

# INTERIM REPORT FOR 1ST QUARTER ENDED 31 MARCH 2024



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## **Condensed Consolidated Statement of Financial Position** (The figures have not been audited)

	Notes	As At End Of Current Financial Year 31/3/2024 (Unaudited) RM'000	As At End Of Preceding Financial Year 31/12/2023 Audited RM'000
ASSETS			
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment		258,056	261,773
Bearer plants		334,810	333,789
Right-of-use assets		91,302	91,840
Investment properties		4,933	4,991
Total non-current assets		689,101	692,393
Current assets			
Biological assets		62,915	51,981
Inventories		25,502	23,778
Trade and other receivables		19,491	18,602
Prepayments and other assets		5,346	6,085
Other investments	B6	49,671	47,232
Cash and cash equivalents		112,796	114,594
Total current assets		275,721	262,272
TOTAL ASSETS		964,822	954,665

## **Condensed Consolidated Statement of Financial Position (continued)**

(The figures have not been audited)

	Notes	As At End Of Current Financial Year 31/3/2024 (Unaudited) RM'000	As At End Of Preceding Financial Year 31/12/2023 (Audited) RM'000
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
Equity			
Share capital	A5	340,969	340,969
Reserves		426,645	407,573
Equity attributable to Owners of the Company		767,614	748,542
Non-controlling interests		(5,824)	(5,904)
Total equity		761,790	742,638
Non-current liabilities			
Deferred tax liabilities		124,782	121,995
Loans and borrowings	B7	15,298	8,016
Lease liabilities		2,377	2,392
Total non-current liabilities		142,457	132,403
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables		48,534	57,428
Loans and borrowings	B7	6,239	1,120
Lease liabilities		45	42
Current tax payable		5,757	7,083
Dividend payable		-	13,951
Total current liabilities		60,575	79,624
Total liabilities		203,032	212,027
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		964,822	954,665
Net assets per share attributable to Owners of the Company (RM)		2.75	2.68

(The Condensed Consolidated Statement of Financial Position should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2023 and the accompanying explanatory notes attached to this report)

## Condensed Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income (The figures have not been audited)

		Individual (	Quarter (Q1)		ve Quarter onths)
	Notes	Current Year Quarter 31/3/2024 (Unaudited) RM'000	Preceding Year Corresponding Quarter 31/3/2023 (Unaudited) RM'000	Current Year - Period To Date 31/3/2024 (Unaudited) RM'000	Preceding Year - Period To Date 31/3/2023 (Unaudited)
Revenue		127,321	111,456	127,321	111,456
Cost of sales		(102,430)	(90,100)	(102,430)	(90,100)
Gross profit		24,891	21,356	24,891	21,356
Other income		1,042	2,581	1,042	2,581
Distribution expenses		(7,302)	(6,485)	(7,302)	(6,485)
Administrative expenses		(4,537)	(3,861)	(4,537)	(3,861)
Results from operating activities		14,094	13,591	14,094	13,591
Finance income		1,397	1,066	1,397	1,066
Finance costs		(69)	(84)	(69)	(84)
Net finance income		1,328	982	1,328	982
Operating profit before tax  Other non- operating		15,422	14,573	15,422	14,573
income - Change in fair value of biological assets		10,934	1,457	10,934	1,457
Profit before tax	A16	26,356	16,030	26,356	16,030
Taxation	B5	(7,084)	(3,950)	(7,084)	(3,950)
Profit after tax	•	19,272	12,080	19,272	12,080
Other comprehensive income net of tax	e,	-	-	-	-
Profit and total comprehensi income for the period	ve	19,272	12,080	19,272	12,080

