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NOTICE OF MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the 92nd Annual General Meeting of Lion Industries Corporation Berhad (“92nd AGM”) will be held virtually from the Broadcast Venue, Meeting Hall, Level 16, Lion Office Tower, No. 1 Jalan Nagasari, 50200 Kuala Lumpur, Wilayah Persekutuan and via Securities Services e-Portal at <https://sshsb.net.my/> on Thursday, 25 May 2023 at 10.30 am for the following purposes:

AGENDA

1. To receive the Audited Financial Statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2022 and the Reports of the Directors and Auditors thereon. **Note 1**
 2. To approve the payment of Directors’ fees amounting to RM270,000 for the financial year ended 31 December 2022. **Resolution 1**
 3. To approve the payment of Directors’ benefits of up to RM87,000 for the period commencing after the 92nd AGM until the next annual general meeting of the Company. **Resolution 2**
 4. To re-elect Y. Bhg. Tan Sri Cheng Heng Jem who was appointed during the financial year and retires in accordance with Clause 111 of the Company’s Constitution and who being eligible, has offered himself for re-election. **Resolution 3**
 5. To re-elect Ms Cheng Hui Ya, Serena who retires by rotation in accordance with Clause 110 of the Company’s Constitution and who being eligible, has offered herself for re-election. **Resolution 4**
 6. To re-appoint Messrs Mazars PLT as Auditors of the Company and to authorise the Directors to fix their remuneration. **Resolution 5**
 7. Special Business
To consider and, if thought fit, pass the following Ordinary Resolutions:
 - 7.1 Retention of Independent Non-Executive Director
“THAT Y. M. Datuk Seri Utama Raja Nong Chik bin Dato’ Raja Zainal Abidin who has served as an independent non-executive Director of the Company for a cumulative period of more than 9 years, be and is hereby retained as an independent non-executive Director of the Company.” **Resolution 6**
 - 7.2 Authority to Directors to Issue and Allot Shares
“THAT pursuant to Sections 75 and 76 of the Companies Act 2016 and subject to the approval of all relevant authorities being obtained, the Directors be and are hereby empowered to issue and allot shares in the Company at any time and upon such terms and conditions 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 resolution does not exceed 10% of the total number of issued shares of the Company (excluding treasury shares) for the time being (“Mandate”) and that such Mandate shall continue to be in force until the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company. **Resolution 7**
- THAT pursuant to Section 85 of the Companies Act 2016 read together with Clause 12 of the Constitution of the Company, approval be and is hereby given to waive the statutory pre-emptive rights of the Shareholders of the Company to be offered new shares in the Company ranking *pari passu* in all respects with the existing issued shares of the Company arising from the issuance of new shares pursuant to the Mandate.”

7.3 Proposed Renewal of Shareholders' Mandate for Recurrent Related Party Transactions

"THAT approval be and is hereby given for the renewal of the mandate, for the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively, the "Group") to enter into recurrent related party transactions of a revenue or trading nature which are necessary for the Group's day-to-day operations as detailed in paragraph 3.3 and with those related parties as set out in paragraph 3.2 of the Circular to Shareholders of the Company dated 26 April 2023 ("Related Parties"), provided that such transactions are undertaken in the ordinary course of business and are on normal commercial terms which are consistent with the Group's usual business practices and policies, and on terms not more favourable to the Related Parties than those generally available to the public and are not to the detriment of the minority shareholders; and

Resolution 8

THAT authority conferred by this ordinary resolution will only continue to be in force until:

- (i) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company at which time it will lapse, unless by a resolution passed at the meeting, the authority is renewed;
- (ii) the expiration of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company after that date is required to be held pursuant to Section 340(2) of the Companies Act 2016 (but must not extend to such extension as may be allowed pursuant to Section 340(4) of the Companies Act 2016); or
- (iii) revoked or varied by resolution passed by the Shareholders of the Company in general meeting,

whichever is the earlier; and

THAT the Directors of the Company be and are hereby authorised to complete and do all such acts and things to give effect to the transactions contemplated and/or authorised by this ordinary resolution which shall include, without limitation, taking any action which the Directors may, in their absolute discretion deem fit, to recover any sums due to the Company under the said transactions or to settle the same."

7.4 Proposed Renewal of Share Buy-Back Authority

"THAT subject to the Companies Act 2016, the provisions of the Constitution of the Company, the Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad ("Bursa Securities") Main Market Listing Requirements and the approvals of all relevant authorities, the Company be and is hereby authorised to buy back such number of ordinary shares in the Company ("Shares") as may be determined by the Directors of the Company from time to time through Bursa Securities upon such terms and conditions as the Directors may deem fit and expedient in the interest of the Company, provided that:

Resolution 9

- (i) the aggregate number of shares bought back and/or held by the Company does not exceed 10% of the total number of issued shares of the Company at any point of time provided always that in the event the Company ceases to hold all or any part of such shares as a result of, amongst others, cancellations, re-sales, transfers and/or distributions of any of these shares so purchased, the Company shall be entitled to further purchase and/or hold such additional number of shares which shall (in aggregate with the shares then still held by the Company) not exceed 10% of the total number of issued shares of the Company; and
- (ii) the maximum funds to be allocated for the share buy-back shall not exceed the retained profits of the Company, based on its latest audited financial statements available up to the date of the share buy-back transaction

(hereinafter referred to as the "Proposed Share Buy-Back"); and

THAT authority conferred by this ordinary resolution shall commence immediately upon the passing of this resolution and will only continue to be in force until:

- (i) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company, unless by ordinary resolution passed at that meeting, the authority is renewed, either unconditionally or subject to conditions; or
- (ii) the expiration of the period within which the next annual general meeting after that date is required by law to be held; or
- (iii) revoked or varied by ordinary resolution passed by the shareholders of the Company in general meeting,

whichever occurs first; and

THAT authority be and is hereby given to the Directors of the Company to decide in their absolute discretion to cancel the Shares so purchased by the Company, to retain the Shares so purchased as treasury shares, or to retain part of such Shares so purchased as treasury shares and cancel the remainder, and to distribute the treasury shares as share dividends and/or resell the treasury shares on the market of Bursa Securities or such other manner as allowed under the Companies Act 2016;

AND THAT the Directors of the Company be and are hereby authorised to do all such acts and things and to execute all necessary documents, to give full effect to the Proposed Share Buy-Back with full power to assent to or make any modifications, variations and/or amendments as may be required by the relevant authorities or as may be deemed necessary by the Directors and to take all steps and actions as may be required by the relevant authorities and as the Directors may deem necessary and expedient to finalise, implement and give full effect to the Proposed Share Buy-Back.”

8. To transact any other business for which due notice shall have been given.

By Order of the Board

WONG PHOOI LIN (MAICSA 7013812)
SSM PC No. 202008002964

KONG SIEW FOON (MAICSA 7044962)
SSM PC No. 202008002081
Secretaries

Kuala Lumpur
26 April 2023

Notes:

- *Proxy*
 - (i) *In respect of deposited securities, only Members whose names appear in the Record of Depositors on 19 May 2023 shall be eligible to participate at the Meeting.*
 - (ii) *A member entitled to participate and vote at the Meeting is entitled to appoint not more than 2 proxies to participate and vote instead of him. A proxy need not be a member of the Company.*
 - (iii) *If a member appoints 2 proxies, the proportion of his shareholdings represented by each proxy must be specified.*
 - (iv) *The instrument appointing a proxy must be in writing under the hand of the appointor or his attorney duly authorised in writing or, if the appointor is a corporation, either under seal or the hand of an officer or attorney duly authorised.*
 - (v) *Where a member of the Company is an exempt authorised nominee which holds ordinary shares in the Company for multiple beneficial owners in 1 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.*
 - (vi) *The instrument appointing a proxy shall be deposited at the Office of the Poll Administrator of the Company for the Meeting, SS E Solutions Sdn Bhd at Level 7, Menara Milenium, Jalan Damanlela, Pusat Bandar Damansara, Damansara Heights, 50490 Kuala Lumpur, Wilayah Persekutuan not less than 48 hours before the time for holding the Meeting.*
 - (vii) *Completed Form of Proxy sent through facsimile transmission or any electronic or digital manner shall not be accepted.*
 - *The 92nd AGM will be conducted virtually through live streaming and online remote voting via the Remote Participation and Voting (“RPV”) facilities available on Securities Services e-Portal at <https://sshsb.net.my/>. Please refer to the procedures provided in the Administrative Guide for the 92nd AGM for registration, participation and remote voting via the RPV facilities.*
 - *At the Broadcast Venue, only the Chairman and other essential individuals are physically present to organise the virtual 92nd AGM. Members/Proxies/Corporate Representatives will not be allowed to be physically present at the Broadcast Venue on the day of the 92nd AGM.*
1. *Audited Financial Statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2022*

The Audited Financial Statements are laid in accordance with Section 340(1)(a) of the Companies Act 2016 for discussion only. As such, this Agenda item is not a business which requires a resolution to be put to vote by Members.
 2. *Resolution 2*

The benefits payable to the Directors of up to RM87,000 for the period commencing after the 92nd AGM until the next annual general meeting of the Company comprise estimated meeting allowance in respect of Directors’ attendance at Board and Board Committees meetings which have been scheduled and those unscheduled. The Board is of the view that it is just and equitable for the Directors to be paid the meeting allowance as and when incurred in discharging their responsibilities and rendering their services to the Company throughout the relevant period.
 3. *Resolutions 3 to 4*

The following Directors (“Retiring Directors”) retire in accordance with Clause 111 and Clause 110 of the Company’s Constitution and being eligible, have offered themselves for re-election:

 - (i) *Y. Bhg. Tan Sri Cheng Heng Jem*
 - (ii) *Ms Cheng Hui Ya, Serena*

The Nomination Committee (“NC”) had reviewed the performance and contribution of each of the Retiring Directors seeking re-election.

Based on the results of the annual assessment for the financial year ended 31 December 2022, the NC was satisfied with the performance and contribution of each of the Retiring Directors who had discharged his/her duties and responsibilities effectively at all times.

The Board had concurred with the NC’s recommendation to seek Shareholders’ approval for the re-election of the Retiring Directors.

The profiles of the Retiring Directors are set out on pages 7 to 9 of the 2022 Annual Report.

4. Resolution 6

The Board assisted by the NC, had assessed the independence of Y. M. Datuk Seri Utama Raja Nong Chik bin Dato' Raja Zainal Abidin who has served on the Board as an independent non-executive Director of the Company for a cumulative period of more than 9 years, and had recommended that the approval of the Shareholders be sought to retain Datuk Seri Utama Raja Nong Chik as an independent non-executive Director with consideration that he possesses the following attributes necessary in discharging his role and functions as an independent non-executive Director of the Company:

- (i) Fulfils the criteria of an independent Director as defined in the Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad Main Market Listing Requirements.*
- (ii) Has served the Board for more than 9 years and therefore possesses greater insights and knowledge of the businesses, operations and growth strategies of the Group.*
- (iii) Challenges Management in an effective and constructive manner, providing a check and balance, and bringing independent voice and objective judgement to the Board and Board Committee deliberations.*
- (iv) Broad experience in accounting and as such could provide the Board and the Audit Committee with relevant accounting knowledge and advice where necessary.*
- (v) Exercises due care in all undertakings of the Group and carries out his professional duties in the interest of the Company and stakeholders.*

5. Resolution 7

The approval pursuant to Sections 75 and 76 of the Companies Act 2016 will allow the Company to procure the renewal of the general mandate which will empower the Directors of the Company to issue and allot new shares in the Company up to an amount not exceeding 10% of the total number of issued shares of the Company (excluding treasury shares) ("Mandate"). The Mandate, unless revoked or varied at a general meeting, will expire at the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company.

The Mandate will provide flexibility to the Company for any possible fund raising activities, including but not limited to placing of shares for purposes of funding current and/or future investment projects, working capital and/or acquisitions.

As at the date of this Notice, no new ordinary shares in the Company were issued pursuant to the mandate granted to the Directors at the last Annual General Meeting of the Company held on 26 May 2022 which will lapse at the conclusion of the 92nd AGM.

The waiver of the pre-emptive rights pursuant to Section 85 of the Companies Act 2016 read together with Clause 12 of the Constitution of the Company will allow the Directors to issue and allot new shares in the Company which rank pari passu in all respects with the existing shares, to any person without having to first offer the new shares to all existing Shareholders prior to the issuance of new shares pursuant to the Mandate.

6. Resolution 8

This approval will allow the Group to continue to enter into recurrent related party transactions of a revenue or trading nature with those Related Parties, which are necessary for the Group's day-to-day operations undertaken in the ordinary course of business and are on normal commercial terms which are consistent with the Group's usual business practices and policies, and on terms not more favourable to the Related Parties than those generally available to the public and are not to the detriment of the minority shareholders.

Details on the Proposed Renewal of Shareholders' Mandate for Recurrent Related Party Transactions are set out in the Circular to Shareholders dated 26 April 2023 which is made available on the websites of the Company at www.lion.com.my/licb-agm and Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad at www.bursamalaysia.com.

7. Resolution 9

This approval will empower the Directors of the Company to purchase the Company's shares up to 10% of the total number of issued shares of the Company at any point of time. This authority, unless revoked or varied at a general meeting, will expire at the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company.

Details on the Proposed Renewal of Share Buy-Back Authority are set out in the Circular to Shareholders dated 26 April 2023 which is made available on the websites of the Company at www.lion.com.my/licb-agm and Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad at www.bursamalaysia.com.

CORPORATE INFORMATION

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| Board of Directors | : Y. M. Datuk Seri Utama Raja Nong Chik bin Dato' Raja Zainal Abidin (Chairman) Y. Bhg. Tan Sri Cheng Heng Jem (Managing Director) Y. Bhg. Dato' Nik Rahmat bin Nik Taib Ms Yap Soo Har Ms Cheng Hui Ya, Serena |
| Secretaries | : Ms Wong Phooi Lin (MAICSA 7013812) SSM PC No. 202008002964 Ms Kong Siew Foon (MAICSA 7044962) SSM PC No. 202008002081 |
| Registration No | : 192401000008 (415-D) |
| Registered Office | : Level 14, Lion Office Tower No. 1 Jalan Nagasari 50200 Kuala Lumpur Wilayah Persekutuan Tel No : 03-21420155 Fax No : 03-21413448 Website : www.lion.com.my/lionind |
| Share Registrar | : Secretarial Communications Sdn Bhd Level 13, Lion Office Tower No. 1 Jalan Nagasari 50200 Kuala Lumpur Wilayah Persekutuan Tel Nos : 03-21420155, 03-21418411 Fax No : 03-21428409 |
| Auditors | : Mazars PLT Wisma Golden Eagle Realty 11th Floor, South Block 142-A, Jalan Ampang 50450 Kuala Lumpur Wilayah Persekutuan |
| Principal Bankers | : Malayan Banking Berhad Affin Investment Bank Berhad Bank of China (Malaysia) Berhad |
| Stock Exchange Listing | : Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad ("Bursa Securities") |
| Stock Name | : LIONIND |
| Bursa Securities Stock No | : 4235 |
| Reuters Code | : LLBM.KL |

DIRECTORS' PROFILE

Datuk Seri Utama Raja Nong Chik bin Dato' Raja Zainal Abidin

Independent Non-Executive Chairman

Y. M. Datuk Seri Utama Raja Nong Chik bin Dato' Raja Zainal Abidin, a Malaysian, male, aged 70, was appointed to the Board on 29 August 2013 and has been the Chairman of the Company since 19 December 2013. He is also the Chairman of the Nomination Committee and a member of the Audit Committee of the Company.

Datuk Seri Raja Nong Chik graduated with a Bachelor of Economics (Honours) from the University College of Wales, Aberystwyth. He is also a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants and an Associate member of the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators as well as a member of the Malaysian Institute of Accountants.

Datuk Seri Raja Nong Chik started his career as an accountant at FELCRA (Federal Land Consolidation and Rehabilitation Authority) in 1978 and thereafter as the Assistant Financial Controller and Manager, Corporate Planning at Kumpulan FIMA Bhd. He then joined the OYL Group as an Executive Director and was instrumental in setting a joint-venture company which pioneered a local brand of air conditioners and fridge under the brand name, ACSON, which is now exported throughout the world. In 1986, he was instrumental in getting OYL Industries Bhd listed on the Kuala Lumpur Stock Exchange (now Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad). In 1991, he left the OYL Group after disposing of a strategic stake to the Hong Leong Group to establish his own RASMA Group of Companies as an engineering based investment company which is actively involved in mechanical and electrical engineering, construction and property investment and manufacturing. Until April 2009, he was on the Board of Pharmaniaga Bhd and iCapital.biz Bhd.

Datuk Seri Raja Nong Chik also served as a committee member of the Selangor Federation of Malaysian Manufacturers for a number of years and before becoming a Minister, was the President of the Bumiputra Manufacturers and Services Industry Association, President of Persatuan Kontraktor Jentera Melayu Malaysia (PKJMM) and a member of the National Innovation Council of Malaysia. In April 2009, he was appointed a Senator and the Minister of Federal Territories and Urban Well-Being by the Prime Minister. He resigned as a Minister and Senator in May 2013.

Datuk Seri Raja Nong Chik has a direct shareholding of 100,000 ordinary shares in the Company ("LICB Shares") and a deemed interest in 100,000 LICB Shares. In addition, he also has a deemed interest in LICB Shares through the holding of 100,000 warrants exercisable into 100,000 LICB Shares.

Datuk Seri Raja Nong Chik attended all 7 Board Meetings of the Company held during the financial year ended 31 December 2022.

Tan Sri Cheng Heng Jem

Managing Director

Y. Bhg. Tan Sri Cheng Heng Jem, a Malaysian, male, aged 80, was appointed the Managing Director of the Company on 26 May 2022.

Tan Sri Cheng has more than 50 years of experience in the business operations of the Lion Group encompassing steel, mining, property, retail, credit financing and money lending services, tyre manufacturing, motor, agriculture and computer industries.

Tan Sri Cheng was the President of The Associated Chinese Chambers of Commerce and Industry of Malaysia ("ACCCIM") and The Chinese Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Kuala Lumpur and Selangor ("KLSCCCI") from 2003 to 2012 and is now a Life Honorary President of ACCCIM and KLSCCCI. He was also the President of Malaysia Retailers Association ("MRA") from May 2016 to May 2018, and was its Honorary President from June 2018 to July 2020. He was again appointed the President of MRA from July 2020 to May 2022 and in June 2022, he was appointed an Honorary President of MRA. He was the Chairman of the Federation of Asia-Pacific Retailers Associations from October 2017 to September 2019, and was its Vice Chairman from September 2019 to November 2022. He is a Trustee of ACCCIM's Socio-Economic Research Trust and the President of Malaysia Steel Association.

Tan Sri Cheng's other directorships in public companies are as follows:

- Chairman of Lion Posim Berhad, a public listed company which is a subsidiary of the Company
- Chairman and Managing Director of Parkson Holdings Berhad, a public listed company
- A Founding Member and a Permanent Trustee of The Community Chest, a company limited by guarantee established by the private sector for charity purposes

Tan Sri Cheng has a direct shareholding of 222,785,449 ordinary shares in the Company ("LICB Shares") and a deemed interest in 12,752,369 LICB Shares. In addition, he also has a deemed interest in LICB Shares through the holding of 117,768,907 warrants exercisable into 117,768,907 LICB Shares. By virtue of his substantial interest in the Company, he is deemed to be interested in the subsidiaries of the Company, both wholly-owned and those set out on page 198 of this Annual Report. He also has interest in certain companies which conduct similar business with the Group in the property development sector.

Tan Sri Cheng is the father of Ms Cheng Hui Ya, Serena, a non-independent non-executive Director of the Company. He is also the uncle of Tan Sri Cheng Yong Kim, a major shareholder of the Company.

Tan Sri Cheng attended the remaining 4 Board Meetings of the Company held during the financial year ended 31 December 2022 subsequent to his appointment.

Dato' Nik Rahmat bin Nik Taib

Independent Non-Executive Director

Y. Bhg. Dato' Nik Rahmat bin Nik Taib, a Malaysian, male, aged 65, was appointed to the Board on 28 February 2018. He is also the Chairman of the Remuneration Committee and a member of the Audit Committee of the Company.

Dato' Nik Rahmat graduated with a Bachelor of Analytical Economics (Honours) from University of Malaya in 1980. He further obtained a Diploma in Public Administration from the National Institute of Public Administration (INTAN) in 1982 and a Masters in Microeconomics from University of Birmingham, United Kingdom in 1995.

Dato' Nik Rahmat first joined the Malaysian public service upon his graduation in 1981 as an Assessment Officer with the Inland Revenue Board (LHDN) and spent 16 years starting from 1983 in various Ministries; 6 years with the Malaysia Export Trade Centre (MEXPO now known as MATRADE) under the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI); and 5 years each with the Ministry of Finance (MOF) and the Economic Planning Unit (EPU) where, as Principal Assistant Director, he was in charge of the Malaysia Technical Assistance Programme (MTCP) which provides technical assistance to developing countries.

In 2000, Dato' Nik Rahmat joined MITI as the Principal Assistant Director of the Strategic Planning Division. During his 17 years tenure with the MITI, he held various positions including Director of the Strategic Planning Division, Senior Director of the Trade Cooperation and Practices Division, Senior Director of the Sectoral Policy Division and Deputy Secretary General (Industry), a position he held from 2011 until his retirement in January 2018.

Dato' Nik Rahmat also served on the Board of several government agencies, namely Malaysia Productivity Corporation (MPC), East Coast Economic Regional Development Council (ECERDC), Perbadanan Kemajuan Negeri Pahang (PKNP), Majlis Standard dan Akreditasi Malaysia (MSDAM), Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (MOSTI), and was the Chairman of Malaysia Steel Institute (MSI) from 2014 to 2017.

Dato' Nik Rahmat attended all 7 Board Meetings of the Company held during the financial year ended 31 December 2022.

Yap Soo Har

Independent Non-Executive Director

Ms Yap Soo Har, a Malaysian, female, aged 67, was appointed to the Board on 1 December 2015. She is also the Chairman of the Audit Committee, and a member of the Nomination Committee and Remuneration Committee of the Company.

Ms Yap graduated with a Bachelor of Social Science majoring in Political Science from Universiti Sains Malaysia, Penang in 1978. She further obtained a Diploma in Public Administration from the National Institute of Public Administration (INTAN) in 1983 and a Masters in Public Administration cum Certificate in International Tax Program from Harvard University, the United States of America in 2001.

Ms Yap first joined the Malaysian Civil Service in 1979 as an Assistant Director of the Public Complaints Bureau, Prime Minister's Department (JPM). She then joined the Administrative and Diplomatic Service (PTD) in 1984 and served more than 36 years in various other Ministries including the Ministry of Defence, the Ministry of Public Enterprise and the Ministry of Finance until her retirement in October 2015.

During her tenure in the Ministry of Finance from 1991 until 2015, she held various positions including Assistant Director in the Government Agencies and Companies Monitoring Unit, Assistant Secretary and Principal Assistant Secretary in the Revenue and Forecasting Unit, Principal Assistant Secretary in the Direct Tax Unit - Corporate Tax, Deputy Undersecretary in the Policy Division - Incentive Unit and the Services Unit and Deputy Undersecretary in the Policy, Incentives and Sector Division.

Her tenure in the Ministry of Finance provided her with exposure to corporate affairs and performance where, under the Government Agencies and Companies Monitoring Unit, her duty was to monitor and assess performance of Government owned companies, while her 21 years of service with the Tax Division gave her knowledge and experience in areas of forecasting revenue of the Federal Government, formulating national tax policies, planning and implementation of tax incentives as well as processing of applications for various tax incentives from the private sector.

Ms Yap also served on the Board of Lembaga Perindustrian Nanas Malaysia from 2013 to 2015 and Lembaga Air Perak from 2008 to 2012.

Ms Yap attended all 7 Board Meetings of the Company held during the year ended 31 December 2022.

Cheng Hui Ya, Serena

Non-Independent Non-Executive Director

Ms Cheng Hui Ya, Serena, a Malaysian, female, aged 36, was appointed to the Board on 23 November 2017. She is also a member of the Nomination Committee and Remuneration Committee of the Company.

Ms Serena Cheng obtained her Higher Diploma in Multimedia Design and Technology from Hong Kong Polytechnic University in 2010 and thereafter completed her internship with a marketing company in Taiwan.

Upon returning to Malaysia in 2011, she started her career in the property development industry with Sunsuria Development Sdn Bhd, a member of the Sunsuria Group which is now listed on the Main Market of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad, as a Sales & Marketing Executive carrying out sales and marketing including new projects launching, roadshows and fairs. This was followed by a stint in the Projects Department with exposure to and involvement in project planning and construction of the various developments undertaken by the Sunsuria Group.

Ms Cheng joined the Lion Group Property Division in 2013 and is part of the team responsible for property development in Malaysia and Cambodia. Her current portfolio as General Manager - Projects since May 2018 involves dealing with property and construction, and building requirements.

Ms Cheng is also an Executive Director of Lion Posim Berhad, a public listed company which is a subsidiary of the Company, and Hy-Line Berhad.

Ms Cheng is the daughter of Y. Bhg. Tan Sri Cheng Heng Jem who is the Managing Director and a major shareholder of the Company. She is also the cousin of Tan Sri Cheng Yong Kim, a major shareholder of the Company.

Ms Cheng attended all 7 Board Meetings of the Company held during the financial year ended 31 December 2022.

Save as disclosed above, none of the Directors has (i) any interest in shares in the Company or its subsidiaries; (ii) any family relationship with any Director and/or major shareholder of the Company; (iii) any conflict of interests with the Company; and (iv) any conviction for offences within the past 5 years nor any public sanction or penalty imposed by any relevant regulatory bodies during the financial year.

PROFILE OF KEY SENIOR MANAGEMENT

Wong Pak Yii, William

Malaysian, male, 54 years of age

Mr Wong Pak Yii, William was promoted as the Director, Commercial Division (Steel) on 1 October 2020. Prior to his promotion, he had been the General Manager - Marketing since October 2007, responsible for the marketing of the Group's steel bars and wire rods.

Mr William Wong graduated with a Bachelor of Business Administration (Honours) from the Kuala Lumpur Infrastructure University College and obtained his qualification in Corporate Administration from the Malaysian Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators.

Mr Wong first joined the Lion Group in 1999 as an Assistant Manager - Sales (Bar) in the Marketing Department and has more than 25 years of experience in the marketing and distribution of building materials.

Lee Weng Lan

Malaysian, male, 66 years of age

Mr Lee Weng Lan was appointed on 22 September 2016 as the General Manager - Production of Steel Division – Long Products, responsible for the production and maintenance of the plant under Amsteel Mills Sdn Bhd. He was transferred to be in charge of the hot rolled coils under flat steel production of the Steel Division in 2021.

Mr Lee obtained a Diploma in Electrical from Institute Technology Negeri Ipoh in 1978.

Mr Lee first joined the Lion Group in 1980 as an Electronic Technician at the steel mill in Klang. From 1985 to 2012, Mr Lee held various positions within the Steel Division of the Lion Group which included Senior Engineering Executive for the Engineering Department in charge of 3 plants in Amalgamated Containers Berhad and later promoted to Assistant Manager – Press Shop Production in charge of the supply of all materials for container production, and Manager in charge of electrical project for installation and setting-up of the flat steel rolling mill. Mr Lee also participated in the Cold Rolling Mill Complex Project from carrying out feasibility study to plant set-up design.

In 1998, Mr Lee was transferred to be in charge of the Compact Strip Production Rolling Mill mechanical and electrical section in installation, testing and commissioning of the plant. In 2012, he was appointed the General Manager in charge of the Cold Rolling Mill production and co-ordination, and in 2014, the General Manager - Sourcing (Project) in the Group Purchasing Department.

Chong Won Hoong

Malaysian, male, 50 years of age

Mr Chong Won Hoong was appointed on 1 April 2016 as the Senior Manager - Process Improvement of the Steel Division - Long Products, responsible for the process improvement of the plant under Amsteel Mills Sdn Bhd.

Mr Chong obtained a Diploma in Materials Engineering from Tunku Abdul Rahman College in 1997.

Mr Chong first joined the Lion Group in 1997 as a Production Executive - Flat Product at the Steel Making Plant in Banting and assisted in the civil construction and machines installation for the Flat Product Project. In 2000, Mr Chong was appointed the Shift Superintendant and in 2003 promoted to Manager - Production in charge of production, mechanical and electrical of the Steel Making Plant. In 2013, Mr Chong was promoted as the Senior Manager - Production and from 2014 to 2016 was in charge of the Process Department - Flat Product before assuming his current position in the Long Products section.

Young Pey Feei

Malaysian, male, 63 years of age

Mr Young Pey Feei was appointed on 14 May 2012 as the Managing Director for the Property Division responsible for the Lion Group's property development in Malaysia.

Mr Young graduated with a Bachelor of Science (Hons) (Housing, Building and Planning) degree from the University of Science Malaysia and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Malaya.

Mr Young has more than 30 years of experience in property development. Prior to joining the Lion Group, he was the Senior General Manager - Property Development of Talam Corporation Bhd and the General Manager - Property Development of WCT Land Sdn Bhd.

Mr Young is a Director of Hy-Line Berhad and certain companies within the Lion Group which are involved in property development.

Poon Sow Har, Valerie

Malaysian, female, 58 years of age

Ms Poon Sow Har, Valerie was appointed the General Manager for the Lubricants, Petroleum Products and Automotive Products Division on 1 October 2014. She is responsible for managing the Division, including the expansion of the businesses in both the domestic and export markets.

Ms Valerie Poon obtained her professional qualification from the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants in 1984.

Ms Poon joined the Lion Group in 1988 and had served in the Corporate Head Office as well as the Retail, Properties, Motor, Trading and Building Materials Divisions of the Lion Group before assuming her current position.

Cheah Chee Ngen

Malaysian, male, 60 years of age

Mr Cheah Chee Ngen was appointed on 1 August 2018 as the Executive Director responsible for the Building Materials and Steel Products Division.

Mr Cheah obtained his Diploma in Civil Engineering from the Federal Institute of Technology, Kuala Lumpur in 1985.

Mr Cheah started his career as a site supervisor cum clerk of works in Greatwall Construction Sdn Bhd from 1986 to 1988 and later as a credit officer with KCB Finance Berhad (now a part of the Hong Leong Bank Berhad Group). In 1991, he joined Ipmuda Berhad as a Sales Representative and by 1994 he was promoted as the Sales Manager. In September 2000, he assumed the position of General Manager - Sales in charge of the general building material trading in the Central region. From 2008 to 2018, he was a Director - Sales & Marketing of Ipmuda Berhad overseeing the overall sales and marketing of the various products range of the group, new product development as well as creating new agency lines to complement the group's existing wide range of products. His last position held in Ipmuda Berhad before he left was Senior Vice President of Nationwide Sales and Marketing responsible for the overall trading operations of the entire group which included the Central, Northern, Southern regions as well as East Coast and East Malaysia.

Cheong Chee Kheong, Tony

Malaysian, male, 57 years of age

Mr Cheong Chee Kheong, Tony was appointed the General Manager for the Building Materials and Steel Products Division on 1 July 2017. He is in charge of and is responsible for the sales and marketing of the trading operation in the Building Materials and Steel Products Division in Malaysia.

After completing his tertiary education, Mr Tony Cheong first started his sales career marketing paper products. In the span of the 37 years of his career in sales and marketing, he had assumed the position of Sales Promoter, Assistant Manager, Sales Manager, Product Manager and Company Manager promoting various other products including building materials and industrial filtration products locally and to the international market.

Mr Cheong first joined the Posim Group - Building Materials Division in 2002 as a Retail Manager and was promoted to Assistant General Manager in 2012, a position he held until his current appointment as General Manager.

Save as disclosed above, none of the Key Senior Management has (i) any directorship in public companies and listed issuers; (ii) any family relationship with any Director and/or major shareholder of the Company; (iii) any conflict of interests with the Company; and (iv) any conviction for offences within the past 5 years nor any public sanction or penalty imposed by any relevant regulatory bodies during the financial year.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE OVERVIEW STATEMENT

INTRODUCTION

The Board is pleased to present the Corporate Governance (“CG”) Overview Statement of the Company for the financial year ended 31 December 2022. This CG Overview Statement is prepared pursuant to the Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad (“Bursa Securities”) Main Market Listing Requirements (“Listing Requirements”).

The Board has been guided by the Malaysian Code on Corporate Governance (“MCCG”) in its implementation of CG practices by the Company and its subsidiaries to promote a holistic adoption of CG practices and culture within the Group in the best efforts while ensuring compliance with the Listing Requirements and the Companies Act 2016 (“CA 2016”) in addition to monitoring developments in industry practice and other relevant regulations.

The CG Overview Statement provides a summary of the Company’s CG practices during the financial year, with reference to the following 3 principles, intended outcomes and practices of the MCCG, having considered the Company’s structure, processes, business environment and industry practices:

- Board leadership and effectiveness;
- Effective audit and risk management; and
- Integrity in corporate reporting and meaningful relationship with stakeholders.

This CG Overview Statement should be read together with the CG Report, which is available on the Company’s website at www.lion.com.my/lionind. It should also be read in conjunction with other statements in this Annual Report such as the Statement on Risk Management and Internal Control, the Audit Committee Report and the Sustainability Statement.

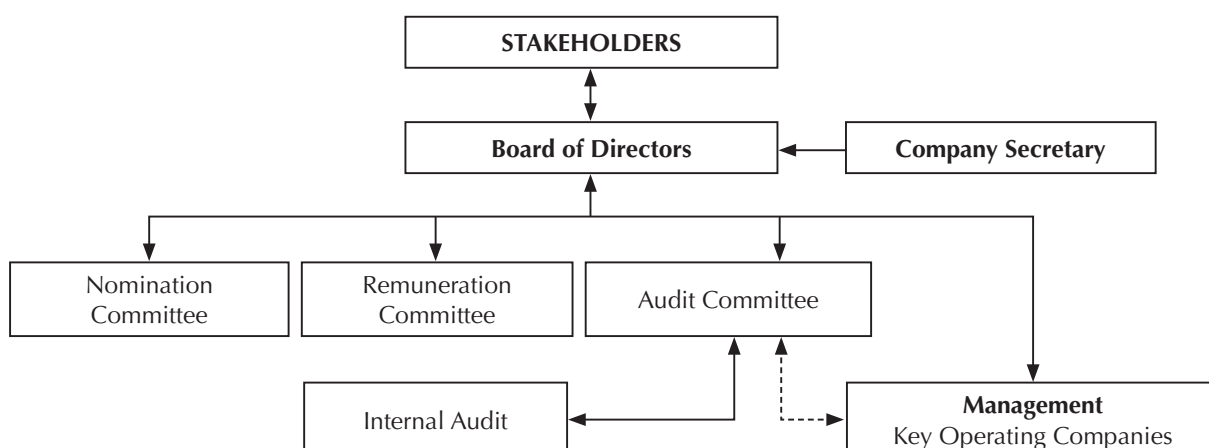
In its deliberation and review of the CG Overview Statement, the Board is satisfied that the practices set out in the MCCG apart from the practices prescribed for Large Companies as defined in the MCCG, in all material respects, have been applied to achieve the intended outcomes for the financial year under review except for the following practices:

- Practice 1.4 : The Chairman of the board should not be a member of the Audit Committee, Nomination Committee or Remuneration Committee.
- Practice 5.3 : The tenure of independent director does not exceed a cumulative term limit of 9 years.
- Practice 5.10 : Company’s policy on gender diversity for the board and senior management.
- Practice 8.2 : Disclosure on a named basis, the remuneration of top 5 senior management.

A detailed explanation of how the Company has applied each CG practice as set out in the MCCG, taking into consideration the specific circumstances affecting the Group, including alternative measures taken to achieve the intended outcomes and the explanation for non-adoption of or departure from the abovementioned practices, are available in the CG Report for the financial year ended 31 December 2022.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE FRAMEWORK

The governance structure of the Company where the responsibilities of the Board are delegated to the relevant Board Committees and the Management of the Company is illustrated below:



BOARD LEADERSHIP AND EFFECTIVENESS

I. BOARD RESPONSIBILITIES

Responsibilities for Leadership and Meeting Objectives and Goals

The Board establishes the vision and strategic objectives of the Group and is entrusted with the responsibility in leading and directing the Group towards achieving its strategic goals, delivering sustainable value and realising long-term shareholders value. The Board is primarily responsible for overseeing the implementation of strategies and plans by the Management, promoting good corporate governance culture and the governance of sustainability within the Group, overseeing the conduct of the Group's businesses, monitoring and evaluating the implementation of appropriate systems and framework to identify, analyse, manage and monitor principal risks, reviewing the adequacy and integrity of the Group's system of internal control, and ensuring effective communications with stakeholders.

The Chairman is primarily responsible in ensuring Board effectiveness and leading the Board in its collective oversight of management whereas the Managing Director ("MD") is responsible for day-to-day management of the Group's businesses and operations including the implementation of business plans, strategies and policies. The distinct and separate roles of the Chairman and MD with clear division of responsibilities are set out in the Company's Board Charter. The positions of Chairman and MD are held by 2 individuals.

The Board acknowledges the requirement of MCCG that the Chairman of the board should not be a member of the Audit Committee, the Nomination Committee or the Remuneration Committee in order to foster greater objectivity in the boardroom. Although the Chairman of the Board is also the Chairman of the Nomination Committee and a member of the Audit Committee, the Board is of the view that with his professional qualifications and sound knowledge in financial reporting and management accounting coupled with the experience he has accumulated over 40 years in various sectors, the Chairman is able to contribute his professional advice to the strategies and operations of the Company in meeting its objectives. As a senior Independent Director, he is able to bring with him the quality of impartiality, maintains his neutrality and continues to be an effective conduit for other independent Directors to voice their concerns in the Company's decision-making.

The Company Secretaries who have the requisite credentials and qualifications are available and provide support to the Board and Board Committees in ensuring that all of their meetings as well as general meetings are properly convened in accordance with applicable rules and procedures and that the records of the proceedings and resolutions are properly maintained. The Company Secretaries also facilitate the communication of decisions made by the Board and Board Committees to the relevant Management for appropriate actions.

The Directors also have access to the Company Secretaries for advice on their duties and obligations under the CA 2016 and updates on corporate governance matters, statutory and regulatory requirements, and other relevant legislations in addition to administrative matters.

The appointment and removal of the Company Secretaries are subject to the approval of the Board.

The Board, as a whole and its members in their individual capacities, have unrestricted access to complete information on a timely basis in the form and quality necessary for the discharge of their duties and responsibilities. Prior to each Board meeting, all Board members are furnished with the relevant documents and sufficient information to enable them to obtain a comprehensive understanding of the matters to be deliberated upon. Senior Management of the Group are also invited to attend Board meetings to provide their professional views, advice and explanation on specific items on the agenda in order for the Board to arrive at an informed decision.

Besides direct interactions with the Management, external independent professional advisers are also made available at the Company's expense to render their independent views and advice to the Board whenever deemed necessary and under appropriate circumstances or at the request of the Board.

The Board meets on a quarterly basis, with additional meetings convened as and when necessary. During the financial year, 7 Board Meetings were held.

Demarcation of Responsibilities between Board, Board Committees, Individual Directors and Management

As part of the corporate governance process, the Board had formalised and adopted the Board Charter which clearly sets out the composition, roles, responsibilities, powers and processes of the Board, and matters reserved for decision of the Board. In facilitating the discharge of duties by the Board, the Board Charter provides for delegation of responsibilities by the Board to Board Committees via approved Terms of Reference of each Board Committee and the reporting obligations by the Board Committees. The Board Charter sets out responsibilities of the Board to ensure effective interactions between the Management and the Board. The Board Charter also serves as reference criteria for the Board in the assessment of its own performance, individual Directors and the Board Committees. Ultimately, the Board Charter reinforces the overall accountability of both the Board and the Management towards the Company and the stakeholders.

The Board Charter is subject to review by the Board at least once in every 3 years or as and when the need arises and in tandem with any new or revision of relevant statutory and regulatory requirements impacting the responsibilities and discharge of duties by the Board. The Company's Board Charter which was last reviewed in November 2022 is available on the Company's website.

In assisting the Board to discharge its oversight functions, the Board delegates certain responsibilities to 3 committees, namely the Audit Committee, the Nomination Committee and the Remuneration Committee. The Terms of Reference which regulate the affairs and conduct of these Committees spell out their composition, responsibilities, authority and duties. The respective Committees report to the Board on matters considered and their recommendations thereon. The Board may also form other committees delegated with specific authority to act on its behalf whenever required. The ultimate responsibility for the final decision on all matters, however, lies with the Board.

The Terms of Reference of the respective Committees are available on the Company's website.

The Board delegates to the MD, the authority and powers of executive management of the Company and its businesses within levels of authority specified from time to time. The MD may delegate aspects of his authority and powers but remains accountable to the Board for the Company's performance and is required to report regularly to the Board on the progress being made by the Company's business units and operations.

Commitment to Good Business Conduct and Healthy Corporate Culture

The Board in discharging its functions has observed the Code of Ethics for Company Directors issued by the Companies Commission of Malaysia ("CCM") which can be viewed from the CCM's website at www.ssm.com.my, the provisions of the CA 2016, and the principles of the MCCG.

The Group has in place, a Code of Business Ethics and Conduct ("CoBEC") which covers the ethical values and principles of the Group and provides guidance on acceptable behaviour to all Directors and employees of the Group in operating and managing the Group's businesses and affairs. The CoBEC is further supported by other policies which include the Whistleblower Policy, Anti-Bribery and Corruption Policy ("ABC Policy"), Competition Policy, Sexual Harassment Policy, Sustainability Policy and Framework, Procurement Framework, Integrity and Fraud Risk Policy, and Personal Data Protection Framework of the Group.

The ABC Policy reflects the Group's stand of zero tolerance against all forms of bribery and corruption, and its commitment to lawful and ethical conduct at all times. The ABC Policy further elaborates on the Group's core principles set out in the CoBEC and the Employee Code of Conduct, providing information and guidance to all directors, employees and other stakeholders of the Group concerning how to deal with improper solicitation, bribery and other corrupt activities and issues that may arise in the course of business.

The key policies are available on the Company's website under the section "Governance".

Commitment to Address Sustainability Risks and Opportunities in an Integrated and Strategic Manner

The Board shoulders the responsibility of driving economic growth by empowering businesses, and serving in the best interests of the employees, customers, suppliers, community and society at large, while continuously committed to understanding and implementing sustainable practices to achieve the right balance between the objectives of the Shareholders, attaining economic success, protecting the environment and fulfilling ethical obligations to other stakeholders and the wider community (in which the Group has a presence).

Full details of the Group's commitment to sustainability in the aspects of Economic, Environment and Social ("EES") are found in the Sustainability Statement on pages 50 to 56 of this Annual Report.

II. BOARD COMPOSITION

Objectivity in Board Decision-Making

The objectivity in decision-making by the Board is driven by its composition, role of independent non-executive directors and competencies of its members. Currently, the Board comprises 5 Directors, 4 of whom are non-executive. Represented on the Board are 3 independent non-executive Directors, effectively constituting more than half of the Board and whose presence and participation provide independent advice, views and judgement to bear on the decision-making process of the Group in ensuring that a balanced and unbiased deliberation process is in place to safeguard the interests of all stakeholders. As and when a potential conflict of interest arises, it is mandatory practice for the Directors concerned to declare their interests and abstain from the decision-making process.

In accordance with the Company's Constitution, 1/3 of the Directors shall retire from office at every annual general meeting and all Directors shall retire from office at least once in every 3 years. Retiring Directors can offer themselves for re-election. Directors who are appointed by the Board during the financial year are subject to re-election by the Shareholders at the next annual general meeting following their appointment.

The MCCG provides that the tenure of an independent Director shall not exceed a cumulative period of 9 years. Upon completion of the 9 years, an independent Director may continue to serve on the Board as a non-independent Director. In the event such Director is to be retained as an independent Director beyond 9 years, the Board must provide justification and obtain Shareholders' approval through a two-tier voting process.

The Nomination Committee is responsible for recommending to the Board the re-election of Directors and the retention of the independent Directors whose tenure of service will exceed 9 years or has exceeded 9 years. Further, the Board, assisted by the Nomination Committee, assesses the independence of the independent Directors and tenure of each Director on an annual basis. In addition, the independent Directors affirm their independence annually to the Board.

Y. M. Datuk Seri Utama Raja Nong Chik bin Dato' Raja Zainal Abidin has served on the Board as an independent non-executive Director for more than 9 years and will be re-designated a non-independent non-executive Director upon the conclusion of the 92nd Annual General Meeting of the Company ("92nd AGM") in line with the recommendation of the MCCG. The Nomination Committee had assessed the independence of Y. M. Datuk Seri Utama Raja Nong Chik and had recommended the Board to seek Shareholders' approval at the 92nd AGM to retain him as an independent non-executive Director with consideration that he possesses the attributes necessary in discharging his role and functions as an independent non-executive Director of the Company. The Board had concurred with the Nomination Committee's assessment and had recommended the resolution on the retention of Y. M. Datuk Seri Utama Raja Nong Chik as an independent non-executive Director of the Company, to be tabled at the 92nd AGM by way of a single-tier voting process.

In optimising the collective leadership by the Board in providing clear direction and opportunities for the Group, the Board, in its appointments and composition, pays due recognition to the mix of competencies, expected contributions and diversity representation of the Board. The Board, from time to time, undertakes a review of the merit of the appointment criteria in the context of the Group's businesses and strategies for appropriateness.

The Nomination Committee is responsible for identifying, evaluating and nominating suitable candidates to be appointed to the Board and Board Committees.

As an enhancement to its process of sourcing suitable candidates for the Board, the Nomination Committee may also consider procuring suitable candidates from independent sources, when appropriate and practicable.

In assessing and recommending to the Board suitable candidature of Directors, the Nomination Committee shall consider the broad Fit and Proper, and Independence Criteria as set out in the Directors' Fit and Proper Policy and the following:

- Competencies – qualifications, knowledge including financial literacy, industrial experience and expertise, seniority and past achievements;
- Expected contributions – appointment scope, role, commitment level, professionalism and integrity; and
- Diversity representation – appropriateness and the fulfilment of the Board's desired mix of competencies, age, gender and cultural background.

While recognising the importance of providing fair and equal opportunities for appointment of Board and Senior Management, the Board is supportive of the Government's target of having at least 30% women participation on boards of public listed companies in Malaysia and has applied the recommendation of the MCCG. The Board currently has 2 women Directors.

The process and criteria to identify and nominate candidates for appointment as a Director, re-election of existing Directors, and retention of independent Directors are set out in the Board Charter.

A brief description of each Director's background is presented in the respective profile under Directors' Profile on pages 7 to 9 of this Annual Report.

The Nomination Committee comprises 3 members, all of whom are non-executive Directors with a majority of them being independent Directors. The Nomination Committee is chaired by an independent Director. The composition and the Terms of Reference of the Nomination Committee are presented on page 37 of this Annual Report and are available on the Company's website for reference.

Effectiveness of the Board and Individual Directors

The Nomination Committee assesses and evaluates on an annual basis the performance and the effectiveness of the Board as a whole, the Board Committees, the independence of the independent Directors as well as the contribution of each individual Directors and Audit Committee members based on the criteria set out by the Board and in accordance with the respective Board Committee's Terms of Reference.

In the evaluation of the performance of the Board for the financial year, the Directors were also assessed on their commitment in ensuring that EES risks and opportunities as well as stakeholders engagement were considered in the organisation's vision and strategy and that the organisation's sustainability initiatives were communicated to its internal and external stakeholders.

The assessment criteria for review of performance and effectiveness of the Board, Board Committees and individual Directors are set out in the Board Charter.

Time Commitment

A Director shall notify the Chairman of the Board of his/her acceptance of any new directorship in public listed companies. In any event, the maximum number of appointments in public listed companies shall be limited to 5 or any other number as set out in the Listing Requirements.

The notification shall include an assurance of his/her continued time commitment to serve the existing Board and that his/her other appointments shall not be in conflict or compete with the existing appointment with the Company.

Directors' Training

The Board is mindful of the need for continuous training to keep abreast of matters affecting the changing business environment within which the Group operates and is encouraged to attend training programmes/forums/seminars and external programmes facilitated by external professionals in accordance with their respective needs in discharging their duties and roles as Directors pertaining to the laws and regulations which may affect the Group. The Board will continue to evaluate and determine training needs of each Director to enhance Directors' skills and knowledge including financial literacy and sustainability matters. The Company Secretary keeps a complete record of the trainings attended by the Directors.

All Directors had attended the Mandatory Accreditation Programme as required by Bursa Securities.

The Directors are kept up-to-date with market developments and related issues through Board discussion meetings with Management. In addition, the Company may arrange site visits for the Directors, whenever necessary, to enhance their understanding of the Group's businesses and have a better awareness of the risks associated with the Group's operations.

Newly appointed Directors are required to attend a familiarisation programme. This includes meeting key senior management to be briefed on the core businesses and operations of the Group. It also serves as a platform to establish effective channel of communication and interaction with Management.

During the financial year, the Directors had attended the following webinars, workshops, self-learning and other training programmes ("Programmes") on topics in relation to board leadership; corporate governance; business opportunities, investment and prospects in various industries and countries; risk management and internal controls; economic; statutory and regulatory updates and requirements; financial and accounting knowledge and updates; sustainability covering community, environment, marketplace and workplace; and fraud and cyber security risks:

| Name of Directors | Programme |
|--|---|
| Datuk Seri Utama Raja Nong Chik bin Dato' Raja Zainal Abidin | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bursa Malaysia in partnership with Halal Development Corporation and Securities Commission Malaysia – Invest Shariah Industry Dialogue 2022 (ISID 2022): Series 1 - Empowering the Halal Industry in the Islamic Capital Market • Federation of Public Listed Companies Bhd (FPLC) & PKF Malaysia – Malaysian Code on Corporate Governance 2021 Training Workshop • Securities Commission Malaysia's Audit Oversight Board Conversation with Audit Committees – How the Audit Committees and Auditors can work together towards reliable audited financial statements |
| Tan Sri Cheng Heng Jem | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Federation of Public Listed Companies Bhd (FPLC) & PKF Malaysia – Malaysian Code on Corporate Governance 2021 Training Workshop |
| Dato' Nik Rahmat bin Nik Taib | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lion Group In-House Self-Learning Training – Cyber Security Awareness • Bursa Malaysia – Advocacy Session for Directors and Senior Management of Main Market Listed Issuers • Securities Commission Malaysia's Audit Oversight Board Conversation with Audit Committees – How the Audit Committees and Auditors can work together towards reliable audited financial statements |

| Name of Directors | Programme |
|----------------------|---|
| Yap Soo Har | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lion Group In-House Self-Learning Training – Cyber Security Awareness • United Nations Sustainable Stock Exchanges Initiative, International Finance Corporation and Carbon Disclosure Project Worldwide in collaboration with Bursa Malaysia – Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (“TCFD”) Climate Disclosure Training Programme (TCFD 101): Getting started with climate-related financial reporting • Bursa Malaysia in partnership with Halal Development Corporation and Securities Commission Malaysia – Invest Shariah Industry Dialogue 2022 (ISID 2022): Series 1 - Empowering the Halal Industry in the Islamic Capital Market • Federation of Public Listed Companies Bhd (FPLC) & PKF Malaysia – Malaysian Code on Corporate Governance 2021 Training Workshop • Bursa Malaysia – CG Advocacy Programme entitled Bursa Malaysia Immersive Experience: The Board “Agender” • Securities Commission Malaysia’s Audit Oversight Board Conversation with Audit Committees – How the Audit Committees and Auditors can work together towards reliable audited financial statements |
| Cheng Hui Ya, Serena | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lion Group In-House Self-Learning Training – Cyber Security Awareness • Bursa Malaysia in partnership with Halal Development Corporation and Securities Commission Malaysia – Invest Shariah Industry Dialogue 2022 (ISID 2022): Series 1 - Empowering the Halal Industry in the Islamic Capital Market • Real Estate and Housing Developers’ Association Malaysia (“REHDA”) Institute – Industrial Park Development Masterclass and Study Tour • REHDA Institute – Industrial Park Development VIP Study Tour (Penang) • REHDA (Kuala Lumpur), Malaysian Institute of Planners and Malaysian Institute of Architects – International Conference on World Class Sustainable Cities (WCSC) 2022 |

The Directors are also updated and apprised on a continuing basis by the Company Secretaries on new and/or revised regulatory and statutory requirements (“Continuing Updates”).

