Branch obtained ISO 9001:2008 and OHSAS 18001:2007



Land reclamation for Pulau Indah, Port Klang

### 2011

Listed on the Main Market of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad (stock code : 5190)



 Benalec Singapore Branch obtained ISO 14001 : 2007



Commencement of reclamation at Tanjung Piai Maritime Industrial Park



### 2017

Commencement of reclamation at Pengerang Maritime Industrial Park



• Benalec's ISO upgraded to ISO 9001 : 2015



 Benalec Singapore Branch's ISO upgraded to ISO 14001 : 2015

## 2018

Construction, completion and maintenance of rock revetment and associated works for Oriental Boon Siew (M) Sdn. Bhd. in Melaka





Commencement of the coal affreightment contract for TNB Fuel Services



 Benalec Singapore Branch upgraded OHSAS 45001 : 2018

## 2023

Construction & completion of reclamation works for Phase 1 & 2 for Puncak Jasasia Sdn Bhd in Melaka.



## 2024

Construction, completion & maintenance of coastal reclamation works of 800 ac in Melaka for Oriental Boon Siew (M) Sdn Bhd.



### THE JOURNEY CONTINUES



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### CORPORATE STRUCTURE



### **Corporate Structure**

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#### >>>> 100%

OCEANVIEW REALTY SDN BHD 201001014645 (898879-K)

#### >>>> 100%

OG MARINE SDN BHD 200201030023 (597686-X)

#### >>> 100%

ORIENTALCOVE REALTY SDN BHD 200601017630 (737382-W)

#### > 100%

PENGERANG MARITIME INDUSTRIES SDN BHD 201101016494 (944630-X)

### >> 70%

SPEKTRUM BUDI SDN BHD 201101012585 (940725-W)

#### >>>> 100%

SENTOSACOVE DEVELOPMENT SDN BHD 200801024339 (825663-A)

#### >>>> 100%

STRATEGIC COVE SDN BHD 201001014604 (898838-A)

#### >>> 100%

STRATEGIC LAND SDN BHD 201001014611 (898845-T)

#### >>>> 100%

TANJUNG PIAI MARITIME INDUSTRIES SDN BHD 201101015140 (943274-D)

#### >> 70%

SPEKTRUM KUKUH SDN BHD 201101013821 (941961-V)

### >>>> 100%

WILAJATI SDN BHD 200801023570 (824893-W)

### >>> 100%

OCEANLINE (LABUAN) LTD (LL06799)

#### >>>> 100%

OCEAN MARINE LTD (LL07031)

>>> 100%

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PACIFIC LTD (LL07033)

### **PROFILE OF DIRECTORS**



#### FAZRIN AZWAR BIN MD. NOR

Chairman, Independent Non-Executive Director

📧 59 🕺 Male 📁 Malaysian 🛛 🐼 🖓 Male 📁 Malaysian

**Fazrin Azwar bin Md. Nor**, was appointed as an Independent Non-Executive Director of the Company on 27 February 2019. On 1 April 2023, he was re-designated as Chairman of the Board. He is a member of the Audit Committee, Nomination Committee and Remuneration Committee of the Company. He is an Advocate and Solicitor and a member of the Malaysian BAR. He is also a Fellow of the Institute of Corporate Directors Malaysia (ICDM) and chartered Audit Committee member of the Institute of Internal Auditors Malaysia (IIAM).

His directorships in other public companies include as the Non-Independent Non-Executive Chairman of Mercury Industries Berhad and an Independent Non-Executive Director of Dynafront Holdings Berhad. He also holds several Directorships in various private limited companies. He has not been convicted of any offences within the past ten (10) years. He attended all five (5) board meetings held during the financial year ended 31 December 2024. Group Managing Director / Chief Executive Officer

DATO' LEAW SENG HAI

**Dato' Leaw Seng Hai**, was appointed to the Board as a Director of the Company on 12 July 2005. He was redesignated as Group Managing Director on 5 October 2010 and was further redesignated as Group Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer on 11 February 2015. He is a member of the Evaluation Committee. He obtained a Bachelor of Science (Engineering) with Second Class Honours (Upper Division) from University College of London, United Kingdom in 1985. Upon graduation, he joined the family's civil engineering business as a Site Engineer tasked with overall site management. He was promoted to the position of Project Manager in 1992 and assumed the position of Managing Director in 1994.

Dato' Leaw has accumulated extensive expertise in marine construction and business management over these past thirty-three (33) years. He has been the driving force behind the Group's remarkable growth and remains the chief architect in conceptualising, formalising and implementing the Group's strategies. He maintains a hands-on approach and is actively involved in overall contract implementation, execution and management of all projects undertaken by the Group to ensure that the Group remains consistently reliable, cost-effective and efficient. His in-depth knowledge of marine construction has been the key factor in the Group's success in securing major marine construction contracts.

He is not a director of any other public company. He is a Director of Oceancove Sdn Bhd, a substantial shareholder of the Company. He has direct interest in the securities of the Company and is an indirect shareholder of the Company. He is the father of Leaw Ai Lin, a Non-Independent Non-Executive Director of the Company. Save as disclosed above, he has no family relationship with any other director and/or major shareholder of the Company. He has no conflict of interest with the Company except for certain recurrent related party transactions of a revenue or trading nature which are necessary for the day to-day operations of the Group. He attended all five (5) board meetings held during the financial year ended 31 December 2024.

### **Profile of Directors**



#### **KENNETH CHIN KAH KIONG**

Independent Non-Executive Director

📧 52 🕺 Male 📁 Malaysian

Kenneth Chin Kah Kiong, was appointed as an Independent Non-Executive Director on 30 December 2022. He is also the Chairman of the Audit Committee, Nomination Committee, Remuneration Committee and a member of the Evaluation Committee of the Company. He is a member of Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) and Malaysian Institute of Accountants (MIA). He has more than twenty-five (25) years of extensive experience in various spectrum of finance functions encompassing accounting, taxation, financial reporting and corporate finance across industries including construction, property development, hotel, retail and food & beverages in public listed companies. He joined the Company as Chief Financial Officer in 2010 and served as the Executive Director of the Company from 2016 until 2017. His positions in the past prior to this role includes Chief Financial Officer at Focus Point Holdings Berhad and Group Financial Controller at Karambunai Corp Bhd.

His directorships in other public company includes Focus Lumber Berhad. Except for his direct shareholding interest in the Company, he has no family relationship with and of the Directors and/or major shareholder of the Company and has no conflict of interest with the Company. He has not been convicted of any offences within the past ten (10) years. He attended all five (5) board meetings held during the financial year ended 31 December 2024.

LEAW AI LIN Non-Independent Non-Executive Director

📧 33 🛛 🕺 Female 📁 Malaysian

Leaw Ai Lin, was appointed as a Non-Independent Non-Executive Director of the Company on 16 October 2020. She is a member of the Audit Committee, Nomination Committee, Remuneration Committee and Evaluation Committee of the Company. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Accounting and Finance with First Class Honours from the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), United Kingdom. She later attended Harvard University's Undergraduate Summer School in Boston, Massachusetts, United States of America, where she completed an undergraduate programme in Corporate Strategy.

She began her career in investment banking as a client coverage banker with Hong Leong Investment Bank (HLIB) where she participated in structuring and executing M&A transactions in industries such as real estate, property development and oil & gas. During her time at HLIB, she assisted in pitching for and the execution of various corporate exercises involving IPOs, RTOs, equity as well as debt issuances. She later joined the Company as Senior Manager to head the Corporate Strategy and Business Development departments. Following her appointment as Executive Director, her role consists of planning and establishing the Company's long-term strategic goals, identifying and assessing new synergistic business areas aligned with the Company's core competencies as well as executing these strategies with the aim of adding value and improving the Company's competitive position. She was then re-designated to her current position in 2020.

She has no directorships in other public companies. She is the daughter of Dato' Leaw Seng Hai, a Director and substantial shareholder of the Company. Save as disclosed, she does not have any family relationship with any other Directors and/or major shareholders of the Company, nor any conflict of interest with the Company. She has not been convicted of any offences within the past ten (10) years. She attended all five (5) board meetings held during the financial year ended 31 December 2024.

### **Profile of Directors**



#### **KOO HOONG KWAN**

Non-Independent Non-Executive Director (Resigned on 7 March 2024)

📧 80 🛛 🕺 Male 🛛 📁 Malaysian

**Koo Hoong Kwan**, was appointed as an Independent Non-Executive Director on 5 October 2010. Subsequently, he was appointed as Senior Independent Non-Executive Director on 26 February 2013. He was redesignated as a Non-Independent Non-Executive Director on 10 April 2023. He is also a member of the Audit Committee, Nomination Committee, Remuneration Committee and Chairman of Evaluation Committee of the Company, prior to his resignation on 7 March 2024.

He obtained a degree in Bachelor of Economics in Statistics (Second Class Honours) from the University of Malaya in 1969. He is a Fellow Member of The Chartered Institute of Management Accountants of United Kingdom and is also a member of the Malaysian Institute of Accountants (MIA). Additionally, he is a Certified Financial Planner and a Certified Quality Trainer. He commenced his career as a Statistician in the Department of Statistics in 1969. In 1979, he worked as an audit senior in Miller, Brener & Co, a London firm of Chartered Accountants and gained audit experience in a wide range of industries. During the period from 1983 to 1987 he extended his auditing experience with McLaren & Stewart, a firm of Chartered Accountants in Perth when he relocated to Australia. He subsequently joined Hughes Group (Australia) Ltd, a group of diversified companies as a Finance Manager. In 1989, he joined W. James & Associates, a firm of financial and business consultants as a freelance consultant advising on corporate debt restructuring strategies. Upon his return to Malaysia in 1992, he worked as a Financial Controller in Pesaka Jardine Shipping Agencies Sdn Bhd, an international shipping agency. Between 1998 and 2000, he worked for Pancaran Ikrab Berhad as the Group Financial Controller and later joined Mercury Industries Berhad in a similar capacity. He is currently a freelance consultant providing wide-ranging business and financial advisory services.

His directorships in other public company include Mercury Industries Berhad. He does not hold any securities in the Company. He has no family relationship with any of the Directors and/or major shareholder of the Company and has no conflict of interest with the Company. He has not been convicted of any offences within the past ten (10) years. He attended one (1) board meeting held during the financial year ended 31 December 2024.

### **PROFILE OF KEY MANAGEMENT**

#### **CHIN WEI EE**

Chief Financial Officer

AGE 41 Second Malaysian	AGE 41	🙉 Female	📁 Malaysian	
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**Chin Wei Ee**, graduated with a Bachelor of Accounting (Hons.) from Multimedia University in 2009. She is also a member of CPA Australia and Malaysia Institute of Accountants (MIA).

Upon obtaining her degree, she started her career as an Internal Auditor in Tien Wah Press Holdings Berhad and thereafter proceeded to join the finance department of GPA Holdings Berhad. She joined the Company in 2013 as a Group Accountant and was promoted to Financial Controller in 2016. She was promoted to her current position in 2019 and currently oversees the financial management of the Group.

She is not a director of any public company. She has no family relationship with any of the Directors and/or major shareholder of the Company and has not conflict of interest with the Company. She has not been convicted of any offences with the past ten (10) years.

#### **NORAZIRA BINTI SAIDUN**

Head of Contracts & Operations

AGE 45	🙊 Female	📁 Malaysian	
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**Norazira Binti Saidun**, graduated with a Diploma in Building in 2001 and a Bachelor Science of Building Surveying with Honours in 2003 from the MARA University of Technology. Upon graduation, she joined our Group as a Quantity Surveyor and has accumulated direct relevant knowledge and exposure to different civil, marine and building engineering works. In the course of her years with our Group, she has also been extensively exposed to both pre and post contract works, having taken lead roles in managing the tendering processes and overseen many projects from inception to completion. She is now Head of Contracts cum Operations, primarily responsible for managing the overall pre and post contract administration of the Group.

She is not a director of any public company. She has no family relationship with any of the Directors and/or major shareholder of the Company and has no conflict of interest with the Company. She has not been convicted of any offences within the past ten (10) years.

#### KOID HENG HUA

Project Director

#### **TAN GUAN CHONG**

Acting General Manager, Projects & Operations



**Koid Heng Hua**, completed his Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia Vokasional. He joined the Company in 1995 as a Project Supervisor and has since accumulated more than twentynine (29) years experience in civil and marine construction works. His role includes managing the Company's civil and marine construction projects which includes dredging, reclamation, rock revetment works, marine structures and jetties, breakwater construction, pre-bore and marine piling works. With his vast on-site management experience, he was promoted as Senior Project Manager in 2014. He is now the Project Director and is assigned with the responsibility of overseeing key areas in project planning, project implementation, monitoring and management of site activities.

He is not a director of any public company. He has no family relationship with any of the Directors and/or major shareholder of the Company and has no conflict of interest with the Company. He has not been convicted of any offences within the past ten (10) years.

**Tan Guan Chong**, graduated with a Bachelor (Hons) of Mass Communication from SEGi University. He started his career with Sunway IFM in 2011 as Public Relations Officer and joined the Group as Supervisor in 2015. He was promoted as Project Manager in March 2017 and was assigned with the responsibility of monitoring site activities for Johor projects. With hands-on operational experience at the project sites of the Group, he was redesignated to his current position in 2019 and currently responsible for the operational planning and project implementation from a managerial position, while continuously handles the management of site operations for the projects of the Group based in Melaka and Johor.

He is not a director of any public company. He is the nephew of Dato' Leaw Seng Hai, a Director and substantial shareholder of the Company, and the cousin of Leaw Ai Lin, a Director of the Company. Save as disclosed, he does not have any family relationship with any other Directors and/ or major shareholders of the Company, nor any conflict of interest with the Company. He has not been convicted of any offences within the past ten (10) years.

### Profile of Key Management

SALEHUDIN BIN OMAR

Marine & Adminstration Manager

#### **NORMALAWATI NADZRI**

Senior Manager, Operations & Human Resources and Administration

**Normalawati**, graduated with Executive Masters in Management from Asia E University in 2013. She has vast experience and knowledge in Human Resource Management in various industries namely Property Developer, Construction and MNC Manufacturing. She was with Puncak Niaga Group (2001 – 2006), SP Setia Group (2007-2008) and DRB Hicom Group (2009 – 2014).

Normalawati joined the Group in 2015 and is responsible to oversee the Human Resource and Admin potfolio. She was redesignated to her current position in 2019.

She is not a director of any public company. She has no family relationship with any of the Directors and/or major shareholder of the Company and has no conflict of interest with the Company. She has not been convicted of any offences within the past ten (10) years.

#### **Salehudin**, completed his Sijil Tinggi Pelajaran Malaysia ("STPM") pre-university education. He started his career with Equator Engineering Sdn Bhd from 1993 to 2010. In August 2010, he joined the Group as Human Resource & Adminstration Assistant. Progressively, he expanded his role into marine administration and was promoted to his current position in 2019, overseeing all aspects of marine administration activities.

He is not a director of any public company. He has no family relationship with any of the Directors and/or major shareholder of the Company and has no conflict of interest with the Company. He has not been convicted of any offences within the past ten (10) years.

### MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

#### **OVERVIEW OF THE GROUP'S BUSINESS AND OPERATIONS**

The principal activity of Benalec Holdings Berhad ("Benalec" or "the Group") is in marine construction works, comprising land reclamation, dredging, shore protection, soil consolidation, beach nourishment, breakwater construction and jetty construction. The Group owns and operates its own fleet of vessels which is utilised for its own operations to ensure that the Group is in full control of the entire value chain of its reclamation works.

Benalec's business model is unique, in that it seeks to secure and hold land reclamation concessions in its own capacity; undertake and fund reclamation works using internally generated funds as far as possible; and operate as the master developer for its own reclaimed land bank. In adopting this strategic business model, Benalec sets itself apart from other land reclamation contractors who are primarily or solely engaged in reclamation activities for or on behalf of other third parties.

By acting as the master developer, project owner and contractor of its own projects, Benalec is able to create and realise more value to further enhance returns on invested capital.

Benalec has a proven, consistent and solid track record, having secured an aggregate concession size in excess of 8,000 acres across the Klang Valley, Melaka and Johor. Since year 2001, the Group has successfully reclaimed land spanning more than 2,700 acres.

#### FINANCIAL RESULTS AND REVIEW OF OPERATING ACTIVITIES

The financial year 2024 ("FY2024") continued to be a challenging yet fruitful year for Benalec as it unfolded against a backdrop of economic uncertainties and heightened global geopolitical risks.

#### **Profit Before Taxation**

The Group achieved a noteworthy financial result in FY2024 to record a profit before tax of RM13.03 million, reflecting a significant increase of 120.81% or RM75.64 million as compared to the loss before tax of RM62.61 million in prior financial year 2023 ("FY2023"). The increase of profit is in line with the increase in revenue of approximately 143.96% or RM53.90million, recorded at RM91.33 million in FY2024 compared to RM37.43 million in FY2023.

The Group has three (3) operating segments that are managed separately according to their attributes and operational characteristics. The reportable segments are as follows:-

- (a) Marine construction activities;
- (b) Vessel chartering and marine transportation; and
- (c) Other operating segment comprising investment holding.

#### FINANCIAL RESULTS AND REVIEW OF OPERATING ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)

#### **Profit Before Taxation (Continued)**

No revenue contribution is recorded from the Group's vessel chartering operations and marine transportation segment for both FY2024 and FY2023. The revenue generated from the marine construction activities segment is as detailed below: -

#### (i) Land reclamation services

Revenue derived from land reclamation services was the main contributor to the Group's revenue in FY2024, recorded at RM56.48 million, an approximate increase of 88.17% compared to RM30.02 million in FY2023. Such increase in segmental revenue was partly due to recoverability of reclamation costs that was recognised as "Cost of Sales" in FY2023 Statement of Profit or Loss, of which the recognisable revenue (i.e., progress billing certified by customer according to milestones achieve) is only recognised in FY2024. This temporary timing differences on the recognition of cost and revenue is in line with the Malaysia Financial Reporting Standard, MFRS 15.

Revenue from land reclamation services was predominantly generated from reclamation contracts undertaken by the Group for third parties in Malaysia. The outstanding order book of the Group for all land reclamation contracts in Melaka and Pulau Indah as at the end of FY2024 stands at RM62.09million.

In addition to the land reclamation revenue recognition in Melaka and Pulau Indah, the Group has undertaken land reclamation works in south Johor, namely Tanjung Piai Maritime Industrial Park ("TPMIP") and Pengerang Maritime Industrial Park ("PMIP"). As of FY2024, an amount of more than RM425.72 million of development expenditure has been capitalised as land reclamation work-in-progress for both these projects. The Development Agreements which grant the exclusive right to subsidiaries of the Group to undertake the reclamation and development of TPMIP and PMIP were entered into by Spektrum Kukuh Sdn Bhd and Spektrum Budi Sdn Bhd respectively (both are 70%-owned subsidiaries of Benalec) with the State Government of Johor Darul Ta'zim and the State Secretary, Johor (Incorporated) ("SSI"). According to accounting standards adopted by the Group, no revenue or profit can be recognised throughout the reclamation and development process and can only be recognised upon successful disposal and/or leasing of the land at TPMIP and PMIP to third parties.

#### (ii) Disposal of land held for sale



The revenue from the disposal of land held for sale segment was recorded at RM34.85 million, as compared to RM7.42 million in FY2023, representing an increase of approximately 369.70%.



Benalec's business model is unique in that land reclamation works performed by the Group are compensated either by way of cash or land portion, or a combination of both. Land portion, which is received as in-kind settlement for certain reclamation contracts, is available for immediate sale and cash repayment is typically realised through a land disposal transaction. In accordance with accounting standards adopted by the Group, the revenue and cost of sale for these land sale transactions can only be recognised in the income statement upon completion of the SPA for each land sale.

The Group's ability to monetise its reclaimed land is highly dependent on the prevailing economic conditions as well as the political climate of the country. Potential land buyers are understandably cautious in terms of committing to new investments, especially if the prevailing economic conditions are unstable or uncertain.

To-date, the Group has existing landbank of 28.34 acres in Melaka and 46.38 acres in Pulau Indah, which have been fully reclaimed available for sale in its inventory. The Group expects the demand for its land bank in Melaka to remain resilient due to the sustained and rapid developments taking place in Melaka. This is further supported by the Melaka Waterfront Economic Zone ("M-WEZ") initiated by the Melaka State Government, which is envisaged to be an economic enabler for Melaka due to its proposed integrated development of a 25,000-acre reclaimed land along 33km of the coast of Melaka.

#### FINANCIAL RESULTS AND REVIEW OF OPERATING ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)

#### Assets, Liabilities and Liquidity

The Group recorded a decrease in Trade and Other Receivables by 35.69% or RM4.91 million, closing at RM8.84 million in FY2024 compared to RM13.75 million in FY2023. In tandem with the increase in revenue as abovementioned, the Borrowings and Trade and Other Payables of the Group had also decreased by 42.91% and 21.82% or RM22.83 million and RM38.16 million respectively.

As at the end of FY2024, the Group had cash and bank balances of RM27.09 million, including deposits pledged as security for the Group's banking facilities. Please refer to the Statement of Cash Flows under the Financial Performance section of this Annual Report for the detailed breakdown.

#### ANTICIPATED OR KNOWN RISKS

Our Group operates in the marine construction business and its primary activity involves reclaiming and selling large tracts of commercial and industrial land, operations which are both capital intensive and necessitate long gestation periods. Our business operations and financial condition have been and will continue to be affected by internal and external factors predominantly affecting the marine construction and property/real estate industry, including (but not limited to) the following:-

#### (a) Demand and supply conditions

The demand for marine construction projects and reclaimed sea-fronting land is generally dependent on the demand from the Group's key target markets, such as local and foreign companies as well as government authorities involved in:-

- Mixed residential and commercial developments;
- Light, medium and/or heavy industrial developments;
- Oil and gas, and/or renewable energy industries;
- Tourism and leisure developments;
- Maritime and logistics industries;
- · Civil and agricultural industries; and
- Socio-economic and environment protection initiatives.

In general, an increase in investments and/or activities within these sectors would translate into an increased demand for sea-fronting land which the Group reclaims, with a positive knock-on effect accruing to our marine construction services as well.

The investment appetite of both local and foreign investors is also typically affected by the political landscape, both local and international, prevailing economic conditions, as well as the ease of securing funding.

#### **ANTICIPATED OR KNOWN RISKS (CONTINUED)**

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#### (b) Dependence of economic, regulatory and political consideration

The Group's ability to monetise its reclaimed sea-fronting land is highly dependent on the local political climate as well as the prevailing economic conditions. General market sentiments would turn cautious and conservative with the investment fraternity, especially in major investments of new projects and/or real estate if the prevailing economy and political climate is unstable or uncertain.

Another restrictive dynamic is that marine construction companies are governed by local, national, regional and international regulations and policies. Failure to obtain the necessary approvals may result in inability to undertake such projects while non-compliance may result in stop-work orders, penalties or detention of vessels.

The Group undertakes detailed planning and assessment prior to commencing any given project, formulating and as adhering to a comprehensive project quality plan throughout the course of project execution. However, from time to time, the relevant Authorities may make changes to applicable regulations affecting the Group's operations, thereby obliging the Group to modify its facilities or incur expenses that could impact the Group's operating results.

#### (c) Market prices of reclaimed land upon disposal of our land portion

Under our revenue model, payment for our land reclamation projects is settled by way of cash and/or land portion. In this respect, market prices of the land portion upon disposal is not within the Group's control and is a result of a number of different factors such as the macroeconomic environment and sentiments of the property market in general, as well as factors limited to the locality of the projects including surrounding

upcoming developments and local government regulations.

However, to mitigate this, prior to undertaking a project which the Group will be compensated by way of land portion, comprehensive due diligence is carried out on the land and surrounding vicinity whereby the potential value of the land portion, as well as the demand-supply condition of land in such vicinity, are given due and critical consideration. We also assess the possible infrastructure enhancements on the said lands which could potentially increase their market value.

#### (d) Supply of diesel, sand and rocks



Diesel, sand and rocks constitute major components used in our marine construction activities. Hence, any shortage in the supply of diesel, sand or rocks may affect the operations of the Group. To mitigate this, the Group sources diesel, a key component, from a number of suppliers to minimize over-dependency on any single supplier. In addition, any fluctuation in the prices of diesel, sand or rocks will directly affect the profit margin of the Group. We endeavor to mitigate this uncertainty and fluctuations in the price of sand by entering into agreements with sand concessionaires to extract sand at specified pricing for a defined time period.

#### (e) Delay in completion of marine construction contracts and cost overruns

Marine construction companies are vulnerable to operational risks such as breakdowns of equipment and machinery, volatile weather conditions, and accidents involving operation facilities and personnel during work execution. The Group strives to complete its projects within the stipulated timeframes by adopting the following measures: -

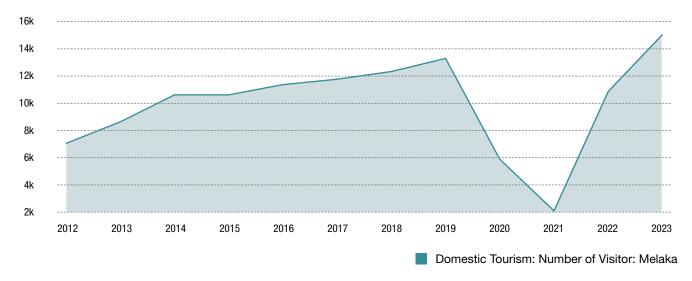
- Our vessels and equipment are well maintained by our own in-house repair and maintenance team and are managed under a programmed maintenance schedule to prevent breakdown and minimize downtime. Personnel operating the Group's vessels and equipment are professionally trained in proper handling of its vessels and equipment, safety requirements and emergency procedures;
- (ii) The Group ensures that it has the necessary back-up resources to cope with unexpected breakdowns at any one time, such as storage of adequate spare parts and back-up equipment; and
- (iii) The Group mitigates the effects of adverse weather conditions through systematic project planning such as taking cognizance of weather forecasts from the Malaysian Meteorological Department and the use of tide tables published by the National Hydrographic Centre to estimate the occurrences of high and low tides.

#### FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

#### Melaka – Cheng Ho City

Demand for the Group's prime sea-fronting reclaimed land bank in Cheng Ho City, Melaka, which is only 7 kilometers away and a mere 12-minute drive to the west of Melaka City Center, continues to be robust due to the sustained and rapid developments taking place in Melaka over the past few years. This is underscored by the Group's ability to monetise more than 1,000 acres of land in Melaka to-date, amounting to more than RM1.43 billion in land sales being achieved.

Designated as a UNESCO-listed World Heritage site, Melaka is one of the popular tourist destinations for both inbound and domestic tourism. After the COVID-19 pandemic starting at the end of 2019/early 2020, which has negatively affected the tourism industry in Melaka throughout the global and national lockdowns, the number of visitors in Melaka has been steadily growing from year 2021 onwards as shown in the chart below.



#### (source: https://www.ceicdata.com/en/malaysia/domestic-tourism/domestic-tourism-number-of-visitors-melaka)

In conjunction with the Visit Melaka Year 2024 ("VMY 2024"), Melaka has attracted approximately 15million visitors and generate RM12.68 billion in revenue. Various programmes will continue to be planned to promote Melaka as a preferred tourism destination, particularly leading up to the World Tourism Day (WTD) and World Tourism Conference (WTC) in 2025, followed by Visit Malaysia Year 2026.

Aside from the tourist-centric and purpose-built tourist-themed developments, Melaka has seen the launch of new developments such as The Sail Melaka, Avalton by The Water, and German Technology Park. These developments are expected to engender renewed interest in Melaka. As part of the Melaka Strategic Plan 2035, the M-WEZ is a proposed integrated development of 25,000-acres of reclaimed land along the coast of Melaka. This development is envisaged as an economic enabler for Melaka and it has been proposed that the project will incorporate new integrated feature such as international tourism centres, lifestyle-based commercial centre, smart city, industrial revolution 4.0, marina logistics centre, modern lifestyle amenities and others. Such project is expected to reinvigorate the tourism industry, as well as boost the economic development plan for Melaka.

With Melaka sustaining its resilient growth trajectory, both in terms of economic development and international prominence, the value of the Group's land bank in the state is bound to be significantly enhanced, and the Group is set to continue to benefit from its land bank and projects in Melaka moving forward.

#### FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

#### **Pulau Indah**

The Group's Pulau Indah land development continues to attract strong interest and demand from various small to medium sized, as well as large scale logistics and manufacturing companies, which are interested in building facilities in the Pulau Indah area. The Group's development provides excellent connectivity with Westport being literally located next door and

Kuala Lumpur International Airport only 45 minutes away.

Spillover effects from surrounding developments within the area will further enhance the value of the Group's land bank in Pulau Indah. Central Spectrum Sdn Bhd's Selangor Bio-Bay, a mixed development comprising industrial, commercial and residential developments focused on promoting biotech and life-science sectors, is located immediately adjacent to the Group's land bank. Moreover, large scale projects which have been announced in the past include IKEA's RM900 million regional distribution and supply chain centre at Central Spectrum's Pulau Indah Industrial Park ("PIIP") development,



is located directly opposite the Group's land bank. Westport, the multi-cargo seaport terminal is located only 8km from the Group's land bank in Pulau Indah. In addition, the 1,200MW Combined-Cycle Gas Turbine Power Plant in Pulau Indah which began its operations on March 2025 is expected to spur further economic growth in the region as the power plant is expected to improve baseload supply for the region and help attract new industrial development investments and stimulate the economic activity within the region.

The Group has recognised one (1) of the five (5) plots of its entitlements in current FY2024, contributing approximately 30.85% to current year gross profit. The Group is confident that its balance land bank of 46.38 acres in Pulau Indah will continue to benefit from the surrounding developments and will be able to be successfully monetised in the near future.

#### Johor – Tanjung Piai Maritime Industrial Park ("TPMIP")

Reclamation works at the Group's TPMIP project have commenced since the Detailed Environmental Impact Assessment ("DEIA") approval was obtained. To-date, around 163 acres of land have been reclaimed for immediate expansion should the requirement arises.



TPMIP is located at the doorstep of other major ports in Southeast Asia such as Jurong Port and Port of Tanjung Pelepas. Coupled with its natural deep water of up to 30 meters and the availability of vast tracts of land for future expansion, TPMIP represents an extremely viable and attractive storage and logistical alternative to the land and draft-restricted Singapore. We are confident that TPMIP's unique characteristics will increase its competitive advantage to capture opportunities that will arise imminently, including its strategic location at the confluence of the Melaka Straits, Singapore Straits and Johor Straits, making it well placed to capture various value-added activities within the oil & gas and renewable energy industry.

The Group is pleased to be in collaboration and discussions with several parties to explore TPMIP's suitability for different projects that align with the National Energy Transition Roadmap ("NETR"), to transition Malaysia's energy system from fossil fuels to more sustainable and cleaner attractives. The NETR sets ambitions targets for Malaysia, aiming to achieve net-zero emissions by 2050. The plan is comprehensive and outlines a gradual increase in renewable energy shares, targeting 31% by 2025, 40% by 2035, and an impresive 70% by 2050. To efficiently make this transition, six (6) energy transition levers have been identified by the Malaysian government, namely Energy Efficiency (EE), Renewable Energy (RE), Hydrogen, Bioenergy, Green Mobility and Carbon Capture, Utilisation and Storage (CCUS). Hence, the NETR is expected to create new investment opportunities for businesses in the clean energy sector, of which the Group's TPMIP is well placed to capture any such arising opportunities, owing to its availability of large tracts of land for new developments and its extremely strategic location.

#### FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

#### Johor – Pengerang Maritime Industrial Park ("PMIP")

The management is bullish on PMIP's potential due to its close proximity to the RAPID project by Petronas which restarted its refinery joint-venture with state-controlled Saudi Aramco since May 2022. The Group firmly believes that PMIP is extremely well placed to capture the spillover demand that is expected to be generated by such a catalytic development aimed at driving the local oil and gas market.

PMIP, being only 5 km away from RAPID, offers an excellent location for the development of downstream support activities which are intended to serve or complement RAPID. Upon completion, PMIP will be the only remaining sea-fronting piece of land affording access to water draft of up to 24m available for third party investments within the Pengerang Integrated Petroleum Complex (PIPC).

PMIP has secured the requisite DEIA approvals for land reclamation and potential topside developments such as storage warehousing, shipyards and fabrication yards for this project. Hence, the most significant licensing hurdle for potential developers has been removed from the equation, thereby significantly expediting any future topside developments at PMIP. To-date, a stock pile measuring about 45 acres has been positioned at the project site for immediate expansion as soon as the requirement arises.

With these two potential areas of growth, namely the TPMIP and PMIP, the Group's venture into Johor provides many opportunities to springboard and propel the Group into a next level of growth in the long term, by enabling the Group to capitalise on any imminent and rising trends.



#### **DIVIDEND POLICY**

The Company's dividend policy is to pay out a portion from its Profit After Tax ("PAT"), subject always to:-

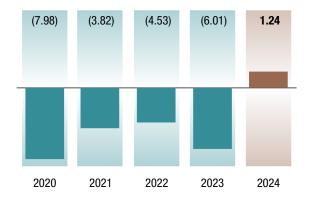
- a. Availability and adequate of distributable reserves and cash flow;
- b. Operating cash flow requirements and financing commitments; and
  c. Anticipated future operating conditions, expansion and investment plans.

The Board did not recommend any dividend for FY2024. As and when circumstances permit, the Group will consider paying out dividends to its shareholders on a more frequent basis.

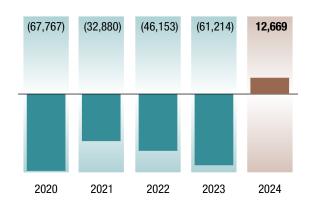
### 161,058 69,900 76,661 37,435 91,327 2020 2022 2023 2024 2021

#### **REVENUE** (RM'000)

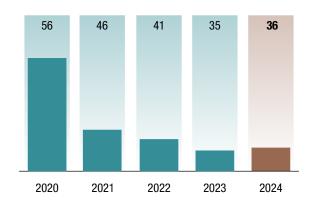




#### **PROFIT/(LOSS) ATTRIBUTABLE TO OWNERS** OF THE PARENT (RM'000)



#### NET ASSETS PER SHARE (Sen)



Year ended		<b>2024</b> <sup>(1)</sup>	<b>2023</b> <sup>(1)</sup>	<b>2022</b> <sup>(1)</sup>	<b>2021</b> <sup>(1)</sup>	2020 (1)
Revenue	(RM'000)	91,327	37,435	76,661	69,900	161,058
Profit/(Loss) Before Taxation	(RM'000)	13,029	(62,608)	(40,791)	(33,277)	(73,814)
Profit/(Loss) After Taxation	(RM'000)	12,035	(62,784)	(47,713)	(33,895)	(69,630)
Profit/(Loss) Attributable to Owners of the Parent	(RM'000)	12,669	(61,214)	(46,153)	(32,880)	(67,767)
Paid-up Capital	(RM'000)	391,936	391,936	391,936	391,936	371,489
No. of Shares (units)	('000)	<b>1,031,603</b> <sup>(2)</sup>	1,031,603(2)	1,031,603(2)	1,031,603 <sup>(2)</sup>	861,803 <sup>(2)</sup>
Equity Attributable to Owners of the Parent	(RM'000)	372,658	359,460	422,904	470,963	483,215
Basic Earnings Per Share	(sen)	1.24	(6.01)	(4.53)	(3.82)	(7.98)
Diluted Earnings Per Share	(sen)	1.24	(6.01)	(4.53)	(3.82)	(7.98)
Net Assets Per Share	(sen)	36.12	34.84	40.99	45.65	56

Notes:-

(1) For financial year ended 31 December.