## Condensed Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income (continued) (The figures have not been audited)

Individual	Quarter (Q1)		ive Quarter lonths)
Current Year Quarter 31/3/2024 (Unaudited)	Preceding Year Corresponding Quarter 31/3/2023 (Unaudited)	Current Year - Period To Date 31/3/2024 (Unaudited)	Preceding Year - Period To Date 31/3/2023 (Unaudited)
RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
19,072	12,025	19,072	12,025
200	55	200	55
19,272	12,080	19,272	12,080
19,072	12,025	19,072	12,025
200	55	200	55
19,272	12,080	19,272	12,080
6.84	4.31	6.84	4.31
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Current Year Quarter 31/3/2024 (Unaudited) RM'000  19,072 200 19,272  19,072 200 19,272	Current Year Quarter 31/3/2024 (Unaudited) (Unaudited) RM'000 RM'000  19,072 12,025 200 55 19,272 12,080  19,072 12,080  19,072 12,080  6.84 4.31	Current Year Quarter Quarter 31/3/2024   31/3/2023   31/3/2024   31/3/2023   31/3/2024   31/3/2024   (Unaudited)   (Unaudited)   (RM'000   RM'000   RM'000   RM'000   RM'000   RM'000     19,272   12,080   19,272   19,072   200   55   200   19,272   12,080   19,27

(The Condensed Consolidated Statement 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 explanatory notes attached to this report)

## **Condensed Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity** (The figures have not been audited)

## **Attributable to Owners of the Company**

	Notes	No	n-distributable		Distributable			
		Share capital RM'000	Equity reserve RM'000	Treasury shares RM'000	Retained earnings RM'000	Total RM'000	Non- controlling interests RM'000	Total equity RM'000
At 1 January 2024		340,969	493	(2,105)	409,185	748,542	(5,904)	742,638
Profit and total comprehensive income for the period		-	-	-	19,072	19,072	200	19,272
Dividend paid to non-controlling interest		-	-	-	-	-	(120)	(120)
At 31 March 2024		340,969	493	(2,105)	428,257	767,614	(5,824)	761,790

(The Condensed Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2023 and the accompanying explanatory notes attached to this report)

## Condensed Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity (continued) (The figures have not been audited)

## **Attributable to Owners of the Company**

	_	No	n-distributable		Distributable			
	Notes	Share capital RM'000	Equity reserve RM'000	Treasury shares RM'000	Retained earnings RM'000	Total RM'000	Non- controlling interests RM'000	Total equity RM'000
At 1 January 2023		340,969	493	(2,105)	372,644	712,001	(6,046)	705,955
Profit and total comprehensive income for the period		-	-	-	12,025	12,025	55	12,080
Dividend paid to non-controlling interest		-	-	-	-	-	(150)	(150)
At 31 March 2023		340,969	493	(2,105)	384,669	724,026	(6,141)	717,885

(The Condensed Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2023 and the accompanying explanatory notes attached to this report)

## **Condensed Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows**

(The figures have not been audited)

	Cumulative Quarter (3 Months)			
	Current Year - Period To Date 31/3/2024	Preceding Year - Period To Date 31/3/2023		
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)		
	RM'000	RM'000		
Cash flows from operating activities				
Profit before tax	26,356	16,030		
Adjustments for:				
Change in fair value of biological assets	(10,934)	(1,457)		
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	4,509	4,479		
Depreciation of bearer plants	5,398	5,249		
Depreciation of investment properties	58	58		
Depreciation of right -of- use assets	509	490		
Gain on disposal of right -of- use assets	-	(1,397)		
Property, plant and equipment written off	263	1		
Finance income	(1,397)	(1,066)		
Finance costs	69	84		
Operating profit before changes in working capital	24,831	22,471		
Change in inventories	(1,724)	(4,485)		
Change in trade and other receivables, deposits and prepayments	21	2,007		
Change in trade and other payables	(9,002)	(9,264)		
Cash generated from operations	14,126	10,729		
Net tax paid	(5,622)	(7,650)		
Interest/Profit paid	(159)	(121)		
Hire purchase facility interest/profit paid	(22)	(40)		
Interest received	1,225	997		
Net cash from operating activities	9,548	3,915		

## **Condensed Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows**

(The figures have not been audited)