The Board, after having undertaken an assessment, viewed that the Directors, having attended the Programmes as well as having been updated with market developments and related issues, and apprised with the Continuing Updates, had adequately met the training needs of each of the Directors towards enhancing their skills and knowledge in discharging their duties and roles as a Director.

III. REMUNERATION

Level and Composition of Remuneration that Attract and Retain Talents

The Company has a formal remuneration policy for the Board of Directors and Senior Management respectively to ensure that it attracts, retains and motivates experienced, well qualified and high calibre Directors and Senior Management to manage the Company’s and the Group’s businesses and operations effectively. Directors do not participate in decisions regarding their own remuneration. The Board continues to apply the criteria set for determining the remuneration packages of executive Directors whilst the recommendation made by the Board on the non-executive Directors’ fees for approval by Shareholders at the Company’s annual general meeting was reflective of the market competitiveness and responsibilities undertaken by the Directors.

The Board delegates the oversight of the remuneration of the MD to the Remuneration Committee. The composition and the Terms of Reference of the Remuneration Committee are presented on page 39 of this Annual Report and are available on the Company’s website.

Remuneration Factoring in Individual and Company's Performance

Details of the remuneration paid or payable to all Directors of the Company for the financial year ended 31 December 2022 are as follows:

The Group

| | Fees RM'000 | Meeting Allowance RM'000 | Salaries & Bonuses ⁽¹⁾ RM'000 | Benefits- In-kind RM'000 | Total RM'000 |
|---|----------------|--------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| Executive Directors | | | | | |
| Tan Sri Cheng Heng Jem ⁽²⁾ | 36 | 6 | 1,438 | 95 | 1,575 |
| Tan Sri Cheng Yong Kim ⁽³⁾ | 14 | 3 | 728 | 56 | 801 |
| Non-executive Directors | | | | | |
| Datuk Seri Utama Raja Nong Chik bin Dato' Raja Zainal Abidin | 85 | 16 | – | – | 101 |
| Dato' Nik Rahmat bin Nik Taib | 55 | 14 | – | – | 69 |
| Yap Soo Har | 60 | 17 | – | – | 77 |
| Cheng Hui Ya, Serena | 55 | 16 | 108 | 31 | 210 |
| | <u>305</u> | <u>72</u> | <u>2,274</u> | <u>182</u> | <u>2,833</u> |

The Company

| | Fees RM'000 | Meeting Allowance RM'000 | Salaries & Bonuses ⁽¹⁾ RM'000 | Benefits- In-kind RM'000 | Total RM'000 |
|---|----------------|--------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| Executive Directors | | | | | |
| Tan Sri Cheng Heng Jem ⁽²⁾ | 21 | 4 | 575 | – | 600 |
| Tan Sri Cheng Yong Kim ⁽³⁾ | 14 | 3 | 728 | 56 | 801 |
| Non-executive Directors | | | | | |
| Datuk Seri Utama Raja Nong Chik bin Dato' Raja Zainal Abidin | 85 | 16 | – | – | 101 |
| Dato' Nik Rahmat bin Nik Taib | 55 | 14 | – | – | 69 |
| Yap Soo Har | 60 | 17 | – | – | 77 |
| Cheng Hui Ya, Serena | 35 | 11 | – | – | 46 |
| | <u>270</u> | <u>65</u> | <u>1,303</u> | <u>56</u> | <u>1,694</u> |

Notes:

- (1) The salaries are inclusive of employer's provident fund.
- (2) Appointed on 26 May 2022.
- (3) Retired on 26 May 2022.

EFFECTIVE AUDIT AND RISK MANAGEMENT

I. AUDIT COMMITTEE

Effective and Independent Audit Committee

The Board affirms its responsibility for the presentation of a balanced and clear assessment of the Group's position, financial performance and future prospects to the Company's stakeholders through the annual financial statements, quarterly financial reports and corporate announcements which are in accordance with the Listing Requirements.

The Audit Committee supports the Board in its responsibility to oversee the financial reporting and the effectiveness of the internal controls of the Group. The Board discusses and reviews the recommendations proposed by the Audit Committee prior to the adoption of the quarterly financial results and the annual audited financial statements of the Group and of the Company, including timely and quality disclosure through appropriate corporate disclosure policies and procedures adopted.

The Audit Committee comprises 3 members, all of whom are independent Directors and financially literate. The Chairman of the Audit Committee is elected among the members of the Committee who is not the Chairman of the Board. The Terms of Reference and the main works undertaken by the Audit Committee for the financial year under review are set out in the Audit Committee Report on pages 31 to 36 of this Annual Report.

The Board has established a formal and transparent relationship with the External Auditors through the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee evaluates the performance and assesses the suitability, objectivity and independence of the External Auditors taking into consideration information presented in the External Auditors' Annual Transparency Report and based on the policies and procedures which are in place. The Audit Committee also recommends the re-appointment of the External Auditors and their remuneration to the Board. The re-appointment of the External Auditors is subject to the approval of Shareholders at the annual general meeting whilst their remuneration is determined by the Board.

II. RISK MANAGEMENT AND INTERNAL CONTROL FRAMEWORK

Informed Decisions on Level of Risks and Implementation of Controls in Pursuit of Objectives

The Board has the oversight responsibility of the adequacy and effectiveness of the Group's system of internal control which comprises the governance, risks and controls aspects. The Board believes that effective maintenance of the system is important to help the Group to achieve its various objectives at many levels and having considered the risks that the Group faces whilst balancing out the interests of its many stakeholders and protecting the Group's assets and investments.

The Board fulfils its oversight function of risk management and internal control system via the Audit Committee. An approved Enterprise Risk Management ("ERM") Framework which was developed based on ISO31000 is in place and provides guidance to both the Board and Management on the risk management reporting structure and governance, processes, assessment methodologies and tools. The Management of key operating companies adopt and apply the prescribed methodologies to identify, evaluate, treat, control, track and report the Strategic, Business, Financial and Operational Risks based on the risk appetite set. In addition to the ERM Framework, the Group has in place an approved Compliance Framework which defines the roles and responsibilities to manage compliance risks via the establishment of internal policies, procedures and related framework. It dictates the spheres of compliance governance and promotes effective compliance mechanism in accordance with applicable laws, regulations, rulings, directives and guidelines.

The Internal Audit Function assesses and reports the adequacy and effectiveness of the Group's governance, risk management and internal control system using the Committee of Sponsoring Organisations of the Treadway Commission (COSO) Internal Control – Integrated Framework and provide confirmation of the effectiveness of internal control and risk assessment process by the respective Heads of Key Operating Companies (“KOC”) and Heads of accounts and finance of the KOC (on financial related matters) with the signing-off of the Risk Management and Internal Control – Self-Assessment Questionnaire (RMIC-SAQ) on an annual basis.

An overview of the Board's responsibility, the state and descriptions of the key components of the Group's system of internal control which include the conduct of reviews by the Internal Audit Function, risk management and compliance management are set out in the Statement on Risk Management and Internal Control on pages 23 to 30 of this Annual Report.

Effectiveness of Governance, Risk Management and Internal Control System

The Board has established an Internal Audit Function within the Group to provide assurance on the effectiveness of risk, control, anti-corruption, whistleblowing and governance processes. Oversight of the Internal Audit Function is delegated to the Audit Committee to ensure that there are sufficient resources and internal audits are carried out objectively, effectively and independently. The Internal Audit Function is led by the Group Chief Internal Auditor who reports directly to the Audit Committee. The Internal Auditors attend all meetings of the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee's review of the scope of work, budget, reports by the Internal Audit Function and the detailed description of the Internal Audit Function are provided in the Audit Committee Report on pages 35 and 36 of this Annual Report.

The Internal Audit Function discharges its duties in accordance with internationally recognised framework and guidelines as described on pages 25 and 26 in the Statement on Risk Management and Internal Control and pages 35 and 36 in the Audit Committee Report of this Annual Report.

INTEGRITY IN CORPORATE REPORTING AND MEANINGFUL RELATIONSHIP WITH STAKEHOLDERS

I. COMMUNICATION WITH STAKEHOLDERS

Continuous Communication between the Company and Stakeholders to Facilitate Mutual Understanding of Objectives and Expectations

The Board acknowledges the importance of timely and equal dissemination of material information to the Shareholders, investors and public at large. The Board ensures its adherence to and compliance with the disclosure requirements of the Listing Requirements as well as the Corporate Disclosure Guide issued by Bursa Malaysia Berhad.

The Company's Shareholders and members of the public may gain access to any latest corporate information of the Company on its website at www.lion.com.my/lionind which is linked to the announcements published on the website of Bursa Securities at www.bursamalaysia.com. The Company's website also provides easy access to the Company's Board Charter, Terms of Reference of Board Committees, key policies and annual reports.

The Group also values dialogues with institutional investors, fund managers and analysts. The Group has been practising open discussions with investors/fund managers/analysts upon request through meetings, teleconferencing and emails. In this regard, information is disseminated with strict adherence to the disclosure requirements of Bursa Securities.

The Board has identified the Company Secretaries to whom concerns may be conveyed and who would bring the same to the attention of the MD.

II. CONDUCT OF GENERAL MEETINGS

Participation by Shareholders and Informed Voting Decisions

The Board has oversight over the implementation and maintenance of the required effective communications and engagements with Shareholders.

The annual general meetings and other meetings of Shareholders are the principal forum for dialogue with Shareholders. The Company has leveraged technology to facilitate remote participation at general meetings and remote voting by Shareholders. The Remote Participation and Voting facilities provided by a third party Poll Administrator also allow Shareholders to pose questions regarding the proposed resolutions at the said meetings as well as on matters relating to the Group's financial and non-financial performance, long-term strategies, businesses and affairs. The Shareholders may also pose questions prior to the meetings via email. The Chairman, the Board members, Senior Management as well as the External Auditors are in attendance at the meetings to respond to Shareholders' queries. The Chairman ensures that meaningful responses are provided to relevant questions posed by the Shareholders. Minutes of the general meetings of the Company are made available on the Company's website within 30 business days after the meetings.

STATEMENT ON RISK MANAGEMENT AND INTERNAL CONTROL

The Board of Directors (“Board”) acknowledges the importance of maintaining a sound system of internal control to safeguard the interests of stakeholders (including shareholders’ investments) and the Group’s assets. The Board is pleased to present the Statement on Risk Management and Internal Control of the Group covering key subsidiaries, which outlines the nature and scope of its internal control and risk management during the financial year under review.

Board Responsibility

The Board affirms its overall responsibility for the Group’s internal control system and for reviewing the adequacy and effectiveness of this system which covers governance, enterprise risk management, financial, strategy, organisational, operational, regulatory and compliance controls. However, in view of the inherent limitations in any system, such systems of internal control can only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance against material misstatements, frauds or losses and unforeseen emerging risks.

The Board delegates the oversight of internal control and risk management to the Audit Committee (“AC”). The AC deliberated at its meetings, the adequacy and effectiveness of internal controls based on the findings and outcomes of the audits which were conducted and reported by the Group Internal Audit (“GIA”) during the financial year. The reports by the GIA described the issues discovered during the audits and actions taken by Management in addressing them. The Chairman of the AC thereafter briefed the Board members on the proceedings of the AC meetings including highlighting any material matters on internal control or risk management that warranted the Board’s attention. Minutes of the AC meetings which recorded these deliberations were also presented to the Board for notation.

Key Components of Internal Control System

The Group’s key components of internal control system are as follows:

1. Integrity and Ethical Values

- A Code of Business Ethics and Conduct (“CoBEC”) which sets out the principles to guide employees’ conduct to the highest standards of personal and corporate integrity. The CoBEC covers areas such as conflict of interest, use of company assets, confidentiality of proprietary information, acceptance of gifts and business courtesies, prohibition of kickbacks as well as provisions which cover personal data protection, competition, anti-money laundering and anti-terrorism financing.
- A groupwide integrity framework which accentuates the Group’s commitment to uphold integrity in all manner of conduct by its employees at all times in their interaction with various stakeholders, both internal and external. This framework includes Integrity and Fraud Risk Policy which interphases with many of the existing policies adopted within the Group and also addresses fraud reporting and investigation.
- An Anti-Bribery and Corruption Policy (“ABC Policy”) which reflects the Group’s stand of zero tolerance against all forms of bribery, fraud and corruption, and its commitment to lawful and ethical conduct at all times. The ABC Policy elaborates on the Group’s core principles set out in the CoBEC and the Employee Code of Conduct, providing information and guidance to all directors, employees and other stakeholders of the Group concerning how to deal with improper solicitation, bribery and other corrupt activities and issues that may arise in the course of business.
- Annual e-declarations on Conflict of Interest and acknowledgement on the understanding and compliance with the ABC Policy among executive employees being part of the Group’s effort in creating awareness and ensuring that the employees understand, observe and uphold high integrity and ethical values in all their business dealings.

- Pursuant to Section 17A of the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (“MACC”) Act 2009 which imposes corporate liability on companies for the corrupt practices of its employees and/or any person associated with the companies in cases where such corrupt practices are carried out for the companies’ benefit or advantage, the Group had conducted a series of trainings and workshops to brief employees on the adequate procedures (as per guidelines issued under MACC Act 2009) that had been put in place and to equip them with the required understanding of their duties, responsibilities and obligations under this section. The Board and the Management will continue to strengthen the adequate procedures to prevent acts of corruption related to the organisation.

The CoBEC and the ABC Policy are published on the Company’s website at www.lion.com.my/lionind.

2. Authority and Responsibility

- The Board establishes the vision and strategic objectives of the Group and is entrusted with the responsibility in leading and directing the Group toward achieving its strategic goals and realising long-term shareholders’ value. The Group’s business strategic directions are also reflected in the respective key operating companies’ (“KOCs”) Corporate Performance Scorecard (“CPS”) which are reviewed half-yearly. The Board retains full and effective control of the Group’s strategic plans, overseeing the conduct of the Group’s businesses, setting policies, implementing, reviewing and maintaining an appropriate system of risk, control and compliance management and ensuring the adequacy and integrity of the Group’s system of internal control. The Board is also responsible for ensuring financial integrity, setting the Group’s risk appetite, reviewing and approving material transactions, related party transactions, capital financing and succession planning, and overseeing the implementation of stakeholder communication.
- The Board delegates to the Managing Director (“MD”), the authority and powers of executive management of the Company and its businesses within levels of authority specified from time to time. The MD may delegate aspects of his authority and powers but remains accountable to the Board for the Company’s performance is required to report regularly to the Board on the progress being made by the Company’s business units and operations. Delegation of responsibilities and accountability by the MD further down the structure of the Group is communicated and formalised via respective operational structure and organisational chart as well as the authority matrix.
- Board Committees which are guided by respective Terms of Reference were set up to fulfil certain responsibilities delegated by the Board. These Committees assist the Board in promoting governance and accountability as well as overseeing internal controls, Board effectiveness, and nomination and remuneration of Directors and key positions:
 - Audit Committee
 - Nomination Committee
 - Remuneration Committee
- The Management of each operating company is responsible and accountable to the Senior Management, MD, and the Board for implementing the frameworks, policies and procedures on risk and internal control as approved or directed by the Board.

3. Organisation Structure

- An operational structure and organisational chart which defines the lines of responsibility and delegation of authority together with a hierarchical structure of reporting and accountability.
- The authority matrix outlines the decision areas and the persons empowered to requisite, authorise, and approve the expenditure/commitment. Delegated authority carries with it the obligation to exercise sound judgement, good business sense and accountability.

4. Frameworks, Policies and Procedures

- A set of Group level internal policies and procedures which is maintained centrally and accessible to employees via the intranet. The policies and procedures at both Group level and business or operational level are regularly reviewed for updates to resolve operational deficiencies and to meet new compliance requirements. Enhancement efforts to streamline local policies, guidelines or procedures at business or operational level to key Group Policies and Procedures are continuing.
- A Group Procurement Framework which provides a fairly standardised, uniform and consistent set of controls by promoting accountability, ownership and transparency. This increases the ability of the Group to develop a pool of reliable and competent vendors through proper governance, selection of appropriate procurement methods and vendor management.
- A Group Personal Data Protection Framework which provides guidelines on implementation of controls in business and operations processes in meeting the requirements of data protection principles of Personal Data Protection Act 2010.
- Other key policies such as Competition Policy and Sexual Harassment Policy which complement the Group's CoBEC and ABC Policy. These policies direct the employees to behave ethically and professionally in ensuring compliance with relevant laws and creation of a conducive working environment.
- A Group Sustainability Framework which provides the roadmap to enhance governance and the management of the material Economic, Environmental and Social risks and opportunities as well as stakeholders engagement. It features the four pillars of Sustainability: Environment, Workplace, Community and Marketplace.

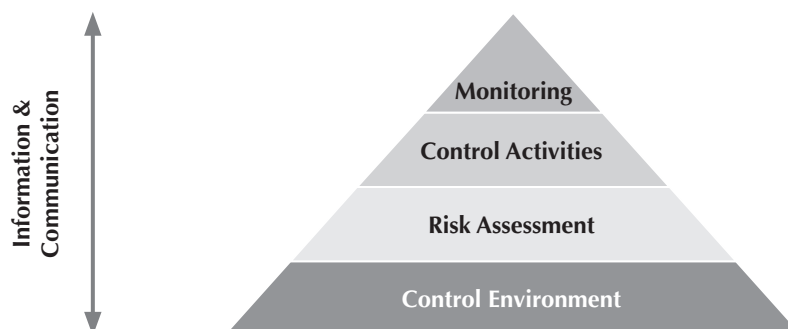
5. Planning, Monitoring and Reporting

- An annual exercise involving all business units to prepare a comprehensive budget and business plan which includes development of business strategies and the establishment of key performance indicators against which the overall performance of the companies within the Group can be measured and evaluated.
- Review of key business variables and the monitoring of the achievements of the Group's performance on a quarterly basis by the Board and the AC.

6. Internal Audit

- Internal Audit Charter that is approved by the AC articulates the purpose, responsibility and authority of the GIA function as well as the nature of assurance activities provided by the function.
- Annual Audit Plan that is approved by the AC provides a basis for audit engagements which also considers feedback from the Management. The GIA adopts a risk based audit approach, assesses the selected areas under the audit scope with regard to risk exposures, compliance towards the approved policies and procedures and relevant laws and regulations and where appropriate, benchmarks against best practices in respective industries.
- Review of business processes and system of internal control and risk management by the GIA which submits its reports to the AC on a quarterly basis. The GIA also established follow-up reviews to monitor and to ensure that the recommendations of internal audit are effectively implemented.
- Confirmation of the effectiveness of internal control and risk assessment process by the respective Heads of KOC and Heads of accounts and finance of the KOC (on financial related matters) with the signing off of the Risk Management and Internal Control – Self-Assessment Questionnaire (RMIC-SAQ) on an annual basis.

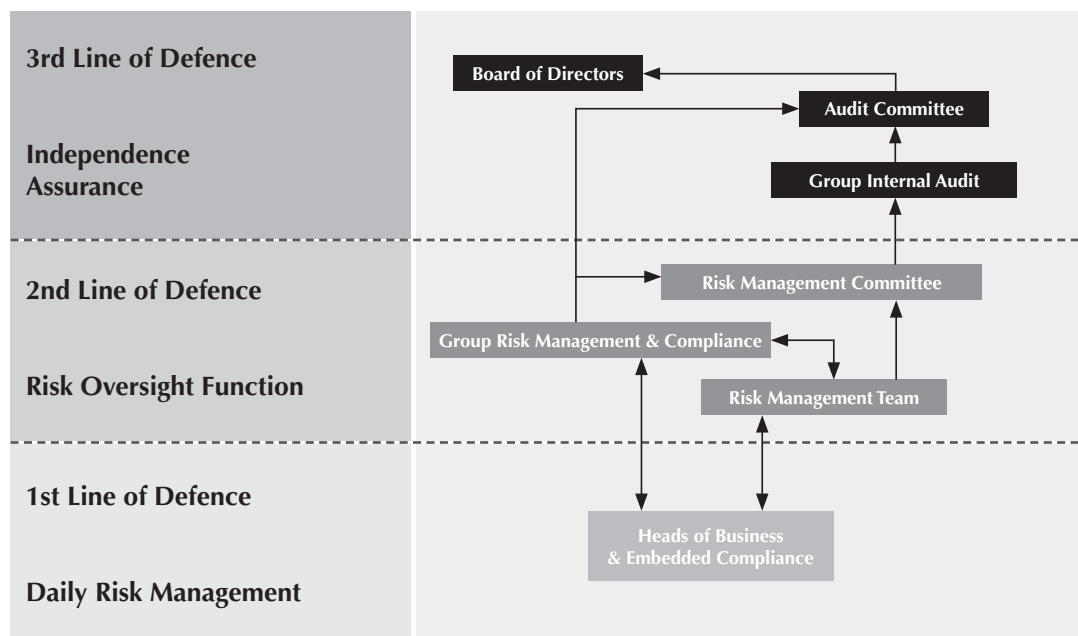
- The GIA assesses and reports the adequacy and effectiveness of the Group's governance, risk management and internal control system using the Committee of Sponsoring Organisations of the Treadway Commission (COSO) Internal Control – Integrated Framework. The following 5 inter-related COSO components are considered during the assessment:



7. Risk Management

- The Group has in place a risk management framework, Enterprise Risk Management (“ERM”) Framework that is modelled after the widely adopted standard ISO31000 Risk Management – Principles and Guidelines to guide the implementation of a consistent risk management practice across the Group by both the Board and the Management. It recognises that risks are inherent in businesses and views them within the context of risk as an opportunity, uncertainty or hazard.
- The ERM Framework provides guidelines on risk governance, risk management process, risk reporting and generic tools to be used by the Group. The design of the risk governance structure therein is premised on 3 lines of defence concept with clear functional responsibilities and accountabilities for the management of risk:
 - The first line of defence under the framework is found at the KOCs level where the Head of each KOC assumes the overall accountability for the respective KOCs’ risk management implementation. Each KOC’s Heads of department would provide support to the Head of KOC and supervision of risk management practices in key processes under their respective areas of responsibilities. The Heads of KOC, in their half-yearly updates and reporting of respective CPS and Corporate Risk Scorecard (“CRS”), provided confirmation that the risk management process with regard to identification of material issues together with relevant controls and management actions have been adequately complied with.
 - The second line of defence provides oversight function via the establishment and roles vested in the KOC’s Risk Management Team (“RMT”) and Risk Management Committee (“RMC”) both of which are supported by the Group Risk Management and Compliance (“GRC”) department. The RMTs establish their strategy roadmap for every financial year via the CPS and identified, analysed and reported risks to the RMC and AC via the CRS. The GRC provides the reporting templates, updated tools, maintenance of Q-Radar system and facilitation or review of KOC’s scorecards development or updates with KOCs’ risk representatives. The RMC receives and reviews the scorecards reports from KOCs together with the AC.
 - The third line of defence is realised through the provision of objective and independent challenge by GIA with regard to the level of assurance as provided by business operations and oversight functions. The Board, through the deliberations and recommendations of the AC, sets the overall risk appetite for the Group.

- The risk management organisational structure adopted by the Group is illustrated as follows:



- The Group employs a Risk Universe Listing to facilitate identification of risk across 4 risk themes which are Strategic, Business, Financial and Operational as shown in the illustration below:



- Most KOCs of the Group have set risk tolerance ranges, either qualitative or semi-quantitative, for selected result areas via a self-defined risk impact severity table. Such table is referred to together with a risk matrix which provides measurement scales on possibility of risk occurrence and impact. The use of these tools facilitates the measurement of each risk analysed and evaluated at 3 different levels; Inherent, Nett and Target, thereby enabling the RMTs to focus more on the management of high risk areas in line with their risk tolerance.

8. Compliance Management

- Half-yearly Compliance Risk Self-Assessment (CRSA) exercises with mitigations identified to address breaches or material non-compliances.
- Joint review of existing operational practices and selected policies or procedures for possible and appropriate control enhancements. Such exercises may result in revisions of relevant policies or procedures, new policies or procedures, introduction of control tools such as standard templates/forms and even development of special purpose automated processes.

- A compliance programme reviewed by the AC on an annual basis addressing key compliance areas of statutory and regulatory requirements, codes and internal ethics/standards/policies and procedures. The results and status of the compliance programme were reported by the Compliance Function on a half-yearly basis to the Compliance Committee to monitor and address ongoing changes and implementations in the legislative and regulatory requirements affecting the Group.

9. Safety, Health and Environment Management

- LICB Group has a Safety, Health and Environment (“SHE”) Management System which is an integrated approach where all the 3 SHE factors are effectively managed to protect the safety and health of employees and the public as well as the environment from hazards associated with the workplace.
- Workplace safety and health involves implementing procedures for identifying workplace hazards and reducing accidents and exposure to harmful situations and substances. It also includes training personnel in accident prevention, accident response, emergency preparedness, and use of protective clothing and equipment.
- The environmental aspect involves complying with environmental regulations, such as managing waste or air emissions and reducing the company’s carbon footprint.
- Under SHE, the Group’s steel manufacturing operations have a Work Scope Control Procedure detailing all the Standard Operating Procedures (“SOPs”) for each and every identified task deemed as hazardous or potentially hazardous. It also includes an Emergency Management Plan to minimize the impact of any emergency event on employees, the community, and the environment by responding immediately and efficiently to protect lives and assets, and to ensure disaster recovery and business continuity.
- Regulatory requirements such as the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA) play an important role in SHE management and require the company to implement and comply with all the necessary measures.
- With the ongoing challenges posed by COVID-19, the Group continues to ensure a safe and healthy workplace for all employees, on top of business continuity concerns. Workplace health and safety procedures and the SOPs from the National Security Council on preventive measures to reduce the chances of infection during an outbreak are in place and communicated to employees and business associates.
- At the Group level, there is an Issues Management and Communication Policy and process is established under the Corporate Communications Function to guide the handling of communications, internal and external, in the event of any issue/crisis/disaster.

10. Information and Communication Technology/Management Information System

- A quarterly IT Steering Committee meeting is held where all IT Managers from various operating companies meet. It is a platform which enables collaboration among the operating companies, sharing of experiences and consolidation of standard IT platforms.
- A set of Group IT Policies and Guidelines is in place to govern the operations of IT within the Group. Due to the diversity of businesses, each operating company has its own set of IT Policy adopting the standard Group IT Policy wherever possible and adding policies that are peculiar to the business they are in.
- The Group Human Resources Management System runs off a cloud infrastructure where a single system is used across the Lion Group of Companies. Cloud infrastructure is hosted offsite to protect the sensitivity of data and is supported by a hot Disaster Recovery site to enable quick recovery of data in the event of any unforeseen incident. An annual Disaster Recovery test is carried out to ensure service quality as per agreed service level agreement.
- As part of Lion Group’s Cyber Security strategy to mitigate cyber security risks and threats, Group IT and Group Learning & Development had provided and shall continue to provide Cyber Security Awareness Training to educate employees with the objective of safeguarding our businesses and employees.

11. Insurance

- An insurance programme to safeguard major assets against financial loss resulting from property damage, machinery breakdown, business interruption and general liability, which is reviewed annually.
- A yearly exercise to ensure the adequacy and renewal of the Group's Directors' and Officers' Liability insurance.

12. Whistleblowing

- A Whistleblower Policy which provides the channels to report wrongdoings by employees and/or other stakeholders whilst ensuring the integrity of the process and information and also protecting the rights of informants. The implementation of this policy enables the Group to address such concerns that may adversely affect the reputation and interests of the Group more effectively.
- The oversight by the Board and its engagement with the Management in the handling of reported wrongdoings are also set out in the Integrity and Fraud Risk Policy.

Risk Management Process

The KOCs' CPS which are prepared every financial year are updated on a half-yearly basis to provide a clear and proper context within which performance-related risks are to be identified, analysed, and managed in line with the respective KOCs' strategic direction and business objectives. Key Performance Indicators ("KPI") were assigned to these objectives and their performance were tracked by the KPI owners under the supervision of the Heads of the KOC.

In establishing a bottom-up reporting of the risk profile of the KOCs, the RMT in the respective KOCs identified possible and actual risks faced by the KOC together with an analysis of the causes, impact and mitigating actions.

The risk owners were responsible to ensure preventative, detective and corrective controls were in place to address these risks. Gaps in controls and continual improvements were implemented through management action plans. This process was executed by the RMTs and documented in the CRS.

The GRC conducted reviews of the risk profiles, either focusing on specific risk issues or the completeness of the risk assessment process for selected risk profiles. The results of the review were communicated to the administrators of risk scorecards and/or Heads of KOC for improvement and implementation.

The CPS and CRS were presented by the RMT and RMC to the AC on a half-yearly basis for reviews on the status of the performance objectives and management action plans implementation. These reviews may result in identification of new risks or re-assessment of reported risks. The AC reviewed significant risks, if any, across the risk themes and guided the KOCs on further mitigations, where required.

The Heads of the KOC, at the half-yearly reporting, had confirmed that the respective KOCs' RMT had reviewed and updated the CPS and CRS with the status of all related material information, controls and management actions and that the risk management process had been complied with and information provided therein fairly reflected the position of the KOC for the financial year under review.

In all material transactions such as acquisitions and disposals of assets or business and corporate proposals, risks associated with such transactions as analysed by the project team and RMC are presented to the AC and Board for their deliberation and decision making. The AC will review the proposals together with the risks associated therewith after which the Board may approve, decline or modify the proposals in line with the Group's risk appetite and the Group's strategic and business directions.

Conclusion

The Board is satisfied with the adequacy and effectiveness of the system of risk management and internal control in place throughout the Group for the financial year under review, and up to the date of approval of this Statement. The MD and the Head of respective KOCs have provided reasonable assurance to the Board that the Group's risk management and internal control system, in all material aspects, is operating adequately and effectively.

Implementation measures are continuously taken to strengthen the system of risk management and internal control so as to safeguard the Group's assets as well as the shareholders' investments, and the interests of other stakeholders.

Review by External Auditors

The External Auditors have performed limited assurance procedures on this Statement on Risk Management and Internal Control pursuant to the scopes set out in the Audit and Assurance Practice Guide 3 ("AAPG 3"): Guidance for Auditors on Engagements to Report on the Statement on Risk Management and Internal Control included in the Annual Report issued by Malaysian Institute of Accountants for inclusion in the Annual Report of the Group for the financial year ended 31 December 2022, and reported to the Board that nothing has come to their attention that has caused them to believe the Statement on Risk Management and Internal Control intended to be included in the Annual Report has not been prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the disclosures required by paragraphs 41 and 42 of the Statement on Risk Management and Internal Control: Guidelines for Directors of Listed Issuers, Corporate Disclosure Guide, Corporate Governance Guide and Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad's Main Market Listing Requirements ("Listing Requirements"), nor is the Statement factually inaccurate.

AAPG 3 does not require the External Auditors to consider whether the Statement on Risk Management and Internal Control covers all risks and controls, or to form an opinion on the adequacy and effectiveness of the Group's risk management and internal control system including the assessment and opinion by the Board and the Management thereon. The report from the External Auditors was made solely for, and directed solely to the Board of Directors in connection with their compliance with the Listing Requirements and for no other purposes or parties.

AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

The Audit Committee of Lion Industries Corporation Berhad is pleased to present the Audit Committee Report for the financial year ended 31 December 2022.

COMPOSITION

As at the date of this Annual Report, the composition of the Audit Committee is as follows:

- **Members**

Ms Yap Soo Har
(Chairman, Independent Non-Executive Director)

Y. M. Datuk Seri Utama Raja Nong Chik bin Dato' Raja Zainal Abidin
(Independent Non-Executive Director)

Y. Bhg. Dato' Nik Rahmat bin Nik Taib
(Independent Non-Executive Director)

The respective profiles of the members are set out under Directors' Profile in the Annual Report.

- **Secretaries**

The Secretaries of Lion Industries Corporation Berhad, Ms Wong Phooi Lin and Ms Kong Siew Foon, are also Secretaries of the Audit Committee.

MEMBERSHIP

The Audit Committee shall be appointed by the Board from amongst their number and shall consist of not less than 3 members, all of whom shall be non-executive Directors with a majority of them being independent Directors. The members of the Audit Committee shall elect a chairman amongst themselves who is an independent Director and who is not the chairman of the Board. The composition of the Audit Committee shall fulfill the requirements as prescribed in the Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad Main Market Listing Requirements ("Listing Requirements").

None of the members of the Audit Committee was a former partner of the External Auditors of the Group.

MEETINGS AND MINUTES

The Audit Committee shall meet at least 4 times annually, and the Group Chief Internal Auditor and the Chief Accountant shall attend the meetings. Relevant members of Senior Management shall be invited to attend these meetings to assist to clarify matters raised at the meetings. A majority of independent Directors present shall form a quorum. The Audit Committee shall meet with the External Auditors without the executive Board members and Management being present at least twice a year.

Minutes of each Audit Committee Meeting were recorded and tabled for confirmation and adoption at the next Audit Committee Meeting and subsequently presented to the Board for notation. The Chairman of the Audit Committee shall report on each meeting to the Board.

TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Terms of Reference of the Audit Committee which are in line with the provisions of the Listing Requirements, the Malaysian Code on Corporate Governance and other best practices are available for reference on the Company's website at www.lion.com.my/lionind.

ACTIVITIES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR

During the financial year under review, 6 Audit Committee Meetings were held at which full attendance was recorded for all the members.

The Group Chief Internal Auditor and the Chief Accountant were also present at all the Meetings.

The Audit Committee carried out its duties for the financial year in accordance with its Terms of Reference.

The main works undertaken by the Audit Committee for the financial year are as follows:

- **Financial Results**

Reviewed the quarterly interim unaudited financial statements and the annual audited financial statements of the Group prior to submission to the Board for its consideration and approval focusing particularly on changes in or implementation of significant accounting policies and compliance with applicable accounting standards approved by the Malaysian Accounting Standards Board (“MASB”); significant matters highlighted including financial reporting matters, significant transactions and judgements made by Management; and main factors contributing to the financial performance of the Group in terms of revenue and earnings.

Discussed with Management and External Auditors, and had obtained reasonable assurances that all changes in significant accounting policies had been implemented; applicable accounting standards approved by MASB, provisions of the Companies Act 2016 and requirements under the Listing Requirements had been complied with; significant matters including Key Audit Matters and critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainties made by Management had been evaluated by the External Auditors; and impact of new accounting standards for the following financial year, where relevant, had been assessed.

- **Internal Audit**

- (a) Reviewed and approved the annual audit plan to ensure adequate scope and coverage on the activities of the Group, taking into consideration the assessment of key risk areas and ensured that key and high risk areas were audited annually.
- (b) Reviewed the effectiveness of audit programmes, and the adequacy and suitability of the resource requirements and skill levels of the Internal Auditors for the financial year and assessed the performance of the Internal Audit Function.
- (c) Reviewed the internal audit reports, audit recommendations made and Management’s response and actions taken to improve the system of internal control and procedures. Where appropriate, the Audit Committee had directed Management to rectify and improve control procedures and workflow processes based on the Internal Auditors’ recommendations and suggestions for improvement.

Audit approach had been determined in areas with weaknesses in control as revealed by the Internal Auditors during their previous audit reviews.

- (d) Monitored the implementation of the audit recommendations to ensure that all key risks and controls had been addressed.
- (e) Reviewed the risk and control profile changes of the annual Risk Management and Internal Control – Self-Assessment ratings submitted by the respective operations management. The Internal Auditors had validated the ratings during their audit review, and adjustments to the ratings, if any, had been made accordingly and reported to the Audit Committee.

- (f) Reviewed recurrent related party transactions of a revenue or trading nature reports on a quarterly basis for compliance with the review procedures outlined in the Shareholders' Mandate and ensured that the transactions were undertaken on an arm's length basis and on normal commercial terms which were consistent with the Group's usual business practices and policies, and on terms not more favourable to the related parties than those generally available to the public and were not to the detriment of the minority shareholders.

All recurrent related party transactions of a revenue or trading nature undertaken were in compliance with the Listing Requirements and the Group's policies and procedures as well as the Shareholders' Mandate.

- (g) Reviewed the Statement on Risk Management and Internal Control which provided an overview of the state of internal controls within the Group prior to the Board's approval for inclusion in the Annual Report. The Statement on Risk Management and Internal Control which had been reviewed by the External Auditors is set out on pages 23 to 30 of this Annual Report.

The Audit Committee was satisfied that the system of risk management and internal control in place throughout the Group as described in the Statement on Risk Management and Internal Control, was sound and effective, providing reasonable assurance that the structure and operation of controls were appropriate for the Group's operations. The Audit Committee also acknowledged that implementation measures were continuously being taken to strengthen the system of risk management and internal control so as to safeguard the Group's assets as well as the shareholders' investments, and the interests of other stakeholders.

- (h) Reviewed the Group Compliance Framework for the financial year under review with regard to the scope of activities and their progress as set out in the Compliance Program/Work Plan for the financial year.
- (i) Approved an annual budget for the Internal Audit Function to effectively carry out its audit plan.
- (j) Approved the Audit Committee Report and recommended the same for Board's approval for inclusion in the Annual Report.

- **External Audit**

- (a) Reviewed and recommended to the Board for approval on the change of External Auditors of the Group from Messrs Deloitte PLT to Messrs Mazars PLT.
- (b) Reviewed and discussed with External Auditors the audit planning memorandum covering the audit objectives and approach, audit plan, key audit areas and relevant technical pronouncements and accounting standards issued by MASB, and regulating requirements applicable to the Group; and the processes and controls in place to ensure effective and efficient financial reporting and disclosures under the financial reporting standards.
- (c) Reviewed and discussed with External Auditors the results of the audit and the audit report in particular, significant accounting matters arising from the external audit and their opinion on the financial statements of the Group and of the Company.
- (d) Reviewed with External Auditors the memorandum of comments and recommendations arising from their study and evaluation of the system of internal and accounting controls together with Management's response to the findings of the External Auditors and ensured where appropriate, that necessary corrective actions had been taken by Management.

- (e) Evaluated the performance and assessed the suitability, objectivity and independence of the External Auditors during the financial year taking into consideration information presented in the External Auditors' Annual Transparency Report, and in accordance with the policies and procedures in place, vide a set of questionnaires covering the calibre of the external audit firm; quality of processes and performance; skills and expertise including industrial knowledge; independence and objectivity; audit scope and planning; audit fees; and their communications with the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee had received from the External Auditors written confirmation that they have complied with the International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards) issued by the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants and the By-Laws (On Professional Ethics, Conduct and Practice) of the Malaysian Institute of Accountants, and have policies and procedures in place which were designed to ensure that they carry out their work with integrity, objectivity and independence.
- (f) Having satisfied with the performance and the assessment on the External Auditors' suitability, objectivity and independence, recommended to the Board the re-appointment of the External Auditors and their remuneration.
- (g) Reviewed and approved the non-audit fees in respect of services rendered by the External Auditors.
- (h) Met with the External Auditors without executive Board members and Management twice to discuss matters in relation to their review.

- **Compliance Management**

- (a) Conformance to Group policies and procedures

Received the status and outcomes of the half-yearly Compliance Risk Self-Assessment ("CRSA") exercises which seek to identify gaps in compliance with regard to applicable laws, regulations, codes, guidelines and standards, market/industry best practices and Group policies and procedures, and discussed the adequacy of measures to address such gaps or non-compliance. The CRSA questionnaire sets and declarations were completed by the identified Heads of Business, Finance Officers of the Key Operating Companies ("KOCs"), Group Accountants, Company Secretaries, Group Tax, Group Treasury and Group Corporate Planning.
- (b) Received the status of the activities of Group Risk Management and Compliance Department which included:
 - Monitoring on a half-yearly basis the scope of activities and status of implementation as driven and coordinated by the Group Risk Management and Compliance Department as set out in the Compliance Program/Work Plan for the financial year.
 - Developed the questionnaire on "Managing Sustainability and Related Matters" as part of the CRSA extended scope of coverage to better understand and articulate the threat; identify efficiencies, realise cost savings and productivity benefits; adhere to related requirements and/or expectations; and assess the organisation's capacity to manage and communicate Economic, Environment and Social policies, practices and performances.

- **Risk Management**

- (a) The Audit Committee together with the Risk Management Committee:
 - Monitored the progress on the achievement of targets set for business objectives of KOCs for the financial year via review of the Corporate Performance Scorecards updates on a half-yearly basis. The Audit Committee sought explanation/understanding from the Risk Management Team ("RMT") of KOCs on non-performance.
 - Reviewed the key risks as reported by the RMTs in their Corporate Risk Scorecards across the wide spectrum of risk facing the businesses and operations which included strategic risk, business risk, financial risk and operational risk. The Audit Committee provided comments on the adequacy and effectiveness of controls and/or management actions identified and/or implemented by the KOCs in addressing the identified risks.

- (b) The Audit Committee provided assurance to the Board on the risk reporting and review activities that took place during the financial year.

- **Related Party Transactions**

- (a) Reviewed related party transactions entered into by the Group and ensured that the transactions undertaken were in the best interest of the Group, fair, reasonable and on normal commercial terms, and not detrimental to the interest of the minority shareholders, and recommended the same for approval of the Board.
- (b) Reviewed the renewal of Shareholders' Mandate for recurrent related party transactions of a revenue or trading nature for Shareholders' approval to undertake transactions which are recurrent, of a revenue or trading nature and which are necessary for the day-to-day operations of the Group with related parties ("RRPTs").

The Audit Committee ensured that the review procedures were sufficient to ensure that the RRPTs were not more favourable to the related parties than those generally available to the public and were not to the detriment of the minority shareholders and that the Group had in place adequate procedures and processes to monitor, track and identify RRPTs in a timely and orderly manner, and such procedures and processes were reviewed on a yearly basis or whenever the need arose.

The review on RRPTs by the Internal Auditors was reported to the Audit Committee on a quarterly basis.

The Management had given assurance to the Audit Committee that related party transactions and mandate for recurrent related party transactions were in compliance with the Listing Requirements and the Group's policies and procedures.

- **Material Transactions**

Reviewed material transaction entered into by the Group and ensured that the transaction undertaken was in the best interest of the Group, and recommended the same for approval of the Board.

INTERNAL AUDIT FUNCTION

The Internal Audit Function is undertaken by the Group Management Audit Department ("GMA Department") and is independent from Management of the Company and the function which it audits. Its principal activity is to perform regular and systematic reviews of the system of internal control so as to provide reasonable assurance that such system continues to operate satisfactorily and effectively.

The Group Chief Internal Auditor, Mr Wong Poh Tan, is a Fellow Member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, a Chartered Accountant with the Malaysian Institute of Accountants and a professional member of the Institute of Internal Auditors Malaysia with more than 21 years of internal audit and enterprise risk management experience in the field of manufacturing, nourishing products, palm oil, property development, ceramic tiles, and pulp and paper mills.

The purpose, authority and responsibility of the Internal Audit Function as well as the nature of the assurance activities provided by the function are articulated in the Internal Audit Charter approved by the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee is of the opinion that the Internal Audit Function is appropriate to its size and the nature and scope of its activities.

In discharging its function, the GMA Department adopts the *International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing* as well as established auditing guidelines to enhance its competency and proficiency.

A risk-based audit plan is tabled to the Audit Committee for approval on an annual basis. The audit plan covers key operational and financial activities that are significant to the overall performance of the Group and is developed to ensure adequate coverage on a regular basis. Key risk areas are continuously identified and prioritised to ascertain the scope of the audit activities through the adoption by the operation management of the RMIC-SAQ, the Corporate Performance Scorecard and the Corporate Risk Scorecard.

During the financial year, the Internal Auditors had conducted independent reviews and evaluated risk exposures relating to the Group's governance, operations and information system as follows:

- Reliability and integrity of financial and operational information
- Effectiveness and efficiency of operations
- Safeguarding of assets
- Compliance with set policies and procedures
- Identification of opportunities to improve the operations and processes
- Investigations and special audit reviews
- Adequacy and effectiveness of the Group's governance, risk management and internal control system using the Committee of Sponsoring Organisations of the Treadway Commission (COSO) Internal Control – Integrated Framework
- Compliance aspects of the Anti-Bribery and Corruption Policy, and its programmes

The Internal Auditors also established follow-up review to monitor and to ensure that internal audit recommendations are effectively implemented. Significant matters were reported directly to the Audit Committee and Senior Management to ensure improvement and corrective actions are taken.

The internal audit works had been carried out according to the internal audit plan approved by the Audit Committee for the financial year.

An annual assessment for evaluating the adequacy and effectiveness of the Internal Audit Function was carried out in the financial year.

The Internal Auditors are updated on the improvement and development in internal auditing standards, procedures, techniques, corporate governance and the Listing Requirements through the attendance of seminars and talks organised by the Institute of Internal Auditors Malaysia, the Malaysian Institute of Accountants, Bursa Malaysia Berhad and the Securities Commission Malaysia as well as core competency courses organised by professional training establishments. The Audit Committee was also satisfied that the Internal Audit Function, which is led by the Group Chief Internal Auditor with relevant experience and backed by 6 staff of managerial and executive level who possessed the relevant qualification and experience, has adequate resources to fulfill the internal audit plan for the next financial year.

The Internal Auditors had confirmed that they are free from any relationships or conflicts of interest which could impair their objectivity and independence in their audit assignments.

The total cost incurred in managing the Internal Audit Function of the Group for the financial year was RM396,342.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE

- Chairman** : Y. M. Datuk Seri Utama Raja Nong Chik bin Dato' Raja Zainal Abidin
(*Independent Non-Executive Director*)
- Members** : Ms Yap Soo Har
(*Independent Non-Executive Director*)
- Ms Cheng Hui Ya, Serena
(*Non-Independent Non-Executive Director*)
- Terms of Reference** :
1. To consider and recommend to the Board, candidates for directorships in the Company.
 2. To consider, in making its recommendations, candidates for directorships proposed by the Chief Executive Officer and, within the bounds of practicability, by any other senior executive or any Director or major shareholder and from independent sources.

In making a recommendation to the Board on the candidate for directorship, the Committee shall consider the broad Fit and Proper, and Independence Criteria as set out in the Board Charter.

The candidate for an independent non-executive Director should be a person of calibre, credibility and have the necessary skill and experience to bring an independent judgement to bear on issues considered by the Board.
 3. To recommend to the Board, Directors to fill the seats on Board Committees.
 4. To assist the Board in reviewing on an annual basis, the composition, the required mix of skills, knowledge, experience, diversity and other qualities, including core competencies which each individual Director including the independent non-executive Director should bring to the Board, to enable the Board to function effectively, and strengthen board leadership and oversight of sustainability issues.
 5. To establish and implement processes to assess, on an annual basis, the effectiveness of the Board as a whole and the committees of the Board; the independence of the independent Directors; the contribution of each individual Director; and the term of office and performance of the Audit Committee and each of its members to determine whether the Audit Committee and its members have carried out their duties in accordance with their Terms of Reference, based on the process and procedure laid out by the Board.
 6. To recommend to the Board:
 - (a) the re-election of those Directors who are retiring at an annual general meeting ("AGM") of the Company and to put forward their re-election for approval at the AGM; and
 - (b) the continued retention of any independent non-executive Director who has served for a cumulative period of more than 9 years as an independent non-executive Director or otherwise. Any retention of an independent Director who has served a cumulative period of 9 years shall be subject to Shareholders' approval in line with the recommendation of the Malaysian Code on Corporate Governance. Notwithstanding, the tenure of an independent Director shall not exceed a cumulative period of more than 12 years.
 7. To review the induction and training needs of Directors.
 8. To consider other matters as referred to the Committee by the Board from time to time.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Nomination Committee comprises 3 members, all of whom are non-executive Directors with a majority of them being independent Directors. The Nomination Committee is chaired by Y. M. Datuk Seri Utama Raja Nong Chik bin Dato' Raja Zainal Abidin who is an independent Director.

Appointment to the Board and the Effectiveness of the Board

The Nomination Committee is responsible for identifying, evaluating and nominating suitable candidates with the necessary mix of skills, knowledge, experience and competencies for appointment to the Board and Board Committees to ensure the effectiveness of the Board and the Board Committees. The Nomination Committee shall conduct skills and gap analyses from time to time or when required in identifying candidatures for appointment. As an enhancement to its process, the Nomination Committee may also consider procuring suitable candidates from independent sources, when appropriate and practicable. The Nomination Committee assesses and evaluates on an annual basis the performance and the effectiveness of the Board as a whole, the Board Committees, the independence of the independent Directors as well as individual Directors and Audit Committee members based on the criteria set out by the Board and in accordance with the respective Board Committee's Terms of Reference.

The assessment criteria of the Board's evaluation/performance review process as well as the process and criteria to (i) identify and nominate candidates for appointment as a Director; (ii) re-elect existing Directors; and (iii) retain independent Directors, are set out in the Directors' Fit and Proper Policy included in the Board Charter. During the financial year, the broad Fit and Proper, and Independence Criteria had been reviewed and enhancement had been made to ensure an adequate level of compliance and to be aligned with the Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad Main Market Listing Requirements and the Malaysian Code on Corporate Governance.

In assessing and recommending to the Board suitable candidature of Directors, the Nomination Committee shall consider the competencies, expected contributions and diversity representation covering the qualifications, knowledge including financial literacy, industrial experience and expertise, seniority and past achievements, appointment scope, role, commitment level, professionalism and integrity, and the appropriateness and the fulfilment of the Board's desired mix of competencies, age, gender and cultural background which would contribute to the overall desired composition of the Board.

The Directors' mix of skills are set out in the respective profile under Directors' Profile on pages 7 to 9 of this Annual Report.

Activities of the Nomination Committee for the Financial Year

The Nomination Committee met twice since the date of the last Annual Report and all the members attended the Meetings.

The Nomination Committee had carried out the following duties for the financial year in accordance with its Terms of Reference:

- (i) Assessed and recommended for Board's consideration, the appointment of Y. Bhg. Tan Sri Cheng Heng Jem as a non-independent Director and Managing Director of the Company.
- (ii) Reviewed and assessed the performance and the effectiveness of the Board as a whole, the Board Committees, the independence of the independent Directors as well as the contribution of each individual Directors and Audit Committee members based on the broad Fit and Proper, and Independence Criteria as set out in the Directors' Fit and Proper Policy using a set of quantitative and qualitative performance evaluation forms adopted by the Nomination Committee, and was satisfied that (a) the Board composition in term of size, mix of competencies and diversity representation and the balance between executive, non-executive and independent Directors was adequate and in line with the Group's business operations and needs; and (b) the Board as a whole and the Board Committees had discharged their duties and responsibilities effectively at all times. The Nomination Committee was also satisfied with the level of independence of all the independent non-executive Directors and their ability to act in the best interest of the Company.