(2) Include 12,715,400 treasury shares repurchased from the open market for a total consideration of RM12,703,204 at average price of RM1.00 per ordinary share.

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### SUSTAINABILITY STATEMENT

We are dedicated to actively participate as one of the foremost homegrown Marine construction Solution providers contributing positively to the economy of Malaysia. This Sustainability Report (the "Report") serves as a channel to communicate our initiatives to focus on sustainability opportunities to ensure our services take into account the economic, social and environmental impacts.

#### **REPORTING FRAMEWORK AND SCOPE**

The Report has been prepared in reference to the Sustainability Reporting Guide and Toolkits issued by Bursa Malaysia and the Amendment to the Main Market Listing Requirement issued by Bursa Malaysia on 26 September 2022 to enhance sustainability reporting framework.

Further context on Governance is disclosed in the Corporate Governance Overview section of this Annual Report and a separate Corporate Governance Report that adheres to the Malaysian Code on Corporate Governance.

The coverage of this Report includes all domestic and material operations of Benalec, consisting of its active subsidiaries, of which Benalec has direct control and holds a majority stake. Inactive and dormant companies listed below have been excluded in this reporting:

Nam	e of Company	Company Registration No.
1.	Benalec Ceteau Asia Sdn Bhd	201001014614 (898848-K)
2.	Benalec Energy Sdn Bhd	202301051834 (1545748-V)
3.	Benalec Land Sdn Bhd	200401036172 (674683-H)
4.	Benalec Marine Sdn Bhd	200901017249 (860345-V)
	(Formerly known as Heritage Land Development Sdn Bhd)	
5.	Benalec Marineworks Sdn Bhd	202301046077 (1539992-X)
6.	Gabungan Khas Sdn Bhd	201401006909 (1082987-X)
7.	Heritage Land Realty Sdn Bhd	200901017256 (860352-M)
8.	Heritage Land Sdn Bhd	200901015335 (858409-T)
9.	Jayamas Cekap Sdn Bhd	201101001007 (929141-T)
10.	Klebang Property Sdn Bhd	200901010815 (853837-M)
11.	Jewel East Sdn Bhd	201101018761 (946897-U)
12.	Cheng Ho City Sdn Bhd	201101018146 (946282-W)
13.	One World Island Sdn Bhd	201101018765 (946901-K)
14.	Oceanview Realty Sdn Bhd	201001014645 (898879-K)
15.	Orientalcove Realty Sdn Bhd	200601017630 (737382-W)
16.	Pengerang Maritime Industries Sdn Bhd	201101016494 (944630-X)
17.	Spektrum Budi Sdn Bhd	201101012585 (940725-W)
18.	Sentosacove Development Sdn Bhd	200801024339 (825663-A)
19.	Strategic Cove Sdn Bhd	201001014604 (898838-A)
20.	Strategic Land Sdn Bhd	201001014611 (898845-T)
21.	Tanjung Piai Maritime Industries Sdn Bhd	201101015140 (943274-D)
22.	Wilajati Sdn Bhd	200801023570 (824893-W)
23.	Oceanline (Labuan) Ltd	(LL06799)
24.	Ocean Marine Ltd	(LL07031)
25.	Pacific Ltd	(LL07033)
26.	Oceanliner Pte Ltd	(200910031W)
27.	Spektrum Kukuh Sdn Bhd	201101013821 (941961-V)

In line with the reporting period of annual report, the reporting period covered for this report is from 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024 ("FY2024") and where applicable, comparative data from previous 2 years has been included.

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### Sustainability Statement

#### **Changes Related To Reporting**

One of the enhancement from the Amendment to the Main Market Listing Requirement issued by Bursa Malaysia on 26 September 2022 is to disclose the following common sustainability matters in the company's sustainability statement for the financial year ending on or after 31 December 2024:

- Waste Management; and
- Emission

#### **External Assurance and Contact Point**

While we have not sought external assurance for this sustainability report, the data, including its data collection process, has been submitted for internal review and verification by our outsourced internal auditor before being approved by the Board.

As part of our continual efforts to align our sustainability reporting with relevant market standards, we value your feedback and regard your suggestion(s) as an opportunity to learn and improve ourselves. If you have any comments and/ or suggestions on our Sustainability Report, please do not hesitate to send them to Puan Normalawati Binti Nadzri at normalawati@benalec.com.my.

#### About the Company

The principal activity of Benalec Holdings Berhad ("Benalec" or "the Group") is in marine construction works, comprising land reclamation, dredging, shore protection, soil consolidation, beach nourishment, breakwater construction and jetty construction. The Group owns and operates its own fleet of vessels which is utilised for its own operations to ensure that the Group is in full control of the entire value chain of its reclamation works.

Benalec's business model is unique, in that it seeks to secure and hold land reclamation concessions in its own capacity; undertake and fund reclamation works using internally generated funds as far as possible; and operate as the master developer for its own reclaimed land bank.

#### **KEY INDICATORS**



#### **KEY INDICATORS (CONTINUED)**

#### **Board Statement**

The Board of Directors (the "Board") is the main driver in setting the sustainability strategy and ensuring that our sustainability initiatives are aligned with the Group's vision and mission including delivering sustainable values to Benalec's stakeholders.

Whilst mindful of our profit-oriented objective, the Board are committed to striking a balance with our present-day sustainability themes that consider three core areas (i.e., economic, environmental and social aspects) to ensure sustainable success of our business. Benalec's related sustainability themes and taglines are as follows.

- Health and Safety "Accidents hurt, Safety doesn't"
- Talent retention and development "Empowering diversified groups of deserving people for the betterment of Benalec's tomorrow"
- Electricity, water, paper, flora and fauna conservation "The earth is what all mankind have in common and it's beauties are for all to experience"
- Building our surrounding communities "Give to create self-sustaining communities"

The Board considers sustainability issues as part of its strategic formulation, reviews and approves the material sustainability factors identified by the management. Continuous engagement with multiple stakeholders were also performed to improve our performances.

Stakeholders should note that Benalec will require time to collect and consider data to be reported for all the material sustainability matters under normal operational circumstances. As Benalec continue its commitment towards sustainability reporting, Benalec will continue to work towards expanding the scope of reporting in the upcoming years to include climate-related disclosure based on TCFD Recommendations.

#### Sustainability Governance Structure

As guided by the Group's corporate governance principles, the Board is committed to ensure economic, social, and environmental issues of our stakeholders are managed with sustainability in mind.

The Board sets the tone and drive the sustainability while the Risk Officer oversee the day-to-day execution and adherence of sustainability policies and practices. In addition. a working Sustainability Committee, comprising of key personnel from relevant departments was formed to review the sustainability performance of Benalec. The reporting structure for sustainability matters and responsibilities of the respective parties is presented as follows:



- Reviews and approves the Sustainability Report
- Aligning corporate and division priorities, tolerances and strategies
- Communicating and enforcing policies regarding sustainability
- Reviewing and monitoring effectiveness of sustainability treatment measures
- Making the appropriate recommendation to the Board on sustainability management matters
- Aggregating and reporting sustainability achievements
- Reviewing the reports of sustainability management activities of the departments

- Materiality Assessment
- Identification and Monitoring of Initiatives and Actions
- Execution of Initiatives and Actions
- Reviewing the reports of sustainability management activities of the departments
- Reviewing sustainability exposures of departments and the sufficiency of action plans to achieve sustainability targets

#### Stakeholder Engagement

Core to the success of our business is our ability to develop strong and meaningful relationships with all our stakeholders. We have put in place various communication channels designed to allow us to regularly engage with our stakeholders so that we can better understand their needs and interests.

A summary of our key stakeholders and how we engage them throughout the year is presented below:

No	Key Stakeholders	Area of Interest	How we engage	How frequently we engage	Their expectations	How we address their expectations
1	Regulatory Bodies	<ul> <li>Compliance</li> <li>Safety and Health procedures</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Reports and compliance</li> <li>Periodic meetings</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Annually/ Periodically</li> <li>Monthly</li> </ul>	To ensure company procedures and policies is compliant to regulatory bodies (Department of Environment)	Timely adherence to legislation and guidelines
2	Employees	<ul> <li>Equal opportunities</li> <li>Good Health &amp; Safety</li> <li>Diversity &amp; inclusivity</li> <li>Career progression</li> <li>Benefits and rewards</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Employee satisfaction survey</li> <li>Employee mentorship programs</li> <li>Internal communications</li> <li>Events and functions</li> <li>CSR programs</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Annually</li> <li>Yearly</li> <li>When required</li> <li>Yearly</li> <li>Yearly</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>To provide fair and equal opportunities</li> <li>To ensure employee development and progression</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Transparent, open and consistent approach to appraisals</li> <li>Trainings and team building</li> </ul>
3	Customers	<ul> <li>Quality</li> <li>Competitive prices</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Meetings</li> <li>Emails and phone calls</li> <li>Corporate website</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>When required</li> <li>On case-to- case basis</li> <li>When required</li> </ul>	To ensure commitment to quality	<ul> <li>Internal training and professional development to always maintain quality for our customers</li> </ul>
4	Vendors	Ethical and fair procurement	<ul> <li>Site visits</li> <li>Direct contact</li> <li>Email correspondences</li> </ul>	<ul><li>When required</li><li>When required</li><li>When required</li></ul>	To ensure transparent dealings with vendors	• Ethical and professional approach to sourcing business from vendors
5	Neighbouring Businesses and Surrounding Communities	<ul> <li>Social and economic development contribution</li> <li>Socio-economic impacts</li> <li>Pollution and cleanliness</li> </ul>	Volunteerism	Annually	• To give back to the community in which we operate and improve the welfare of families in need	Alignment of sustainability goals with our CSR objectives
6	Financial institutions, Shareholders and Investors	<ul> <li>Sustainability profitability matters</li> <li>Company's performance and targets</li> <li>Compliance with relevant requirements</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Annual General Meeting</li> <li>Investor Relations Initiatives</li> <li>Annual Report</li> <li>Quarterly Announcements</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Annually</li> <li>When required</li> <li>Annually</li> <li>Quarterly</li> </ul>	To engage existing and potential shareholders	Robust corporate governance procedures in place

We recognise that Benalec's sustainable and long-term growth requires continuous engagement with stakeholders. As such, we aim to continue to improve our disclosure on Economic, Environment, Social and Governance ("EESG") practices for sustainability reporting for the benefit of our stakeholders.

#### **Materiality Assessment**

Our materiality assessment was conducted with participation and contributions from key personnel from respective departments.

While the materiality assessment did not involve any external stakeholders, key personnel took into consideration both internal and external perspectives during the material matters prioritization process.

The materiality assessment process adopted a four-step approach as outlined below:



The list of material topics for FY2024 arising from the above process and after considering the common sustainability matters prescribed by the Amendment to the Main Market Listing Requirement issued by Bursa Malaysia on 26 September 2022 to enhance the sustainability reporting framework is illustrated below:

High Expectation			E02:	Transparent dealings with Vendors (Supply Chain Management)	E01: G01: S02:	, ,
Moderate Expectation	<b>S03</b> :	Labour Practices and Standards	EN01: EN02: EN03:	Data Privacy and Security Energy Management Water Waste Management Emission	G02:	Anti-corruption
Low Expectation	S04: S05:	Fair and equal career opportunities and development (incl. Diversity) Giving back to community and improve the welfare of families in need (Community/ Society)	S01:	Engage existing and potential shareholders		
		Low Risk		Medium Risk		High Risk

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#### **Material Topics and Targets**

We have established performance targets for material areas and track the progress we have made in those areas as reported below:

Material Topics	Target	FY 2024 Progress	
	<b>A</b>		
E01: Commitment to quality	• Ensure customer satisfaction score at least 80%.	<b>Target Met.</b> Based on the customer feedback received in FY2024, the Group has achieved a satisfaction score of 88%.	
E02: Transparent dealings with Vendors (Supply Chain Management)	<ul> <li>Maintain 80% of the Group purchases from the local market</li> <li>Continue to identify new supplier for collaboration to contribute towards sustainability initiatives</li> </ul>	Target Met. For FY2024, 100% of the Group's purchases were derived from local market. Despite ongoing efforts, we have not onboarded any new supplier with sustainability contributions. We remain committed to source for new supplier who contribute to these initiatives.	
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EN01: Energy Management	Ensure electricity consumption do not exceed 5% y-o-y	Target Met. The total electricity consumed in our Shah Alam and Johor office for FY2024 registered a marginal decrease of 1% as compared to FY2023.	
EN02: Water	<ul> <li>Installation of rainwater harvesting system</li> <li>Ensuring water consumption per unit of reclamation project do not exceed 200m3 per acre.</li> </ul>	Target Met.In November 2023, the Company has implemented rain water harvesting at its Melaka office.The Company had in prior year established a water consumption target based on usage per acre of land reclaimed. However, discrepancies were noted in such culculation during the current reporting period. As a result, the target of water consumption on reclaimed land area will be reassessed to ensure such target is accurate reliable and align with our actual operations.	
EN03: Waste Management	• N/A	We are still in the process of identifying and quantifying our waste, targets will only be established in future reporting period once we have developed a robust measurement methodologies.	
EN04: Emission	• N/A	Given that this is our first year reporting of Scope 1 and 2 emissions, our priority is to establish a reliable baseline. We will set targets after we have a better understanding of our emissions profile.	

#### Material Topics and Targets (Continued)

Material Topics	Target	FY 2024 Progress			
C) SOCIAL					
S01: Engage existing and potential shareholde		Target Met.Quarterly financial result of the Company was released on timely basis after approval by the Board.Other than questions being received and have been answered during the Annual General Meeting held on 30 May 2024, there is no other enquiry received from shareholder in the current FY2024			
S02: Health and safety	Ensure zero major accident	Target Met. Based on the monthly safety and health report, there was no major accident reported in FY2024.			
S03: Labour Practices an Standards	<ul> <li>e Ensure less than 10% of employee responded unfavourable satisfaction</li> <li>e Ensure all employees fulfil at least 8 hours of training annually</li> </ul>	<b>Target Met.</b> An employee engagement survey was conducted during the current reporting period with a participation rate of 60% out of the total workforce of 95 employees. Based on the feedback, 9% of the total employees have replied unfavourably.			
		In FY2024, we achieved an average of 35 training hours per employee.			
S04: Fair and equal caree opportunities and development (incl. Diversity)	<ul> <li>Ensure female workforce in the Head Office is at least 30%</li> </ul>	Target Met.57% of our employees in Head Office are female.Whereas, our reclamation project site will still be male dominated.			
S05: Giving back to community and improve the welfare of families in need (Community/ Societ	• Conduct at least one (1) event per year with communities y)	Target Met. The Group has held one (1) program i.e. sales of preloved items to raise funds for a senior care home in FY2024.			
D) GOVERNANCE					
G01: Compliance to regulatory bodies	Ensure zero non- compliance/ reprimand by regulatory bodies	Target Met.There was no non-compliance with regulation in FY2024.			
G02: Anti-corruption	<ul> <li>Ensure all employees are provided with anti-bribery training/ refresher training.</li> <li>Zero bribery incident</li> </ul>	Target Met. There was no bribery incident noted in FY2024.			
G03: Data Privacy and Security	Zero data breach	Target Met. There was no data breach incident noted in FY2024.			



The Group's financial performance are discussed in detail in the following sections of our FY2024 Annual Report:

- Management Discussion and Analysis (page 17)
- Group Financial Highlights (page 24)
- Financial Performance (page 76)

Attracting new business partners and exploring new business opportunities are essential to the sustainability of our business. To achieve this, we must deliver quality works to our customers and maintain transparent dealings with our vendors.

#### E01: Commitment to quality

The Group place strong emphasis on achieving high standards of quality and meeting the desired outcome of our clients. Benalec attained the ISO 9001:2015 certification for implementing Quality Management System for the provision of marine engineering and construction works (including dredging, reclamation and shore protection works). As such, each marine construction project is undertaken according to the standards of quality stipulated in ISO 9001:2015.

The quality and progress of each project will be jointly inspected by our client's inspector of works and our engineer.

Where required, we will perform remedial works for our client during the defects liability period for our marine construction projects after the completion of the respective projects.

#### E02: Transparent dealings with Vendors (Supply Chain Management)

Maintaining a transparent collaboration with vendors ensure a smoother operations and reduces conflicts. The Group has established Standard Operating Procedure governing the assessment on new vendor, conduct of performance assessment for vendor upon completion of supplies or at the end of services.

In placing of orders with vendors, the respective company in the Group will prepare Purchase Order and submit it for approval in accordance to the Group's Approving Authority Limit. Only approved Purchase Order will be issued to vendors.

In addition, Benalec also seeks to involve local vendors to create a multiplier effect that can improve the welfare of the community around the Group's operational areas.

Suppliers	Proportion of Purchases (%)			
	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	
Malaysia	99.97%	100.00%	100.00%	
Singapore	0.03%	0.00%	0.00%	

The table below illustrate the proportion of our purchases that we have made from suppliers that have embarked on the sustainability journey:

	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024
No. of suppliers with sustainability initiatives	4	5	4
Proportion of Purchases (%)	2.53%	8.03%	1.75%

The lower overall spending from sustainability-focused suppliers in FY2024 when compared to FY2023 was primarily due to changes in procurement requirements. Despite the decline, Benalec remains committed to promoting sustainable procurement practices. We continue to seek and engage with suppliers that align with our sustainability values.



In the course of our business activities, Benalec is fully aware of the need to preserve and protect the environments we operate in. We are required to comply with Section 34A of the Environmental Quality Act 1974 and Environmental Quality (Prescribed Activities) (Environmental Impact Assessment) Order 2015. As such, we work closely with the Department of Environment ("DOE") to ensure the water pollution and siltation at construction site is kept minimally and below the limit set forth by DOE so as it would not affect the habitat of marine life.

Proper planning is critical as the approach to a project differs according to water depth, sea condition, thickness of sand and size of the project site. Prior to the commencement of land reclamation project, a soil investigation is undertaken to assess the soil conditions at the reclamation site. A geological and hydro-graphic survey of the reclamation site is also carried out to determine the depth of the sea bed or river bed that needs to be filled.

As part of our marine construction services, we provide coastal protection and beach nourishment services to prevent coastal erosion or to restore eroded beaches and beautify shorelines. We also undertake design, planning and construction of rock revetment or breakwater structures as a form of coastal defence to dissipate the energy of incoming waves and protect the land against powerful waves.

In addition, in order to prevent silt and to contain disturbed sediment from flowing into other parts of the body of water, silt curtains are installed to allow these particles to settle and drop within the water column by controlling dispersion. The silt curtain allows our contractors to do their reclamation work while protecting the surrounding marine environment.

For our reclamation project site in Melaka, Benalec engages an external environmental consultant to supervise and monitor the environmental impact for the project to ensure it continuously complies with the requirements of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Condition of Approval and the Environmental Management Plan (EMP). The scope of the environmental monitoring covers the following components:

- Water quality
- Ambient air quality
- Noise level

An aerial view of the respective monitoring point around the project site is illustrated below:



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The photos below show the water samples taken from the respective monitoring stations:

Water sampling at MW1.





Water sampling at MW2.





Water sampling at MW3.



Water sampling at WUG3.

Water sampling at WUG1.

The results are assessed and compared to the Class 2 limits of the Malaysian Marine Water Quality Standards (MMWQS).

The photos below illustrates the equipment set up for air quality monitoring at stations A1 and A2:



The results of the air quality are then compared with the baseline sampling results (January 2021) and the Malaysian Ambient Air Quality Standard (MAAQS) 2020, stipulated by the DOE.



Water sampling at WUG2.

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Noise level measurement was administered to establish the background noise level in the Project site vicinity alongside to identify other significant sources of noise. Locations and period of commencement for noise level monitoring are similar to the air quality monitoring as depicted in the photos below:



Equipment used for noise measurement are Sound Level Meter NL-52 (comply to the performance criteria of the IEC 60651:1979 Type 1) and ANSI A1.4 - 1983 draft standards for integrating sound level meter (type 1 & type 2). The results from both receiving landuse were compared with the results from the baseline study (January 2021) alongside the recommended permissible sound level (LAeq) by receiving landuse for Mixed Development category under the Second Schedule of the Schedule of Permissible Sound Levels, the Guidelines for Environmental Noise Limits and Control, Third Edition (DOE, 2019).

A report on the above environmental monitoring, prepared by the external environmental consultant on a quarterly basis, will be extended to DOE for their review.

At our offices, all staffs are also constantly reminded on the importance of electricity and water conservation.

### **EN01: Energy Management**

Majority of energy consumption are from electricity usage for lighting and air-conditioning at our offices located in Shah Alam, Melaka and Johor. The offices practice energy-saving where all lights and air-conditioning are switched off when not in use.

The table below illustrate the electricity consumption at the respective offices for FY2022 to FY 2024:

Office Location	FY2022 (kWh)	FY2023 (kWh)	FY2024 (kWh)
Shah Alam	123,334	120,422	122,835
Melaka	-	-	13,176
Johor	28,879	36,458	32,467

There was no comparative data for electricity consumption for Melaka office in FY2022 and FY2023 as the office was temporarily relocated to the Melaka project site due to COVID-19. The Melaka office has reopened in FY2024. The energy at our Melaka project site is produced from generators and the energy reported is calculated based on diesel consumption. The assumption of one diesel generator will use 0.4 litre of diesel per kWh produced was used based on the article titled "Efficiency of Diesel Generators Calculation: Formula & Equation" published on 16 September 2021 by Linquip, a Professional Network for Equipment Manufacturers, Industrial Customers and Service Providers located in US.

	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024
Diesel Consumption	97,904 litre	80,266 litre	82,730 litre
Equivalent Energy Produced	244,760 kWh	200,665 kWh	206,825 kWh

Diesel consumption was marginally higher in FY2024 as compared to FY2023 due to extended operational hours at the project site.

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#### **EN01: Energy Management (Continued)**

In FY2024, Benalec has assessed the implementation of energy-saving measures such as installing solar panel at the Shah Alam office to reduce both the energy consumption and electricity expenditure. The Board is still deliberating on the cost of implementation and weighing different options before making a decision. Installation of solar panel at the Melaka and Johor office are not advisable due to the proximity to the coastal conditions which may lead to faster corrosion rate on the solar panel and thus, requiring higher maintenance.

### EN02: Water

The water use at our Shah Alam and Johor offices are expected to be minimal; However, although our Melaka site office is located near the coastal area, the site office is away from the treated water source that is safe for consumption. As such, additional water piping was installed from the treated water source in order to provide clean tap water to our Melaka site office. Due to the additional water piping, we carry out proactive monitoring on the piping to detect and manage leaks promptly to minimise water wastage.

The table below illustrates the water consumption at the respective offices for FY2022 to FY2024:

Office Location	FY2022 (m³)	FY2023 (m³)	FY2024 (m³)
Shah Alam	1,350.00	1,275.00	1,339.03
Melaka	16,264.00	20,725.00	28,372.00
Johor	1,167.65	1,408.00	1,669.00

Despite efforts to monitor, the higher water consumption for Melaka in FY2024 when compared to FY2023 was attributed to the leakage in the 1.5km water pipeline that supply water to the Melaka project site. To address this, more frequent check on the leakage will be conducted and immediate repair will be done if leakage is detected.

In November 2023, Benalec has implemented rain water harvesting at its Melaka office as photo below to reduce the consumption of treated water for washing of machineries.



#### **EN03: Waste Management**

Benalec acknowledges the need to manage and mitigate the environmental impact of our ongoing business. We are currently navigating the complexities of waste identification and measurement, and are committed to developing a comprehensive and effective waste management strategy by 2027.

Notwithstanding the above, our external environmental consultant, as part of their environmental site inspection, will also assess the Company's scheduled waste management to ensure the following:

- · Wastes are collected regularly from the project site;
- Maintenance of yard is well managed;
- Scheduled wastes are properly labelled and stored at a designated location;
- Scheduled waste is managed by a DOE licensed schedule waste contractor; and
- All transportation and disposal of scheduled wastes are properly labelled and provided with consignment notes.

### EN04: Emission

In FY2024, we have commenced monitoring and measuring the Scope 1 and 2 emissions. Building on this foundation, we are dedicated to establishing a framework for measuring Scope 3 emissions in the near future.

### Scope 1 Greenhouse Gases ("GHG") Emissions

Scope 1 emissions are direct GHG emissions generated by the Company's own operations.

In FY2024, we have commenced tracking the diesel consumed by our company-owned vehicles and machineries used in reclamation works. The table below shows our diesel consumption and Scope 1 emission that was calculate using the CO2 emission calculator provided by SunEarthTools. com (https://www.sunearthtools.com/tools/CO2-emissions-calculator.php):

	FY2024
Diesel consumption (litre)	643,811
GHG Scope 1 emission (tCO2e)	1,690.39

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#### **EN04: Emission (Continued)**

#### Scope 2 GHG Emissions

Scope 2 emissions are indirect GHG emission that result from the Company's consumption of purchased electricity used in for our operational activities which are supplied by third-party supplier.

We calculated the corresponding Scope 2 emission arising from our electricity consumption using the CO2 emission calculator provided by SunEarthTools.com (<u>https://www. sunearthtools.com/tools/CO2-emissions-calculator.php</u>). In FY2024, our Scope 2 emissions is as follow:

GHG Scope 2 emission (tCO2e)	FY2024
Shah Alam	89.35
Melaka	9.58
Johor	23.62



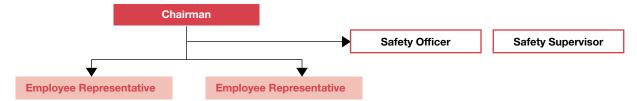
#### S01: Engage existing and potential shareholders

Benalec is committed to actively engage with our shareholders and employees. To this end, the various modes of our engagement with the respective stakeholders and their expectations have been disclosed above.

#### S02: Health and safety

As safety is the key element of our organisation culture, we continue to emphasise, maintain and to cater a safe work environment. Our qualified Safety Officers and Supervisors supervise project sites with formally defined policies and procedures with zero tolerance for compromise. We encourage the highest standards of health and safety, facilitated by our Environmental, Safety and Health Committee and Emergency Response Team.

#### Environmental, Safety and Health Committee Organization Chart



Our Safety and Health committee periodically monitor and measure health and safety standards for all site operations personnel through key performance criteria such as:-

- Participation of employees in Safety programs
- Minor, moderate and major Health & Safety violations
- Near misses
- Frequency and severity of accident rates
- Safety award campaigns

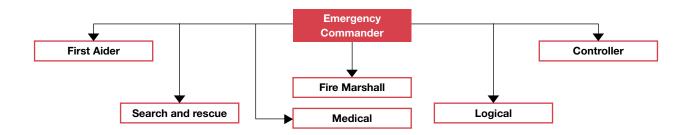
We ensure that employees remain motivated to achieve health and safety objectives through performance-reward systems of Benalec. One of the key performance criteria we use to measure and monitor health and safety standards is accident frequency rates. It is our aim to commit to zero accident culture and we are pleased that we have no major accident in FY2024. Benalec also ensures that heavy machineries used on site are certified fit for use by relevant authorities and restricted only to authorised personnel with the right license qualifications and experience. In addition, Benalec also ensures technical skills of its authorised Safety Personnel stay up-to-date on the necessary information required in their working lives, by sponsoring their training and attending continuous professional development courses.

Our emergency response team headed by our Emergency commander will continue to ensure that health and safety of everyone at construction sites are of utmost priority.

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S02: Health and safety (Continued)

**Emergency Response Team Organization Chart** 



In FY2024, safety training and fire drill were provided to employees to continuously create awareness on the importance of maintaining a safe and healthy working environment as well as to familiarise the employees with proper evacuation routes in the event of fire.

At the respective reclamation project site, monthly safety & health report is prepared by the Safety & Health Officer to report on safety induction provided to new worker, site safety inspection performed, incident/ accident at the site, amongst others. Site toolbox meeting is also held on bi-weekly basis to ensure ongoing communication on safety protocols and address any concerns the workers may have.



# **S03: Labour Practices and Standards**

Benalec recognises that our employees are the cornerstone in our efforts to conduct sustainable business activities. The quality and performance of our employees determine how the Group achieve its sustainable business objectives. With this understanding, Benalec is committed to produce outstanding human resources that are competent and have integrity by putting in place effective human resource management.

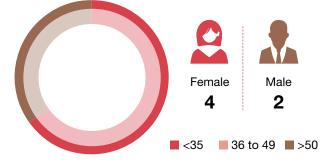
Benalec has put in place an employee handbook that sets out the employment practices in the Group and adheres to the local legislation and guidelines. To meet business needs and stay ahead of competition, our hiring practices are based on merits such as skill and experience who can provide valuable competitive edge.

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#### S03: Labour Practices and Standards (Continued)

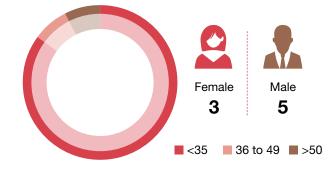
*New Hires* - Benalec had 6 new hires in year 2024 with the following demographic:

### New Hires Breakdown by Age



**Resignation** - Benalec had 8 resignation in year 2024 with the following demographic:

**Resignation Breakdown by Age** 



#### **Open Workforce Communication**

Providing a caring and inclusive workplace is a fundamental to developing a high-performing workforce. At Benalec, we promote and practice open communication across all levels of employees and departments to make Benalec a better place to work. The Human Resource and Administrative Department ensures that the employment practices are in compliance with the latest statutes and legislations.

During the current FY2024, the Group continue with the Employee Survey to gain deeper insights into employee's sentiments and to leverage these insights to enhance our employee experience. Among matters evaluated includes job satisfaction, level of work-life balance, support and resources provided to maintain employee's mental and emotional well-being, treated fairly, equally and without discrimination in the workplace, and able to express opinions and concerns without fear or retaliation. 60% of our employees in the Group have responded to the survey and the results of the survey was presented to the Audit Committee. 85% of the respondents voted neutral to favourably while there were 15% respondents that have voted unfavourably. The improvement suggestion arising from the employee survey includes better bonus/ annual increment and enhancing staff benefits.

#### S04: Fair and equal career opportunities and development (incl. Diversity)

All employees are given opportunities to excel in their career with the Group regardless of their background. Male and female employees are rewarded fairly based on merit, capability and work experience, and this is practised across all levels of the organization structure.

All employees receive annual performance reviews where they are evaluated by their managers and given feedback on their strengths and areas for improvement.

#### Employees Development and Growth

Benalec recognises that professional development needs of its staff are equally as important for high employee satisfaction levels and organisational performance. We facilitate the development through ensuring that our employees are always equipped with the technical and practical knowledge to contribute positively to the organisation and surrounding communities alike.

We strongly encourage employees to attend training courses in all areas which provide opportunities to personal and career enhancement.

#### SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

S04: Fair and equal career opportunities and development (incl. Diversity) (Continued)

#### Employees Development and Growth (Continued)

Significant training programs attended by the employees in current financial year are: -

- E-Invoicing
- ISO 9001 : 2015 : Risk Based Thinking Internal Auditor
- First Aid, CPR & AED Training
- Advance Microsoft Excel Functions & Formula 2013
- Wellness program
- Ergonomics for Office Worker
- Ergonomics and Manual Handling
- Skim Faedah di Bawah AKSP & Peraturan2 Am Keselamatan Sosial Pekerja 1971

As at FYE2024, we achieved an average of 35 training hours per employee, meeting our target of at least 8 hours of training per employee.

#### **Diversity**

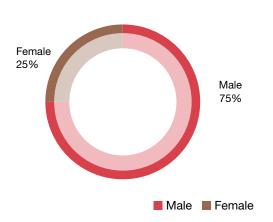
At Benalec, we believe that a diverse workforce is imperative to achieving our goals. Diversity allows us to better respond in the most strategic and effective manner to increasing demands and expectations of our various stakeholders.

The graphs below highlight the breakdown of Benalec's total workforce of 95 employees by age and gender.

We foster and encourage females to join our Benalec family and make a difference. As at FYE2024, 25% of our employees are female despite being in a male dominated industry.

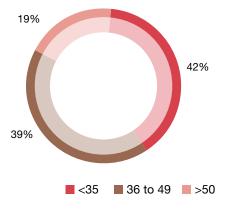
We are committed towards promoting gender equality and underscores our recognition of the importance of the participation of women at all levels of the organization.

Pursuant to the new Section 81H of the Employment (Amendment) Act 2022, Benalec has also put up a notice at its respective offices to raise awareness on sexual harassment to employees and how to report the situation as soon as possible.



**Employee Breakdown by Gender** 

**Employee Breakdown by Age** 



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#### S05: Giving back to community and improve the welfare of families in need (Community/ Society)

Benalec's long term aspirations for this community are to empower people so that the community is self-sustaining.

In the past, Benalec had conducted blood donation campaigns, coastal cleaning activities etc. as part of the Group's Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative. For the current FY2024, the Group has undertaken a CSR program to support Pusat Jagaan dan Rawatan Orang Tua Al-Ikhlas, Pulau Meranti, Puchong. The initiative involved collecting preloved items from employees, such as clothes, shoes, and bags, for a charity sale at Pasar Pagi, Seksyen 13, Shah Alam.



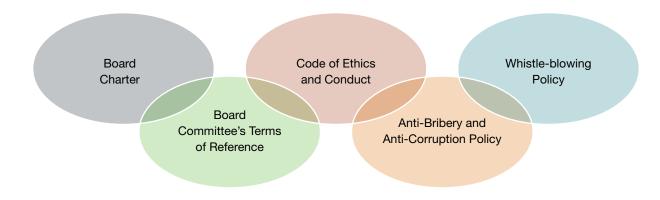
As and when circumstances permit, we will continue to reach out to the wider community through our robust and impactful initiatives and programmes that will positively benefit the surrounding communities and also preserve and protect the environments we operate.



#### **G01: Compliance to regulatory bodies**

Formalised corporate policies were established to provide guiding principles on business conducts that all employees should practise to support the Group's commitment to sustainability.

An overview of these policies are illustrated below:



For the current FY2024, there was zero incident of non-compliance with regulatory bodies.

### **G02: Anti-corruption**

The Group adopts a strict policy against bribery and corrupt practices. Consequently, a formalised Anti-Bribery and Anti-Corruption Policy has been established to ensure that business is conducted in an ethical and honest manner. It is also to act as a source of information and guidance for those working for or representing the Group to recognise and deal with bribery and corruption issues as well as understand their responsibilities.

In the event if any stakeholder has any concerns, they can refer to our Group's Whistle-blowing Policy for guidance on how to report to the Chairman of the Board or the Audit Committee Chairman.

No incident of bribery or whistle-blowing reported in FY2024.

### **G03: Data Privacy and Security**

The privacy and protection of our stakeholders' personal data is important to us. In this respect, Benalec has established a Personal Data Policy to govern the use and management of personal data in compliance with the Personal Data Protection Act 2010. In accordance with this Policy, stakeholders can get in touch with the Managing Director by mail, email, telephone or facsimile on matters concerning their personal data. The Personal Data Policy is available to the public on our corporate website at <a href="https://en.benalec.com.my">https://en.benalec.com.my</a>.

In addition, Benalec has also established the Information Technology Acceptable Use and Security Policies to provide employees with guidelines on the appropriate use of computing and information resources of the Group.

There was zero incident of data breach or leakages in current FY2024.

