



# **HEXTAR GLOBAL BERHAD**

Company No.: 199001014551 (206220-U)

(Incorporated in Malaysia)

## **Interim Report For the 6-months Financial Period Ended 30 June 2024**



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**Unaudited Condensed Statements of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income**

	INDIVIDUAL QUARTER		CUMULATIVE QUARTER	
	(3-mths) Current Year Quarter 30/06/2024 RM'000	(3-mths) Preceding Year Quarter 30/06/2023 RM'000	(6-mths) Current Year to-Date 30/06/2024 RM'000	(6-mths) Preceding Year to-Date 30/06/2023 RM'000
<b>Continuing Operations</b>				
Revenue	212,963	133,480	445,232	272,222
Cost of sales	(142,434)	(91,751)	(315,353)	(192,966)
Gross profit	70,529	41,729	129,879	79,256
Other income	863	985	2,260	2,060
Selling and marketing expenses	(6,842)	(5,613)	(14,856)	(10,221)
Administrative and other expenses	(25,711)	(16,439)	(51,544)	(32,139)
Finance costs	(6,265)	(4,547)	(13,394)	(7,757)
Share of profit/(loss) of joint ventures	36	47	(35)	159
Profit before taxation	32,610	16,162	52,310	31,358
Less: Taxation	(7,807)	(4,330)	(11,435)	(8,653)
Profit after taxation from continuing operations	24,803	11,832	40,875	22,705
<b>Discontinued Operations</b>				
Loss after taxation from discontinued operations	-	(565)	-	(2,016)
Profit after taxation	24,803	11,267	40,875	20,689
Other comprehensive (expenses)/income:				
- Foreign currency translation differences	(526)	1,570	(764)	2,596
- Revaluation of property	-	-	-	(166)
Other comprehensive (expenses)/income for the financial period	(526)	1,570	(764)	2,430
Total comprehensive income for the financial period	24,277	12,837	40,111	23,119

The unaudited Condensed Statements of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2023 and the accompanying notes attached to this interim financial report.



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**Unaudited Condensed Statements of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income (Cont'd)**

	INDIVIDUAL QUARTER		CUMULATIVE QUARTER	
	(3-mths) Current Year Quarter 30/06/2024 RM'000	(3-mths) Preceding Year Quarter 30/06/2023 RM'000	(6-mths) Current Year to-Date 30/06/2024 RM'000	(6-mths) Preceding Year to-Date 30/06/2023 RM'000
Profit/(Loss) for the financial period attributable to:				
- Owners of the Company:				
- continuing operations	19,159	9,235	31,303	19,314
- discontinued operations	-	(565)	-	(2,016)
- Non-controlling interests				
- continuing operations	5,644	2,597	9,572	3,391
	<u>24,803</u>	<u>11,267</u>	<u>40,875</u>	<u>20,689</u>
Total comprehensive income/(expenses) attributable to:				
- Owners of the Company:				
- continuing operations	18,634	10,804	30,540	21,828
- discontinued operations	-	(565)	-	(2,016)
- Non-controlling interests				
- continuing operations	5,643	2,598	9,571	3,307
	<u>24,277</u>	<u>12,837</u>	<u>40,111</u>	<u>23,119</u>
<b>Earnings per share</b>				
Basic (sen) ^				
- continuing operations	0.49	0.24	0.81	0.50
- discontinued operations	-	(0.01)	-	(0.05)
	<u>0.49</u>	<u>0.23</u>	<u>0.81</u>	<u>0.45</u>

^ Restated to reflect the effect of bonus issue

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**Unaudited Condensed Statements of Financial Position**