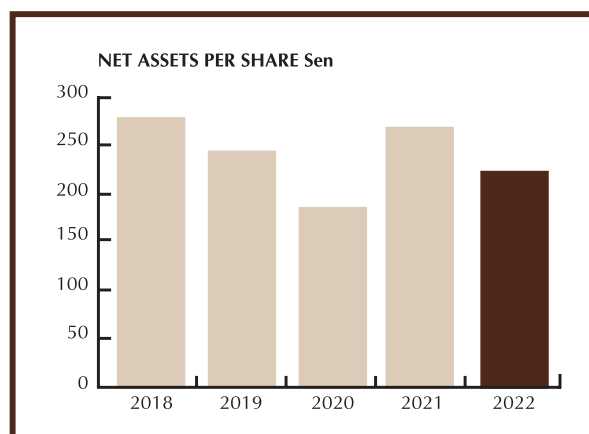
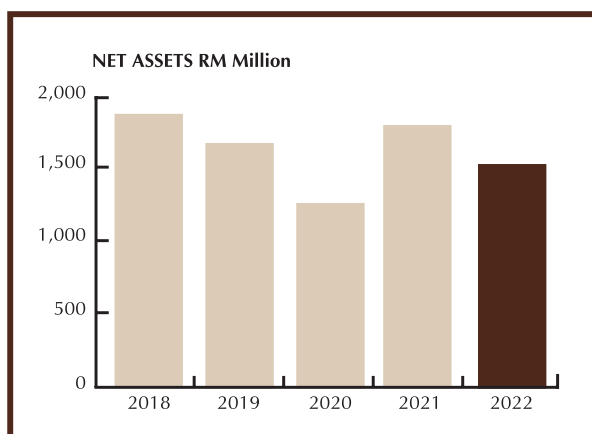
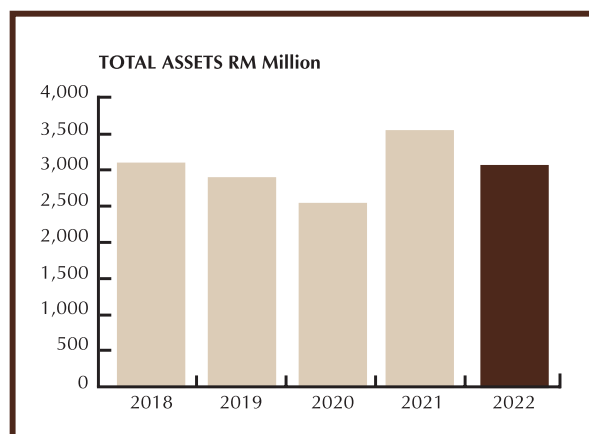
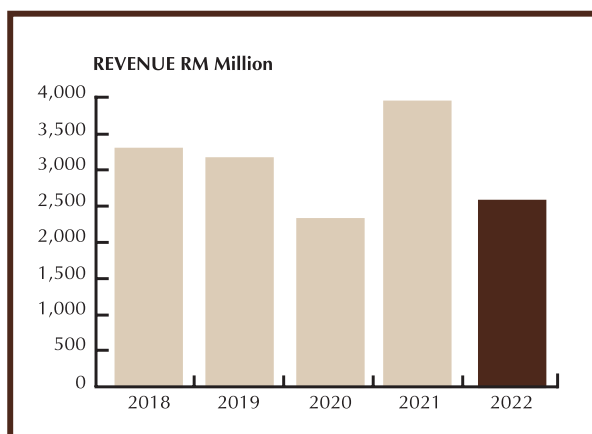
- (iii) Reviewed the term of office and performance of the Audit Committee as a whole and each of its members including an assessment of their financial literacy, and assessed and evaluated the effectiveness of the Audit Committee in conducting its activities in accordance with its Terms of Reference, and was satisfied that the Audit Committee and its members had carried out their duties effectively and were financially literate and able to understand matters under the purview of the Audit Committee including financial reporting process.
- (iv) Reviewed the retirement by rotation of Ms Cheng Hui Ya, Serena and the retirement of Y. Bhg. Tan Sri Cheng Heng Jem who was appointed during the financial year, and having satisfied that they had discharged their duties and responsibilities effectively at all times, recommended their re-election for Board's consideration, which shall be tabled for approval of the Shareholders at the forthcoming 92nd Annual General Meeting of the Company ("92nd AGM").
- (v) Reviewed the retention of Y. M. Datuk Seri Utama Raja Nong Chik bin Dato' Raja Zainal Abidin whose tenure of service as an independent Director has exceeded a cumulative period of 9 years, for Board's recommendation to Shareholders for their approval at the 92nd AGM by way of a single-tier voting based on the attributes necessary in discharging his role and functions as an independent Director.
- (vi) Reviewed the training needs of the Directors and was satisfied that the Directors having attended the relevant training programmes as well as having been updated with market developments and related issues, and apprised on a continuing basis by the Company Secretaries on new/revised statutory and regulatory requirements, had adequately met the training needs of each of the Directors towards enhancing their skills and knowledge in discharging their duties and roles as a Director.
- (vii) Approved and recommended for Board's consideration the Nomination Committee Report incorporating the Nomination Committee's activities for inclusion in the 2022 Annual Report.

REMUNERATION COMMITTEE

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|---------------------------|---|--|
| Chairman | : | Y. Bhg. Dato' Nik Rahmat bin Nik Taib <i>(Independent Non-Executive Director)</i> |
| Members | : | Ms Yap Soo Har <i>(Independent Non-Executive Director)</i> Ms Cheng Hui Ya, Serena <i>(Non-Independent Non-Executive Director)</i> |
| Terms of Reference | : | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To recommend to the Board, the remuneration of the executive Directors in all its forms, drawing from outside advice as necessary.• To carry out other responsibilities, functions or assignments as may be defined by the Board from time to time. |

5 YEARS GROUP FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

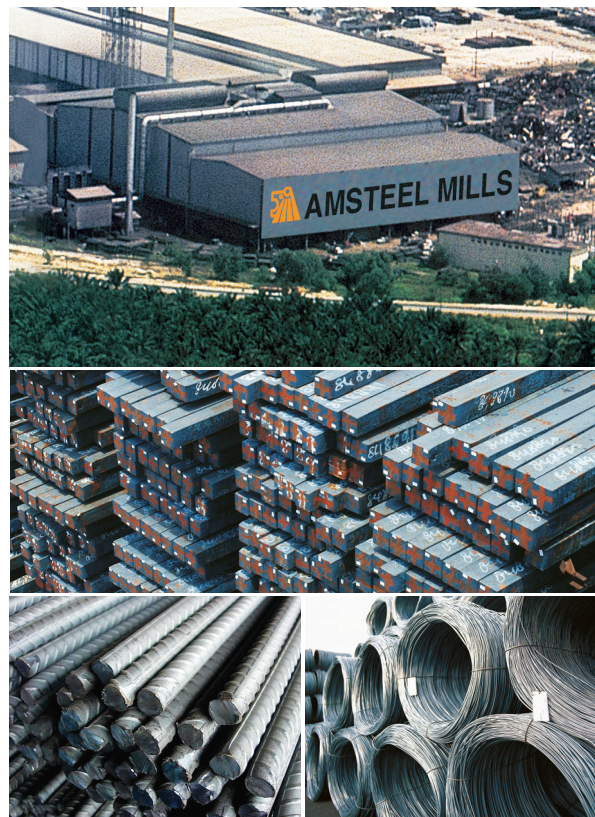
| Financial years/period | | 12 months ended 30 June | | | 18 months ended | 12 months ended |
|---|----------|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|------------------|------------------|
| | | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 31 December 2021 | 31 December 2022 |
| Revenue | (RM'000) | 3,290,799 | 3,163,774 | 2,318,470 | 3,937,446 | 2,579,174 |
| Profit/(Loss) before tax | (RM'000) | 175,051 | (128,045) | (377,024) | 570,284 | (321,990) |
| Profit/(Loss) after tax | (RM'000) | 181,846 | (156,101) | (383,170) | 539,241 | (312,562) |
| Net Profit/(Loss) attributable to owners of the Company | (RM'000) | 172,921 | (157,253) | (390,533) | 494,990 | (311,599) |
| Total assets | (RM'000) | 3,104,503 | 2,891,976 | 2,515,969 | 3,512,778 | 3,097,978 |
| Net assets | (RM'000) | 1,880,623 | 1,673,901 | 1,251,585 | 1,813,558 | 1,508,798 |
| Total borrowings | (RM'000) | 171,679 | 163,233 | 163,605 | 182,211 | 155,836 |
| Earnings/(Loss) per share | (Sen) | 25.4 | (23.1) | (57.4) | 72.7 | (45.8) |
| Net assets per share | (Sen) | 276 | 246 | 184 | 266 | 222 |



THE GROUP'S BUSINESSES



- The Building Materials Division is involved in the trading and distribution of building and construction materials such as (top left) steel bars, ironmongery, BRC mesh, tiles, sanitarywares, cement and bricks.
- *Bahagian Bahan Binaan terlibat dalam perniagaan menjual dan mengedar bahan-bahan pembinaan seperti (atas kiri) bar besi, barangan besi, jejaring BRC, kelengkapan bilik air, simen dan batu bata.*



- Amsteel Mills Sdn Bhd produces steel products namely billets, bars and wire rods for construction and manufacturing requirements.
- *Amsteel Mills Sdn Bhd menghasilkan produk besi iaitu bilet, bar dan rod wayar untuk kegunaan sektor pembinaan dan pembuatan.*



- Posim Petroleum Marketing Sdn Bhd distributes a wide range of petroleum-based products under “HI-REV”, “torQe” and “T-TRAX” brands which meet specifications required by American Petroleum Institute (API), Japanese Automotive Standards Organization (JASO) and European Automobile Manufacturers’ Association (ECEA) for exceptional performance in engine lubrication and protection against thermal stress to maintain excellent performance in high power densities engines.
- *Posim Petroleum Marketing Sdn Bhd mengedarkan pelbagai produk berasaskan petroleum di bawah jenama “HI-REV”, “torQe” dan “T-TRAX” yang memenuhi spesifikasi yang ditetapkan oleh American Petroleum Institute (API), Japanese Automotive Standards Organization (JASO) dan European Automobile Manufacturers’ Association (ECEA) untuk prestasi pelinciran dan perlindungan unggul daripada tekanan termal bagi mengekalkan prestasi cemerlang enjin berketumpatan kuasa tinggi.*

PENYATA PENERUS

Bagi pihak Lembaga Pengarah, saya dengan ini membentangkan Laporan Tahunan dan Penyata Kewangan Beraudit Lion Industries Corporation Berhad (“LICB” atau “Kumpulan” atau “Syarikat”) bagi tahun kewangan berakhir 31 Disember 2022.

PRESTASI KEWANGAN

Pada tahun lepas, syarikat telah mengubah tempoh kewangan yang berakhir pada 30 Jun kepada 31 Disember. Sehubungan dengan itu, tempoh kewangan tahun lalu adalah 18 bulan bermula pada 1 Julai 2020 hingga 31 Disember 2021. Tahun kewangan semasa yang berakhir pada 31 Disember 2022 merangkumi 12 bulan bermula pada 1 Januari 2022 hingga 31 Disember 2022. Oleh itu, laporan kewangan bagi kedua-dua tempoh ini tidak dapat diperbandingkan secara langsung.

Persekitaran ekonomi global pada tahun 2022 ternyata mencabar, dijejaskan oleh kejadian besar seperti perang Rusia-Ukraine dan sekatan pergerakan di China. Gangguan terhadap ekonomi dunia dan rangkaian bekalan yang tercetus daripada sekatan pergerakan global akibat pandemik bertambah parah, diburukkan lagi dengan kekurangan bekalan tenaga dan makanan akibat peperangan. Ini menyebabkan tekanan inflasi semakin menjadi-jadi manakala kadar faedah melambung tinggi.

Ia juga merupakan satu tahun yang mencabar bagi industri keluli Malaysia yang terjejas akibat kos bahan mentah yang tinggi dan kemerosotan harga keluli pada sebahagian besar tahun 2022. Margin keuntungan sangat kecil.

Sehubungan dengan itu, Kumpulan mencatatkan kerugian sebelum cukai sebanyak RM322.0 juta pada tahun kewangan semasa di mana sebahagian besar kerugian adalah daripada bahagian keluli dengan perolehan sebanyak RM2,579 juta.

Sehingga 31 Disember 2022, Kumpulan berada dalam kedudukan mudah tunai, dengan aset bersih sebanyak RM1,509 juta, aset bersih sesaham sebanyak RM2.22, menyusut 44 sen berbanding tempoh kewangan lalu.

PERKEMBANGAN KETARA DALAM KORPORAT

- (i) Cadangan pelupusan keseluruhan 100 peratus kepentingan ekuiti dalam Eden Flame Sdn Bhd oleh Amsteel Mills Sdn Bhd, subsidiari 99% milik Syarikat, kepada Esteel Enterprise Pte Ltd (“Cadangan Pelupusan”) dengan pertimbangan sebanyak RM136.05 juta.

Cadangan Pelupusan itu telah selesai pada 27 Mei 2022.

- (ii) Cadangan terbitan bonus sehingga 340,402,032 waran dalam Syarikat (“Waran”) berdasarkan 1 Waran bagi setiap 2 saham biasa sedia ada yang dipegang oleh pemegang saham dalam Syarikat (“Cadangan Terbitan Bonus Waran”).

Pemegang saham sudah memberikan kelulusan pada 24 November 2022. Tarikh kelayakan bagi Cadangan Terbitan Bonus Waran adalah pada 8 Disember 2022. Waran ini memberi hak kepada pemegangnya untuk melanggan saham biasa dalam Syarikat berdasarkan 1 saham biasa baharu bagi setiap 1 Waran yang dipegang. Harga pelaksanaan ditetapkan pada RM0.43 setiap Waran.

Sebanyak 340,400,686 Waran diterbitkan pada 14 Disember 2022 di mana 340,400,517 telah disenaraikan dan disebut harga di pasaran utama Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad pada 21 Disember 2022.

PROSPEK

Ekonomi Malaysia dijangka berkembang beransur-ansur pada tahun 2023, disokong oleh permintaan domestik yang kukuh serta peningkatan berterusan dalam pasaran buruh dan pelaksanaan projek infrastruktur besar di sebalik risiko pertumbuhan yang lebih rendah dan ketidakpastian.

Namun begitu, Kumpulan terus berwaspada dan bersedia untuk bertindak balas terhadap sebarang perubahan dalam pasaran. Kumpulan akan mengekalkan tumpuan kepada mengoptimalkan kecekapan operasi dan memanfaatkan peluang baharu bagi meraih pertumbuhan keuntungan jangka panjang, dan mewujudkan nilai untuk pemegang kepentingan.

LEMBAGA PENGARAH

Bagi pihak Lembaga Pengarah, saya ingin mengalu-alukan pelantikan Tan Sri Cheng Heng Jem ke Lembaga Pengarah sebagai Pengarah Urusan Syarikat. Lembaga Pengarah percaya bahawa Syarikat akan beroleh manfaat daripada pengalaman dan kepakaran beliau yang tidak ternilai. Saya juga ingin mengucapkan setinggi-tinggi penghargaan kepada Tan Sri Cheng Yong Kim yang bersara sebagai Pengarah Urusan Syarikat atas dedikasi dan sumbangan beliau kepada Kumpulan.

Akhir kata, saya ingin mengucapkan ribuan terima kasih kepada pihak pengurusan dan warga kerja atas dedikasi dan komitmen mereka kepada Kumpulan.

PENGHARGAAN

Bagi pihak Lembaga Pengarah, saya ingin mengucapkan terima kasih dan merakamkan penghargaan tulus ikhlas kepada semua pemegang saham, pelanggan, pembiaya kewangan, sekutu perniagaan dan pihak berkuasa Kerajaan atas sokongan dan keyakinan mereka yang berterusan kepada Kumpulan sepanjang tempoh yang mencabar ini.

Saya ingin menzahirkan penghargaan tulus ikhlas kepada rakan-rakan Pengarah atas bimbingan, sokongan dan sumbangan yang tidak ternilai sepanjang tahun kewangan ini.

DATUK SERI UTAMA RAJA NONG CHIK BIN
DATO' RAJA ZAINAL ABIDIN
Pengerusi

CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

On behalf of the Board of Directors ("Board"), I hereby present the Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements of Lion Industries Corporation Berhad ("LICB" or "the Group" or "the Company") for the financial year ended 31 December 2022.

FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

The Company changed its financial year end from 30 June to 31 December the previous year, and hence the financial period in the previous year was for an 18-month period from 1 July 2020 to 31 December 2021. The current financial year that ended on 31 December 2022 comprised 12 months from 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022. As such, the results for these two periods are not directly comparable.

The global economic environment was significantly challenging in 2022, battered by major headwinds such as the Russia-Ukraine war and China's lockdowns. The disruptions to the world economy and supply chain ignited by the global pandemic lockdowns worsened, compounded by the energy and food supplies shortages caused by the war. Hence, inflationary pressures intensified and interest rates soared.

It was also a challenging year for the Malaysian steel industry that was affected by high raw material costs and deteriorating steel prices in most of 2022. Profit margin was severely depressed.

As a result, the Group posted a loss before tax of RM322.0 million for this financial year with majority of the loss from the steel division with a revenue of RM2,579 million.

The Group is in a net cash position as at 31 December 2022 with net assets of RM1,509 million, translating into net assets per share of RM2.22, a decrease of 44 sen from that of the last financial period.

SIGNIFICANT CORPORATE DEVELOPMENTS

- (i) Proposed disposal by Amsteel Mills Sdn Bhd, a 99% owned subsidiary company of the Company, of its entire 100% equity interest in Eden Flame Sdn Bhd to Estee Enterprise Pte Ltd ("Proposed Disposal") for a consideration of RM136.05 million.

The Proposed Disposal was completed on 27 May 2022.

- (ii) Proposed bonus issue of up to 340,402,032 warrants in the Company ("Warrants") on the basis of 1 Warrant for every 2 existing ordinary shares held by the shareholders in the Company ("Proposed Bonus Issue of Warrants").

The Shareholders' approval was obtained on 24 November 2022. Entitlement date for the Proposed Bonus Issue of Warrants was on 8 December 2022. The Warrant entitled the holder to subscribe for ordinary share in the Company on the basis of 1 new ordinary share for every 1 Warrant held. The exercise price was fixed at RM0.43 per Warrant.

A total of 340,400,686 Warrants were issued on 14 December 2022 of which 340,400,517 were listed and quoted on the Main Market of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad on 21 December 2022.

PROSPECTS

The Malaysian economy is expected to expand gradually in 2023, supported by firm domestic demand with continuing improvements in the labour market and realisation of large infrastructure projects amid downside risks and uncertainties.

Nevertheless, the Group remains vigilant and responsive to market changes. The Group will continue to focus on optimising operational efficiencies and tapping new opportunities to achieve profit growth for the longer term, and create value for its stakeholders.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

On behalf of the Board, I would like to extend a warm welcome to Tan Sri Cheng Heng Jem, who joined the Board as the Managing Director of the Company. The Board believes that the Company will benefit from his invaluable experience and expertise. I also extend our sincere appreciation to Tan Sri Cheng Yong Kim who retired as the Managing Director of the Company for his dedication and contributions to the Group.

APPRECIATION

On behalf of the Board, I wish to express my heartfelt and sincere thanks to all our valued shareholders, customers, financiers, business associates and the various governmental and regulatory authorities for their continuing support and confidence in the Group throughout these challenging times.

I would like to convey my appreciation and gratitude to my fellow Directors for their invaluable guidance, support and contribution throughout the year.

Last but not least, I would like to place on record my appreciation to the management and staff for their dedication and commitment to the Group.

DATUK SERI UTAMA RAJA NONG CHIK BIN
DATO' RAJA ZAINAL ABIDIN
Chairman

主席报告

我谨代表董事部，提呈金狮工业机构有限公司截至2022年12月31日的常年报告和经审核财务报表。

财务表现

回顾去年，本公司把会计年度的结束日期，从6月30日改为12月31日。因此，上一年度的会计时期共18个月，也就是从2020年7月1日到2021年12月31日。本会计年度在2022年12月31日结束，共有12个月，即从2022年1月1日至12月31日，这样一来，两个时期的业绩不能直接比较。

2022年，全球经济环境面临重大挑战，因为受到俄罗斯与乌克兰战争和中国封锁等重大逆风的打击。全球疫情封锁措施加上战争造成的能源和粮食供应短缺，导致世界经济和供应链中断进一步恶化。因此，通货膨胀压力加剧，利率飙升。

对马来西亚钢铁工业而言，2022年是充满挑战的一年，因为在这一年的大部分时间，此行业蒙受到原料成本上涨以及钢铁销售价格下跌的影响；利润受到严重打击。

因此，导致本集团在本会计年度蒙受3亿2200万令吉的税前亏损，大部分损失源自钢铁部门。此部门本年度的营业额是25亿7900万令吉。

本集团在2022年12月31日处于净现金状况，共拥有15亿900万令吉的净资产，每股的净资产为2.22令吉，比上一个会计年度每股减少44仙。

重大的企业发展

- (i) 本公司拥有99%股权的子公司合营制钢铁厂有限公司，建议把拥有100%股权的子公司 Eden Flame Sdn Bhd 出售给Esteel Enterprise Pte Bhd (“建议出售”)，售价是1亿3605万令吉。

建议出售在2022年5月27日完成。

- (ii) 建议本公司发行红股凭单共340,402,032单位，以1凭单对每2股现有普通股的方式发给本公司股东(“建议中的红股凭单”)。

以上建议已在2022年11月24日获得股东批准。建议中的红股凭单的授权日是2022年12月8日。凭单使持有人可以认购本公司的普通股，每持有1张凭单可以认购1股普通股，认购凭单的价格是定为每单位0.43令吉。

公司在2022年12月14日共发行340,400,686张凭单，其中340,400,517单位在2022年12月21日在大马交易所主要板上市。

展望

马来西亚经济预料会在2023年逐步扩展，得到强劲的国内需求支撑，这是由于在风险和不确定性减少的情况下，劳工市场持续改善以及大型基建工程获得推行。

无论如何，本集团保持警戒及对市场改变作出反应。本集团继续集中于优化营运效率和开拓商机，以取得长期利润成长，以及为利益相关者创造价值。

董事部

我谨代表董事部，热烈欢迎丹斯里锺廷森加入本公司董事部，出任董事经理。董事部相信，本公司可以从他的宝贵经验和专业知识中受惠。我也要真诚感谢卸任本公司董事经理的丹斯里锺荣锦，感谢他在任内致力于为本集团作出贡献。

鸣谢

我谨代表董事部，衷心 and 真诚的感谢所有我们尊贵的股东、客户、金融机构、商业伙伴以及各个政府部门和监督机构，在这些充满挑战的日子里，继续支持本集团及对本集团具有一定的信心。

我要感谢董事们，一年来提供宝贵的指导、支持与贡献。

最后，我要感谢管理层和职员，对本集团作出的贡献。

主席

**DATUK SERI UTAMA RAJA NONG CHIK BIN
DATO' RAJA ZAINAL ABIDIN**

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

OVERVIEW

| | 1.1.2022 to 31.12.2022 (12 months) RM'000 | 1.7.2020 to 31.12.2021 (18 months) RM'000 |
|---|--|--|
| Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss | | |
| Revenue | 2,579,174 | 3,937,446 |
| Loss from operations | (343,743) | (12,426) |
| (Loss)/Profit before tax | (321,990) | 570,284 |
| (Loss)/Profit after tax | (312,562) | 539,241 |
| Consolidated Statement of Financial Position | | |
| | 31.12.2022 RM'000 | 31.12.2021 RM'000 |
| Total assets | 3,097,978 | 3,512,778 |
| Deposits, cash and bank balances | 208,253 | 726,062 |
| Total liabilities | 1,363,962 | 1,474,073 |
| Loans and borrowings | 155,836 | 182,211 |
| Net assets | 1,508,798 | 1,813,558 |

The Company changed its financial year end from 30 June to 31 December the previous year, and hence the preceding financial period in the previous year was for an 18-month period from 1 July 2020 to 31 December 2021. The financial year under review that ended on 31 December 2022 comprised 12 months from 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022. As such, the results for these two periods are not directly comparable.

For the financial year under review, the Group registered a revenue of RM2,579 million with the steel and building materials businesses being the main contributors to the Group's revenue. However, the Steel Division recorded a significantly higher loss this year due to the lack of encouraging economic drivers in the market that witnessed declining steel prices and surging production cost.

The Group shared a lower loss of RM41.4 million from the associated companies and a joint venture, compared with RM50.9 million loss in the 18-month period last year. This was largely attributable to the strong profit posted by the retail business in Malaysia of the associated company subsequent to the reopening of Malaysia's borders and relaxation of COVID-19 restrictions.

For the financial year under review, the Group posted a loss before tax of RM322.0 million against a profit of RM570.3 million in the last financial period. Included in the profit of the last financial period was a gain of RM440.5 million arising from the disposal of a subsidiary company, Antara Steel Mills Sdn Bhd and RM193.1 million being the net amount recovered from the secured debts settlement arrangement entered into with Lion Diversified Holdings Berhad (In Liquidation) Group via a transfer of 100% equity interest in Well Morning Limited.

REVIEW OF OPERATIONS

Note: "Profit or loss before interests, share of associates and taxation" is hereinafter referred to as "profit" or "loss".

| Steel | | |
|---------------|---|---|
| | 31.12.2022 (12 months) RM Million | 31.12.2021 (18 months) RM Million |
| Revenue | 2,137 | 3,421 |
| (Loss)/Profit | (359.2) | 55.5 |

| Product | Annual Rated Capacity (Metric Tons) |
|--------------------------|--|
| Billets/Molten Steel | 2.2 million |
| Steel Bars and Wire Rods | 1.6 million |

Long Steel Products (Billets, Steel Bars & Wire Rods)

Our long steel products business is spearheaded by Amsteel Mills Sdn Bhd which owns two steel plants located at Bukit Raja in Klang and Banting.

The long steel products business posted a revenue of RM2.0 billion for this financial year with contribution mainly from the steel plant at Bukit Raja, Klang. Domestically, demand for steel remained low from the construction and property sectors mainly due to the lack of new mega infrastructure projects, over supply of properties, labour shortages, weak market sentiments and concerns over the surge in inflation and interest rates.

The profit margin was squeezed by the relatively higher production costs and lower steel prices. Accordingly, the long steel products business recorded a loss of about RM112 million for this financial year.

Flat Steel Product ("Hot Rolled Coil")

The flat steel plant located in Banting started with its hot test production in the middle of 2022.

However, in view of the extremely challenging steel market condition locally and globally, the Group has suspended the commercial production of the plant.

| Building Materials | | |
|--------------------|---|---|
| | 31.12.2022 (12 months) RM Million | 31.12.2021 (18 months) RM Million |
| Revenue | 725.1 | 739.9 |
| Profit | 5.8 | 9.0 |

2022 was another challenging year for the Division with several negative factors affecting the building materials business. Notwithstanding the unfavourable economic conditions, the Division registered a 49% growth in revenue at RM725 million over the same period last year (January 2021 to December 2021) mainly attributable to higher sales of steel bars to the local construction and property development sectors.

The construction industry remained in the doldrums during the first half of 2022 due to major price hikes in steel bar and cement with prices of fuel and premix materials edging higher. Construction activities rebounded in Q3 of 2022 as the economy fully emerged from COVID-19 curbs. Output accelerated for residential and non-residential buildings with a strong upturn in civil engineering activities. The sector saw improved earnings in the second half of 2022 despite a labour shortage and rising interest rates amid the weaker ringgit that continued to weigh in on the local construction sector.

The construction industry is expected to remain challenging in 2023 over the lack of new mega projects, labour shortages and elevated cost for some building materials. However, the allocation by the Government for development expenditure will provide much-needed support for the sector with small and mid-size construction players continuing to gain some perks from the higher development spending. Positive growth is also seen in the continuation and acceleration of existing major infrastructure projects which will help to sustain the prevailing market sentiments in the construction industry.

Operating in an intensely challenging and competitive business environment, the Division will always stay vigilant and responsive to market changes. The Division will continue to remain positive on its operating performance by forging strategic relationships with principal suppliers and trading partners, developing partnerships with key customers and developers and expanding its market coverage throughout Malaysia for the distribution of our in-house brands of finishing products such as sanitary wares, tap fittings, tiles and ironmongery to grow revenue and enhance margins. The Division will continue to strive and improve its performance to contribute positively to the Group. The Division has also taken all necessary precautions to prevent any disruption to its business operations in the event of any global pandemic.

| Lubricants, Petroleum Products and Automotive Products | | |
|---|--|--|
| | 31.12.2022 (12 months) RM Million | 31.12.2021 (18 months) RM Million |
| Revenue | 111.6 | 119.8 |
| Profit | 8.9 | 17.6 |

The Division started the financial year with its business operations recovering from the effects of the 18 December 2021 flood. Production activities were quickly restored to their original condition to avoid any supply disruption to our customers; thanks to the continuous hard work and commitment by the staff during the flood recovery period. Thus, our first quarter sales were relatively lower compared to the later months of the year.

Market demand for lubricants in 2022 escalated compared to the previous year; an effect from the re-opening from the lock-downs, active stimulation in economic activities and generally, a much more positive outlook and expectation of better containment of the COVID-19 pandemic. At the same time, raw material and operating costs continued to increase as goods and labour faced tight supplies challenges. The Ringgit faced its weakest level which compounded an already tough recovery situation.

Despite these numerous unprecedented challenges, the Division recorded more than 30% increase in its revenue compared to that in the same period last year (January 2021 to December 2021), and continued to record healthy operating profits for the Group. We broke the RM100 million annual sales level mainly from higher litreage sales and partly from higher sales price due to supply and cost pressure. Our achievement was principally supported by successful sales and operations strategies focusing on changing trends in customers' needs and behaviours. We continued to build close rapport with all our customers and dealers, with win-win outcomes for all.

As more countries ease their COVID-19 restrictions, and practise better and more effective community engagement, we anticipate that 2023 will pave the way for a more positive economic and business environment. Barring unforeseen circumstances, the Division is expected to continue to record healthy revenues and profit for the Group.

SUSTAINABILITY STATEMENT

This Sustainability Statement provides an overview of our sustainability practices and performance for the financial year ended 31 December 2022 (“FY 2022”) in the 3 aspects of sustainability i.e. economic, environmental and social (“EES”). We have taken steps to incorporate standard disclosures in accordance to the Global Reporting Initiatives (“GRI”) reporting guidelines and Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad’s Main Market Listing Requirements on sustainability reporting.

ECONOMIC

This section covering Marketplace and Workplace, highlights the continual measures to support the economic sustainability of our operations by giving due attention to our suppliers and customers, and our employees respectively. Our policies governing our business dealings, conduct of directors and employees, and vendors, business continuity management, integrity and fraud, competition, whistleblowing and sexual harassment including code of business ethics and conduct (“CoBEC”), are disseminated to all our companies and employees as well as uploaded onto Lion Group’s corporate website for public viewing.

The Group maintains zero-tolerance for bribery, fraud and corruption, and has an Anti-Bribery and Corruption Policy (“ABC Policy”) which abides by the rules, laws and regulations of the countries we are operating in and is available on Lion Group’s website. A Bahasa Malaysia version of the ABC Policy is also available on the Group’s intranet.

Marketplace

COVID-19 continues to have an impact on business operations, suppliers and customers in their contractual obligations due to the slowdown of economic activities and prolonged financial distress. We have taken proactive steps to address the risks of COVID-19 in a way that mitigates adverse impact on our supply chain, and initiated meetings and negotiations with key stakeholders to mutually resolve any issues that may arise.

We are committed to upholding ethical and responsible marketplace practices through transparent business conduct and operating our business with integrity and a commitment to excellence so as to improve our competitiveness and foster long-term relationships with our stakeholders.

- **Product Responsibility**

We are committed to providing products that meet regulatory, safety and health and quality standards to fulfil customers’ requirements and ensure that our suppliers share the same philosophy. The quality management system we have in place is designed to monitor and control the processes from planning and development to production and after-sales service in order to comply with all the stipulated standards. Our steel products are used mainly in the construction and infrastructure sectors, and are manufactured to the highest standards, and have received certification from SIRIM Malaysia, UK Certification Authority, Australian Certification Authority and TUV Nord Germany among others.

- **Customer Satisfaction**

Customer support and loyalty is critical to the success of our business. Hence, we strive to put customers at the forefront of everything we do whilst we aim to provide quality products and services to our customers. Product knowledge and service skills training are part of our routine training programmes to ensure that our employees provide premium quality services to our customers. We place high priority on customer engagement and interaction with various customer feedback channels to further improve on our customer service and achieving customer satisfaction.

- **Supply Chain and Responsible Procurement Practices**

Our procurement department ensures that we engage in responsible procurement practices which is reinforced with the requirement for all our active registered vendors to periodically acknowledge their commitment to our Vendor Code of Conduct. Vendors' qualification/credentials are carefully vetted before being admitted into our list of qualified suppliers. Our initiatives start with the supplier selection process incorporating sustainability considerations such as fair labour practices and safety requirements. Compliance and commitment by vendors and suppliers to conduct business with us in a transparent manner is sought through performing audits and making continuous improvements in our procurement processes and policies, including reassessing our procurement contracts. We believe local sourcing of products and services from within the country where possible, is vital as it brings many advantages including lower costs, timely delivery, reducing carbon miles and invigorating the economy.

- **Vendor Code of Conduct**

This serves as a guideline prescribing a set of principles to be adhered to by all vendors and to inform our vendors of their role and contribution as a key business partner and on the need to comply with all rules and regulations including health and safety standards, and labour standards; avoid conflict of interest, conserve the environment, and notify the Group of any breaches or non-conformance.

- **Employee Code of Conduct**

We apprise our employees on the Group's CoBEC and ABC policy, and the need to conduct business at the highest ethical standards. We do not tolerate bribery and corrupt practices or behaviours that may bring disrepute to the Group or its employees. Above all, we expect honesty, integrity and respect to be exhibited in our dealings and interactions within and outside the Group. To ensure that all executive employees understand and uphold high ethical standards of conduct, they are required to submit their Conflict of Interest and Compliance Declaration annually. As outlined in our CoBEC, any forms of discrimination in the workplace are prohibited and every individual has an equal right and opportunity to speak up. Fair treatment and equitable opportunities are given to all employees regardless of their background. We recorded zero cases of bribery and corruption for FY 2022.

- **Whistleblower Policy**

We are committed to conducting our affairs in an ethical, responsible and transparent manner. To this effect, we encourage our stakeholders to disclose suspected wrongdoings which may involve or concern our Group's directors, management, employees, performance, relations with other stakeholders, assets and reputation. Whistleblowers will be accorded protection of their identity unless the disclosure is required by any applicable law.

All concerns may be communicated to the Group Chief Internal Auditor via telephone call, mail and/or email as follows:

Tel. No. : 03-21423142

Email : whistleblower@lion.com.my

Address : Level 22, Menara Hap Seng 3, Plaza Hap Seng, No. 1 Jalan P. Ramlee, 50250 Kuala Lumpur, Wilayah Persekutuan

- **System Efficiency**

We strive to achieve the highest efficiency in our business operating systems and technology to support our daily business activities across the Group. We leverage on technology to connect with our subsidiaries, business partners and customers through online conferencing, emails, mobile and web-based communications.

The COVID-19 pandemic has changed our working environment and approach whereby we have emphasised more on cloud computing, mobile technology and secure virtual network to enable our business to perform remotely without interruption during lockdown restrictions.

As part of our overall strategy to create a solid cyber security culture and keep up with advancing cyber threats, it is mandatory for all employees to undergo and complete e-learning on cyber security with a self-assessment on their level of understanding on the matter. We also regularly organise awareness programmes to ensure that all employees are aware and updated on emerging risks that may compromise our business and IT systems.

- **Privacy and Data Protection**

We continuously strive to ensure the confidentiality and protection of customers' and stakeholders' information and documents based on requirements under the Personal Data Protection Act 2010. Information on our vendors, suppliers and customers is strictly private and confidential, and is treated as such at all times. During this reporting year, there have been no substantiated complaints of breaches in customer privacy or loss of customer data.

Workplace

We recognise our employees as key assets, hence managing talent at all levels is a key priority. Our Human Resource (HR) policies and guidelines comply with all relevant legislations and have been designed to ensure that our workplace embraces diversity, inclusion, equality and innovation. As part of our commitment to maintain our employee diversity, we have an open-door policy with regard to persons with disabilities.

The Group's efforts to attract, develop, motivate and retain its employees are pursued within the ambit of 6 HR strategic focus areas:

- **Talent Attraction and Management**

We assess applicants for employment in our Group of Companies based on objective criteria regardless of their ethnic background, gender, age, religion, disability or any factors which do not have bearing on job requirements. The Lion-Parkson Foundation scholarship programme builds a healthy pipeline of talent for our businesses.

We take stock of talent requirements for our businesses to allow high-potential employees the opportunities to be developed and progressed to senior and challenging roles at the Company and Group level. This will also serve to retain and cross-pollinate key talents within the Group.

- **Capability Building**

We provide learning and development opportunities in respect of technical, functional and behavioral competencies for our employees in line with their job requirements and career aspirations. Learning interventions are delivered on-the-job, via formal class training or online and continuing education. We encourage and support employees to participate in upskilling courses related to their work scope and obtain skill certification for wider job coverage.

- **Rewards and Performance**

We review and implement remuneration practices that are externally competitive and internally fair and equitable. Our reward process is closely linked to performance management process; our employees can expect to receive salary adjustments and bonus awards which directly relate to their performance and contributions.

- **HR Operational Excellence**

We continue to streamline, standardise and simplify our HR policies and processes in line with the requirements of our global organisation, with our LionPeople Global HR Information System (HRIS) at the core of our employee management and HR operations.

- **Safety & Health in the Workplace**

The safety and health of our employees is vital to our businesses, hence the Group subscribes to the safety, health and environmental regulations with a systematic approach reinforced by constant training and monitoring to ensure the safety and well-being of our employees. Workplace incidents are taken seriously; they are investigated and appropriate actions taken to prevent recurrence.

In compliance with legal requirements such as the Occupational Safety and Health Act, Factories and Machineries Act, Electricity Act 1990, Gas and other related regulations, we have in place our Safety and Health Standard Operating Procedures. Compliance with the safe work practices stated in these standard operating procedures is the primary responsibility of all employees, contractors and consultants performing their duties at our premises.

Our plant employees and visitors to the plant are equipped with the necessary safety and protective wear. Employees who are exposed to noise are provided with personal hearing protectors and required to undergo an audiometric test annually to ensure their well-being.

We have established the Emergency Response Team (“ERT”) in our plants to prepare for and respond to any emergency incident, such as occupational incidents, natural disasters or interruption of business operations. Our ERT members are well trained on safety awareness and preparedness in everyday situations. Training is organised regularly for the members on the use of various types of fire extinguishers and hose reel, first aid i.e. CPR and injury management, shutdown and evacuation procedures. Safety campaigns are held to remind and refresh the staff on safety awareness and related issues.

- **Employee Engagement and Well-being**

We espouse the requirement to engage and listen to our employees in order to create a conducive, happy and productive workplace. We create forums to enable effective employee engagement such as town-halls, “lunch & learn”, festive open houses, sports and recreation activities/pursuits. Such engagements address both work and social requirements of our employees leading to a healthy work-life balance which proves to be an important factor for recruitment and retention of employees.

However, due to the COVID-19 restrictions, the Group continued to implement various precautionary measures recommended by the Ministry of Health i.e. the protocols for hygiene and social distancing; cleaning and disinfecting workplaces when necessary; providing test kits for the weekly self tests and face masks to employees as well as hand sanitisers to employees and visitors to our offices and premises. Non-essential travel was reduced and virtual meetings were encouraged.

In view of the Employment Act (Amendments) 1955 having come into force on 1 January 2023, the Group had communicated the amendments pertaining to coverage of the Act, overtime eligibility, hospitalisation leave, working hours, amongst others, to all the operating companies via an internal memorandum in December 2022.

ENVIRONMENT

The Group remains steadfast in its commitment to sustainable development and seeks to operate in a way that minimises environmental harm. We advocate the 3R actions of Reduce, Reuse and Recycle at our workplace, and adopt preventative measures to conserve the environment and reduce pollution. We seek to uphold environmental concerns with emphasis on application of new technologies and industry best practices that are environmentally friendly, optimise the use of resources and promote energy efficiency and we are committed in taking proactive measures to preserve the environment for future generations whilst meeting the needs of our stakeholders.

- **Efficient Energy & Water Consumption**

Our steel manufacturing plants have been certified under ISO14001 Environmental Management System since 2012 which is testament of our commitment to prevention of pollution, continual improvement in overall environmental performance, and compliance with all applicable statutory and regulatory requirements.

Complying with the Energy Commission Act 2001 (Energy Management System) since 2010, active implementation of Research & Development and CIP (Continuous Improvement Plan) measures in our plants have been fruitful over time in reducing energy consumption significantly both in the form of electricity and gases.

We recognise water as a scarce resource, and we carefully manage our water usage by promoting the 3R concept i.e. Reduce, Reuse and Recycle via continuous process improvement and in-house water treatment plants.

- **Promoting Green and Environmental Friendly Products**

We constantly explore greener alternatives in our day-to-day operations such as introduction of more efficient and energy-saving products and processes, solar photovoltaic technology and 5S management techniques in our operations. To support our policy commitment, various environmental awareness activities such as Gotong Royong by the staff to clean the premises and surroundings were carried out. Initiatives by our property projects include landscaping with lush greenery and facilities to promote a green environment. We have introduced urban farming in our project to encourage community gardening which provides space for residents to cultivate plants for food and/or recreation.

- **Air Monitoring**

We have air quality monitoring programmes in place to ensure compliance with the emission limits as required by the ISO14001 Environmental Management System audit, and to minimise the impact of our manufacturing activities on the ambient air quality. The Total Suspended Particulates (TSP) for the chimney units in our steel mills are monitored quarterly with readings ranging between 1 to 25 mg/m³, which is below 50 mg/m³ as specified in the Environmental Quality (Clean Air) Regulations 2014, whilst the TSP for ambient air monitoring is monitored yearly with the data recorded ranging from 103 to 213 µg/m³, below the 260 µg/m³ stated in Malaysia Recommended Air Quality Guidelines.

- **Boundary Noise Monitoring**

Boundary noise monitoring is conducted once a year. Similar to ambient air monitoring, even though both monitorings are not a requirement by the authorities, we believe these practices will help us serve our stakeholders in maintaining environmental sustainability.

- **Chemical Management**

We ensure that occurrences such as chemical spills and leakages do not take place at our plants. We comply with the legal requirements of Occupational Safety and Health (Classification, Labelling and Safety Data Sheet of Hazardous Chemical) Regulations 2013, as well as the implementation of best management practices to mitigate pollution.

- **Waste Management**

We minimise the generation of waste wherever possible. At our plants, we practise the 3R (Reduce, Reuse and Recycle) approach in which we segregate recyclables including reusable waste in accordance with the Solid Waste and Public Cleansing Management Act 2007. We also generate scheduled wastes which are managed in accordance with the Environmental Quality (Scheduled Wastes) Regulations 2005. Scheduled wastes generated are properly stored, labelled and disposed when they reach a certain quantity or duration. Non-scheduled wastes are collected by a certified contractor for disposal at legal landfill sites. Given our commitment and adherence to our waste management practices, we meet full compliance with zero compound for FY 2022.

SOCIAL

In keeping with our philosophy of giving back to the community, the Group focuses on helping to uplift the community via Lion-Parkson Foundation (the “Foundation”) established in 1990 by Lion Group of Companies of which the Group is a member. The companies within the Group are also supporting the local community wherein they operate by participating in charity programmes and fundraising drives to assist those in need.

Empowerment through Education

The Foundation organises fundraising activities for charity and provides educational opportunities for the less fortunate. The true sustainability of our project lies in the on-going transformation of peoples’ lives through the benefits of education. We believe in Empowerment through Education; that education is the catalyst to bring about sustainable change for the better for our future generations.

Annually, the Foundation awards scholarships to undergraduates in local universities. The selected scholars undergo training in soft skills such as problem-solving and communication skills as well as internships at Lion Group companies during their semester breaks to prepare them for working in the corporate world. In FY 2022, the Foundation awarded scholarships worth RM10,000 per annum to 12 students based on their academic performance, extra-curricular activities and leadership qualities. To date, the Foundation has sponsored a total of 503 students under its scholarship and other sponsorship programmes worth RM12.3 million.

Among the events organised by the Foundation was the Charity Sale of Chinese New Year calligraphy pieces and t-shirts by Foundation Chairman, Puan Sri Chelsia Cheng in aid of education, medical care and other charitable causes in January 2022. The charity sale raised a total of RM201,888 of which RM28,500 was presented to the Kuala Lumpur and Selangor Chinese Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KLSCCCI) for its Scholarship Fund while the balance of RM173,388 was for the Foundation’s 12 new scholarships totalling RM120,000 and medical assistance fund which received RM53,388. Another charity event, “Jom! Run for Care”, a virtual run had raised RM44,160.30 with the presentation of the proceeds to four beneficiaries in June 2022.

Home for Special Children

The Foundation had built a home for Handicapped & Mentally Disabled Children in Banting, Selangor, which was opened in November 2012 and has completed the expansion of the Home to include an old folks home.

Medical Assistance for the Less Fortunate

In reaching out to a broad and diverse cross-section of beneficiaries irrespective of race or religion, the Foundation also provides financial assistance to the less fortunate suffering from critical illnesses who require medical treatment including surgery as well as purchase of medical equipment and medication. The Foundation is also assisting organisations that are geared towards helping the less fortunate to achieve a better life, including sponsoring community health programmes such as medical camps and donation of dialysis machines.

As of 31 December 2022, approximately RM10.08 million had been disbursed in the form of sponsorship for medical treatment to 1,089 individuals including purchase of equipment and medication, as well as purchase of medicine for medical camps, dialysis machines for dialysis centres operated by National Kidney Foundation of Malaysia and Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) to provide subsidised treatment to those suffering from kidney failure, and medical equipment to assist COVID-19 patients in the hospitals during the pandemic.

Other CSR Initiatives

During these challenging times, the Foundation and companies under the Group have been contributing funds and essential medical equipment to charitable organisations and hospitals in support of our healthcare system and responded to appeals for donations in aid of the needy.

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

Stakeholders engagement is imperative in understanding their expectations. We recognise that stakeholder expectation, assessment and feedback are an integral part of our sustainability strategy and initiatives, and we are continuously improving our stakeholder engagement approach via various communication channels.

| Stakeholder Group | Stakeholders Expectation | Communication Channel/Platform |
|--|--|--|
| Employees | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health, safety and well-being • Learning and development • Respect and recognition • Job satisfaction • Pay and benefits | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meetings • Training programmes • Internal newsletter • New employee induction programme • Staff gatherings and other engagement channels |
| Customers | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Convenience and experience • Service and product quality • Timely product delivery | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Face-to-face interaction through service channels • Communication through Marketing Department, Customer Service Department and Corporate Communications Department • Feedback through website, email, social media platform • Sales, promotions, road shows and related events |
| Suppliers/Vendors | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long-term partnership • Financial resilience • Sustainable business growth • Experienced management team | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liaison with suppliers before sourcing and engaging with contract managers • Meetings, business alliance events/ meetings • Vendor service/support channel |
| Shareholders and Investors | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good governance • Sustainable business growth • Disclosure and transparency | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investor relations channel and meetings • Annual General Meeting • Quarterly reports, Annual Report, media releases |
| Regulatory Agencies and Statutory Bodies | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regulatory compliance • Safety and security | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meetings, visits and events • Consultative and statutory reporting |
| Local Communities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responsible corporate citizen • Support for social causes • Creation of job opportunities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities and sponsorships organised by the Company and Lion-Parkson Foundation |
| Media | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Response to media enquiries and requests for interviews • Long-term engagement | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Media releases and interviews • Advertisements |
| Industry Associations | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support for mutual interests | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meetings and events |

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

2022

For The Financial Year Ended 31 December 2022

DIRECTORS' REPORT

The Directors of **LION INDUSTRIES CORPORATION BERHAD** hereby submit their report and the audited financial statements of the Group and of the Company for the financial year ended 31 December 2022.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The Company's principal activities are investment holding and property development. The principal activities of the subsidiary companies are manufacture and marketing of steel bars, wire rods, and steel related products; trading and distribution of building materials and other steel products; manufacture and trading of lubricants, automotive products and petroleum products; property development and investment holding.

The information on the name, place of incorporation, principal activities, and percentage of ownership of the holding company in each subsidiary company is disclosed in Note 43 to the financial statements.

RESULTS

The results of the Group and of the Company for the financial year are as follows:

| | The Group RM'000 | The Company RM'000 |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Loss for the year | (312,562) | (4,143) |
| Loss attributable to: | | |
| Owners of the Company | (311,599) | |
| Non-controlling interests | (963) | |
| | <u>(312,562)</u> | |

In the opinion of the Directors, the results 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 than, in respect of the Group, the gain on disposal of investment in a subsidiary company of RM63,192,000.

DIVIDEND

No dividend has been paid or declared by the Company since the end of the previous financial period. The Directors also 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 disclosed in the financial statements.

ISSUE OF SHARES AND DEBENTURES

The Company did not issue any new shares or debentures during the financial year.

TREASURY SHARES

The Company did not repurchase its ordinary shares during the financial year. As of 31 December 2022, the Company held 37,105,300 treasury shares at a carrying amount of RM13,192,722.

WARRANTS

During the financial year, the Company issued 340,400,686 warrants by way of bonus issue on the basis of 1 warrant for every 2 existing ordinary shares held in the Company.

Salient features of the warrants are as follows:

- (a) Each warrant entitles the registered holder to subscribe for 1 new ordinary share in the Company at any time on or before the maturity date, 12 December 2025, falling 3 years from the date of issuance of the warrants. Unexercised warrants after the exercise period will thereafter lapse and cease to be valid;
- (b) The exercise price of the warrants is fixed at RM0.43 per warrant;
- (c) The new ordinary shares to be issued upon the exercise of the warrants shall rank *pari passu* in all respects with the existing ordinary shares of the Company; and
- (d) The warrants were listed and quoted on the Main Market of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad on 21 December 2022.

As at 31 December 2022, 340,400,686 warrants remained unexercised.

OTHER STATUTORY INFORMATION

Before the financial statements of the Group and of the Company were prepared, the Directors took reasonable steps:

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

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

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

OTHER STATUTORY INFORMATION (continued)

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

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

No contingent or other liability has become enforceable or is likely to become enforceable within the period of twelve months after the end of the financial year which, in the opinion of the Directors, will or may substantially affect the ability of the Group and of the Company to meet their obligations as and when they fall due.

In the opinion of the Directors, no item, transaction or event of a material and unusual nature has arisen in the interval between the end of the financial year and the date of this report which is likely to affect substantially the results of operations of the Group and of the Company in the financial year in which this report is made.

DIRECTORS

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

Datuk Seri Utama Raja Nong Chik bin Dato' Raja Zainal Abidin
Tan Sri Cheng Heng Jem (Appointed on 26 May 2022)
Dato' Nik Rahmat bin Nik Taib
Yap Soo Har
Cheng Hui Ya, Serena
Tan Sri Cheng Yong Kim (Retired on 26 May 2022)

LIST OF DIRECTORS OF SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES

The Directors who held office in the subsidiary companies of the Company during the financial year and up to the date of this report are:

| | |
|------------------------|--|
| Chai Voon Choy | Koo Chuan Hong |
| Chen Xian Ping | Lee Boon Liang |
| Cheng Hui Ya, Serena | Lee Khian Lai |
| Cheng Hui Yen, Natalie | Lee Whay Keong |
| Cheng Theng How | Liu Cheng Xu |
| Cheng Yong Liang | Ong Kek Seng |
| Chuah Say Chin | Ooi Kim Lai |
| Dato' Eow Kwan Hoong | Poon Sow Har |
| Dato' Teoh Teik Jin | Sun Li Zhong |
| Dr Folk Jee Yoong | Tan Sri Cheng Heng Jem |
| Goh Kok Beng | Tan Sri Cheng Yong Kim |
| Hu Li Ke | Tan Sri Dato' Abd Karim bin Shaikh Munisar |
| Hu Qing Guo | Teoh Lean Keat |
| Jiang Hong Xin | Wang Wing Ying |
| Juliana Cheng San San | Wong Pak Yii |
| Koh Yong Heng | Yeo Keng Leong |

Cheng Toek Waa (Resigned with effect from 25 April 2022)
Haji Mohamad Khalid bin Abdullah (Resigned with effect from 6 May 2022)

DIRECTORS' INTERESTS

The shareholdings in the Company of those who were Directors at the end of the financial year are as follows:

| | As of 1.1.2022 | Number of ordinary shares | | As of 31.12.2022 |
|---|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------|---------------------|
| | | Additions | Disposals | |
| Datuk Seri Utama Raja Nong Chik bin Dato' Raja Zainal Abidin | | | | |
| Direct interest | 100,000 | – | – | 100,000 |
| Deemed interest | 100,000 | – | – | 100,000 |
| | As of 26.5.2022 ⁽¹⁾ | Additions | Disposals | As of 31.12.2022 |
| Tan Sri Cheng Heng Jem | | | | |
| Direct interest | 222,785,449 | – | – | 222,785,449 |
| Deemed interest | 12,752,369 | – | – | 12,752,369 |

In addition to the above, the following Directors are also deemed to have an interest in shares in the Company by virtue of the warrants issued by the Company with a right to subscribe for ordinary shares in the Company on the basis of 1 new ordinary share for every 1 warrant held:

| | As of 14.12.2022 ⁽²⁾ | Number of warrants | | As of 31.12.2022 |
|---|------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------|---------------------|
| | | Additions | Disposals | |
| Direct interest | | | | |
| Datuk Seri Utama Raja Nong Chik bin Dato' Raja Zainal Abidin | 50,000 | – | – | 50,000 |
| Tan Sri Cheng Heng Jem | 111,392,723 | – | – | 111,392,723 |
| Deemed interest | | | | |
| Datuk Seri Utama Raja Nong Chik bin Dato' Raja Zainal Abidin | 50,000 | – | – | 50,000 |
| Tan Sri Cheng Heng Jem | 6,376,184 | – | – | 6,376,184 |

DIRECTORS' INTERESTS (continued)

The shareholdings in the related corporations during and at the end of the financial year of those who were Directors in office at the end of the financial year are as follows:

| | As of 26.5.2022 ⁽¹⁾ | Number of ordinary shares | | As of 31.12.2022 | |
|--|-----------------------------------|--|------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| | | Additions | Disposals | | |
| Tan Sri Cheng Heng Jem | | | | | |
| Direct interest | | | | | |
| Lion Posim Berhad | 400 | – | – | 400 | |
| Deemed interest | | | | | |
| Holdsworth Investment Pte Ltd | 4,500,000 | – | – | 4,500,000 | |
| Inspirasi Elit Sdn Bhd | 212,500 | – | – | 212,500 | |
| Lion Group Management Services Sdn Bhd | 5,000,000 | – | – | 5,000,000 | |
| Lion Posim Berhad | 170,186,190 | – | – | 170,186,190 | |
| LLB Enterprise Sdn Bhd | 940,000 | – | – | 940,000 | |
| Soga Sdn Bhd | 4,525,322 | – | – | 4,525,322 | |
| Steelcorp Sdn Bhd | 99,750 | – | – | 99,750 | |
| Well Morning Limited | 1 | – | – | 1 | |
| Zhongsin Biotech Pte Ltd | 1,000,000 | – | – | 1,000,000 | |
| | Currency | As of 26.5.2022⁽¹⁾ | Additions | Disposals | As of 31.12.2022 |
| Investments in the People's Republic of China | | | | | |
| Deemed interest | | | | | |
| Tianjin Baden Real Estate Development Co Ltd (In voluntary liquidation) | USD | 5,000,000 | – | – | 5,000,000 |
| Tianjin Hua Shi Auto Meter Co Ltd (In voluntary liquidation) | USD | 10,878,944 | – | – | 10,878,944 |

Notes:

(1) Date of appointment

(2) Date of allotment of warrants

Other than disclosed above, none of the other Directors in office at the end of the financial year had any interest in shares in the Company or its related corporations during and at the end of the financial year.