# SUSTAINABILITY PERFORMANCE DATA TABLE

The following performance data table is generated from the Bursa Malaysia's ESG Reporting Platform:-

Indicator	Measurement Unit	2023	2024
Bursa (Anti-corruption)			
Bursa C1(a) Percentage of employees who have received training on			
anti-corruption by employee category			
Management	Percentage	90.00	100.00
Executive	Percentage	86.00	100.00
Non-executive/Technical Staff	Percentage	79.00	100.00
General Workers	Percentage	79.00	100.00
Bursa C1(b) Percentage of operations assessed for corruption- related risks	Percentage	100.00	100.00
Bursa C1(c) Confirmed incidents of corruption and action taken	Number	0	0
Bursa (Community/Society)	L	L	
Bursa C2(a) Total amount invested in the community where the target	MYR	0.00	0.00
beneficiaries are external to the listed issuer			
Bursa C2(b) Total number of beneficiaries of the investment in communities	Number	0	0
Bursa (Diversity)			
Bursa C3(a) Percentage of employees by gender and age group, for			
each employee category			
Age Group by Employee Category			
Management Under 30	Percentage	10.00	10.00
Management Between 30-50	Percentage	60.00	50.00
Management Above 50	Percentage	30.00	40.00
Executive Under 30	Percentage	14.00	11.00
Executive Between 30-50	Percentage	72.00	83.00
Executive Above 50	Percentage	14.00	6.00
Non-executive/Technical Staff Under 30	Percentage	24.00	27.00
Non-executive/Technical Staff Between 30-50	Percentage	62.00	57.00
Non-executive/Technical Staff Above 50	Percentage	14.00	16.00
General Workers Under 30	Percentage	15.00	19.00
General Workers Between 30-50	Percentage	72.00	59.00
General Workers Above 50	Percentage	13.00	22.00
Gender Group by Employee Category			
Management Male	Percentage	50.00	50.00
Management Female	Percentage	50.00	50.00
Executive Male	Percentage	29.00	39.00
Executive Female	Percentage	71.00	61.00
Non-executive/Technical Staff Male	Percentage	76.00	73.00
Non-executive/Technical Staff Female	Percentage	24.00	27.00
General Workers Male	Percentage	100.00	100.00
General Workers Female	Percentage	0.00	0.00
Bursa C3(b) Percentage of directors by gender and age group	Ŭ		
Male	Percentage	75.00	75.00
Female	Percentage	25.00	25.00
Under 30	Percentage	0.00	0.00
Between 30-50	Percentage	*25.00	25.00
Above 50	Percentage	*75.00	75.00

# SUSTAINABILITY PERFORMANCE DATA TABLE (CONTINUED)

Indicator	Measurement Unit	2023	2024
Bursa (Energy management)			
Bursa C4(a) Total energy consumption	Megawatt	156.88	168.48
Bursa (Health and safety)			
Bursa C5(a) Number of work-related fatalities	Number	0	0
Bursa C5(b) Lost time incident rate ("LTIR")	Rate	0	0
Bursa C5(c) Number of employees trained on health and safety	Number	93	94
standards			
Bursa (Labour practices and standards)			
Bursa C6(a) Total hours of training by employee category			
Management	Hours	232	424
Executive	Hours	424	1336
Non-executive/Technical Staff	Hours	216	1248
General Workers	Hours	264	320
Bursa C6(b) Percentage of employees that are contractors or	Percentage	0	0
temporary staff			
Bursa C6(c) Total number of employee turnover by employee			
category			
Management	Number	1	1
Executive	Number	6	1
Non-executive/Technical Staff	Number	6	1
General Workers	Number	11	5
Bursa C6(d) Number of substantiated complaints concerning human	Number	0	0
rights violations			
Bursa (Supply chain management)			
Bursa C7(a) Proportion of spending on local suppliers	Percentage	100	100
Bursa (Data privacy and security)			
Bursa C8(a) Number of substantiated complaints concerning	Number	0	0
breaches of customer privacy and losses of customer data			
Bursa (Water)			
Bursa C9(a) Total volume of water used	Megalitres	23.408	31.380

(\*) Restated to a percentage as the measurement unit.

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# GOVERNANCE



# INTRODUCTION

The Board of Directors ("Board" or "Directors") of Benalec Holdings Berhad ("Benalec" or "the Company") is committed to ensuring that high standards of corporate governance are practiced throughout Benalec and its subsidiaries (collectively referred to as "the Group"). The Board believes that practices of good corporate governance will enhance the credibility and reputation of the Company, as it promotes and safeguards the interests of shareholders and other stakeholders.

The Board is pleased to present the Corporate Governance Overview Statement ("CG Statement") to set out an overview of the manner in which the Company has applied the principles set out in Malaysian Code of Corporate Governance ("MCCG"). This CG Statement should be read in together with the Corporate Governance Report ("CG Report") of the Company which is accessible online at the Company's website <u>www.benalec.com.my</u>.

### PRINCIPLE A: BOARD LEADERSHIP AND EFFECTIVENESS

#### PART 1 – BOARD RESPONSIBILITIES

#### 1. Board's Leadership on Objectives and Goals

#### 1.1 Strategic Aims, Values and Standards

The Board has overall responsibility for the strategic direction, leadership as well as overseeing the investments and operations of the Company and the Group. As a collective body, the Board identifies principal risks and establish goals for management including monitoring the achievement of goals and promoting sustainability to ensure long-term value creation.

The Board, supported by other Board Committees, operates within a robust framework of risk management and effective internal controls all of which operates within its defined terms of reference.

The Board Committees, comprising the Audit Committee ("AC"), Nomination Committee ("NC"), Remuneration Committee ("RC") and Evaluation Committee ("EC") are entrusted with specific responsibilities to oversee the Group's affairs, with authority to act on behalf of the Board in accordance with their respective terms of reference. The Chairman of the relevant Committees reports to the Board on key issues deliberated during the committee meetings and details of the meetings are minuted to keep the Board abreast and informed on the issues discussed.

#### 1.2 Chairman of the Board

The Chairman is primarily responsible for providing leadership and governance to the Board in discharging its fiduciary duties and responsibilities for the business and affairs of the Group.

Presently, the Board is chaired by Encik Fazrin Azwar bin Md. Nor ("Encik Fazrin"), an Independent Non-Executive Director, who chairs the meetings of the Board and the shareholders, thus ensuring effective communication with the shareholders as well as the relevant stakeholders.

The roles and responsibilities of the Chairman of the Board is specified in Paragraph 4.2 of the Board Charter, which is available on the Company's website <u>www.benalec.com.my</u>

### 1.3 Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

The position of the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") are held by separate individuals who are not related to each other. This is to ensure a good balance of power and authority and provides organisational check and balance for better governance.

The position of Chairman is held by Encik Fazrin, while the position of CEO is held by Dato' Leaw Seng Hai ("Dato' Leaw").

Encik Fazrin, as the Chairman, led the Board to ensure good corporate governance practices, leadership and effectiveness of the Board. He is also the crucial link between the Independent Directors and Management to align management actions to Board decisions and strategies.

# PRINCIPLE A: BOARD LEADERSHIP AND EFFECTIVENESS (CONTINUED)

#### PART 1 - BOARD RESPONSIBILITIES (CONTINUED)

#### 1. Board's Leadership on Objectives and Goals (Continued)

#### 1.4 Company Secretaries

The Company Secretaries, who are qualified and experience, advise the Board on any updates relating to new statutory and regulatory requirements pertaining to the duties and responsibilities of Directors.

The Company Secretaries attend and ensure all Board and Board Committee meetings are properly convened and deliberated with decisions properly minuted.

The duties of the Company Secretaries include, among others, the preparation of agendas and coordinating the preparation of Board papers, ensure Board procedure and applicable rules are observed, maintain records of the Board, prepare minutes to document Board proceedings and ensure decisions are accurately recorded and timely disseminated.

The Board has direct access to the professional advice and services of the Company Secretaries.

# 1.5 Access to Information and Meeting Materials

The Board conducts meetings quarterly to consider matters like business performance and strategy of the Group with additional meetings to be convened as and when necessary.

Dates of the Board and Board Committee meetings are planned in advance with the annual corporate calendar circulated before end of each calendar year to facilitate the Directors' time planning.

All Board and Board Committee meetings are structured with pre-determined agendas. The notice of the agenda together with pre-circulated Board papers and related materials including explanatory information and recommended course of action for each item on the agenda will be circulated to the Directors at least five (5) days before the meetings.

The Board also has unfettered access to all information within the Group in furtherance of their duties and members of senior management and external advisers are invited to attend these meetings to provide additional insights and professional views on specific items on the agenda. The Board as a whole or in their individual capacity, in furtherance of their duties, may take independent professional advice, as and when they deem necessary, and at the Group's expense. All Directors have direct access to the Senior Management and have unrestricted access to any information relating to the Group to enable them to discharge their duties.

The Board is also regularly updated and kept informed by the Company Secretaries and the Management on corporate disclosures and compliances with the Company and securities regulations and listing requirements such as restriction in dealing with the securities of the Company and updates on the latest developments in legislations and regulatory framework affecting the Group issued by the various regulatory authorities.

The Company Secretaries are entrusted and are responsible to record the Board deliberations in terms of the issues discussed and deliberations at Board and Board Committees meetings are documented. In due course, the minutes of meeting are circulated to the members of the Board and Board Committees and Management for review and comments in a timely manner.

### 2. Demarcation of Responsibilities

### 2.1 Board Charter

The Board has adopted a Board Charter which sets out the roles, functions, compositions, operation and processes of the Board and is intended to ensure that all the Board members acting on behalf of the Company are fully aware of their obligations of discharging their duties and responsibilities towards the Company. The Board Charter serves as a source of reference and primary induction literature to provide insights to prospective Board members and senior management. In addition, it also assists the Board in the assessment of its own performance and that of its individual Directors.

# PRINCIPLE A: BOARD LEADERSHIP AND EFFECTIVENESS (CONTINUED)

#### PART I - BOARD RESPONSIBILITIES (CONTINUED)

#### 2. Demarcation of Responsibilities (Continued)

#### 2.1 Board Charter (Continued)

The Board Charter will be periodically reviewed and updated in accordance with the needs of the Company and any new regulations that may have an impact on the discharge of the Board's responsibilities. The Board Charter is available for reference at the Company's website at <u>www.benalec.com.my</u>

### 3. Good Business Conduct and Corporate Culture

#### 3.1 Code of Ethics and Conduct

The Board is responsible for creating and fostering a culture aimed at long term value creation for the Group and its stakeholders and in line with this, the Board has adopted a Code of Ethics and Conduct ("Code") which sets a broad standard to govern the conduct of business and set the standards that drive performance and ethics.

The Board would periodically review the Code and it is available for reference at the Company's website at <a href="http://www.benalec.com.my">www.benalec.com.my</a>

#### 3.2 Whistleblowing Policy

The Board has adopted a Whistleblowing Policy for the Group as a measure to promote the highest standard of corporate governance. The Whistleblowing Policy sets out the mechanism and framework by which employees or any third parties can confidently raise concerns or complains without the fear of discriminatory treatment. All malpractices or wrongdoings reported by the whistleblower are to be directed to the Chairman of the Board and/or the AC Chairman.

### 3.3 Anti-Bribery and Corruption Policy

The Board has adopted the Anti-Bribery and Corruption Policy to promote better governance culture and ethical behaviour within the Group and to prevent the occurrence of corrupt practices. The Anti-Bribery and Corruption Policy is available at the Company's website at <u>www.benalec.com.my</u>.

### PART II - BOARD COMPOSITION

### 4. Board Objectivity

### 4.1 Board Composition

The Board composition for the financial year under review and up to the date of this report are as outlined below:

Name of Directors	Designation
Encik Fazrin Azwar bin Md. Nor	Chairman, Independent Non-Executive Director
Dato' Leaw Seng Hai	Group Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer
Kenneth Chin Kah Kiong	Independent Non-Executive Director
Leaw Ai Lin	Non-Independent Non-Executive Director
Koo Hoong Kwan (Resigned on 7 March 2024)	Non-Independent Non-Executive Director

The present composition of the Board complies with the requirement of the Main Market Listing Requirements ("MMLR") of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad ("Bursa Securities") where at least two (2) directors or one-third (1/3) of the Board, whichever is the higher, should comprise Independent Directors.

The Board consists of qualified individuals with diverse skill-sets, experience and knowledge necessary to govern the Company to good effect. The composition and size of the Board are such that the decision-making processes of the Company are facilitated thereby.

### PRINCIPLE A: BOARD LEADERSHIP AND EFFECTIVENESS (CONTINUED)

#### PART II - BOARD COMPOSITION (CONTINUED)

#### 4. Board Objectivity (Continued)

#### 4.1 Board Composition (Continued)

The Board is of the opinion that the composition of the current Board fairly reflects a balance of Executive and Non-Executive Directors to ensure that the interest of not only the Company, but also that of the stakeholders and of the public in general are represented as each Independent Director brings invaluable judgment to bear on issues of strategy, performance, resource allocation, risk management and standard of conduct. In the opinion of the Board, the interests of the minority shareholders are fairly represented by the presence of these highly competent and credible Independent Non-Executive Directors ("INED").

The composition and size of the Board are reviewed from time to time to ensure its appropriateness and effectiveness. The profiles of the Directors are set out on pages 12 to 14 of this Annual Report.

#### 4.2 Tenure of Independent Director

The NC carries out the evaluation of independence of each Independent Director annually.

During the financial year 2024, the NC has undertaken a review and assessment of the independence of the Independent Directors and is satisfied that they are able to discharge their responsibilities on an independent matter. The independent Directors have also declared their independence to the Board during the annual Board evaluation process for the financial year 2024.

The Board Charter provides that the tenure of Independent Director shall not exceed a cumulative nine (9) years. In the event, the Board intends to retain a Director after the latter has served nine (9) years or more, it will be subject to the assessment of the NC with reasonable justification and the using the two-tier voting process in seeking annual shareholders' approval.

Encik Fazrin and Mr Kenneth Chin Kah Kiong ("Kenneth") both whom are independent Directors are currently in their sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) year and third (3<sup>rd</sup>) year respectively as INEDs.

#### 4.3 Policy of Independent Director's Tenure

The Board Charter provides that the tenure of Independent Director shall not exceed a cumulative nine (9) years. In the event the Board intends to retain a Director as INED after the latter has served nine (9) years or more, it will be subject to the assessment of the NC with reasonable justification and the shareholders' approval.

If the Board continues to retain an independent director after the twelfth (12) year, the Board should seek annual shareholders' approval through a two-tier voting process.

#### 4.4 Diverse Board and Senior Management Team

The Board strongly views that diversity on the Board and Senior Management team is important to facilitate optimal decision-making by harnessing different insights and perspectives. Having a diverse range of skills, background, expertise and experience are critical elements in ensuring an effective Board. With this in mind, appointment of members on the Board and key senior management are based on objective criteria and merit with due regard for diversity in experience, skills sets, commitment, integrity and other qualities in meeting the future needs of the Company.

#### 4.5 Gender Diversity

The Board supports diversity on the Board and in key senior management. Ms. Leaw Ai Lin ("Ms. Leaw") sits on Board as Non-Independent Non-Executive Director reflects the Group's commitment on gender diversity.

Whilst acknowledging the recommendation by MCCG on gender diversity, the Board collectively is of the opinion that there is no necessity in adopting a formal gender diversity policy at present. The Group has always provided equal and fair opportunities and acknowledge that there is always room for improving diversity in ensuring continuous efficient functioning of the Board and open to changes as and when appropriate.

# PRINCIPLE A: BOARD LEADERSHIP AND EFFECTIVENESS (CONTINUED)

### PART II - BOARD COMPOSITION (CONTINUED)

#### 4. Board Objectivity (Continued)

#### 4.6 Nomination Committee

The NC is responsible for accessing the adequacy and effectiveness of the board composition which includes indemnifying and recommending suitable candidates for Board membership and accessing the performance of the Board on an on-going basis. The Board will have the ultimate responsibility and final decision on the appointment.

The NC comprise of exclusively INEDs' and the attendance held during the financial year is tabulated below:

Directors	Designation	Attendance
Kenneth Chin Kah Kiong	Chairman	2/2
Fazrin Azwar bin Md. Nor	member	2/2
Leaw Ai Lin (Appointed as NC member on 30 May 2024)	member	1/2
Koo Hoong Kwan (Resigned on 7 March 2024)	member	1/2

The NC would meet at least once annually with additional meetings convened as and when needed. The TOR of the NC, which spells out its duties and responsibilities is available on the Company's website at <a href="http://www.benalec.com.my">www.benalec.com.my</a>

A summary about the activities of the NC in discharge of its duties during the financial year are as follows:

- Assessed the fit and properness of Directors who are due for retirement by rotation and recommend the Directors who are eligible to stand for re-election to the Board for recommendation to the shareholders for approval at the Annual General Meeting ("AGM");
- Assessed the competency and diversity of the Board and Board Committees;
- Evaluated the performance of the Board and Board Committees based on the criteria on areas of boardroom mix and composition, decision making and quality of information, Board's relationship with Management and effectiveness of each Board Committees;
- Evaluated the performance of Individual Directors and the independence of Independent Director based on criteria which includes their abilities and competence, personality, technical knowledge and level of participation and contribution to the business strategies of the Group;
- Reviewed the terms of office of the Audit Committee ("AC") and the assessment on the performance, effectiveness and financial literacy of AC and members of the AC in discharging their duties and obligation in accordance with the terms of reference;
- Reviewed and recommended the Directors' fee and benefits payable to the Directors of the Board for recommendation to the shareholders or approval at the Annual General Meeting.

#### 5. Overall Effectiveness of the Board and Individual Directors

### 5.1 Annual Effectiveness of the Board and Individual Directors

The NC undertakes annual assessment of the effectiveness of the Board, Board Committee and the contribution of each Directors taking the form of comprehensive evaluation questionnaires which provides all Directors with an opportunity to score their opinion on a series of questions in relation to the execution and performance of the Board as a whole and the Board Committees. The results of all assessment and comments by the Directors are summarised and tabled at the NC meeting. The Chairman of the NC will report the results and deliberation to the Board.

The evaluation of the Board covers factors such as composition of the Board, quality of decision making, internal controls, conduct of Board meetings interactions with the Management and stakeholder and effectiveness of the Chairman.

The Board Committees are assessed based on the efficiency and effectiveness of each Committee and its members' continuous contribution to the Board and commitment to their roles and responsibilities in discharging their duties.

### PRINCIPLE A: BOARD LEADERSHIP AND EFFECTIVENESS (CONTINUED)

#### PART II - BOARD COMPOSITION (CONTINUED)

#### 5. Overall Effectiveness of the Board and Individual Directors (Continued)

#### 5.1 Annual Effectiveness of the Board and Individual Directors (Continued)

Following the annual review, the NC agrees that the Board as a whole and the Board Committees had performed well and effectively and the overall composition of the Board in terms of the size, mix of skills and experience and the balance between the Executive Director, Non-Executive Director and Independent Directors is appropriate.

During the financial year ended 31 December 2024, five (5) Board meetings were held to review and deliberate on a variety of matters including the Group's quarterly operations, financial results, strategic decisions, business plan, risk management as well as corporate fund-raising exercises.

In the intervals between Board meetings, approvals are obtained via circular resolutions and additional meetings to be convened as and when necessary.

The attendance of the Directors at Board and Board Committee meetings held during financial year under review is set out as follows:

Directors	Board	AC	NC	RC
Fazrin Azwar bin Md. Nor	5/5	5/5	2/2	1/1
Dato' Leaw Seng Hai	5/5	-	-	-
Kenneth Chin Kah Kiong	5/5	5/5	2/2	1/1
Leaw Ai Lin	5/5	3/5	1/2	0/1
(Appointed as Board Committee member on 30 May 2024)				
Koo Hoong Kwan (Resigned on 7 March 2024)	1/5	1/5	1/2	1/1

The Board is satisfied with the time commitment given by the Directors based on the full attendance by all the Directors at all meetings convened. In addition, all the Directors do not hold more than five (5) Directorships as required under para 15.06 of the MMLR.

The Board is conscious of the importance of keeping abreast with the latest changes and development in legal and regulatory governance and ensure that its members undergo continuous trainings to enhance their knowledge, expertise and professionalism in discharging their duties.

The trainings attended by the Directors during the financial year under review are as follows:

Name of Director	Conference/Seminar/Forum/Courses	Date
Fazrin Azwar bin Md.	AMLA Awareness: A Guide for Small Firm Practises	2 February 2024
Nor	• BURSA PLCs IR4U Series 10: Navigating Bursa Malaysia's	17 July 2024
	Enhanced Sustainability Reporting Framework – Bursa Malaysia	
	E-Invoicing for Law Firms – Bar Council Malaysia	18 July 2024
	• SSM Conference 2024: Enhancing Corporate Transparency Building Resilience	27 – 28 August 2024
	<ul> <li>ICDM: How can Boards make the Most of Blockchain &amp; Digital Assets</li> </ul>	20 September 2024
	• Enhancing Compliance: Understanding Sanctions Risks and AML/CFT Regulation in Malaysia	24 September 2024
	Conversations on Leadership: Tan Sri Zarinah Anwar	21 October 2024
	• The Role of Internal Audit in Whistleblowing: Practical Consideration	24 October 2024
	<ul> <li>Seminar Percukaian Kebangsaan (SPK) 2024 Belanjawan 2025</li> </ul>	29 October 2024
Dato' Leaw Seng Hai	<ul> <li>ICDM: Mandatory Accreditation Programme Part II: Leading for Impact</li> </ul>	28 – 29 February 2024
	SSM National Conference 2024 on Enhancing Corporate Transparency, Building Resilience	27 – 28 August 2024

# PRINCIPLE A: BOARD LEADERSHIP AND EFFECTIVENESS (CONTINUED)

#### PART II - BOARD COMPOSITION (CONTINUED)

#### 5. Overall Effectiveness of the Board and Individual Directors (Continued)

#### 5.1 Annual Effectiveness of the Board and Individual Directors (Continued)

The trainings attended by the Directors during the financial year under review are as follows: (Continued)

Name of Director	Conference/Seminar/Forum/Courses	Date
Kenneth Chin Kah Kiong	<ul> <li>ICDM PowerTalk Series - Future-Proofing Malaysian Businesses: Navigating Cyber-Threats in the Age of AI &amp; Thriving in a High-Risk Landscape</li> </ul>	11 March 2024
	<ul> <li>MIA Webinar Series: Practical Implementation of e-Invoicing in Malaysia – Concepts &amp; Challenges</li> </ul>	29 April 2024
	<ul> <li>ICDM: Being sued as an INED – A Personal Journey</li> </ul>	10 May 2024
	<ul> <li>ICDM: How can Boards make the most of Blockchain &amp; Digital Assets</li> </ul>	20 September 2024
	ICDM: Strategic Data and Frameworks in Board Governance	2 December 2024
Leaw Ai Lin	<ul> <li>ICDM: Mandatory Accreditation Programme Part II: Leading for Impact</li> </ul>	28 – 29 February 2024
	<ul> <li>PhilipCapital 14<sup>th</sup> Investment Conference</li> </ul>	6 July 2024
	<ul> <li>2024 Crowe IPO Conference: Unlocking the Secrets of a Successful IPO</li> </ul>	21 August 2024
	<ul> <li>AML/CFT Awareness Programme 2024</li> </ul>	24 September 2024
	<ul> <li>SSM – Seminar on Corporate Directors Training Programme Fundamental 5.0</li> </ul>	2 October 2024
	<ul> <li>SSM – Seminar on SSM X LHDNM: E-Invoice Implementation in Malaysia and Navigating the MyInvois Portal</li> </ul>	14 November 2024

All the Directors will continue to attend relevant training and programs in order to keep themselves abreast with the latest developments in the market place covering laws, rules and regulations, capital markets development, business environment, corporate governance, risk management, general economic, industrial and technical developments. The Board is also regularly updated on new and relevant statutory as well as regulatory guidelines from time to time during the Board meetings. This will enable the Board to discharge their duties effectively to ensure the sustenance of active participation in Board deliberations.

#### 6. Level and Composition of Remuneration

#### 6.1 Remuneration

The Group's policy on Directors' remuneration serves to attract, retain and motivate Directors, whereby the level of remuneration of the Directors is such as to be sufficient to attract and retain Directors needed to manage the Group effectively. The remuneration system is structured to link rewards to corporate and individual performance in the case of Executive Director. In the case of Non-Executive Directors, the level of remuneration shall reflect the level of responsibilities undertaken by the particular Non-Executive Directors concerned.

The authority, functions and responsibilities of the Remuneration Committee are set out in its terms of reference. The Remuneration Committee will review the remuneration packages of each individual Executive Director from time to time to ensure that the remuneration packages remain competitive in order to attract and retain competent executives who can manage the Group successfully. The Executive Director play no part in decisions pertaining to their own remuneration.

The determination of remuneration packages of Non-Executive Directors is a matter of the Board as a whole. The level of remuneration reflects the experience and level of responsibilities undertaken by the Non-Executive Directors. The Non-Executive Directors concerned do not partake in decisions affecting their own remuneration.

The Remuneration Committee met during the meeting in February 2024 to discuss and recommend the remuneration structure and packages for the financial year ended 31 December 2024 of the Directors for review by the Board.

# PRINCIPLE A: BOARD LEADERSHIP AND EFFECTIVENESS (CONTINUED)

# PART II - BOARD COMPOSITION (CONTINUED)

# 6. Level and Composition of Remuneration (Continued)

# 6.1 Remuneration (Continued)

The detailed breakdown of Directors' remuneration is as follows:-

		Company		Group			
Range of Remuneration	Executive Directors	Non- Executive Directors	Total	Executive Directors	Non- Executive Directors	Total	
	(RM)	(RM)	(RM)	(RM)	(RM)	(RM)	
RM500 to RM50,000	-	1	1	-	1	1	
RM50,001 to RM150,000	1	2	3	-	1	1	
RM150,001 to RM200,000	-	1	1	-	2	2	
RM5,000,001 to RM6,500,000	-	-	-	1	-	1	
Total	1	4	5	1	4	5	

The detailed breakdown of Directors' remuneration is as follows:-

# The Company

	^^ Director		Benefits in	Meeting	** Other	
Category	Fee	Salaries	kind	Allowance	Emoluments	Total
	(RM)	(RM)	(RM)	(RM)	(RM)	(RM)
Executive Director						
Dato' Leaw Seng Hai	-	-	-	-	149,201	149,201
Non-Executive Director						
## Koo Hong Kwan	17,548	-	-	2,000	-	19,548
Fazrin Azwar Bin Md. Nor	144,000	-	-	9,000	-	153,000
Leaw Ai Lin	144,000	-	-	3,500	-	147,500
Kenneth Chin Kah Kiong	108,000	-	-	10,500	-	118,500

# The Group

	^^ Director		Benefits in	Meeting	** Other	
Category	Fee	Salaries	kind	Allowance	Emoluments	Total
	(RM)	(RM)	(RM)	(RM)	(RM)	(RM)
Executive Director						
Dato' Leaw Seng Hai	-	4,200,000	44,325	-	2,064,844	6,309,169
Non-Executive Director						
## Koo Hong Kwan	17,548	-	-	2,000	-	19,548
Fazrin Azwar Bin Md. Nor	144,000	-	-	9,000	-	153,000
Leaw Ai Lin	144,000	-	28,000	3,500	722	176,222
Kenneth Chin Kah Kiong	108,000	-	-	10,500	-	118,500

### Notes:

\*\* Other Emoluments inclusive of director EPF, HRDF, Socso, insurance, medical and one-off ex-gratia payment of RM1.05 million

## Mr Koo Hong Kwan has resigned as a Non-independent Non-executive Director on 7 March 2024

^^ The payment of Director Fee to Non-Executive Director for the financial year ended 31 December 2024 would require shareholders' approval at the next Annual General Meeting

# PRINCIPLE B: EFFECTIVE AUDIT AND RISK MANAGEMENT

#### PART I - AUDIT COMMITTEE ("AC")

#### 7. Effective and Independent AC

#### 7.1 Chairman of the AC

Kenneth, an INED, is the Chairman of the AC. Details on the composition and activities of the AC are outlined under the AC Report in this Annual Report.

#### 7.2 Policy requiring former key audit partner to observe 2-year cooling-off period

Practice 9.2 of the MCCG requires that a former partner of the external audit firm and/or affiliate firm (including those providing advisory services, tax consulting, etc.) to observe a cooling-off period of at least three (3) years before the appointment as a member of the AC.

None of the AC members were former key audit partners of the Company's existing audit firm and in any event if there are potential candidate to be appointed as a member of the AC, the Board will observe the necessary cooling-off period.

#### 7.3 Assessment of suitability and independence of External Auditors

The AC undertakes an annual assessment of the suitability and independence of the external auditors before recommending them to the shareholders for re-appointment at the AGM.

At least once a year and whenever necessary, the AC met with the external auditors without the presence of the executive Board member and Management personnel to allow the AC and the external auditors to exchange independent views on matters which requires the AC's attention. During the year, the AC met up twice with the external auditors to review the audit plan of the Group include setting out their responsibilities, scope of work and key audit areas in connection with the audit of the Group.

As part of the AC's review processes, the AC has obtained assurance from the External Auditors confirming that they are, and have been, independent throughout the conduct of the audit engagement in accordance with the terms of all relevant professional and regulatory requirements.

Based on the AC's assessment of BDO PTL, the external auditors, the Board is satisfied with their competence and independence and had recommended the re-appointment of the External Auditors for shareholders' consideration at the forthcoming AGM.

### 7.4 Composition of the AC

The AC is comprised solely of INEDs as part of the Board's initiative for more independence and transparency in decision-making.

The members of the AC are suitably qualified, possess sufficient management expertise coupled with their financial literacy in order to discharge their responsibilities as AC members. One member namely Mr. Chin is a member of the Malaysian Institute of Accountants.

The AC is kept up to date by the Management, Company Secretaries, External and Internal Auditors on changes to accounting standards, MMLR and other codes and regulations which can have an impact on the Group's business and financial statements.

The AC's composition and performance is reviewed by the NC annually and recommended to the Board for its approval on the same.

All members of the AC have also undertaken and will continue to undertake continuous professional development to keep themselves abreast of relevant developments in accounting standards, practices and rules in discharging their duties effectively.

### PRINCIPLE B: EFFECTIVE AUDIT AND RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

#### PART II: RISK MANAGEMENT AND INTERNAL CONTROL FRAMEWORK

#### 8. Risk Management

#### 8.1 Effective Risk Management and Internal Control Framework

The Board has the overall responsibility of monitoring a sound internal control system that covers effective and efficient operations, in compliance with the law, relevant regulations and risk management. This is to safeguard shareholders' investments and the Group's assets apart from assuring financial controls.

Risk management is given priority by the establishment of policies to identify, evaluate and manage the Company's corporate risk profile to mitigate possible adverse effects arising therefrom.

#### 8.2 Features of Risk Management and Internal Control Framework

The Statement on Risk Management and Internal Control as set out on Pages 58 to 60 in this Annual Report provides an overview of the risk management framework and internal control system within the Group.

#### 9. Effective Governance, Risk Management and Internal Control

#### 9.1 Effectiveness of Internal Audit Function

The Board has outsourced its internal audit function a professional service firm known as GovernAce Advisory & Solutions Sdn. Bhd. to assist the AC in discharging its duties and responsibilities. The internal auditors carried out internal audits within the Group based on a risk-based audit plan approved by the AC.

The engaging partner and team are free from any relationships or conflict of interests within the Company to ensure the internal auditor's objectivity and independence are not impaired.

The Internal Auditors performs periodic testing on the internal control systems to ensure that the system is robust. They report directly to the AC.

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

### PART 1 - COMMUNICATION WITH STAKEHOLDERS

The Company recognizes the importance of prompt and timely dissemination of information to shareholders and investors in order for these stakeholders to be able to make informed investment decisions. The Company has established its website <u>www.benalec.com.my</u> which allows shareholders and the public access to corporate information, financial statements, news and events relating to the Group.

The Company has at all times ensured timely dissemination of information on the Company's performance and other matter affecting shareholders interests to shareholders and investors through appropriate announcement, quarterly announcements, relevant circulars, press releases and distribution of annual reports.

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

### PART II - CONDUCT OF GENERAL MEETINGS

The AGM and Extraordinary General Meetings provide appropriate forums for the shareholders to participate in questions and answers sessions. Directors and Senior Management staff are present at the AGM to attend to shareholders' questions. The Company is committed to disseminate information in strict adherence to the disclosure standards of the MMLR. The Company ensures that material information relating to the Group is disclosed by way of announcement to the Bursa Securities, in annual report as well as, where appropriate, circulars and press releases. The Board will regularly review the information disseminated to ensure that consistent and accurate information is provided to shareholders of the Company.

In line with good corporate governance practices, the notice of AGM was issued at least twenty-eight (28) days before the AGM.

### Minutes of General Meeting

The Company's AGM remains one of the most important platforms for communication and engagement between the Company and its shareholders.

The recordings of the proceedings in the forms of minutes reflects the mutual understanding, agreements as well as resolutions reached between the shareholders and Directors of the Company.

The minutes of the 18<sup>th</sup> AGM detailing the proceedings and issues raised by shareholders and the responses by the Company were available on the Company's website at <u>www.benalec.com.my</u> within thirty (30) business days after the conclusion of the 19<sup>th</sup> AGM to provide useful information to shareholders and investors.

This Corporate Governance Overview Statement was approved by the Board on 28 April 2025.

# **ADDITIONAL COMPLIANCE INFORMATION**

#### 1 Audit and Non-Audit Fees Paid

During the financial year ended 31 December 2024, the amount of audit and non-audit fees paid by the Company and the Group to the External Auditors are as follows:

	Group RM	Company RM
Audit Fees	579,558	141,000
Non-Audit Fees	134,451	21,000

# 2 Material Contracts

There was no material contracts entered into by the Company involving the interests of the Directors and substantial shareholders during the financial year ended 31 December 2024, save as disclosed in the Prospectus dated 28 December 2010 and Related Party Disclosure presented in the Financial Statements of this Annual Report.

# 3 Recurrent Related Party Transactions

The recurrent related party transactions or trading nature conducted by the Group during the financial year ended 31 December 2024 did not exceed the threshold prescribed under Paragraph 10.09(1) of the Listing Requirements.

# STATEMENT ON RISK MANAGEMENT AND INTERNAL CONTROL

The Board of Directors ("Board") is pleased to present its Statement on Risk Management and Internal Control in compliance with Paragraph 15.26(b) of the Main Market Listing Requirements ("MMLR") of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad ("Bursa Securities") and guided by the Statement on Risk Management and Internal Control: Guidelines for Directors of Listed Issuers endorsed by Bursa Securities.

The following statement outlines the nature and scope of the risk management and internal control within Benalec Holdings Berhad and its subsidiaries ("the Group") during the financial year under review.

# **BOARD'S RESPONSIBILITY**

The Board is fully committed to maintaining a sound system of risk management and internal control system to safeguard the shareholders' interest and the Group's assets. The Board is responsible for the Group's system of internal control including the establishment of an appropriate control environment and framework as well as reviewing its adequacy and integrity. The system of internal control does not only cover financial controls but also organisational, operational and compliance controls and risk management procedures. In view of the limitations that are inherent in any system of risk management and internal control, this system is designed to manage, rather than eliminate, the risk of failure to achieve corporate objectives. Accordingly, it can only provide reasonable but not absolute assurance against material misstatement or loss.

The Board confirms that there is an on-going process for identifying, evaluating and managing significant risks faced by the Group. The Board through its Audit Committee reviews the results of this process. The Board confirms that this process is in place for the year under review and that it accords with the Statement on Risk Management and Internal Control: Guidelines for Directors of Listed Issuers.