	Cumulative Qua	arter (3 Months)
	Current Year - Period To Date 31/3/2024	Preceding Year - Period To Date 31/3/2023
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
	RM'000	RM'000
Cash flows from investing activities		
Acquisition of property, plant and equipment	(203)	(1,171)
Net movement of deposits with original maturities exceeding three months	(2,438)	(7,386)
Bearer plants (net of depreciation)	(5,969)	(4,855)
Proceeds from disposal of right -of- use assets	<u> </u>	1,472
Net cash used in investing activities	(8,610)	(11,940)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Proceeds from term loans and revolving credits	11,771	10,000
Dividend paid to shareholders of the Company	(13,951)	(27,903)
Dividend paid to non-controlling interest	(120)	(150)
Repayment of term loans and revolving credits	-	(8,000)
Repayment of hire purchase facilities	(425)	(669)
Repayment of lease liabilities	(11)	(10)
Net cash used in financing activities	(2,736)	(26,732)
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(1,798)	(34,757)
Cash and cash equivalents as at 1 January	114,594	125,985
Cash and cash equivalents as at 31 March	112,796	91,228
Represented by:		
Deposits with original maturities not exceeding three months	107,568	87,057
Cash and bank balances	5,228	4,171
Cash and cash equivalents	112,796	91,228

(The Condensed Consolidated Statement 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 report)

### Part A - Explanatory Notes Pursuant to Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards ("MFRS") 134

### A1. Basis of preparation

#### 1. Statement of compliance

The condensed consolidated interim financial statements of the Group are unaudited and have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of Malaysian Financial Reporting Standard ("MFRS") 134, Interim Financial Reporting, the International Accounting Standards ("IAS") 34 Interim Financial Reporting and paragraph 9.22 of the Main Market Listing Requirements of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad.

The condensed consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements of the Group for the financial year ended 31 December 2023.

### 2. Significant accounting policies

## 2.1 Adoption of new/revised Standards, Amendments and Interpretations

The Group's financial statements for annual period beginning on 1 January 2024 is prepared in accordance with the Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards ("MFRSs") issued by the MASB.

The Group adopted the following accounting standards, amendments and interpretations where applicable for the annual period beginning 1 January 2024:

## Standards / Amendments / Interpretations

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

The initial application of the accounting standards, interpretations or amendments that are effective from annual period beginning 1 January do not have any material financial impacts to the current period and prior period financial statements of the Group and the Company.

## 2.2 Standards issued but not yet effective

### Standards / Amendments / Interpretations

Effective date

Amendments to MFRS 121, The Effects of Changes in Foreign Exchange
 1 January 2025
 Rates - Lack of Exchangeability

 Amendments to MFRS 10, Consolidated Financial Statements and MFRS 128, Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures – Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture

Yet to be determined

The Group will adopt the above where applicable when they become effective in the respective financial periods.

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

## Part A - Explanatory Notes Pursuant to Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards ("MFRS") 134

## A2. Seasonality or Cyclicality of Interim Operations

The Group's performance is affected by the cropping pattern of fresh fruit bunches ("FFB") which normally reaches its peak in the second half of the year, that will be reflected accordingly in the crude palm oil ("CPO") and palm kernel ("PK") production of the Group. The performance is also affected by the prices of CPO and PK which are determined by global supply and demand situation for edible oils and fats.

### A3. Unusual Items Affecting Assets, Liabilities, Equity, Net income or Cash Flows

There were no items affecting assets, liabilities, equity, net income, or cash flows, which were unusual in nature, size or incidence during the current interim financial period.

## A4. Material Changes in Estimates

There were no changes in the estimates of amounts reported in prior financial years and preceding interim periods, which have a material effect in the current interim financial period.

### A5. Issuances, Cancellations, Repurchases, Resale and Repayments of Debt and Equity Securities

There were no issuances, cancellations, repurchases, resale and repayments of debt and equity securities in the current interim financial period.

#### A6. Dividends Paid

	Cumulative Quarter (3 Months)		
	Current Year - Period to Date 31/3/2024	Preceding Year - Period to Date 31/3/2023	
	RM'000	RM'000	
Second interim, single tier exempt dividend in respect of the financial year ended 31 December 2022			
<ul> <li>- 10 sen per ordinary share, paid on 19 January 2023</li> <li>Second interim, single tier exempt dividend in respect of the financial year ended 31 December 2023</li> </ul>	-	27,903	
- 5 sen per ordinary share, paid on 19 January 2024	13,951		
Total	13,951	27,903	