DIRECTORS' BENEFITS

Since the end of the previous financial period, none of the Directors of the Company has received or become entitled to receive any benefit (other than the benefit included in the aggregate amount of remunerations received or due and receivable by the Directors shown below) 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 save and except for the benefit which deemed to have arisen by virtue of the balances and transactions between the Company and its related companies and certain companies in which a Director of the Company has a substantial interest, in the ordinary course of business of the Group and of the Company.

Details of the remuneration paid to or receivable by the Directors of the Company classified into executive and non-executive Directors during the financial year are as follows:

| | The Group RM'000 | The Company RM'000 |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Executive Directors: | | |
| Fee | 50 | 35 |
| Salary and other emoluments | 2,134 | 1,269 |
| Defined contribution plans | 41 | 41 |
| | 2,225 | 1,345 |
| Non-executive Directors: | | |
| Fees | 255 | 235 |
| Salary and other emoluments | 159 | 58 |
| Defined contribution plans | 12 | – |
| | 426 | 293 |
| Total | 2,651 | 1,638 |

The estimated monetary value of benefits-in-kind received and receivable by the Directors otherwise than in cash from the Group and the Company amounted to RM182,177 and RM56,150 respectively.

Neither during nor at the end of the financial year, was the Company a party to any arrangement whose is to enable Directors to acquire benefits by means of the acquisition of shares in or debentures of the Company or any other body corporate.

INDEMNITY AND INSURANCE FOR DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

The Directors and Officers of the Group and of the Company are covered under a Directors' and Officers' Liability insurance up to an aggregate limit of RM50,000,000 against any legal liability, if incurred by the Directors and Officers of the Group and of the Company in the discharge of their duties while holding office for the Company and its subsidiary companies.

AUDITORS

The total amount of fees paid to or receivable by the auditors as remuneration for their services as auditors of the Group and of the Company for the current financial year are RM942,000 and RM137,000 respectively.

The Auditors, Mazars PLT, Chartered Accountants, have expressed their willingness to accept re-appointment.

To the extent permitted by laws, the Company has agreed to indemnify its Auditors, Mazars PLT, as part of the terms of its audit engagement, against claims by third party arising from the audit. No payment has been made to indemnify Mazars PLT for the current financial year.

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

TAN SRI CHENG HENG JEM

CHENG HUI YA, SERENA

Kuala Lumpur

12 April 2023

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF LION INDUSTRIES CORPORATION BERHAD (Incorporated in Malaysia)

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Lion Industries Corporation Berhad, which comprise the statements of financial position as at 31 December 2022 of the Group and of the Company, and the statements of profit or loss, statements of 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 a summary of significant accounting policies, as set out on pages 70 to 189.

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 2022, and of their financial performance and their cash flows for the financial year then ended in accordance with Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards, International Financial Reporting Standards and the requirements of the Companies Act 2016 in Malaysia.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with approved standards on auditing in Malaysia and International Standards on Auditing. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the 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 financial year. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the financial statements of the Group and of the Company as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

(a) Recoverable amount of property, plant and equipment at Banting

The Group's accounting policies, significant judgement and estimates made by the management and disclosure notes on property, plant and equipment are disclosed in Note 3, Note 4(ii)(e) and Note 12 to the financial statements.

The risk:

As at 31 December 2022, the carrying amount of the property, plant and equipment of the Group amounted to RM903 million, representing 54% and 29% of the Group's total non-current assets and total assets respectively. Included in the property, plant and equipment of the Group are property, plant and equipment related to steel making plants of subsidiaries located at Banting ("Banting Plants") amounting to RM696 million.

The Banting Plants have temporarily stopped its production activities. The Directors of the Company deem this as an indicator for impairment and accordingly carried out impairment assessment in accordance with MFRS 136 Impairment of Assets, on the Banting Plants.

The recoverable amount of the Banting Plants was determined by management based on fair value less cost to sell, by references to the latest valuations carried out by independent valuers.

The valuation process involves significant judgement in determining the appropriate valuation methodologies and the underlying assumptions. The valuations are highly sensitive to key assumptions applied and any change in the assumptions can have a significant impact to the valuations.

In view of the significant judgement and estimates required by management in determining the recoverable amount of the Banting Plants for impairment assessment, we identified the recoverable amount of Banting Plants as a key audit matter.

How the matter was addressed in our audit:

Our audit procedures to address this area included, among others:

- Obtained an understanding of the Group's policies and procedures to identify indications of impairment of assets;
- Performed physical inspection of Banting Plants to ensure the physical existence and its conditions;
- Obtained independent valuers report for the land, plant and machinery;
- Assessed the competency, capabilities and objectivity of the independent valuers engaged by the Group to determine the market value of Banting Plants on the determination of the recoverable amounts of these plants;
- Discussed with the valuers to understand the methodologies adopted in determining the market value of Banting Plants;
- Assessed the reasonableness of the key assumptions and inputs used in the valuation;
- Assessed the appropriateness of the adjustments made to the observable prices in the active market or recent market transactions in determining the market value of Banting Plants; and
- Tested the mathematical accuracy of recoverable amount calculation.

(b) Recoverable amount of investment properties in Cambodia

The Group's accounting policies, significant judgement and estimates made by the management and disclosure notes on investment properties are disclosed in Note 3, Note 4(i)(b) and Note 13 to the financial statements.

The risk:

As at 31 December 2022, the carrying amount of the investment properties of the Group amounted to RM114 million, representing 7% and 4% of the Group's total non-current assets and total assets respectively. Included in the investment properties of the Group are freehold land, leasehold land and economic land concessions in Cambodia ("Cambodia Land") amounting to USD26 million, equivalent to RM113 million.

The recoverable amount of the Cambodia Land was determined by management based on fair value less cost to sell, by references to the latest valuations carried out by independent valuers.

The valuation process involves significant judgement in determining the appropriate valuation methodologies and the underlying assumptions. The valuations are highly sensitive to key assumptions applied and any change in the assumptions can have a significant impact to the valuations.

In view of the significant judgement and estimates required by management in determining the recoverable amount of the Cambodia Land, which also includes the Economic Land Concessions ("ELC") totaling RM40 million for which formal lease agreements are pending, as disclosed in Note 13 to the financial statements, and management's plans on its realisation, we identified the recoverable amount of the Cambodia Land as a key audit matter.

How the matter was addressed in our audit:

Our audit procedures to address this area included, among others:

- Obtained an understanding of impairment assessment process and evaluated the design and implementation of the relevant controls surrounding impairment assessment on the Cambodia Land;
- Obtained and evaluated the management assessment in determining the recoverable amount of the Cambodia Land;
- Obtained the independent valuation reports for the Cambodia Land and compared to management's assessment;
- Assessed the competency, capabilities and objectivity of the valuers' and challenged the assumptions and methodology used in the valuations;
- Obtained and understood the agreements or other relevant documents relating to the conversion of leasehold land and granting of ELC;
- Performed retrospective review of management's plans to convert the economic land concessions to leasehold land;
- Held discussion with independent valuers on the valuation and challenged the basis of determining the fair value of the Cambodia Land and impact of Covid-19 on the valuation of these properties; and
- Assessed the adequacy and appropriateness of the disclosures in the financial statements.

(c) Recoverable amount of investment in an associated company, Parkson Holdings Berhad

The Group's accounting policies, significant judgement and estimates made by the management and disclosure notes on investment in associated companies are disclosed in Note 3, Note 4(ii)(a) and Note 18 to the financial statements.

The risk:

As at 31 December 2022, the carrying amount of the investment in associated companies of the Group amounted to RM408 million, representing 24% and 13% of the Group's total non-current assets and total assets respectively. Included in the investment in associated companies of the Group is investment in Parkson Holdings Berhad amounting to RM374 million.

As at the reporting date, the market value of investment in Parkson Holdings Berhad is below the Group's carrying amount of investment in the associated company. The Directors had performed an impairment assessment based on the value-in-use ("VIU") method to determine its recoverable amount.

The use of VIU involved significant estimates of the future financial results of the business, in particular, the key assumptions on revenue growth rate, gross profit margin, operating expenses and pre-tax discount rate used in the future cash flows forecasts. The valuations are highly sensitive to key assumptions applied and any change in the assumptions can have a significant impact to the valuations.

In view of the significant judgement and estimates required by management in determining the VIU of its investment in Parkson Holdings Berhad, we identified the recoverable amount of investment in Parkson Holdings Berhad as a key audit matter.

How the matter was addressed in our audit:

Our audit procedures to address this area included, among others:

- Obtained an understanding of the relevant processes and internal controls over the impairment assessment process;
- Reviewed the discounted cash flows prepared by management;
- Assessed the reasonableness of key assumptions, including discount rates, forecast growth rates and methodology used in deriving the present value of the cash flows;
- Corroborated the key assumptions with industry analysts' views and available market information and compared to historical results and cash flows of Parkson Holdings Berhad; and
- Tested the mathematical accuracy of recoverable amount calculation.

We have determined that there are no key audit matters in the audit of the financial statements of the Company to communicate in our auditors' report.

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

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

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

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements of the Group and of the Company, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Group and of the Company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Directors.

- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Group and of the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditors' report to the related disclosures in the financial statements of the Group and of the Company or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditors' report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Group and the Company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements of the Group and of the Company, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements of the Group and of the Company represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Group to express an opinion on the financial statements of the Group. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

We 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 of safeguards applied.

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

Report on 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 43 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.

The financial statements of the Group and of the Company for the financial period ended 31 December 2021 were audited by another firm of auditors ("predecessor auditor") whose report dated 26 April 2022 expressed a qualified opinion on the financial statements. The audit opinion of the component auditor in respect of Parkson Holdings Berhad's consolidated financial statements for the financial period ended 31 December 2021 was qualified due to a limitation of scope as the component auditor was unable to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial impact arising from a subsidiary company of Parkson Holdings Berhad that was deconsolidated during the financial period ended 31 December 2021. Consequently, the predecessor auditor was unable to determine whether any adjustments that might have been found necessary in respect of the carrying amount of Parkson Holdings Berhad as at 31 December 2021 and the Group's share of losses from Parkson Holdings Berhad recognised for the financial period ended 31 December 2021.

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Chartered Accountants

FRANCIS XAVIER JOSEPH
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Chartered Accountant

Kuala Lumpur

12 April 2023

STATEMENTS OF PROFIT OR LOSS

FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

| | Note | The Group | | The Company | |
|---|-----------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | | 1.1.2022 to 31.12.2022 RM'000 | 1.7.2020 to 31.12.2021 RM'000 | 1.1.2022 to 31.12.2022 RM'000 | 1.7.2020 to 31.12.2021 RM'000 |
| Revenue | 5 | 2,579,174 | 3,937,446 | – | 27,292 |
| Other income | | 47,182 | 247,295 | 313 | 84 |
| Net changes in inventories | | (2,186) | 116,852 | – | – |
| Raw materials and consumables used | | (2,201,699) | (3,397,701) | – | – |
| Purchase of trading merchandise | | (312,597) | (378,706) | – | – |
| Cost of completed units sold | | – | (776) | – | – |
| Staff costs | 6 | (158,890) | (221,990) | (1,047) | (708) |
| Directors' remuneration | 7 | (2,651) | (2,282) | (1,638) | (2,105) |
| Investment income | 8 | 6,242 | 10,281 | 381 | 739 |
| Finance costs | 9 | (12,367) | (31,278) | (664) | (941) |
| Depreciation of property, plant and equipment | 12 | (45,404) | (105,208) | (125) | (208) |
| Depreciation of investment properties | 13 | (475) | (108) | – | – |
| Amortisation of prepaid land lease payments | 14 | (3,433) | (6,723) | – | – |
| Depreciation of right-of-use assets | 15 | (6,231) | (23,648) | (51) | (94) |
| Impairment losses net of reversals on: | | | | | |
| Property, plant and equipment | 12 | – | (23,776) | – | – |
| Prepaid land lease payments | 14 | – | (514) | – | – |
| Trade and other receivables | 24 | (19,038) | (3,112) | – | 82 |
| Amount owing by subsidiary companies | 25 | – | – | 166 | (1,720) |
| Investment in subsidiary companies | 17 | – | – | – | (3,598) |
| Investment in associated companies | 18 | – | – | 116 | (15,439) |
| Long term investment | | – | 1,756 | – | – |
| Other expenses | | (211,370) | (130,234) | (1,344) | (787) |
| (Loss)/Profit from operations | 6 | (343,743) | (12,426) | (3,893) | 2,597 |
| Share of results of: | | | | | |
| Associated companies | 18 | (41,458) | (50,938) | – | – |
| Joint venture | 19 | 19 | 40 | – | – |
| Gain on settlement of secured debts | 17(a) | – | 193,061 | – | – |
| Gain/(Loss) on disposal of investment in a subsidiary company | 17(b)/(c) | 63,192 | 440,547 | – | (4,169) |
| (Loss)/Profit before tax | | (321,990) | 570,284 | (3,893) | (1,572) |
| Tax credit/(expense) | 10 | 9,428 | (31,043) | (250) | (10) |
| (Loss)/Profit for the year/period | | (312,562) | 539,241 | (4,143) | (1,582) |
| (Loss)/Profit attributable to: | | | | | |
| Owners of the Company | | (311,599) | 494,990 | (4,143) | (1,582) |
| Non-controlling interests | | (963) | 44,251 | – | – |
| | | (312,562) | 539,241 | (4,143) | (1,582) |
| (Loss)/Earnings per share (sen): | | | | | |
| Basic and diluted | 11 | (45.77) | 72.71 | | |

The accompanying Notes form an integral part of the Financial Statements.

STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

| | The Group | | The Company | |
|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | 1.1.2022 to 31.12.2022 RM'000 | 1.7.2020 to 31.12.2021 RM'000 | 1.1.2022 to 31.12.2022 RM'000 | 1.7.2020 to 31.12.2021 RM'000 |
| (Loss)/Profit for the year/period | (312,562) | 539,241 | (4,143) | (1,582) |
| Other comprehensive income/(loss) | | | | |
| <u>Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss</u> | | | | |
| Exchange differences on translation of foreign operations | 34,744 | 13,585 | – | – |
| Share of other comprehensive (loss)/ income of associated companies | (26,871) | 59,059 | – | – |
| Other comprehensive income for the year/period, net of tax | 7,873 | 72,644 | – | – |
| Total comprehensive (loss)/income for the year/period | (304,689) | 611,885 | (4,143) | (1,582) |
| Total comprehensive (loss)/income attributable to: | | | | |
| Owners of the Company | (304,760) | 561,973 | (4,143) | (1,582) |
| Non-controlling interests | 71 | 49,912 | – | – |
| | (304,689) | 611,885 | (4,143) | (1,582) |

The accompanying Notes form an integral part of the Financial Statements.

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

| | Note | The Group | | The Company | |
|--|-------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | | 2022 RM'000 | 2021 RM'000 | 2022 RM'000 | 2021 RM'000 |
| ASSETS | | | | | |
| Non-Current Assets | | | | | |
| Property, plant and equipment | 12 | 902,550 | 848,433 | 162 | 287 |
| Investment properties | 13 | 113,877 | 110,119 | – | – |
| Prepaid land lease payments | 14 | 36,625 | 51,705 | – | – |
| Right-of-use assets | 15 | 22,314 | 18,850 | 42 | 93 |
| Land held for property development | 16(a) | 51,849 | 50,964 | 26 | 26 |
| Investment in subsidiary companies | 17 | – | – | 743,333 | 743,333 |
| Investment in associated companies | 18 | 407,759 | 485,826 | 64,394 | 64,394 |
| Investment in joint venture | 19 | 90 | 71 | – | – |
| Long-term investments | 20 | 599 | 599 | 216 | 216 |
| Other receivable | 37 | – | 13,000 | – | – |
| Deferred tax assets | 21 | 9,484 | 8,435 | – | – |
| Goodwill | 22 | 130,443 | 130,443 | – | – |
| Total Non-Current Assets | | 1,675,590 | 1,718,445 | 808,173 | 808,349 |
| Current Assets | | | | | |
| Property development costs | 16(b) | – | 15,573 | – | – |
| Inventories | 23 | 380,330 | 329,641 | 43 | 43 |
| Trade receivables | 24(a) | 301,192 | 259,318 | – | – |
| Other receivables, deposits and prepayments | 24(b) | 523,649 | 461,322 | 4,005 | 3,844 |
| Amount owing by subsidiary companies | 25 | – | – | 619,054 | 621,561 |
| Investment in money market funds | 26(a) | 2,279 | 2,417 | – | – |
| Deposits, cash and bank balances | 26(b) | 208,253 | 726,062 | 7,332 | 8,231 |
| | | 1,415,703 | 1,794,333 | 630,434 | 633,679 |
| Non-current assets classified as held for sale | 27 | 6,685 | – | – | – |
| Total Current Assets | | 1,422,388 | 1,794,333 | 630,434 | 633,679 |
| Total Assets | | 3,097,978 | 3,512,778 | 1,438,607 | 1,442,028 |

(Forward)

| | Note | The Group | | The Company | |
|---|-------|------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|
| | | 2022 RM'000 | 2021 RM'000 | 2022 RM'000 | 2021 RM'000 |
| EQUITY AND LIABILITIES | | | | | |
| Capital and Reserves | | | | | |
| Share capital | 28 | 1,250,536 | 1,250,536 | 1,250,536 | 1,250,536 |
| Reserves | 30 | 258,262 | 563,022 | 7,185 | 11,328 |
| Equity attributable to owners of the Company | | 1,508,798 | 1,813,558 | 1,257,721 | 1,261,864 |
| Non-controlling interests | 17 | 225,218 | 225,147 | – | – |
| Total Equity | | 1,734,016 | 2,038,705 | 1,257,721 | 1,261,864 |
| Non-Current and Deferred Liabilities | | | | | |
| Loans and borrowings | 31 | 833 | 47,808 | – | – |
| Lease liabilities | 32 | 16,723 | 14,524 | – | 44 |
| Deferred payables | 35 | 243,725 | 323,725 | – | – |
| Deferred tax liabilities | 21 | 4,277 | 3,770 | – | – |
| Total Non-Current and Deferred Liabilities | | 265,558 | 389,827 | – | 44 |
| Current Liabilities | | | | | |
| Trade payables | 33(a) | 470,902 | 486,347 | 282 | 166 |
| Other payables, deposits and accrued expenses | 33(b) | 327,430 | 346,818 | 1,257 | 1,021 |
| Contract liabilities | 33(c) | 56,848 | 24,405 | – | – |
| Provisions | 34 | – | – | – | – |
| Advance billings of property development projects | | – | 20 | – | – |
| Amount owing to subsidiary companies | 25 | – | – | 170,824 | 169,172 |
| Loans and borrowings | 31 | 155,003 | 134,403 | 8,445 | 9,712 |
| Lease liabilities | 32 | 6,474 | 4,621 | 44 | 49 |
| Deferred payables | 35 | 80,000 | 70,000 | – | – |
| Tax liabilities | | 1,747 | 17,632 | 34 | – |
| Total Current Liabilities | | 1,098,404 | 1,084,246 | 180,886 | 180,120 |
| Total Liabilities | | 1,363,962 | 1,474,073 | 180,886 | 180,164 |
| Total Equity and Liabilities | | 3,097,978 | 3,512,778 | 1,438,607 | 1,442,028 |

The accompanying Notes form an integral part of the Financial Statements.

STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

| The Group | Non-distributable reserves | | | | Distributable reserve – Retained earnings RM'000 | Attributable to owners of the Company RM'000 | Non-controlling interests RM'000 | Total equity RM'000 |
|---|----------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------|--|--|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| | Share capital RM'000 | Treasury shares RM'000 | Translation adjustment reserve RM'000 | Capital reserve RM'000 | | | | |
| As of 1 July 2020 | 1,250,536 | (13,193) | 19,164 | (100,913) | 95,991 | 1,251,585 | 175,235 | 1,426,820 |
| Profit for the period | - | - | - | - | 494,990 | 494,990 | 44,251 | 539,241 |
| Other comprehensive income | - | - | 7,924 | 59,059 | - | 66,983 | 5,661 | 72,644 |
| Total comprehensive income for the period | - | - | 7,924 | 59,059 | 494,990 | 561,973 | 49,912 | 611,885 |
| Transfer of reserve | - | - | 11,218 | - | (11,218) | - | - | - |
| As of 31 December 2021 | 1,250,536 | (13,193) | 38,306 | (41,854) | 579,763 | 1,813,558 | 225,147 | 2,038,705 |

(Forward)

| The Group | Non-distributable reserves | | Distributable reserve | | Attributable to owners of the Company | | Non-controlling interests | Total equity |
|--|----------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------------|---------|---------------------------|--------------|
| | Treasury shares | Translation adjustment reserve | Capital reserve | Retained earnings | Company | RM'000 | | |
| | RM'000 | RM'000 | RM'000 | RM'000 | RM'000 | RM'000 | RM'000 | RM'000 |
| As of 1 January 2022 | 1,250,536 | 38,306 | (41,854) | 579,763 | 1,813,558 | 225,147 | 2,038,705 | |
| Loss for the year | - | - | - | (311,599) | (311,599) | (963) | (312,562) | |
| Other comprehensive income/(loss) | - | 33,710 | (26,871) | - | 6,839 | 1,034 | 7,873 | |
| Total comprehensive (loss)/income for the year | - | 33,710 | (26,871) | (311,599) | (304,760) | 71 | (304,689) | |
| As of 31 December 2022 | 1,250,536 | 72,016 | (68,725) | 268,164 | 1,508,798 | 225,218 | 1,734,016 | |

(Forward)

| The Company | Share capital RM'000 | Non-distributable reserves → | | Distributable reserve – Retained earnings RM'000 | Total equity RM'000 |
|---|-------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|--|---------------------------|
| | | Treasury shares RM'000 | Capital reserve RM'000 | | |
| As of 1 July 2020 | 1,250,536 | (13,193) | 5,419 | 20,684 | 1,263,446 |
| Loss for the period | - | - | - | (1,582) | (1,582) |
| Other comprehensive income | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total comprehensive loss for the period | - | - | - | (1,582) | (1,582) |
| As of 31 December 2021 | 1,250,536 | (13,193) | 5,419 | 19,102 | 1,261,864 |
| As of 1 January 2022 | 1,250,536 | (13,193) | 5,419 | 19,102 | 1,261,864 |
| Loss for the year | - | - | - | (4,143) | (4,143) |
| Other comprehensive income | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total comprehensive loss for the year | - | - | - | (4,143) | (4,143) |
| As of 31 December 2022 | 1,250,536 | (13,193) | 5,419 | 14,959 | 1,257,721 |

The accompanying Notes form an integral part of the Financial Statements.

STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

| The Group | Note | 1.1.2022 to 31.12.2022 RM'000 | 1.7.2020 to 31.12.2021 RM'000 |
|---|-----------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| CASH FLOWS FROM/(USED IN) OPERATING ACTIVITIES | | | |
| (Loss)/Profit for the year/period | | (312,562) | 539,241 |
| Adjustments for: | | | |
| Depreciation of property, plant and equipment | 12 | 45,404 | 105,208 |
| Tax (credit)/expenses recognised in profit or loss | | (9,428) | 31,043 |
| Finance costs | 9 | 12,367 | 31,278 |
| (Reversal of)/Allowance for obsolescence of inventories | 23 | (241) | 1,540 |
| Inventories written down/(back) | 23 | 97,430 | (14,400) |
| Inventories written off | 23 | 92 | – |
| Unrealised gain on foreign exchange | 6 | (1,229) | (140) |
| Impairment losses on: | | | |
| Trade and other receivables | 24 | 21,515 | 9,542 |
| Property, plant and equipment | 12 | – | 23,776 |
| Prepaid land lease payments | 14 | – | 514 |
| Amortisation of prepaid land lease payments | 14 | 3,433 | 6,723 |
| Depreciation of right-of-use assets | 15 | 6,231 | 23,648 |
| Property, plant and equipment written off | 12 | 13 | 102 |
| Fair value loss on long-term investments | 20 | – | 5,512 |
| Depreciation of investment properties | 13 | 475 | 108 |
| Share of results of: | | | |
| Associated companies | 18 | 41,458 | 50,938 |
| Joint venture | 19 | (19) | (40) |
| Investment income | | (6,215) | (10,218) |
| Impairment losses no longer required for: | | | |
| Trade and other receivables | 24 | (2,477) | (6,430) |
| Long-term investments | | – | (1,756) |
| Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment | | (1,543) | (704) |
| Gain on disposal of a subsidiary company | 17(b)/(c) | (63,192) | (440,547) |
| Gain on settlement of secured debts | 17(a) | – | (193,061) |
| Gain on expiry and termination of lease | 15 | (3) | – |
| Operating (Loss)/Profit Before Working Capital Changes | | (168,491) | 161,877 |
| Movements in working capital: | | | |
| Increase in: | | | |
| Inventories | | (147,970) | (301,449) |
| Trade and other receivables, deposits and prepayments | | (104,246) | (190,675) |
| Property development costs | | – | (3,551) |
| Increase in: | | | |
| Trade and other payables, deposits and accrued expenses | | 39,916 | 189,034 |
| Cash Used In Operations | | (380,791) | (144,764) |
| Interest received | | 6,215 | 10,218 |
| Tax paid | | (7,820) | (3,353) |
| Net Cash Used In Operating Activities | | (382,396) | (137,899) |

(Forward)

| The Group | Note | 1.1.2022 to 31.12.2022 RM'000 | 1.7.2020 to 31.12.2021 RM'000 |
|---|-----------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| CASH FLOWS FROM/(USED IN) INVESTING ACTIVITIES | | | |
| Dividends received from associated companies and joint venture | | 10,656 | 1,407 |
| Decrease in investment in money market funds | | 138 | 15,052 |
| Proceeds from disposal of: | | | |
| Property, plant and equipment | | 10,222 | 1,319 |
| Investment in a subsidiary company | 17(b)/(c) | 134,454 | 577,281 |
| Proceeds from redemption of investments | | – | 4,756 |
| Payments of deferred payables | 35 | (70,000) | – |
| Additions of property, plant and equipment (Note) | | (159,245) | (207,002) |
| Additions of investment | | – | (8,500) |
| Additions of investment properties | | – | (139) |
| Additions of prepaid land lease payments | | – | (3,822) |
| Deposit paid for acquisition of land | 42(a) | (23,000) | – |
| Net cash inflow from acquisition of subsidiary companies | 17(a) | – | 174,232 |
| Decrease/(Increase) in land held for property development | | 6,285 | (79) |
| Net Cash (Used In)/From Investing Activities | | (90,490) | 554,505 |
| CASH FLOWS FROM/(USED IN) FINANCING ACTIVITIES | | | |
| (Increase)/Decrease in cash and cash equivalents - restricted | 26(b) | (257) | 72,358 |
| Drawdown of borrowings | 31(b) | – | 43,000 |
| Repayments of: | | | |
| Short-term borrowings | 31(b) | (14,109) | (6,855) |
| Finance lease liabilities | 31(b) | (11,352) | (8,048) |
| Lease liabilities | 32 | (5,640) | (23,452) |
| Hire-purchase obligations | 31(b) | (233) | (397) |
| Interest paid | | (12,367) | (31,278) |
| Net Cash (Used In)/From Financing Activities | | (43,958) | 45,328 |
| NET (DECREASE)/INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS | | | |
| Effect of foreign exchange differences | | 44 | 12,157 |
| CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR/PERIOD | | 693,319 | 219,228 |
| CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF YEAR/PERIOD | 36 | 176,519 | 693,319 |
| Note: | | | |
| <u>Additions of property, plant and equipment</u> | | | |
| Property, plant and equipment were acquired by the following means: | | | |
| Cash purchase | | 159,245 | 207,002 |
| Hire purchase payables | 31(b) | 585 | 94 |
| Deferred payables | 35 | – | 393,725 |
| Total additions of property, plant and equipment | 12 | 159,830 | 600,821 |

(Forward)

| The Company | Note | 1.1.2022 to 31.12.2022 RM'000 | 1.7.2020 to 31.12.2021 RM'000 |
|---|------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| CASH FLOWS FROM/(USED IN) OPERATING ACTIVITIES | | | |
| Loss for the year/period | | (4,143) | (1,582) |
| Adjustments for: | | | |
| Impairment losses no longer required on: | | | |
| Other receivables | 24 | – | (82) |
| Amount owing by subsidiary companies | 25 | (295) | (51) |
| Finance costs | 9 | 664 | 941 |
| Bad debt written off | | – | 12 |
| Depreciation of: | | | |
| Property, plant and equipment | 12 | 125 | 208 |
| Right-of-use assets | 15 | 51 | 94 |
| Tax expense recognised in profit or loss | | 250 | 10 |
| Impairment losses on: | | | |
| Amount owing by subsidiary companies | 25 | 129 | 1,771 |
| Investment in subsidiary companies | 17 | – | 3,598 |
| Investment in associated companies | 18 | (116) | 15,439 |
| Unrealised gain on foreign exchange | 6 | (120) | (8) |
| Loss/(Gain) on disposal of: | | | |
| Right-of-use assets | | – | (4) |
| Investment in a subsidiary company | | – | 4,169 |
| Loss on derecognition of investment in an associated company | | 25 | – |
| Interest income | | (414) | (772) |
| Dividend income | | – | (27,292) |
| Operating Loss Before Working Capital Changes | | (3,844) | (3,549) |
| Movements in working capital: | | | |
| (Increase)/Decrease in other receivables, deposits and prepayments | | (296) | 617 |
| Increase in trade and other payables, deposits and accrued expenses | | 352 | 124 |
| Cash Used In Operations | | (3,788) | (2,808) |
| Interest received | | 414 | 772 |
| Tax refunded | | – | 23 |
| Tax paid | | (82) | (82) |
| Net Cash Used In Operating Activities | | (3,456) | (2,095) |

(Forward)

| The Company | Note | 1.1.2022 to 31.12.2022 RM'000 | 1.7.2020 to 31.12.2021 RM'000 |
|--|-------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| CASH FLOWS FROM/(USED IN) INVESTING ACTIVITIES | | | |
| Dividend received | | – | 27,292 |
| Proceeds from derecognition of investment in an associated company | | 91 | – |
| Decrease/(Increase) in amount owing by subsidiary companies | | 2,794 | (4,447) |
| Addition of investment in a subsidiary company | 17 | – | (66) |
| Net Cash From Investing Activities | | 2,885 | 22,779 |
| CASH FLOWS FROM/(USED IN) FINANCING ACTIVITIES | | | |
| Drawdown of borrowings | | – | 128 |
| Repayments of: | | | |
| Short-term borrowings | 31(b) | (1) | – |
| Lease liabilities | 32 | (49) | (93) |
| Interest on lease liabilities | | (5) | (8) |
| Finance costs paid | | (659) | (933) |
| (Increase)/Decrease in cash and cash equivalents - restricted | 26(b) | (37) | 834 |
| Increase/(Decrease) in amount owing to subsidiary companies | 37 | 1,652 | (22,185) |
| Net Cash From/(Used In) Financing Activities | | 901 | (22,257) |
| NET INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS | | 330 | (1,573) |
| CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR/PERIOD | | 136 | 1,709 |
| CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF YEAR/PERIOD | 36 | 466 | 136 |

The accompanying Notes form an integral part of the Financial Statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Lion Industries Corporation Berhad (the “Company”) is a public limited liability company, incorporated and domiciled in Malaysia, and listed on the Main Market of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad.

The Company’s principal activities are investment holding and property development.

The information on the name, place of incorporation, principal activities, and percentage of ownership of the holding company in each subsidiary company is disclosed in Note 43.

The registered office of the Company is located at Level 14, Lion Office Tower, No. 1 Jalan Nagasari, 50200 Kuala Lumpur, Wilayah Persekutuan.

The principal place of business of the Company is located at Level 2-4, Lion Office Tower, No. 1 Jalan Nagasari, 50200 Kuala Lumpur, Wilayah Persekutuan.

The financial statements of the Group and of the Company have been authorised by the Board of Directors for issuance on 12 April 2023.

2. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

The financial statements are presented in Ringgit Malaysia (“RM”) and all values are rounded to the nearest thousand (RM’000 or ‘000), unless otherwise indicated.

Adoption of New MFRSs, Amendments to MFRSs

In the current financial year, the Group and the Company adopted all the amendments to MFRSs issued by the Malaysian Accounting Standards Board (“MASB”) that are effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2022 and relevant to its operations, as follows:

| | |
|--|--|
| Amendments to MFRS 9, MFRS 139, MFRS 7, MFRS 4 and MFRS 16 | Interest Rate Benchmark Reform - Phase 2 |
| Amendment to MFRS 1, MFRS 9, MFRS 16 and MFRS 141 | Annual Improvements to MFRS Standards 2018 - 2020 |
| Amendments to MFRS 3 | Reference to Conceptual Framework |
| Amendments to MFRS 16 | COVID-19 Related Rent Concessions beyond 30 June 2021 |
| Amendments to MFRS 116 | Property, Plant and Equipment – Proceeds before Intended Use |
| Amendments to MFRS 137 | Onerous contracts - Costs of Fulfilling a Contract |

The adoption of these amendments to MFRSs did not result in significant changes in the accounting policies of the Group and of the Company and has no significant effect on the financial performance or position of the Group and of the Company.

2. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

Standards and Amendments to MFRSs in Issue But Not Yet Effective

At the date of authorisation for issue of these financial statements, the new MFRS and amendments to MFRSs which were in issue but not yet effective and not early adopted by the Group and the Company are as listed below:

| | |
|------------------------------------|--|
| MFRS 17 | Insurance Contracts ¹ |
| Amendments to MFRS 17 | Initial Application of MFRS 9 and MFRS 17 – Comparative Information ¹ |
| Amendments to MFRS 101 | Disclosure of Accounting Policies ¹ |
| Amendments to MFRS 108 | Definition of Accounting Estimates ¹ |
| Amendments to MFRS 112 | Deferred Tax related to Assets and Liabilities arising from a Single Transaction ¹ |
| Amendments to MFRS 16 | Lease Liability in a Sale and Leaseback ² |
| Amendments to MFRS 101 | Classification of Liability as Current or Non-current ² |
| Amendments to MFRS 101 | Non-current Liabilities with Covenants ² |
| Amendments to MFRS 10 and MFRS 128 | Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and Its Associate or Joint Venture ³ |

¹ Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2023.

² Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2024.

³ Effective date deferred to a date to be determined and announced by MASB.

The Directors anticipate that the abovementioned MFRS and amendments to MFRSs will be adopted in the annual financial statements of the Group and of the Company when they become effective and that the adoption of MFRS and amendments to MFRSs will have no material impact on the financial statements of the Group and of the Company in the period of initial application.

3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements of the Group and of the Company have been prepared under the historical cost convention except as disclosed in this summary of significant accounting policies. Historical cost is generally based on the fair value of the consideration given in exchange for assets.

Fair value measurement

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date, regardless of whether that price is directly observable or estimated using another valuation technique. In estimating the fair value of an asset or a liability, the Group takes into account the characteristics of the asset or liability if market participants would take those characteristics into account when pricing the asset or liability at the measurement date. Fair value for measurement and/or disclosure purposes in these consolidated financial statements is determined on such a basis, except for share-based payment transactions that are within the scope of MFRS 2, leasing transactions that are within the scope of MFRS 16 and measurements that have some similarities to fair value but are not fair value, such as net realisable value in MFRS 102 *Inventories* or value-in-use in MFRS 136 *Impairment of Assets*.

In addition, for financial reporting purposes, fair value measurements are categorised into Level 1, 2 or 3 based on the degree to which the inputs to the fair value measurements are observable and the significance of the inputs to the fair value measurement in its entirety, which are described as follows:

- Level 1 inputs are quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the entity can access at the measurement date;
- Level 2 inputs are inputs, other than quoted prices included within Level 1, that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly; and
- Level 3 inputs are unobservable inputs for the asset or liability.

3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Basis of Consolidation

The consolidated financial statements incorporate the financial statements of the Company and entities (including special purpose entities) controlled by the Company (its subsidiary companies). Control is achieved where the Company:

- has power over the investee;
- is exposed, or has rights, to variable returns from its involvement with the investee; and
- has the ability to use its power to affect its returns.

The Company reassesses whether or not it controls an investee if facts and circumstances indicate that there are changes to one or more of the three elements of control listed above.

When the Company has less than a majority of the voting rights of an investee, it has power over the investee when the voting rights are sufficient to give it the practical ability to direct the relevant activities of the investee unilaterally. The Company considers all relevant facts and circumstances in assessing whether or not the Company's voting rights in an investee are sufficient to give it power, including:

- the size of the Company's holding of voting rights relative to the size and dispersion of holdings of the other vote holders;
- potential voting rights held by the Company, other vote holders or other parties;
- rights arising from other contractual arrangements; and
- any additional facts and circumstances that indicate that the Company has, or does not have, the current ability to direct the relevant activities at the time that decisions need to be made, including voting patterns at previous shareholders' meetings.

Consolidation of a subsidiary company begins when the Company obtains control over the subsidiary company and ceases when the Company loses control of the subsidiary company. Specifically, income and expenses of a subsidiary company acquired or disposed of during the year are included in profit or loss from the date the Company gains control until the date when the Company ceases to control the subsidiary company.

Profit or loss and each component of other comprehensive income are attributed to the owners of the Company and to the non-controlling interests. Total comprehensive income of subsidiary companies is attributed to the owners of the Company and to the non-controlling interests even if this results in the non-controlling interests having a deficit balance.

Where necessary, adjustments are made to the financial statements of subsidiary companies to bring their accounting policies in line with those used by other members of the Group.

All intra-group assets and liabilities, equity, income and expenses and cash flows relating to transactions between members of the Group are eliminated in full on consolidation.

Changes in the Group's ownership interests in subsidiary companies that do not result in the Group losing control are accounted for as equity transactions. The carrying amounts of the Group's interests and the non-controlling interests are adjusted to reflect the changes in their relative interests in the subsidiary companies. Any difference between the amount by which the non-controlling interests are adjusted at the fair value of the consideration paid or received is recognised directly in equity and attributed to owners of the Company.

3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Basis of Consolidation (continued)

Where the Group loses control of a subsidiary company, a gain or loss is recognised and is calculated as the difference between (i) the aggregate of the fair value of the consideration received and the fair value of any retained interest and (ii) the previous carrying amount of the assets (including goodwill), and liabilities of the subsidiary company and any non-controlling interests. All amounts previously recognised in other comprehensive income in relation to the subsidiary company are accounted for as if the Group had directly disposed of the relevant assets or liabilities of the subsidiary company (i.e. reclassified to profit or loss or transferred directly to retained earnings as specified by applicable MFRSs). The fair value of any investment retained in the former subsidiary company at the date when control is lost is regarded as the fair value on initial recognition for subsequent accounting under MFRS 9 *Financial Instruments* or, when applicable, the cost on initial recognition of an investment in an associated company or joint venture.

Business Combinations

Acquisitions of subsidiary companies and businesses are accounted for using the acquisition method. The consideration transferred in a business combination is measured at fair values which is calculated as the sum of the acquisition-date fair values of assets transferred by the Group, liabilities incurred by the Group to the former owners of the acquiree and equity instruments issued by the Group in exchange for control of the acquiree. Acquisition-related costs are recognised in profit or loss as incurred.

At acquisition date, the identifiable assets acquired and liabilities assumed are recognised at their fair value, except that:

- deferred tax assets or liabilities and assets or liabilities related to employee benefit arrangements are recognised and measured in accordance with MFRS 112 *Income Taxes* and MFRS 119 *Employee Benefits* respectively;
- liabilities or equity instruments related to the share-based payment arrangements of the acquiree or share-based payment arrangements of the Group entered into to replace share-based payment arrangements of the acquiree are measured in accordance with MFRS 2 *Share-based Payment* at the acquisition date; and
- assets (or disposal groups) that are classified as held for sale in accordance with MFRS 5 *Non-current Assets Held for Sale and Discontinued Operations* are measured in accordance with that Standard.

Goodwill is measured as the excess of the sum of the consideration transferred, the amount of any non-controlling interests in the acquiree, and the fair value of the acquirer's previously held equity interest in the acquiree (if any) over the net of the acquisition-date amounts of the identifiable assets acquired and the liabilities assumed. If, after reassessment, the net of the acquisition-date amounts of the identifiable assets acquired and liabilities assumed exceeds the sum of the consideration transferred, the amount of any non-controlling interests in the acquiree and the fair value of the acquirer's previously held equity interest in the acquiree (if any), the excess is recognised immediately in profit or loss as a bargain purchase gain.

Non-controlling interests that are present ownership interests and entitle their holders to a proportionate share of the entity's net assets in the event of liquidation may be initially measured either at fair value or at the non-controlling interests' proportionate share of the recognised amounts of the acquiree's identifiable net assets. The choice of measurement basis is made on a transaction-by-transaction basis. Other types of non-controlling interests are measured at fair value or, when applicable, on the basis specified in another MFRSs.

Where the consideration transferred by the Group in a business combination includes assets or liabilities resulting from a contingent consideration arrangement, the contingent consideration is measured at its acquisition-date fair value. Changes in the fair value of the contingent consideration that qualify as measurement period adjustments are adjusted retrospectively, with corresponding adjustments against goodwill. Measurement period adjustments are adjustments that arise from additional information obtained during the 'measurement period' (which cannot exceed one year from the acquisition date) about facts and circumstances that existed at the acquisition date.

3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Business Combinations (continued)

The subsequent accounting for changes in the fair value contingent consideration that do not qualify as measurement period adjustments depends on how the contingent consideration is classified. Contingent consideration that is classified as equity is not re-measured at subsequent reporting dates and its subsequent settlement is accounted for within equity. Contingent consideration that is classified as an asset or liability is remeasured at subsequent reporting dates in accordance with MFRS 137 *Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets*, as appropriate, with the corresponding gain or loss being recognised in profit or loss.

Where a business combination is achieved in stages, the Group's previously held interests in the acquired entity are remeasured to fair value at the acquisition date and the resulting gain or loss, if any, is recognised in profit or loss. Amounts arising from interests in the acquiree prior to the acquisition date that have previously been recognised in other comprehensive income are reclassified to profit or loss, where such treatment would be appropriate if that interest were disposed of.

If the initial accounting for a business combination is incomplete by end of the reporting period in which the combination occurs, the Group reports provisional amounts for the items of which the accounting is incomplete. Those provisional amounts are adjusted during the measurement period, or additional assets or liabilities are recognised, to reflect new information obtained about facts and circumstances that existed as of the acquisition date that, if known, would have affected the amounts recognised at that date.

Investment in Subsidiary Companies

Investment in subsidiary companies which are eliminated on consolidation, are stated at cost less impairment losses, if any, in the Company's separate financial statements.

Investment in Associated Companies and Joint Venture

An associated company is an entity over which the Group has significant influence. Significant influence is the power to participate in the financial and operating policy decisions of the investee but is not control or joint control over those policies.

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

The results and assets and liabilities of associated companies and joint venture are incorporated in these financial statements using the equity method of accounting, except when the investment is classified as held for sale, in which case it is accounted for in accordance with MFRS 5 *Non-current Assets Held for Sale and Discontinued Operations*. Under the equity method, an investment in an associated company or a joint venture are initially recognised in the statements of financial position at cost and adjusted thereafter to recognise the Group's share of the profit or loss and other comprehensive income of the associated company or joint venture. When the Group's share of losses of an associated company or a joint venture exceeds the Group's interest in that associated company or joint venture (which includes any long-term interests that, in substance, form part of the Group's net investment in the associated company or joint venture), the Group discontinues recognising its share of further losses. Additional losses are recognised only to the extent that the Group has incurred legal or constructive obligations or made payments on behalf of the associated company or joint venture.

An investment in an associated company or a joint venture is accounted for using the equity method from the date on which the investee becomes an associated company or a joint venture. On acquisition of the investment in an associated company or a joint venture, any excess of the cost of the investment over the Group's share of the net fair value of the identifiable assets and liabilities of the investee is recognised as goodwill, which is included within the carrying amount of the investment. Any excess of the Group's share of the net fair value of the identifiable assets and liabilities over the cost of the investment, after reassessment, is recognised immediately in profit or loss in the period in which the investment is acquired.

3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Investment in Associated Companies and Joint Venture (continued)

The requirements of MFRS 136 *Impairment of Assets* are applied to determine whether it is necessary to recognise any impairment loss with respect to the Group's investment in an associated company or a joint venture. When necessary, the entire carrying amount of the investment (including goodwill) is tested for impairment in accordance with MFRS 136 as a single asset by comparing its recoverable amount (higher of value-in-use and fair value less costs to sell) with its carrying amount. Any impairment loss recognised forms part of the carrying amount of the investment. Any reversal of that impairment loss is recognised in accordance with MFRS 136 to the extent that the recoverable amount of the investment subsequently increases.

The Group discontinues the use of the equity method from the date when investment ceases to be an associated company or a joint venture, or when the investment is classified as held for sale. When the Group retains an interest in the former associated company or joint venture and the retained interest is a financial asset, the Group measures the retained interest at fair value at that date and the fair value is regarded as its fair value on initial recognition in accordance with MFRS 9. The difference between the carrying amount of the associated company or joint venture at the date the equity method was discontinued, and the fair value of any retained interest and any proceeds from disposing of the associated company or joint venture is included in the determination of the gain or loss on disposal of the associated company or joint venture.

In addition, the Group accounts for all amounts previously recognised in other comprehensive income in relation to that associated company or joint venture on the same basis as would be required if that associated company or joint venture had directly disposed of the related assets and liabilities. Therefore, if a gain or loss previously recognised in other comprehensive income by that associated company or joint venture would be reclassified to profit or loss on the disposal of the related assets or liabilities, the Group reclassifies the gain or loss from equity to profit or loss (as a reclassification adjustment) when the equity method is discontinued.

The Group continues to use the equity method when an investment in an associated company becomes an investment in a joint venture or an investment in joint venture becomes an investment in an associated company. There is no remeasurement to fair value upon such changes in ownership interests.

When the Group reduces its ownership interest in an associated company or a joint venture but the Group continues to use the equity method, the Group reclassifies to profit or loss the proportion of the gain or loss that had previously been recognised in other comprehensive income relating to that reduction in ownership interest if that gain or loss would be reclassified to profit or loss on the disposal of the related assets or liabilities.

When a group entity transacts with an associated company or a joint venture of the Group, profit or losses resulting from the transactions with the associated company and joint venture are recognised in the Group's consolidated financial statements only to the extent of the Group's interest in the associated company or joint venture that are not related to the Group.

Revenue Recognition

Revenue is recognised when or as a performance obligation in the contract with customer is satisfied, i.e. when the "control" of the goods or services underlying the particular performance obligation is transferred to the customer.

A performance obligation is a promise to transfer a distinct goods or service (or a series of distinct goods or services that are substantially the same and that have the same pattern of transfer) to the customer that is explicitly stated in the contract or implied in the Group's customary business practices.

3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Revenue Recognition (continued)

Revenue is measured at the amount of consideration to which the Group and the Company expect to be entitled in exchange of transferring the promised goods or services to the customers, excluding amounts collected on behalf of third parties such as sales taxes or goods and services taxes. If the amount of consideration varies due to discounts, rebates, refunds, credits, incentives, penalties or other similar items, the Group and the Company estimate the amount of consideration to which they will be entitled based on the expected value or the most likely outcome. If the contract with customer contains more than one performance obligation, the amount of consideration is allocated to each performance obligation based on the relative stand-alone selling price of the goods or services promised in the contract.

The revenue is recognised to the extent that it is highly probable that a significant reversal in the amount of cumulative revenue recognised will not occur when the uncertainty associated with the variable consideration is subsequently resolved.

The control of the promised goods or services may be transferred over time or at a point in time. The control over the goods or services is transferred over time and revenue is recognised over time if:

- the customer simultaneously receives and consumes the benefits provided by the Group's and the Company's performance as the Group and the Company perform;
- the Group's and the Company's performance create or enhance an asset that the customer controls as the asset is created or enhanced; or
- the Group's and the Company's performance do not create an asset with an alternative use and the Group and the Company have an enforceable right to payment for performance completed to date.

Revenue for performance obligation that is not satisfied over time is recognised at the point in time at which the customer obtains control of the promised goods or services.

The revenue recognition policies of the Group and of the Company are as follows:

(i) Steel Division

Revenue from the sales of goods is recognised upon delivery of goods and the control of the goods has been transferred to the customers, net of discounts and returns.

(ii) Property Development Division

The Group recognises revenue from property development over time if it creates an asset with no alternative use to the Group and the Group has an enforceable right to payment for performance completed to date. Revenue is recognised over the period of the contract by reference to the progress towards complete satisfaction of that performance obligation.

The progress towards complete satisfaction of the performance obligation is measured based on the Group's efforts or inputs to the satisfaction of the performance obligation (e.g. by reference to the property development costs incurred to date as a percentage of the estimated total costs of development of the contract).

Revenue from sales of land under development and completed property units are recognised when the performance obligation in the contract with customer is satisfied (when the control of the land under development and completed property units has been transferred to the buyer).

Rental income is recognised over the tenure of the rental period of properties.

Interest income is recognised on an accrual basis, by reference to the principal outstanding and at the effective interest rate.

3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Revenue Recognition (continued)

(iii) Building Materials Division

Revenue from the sales of building materials, steel products, lubricants, petroleum products, automotive products and consumer products is recognised upon delivery of goods and the control of the goods has been transferred to the customers, net of discounts and returns.

Sales of goods that result in award credits for customers, under the Group's customer loyalty programmes, are accounted for as multiple element revenue transactions and the fair value of the consideration received or receivable is allocated between the goods supplied and the award credits granted. The consideration allocated to the award credits is measured by reference to their fair value - the amount for which the award credits could be sold separately. Such consideration is not recognised as revenue at the time of the initial sale transaction - but is deferred and recognised as revenue when the award credits are redeemed and the Group's obligations have been fulfilled.