The following activities have taken place as part of establishing the risk management and internal control during the year under review:

- 1. The Board of Directors has reviewed the adequacy and effectiveness of the risk management and internal control system;
- 2. The Board of Directors has commented on the adequacy and effectiveness of the risk management and internal control system; and
- 3. Assurance was obtained from Group Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer/ Finance Controller that the Company's risk management and internal control system is operating adequately and effectively, in all material aspects, based on the risk management and internal control system of the Company.

### **GROUP'S RISK MANAGEMENT AND INTERNAL CONTROL SYSTEM**

The Board has established an appropriate control environment and risk management framework, ensuring through a review process on the adequacy and integrity thereof.

### 1. Control Environment and Risk Management Framework

The Board recognises that an effective risk management framework will allow the Group to identify, evaluate and manage risks that affect the achievement of the Group's business objectives within defined risk parameters in a timely and effective manner.

Accordingly, the Board has put in place a formal enterprise risk management framework that allows a more structured and focused approach to identify, evaluate, monitor and report the principal risks that affect the achievement of the Group's business objectives and enables the adoption of a risk-based internal control system. The following activities have taken place as part of establishing this formal framework:

- Risk profile had been developed for the Company.
- Risk Management Policy had been developed which incorporates amongst others a structured process for identifying, evaluating and prioritising risks as well as clearly defining the risk responsibilities and escalation process.
- Risk Manager has been appointed with key roles and responsibilities to champion risk awareness and training
  efforts of the Group which include the identification of risk, reviewing action plans and ensuring that the action
  plans are acted upon and addressed.

# Statement on Risk Management and Internal Control

### GROUP'S RISK MANAGEMENT AND INTERNAL CONTROL SYSTEM (CONTINUED)

#### 1. Control Environment and Risk Management Framework (Continued)

In order to inculcate a standard of ethical behaviour for directors and employees of the Group, a Code of Ethics and Conduct ("the Code") has been established and communicated to all directors and employees of the Group.

The whistle-blowing reporting process forming part of the Code allows employees to raise concerns without fear of reprisals on suspected breach or violation of the Code. The employee should immediately report any malpractice that exists in the work place to his/her immediate superior or Head of Department. However, if the employee feels reluctant to do so, the employee has an option to report it to the Board of Directors. The Code reinforces the Group's core value on integrity by providing general guidance on moral and ethical behaviour that is expected from all employees. This includes general prohibition on involvement of its personnel in any act of commercial corruption either direct or indirect.

The Group's Code of Ethics and Conduct is published in the Company's website at www.benalec.com.my.

# 2. Group Structure

This is achieved through clearly defined operating and reporting structures with clear lines of accountability and responsibilities. Changes in the Group structure are duly communicated to Management team of the Group. In addition, details of directorships within the Group are regularly updated and highlighted to ensure that related parties are duly identified on a timely basis, as necessary.

The Board is responsible for setting the business direction and for overseeing the conduct of the Group's operations through various Board Committees.

# 3. Internal Audit Function

In addition, the Group has engaged an independent professional firm which carries out the internal audit function in the Group by providing independent advice and assurance on the effectiveness of the Group's system of internal controls. The findings of the internal auditors are regularly reported to the Audit Committee. In particular, the internal auditors appraise and contribute towards improving the Group's internal control system and reports to the Audit Committee on a quarterly basis. The Audit Committee meets with the Board to discuss significant issues found during the internal audit process and makes necessary recommendations to the Board. The internal auditors also review the internal controls on the key activities and processes of the Group's businesses and present an annual internal audit plan to the Audit Committee for prior approval before carrying out the review. The internal audit function adopts a risk-based approach and prepares its internal audit plan based on the risk profiles of the Company.

The Audit Committee reviews the results of the risk monitoring and compliance procedure, and ensures that an appropriate mix of effective techniques is used to obtain the level of assurance required by the Board. The Audit Committee considers reports from internal audit and from the Management, before reporting and making recommendations to the Board in strengthening the risk management, internal control and governance systems. The Committee presents its findings to the Board on a quarterly basis, or earlier, as appropriate.

#### 4. Control Framework

#### a. Financial Information and Information System

Management constantly monitors financial performances, business plan achievement and the progress of corrective actions/implementation for highlighted issues and is committed to rectifying the highlighted issues. In addition, communication channels such as email and teleconferencing are used to encourage effective and "free-flow" or open communication within the organisation. As computers are used for transmitting information and storing data, the Management shall maintain a proper IT security controls, which include user and password access rights and backup of data.

Proposals for major capital expenditure and new investment by the Group are reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors.

# Statement on Risk Management and Internal Control

# **GROUP'S RISK MANAGEMENT AND INTERNAL CONTROL SYSTEM (CONTINUED)**

#### 4. Control Framework (Continued)

#### b. Performance Reporting and Monitoring

Quarterly financial statements are presented to the Audit Committee and the Board for review and discussion.

#### c. Standardisation of Policies and Procedures

Standardised policies and procedures are implemented to address the financial and operational controls of the Group.

### CONCLUSION

The Board is pleased to conclude that the state of Group's risk management and internal control system are generally adequate and effective. There were no material losses incurred during the current financial year as a result of weakness risk management and internal control system. The Management will continue to ensure proper management of risks and take adequate measures to ensure ongoing adequacy and effectiveness of internal controls.

The Board has received the assurance from the Group Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer that the Group's risk management and internal control system is operating adequately and effectively in all material aspects, based on the risk management and internal system of the Group.

The above Statement is made in accordance with the approval given by the Directors during the Board Meeting held on 28 April 2025.

# **REVIEW OF THE STATEMENT BY THE EXTERNAL AUDITORS**

As required by paragraph 15.23 of the MMLR, the external auditors have reviewed this Statement on Risk Management and Internal Control. Their review was performed in accordance with Audit and Assurance Practice Guide 3 ("AAPG 3") issued by the Malaysian Institute of Accountants and procedures have been performed to assess whether the Statement on Risk Management and Internal Control is both supported by the documentation prepared by or for the Directors and appropriately reflects the processes the Directors have adopted.

AAPG 3 does not require the external auditors to consider whether this Statement on Risk Management and Internal Control covers all risk and controls, or to form an opinion on the adequacy and effectiveness of the Group's risk management and internal control system of the Group including the assessment and opinion by the Board of Directors and management thereon. Based on their procedures performed, the external auditors have reported to the Board of Directors that nothing has come to their attention that causes them to believe that this Statement on Risk Management and Internal Control is not prepared, in all material respects in accordance with the disclosure required by paragraphs 41 and 42 of the Statement on Risk Management and Internal Control: Guidelines for Directors of Listed Issuers to be set out, nor is factually inaccurate.

# AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

During the financial year, the Audit Committee ("AC" or "Committee") carried out its duties and responsibilities in accordance with its terms of reference and held discussions with the internal auditors, external auditors and relevant members of Management. The Board of Directors ("Board") of Benalec Holdings Berhad is pleased to present the AC Report for the financial year ended 31 December 2024.

### MEMBERSHIP AND MEETING ATTENDANCES

The AC during the financial year under review and up to the date of this report comprises the following members:

Name	Designation
Kenneth Chin Kah Kiong*	Chairman, Independent Non-Executive Director
Fazrin Azwar bin Md. Nor	Independent Non-Executive Director
Leaw Ai Lin (Appointed as AC member on 30 May 2024)	Non-Independent Non-Executive Director
Koo Hoong Kwan (Resigned on 7 March 2024)	Non-Independent Non-Executive Director

Note: \*Member of Malaysian Institute of Accountants ("MIA")

The composition of the AC is in compliance with Paragraph 15.09 and 15.10 of the Main Market Listing Requirements ("MMLR") of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad ("Bursa Securities") and none of the Directors has appointed Alternate Directors.

# **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

The Terms of Reference of the AC which lays down the duties and responsibilities of its members is accessible via the Company's website at <u>www.benalec.com.my</u>. The Board is satisfied that the AC had discharged their duties and responsibilities in accordance with its Terms of Reference in ensuring that the Company upholds the appropriate Corporate Governance standards.

# MEETINGS AND ATTENDANCE

Name	Designation	No. of meetings attended
Kenneth Chin Kah Kiong	Chairman, Independent Non-Executive Director	5/5
Fazrin Azwar bin Md. Nor	Independent Non-Executive Director	5/5
Leaw Ai Lin (Appointed on 30 May 2024)	Non-Independent Non-Executive Director	3/5
Koo Hoong Kwan (Resigned on 7 March 2024)	Non-Independent Non-Executive Director	1/5

### SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES AND WORK OF THE COMMITTEE

During the financial year ended 31 December 2024, the Committee had worked closely with the external auditors, internal auditors and management to carry out its functions and duties in line with the Terms of Reference.

A summary of the activities and work of the AC in discharging its duties includes the following:-

# (i) Financial Reporting

- a. Reviewed the unaudited quarterly financial results of the Group including draft announcements pertaining thereto before recommending the same for the Board's approval and release to Bursa Securities.
- b. Reviewed the audited financial statements of the Group and the external audit report with the external auditors prior to the submission to the Board for approval.
- c. Reviewed the impacts of any changes to the accounting policies and adoption of new accounting standards as well as significant matters highlighted in the financial statements.

# Audit Committee Report

# SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES AND WORK OF THE COMMITTEE (CONTINUED)

A summary of the activities and work of the AC in discharging its duties includes the following:- (Continued)

# (ii) External Audit

- a. Reviewed the Audit Plan of the Group for the financial year ended 31 December 2024 prepared by the external auditors setting out their responsibilities, scope of work and key audit areas in connection with their audit of the Group.
- b. Reviewed with the external auditors the results of the audit, the report and the management letter, including management's response.
- c. Evaluated the performance and assessed the independence and objectivity of the external auditors in providing their services and made recommendations to the Board on their re-appointment and remuneration.
- d. Held private sessions with the external auditors without the presence of Executive Director and Management.

# (iii) Internal Audit

- a. Reviewed the annual internal audit plan to ensure adequate scope and comprehensive coverage over the activities of the Group.
- b. Reviewed the internal audit reports, which highlighted the audit issues, recommendations and management's responses. Discussed with Management on actions taken to improve the system of internal control based on improvement opportunities identified in the internal audit reports.
- c. Reported to the Board on significant audit issues and concerns discussed during the Committee's meetings which have significant impact on the Group from time to time, for consideration and deliberation by the Board.

# (iv) Related Party Transactions

a. Reviewed on a quarterly basis the related party transaction(s) entered into by the Group and any conflict of interest situation that may arise within the Group.

# (v) Other Matters

- a. Reviewed the AC Report and Statement of Risk Management and Internal Control prior to the submission of the same to the Board for consideration and inclusion in the Annual Report of the Company.
- b. Reviewed the Risk Management Report on the risk profile of the Group and the adequacy of internal control systems to manage these risks.
- c. Reviewed the Share Buy-back Statement in relation to the Proposed Renewal of Share Buy-Back Authority.

# INTERNAL AUDIT FUNCTION

The Group engaged the internal audit services from a professional internal audit service provider to ensure that the outsourced internal auditor is independent as it has no involvement in the operations of the Group. The outsourced internal auditors is responsible for the review and appraisal of the effectiveness of risk management, internal control and governance processes in the Group and reports directly to the AC

The AC has full and direct access to the Internal Auditors, review the reports on all audits performed and monitors its performance. The AC also reviews the adequacy of the scopes, functions, competency and resources of the outsourced internal audit functions.

The outsourced internal auditors carried out internal audits within the Group based on a risk-based audit plan approved by the AC.

# Audit Committee Report

#### **INTERNAL AUDIT FUNCTION (CONTINUED)**

A summary of the internal audit activities undertaken during the financial year is as follows:-

 Performed operational audits on business units of the Group in accordance with the pre-approved audit plan which covers review of internal control system, risk management and follow up audits to address observations reported in preceding internal audit visits;

During the financial year ended 31 December 2024, the internal auditors carried out its audit on the following functions:-

- a. Internal Audit Report on Human Resource;
- b. Internal Audit Report on Related Party Transactions;
- c. Follow-up Audit Report on Human Resource;
- d. Risk Profile Update Report;
- e. Internal Audit Report on Site Project and Maintenance (Malacca Project);
- f. Follow-up Audit Report on Related Party Transaction; and
- g. Follow-up Audit Report on Site Project and Maintenance (Malacca Project).

Based on these audits, the outsourced internal auditors provided the AC with reports highlighting observations, recommendations and management action plans to improve the system of internal controls.

- Conducted follow-up reviews to determine the adequacy, effectiveness and timeliness of action taken by the Management on audit recommendations and provided updates on their status to the Committee; and
- (iii) Presented internal audit reports to the AC for review and provide recommendations, if any for improvement of the internal control policies and procedures.

The fee incurred for internal audit function in respect of the financial year amounted to RM90,000.

# **STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITY**

### DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITY IN PREPARING THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Directors are required to take reasonable steps to ensure that the financial statements of the Company and the Group are properly drawn up in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2016 ("CA 2016"), applicable approved Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards ("MFRS") and the Main Market Listing Requirements of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and of the Group as at the end of financial year and of the results and the cash flow of the Company and of the Group for the financial year.

In preparing the financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2024, the Directors have:

- adopted suitable accounting policies and applied them consistently;
- exercise judgment and made estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- ensured adoption of applicable accounting standards; and
- prepared the financial statements on a going concern basis.

The Directors are responsible for ensuring that the Company and the Group maintains accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at all times the financial position of the Company and of the Group to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the CA 2016 and MFRS.

The Directors have general responsibilities for taking such steps to ensure that appropriate systems are reasonably available to them to safeguard the assets of the Company and the Group, and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities and material misstatements. Such systems, by their nature, can only provide reasonable, but not absolute assurance against material misstatement, loss or fraud.

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# **GROUP PROPERTIES** AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

#### Summary of Land Held for Sale Α.

No.	Lot No. / PT No.	PN No. / HS(D) No.	Description	Land Area (acres)	Existing usage	Tenure / Expired date	NBV as at 31/12/2024 (RM)	Date of acquisition (based on title date)
1	PT 150 - 155	HS(D) 80967 - 80972	Pekan Klebang Sek. III, Melaka Tengah, Melaka	29.37	Vacant land / Commercial	Leasehold & expiring on 20/04/2115	24,896,506	21/04/2016
2	Lot 12177 - Lot 12178 (formerly PT174 - PT175)	PN 65662 - 65663 (formerly HS(D) 80980 - 80981)	Kawasan Bandar XLV, Melaka Tengah, Melaka	14.69	Vacant land / Commercial	Leasehold & expiring on 20/04/2115	13,077,059	21/04/2016
			Total	44.06			37,973,565	

#### В. Information on land & building

No.	PT No.	HS(D) No.	Location	Built up area (sq. ft)	Description / Existing usage	Tenure / Date of expiry of lease	NBV as at 31/12/2024 (RM)	Date of acquisition / SPA
1	PT 001790	HS(D) 0070078	No. 2, Jalan KL 3/9, Taman Kota Laksamana, Sek. 3, 75200 Melaka	6,088	3 storey shop office (Melaka site office)	Leasehold & expiring on 29/05/2110	1,140,626	01/06/2011
2	PT 16149	HS(D) 102335	No. 23, Jalan Perintis U1/52, Glenmarie Temasya, Seksyen U1, 40150 Shah Alam, Selangor	21,797	Semi- detached double storey factory (Headquarter of the Group)	Freehold	17,974,385	18/03/2016
						Total (RM)	19,115,011	

#### C. Information on Properties Held For Sale

No.	PT No.	Block No.	Location	Built up area (sq. ft)	Description / Existing usage	Tenure / Date of expiry of lease	NBV as at 31/12/2024 (RM)	Date of acquisition / SPA
1	PT 21608	C-3	Kompleks Perniagaan Musai Bistari, Melaka	7,758	5 storey shop office (Vacant)	Leasehold & expiring on 04/07/2103	1,565,400	27/03/2015
2	PT 21608	C-4	Kompleks Perniagaan Musai Bistari, Melaka	7,654	5 storey shop office (Vacant)	Leasehold & expiring on 04/07/2103	1,565,901	27/03/2015
3	PT 21608	C-5	Kompleks Perniagaan Musai Bistari, Melaka	7,550	5 storey shop office (Vacant)	Leasehold & expiring on 04/07/2103	1,491,043	27/03/2015
4	PT 21608	C-6	Kompleks Perniagaan Musai Bistari, Melaka	7,446	5 storey shop office (Vacant)	Leasehold & expiring on 04/07/2103	1,482,626	27/03/2015
5	PT 21608	C-7	Kompleks Perniagaan Musai Bistari, Melaka	7,345	5 storey shop office (Vacant)	Leasehold & expiring on 04/07/2103	1,487,340	27/03/2015
6	LOT 9174	C-1	Gangsa Avenue, Daerah Alor Gajah, Melaka	4,370	2 storey shop office (Vacant)	Freehold	621,347	03/06/2015

Total (RM) 8,213,657

#### OTHERS

# STATISTICS OF SHAREHOLDINGS AS AT 26 MARCH 2025

Number of Issued Shares	:	1,031,602,500
Adjusted Number of Issued Shares	:	1,018,887,100 (exclude 12,715,400 treasury shares)
Class of Shares	:	Ordinary Shares
Voting Rights	:	One vote per ordinary share held in the case of a poll and one vote per person on
		a show of hands

### ANALYSIS BY SIZE OF SHAREHOLDINGS

Size of Shareholdings	No of Holders	%	No. of Shares	%
Less than 100	30	0.370	620	0.000
100 to 1,000	416	5.138	300,094	0.029
1,001 to 10,000	3,613	44.626	21,969,782	2.156
10,001 to 100,000	3,260	40.266	121,249,817	11.900
100,001 to 50,944,354*	775	9.572	699,418,487	68.645
50,944,355 and above**	2	0.024	175,948,300	17.268
Total	8,096	100.000	1,018,887,100+	100.000

Remark:

\* Less than 5% of the Adjusted Number of Issued Shares.

\*\* 5% and above of the Adjusted Number of Issued Shares.

# **REGISTER OF SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS**

Substantial Shareholders	Direct Interest		Deemed Interest	
	No. of Shares	%^	No. of Shares	%^
CGS International Nominees (Asing) Sdn Bhd – Exempt an for CGS International Securities Singapore Pte Ltd	89,090,000	8.743	-	-
Oceancove Sdn Bhd	86,858,300	8.524	-	-
Dato' Leaw Seng Hai	21,281,700	2.088	86,858,300 (1)	8.524
Oceanview Cove Sdn Bhd	-	-	86,858,300 <sup>(2)</sup>	8.524

Notes:

^ The percentage of shareholdings have been computed based on Adjusted Number of Issued Shares.

<sup>(1)</sup> Deemed interst by virtue of his direct interest in Oceancove Sdn Bhd and indirect interest in Oceancove Sdn Bhd via Oceanview Cove Sdn Bhd pursuant to Section 8(4) of the Companies Act, 2016 ("the Act").

<sup>(2)</sup> Deemed interest by virtue of its interest in Oceancove Sdn Bhd pursuant to Section 8(4) of the Act.

### DIRECTORS' DIRECT AND DEEMED INTERESTS IN THE COMPANY AND/OR ITS RELATED CORPORATIONS

Directors	Direct Interest		Deemed Interest	
	No. of Shares	%^	No. of Shares	%^
Fazrin Azwar bin Md Nor	-	-	-	-
Dato' Leaw Seng Hai	21,281,700	2.088	86,858,300 (1)	8.524
Kenneth Chin Kah Kiong	10,000	0.000	-	-
Leaw Ai Lin	-	-	-	-

Notes:

^ The percentage of shareholdings have been computed based on Adjusted Number of Issued Shares.

<sup>(1)</sup> Deemed interest by virtue of his direct interest in Oceancove Sdn Bhd and indirect interest in Oceancove Sdn Bhd via Oceanview Cove Sdn Bhd pursuant to Section 8(4) of the Companies Act, 2016 ("the Act").

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# Statistics of Shareholdings As At 26 March 2025

# THIRTY LARGEST SECURITIES ACCOUNT HOLDERS ACCORDING TO THE RECORD OF DEPOSITORS

	GS International Nominees (Asing) Sdn Bhd	89,090,000	8.743
-	kempt an for CGS International Securities Singapore Pte Ltd)		
2. Oc	ceancove Sdn Bhd	86,858,300	8.524
3. Le	aw Eilin	50,846,300	4.990
	DB Kay Hian Nominees (Asing) Sdn Bhd kempt an for UOB Kay Hian Pte Ltd)	48,497,000	4.759
5. Te	minsri Construction Sdn Bhd	42,912,400	4.211
	enanga Nominees (Tempatan) Sdn Bhd an Chun Hoe)	41,700,000	4.092
7. Da	to' Dr. Daing A Malek bin Daing A Rahaman	40,000,000	3.925
8. Lir	n Han Ho @ Lim Sua Now	37,705,000	3.700
	HB Nominees (Tempatan) Sdn Bhd Iedged securities account for Ooi Keng Thye)	27,497,200	2.698
10. Da	ato' Leaw Seng Hai	21,281,700	2.088
11. Te	oh Tit Eng	20,150,000	1.977
	DB Kay Hian Nominees (Tempatan) Sdn Bhd kempt an for UOB Kay Hian Pte Ltd)	20,007,000	1.963
13. Pa	lembang Emas Sdn Bhd	14,800,000	1.452
	tigroup Nominees (Asing) Sdn Bhd kempt an for OCBC Securities Private Limited)	10,320,000	1.012
15. Lir	n Piek Keow	7,345,200	0.720
16. Da	atuk Leaw Ah Chye	5,586,600	0.548
	GS International Nominees Malaysia (Tempatan) Sdn Bhd ledged securities account for Chin Peng Kong)	5,200,000	0.510
	sec Nominees (Tempatan) Sdn Bhd kempt an for TA Investment Management Berhad)	4,876,000	0.478
	HB Capital Nominees (Tempatan) Sdn Bhd edged securities account for Wendy Lee Yoke Peng)	4,176,000	0.409
20. Ng	J Lian Cheng	3,580,000	0.351
	IB Nominees (Tempatan) Sdn Bhd edged securities account for Cheang Fook Sam)	3,550,000	0.348
22. Ta	y Tiong Yuan	3,506,200	0.344
	aybank Nominees (Tempatan) Sdn Bhd edged securities account for Ooi Keng Thye)	3,390,500	0.332
24. Ng	Lian Cheng	3,115,000	0.305
25. Lo	h Yuen Kok	3,100,000	0.304
	aybank Securities Nominees (Tempatan) Sdn Bhd edged securities account for Lim Tiew Jee)	3,100,000	0.304
27. CO	GS International Nominees Malaysia (Tempatan) Sdn Bhd edged securities account for Chan Foong Cheng)	3,059,000	0.300
-	o Wei Chung	3,011,000	0.295
	fin Hwang Nominees (Tempatan) Sdn Bhd kempt an for Lazarus Securities Pty Ltd)	3,000,000	0.294
-	ong Chee Thong	3,000,000	0.294

# NOTICE OF THE NINETEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE NINETEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ("**19<sup>th</sup> AGM**") OF BENALEC HOLDINGS BERHAD ("**BENALEC**" OR "**COMPANY**") WILL BE HELD AT MELATI 123 (MEZZANINE FLOOR), DORSETT GRAND SUBANG, JALAN SS12/1, 47500 SUBANG JAYA, SELANGOR DARUL EHSAN, MALAYSIA ON **FRIDAY, 30 MAY 2025** AT **10.00 A.M.** TO TRANSACT THE FOLLOWING BUSINESSES:

### AGENDA

### **ORDINARY BUSINESS**

- 1. To receive the Audited Financial Statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2024 together with the Reports of the Directors and Auditors thereon. *Please refer to the Explanatory Notes to the Agenda*
- 2. To approve the payment of Directors' fees of RM413,548 for the financial year ended 31 December 2024.

**Ordinary Resolution 1** 

- 3. To approve the payment of the Directors' benefits up to an aggregate amount of RM50,000 for the period from 31 May 2025 until Twentieth Annual General Meeting of the Company to be held in 2026. **Ordinary Resolution 2**
- 4. To re-elect Dato' Leaw Seng Hai who is retiring pursuant to Clause 76 of the Company's Constitution and being eligible, has offered himself for re-election. *Ordinary Resolution 3*
- 5. To re-appoint BDO PLT as Auditors of the Company for the ensuing year and to authorise the Directors to fix their remuneration. *Ordinary Resolution 4*

# SPECIAL BUSINESS

To consider and if thought fit, to pass the following Ordinary Resolutions with or without modifications:-

# 6. AUTHORITY TO ISSUE AND ALLOT SHARES PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 75 AND 76 OF THE COMPANIES ACT 2016 Ordinary Resolution 5

"THAT subject always to the Companies Act 2016 ("**the Act**"), the Constitution of the Company, the Main Market Listing Requirements of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad ("**Bursa Securities**") and the approvals of the relevant government/regulatory authorities, the Directors be and are hereby empowered pursuant to Sections 75 and 76 of the Act to allot shares in the Company from time to time at such price, upon such terms and conditions, to such persons and for such purposes as the Directors may in their absolute discretion, deem fit provided that the aggregate number of shares issued pursuant to this Ordinary Resolution does not exceed 10% of the total number of the issued shares (excluding treasury shares) of the Company for the time being AND THAT the Directors be and are also empowered to obtain approval for the listing of and quotation for the additional shares so issued on Bursa Securities AND FURTHER THAT such authority shall continue to be in force until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting ("**AGM**") of the Company, or at the expiry of the period within which the next AGM is required to be held after the approval was given, whichever is earlier, unless revoked or varied by an ordinary resolution of the Company in a general meeting."

7. To transact any other business of which due notice shall have been given in accordance with the Company's Constitution and the Companies Act 2016.

By Order of the Board of **BENALEC HOLDINGS BERHAD** 

THAM YIN TONG (MAICSA 7049718) (SSM PC No. 202008001314) LIM WEI LEE (MAICSA 7064249) (SSM PC No. 202008004038) Company Secretaries Kuala Lumpur

Date: 29 April 2025

# Notice of the Nineteenth Annual General Meeting

### NOTES:

- For the purpose of determining who shall be entitled to attend this General Meeting, the Company shall be requesting Bursa Malaysia Depository Sdn Bhd to make available to the Company, a Record of Depositors as at Friday, 23 May 2025. Only a member whose name appears on this Record of Depositors shall be entitled to attend this General Meeting or appoint a proxy to attend, speak and vote on his/her/its behalf.
- 2. A member entitled to attend and vote at this General Meeting is entitled to appoint a proxy or attorney or in the case of a corporation, to appoint a duly authorised representative to attend, participate, speak and vote in his/her place. A proxy may but need not be a member of the Company.
- 3. A member of the Company who is entitled to attend and vote at a General Meeting of the Company may appoint not more than two (2) proxies to attend, participate, speak and vote instead of the member at the General Meeting.
- 4. If two (2) proxies are appointed, the entitlement of those proxies to vote on a show of hands shall be in accordance with the listing requirements of the stock exchange.
- 5. Where a member of the Company is an authorised nominee as defined in the Securities Industry (Central Depositories) Act 1991 ("Central Depositories Act"), it may appoint not more than two (2) proxies in respect of each securities account it holds in ordinary shares of the Company standing to the credit of the said securities account.
- 6. 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. An exempt authorised nominee refers to an authorised nominee defined under the Central Depositories Act which is exempted from compliance with the provisions of Section 25A(1) of the Central Depositories Act.
- 7. Where a member appoints more than one (1) proxy, the proportion of shareholdings to be represented by each proxy must be specified in the instrument appointing the proxies.
- 8. The appointment of a proxy may be made in a hard copy form or by electronic means in the following manner and must be received by the Company not less than forty-eight (48) hours before the time appointed for holding the General Meeting or adjourned General Meeting at which the person named in the appointment proposes to vote:
  - i. In hard copy form

The proxy form must be deposited at the share registrar of the Company situated at Unit 32-01, Level 32, Tower A, Vertical Business Suite, Avenue 3, Bangsar South, No. 8, Jalan Kerinchi, 59200 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, or alternatively, drop-in box located at Unit G-3, Ground Floor, Vertical Podium, Avenue 3, Bangsar South, No. 8, Jalan Kerinchi, 59200 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

- ii. <u>By electronic means via Tricor's TIIH Online website at https://tiih.online</u> Please refer to the Administrative Guide for further information on electronic lodgement of proxy form.
- 9. Any authority pursuant to which such an appointment is made by a power of attorney must be deposited at the Share Registrar of the Company situated at Unit 32-01, Level 32, Tower A, Vertical Business Suite, Avenue 3, Bangsar South, No. 8, Jalan Kerinchi, 59200 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia <u>OR</u> alternatively, drop-in box provided at Unit G-3, Ground Floor, Vertical Podium, Avenue 3, Bangsar South, No. 8, Jalan Kerinchi, 59200 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia <u>OR</u> alternatively drop-in box provided at Unit G-3, Ground Floor, Vertical Podium, Avenue 3, Bangsar South, No. 8, Jalan Kerinchi, 59200 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia not less than forty-eight (48) hours before the time appointed for holding the General Meeting or adjourned general meeting at which the person named in the appointment proposes to vote. A copy of the power of attorney may be accepted provided that it is certified notarially and/or in accordance with the applicable legal requirements in the relevant jurisdiction in which it is executed.
- 10. Please ensure ALL the particulars as required in the proxy form are completed, signed and dated accordingly.
- 11. Last date and time for lodging the proxy form is Wednesday, 28 May 2025 at 10.00 a.m.

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- 12. Please bring an **ORIGINAL** of the following identification papers (where applicable) and present it to the registration staff for verification:
  - a. Identity card (NRIC) (Malaysian); or
  - b. Police report (for loss of NRIC) / Temporary NRIC (Malaysian); or
  - c. Passport (Foreigner).
- 13. For a corporate member who has appointed a representative, please deposit the ORIGINAL certificate of appointment of authorised representative at the Share Registrar of the Company situated at Unit 32-01, Level 32, Tower A, Vertical Business Suite, Avenue 3, Bangsar South, No. 8, Jalan Kerinchi, 59200 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia <u>OR</u> alternatively, drop-in box provided at Unit G-3, Ground Floor, Vertical Podium, Avenue 3, Bangsar South, No. 8, Jalan Kerinchi, 59200 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

The certificate of appointment of authorised representative should be executed in the following manner:

- a. If the corporate member has a common seal, the certificate of appointment of authorised representative should be executed under seal in accordance with the constitution of the corporate member.
- b. If the corporate member does not have a common seal, the certificate of appointment of authorised representative should be affixed with the rubber stamp of the corporate member (if any) and executed by:
  - i. at least two (2) authorised officers, of whom one shall be a director; or
  - ii. any director and/or authorised officers in accordance with the laws of the country under which the corporate member is incorporated.
- 14. Pursuant to Paragraph 8.29A(1) of the Main Market Listing Requirements of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad, all resolutions set out in this Notice will be put to vote by poll.

#### **EXPLANATORY NOTES:**

1. Audited Financial Statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2024

The Audited Financial Statements are meant for discussion only as the approval from shareholders is not required pursuant to Section 340(1)(a) of the Companies Act 2016. Hence, this Agenda item will not put forward for voting by shareholders of the Company.

2. Ordinary Resolution 1 Directors' fees for the year ended 31 December 2024

The Directors' fees proposed for the financial year ended 31 December 2024 are calculated based on the current board size and the assessment on the performance of the Board by the Nomination Committee and assuming that all Non-Executive Directors will hold office until the next AGM. This resolution is to facilitate payment of Directors' fees on current financial year basis.

In the event the Directors' fees proposed are insufficient (e.g. due to more meetings or enlarged board size), approval will be sought at the next AGM for additional fees to meet the shortfall.

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#### 3. Ordinary Resolution 2

Directors' benefits for the period from 31 May 2025 until Twentieth Annual General Meeting

Pursuant to Section 230(1) of the Companies Act 2016, the fees of the Directors and any benefits payable to the Directors of a listed company and its subsidiaries shall be approved at a general meeting.

Directors' benefits include allowances payables to Directors and in determining the estimated amount, the Board has considered various factors including the current board size, number of scheduled meetings for the Board and Board Committee for the period from 31 May 2025 until Twentieth Annual General Meeting.

The proposed structure of the Directors' benefits for the financial year ending 31 December 2025 is as follows:

Description	Chairman (per meeting) Members (per meetin			
Meeting Allowances	RM1,000 RM500			
Other Benefits	Medical and insurance coverage			
	<ul> <li>Other claimable benefits</li> </ul>			

In the event the proposed amount is insufficient, approval will be sought at the next Annual General Meeting for the shortfall.

4. Ordinary Resolution 3

Re-election of Director

Dato' Leaw Seng Hai ("Dato' Leaw") is standing for re-election as Director of the Company and being eligible, has offered himself for re-election at the 19<sup>th</sup> AGM of the Company.

Pursuant to Practice 5.7 of the Malaysian Code on Corporate Governance, his profile is set out on page 12 of the Annual Report 2024. In determining the eligibility of the Director to stand for re-election at the 19<sup>th</sup> AGM of the Company, the Board had through its Nomination Committee, considered, assessed and deliberated on the suitability and fit and properness of the retiring Director.

Dato' Leaw who is the Group Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer hands-on approach and focus steered the Company's business strategies and guided the Group forward. He will continue to push the business direction forefront while committing to it responsibly.

5. Ordinary Resolutions 4 Re-appointment of Auditors

The Board has through the Audit Committee, considered the re-appointment of BDO PLT as the Auditors of the Company. The factors considered by the Audit Committee in making the recommendation to the Board to table their re-appointment at the 19<sup>th</sup> AGM are disclosed in the Audit Committee Report of the Annual Report 2024.

 Ordinary Resolution 5 Authority to issue shares pursuant to Sections 75 and 76 of the Act

The proposed Ordinary Resolution 5, if passed, will renew the mandate granted to the Directors at the Eighteenth Annual General Meeting held on 30 May 2024 ("18<sup>th</sup> AGM") and provide flexibility to the Directors to undertake fund raising activities, including but not limited to placement of shares for the purpose of funding the Company's future investment project(s), working capital and/or acquisition(s), by the issuance of shares in the Company to such persons at any time as the Directors may deem fit provided that the aggregate number of shares issued pursuant to the mandate does not exceed ten per centum (10%) of the total number of the issued shares (excluding treasury shares) of the Company for the time being, without having to convene a general meeting. This authority, unless revoked or varied by the Company in a general meeting, will expire at the conclusion of the next AGM of the Company or at the expiry of the period within which the next AGM is required to be held after the approval was given, whichever is earlier.

As at the date of this Notice, the Company did not issue and allot any shares pursuant to the mandate granted to the Directors at the 18<sup>th</sup> AGM as there was no requirement for such fundraising activities.

## ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDE

FOR THE 19<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ("19<sup>TH</sup> AGM") OF BENALEC HOLDINGS BERHAD ("BENALEC" OR "THE COMPANY")

Date	:	Friday, 30 May 2025
Time	:	10.00 a.m. (Malaysia time)
Meeting Venue	:	Melati 123 (Mezzanine Floor), Dorsett Grand Subang Jalan SS12/1, 47500 Subang Jaya Selangor Darul Ehsan Malaysia

Dear Valued Shareholders,

#### 1. Registration

Registration will commence at 9.00 a.m. and the registration counter will be closed when the meeting commences.