## A7. Disaggregation of revenue

	Oil nalm o	noration	Tot	tal		
	Oil palm o	Preceding Year	serv	Preceding Year	100	Preceding Year
	Current Year Quarter 31/3/2024	Corresponding Quarter 31/3/2023	onding Current Year Quarter Quarter	Corresponding Quarter 31/3/2023		Corresponding Quarter 31/3/2023
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
Major products and service lines						
Sales of oil palm products	127,118	111,253	-	-	127,118	111,253
Management/Agronomic services income	-	-	96	96	96	96
	127,118	111,253	96	96	127,214	111,349
Other revenue	-	-	107	107	107	107
Total revenue	127,118	111,253	203	203	127,321	111,456
Major products and service lines Geographical markets						
Malaysia =	127,118	111,253	96	96	127,214	111,349
Timing and recognition						
At a point in time	127,118	111,253	96	96	127,214	111,349

## A8. Segment Information

The Group's business segments mainly comprise the following three major business segments:-

- (i) Investment holding Investment holding company
- (ii) Oil palm operations
  - Estate operations (Cultivation of oil palm)
  - Mill operations (processing of fresh fruit bunches)
- (iii) Agronomic/ marketing services and rental

Provision of agronomic/ marketing service and rental of investment properties

## A8. Segment Information (continued)

## Individual Quarter (Q1)/ Cumulative Quarter (3 Months)

	Investment holding	Agronomic/ marketing services and rental	Oil palm operations			Consolidated
	RM'000	RM'000	Estate operations RM'000	Mill operations RM'000	Total RM'000	RM'000
31/3/2024						
Revenue Segment revenue	8,280	633	50,973	117,891	168,864	177,777
Inter-segment	(8,280)	(430)	-	-	(41,746)	(50,456)
External revenue	-	203	50,973	117,891	127,118	127,321
Cost of sales						
Segment cost of sales	-	(389)	(38,372)	(105,559)	(143,931)	(144,320)
Inter-segment	-	20	-	-	41,870	41,890
External cost of sales	-	(369)	(38,272)	(105,559)	(102,061)	(102,430)
Gross (loss)/profit	-	(166)	12,601	12,332	25,057	24,891
Distribution expenses	-	-	(998)	(6,304)	(7,302)	(7,302)
Segment (loss)/profit	-	(166)	11,603	6,028	17,755	17,589
Other income including finance income	950	48			1,603	2,601
Inter-segment	-	-			(162)	(162)
External other income	950	48			1,441	2,439
Other expenses including finance costs	(395)	(49)			(4,460)	(4,904)
Inter-segment	6	2			290	298
External other expenses	(389)	(47)			(4,170)	(4,606)
Operating profit/(loss) before tax	561	(165)			15,026	15,422
Other non-operating income - Change in fair value of biological assets	-	-			10,934	10,934
Profit/(Loss) before tax	561	(165)			25,960	26,356

## A8. Segment Information (continued)

## Individual Quarter (Q1)/ Cumulative Quarter (3 Months)

Management/

	Investment holding	management/ marketing/ agronomic services and rental	Oil palm operations			Consolidated
	RM'000	RM'000	Estate operations RM'000	Mill operations RM'000	Total RM'000	RM'000
31/3/2023						
Revenue Segment revenue	350	494	46,822	103,047	149,869	150,713
Inter-segment	(350)	(291)	-	-	(38,616)	(39,257)
External revenue	-	203	46,822	103,047	111,253	111,456
Cost of sales						
Segment cost of sales	-	(351)	(35,751)	(92,682)	(128,433)	(128,784)
Inter-segment	-	20	-	-	38,664	38,684
External cost of sales	-	(331)	(35,751)	(92,682)	(89,769)	(90,100)
Gross (loss)/profit	-	(128)	11,071	10,365	21,484	21,356
Distribution expenses	-	-	(937)	(5,548)	(6,485)	(6,485)
Segment (loss)/profit	-	(128)	10,134	4,817	14,999	14,871
Other income including finance income	887	39			2,780	3,706
Inter-segment	-	-			(59)	(59)
External other income	887	39			2,721	3,647
Other expenses including finance costs	(376)	(48)			(3,658)	(4,082)
Inter-segment	6	2			129	137
External other expenses	(370)	(46)			(3,529)	(3,945)
Operating profit/(loss) before tax Other non-operating	517	(135)			14,191	14,573
income - Change in fair value of biological assets	-	-			1,457	1,457
Profit/(Loss) before tax	517	(135)			15,648	16,030
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## A8. Segment Information (continued) Segment assets and liabilities