	<b>Unaudited as at 30/06/2024 RM'000</b>	<b>Audited as at 31/12/2023 RM'000</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Non-current assets</b>		
Investment in joint ventures	8,228	2,719
Property, plant and equipment	114,643	113,215
Investment properties	820	820
Right-of-use assets	56,336	58,954
Intangible assets	163,762	161,974
Investment in club membership, at cost	45	46
Trade receivables	2,204	2,263
Prepayment	2,765	2,403
Deferred tax assets	3,506	777
<b>Total non-current assets</b>	<b>352,309</b>	<b>343,171</b>
<b>Current assets</b>		
Inventories	134,542	187,842
Trade receivables	161,704	157,450
Other receivables, deposits and prepayments	41,375	65,294
Short-term investments	5,645	7,019
Biological assets	8	36
Contract assets	44,526	1,469
Amount owing by related companies	-	2,142
Amount owing by a joint venture	25	-
Current tax assets	12,972	11,785
Derivative assets	143	-
Deposits with licensed banks	19,561	24,328
Cash and bank balances	57,409	76,558
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>477,910</b>	<b>533,923</b>
<b>Assets classified as held for sale</b>	<b>1,473</b>	<b>1,556</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>831,692</b>	<b>878,650</b>
<b>EQUITY AND LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>Equity</b>		
Share capital	633,878	633,878
Treasury shares	(30,770)	(30,770)
Merger deficit reserve	(500,423)	(500,423)
Exchange reserve	(214)	549
Revaluation reserve	15,073	14,626
Retained profits	130,376	138,263
Equity attributable to owners of the Company	247,920	256,123
Non-controlling interests	27,352	3,111
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<b>275,272</b>	<b>259,234</b>

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**Unaudited Condensed Statements of Financial Position (Cont'd)**

	<b>Unaudited as at 30/06/2024 RM'000</b>	<b>Audited as at 31/12/2023 RM'000</b>
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>		
Lease liabilities	27,245	28,997
Other payables	3,226	3,208
Long-term borrowings	116,284	129,722
Deferred tax liabilities	12,219	12,106
<b>Total non-current liabilities</b>	<b>158,974</b>	<b>174,033</b>
<b>Current liabilities</b>		
Trade payables	41,513	49,201
Other payables, deposits received and accruals	45,034	83,154
Contract liabilities	2,582	4,946
Amount owing to related companies	-	579
Amount owing to a joint venture	1,773	783
Lease liabilities	6,308	6,284
Short-term borrowings	260,400	254,846
Current tax liabilities	25,548	18,025
Derivative liabilities	-	70
Variable deferred consideration	14,288	27,495
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>397,446</b>	<b>445,383</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>556,420</b>	<b>619,416</b>
<b>TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES</b>	<b>831,692</b>	<b>878,650</b>
No. of ordinary shares in issue ('000)	3,876,067	3,876,067
Net assets per share attributable to equity holders of the Company (RM)	0.07	0.07

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**Unaudited Condensed Statements of Cash Flows**

	<b>6-months ended 30/06/2024 RM'000</b>	<b>6-months ended 30/06/2023 RM'000</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM/(FOR) OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Profit/(Loss) before taxation		
- continuing operations	52,310	31,358
- discontinued operations	-	(2,024)
Adjustments for:-		
Amortisation	251	320
Depreciation	9,286	8,578
Equipment written off	5	1
Impairment loss on trade receivables	124	-
Interest expense	14,187	8,757
Net loss arising from changes in fair value of biological assets	28	-
Unrealised loss on foreign exchange	1,194	1,539
(Gain)/Loss on disposal of equipment	(184)	36
Gain on forward currency contracts	(213)	(243)
Gain on disposal of investment in subsidiaries	-	(527)
Interest income	(282)	(650)
Reversal of impairment loss on trade receivables	(36)	(109)
Share of loss/(profit) of joint ventures	35	(159)
Operating profit before working capital changes	<u>76,705</u>	<u>46,877</u>
Changes in working capital:-		
Inventories	53,300	14,754
Receivables	(25,555)	(21,867)
Payables	1,189	28,423
Related companies	1,557	100
Joint venture	965	150
	<u>31,456</u>	<u>21,560</u>
Cash from operations	108,161	68,437
Interest paid	(13,394)	(7,757)
Income tax paid	(7,715)	(6,654)
<b>Net cash from operating activities</b>	<u><b>87,052</b></u>	<u><b>54,026</b></u>

The unaudited Condensed Statements of Cash Flows should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2023 and the accompanying notes attached to this interim financial report.