Attendees are requested to present the original National Registration Identity Card (NRIC) or passport to the registration staff for verification purposes. Photocopies of your NRIC or passport will not be accepted. Kindly ensure that the original NRIC or passport is returned to you thereafter.

Registration must be done in person. No person is allowed to register on behalf of another even with the original NRIC or passport of that other person.

Upon verification, attendees are required to write their name and sign on the Attendance List placed on the registration table.

#### 2. Appointment of Proxy(ies) or Attorney or Corporate Representative

Only a member whose name appears on the Record of Depositors as at 23 May 2025 shall be entitled to attend the 19<sup>th</sup> AGM or appoint a proxy to attend, speak and vote on his/her/their behalf.

If a shareholder is unable to attend the 19th AGM on 30 May 2025, he/she can appoint a proxy or the Chairman of the meeting as his/her proxy and indicate the voting instructions in the Proxy Form.

Shareholders who appoint proxy(ies) to participate at the 19<sup>th</sup> AGM must ensure that the duly executed proxy forms are deposited in a hard copy or by electronic means in the following manner and must be received by the Company not less than forty-eight (48) hours before the time appointed for holding the General Meeting or adjourned General Meeting at which the person named in the appointment proposes to vote:

#### (a) In hard copy form

Shareholder	Documents required
Individual	Completed hard copy proxy form
Any authority pursuant to which such appointment is made by a power of attorney	
Corporate member	• Original certificate of appointment which are executed in the following manner:
	<ul> <li>(i) If a corporate member has a common seal, the certificate of appointment should be executed under seal in accordance with the constitution of the corporate member.</li> </ul>
	(ii) If the corporate member does not have a common seal, the certificate of appointment should be affixed with the rubber stamp of the corporate member (if any) and executed by:
	<ul> <li>(a) at least two (2) authorised officers, of which one shall be a director; or</li> <li>(b) any director and/or authorised officers in accordance with the laws of the country under which the corporate member is incorporated.</li> </ul>

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For the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting ("19<sup>th</sup> AGM") of Benalec Holdings Berhad ("Benalec" or "the Company")

#### 2. Appointment of Proxy(ies) or Attorney or Corporate Representative (Continued)

#### (a) In hard copy form (Continued)

All documents mentioned above must be deposited with the Share Registrar of the Company at Tricor Investor & Issuing House Services Sdn. Bhd. situated at Unit 32-01, Level 32, Tower A, Vertical Business Suite, Avenue 3, Bangsar South, No. 8, Jalan Kerinchi, 59200 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, or alternatively, drop-in box located at Unit G-3, Ground Floor, Vertical Podium, Avenue 3, Bangsar South, No. 8, Jalan Kerinchi, 59200 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia not later than **Wednesday**, **28 May 2025** at **10.00 a.m.** 

#### (b) By electronic form

The proxy form can be electronically lodged with the Share Registrar of the Company via TIIH online website at <u>https://tiih.online</u> not later than **Wednesday, 28 May 2025** at **10.00 a.m.** and the procedure to submit your proxy form electronically is summarised below:

#### PROCEDURE FOR ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION OF PROXY FORM

Ste	Steps for Individual Shareholders					
Pro	Procedure Action					
i.	Register as a user with TIIH Online	<ul> <li>Access the website at <u>https://tiih.online</u>. Register as a user under the "e-Services", select the "Sign Up" button and followed by "Create Account by Individual Holder". Refer to the tutorial guide posted on the homepage for assistance.</li> <li>Registration as a user will be approved within one (1) working day and you will be notified via email.</li> <li>If you are already a user with TIIH Online, you are not required to register again. You will receive an e-mail to notify you that the remote participation is available for registration at TIIH Online.</li> </ul>				
ïi.	Proceed with submission of proxy form	<ul> <li>After the release of the Notice of Meeting by the Company, login with your user name (i.e email address) and password.</li> <li>Select the corporate event: <ul> <li>"BENALEC HOLDINGS BERHAD 19<sup>th</sup> AGM – SUBMISSION OF PROXY FORM."</li> </ul> </li> <li>Read and agree to the Terms &amp; Conditions and confirm the Declaration.</li> <li>Insert your CDS account number and indicate the number of shares for your proxy(ies) and to vote on your behalf.</li> <li>Appoint your proxy(ies) and insert the required details of your proxy(ies) or appoint Chairman as your proxy.</li> <li>Indicate your voting instructions – FOR or AGAINST, otherwise your proxy(ies) will decide your vote.</li> <li>Review and confirm your proxy(ies) appointment.</li> <li>Print proxy form for your record.</li> </ul>				
Ste	eps for Corporation or	Institutional Shareholders				
i.	Register as a user with TIIH Online	<ul> <li>Access TIIH Online at <u>https://tiih.online</u>.</li> <li>Under e-Services, the authorised or nominated representative of the corporation or institutional shareholder selects "Create Account by Representative of Corporate Holder".</li> <li>Complete the registration form and upload the required documents.</li> <li>Registration will be verified and you will be notified by email within one (1) to two (2) working days.</li> <li>Proceed to activate your account with the temporary password given in the email and re-set your own password.</li> </ul>				
		The representative of a corporation or institutional shareholder must register as a user in accordance with the above steps before he/she can subscribe to this corporate holder electronic proxy submission. Please contact the person stated under " <b>Enquiry</b> " section below if you need clarification on the user registration.				

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For the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting ("19<sup>th</sup> AGM") of Benalec Holdings Berhad ("Benalec" or "the Company")

#### 2. Appointment of Proxy(ies) or Attorney or Corporate Representative (Continued)

#### (b) By electronic form (Continued)

#### PROCEDURE FOR ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION OF PROXY FORM (CONTINUED)

Ste	Steps for Corporation or Institutional Shareholders				
ii.	Proceed with	Login to TIIH Online at <a href="https://tiih.online">https://tiih.online</a> .			
	submission of proxy	Select the corporate event:			
	form	"BENALEC HOLDINGS BERHAD 19 <sup>th</sup> AGM – SUBMISSION OF PROXY			
		FORM".			
		• Read and agree to the Terms & Conditions and confirm the Declaration.			
		• Proceed to download the file format for "SUBMISSION OF PROXY FORM"			
		in accordance with the Guidance Note set therein.			
		Prepare the file for the appointment of proxy(ies) by inserting the required data.			
		Submit the proxy appointment file.			
		Login to TIIH Online, select corporate event:			
		"BENALEC HOLDINGS BERHAD 19 <sup>th</sup> AGM – SUBMISSION OF PROXY			
		FORM".			
		Proceed to upload the duly completed proxy appointment file.			
		<ul> <li>Select "Submit" to complete your submission.</li> </ul>			
		Print the confirmation report of your submission for your record.			

Please note that only a depositor whose name appears on the Record of Depositor as at 23 May 2025 shall be entitled to attend or appoint proxies to attend and/or vote on his/her behalf at the 19th AGM.

#### 3. Poll Voting

The voting will be conducted by poll in accordance with Paragraph 8.29A of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad Main Market Listing Requirements. The Company has appointed Tricor Investor & Issuing House Services Sdn. Bhd. as Poll Administrator to conduct the poll and Scrutineer Solutions Sdn Bhd as scrutineers to verify the poll results.

The voting session will begin as soon as the Chairman announces the opening of the poll and will continue until the Chairman announces the closure of the poll. During this time, all shareholders or proxies are invited to cast their votes and make their voice count.

Once the polling for each resolution has been completed, the scrutineers will verify the poll results for all the resolutions passed. The Company Secretary will then declare whether the resolutions are successfully carried out or duly passed at the end of the meeting.

#### 4. <u>Refreshments</u>

All attendees are invited for some light refreshments before the start of the meeting.

#### 5. Enquiry

If you have any enquiries prior to the 19th AGM, you may contact Share Registrar during office hours on Mondays to Fridays from 9.00 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. (except on public holidays):

#### Tricor Investor & Issuing House Services Sdn. Bhd.

General Line	: +603-2783 9299
Fax Number	: +603-2783 9222
Email	: <u>is.enquiry@vistra.com</u>



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## **DIRECTORS' REPORT**

The Directors hereby submit their report and the audited financial statements of the Group and of the Company for the financial year ended 31 December 2024.

#### **PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES**

The Company is principally engaged in investment holding activities. The subsidiaries are mainly principally engaged in marine construction. The principal activities and the details of the subsidiaries are disclosed in Note 7 to the financial statements.

There have been no significant changes in the nature of these activities of the Group and of the Company during the financial year.

#### RESULTS

	Group RM	Company RM
Profit/(Loss) for the financial year	12,034,501	(36,578,724)
Attributable to: Owners of the parent Non-controlling interests	12,669,335 (634,834)	(36,578,724) -
	12,034,501	(36,578,724)

#### DIVIDEND

No dividend has been proposed, declared or paid by the Company since the end of the previous financial year. The Directors do not recommend any payment of dividend in respect of the current financial year.

#### **RESERVES AND PROVISIONS**

There were no material transfers to or from reserves or provisions during the financial year other than those presented in the statements of changes in equity.

#### **ISSUE OF SHARES AND DEBENTURES**

The Company did not issue any new shares or debentures during the financial year ended 31 December 2024.

#### **OPTIONS GRANTED OVER UNISSUED SHARES**

No options were granted to any person to take up unissued ordinary shares of the Company during the financial year ended 31 December 2024.

#### **REPURCHASE OF OWN SHARES**

At the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting held on 30 May 2024, the shareholders of the Company by an ordinary resolution renewed the mandate given to the Company to repurchase its own shares based, amongst others, on the following terms:

 the aggregate number of shares purchased does not exceed ten percent (10%) of the total number of issued shares of the Company as quoted on Bursa Securities as at the point of purchase;

#### **REPURCHASE OF OWN SHARES (continued)**

At the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting held on 30 May 2024, the shareholders of the Company by an ordinary resolution renewed the mandate given to the Company to repurchase its own shares based, amongst others, on the following terms: (continued)

- (b) the maximum funds to be allocated by the Company for the purpose of purchasing its shares shall not exceed the total retained earnings of the Company at the time of the purchase(s); and
- (c) the Directors of the Company may decide to:
  - (i) retain the shares purchased as treasury shares for distribution as dividend to the shareholders and/or resale on the market of Bursa Securities and/or for cancellation subsequently; and/or
  - (ii) cancel the shares so purchased; and/or
  - (iii) retain part of the shares so purchased as treasury shares and cancel the remainder in the manner as allowed by the Act.

The Company has the rights to retain, cancel, resell and/or distribute these shares as dividends. As treasury shares, the rights attached to them as to voting, dividends and participation in any other distributions or otherwise are suspended. As at 31 December 2024, the total 1,031,602,500 (2023: 1,031,602,500) issued and fully paid ordinary shares included 12,715,400 (2023: 12,715,400) ordinary shares purchased for RM12,703,204 (2023: RM12,703,204) are held as treasury shares by the Company. The number of outstanding ordinary shares in issue after deducting the treasury shares is 1,018,887,100 (2023: 1,018,887,100) as disclosed in Note 17(a) to the financial statements.

#### DIRECTORS

The Directors who have held office during the financial year and up to the date of this report are as follows:

#### Benalec Holdings Berhad

Dato' Leaw Seng Hai Leaw Ai Lin Fazrin Azwar bin Md. Nor Kenneth Chin Kah Kiong Koo Hoong Kwan (resigned on 7 March 2024)

Dato' Leaw Seng Hai and Leaw Ai Lin are also the Directors of certain subsidiaries of the Company.

#### Subsidiaries of Benalec Holdings Berhad

The list of Directors of the subsidiaries during the financial year and up to the date of this report, not including those Directors listed above are as follows:

Dato' Daing A Malek Bin Daing Rahaman Hariharan A/L N R Govindapillai Ragunatha Naicker A/L Elumalai (Alternate Director of Tijl Pieter De Zwart) Rosly Bin Ahmad Salehudin Bin Omar Tijl Pieter De Zwart Tunku Ismail Idris Ibni Tunku Ibrahim Yvonne Tan (Chen Xianglian) Tan Guan Chong

#### **DIRECTORS' INTERESTS**

The Directors holding office at the end of the financial year and their beneficial interests in the ordinary shares of the Company and of its related corporations during the financial year ended 31 December 2024 as recorded in the Register of Directors' Shareholdings kept by the Company under Section 59 of the Companies Act 2016 in Malaysia were as follows:

		Number of ordinary shares –		>	
	Balance			Balance	
	as at			as at	
	1.1.2024	Bought	Sold	31.12.2024	
Shares in the Company					
Direct interests					
Dato' Leaw Seng Hai	444,100	20,837,600	-	21,281,700	
Kenneth Chin Kah Kiong	10,000	-	-	10,000	
Indirect interest					
Dato' Leaw Seng Hai	86,858,300	-	-	86,858,300(1)	

<sup>(1)</sup> Deemed interest by virtue of his direct interests in Oceancove Sdn. Bhd. ("Oceancove") and indirect interests in Oceancove via Oceanview Cove Sdn. Bhd. ("Oceanview") pursuant to Section 8(4) of the Companies Act 2016 in Malaysia ("the Act").

	■ Balance as at		ordinary shares –	► Balance as at
Shares in the immediate holding company, Oceancove	1.1.2024	Bought	Sold	31.12.2024
<u>Direct interest</u> Dato' Leaw Seng Hai	4,900	-	-	4,900
<u>Indirect interest</u> Dato' Leaw Seng Hai	5,100	-	-	5,100 <sup>(2)</sup>

<sup>(2)</sup> Deemed interest by virtue of his interest in Oceanview.

	Number of ordinary shares			>
	Balance			Balance
	as at			as at
	1.1.2024	Bought	Sold	31.12.2024
Shares in the ultimate holding company, Oceanview				
<u>Direct interest</u> Dato' Leaw Seng Hai	10,000	-	-	10,000

By virtue of his interests in the ordinary shares of the Company, Dato' Leaw Seng Hai is also deemed to be interested in the ordinary shares of all the subsidiaries to the extent that the Company has an interest.

None of the other Directors holding office at the end of the financial year held any interest in the ordinary shares of the Company and of its related corporations during the financial year.

#### **DIRECTORS' BENEFITS**

Since the end of the previous financial year, none of the Directors have received or become entitled to receive any benefit (other than those benefits included in the aggregate amount of remuneration received or due and receivable by the Directors as shown in the financial statements) by reason of a contract made by the Company or a related corporation with the Director or with a firm of which the Director is a member, or with a company in which the Director has a substantial financial interest other than the following:

- (a) certain Directors who may be deemed to derive benefits by virtue of trade transactions entered into with companies in which certain Directors have substantial financial interests; and
- (b) certain Directors who received remuneration from subsidiaries as Directors of the subsidiaries.

The details of the above transactions are disclosed in Note 30 to the financial statements.

There were no arrangements made during and at the end of the financial year, to which the Company is a party, which had the object of enabling the Directors to acquire benefits by means of the acquisition of shares in or debentures of the Company or any other body corporate.

#### DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION

Directors' remuneration of the Group and of the Company for the financial year ended 31 December 2024 were as follows:

	Group RM	Company RM
Directors of the Company:		
Executive: Salaries Other emoluments	4,200,000 2,064,844	- 149,201
	6,264,844	149,201
Non-Executive: Fees Other emoluments	413,548 25,722	413,548 25,000
	439,270	438,548
Total Directors' remuneration	6,704,114	587,749

#### INDEMNITY AND INSURANCE FOR DIRECTORS, OFFICERS AND AUDITORS

There were no indemnity given to or insurance effected for the Directors, officers and auditors of the Group and of the Company during the financial year.

#### OTHER STATUTORY INFORMATION REGARDING THE GROUP AND THE COMPANY

#### (I) AS AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR

- (a) Before the financial statements of the Group and of the Company were prepared, the Directors took reasonable steps:
  - 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 had satisfied themselves that all known bad debts had been written off and that provision need not be made for doubtful debts; and
  - (ii) to ensure that any current assets other than debts, which were unlikely to realise their book values in the ordinary course of business have been written down to their estimated realisable values.
- (b) In the opinion of the Directors, the results of the operations of the Group and of the Company during the financial year have not been substantially affected by any item, transaction or event of a material and unusual nature.

#### OTHER STATUTORY INFORMATION REGARDING THE GROUP AND THE COMPANY (CONTINUED)

#### (II) FROM THE END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR TO THE DATE OF THIS REPORT

- (c) The Directors are not aware of any circumstances:
  - (i) which would render the amount written off for bad debts or necessitate the provision for doubtful debts in the financial statements of the Group and of the Company inadequate to any material extent;
  - (ii) which would render the values attributed to current assets in the financial statements of the Group and of the Company misleading; and
  - (iii) 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.
- (d) In the opinion of the Directors:
  - there has not arisen any item, transaction or event of a material and unusual nature likely to affect substantially the results of the operations of the Group and of the Company for the financial year in which this report is made; and
  - (ii) no contingent or other liability has become enforceable, or is likely to become enforceable, within the period of twelve (12) 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.

#### (III) AS AT THE DATE OF THIS REPORT

- (e) There are no charges on the assets of the Group and of the Company which have arisen since the end of the financial year to secure the liabilities of any other person.
- (f) There are no contingent liabilities of the Group and of the Company which have arisen since the end of the financial year.
- (g) The Directors are not aware of any circumstances not otherwise dealt with in this report or the financial statements which would render any amount stated in the financial statements of the Group and of the Company misleading.

#### IMMEDIATE AND ULTIMATE HOLDING COMPANIES

The Directors regard Oceancove Sdn. Bhd. as the immediate holding company and Oceanview Cove Sdn. Bhd. as the ultimate holding company, both of which are companies incorporated in Malaysia.

#### AUDITORS

The auditors, BDO PLT (201906000013 (LLP0018825-LCA) & AF 0206), have expressed their willingness to continue in office.

#### AUDITORS' REMUNERATION

Auditors' remuneration of the Group and of the Company for the financial year ended 31 December 2024 were as follows:

	Group RM	Company RM
Statutory audit	579,558	141,000
Other services	16,000	16,000
	595,558	157,000

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

Dato' Leaw Seng Hai Director Leaw Ai Lin Director 082

## **STATEMENT BY DIRECTORS**

In the opinion of the Directors, the financial statements set out on pages 88 to 142 have been drawn up in accordance with Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards, IFRS Accounting Standards and the provisions 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 2024 and of the financial performance and cash flows of the Group and of the Company for the financial year then ended.

On behalf of the Board,

Dato' Leaw Seng Hai Director Leaw Ai Lin Director

Selangor 28 April 2025

## STATUTORY DECLARATION

I, Chin Wei Ee (CA 34935), being the officer primarily responsible for the financial management of Benalec Holdings Berhad, do solemnly and sincerely declare that the financial statements set out on pages 88 to 142 are, to the best of my knowledge and belief, correct and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of the provisions of the Statutory Declarations Act, 1960.

Subscribed and solemnly)declared by the abovenamed at)Kuala Lumpur this)28 April 2025)

Chin Wei Ee

Before me:

NG KUI MIN (W 978)

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

#### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Benalec Holdings Berhad, which comprise the statements of financial position as at 31 December 2024 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 of the Group and of the Company for the financial year then ended and notes to the financial statements, including material accounting policy information, as set out on pages 88 to 142.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Group and of the Company as at 31 December 2024, and of their financial performance and their cash flows for the financial year then ended in accordance with Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards ("MFRSs"), IFRS Accounting 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 ("ISAs"). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditors' 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.

#### 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 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.

#### 1. Impairment assessment of property, plant and equipment

As disclosed in Note 5 Property, plant and equipment to the financial statements, the carrying amount of property, plant and equipment of the Group was RM24,394,836 net of cumulative impairment losses and cumulative depreciation as at 31 December 2024. The Group had recognised impairment losses on bargers and dredgers of RM1,198,859 during the financial year ended 31 December 2024. Management assessed and estimated the recoverable amounts of these assets by referring to the market values provided by an independent external valuer.

The impairment review was significant to our audit as the assessment process and the determination of their recoverable amounts involved significant management judgement.

#### Audit response

Our audit procedures included the following:

- (i) Assessed the competence, capabilities and objectivity of independent external valuer vis-à-vis the expert's qualifications, membership of a professional body or industry association, and license to practice;
- (ii) Enquired with management to obtain an understanding of the conditions of the property, plant and equipment and performed physical sighting of property, plant and equipment; and
- (iii) Interviewed the independent external valuer and evaluated the appropriateness of valuation method used to estimate the market values of the property, plant and equipment.

### Independent Auditors' Report To the Members of Benalec Holdings Berhad (Incorporated in Malaysia)

#### Key audit matters (continued)

## 2. Recognition of revenue on contract works from marine construction and disposal of land held for sale on reclaimed land and infrastructure works

We refer to Note 21 to the financial statements on the recognition of revenue in accordance with MFRS 15 *Revenue from Contract with Customers.* 

We determined this to be a key audit matter because it requires management to exercise significant judgement in determining the satisfaction of performance obligations as stated in the contracts with customers, transaction price allocations and extent of the contract costs incurred, the estimated total contract revenue and costs, as well as the recoverability of the contract costs.

#### Revenue on contract works from marine construction

For contract works from marine construction, the amount of revenue and corresponding costs of the Group's marine construction activities is recognised over the period of the contract using output method by reference to the progress towards complete satisfaction of that performance obligation. The output method recognises revenue on the basis of direct measurements of value to the customer of the construction work performed to date relative to the remaining construction work promised under the contract.

#### Revenue on disposal of land held for sale

For disposal of reclaimed land component under land held for sale, the Group recognises revenue at a point in time when the control of the reclaimed land has been transferred to the purchasers, being when vacant possession of reclaimed land delivered to the customers and the Group retains neither continuing managerial involvement over the land, which coincides with the delivery of land and acceptance by customers.

For disposal of infrastructure works component under land held for sale, the Group recognises revenue at a point over time using the input method by reference to the expected cost plus a margin approach.

#### Audit response

Our audit procedures included the following:

- (i) Reviewed contracts with customers to identify distinct and material performance obligations, and compared our findings to the findings of the Group;
- (ii) Assessed estimated total costs to complete through inquiries with operational and financial personnel of the Group;
- (iii) Inspected documentation to support cost estimates made including contract variations and cost contingencies;
- (iv) Compared contract budgets to actual outcomes to assess reliability of management budgeting process and controls; and
- (v) Recomputed the results of the input/output method determined by management for revenue recognition based on verified actual costs incurred to-date and budgeted costs.

#### Independent Auditors' Report To the Members of Benalec Holdings Berhad (Incorporated in Malaysia)

#### Key audit matters (continued)

We have determined that there are no other key audit matters to be communicated in our auditors' report of the audit of the separate 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 does 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. We have nothing to report in this regard.

#### **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 MFRSs, IFRS Accounting 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 ability of the Group and of the Company 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.

#### 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 ISAs 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.

### Independent Auditors' Report To the Members of Benalec Holdings Berhad

(Incorporated in Malaysia)

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

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

- a) 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.
- b) 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 internal control of the Group and of the Company.
- c) Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Directors.
- d) 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 ability of the Group or of the Company 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.
- e) 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.
- f) Plan and perform the group audit to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business units within the Group as a basis for forming an opinion on the financial statements of the Group. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and review of the audit work performed for purposes of the group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

We communicate 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 identify 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 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.

## Independent Auditors' Report To the Members of Benalec Holdings Berhad

(Incorporated in Malaysia)

#### **Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements**

In accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2016 in Malaysia, we report that the subsidiaries of which we have not acted as auditors, are disclosed in Note 7 to the financial statements.

#### **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.

BDO PLT 201906000013 (LLP0018825-LCA) & AF 0206 Chartered Accountants Koh Yang Wei 03423/03/2027 J Chartered Accountant

Kuala Lumpur 28 April 2025

## **STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

		C	Group	Co	Company		
	Note	2024	2023	2024	2023		
		RM	RM	RM	RM		
ASSETS							
Non-current assets							
Property, plant and equipment	5	24,394,836	28,602,665	-	-		
Right-of-use assets	6	13,186,584	9,924,555	-	-		
Investments in subsidiaries	7	-	-	307,962,904	344,056,905		
Other investments	8	40,760	35,653	-	-		
Deferred tax assets	9	23,349,420	24,205,903	-	-		
		60,971,600	62,768,776	307,962,904	344,056,905		
Current assets							
Inventories	10	482,572,657	500,897,916	-	-		
Trade and other receivables	12	8,842,898	13,749,632	42,711,634	59,399,779		
Contract assets	13	38,257,682	64,580,665	-	-		
Current tax assets		743,430	899,410	-	-		
Short term funds Cash and bank balances	14 15	168,679 27,093,964	163,422 26,309,622	- 126,417	- 13,317		
Cash and bank balances	15	557,679,310	606,600,667	42,838,051	59,413,096		
TOTAL ASSETS		618,650,910	669,369,443	350,800,955	403,470,001		
		010,000,910	009,009,440	330,800,933	403,470,001		
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES							
Equity attributable to owners of the parent							
Share capital	16	391,935,927	391,935,927	391,935,927	391,935,927		
Reserves	17	(19,277,615)	(32,475,512)	(41,899,038)	(5,320,314)		
		372,658,312	359,460,415	350,036,889	386,615,613		
Non-controlling interests	7(d)	(3,824,216)	(3,189,382)	-	-		
TOTAL EQUITY		368,834,096	356,271,033	350,036,889	386,615,613		
LIABILITIES							
Non-current liabilities							
Borrowings	18	4,522,961	20,146,553	-	15,000,000		
Lease liabilities	6	10,256,807	8,880,369	-	-		
Contract liabilities	13	68,026,682	71,595,364	-	-		
Other payables	19	47,443,089	72,724,448	-	-		
		130,249,539	173,346,734	-	15,000,000		
Current liabilities	4.0	00.000 (00	100 101 000	704 000	4.054.005		
Trade and other payables	19	89,303,439	102,181,963	764,066	1,854,388		
Borrowings Lease liabilities	18 6	25,860,998 4,360,430	33,070,166 4,457,139	-	-		
Contract liabilities	13	4,300,430	42,408	-	-		
		119,567,275	139,751,676	764,066	1,854,388		
TOTAL LIABILITIES		249,816,814	313,098,410	764,066	16,854,388		
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		618,650,910	669,369,443	350,800,955	403,470,001		
					-		

## STATEMENTS OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

		G	aroup	Co	mpany
	Note	2024	2023	2024	2023
		RM	RM	RM	RM
Revenue	21	91,327,371	37,434,832	-	-
Cost of sales	22	(48,313,149)	(69,906,832)	-	-
Gross profit/(loss)		43,014,222	(32,472,000)	-	-
Other income	23	5,795,053	6,466,102	62,379	284,985
Administrative and other expenses		(28,311,262)	(23,991,604)	(1,117,447)	(1,407,130)
Finance costs	24	(4,785,749)	(6,098,114)	(323,480)	(1,487,196)
Written down:					
- land held for sale	10(c)	(4,503,938)	(140,291)	-	-
- property held for sale	10(d)	-	(1,983,857)	-	-
<ul> <li>land reclamation work in progress</li> <li>Impairment losses on:</li> </ul>	11(b)	-	(179,269)	-	-
<ul> <li>property, plant and equipment</li> </ul>	5	(1,322,155)	(6,410,548)	-	-
<ul> <li>right-of-use assets</li> </ul>	6	-	(2,547,534)	-	-
<ul> <li>investment in a subsidiary</li> </ul>	7	-	-	(36,094,001)	(4,312,654)
Net gain on impairment of					
financial assets and contract assets	25	3,143,321	4,749,376	893,825	-
Profit/(Loss) before tax	26	13,029,492	(62,607,739)	(36,578,724)	(6,921,995)
Tax expense	27	(994,991)	(176,351)	-	-
Profit/(Loss) for the financial year		12,034,501	(62,784,090)	(36,578,724)	(6,921,995)
Other comprehensive income,					
net of tax Items that may be reclassified					
subsequently to profit or loss		500 500	(0.000.504)		
Foreign currency translations		528,562	(2,229,591)	-	-
Total comprehensive income/(loss)		12,563,063	(65,013,681)	(36,578,724)	(6,921,995)
Profit/(Loss) attributable to:					
Owners of the parent		12,669,335	(61,213,627)	(36,578,724)	(6,921,995)
Non-controlling interests	7(d)	(634,834)	(1,570,463)	-	-
5		12,034,501	(62,784,090)	(36,578,724)	(6,921,995)
Total comprehensive income/(loss)					
attributable to:					
Owners of the parent		13,197,897	(63,443,218)	(36,578,724)	(6,921,995)
Non-controlling interests	7(d)	(634,834)	(1,570,463)	-	-
		12,563,063	(65,013,681)	(36,578,724)	(6,921,995)

Earnings/(Loss) per ordinary share attributable to owners of the parent:

		(	Group
		2024	2023
	Note	sen	sen
Basic	28(a)	1.24	(6.01)
Diluted	28(b)	1.24	(6.01)

## **CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY** F

FOR THE FINANCIAL	YEAR	ENDED 31	DECEMBER	2024

1		Non-aistributable		UISTRIDUTADIE			
Share capital RM	Treasury shares (Note 17) RM	Exchange translation reserve (Note 17) RM	Reverse acquisition debit (Note 17) RM	Retained earnings (Note 17) RM	Total attributable to owners of parent RM	Non- controlling interests RM	Total equity RM
391,935,927	(12,703,204)	(3,608,464)	(3,608,464) (146,069,559)	193,348,933 422,903,633	422,903,633	(1,618,919)	(1,618,919) 421,284,714
		- (2,229,591)		(61,213,627) -	(61,213,627) (2,229,591)	(1,570,463) -	(62,784,090) (2,229,591)
I	ı	(2,229,591)	I	(61,213,627)	(63,443,218)	(1,570,463)	(65,013,681)
391,935,927	(12,703,204)	(5,838,055)	(5,838,055) (146,069,559) 132,135,306	132,135,306	359,460,415	(3,189,382)	(3,189,382) 356,271,033
391,935,927	(12,703,204)	(5,838,055)	(146,069,559)	(5,838,055) (146,069,559) 132,135,306 359,460,415	359,460,415	(3,189,382)	(3,189,382) 356,271,033
1 1		- 528,562		12,669,335 -	12,669,335 528,562	(634,834) -	12,034,501 528,562
		528,562		12,669,335	13,197,897	(634,834)	12,563,063
391,935,927	(12,703,204)	(5,309,493)	(5,309,493) (146,069,559) 144,804,641	144,804,641	372,658,312	(3,824,216)	368,834,096

Group

# Foreign currency translations, net of tax Balance as at 1 January 2023 Loss for the financial year Total comprehensive loss

# Balance as at 31 December 2023

# Balance as at 1 January 2024

Foreign currency translations, net of tax Profit/(Loss) for the financial year

Total comprehensive income/(loss)

Balance as at 31 December 2024

## **STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY**

FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Non-d Share capital	istributable Treasury shares (Note 17)	Distributable Retained earnings (Note 17)	Total equity
Company	RM	RM	RM	RM
Balance as at 1 January 2023	391,935,927	(12,703,204)	14,304,885	393,537,608
Loss for the financial year Other comprehensive loss, net of tax	-	-	(6,921,995) -	(6,921,995) -
Total comprehensive loss	-	-	(6,921,995)	(6,921,995)
Balance as at 31 December 2023	391,935,927	(12,703,204)	7,382,890	386,615,613
Balance as at 1 January 2024	391,935,927	(12,703,204)	7,382,890	386,615,613
Loss for the financial year Other comprehensive loss, net of tax	-	-	(36,578,724)	(36,578,724) -
Total comprehensive loss	_	-	(36,578,724)	(36,578,724)
Balance as at 31 December 2024	391,935,927	(12,703,204)	(29,195,834)	350,036,889

## **STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**

FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

		(	Group	Co	mpany
	Note	2024	2023	2024	2023
		RM	RM	RM	RM
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES					
Profit/(Loss) before tax		13,029,492	(62,607,739)	(36,578,724)	(6,921,995)
Adjustments for:					
Fair value adjustment on:					
<ul> <li>non-current amounts owing to</li> </ul>					
related parties		3,216,223	(180,818)	-	-
- other investments	8	(5,107)	6,829	-	-
- short term funds	23	(2,562)	(3,452)	-	-
Depreciation of property,	_				
plant and equipment	5	1,569,899	3,648,440	-	-
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	6	3,240,154	5,911,501	-	-
Dividend income	26	(5,201)	(4,958)	-	-
Net gain on disposal of property,	00.00		(0, 410, 574)		
plant and equipment	23,26	(3,022,521)	(3,416,574)	-	-
Gain on early termination of lease	23	(770,453)	(215,749)	-	-
Impairment losses on:	7			26.004.001	4 010 CE 4
- investment in a subsidiary	7	-	-	36,094,001	4,312,654
- contract assets	25 5	1 000 155	127,493	-	-
- property, plant and equipment	5 6	1,322,155	6,410,548	-	-
- right-of-use assets	6 24	- 4,785,749	2,547,534 6,098,114	- 323,480	- 1,487,196
Interest expense Interest income	24		(524,514)		(284,985)
Write off of:		(586,471)	(524,514)	(62,379)	(204,903)
- property, plant and equipment	26	35,644			
- trade and other receivables	20 26	77,775	-	-	-
Write down of:	20	11,115	-	-	-
- land held for sale	10(c)	4,503,938	140,291	_	_
- properties held for sale	10(d)	-,000,000	1,983,857	_	_
- land reclamation work in progress	11(b)	_	179,269	_	_
Recovery of bad debts written off	23	-	(1,000,000)	-	-
Reversal of impairment losses on:			(1,000,000)		
- amount owing from a subsidiary	25	-	-	(893,825)	-
- trade and other receivables	25	(159,286)	-	-	-
- contract assets	25	(2,984,035)	(4,876,869)	-	-
Net unrealised (gain)/loss on		()	( ) /		
foreign exchange		(228,925)	1,076,650	-	-
Operating profit/(loss) before					
changes in working capital		24,016,468	(44,700,147)	(1,117,447)	(1,407,130)
		,,	(,,	(.,,	(1,101,100)
Changes in working capital:		00.010.410	(0, 70,4, 000)		
Contract assets		29,310,418	(8,784,002)	-	-
Contract liabilities		(3,568,682) 13,821,321	1,190,138	-	-
Inventories Trade and other receivables		4,986,952	5,361,891	- (478)	- 1,337
			14,035,912	( )	
Trade and other payables		(14,676,234)	32,212,944	(1,090,322)	4,039
Cash generated from/(used in) operations		53,890,243	(683,264)	(2,208,247)	(1,401,754)
Tax refunded		21,817	119,598	-	70,832
Tax paid		(4,318)	(634,778)	-	-
Net cash from/(used in) operating activities		53,907,742	(1,198,444)	(2,208,247)	(1,330,922)
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## Statements of Cash Flows For the Financial Year Ended 31 December 2024

		c	Group	Co	Company	
	Note	2024	2023	2024	2023	
		RM	RM	RM	RM	
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES						
Dividend received		2,506	3,243	-	-	
Interest received		7,029	1,036	497	484	
Proceeds from disposal of property,		4 004 455	110,000			
plant and equipment Purchase of:		4,224,455	110,000	-	-	
- property, plant and equipment	5(d)	(76,246)	(120,992)	-	-	
- right-of-use assets	6(c)	(53,556)	(100,000)	-	-	
Advances from a subsidiary		-	-	2,320,850	1,283,192	
(Repayment to)/Advances from related parties		(33,610,434)	6,046,660	-	-	
Net cash (used in)/from investing activities		(29,506,246)	5,939,947	2,321,347	1,283,676	
CASH FLOWS FROM						
FINANCING ACTIVITIES						
Drawdown of borrowings		14,814,300	16,252,677	-	-	
Interest paid		(2,308,986)	(3,977,585)	-	-	
Loan from a Director		5,000,000	7,000,000	-	-	
Payment of lease liabilities	6	(4,077,805)	(4,407,295)	-	-	
Repayment of borrowings		(32,343,480)	(17,674,506)	-	-	
Net cash used in financing activities		(18,915,971)	(2,806,709)	-	-	
<b>N</b>						
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		5,485,525	1,934,794	113,100	(47,246)	
Effects of exchange rate changes		5,465,525	1,934,794	113,100	(47,240)	
on cash and cash equivalents		22,955	(74,357)	-	-	
Cash and cash equivalents at						
beginning of the financial year		(6,203,913)	(8,064,350)	13,317	60,563	
Cash and cash equivalents at						
end of the financial year	15	(695,433)	(6,203,913)	126,417	13,317	

## Statements of Cash Flows

For the Financial Year Ended 31 December 2024

Reconciliation of liabilities arising from financing activities:

Group	Lease liabilities (Note 6) RM	Revolving credit (Note 18) RM	Term Ioans (Note 18) RM	Trust receipts (Note 18) RM	Invoice financing (Note 18) RM	Banker acceptance (Note 18) RM
At 1 January 2024	13,337,508	20,000,000	21,275,430	1,786,035	3,297,601	-
Cash flows	(4,077,805)	(1,372,445)	(16,719,142)	183,321	(1,976,187)	276,096
Non-cash flows: Accrued interest expenses Accrued lease payments Additions Early termination/ lease	- (1,098,000) 795,000	(310,928) - -	- -	(27,047) - -	(18,732) - -	-
modification Interest expenses Interest expense capitalised Translation adjustment	4,887,318 774,154 72 (1,010)	- 1,483,373 - -	- 621,171 - -	- 189,999 - -	- 117,437 - -	- 23,904 - -
At 31 December 2024	14,617,237	19,800,000	5,177,459	2,132,308	1,420,119	300,000
At 1 January 2023 Cash flows	10,437,534 (4,407,295)	20,000,000 (1,458,574)	22,655,424 (2,642,875)	3,370,514 (1,753,017)	1,367,076 1,930,525	-
Non-cash flows: Accrued interest expenses Accrued lease payments Additions Early termination Interest expenses Interest expense capitalised Translation adjustment	- (2,298,000) 8,714,135 (232,523) 1,120,450 1,036 2,171	- - - 1,458,574 - -	(612,197) - - 1,875,078 - -	- - - 168,538 - -	- - - - -	- - - - -
At 31 December 2023	13,337,508	20,000,000	21,275,430	1,786,035	3,297,601	-

		erm loans (Note 18)
Company	2024 RM	2023 RM
At 1 January	15,000,000	15,000,000
Cash flows	(15,323,480)	-
Non-cash flows:		
Accrued interest expenses	-	(1,487,196)
Interest expenses	323,480	1,487,196
At 31 December	-	15,000,000

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

#### 1. **CORPORATE INFORMATION**

Benalec Holdings Berhad ("the Company") is a public limited liability company, incorporated and domiciled in Malaysia, and is listed on the Main Market of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad.