Segment assets: Investment holding Oil palm operations

Elimination

**Total assets** 

Segment liabilities: Investment holding

Oil palm operations

Management services/Rental

Management services/Rental

(	Current Financial Period
	31/3/2024 RM'000
	451,559
	820,600
_	22,295
	1,294,454
_	(329,632)
	964,822

9,615

558 233,013

222,840

(29,981)

203,032

As At End Of

### A9. Impairment of Assets

Elimination

**Total liabilities** 

There was neither impairment loss nor reversal of such impairment loss recognised during the current financial period.

### A10. Material Events Subsequent to the End of the Interim Period

There were no material events subsequent to the end of the current interim financial period that have not been reflected in the financial statements for the current interim financial period.

### A11. Changes in the Composition of the Group

As at 31 March 2024, there were no changes in the composition of the Group arising from business combinations, acquisition or disposal of subsidiary companies and long-term investments, restructurings and discontinued operations.

#### A12. Changes in Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets

As at 31 March 2024, there were no material contingent liabilities or contingent assets, which upon being enforced might have a material impact on the financial position or business of the Group.

### A13. Capital Expenditure Commitments

As at 31 March 2024, there were no material capital commitments for capital expenditure, contracted for or known to be contracted for by the Group which might have a material impact on the financial position or business of the Group, except as disclosed below:

At 31/3/2024
RM'000
Contracted but not provided for
Property, plant and equipment 3,436

### A14. Unfulfilled Contract Obligation

As at 31 March 2024, unfulfilled contract obligation of the Group is as disclosed below:

At 31/3/2024 RM'000

**Cumulative Quarter** 

Sale Contracts 10,166

## A15. Significant Related Party Transactions

The significant related party transactions during the financial year as set out below represent significant transactions with companies having common directorship or in which certain Directors or person connected to a Director have interests.

(3 Months) **Preceding** Year - Period **Current Year** - Period To Date To Date 31/3/2024 31/3/2023 RM'000 RM'000 Purchase of goods and/or services: Danawa Resources Sdn. Bhd. - Rental and annual support for satellite broadband services 39 51 Intuitive Systems Sdn. Bhd. - Software support, customisation, maintenance fee 273 232 - Purchase of assets and IT equipment 4 5 Stonehead Sdn. Bhd. - Purchase of materials 852 600 Butrasemari Sdn. Bhd. - Purchase of fresh fruit bunches 234

## **A15. Significant Related Party Transactions (continued)**

## Cumulative Quarter (3 Months)

		Current Year - Period To Date 31/3/2024	Preceding Year - Period To Date 31/3/2023
		RM'000	RM'000
	Purchase of goods and/or services :		
e.	Ta Ann Plywood Sdn. Bhd.		
	- Field maintenance work	1	2
f.	Ironhead Sdn. Bhd.		
	- Purchase of equipment	-	475
	- Services of equipment	76	5
g.	Lik Shen Sawmill Sdn. Bhd.		
	- Purchase of materials	50	7
	- Purchase of furniture and fittings	13	-
h.	Key Ta Trading Sdn. Bhd.		
	- Purchase of spare parts, lubricants and fertilisers	275	404
	- Transport service	30	53
i.	Key Jaya Trading Sdn. Bhd.		
	- Purchase of diesel	762	802
j.	Acosafe Sdn Bhd		
	- Insurance premium	161	127
k.	Ladang Selezu Sdn. Bhd.		
	- Purchase of fresh fruit bunches	-	157
l.	TBS Oil Mill Sdn. Bhd.		
	- Transport service	62	57
m.	Ta Ann Holdings Bhd		
	- Rental of office space	14	14



## **A15. Significant Related Party Transactions (continued)**

Cumulative Quarter ( 3 Months)