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**Unaudited Condensed Statements of Cash Flows (Cont'd)**

	<b>6-months ended 30/06/2024 RM'000</b>	<b>6-months ended 30/06/2023 RM'000</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS (FOR)/FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Acquisition of subsidiaries, net of cash and cash equivalents acquired	-	(8,276)
Acquisition of a joint venture	(5,544)	-
Disposal of subsidiaries, net of cash and cash equivalents disposed of	-	3,177
Interest received	220	650
Decrease/(Increase) in pledged deposits with licensed banks	7,500	(2,878)
Payment of deferred consideration	(64,000)	(14,000)
Proceeds from disposal of equipment	199	84
Proceeds from disposal of assets classified as held for sale	83	950
Proceeds from issuance of shares to non-controlling interests by a subsidiary	14,700	-
Product development expenditure incurred	(19)	(22)
Addition of intangible assets	(133)	(119)
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(5,617)	(4,593)
<b>Net cash for investing activities</b>	<u>(52,611)</u>	<u>(25,027)</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS (FOR)/FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Dividend paid	(38,761)	(25,715)
Drawdown of revolving credit	52,200	-
Drawdown of term loan	47,672	28,000
Net decrease of lease liabilities	(2,000)	(3,985)
Net decrease in bank borrowings	(49,992)	(7,879)
Proceeds from sale of treasury shares	-	13,008
Repayment of revolving credit	(51,800)	-
Repayment of term loans	(13,523)	(8,265)
<b>Net cash for financing activities</b>	<u>(56,204)</u>	<u>(4,836)</u>
<b>NET (DECREASE)/INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>	(21,763)	24,163
<b>EFFECTS OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE TRANSLATION</b>	62	513
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF FINANCIAL PERIOD</b>	61,508	51,564
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF FINANCIAL PERIOD</b>	<u>39,807</u>	<u>76,240</u>
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS COMPRISE</b>		
Deposits with licensed banks	19,561	21,730
Cash and bank balances	57,409	61,980
Short-term investments	2,145	-
Bank overdraft	(19,800)	-
	<u>59,315</u>	<u>83,710</u>
Less: Deposits pledged to licensed banks	(18,165)	(6,801)
Bank balances pledged with licensed banks	(1,343)	(669)
	<u>39,807</u>	<u>76,240</u>

The unaudited Condensed Statements of Cash Flows should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2023 and the accompanying notes attached to this interim financial report.



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**Unaudited Condensed Statements of Changes in Equity**

	Share Capital RM'000	Treasury Shares RM'000	<----- Non-distributable ----->			<-Distributable->	Attributable to Owners of the Company RM'000	Non-controlling Interests RM'000	Total RM'000
			Merger Deficit Reserve RM'000	Exchange Reserve RM'000	Revaluation Reserve RM'000	Retained Profits RM'000			
Balance as at 1/1/2024									
- As previously reported	633,878	(30,770)	(500,423)	549	14,626	138,262	256,122	3,110	259,232
- Adjustment during measurement year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(10)	(10)
As restated	633,878	(30,770)	(500,423)	549	14,626	138,262	256,122	3,100	259,222
Profit after taxation for the financial period	-	-	-	-	-	31,303	31,303	9,572	40,875
Other comprehensive expense for the financial period:									
- Foreign currency translation differences	-	-	-	(763)	-	-	(763)	(1)	(764)
Total comprehensive (expenses)/income for the financial period	-	-	-	(763)	-	31,303	30,540	9,571	40,111
Contributions by and distributions to owners of the Company:									
- Issue of shares by a subsidiary to non-controlling interests	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14,700	14,700
- Dividends	-	-	-	-	-	(38,761)	(38,761)	-	(38,761)
Total transactions with owners	-	-	-	-	-	(38,761)	(38,761)	14,700	(24,061)
Realisation of revaluation reserve	-	-	-	-	447	(428)	19	(19)	-
Balance as at 30/06/2024	633,878	(30,770)	(500,423)	(214)	15,073	130,376	247,920	27,352	275,272

The unaudited Condensed Statements of Changes in Equity should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2023 and the accompanying notes attached to this interim financial report.