The registered office of the Company is located at Unit 30-01, Level 30, Tower A, Vertical Business Suite, Avenue 3, Bangsar South, No. 8, Jalan Kerinchi, 59200 Kuala Lumpur.

The principal place of business of the Company is located at 23, Jalan Perintis U1/52, Temasya Glenmarie, Seksyen U1, 40150 Shah Alam, Selangor Darul Ehsan.

The immediate holding company and ultimate holding company of the Company are Oceancove Sdn. Bhd. and Oceanview Cove Sdn. Bhd. respectively, both of which are incorporated in Malaysia.

The consolidated financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2024 comprise the financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries. These financial statements are presented in Ringgit Malaysia ("RM"), which is also the functional currency of the Company.

The financial statements were authorised for issue in accordance with a resolution by the Board of Directors on 28 April 2025.

#### 2. PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The Company is principally engaged in investment holding activities. The subsidiaries are mainly principally engaged in marine construction. The principal activities and the details of the subsidiaries are disclosed in Note 7 to the financial statements. There have been no significant changes in the nature of these activities of the Group and of the Company during the financial year.

#### 3. **BASIS OF PREPARATION**

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

The accounting policies adopted are consistent with those of the previous financial year except for the effects of adoption of new MFRSs during the financial year. The new MFRSs and Amendments to MFRSs adopted during the financial year are disclosed in Note 34.1 to the financial statements.

The financial statements of the Group and of the Company have been prepared under the historical cost convention except as otherwise stated in the financial statements.

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#### 4. OPERATING SEGMENTS

The Company and its subsidiaries are principally engaged in marine construction, civil engineering, vessel chartering and investment holding. The marine construction and civil engineering activities of the Group are mainly undertaken by Benalec Sdn. Bhd., a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company.

The Group arrived at three (3) reportable segments that are organised and managed separately according to the nature of the operations, which require different business strategies. The reportable segments are summarised as follows:

#### (a) Marine construction

(i) Land reclamation services

Providing marine construction services, which include the following:

- i. land reclamation, dredging and beach nourishment;
- ii. rock revetment works, shore protection works and breakwater construction;
- iii. pre-bore and marine piling;
- iv. construction of marine structures, bridges, jetties, ports and other offshore and ancillary services; and
- v. sales of marine construction materials.
- (ii) Disposal of land held for sale

Disposal of reclaimed land received as compensation for in-kind settlement contracts, which are available for immediate sale in its present condition.

(b) Vessel chartering and marine transportation

Chartering of vessels on time and voyage charters.

(c) Other operating segment comprises investment holding and properties held for sale.

The Group evaluates performance on the basis of profit or loss from operations before tax, excluding non-recurring losses.

Inter-segment revenue is priced along the same lines as sales to external customers and conditions and is eliminated on the consolidated financial statements. These policies have been applied consistently throughout the current and previous financial years.

Segment assets exclude tax assets and assets used primarily for corporate purposes. Segment liabilities exclude tax liabilities. Even though borrowings arise from financing activities rather than operating activities, they are allocated to the segments based on relevant factors (e.g. funding requirements). Details are provided in the reconciliations from segment assets and liabilities to the financial position of the Group.

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#### 4. OPERATING SEGMENTS (continued)

#### (a) Operating segments

	🗲 Marine co	onstruction →	Verer		
2024	Land reclamation services RM	Disposal of land held for sale RM	Vessel chartering and marine transportation RM	Others RM	Total RM
Revenue					
Total revenue Inter-segment revenue	65,557,911 (9,077,712)	34,847,172	-	-	100,405,083 (9,077,712)
-					
Revenue from external customers	56,480,199	34,847,172	-	-	91,327,371
Interest income	585,926	-	48	497	586,471
Finance costs	(4,461,341)	-	(928)	(323,480)	(4,785,749)
Net finance expense	(3,875,415)	-	(880)	(322,983)	(4,199,278)
<b>Segment profit/(loss) before tax</b> Tax expenses	6,793,394 (994,991)	12,830,959 -	(4,689,979)	(1,904,882)	13,029,492 (994,991)
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Other information					
Depreciation of property,					(/ ==== ====)
plant and equipment	(1,709,919)	-	140,020	-	(1,569,899)
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	(2,317,193)	-	(11,418)	-	(2,328,611)
Fair value adjustment on: - Non-current amounts owing to					
related parties	(135,045)	_	(3,081,178)	_	(3,216,223)
- Other investments	(133,043) 5,107	_	(3,001,170)	_	(3,210,223)
- Short term funds	-	-	_	2,562	2,562
Impairment losses on property,				_,	_,
plant and equipment	(123,296)	-	(1,198,859)	-	(1,322,155)
Write down of land held for sale	-	(4,503,938)	-	-	(4,503,938)
Write off of:		,			
- property, plant and equipment	(35,631)	-	(13)	-	(35,644)
- trade and other receivables	(77,775)	-	-	-	(77,775)
Gain/(Loss) on disposal of property,					
plant and equipment	3,022,562	-	(41)	-	3,022,521
Gain on early termination of lease	769,833	-	620	-	770,453
Reversal of impairment losses on:					
- contract assets	2,984,035	-	-	-	2,984,035
- trade and other receivables	159,286	-	-	-	159,286
Additions to non-current assets	76,246	-	-	-	76,246
Segment assets	537,353,308	45,732,592	3,010,460	8,420,940	594,517,300
Segment liabilities	135,196,114	68,069,090	28,094,742	18,456,868	249,816,814

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#### 4. **OPERATING SEGMENTS (continued)**

#### (a) Operating segments (continued)

	← Marine construction →				
2023	Land reclamation services RM	Disposal of land held for sale RM	Vessel chartering and marine transportation RM	Others RM	Total RM
Revenue					
Total revenue Inter-segment revenue	58,956,334 (28,940,394)	7,418,892 -	-	-	66,375,226 (28,940,394)
Revenue from external customers	30,015,940	7,418,892	-	-	37,434,832
Interest income Finance costs	523,967 (4,153,404)	-	63 (1,529)	484 (1,943,181)	524,514 (6,098,114)
Net finance expense	(3,629,437)	-	(1,466)	(1,942,697)	(5,573,600)
<b>Segment loss before tax</b> Tax expenses	(57,010,422) (176,347)	(2,086,048) -	(857,746) (4)	(2,653,523) -	(62,607,739) (176,351)
Other information Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	(2,672,468)	-	(975,972)	-	(3,648,440)
Depreciation of right-of-use assets Fair value adjustment on: - Non-current amounts owing to	(2,296,972)	-	(11,482)	-	(2,308,454)
related parties - Other investments Impairment losses on:	(6,829)	-	228,606	(47,788) -	180,818 (6,829)
<ul> <li>contract assets</li> <li>property, plant and equipment</li> <li>right-of-use assets</li> </ul>	(127,493) (4,498,761) (2,547,534)	-	- (1,911,787) -	-	(127,493) (6,410,548) (2,547,534)
Write down of: - land held for sale - properties held for sale		(140,291) -	-	- (1,983,857)	(140,291) (1,983,857)
- land reclamation work in progress Gain on disposal of property,	(179,269)	-	-	-	(179,269)
plant and equipment Gain on early termination of lease Reversal of impairment losses on	109,999 215,749	-	3,306,575 -	-	3,416,574 215,749
contract assets Additions to non-current assets	4,876,869 120,992	-	-	-	4,876,869 120,992
Segment assets	565,118,316	68,208,102	4,757,397	6,144,662	644,228,477
Segment liabilities	150,504,953	70,447,634	59,879,105	32,266,718	313,098,410

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#### 4. **OPERATING SEGMENTS (continued)**

#### (a) Operating segments (continued)

Reconciliations of reportable profit or loss, assets and liabilities to the corresponding amounts of the Group are as follows:

	2024	2023
	RM	RM
<b>Profit/(Loss) for the financial year</b> Total profit/(loss) for reportable segments Elimination of inter-segment (loss)/profits	17,564,474 (4,534,982)	(68,036,204) 5,428,465
Proft/(Loss) before tax Tax expenses	13,029,492 (994,991)	(62,607,739) (176,351)
Proft/(Loss) for the financial year of the Group per statements of profit or loss and other comprehensive income	12,034,501	(62,784,090)
Assets		
Total assets for reportable segments	594,517,300	644,228,477
Unallocated assets: - Other investments - Current tax assets - Deferred tax assets	40,760 743,430 23,349,420	35,653 899,410 24,205,903
Assets of the Group	618,650,910	669,369,443
Liabilities Total liabilities for reportable segments/Liabilities of the Group	249,816,814	313,098,410

#### (b) Geographical segments

The operations of the Group are carried out primarily in Malaysia (which includes the Federal Territory of Labuan). In presenting information on the basis of geographical areas, segment revenue is based on the geographical location of customers.

Segment assets are based on the geographical location of the assets of the Group. The non-current assets do not include financial instruments and deferred tax assets.

#### (i) Revenue from external customers

	Group		
	2024	2023	
	RM	RM	
Malaysia	91,327,371	37,434,832	

#### (ii) Non-current assets

		Group
	20	24 2023
	F	M RM
Malaysia	36,182,4	42 36,939,430
Singapore	1,398,9	78 1,587,790
	37,581,4	20 38,527,220

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#### 4. OPERATING SEGMENTS (continued)

#### (c) Major customers

The following are major customers with revenue equal to or more than ten percent (10%) of Group revenue:

		R	evenue
	2 % of	2024 total	2023 % of total
Customer A		44%	42%
Customer B		19%	34%
Customer C		17%	24%
Customer D		13%	0%
		93%	100%

#### 5. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Group 2024	Freehold land RM	Buildings RM	Plant and machinery RM	Barges and dredgers RM	Tools and office equipment RM	Furniture and fittings RM	Motor vehicles RM	Total RM
<b>Cost</b> At 1 January 2024 Additions Disposals Reclassified to	10,430,000 - -	10,435,036 - -	24,714,689 - -	121,757,128 - (35,447,303)	5,146,722 76,246 -	1,064,577 - -	9,564,560 848,556 (485,235)	183,112,712 924,802 (35,932,538)
right-of-use asset (Note 6) Write-offs Translation adjustments	-	-	-	- - (2,040,849)	- (428,923) (9,508)	- - (84)	(848,556) -	(848,556) (428,923) (2,050,441)
At 31 December 2024	10,430,000	10,435,036	24,714,689	84,268,976	4,784,537	1,064,493	9,079,325	144,777,056
Accumulated depreciation At 1 January 2024 Charge for the	-	1,541,324	19,366,959	51,589,038	4,437,420	918,736	9,408,876	87,262,353
financial year Disposals Write-offs Translation	- - -	208,701 - -	417,291 - -	580,770 (10,027,928) -	249,652 - (393,279)	110,082 - -	3,403 (476,978) -	1,569,899 (10,504,906) (393,279)
adjustments At 31 December 2024	-	- 1,750,025	(91) 19,784,159	(758,109) 41,383,771	(6,525) 4,287,268	5 1,028,823	(2,882) 8,932,419	(767,602) 77,166,465
Accumulated impairment losses								
At 1 January 2024 Charge for the financial year Disposals	-	-	1,986,525 123,296 -	65,261,169 1,198,859 (24,225,698)	-	-	-	67,247,694 1,322,155 (24,225,698)
Translation adjustments At 31 December	-	-	-	(1,128,396)	-	-	-	(1,128,396)
2024	-	-	2,109,821	41,105,934	-	-	-	43,215,755

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#### 5. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (continued)

Group 2023	Freehold land RM	Buildings RM	Plant and machinery RM	Barges and dredgers RM	Tools and office equipment RM	Furniture and fittings RM	Motor vehicles RM	Total RM
Cost								
At 1 January 2023	10,430,000	10,375,042	24,714,689	167,651,692	5,078,063	1,064,487	10,072,428	229,386,401
Additions	-	59,994	-	-	49,998	-	811,000	920,992
Disposals	-	-	-	(51,511,479)	-	-	(518,868)	(52,030,347)
Reclassified to								
right-of-use							(000.000)	(000,000)
asset (Note 6) Translation	-	-	-	-	-	-	(800,000)	(800,000)
adjustments	_	_	-	5,616,915	18,661	90	_	5,635,666
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At 31 December 2023	10,430,000	10,435,036	24,714,689	121,757,128	5,146,722	1,064,577	9,564,560	183,112,712
2023	10,430,000	10,435,030	24,714,009	121,757,120	5,140,722	1,004,377	9,004,000	103,112,712
Accumulated depreciation At 1 January 2023		1,333,623	17,822,670	74,084,873	4.089,364	806,659	9,821,031	107,958,220
Charge for the	-	1,333,023	17,022,070	14,004,013	4,009,304	000,009	9,021,031	107,930,220
financial year	-	207,701	1,544,200	1,348,093	332,539	112,077	103,830	3,648,440
Disposals	-	-	-	(26,040,253)	-	-	(518,867)	(26,559,120)
Translation								
adjustments	-	-	89	2,196,325	15,517	-	2,882	2,214,813
At 31 December 2023	-	1,541,324	19,366,959	51,589,038	4,437,420	918,736	9,408,876	87,262,353
Accumulated impairment losses								
At 1 January 2023	-	-	459,787	74,181,551	-	-	-	74,641,338
Charge for the			1 500 300	1 000 0/0				0.440.540
financial year	-	-	1,526,738	4,883,810	-	-	-	6,410,548
Disposals Translation	-	-	-	(16,581,801)	-	-	-	(16,581,801)
adjustments	-	-	-	2,777,609	-	-	-	2,777,609
At 31 December 2023	-	-	1,986,525	65,261,169	-	-	-	67,247,694

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#### 5. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (continued)

	Group		
	2024	2023	
	RM	RM	
Carrying amount			
Freehold land	10,430,000	10,430,000	
Buildings	8,685,011	8,893,712	
Plant and machinery	2,820,709	3,361,205	
Barges and dredgers	1,779,271	4,906,921	
Tools and office equipment	497,269	709,302	
Furniture and fittings	35,670	145,841	
Motor vehicles	146,906	155,684	
	24,394,836	28,602,665	

- (a) All items of property, plant and equipment are initially measured at cost. After initial recognition, property, plant and equipment except for freehold land are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses.
- (b) Depreciation is calculated to write down the cost of the assets to their residual values on a straight line basis over their estimated useful lives. The estimated useful lives represent common life expectancies applied in the various business segments of the Group. The principal annual rates used are as follows:

Buildings	2%
Plant and machinery	10%
Barges and dredgers	4% - 10%
Tools and office equipment	10% - 20%
Furniture and fittings	10%
Motor vehicles	20%

Freehold land has unlimited useful life and is not depreciated.

The useful lives are based on the historical experience of the Group with similar assets and taking into account the anticipated technological changes. The depreciation charge for future period is adjusted if there are significant changes from previous estimates.

(c) The carrying amount of property, plant and equipment of the Group pledged to licensed financial institutions for credit facilities granted to the Group as disclosed in Note 18(d) to the financial statements are as follows:

		Group
	2024	2023
	RM	RM
Freehold land	10,430,000	10,430,000
Buildings	4,118,655	4,217,900
	14,548,655	14,647,900

(d) During the financial year, the Group made the following cash payments to purchase property, plant and equipment:

	C	aroup
	2024	2023
	RM	RM
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	924,802	920,992
Reclassified to right-of-use assets (Note 6)	(848,556)	(800,000)
Cash payments on purchase of property, plant and equipment	76,246	120,992

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#### 5. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (continued)

#### (e) Impairment of property, plant and equipment

The Group assessed whether there were any indicators of impairment during the financial year. In doing this, the management considered the performance of the cash generating unit ("CGU").

The Directors have made an estimate on the asset's recoverable amount. An asset recoverable amount is the higher of an assets' fair value less costs to sell and its value in use ("VIU"). The recoverable amount is determined for an individual asset, unless the asset does not generate cash inflows that are largely independent of those assets or group assets. When 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.

During the financial year, the Group recognised impairment losses of RM1,198,859 (2023: RM4,883,810) on barges and dredgers.

The Group has performed impairment assessment on those barges and dredgers which have an indication of impairment. Significant judgement is require in determining recoverable amounts during assessment process.

The recoverable amounts of those barges and dredgers are derived from their fair value less cost to sell estimated by an independent valuer. The fair value measurement was categorised as Level 3 fair value.

The valuation was made based on the comparison method with reference to the depreciated replacement cost method that made reference to available market data by comparing to recent transactions involving other similar barges and dredgers and estimating the current new replacement costs of the barges and dredgers and therefrom less the accrued depreciation for age and obsolescence. The intensity of use, present physical condition and estimated replacement cost of those barges and dredgers were the significant key assumptions used by independent valuer and management.

#### 6. LEASES

#### The Group as lessee

Right-of-use assets			Motor		
	Land	Buildings	vehicles	Others	Total
Carrying amount	RM	RM	RM	RM	RM
Balancev as at 1 January 2024	7,038,339	136,808	856,787	1,892,621	9,924,555
Addition	-	-	848,556	-	848,556
Early termination	-	(8,453)	-	-	(8,453)
Lease modification	5,653,611	11,631	-	982	5,666,224
Recognised in profit or loss	(1,878,879)	(98,892)	(327,397)	(934,986)	(3,240,154)
Capitalised under contract assets	-	(3,328)	-	-	(3,328)
Depreciation	(1,878,879)	(102,220)	(327,397)	(934,986)	(3,243,482)
Translation adjustments	-	(584)	-	(232)	(816)
Balance as at 31 December 2024	10,813,071	37,182	1,377,946	958,385	13,186,584
Balance as at 1 January 2023	8,915,948	263,887	363,880	54,465	9,598,180
Additions	-	27,342	800,000	7,986,793	8,814,135
Early termination	-	(16,774)	-	-	(16,774)
Recognised in profit or loss	(1,877,609)	(125,158)	(307,093)	(3,601,641)	(5,911,501)
Capitalised under contract assets	-	(13,904)	-	-	(13,904)
Depreciation	(1,877,609)	(139,062)	(307,093)	(3,601,641)	(5,925,405)
Impairment	-	-	-	(2,547,534)	(2,547,534)
Translation adjustments	-	1,415	-	538	1,953
Balance as at 31 December 2023	7,038,339	136,808	856,787	1,892,621	9,924,555

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#### 6. LEASES (continued)

#### The Group as lessee (continued)

Lease liabilities

Carrying amount	Land RM	Buildings RM	vehicles RM	Others RM	Total RM
Balance as at 1 January 2024	7,847,938	153,911	798,856	4,536,803	13,337,508
Additions	-	-	795,000	-	795,000
Early termination	-	(8,852)	-	-	(8,852)
Lease modification	4,885,031	11,011	-	128	4,896,170
Lease payment	(1,203,600)	(120,332)	(373,012)	(2,380,861)	(4,077,805)
Reclassified to other payable	(1,098,000)	-	-	-	(1,098,000)
Recognised in profit or loss	530,928	4,733	49,309	189,184	774,154
Capitalised under contract assets	-	72	-	-	72
Interest expense	530,928	4,805	49,309	189,184	774,226
Translation adjustments	2	(593)	-	(419)	(1,010)
Balance as at 31 December 2024	10,962,299	39,950	1,270,153	2,344,835	14,617,237
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Balance as at 1 January 2023	9,692,958	288,287	396,482	59,807	10,437,534
Additions	-	27,342	700,000	7,986,793	8,714,135
Early termination	-	(17,308)	-	(215,215)	(232,523)
Lease payments	(3,600)	(159,152)	(330,852)	(3,913,691)	(4,407,295)
Reclassified to other payable	(2,298,000)	-	-	-	(2,298,000)
Recognised in profit or loss	456,580	12,285	33,226	618,359	1,120,450
Capitalised under contract assets	-	1,036	-	-	1,036
Interest expense	456,580	13,321	33,226	618,359	1,121,486
Translation adjustments	-	1,421	-	750	2,171
Balance as at 31 December 2023	7,847,938	153,911	798,856	4,536,803	13,337,508

Represented by:	2024 RM	2023 RM
Current liabilities	4,360,430	4,457,139
Non-current liabilities	10,256,807	8,880,369
	14,617,237	13,337,508
Lease liabilities owing to financial institutions	1,270,153	798,856
Lease liabilities owing to non-financial institutions	13,347,084	12,538,652
	14,617,237	13,337,508

(a) The right-of-use assets are initially measured at cost, which comprise the initial amount of the lease liabilities adjusted for any lease payments made at or before the commencement date of the leases.

After initial recognition, right-of-use assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses, and adjusted for any re-measurement of the lease liabilities.

The right-of-use assets are depreciated on the straight-line basis over the earlier of the estimated useful lives of the right-of-use assets or the end of the lease term. The lease terms of right-of-use assets are as follows:

Land	2 - 6 years
Buildings	3 - 6 years
Motor vehicles	5 years
Others	2 - 10 years

(b) Included in the right-of-use assets of the Group, certain motor vehicles are assets acquired under hire purchase arrangements with a carrying amount of RM1,377,946 (2023: RM856,787).

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#### 6. LEASES (continued)

#### The Group as lessee (continued)

(c) During the financial year, the Group made the following cash payments to purchase right-of-use assets:

	Group		
	2024	2023	
	RM	RM	
Purchase of right-of-use assets	848,556	8,814,135	
Financed by lease arrangement	(795,000)	(8,714,135)	
Cash payments on purchase of right-of-use assets	53,556	100,000	

- (d) The Group has certain leases of buildings and tools and office equipment with lease term of 12 months or less. The Group applies the "short-term lease" exemptions for these leases.
- (e) The following are the amounts recognised in profit or loss:

	Group		
	2024	2023	
	RM	RM	
Depreciation charge of right-of-use assets (included in cost of sales)	911,543	3,603,047	
Depreciation charge of right-of-use assets			
(included in administrative and other expenses)	2,328,611	2,308,454	
Impairment losses on right-of-use assets			
(included in administrative and other expenses)	-	2,547,534	
Interest expense on lease liabilities (included in cost of sales)	185,914	614,956	
Interest expense on lease liabilities (included in finance costs)	588,240	505,494	
Expense relating to short-term leases			
(included in administrative and other expenses) (Note 26)	3,468	3,102	
Gain on early termination of lease/lease modifications	(770,453)	(215,749)	
	3,247,323	9,366,838	

(f) The following are total cash outflows for leases as a lessee:

	Group		
	2024	2023	
	RM	RM	
Included in net cash from operating activities:			
Payment relating to short-term leases	3,468	3,102	
Interest paid in relation to lease liabilities	243,226	663,870	
Included in net cash from investing activities:			
Purchase of right-of-use assets	53,556	100,000	
Included in net cash from financing activities:			
Payment of lease liabilities	4,077,805	4,407,295	
	4,378,055	5,174,267	

(g) The Group signed several lease contracts that include extension and termination options. These are used to maximise operational flexibility in terms of managing the assets used in the Group's operations. Management exercises judgement in determining whether these extension and termination options are reasonably certain to be exercised.

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#### 6. LEASES (continued)

#### The Group as lessee (continued)

(h) The table below summarises the maturity profile of the lease liabilities of the Group at the end of the reporting period based on contractual undiscounted repayment obligations as follows:

Group	Weighted average incremental borrowing rate per annum %	On demand or within one year RM	One to five years RM	Over five years RM	Total RM
31 December 2024					
Lease liabilities	6.28%	5,161,900	11,877,285	-	17,039,185
31 December 2023					
Lease liabilities	5.64%	5,037,802	11,723,793	-	16,761,595

(i) Management exercises judgement in determining the incremental borrowing rates whenever the implicit rates of interest in a lease are not readily determinable as well as the lease terms. The incremental borrowing rates used are based on prevailing market borrowing rates over similar lease terms, of similar value as the right-of-use asset in a similar economic environment. Lease terms are based on management expectations driven by prevailing market conditions and past experience in exercising similar renewal and termination options.

#### 7. INVESTMENTS IN SUBSIDIARIES

	Company		
	2024 20		
	RM	RM	
Unquoted shares, at cost	348,821,745	348,821,745	
Less: Accumulated impairment losses	(40,858,841)	(4,764,840)	
	307,962,904	344,056,905	

Movement in accumulated impairment losses:

	Company	
	2024	2023
	RM	RM
Balance as at 1 January	4,764,840	452,186
Charge for the financial year	36,094,001	4,312,654
Balance as at 31 December	40,858,841	4,764,840

(a) Investments in subsidiaries are stated at cost less impairment losses. Non-controlling interests are measured at their proportionate share of the net assets of subsidiaries, unless another measurement basis is required by MFRSs. Management reviews the investments in subsidiaries for impairment when there is an indication of impairment.

Due to the existence indicators of the impairment during the year, impairment loss of RM36,094,001 (2023: RM4,312,654) was recognised for a subsidiary to bring the carrying amount to recoverable amount. Recoverable amount is assessed by referring to the fair value less cost to sell of the underlying assets.

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# 7. INVESTMENTS IN SUBSIDIARIES (continued)

(b) Details of the subsidiaries are as follows:

	Country of incorporation/		ctive in equity 2023	
Name of company	Principal place of business	2024 %	%	Principal activities
Direct subsidiaries	of busiliess	70	70	
Benalec Sdn. Bhd. ("BSB")	Malaysia	100	100	Marine construction and civil engineering
Oceanliner Pte Ltd. (1)	Singapore	100	100	Charter of vessels
Subsidiaries of BSB				
OG Marine Sdn. Bhd.	Malaysia	100	100	Charter of vessels
Pacific Ltd	Labuan	100	100	Charter/leasing of vessels
Ocean Marine Ltd	Labuan	100	100	Charter/leasing of vessels
Oceanline (Labuan) Ltd	Labuan	100	100	Charter/leasing of vessels and the business of trading of vessels
Benalec Land Sdn. Bhd.	Malaysia	100	100	Property investment holding
Benalec Maritime Sdn. Bhd.	Malaysia	100	100	Marine construction and civil engineering
Benalec Diversity Sdn. Bhd. (1)	Malaysia	100	100	Marine construction and civil engineering
Benalec Construction Sdn. Bhd. (1)	Malaysia	100	100	Marine construction and civil engineering
Pengerang Maritime Industries Sdn. Bhd. ("PMISB")	Malaysia	100	100	Marine engineering services
Tanjung Piai Maritime Industries Sdn. Bhd. ("TPMISB")	Malaysia	100	100	Marine engineering services
Heritage Land Sdn. Bhd. <sup>(1)</sup>	Malaysia	100	100	Property investment holding
Sentosacove Development Sdn. Bhd. <sup>(1)</sup>	Malaysia	100	100	Property investment holding
Jewel East Sdn. Bhd. ("JESB") (1)	Malaysia	100	100	Property investment holding
Goldnet Synergy Sdn. Bhd. (1)	Malaysia	100	100	Investment holding company
Gabungan Khas Sdn. Bhd. (1) (2)	Malaysia	49	49	Acting as agent for clearance of vessels with port authorities
Jayamas Cekap Sdn. Bhd.	Malaysia	100	100	Dormant
Klebang Property Sdn. Bhd. <sup>(1)</sup>	Malaysia	100	100	Dormant
Benalec CeTeau Asia Sdn. Bhd. (1)	Malaysia	51	51	To carry on the business of installing geo-technical prefabricated vertical drains
Oceanview Realty Sdn. Bhd. (1)	Malaysia	100	100	Dormant
Orientalcove Realty Sdn. Bhd. <sup>(1)</sup>	Malaysia	100	100	Dormant
Benalec Marine Sdn. Bhd.(1)	Malaysia	100	100	Dormant
Heritage Land Realty Sdn. Bhd. (1)	Malaysia	100	100	Dormant
Strategic Cove Sdn. Bhd. (1)	Malaysia	100	100	Dormant
Strategic Land Sdn. Bhd. <sup>(1)</sup>	Malaysia	100	100	Dormant
Wilajati Sdn. Bhd. (1)	Malaysia	100	100	Dormant
Benalec Marineworks Sdn. Bhd. <sup>(1)</sup>	Malaysia	100	100	Dormant
Benalec Energy Sdn. Bhd. <sup>(1)</sup>	Malaysia	100	100	Dormant

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### 7. INVESTMENTS IN SUBSIDIARIES (continued)

(b) Details of the subsidiaries are as follows: (continued)

	Country of incorporation/	Interest in equity		
	Principal place	2024	2023	
Name of company	of business	%	%	Principal activities
Subsidiaries of BSB (continued)				
Subsidiaries of JESB				
One World Island Sdn. Bhd. (1)	Malaysia	100	100	Property investment holding
Cheng Ho City Sdn. Bhd. (1)	Malaysia	100	100	Property investment holding
Subsidiary of PMISB				
Spektrum Budi Sdn. Bhd.	Malaysia	70	70	Marine construction
Subsidiary of TPMISB				
Spektrum Kukuh Sdn. Bhd.	Malaysia	70	70	Marine construction and civil engineering

<sup>(1)</sup> Subsidiaries not audited by BDO PLT or BDO member firms.

<sup>(2)</sup> The Group considers that it controls Gabungan Khas Sdn. Bhd. even though it owns less than fifty percent (50%) of the voting rights. This is because the Group has two (2) board representatives over a total of three (3) board members and therefore has control over the board and power to govern the relevant activities of Gabungan Khas Sdn. Bhd. via a shareholders agreement. In addition, the Executive Chairman, who is from the Group has the second or casting vote at all shareholders meeting. The remaining fifty-one percent (51%) of the equity shares in Gabungan Khas Sdn. Bhd. are held by an individual shareholder that is not related to the Group.

(c) In the previous financial year:

Incorporation of new subsidiaries by Benalec Sdn. Bhd. ("BSB"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company

On 21 November 2023, BSB had incorporated a new subsidiary, by subscribing 2 ordinary shares of RM1.00 each in Benalec Marineworks Sdn. Bhd. ("BMWSB") for cash consideration of RM2.00. BMWSB has not commenced operation since the date of incorporation.

On 29 December 2023, BSB had incorporated a new subsidiary, by subscribing 2 ordinary shares of RM1.00 each in Benalec Energy Sdn. Bhd. ("BESB") for cash consideration of RM2.00. BESB has not commenced operation since the date of incorporation.

(d) Subsidiaries of the Group that have non-controlling interests ("NCI") are as follows:

2024	Spektrum Budi Sdn. Bhd.	Spektrum Kukuh Sdn. Bhd.	Benalec CeTeau Asia Sdn. Bhd.	Others	Total
NCI percentage of ownership interest and voting interest	30%	30%	49%		
Carrying amount of NCI (RM)	(301,147)	(4,477,778)	963,217	(8,508)	(3,824,216)
Loss allocated to NCI (RM)	(11,968)	(527,592)	(92,388)	(2,886)	(634,834)
Total comprehensive loss allocated to NCI (RM)	(11,968)	(527,592)	(92,388)	(2,886)	(634,834)

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# 7. INVESTMENTS IN SUBSIDIARIES (continued)

(d) Subsidiaries of the Group that have non-controlling interests ("NCI") are as follows: (continued)

2023	Spektrum Budi Sdn. Bhd.	Spektrum Kukuh Sdn. Bhd.	Benalec CeTeau Asia Sdn. Bhd.	Others	Total
NCI percentage of ownership interest and voting interest	30%	30%	49%		
Carrying amount of NCI (RM)	(289,179)	(3,950,187)	1,055,605	(5,621)	(3,189,382)
Loss allocated to NCI (RM)	(13,054)	(1,462,493)	(92,309)	(2,607)	(1,570,463)
Total comprehensive loss allocated to NCI (RM)	(13,054)	(1,462,493)	(92,309)	(2,607)	(1,570,463)

(e) Summarised financial information before inter-company elimination of the subsidiaries that have material NCI as at the end of each reporting period are as follows:

2024	Spektrum	Spektrum	Benalec
	Budi	Kukuh	CeTeau Asia
	Sdn. Bhd.	Sdn. Bhd.	Sdn. Bhd.
	RM	RM	RM
Assets and liabilities			
Non-current assets	899	10,922,835	102,687
Current assets	20,958,958	439,395,636	1,893,957
Non-current liabilities	-	(9,349,398)	-
Current liabilities	(25,523,158)	(459,075,966)	(4,500)
Net (liabilities)/assets	(4,563,301)	(18,106,893)	1,992,144
Results	(4,505,501)	(10,100,030)	1,332,144
Revenue	-	-	-
Loss for the financial year	(39,894)	(1,457,155)	(162,154)
Total comprehensive loss	(39,894)	(1,457,155)	(162,154)
Cash flows used in operating activities	(51,722)	(2,427,557)	(16,770)
Cash flows from investing activities	50,440	3,633,974	-
Cash flows (used in)/from financing activities	-	(1,205,760)	16,236
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents	(1,282)	657	(534)

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### 7. INVESTMENTS IN SUBSIDIARIES (continued)

(e) Summarised financial information before inter-company elimination of the subsidiaries that have material NCI as at the end of each reporting period are as follows: (continued)

	Spektrum Budi Sdn. Bhd.	Spektrum Kukuh Sdn. Bhd.	Benalec CeTeau Asia Sdn. Bhd.
2023	RM	RM	RM
Assets and liabilities			
Non-current assets	1,386	7,209,073	282,000
Current assets	20,961,360	439,637,352	1,894,491
Non-current liabilities	-	(5,903,838)	-
Current liabilities	(25,486,153)	(457,592,325)	(22,193)
Net (liabilities)/assets	(4,523,407)	(16,649,738)	2,154,298
Results			
Revenue	-	-	-
Loss for the financial year	(43,515)	(4,874,978)	(188,386)
Total comprehensive loss	(43,515)	(4,874,978)	(188,386)
Cash flows used in operating activities	(53,386)	(665,685)	(1,536)
Cash flows from investing activities	54,932	670,951	-
Cash flows (used in)/from financing activities	-	(5,760)	1,491
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	1,546	(494)	(45)

### 8. OTHER INVESTMENTS

		Group
	2024	2023
	RM	RM
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		
Quoted ordinary shares in Malaysia		
As at 1 January	35,653	42,482
Fair value gain/(loss) (Note 23, 24)	5,107	(6,829)
As at 31 December	40,760	35,653

(a) Other investments are classified as financial assets at fair value through profit or loss.