		( 3 Months)	
		Current Year - Period To Date	Preceding Year - Period To Date
		31/3/2024	31/3/2023
		RM'000	RM'000
	Sales and/or provision of services :		
a.	Manis Oil Sdn. Bhd.		
	- Sale of fresh fruit bunches	5,072	4,434
b.	TBS Oil Mill Sdn. Bhd.		
	- Sale of fresh fruit bunches	3,045	2,765
C.	TABM Sdn Bhd		
	- Sale of palm kernel shell	516	1,144
d.	Ta Ann Plywood Sdn. Bhd.		
	- Sales of oil palm seeds	57	42
	- Agronomics service fee income	1	9
e.	Ta Ann Pelita Igan Plantation Sdn. Bhd.		
	- Sales of seedlings	240	-
	- Agronomics service fee income	2	-
f.	Ta Ann Pelita Assan Plantation Sdn. Bhd.		
	- Agronomics service fee income	-	1
g.	Ta Ann Pelita Silas Plantation Sdn. Bhd.		
	- Agronomics service fee income	1	-
h.	Butrasemari Sdn. Bhd.		
	- Agronomics service fee income	2	2
i.	Ladang Selezu Sdn. Bhd.		
	- Agronomics service fee income	2	2
j.	Sebubu Sdn. Bhd.		
	- Agronomics service fee income	1	1
	- Sales of oil palm seeds	32	-
k.	Palmhead Sdn. Bhd		
	- Agronomics service fee income	4	2
l.	Agrogreen Ventures Sdn. Bhd		
	- Agronomics service fee income	1	-

## A15. Significant Related Party Transactions (continued)

Cumulative Quarter (3 Months)

**Preceding** 

Current Year Year - Period - Period To Date To Date 31/3/2024 31/3/2023

RM'000

RM'000

## Sales and/or provision of services (continued):

m. Zumida Oil Palm Sdn. Bhd

- Agronomics service fee income

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The Directors are of the opinion that all the transactions above have been entered into in the normal course of business and they are effected on terms not materially different from those obtainable in transactions with unrelated parties.

## A16. Condensed Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income Disclosures

	Individual Quarter (Q1)		Cumulative Quarter (3 Months)		
	Current Year Quarter	Preceding Year Corresponding Quarter	Current Year - Period To Date	Preceding Year - Period To Date	
	31/3/2024	31/3/2023	31/3/2024	31/3/2023	
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	
Profit before tax is arrived at after charg	jing:				
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	4,509	4,479	4,509	4,479	
Depreciation of right -of- use assets	509	490	509	490	
Depreciation of bearer plants	5,398	5,249	5,398	5,249	
Depreciation of investment properties	58	58	58	58	
Property, plant and equipment written off	263	1	263	1	
Finance costs	69	84	69	84	
Profit before tax is arrived at after crediting:					
Other non- operating income – Change in fair value of biological assets	10,934	1,457	10,934	1,457	
Gain on disposal of right -of- use assets	-	1,397	-	1,397	
Other income	1,042	1,184	1,042	1,184	
Finance income	1,397	1,066	1,397	1,066	

Other items not applicable to the Group are foreign exchange gain or loss and gain or loss on derivatives.

#### **B1.** Review of Performance

## Quarter 1, 2024 vs Quarter 1, 2023 Three Months ended 31 March 2024 vs Three Months ended 31 March 2023

The Group recorded revenue of RM127.3 million in the current interim quarter ended 31 March 2024 compared with RM111.4 million reported in the corresponding period of the preceding year.

The Group's operating profit before tax was RM15.4 million for the current interim quarter compared to RM14.6 million for the corresponding period of the preceding year. The increase in operating profit was principally due to the effect of higher sales volume of CPO and PK despite lower realised average selling price of CPO during the current interim quarter.

The Group recorded a profit before tax of RM26.3 million for the current interim quarter as compared to RM16.0 million in the corresponding period of the preceding year, in line with the increase in operating profit for the current interim quarter coupled with a higher gain on fair value changes in biological assets of RM10.9 million against RM1.4 million in the corresponding period of the preceding year.