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**Unaudited Condensed Statements of Changes in Equity (Cont'd)**

	Share Capital RM'000	Treasury Shares RM'000	<----- Non-distributable ----->			<-Distributable->	Attributable to Owners of the Company RM'000	Non-controlling Interests RM'000	Total RM'000
			Merger Deficit Reserve RM'000	Exchange Reserve RM'000	Revaluation Reserve RM'000	Retained Profits RM'000			
Balance as at 1/1/2023	633,878	(39,928)	(495,423)	(1,375)	14,620	105,050	216,822	16,059	232,881
Profit after taxation for the financial period	-	-	-	-	-	17,298	17,298	3,391	20,689
Other comprehensive income/(expenses) for the financial period:									
- Foreign currency translation differences	-	-	-	2,595	-	-	2,595	1	2,596
- Revaluation of property	-	-	-	-	(81)	-	(81)	(85)	(166)
Total comprehensive income/(expenses) for the financial period	-	-	-	2,595	(81)	17,298	19,812	3,307	23,119
Contributions by and distributions to owners of the Company:									
- Merger and acquisition	-	-	(5,000)	-	-	560	(4,440)	-	(4,440)
- Treasury shares sold	-	9,158	-	-	-	3,850	13,008	-	13,008
- Dividends	-	-	-	-	-	(25,715)	(25,715)	-	(25,715)
Total transactions with owners	-	9,158	(5,000)	-	-	(21,305)	(17,147)	-	(17,147)
Realisation of revaluation reserve	-	-	-	-	(1,706)	1,707	1	(1)	-
Balance as at 30/06/2023	633,878	(30,770)	(500,423)	1,220	12,833	102,750	219,488	19,365	238,853

The unaudited Condensed Statements of Changes in Equity should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2023 and the accompanying notes attached to this interim financial report.



**Interim Report for the 6-months Financial Period Ended 30 June 2024**

**A. EXPLANATORY NOTES PURSUANT TO THE MALAYSIAN FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARD (“MFRS”) 134, INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORTING**

**1. Basis of Preparation**

This interim financial report is unaudited and has been prepared in accordance with MFRS 134, Interim Financial Reporting issued by the Malaysian Accounting Standards Board (“MASB”), and Paragraph 9.22 of the Main Market Listing Requirements of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad (“Bursa Securities”).

This unaudited interim financial report should be read in conjunction with the annual audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2023. The Group prepared its financial statements in accordance with the Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards (“MFRS”).

The explanatory notes attached to the interim financial report provide an explanation of events and transactions that are significant to an understanding of the change in the financial position and performance of Hextar Global Berhad (“Hextar” or the “Company”) and its subsidiaries (the “Group”) since the financial year ended 31 December 2023.

**2. Significant Accounting Policies**

The financial statements of the Group and of the Company are prepared in accordance with Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards (“MFRS”), International Financial Reporting Standards and the requirements of the Companies Act, 2016 in Malaysia.

The following are accounting standards, amendments and IC interpretations of the MFRS that have been issued by the MASB but are not yet effective and have not been adopted:-

**MFRSs and/or IC Interpretations (Including The Consequential Amendments)**

Amendments to MFRS 10 and MFRS 128: Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture

Amendments to MFRS 16: Lease Liability in a Sale and Leaseback

Amendments to MFRS 101: Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current

Amendments to MFRS 101: Non-current Liabilities with Covenants

Amendments to MFRS 107 and MFRS 7: Supplier Finance Arrangements

Amendments to MFRS 121: Lack of Exchangeability

The Group and the Company plan to apply the abovementioned standards, amendments and interpretations when they become effective in the respective financial periods.

The adoption of the above accounting standards and amendments are expected to have no material impact on the financial statements of the Group and of the Company upon their initial application.



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**3. Auditors' Report on Preceding Annual Financial Statements**

The auditors' report on the preceding annual audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2023 was not subject to any qualification.

**4. Seasonal or Cyclical Factors**

The Group's agriculture and fruit businesses are sensitive to prolonged and extreme weather conditions.

**5. Unusual Items**

There were no unusual items affecting the assets, liabilities, equity, net income or cash flows of the Group for the current quarter under review and the financial period up to date.

**6. Material Changes in Estimates**

There were no material changes in the estimates of amounts reported that have a material effect on the results for the current quarter under review and financial period up to date except as disclosed in the financial statements.