(iv) Other Divisions

Revenue from sales of goods in the course of ordinary activities is recognised upon delivery of goods where the control of the goods has been passed to the customers, net of discounts and returns.

Revenue from services is recognised when the services are performed, net of service taxes and discounts.

Revenue from management fee is recognised upon performance of services are completed, net of taxes and discounts.

Revenue from Other Sources

(i) Dividend income

Dividend income is recognised when the Group's right to receive payment is established.

(ii) Interest income

Interest income is recognised on an accrual basis, by reference to the principal outstanding and at the effective interest rate.

Foreign Currency

(i) Functional and Presentation Currencies

The individual financial statements of each entity in the Group are presented in Ringgit Malaysia, United States Dollar, Chinese Renminbi or Singapore Dollar, the currency of the primary economic environment in which the entities operate (its functional currency). For the purpose of the consolidated financial statements, the results and financial position of each entity, are expressed in Ringgit Malaysia, which is the functional currency of the Company and the presentation currency for the consolidated financial statements.

3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Foreign Currency (continued)

(ii) Foreign Currency Transactions

In preparing the financial statements of the individual entities, transactions in currencies other than the Group's and the Company's functional currency (foreign currencies) are recorded at the rates of exchange prevailing on the dates of the transactions. At the end of each reporting period, monetary items denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the rates prevailing on that date. Non-monetary items carried at fair value that are denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the rates prevailing on the date when the fair value was determined. Non-monetary items that are measured in terms of historical cost in a foreign currency are not retranslated.

Exchange differences arising on the settlement of monetary items, and on the retranslation of monetary items, are included in profit or loss for the period. Exchange differences arising on the retranslation of non-monetary items carried at fair value are included in profit or loss for the period except for differences arising on the retranslation of non-monetary items in respect of which gains and losses are recognised directly in other comprehensive income. For such non-monetary items, any exchange component of that gain or loss is also recognised directly in other comprehensive income.

For the purpose of presenting the consolidated financial statements, the assets and liabilities of the Group's foreign operations (including comparatives) are expressed in Ringgit Malaysia using exchange rate prevailing at the end of the reporting period. Income and expense items (including comparatives) are translated at the average exchange rates for the period, unless exchange rates fluctuated significantly during that period, in which case the exchange rates at the dates of the transactions are used. Exchange differences arising, if any, are classified as equity and transferred to the Group's translation adjustment account. Such translation differences are recognised in profit or loss in the period in which the foreign operation is disposed of.

Employee Benefits

(i) Short-term Employee Benefits

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

(ii) Defined Contribution Plans

The Company, its subsidiary companies incorporated in Malaysia and their eligible employees are required by law to make monthly contributions to the Employees Provident Fund, a local statutory defined contribution plans, at certain prescribed rates based on the employees' salaries. The Group's foreign incorporated subsidiary companies and their eligible employees also make contributions to their respective countries' statutory pension scheme. Such contributions are recognised as an expense in profit or loss as incurred. Once the contributions have been paid, there are no further payment obligations.

Government Grant

Government grants, including non-monetary grants at fair value, are not recognised until there is reasonable assurance that: (i) the Group will comply with the conditions attaching to them; and (ii) the grants will be received.

Government grants (recognised as deferred income) are released to profit or loss on a systematic basis over the financial periods in which the Group recognises as expenses the related costs for which the grants are intended to compensate.

A government grant that is receivable as compensation for expenses or losses already incurred or for the purpose of giving immediate financial support to the Group with no future related costs, are recognised in profit or loss in the financial period in which it becomes receivable.

3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Income Tax

Income tax expense on profit or loss for the year comprises current and deferred tax.

Current tax is the expected amount of income taxes payable in respect of the taxable profit for the year and is measured using the tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the end of the reporting period. Current tax for current and prior periods is recognised as a liability (or asset) to the extent that it is unpaid (or recoverable).

Deferred tax is accounted for, using the "liability" method, on temporary differences at the end of the reporting period between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the financial statements. In principle, deferred tax liabilities are recognised for all taxable temporary differences and deferred tax assets are recognised for all deductible temporary differences, unused tax losses and unused tax credits to the extent that it is probable that sufficient future taxable profits will be available against which the deductible temporary differences, unused tax losses and unused tax credits can be utilised. Deferred tax is not recognised if the temporary difference arises from goodwill or from the initial recognition of an asset or liability in a transaction which is not a business combination and at the time of the transaction, affects neither the accounting profit nor taxable profit.

The carrying amount of deferred tax assets is reviewed at the end of each reporting year and reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient future taxable profits will be available to allow all or part of the assets to be recovered.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the year in which the liabilities are settled or the assets are realised, based on the tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the end of the reporting period. The measurement of deferred tax liabilities and assets reflects the tax consequences that would follow from the manner in which the Group and the Company expect, at the end of the reporting year, to recover or settle the carrying amount of their assets and liabilities.

Deferred tax is charged or credited to profit or loss, except when it arises from a transaction which is recognised directly in equity, in which case the deferred tax is also charged or credited directly to equity, or when it arises from a business combination that is an acquisition, in which case the deferred tax is included in the resulting goodwill.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset when there is a legally enforceable right to set-off current tax assets against current tax liabilities and when they relate to income taxes by the same tax authority and the Group intends to settle its current tax assets and liabilities on a net basis.

The tax effects of the unutilised reinvestment allowances are recognised only upon actual realisation.

Impairment of Assets Excluding Goodwill

At the end of each reporting period, the Group and the Company review the carrying amounts of their non-current assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any). Where it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, the Group and the Company estimate the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs.

Recoverable amount is the higher of fair value less costs to sell and value-in-use. In assessing value-in-use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset.

If the recoverable amount of an asset (or cash-generating unit) is estimated to be less than its carrying amount, the carrying amount of the asset (or cash-generating unit) is reduced to its recoverable amount. An impairment loss is recognised immediately in profit or loss.

3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Impairment of Assets Excluding Goodwill (continued)

Where an impairment loss subsequently reverses, the carrying amount of the asset (or cash-generating unit) is increased to the revised estimate of its recoverable amount, but so that the increased carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset (or cash-generating unit) in prior years. A reversal of an impairment loss is recognised immediately in profit or loss.

Property, Plant and Equipment

Property, plant and equipment are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses, if any.

Freehold land has unlimited useful life and therefore is not depreciated. Construction work-in-progress is not depreciated as this asset is also not available for use. All other property, plant and equipment are depreciated on a straight-line method at rates based on the estimated useful lives of the various assets.

The annual depreciation rates are as follows:

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| Freehold buildings | 2% - 4% |
| Other buildings | 2% - 18% |
| Plant, machinery and equipment | 2% - 25% |
| Prime movers and trailers | 15% |
| Motor vehicles | 8% - 25% |
| Furniture and office equipment | 5% - 25% |
| Computer equipment | 10% - 20% |
| Floating cranes | 8% |
| Tug boats and barges | 10% |
| Infrastructure | 7% |
| Renovations | 2% - 20% |

The estimated useful lives, residual values and depreciation method are reviewed at the end of each reporting period, with the effect of any changes in estimates accounted for prospectively.

Gain or loss arising from the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the estimated net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset and is recognised in profit or loss.

Property, Plant and Equipment under Hire-Purchase Arrangement

Property, plant and equipment acquired under hire-purchase arrangement are capitalised in the financial statements and the corresponding obligations treated as liabilities. Finance charges are allocated to profit or loss to give a constant periodic rate of interest on the remaining hire-purchase obligations.

Prepaid Land Lease Payments

Leasehold land that has an indefinite economic life and title that is not expected to pass to the Group by the end of the lease period is classified as right-of-use assets. The up-front payments for right to use the leasehold land over a predetermined period are accounted for as right-of-use assets under MFRS 16 and are subsequently measured at cost less accumulated amortisation and impairment losses.

Prepaid land lease payments are amortised over the shorter period of lease term and useful life of the underlying asset. If a lease transfers ownership of the underlying asset or the cost of the prepaid land lease reflects that the Group expects to exercise a purchase option, the related prepaid land lease payments are amortised over the useful life of the underlying asset. The amortisation starts at the commencement date of the lease. The prepaid land lease payments are amortised on a straight-line basis over the remaining lease terms, ranging from 64 to 70 years (2021: 4 to 71 years).

3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Capitalisation of Borrowing Cost

Borrowing cost incurred on the construction of assets which require a substantial period of time to get them ready for their intended use are capitalised and included as part of the related assets. Capitalisation of borrowing cost will cease when the assets are ready for their intended use and is suspended during extended period in which active development is interrupted.

Investment Properties

Investment properties, comprising certain freehold and leasehold land and buildings and economic land concession (work-in-progress), are held for long-term rental yields or for capital appreciation or both, and are not occupied by the Group.

Investment properties are stated at cost, less accumulated depreciation and any impairment losses.

On disposal of an investment property, or when it is permanently withdrawn from use and no future economic benefits are expected from its disposal, it shall be derecognised (eliminated from the statements of financial position). The difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount is recognised in profit or loss.

Freehold land and economic land concession within investment properties are not depreciated. Leasehold land is depreciated over the shorter period of the lease term and the useful life of the land at an annual rate of 2%.

Buildings are depreciated on the straight-line method at an annual rate of 2%.

Leases

As Lessee

The Group and the Company assess whether a contract is or contains a lease, at inception of the contract. The Group and the Company recognise a right-of-use asset and a corresponding lease liability with respect to all lease arrangements in which it is the lessee, except for short-term leases (defined as leases with a lease term of 12 months or less) and leases of low value assets. For these leases, the Group and the Company recognise the lease payments as an operating expense on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease unless another systematic basis is more representative of the time pattern in which economic benefits from the leased assets are consumed.

The lease liability is initially measured at the present value of the lease payments that are not paid at the commencement date discounted by using the rate implicit in the lease. If this rate cannot be readily determined, the Group and the Company use the incremental borrowing rate specific to the lessee.

Lease payments included in the measurement of the lease liability comprise:

- fixed lease payments (including in-substance fixed payments), less any lease incentives receivable;
- the amount expected to be payable by the lessee under residual value guarantees; and
- the exercise price of purchase options, if the lessee is reasonably certain to exercise the options.

The lease liability is presented as a separate line in the statements of financial position.

The lease liability is subsequently measured by increasing the carrying amount to reflect interest on the lease liability by using the effective interest method and by reducing the carrying amount to reflect the lease payments made.

3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Leases (continued)

As Lessee (continued)

The Group and the Company remeasure the lease liability and make a corresponding adjustment to the related right-of-use asset whenever:

- the lease term has changed or there is a significant event or change in circumstances resulting in a change in assessment of exercise of a purchase option, in which case the lease liability is remeasured by discounting the revised lease payments using a revised discount rate;
- the lease payments change due to changes in an index or rate or a change in expected payment under a guaranteed residual value, in which cases the lease liability is remeasured by discounting the revised lease payments using an unchanged discount rate, unless the lease payments change is due to a change in a floating interest rate, in which case a revised discount rate is used; or
- a lease contract is modified and the lease modification is not accounted for as a separate lease, in which case the lease liability is remeasured based on the lease term of the modified lease by discounting the revised lease payments using a revised discount rate at the effective date of the modification.

The right-of-use assets comprise the initial measurement of the corresponding lease liability, lease payments made at or before the commencement day, less any lease incentives received and any initial direct costs. They are subsequently measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

Right-of-use assets are depreciated over the shorter period of lease term and useful life of the underlying asset. If a lease transfers ownership of the underlying asset or the cost of the right-of-use asset reflects that the Group and the Company expect to exercise a purchase option, the related right-of-use asset is depreciated over the useful life of the underlying asset. The depreciation starts at the commencement date of the lease.

The lease term and the estimated remaining useful lives of the right-of-use assets are as follows:

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| Leasehold land and buildings | 2 - 36 years |
| Plant and equipment | 3 - 5 years |

Upon adoption of MFRS 16, the right-of-use assets are presented as a separate line in the consolidated statement of financial position. The Group has recognised right-of-use assets in relation to the rental of leasehold land, buildings, premises, plant and equipment, which had previously been classified as operating leases.

The Group and the Company apply MFRS 136 to determine whether a right-of-use asset is impaired and accounts for any identified impairment loss.

As Lessor

For lessors, MFRS 16 retains most of the requirements in MFRS 117. Lessors continue to classify all leases as either operating leases or finance leases and account for them differently. Whenever the terms of the lease transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to the lessee, the contract is classified as a finance lease. All other leases are classified as operating leases.

When the Group and the Company are an intermediate lessors, they account for the head lease and the sublease as two separate contracts. The sublease is classified as a finance or operating lease by reference to the right-of-use asset arising from the head lease.

Rental income from operating leases is recognised on a straight-line basis over the term of the relevant lease. Initial direct costs incurred in negotiating and arranging an operating lease are added to the carrying amount of the leased asset and recognised on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Leases (continued)

As Lessor (continued)

Amounts due from lessees under finance leases are recognised as receivables at the amount of the Group's and of the Company's net investment in the leases. Finance lease income is allocated to financial periods so as to reflect a constant periodic rate of return on the Group's and the Company's net investment outstanding in respect of the leases.

When a contract includes lease and non-lease components, the Group and the Company apply MFRS 15 to allocate the consideration under the contract to each component.

Property, Plant and Equipment under Finance Leases

Assets acquired by way of finance leases are stated at an amount equal to the lower of their fair values and the present value of the minimum lease payments at the inception of the leases, less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. The corresponding liability is included at the end of the reporting period as borrowings. In calculating the present value of the minimum lease payments, the discount factor used is the interest rate implicit in the lease, when it is practicable to determine; otherwise, the Group's incremental borrowing rate is used. Any initial direct costs are also added to the carrying amount of such assets.

Lease payments are apportioned between the finance costs and the reduction of the outstanding liability. Finance costs, which represent the difference between the total leasing commitments and the fair value of the assets acquired, are recognised as an expense in profit or loss over the term of the relevant lease so as to produce a constant periodic rate of charge on the remaining balance of the obligations for each accounting period.

Land held for Property Development

Land held for property development consists of land on which no significant development work has been undertaken or where development activities are not expected to be completed within the normal operating cycle. Such land is classified as non-current asset and is stated at lower of cost and net realisable value.

Cost associated with the acquisition of land includes the purchase price of the land, professional fees, stamp duties, commissions, conversion fees and other relevant levies. Where an indication of impairment exists, the carrying amount of the asset is assessed and written down immediately to its recoverable amount.

Net realisable value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business, less the costs of completion and applicable variable selling expenses.

Land held for property development is transferred to property development costs (under current assets) when development activities have commenced and where the development activities are expected to be completed within the Group's normal operating cycle.

Goodwill on Consolidation

Goodwill on consolidation represents the excess of the cost of acquisition of subsidiary companies over the Group's interest in the net fair value of the identifiable assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities of the subsidiary companies at the date of acquisition. If, after reassessment, the net of the acquisition-date amounts of the identifiable assets acquired and liabilities assumed exceeds the sum of the consideration transferred, the amount of any non-controlling interests in the acquiree and the fair value of the acquirer's previously held equity interest in the acquiree (if any), the excess is recognised immediately in profit or loss as a bargain purchase gain.

3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Goodwill on Consolidation (continued)

Goodwill is initially recognised as an asset at cost and is subsequently measured at cost less any accumulated impairment losses.

For the purpose of impairment testing, goodwill is allocated to each of the Group's cash-generating units expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination. Cash-generating units to which goodwill has been allocated are tested for impairment annually, or more frequently when there is an indication that the unit may be impaired.

If the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit is less than the carrying amount of the unit, the impairment loss is allocated first to reduce the carrying amount of any goodwill allocated to the unit and then to the other assets of the unit pro-rata on the basis of the carrying amount of each asset in the unit. An impairment loss recognised for goodwill is not reversed in a subsequent period.

On disposal of a subsidiary company, the attributable amount of goodwill is included in the determination of the gain or loss on disposal.

Property Development Cost

Property development costs comprising costs of land, direct materials, direct labour, other direct costs, attributable overheads and payments to subcontractors that meet the definition of inventories are recognised as an asset and are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Net realisable value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business, less the estimated costs of completion and applicable variable selling expenses. The asset is subsequently recognised as an expense in profit or loss when or as the control of the asset is transferred to the customer over time or at a point in time.

Incremental costs of obtaining a contract with a customer are recognised as assets if the entity expects to recover those costs. The incremental costs of obtaining a contract are those costs that an entity incurs to obtain a contract with a customer that it would not have incurred if the contract had not been obtained. Costs to obtain a contract that would have been incurred regardless of whether the contract was obtained shall be recognised as an expense when incurred, unless those costs are explicitly chargeable to the customer regardless of whether the contract is obtained.

Contract Costs

These contract costs are initially measured at cost and amortised on a systematic basis that is consistent with the pattern of revenue recognition to which the assets relate. An impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss when the carrying amount of the contract cost exceeds the expected revenue less expected cost that will be incurred. Where the impairment condition no longer exists or has improved, the impairment loss is reversed to the extent that the carrying amount of the contract cost does not exceed the amount that would have been recognised had there been no impairment loss recognised previously.

The Group applies the practical expedient in paragraph 94 of MFRS 15 and recognises the incremental costs of obtaining contracts as an expense when incurred if the amortisation period of the assets that the Group otherwise would have recognised is one year or less.

Inventories

Trading merchandise, finished goods, work-in-progress, raw materials and other products are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost is determined principally on the 'weighted average' method. The costs of raw materials comprise the original purchase price plus the incidental cost incurred in bringing the inventories to their present locations and conditions. The cost of work-in-progress and finished goods comprise the cost of raw materials, direct labour, direct charges and an appropriate proportion of production overheads.

Completed property units for sale are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost is determined using the 'specific identification' method.

3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Inventories (continued)

Goods-in-transit are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Net realisable value represents the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business less selling and distribution costs and all other estimated costs to completion.

In arriving at net realisable value, due allowance is made for damaged, obsolete or slow moving inventories.

Non-Current Assets Classified As Held For Sale

Non-current assets and disposal groups are classified as held for sale if their carrying amount will be recovered through a sale transaction rather than through continuing use. This condition is regarded as met only when the asset or disposal group is available for immediate sale in its present condition and the sale is highly probable, where management is committed to the sale which is expected to complete within one year from the date of classification.

Non-current assets and disposal groups classified as held for sale are measured at the lower of carrying amount and fair value less costs to sell.

Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the Group or the Company has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of past events, when it is probable that an outflow of resources will be required to settle the obligation, and when a reliable estimate of the amount of the obligation can be made. Provisions are measured at the Directors' best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the end of the reporting period, and are discounted to present value where the effect is material.

At the end of each reporting period, provisions are reviewed by the Directors and adjusted to reflect the current best estimate. Provisions are reversed if it is no longer probable that the Group will be required to settle the obligations.

Segment Reporting

An operating segment is a component of the Group that engages in business activities from which it may earn revenue and incur expenses, including revenue and expenses that relate to transactions with any of the Group's other components. An operating segment's operating results are reviewed by the chief operating decision makers to make decisions about resources to be allocated to the segment and assess its performance, and for which discrete financial information is available.

Contract Assets and Contract Liabilities

A contract assets is the right to consideration for goods or services transferred to the customers. Contract assets is the excess of cumulative revenue recognised in profit or loss over the cumulative billings to customers.

A contract liability is stated at cost and represents the obligation of the Group to transfer goods or services to a customer for which consideration has been received from the customers.

3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Contingent Liabilities

The Group does not recognise a contingent liability but discloses its existence in the financial statements. A contingent liability is a possible obligation that arises from past events whose existence will be confirmed by the occurrence or non-occurrence of one or more uncertain future events beyond the control of the Group or a present obligation that is not recognised because it is not probable that an outflow of resources will be required to settle the obligation or a sufficiently reliable estimate of the amount of the obligation cannot be made.

Financial Guarantee Contracts

A financial guarantee contract is a contract that requires the issuer to make specified payments to reimburse the holder for a loss it incurs because a specified debtor fails to make payment when due.

Financial guarantee contract liabilities are initially measured at fair values. Subsequently, they are measured at higher of:

- the amount of the loss allowance determined in accordance with MFRS 9; and
- the amount initially recognised less, when appropriate, the cumulative amount of income recognised in accordance to the principles of MFRS 15.

Financial Instruments

Financial assets

Financial assets are recognised in the statements of financial position when, and only when, the Group becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the financial instrument.

A financial asset (unless it is a trade receivable without significant financing component) is initially measured at fair value plus transaction cost that are directly attributable to its acquisition or issuance. A trade receivable without significant financing component is initially measured at the transaction price.

The Group determines the classification of its financial assets at initial recognition, and the categories include financial assets at fair value through profit or loss, financial assets at amortised cost and financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income.

(a) Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

Financial assets are classified as financial assets at fair value through profit or loss if they are held for trading or are designated as such upon initial recognition. A financial asset is classified as held for trading if:

- it has been acquired principally for the purpose of selling it in the near term; or
- on initial recognition it is part of a portfolio of identified financial instruments that the Group manages together and has a recent actual pattern of short-term profit taking; or
- it is a derivative that is not designated and effective as hedging instrument.

Subsequent to initial recognition, financial assets at fair value through profit or loss are measured at fair value. Any gains or losses arising from changes in fair value are recognised in profit or loss. Net gains or net losses on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss do not include exchange differences, interest and dividend income. Exchange differences, interest and dividend income on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss are recognised separately in profit or loss as part of other losses or other income.

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss could be presented as current or non-current. Financial assets that is held primarily for trading purposes are presented as current whereas financial assets that is not held primarily for trading purposes are presented as current or non-current based on the settlement date.

3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Financial Instruments (continued)

Financial assets (continued)

(b) Financial assets at amortised cost

Financial assets at amortised cost are held within a business model with the objective to hold assets to collect contractual cash flows and its contractual terms of the financial asset give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principle amount outstanding.

Subsequent to initial recognition, financial assets at amortised cost are measured using the effective interest method and are subject to impairment. Gains and losses are recognised in profit or loss when the asset is derecognised, modified or impaired.

Financial asset at amortised cost are classified as current assets, except for those having maturity dates later than 12 months after the reporting date which are classified as non-current.

Interest income is recognised by applying effective interest rate to the gross carrying amount, where applicable, except for credit impaired financial assets where the effective interest rate is applied to the amortised cost.

(c) Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income ("FVTOCI")

(i) Debt investments

Fair value through other comprehensive income category comprises debt investment where it is held within a business model whose objective is achieved by both collecting contractual cash flows and selling the debt investment, and its contractual terms give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding. The debt investment is not designated as at fair value through profit and loss.

Interest income calculated using the effective interest method, foreign exchange gains and losses and impairment are recognised in profit or loss. Other net gains and losses are recognised in other comprehensive income. On derecognition, gains and losses accumulated in other comprehensive income are reclassified to profit or loss. Interest income is recognised by applying effective interest rate to the gross carrying amount except for credit impaired financial assets where the effective interest rate is applied to the amortised cost.

(ii) Equity investments

This category comprises investment in equity (other than in subsidiary companies, associated companies and joint venture) which are not held for trading, and the Group irrevocably elects to present subsequent changes in the investment's fair value in other comprehensive income. This election is made on an investment-by-investment basis. Dividends are recognised as income in profit or loss unless the dividend clearly represents a recovery of part of the cost of investment. Other net gains and losses are recognised in other comprehensive income. On derecognition, gains and losses accumulate in other comprehensive income are not reclassified to profit or loss.

A financial asset is derecognised when the contractual right to receive cash flows from the asset has expired. On derecognition of a financial asset in its entirety, the difference between the carrying amount and the sum of the consideration received (including any new asset obtained less any new liability assumed) is recognised in profit or loss.

3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Financial Instruments (continued)

Impairment of financial assets

The Group recognises loss allowance for expected credit losses on financial assets measured at amortised cost, lease receivables, trade receivables and contract assets, as well as on financial guarantee contracts.

The Group measures loss allowance at an amount equal to lifetime expected credit loss except for cash and bank balance for which credit risk has not increased significantly since initial recognition, which are measured at 12-month expected credit loss. Loss allowances for trade receivables, contract assets and lease receivables are always measured at an amount equal to lifetime expected credit loss.

When determining whether the credit risk of a financial asset has increased significantly since initial recognition and when estimating expected credit loss, the Group considers reasonable and supportable information that is relevant and available without undue cost or effort. This includes both quantitative and qualitative information and analysis, based on the Group's historical experience and informed credit assessment and including forward-looking information, where available.

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 12 months after the end of the reporting period. The maximum period considered when estimating expected credit losses is the maximum contractual period over which the Group is exposed to credit risk.

The Group considers past loss experience and observable data such as current changes and future forecast in economic changes to estimate the amount of expected impairment loss. The methodology assumptions including any forecast of future economic conditions are reviewed regularly. An impairment loss in respect of financial assets measured at amortised cost is recognised in profit or loss and the carrying amount of the asset is reduced through the use of an allowance account.

At end of each reporting period, the Group assesses whether financial assets carried at amortised cost are credit-impaired. A financial asset is credit impaired when one or more events that have a detrimental impact on the estimated future cash flows of the financial asset have occurred. The gross carrying amount of a financial asset is written off (either partially or full) to the extent that there is no realistic prospect of recovery. This is generally the case when the Group determines that the debtor does not have assets or sources of income that could generate sufficient cash flows to repay the amounts subject to the write-off. However, financial assets that are written off could still be subject to enforcement activities in order to comply with the Group's procedures for recovery amounts due.

For other receivables, the Group and the Company measure loss allowance at an amount equal to 12-month expected credit loss if credit risk on a financial instrument or a group of financial instruments has not increased significantly since initial recognition.

For financial guarantee contracts, the date that the Group becomes a party to the irrevocable commitment is considered to be the date of initial recognition for the purposes of assessing the financial instrument for impairment. In assessing whether there has been a significant increase in the credit risk since initial recognition of a financial guarantee contracts, the Group considers the changes in the risk that the specified debtor will default on the contract.

3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Financial Instruments (continued)

Financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into and the definitions of a financial liability. Financial liabilities are recognised in the statements of financial position when, and only when, the Group and the Company become a party to the contractual provisions of the financial instrument. Financial liabilities are classified as either financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss or other financial liabilities. The measurement of financial liabilities depends on their classification.

Equity instruments

An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of an entity after deducting all of its liabilities. Equity instruments issued by the Group and the Company are recognised at the proceeds received, net of direct issue costs.

Other financial liabilities

The Group's other financial liabilities include trade payables, other payables and loans and borrowings.

Trade and other payables are recognised initially at fair value plus directly attributable transaction costs and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Loans and borrowings are recognised initially at fair value, net of transaction costs incurred, and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Borrowings are classified as current liabilities unless the Group has an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least 12 months after the reporting date.

For other financial liabilities, gains and losses are recognised in profit or loss when the liabilities are derecognised, and through the amortisation process.

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

Statements of Cash Flows

The Group and the Company adopt the indirect method in the preparation of the statements of cash flows.

Cash and cash equivalents which comprise deposits, cash and bank balances, and bank overdrafts are short-term, highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to cash with insignificant risks of changes in value.

4. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING JUDGEMENTS AND KEY SOURCES OF ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTY

(i) Critical judgements in applying the Group's and the Company's accounting policies

In the process of applying the Group's and the Company's accounting policies, which are described in Note 3 above, management is of the opinion that there are no instances of application of judgement which are expected to have a significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements except for the following:

(a) Impairment of Receivables

Assessment of impairment for receivables is made based on the evaluation of collectability and ageing analysis of accounts and on management's estimate of, amongst others, the quantum and timing of cash flows. A considerable amount of judgement is required in assessing the ultimate realisation of these receivables, including the judgement about the creditworthiness of the debtors and the past collection history of each customer. If the financial conditions of the customers were to deteriorate such that the ability of the customers to make repayments is affected, additional allowance for impairment loss may be required.

As at 31 December 2022, the Group has trade and other receivables due from two (2021: two) major related parties namely, Lion DRI Sdn Bhd ("Lion DRI") and Graimpi Sdn Bhd (In liquidation) ("Graimpi"). Both of these companies are wholly-owned subsidiaries of Lion Diversified Holdings Berhad (In liquidation), a company which Tan Sri Cheng Heng Jem has substantial interest.

In the previous financial period, the Group recovered RM210,352,000 from Graimpi and Lion DRI pursuant to the secured debt settlement agreement entered with Lion Diversified Holdings Berhad (In liquidation) and RM3,485,000 due from Megasteel Sdn Bhd ("Megasteel") pursuant to schemes of arrangement of Megasteel which was approved by Megasteel's secured and unsecured creditors at the Court Convened Meeting on 10 July 2019.

| | The Group | |
|--|------------------|---------------|
| | 2022 | 2021 |
| | RM'000 | RM'000 |
| Trade receivables - Lion DRI (Note 24 (a)) | 113,402 | 113,402 |
| Other receivables - Lion DRI and Graimpi (Note 24 (b)) | 111,215 | 111,215 |
| | 224,617 | 224,617 |
| Less: Accumulated impairment losses | (224,617) | (224,617) |
| Net | — | — |

In view that Lion DRI had stopped operation since previous financial years and the ability of Lion DRI to generate sufficient cash flows to repay its debts to the Group is in doubt and Graimpi is in the liquidation, the Directors are of the opinion that full impairment losses need to be made on these outstanding amounts.

(b) Impairment of Investment Properties

The Group has investment properties which comprise mainly freehold land and economic land concessions ("ELC") in Cambodia of RM113,399,000 (2021: RM107,956,000). Significant judgement is exercised in determining the manner in which the recovery of the said investment properties could be made and the amounts that could be realised. The amount expected to be recovered for the said investment properties was determined based on the fair value less cost to sell, by references to the latest valuation carried out by independent firms of professional valuers.

4. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING JUDGEMENTS AND KEY SOURCES OF ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTY (continued)

(ii) Key sources of estimation uncertainty

Management believes that there are no key assumptions made concerning the future, and other key sources of estimation uncertainty at the end of the reporting period, that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year except for the following:

(a) Impairment of Non-Current Assets

Determining whether assets are impaired requires an estimation of the recoverable amounts of the assets. As at 31 December 2022, the Group and the Company recognised accumulated impairment losses in respect of the following:

| | The Group | | The Company | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | 2022 RM'000 | 2021 RM'000 | 2022 RM'000 | 2021 RM'000 |
| Prepaid land lease payment | – | 514 | – | – |
| Long-term investments | 68,378 | 68,378 | – | – |
| Investment in associated companies | 12,655 | 12,655 | 15,323 | 15,439 |
| Investment in subsidiary companies | – | – | 229,656 | 245,496 |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |

Management exercises its judgement in estimating the recoverable amounts of these assets.

When there is an indication that the carrying amount of an asset may be impaired, the asset's recoverable amount, being the higher of its fair value less costs to sell and its value-in-use ("VIU"), will be assessed. The assessment of the recoverable amounts involves a number of methodologies.

In determining the VIU of an asset, being the future economic benefits to be expected from its continued use and ultimate disposal, the Group and the Company make estimates and assumptions that require significant judgements. While the Group and the Company believe these estimates and assumptions of VIU could be reasonable and appropriate, changes on these estimates and assumptions of VIU could impact the Group's and the Company's financial position and results.

(b) Impairment of Goodwill

Determining whether goodwill is impaired requires an estimation of the VIU of the cash-generating units to which goodwill has been allocated. The VIU calculation requires management to estimate the future cash flows expected to arise from the cash-generating unit and a suitable discount rate in order to calculate present value of those cash flows. The carrying amount of goodwill at the end of the reporting year, pertaining to the steel operations of the Group, was RM130,443,000 (2021: RM130,443,000) and no further impairment loss has been recognised in profit or loss during the current financial year as the Directors are of the opinion that the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit is higher than the carrying amount. Details of the cash-generating unit calculation are provided in Note 22.

4. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING JUDGEMENTS AND KEY SOURCES OF ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTY (continued)

(ii) Key sources of estimation uncertainty (continued)

(c) Deferred Tax Assets

Deferred tax assets are recognised for deductible temporary differences, unused tax losses and unabsorbed capital allowances to the extent that it is probable that sufficient future taxable profits will be available against which the deductible temporary differences, unused tax losses and unabsorbed capital allowances can be utilised. Significant management judgement is required to determine the amount of deferred tax assets that can be recognised, based upon likely timing and level of future taxable profits together with future tax planning strategies. The total carrying value of deferred tax assets recognised by the Group amounts to RM9,484,000 (2021: RM8,435,000).

(d) Depreciation of Property, Plant and Equipment

The cost of property, plant and equipment except for freehold land and construction work-in-progress, is depreciated on a straight-line basis over the assets' useful lives. The Group reviews the remaining useful lives of property, plant and equipment at the end of each reporting period and ensures consistency with previous estimates and patterns of consumptions of the economic benefits that embodies the items in these assets. Changes in useful lives of property, plant and equipment may result in revision of future depreciation charges.

(e) Impairment of Property, Plant and Equipment

(i) During the current financial year, the Directors have made impairment assessment on the steel making plants of two subsidiary companies located at Banting ("the Banting plants"), which have temporarily stopped production. The recoverable amounts of the plants, which consist of land, buildings and plant and machinery, are determined based on fair value less cost to sell, by a reference to the latest valuation carried out by an independent firm of professional valuers in March 2023. The basis of fair value less cost to sell for the said assets was determined as follows:

- (a) Land - Comparison Method (level 3), being comparison of current prices in an active market for similar properties in the same location and condition and where necessary, adjusting for location, accessibility, market condition, size, shape and terrain of land, tenurial interest and restriction if any, availability of infrastructure, vacant possession and developmental approval and other relevant characteristics.
- (b) Building, plant and machineries - Depreciated Replacement Cost Method (level 3), where the asset value is taken to be equal to the cost of replacing the asset in its existing condition. This is determined by taking the current replacement cost of the asset as new and allowing for depreciation of physical, functional and economic obsolescence.

The Directors believe that the chosen valuation method is appropriate in determining the recoverable amounts of the Banting plants.

The Directors are of the opinion that the carrying amount of the Banting plants of RM695,770,518 (2021: RM615,264,713), net of accumulated impairment loss of RM185,772,000 (2021: RM185,772,000) is recoverable.

4. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING JUDGEMENTS AND KEY SOURCES OF ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTY (continued)

(ii) Key sources of estimation uncertainty (continued)

(e) Impairment of Property, Plant and Equipment (continued)

- (ii) In the previous financial period, the steel making plant located in Johor (the “Johor Plant”) had temporarily stopped operations. The recoverable amount of the plant, which consisted of plant and machinery, was determined based on fair value less cost to sell, by a reference to the latest valuation carried out by an independent firm of professional valuers in November 2021. The basis of fair value less cost to sell for the said assets was determined as follows:
- (a) Land and building - Comparison Method (Level 3), being comparison of current prices in an active market for similar properties in the same location and condition and where necessary, adjusting for location, accessibility, market condition, size, shape and terrain of land, tenurial interest and restriction if any, availability of infrastructure, vacant possession and developmental approval and other relevant characteristics.
 - (b) Plant and machineries (Level 3) - Depreciated Replacement Cost method which was Gross Current Replacement Cost less Depreciation to reflect the remaining portion of their useful economic working life and it was expressed on the assumption that the items were considered value to the business that would ensure their continued use in the foreseeable future.

The Directors believed that the chosen valuation method was appropriate in determining the recoverable amounts of the Johor plant.

The impairment loss of RM23,168,000 had been recognised in the previous financial period.

The Directors were of the opinion that the carrying amount of the Johor plant of RM64,745,000, net of accumulated impairment loss of RM39,952,000 was recoverable in the previous financial period. The Group disposed the subsidiary company together with its Johor plant, and recorded a gain during the financial year as disclosed in Note 17(b).

(f) Provision for expected credit losses (“ECL”) of trade receivables

The Group and the Company use simplified approach in calculating loss allowances for trade receivables by applying an ECL rate. Significant estimate is required in determining the impairment of trade receivables. Impairment loss measured based on ECL model is based on assumptions on risk of default and expected loss rates. The Group and the Company use judgement in making these assumptions and selecting the inputs to the impairment calculation based on the Group’s and the Company’s past collection records, existing market conditions as well as forward looking estimates as of the end of the reporting period.

5. REVENUE

An analysis of revenue is as follows:

| | The Group | | The Company | |
|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | 1.1.2022 to 31.12.2022 RM'000 | 1.7.2020 to 31.12.2021 RM'000 | 1.1.2022 to 31.12.2022 RM'000 | 1.7.2020 to 31.12.2021 RM'000 |
| Revenue from contracts with customers: | | | | |
| Sale of goods | 2,564,232 | 3,918,066 | - | - |
| Sale of completed property units | 198 | 1,603 | - | - |
| Service rendered | 14,721 | 17,732 | - | - |
| | <u>2,579,151</u> | <u>3,937,401</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Revenue from other sources: | | | | |
| Gross dividend income from subsidiary companies | - | - | - | 27,292 |
| Interest income | 23 | 45 | - | - |
| | <u>2,579,174</u> | <u>3,937,446</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>27,292</u> |

Timing of revenue recognition:

| | The Group | | The Company | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | 1.1.2022 to 31.12.2022 RM'000 | 1.7.2020 to 31.12.2021 RM'000 | 1.1.2022 to 31.12.2022 RM'000 | 1.7.2020 to 31.12.2021 RM'000 |
| At a point in time | 2,564,430 | 3,919,669 | - | - |
| Over time | 14,721 | 17,732 | - | - |
| | <u>2,579,151</u> | <u>3,937,401</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Revenue from contracts with customers | 2,579,151 | 3,937,401 | - | - |
| Other revenue | 23 | 45 | - | 27,292 |
| | <u>2,579,174</u> | <u>3,937,446</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>27,292</u> |

The Group and the Company do not have any remaining performance obligations that are more than one year.

6. (LOSS)/PROFIT FROM OPERATIONS

(Loss)/Profit from operations is arrived at after crediting/(charging) the following income/(expenses):

| | The Group | | The Company | |
|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | 1.1.2022 to 31.12.2022 RM'000 | 1.7.2020 to 31.12.2021 RM'000 | 1.1.2022 to 31.12.2022 RM'000 | 1.7.2020 to 31.12.2021 RM'000 |
| Property, plant and equipment written off (Note 12) | (13) | (102) | – | – |
| Fair value loss on investment in long-term investments (Note 20) | – | (5,512) | – | – |
| Reversal of/(Allowance for) obsolescence of inventories (Note 23) | 241 | (1,540) | – | – |
| Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment | 1,543 | 704 | – | – |
| Loss on derecognition of investment in an associated company | – | – | (25) | – |
| Government grant (Note (a)) | 53 | 1,033 | – | – |
| Fees paid/payable to external auditors: | | | | |
| Statutory audit: | | | | |
| Auditors of the Company: | | | | |
| Current year/period | (857) | (833) | (137) | (125) |
| (Under)/Overprovision in prior years | (41) | 5 | (52) | – |
| Other auditors: | | | | |
| Current year/period | (85) | (80) | – | – |
| (Under)/Overprovision in prior year | (1) | 2 | – | – |
| Bad debts recovered | 156 | 408 | – | – |
| Rental income | 1,924 | 6,684 | 20 | 16 |
| Gain on foreign exchange (net): | | | | |
| Realised | 527 | 446 | – | – |
| Unrealised | 1,229 | 140 | 120 | 8 |
| Interest income from Housing Development Accounts | 159 | 149 | 33 | 33 |

Note (a)

During the financial year/period, the Group received government subsidies of RM52,600 (2021: RM1,033,439) in relation to the Wage Subsidy Programme under National Economic Recovery Plan initiated by the Government of Malaysia.

6. (LOSS)/PROFIT FROM OPERATIONS (continued)

Analysis of staff costs is as follows:

| | The Group | | The Company | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | 1.1.2022 to 31.12.2022 RM'000 | 1.7.2020 to 31.12.2021 RM'000 | 1.1.2022 to 31.12.2022 RM'000 | 1.7.2020 to 31.12.2021 RM'000 |
| Salaries, bonuses and allowances | 142,552 | 202,863 | 1,019 | 597 |
| Defined contribution plans | 16,338 | 19,127 | 28 | 111 |
| | <u>158,890</u> | <u>221,990</u> | <u>1,047</u> | <u>708</u> |

Included in staff costs are the remuneration of members of key management, other than the Directors of the Group and of the Company as disclosed in Note 7, as follows:

| | The Group | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | 1.1.2022 to 31.12.2022 RM'000 | 1.7.2020 to 31.12.2021 RM'000 |
| Salaries, bonuses and allowances | 2,802 | 3,772 |
| Defined contribution plans | 286 | 371 |
| | <u>3,088</u> | <u>4,143</u> |

The estimated monetary value of benefits-in-kind received and receivable by the key management personnel, other than the Directors of the Group and of the Company as disclosed in Note 7, otherwise than in cash from the Group amounted to RM52,679 (2021: RM59,178).

7. DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION

Directors' remuneration of the Group and of the Company classified into executive and non-executive Directors are as follows:

| | The Group | | The Company | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | 1.1.2022 to 31.12.2022 RM'000 | 1.7.2020 to 31.12.2021 RM'000 | 1.1.2022 to 31.12.2022 RM'000 | 1.7.2020 to 31.12.2021 RM'000 |
| Executive Directors: | | | | |
| Fee | 50 | 53 | 35 | 53 |
| Salary and other emoluments | 2,134 | 1,488 | 1,269 | 1,488 |
| Defined contribution plans | 41 | 89 | 41 | 89 |
| | 2,225 | 1,630 | 1,345 | 1,630 |
| Non-executive Directors: | | | | |
| Fees | 255 | 426 | 235 | 396 |
| Salary and other emoluments | 159 | 211 | 58 | 79 |
| Defined contribution plans | 12 | 15 | – | – |
| | 426 | 652 | 293 | 475 |
| Total | 2,651 | 2,282 | 1,638 | 2,105 |

The estimated monetary value of benefits-in-kind received and receivable by the Directors otherwise than in cash from the Group and the Company amounted to RM182,177 and RM56,150 respectively (2021: RM197,605 and RM166,455 respectively).

8. INVESTMENT INCOME

| | The Group | | The Company | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | 1.1.2022 to 31.12.2022 RM'000 | 1.7.2020 to 31.12.2021 RM'000 | 1.1.2022 to 31.12.2022 RM'000 | 1.7.2020 to 31.12.2021 RM'000 |
| Interest income from: | | | | |
| Fixed deposits | 4,820 | 7,742 | 61 | 102 |
| Related parties | – | 227 | – | 227 |
| Subsidiary company | – | – | 320 | 410 |
| Others | 1,213 | 2,055 | – | – |
| | 6,033 | 10,024 | 381 | 739 |
| Dividend income from: | | | | |
| Investment in money market funds | 209 | 257 | – | – |
| | 6,242 | 10,281 | 381 | 739 |

9. FINANCE COSTS

| | The Group | | The Company | |
|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | 1.1.2022 to 31.12.2022 RM'000 | 1.7.2020 to 31.12.2021 RM'000 | 1.1.2022 to 31.12.2022 RM'000 | 1.7.2020 to 31.12.2021 RM'000 |
| Interest expense on: | | | | |
| Short-term loans | 3,119 | 488 | 343 | 488 |
| Security deposits received from customers (Note 33(b)) | 2,100 | 13,633 | – | – |
| Bills payable | 3,004 | 4,121 | – | – |
| Bank overdrafts | 314 | 1,058 | 314 | 433 |
| Finance lease and hire-purchase | 2,285 | 5,483 | – | – |
| Lease liabilities | 1,202 | 3,048 | 5 | 8 |
| Product financing liabilities | – | 3,003 | – | – |
| Others | 343 | 444 | 2 | 12 |
| | 12,367 | 31,278 | 664 | 941 |

10. TAX CREDIT/(EXPENSE)

Tax credit/(expense) for the Group and the Company consists of:

| | The Group | | The Company | |
|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | 1.1.2022 to 31.12.2022 RM'000 | 1.7.2020 to 31.12.2021 RM'000 | 1.1.2022 to 31.12.2022 RM'000 | 1.7.2020 to 31.12.2021 RM'000 |
| Estimated tax payable: | | | | |
| Current year/period | (5,981) | (20,717) | (99) | (10) |
| Over/(Under) provision in prior year/period | 14,867 | 954 | (151) | – |
| | 8,886 | (19,763) | (250) | (10) |
| Deferred taxation (Note 21): | | | | |
| Current year/period | 172 | (11,231) | – | – |
| Over/(Under) provision in prior year/period | 370 | (49) | – | – |
| | 542 | (11,280) | – | – |
| Total tax credit/(expense) | 9,428 | (31,043) | (250) | (10) |

The tax credit/(expense) varied from the amount of tax expense determined by applying the applicable income tax rate to (loss)/profit before tax as a result of the following differences:

| | The Group | | The Company | |
|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | 1.1.2022 to 31.12.2022 RM'000 | 1.7.2020 to 31.12.2021 RM'000 | 1.1.2022 to 31.12.2022 RM'000 | 1.7.2020 to 31.12.2021 RM'000 |
| (Loss)/Profit before tax | (321,990) | 570,284 | (3,893) | (1,572) |
| Tax credit/(expense) at statutory tax rate of 24% (2021: 24%) | 77,278 | (136,868) | 934 | 377 |
| Tax effects of: | | | | |
| Non-taxable income | 17,455 | 196,367 | 155 | 6,586 |
| Non-deductible expenses | (22,788) | (45,095) | (1,195) | (6,973) |
| Tax effect on share of results of associated companies and joint venture | (9,945) | (12,215) | – | – |
| Deferred tax assets not recognised | (67,816) | (34,137) | – | – |
| Utilisation of deferred tax assets not recognised previously | 7 | – | 7 | – |
| Over/(Under) provision in prior years/period: | | | | |
| Income tax | 14,867 | 954 | (151) | – |
| Deferred taxation | 370 | (49) | – | – |
| | 9,428 | (31,043) | (250) | (10) |

10. TAX CREDIT/(EXPENSE) (continued)

As mentioned in Note 3, the tax effects of deductible temporary differences, unused tax losses and unused tax credits which would give rise to net deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profits will be available against which the deductible temporary differences, unused tax losses and unused tax credits can be utilised. As at 31 December 2022, the estimated amount of temporary differences, unused tax losses, unabsorbed capital allowances and unused reinvestment allowances, for which the tax effects are not recognised in the financial statements due to uncertainty of their realisation, is as follows:

| | The Group | | The Company | |
|---|------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | 2022 RM'000 | 2021 RM'000 | 2022 RM'000 | 2021 RM'000 |
| Temporary differences arising from: | | | | |
| Right-of-use assets | 659 | 209 | – | – |
| Trade and other receivables | 8,578 | 7,760 | – | – |
| Others | 4,603 | 9,651 | – | – |
| Unused tax losses and unabsorbed capital allowances | 1,418,939 | 1,132,621 | 14,863 | 14,890 |
| Unused reinvestment allowances | 61,409 | 61,409 | – | – |
| | 1,494,188 | 1,211,650 | 14,863 | 14,890 |

The availability of the unused tax losses, unabsorbed capital allowances and unused reinvestment allowances for offsetting future taxable profits of the Company and of the subsidiary companies are subject to the agreement with the tax authority.

In accordance with the provision of the Finance Act 2021, the time period of carrying forward unused tax losses is ten years, for which, any excess at the end of the tenth year, will be disregarded.

The expiry of the unused tax losses is as follows:

| | The Group | | The Company | |
|------------------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | 2022 RM'000 | 2021 RM'000 | 2022 RM'000 | 2021 RM'000 |
| Unused tax losses: | | | | |
| - Expire by 31 December 2028 | 539,714 | 553,010 | 12,175 | 12,175 |
| - Expire by 31 December 2029 | 100,260 | 100,409 | – | – |
| - Expire by 31 December 2030 | 276,162 | 276,551 | – | – |
| - Expire by 31 December 2031 | 22,339 | 23,186 | – | – |
| - Expire by 31 December 2032 | 278,131 | – | – | – |
| | 1,216,606 | 953,156 | 12,175 | 12,175 |

11. (LOSS)/EARNINGS PER SHARE

(a) Basic

Basic (loss)/earnings per share of the Group is calculated by dividing (loss)/profit for the year attributable to owners of the Company by the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue during the year/period as follows:

| | The Group | |
|---|--|--|
| | 1.1.2022 to 31.12.2022 RM'000 | 1.7.2020 to 31.12.2021 RM'000 |
| (Loss)/Profit attributable to owners of the Company | (311,599) | 494,990 |
| | 2022 '000 | 2021 '000 |
| Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue | 680,804 | 680,804 |
| | 1.1.2022 to 31.12.2022 Sen | 1.7.2020 to 31.12.2021 Sen |
| Basic (loss)/earnings per share | (45.77) | 72.71 |

(b) Diluted

The calculation of diluted (loss)/earnings per share was based on (loss)/profit attributable to ordinary shareholders and the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding after adjustment for the effects of all dilutive potential ordinary shares. The diluted losses per ordinary share was not applicable as the unexercised warrants were anti-dilutive in nature, this was due to the average market share price of the Company being below the exercise price of the warrants.

In the previous financial period, the basic and diluted earnings per share were the same as the Company had no dilutive potential ordinary shares as at 31 December 2021.

12. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

The Group

| | As at 1 January 2022 RM'000 | Additions RM'000 | Disposals RM'000 | Write-offs RM'000 | Disposal of a subsidiary company (Note 17(b)) RM'000 | Non-current assets classified as held for sale (Note 27) RM'000 | Reclassification RM'000 | Exchange differences RM'000 | As at 31 December 2022 RM'000 |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|--|--|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| | | | | | | | | | |
| Freehold land | 295,267 | 1,368 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 296,635 |
| Freehold buildings | 376,838 | 3,780 | - | - | - | - | 2,481 | - | 383,099 |
| Buildings under long lease | 111,277 | - | - | - | (63,219) | - | - | - | 48,058 |
| Buildings under short lease | 466 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 466 |
| Plant, machinery and equipment | 1,723,690 | 89,808 | (9,777) | (15) | (318,890) | - | 12,611 | 442 | 1,497,869 |
| Prime movers and trailers | 2,294 | - | - | (2,294) | - | - | - | - | - |
| Motor vehicles | 14,543 | 1,198 | (635) | (488) | (195) | - | - | 25 | 14,448 |
| Furniture and office equipment | 64,658 | 10,278 | (12) | (1,358) | (33,037) | - | 133 | - | 40,662 |
| Computer equipment | 7,254 | 1,808 | (66) | (379) | - | - | - | 2 | 8,619 |
| Floating cranes | 87,616 | 13,080 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 100,696 |
| Tug boats and barges | 56,523 | 4,360 | (44) | - | - | (60,839) | - | - | - |
| Infrastructure | 107,100 | 3,300 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 110,400 |
| Renovations | 2,215 | 49 | - | (412) | - | - | - | - | 1,852 |
| Construction work-in-progress | 142,409 | 30,801 | - | - | (1,202) | - | (2,225) | - | 169,783 |
| Total | 2,992,150 | 159,830 | (10,534) | (4,946) | (416,543) | (60,839) | 13,000 | 469 | 2,672,587 |

12. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (continued)

The Group

| | As at 1 January 2022 RM'000 | Charge for the year RM'000 | Disposals RM'000 | ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION | | | | As at 31 December 2022 RM'000 |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|---|--|-----------------------------------|--|
| | | | | Write-offs RM'000 | Disposal of a subsidiary company (Note 17(b)) RM'000 | Non-current assets classified as held for sale (Note 27) RM'000 | Exchange differences RM'000 | |
| Freehold land | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Freehold buildings | 260,879 | 7,985 | - | - | - | - | - | 268,864 |
| Buildings under long lease | 99,655 | 2,015 | - | - | (61,560) | - | - | 40,110 |
| Buildings under short lease | 466 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 466 |
| Plant, machinery and equipment | 1,224,745 | 26,915 | (1,166) | (15) | (228,381) | - | 370 | 1,022,468 |
| Prime movers and trailers | 2,294 | - | - | (2,294) | - | - | - | - |
| Motor vehicles | 12,163 | 507 | (605) | (488) | (195) | - | 25 | 11,407 |
| Furniture and office equipment | 60,863 | 1,327 | (11) | (1,345) | (28,451) | - | - | 32,383 |
| Computer equipment | 6,460 | 473 | (65) | (379) | - | - | 2 | 6,491 |
| Floating cranes | 76,309 | 5,584 | - | - | - | - | - | 81,893 |
| Tug boats and barges | 53,745 | 417 | (8) | - | - | (54,154) | - | - |
| Infrastructure | 49,980 | 92 | - | - | - | - | - | 50,072 |
| Renovations | 1,818 | 89 | - | (412) | - | - | - | 1,495 |
| Construction work-in-progress | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total | 1,849,377 | 45,404 | (1,855) | (4,933) | (318,587) | (54,154) | 397 | 1,515,649 |

12. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (continued)

The Group

| | ACCUMULATED IMPAIRMENT LOSSES | | | CARRYING AMOUNT |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|--|
| | As at 1 January 2022 RM'000 | Charge for the year RM'000 | Disposal of a subsidiary company (Note 17(b)) RM'000 | |
| | | | As at 31 December 2022 RM'000 | As at 31 December 2022 RM'000 |
| Freehold land | 1,754 | - | 1,754 | 294,881 |
| Freehold buildings | 28,299 | - | 28,299 | 85,936 |
| Buildings under long lease | 1,515 | - | (1,515) | 7,948 |
| Buildings under short lease | - | - | - | - |
| Plant, machinery and equipment | 98,091 | - | (38,437) | 415,747 |
| Prime movers and trailers | - | - | - | - |
| Motor vehicles | - | - | - | 3,041 |
| Furniture and office equipment | - | - | - | 8,279 |
| Computer equipment | 28 | - | 28 | 2,100 |
| Floating cranes | - | - | - | 18,803 |
| Tug boats and barges | - | - | - | - |
| Infrastructure | 57,120 | - | - | 3,208 |
| Renovations | - | - | - | 357 |
| Construction work-in-progress | 107,533 | - | 107,533 | 62,250 |
| Total | 294,340 | - | (39,952) | 902,550 |
| | | | 254,388 | |

12. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (continued)

| The Group | As at 1 July 2020 RM'000 | Additions RM'000 | Disposals RM'000 | Write-offs RM'000 | COST | | | Exchange differences RM'000 | As at 31 December 2021 RM'000 |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|--|---|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| | | | | | Disposal of a subsidiary company (Note 17(c)) RM'000 | Acquisition of a subsidiary companies (Note 17(a)) RM'000 | Reclassification RM'000 | | |
| Freehold land | 77,101 | 218,166 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 295,267 |
| Freehold buildings | 305,336 | 71,360 | (15) | - | - | - | - | - | 376,838 |
| Buildings under long lease | 112,329 | 537 | - | - | (1,589) | - | - | - | 111,277 |
| Buildings under short lease | 466 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 466 |
| Plant, machinery and equipment | 1,536,367 | 304,075 | (2,004) | (156) | (119,596) | - | 5,230 | (226) | 1,723,690 |
| Prime movers and trailers | 2,294 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2,294 |
| Motor vehicles | 14,843 | 225 | (377) | - | (222) | - | - | (7) | 14,543 |
| Furniture and office equipment | 72,919 | 2,214 | (440) | (1,065) | (3,875) | 63 | (5,162) | 4 | 64,658 |
| Computer equipment | 6,867 | 422 | (34) | - | - | - | - | (1) | 7,254 |
| Floating cranes | 87,616 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 87,616 |
| Tug boats and barges | 56,479 | 44 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 56,523 |
| Infrastructure | 107,100 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 107,100 |
| Renovations | 1,823 | 392 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2,215 |
| Construction work-in-progress | 139,363 | 3,386 | - | - | (115) | - | (225) | - | 142,409 |
| Total | 2,520,903 | 600,821 | (2,870) | (1,221) | (125,397) | 144 | - | (230) | 2,992,150 |

12. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (continued)

The Group

| | ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION | | | | | | | As at 31 December 2021 RM'000 |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| | As at 1 July 2020 RM'000 | Charge for the period RM'000 | Disposals RM'000 | Write-offs RM'000 | Disposal of a subsidiary company (Note 17(c)) RM'000 | Exchange differences RM'000 | Reclassification RM'000 | |
| Freehold land | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Freehold buildings | 243,327 | 17,552 | - | - | - | - | - | 260,879 |
| Buildings under long lease | 96,457 | 4,574 | (15) | - | (1,361) | - | - | 99,655 |
| Buildings under short lease | 466 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 466 |
| Plant, machinery and equipment | 1,252,011 | 73,076 | (1,666) | (56) | (98,400) | (157) | (63) | 1,224,745 |
| Prime movers and trailers | 2,294 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2,294 |
| Motor vehicles | 12,099 | 589 | (290) | - | (222) | (13) | - | 12,163 |
| Furniture and office equipment | 63,576 | 1,933 | (247) | (1,063) | (3,399) | - | 63 | 60,863 |
| Computer equipment | 6,099 | 399 | (37) | - | - | (1) | - | 6,460 |
| Floating cranes | 69,447 | 6,862 | - | - | - | - | - | 76,309 |
| Tug boats and barges | 53,606 | 139 | - | - | - | - | - | 53,745 |
| Infrastructure | 49,980 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 49,980 |
| Renovations | 1,734 | 84 | - | - | - | - | - | 1,818 |
| Construction work-in-progress | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total | 1,851,096 | 105,208 | (2,255) | (1,119) | (103,382) | (171) | - | 1,849,377 |

12. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (continued)

| The Group | ACCUMULATED IMPAIRMENT LOSSES | | CARRYING AMOUNT |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| | As at 1 July 2020 RM'000 | Charge for the period RM'000 | |
| Freehold land | 1,754 | - | 293,513 |
| Freehold buildings | 28,299 | - | 87,660 |
| Buildings under long lease | 1,515 | - | 10,107 |
| Buildings under short lease | - | - | - |
| Plant, machinery and equipment | 96,667 | 1,424 | 400,854 |
| Prime movers and trailers | - | - | - |
| Motor vehicles | - | - | 2,380 |
| Furniture and office equipment | - | - | 3,795 |
| Computer equipment | - | 28 | 766 |
| Floating cranes | - | - | 11,307 |
| Tug boats and barges | - | - | 2,778 |
| Infrastructure | 57,120 | - | - |
| Renovations | - | - | 397 |
| Construction work-in-progress | 85,209 | 22,324 | 34,876 |
| Total | 270,564 | 23,776 | 848,433 |

12. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (continued)

| The Company | | COST | | | As at 31 December 2022 RM'000 |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------|--|--|
| | | As at 1 January 2022 RM'000 | Addition RM'000 | Disposal RM'000 | |
| Motor vehicles | | 75 | – | – | 75 |
| Furniture and office equipment | | 1,615 | – | – | 1,615 |
| Computer equipment | | 3,485 | – | (57) | 3,428 |
| Renovations | | 1,007 | – | – | 1,007 |
| Total | | <u>6,182</u> | <u>–</u> | <u>(57)</u> | <u>6,125</u> |
| | | ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION | | | CARRYING AMOUNT |
| | As at 1 January 2022 RM'000 | Charge for the year RM'000 | Disposal RM'000 | As at 31 December 2022 RM'000 | As at 31 December 2022 RM'000 |
| Motor vehicles | 73 | – | – | 73 | 2 |
| Furniture and office equipment | 1,582 | 17 | – | 1,599 | 16 |
| Computer equipment | 3,267 | 84 | (57) | 3,294 | 134 |
| Renovations | 973 | 24 | – | 997 | 10 |
| Total | <u>5,895</u> | <u>125</u> | <u>(57)</u> | <u>5,963</u> | <u>162</u> |
| | | COST | | | As at 31 December 2021 RM'000 |
| | As at 1 July 2020 RM'000 | Addition RM'000 | Disposal RM'000 | | |
| Motor vehicles | 75 | – | – | 75 | |
| Furniture and office equipment | 1,615 | – | – | 1,615 | |
| Computer equipment | 3,485 | – | – | 3,485 | |
| Renovations | 1,007 | – | – | 1,007 | |
| Total | <u>6,182</u> | <u>–</u> | <u>–</u> | <u>6,182</u> | |
| | | ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION | | | CARRYING AMOUNT |
| | As at 1 July 2020 RM'000 | Charge for the period RM'000 | Disposal RM'000 | As at 31 December 2021 RM'000 | As at 31 December 2021 RM'000 |
| Motor vehicles | 73 | – | – | 73 | 2 |
| Furniture and office equipment | 1,553 | 29 | – | 1,582 | 33 |
| Computer equipment | 3,141 | 126 | – | 3,267 | 218 |
| Renovations | 920 | 53 | – | 973 | 34 |
| Total | <u>5,687</u> | <u>208</u> | <u>–</u> | <u>5,895</u> | <u>287</u> |

12. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (continued)

- (a) In the previous financial period, the Group recognised impairment losses of RM23,168,000 in respect of Johor plants, as a result of the said Johor plant having temporarily stopped productions. The said impairment losses were determined based on the assumptions as disclosed in Notes 4(ii)(e)(ii).
- (b) During the financial year, the property, plant and equipment of certain subsidiary companies with carrying amount totalling RM Nil (2021: RM4.8 million) have been charged as collateral to certain financial institutions for the loans and borrowings granted to the Group (Note 31).
- (c) Included in property, plant and equipment of the Group are assets acquired under lease and hire-purchase arrangements with carrying amount of RM1,059,000 (2021: RM5,329,000).
- (d) The deferred payables of the Group (Note 35) are secured by the property, plant and equipment of certain subsidiary companies with carrying amount totalling RM592,400,862 (2021: RM517,370,028).

13. INVESTMENT PROPERTIES

The Group

| | Freehold land RM'000 | Freehold land and buildings RM'000 | Leasehold land and buildings RM'000 | Work-in- progress RM'000 | Total RM'000 |
|--|----------------------------|---|--|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| Cost: | | | | | |
| As at 1 July 2020 | 50,914 | 462 | 2,359 | 59,956 | 113,691 |
| Addition | – | – | 139 | – | 139 |
| Reclassification | – | – | 20,650 | (20,650) | – |
| Exchange differences | (1,338) | – | – | (1,575) | (2,913) |
| As at 31 December 2021/ 1 January 2022 | 49,576 | 462 | 23,148 | 37,731 | 110,917 |
| Disposal of a subsidiary company (Note 17(b)) | – | – | (2,055) | – | (2,055) |
| Exchange differences | 2,700 | – | 1,125 | 2,054 | 5,879 |
| As at 31 December 2022 | 52,276 | 462 | 22,218 | 39,785 | 114,741 |
| Accumulated depreciation: | | | | | |
| As at 1 July 2020 | – | 198 | 492 | – | 690 |
| Charge for the period | – | 14 | 94 | – | 108 |
| As at 31 December 2021/ 1 January 2022 | – | 212 | 586 | – | 798 |
| Charge for the year | – | 9 | 466 | – | 475 |
| Disposal of a subsidiary company (Note 17(b)) | – | – | (409) | – | (409) |
| As at 31 December 2022 | – | 221 | 643 | – | 864 |
| Carrying amount: | | | | | |
| As at 31 December 2021 | 49,576 | 250 | 22,562 | 37,731 | 110,119 |
| As at 31 December 2022 | 52,276 | 241 | 21,575 | 39,785 | 113,877 |
| Fair value: | 74,284 | 410 | 36,342 | Note a | |

13. INVESTMENT PROPERTIES (continued)

The rental income earned by the Group from its investment properties amounted to RM14,400 (2021: RM96,303). Direct operating expenses pertaining to the investment properties of the Group that generated rental income during the financial year/period amounted to RM4,886 (2021: RM12,213).

Direct operating expenses incurred by the Group for investment properties that did not generate any rental income during the financial year/period amounted to RM6,235 (2021: RM14,349).

The fair values of investment properties were determined based on the valuations performed by accredited independent firms of professional valuers. The valuations conform to International Valuation Standards. The fair value measurement for all the investment properties has been categorised as Level 3 fair value based on the market comparable approach that reflects recent transaction prices for similar properties. The key inputs under this approach are the price per square metre from the most recent sales of comparable properties in the area (location and size). In estimating the fair value of the properties, the highest and best use of the properties is their current use. There has been no change to the valuation technique during the financial year/period.

Note a

Work-in-progress comprises mainly economic land concession ("ELC") in Cambodia. The lease agreements for the ELC which determine the lease period of the land, which management is pursuing, have yet to be obtained. The fair values of the ELC are not reasonably determinable until the ELC are converted into leasehold land. Based on the market evidence of transaction prices for leasehold land by the independent firm of professional valuers in February 2023, the Directors have concluded there is no impairment for the ELC.

14. PREPAID LAND LEASE PAYMENTS

| | The Group | |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| | 2022 | 2021 |
| | RM'000 | RM'000 |
| Cost: | | |
| At beginning of year/period | 108,769 | 71,251 |
| Addition | – | 3,822 |
| Transfer from right-of-use assets (Note 15) | – | 33,696 |
| Disposal of a subsidiary company (Note 17(b)) | (37,519) | – |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| At end of year/period | 71,250 | 108,769 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Accumulated amortisation: | | |
| At beginning of year/period | 56,550 | 30,766 |
| Amortisation for the year/period | 3,433 | 6,723 |
| Transfer from right-of-use assets (Note 15) | – | 19,061 |
| Disposal of a subsidiary company (Note 17(b)) | (25,358) | – |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| At end of year/period | 34,625 | 56,550 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Accumulated impairment: | | |
| At beginning of year/period | 514 | – |
| Charge for the year/period | – | 514 |
| Disposal of a subsidiary company (Note 17(b)) | (514) | – |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| At end of year/period | – | 514 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Net carrying amount | 36,625 | 51,705 |
| | <hr/> <hr/> | <hr/> <hr/> |

14. PREPAID LAND LEASE PAYMENTS (continued)

The Group's leases consist of leasehold land and buildings (2021: land, factory buildings, office complex and warehouse). The lease will expire between the years 2085 and 2091 (2021: 2025 and 2091).

Certain leasehold land and buildings located in the Mukim of Bukit Raja, Klang, Selangor, has the purchase option in the lease term. Purchase option is, when possible, to provide the Group with greater flexibility to align its need for access to the leasehold land and building with the fulfilment of the Group's business strategy. The purchase option held is exercisable only by the Group and not by the lessor. In cases in which the Group is not reasonably certain to exercise the purchase option, payments associated with the purchase option are not included within the obligations under leases arrangement.

On 29 July 2022, Amsteel Mills Sdn Bhd ("AMSB"), a 99%-owned subsidiary company of the Company, in exercising its purchase option, entered into a conditional sale and purchase agreement with the lessor to acquire the leasehold land and buildings for a purchase consideration of RM47.13 million. The acquisition was completed on 17 February 2023.

15. RIGHT-OF-USE ASSETS

| The Group | Leasehold land and buildings RM'000 | Plant and equipment RM'000 | Total RM'000 |
|---|--|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Cost: | | | |
| As at 1 July 2020 | 64,691 | 20,766 | 85,457 |
| Addition | 21,592 | – | 21,592 |
| Transfer to prepaid land lease payments (Note 14) | (33,696) | – | (33,696) |
| Disposal | (4,396) | – | (4,396) |
| Disposal of a subsidiary company (Note 17(c)) | (19,974) | (19,960) | (39,934) |
| Fair value adjustments | (1,160) | – | (1,160) |
| Expiry of lease | (121) | – | (121) |
| As at 31 December 2021/1 January 2022 | 26,936 | 806 | 27,742 |
| Addition | 9,714 | – | 9,714 |
| Expiry and termination of lease | (255) | – | (255) |
| As at 31 December 2022 | 36,395 | 806 | 37,201 |
| Accumulated depreciation: | | | |
| As at 1 July 2020 | 29,825 | 5,605 | 35,430 |
| Charge for the period | 15,548 | 8,100 | 23,648 |
| Transfer to prepaid land lease payments (Note 14) | (19,061) | – | (19,061) |
| Disposal | (2,875) | – | (2,875) |
| Disposal of a subsidiary company (Note 17(c)) | (14,827) | (13,302) | (28,129) |
| Expiry of lease | (121) | – | (121) |
| As at 31 December 2021/1 January 2022 | 8,489 | 403 | 8,892 |
| Charge for the year | 6,070 | 161 | 6,231 |
| Expiry and termination of lease | (236) | – | (236) |
| As at 31 December 2022 | 14,323 | 564 | 14,887 |
| Net carrying amount | | | |
| As at 31 December 2021 | 18,447 | 403 | 18,850 |
| As at 31 December 2022 | 22,072 | 242 | 22,314 |

15. RIGHT-OF-USE ASSETS (continued)

| The Company | Buildings RM'000 |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Cost: | |
| At 1 July 2020 | 147 |
| Addition | 230 |
| Disposal | (127) |
| | 250 |
| Accumulated depreciation: | |
| At 1 July 2020 | 63 |
| Charge for the period | 94 |
| | 157 |
| As at 31 December 2021/1 January 2022 | 51 |
| | 208 |
| Net carrying amount | |
| As at 31 December 2021 | 93 |
| As at 31 December 2022 | 42 |

During the current financial year/period, amounts recognised in profit or loss are as follows:

| | The Group RM'000 | The Company RM'000 |
|--|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 1.1.2022 to 31.12.2022 | | |
| Depreciation on right-of-use assets | 6,231 | 51 |
| Interest expense on lease liabilities | 1,202 | 5 |
| Expenses relating to short term lease | 3,991 | - |
| Gain on expiry and termination of lease | (3) | - |
| | 11,421 | 56 |
| 1.7.2020 to 31.12.2021 | | |
| Depreciation on right-of-use assets | 23,648 | 94 |
| Interest expense on lease liabilities | 3,048 | 8 |
| Expenses relating to short term lease | 1,437 | - |
| Expense relating to leases of low value assets | 22 | - |
| | 28,155 | 102 |

Total cash outflows for leases during the current financial year/period (including fixed, variable and short-term lease payments) of the Group and of the Company amounted to RM10,833,000 (2021: RM27,959,000) and RM54,000 (2021: RM101,000), respectively.

16. LAND HELD FOR PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT AND PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT COSTS

(a) Land Held for Property Development

| | The Group | | The Company | |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | 2022 RM'000 | 2021 RM'000 | 2022 RM'000 | 2021 RM'000 |
| At beginning of year/period: | | | | |
| Land costs | 27,457 | 27,457 | 18 | 18 |
| Development costs | 23,507 | 23,428 | 8 | 8 |
| | 50,964 | 50,885 | 26 | 26 |
| Costs incurred: | | | | |
| Development costs | 648 | 79 | – | – |
| Reversal of development costs | (15,336) | – | – | – |
| Transfer from property development costs (Note 16(b)): | | | | |
| Land costs | 933 | – | – | – |
| Development costs | 14,640 | – | – | – |
| | 15,573 | – | – | – |
| At end of year/period: | | | | |
| Land costs | 28,390 | 27,457 | 18 | 18 |
| Development costs | 23,459 | 23,507 | 8 | 8 |
| | 51,849 | 50,964 | 26 | 26 |

16. LAND HELD FOR PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT AND PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT COSTS (continued)

(b) Property Development Costs

| | The Group | |
|--|------------------|----------------|
| | 2022 RM'000 | 2021 RM'000 |
| At beginning of year/period: | | |
| Land costs | 63,678 | 63,678 |
| Development costs | 195,407 | 191,856 |
| | 259,085 | 255,534 |
| Costs incurred: | | |
| Development costs | – | 3,551 |
| Transfer to land held for property development (Note 16(a)): | | |
| Land costs | (933) | – |
| Development costs | (14,640) | – |
| | (15,573) | – |
| At end of year/period: | | |
| Land costs | 62,745 | 63,678 |
| Development costs | 180,767 | 195,407 |
| | 243,512 | 259,085 |
| Costs recognised as expenses in profit or loss: | | |
| Previous years | (243,512) | (243,512) |
| Current year/period | – | – |
| | (243,512) | (243,512) |
| Net | – | 15,573 |

17. INVESTMENT IN SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES

| | The Company | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | 2022 RM'000 | 2021 RM'000 |
| Shares quoted in Malaysia: | | |
| At beginning and end of year/period | 42,232 | 42,232 |
| Unquoted shares in Malaysia: | | |
| At cost | 921,297 | 937,071 |
| Addition | – | 66 |
| Deemed capital contribution | 9,460 | 9,460 |
| | 930,757 | 946,597 |
| Accumulated impairment losses | (229,656) | (245,496) |
| | 701,101 | 701,101 |
| Total | 743,333 | 743,333 |
| Market value of quoted shares | 21,887 | 25,271 |

Movements in the accumulated impairment losses are as follows:

| | The Company | |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| | 2022 RM'000 | 2021 RM'000 |
| At beginning of year/period | 245,496 | 241,898 |
| Impairment losses recognised during the year/period | – | 3,598 |
| Write off during the year/period | (15,840) | – |
| At end of year/period | 229,656 | 245,496 |

During the current financial year/period, the Directors reviewed the Company's investment in subsidiary companies for indication of impairment and concluded that accumulated impairment losses of RM229,656,000 (2021: RM245,496,000) is deemed adequate in respect of investment in subsidiary companies.

17. INVESTMENT IN SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES (continued)

Composition of the Group

Details of the Group's subsidiary companies are disclosed in Note 43.

Information about the composition of the Group at the end of the reporting period is as follows:

| Principal activities | Principal place of business and place of incorporation | Number of wholly-owned subsidiary companies | | Number of non wholly-owned subsidiary companies | |
|--|--|---|-----------|---|-----------|
| | | 2022 | 2021 | 2022 | 2021 |
| Property development | Malaysia | 7 | 7 | 2 | 2 |
| Manufacture, sale and distribution of steel products | Malaysia | 1 | – | 2 | 3 |
| Others | Malaysia | 29 | 28 | 20 | 22 |
| | Other countries | – | – | 21 | 22 |
| | | 37 | 35 | 45 | 49 |

Certain investment in subsidiary companies of the Company has been pledged as collateral to financial institutions for banking facility as disclosed in Note 31.

Non-Controlling Interests in Subsidiary Companies

The Group's subsidiary company that has material non-controlling interests ("NCI") is Lion Posim Berhad ("LPB").

| | Percentage of ownership interests held by NCI | Profit/(Loss) allocated to NCI RM'000 | Accumulated NCI RM'000 |
|---|---|---------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 2022 | | | |
| LPB | 26% | 171 | 192,025 |
| Other individually immaterial subsidiary companies with NCI | | (1,134) | 33,193 |
| | | (963) | 225,218 |
| 2021 | | | |
| LPB | 26% | 40,166 | 191,619 |
| Other individually immaterial subsidiary companies with NCI | | 4,085 | 33,528 |
| | | 44,251 | 225,147 |

17. INVESTMENT IN SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES (continued)

Non-Controlling Interests in Subsidiary Companies (continued)

Summarised financial information in respect of each of the Group's subsidiary company that has material NCI is set out below. The summarised financial information below represents amounts before intragroup eliminations.

| | LPB | |
|--|--|--|
| | 2022 RM'000 | 2021 RM'000 |
| Non-current assets | 305,644 | 309,268 |
| Current assets | 577,804 | 561,374 |
| Non-current liabilities | (2,332) | (1,855) |
| Current liabilities | (140,411) | (129,218) |
| Total equity | <u>740,705</u> | <u>739,569</u> |
| Equity attributable to owners of LPB | <u>740,662</u> | <u>739,096</u> |
| | 1.1.2022 to 31.12.2022 RM'000 | 1.7.2020 to 31.12.2021 RM'000 |
| Revenue | 838,773 | 871,808 |
| Profit for the year/period | <u>601</u> | <u>141,195</u> |
| Profit/(Loss) attributable to: | | |
| Owners of LPB | 659 | 144,021 |
| Non-controlling interests | (58) | (2,826) |
| | <u>601</u> | <u>141,195</u> |
| Other comprehensive income attributable to: | | |
| Owners of LPB | 907 | 17,080 |
| Non-controlling interests | - | 2,658 |
| | <u>907</u> | <u>19,738</u> |
| Total comprehensive income/(loss) attributable to: | | |
| Owners of LPB | 1,566 | 161,101 |
| Non-controlling interests | (58) | (168) |
| | <u>1,508</u> | <u>160,933</u> |
| Net cash (outflow)/inflow from: | | |
| Operating activities | (63,511) | (116,400) |
| Investing activities | (4,848) | 184,996 |
| Financing activities | (875) | (65,106) |
| Net cash (outflow)/inflow | <u>(69,234)</u> | <u>3,490</u> |

17. INVESTMENT IN SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES (continued)

(a) Acquisition of subsidiary companies in the previous financial period

The Group completed the acquisition of 100% equity interest in Well Morning Limited ("Well Morning") on 30 December 2020 pursuant to the secured debts settlement agreement entered with Lion Diversified Holdings Berhad (In Liquidation). Thereafter, Well Morning and its only wholly-owned subsidiary company, Changshu Lion Enterprise Co Ltd ("Changshu Lion"), became subsidiary companies of the Group.

Well Morning is an investment holding company incorporated in Hong Kong SAR and Changshu Lion was a company incorporated in the People's Republic of China ("PRC") which was principally involved in property development in Changshu, PRC. Changshu Lion was dissolved on 15 July 2022.

The fair value of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed from the acquisition of the subsidiary companies are as follows:

| | The Group 2021 RM'000 |
|---|--------------------------------------|
| Property, plant and equipment (Note 12) | 144 |
| Inventories | 30,061 |
| Other receivables | 352 |
| Cash and cash balances | 180,050 |
| Trade and other payables | (5,722) |
| Tax liabilities | (6,006) |
| | <hr/> |
| Total identified assets acquired and liabilities assumed | 198,879 |
| Goodwill arising on acquisition | 11,473 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total consideration - Recovery | 210,352 |
| | <hr/> <hr/> |
| Satisfied by: | |
| Secured debts - fair value | 210,352 |
| | <hr/> <hr/> |
| Net cash flow from acquisition: | |
| Cash consideration | 210,352 |
| Less: Non-cash consideration - Secured debts | (210,352) |
| | <hr/> |
| | - |
| Cash and cash equivalent balances acquired | 180,050 |
| Expenses incurred on acquisition | (5,818) |
| | <hr/> |
| Net cash inflows on acquisition | 174,232 |
| | <hr/> <hr/> |
| Gain on settlement of secured debts derived from the following: | |
| Reversal of impairment losses | 210,352 |
| Goodwill on acquisition impaired | (11,473) |
| Expenses incurred on acquisition | (5,818) |
| | <hr/> |
| | 193,061 |
| | <hr/> <hr/> |

Note

The acquisition of Well Morning resulted in a goodwill of RM11,473,000. Subsequently, the goodwill was fully impaired as a result of voluntary liquidation of Changshu Lion.

17. INVESTMENT IN SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES (continued)

(b) Disposal of a subsidiary company

During the current financial year, Amsteel Mills Sdn Bhd (“AMSB”), a 99%-owned subsidiary company of the Company, had completed the disposal of its entire 100% equity interest in Eden Flame Sdn Bhd (“Eden Flame”) on 27 May 2022. Consequent thereupon, Eden Flame ceased to be a subsidiary company of the Group with effect from 27 May 2022.

The identified assets and liabilities in relation to the above disposal are as follows:

| | The Group 2022 RM'000 |
|--|--------------------------------------|
| Property, plant and equipment (Note 12) | 58,004 |
| Investment properties (Note 13) | 1,646 |
| Prepaid land lease payments (Note 14) | 11,647 |
| Other receivables | 178 |
| Cash and cash balances | 96 |
| Trade and other payables | (213) |
| | <hr/> |
| Net assets disposed of | 71,358 |
| Gain on disposal of a subsidiary company | 63,192 |
| | <hr/> |
| Proceeds from disposal | 134,550 |
| Cash and cash equivalents | (96) |
| | <hr/> |
| Net cash inflow from disposal | 134,454 |
| | <hr/> <hr/> |
| Gain attributable to: | |
| - Owners of the Company | 62,566 |
| - Non-controlling interests | 626 |
| | <hr/> |
| | 63,192 |
| | <hr/> <hr/> |

17. INVESTMENT IN SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES (continued)

(c) Disposal of a subsidiary company in previous financial period

AMSB had completed the disposal of its entire 100% equity interest in Antara Steel Mills Sdn Bhd (“Antara”) on 10 December 2021. Consequent thereupon, Antara ceased to be a subsidiary of the Company with effect from 10 December 2021.

The identified assets and liabilities in relation to the above disposal are as follows:

| | The Group 2021 RM’000 |
|--|--------------------------------------|
| Property, plant and equipment (Note 12) | 22,015 |
| Right-of-use assets (Note 15) | 11,805 |
| Deferred tax assets (Note 21) | 28,269 |
| Inventories | 390,226 |
| Trade receivables | 20 |
| Other receivables | 5,781 |
| Cash and cash balances | 21,961 |
| Trade and other payables | (212,806) |
| Lease liabilities (Note 32) | (10,078) |
| | <hr/> |
| Net assets disposed of | 257,193 |
| Gain on disposal of a subsidiary company | 440,547 |
| | <hr/> |
| Proceeds from disposal | 697,740 |
| Receivable balance | (98,498) |
| Cash and cash equivalents | (21,961) |
| | <hr/> |
| Net cash inflow from disposal | 577,281 |
| | <hr/> <hr/> |
| Gain attributable to: | |
| - Owners of the Company | 436,142 |
| - Non-controlling interests | 4,405 |
| | <hr/> |
| | 440,547 |
| | <hr/> <hr/> |

18. INVESTMENT IN ASSOCIATED COMPANIES

| | The Group | | The Company | |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | 2022 RM'000 | 2021 RM'000 | 2022 RM'000 | 2021 RM'000 |
| At cost: | | | | |
| Quoted investments | 239,501 | 239,501 | 64,394 | 64,394 |
| Unquoted investments | 104,833 | 104,949 | 15,323 | 15,439 |
| | 344,334 | 344,450 | 79,717 | 79,833 |
| Share of post-acquisition results and reserves less dividends received | 76,080 | 154,031 | – | – |
| Accumulated impairment losses | (12,655) | (12,655) | (15,323) | (15,439) |
| | 407,759 | 485,826 | 64,394 | 64,394 |
| Market value of quoted investments | 72,290 | 93,112 | 9,533 | 13,417 |

Movements in the accumulated impairment losses are as follows:

| | The Group | | The Company | |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | 2022 RM'000 | 2021 RM'000 | 2022 RM'000 | 2021 RM'000 |
| At beginning of year/period | 12,655 | 12,655 | 15,439 | – |
| Impairment losses recognised during the year/period | – | – | – | 15,439 |
| Impairment loss no longer required during the year/period | – | – | (116) | – |
| At end of year/period | 12,655 | 12,655 | 15,323 | 15,439 |

Details of the associated companies are disclosed in Note 44.

Certain investment in an associated company of the Group and of the Company has been pledged as collateral to financial institutions for banking facility as disclosed in Note 31.

Management exercises its judgement in estimating the recoverable amounts of the investment. When there is an indication that the carrying amount of an asset may be impaired, the asset's recoverable amount, being the higher of its fair value less costs to sell and its value-in-use ("VIU"), will be assessed.

The assessment of the recoverable amounts involves a number of methodologies. Judgements made by management in the process of applying the Group's accounting policies in respect of investment in associated companies are as follows:

- The Group does not consider prolonged shortfall between market value and carrying amount as an indication of impairment as management believes that the quoted market price of the most recent transactions of the associated company does not reflect the recoverable amount of the investment of the associated company.
- The Group considers the investment in associated companies as a long-term strategic investment which will be realised upon the disposal of the investment in associated companies.

18. INVESTMENT IN ASSOCIATED COMPANIES (continued)

As at 31 December 2022, the market value of shares in Parkson Holdings Berhad (“Parkson”) held by the Group was below its carrying amount. Accordingly, the Group had undertaken an impairment test on the carrying amount of the investment in the associated company. The recoverable amount of the investment in the associated company was estimated using cash flow projections covering a five-year period. Cash flows beyond that five-year period had been extrapolated using a terminal growth rate of 2% (2021: 2%) p.a. A discount rate of 10% (2021: 10%) was applied to the cash flow projections. All the above key assumptions were based on management knowledge in the respective industries and historical information.

Summarised financial information in respect of the Group’s material associated company, Parkson and reconciliation of the information of the carrying amount to the Group’s interest in the associated companies, are set out below. The summarised financial information presented below represents the amounts in the financial statements of the associated companies and not the Group’s shares of those amounts.

| 2022 | Parkson RM’000 | Other individually immaterial associated companies RM’000 | Total RM’000 |
|---|-------------------|--|------------------|
| Summarised financial information | | | |
| Proportion of the Group’s effective ownership interest | 25% | | |
| Assets and Liabilities | | | |
| Current assets | 2,416,897 | 212,485 | 2,629,382 |
| Non-current assets | 6,472,542 | 25,598 | 6,498,140 |
| Current liabilities | (2,537,386) | (13,474) | (2,550,860) |
| Non-current liabilities | (3,902,348) | (20,830) | (3,923,178) |
| Non-controlling interests | (967,170) | – | (967,170) |
| Net assets | <u>1,482,535</u> | <u>203,779</u> | <u>1,686,314</u> |
| 1.1.2022 to 31.12.2022 | | | |
| Results | | | |
| Revenue | 3,246,885 | 108,053 | 3,354,938 |
| Loss for the year | (221,176) | (8,667) | (229,843) |
| Other comprehensive loss for the year | (186,432) | – | (186,432) |
| Total comprehensive loss for the year | (407,608) | (8,667) | (416,275) |
| Group’s share of loss of associated companies | (38,358) | (3,100) | (41,458) |
| Dividend received/receivable from associated companies | – | 9,739 | 9,739 |
| Reconciliation of net assets to carrying amount | | | |
| Group’s share of net assets | <u>373,774</u> | <u>33,985</u> | <u>407,759</u> |
| Carrying amount in the statements of financial position | <u>373,774</u> | <u>33,985</u> | <u>407,759</u> |

18. INVESTMENT IN ASSOCIATED COMPANIES (continued)

| 2021 | Parkson RM'000 | Other individually immaterial associated companies RM'000 | Total RM'000 |
|---|-------------------|--|------------------|
| Summarised financial information | | | |
| Proportion of the Group's effective ownership interest | 26% | | |
| Assets and Liabilities | | | |
| Current assets | 2,231,417 | 246,214 | 2,477,631 |
| Non-current assets | 7,312,884 | 31,093 | 7,343,977 |
| Current liabilities | (3,719,266) | (16,060) | (3,735,326) |
| Non-current liabilities | (2,971,313) | (20,909) | (2,992,222) |
| Non-controlling interests | (1,153,071) | - | (1,153,071) |
| Net assets | <u>1,700,651</u> | <u>240,338</u> | <u>1,940,989</u> |
| 1.7.2020 to 31.12.2021 | | | |
| Results | | | |
| Revenue | 4,819,858 | 117,104 | 4,936,962 |
| (Loss)/Profit for the period | (129,931) | 3,759 | (126,172) |
| Other comprehensive profit for the period | 365,092 | - | 365,092 |
| Total comprehensive profit for the period | 235,161 | 3,759 | 238,920 |
| Group's share of (loss)/profit of associated companies | (52,386) | 1,448 | (50,938) |
| Dividend received/receivable from associated companies | - | 1,407 | 1,407 |
| Reconciliation of net assets to carrying amount | | | |
| Group's share of net assets | <u>438,519</u> | <u>47,307</u> | <u>485,826</u> |
| Carrying amount in the statements of financial position | <u>438,519</u> | <u>47,307</u> | <u>485,826</u> |

18. INVESTMENT IN ASSOCIATED COMPANIES (continued)

The carrying amount of the Group's investment in associated companies is represented by:

| | The Group | |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| | 2022 RM'000 | 2021 RM'000 |
| Share of net assets (excluding goodwill) | 111,494 | 145,879 |
| Share of goodwill of associated companies | 296,265 | 339,947 |
| | 407,759 | 485,826 |

The Group's share of results of an associated company, Renor Pte Ltd which is under liquidation was recognised to the extent of the carrying amount of the investment. The cumulative and current year's unrecognised share of losses are as follows:

| | The Group | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | 2022 RM'000 | 2021 RM'000 |
| At beginning and end of year/period | 26,739 | 26,739 |

19. INVESTMENT IN JOINT VENTURE

| | The Group | |
|--|----------------|----------------|
| | 2022 RM'000 | 2021 RM'000 |
| Unquoted shares: | | |
| At cost | 125 | 125 |
| Share in post-acquisition results less dividend received | (35) | (54) |
| | 90 | 71 |

Details of the joint venture are as follows:

| Name of joint venture | Financial year end | Principal place of business and place of incorporation | Effective percentage ownership | | Principal activity |
|--|--------------------|--|--------------------------------|------|----------------------|
| | | | 2022 | 2021 | |
| | | | % | % | |
| Mergexcel Property Development Sdn Bhd | 31 March | Malaysia | 49 | 49 | Property development |

18. INVESTMENT IN JOINT VENTURE (continued)

The joint venture is audited by a firm of auditors other than the auditors of the Company.

The summarised unaudited financial information in respect of the joint venture of the Group is set out below:

| | The Group | |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|
| | 2022 | 2021 |
| | RM'000 | RM'000 |
| Assets and Liabilities | | |
| Current assets | 2,257 | 2,238 |
| Current liabilities | (15) | (31) |
| Net assets | <u>2,242</u> | <u>2,207</u> |
| | 1.1.2022 to | 1.7.2020 to |
| | 31.12.2022 | 31.12.2021 |
| | RM'000 | RM'000 |
| Results | | |
| Revenue | – | – |
| Interest income | 50 | 105 |
| Profit for the year/period | 34 | 72 |
| Group's share of profit of joint venture | <u>19</u> | <u>40</u> |
| | 2022 | 2021 |
| | RM'000 | RM'000 |
| Reconciliation of net assets to carrying amount | | |
| Group's share of net assets | 1,240 | 1,219 |
| Other adjustments | (1,150) | (1,148) |
| Carrying amount in the statements of financial position | <u>90</u> | <u>71</u> |

As at 31 December 2022 and 31 December 2021, there are no contingent liabilities and capital commitments relating to the Group's interest in the joint venture

20. LONG-TERM INVESTMENTS

| | The Group | | The Company | |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | 2022 RM'000 | 2021 RM'000 | 2022 RM'000 | 2021 RM'000 |
| Fair value through other comprehensive income | | | | |
| Unquoted investments in Malaysia | 599 | 599 | 216 | 216 |
| At amortised cost | | | | |
| Unquoted bonds, adjusted for accretion of interest | 68,378 | 68,378 | – | – |
| Less: Accumulated impairment losses | (68,378) | (68,378) | – | – |
| | – | – | – | – |
| Total | 599 | 599 | 216 | 216 |

During the current financial year/period, the Directors reviewed the Group's and the Company's long-term investments measured at amortised cost for indication of impairment and concluded that the carrying amounts at the end of the reporting period are equivalent to their recoverable amounts.

Investments in unquoted bonds of the Group bears yield to maturity of 4.75% (2021: 4.75%) per annum.

21. DEFERRED TAX ASSETS/LIABILITIES

Deferred tax assets/liabilities of the Group and of the Company are as follows:

| | The Group | | The Company | |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | 2022 RM'000 | 2021 RM'000 | 2022 RM'000 | 2021 RM'000 |
| At beginning of year/period | 4,665 | 44,214 | – | – |
| Transfer to/(from) profit or loss (Note 10): | | | | |
| Property, plant and equipment | (4,568) | 11,388 | – | – |
| Trade and other receivables | – | (8,619) | – | – |
| Inventories | (410) | (4,250) | – | – |
| Others | 1,830 | (249) | – | – |
| Unused tax losses and unabsorbed capital allowances | 3,690 | (9,550) | – | – |
| | 542 | (11,280) | – | – |
| Disposal of a subsidiary company (Note 17(c)) | – | (28,269) | – | – |
| At end of year/period | 5,207 | 4,665 | – | – |

21. DEFERRED TAX ASSETS/LIABILITIES (continued)

Certain deferred tax assets and liabilities have been offset in accordance with the Group's and the Company's accounting policy. The following is the analysis of the deferred tax balances (after offsetting) for the statements of financial position purposes:

| | The Group | | The Company | |
|--------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | 2022 RM'000 | 2021 RM'000 | 2022 RM'000 | 2021 RM'000 |
| Deferred tax assets | 9,484 | 8,435 | – | – |
| Deferred tax liabilities | (4,277) | (3,770) | – | – |
| | <u>5,207</u> | <u>4,665</u> | <u>–</u> | <u>–</u> |

Deferred tax assets/liabilities presented in the statements of financial position are in respect of the tax effects of the following:

| | The Group | | The Company | |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | 2022 RM'000 | 2021 RM'000 | 2022 RM'000 | 2021 RM'000 |
| Deferred tax assets | | | | |
| Temporary differences arising from: | | | | |
| Inventories | 257 | 667 | – | – |
| Others | 10,644 | 8,739 | – | – |
| Unused tax losses and unabsorbed capital allowances | 249,441 | 274,020 | 1 | 4 |
| | <u>260,342</u> | <u>283,426</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>4</u> |
| Disposal of a subsidiary company (Note 17(c)) | – | (28,269) | – | – |
| Offsetting | (250,858) | (246,722) | (1) | (4) |
| Deferred tax assets (after offsetting) | <u>9,484</u> | <u>8,435</u> | <u>–</u> | <u>–</u> |
| Deferred tax liabilities | | | | |
| Temporary differences arising from: | | | | |
| Property, plant and equipment | 252,098 | 247,530 | 1 | 4 |
| Others | 3,037 | 2,962 | – | – |
| | <u>255,135</u> | <u>250,492</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>4</u> |
| Offsetting | (250,858) | (246,722) | (1) | (4) |
| Deferred tax liabilities (after offsetting) | <u>4,277</u> | <u>3,770</u> | <u>–</u> | <u>–</u> |

22. GOODWILL

| | The Group | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | 2022 RM'000 | 2021 RM'000 |
| Goodwill on consolidation: | | |
| At beginning and end of year/period | 131,644 | 131,644 |
| Cumulative impairment loss: | | |
| At beginning and end of year/period | (1,201) | (1,201) |
| Net | <u>130,443</u> | <u>130,443</u> |

Goodwill acquired in business combinations is allocated, at acquisition date, to cash-generating-units (“CGU”) that are expected to benefit from that business combination. Goodwill has been allocated to the steel operations of the Group.

The Group tests goodwill annually for impairment or more frequently if there are indications that goodwill might be impaired.

The recoverable amount of the CGU is determined from a value-in-use calculation. The key assumptions for the value-in-use calculation are those regarding the discount rate, growth rates and expected changes to selling prices and direct costs during the period. Management estimates discount rate using pre-tax rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the CGU. The growth rates and changes in selling prices and direct costs are based on expectations of future changes in the market.

The Group prepares cash flow forecasts derived from the most recent financial budgets approved by management for next financial year and extrapolates cash flows for the following 4 financial years based on an estimated growth rate of 5% (2021: 3%) per annum. The pre-tax discount rate used is 8% (2021: 10%) per annum.

The Directors believe that any reasonably possible change in the key assumptions on which the recoverable amount is based would not cause the aggregate carrying amount to exceed the aggregate recoverable amount of the CGU.

23. INVENTORIES

Inventories consist of the following:

| | The Group | | The Company | |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | 2022 RM'000 | 2021 RM'000 | 2022 RM'000 | 2021 RM'000 |
| Property: | | | | |
| Completed units for sale | 1,652 | 1,648 | 43 | 43 |
| Products at cost: | | | | |
| Raw materials | 99,540 | 89,993 | – | – |
| Finished goods | 131,110 | 133,278 | – | – |
| General and consumable stores | 144,519 | 111,749 | – | – |
| Trading merchandise | 17,480 | 8,493 | – | – |
| | 392,649 | 343,513 | – | – |
| Less: Allowance for obsolescence of inventories | (13,971) | (15,520) | – | – |
| | 378,678 | 327,993 | – | – |
| Net | 380,330 | 329,641 | 43 | 43 |

Movement in the allowance for obsolescence of inventories are as follows:

| | The Group | |
|--|----------------|----------------|
| | 2022 RM'000 | 2021 RM'000 |
| At beginning of year/period | 15,520 | 37,097 |
| (Reversal of)/Allowance for obsolescence of inventories (Note 6) | (241) | 1,540 |
| Disposal of a subsidiary company | – | (19,150) |
| Written off | (1,308) | (3,967) |
| At end of year/period | 13,971 | 15,520 |

During the current financial year/period, amounts recognised in profit or loss are as follows:

| | The Group | |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | 1.1.2022 to 31.12.2022 RM'000 | 1.7.2020 to 31.12.2021 RM'000 |
| Inventories written down | (97,430) | – |
| Inventories written off | (92) | – |
| Inventories written back | – | 14,400 |

24. TRADE RECEIVABLES, OTHER RECEIVABLES, DEPOSITS AND PREPAYMENTS

(a) Trade receivables

| | The Group | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | 2022 RM'000 | 2021 RM'000 |
| Trade receivables | 468,136 | 423,941 |
| Less: Accumulated impairment losses | (166,944) | (164,623) |
| Net | <u>301,192</u> | <u>259,318</u> |

Trade receivables of the Group comprise amounts receivable for the sale of goods and services rendered.

The credit period granted to customers ranges from 30 to 90 days (2021: 30 to 90 days).

The following table details the risk profile of trade receivables based on the Group's provision matrix. As the Group's historical credit loss experience does not show significantly different loss patterns for different customer segments, the provision for loss allowance based on past due status is not further distinguished between the Group's different customer base.

| | The Group | | | |
|-------------------|--|---------------------------|--|---------------------------|
| | 2022 Gross trade receivables RM'000 | Lifetime ECL RM'000 | 2021 Gross trade receivables RM'000 | Lifetime ECL RM'000 |
| Not past due | 215,794 | 1,787 | 203,299 | 1,552 |
| Past due: | | | | |
| 1 to 30 days | 35,278 | 655 | 27,178 | 300 |
| 31 to 60 days | 18,954 | 418 | 6,661 | 79 |
| More than 60 days | 198,110 | 164,084 | 186,803 | 162,692 |
| | <u>468,136</u> | <u>166,944</u> | <u>423,941</u> | <u>164,623</u> |

24. TRADE RECEIVABLES, OTHER RECEIVABLES, DEPOSITS AND PREPAYMENTS (continued)

(a) Trade receivables (continued)

Movements in the accumulated impairment losses are as follows:

| | The Group | |
|---|-----------|----------|
| | 2022 | 2021 |
| | RM'000 | RM'000 |
| At beginning of year/period: | 164,623 | 201,928 |
| Impairment loss recognised during the year/period | 6,063 | 4,309 |
| Impairment loss no longer required | (2,473) | (40,711) |
| Amount written off during the year/period | (1,269) | (903) |
| | 166,944 | 164,623 |
| | 166,944 | 164,623 |

Included in the accumulated impairment losses at the beginning of the previous financial period was RM148,577,000 due from Lion DRI. Of the amount due, RM35,175,000 was recovered pursuant to the secured debt settlement agreement entered with Lion Diversified Holdings Berhad (In liquidation) (Note 17(a)), and accordingly reversed as impairment losses no longer required in previous financial period. An impairment loss has been recognised on the remaining balance of RM113,402,000 based on the assessment as disclosed in Note 4(i)(a).

In determining the recoverability of trade receivables, the Group considers any change in the credit quality of the trade receivables from the date credit was initially granted up to the end of the reporting period.

As at 31 December 2022, the Group has trade receivables due from a major related party, Lion DRI (2021: Lion DRI) which have been fully impaired in the previous years:

| | The Group | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| | 2022 | 2021 |
| | RM'000 | RM'000 |
| Lion DRI | 113,402 | 113,402 |
| Less: Accumulated impairment losses | (113,402) | (113,402) |
| | - | - |
| | - | - |

The currency profile of trade receivables is as follows:

| | The Group | |
|----------------------|-----------|---------|
| | 2022 | 2021 |
| | RM'000 | RM'000 |
| Ringgit Malaysia | 300,595 | 256,530 |
| United States Dollar | 597 | 2,788 |
| | 301,192 | 259,318 |
| | 301,192 | 259,318 |

As at 31 December 2022, the trade receivables of a subsidiary company of RM4,608,178 (2021: RM Nil) has been charged as collateral to a financial institution for the bank borrowings granted to the Group (Note 31).

24. TRADE RECEIVABLES, OTHER RECEIVABLES, DEPOSITS AND PREPAYMENTS (continued)

(b) Other receivables, deposits and prepayments

| | The Group | | The Company | |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | 2022 RM'000 | 2021 RM'000 | 2022 RM'000 | 2021 RM'000 |
| Other receivables | 518,927 | 486,602 | 4,670 | 4,747 |
| Less: Accumulated impairment losses | (161,401) | (145,953) | (1,310) | (1,310) |
| Net | 357,526 | 340,649 | 3,360 | 3,437 |
| Advance payments to suppliers | 102,185 | 68,688 | – | – |
| Dividend receivable from an associated company | – | 917 | – | – |
| Tax recoverable | 14,028 | 13,207 | – | 134 |
| Deposits | 21,932 | 10,946 | 252 | 273 |
| Deposit paid for acquisition of land (Note 42(a)) | 23,000 | – | – | – |
| Prepayments | 4,978 | 26,915 | 393 | – |
| | 523,649 | 461,322 | 4,005 | 3,844 |

Movements in the accumulated impairment losses are as follows:

| | The Group | | The Company | |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | 2022 RM'000 | 2021 RM'000 | 2022 RM'000 | 2021 RM'000 |
| At beginning of year/period | 145,953 | 326,090 | 1,310 | 1,392 |
| Impairment losses recognised during the year/period | 15,452 | 5,233 | – | – |
| Impairment losses no longer required | (4) | (176,071) | – | (82) |
| Amount written off during the year/period | – | (9,299) | – | – |
| At end of year/period | 161,401 | 145,953 | 1,310 | 1,310 |

Included in the accumulated impairment losses at the beginning of the previous financial period were RM252,119,000 and RM34,273,000 due from Graimpi and Lion DRI respectively. Of the amounts due, RM175,177,000 had been recovered pursuant to the secured debt settlement agreement entered with Lion Diversified Holdings Berhad (In liquidation) (Note 17(a)), and accordingly reversed as impairment losses no longer required in previous financial period. An impairment loss has been recognised on the remaining balances of RM103,730,000 and RM7,485,000 due from Graimpi and Lion DRI respectively, based on the assessment as disclosed in Note 4(i)(a).

In determining the recoverability of other receivables, the Group considers any change in the credit quality of the other receivables from the date credit was initially granted up to the end of the reporting period.

24. TRADE RECEIVABLES, OTHER RECEIVABLES, DEPOSITS AND PREPAYMENTS (continued)

(b) Other receivables, deposits and prepayments (continued)

As at 31 December 2022, the Group has other receivables due from the following two major related parties, Lion DRI and Graimpi:

| | The Group | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | 2022 RM'000 | 2021 RM'000 |
| Other receivables | | |
| Graimpi | 103,730 | 103,730 |
| Lion DRI | 7,485 | 7,485 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | 111,215 | 111,215 |
| Less: Accumulated impairment losses | (111,215) | (111,215) |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | - | - |
| | <hr/> <hr/> | <hr/> <hr/> |

The currency profile of other receivables, dividend receivable from an associated company and refundable deposits is as follows:

| | The Group | | The Company | |
|----------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | 2022 RM'000 | 2021 RM'000 | 2022 RM'000 | 2021 RM'000 |
| Ringgit Malaysia | 368,156 | 207,352 | 3,612 | 3,710 |
| United States Dollar | 27,459 | 144,177 | - | - |
| Euro | 5,810 | 316 | - | - |
| Chinese Renminbi | 380 | 352 | - | - |
| Others | 653 | 315 | - | - |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | 402,458 | 352,512 | 3,612 | 3,710 |
| | <hr/> <hr/> | <hr/> <hr/> | <hr/> <hr/> | <hr/> <hr/> |

25. RELATED COMPANIES TRANSACTIONS

Amount owing by/to subsidiary companies

Amount owing by/to subsidiary companies comprises:

| | The Company | |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | 2022 RM'000 | 2021 RM'000 |
| Amount owing by subsidiary companies | 741,853 | 744,526 |
| Less: Accumulated impairment losses | (122,799) | (122,965) |
| Net | <u>619,054</u> | <u>621,561</u> |
| Amount owing to subsidiary companies | <u>170,824</u> | <u>169,172</u> |

Movement in the accumulated impairment losses is as follows:

| | The Company | |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| | 2022 RM'000 | 2021 RM'000 |
| At beginning of year/period | 122,965 | 121,245 |
| Impairment losses recognised during the year/period | 129 | 1,771 |
| Impairment losses no longer required | (295) | (51) |
| At end of year/period | <u>122,799</u> | <u>122,965</u> |

Amount owing by subsidiary companies which arose mainly from inter-company advances, expenses paid on behalf and novation of debts, which are interest-free and receivable on demand, except for unsecured advances of RM5.71 million (2021: RM5.77 million) bear interest at 5% (2021: 5%) per annum.