- (b) Fair value of quoted ordinary shares in Malaysia is determined by reference to the exchange quoted market price at the close of the business on the reporting date.
- (c) Fair value of quoted ordinary shares is categorised as Level 1 in the fair value hierarchy. There is no transfer between levels in the hierarchy during the financial year.

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# 9. DEFERRED TAX ASSETS

### (a) Deferred tax assets are made up of the following:

	C	Group
	2024	2023
	RM	RM
Balance as at 1 January	24,205,903	24,379,501
Recognised in profit or loss (Note 27)	(856,510)	(173,573)
Exchange differences	27	(25)
Balance as at 31 December	23,349,420	24,205,903

(b) Components and movements of deferred tax assets and liabilities during the financial year are as follows:

## Deferred tax assets of the Group

	Property, plant and equipment RM	Unused tax losses and unabsorbed capital allowances RM	Contract liabilities RM	Other RM	Total RM
At 1 January 2024 Recognised in profit or loss	7,012,838 -	-	17,193,065 (856,483)	-	24,205,903 (856,483)
At 31 December 2024	7,012,838	-	16,336,582	-	23,349,420
At 1 January 2023 Recognised in profit or loss At 31 December 2023	7,012,838	5,521,379 (5,521,379) -	16,907,432 285,633 17,193,065	7,117 (7,117) -	29,448,766 (5,242,863) 24,205,903

### Deferred tax liabilities of the Group

	Property, plant and equipment RM
At 1 January 2024/31 December 2024	-
At 1 January 2023 Recognised in profit or loss	5,069,265 (5,069,265)
At 31 December 2023	<u> </u>

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#### 9. DEFERRED TAX ASSETS (continued)

(c) The amounts of temporary differences for which no deferred tax assets have been recognised in the statements of financial position are as follows:

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	2024 RM	2023 RM
Other deductible temporary differences	(2,657,779)	(2,038,015)
Unabsorbed capital allowances	5,272,416	9,106,541
Unused tax losses		
- Expired by 31 December 2028	687,250	746,572
- Expired by 31 December 2029	6,181,712	11,244,962
- Expired by 31 December 2030	10,734,919	10,734,919
- Expired by 31 December 2031	5,691,592	5,691,592
- Expired by 31 December 2032	23,176,700	23,176,700
- Expired by 31 December 2033	28,482,149	25,678,577
	77,568,959	84,341,848

Deferred tax assets of certain subsidiaries have not been recognised in respect of these items as it is not probable that future taxable profits of the subsidiaries would be available against which the deductible temporary differences could be utilised.

Unutilised tax losses of the Company incorporated in Malaysia can be carried forward up to 10 consecutive years of assessment immediately following the years of assessment under the tax legislation of Inland Revenue Board.

The estimation of future taxable profits require management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about future events that are inherently uncertain. Accordingly, deferred tax assets recognised are subject to estimation uncertainties and may be adjusted in subsequent periods as a result of changes in the accounting estimates.

# 10. INVENTORIES

		(	Group
	Note	2024 RM	2023 RM
At cost	Noto		
Consumables	(b)	95,247	95,247
Land held for sale	(C)	37,973,565	51,103,335
		38,068,812	51,198,582
At net realisable value			
Land held for sale	(c)	10,570,000	15,579,148
Properties held for sale	(d)	8,213,657	8,399,998
Land reclamation work in progress	11	425,720,188	425,720,188
		482,572,657	500,897,916

(a) Inventories are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

#### (b) Consumables

- (i) Consumables represent parts purchased for future consumption in the construction of vessels and infrastructure works.
- (ii) Cost is determined using the first-in, first-out basis. The cost comprises all costs of purchases, cost of conversion plus other costs incurred in bringing the consumables to their present location and condition.

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#### 10. INVENTORIES (continued)

- (c) Land held for sale
  - Cost of land held for sale comprises all reclamation costs, infrastructure costs, professional fees, stamp duties, commissions, and other costs incurred in bringing the land held for sale to their present condition.
  - (ii) Movements of the land held for sale are as follows:

	Group	
	2024	2023
	RM	RM
Balance as at 1 January	66,682,483	55,326,147
Additions	-	21,385,764
Costs incurred during the financial year	252,149	1,041,407
Less: Recognised in profit or loss during the financial year	(13,887,129)	(10,930,544)
Less: Written down during the financial year	(4,503,938)	(140,291)
Balance as at 31 December	48,543,565	66,682,483

- (iii) Land held for sale represents reclaimed leasehold land with remaining lease terms of 91 years (2023: 92 years).
- (iv) The Group has written down the land held for sale by RM4,503,938 (2023: RM140,291) to their net realisable value during the financial year.
- (v) The carrying value of land held for sale of the Group pledged to financial institutions for credit facilities granted to the Group and Company as disclosed in Notes 18(d)(ii) and (e) to the financial statements are as follows:

		Group	
	2024 RM	2023 RM	
Borrowings (except for term loans II) Term loans II	13,731,761 -	17,504,675 14,748,053	
	13,731,761	32,252,728	

#### (d) Properties held for sale

(i) Movement of the properties held for sale are as follows:

	Group	
	2024 RM	2023 RM
Balance as at 1 January Add: Expenditure incurred	8,399,998 -	10,357,556 26,299
Less: Reversal of expenses Less: Written down during the financial year	(186,341) -	- (1,983,857)
Balance as at 31 December	8,213,657	8,399,998

- (ii) Properties held for sale are in respect of six (6) (2023: six (6)) units of properties, which are available for immediate sale.
- (iii) Cost of properties held for sale is determined using cost of the acquisition of properties held for sale and direct costs attributable to the acquisition of properties held for sale.
- (iv) In the previous financial year, properties held for sale written down recognised in profit and loss amounted to RM1,983,857.

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### 10. INVENTORIES (continued)

#### (e) Write-down for obsolete or slow-moving inventories

The Group writes down its obsolete or slow-moving inventories based on assessment of their estimated recoverable amount. Inventories are written down when events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amounts could not be recovered. Management specifically analyses sales trends and current economic trends to evaluate the adequacy of the write down for obsolete or slow-moving inventories. Where expectations differ from the original estimates, the differences would impact the carrying amount of inventories.

# 11. LAND RECLAMATION WORK IN PROGRESS

2023 RM	Group	•
RM	2023	2024
	RM	RM
0 188	425,720,188	425,720,188

(a) Land reclamation work in progress represents all costs that are directly attributable to the land reclamation concession or that can be allocated on a reasonable basis to the concession. The costs incurred comprise cost to secure the land reclamation concession, construction costs and other development costs common to the entire reclamation concession including professional fees and other relevant levies.

Land reclamation work in progress is recognised as an asset and is measured at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Net realisable value is the estimated selling price of the reclaimed land in the ordinary course of business, less the estimated costs of completion and the estimated costs necessary to make the sale. Any expected loss is recognised immediately in profit or loss.

(b) Movements of the land reclamation work in progress are as follows:

	Group	
	2024	2023
	RM	RM
Balance as at 1 January	425,720,188	442,652,113
Less: Recognised in profit or loss during the financial year	-	(16,752,656)
Less: Written down during the financial year	-	(179,269)
Balance as at 31 December	425,720,188	425,720,188

(c) Land reclamation work in progress of the Group at the end of the reporting period are mainly costs incurred for the reclamation works in Tanjung Piai and Pengerang in the State of Johor.

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### 12. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

	G	aroup	Co	mpany
	2024	2023	2024	2023
	RM	RM	RM	RM
Trade receivables				
Third parties	6,096,335	6,174,032	-	-
Less: Impairment losses	(54,111)	(213,397)	-	-
	6,042,224	5,960,635	-	-
Other receivables and deposits				
Third parties	2,717,549	3,709,835	20,988	20,510
Amounts owing by related parties	4,108	-	-	-
Amounts owing by subsidiaries	-	-	43,030,753	60,613,201
Deposits	1,868,844	1,908,274	5,000	5,000
	4,590,501	5,618,109	43,056,741	60,638,711
Less: Impairment losses				
- third parties	(1,307,021)	(1,307,021)	-	-
- subsidiaries	-	-	(345,107)	(1,238,932)
- deposits	(570,000)	(570,000)	-	-
	(1,877,021)	(1,877,021)	(345,107)	(1,238,932)
Total other receivables and deposits	2,713,480	3,741,088	42,711,634	59,399,779
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Total receivables Prepayments	8,755,704 87,194	9,701,723 4,047,909	42,711,634 -	59,399,779 -
	8,842,898	13,749,632	42,711,634	59,399,779

(a) Total receivables are classified as financial assets measured at amortised cost.

- (b) Trade receivables are non-interest bearing and the normal trade credit terms granted by the Group ranged from 14 days to 90 days (2023: 14 days to 90 days). They are recognised at their original invoices amounts, which represent their fair values on initial recognition.
- (c) Included in trade receivables of the Group are retention sums for contract works amounting to RM4,686,204 (2023: RM3,771,961). The retention sums are unsecured, interest free and are expected to be collected as follows:

	Group	
	2024 RM	2023 RM
Within one (1) year Within two (2) years	2,343,102 2,343,102	2,753,172 1,018,789
	4,686,204	3,771,961

(d) Currency exposure of trade and other receivables (excluding prepayments) of the Group and of the Company are as follows:

	Group		Company	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
	RM	RM	RM	RM
Ringgit Malaysia	8,754,460	9,696,987	42,711,634	59,399,779
Singapore Dollar	1,244	4,736	-	-
	8,755,704	9,701,723	42,711,634	59,399,779

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### 12. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES (continued)

(e) Impairment for trade receivables and contract assets that do not contain a significant financing component are recognised based on the simplified approach using the lifetime expected credit losses.

Lifetime expected credit losses are the expected credit losses that result from all possible default events over the expected life of the asset, while 12-month expected credit losses are the portion of expected credit losses that result from default events that are possible within the twelve (12) months after the reporting date. The maximum period considered when estimating expected credit losses is the maximum contractual period over which the Group and the Company are exposed to credit risk.

The Group considers past loss experience and observable data such as current changes and future forecasts in economic conditions to estimate the amount of expected impairment loss. The methodology and assumptions including any forecasts of future economic conditions are reviewed regularly.

During this process, the probability of non-payment by the trade receivables are adjusted by forward looking information on macroeconomic factors and multiplied by the amount of the expected loss arising from default to determine the lifetime expected credit loss for the trade receivables. The Group had identified the lending interest rate and Gross Domestic Product ("GDP") as the key macroeconomic factors.

For trade receivables, which are reported net, such impairments are recorded in a separate impairment account with the loss being recognised within net loss on impairment of financial assets and contract assets in the statements of profit or loss and other comprehensive income. On confirmation that the trade receivable would not be collectible, the gross carrying value of the asset would be written off against the associated impairment.

It requires management to exercise significant judgement in determining the probability of default by trade receivables and appropriate forward-looking information.

Credit impaired refers to individually determined debtors who are in significant financial difficulties and have defaulted on payments with balances outstanding for more than 365 days as at the financial year end.

(f) Movements in the impairment losses for trade receivables are as follows:

	Lifetime ECL - credit impaired	
	2024 RM	2023 RM
Group	NWI N	
At 1 January	213,397	213,397
Reversal of impairment loss (Note 25)	(159,286)	-
At 31 December	54,111	213,397

#### (g) Aging analysis of trade receivables of the Group are as follows:

2024	Gross RM	Impaired RM	Total RM
Current Past due:	6,027,935	-	6,027,935
1 to 30 days	-	-	-
31 to 60 days	-	-	-
61 to 90 days	-	-	-
91 to 120 days	-	-	-
More than 120 days	68,400	(54,111)	14,289
	68,400	(54,111)	14,289
	6.096.335	(54,111)	6.042.224

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### 12. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES (continued)

(g) Aging analysis of trade receivables of the Group are as follows: (continued)

2023	Gross RM	Impaired RM	Total RM
Current	3,771,961	-	3,771,961
Past due:			
1 to 30 days	2,188,674	-	2,188,674
31 to 60 days	-	-	-
61 to 90 days	-	-	-
91 to 120 days	-	-	-
More than 120 days	213,397	(213,397)	-
	2,402,071	(213,397)	2,188,674
	6,174,032	(213,397)	5,960,635

- (h) Amounts owing by subsidiaries represent advances and payments made on behalf, which are unsecured, interest-free and repayable within the next twelve (12) months in cash and cash equivalents.
- (i) Impairment for other receivables, amounts owing by subsidiaries and related parties are recognised based on general approach within MFRS 9 using the forward looking expected credit loss model. The methodology used to determine the amount of the impairment is based on whether there has been a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition of the financial asset. The Group and the Company defined significant increase in credit risk when there is changes in contractual terms and delay in payment. As at the end of the reporting period, the Group and the Company assess whether there has been a significant increase in credit risk of default occurring over the expected life with the risk of default since initial recognition. For those in which the credit risk has not increased significantly since initial recognised. For those which credit risk has increased significantly, lifetime expected credit losses along with gross interest income are recognised. For those that are determined to be credit impaired, lifetime expected credit losses along with interest income on a net basis are recognised. Credit impaired refers to debtors who are in significant financial difficulties as at the end of the reporting period.

The Group and the Company defined significant increase in credit risk based on the operating performance of the receivables.

The probability of non-payment of other receivables, amounts owing by subsidiaries and related parties are adjusted by forward looking information (lending interest rates and Malaysian construction output index) and multiplied by the amount of the expected loss arising from default to determine the twelve months or lifetime expected credit loss for the other receivables, amounts owing by subsidiaries and related parties.

It requires management to exercise judgement in determining the probability of default by other receivables, amounts owing by subsidiaries and related parties, appropriate forward looking information and significant increase in credit risk.

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### 12. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES (continued)

(j) The reconciliation of movements in the impairment losses on other receivables, deposits and amounts owing by subsidiaries is as follows:

		Lifetime ECL - credit impaired	
Group	2024 RM	2023 RM	
At 1 January /31 December	1,877,021	1,877,021	
		etime ECL - redit impaired	
0	2024	2023	

Company	RM	RM
At 1 January	1,238,932	1,238,932
Reversal of impairment losses (Note 25)	(893,825)	-
31 December	345,107	1,238,932

(k) As at the end of each reporting year, the credit risks exposures and concentration relating to trade receivables of the Group are summarised in the table below:

	Group	
	2024 RM	2023 RM
Maximum exposure Collateral obtained	6,042,224 -	5,960,635 -
Net exposure to credit risk	6,042,224	5,960,635

During the financial year, the Group did not renegotiate the terms of any trade receivables.

(I) The Group determines concentrations of credit risk by monitoring the country and industry sector profiles of its trade receivables on an ongoing basis. The credit risk concentration profile of the Group's total trade receivables at the end of the reporting year is as follows:

	2024		2023	
	RM	% of total	RM	% of total
By country				
Malaysia	6,042,224	100%	5,960,635	100.00%
By industry sectors				
Marine construction				
- Land reclamation services	6,042,224	100%	5,960,635	100.00%

At the end of each reporting year, one hundred percent (100%) (2023: 100%) of the trade receivables of the Group was due from one customer who is land reclamation services customer located in Malaysia.

At the end of each reporting year, there was no significant concentration of credit risk for the Company other than amounts owing by subsidiaries, net of impairment.

(m) Sensitivity analysis of RM against foreign currencies at the end of the reporting year is not presented as it is immaterial.

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#### 13. CONTRACT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)

	Group	
	2024 RM	2023 RM
Contract assets		
Land reclamation contracts	38,257,682	64,580,665
Contract liabilities		
Deferred revenue		
- Non-current	(68,026,682)	(71,595,364)
- Current	(42,408)	(42,408)
	(68,069,090)	(71,637,772)

(a) Contract assets primarily related to the Group's rights to consideration for work completed on land reclamation contracts at the reporting date, subject to receive apportionment of completed reclaimed land as settlement.

Contract assets of the Group shall be settled by way of apportionment of completed reclaimed land. Contract assets are transferred to receivables when the rights to economic benefits become unconditional. This usually occurs when the Group received the apportionment of completed reclaimed land.

Contract liabilities primarily related to the advance consideration received from customers of which the contract liabilities are recognised as revenue when performance obligations are satisfied.

There were no significant changes in the contract assets and liabilities during the financial year.

(b) Contract assets from land reclamation contracts

	2024 RM	2023 RM
Balance as at 1 January	64,580,665	51,032,347
Additions	365,503	2,319,581
Progress billings	(45,154,397)	-
Impairment losses during the year (Note 25)	-	(127,493)
Reversal of impairment losses (Note 25)	2,984,035	4,876,869
Revenue recognised during the year	20,838,321	6,479,361
Cost recognised during the year	(5,356,445)	-
Balance as at 31 December	38,257,682	64,580,665
Aggregate costs incurred to date	65,856,946	65,100,563
Add: Attributable profits	48,119,518	27,672,077
	113,976,464	92,772,640
Less: Cost recognised during the year	(5,356,445)	-
Less: Progress billings	(45,154,397)	-
Gross carrying amount	63,465,622	92,772,640
Less: Accumulated impairment losses	(25,207,940)	(28,191,975)
	38,257,682	64,580,665

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### 13. CONTRACT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES) (continued)

### (c) Contract liabilities from deferred revenue

	2024 RM	2023 RM
Balance as at 1 January Revenue recognised during the year Progress billings	(71,637,772) 20,097,756 (16,529,074)	(70,447,634) 1,318,708 (2,508,846)
Balance as at 31 December	(68,069,090)	(71,637,772)
Aggregate costs incurred to date Add: Attributable profits	84,106,225 48,734,242	78,412,882 34,329,829
Less: Accumulated progress billings	132,840,467 (200,909,557)	112,742,711 (184,380,483)
	(68,069,090)	(71,637,772)

# (d) Contract value yet to be recognised as revenue

Revenue expected to be recognised in the future relating to performance obligations that are unsatisfied (or partially unsatisfied) at the end of the reporting year, are as follows:

	Group	
	2024	2023
	RM	RM
Within 1 year	42,408	42,408
More than 1 year	68,026,682	71,595,364
	68,069,090	71,637,772

Non-current contract liabilities do not contain significant financing component because the customers paid for the unsatisfied performance obligations in advance and the timing of the transfer of those unsatisfied performance obligations are at the discretion of the customers.

(e) Impairment for contract assets that do not contain a significant financing component are recognised based on the simplified approach using the lifetime expected credit losses as disclosed in Note 12(e) to the financial statements.

	Group	
	2024	2023
Expected loss rate	39.72%	30.39%
Gross carrying amount (RM) Lifetime ECL (RM)	63,465,623 25,207,940	92,772,640 28,191,975
	20,207,340	20,131,375

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### 13. CONTRACT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES) (continued)

### (e) (continued)

The reconciliation of movements in the impairment accounts in contract assets is as follows:

	Group	
	2024	2023
	RM	RM
As at 1 January	28,191,975	32,941,351
Charge for the financial year	-	127,493
Reversal during the financial year	(2,984,035)	(4,876,869)
As at 31 December	25,207,940	28,191,975

During the financial year, the Group has made a reversal of impairment losses on contract assets amounted to RM2,984,035 (2023: RM4,876,869).

(f) The amount of RM20,097,756 (2023: RM1,318,708) recognised in contract liabilities at the beginning of the financial year had been recognised as revenue for the financial year ended 31 December 2024.

### 14. SHORT TERM FUNDS

	Group	
	2024	2023
	RM	RM
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		
Units in quoted money market fund in Malaysia	168,679	163,422

- (a) Short term funds are classified as fair value through profit or loss, and subsequently remeasured to fair value with changes in fair value being recognised in profit or loss. The fair value is categorised as Level 1 in the fair value hierarchy. Fair value of short term funds in Malaysia is determined by reference to counter parties' quotation at the close of business at the end of the reporting year.
- (b) All short term funds are denominated in RM.

### 15. CASH AND BANK BALANCES

	Group		Co	mpany
	2024	2023	2024	2023
	RM	RM	RM	RM
Cash and bank balances	858,640	653,740	126,417	13,317
Fixed deposits with licensed financial institutions	26,235,324	25,655,882	-	-
As reported in the statements of financial position	27,093,964	26,309,622	126,417	13,317
Less: Bank overdraft (Note 18) Fixed deposits pledged with licensed	(1,554,073)	(6,857,653)	-	-
financial institutions (Note 15(a))	(26,235,324)	(25,655,882)	-	-
Cash and cash equivalents included in statements of cash flows	(695,433)	(6,203,913)	126,417	13,317

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### 15. CASH AND BANK BALANCES (continued)

- (a) Fixed deposits with licensed financial institutions of the Group amounting to RM26,235,324 (2023: RM25,655,882) were pledged as security for banking facilities granted to certain subsidiaries of the Group as disclosed in Note 18(d)(iii) to the financial statements.
- (b) Fixed deposits with licensed financial institutions are subject to fixed weighted average effective interest rates of 2.22% (2023: 2.09%).
- (c) Sensitivity analysis of interest rate at the end of the reporting period was not presented as fixed rate instruments are not affected by changes in interest rates.
- (d) Currency exposure of cash and bank balances is as follows:

	Group		Company	
	2024 2023		2024	2023
	RM	RM	RM	RM
Ringgit Malaysia	26,992,971	26,101,212	126,417	13,317
Singapore Dollar	42,285	30,213	-	-
United States Dollar	58,708	178,197	-	-
	27,093,964	26,309,622	126,417	13,317

Sensitivity analysis of RM against foreign currencies at the end of the reporting year is not presented as it is immaterial.

- (e) Cash and bank balances are classified as financial assets measured at amortised cost.
- (f) No expected credit losses were recognised arising from the cash at banks and fixed deposits with licensed financial institutions because the probability of default by these financial institutions were negligible.

# 16. SHARE CAPITAL

	Group and Company			
		2024	2023	
	Number of ordinary		Number of ordinary	
	shares	RM	shares	RM
Issued and fully paid up ordinary shares				
At 1 January/31 December	1,031,602,500	391,935,927	1,031,602,500	391,935,927

Owners of the parent of ordinary shares are entitled to receive dividends as and when declared by the Company and are entitled to one (1) vote per ordinary share at meetings of the Company. All ordinary shares rank pari passu with regards to the residual assets of the Company.

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#### 17. RESERVES

	Group		Company	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
	RM	RM	RM	RM
Non-distributable:				
Treasury shares	(12,703,204)	(12,703,204)	(12,703,204)	(12,703,204)
Exchange translation reserve	(5,309,493)	(5,838,055)	-	-
Reverse acquisition debit	(146,069,559)	(146,069,559)	-	-
Distributable:				
Retained earnings	144,804,641	132,135,306	(29,195,834)	7,382,890
	(19,277,615)	(32,475,512)	(41,899,038)	(5,320,314)

### (a) Treasury shares

The shareholders of the Company, by an ordinary resolution passed at the Annual General Meeting held on 30 May 2024 approved the Company's plan to repurchase up to 10% of the issued and paid-up share capital of the Company ("Share Buy Back").

The Company did not repurchase any of its issued ordinary shares from the open market during the financial year.

Of the total 1,031,602,500 (2023: 1,031,602,500) issued and fully paid ordinary shares as at 31 December 2024, 12,715,400 (2023: 12,715,400) ordinary shares purchased for RM12,703,204 (2023: RM12,703,204) are held as treasury shares by the Company. The number of outstanding ordinary shares in issue after deducting the treasury shares is 1,018,887,100 (2023: 1,018,887,100).

### (b) Exchange translation reserve

Exchange translation reserve is used to record foreign exchange differences arising from the translation of the financial statements of foreign operations whose functional currencies are different from that of the presentation currency of the Group. It is also used to record the exchange differences arising from monetary items, which form part of the net investment of the Group in foreign operations, where the monetary item is denominated in either the functional currency of the reporting entity or the foreign operation.

## 18. BORROWINGS

	Group		Company	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
	RM	RM	RM	RM
Non-current liabilities				
Secured				
Term loans I	4,522,961	5,146,553	-	-
Term loans II	-	15,000,000	-	15,000,000
	4,522,961	20,146,553	-	15,000,000

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#### 18. BORROWINGS (continued)

	C	Group	Company	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
	RM	RM	RM	RM
Current liabilities				
Secured				
Bank overdraft (Note 15)	1,554,073	6,857,653	-	-
Banker's acceptance	300,000	-	-	-
Trust receipts	2,132,308	1,786,035	-	-
Revolving credit	19,800,000	20,000,000	-	-
Term loans I	654,498	1,128,877	-	-
Invoice financing	1,420,119	3,297,601	-	-
	25,860,998	33,070,166	-	-
Total borrowings				
Bank overdraft (Note 15)	1,554,073	6,857,653	-	-
Banker's acceptance	300,000	-	-	-
Trust receipts	2,132,308	1,786,035	-	-
Revolving credit	19,800,000	20,000,000	-	-
Term loans I	5,177,459	6,275,430	-	-
Term loans II	-	15,000,000	-	15,000,000
Invoice financing	1,420,119	3,297,601	-	-
	30,383,959	53,216,719	-	15,000,000

(a) Borrowings are classified as financial liabilities measured at amortised cost.

(b) Borrowings are denominated in RM.

- (c) Fair value of the borrowings of the Group and of the Company are categorised as Level 2 in the fair value hierarchy. There is no transfer between levels in the hierarchy during the financial year.
- (d) All borrowings of the Group (except for term loans II) are secured by:
  - (i) Legal charge over certain property, plant and equipment of the Group as disclosed in Note 5(c) to the financial statements;
  - Legal charge over certain land held for sale of the Group as disclosed in Note 10(c)(v) to the financial statements;
  - (iii) Fixed deposits of the Group as disclosed in Note 15(a) to the financial statements; and
  - (iv) Assignment of insurances in favour of the financial institutions as mortgagee and loss payee covering but not limited to the hull and machinery coverage and war risks.
- (e) In the previous financial year, term loans II are secured by certain land held for sale of the Group as disclosed in Note 10(c)(v) to the financial statements.
- (f) Term loan agreements entered into by the Group include repayment based on contractual terms at the discretion of financial institutions. The Group believes that in the absence of a default being committed by the Group, these financial institutions are not entitled to exercise its right to demand for repayment. Accordingly, the carrying amount of the term loans has been classified between current and non-current liabilities based on their repayment year.

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### 18. BORROWINGS (continued)

(g) Interest rate profile of the borrowings are as follows:

Group	2024 RM	2023 RM
Fixed rate Floating rate	- 30,383,959	15,505,814 37,710,905
	30,383,959	53,216,719
Company		
Fixed rate	-	15,000,000

(h) The weighted average interest rates per annum of borrowings of the Group and of the Company that were effective as at end of reporting date were as follows:

Group	<b>2024</b> %	<b>2023</b> %
Fixed rate		
Term Ioans I Term Ioans II	-	9.00 10.00
		10.00
Floating rate		
Bank overdraft	7.97	7.88
Banker's acceptance	5.16	-
Invoice financing	8.32	6.48
Revolving credit Term loans l	7.41 5.13	7.31 4.95
Trust receipts	7.80	7.65
Company		
Fixed rate		
Term loans II	-	10.00

(i) Sensitivity analysis of interest rate at the end of the reporting year, assuming that all other variables remain constant, is as follows:

	Group	
	2024	2023
	RM	RM
Effects of 30bp changes to loss after tax		
Floating rate instruments	(65,732)	(85,981)

Sensitivity analysis for fixed rate borrowings as at the end of the reporting year was not presented as fixed rate instruments as it is not affected by changes in interest rates

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### 18. BORROWINGS (continued)

- (j) The carrying amounts of floating rate borrowings are reasonable approximation of their fair values due to they are re-priced to market interest rates on or near the end of each reporting year.
- (k) The following table sets out the financial instruments not carried at fair value for which fair value is disclosed, together with their carrying amount shown in the statements of financial position:

	2024		2023		
Group	Carrying amount RM	Fair value RM	Carrying amount RM	Fair value RM	
Term loans I Term loans II	-	-	505,814 15,000,000	464,047 13,636,364	
Company					
Term loans II	-	-	15,000,000	13,636,364	

Fair values of the borrowings are estimated by discounting future contracted cash flows at the current market interest rate available to the Group for similar financial instruments.

(I) The table below summarises the maturity profile of the borrowings of the Group and of the Company at the end of the reporting year based on contractual undiscounted repayment obligations:

Group 2024	On demand or within one year RM	One to five years RM	Over five years RM	Total RM
Bank overdraft Banker Acceptance Trust receipts Revolving credit Term Ioans I Invoice financing Total undiscounted financial liabilities	1,554,073 300,000 2,132,308 19,987,734 874,560 1,420,119 26,268,794	- - - 3,498,240 - 3,498,240	- - - 1,661,645 - 1,661,645	1,554,073 300,000 2,132,308 19,987,734 6,034,445 1,420,119 31,428,679
2023				
Bank overdraft Trust receipts Revolving credit Term Ioans I Term Ioans II Invoice financing Total undiscounted financial liabilities	6,857,653 1,786,035 20,207,824 1,395,661 1,375,000 3,297,601 34,919,774	- - 3,498,240 19,625,000 - 23,123,240	- - 2,494,164 - 2,494,164	6,857,653 1,786,035 20,207,824 7,388,065 21,000,000 3,297,601 60,537,178
Company				
2024 Term Ioans II 2023	-	-	-	-
Term loans II	1,375,000	19,625,000	-	21,000,000

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### 19. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

	C	Group	Company	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
	RM	RM	RM	RM
Non-current liabilities				
Other payables				
Amounts owing to related parties Amount owing to Directors	29,845,900 17,597,189	61,473,160 11,251,288	-	-
	47,443,089	72,724,448	-	-
Current liabilities				
Trade payables				
- third parties	32,198,523 18,923	39,386,754 18,923	-	-
- a related party	32,217,446	39.405.677	-	-
	32,217,440	39,403,077	-	-
Other payables				
Third parties Accruals	12,324,517 4,896,589	16,281,685 7.036.629	257,358 502.048	55,329 1,794,399
Amounts owing to related parties	23,035,997	23,036,052	4,660	4,660
Amount owing to a Director	16,828,890	16,421,920	-	-
	57,085,993	62,776,286	764,066	1,854,388
Total current trade and other payables	89,303,439	102,181,963	764,066	1,854,388
Total trade and other payables	136,746,528	174,906,411	764,066	1,854,388

- (a) Trade and other payables are classified as financial liabilities measured at amortised cost.
- (b) Trade payables, including amounts owing to related parties, are non-interest bearing and the normal trade credit terms granted to the Group ranged from 30 days to 90 days (2023: 30 days to 90 days).
- (c) Included in other payables of the Group are deposits received from third party customers for the sale of land held for sale amounting to RM 3,575,753 (2023: RM9,573,290) and auto truck amounting to RM190,425 (2023: Nil).
- (d) Amounts owing to related parties represent advances and payments made on behalf, which are unsecured, interest free and repayable on demand in cash and cash equivalents except for RM29,845,900 (2023: RM61,473,160) which is not repayable within the next twelve months.
- (e) Amount owing to Directors represents advances and payments made on behalf, which are unsecured, interest free and repayable on demand in cash and cash equivalents except for RM15,000,000 (2023: RM10,000,000) subject to interest rate ranged from 4.00% to 12.00% (2023: 12.0%) per annum which is not repayable within the next twelve months.
- (f) Currency exposure of trade and other payables of the Group and of the Company is as follows:

	Group		Company	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
	RM	RM	RM	RM
Ringgit Malaysia	116,678,226	122,929,709	764,066	1,854,388
Singapore Dollar	17,139,878	48,786,510	-	-
United States Dollar	2,928,424	3,190,192	-	-
	136,746,528	174,906,411	764,066	1,854,388

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#### 19. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES (continued)

(g) Sensitivity analysis of RM against foreign currencies at the end of the reporting year, assuming that all other variables remain constant, are as follows:

	Group	
	2024	2023
	RM	RM
Effects of 10% changes in		
Loss after tax		
- RM/SGD	1,302,631	3,707,775
- RM/USD	222,560	242,455

(h) The table below summarises the maturity profile of the trade and other payables of the Group at the end of the reporting year based on contractual undiscounted repayment obligations:

2024	On demand or within one year RM	One to five years RM	Total RM
Group			
Trade and other payables	89,303,439	51,389,429	140,692,868
<b>Company</b> Trade and other payables	764,066	-	764,066
2023			
<b>Group</b> Trade and other payables	102,181,963	80,056,758	182,238,721
<b>Company</b> Trade and other payables	1,854,388	-	1,854,388

# 20. FINANCIAL GUARANTEES

The Company has financial guarantee contracts of RM45,222,459 (2023: RM47,500,430) in respect of financial guarantees given to financial institutions for banking facilities granted to subsidiaries. The Company monitors the ability of the subsidiaries to service the loans regularly.

Financial guarantees issued are initially measured at fair value. Subsequently, they are measured at higher of the amount of the loss allowance; and the amount initially recognised less, when appropriate, the cumulative amount of income recognised in accordance with the principles of MFRS 15.

The Company assumes that there is significant increase in credit risk when the subsidiary's financial position deteriorates significantly. The Company considers a financial guarantee to be credit impaired when the subsidiary is unlikely to repay its credit obligation to the bank in full or the subsidiary is continuously loss making and is having a deficit shareholders fund. The Company determines the probability of default of the guaranteed loans individually using internal information available.

Financial guarantees have not been recognised since the fair value was not material on initial recognition. As at the end of the reporting period, there was no indication that the subsidiaries would default on repayment.

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### 20. FINANCIAL GUARANTEES (continued)

Maturity profile of financial guarantee contracts of the Company at the end of each reporting period based on contractual undiscounted repayment obligations is repayable upon any default by the subsidiary in respect of the guaranteed bank facilities.

The maximum credit risk exposure of the financial guarantees issued is limited to the credit amount utilised of RM30,158,959 (2023: RM38,291,719). The financial guarantees have low credit risk at the end of the year as the financial guarantee is unlikely to be called by the financial institutions.