**7. Details of Changes in Debts and Equity Securities**

There were no issuance, cancellation, repurchase, resale or repayment of debt and/or equity securities during the current quarter under review and financial period up to date.

**8. Dividend**

The Company had on 5 April 2024 paid an interim single-tier dividend of 1.0 sen per ordinary share amounting to approximately RM38.8 million in respect of the financial year ended 31 December 2023, with a payout ratio of 59.0%.

During the quarter under review, the Company proposed an interim single-tier dividend of 0.5 sen per ordinary share amounting to approximately RM19.4 million in respect of the financial year ending 31 December 2024, with a payout ratio of 47.4%.

The entitlement date and payment date have been fixed on 18 September 2024 and 4 October 2024 respectively.

Other than the above, there were no dividends proposed or paid during the quarter under review.



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**9. Segmental Reporting**

6-months ended 30 June 2024								
Continuing Operations						Discontinued Operations	Total	
Investment Holding	Agriculture	Specialty Chemicals	Fruits	Elimination	Total	Consumer Products		
RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	
<b>REVENUE AND EXPENSES</b>								
<b>Revenue</b>								
External	63	156,273	220,116	68,780	-	445,232	-	445,232
Inter-segment	36,539	1,163	374	-	(38,076)	-	-	-
Total revenue	36,602	157,436	220,490	68,780	(38,076)	445,232	-	445,232
<b>Results</b>								
Segment results	43,115	16,698	51,805	(564)	(45,597)	65,457	-	65,457
Finance costs	(8,083)	(3,120)	(1,911)	(3,530)	3,250	(13,394)	-	(13,394)
Finance income	3,271	117	45	99	(3,250)	282	-	282
Share of result of joint ventures	-	68	-	(103)	-	(35)	-	(35)
Profit/(Loss) before taxation	38,303	13,763	49,939	(4,098)	(45,597)	52,310	-	52,310
Taxation	(131)	(3,167)	(9,285)	1,180	(32)	(11,435)	-	(11,435)
Consolidated profit/(loss) after taxation	38,172	10,596	40,654	(2,918)	(45,629)	40,875	-	40,875



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**9. Segmental Reporting (Cont'd)**

6-months ended 30 June 2023								
Continuing Operations						Discontinued Operations	Total	
Investment Holding	Agriculture	Specialty Chemicals	Fruits	Elimination	Total	Consumer Products		
RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	
<b>REVENUE AND EXPENSES</b>								
<b>Revenue</b>								
External	1	156,461	115,760	-	-	272,222	6,639	278,861
Inter-segment	35,201	10	152	-	(35,363)	-	-	-
Total revenue	35,202	156,471	115,912	-	(35,363)	272,222	6,639	278,861
<b>Results</b>								
Segment results	32,019	13,058	26,288	-	(33,017)	38,348	(1,805)	36,543
Finance costs	(4,411)	(2,672)	(674)	-	-	(7,757)	(221)	(7,978)
Finance income	61	62	527	-	-	650	3	653
Share of result of a joint venture	-	117	-	-	-	117	-	117
Profit/(Loss) before taxation	27,669	10,565	26,141	-	(33,017)	31,358	(2,023)	29,335
Taxation	(55)	(1,851)	(6,576)	-	(171)	(8,653)	7	(8,646)
Consolidated profit/(loss) after taxation	27,614	8,714	19,565	-	(33,188)	22,705	(2,016)	20,689



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**10. Valuation of Property, Plant and Equipment**

The values of property, plant and equipment have been brought forward without amendments from the Company's previous annual audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2023.

**11. Changes in the Composition of the Group**

There were no changes in the composition of the Group during the financial period under review, other than the following:-

On 24 May 2024, the Company's indirect 51%-owned subsidiary, Durian Boat Global Sdn. Bhd. (formerly known as Hextar IOT Sdn. Bhd.) ("Durian Boat") had entered into a joint venture agreement with Shenzhen Yoursender Investment Co. Ltd. for the establishment of a joint venture company to expand Durian Boat's business in China.