Amount owing to subsidiary companies which arose mainly from inter-company advances, expenses paid on behalf and novation of debts, is interest-free (2021: interest-free) and repayable on demand.

The currency profile of amount owing by subsidiary companies is as follows:

| | The Company | |
|------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | 2022 RM'000 | 2021 RM'000 |
| Ringgit Malaysia | <u>619,054</u> | <u>621,561</u> |

25. RELATED COMPANIES TRANSACTIONS (continued)

Amount owing by/to subsidiary companies (continued)

The currency profile of amount owing to subsidiary companies is as follows:

| | The Company | |
|------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | 2022 | 2021 |
| | RM'000 | RM'000 |
| Ringgit Malaysia | 161,988 | 160,336 |
| Chinese Renminbi | 8,836 | 8,836 |
| | <u>170,824</u> | <u>169,172</u> |

The Company has the following non-trade transactions with subsidiary companies during the reporting period:

| | The Company | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| | 2022 | 2021 |
| | RM'000 | RM'000 |
| With subsidiary companies: | | |
| Advances from | 7,245 | 6,214 |
| Repayment to | (5,593) | (28,399) |
| | <u>1,652</u> | <u>(22,185)</u> |

Reconciliation of liabilities arising from financing activities

The table below details changes in the Company's liabilities arising from financing activities. Liabilities arising from financing activities are those for which cash flows have been, or future cash flows will be, classified in the Company's statement of cash flows as cash flows from/(used in) financial activities.

| | As at 1 January 2022 RM'000 | Financing cash flows RM'000 | As at 31 December 2022 RM'000 |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| The Company | | | |
| Amount owing to subsidiary companies | <u>169,172</u> | <u>1,652</u> | <u>170,824</u> |
| | | | |
| | As at 1 July 2020 RM'000 | Financing cash flows RM'000 | As at 31 December 2021 RM'000 |
| The Company | | | |
| Amount owing to subsidiary companies | <u>191,357</u> | <u>(22,185)</u> | <u>169,172</u> |

26. INVESTMENT IN MONEY MARKET FUNDS, DEPOSITS, CASH AND BANK BALANCES

(a) Investment in money market funds

| | The Group | |
|------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | 2022 RM'000 | 2021 RM'000 |
| Fair value through profit or loss: | | |
| Investment in money market funds | 2,279 | 2,417 |

Investment in money market funds of the Group, denominated in Ringgit Malaysia are managed by a licensed fund management company of which amounts deposited can be withdrawn at the discretion of the Group given a two- day notice period.

(b) Deposits, cash and bank balances

| | The Group | | The Company | |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | 2022 RM'000 | 2021 RM'000 | 2022 RM'000 | 2021 RM'000 |
| Deposits with financial institutions: | | | | |
| Restricted | 28,175 | 27,898 | 3,307 | 3,250 |
| Unrestricted (Note 36) | 40,334 | 80,962 | 350 | 500 |
| | 68,509 | 108,860 | 3,657 | 3,750 |
| Housing Development Accounts (Note 36) | 18,030 | 19,626 | 3,590 | 4,313 |
| Cash and bank balances: | | | | |
| Restricted | 24 | 44 | 24 | 44 |
| Unrestricted (Note 36) | 121,690 | 597,532 | 61 | 124 |
| | 208,253 | 726,062 | 7,332 | 8,231 |

The Housing Development Accounts are maintained in accordance with Section 7(A) of the Housing Development (Control and Licensing) Act, 1966. These accounts, which consist of monies received from purchasers, are for the payment of property development expenditure incurred. The surplus monies, if any, will be released to the Company and certain subsidiary companies upon the completion of the property development projects and after all property development expenditure have been fully settled.

Included in deposits with financial institutions and cash and bank balances are the amount totalling RM28.2 million (2021: RM27.9 million) and RM3.3 million (2021: RM3.3 million) of the Group and of the Company, respectively, which have been pledged or earmarked for the repayment of the borrowings in Note 31 and pledged as collateral for bank guarantees granted.

26. INVESTMENT IN MONEY MARKET FUNDS, DEPOSITS, CASH AND BANK BALANCES (continued)

The effective interest rates during the financial year/period are ranged as follows:

| | The Group | | The Company | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| | 2022 RM'000 | 2021 RM'000 | 2022 RM'000 | 2021 RM'000 |
| Deposits with financial institutions | 1.05% to 2.80% | 1.05% to 2.15% | 1.75% to 2.10% | 1.30% to 1.75% |

Deposits of the Group and of the Company have maturity periods ranging from 1 to 365 days (2021: 1 to 365 days) and 365 days (2021: 365 days) respectively.

The currency profile of deposits, cash and bank balances is as follows:

| | The Group | | The Company | |
|----------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | 2022 RM'000 | 2021 RM'000 | 2022 RM'000 | 2021 RM'000 |
| Ringgit Malaysia | 179,026 | 694,184 | 7,332 | 8,231 |
| Chinese Renminbi | 27,552 | 29,877 | – | – |
| United States Dollar | 1,673 | 1,997 | – | – |
| Singapore Dollar | 2 | 4 | – | – |
| | 208,253 | 726,062 | 7,332 | 8,231 |

The deposits, cash and bank balances denominated in Chinese Renminbi of the subsidiary companies in the People's Republic of China ("PRC") are subject to the exchange control restrictions of that country. The said deposits, cash and bank balances are available for use by the subsidiary companies in the PRC and the exchange control restrictions are applicable only if the monies are to be remitted to countries outside the PRC.

27. NON-CURRENT ASSETS CLASSIFIED AS HELD FOR SALE

| | The Group | |
|-----------|----------------|----------------|
| | 2022 RM'000 | 2021 RM'000 |
| Barges | 4,618 | – |
| Tug boats | 2,067 | – |
| | 6,685 | – |

On 1 December 2022, Lion Waterway Logistics Sdn Bhd, an indirect subsidiary company of the Company, entered into a sale and purchase agreement to dispose of its barges and tug boats for a total consideration of RM32,000,000. The disposal has not been completed as at 31 December 2022.

28. SHARE CAPITAL

Share capital of the Group and of the Company is presented by:

| | The Group and The Company | | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------|-----------------------|-----------|
| | 2022 | | 2021 | |
| | Number of shares '000 | RM'000 | Number of shares '000 | RM'000 |
| Issued share capital: | | | | |
| Ordinary shares: | | | | |
| At beginning and end of year/period | 717,909 | 1,250,536 | 717,909 | 1,250,536 |

29. WARRANTS

During the financial year, the Company issued 340,400,686 warrants by way of bonus issue on the basis of 1 warrant for every 2 existing ordinary shares held in the Company.

Salient features of the warrants are as follows:

- Each warrant entitles the registered holder to subscribe for 1 new ordinary share in the Company at any time on or before the maturity date, 12 December 2025, falling 3 years from the date of issuance of the warrants. Unexercised warrants after the exercise period will thereafter lapse and cease to be valid;
- The exercise price of the warrants is fixed at RM0.43 per warrant;
- The new ordinary shares to be issued upon the exercise of the warrants shall rank *pari passu* in all respects with the existing ordinary shares of the Company; and
- The warrants were listed and quoted on the Main Market of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad on 21 December 2022.

As at 31 December 2022, 340,400,686 warrants remained unexercised.

30. RESERVES

| | The Group | | The Company | |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | 2022 RM'000 | 2021 RM'000 | 2022 RM'000 | 2021 RM'000 |
| Non-distributable reserves: | | | | |
| Treasury shares | (13,193) | (13,193) | (13,193) | (13,193) |
| Capital reserve | (68,725) | (41,854) | 5,419 | 5,419 |
| Translation adjustment reserve | 72,016 | 38,306 | – | – |
| Retained earnings | (9,902) 268,164 | (16,741) 579,763 | (7,774) 14,959 | (7,774) 19,102 |
| | 258,262 | 563,022 | 7,185 | 11,328 |

30. RESERVES (continued)

Treasury shares

This amount relates to the acquisition cost of treasury shares. The Directors of the Company are committed to enhancing the value of the Company for its shareholders and believe that the repurchase plan can be applied in the best interest of the Company and of its shareholders.

As of 31 December 2022, the Company held 37,105,300 (2021: 37,105,300) treasury shares at a carrying amount of RM13,192,722 (2021: RM13,192,722).

Capital reserve

Capital reserve, which arose from share options lapsed, reclassified from equity compensation reserve and share of other reserves in LPB, a public listed subsidiary company, and associated companies.

Translation adjustment reserve

Exchange differences arising from the translation of foreign controlled subsidiary and associated companies are taken to the translation adjustment reserve as described in the accounting policies.

31. LOANS AND BORROWINGS

| | The Group | | The Company | |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | 2022 RM'000 | 2021 RM'000 | 2022 RM'000 | 2021 RM'000 |
| Non-current | | | | |
| <u>Secured</u> | | | | |
| Obligations under lease arrangements (Note 31(c)) | – | 47,250 | – | – |
| <u>Unsecured</u> | | | | |
| Obligations under hire-purchase arrangements (Note 31(d)) | 833 | 558 | – | – |
| | 833 | 47,808 | – | – |
| Current | | | | |
| <u>Secured</u> | | | | |
| Obligations under lease arrangements (Note 31(c)) | 47,250 | 11,352 | – | – |
| Short-term loan from financial institution | 22,910 | 33,751 | 4,910 | 4,911 |
| Bank overdrafts (Note 36) | 3,535 | 4,801 | 3,535 | 4,801 |
| Bills payable | 75,900 | 84,033 | – | – |
| Receivables financing | 4,608 | – | – | – |
| <u>Unsecured</u> | | | | |
| Obligations under hire-purchase arrangements (Note 31(d)) | 274 | 197 | – | – |
| Bills payable | 526 | 269 | – | – |
| | 155,003 | 134,403 | 8,445 | 9,712 |
| | 155,836 | 182,211 | 8,445 | 9,712 |

31. LOANS AND BORROWINGS (continued)

The currency profile of loans and borrowings of the Group and of the Company are denominated in Ringgit Malaysia.

(a) Terms and repayment schedule

The Group

| | Carrying amount RM'000 | Within 1 year RM'000 | 2 to 5 years RM'000 | More than 5 years RM'000 |
|---|------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 2022 | | | | |
| <u>Secured</u> | | | | |
| Obligations under lease arrangements (Note 31(c)) | 47,250 | 47,250 | - | - |
| Short-term loans from financial institutions | 22,910 | 22,910 | - | - |
| Bank overdrafts | 3,535 | 3,535 | - | - |
| Bills payable | 75,900 | 75,900 | - | - |
| Receivables financing | 4,608 | 4,608 | - | - |
| <u>Unsecured</u> | | | | |
| Obligations under hire-purchase arrangements (Note 31(d)) | 1,107 | 274 | 702 | 131 |
| Bills payable | 526 | 526 | - | - |
| | <u>155,836</u> | <u>155,003</u> | <u>702</u> | <u>131</u> |
| 2021 | | | | |
| <u>Secured</u> | | | | |
| Obligations under lease arrangements (Note 31(c)) | 58,602 | 11,352 | 47,250 | - |
| Short-term loans from financial institutions | 33,751 | 33,751 | - | - |
| Bank overdrafts | 4,801 | 4,801 | - | - |
| Bills payable | 84,033 | 84,033 | - | - |
| <u>Unsecured</u> | | | | |
| Obligations under hire-purchase arrangements (Note 31(d)) | 755 | 197 | 558 | - |
| Bills payable | 269 | 269 | - | - |
| | <u>182,211</u> | <u>134,403</u> | <u>47,808</u> | <u>-</u> |

31. LOANS AND BORROWINGS (continued)

(a) Terms and repayment schedule (continued)

The Company

| | Carrying amount RM'000 | Within 1 year RM'000 | 2 to 5 years RM'000 |
|--|------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| 2022 | | | |
| <u>Secured</u> | | | |
| Short-term loans from financial Institutions | 4,910 | 4,910 | – |
| Bank overdrafts | 3,535 | 3,535 | – |
| | 8,445 | 8,445 | – |
| | 8,445 | 8,445 | – |
| 2021 | | | |
| <u>Secured</u> | | | |
| Short-term loans from financial Institutions | 4,911 | 4,911 | – |
| Bank overdrafts | 4,801 | 4,801 | – |
| | 9,712 | 9,712 | – |
| | 9,712 | 9,712 | – |

The receivables financing of the Group is secured by trade receivables of a subsidiary company and corporate guarantee of a subsidiary company.

The short-term borrowings pertaining to certain subsidiary companies are secured by charges on the deposits with financial institutions (Note 26 (b)), certain investments in an associated company (Note 18) and corporate guarantee from the Company (2021: Also included charged on the property, plant and equipment (Note 12)).

The short-term borrowings of the Company are secured by charges on certain investment in an associated company (Note 18) and investment in subsidiary companies (Note 17).

The short-term borrowings and hire-purchase obligations of the Group and of the Company bear interest at rates ranging from 2.52% to 10.00% (2021: 2.36% to 9.52%) and 6.35% to 7.85% (2021: 5.35% to 6.85%) per annum, respectively.

31. LOANS AND BORROWINGS (continued)

(b) Reconciliation of liabilities arising from financing activities

| | As at 1 January 2022 RM'000 | Other non-cash financing RM'000 | Repayments RM'000 | Interest paid RM'000 | Interest expense RM'000 | As at 31 December 2022 RM'000 |
|--|--------------------------------------|--|----------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| The Group | | | | | | |
| Obligations under lease arrangements | 58,602 | – | (11,352) | (2,250) | 2,250 | 47,250 |
| Obligations under hire-purchase arrangements | 755 | 585 | (233) | (35) | 35 | 1,107 |
| Other short-term borrowings (other than bank overdrafts) | 118,053 | – | (14,109) | (6,466) | 6,466 | 103,944 |
| | <u>177,410</u> | <u>585</u> | <u>(25,694)</u> | <u>(8,751)</u> | <u>8,751</u> | <u>152,301</u> |
| The Company | | | | | | |
| Short-term borrowings (other than bank overdrafts) | 4,911 | – | (1) | (345) | 345 | 4,910 |

31. LOANS AND BORROWINGS (continued)

(b) Reconciliation of liabilities arising from financing activities (continued)

| | As at 1 July 2020 RM'000 | Drawdown RM'000 | Other non-cash financing RM'000 | Repayments RM'000 | Interest paid RM'000 | Interest expense RM'000 | As at 31 December 2021 RM'000 |
|--|-----------------------------------|--------------------|--|----------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| The Group | | | | | | | |
| Obligations under lease arrangements | 66,650 | - | - | (8,048) | (3,375) | 3,375 | 58,602 |
| Obligations under hire-purchase arrangements | 1,058 | - | 94 | (397) | (2,108) | 2,108 | 755 |
| Other short-term borrowings (other than bank overdrafts) | 81,908 | 43,000 | - | (6,855) | (5,053) | 5,053 | 118,053 |
| | 149,616 | 43,000 | 94 | (15,300) | (10,536) | 10,536 | 177,410 |
| The Company | | | | | | | |
| Short-term borrowings (other than bank overdrafts) | 4,911 | - | - | - | (500) | 500 | 4,911 |

31. LOANS AND BORROWINGS (continued)

(c) Obligations under lease arrangements

Obligations under leases arrangements as follows:

| | The Group | |
|--|------------------------------|---------------|
| | Minimum lease payment | |
| | 2022 | 2021 |
| | RM'000 | RM'000 |
| Amounts payable under finance lease: | | |
| - Within 1 year | 47,438 | 13,602 |
| - More than 1 year but not exceeding 2 years | – | 47,250 |
| | 47,438 | 60,852 |
| Less: Future finance charges | (188) | (2,250) |
| Present value of lease payables | 47,250 | 58,602 |

The obligations under lease arrangements are repayable as follows:

| | The Group | |
|--|------------------------------|---------------|
| | Minimum lease payment | |
| | 2022 | 2021 |
| | RM'000 | RM'000 |
| - Within 1 year | 47,250 | 11,352 |
| - More than 1 year but not exceeding 2 years | – | 47,250 |
| | 47,250 | 58,602 |

In previous financial years, Lion Metal Industries Sdn Bhd, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company disposed of its leasehold land and building to a third party. The said leasehold land and building is subsequently leased back by Amsteel Mills Sdn Bhd (“AMSB”), a subsidiary of the Company, with a contractual lease period of 5 years. AMSB has an option to purchase the leasehold land and building within the lease period. This lease arrangement had been assessed and classified as finance lease.

Obligations under lease arrangements, which are denominated in Ringgit Malaysia, bear interest at rates ranging from 9.25% to 10.30% (2021: 9.25% to 10.30%) per annum.

In the previous financial period, obligations under lease arrangements of RM4,832,000 were secured by charges on certain of the property, plant and equipment (Note 12).

31. LOANS AND BORROWINGS (continued)

(d) Obligations under hire-purchase arrangements

| | The Group | |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| | 2022 RM'000 | 2021 RM'000 |
| <u>Minimum hire-purchase payments:</u> | | |
| - Within 1 year | 305 | 226 |
| - More than 1 year but not exceeding 2 years | 392 | 357 |
| - More than 2 years but not exceeding 5 years | 381 | 224 |
| - More than 5 years | 148 | 13 |
| | 1,226 | 820 |
| <u>Future finance charges on hire-purchase liabilities:</u> | | |
| - Within 1 year | (31) | (29) |
| - More than 1 year but not exceeding 2 years | (26) | (21) |
| - More than 2 years but not exceeding 5 years | (45) | (14) |
| - More than 5 years | (17) | (1) |
| | (119) | (65) |
| Principal amount relating to hire-purchase liabilities | 1,107 | 755 |

32. LEASE LIABILITIES

| | The Group | | The Company | |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | 2022 RM'000 | 2021 RM'000 | 2022 RM'000 | 2021 RM'000 |
| At beginning of year/period | 19,145 | 34,119 | 93 | 87 |
| Addition | 9,714 | 21,297 | – | 230 |
| Disposal | – | (2,741) | – | (131) |
| Disposal of a subsidiary company (Note 17(c)) | – | (10,078) | – | – |
| Expiry and termination of lease | (22) | – | – | – |
| Finance costs (Note 9) | 1,202 | 3,048 | 5 | 8 |
| Payment of lease rental | (6,842) | (26,500) | (54) | (101) |
| | 23,197 | 19,145 | 44 | 93 |
| Breakdown: | | | | |
| Non-current | 16,723 | 14,524 | – | 44 |
| Current | 6,474 | 4,621 | 44 | 49 |
| | 23,197 | 19,145 | 44 | 93 |

32. LEASE LIABILITIES (continued)

The minimum lease payments for the lease liabilities are payable as follows:

The Group

| | Future minimum lease payments RM'000 | Interest RM'000 | Present value of minimum lease payments RM'000 |
|---|--|--------------------|---|
| 2022 | | | |
| Within 1 year | 7,565 | (1,091) | 6,474 |
| More than 1 year but not exceeding 2 years | 7,111 | (1,045) | 6,066 |
| More than 2 years but not exceeding 5 years | 11,713 | (1,056) | 10,657 |
| Lease liabilities | <u>26,389</u> | <u>(3,192)</u> | <u>23,197</u> |
| 2021 | | | |
| Within 1 year | 5,494 | (873) | 4,621 |
| More than 1 year but not exceeding 2 years | 7,134 | (812) | 6,322 |
| More than 2 years but not exceeding 5 years | 9,136 | (1,034) | 8,102 |
| More than 5 years | 104 | (4) | 100 |
| Lease liabilities | <u>21,868</u> | <u>(2,723)</u> | <u>19,145</u> |

The Company

| | Future minimum lease payments RM'000 | Interest RM'000 | Present value of minimum lease payments RM'000 |
|--|--|--------------------|---|
| 2022 | | | |
| Within 1 year | 45 | (1) | 44 |
| Lease liabilities | <u>45</u> | <u>(1)</u> | <u>44</u> |
| 2021 | | | |
| Within 1 year | 55 | (6) | 49 |
| More than 1 year but not exceeding 2 years | 44 | - | 44 |
| Lease liabilities | <u>99</u> | <u>(6)</u> | <u>93</u> |

The Group does not face a significant liquidity risk with regard to its lease liabilities. Lease liabilities are monitored within the Group's treasury function.

32. LEASE LIABILITIES (continued)

Reconciliation of liabilities arising from financing activities

The table below details the reconciliation of the opening and closing amounts in the statements of financial position for each liability for which cash flows have been, or would be, classified as financing activities in the statements of cash flows:

| | 1 January 2022 RM'000 | Interest expense RM'000 | Interest paid RM'000 | Repayments RM'000 | Other non-cash financing RM'000 | 31 December 2022 RM'000 |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|--|-------------------------------|
| The Group | | | | | | |
| Lease liabilities | 19,145 | 1,202 | (1,202) | (5,640) | 9,692 | 23,197 |
| The Company | | | | | | |
| Lease liabilities | 93 | 5 | (5) | (49) | - | 44 |
| | | | | | | |
| | 1 July 2020 RM'000 | Interest expense RM'000 | Interest paid RM'000 | Repayments RM'000 | Other non-cash financing RM'000 | 31 December 2021 RM'000 |
| The Group | | | | | | |
| Lease liabilities | 34,119 | 3,048 | (3,048) | (23,452) | 8,478 | 19,145 |
| The Company | | | | | | |
| Lease liabilities | 87 | 8 | (8) | (93) | 99 | 93 |

33. TRADE PAYABLES, OTHER PAYABLES, DEPOSITS AND ACCRUED EXPENSES, AND CONTRACT LIABILITIES

(a) Trade payables

| | The Group | | The Company | |
|------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | 2022 RM'000 | 2021 RM'000 | 2022 RM'000 | 2021 RM'000 |
| Trade payables | 470,122 | 477,760 | 244 | 139 |
| Retention monies | 780 | 8,587 | 38 | 27 |
| | <u>470,902</u> | <u>486,347</u> | <u>282</u> | <u>166</u> |

The normal credit period granted to the Group and the Company for trade purchases ranges from 30 to 60 days (2021: 30 to 60 days).

The currency profile of trade payables is as follows:

| | The Group | | The Company | |
|----------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | 2022 RM'000 | 2021 RM'000 | 2022 RM'000 | 2021 RM'000 |
| Ringgit Malaysia | 450,404 | 480,931 | 282 | 166 |
| United States Dollar | 19,359 | 4,358 | – | – |
| Euro | 1,060 | 1,030 | – | – |
| Chinese Renminbi | 6 | 7 | – | – |
| Others | 73 | 21 | – | – |
| | <u>470,902</u> | <u>486,347</u> | <u>282</u> | <u>166</u> |

(b) Other payables, deposits and accrued expenses

| | The Group | | The Company | |
|-----------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | 2022 RM'000 | 2021 RM'000 | 2022 RM'000 | 2021 RM'000 |
| Other payables and deposits | 236,230 | 211,063 | 850 | 485 |
| Accrued expenses | 91,200 | 135,755 | 407 | 536 |
| | <u>327,430</u> | <u>346,818</u> | <u>1,257</u> | <u>1,021</u> |

Included in other payables and deposits of the Group, is an amount of RM15.4 million (2021: RM14.6 million) representing security deposits received from customers, which bear interest ranging from 11.75% to 12.00% (2021: 11.75% to 12.00%) per annum and have repayment periods ranging from 1 to 120 days (2021: 1 to 120 days).

33. TRADE PAYABLES, OTHER PAYABLES, DEPOSITS AND ACCRUED EXPENSES, AND CONTRACT LIABILITIES
(continued)

(b) Other payables, deposits and accrued expenses (continued)

The currency profile of other payables, deposits and accrued expenses is as follows:

| | The Group | | The Company | |
|----------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | 2022 RM'000 | 2021 RM'000 | 2022 RM'000 | 2021 RM'000 |
| Ringgit Malaysia | 284,239 | 309,003 | 1,257 | 1,021 |
| United States Dollar | 20,116 | 27,983 | – | – |
| Euro | 17,568 | 4,085 | – | – |
| Chinese Renminbi | 4,821 | 5,438 | – | – |
| Others | 686 | 309 | – | – |
| | <u>327,430</u> | <u>346,818</u> | <u>1,257</u> | <u>1,021</u> |

(c) Contract liabilities

| | The Group | |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | 2022 RM'000 | 2021 RM'000 |
| Customer loyalty programs (a) | 28,794 | 24,405 |
| Advances received from customers (b) | 28,054 | – |
| | <u>56,848</u> | <u>24,405</u> |

The contract liabilities primarily relate to the unredeemed customer loyalty credits awards and advances received from customers.

(a) Customer loyalty programs:

A subsidiary company of the Company, accounts for the customer loyalty award credits as a separate obligation of the sales transactions in which they are granted. The consideration received in sales transactions is allocated between the loyalty award credits and the other component of the sales. The amount allocated to the loyalty award credits is determined by reference to its fair value and is deferred until the awards are redeemed or liability is extinguished.

The following table shows reconciliation from the opening balance to the closing balance for the customer loyalty programs.

| | The Group | |
|----------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | 2022 RM'000 | 2021 RM'000 |
| At beginning of year/period | 24,405 | 18,509 |
| Provision during the year/period | 12,227 | 13,744 |
| Utilised during the year/period | (7,838) | (7,848) |
| At end of year/period | <u>28,794</u> | <u>24,405</u> |

33. TRADE PAYABLES, OTHER PAYABLES, DEPOSITS AND ACCRUED EXPENSES, AND CONTRACT LIABILITIES (continued)

(b) Advances received from customers:

Advances received from customers represents the considerations received from customers for goods yet to be delivered. The following table shows reconciliation from the opening balance to the closing balance for the advances received from customers.

| | The Group | |
|---|--------------------|---------------|
| | 2022 | 2021 |
| | RM'000 | RM'000 |
| At beginning of year/period | – | – |
| Consideration received during the year/period | 1,959,271 | – |
| Recognition of revenue | (1,931,217) | – |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| At end of year/period | 28,054 | – |
| | <hr/> <hr/> | <hr/> <hr/> |

34. PROVISIONS

| | The Group | |
|--|------------------|---------------|
| | 2022 | 2021 |
| | RM'000 | RM'000 |
| Provision for indemnity for back pay labour claims from Sabah Forest Industries Sdn Bhd (“SFI”) employees: | | |
| At beginning of year/period | – | 3,473 |
| Payment during the year/period | – | (3,473) |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| At end of year/period | – | – |
| | <hr/> <hr/> | <hr/> <hr/> |

As part of the terms for the disposal of SFI, a former subsidiary company of LPB (“Disposal”) in 2007, LPB agreed to indemnify SFI and the purchaser of SFI in full for all losses, damages, liabilities, claims, costs and expenses which SFI and the purchaser may incur or sustain as a result of or arising from litigation claims where the cause of action arose prior to the completion of the Disposal.

SFI entered into settlement agreements with certain of SFI’s employees in relation to the arrears of wages allegedly due in respect of the annual increments from 1997 to 2006. A provision for the indemnity loss of RM3,473,000 was made for the remaining employees in the previous financial years by the Group.

The Group had on 21 August 2020 paid an amount of RM3.47 million to SFI for its onward payment to SFI’s employees. The payment was for the full and final settlement of the Group’s obligations in relation to SFI’s employees claim for alleged arrears of wages. Subsequent to the settlement, the Group was released and discharged from all obligations in connection with the said claims howsoever arising and from its obligation under the letter of indemnity.

35. DEFERRED PAYABLES

| | The Group | |
|--------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | 2022 RM'000 | 2021 RM'000 |
| Non-current | | |
| Secured | 243,725 | 323,725 |
| Current | | |
| Secured | 80,000 | 70,000 |
| | <u>323,725</u> | <u>393,725</u> |

In 2019, the Group had announced its expansion into the flat steel business through the acquisition of flat steel assets for the production of hot rolled coils and cold rolled coils ("the Encumbered Assets") from the Megasteel Secured Lenders for a consideration of RM537,725,389 ("Purchase Consideration").

The Group had paid an initial payment of RM84,000,000 upon implementation on 30 July 2020. The balance of the Purchase Consideration will be paid over 4 years and 3 months ("Termed Payments") and the Deferred Payment of RM120,622,392 will be paid at the end of 11 years and 3 months.

As at 31 December 2022, the Group had paid a total of RM214,000,000 (2021: RM144,000,000) to the Megasteel Secured Lenders.

The deferred payables of the Group are secured by the said flat steel assets acquired included in the property, plant and equipment as disclosed in Note 12 and corporate guarantee from the Company.

36. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash and cash equivalents included in the statements of cash flows comprise the following amounts in the statements of financial position:

| | The Group | | The Company | |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | 2022 RM'000 | 2021 RM'000 | 2022 RM'000 | 2021 RM'000 |
| Cash and bank balances | | | | |
| (unrestricted) (Note 26(b)) | 121,690 | 597,532 | 61 | 124 |
| Deposits with financial institutions | | | | |
| (unrestricted) (Note 26(b)) | 40,334 | 80,962 | 350 | 500 |
| Housing Development | | | | |
| Accounts (Note 26(b)) | 18,030 | 19,626 | 3,590 | 4,313 |
| Bank overdrafts (Note 31) | (3,535) | (4,801) | (3,535) | (4,801) |
| | <u>176,519</u> | <u>693,319</u> | <u>466</u> | <u>136</u> |

37. RELATED COMPANIES AND RELATED PARTIES TRANSACTIONS

Related parties are entities in which certain Directors and/or substantial shareholders of the Company or of its subsidiary companies or persons connected with such Directors and/or substantial shareholders have interest, excluding those parties disclosed in Notes 17, 18, 19 and 25.

The Group and the Company have the following significant transactions with related parties during the financial year/period, which were determined on terms not more favourable to the related parties than to third parties:

| Name of Company | Nature | The Company | |
|---------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | | 1.1.2022 to 31.12.2022 RM'000 | 1.7.2020 to 31.12.2021 RM'000 |
| Subsidiary company | | | |
| Amsteel Mills Sdn Bhd | Interest income | 320 | 410 |

Sales and purchase of goods and services and interest

| Name of Company | Nature | The Group | |
|---|------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | | 1.1.2022 to 31.12.2022 RM'000 | 1.7.2020 to 31.12.2021 RM'000 |
| Bright Steel Sdn Bhd | Sale of goods | – | 3,424 |
| | Rental income | 95 | – |
| Lion Tooling Sdn Bhd | Purchase of toolings | 937 | 2,148 |
| Parkson Corporation Sdn Bhd | Trade sales | 589 | 1,270 |
| Secom (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd | Purchase of assets | 881 | – |
| Likom Caseworks Sdn Bhd | Purchase of goods | 204 | – |
| | Management fees income | 1,512 | 2,268 |
| Likom CMS Sdn Bhd | Management fees income | 1,134 | 1,701 |
| Bonus Essential Sdn Bhd | Management fees income | 3,776 | 4,806 |
| Pancar Tulin Sdn Bhd | Management fees income | 2,911 | 5,459 |
| Lion Mining Sdn Bhd | Sale of goods | 47,904 | 22 |
| | Purchase of goods | 9,035 | – |
| | Rental income | 941 | – |
| Lion Titco Resources (Johor) Sdn Bhd | Purchase of goods | 7,900 | 8,430 |
| | Rental income | 435 | – |
| Compact Energy Sdn Bhd | Purchase of goods | 46,352 | 34,263 |
| | Rental income | 366 | 549 |
| | Interest expense | 22 | 95 |

37. RELATED COMPANIES AND RELATED PARTIES TRANSACTIONS (continued)

The gross outstanding balances arising from the above transactions with related parties are as follows:

| | The Group | | The Company | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | 2022 RM'000 | 2021 RM'000 | 2022 RM'000 | 2021 RM'000 |
| Receivables: | | | | |
| Included in trade receivables | 166,208 | 125,106 | – | – |
| Included in other receivables | 135,822 | 120,780 | 1,895 | 1,908 |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| Payables: | | | | |
| Included in trade payables | 3,235 | 1,283 | 139 | – |
| Included in other payables | 41,356 | 25,800 | 57 | 57 |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |

The outstanding balances with related parties are either interest-free or bear interest at 8.00% (2021: either interest-free or bore interest at 8.00%) per annum and repayable on demand.

Acquisition of land by Posim Marketing Sdn Bhd ("Posim Marketing")

On 25 November 2021, Posim Marketing, a subsidiary company of LPB, had entered into a conditional sale and purchase agreement ("SPA") with Bonus Essential Sdn Bhd ("Bonus Essential") for the acquisition of 10.879 acres of vacant freehold industrial land located at Banting Industrial City, Kuala Langat, Selangor ("BIC Industrial Park Development") from Bonus Essential for a cash consideration of RM26 million ("Purchase Consideration") ("Acquisition of Land").

Bonus Essential is a company in which Tan Sri Cheng Heng Jem ("TSWC") is a director and has substantial interest.

The Purchase Consideration was arrived at on a willing buyer-willing seller basis after taking into consideration the market valuation as certified by Henry Butcher Malaysia Sdn Bhd.

Posim Marketing has lodged a private caveat and lien holder's caveat on the said land. Bonus Essential has procured a personal guarantee by TSWC, its ultimate shareholder, in favour of Posim Marketing with a guaranteed sum of RM26 million to secure the repayment by Bonus Essential in the event Bonus Essential failed to complete the Acquisition of Land.

During the current financial year/period, Posim Marketing paid cash consideration of RM10.4 million (2021: RM13 million, classified as "other receivable" under non-current assets) to Bonus Essential and incurred ancillary costs of RM1 million (2021: RM Nil) in relation to the Acquisition of Land. The Acquisition of Land became unconditional on 24 June 2022. As a result, the total consideration of RM24.4 million (including RM13 million paid in previous financial period) was classified as "construction work-in-progress" under property, plant and equipment in Note 12 as at reporting date.

38. SEGMENTAL INFORMATION

Segment reporting is presented in respect of the Group's business segments in a manner consistent with the internal reporting provided to and regularly reviewed by the chief operating decision makers in order to allocate resources to a segment and to assess its performance.

Business segments provide products or services that are subject to risks and returns that are different from those of other business segments. Geographical segments provide products or services within a particular economic environment that is subject to risks and returns that are different from those components operating in other economic environments.

Segment revenue, expense, assets and liabilities are those amounts resulting from the operating activities of a segment that are directly attributable to the segment and the relevant portion that can be allocated on a reasonable basis to the segment. Segment revenue, expenses, assets and liabilities are determined before intragroup balances and intragroup transactions are eliminated as part of the consolidation process, except to the extent that such intragroup balances and transaction are within the Group.

(a) Business Segments:

The Group's activities are classified into three major business segments:

- Steel - manufacture and marketing of steel bars, wire rods, (2021: including manufacture and marketing of hot briquetted iron) and steel related products, and provision of chartering services;
- Building materials - trading and distribution of building materials and other steel products; and
- Others - property development and management, investment holding, treasury business, manufacture and trading of lubricants products, distribution of petroleum products and automotive products, provision of training services, distributing and retailing of consumer products, none of which is of a sufficient size to be reported separately.

38. SEGMENTAL INFORMATION (continued)

(a) Business Segments: (continued)

Inter-segment revenue comprises sales of goods and income from other business segments. These transactions are conducted on an arm's length basis under terms, conditions and prices not materially different from transactions with non-related parties.

Capital expenditure comprises additions to property, plant and equipment, investment properties and prepaid land lease payments.

| The Group 1.1.2022 to 31.12.2022 | Steel RM'000 | Building materials RM'000 | Others RM'000 | Eliminations RM'000 | Consolidated RM'000 |
|---|------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss | | | | | |
| Revenue | | | | | |
| External revenue | 1,875,822 | 577,634 | 125,718 | – | 2,579,174 |
| Inter-segment revenue | 261,130 | 147,453 | 18,906 | (427,489) | – |
| Total revenue | <u>2,136,952</u> | <u>725,087</u> | <u>144,624</u> | <u>(427,489)</u> | <u>2,579,174</u> |
| Results | | | | | |
| Segment results | <u>(359,238)</u> | <u>5,793</u> | <u>15,827</u> | <u>–</u> | <u>(337,618)</u> |
| Finance costs | (10,250) | (183) | (1,934) | – | (12,367) |
| Share of results of: | | | | | |
| Associated companies | 928 | – | (42,386) | – | (41,458) |
| Joint venture | – | – | 19 | – | 19 |
| Investment income | 3,433 | 1,795 | 1,014 | – | 6,242 |
| Gain on disposal of a subsidiary company | 63,192 | – | – | – | 63,192 |
| Loss before tax | | | | | (321,990) |
| Tax credit | | | | | 9,428 |
| Loss for the year | | | | | <u>(312,562)</u> |

38. SEGMENTAL INFORMATION (continued)

(a) Business Segments: (continued)

| The Group 2022 | Steel RM'000 | Building materials RM'000 | Others RM'000 | Eliminations RM'000 | Consolidated RM'000 |
|--|-----------------|---------------------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Consolidated Statement of Financial Position | | | | | |
| Segment assets | 1,957,243 | 373,534 | 335,840 | – | 2,666,617 |
| Investment in associated companies and joint venture | 7,781 | – | 400,068 | – | 407,849 |
| Unallocated corporate assets | | | | | 23,512 |
| Consolidated Total Assets | | | | | <u>3,097,978</u> |
| Segment liabilities | 1,132,886 | 56,120 | 168,932 | – | 1,357,938 |
| Unallocated liabilities | | | | | 6,024 |
| Consolidated Total Liabilities | | | | | <u>1,363,962</u> |
| Other Information | | | | | |
| 1.1.2022 to 31.12.2022 | | | | | |
| Capital expenditure | 143,199 | 11,504 | 5,127 | – | 159,830 |
| Depreciation and amortisation | 45,840 | 558 | 9,145 | – | 55,543 |
| Other non-cash expenses/ (income) | 48,109 | 4,098 | (1,424) | – | 50,783 |

38. SEGMENTAL INFORMATION (continued)

(a) Business Segments: (continued)

| The Group 1.7.2020 to 31.12.2021 | Steel RM'000 | Building materials RM'000 | Others RM'000 | Eliminations RM'000 | Consolidated RM'000 |
|---|-----------------|---------------------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss | | | | | |
| Revenue | | | | | |
| External revenue | 3,047,502 | 739,917 | 150,027 | – | 3,937,446 |
| Inter-segment revenue | 373,562 | – | 30,588 | (404,150) | – |
| Total revenue | 3,421,064 | 739,917 | 180,615 | (404,150) | 3,937,446 |
| Results | | | | | |
| Segment results | 55,512 | 9,012 | (55,953) | – | 8,571 |
| Finance costs | (28,506) | (427) | (2,345) | – | (31,278) |
| Share of results of: | | | | | |
| Associated companies | 849 | – | (51,787) | – | (50,938) |
| Joint venture | – | – | 40 | – | 40 |
| Investment income | 1,039 | 2,067 | 7,175 | – | 10,281 |
| Gain on settlements of secured debts | 56,523 | 136,538 | – | – | 193,061 |
| Gain on disposal of a subsidiary company | 440,547 | – | – | – | 440,547 |
| Profit before tax | | | | | 570,284 |
| Tax expenses | | | | | (31,043) |
| Profit for the period | | | | | 539,241 |

38. SEGMENTAL INFORMATION (continued)

(a) Business Segments: (continued)

| The Group 2021 | Steel RM'000 | Building materials RM'000 | Others RM'000 | Eliminations RM'000 | Consolidated RM'000 |
|--|-----------------|---------------------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Consolidated Statement of Financial Position | | | | | |
| Segment assets | 1,712,082 | 359,862 | 933,295 | – | 3,005,239 |
| Investment in associated companies and joint venture | 6,853 | – | 479,044 | – | 485,897 |
| Unallocated corporate assets | | | | | 21,642 |
| Consolidated Total Assets | | | | | <u>3,512,778</u> |
| Segment liabilities | 788,241 | 47,758 | 616,672 | – | 1,452,671 |
| Unallocated liabilities | | | | | 21,402 |
| Consolidated Total Liabilities | | | | | <u>1,474,073</u> |
| Other Information | | | | | |
| 1.7.2020 to 31.12.2021 | | | | | |
| Capital expenditure | 51,863 | 519 | 573,992 | – | 626,374 |
| Depreciation and amortisation | 124,641 | 186 | 10,860 | – | 135,687 |
| Other non-cash (income)/ expenses | (496,953) | (147,742) | 5,335 | – | (639,360) |

38. SEGMENTAL INFORMATION (continued)

(b) Geographical Segments:

The Group operates in two main geographical areas:

- Malaysia - manufacture and marketing of steel bars, wire rods, and steel related products, provision of chartering services, property development and management, trading and distribution of building materials and consumables, manufacture and trading of lubricants, trading and distribution of petroleum products and automotive products, provision of transportation services and training services, distributing and retailing of consumer products (2021: including manufacture and marketing of hot briquetted iron); and
- Other countries which are not sizable to be reported separately.

| | Revenue | | | |
|-----------------|---------------------------|--|---------------------------|--|
| | 1.1.2022 to 31.12.2022 | | 1.7.2020 to 31.12.2021 | |
| | RM'000 | | RM'000 | |
| Malaysia | 2,527,383 | | 2,807,664 | |
| Other countries | 51,791 | | 1,129,782 | |
| | <u>2,579,174</u> | | <u>3,937,446</u> | |

| | Total assets | | Capital expenditure | |
|-----------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| | 2022 | 2021 | 1.1.2022 to 31.12.2022 | 1.7.2020 to 31.12.2021 |
| | RM'000 | RM'000 | RM'000 | RM'000 |
| Malaysia | 2,929,977 | 3,332,655 | 159,825 | 626,370 |
| Other countries | 168,001 | 180,123 | 5 | 4 |
| | <u>3,097,978</u> | <u>3,512,778</u> | <u>159,830</u> | <u>626,374</u> |

In determining the geographical segments of the Group, revenue is based on the country in which the customer is located. Total assets and capital expenditure are determined based on where the assets are located.

39. FINANCIAL GUARANTEE CONTRACTS

| | The Company | |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| | 2022 | 2021 |
| | RM'000 | RM'000 |
| Corporate guarantees given to certain subsidiary companies for: | | |
| Deferred payables (Note 35) | 323,725 | 393,725 |
| Trade payables and short-term borrowings | 347,185 | 384,985 |
| | <u>670,910</u> | <u>778,710</u> |

The corporate guarantees issued were not recognised in the financial statements as the Directors regard the value of the credit enhancement provided by these guarantees is minimal and the probability of default, based on historical track records of the parties receiving the guarantees are remote.

40. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

At the end of the reporting year, the Group has the following capital commitments:

| | The Group | |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| | 2022 RM'000 | 2021 RM'000 |
| Purchase of property, plant and equipment and others: | | |
| Approved and contracted for | 2,600 | 13,000 |
| Approved but not contracted for | 3,058 | 2,900 |
| | 5,658 | 15,900 |
| | 5,658 | 15,900 |

41. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Capital Risk Management

The objective of the Group's and of the Company's capital management is to safeguard the Group's and the Company's ability to continue as a going-concern while maximising the return to shareholders through the optimisation of debt and equity balance. The Group's overall strategy remains unchanged since 31 December 2021.

The capital structure of the Group and of the Company consists of net debts (borrowings offset by cash and cash equivalents) and equity of the Group and of the Company (comprising issued capital, reserves and non-controlling interests).

The Group's management reviews the capital structure of the Group on a regular basis. As part of this review, management considers the cost of capital and risk associated with each class of capital.

Gearing Ratio

The gearing ratio at the end of the reporting year is as follows:

| | The Group | | The Company | |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | 2022 RM'000 | 2021 RM'000 | 2022 RM'000 | 2021 RM'000 |
| Debt (i) | 155,836 | 182,211 | 8,445 | 9,712 |
| Cash and cash equivalents (excluding bank overdrafts) | (180,054) | (698,120) | (4,001) | (4,937) |
| Net (cash)/debt | (24,218) | (515,909) | 4,444 | 4,775 |
| Equity (ii) | 1,734,016 | 2,038,705 | 1,257,721 | 1,261,864 |
| Debt to equity ratio | N/A* | N/A* | 0.35% | 0.38% |

* The Group is in net cash position, thus debt to equity ratio is not applicable.

(i) Debt is defined as finance lease payables, hire-purchase obligations and short-term borrowings as disclosed in Note 31.

(ii) Equity includes issued capital, reserves and non-controlling interests.

41. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (continued)

Categories of financial instruments

| | The Group | | The Company | |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | 2022 RM'000 | 2021 RM'000 | 2022 RM'000 | 2021 RM'000 |
| Financial assets | | | | |
| Fair Value Through Profit or Loss ("FVTPL"): | | | | |
| Investment in money market funds | 2,279 | 2,417 | – | – |
| Fair Value Through Other Comprehensive Income ("FVTOCI"): | | | | |
| Unquoted investments | 599 | 599 | 216 | 216 |
| At amortised cost: | | | | |
| Trade receivables | 301,192 | 259,318 | – | – |
| Other receivables and refundable deposits | 402,458 | 365,512 | 3,612 | 3,710 |
| Amount owing by subsidiary companies | – | – | 619,054 | 621,561 |
| Deposits, cash and bank balances | 208,253 | 726,062 | 7,332 | 8,231 |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| Financial liabilities | | | | |
| At amortised cost: | | | | |
| Trade payables | 470,902 | 486,347 | 282 | 166 |
| Other payables, deposits and accrued expenses | 327,430 | 346,818 | 1,257 | 1,021 |
| Amount owing to subsidiary companies | – | – | 170,824 | 169,172 |
| Lease liabilities | 23,197 | 19,145 | 44 | 93 |
| Loans and borrowings | 155,836 | 182,211 | 8,445 | 9,712 |
| Deferred payables | 323,725 | 393,725 | – | – |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |

Financial Risk Management Objectives and Policies

The operations of the Group and of the Company are subject to a variety of financial risks, including foreign currency risk, interest rate risk, credit risk and liquidity risk. The Group's and the Company's financial risk management principal objective is to minimise the Group's and the Company's exposure to risks and/or costs associated with the financing, investing and operating activities of the Group and of the Company.

Various risk management policies are made and approved by the Board of Directors for observation in the day-to-day operations for the controlling and management of the risks associated with financial instruments.

41. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (continued)

Foreign currency risk

The Group and the Company undertake transactions denominated in foreign currencies; consequently, exposures to exchange rate fluctuation arise.

The carrying amounts of the Group's and of the Company's foreign currency denominated monetary assets and monetary liabilities at the end of the reporting year are as follows:

| | The Group | | The Company | |
|----------------------|------------------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| | Assets RM'000 | Liabilities RM'000 | Assets RM'000 | Liabilities RM'000 |
| 2022 | | | | |
| United States Dollar | 29,729 | 39,475 | – | – |
| Chinese Renminbi | 27,932 | 4,827 | – | 8,836 |
| Euro | 5,810 | 18,628 | – | – |
| Others | 655 | 759 | – | – |
| | 64,126 | 63,689 | – | 8,836 |
| 2021 | | | | |
| United States Dollar | 148,962 | 32,341 | 4 | – |
| Chinese Renminbi | 30,229 | 5,445 | – | 8,836 |
| Euro | – | 5,115 | – | – |
| Others | 635 | 329 | – | – |
| | 179,826 | 43,230 | 4 | 8,836 |

Foreign currency sensitivity analysis

The Group and the Company are exposed to the foreign currencies of United States Dollar, Chinese Renminbi and Euro.

The following table details the Group's and the Company's sensitivity to a 10% increase and decrease in the Ringgit Malaysia against the relevant foreign currencies. 10% is the sensitivity rate used when reporting foreign currency risk internally to key management personnel and represents management's assessment of the reasonably possible change in foreign exchange rates. The sensitivity analysis includes only outstanding foreign currency denominated monetary items and adjusts their translation at the end of the reporting year for a 10% change in foreign currency rates. A positive number below indicates a gain in the profit or loss before tax and other equity where the Ringgit Malaysia strengthens 10% against the relevant currency. For a 10% weakening of the Ringgit Malaysia against the relevant currency, there would be a comparable impact on profit or loss before tax and other equity, the balances below would be negative.

41. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (continued)

Foreign currency sensitivity analysis (continued)

| | The Group | | The Company | |
|----------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | 2022 RM'000 | 2021 RM'000 | 2022 RM'000 | 2021 RM'000 |
| Profit or loss before tax | | | | |
| United States Dollar | 975 | (11,662) | – | (1) |
| Chinese Renminbi | 29 | 46 | 884 | 854 |
| Euro | 1,282 | 512 | – | – |
| | 2,286 | (11,104) | 884 | 853 |
| Other equity | | | | |
| Chinese Renminbi | (2,340) | (2,524) | – | – |

In management's opinion, the sensitivity analysis is unrepresentative of the inherent foreign exchange risk because the year end exposure does not reflect the exposure during the financial year/period.

Interest rate risk

The Group is exposed to interest rate risk through the impact of rate changes on bank borrowings. The interest rates for the said bank borrowings are disclosed in Note 31.

The interest rates for the loans and borrowings and lease liabilities, which are fixed at the inception of the borrowing/financing arrangements, are disclosed in Notes 31 and 32 respectively.

Interest rate sensitivity analysis

The Group's exposures to interest rates on financial liabilities are detailed below. The sensitivity analysis below has been determined based on the exposure to interest rates for financial liabilities at the end of the reporting period. For floating rate liabilities, the analysis is prepared assuming the amount of the liabilities at the end of the reporting period will remain unchanged for the whole year. A 50 basis point increase or decrease is used when reporting interest rate risk internally to key management personnel and represents management's assessment of the reasonably possible change in interest rates.

If interest rates had been 50 basis points higher or lower and all other variables were held constant, the Group's and the Company's profit or loss before tax for the year ended 31 December 2022 would increase or decrease by as follows:

| | The Group | | The Company | |
|----------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | 2022 RM'000 | 2021 RM'000 | 2022 RM'000 | 2021 RM'000 |
| Floating rate liabilities | | | | |
| Bank overdrafts | 18 | 24 | 18 | 24 |
| Bills payable | 382 | 422 | – | – |
| Short-term loans | 115 | 169 | 25 | 25 |
| Receivables financing | 23 | – | – | – |
| | 538 | 615 | 43 | 49 |

41. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (continued)

Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk of loss that may arise on outstanding financial instruments should a counterparty default on its obligations.

Trade and other receivables and corporate guarantees

The Group is exposed to credit risk mainly from trade and other receivables. The Group extends credit to its customers based upon careful evaluation on the customers' financial condition and credit history.

The Company is also exposed to credit risk resulting from the corporate guarantee given to financial institution for the granting of credit facilities to the subsidiary companies. The Company's maximum exposure to credit risk resulting from the corporate guarantee is disclosed in Note 39. The Company monitors on an ongoing basis the results of the subsidiary companies and their repayments made by the subsidiary companies. As at the reporting date, there was no indication that these companies would default on repayment.

The Group's and the Company's exposure to credit risk in relation to their receivables, should all their customers fail to perform their obligations as of 31 December 2022, is the carrying amount of these receivables as disclosed in the statements of financial position. The concentration of credit risk is limited due to the fact that the customer base is large and did not exceed 10% of gross monetary assets at any time during the reporting period.

Deposits, cash and bank balances

Exposure to credit risk arising from deposits, cash and bank balances is managed by depositing or investing the Group's and the Company's funds with licensed financial institutions. The deposits, cash and bank balances that denominated in Chinese Renminbi which are held with bank and financial institution in the PRC, rated A2 and Baa2 respectively, based on Moody's Investors Service ratings.