The performance of the respective major business segments of the Group are as follows:

#### Oil palm operations

The oil palm operations comprise estate and mill operations. During the current interim quarter, estate operations recorded a segment revenue and segment profit of RM51.0 million and RM11.6 million respectively, whereas mill operations recorded a segment revenue and segment profit of RM117.9 million and RM6.0 million respectively.

For the current interim quarter, the oil palm operations segment contributed 99.8% of the Group's revenue of RM127.3 million.

Revenue of the oil palm operations increased by RM15.8 million to RM127.1 million in the current interim quarter compared with RM111.3 million reported in the corresponding period of the preceding year. The increase was principally attributable to the higher sales volume of CPO and PK by 16.0% and 14.3% and higher realised average selling prices of PK by 7.0% during the current interim quarter.

The operating profit before tax for the oil palm operations (after deducting administrative and finance cost) was RM15.0 million for the current interim quarter as compared to operating profit before tax of RM14.2 million for the corresponding period of the preceding year. The increase in operating profit before tax was in line with the increase in revenue.

### Other segments

Other segments' results for the current financial period are insignificant to the Group.

## B2. Material Changes in Profit Before Tax for the Current Quarter as compared with the Immediate Preceding Quarter

For the quarter under review, the Group recorded an operating profit before tax of RM15.4 million for the current quarter compared with an operating profit before tax of RM24.2 million in the preceding quarter, mainly due to the effect of lower sales volume of CPO and PK by 24.7% and 29.5% respectively despite higher realised average selling prices of CPO and PK by approximately 7.3% and 10.4% respectively.

The Group recorded a profit before tax of RM26.3 million for the current quarter as compared to RM12.5 million in the preceding quarter. The increase in profit before tax was attributable to the gain on fair value changes in biological assets of RM10.9 million in the current quarter against a loss of RM11.7 million in the preceding quarter.

### **B3.** Prospects for the Current Financial Year

The global economy continues to face challenges throughout the remainder of the year. Conflicts in the Middle East have been escalating and the Russia Ukraine War continues to drag on. Should these geopolitical tensions intensify, high crude oil price and supply chain disruption could lead to rising food costs and further inflationary pressure.

In addition, palm oil supply growth is anticipated to slow down brought on by the effect of El Nino and aging estates. Expected rising food and biofuel demand may elevate the crude palm oil ("CPO") price. In view thereof, CPO price is anticipated to be strong throughout the current year.

SPB Group continues to focus on sustaining enough FFB production, improving productivity aiming at optimising costs of operation and prioritising its replanting activities with the goal of attaining long term sustainable yield and production.

Barring any unforeseen circumstances and subject to a sustainable CPO price, the Board of Directors anticipates to achieve a satisfactory performance for the current financial year.

#### **B4.** Profit Forecast or Profit Guarantee

Not applicable

#### **B5.** Taxation

	Individual Q	Individual Quarter (Q1)		Cumulative Quarter (3 Months)	
	Current Year Quarter 31/3/2024 RM'000	Preceding Year Corresponding Quarter 31/3/2023 RM'000	Current Year - Period To Date 31/3/2024 RM'000	Preceding Year - Period To Date 31/3/2023 RM'000	
Current tax expense	4,297	3,645	4,297	3,645	
Deferred taxation	2,787	305	2,787	305	
	7,084	3,950	7,084	3,950	

The Group's effective tax rate for the current financial period is higher than the statutory tax rate principally due to non deductible expenditure.

## **B6.** Other Investments

There was no purchase or disposal of quoted securities for the current financial period.

The investments as at 31 March 2024 are as follows:

	At 31/3/2024 RM'000
Current	
Deposits with original maturities exceeding three months	49,671

## **B7.** Loans and Borrowings - Secured

	At 31/3/2024 RM'000
Non-current	
Hire purchase facilities	921
Term loan	14,377
	15,298
Current	
Hire purchase facilities	1,239
Revolving credit (Islamic)	5,000
	6,239
Total loans and borrowings	21,537

#### B7. Loans and Borrowings - Secured (continued)

### **Revolving Credit converted to Term Loan**

The Conventional term loan is term loan facility converted from existing revolving credit facility of RM40 million pursuant to a Supplementary Agreement entered with the Bank on 25 October 2023.

This Conventional term loan is secured by way of the Company's corporate guarantee and legal charge over certain land and buildings of a subsidiary.