**12. Contingent Liabilities**

The contingent liabilities are as follows:

	<b>As at 30/06/2024 RM'000</b>
Guarantees provided to financial institutions for facilities granted to the Group	<u>635,530</u>

**13. Capital Commitments**

There were no material capital commitments entered into and not provided for by the Group during the current quarter under review other than the following:-

	<b>Group As at 30/06/2024 RM'000</b>
Variable deferred consideration in relation to the acquisition of subsidiaries	14,288
Property and equipment	<u>1,248</u>

**14. Material Events Subsequent to the End of the Interim Reporting Period**

There were no material events subsequent to the end of the interim reporting period reported.



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**15. Related Party Transactions**

The related parties comprising of directors and/or major shareholders of Hextar Global Berhad who are either the directors and/or major shareholders of the Company or the persons connected with the Company by virtue of Section 197 Companies Act 2016. The following table provides information on the transactions which have been entered into with the related parties for the period ended 30 June 2024.

	<b>Transaction Value 30/06/2024 RM'000</b>
Sales of raw materials/finished goods:-	
Hextar Oil & Gas Sdn. Bhd.	1,262
Hextar Fert Sdn. Bhd.	393
Hextar KCS Sdn. Bhd.	54
Rubberex (M) Sdn. Bhd.	21
PK Fert Sdn. Bhd.	12
Purchase of raw materials/finished goods:-	
Hextar Fert Sdn. Bhd.	171
PK Fertilizers Sdn. Bhd.	4
Unigel Compounds Sdn. Bhd.	661
Receiving of management services:-	
Hextar Asset Management Sdn. Bhd.	1,667
Opcom Shared Services Sdn. Bhd.	30
Rental of storage space and warehouse facilities services:-	
Unigel Compounds Sdn. Bhd.	6
Receipt of e-Commerce and other IT related services:-	
CIBC Technology Sdn. Bhd.	<u>477</u>



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**B. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUIRED PURSUANT TO THE MAIN MARKET LISTING REQUIREMENTS OF BURSA SECURITIES**

**1. Review of Performance of the Group**

The Group's revenue for the current quarter increased by 59.5% or RM79.5 million, to RM213.0 million from RM133.5 million recorded in the corresponding quarter of the previous year. This notable increase was primarily driven by the Specialty Chemicals segment, which saw an increase of RM58.5 million due to contracts awarded in the oil and gas sector. Additionally, the newly diversified durian trading business within the Fruits segment which the Group began consolidating its revenue in November 2023, contributed RM20.0 million to the Group's revenue.

As a result of higher revenue, the Group reported a 101.8% increase in profit before taxation ("PBT") or RM16.4 million, to RM32.6 million for the current quarter as compared to RM16.2 million in the corresponding quarter of the previous year. The significant growth in PBT was largely due to the Specialty Chemicals segment's contribution of RM15.2 million to the growth.

On a year-to-date basis, the Group recorded a revenue of RM445.2 million for the cumulative quarter under review as compared to RM272.2 million for a corresponding quarter of the preceding year, representing an increase of RM173.0 million or 63.6%. This substantial increase was primarily driven by the Specialty Chemicals segment which contributed RM104.4 million and the newly acquired Fruits segment contributed RM68.8 million to the Group's revenue.

Year-to-date profit before taxation was higher at RM52.3 million for the cumulative quarter under review as compared to RM31.4 million reported in the corresponding quarter of the preceding year. This represents an increase of 66.8% or RM21.0 million mainly attributable to higher margins and growth within the Specialty Chemicals segment.

**2. Comparisons with the Immediate Preceding Quarter's Results**

	<b>3-months Current Quarter ended 30/06/2024 (RM'000)</b>	<b>3-months Preceding Quarter ended 31/03/2024 (RM'000)</b>
Revenue	212,963	232,269
Profit before taxation	32,610	19,700

On a quarter-on-quarter basis, the Group's revenue decreased to RM213.0 million from RM232.3 million in the previous quarter, representing a decline of 8.3% or RM19.3 million. The decrease was primarily attributable to the Fruits segment, which experienced a reduction of RM28.9 million in its revenue due to the durian off-season. However, this decline was partially mitigated by an increase in the revenue of Specialty Chemicals segment.

Despite the decline in revenue, consolidated PBT had increased by 65.5% or RM12.9 million, reaching RM32.6 million compared to the previous quarter, elevated by the higher profit margins earned from the Specialty Chemicals segment.