# 21. REVENUE

		Group
	2024	2023
	RM	RM
Revenue from contracts with customers:		
Marine construction		
- Contract works	56,480,199	30,015,940
- Disposal of land held for sale:		
- reclaimed land	14,749,416	6,100,184
- infrastructure works	20,097,756	1,318,708
	91,327,371	37,434,832
Timing of revenue recognition:		
Transferred over time	76,577,955	31,334,648
Transferred at a point in time	14,749,416	6,100,184
	91,327,371	37,434,832

Disaggregation of revenue from contracts with customers has been presented in the operating segments, Note 4 to the financial statements.

#### (a) Revenue from marine construction contract works

Revenue from contract works, of which the settlement of the contract sum is via progress payment in cash, is recognised over the contractual period using the output method by reference to the progress towards complete satisfaction of that performance obligation if control of the asset transfers over time. The output method recognises revenue on the basis of direct measurements of value to the customer of the construction work performed to date relative to the remaining construction work promised under the contract.

Revenue from contract works, of which the settlement of the contract sum is via allocation of land portion reclaimed, is recognised over the contractual period using the input method by reference to the cost incurred for work performed to date against the estimated costs to completion if control of the asset transfers over time.

Significant judgement is required in determining performance obligations as stated in the contracts with customers, transaction price allocation and costs in applying the input method to recognise revenue over time.

The Group identifies performance obligations that are distinct and material, which are judgmental in the context of contract. Transaction prices are determined based on estimated profit margins prior to its allocation to the identified performance obligation. The Group also estimates total contract costs in applying the input method to recognise revenue over time. In estimating the total costs to complete, the Group considers the completeness and accuracy of its cost estimation, including its obligations to contract variations, claims and cost contingencies.

There is no significant financing component in the revenue from contract works as the contracts are on normal credit terms not exceeding twelve months.

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#### 21. **REVENUE** (continued)

(b) Disposal of land held for sale

Contracts with customers may include multiple promises to customers and therefore accounted for as separate performance obligations. In this case, the transaction price will be allocated to each performance obligation based on the stand-alone selling prices.

Revenue from disposal of land held for sale are categorised into two (2) identifiable components, which are reclaimed land component and infrastructure cost component.

(i) Reclaimed land component

The Group recognises revenue at a point in time for disposal of reclaimed land component, when the control of the reclaimed land has been transferred to the purchasers, being when vacant possession of reclaimed land delivered to the customers and the Company retains neither continuing managerial involvement over the land, which coincides with the delivery of land and acceptance by customers.

(ii) Infrastructure cost component

The Group recognises revenue at a point over time for infrastructure cost component using the input method by reference to the expected cost plus a margin approach.

Revenue in relation to the infrastructure cost component are reviewed at the end of each reporting period and adjusted to reflect the current best estimate. If it is no longer probable that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits would be required to incur the infrastructure cost, the contract liabilities in relation to the infrastructure cost component would be reversed and recognised in profit or loss.

Significant judgement is required in determining performance obligations as stated in the contracts with customers, transaction price allocation and costs in applying the input method to recognise revenue over time.

The Group identifies performance obligations that are distinct and material, which are judgmental in the context of contract. Transaction prices are determined based on estimated profit margins prior to its allocation to the identified performance obligation. The Group also estimates total contract costs in applying the input method to recognise revenue over time. In estimating the total costs to complete, the Group considers the completeness and accuracy of its cost estimation, including its obligations to contract variations, claims, and cost contingencies.

There is no significant financing component in the revenue from disposal held for sale as the contracts are on normal credit terms not exceeding twelve months.

### 22. COST OF SALES

	Group	
	2024 RM	2023 RM
Marine construction:		
- Contract works	25,835,526	59,416,307
- Disposals of land held for sale:		
- reclaimed land	13,548,229	8,218,367
- infrastructure works	8,467,984	1,286,573
Vessels chartering	461,410	985,585
	48,313,149	69,906,832

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# 23. OTHER INCOME

	Group		Company	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
	RM	RM	RM	RM
Fair value adjustment on:				
- amounts owing to related parties	-	233,962	-	-
- other investment (Note 8)	5,107	-	-	-
- short term funds	2,562	3,452	-	-
Foreign exchange gain:				
- realised	-	323,187	-	-
- unrealised	351,282	17,714	-	-
Gain on disposal of property,				
plant and equipment	3,022,562	3,416,574	-	-
Gain on lease modification	770,453	215,749	-	-
Recovery of bad debts written off	-	1,000,000	-	-
Gross dividend received from:				
- other investments	2,506	3,243	-	-
- short term funds	2,695	1,715	-	-
Interest income from:				
- a subsidiary	-	-	61,882	284,501
- fixed deposits	584,556	523,478	-	-
- others	1,915	1,036	497	484
Rental income	12,500	18,000	-	-
Others	1,038,915	707,992	-	-
	5,795,053	6,466,102	62,379	284,985

(a) Interest income is recognised as it accrues, using the effective interest method.

(b) Rental income was recognised when the service had been rendered to the customer and coincided with the delivery of services and acceptance by customers.

# 24. FINANCE COSTS

	Group		Co	mpany
	2024	2023	2024	2023
	RM	RM	RM	RM
Bank overdraft	347,852	703,887	-	-
Lease liabilities	588,240	505,494	-	-
Term loans and revolving credits	2,104,544	3,333,652	323,480	1,487,196
Trust receipts	189,928	168,538	-	-
Loan from a Director	1,345,902	1,200,000	-	-
Bankers' acceptance	23,847	-		
Others	185,436	186,543	-	-
	4,785,749	6,098,114	323,480	1,487,196

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# 25. NET GAIN ON IMPAIRMENT OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND CONTRACT ASSETS

	C	Group		mpany
	2024	2023	2024	2023
	RM	RM	RM	RM
Reversal of impairment losses on:				
<ul> <li>amount owing by a subsidiary (Note 12(j))</li> </ul>	-	-	893,825	-
- amount owing by trade and other				
receivable (Note 12(f))	159,286	-	-	-
- contract assets (Note 13(b))	2,984,035	4,876,869	-	-
Impairment losses on contract		(107, 100)		
assets (Note 13(b))	-	(127,493)	-	-
	3,143,321	4,749,376	893,825	-

# 26. PROFIT/(LOSS) BEFORE TAX

Other than those disclosed elsewhere in the financial statements, profit/(loss) before tax is arrived at:

	Group		Company	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
	RM	RM	RM	RM
After charging:				
Fair value adjustment on:				
- Amounts owing to related parties	3,216,223	53,144	-	-
- Other investments (Note 8)	-	6,829	-	-
Auditors' remuneration:				
BDO PLT:				
- Statutory audit:	484,305	471,772	141,000	138,000
<ul> <li>Non-statutory audit</li> </ul>	16,000	15,000	16,000	15,000
Other auditors:				
- Statutory audit	95,253	93,905	-	-
Expense relating to short-term leases (Note 6(e))	3,468	3,102	-	-
Loss on disposal of property,				
plant and equipment	41	-	-	-
Loss on foreign exchange:				
- realised	91,970	16,774	-	-
- unrealised	122,357	1,094,364	-	-
Write off of:				
<ul> <li>property, plant and equipment</li> </ul>	35,644	-	-	-
- other receivables	77,775	-	-	-

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# 27. TAX EXPENSE

	Group		Company	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
	RM	RM	RM	RM
Current income tax				
- Malaysian income tax	138,632	3,109	-	-
Over provision in prior years	(151)	(331)	-	-
	138,481	2,778	-	-
Deferred tax (Note 9(a)):				
<ul> <li>Origination and reversal of</li> </ul>				
temporary differences	856,483	(285,633)	-	-
- Under provision in prior year	27	459,206	-	-
	856,510	173,573	-	-
Tax expenses recognised in profit or loss	994,991	176,351	-	-

- (a) Malaysian income tax is calculated at the statutory tax rate of 24% (2023: 24%) of the estimated taxable profits for the fiscal year.
- (b) Tax expense for other taxation authorities are calculated at the rates prevailing in the respective jurisdictions.
- (c) Numerical reconciliation between the tax expenses and the product of accounting profit/(loss) multiplied by the applicable tax rates of the Group and of the Company are as follows:

	G	aroup	Company		
	2024 RM	2023 RM	2024 RM	2023 RM	
Profit/(Loss) before tax	13,029,492	(62,607,739)	(36,578,724)	(6,921,995)	
Tax at Malaysian statutory tax rate of 24% (2023: 24%)	3,127,078	(15,025,857)	(8,778,894)	(1,661,279)	
<ul> <li>Tax effects in respect of: Non-allowable expenses</li> <li>Non-taxable income</li> <li>Deferred tax assets not recognised</li> <li>Difference in foreign tax rates and exemptions</li> <li>Utilisation of previously unrecognised deferred tax assets</li> </ul>	694,366 (1,661,487) 262,142 460,650 (1,887,634)	3,165,376 (1,436,610) 13,051,486 (36,919) -	8,778,894 - - -	1,661,279 - - -	
	995,115	(282,524)	-	-	
(Over)/Under provision in prior years - current tax expense - deferred tax expense	(151) 27	(331) 459,206	-	-	
Tax expenses	994,991	176,351	-	-	

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### 27. TAXATION (continued)

(d) Tax on each component of other comprehensive income is as follows:

Group	Before tax RM	Tax effect RM	After tax RM
Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss			
2024			
Foreign currency translations	528,562	-	528,562
<b>2023</b> Foreign currency translations	(2,229,591)	-	(2,229,591)

#### 28. EARNINGS/(LOSS) PER ORDINARY SHARE

#### (a) Basic earnings/(loss) per ordinary share

Basic earnings/(loss) per ordinary share for the financial year is calculated by dividing the profit/(loss) for the financial year attributable to equity holders of the parent by the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the financial year.

	Group	
	2024	2023
Profit/(Loss) attributable to owners of the parent (RM)	12,669,335	(61,213,627)
Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue (unit)	1,018,887,100	1,018,887,100
Basic earnings/(loss) per ordinary share (sen)	1.24	(6.01)

#### (b) Diluted

Diluted earnings/(loss) per ordinary share for the financial year has been calculated based on the consolidated profit/(loss) for the financial year attributable to owners of the parents and the weighted average number of ordinary shares issue (excluding treasury shares) during the financial year adjusted for the effects of dilutive potential ordinary shares.

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# 29. DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION

	Group		Company	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
	RM	RM	RM	RM
Directors of the Company:				
Executive:				
Salaries	4,200,000	4,200,000	-	-
Ex-gratia	1,050,000	1,050,000	-	-
Other emoluments	1,014,844	1,017,996	149,201	147,902
	6,264,844	6,267,996	149,201	147,902
Non-Executive:				
Fees	413,548	576,000	413,548	576,000
Other emoluments	25,722	31,868	25,000	30,500
	439,270	607,868	438,548	606,500
Total Director's remuneration	6,704,114	6,875,864	587,749	754,402

The estimated monetary value of benefits-in-kind received by the Directors otherwise than in cash from the Group amounted to RM72,325 (2023: RM65,325).

# 30. EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

	Group		Co	ompany
	2024 RM	2023 RM	2024 RM	2023 RM
Wages, salaries and bonuses Contribution to defined contribution plan Other benefits	11,151,079 1,352,202 622,506	10,399,519 1,298,493 562,327	- - 174,201	- - 178,402
	13,125,787	12,260,339	174,201	178,402
Capitalised in contract assets and land reclamation work in progress				
Salaries, wages, bonuses and allowances Contribution to defined contribution plan Other benefits	151,235 18,889 3,406	319,642 40,352 7,822	-	-
	173,530	367,816	-	-
	13,299,317	12,628,155	174,201	178,402

#### Compensation of key management personnel

Remuneration of Directors and other key management personnel during the financial year are as follows:

	Group		Company		
	2024 RM	2023 RM	2024 RM	2023 RM	
Directors' fees	413,548	576,000	413,548	576,000	
Salaries and other short term employee benefits: Directors Other key management personnel	6,290,566 1,340,160	6,299,864 1,146,492	174,201	178,402	
	7,630,726	7,446,356	174,201	178,402	

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### 31. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

(a) Identities of related parties

Parties are considered to be related to the Group if the Group has the ability, directly or indirectly, to control the party or exercise significant influence over the party in making financial and operating decisions, or vice versa, or where the Group and the party are subject to common control or common significant influence. Related parties could be individuals or other parties.

The Company has controlling related party relationship with its direct and indirect subsidiaries and its immediate and ultimate holding companies. The Group also has related party relationship with the entities in which a Director has substantial financial interest.

(b) Significant related party transactions

In addition to the transactions and balances detailed elsewhere in the financial statements, the Group and the Company had the following transactions with related parties during the financial year:

	(	Group	Company		
	2024	2023	2024	2023	
	RM	RM	RM	RM	
With related parties in which a Director has substantial financial interests:					
Contract works derived from: - Oceanfront Land Sdn. Bhd. - Oceanic Sdn. Bhd. - Oceanview Property Sdn. Bhd. - Atlantic Property Sdn. Bhd.	15,366,528	-	-	-	
With a Director					
Rental expense Loan interest payables	103,200 1,345,902	103,200 1,200,000	-	-	
With a subsidiary					
Interest income receivable from BSB	_	-	61,882	284,501	

The related party transactions described above were carried out on agreed contractual terms and conditions and in the ordinary course of business between the related parties of the Group and the Company.

#### (c) Compensation of key management personnel

The remuneration of the Directors and other members of key management are disclosed in Note 30 to the financial statements.

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#### 32. CAPITAL AND FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

#### (a) Capital management

The primary objective of the capital management of the Group is to ensure that entities of the Group would be able to continue as going concerns whilst maximising return to shareholders through the optimisation of the debt and equity ratios. The overall strategy of the Group remains unchanged from that in the previous financial year.

The Group manages its capital structure and makes adjustments to it in response to changes in economic conditions. In order to maintain or adjust the capital structure, the Group may adjust the dividend payment to shareholders, return capital to shareholders or issue new shares. No changes were made in the objectives, policies or processes during the financial years ended 31 December 2024 and 31 December 2023.

The Group monitors capital using a gearing ratio, which is net debt divided by total capital plus net debt. The strategy of the Group is to maintain the balance between debt and equity and to ensure sufficient cash flows to repay its liabilities as and when they fall due. The net debts include borrowings, lease liabilities owing to financial institutions, trade and other payables, less cash and bank balances and short term funds.

	Group		Company		
	2024	2023	2024	2023	
	RM	RM	RM	RM	
Borrowings Lease liabilities owing to	30,383,959	53,216,719	-	15,000,000	
financial institutions	1,270,153	798,856	-	-	
Trade and other payables	136,746,528	174,906,411	764,066	1,854,388	
Financial debts <u>Less</u> :	168,400,640	228,921,986	764,066	16,854,388	
Short term funds	(168,679)	(163,422)	-	-	
Cash and bank balances	(27,093,964)	(26,309,622)	(126,417)	(13,137)	
Net debts	141,137,997	202,448,942	637,649	16,841,251	
Total equity	372,658,312	359,460,415	350,036,889	386,615,613	
Net debts	141,137,997	202,448,942	637,649	16,841,251	
Total equity plus net debts	513,796,309	561,909,357	350,674,538	403,456,864	
Gearing ratio (%)	27.47	36.03	0.18	4.17	

#### (b) Financial risk management

The financial risk management objective of the Group and of the Company is to optimise value creation for shareholders whilst minimising the potential adverse impact arising from fluctuations in foreign currency exchange and interest rates and the unpredictability of the financial markets.

The exposure to these risks arises in the normal course of the business of the Group. The overall business strategies of the Group outlines its tolerance to risk and its general risk management philosophy and is determined by the management in accordance with prevailing economic and operating conditions.

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### 32. CAPITAL AND FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (continued)

#### (b) Financial risk management (continued)

The Group is exposed mainly to credit risk, liquidity and cash flow risk, interest rate risk and foreign currency risk. Information on the management of the related exposures is detailed below:

(i) Credit risk

Cash deposits and trade and other receivables may give rise to credit risk, which requires the loss to be recognised if a counter party fails to perform as contracted. It is the Group's policy to monitor the financial standing of the counter parties on an ongoing basis to ensure that the Group is exposed to minimal credit risk.

The primary exposure of the Group to credit risk arises through its trade receivables. The trading terms of the Group with its customers are mainly on credit, except for new customers, where deposits in advance are normally required. The credit period is generally for a period of 14 days, extending up to one (1) month for major customers. Each customer has a maximum credit limit and the Group seeks to maintain strict control over its outstanding receivables via a credit control department to minimise credit risk. Overdue balances are reviewed regularly by senior management.

The credit risk analysis has been disclosed in Note 12 to the financial statements.

(ii) Liquidity and cash flow risk

The Group actively manages its debt maturity profile, operating cash flows and the availability of funding so as to ensure that all operating, investing and financing needs are met. In executing its liquidity risk management strategy, the Group measures and forecasts its cash commitments and maintains a level of cash and cash equivalents deemed adequate to finance the activities of the Group. In addition, the Group strives to maintain available banking facilities at a reasonable level to its overall debt position.

As at 31 December 2024, the Group was in an overall cash and cash equivalent deficit position. The Group has prepared the cash flows forecast for the next twelve months from the date of the end of the financial year based on their past performance after considering the current economic conditions subsequent to the end of the reporting period.

Based on the cash flows forecast, the Directors are confident that the Group is able to generate sufficient cash flows for the next twelve months from 31 December 2024 to meet their cash flows requirements to realise their assets and to discharge their liabilities in the normal course of business.

The Group's liquidity performance and cash flows forecast take into account expected sale receipts arising from land reclamation contracts, as well as several conditional Sales and Purchase Agreements ("SPA") signed with third parties where the balance payment of approximately RM65,000,000 is due to be received within the stipulated timeline in the SPAs within twelve (12) months from the end of the financial year and unused banking facilities of approximately RM15,000,000.

#### (iii) Interest rate risk

The exposure of the Group to interest rate risk arises primarily from the borrowings. The Group borrows at both, floating and fixed rates of interest to generate the desired interest profile and to manage the exposure of the Group to interest rate fluctuations.

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### 32. CAPITAL AND FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (continued)

#### (b) Financial risk management (continued)

The Group is exposed mainly to credit risk, liquidity and cash flow risk, interest rate risk and foreign currency risk. Information on the management of the related exposures is detailed below: (continued)

### (iv) Foreign currency risk

Foreign currency risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument would fluctuate because of changes in foreign exchange rates.

Subsidiaries operating in the Federal Territory of Labuan, Malaysia and Republic of Singapore have assets and liabilities together with expected cash flows from anticipated transactions denominated in foreign currencies that give rise to foreign exchange exposures.

The Group maintains a natural hedge, where possible, by borrowing in the currency of the country in which the investment is located or by borrowing in currencies that match the future revenue stream to be generated from its investments.

It is not the policy of the Group to enter into foreign exchange forward contracts in managing its foreign exchange risk resulting from cash flows on transactions denominated in foreign currency as the Group primarily operates in the domestic sector with transactions to be denominated in the functional currency where possible.

### 33. MATERIAL LITIGATION AND SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

### **Material Litigation**

(a) On 10 September 2010, Sentosacove Sdn. Bhd. ("SSB") appointed Benalec Sdn. Bhd. ("BSB"), a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company, as a contractor, via a reclamation agreement ("Sentosacove Project Reclamation Agreement"), to carry out marine reclamation works to reclaim a total area spanning 720 acres in Daerah Klebang, Melaka ("Sentosacove Reclamation Project").

On 30 April 2015, BSB received a Writ of Summons and Statement of Claim dated 21 April 2015 filed by SSB claiming that BSB had breached its contractual and implied duties under the Sentosacove Project Reclamation Agreement and seeking for other consequential and ancillary reliefs.

The claim led to the following legal suits ("Sentosacove Project Litigations") as follows:

Le	gal Suit Number & Parties	Status
	ntosacove Project Litigations involved the owing legal suits:	The Originating Suit was decided by Kuala Lumpur High Court ("High Court") on 30 October 2018 where SSB claims against BSB were dismissed and BSB is granted specific
1.	Kuala Lumpur High Court Civil Suit No. WA-22NCC-153-04/2016 ("Originating Suit")	performance of the Sentosacove Project Reclamation Agreement, in favour of BSB.
2.	Court of Appeal Civil Appeal No. W-02(NCC)(W)-2447-12/2018 ("Appeal 1")	However, the High Court while dismissing SSB claims, has allowed the following in SSB's favour:
3.	Court of Appeal Civil Appeal No. W-02(IM) (NCC)-816-04/2019 ("Appeal 2")	<ul> <li>A declaration that DLSH had acted ultra vires in breach of his duties to SSB in signing 2 letters ("collectively impunged letters") issued by SSB to BSB in relation to the</li> </ul>
4.	Court of Appeal Civil Appeal No. W-02(NCC)(W)-2442-12/2018 ("Appeal 3")	Reclamation Project.
5.	Court of Appeal Civil Appeal No. W-02(NCC)(W)-2446-12/2018 ("Appeal 4")	• Declaration that the impunged letters are void and assessment of damages in favour of SSB.

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### 33. MATERIAL LITIGATION AND SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT (continued)

### Material Litigation (continued)

#### (a) (continued)

The claim led to the following legal suits ("Sentosacove Project Litigations") as follows: (continued)

Legal Suit Number & Parties	Status
<ul> <li>The parties involved in Sentosacove Project Litigations are as follows:</li> <li>1. Sentosacove Sdn. Bhd. ("SSB")</li> <li>2. Benalec Sdn. Bhd. ("BSB")</li> <li>3. Dato' Leaw Seng Hai ("DLSH")</li> <li>4. Datuk Leaw Tua Choon ("DLTC")</li> <li>5. Datuk Leaw Ah Chye ("DLAC")</li> </ul>	

On 24 July 2024, BSB has withdrawn its application for the Damages Assessment, with liberty to file afresh (which follows the Rules of Court or any extension allowed by the court) and with no order as to costs.

The withdrawal of the suit will not have material impact on the share capital, earnings, net assets and gearing of the Group.

### **Global Settlement**

(b) On 18 April 2023, the Company, BSB and all other subsidiaries of the Company entered into a settlement agreement ("Settlement Agreement") with Atlantic Property Sdn. Bhd. ("APSB"), Oceanfront Land Sdn. Bhd. ("OLSB"), Oceanic Sdn. Bhd. ("OSB"), Oceanview Property Sdn. Bhd. ("OPSB") ("collectively referred to as "4 Cos") and SSB.

(The Company, BSB and all its other subsidiaries of the Company shall hereinafter collectively be referred to as "Benalec". The 4 Cos and SSB shall hereinafter collectively be referred to as "Parties")

The Settlement Agreement is entered into between Benalec and the Parties to resolve and conclude all outstanding legal suits (including Sentosacove Project Litigations), disputes and claims between both the Group and the Parties.

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### 33. MATERIAL LITIGATION AND SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT (continued)

#### **Global Settlement (continued)**

(b) (continued)

The salient terms of the settlement agreement relates to Benalec and the Parties primarily enforces existing previously agreed rights and obligations of Benalec and the Parties set out in the Pulau Indah Project Reclamation Agreement and Sentosacove Project Reclamation Agreement as follows:

- to affirm Benalec's entitlement rights as provided under the previous Pulau Indah Project Reclamation Agreement pursuant to the reclamation agreements entered between BSB and the 4 Cos, and to confirm Benalec's entitlement to five (5) identified plots out of nine (9) subdivided plots of the Pulau Indah Land and the sales proceeds arising from the disposal of such plots ("Sales Proceeds");
- (ii) Benalec to utilise the Sales Proceeds (if any) and its internally generated funds to fully settle all existing debts due and owing by Benalec to the parties; and
- (iii) to affirm and confirm that both Benalec and SSB shall retain the benefits/rights to their respective entitlements (which were previously agreed by the parties) under the Sentosacove Project Reclamation Agreement on the premise that all Sentosacove Project Litigations as disclosed above are fully resolved amicably between Benalec and SSB.

Pursuant to the Settlement Agreement, Benalec and the Parties, and all its related companies acknowledge and confirm that:

- (i) all parties shall have no further claim whatsoever against each other in any manner whatsoever in respect of the matter arising from and/or related to the subject matters set out in the Settlement Agreement;
- (ii) the parties shall have the right to commence any claim or action for the purposes of enforcing the Settlement Agreement and/or their rights under the Settlement Agreement; and
- (iii) save for (b) above, all parties shall refrain from initiating or filing any fresh suit(s) and/or taking any action(s) in any manner whatsoever against each other in respect of the matter arising from and/or related to the subject matters set out in the Settlement Agreement.

In the previous financial year ended 31 December 2023, the Group has assessed the financial impact arising from the Settlement Agreement and has provided: -

- RM1,696,616 as access road infrastructure costs provision to construct access roads for plot 5 and 6 of Pulau Indah Land; and
- (ii) RM6,259,572 as an amount due to SSB that forms part SSB's entitlement in the Sentosacove Project Reclamation Agreement.

As of the date of this report, the Group is still executing the legal process of transferring the Pulau Indah Land under the respective parties' entitlement.

- (c) Upon successful of transfer of land title, Benalec will proceed to fulfil the remaining obligations in the Settlement Agreement, including:
  - (i) To utilise the Sales Proceeds (if any) arising from the sales of Benalec's entitlement in the Pulau Indah Land and its internally generated funds to fully settle all existing debts due and owing by the Group to the parties, amounting to a total of RM68,975,244 as final settlement sum. The amount owing to the related parties are unsecured, interest free and repayable on demand as disclosed in Note 19 to the financial statements;
  - (ii) To provide access roads for plot 5 and 6 of the Pulau Indah Land within eighteen (18) months from the date of the global settlement or such extension of time the parties may agree. The potential financial impact is disclosed in Note 33(b)(i) to the financial statements; and

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### 33. MATERIAL LITIGATION AND SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT (continued)

#### **Global Settlement (continued)**

- (c) Upon successful of transfer of land title, Benalec will proceed to fulfil the remaining obligations in the Settlement Agreement, including: (continued)
  - (iii) To execute the legal process of transferring Sentosacove Sdn. Bhd's land entitlement in the Sentosacove Project Reclamation Agreement within the usual conveyancing timeline subject to fulfilment and/or waiver of condition(s) precedent, if any, and/or such extension of time the parties may agree. Potential financial impact including any stamp duty and/or tax and/or expenses as may be imposed or chargeable by the relevant authorities in relation to the transfer and cannot be reasonable predicted as at the date of authorisation of the financial statements.

### 34. ADOPTION OF NEW MFRSs AND AMENDMENTS TO MFRSs

### 34.1 New MFRSs adopted during the financial year

The Group and the Company adopted the following Standards of the MFRS Framework that were issued by the Malaysian Accounting Standards Board ("MASB") during the financial year:

Title Effectiv	e Date
Amendments to MFRS 16 Lease Liability in a Sale and Leaseback 1 Januar	y 2024
Amendments to MFRS 101 Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current 1 Januar	y 2024
Amendments to MFRS 101 Non-current Liabilities with Covenants 1 Januar	y 2024
Amendments to MFRS 107 and MFRS 7 Supplier Finance Arrangements 1 Januar	y 2024

Adoption of the above Standards did not have any material effect on the financial performance or position of the Group and of the Company.

# 34.2 New MFRSs that have been issued, but only effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2025

The following are Standards and Amendments of the MFRS Framework that have been issued by the Malaysian Accounting Standards Board ("MASB") but have not been early adopted by the Group and the Company:

Title	Effective Date
Amendments to MFRS 121 Lack of Exchangeability	1 January 2025
Amendments to MFRS 9 and MFRS 7 Amendments to the Classification and Measurement	
of Financial Instrument	1 January 2026
Annual Improvements to MFRS Accounting Standards - Volume 11	1 January 2026
MFRS 18 Presentation and Disclosure in Financial Statements	1 January 2027
MFRS 19 Subsidiaries without Public Accountability: Disclosures	1 January 2027
Amendments to MFRS 10 and MFRS 128 Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor	
and its Associate or Joint Venture	Deferred

The Group and the Company are in the process of assessing the impact of implementing these Standards and Amendments, since the effects would only be observable for future financial years.

# BENALEC HOLDINGS BERHAD Registration No. 200501020529 (702653-V) (Incorporated in Malaysia)

# **PROXY FORM**

	CDS Account No.	
	No. of shares held	
I/We		el:
NRIC no./Company No.		
[Full name in block, NRIC no./Co	ompany no. and telephone numb	er]
of		

being a member/members of BENALEC HOLDINGS BERHAD, hereby appoint:-

Full Name (in block)	NRIC / Passport No.	Proportion of Shareholdings	
Address	1	No. of Shares	%

and/or (delete as appropriate)

Full Name (in block)	NRIC / Passport No.	Proportion of Shareholdings	
Address	~ 	No. of Shares	%

or failing him/her, \*the Chairman of the Meeting as \*my/our proxy to vote for \*me/us and on \*my/our behalf at the **Nineteenth Annual General Meeting ("19<sup>th</sup> AGM")** of the Company to be held at Melati 123 (Mezzanine Floor), Dorsett Grand Subang, Jalan SS12/1, 47500 Subang Jaya, Selangor Darul Ehsan, Malaysia on **Friday, 30 May 2025** at **10.00 a.m.** or any adjournment thereof, and to vote as indicated below:-

NO.	ORDINARY BUSINESS	RESOLUTION	FOR	AGAINST
1.	Approval of Directors' fees of RM413,548 for the financial year 31 December 2024	Ordinary Resolution 1		
2.	Approval of Directors' benefits up to an aggregate amount of RM50,000 for the period from 31 May 2025 until Twentieth Annual General Meeting of the Company to be held in 2026	Ordinary Resolution 2		
3.	Re-election of Dato' Leaw Seng Hai as Director pursuant to Clause 76 of the Company's Constitution	Ordinary Resolution 3		
4.	Re-appointment of BDO PLT as Auditors of the Company for the ensuing year and to authorise the Directors to fix their remuneration	Ordinary Resolution 4		
	SPECIAL BUSINESS			
5.	Authority to issue and allot shares pursuant to Sections 75 and 76 of the Companies Act 2016	Ordinary Resolution 5		

Please indicate with an "X" in the space provided whether you wish your votes to be cast for or against the resolutions. In the absence of specific direction, your proxy/proxies will vote or abstain as he/they may think fit.

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

Signature of Shareholder/Common Seal

Manner of execution:

- (a) If you are an individual member, please sign where indicated.
- (b) If you are a corporate member which has a common seal, this proxy form should be executed under seal in accordance with the constitution of your corporation.
- (c) If you are a corporate member which does not have a common seal, this proxy form should be affixed with the rubber stamp of your company (if any) and executed by:
  - (i) at least two (2) authorised officers, of whom one shall be a director; or
  - (i) any director and/or authorised officers in accordance with the laws of the country under which your corporation is incorporated.

#### NOTES:

- For the purpose of determining who shall be entitled to attend this General Meeting, the Company shall be requesting Bursa Malaysia Depository Sdn Bhd to make available to the Company, a Record of Depositors shall be entitled to attend this General Meeting or appoint a proxy to attend, speak and vote on his/her/its behalf.
- A member entitled to attend and vote at this General Meeting is entitled to appoint a proxy or attorney or in the case of a corporation, to appoint a proxy or attorney or in the case of a corporation, to appoint a duly authorised representative to attend, participate, speak and vote in his/her place. A proxy may but need not be a member of the Company. 2.
- A member of the Company who is entitled to attend and vote at a General Meeting of the Company may appoint not more than two (2) proxies to attend, participate, speak and vote instead of the member at the General Meeting. 3.
- If two (2) proxies are appointed, the entitlement of those proxies to vote on a show of hands shall be in accordance with the listing requirements of the stock exchange.
- Where a member of the Company is an authorised nominee as defined in the Securities Industry (Central Depositories) Act 1991 ("Central Depositories Act"), it may appoint not more than two (2) proxies in respect of each securities account it holds in ordinary shares of the Company standing to the credit of the said securities account. 5.
- 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. An exempt authorised nominee refers to an authorised nominee defined under the Central Depositories Act which is exempted from compliance with the provisions of Section 25A(1) of the Central Depositories Act. 6.
- 7. Where a member appoints more than one (1) proxy, the proportion of shareholdings to be represented by each proxy must be specified in the instrument appointing the proxies.
- The appointment of a proxy may be made in a hard copy form or by electronic means in the following manner and must be received by the Company not less than forty-eight (48) hours before the time appointed for holding the General Meeting or adjourned General Meeting at which the person named in the appointment proposes to vote: 8.
  - i. In hard copy form

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The proxy form must be deposited at the share registrar of the Company situated at Unit 32-01, Level 32, Tower A, Vertical Business Suite, Avenue 3, Bangsar South, No. 8, Jalan Kerinchi, 59200 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, or alternatively, drop-in box located at Unit G-3, Ground Floor, Vertical Podium, Avenue 3, Bangsar South, No. 8, Jalan Kerinchi, 59200 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

ii. By electronic means via Tricor's TIIH Online website at https://tiih.online

Please refer to the Administrative Guide for further information on electronic lodgement of proxy form

- 9. Any authority pursuant to which such an appointment is made by a power of attorney must be deposited at the Share Registrar of the Company situated at Unit 32-01, Level 32, Tower A, Vertical Business Suite, Avenue 3, Bangsar South, No. 8, Jalan Kerinchi, 59200 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia OR alternatively, drop-in-box at Unit G-3, Ground Floor, Vertical Podium, Avenue 3, Bangsar South, No. 8, Jalan Kerinchi, 59200 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia not less than forty-eight (48) hours before the time appointed for holding the General Meeting or adjourned general meeting at which the person named in the appointment proposes to vote. A copy of the power of attorney may be accepted provided that it is certified notanially and/or in accordance with the applicable legal requirements in the relevant jurisdiction in which it is executed.
- 10. Please ensure ALL the particulars as required in the proxy form are completed, signed and dated accordingly.
- 11. Last date and time for lodging the proxy form is Wednesday, 28 May 2025 at 10.00 a.m.
- 12. Please bring an **ORIGINAL** of the following identification papers (where applicable) and present it to the registration staff for verification:
  - Identity card (NRIC) (Malaysian), or Police report (for loss of NRIC) / Temporary NRIC (Malaysian), or a. b.
  - c. Passport (Foreigner).
- 13. For a corporate member who has appointed a representative, please deposit the ORIGINAL certificate of appointment of authorised representative at the Share Registrar depositive or Marky Learning 2011 (1992) of appointment of authorised representative at the Share Registrar of the Company situated at Unit 32-01, Level 32, Tower A, Vertical Business Suite, Avenue 3, Bangsar South, No. 8, Jalan Keinchi, 59200 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia OB, alternatively drop-in-box at Unit G-3, Ground Floor, Vertical Podium, Avenue 3, Bangsar South, No. 8, Jalan Kerinchi, 59200 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The certificate of appointment of authorised representative should be executed in the following
  - a.
  - If the corporate member has a common seal, the certificate of appointment of authorised representative should be executed under seal in accordance with the constitution of the corporate member.
  - If the corporate member does not have a common seal, the certificate of appointment of authorised representative should be affixed with the rubber stamp of the corporate member (if any) and executed by:
  - i. at least two (2) authorised officers, of whom one shall be a director; or
  - ii. any director and/or authorised officers in accordance with the laws of the country under which the corporate member is incorporated.
- 14. Pursuant to Paragraph 8.29A(1) of the Main Market Listing Requirements of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad, all resolutions set out in this Notice will be put to vote by poll.

Affix stamp

The Share Registrar

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