The Conventional term loan is for a tenure of up to 8 years from the date of first disbursement, inclusive of 3 years of grace period from the date of first disbursement or 1 October 2026, whichever is earlier, followed by a 5 year monthly principal instalments.

The Conventional term loan bears interest rate at 0.75% per annum above the Bank's cost of funds.

#### Revolving Credit (Revolving Credits -i)

The revolving credit facility of RM30 million is an Islamic facility under Bai' Inah contract, is secured by way of legal charge over certain land and buildings of a subsidiary and a corporate guarantee from the Company.

The Revolving Credit – *i* bears profit rate of 12% per annum, which is equivalent to effective profit rate of 0.60% per annum above the Bank's *i*-cost of funds.

### Term Loan (Term Financing -i)

The term loan facility of RM40 million is an Islamic facility under Murabahah Tawarruq contract pursuant to a Facility Agreement entered into by a subsidiary of the Company with the Bank on 25 October 2023. The term loan is secured by way of the legal charge over certain land and buildings of a subsidiary and a corporate guarantee from the Company.

The term loan is for a tenure of up to 8 years from the date of first disbursement, inclusive of 3 years of grace period from the date of first disbursement or 1 October 2026, whichever is earlier, followed by a 5 year monthly principal instalments.

The term loan bears profit rate of 12% per annum, which is equivalent to effective profit rate of 0.75% per annum above the Bank's i-cost of funds.

#### Hire purchase facilities

The hire purchase facilities are secured on property, plant and equipment under the hire purchase.

Hire purchase facility and Hire purchase facility (Islamic) carry interest/profit rates at 4.85% per annum.

The above borrowings are denominated in Ringgit Malaysia.

#### **B8.** Corporate Proposals

## **Status of Corporate Proposals Announced**

There was no corporate proposal being announced during the current financial period.

#### B9. Gains/Losses from Fair Value Changes of Financial Liabilities

There were no gains/losses arising from fair value changes of financial liabilities during the current financial period.

### **B10.** Changes in Material Litigation

As at 14 May 2024 (being the latest practicable date which is not earlier than 7 days from the date of the issue of this quarterly report), there is no material litigation or arbitration in which the Company and/or any of its subsidiaries were involved either as plaintiff or defendant which has a material effect on the Group's financial position.

#### **B11. Dividend Declared**

- (a) On 27 November 2023, the Board of Directors had declared a second interim, single tier dividend of 5 sen per share, totalling approximately RM14 million, in respect of the financial year ended 31 December 2023, paid to shareholders on 19 January 2024.
- (b) On 21 May 2024, the Board of Directors had declared a first interim, single tier dividend of 5 sen per share, totalling approximately RM14 million, in respect of the financial year ending 31 December 2024, to be paid to shareholders on 19 July 2024. The dividend entitlement date shall be on 21 June 2024.

### **B12.** Earnings per Share

	Individual Quarter (Q1)		Cumulative Quarter (3 Months)	
	Current Year Quarter 31/3/2024	Preceding Year Corresponding Quarter 31/3/2023	Current Year - Period To Date 31/3/2024	Preceding Year - Period To Date 31/3/2023
Profit attributable to Owners of the Company (RM'000)	19,072	12,025	19,072	12,025
Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue (unit)	279,032	279,032	279,032	279,032
Basic earnings per share (sen)	6.84	4.31	6.84	4.31
Diluted earnings per share (sen)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

#### Basic earnings per share

The calculation of basic earnings per share for the interim quarter and financial year is based on the profit attributable to owners of the Company and on the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue less the weighted average number of treasury shares held by the Company.

#### Diluted earnings per share

The diluted earnings per share for the interim quarter and financial year were not computed as the Company does not have any potentially dilutive ordinary shares as at 31 March 2024.

## **B13.** Auditors' Report on Preceding Annual Financial Statements

The auditors' report on the financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2023 was unqualified.

#### **B14.** Authorised for Issue

The condensed consolidated interim financial statements were authorised for issue by the Board of Directors in accordance with a resolution of the Board on 21 May 2024.

By Order of the Board

Company Secretary Kuching

21 May 2024