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### 3. Year 2024 Prospects

#### Agriculture

The prospect of the pesticide industry in Malaysia is expected to be positive. The population expansion and reduction in arable land available for cultivation pose a challenge to sustaining agricultural production. As such, pesticides play a crucial role in enhancing crop yields by aiding in pest management and weed control. The Malaysian Government also introduced a range of incentives to ensure increased productivity within the palm oil and rubber industries as part of the recently announced Budget for 2024. The development of the local palm oil and rubber industries is expected to support the growth of the local pesticide industry.

Our ongoing strategy involves concentrating on sales and marketing efforts to expand our markets, explore new opportunities, increase revenue and uphold our position as a leader in the local market. The Board is confident that this segment will consistently contribute to the Group's sustainable income.

#### Specialty Chemicals

The specialty cleaning and sanitation industry is stabilised following the pandemic recovery. The Food Services outlets are rapidly expanding across the nation and our machine leasing programs have garnered widespread acceptance among our clients. In 2024, the Food and Beverage Division is scouting for talent to cover a wider market coverage. We have set up a plan to strengthen our marketing force with the new intake of experienced and competent sales and technical team. The focus in 2024 is to campaign aggressively in overseas markets as the efforts put to work in 2023 have delivered positive results. We are expecting enhanced revenue in the upcoming years.

The outlook for the specialty chemicals and catalysts businesses for the oil & gas industry in 2024 is generally positive. The acquisition made last year represents a strategic investment for expansion as it expanded the company's customer base, product range, and the additional manufacturing facility, which dampen the effects of the cyclical demand fluctuations inherent to the oil and gas industry, paving the way to a more robust and sustainable business.

Moving forward, the special derivative and coating chemicals used in the rubber glove product sector are expected to have moderate growth. We anticipate the oversupply situation in the industry to be less acute and gradually improve following signs of players culling production capacity via decommissioning of selective plants. A recovery is likely to be seen in the second half of this year. We are continuing our efforts to diversify and expand into other Asian markets aside from Malaysia. The sector is committed to enhancing and producing new chemical innovations to create higher-value products for customers.

#### Fruits

As we are now entering second half of the year, the durian industry is projected to have a neutral outlook in 2024 as the market will be largely balanced by the only 1-peak season this year. Growth within the durian industry is likely to come from factors such as the growing awareness and appreciation for durian from consumers domestically and around the world, particularly for "Musang King" variety. The development of the durian in Malaysia is expected to be supported by the increased durian cultivation in the country. Concurrently, positive support from the Malaysian Government particularly in the marketing and promotion of durian internationally, augurs well for the durian industry as the Group leverages on technology and implement supply chain integration to deliver high quality durian fruits to consumers worldwide. The continued enforcement of stringent food safety standards will ensure quality durians are exported, further enhancing Malaysia's durian reputation. As we intensify our marketing efforts to create brand awareness among the locals and global market, we have been receiving positive responses from increased business dealings. Hence, the Board believes that the Fruits segment will provide the Group with a sustainable source of income.



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**4. Financial Forecast and Profit Guarantee**

The Group has not provided any financial forecast or profit guarantee in any public document.

**5. Taxation**

The taxation figures are as follows:-

	<b>Individual Quarter</b>		<b>Cumulative Quarter</b>	
	<b>Current Year Quarter 30/06/2024 RM'000</b>	<b>Preceding Year Quarter 30/06/2023 RM'000</b>	<b>Current Year to-Date 30/06/2024 RM'000</b>	<b>Preceding Year to-Date 30/06/2023 RM'000</b>
Deferred tax	(214)	(449)	2,602	(656)
Income tax	(7,593)	(3,881)	(14,037)	(7,997)
Taxation on continuing operations	<u>(7,807)</u>	<u>(4,330)</u>	<u>(11,435)</u>	<u>(8,653)</u>
Taxation on discontinued operations	<u>-</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7</u>

The effective tax rate for previous quarter and preceding year-to-date under review for the Group was higher than the statutory tax rate of 24% mainly due to certain expenses being non-deductible for tax purposes and the provision of deferred tax. However, for the current year-to-date, the effective tax rate was lower at 22% than the statutory tax rate of 24%, mainly due to recognition of deferred tax assets.

**6. Status of Corporate Proposal**

There were no corporate proposals for the financial period under review.



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**7. Borrowings**

The Group's borrowings as at 30 June 2024 and 31 December 2023 are as follows:

	<b>As at 30/06/2024 RM'000</b>	<b>As at 31/12/2023 RM'000</b>
<b>Short-term borrowings</b>		
<u>Secured</u>		
Term loans	79,564	31,774
Hire purchases	1,653	1,493
Bills payable	92,983	141,226
Revolving credit	66,400	66,000
Bank overdraft	19,800	14,353
	<u>260,400</u>	<u>254,846</u>
<b>Long-term borrowings</b>		
<u>Secured</u>		
Term loans	112,550	126,190
Hire purchases	3,734	3,532
	<u>116,284</u>	<u>129,722</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>376,684</u>	<u>384,568</u>

**8. Material Litigation**

On 28 May 2021, a direct wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, Chempro Technology (M) Sdn. Bhd. ("Chempro") was involved in a material litigation with a former employee, Chew Chee Siong ("the Claimant"). The Claimant had filed a claim against Chempro on 15 May 2020 for a reduction in his income due to Chempro's reallocation of certain customers to other employees. On 22 March 2024, the Industrial Tribunal had ordered Chempro to pay the Claimant a sum of RM543,552 within 30 days from the date of the award to compensate the Claimant for being constructively dismissed.



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**9. Earnings Per Share**

a. Basic

The basic earnings per share are calculated by dividing the earnings attributable to equity holders of the Company for the period by the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue during the financial period under review.

	Individual Quarter		Cumulative Quarter	
	Current Year Quarter 30/06/2024	Preceding Year Quarter 30/06/2023	Current Year to-Date 30/06/2024	Preceding Year to-Date 30/06/2023
Profit/(Loss) attributable to equity holders of the Company (RM'000)				
- Continuing operations	19,159	9,235	31,303	19,314
- Discontinued operations	-	(565)	-	(2,016)
Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue ('000) ^	3,876,067	3,876,067	3,876,067	3,869,936
Basic earnings per share (sen)				
- Continuing operations	0.49	0.24	0.81	0.50
- Discontinued operations	-	(0.01)	-	(0.05)

^ The calculation of basic earnings per share for the previous financial period has been adjusted retrospectively to reflect the changes in the number of shares as a result of the bonus issue.

b. Diluted

The calculation of diluted earnings per ordinary share is the same with basic earnings per ordinary share as the Group has no dilutive potential ordinary shares.



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**10. Notes to the Statements of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income**

Profit before taxation is arrived at after charging/(crediting):-

	<b>Individual Quarter</b>		<b>Cumulative Quarter</b>	
	<b>Current</b>	<b>Preceding</b>	<b>Current</b>	<b>Preceding</b>
	<b>Year Quarter</b>	<b>Year Quarter</b>	<b>Year-to-Date</b>	<b>Year-to-Date</b>
	<b>30/06/2024</b>	<b>30/06/2023</b>	<b>30/06/2024</b>	<b>30/06/2023</b>
	<b>RM'000</b>	<b>RM'000</b>	<b>RM'000</b>	<b>RM'000</b>
Amortisation	117	158	251	320
Depreciation	4,712	4,756	9,286	8,578
Equipment written off	-	1	5	1
Impairment loss on trade receivables	39	-	124	-
Interest expense	6,662	5,404	14,187	8,757
Net (gain)/loss arising from changes in fair value of biological assets	(8)	-	28	-
Share of (profit)/loss of joint ventures	(36)	(47)	35	(159)
Unrealised (gain)/loss on foreign exchange	(300)	1,406	1,194	1,539
Interest income	(249)	(384)	(282)	(650)
(Gain)/Loss on disposal of equipment	(131)	111	(184)	36
Gain on disposal of investment in subsidiaries	-	-	-	(527)
Gain on forward currency contracts	(116)	-	(213)	(243)
Reversal of impairment loss on trade receivables	(28)	(109)	(36)	(109)

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