Deposits, cash and bank balances have been assessed on a 12-month expected loss basis and reflects the short maturities of the exposures. The Group and the Company consider that their deposits, cash and bank balances have low credit risk based on their external credit ratings.

Liquidity risk

Ultimate responsibility for liquidity risk management rests with the Board of Directors, which has established an appropriate liquidity risk management framework for the management of the Group's and of the Company's short-term, medium and long-term funding and liquidity management requirements. The Group and the Company manage liquidity risk by maintaining adequate reserves and banking facilities by continuously monitoring forecast and actual cash flows, and by matching the maturity profiles of financial assets and liabilities.

The Group and the Company practise prudent liquidity risk management to minimise the mismatch of financial assets and liabilities and to maintain sufficient credit facilities for contingent funding requirement of working capital.

41. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (continued)

Liquidity risk (continued)

The tables below summarise the maturity profile of the Group's and of the Company's financial liabilities at the end of the reporting period based on contractual undiscounted repayment obligations. The tables include both interest and principal cash flows.

| The Group 2022 | Within 1 year RM'000 | More than 1 year but not exceeding 2 years RM'000 | More than 2 years but not exceeding 5 years RM'000 | More than 5 years RM'000 | Total RM'000 | Contractual interest rate % |
|--|----------------------------|--|---|--------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Financial liabilities | | | | | | |
| Non-interest bearing: | | | | | | |
| Trade payables | 470,902 | - | - | - | 470,902 | - |
| Other payables, deposits and accrued expenses | 312,065 | - | - | - | 312,065 | - |
| Deferred payables | 80,000 | 123,103 | - | 120,622 | 323,725 | - |
| Interest bearing: | | | | | | |
| Other payables, deposits and accrued expenses | 17,190 | - | - | - | 17,190 | 11.75 - 12.00 |
| Lease liabilities | 7,565 | 7,111 | 11,713 | - | 26,389 | 2.50 - 6.98 |
| Loans and borrowings: | | | | | | |
| Obligations under hire- purchase arrangements | 305 | 392 | 381 | 148 | 1,226 | 4.28 - 5.58 |
| Obligations under lease arrangements | 47,438 | - | - | - | 47,438 | 9.25 - 10.30 |
| Bank overdrafts | 3,786 | - | - | - | 3,786 | 6.35 - 7.85 |
| Bills payable | 76,540 | - | - | - | 76,540 | 2.52 - 8.10 |
| Receivables financing | 4,777 | - | - | - | 4,777 | 3.67 |
| Short-term loans from financial institutions | 24,926 | - | - | - | 24,926 | 7.60 - 10.00 |
| | 1,045,494 | 130,606 | 12,094 | 120,770 | 1,308,964 | |
| 2021 | | | | | | |
| Financial liabilities | | | | | | |
| Non-interest bearing: | | | | | | |
| Trade payables | 486,347 | - | - | - | 486,347 | - |
| Other payables, deposits and accrued expenses | 332,240 | - | - | - | 332,240 | - |
| Deferred payables | 70,000 | 80,000 | 123,103 | 120,622 | 393,725 | - |
| Interest bearing: | | | | | | |
| Other payables, deposits and accrued expenses | 16,309 | - | - | - | 16,309 | 11.75 - 12.00 |
| Lease liabilities | 5,494 | 7,134 | 9,136 | 104 | 21,868 | 2.50 - 6.70 |
| Loans and borrowings: | | | | | | |
| Obligations under hire- purchase arrangements | 226 | 357 | 224 | 13 | 820 | 4.28 - 5.58 |
| Obligations under lease arrangements | 13,602 | 47,250 | - | - | 60,852 | 9.25 - 10.30 |
| Bank overdrafts | 5,094 | - | - | - | 5,094 | 5.35 - 6.85 |
| Bills payable | 84,302 | - | - | - | 84,302 | 2.36 - 4.92 |
| Short-term loans from financial institutions | 36,426 | - | - | - | 36,426 | 6.60 - 9.25 |
| | 1,050,040 | 134,741 | 132,463 | 120,739 | 1,437,983 | |

41. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (continued)

Liquidity risk (continued)

| The Company 2022 | Within 1 year RM'000 | More than 1 year but not exceeding 2 years RM'000 | Total RM'000 | Contractual interest rate % |
|--|----------------------------|--|-----------------|-----------------------------------|
| Financial liabilities | | | | |
| Non-interest bearing: | | | | |
| Trade payables | 282 | – | 282 | |
| Other payables, deposits and accrued expenses | 1,257 | – | 1,257 | – |
| Amount owing to subsidiary companies | 170,824 | – | 170,824 | – |
| Financial guarantee contract | 670,910 | – | 670,910 | – |
| Interest bearing: | | | | |
| Lease liabilities | 45 | – | 45 | 6.60 |
| Loans and borrowings: | | | | |
| Bank overdrafts | 3,786 | – | 3,786 | 6.35 - 7.85 |
| Short-term loan from financial institution | 5,283 | – | 5,283 | 7.60 |
| | 852,387 | – | 852,387 | |
| 2021 | | | | |
| Financial liabilities | | | | |
| Non-interest bearing: | | | | |
| Trade payables | 166 | – | 166 | – |
| Other payables, deposits and accrued expenses | 1,021 | – | 1,021 | – |
| Amount owing to subsidiary companies | 169,172 | – | 169,172 | – |
| Financial guarantee contract | 778,710 | – | 778,710 | – |
| Interest bearing: | | | | |
| Lease liabilities | 55 | 44 | 99 | 5.40 - 6.70 |
| Loans and borrowings: | | | | |
| Bank overdrafts | 5,094 | – | 5,094 | 5.35 - 6.85 |
| Short-term loan from financial institution | 5,235 | – | 5,235 | 6.60 |
| | 959,453 | 44 | 959,497 | |

41. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (continued)

Fair values of financial instruments

Except as detailed in the following table, the carrying amounts of the financial assets and the financial liabilities carried at amortised cost in the financial statements approximate their fair values.

| | The Group | | The Company | |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|
| | Carrying amount RM'000 | Fair value RM'000 | Carrying amount RM'000 | Fair value RM'000 |
| 2022 | | | | |
| Financial assets | | | | |
| Investment in money market funds | 2,279 | 2,279 # | – | – # |
| Unquoted investments | 599 | 599 ^ | 216 | 216 ^ |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| 2021 | | | | |
| Financial assets | | | | |
| Investment in money market funds | 2,417 | 2,417 # | – | – # |
| Unquoted investments | 599 | 599 ^ | 216 | 216 ^ |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |

The quoted market prices of quoted investments as at the end of the reporting period are used to determine the fair values of these financial assets.

^ The fair values of unquoted investments are based on price quotes for similar instruments based on market observable inputs (Level 2) as quoted prices of identical instruments from an active market (Level 1) are not available

41. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (continued)

Fair value hierarchy

Fair values of financial instruments that are measured at fair value in the statements of financial position at the end of the reporting period are as follows:

| | Level 1 RM'000 | Level 2 RM'000 | Level 3 RM'000 | Total RM'000 |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| The Group | | | | |
| 2022 | | | | |
| Financial Assets | | | | |
| Investment in money market funds | 2,279 | – | – | 2,279 |
| Unquoted investments | – | 599 | – | 599 |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| 2021 | | | | |
| Financial Assets | | | | |
| Investment in money market funds | 2,417 | – | – | 2,417 |
| Unquoted investments | – | 599 | – | 599 |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| The Company | | | | |
| 2022 | | | | |
| Financial Asset | | | | |
| Unquoted investments | – | 216 | – | 216 |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| 2021 | | | | |
| Financial Asset | | | | |
| Unquoted investments | – | 216 | – | 216 |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |

There were no transfers between Levels 1, 2 and 3 during the financial year/period.

42. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- (a) LLB Bina Sdn Bhd, a wholly-owned company of the Company, had on 6 January 2022 entered into a Novation Agreement with Grandprop Sdn Bhd (“Grandprop”) and Premier Land Resources Sdn Bhd for the proposed acquisition of the sub-divided 80 acres land located in Sepang, Selangor by way of novation to LLB Bina Sdn Bhd of all rights, benefits, interests, obligations and liabilities of Grandprop under the Sale and Purchase Agreement for a cash consideration of RM23 million.

On 6 January 2022, the Group has fully paid the consideration to Grandprop of RM23 million.

The Proposed acquisition of the land is pending completion.

- (b) The Company had on 14 January 2022 together with Amsteel Mills Sdn Bhd (“AMSB”) entered into a conditional sale and purchase agreement with Esteel Enterprise Pte Ltd (“Esteel”) for the proposed disposal by AMSB of its entire 100% issued shares capital in Eden Flame, to Esteel for an adjusted consideration of RM136.05 million based on Eden Flame’s proforma management account as at 30 November 2021 comprising the following share capital of Eden Flame (“Proposed Disposal of Eden Flame”):
- (i) the existing issued share capital of Eden Flame of RM3,000,000, comprising 3,000,000 ordinary shares fully paid; and
 - (ii) additional fully paid-up ordinary shares in Eden Flame to be issued arising from the capitalisation of the amount owing by Eden Flame to AMSB (if any) which shall be undertaken and completed prior to the completion of the Proposed Disposal of Eden Flame.

The Proposed Disposal of Eden Flame was completed on 27 May 2022. Consequent thereupon, Eden Flame ceased to be a subsidiary company of the Company with effect from 27 May 2022.

- (c) Lion Waterfront Sdn Bhd (formerly known as Singa Logistics Sdn Bhd), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Lion Posim Berhad (“LPB”), in turn, a listed subsidiary company of the Company, had on 18 May 2022 entered into a conditional development agreement with Landasan Lumayan Sdn Bhd (“Landasan Lumayan”), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Menteri Besar Selangor (Pemerbadanan), to form an unincorporated joint venture to undertake a mixed residential and commercial development on a parcel of land to be alienated by the Selangor State Government to Landasan Lumayan measuring approximately 26.29 acres in Section 24, Shah Alam, Selangor (“Proposed Unincorporated Joint Venture”).

In conjunction with the Proposed Unincorporated Joint Venture, LPB proposed to diversify the existing businesses of LPB and its subsidiary companies to include property development (“Proposed Diversification”).

The Proposed Unincorporated Joint Venture and the Proposed Diversification shall collectively be referred to as the “Proposals”.

The Shareholders of LPB had on 2 December 2022 approved the Proposals.

The Proposals are pending the approvals to be obtained from relevant regulatory authorities.

43. SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES

The subsidiary companies are as follows:

| Name of company | Principal place of business and place of incorporation | Percentage ownership | | Principal activities |
|---|--|-----------------------|-----------------|--|
| | | 2022 % | 2021 % | |
| * Amble Legacy Sdn Bhd | Malaysia | 100 | 100 | Investment holding |
| Cendana Domain Sdn Bhd | Malaysia | 100 | 100 | Investment holding |
| * Crest Wonder Sdn Bhd | Malaysia | 100 | 100 | Investment holding |
| Lion Courts Sdn Bhd | Malaysia | 100 | 100 | Property development and investment holding |
| Lion Group Management Services Sdn Bhd | Malaysia | 52^a | 52 ^a | Provision of management services |
| * Lion Metal Industries Sdn Bhd | Malaysia | 100 | 100 | Provision of storage facilities |
| * Lion Motor Venture Sdn Bhd | Malaysia | 100 | 100 | Investment holding |
| LLB Enterprise Sdn Bhd | Malaysia | 94 | 94 | Dormant |
| LLB Harta (L) Limited (Dissolved on 18 October 2022) | Malaysia | – | 100 | Treasury business |
| LLB Harta (M) Sdn Bhd | Malaysia | 100 | 100 | Managing of debts novated from the Company and certain of its subsidiary companies pursuant to a debt restructuring exercise undertaken by the Company and certain of its subsidiary companies |
| LLB Nominees Sdn Bhd | Malaysia | 100 | 100 | Investment holding |
| * LLB Steel Industries Sdn Bhd | Malaysia | 100 | 100 | Investment holding |
| LLB Strategic Holdings Sdn Bhd | Malaysia | 100 | 100 | Dormant |
| * LLB Venture Sdn Bhd (Dissolved on 10 March 2023) | Malaysia | 100 | 100 | Dormant |
| Malim Courts Property Development Sdn Bhd | Malaysia | 100 | 100 | Property development and investment holding |
| Mcken Sdn Bhd | Malaysia | 100 | 100 | Ceased operations |

43. SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES (continued)

| Name of company | Principal place of business and place of incorporation | Percentage ownership | | Principal activities |
|---|--|----------------------|-----------|---|
| | | 2022 % | 2021 % | |
| * Slag Aggregate Sdn Bhd | Malaysia | 100 | 100 | Investment holding |
| Sucorp Enterprise Sdn Bhd | Malaysia | 100 | 100 | Money lending and investment holding |
| Tahap Berkat Sdn Bhd | Malaysia | 100 | 100 | Investment holding |
| Subsidiary company of Amble Legacy Sdn Bhd | | | | |
| * Tianjin Baden Real Estate Development Co Ltd (In voluntary liquidation) | People's Republic of China | 95 | 95 | Property development |
| Subsidiary company of Cendana Domain Sdn Bhd | | | | |
| Cendana Aset Sdn Bhd | Malaysia | 100 | 100 | Renting and leasing of land and building as well as plant and machinery |
| Subsidiary company of Cendana Aset Sdn Bhd | | | | |
| * Secomex Manufacturing (M) Sdn Bhd | Malaysia | 100 | 100 | Manufacturing and marketing of industrial gases |
| Subsidiary company of Crest Wonder Sdn Bhd | | | | |
| Lunas Cemerlang Sdn Bhd | Malaysia | 100 | 100 | Investment holding |
| Subsidiary company of Lunas Cemerlang Sdn Bhd | | | | |
| Lion Steel Sdn Bhd | Malaysia | 100 | 100 | Manufacturing and marketing of steel products |
| Formula Sepadu Sdn Bhd (Acquired on 21 June 2022) | Malaysia | 100 | – | Dormant |
| Kenari Juara Sdn Bhd (Acquired on 21 June 2022) | Malaysia | 100 | – | Dormant |
| Sendi Setara Sdn Bhd (Acquired on 21 June 2022) | Malaysia | 100 | – | Dormant |

43. SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES (continued)

| Name of company | Principal place of business and place of incorporation | Percentage ownership | | Principal activities |
|--|--|----------------------|-----------|---|
| | | 2022 % | 2021 % | |
| Subsidiary company of Lion Motor Venture Sdn Bhd | | | | |
| * Tianjin Hua Shi Auto Meter Co Ltd (In voluntary liquidation) | People's Republic of China | 56 | 56 | Manufacture of meters for motor vehicles and after sales services (ceased operations) |
| Subsidiary companies of LLB Nominees Sdn Bhd | | | | |
| * Holdsworth Investment Pte Ltd | Singapore | 70 | 70 | Investment holding |
| * Zhongsin Biotech Pte Ltd | Singapore | 51 | 51 | Investment holding |
| Subsidiary company of LLB Steel Industries Sdn Bhd | | | | |
| * Steelcorp Sdn Bhd | Malaysia | 99 | 99 | Investment holding |
| Subsidiary company of LLB Venture Sdn Bhd | | | | |
| Marvenel Sdn Bhd (Dissolved on 23 February 2022) | Malaysia | – | 70 | Dormant |
| Subsidiary companies of Malim Courts Property Development Sdn Bhd | | | | |
| Berkat Timor Sdn Bhd | Malaysia | 100 | 100 | Dormant |
| Inspirasi Elit Sdn Bhd | Malaysia | 85 | 85 | Property development |
| JOPP Builders Sdn Bhd | Malaysia | 100 | 100 | Dormant |
| LLB Bina Sdn Bhd | Malaysia | 100 | 100 | Construction works and property development |
| LLB Indah Permai Sdn Bhd | Malaysia | 100 | 100 | Property development |
| LLB Suria Sdn Bhd (Dissolved on 15 March 2023) | Malaysia | 100 | 100 | Investment holding |
| PM Holdings Sdn Bhd | Malaysia | 100 | 100 | Investment holding, property development and provision of management services |

43. SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES (continued)

| Name of company | Principal place of business and place of incorporation | Percentage ownership | | Principal activities |
|--|--|----------------------|-----------|---|
| | | 2022 % | 2021 % | |
| Subsidiary companies of Malim Courts Property Development Sdn Bhd (continued) | | | | |
| Soga Sdn Bhd | Malaysia | 98 | 98 | Property development |
| Sumber Realty Sdn Bhd | Malaysia | 100 | 100 | Investment holding and property development |
| Syarikat Pekan Baru Kemajuan Sdn Bhd | Malaysia | 100 | 100 | Dormant |
| Subsidiary company of Sucorp Enterprise Sdn Bhd | | | | |
| Kisan Agency Sdn Bhd | Malaysia | 100 | 100 | Property development |
| Subsidiary company of Tahap Berkat Sdn Bhd | | | | |
| Gelora Berkat Sdn Bhd | Malaysia | 100 | 100 | Investment holding |
| Subsidiary companies of PM Holdings Sdn Bhd | | | | |
| Citibaru Sendirian Berhad | Malaysia | 100 | 100 | Dormant |
| Malim Jaya (Melaka) Sdn Bhd | Malaysia | 100 | 100 | Property development |
| Subsidiary company of Soga Sdn Bhd | | | | |
| Batu Pahat Enterprise Sdn Berhad | Malaysia | 100 | 100 | Dormant |
| Subsidiary company of Steelcorp Sdn Bhd | | | | |
| Amsteel Mills Sdn Bhd | Malaysia | 100 | 100 | Manufacture and marketing of steel bars and wire rods |
| Subsidiary companies of Sumber Realty Sdn Bhd | | | | |
| Projek Jaya Sdn Bhd | Malaysia | 100 | 100 | Investment holding |
| Seri Lalang Development Sdn Bhd | Malaysia | 100 | 100 | Ceased operations |
| Sharikat Pengangkutan East West Sdn Bhd | Malaysia | 100 | 100 | Dormant |

43. SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES (continued)

| Name of company | Principal place of business and place of incorporation | Percentage ownership | | Principal activities |
|--|--|----------------------|-----------------|---|
| | | 2022 % | 2021 % | |
| Subsidiary companies of Amsteel Mills Sdn Bhd | | | | |
| Amsteel Mills Marketing Sdn Bhd | Malaysia | 100 | 100 | Sale and distribution of steel products |
| * Amsteel Mills Realty Sdn Bhd | Malaysia | 100 | 100 | Ceased operations |
| Lion Posim Berhad | Malaysia | 74 ^b | 74 ^b | Investment holding |
| # Lion Waterway Logistics Sdn Bhd | Malaysia | 100 | 100 | Stevedoring and related activities and to own, lease and operate ships barges and to enter into charter parties |
| Eden Flame Sdn Bhd (Disposed of on 27 May 2022) | Malaysia | – | 100 | Manufacture and sale of steel and related products |
| Subsidiary companies of Lion Posim Berhad | | | | |
| Gama Harta Sdn Bhd | Malaysia | 100 | 100 | Investment holding |
| Intra Inspirasi Sdn Bhd | Malaysia | 100 | 100 | Investment holding |
| LFIB Agriculture (Cambodia) Sdn Bhd | Malaysia | 100 | 100 | Investment holding |
| * Lion AMB Resources Sdn Bhd | Malaysia | 100 | 100 | Investment holding |
| Lion Petroleum Products Sdn Bhd | Malaysia | 100 | 100 | Manufacturing of petroleum products |
| Posim Marketing Sdn Bhd | Malaysia | 100 | 100 | Trading and distribution of building materials and steel products |
| Posim Petroleum Marketing Sdn Bhd | Malaysia | 100 | 100 | Trading, distribution and e-commerce of petroleum and automotive products |
| * Lion Waterfront Sdn Bhd (formerly known as Singa Logistics Sdn Bhd) | Malaysia | 100 | 100 | Property development |

43. SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES (continued)

| Name of company | Principal place of business and place of incorporation | Percentage ownership | | Principal activities |
|--|--|----------------------|-----------|---|
| | | 2022 % | 2021 % | |
| Subsidiary company of Gama Harta Sdn Bhd | | | | |
| Brands Pro Management Sdn Bhd | Malaysia | 100 | 100 | Distribution and retailing of ACCA KAPPA products and other beauty and fashion brands |
| Subsidiary companies of LFIB Agriculture (Cambodia) Sdn Bhd ("BVI Companies") | | | | |
| ^ Bright Triumph Investments Limited | British Virgin Islands | 100 | 100 | Investment holding |
| ^ Distinct Harvest Limited | British Virgin Islands | 100 | 100 | Investment holding |
| ^ Double Merits Enterprise Limited | British Virgin Islands | 100 | 100 | Investment holding |
| ^ Elite Image Investments Limited | British Virgin Islands | 100 | 100 | Investment holding |
| ^ Eminent Elite Investments Limited | British Virgin Islands | 100 | 100 | Investment holding |
| ^ Green Choice Holdings Limited | British Virgin Islands | 100 | 100 | Investment holding |
| ^ Radiant Elite Holdings Limited | British Virgin Islands | 100 | 100 | Investment holding |
| ^ Up Reach Limited | British Virgin Islands | 100 | 100 | Investment holding |
| Subsidiary companies of BVI Companies | | | | |
| ^ Bright Triumph (Cambodia) Co., Limited | Cambodia | 100 | 100 | Investment and development in agriculture |
| ^ Distinct Harvest (Cambodia) Co., Ltd | Cambodia | 100 | 100 | Investment and development in agriculture |

43. SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES (continued)

| Name of company | Principal place of business and place of incorporation | Percentage ownership | | Principal activities |
|---|--|----------------------|------------------|--|
| | | 2022 % | 2021 % | |
| Subsidiary companies of BVI Companies (continued) | | | | |
| ^ Hi-Rev Lubricants (Cambodia) Co., Ltd | Cambodia | 100 | 100 | Wholesale of petroleum products and related products |
| ^ Eminent Elite (Cambodia) Co., Ltd | Cambodia | 100 | 100 | Investment and development in agriculture |
| ^ Green Choice (Cambodia) Co., Limited | Cambodia | 100 | 100 | Investment and development in agriculture |
| ^ Radiant Elite (Cambodia) Co., Ltd | Cambodia | 100 | 100 | Investment and development in agriculture |
| ^ Up Reach (Cambodia) Co., Limited (In voluntary liquidation) | Cambodia | 100 | 100 | Investment and development in agriculture |
| Subsidiary companies of Lion AMB Resources Sdn Bhd | | | | |
| AMB Harta (L) Limited (Dissolved on 18 October 2022) | Malaysia | – | 100 | Treasury business |
| * AMB Venture Sdn Bhd | Malaysia | 100 | 100 | Investment holding |
| * CeDR Corporate Consulting Sdn Bhd | Malaysia | 100 | 100 | Provision of training services |
| Subsidiary company of Posim Marketing Sdn Bhd | | | | |
| * Well Morning Limited | Hong Kong SAR | 100 ^c | 100 ^c | Investment holding |
| Subsidiary companies of AMB Venture Sdn Bhd | | | | |
| * Chrome Marketing Sdn Bhd | Malaysia | 100 | 100 | Investment holding |
| * Lion Tyre Venture Sdn Bhd | Malaysia | 100 | 100 | Ceased operations |
| * Range Grove Sdn Bhd | Malaysia | 100 | 100 | Investment holding |

43. SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES (continued)

| Name of company | Principal place of business and place of incorporation | Percentage ownership | | Principal activities |
|---|--|----------------------|-----------|----------------------------------|
| | | 2022 % | 2021 % | |
| Subsidiary company of Range Grove Sdn Bhd | | | | |
| * Shanghai AMB Management Consulting Co Ltd | People's Republic of China | 100 | 100 | Provision of management services |
| Subsidiary company of Well Morning Limited | | | | |
| * Changshu Lion Enterprise Co Ltd (Dissolved on 15 July 2022) | People's Republic of China | – | 100 | Property development |

* The financial statements of these companies are audited by auditors other than the auditors of the Company.

^ These subsidiary companies are inactive presently and no statutory requirement for the financial statements to be audited at the end of the financial year.

α 35% held by Sucorp Enterprise Sdn Bhd and 17% held by Posim Petroleum Marketing Sdn Bhd.

b 20% held by the Company and 54% held by Amsteel Mills Sdn Bhd.

c 70% held by Posim Marketing Sdn Bhd, 17% held by Lion Waterway Logistics Sdn Bhd and 13% held by Amsteel Mills Sdn Bhd

The auditors' report on the financial statements of the subsidiary company include a material uncertainty related to going-concern in view of its capital deficiency position at the end of the reporting period. The financial statements of the subsidiary company have been prepared on a going-concern basis as its ultimate holding company has undertaken to continue to provide financial support to the subsidiary company.

44. ASSOCIATED COMPANIES

The associated companies of the Group are as follows:

| Name of company | Financial year-end | Principal place of business and place of incorporation | Percentage ownership | | Principal activities |
|---|--------------------|--|----------------------|--------|---|
| | | | 2022 % | 2021 % | |
| Renor Pte Ltd (In liquidation) | 30 June | Singapore | 40 | 40 | Investment holding |
| Lion Insurance Company Limited | 31 December | Malaysia | 41 | 41 | Captive insurance business |
| Parkson Holdings Berhad | 31 December | Malaysia | 26 | 26 | Investment holding |
| Lion Titco Resources Sdn Bhd | 31 December | Malaysia | 40 | 40 | Processing of steel slag and metal extraction |
| Lion Corporation Berhad | 31 December | Malaysia | 21 | 21 | Investment holding |
| Lion Asiapac Limited | 30 June | Singapore | 37 | 37 | Investment holding |
| Angkasa Amsteel (M) Sdn Bhd (In voluntary liquidation) | 30 June | Malaysia | 50 | 50 | Trading and distribution of fabricated steel reinforcement bars |
| Angkasa Steel Sdn Bhd (Dissolved on 8 December 2022) | 30 June | Malaysia | – | 50 | Dormant |

The financial statements of all the associated companies are audited by auditors other than the auditors of the Company.

45. COMPARATIVE FIGURE

The previous financial year end of the Company has changed from 30 June to 31 December. Accordingly, the current financial statements are prepared for 12 months period for the financial year ended 31 December 2022 compared to 18-month period from 1 July 2020 to 31 December 2021. As a result, the comparative figures stated in the statements of profit or loss, statements of other comprehensive income, statements of changes in equity, statements of cash flows and the related notes are not comparable.

STATEMENT BY DIRECTORS

We, **TAN SRI CHENG HENG JEM** and **CHENG HUI YA, SERENA**, being two of the Directors of **LION INDUSTRIES CORPORATION BERHAD**, do hereby state that in the opinion of the Directors, the accompanying financial statements are drawn up in accordance with Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards, International Financial Reporting Standards and the requirements of the Companies Act 2016 in Malaysia so as to give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Group and of the Company as at 31 December 2022 and of the financial performance and the cash flows of the Group and of the Company for the year then ended.

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

TAN SRI CHENG HENG JEM

CHENG HUI YA, SERENA

12 April 2023

DECLARATION BY THE OFFICER PRIMARILY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT OF THE COMPANY

I, **OOI KIM LAI** (MIA Membership number: 9454), the Officer primarily responsible for the financial management of **LION INDUSTRIES CORPORATION BERHAD**, do solemnly and sincerely declare that the accompanying financial statements are, in my opinion, correct and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of the Statutory Declaration Act, 1960.

OOI KIM LAI

Subscribed and solemnly declared
by the abovenamed **OOI KIM LAI** at
Kuala Lumpur in the Federal Territory
on the 12th day of April 2023.

Before me,

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MARDHIYAH ABDUL WAHAB
COMMISSIONER FOR OATHS

LIST OF GROUP PROPERTIES

AS OF 31 DECEMBER 2022

| Address | Tenure/ Expiry Date for Leasehold | Area | Description | Existing Use/ Age of Building (Year) | Carrying Amount (RM Million) | Date of Acquisition/ Last Revaluation |
|---|---|--------------------|----------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|---|
| 1. Taman Supreme Mukim of Cheras Kuala Lumpur | Freehold | 12.1 hectares | Land | For future development | 17.9 | June 1991 |
| 2. Lot 4343, 4344 & 4345 Mukim of Bachang Melaka | Leasehold 12.4.2081 | 3,836 sq metres | Land | For future development | 1.7 | June 1991 |
| 3. Lot 11233 HS(D) 54584 Taman Tayton, Cheras Kuala Lumpur | Freehold | 620 sq metres | Land | For future development | 0.1 | June 1991 |
| 4. Mukim 17 North East District Batu Ferringhi Pulau Pinang | Freehold | 28.2 hectares | Land | For future development | 35.7 | June 1991 |
| 5. PT 3494 Mukim of Bukit Raja Klang Selangor Darul Ehsan | Leasehold 9.11.2085 | 24.0 hectares | Industrial land and buildings | Office and factory (45) | 15.4 | 22 October 1994 |
| 6. PT 17631 Mukim of Bukit Raja Klang Selangor Darul Ehsan | Leasehold 29.10.2091 | 2,880 sq metres | Industrial land and buildings | Office and factory (45) | 0.5 | 22 October 1994 |
| 7. PT 3510, HS(D) 24284 Mukim of Bukit Raja Klang Selangor Darul Ehsan | Leasehold 21.10.2088 | 2.9 hectares | Industrial land and buildings | Office and factory (27) | 5.5 | 22 October 1994 |
| 8. Lot 19322, 2582 & 2584 Mukim of Tanjung Dua Belas District of Kuala Langat Selangor Darul Ehsan | Freehold | 69.4 hectares | Industrial land and buildings | Office and factory (17-22) | 85.4 | 1996 |
| 9. H.S.(D) 13422 PT 17213, Mukim Tanjung Dua Belas, Daerah Kuala Langat, Selangor | Freehold | 30.33 acres | Industrial land | – | 13.8 | July 2020 |
| 10. H.S.(D) 13423 PT 17214, Mukim Tanjung Dua Belas, Daerah Kuala Langat, Selangor | Freehold | 107.68 acres | Industrial land | – | 49.0 | July 2020 |

| Address | Tenure/ Expiry Date for Leasehold | Area | Description | Existing Use/ Age of Building (Year) | Carrying Amount (RM Million) | Date of Acquisition/ Last Revaluation |
|--|---|--------------------|------------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|---|
| 11. H.S (D) 13424 PT 17215, Mukim Tanjung Dua Belas, Daerah Kuala Langat, Selangor | Freehold | 240.34 acres | Industrial land and building | Office and factory (24) | 183.0 | July 2020 |
| 12. H.S.(D) 13426 PT 17218, Mukim Tanjung Dua Belas, Daerah Kuala Langat, Selangor | Freehold | 46.34 acres | Industrial land | – | 21.1 | July 2020 |
| 13. H.S.(D) 26819 PT 17217, Mukim Tanjung Dua Belas, Daerah Kuala Langat, Selangor | Freehold | 50.18 acres | Industrial land | – | 23.1 | December 2021 |
| 14. Lot 45711 Mukim of Tanjung Dua Belas District of Kuala Langat, Selangor | Freehold | 1.7 hectares | Industrial land and building | Office and factory (15-25) | 1.7 | July 2020 |
| 15. PT3501, HS(D) 24277 Mukim of Kapar Klang Selangor Darul Ehsan | Leasehold 22.10.2088 | 3.2 hectares | Industrial land and building | Office and factory (33) | 28.9 | January 2013 |
| 16. Lot 72 Persiaran Jubli Perak 40000 Shah Alam Selangor Darul Ehsan | Freehold | 2.02 hectares | Industrial land and building | Factory (28) | 10.1 | March 2003 |
| 17. 12 & 12/1 Jalan Nangka Tiga Taman Rumpun Bahagia 75300 Bachang Melaka | Leasehold 21.7.2084 | 153.3 sq metres | Land and building | 2-storey shop office (37) | 0.1 | March 2003 |
| 18. Centre Point Business Park Unit No. B-8-1 & B-8-2 5, Jalan Tanjung Keramat 26/35, Seksyen 26 40400 Shah Alam Selangor Darul Ehsan | Freehold | 252.3 sq metres | Building | Office (24) | 0.2 | March 2003 |
| 19. 50-2 & 50-3 Jalan Wangsa 2/5 Taman Wangsa Permai 52200 Kuala Lumpur | Leasehold 28.6.2100 | 226.9 sq metres | Land and building | 2-storey shop office (24) | 0.1 | March 2003 |

| Address | Tenure/ Expiry Date for Leasehold | Area | Description | Existing Use/ Age of Building (Year) | Carrying Amount (RM Million) | Date of Acquisition/ Last Revaluation |
|---|---|-------------------|-------------|--|------------------------------------|---|
| 20. B2-2-39B Jalan Pinggiran 1/3 Taman Pinggiran Putra Seksyen 1 43300 Seri Kembangan Selangor Darul Ehsan | Leasehold 13.12.2097 | 63.0 sq metres | Building | Office (20) | 0.04 | July 2004 |
| 21. Preah Net Preah District Banteay Meanchey Province Cambodia | Freehold | 3,329 hectares | Land | Vacant | 52.3 | October 2013 |
| 22. Sangkum Thmei and Rovieng District Preah Vihear Province Cambodia | Leasehold 5.8.2071 | 7,406 hectares | Land | Vacant | 21.3 | March 2012 |

ANALYSIS OF SHAREHOLDINGS

Issued Shares as at 31 March 2023

| | | |
|-------------------------------|---|---------------------------|
| Total Number of Issued Shares | : | 717,909,365* |
| Class of Shares | : | Ordinary shares |
| Voting Rights | : | 1 vote per ordinary share |

Note:

* Inclusive of 37,105,300 shares bought back by the Company and retained as treasury shares as at 31 March 2023.

Distribution of Shareholdings as at 31 March 2023

| Size of Shareholdings | No. of Shareholders | % of Shareholders | No. of Shares | % of Shares ^(a) |
|--|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|
| Less than 100 | 3,127 | 16.76 | 123,722 | 0.02 |
| 100 to 1,000 | 4,945 | 26.50 | 2,800,716 | 0.41 |
| 1,001 to 10,000 | 7,187 | 38.52 | 32,748,145 | 4.81 |
| 10,001 to 100,000 | 2,897 | 15.52 | 96,181,003 | 14.13 |
| 100,001 to less than 5% of issued shares | 500 | 2.68 | 358,126,855 | 52.60 |
| 5% and above of issued shares | 3 | 0.02 | 190,823,624 | 28.03 |
| | <u>18,659</u> | <u>100.00</u> | <u>680,804,065</u> | <u>100.00</u> |

Substantial Shareholders as at 31 March 2023

| Substantial Shareholders | Direct Interest | | Deemed Interest | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| | No. of Shares | % of Shares ^(a) | No. of Shares | % of Shares ^(a) | No. of Warrants ^(b) |
| 1. Tan Sri Cheng Heng Jem | 222,785,449 | 32.72 | 12,709,351 | 1.87 | 117,747,398 |
| 2. Tan Sri Cheng Yong Kim | 11,428,289 | 1.68 | 74,472,627 | 10.94 | 42,950,457 |
| 3. Dynamic Horizon Holdings Limited | 74,472,627 | 10.94 | — | — | 37,236,313 |

Notes:

^(a) Based on the total number of issued shares of the Company, excluding 37,105,300 shares bought back by the Company and retained as treasury shares as at 31 March 2023.

^(b) Warrants issued by the Company with a right to subscribe for ordinary shares in the Company on the basis of 1 new ordinary share for every 1 warrant held.

Thirty Largest Registered Shareholders as at 31 March 2023

| Registered Shareholders | No. of Shares | % of Shares^(a) |
|---|----------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. Kenanga Nominees (Tempatan) Sdn Bhd Pledged Securities Account for Cheng Heng Jem | 90,369,951 | 13.27 |
| 2. Affin Hwang Nominees (Tempatan) Sdn Bhd Pledged Securities Account for Cheng Heng Jem (M09) | 57,500,000 | 8.45 |
| 3. RHB Nominees (Tempatan) Sdn Bhd Pledged Securities Account for Cheng Heng Jem | 42,953,673 | 6.31 |
| 4. Maybank Nominees (Asing) Sdn Bhd MTrustee Berhad for Dynamic Horizon Holdings Limited (419461) | 32,600,000 | 4.79 |
| 5. RHB Nominees (Asing) Sdn Bhd Pledged Securities Account for Dynamic Horizon Holdings Limited | 29,789,051 | 4.38 |
| 6. Maybank Nominees (Tempatan) Sdn Bhd MTrustee Berhad for Cheng Heng Jem (419450) | 25,900,000 | 3.80 |
| 7. Affin Hwang Nominees (Asing) Sdn Bhd Dynamic Horizon Holdings Limited | 12,000,000 | 1.76 |
| 8. Cheng Yong Kim | 11,409,539 | 1.68 |
| 9. LDH Management Sdn Bhd | 9,935,200 | 1.46 |
| 10. Ooi Chin Hock | 9,436,700 | 1.39 |
| 11. Maybank Nominees (Tempatan) Sdn Bhd Pledged Securities Account for Sim Ann Huat | 6,200,000 | 0.91 |
| 12. RHB Nominees (Tempatan) Sdn Bhd Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (Malaysia) Berhad Pledged Securities Account for Cheng Heng Jem | 6,033,430 | 0.89 |
| 13. UOB Kay Hian Nominees (Asing) Sdn Bhd Exempt AN for UOB Kay Hian Pte Ltd (A/C Clients) | 5,659,371 | 0.83 |
| 14. Tiong Nam Logistics Holdings Berhad | 5,400,000 | 0.79 |
| 15. Public Nominees (Tempatan) Sdn Bhd Pledged Securities Account for Mahalingam A/L Sinnatamby (E-SJA/USJ) | 5,000,000 | 0.73 |
| 16. Lion-Parkson Foundation | 4,030,694 | 0.59 |
| 17. Alliancegroup Nominees (Tempatan) Sdn Bhd Pledged Securities Account for Lim Han Joeh (8085254) | 3,566,000 | 0.52 |
| 18. Liang Teh Hai | 3,300,000 | 0.48 |
| 19. HSBC Nominees (Asing) Sdn Bhd HSBC-FS G For ASM Connaught House (Master) Fund V LP | 3,245,000 | 0.48 |
| 20. Public Nominees (Tempatan) Sdn Bhd Pledged Securities Account for Lim Tiem Chai (E-BPT) | 3,088,600 | 0.45 |
| 21. Maybank Nominees (Tempatan) Sdn Bhd Pledged Securities Account for Lai Siak Hwee | 3,057,300 | 0.45 |
| 22. Liang Chiang Heng | 2,760,200 | 0.41 |
| 23. Low Kien Khuan | 2,746,100 | 0.40 |
| 24. HLB Nominees (Tempatan) Sdn Bhd Pledged Securities Account for Lim Kok Ewe | 2,555,000 | 0.38 |
| 25. HLIB Nominees (Tempatan) Sdn Bhd Pledged Securities Account for Ng Chiew Eng @ Ng Chiew Ming | 2,266,000 | 0.33 |
| 26. Ho Khim Chan | 2,180,000 | 0.32 |
| 27. Maybank Nominees (Tempatan) Sdn Bhd Pledged Securities Account for TTTT Realty Sdn Bhd | 2,115,800 | 0.31 |
| 28. Apollo Food Holdings Berhad | 2,100,000 | 0.31 |
| 29. Affin Hwang Nominees (Tempatan) Sdn Bhd Pledged Securities Account for Tan Kian Aik | 2,035,000 | 0.30 |
| 30. Ryan Choo Ka Han | 2,000,000 | 0.29 |

Note:

^(a) Based on the total number of issued shares of the Company, excluding 37,105,300 shares bought back by the Company and retained as treasury shares as at 31 March 2023.

Distribution of Warrant Holdings as at 31 March 2023

| Size of Warrant Holdings | No. of Warrant Holders | % of Warrant Holders | No. of Warrants | % of Warrants |
|--|------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Less than 100 | 4,075 | 23.79 | 135,448 | 0.04 |
| 100 to 1,000 | 5,758 | 33.62 | 2,878,355 | 0.84 |
| 1,001 to 10,000 | 5,583 | 32.59 | 21,167,696 | 6.22 |
| 10,001 to 100,000 | 1,438 | 8.39 | 45,170,893 | 13.27 |
| 100,001 to less than 5% of warrants issued | 272 | 1.59 | 175,636,483 | 51.60 |
| 5% and above of warrants issued | 3 | 0.02 | 95,411,811 | 28.03 |
| | <u>17,129</u> | <u>100.00</u> | <u>340,400,686</u> | <u>100.00</u> |

Thirty Largest Registered Warrant Holders as at 31 March 2023

| Registered Warrant Holders | No. of Warrants | % of Warrants |
|---|-----------------|---------------|
| 1. Kenanga Nominees (Tempatan) Sdn Bhd Pledged Securities Account for Cheng Heng Jem | 45,184,975 | 13.27 |
| 2. Affin Hwang Nominees (Tempatan) Sdn Bhd Pledged Securities Account for Cheng Heng Jem (M09) | 28,750,000 | 8.45 |
| 3. RHB Nominees (Tempatan) Sdn Bhd Pledged Securities Account for Cheng Heng Jem | 21,476,836 | 6.31 |
| 4. Maybank Nominees (Asing) Sdn Bhd MTrustee Berhad for Dynamic Horizon Holdings Limited (419461) | 16,300,000 | 4.79 |
| 5. RHB Nominees (Asing) Sdn Bhd Pledged Securities Account for Dynamic Horizon Holdings Limited | 14,894,525 | 4.38 |
| 6. Maybank Nominees (Tempatan) Sdn Bhd MTrustee Berhad for Cheng Heng Jem (419450) | 12,950,000 | 3.80 |
| 7. Affin Hwang Nominees (Asing) Sdn Bhd Dynamic Horizon Holdings Limited | 6,000,000 | 1.76 |
| 8. Cheng Yong Kim | 5,704,769 | 1.68 |
| 9. Ooi Chin Hock | 5,050,000 | 1.48 |
| 10. LDH Management Sdn Bhd | 4,967,600 | 1.46 |
| 11. Public Nominees (Tempatan) Sdn Bhd Pledged Securities Account for Siau Boon Fei (E-TSA) | 3,511,100 | 1.03 |
| 12. Maybank Nominees (Tempatan) Sdn Bhd Pledged Securities Account for Sim Ann Huat | 3,100,000 | 0.91 |
| 13. RHB Nominees (Tempatan) Sdn Bhd Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (Malaysia) Berhad Pledged Securities Account For Cheng Heng Jem | 3,016,715 | 0.89 |
| 14. UOB Kay Hian Nominees (Asing) Sdn Bhd Exempt AN for UOB Kay Hian Pte Ltd (A/C Clients) | 2,856,619 | 0.84 |
| 15. Tiong Nam Logistics Holdings Berhad | 2,700,000 | 0.79 |
| 16. Koh Hock Lye | 2,045,000 | 0.60 |
| 17. Lion-Parkson Foundation | 2,015,347 | 0.59 |
| 18. Koh Hock Lye | 1,982,500 | 0.58 |
| 19. Alliancegroup Nominees (Tempatan) Sdn Bhd Pledged Securities Account for Lim Han Joeh (8085254) | 1,783,000 | 0.52 |
| 20. Maybank Nominees (Tempatan) Sdn Bhd Pledged Securities Account for TTT Realty Sdn Bhd | 1,680,100 | 0.49 |
| 21. Liang Teh Hai | 1,650,000 | 0.48 |
| 22. HSBC Nominees (Asing) Sdn Bhd HSBC-FS G for ASM Connaught House (Master) Fund V LP | 1,622,500 | 0.48 |

Thirty Largest Registered Warrant Holders as at 31 March 2023 (continued)

| Registered Warrant Holders | No. of Warrants | % of Warrants |
|---|------------------------|----------------------|
| 23. Ryan Choo Ka Han | 1,600,000 | 0.47 |
| 24. Public Nominees (Tempatan) Sdn Bhd Pledged Securities Account for Lim Tiem Chai (E-BPT) | 1,544,300 | 0.45 |
| 25. Alliancegroup Nominees (Tempatan) Sdn Bhd Pledged Securities Account for Ong Yoong Nyock (8039533) | 1,444,900 | 0.42 |
| 26. Liang Chiang Heng | 1,380,100 | 0.41 |
| 27. Low Kien Khuan | 1,373,050 | 0.40 |
| 28. HLB Nominees (Tempatan) Sdn Bhd Pledged Securities Account for Lim Kok Ewe | 1,277,500 | 0.38 |
| 29. Ong Chee Kean | 1,200,000 | 0.35 |
| 30. HLIB Nominees (Tempatan) Sdn Bhd Pledged Securities Account for Ng Chiew Eng @ Ng Chiew Ming | 1,133,000 | 0.33 |

Directors' Interests in Shares in the Company and its Related Corporations as at 31 March 2023

The Directors' interests in shares in the Company and its related corporations as at 31 March 2023 are as follows:

| | Direct Interest | | ← Deemed Interest → | | |
|--|------------------------|-------|------------------------|-------|---------------------|
| | No. of Ordinary Shares | % (a) | No. of Ordinary Shares | % (a) | No. of Warrants (b) |
| The Company | | | | | |
| Datuk Seri Utama Raja Nong Chik bin Dato' Raja Zainal Abidin | 100,000 | 0.01 | 100,000 | 0.01 | 100,000 |
| Tan Sri Cheng Heng Jem | 222,785,449 | 32.72 | 12,752,369 | 1.87 | 117,768,907 |

| | Direct Interest | | Deemed Interest | |
|--|------------------------|---|------------------------|---|
| | No. of Ordinary Shares | % | No. of Ordinary Shares | % |

Related Corporations

Tan Sri Cheng Heng Jem

| | | | | |
|--|-----|---------------------------|-------------|----------------------|
| Holdsworth Investment Pte Ltd | — | — | 4,500,000 | 100.00 |
| Inspirasi Elit Sdn Bhd | — | — | 212,500 | 85.00 |
| Lion Group Management Services Sdn Bhd | — | — | 5,000,000 | 100.00 |
| Lion Posim Berhad ("LPB") | 400 | Negligible ^(c) | 170,186,190 | 74.70 ^(c) |
| LLB Enterprise Sdn Bhd | — | — | 940,000 | 94.00 |
| Soga Sdn Bhd | — | — | 4,525,322 | 98.12 |
| Steelcorp Sdn Bhd | — | — | 99,750 | 99.75 |
| Well Morning Limited | — | — | 1 | 70.50 |
| Zhongsin Biotech Pte Ltd | — | — | 1,000,000 | 100.00 |

| Investments in the People's Republic of China | Deemed Interest | |
|--|-----------------|---------------|
| | USD | % of Holdings |
| Tianjin Baden Real Estate Development Co Ltd (In voluntary liquidation) | 5,000,000 | 95.00 |
| Tianjin Hua Shi Auto Meter Co Ltd (In voluntary liquidation) | 10,878,944 | 56.40 |

Notes:

^(a) Based on the total number of issued shares of the Company, excluding 37,105,300 shares bought back by the Company and retained as treasury shares as at 31 March 2023.

^(b) Warrants issued by the Company with a right to subscribe for ordinary shares in the Company on the basis of 1 new ordinary share for every 1 warrant held.

^(c) Based on the total number of issued shares of LPB, excluding 3,745,000 shares bought back by LPB and retained as treasury shares as at 31 March 2023.

Other than as disclosed above, none of the other Directors of the Company had any interest in shares in the Company or its related corporations as at 31 March 2023.

OTHER INFORMATION

(I) MATERIAL CONTRACTS INVOLVING THE INTEREST OF DIRECTORS AND MAJOR SHAREHOLDERS

1. Tri-partite Settlement Agreement dated 3 July 2018 (“Agreement”) entered into among Oriental Shield Sdn Bhd (now known as Lion Steel Sdn Bhd) (“Lion Steel”), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, Megasteel Sdn Bhd and Tenaga Nasional Berhad (“TNB”) and letters of extension of time from TNB dated 13 September 2018, 11 March 2019 and 11 July 2019 for the proposed supply of electricity to the Company and its subsidiaries in Banting to facilitate the Proposed Expansion into Flat Steel Business for a cash consideration of RM35.80 million (“Full Settlement Sum”).

The Agreement became unconditional on 29 November 2019 following which payment obligations by Lion Steel commenced on 27 December 2019 (“TNB First Payment”) and the Full Settlement Sum shall be settled over 4 years from the TNB First Payment.

2. Novation Agreement dated 6 January 2022 between Premier Land Resources Sdn Bhd (“Vendor”), Grandprop Sdn Bhd (“Grandprop”), a company wherein a Director who is also a major shareholder of the Company has interest, and LLB Bina Sdn Bhd (“LLB Bina”), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, for the purchase of 80 acres of land being part of an undivided share forming part of the land held under Pajakan Negeri 113455, Lot 8590, Mukim Labu, Daerah Sepang, Negeri Selangor by way of novation of all of Grandprop’s rights, benefits, interests, obligations and liabilities under the conditional sale and purchase agreement dated 20 November 2020 entered into between the Vendor and Grandprop, to LLB Bina for a cash consideration of RM23 million.

(II) NON-AUDIT FEES

The amount of non-audit fees paid or payable to External Auditors by the Group and Company for the financial year ended 31 December 2022 was RM15,500 and RM8,000 respectively (RM16,500 and RM9,000 respectively for the 18-month financial period ended 31 December 2021).

(III) RECURRENT RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The aggregate value of transactions conducted during the 12-month financial year ended 31 December 2022 were as follows:

| Nature of Recurrent Transactions | Related Parties | Amount RM'000 |
|---|--|------------------|
| Steel related | | |
| (i) Sale of scrap iron, steel bars, wire rods, hot briquetted iron, billets and other related products and services | Lion Mining Sdn Bhd ⁽¹⁾ | 240 |
| (ii) Purchase of scrap iron and other related products and services | Lion Asiapac Limited Group (“LAP Group”) ⁽¹⁾ | 46,352 |
| (iii) Purchase of tools, dies and spare parts | ACB Resources Berhad Group ⁽¹⁾ | 937 |
| (iv) Provision of storage, leasing and rental of properties, management and support, and other related services | LAP Group ⁽¹⁾ Lion Corporation Berhad Group ⁽¹⁾ Lion Mining Sdn Bhd ⁽¹⁾ | 366 95 941 |

Notes:

“Group” includes subsidiary and associated companies, excluding public companies.

- (1) Companies in which a major shareholder of the Company has a substantial interest.

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FORM OF PROXY

CDS ACCOUNT NUMBER

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I/We _____

NRIC/Passport/Registration No. _____

of _____

being a member of LION INDUSTRIES CORPORATION BERHAD, hereby appoint _____

NRIC/Passport No. _____

of _____

or failing whom, _____

NRIC/Passport No. _____

of _____

as my/our proxy to vote for me/us and on my/our behalf at the 92nd Annual General Meeting of the Company ("92nd AGM") to be held virtually from the Broadcast Venue, Meeting Hall, Level 16, Lion Office Tower, No. 1 Jalan Nagasari, 50200 Kuala Lumpur, Wilayah Persekutuan and via Securities Services e-Portal at <https://sshb.net.my/> on Thursday, 25 May 2023 at 10.30 am and at any adjournment thereof.

| RESOLUTIONS | FOR | AGAINST |
|--|-----|---------|
| 1. To approve Directors' fees | | |
| 2. To approve Directors' benefits | | |
| 3. To re-elect Y. Bhg. Tan Sri Cheng Heng Jem as Director | | |
| 4. To re-elect Ms Cheng Hui Ya, Serena as Director | | |
| 5. To re-appoint Messrs Mazars PLT as Auditors | | |
| 6. Retention of Y. M. Datuk Seri Utama Raja Nong Chik bin Dato' Raja Zainal Abidin as Independent Non-Executive Director | | |
| 7. Authority to Directors to Issue and Allot Shares | | |
| 8. Proposed Renewal of Shareholders' Mandate for Recurrent Related Party Transactions | | |
| 9. Proposed Renewal of Share Buy-Back Authority | | |

Please indicate with an "X" how you wish your vote to be cast. If no specific direction as to voting is given, the proxy will vote or abstain at his discretion.

As witness my/our hand this _____ day of _____ 2023

No. of shares: _____

Signed: _____

Representation at Meeting:

- (i) In respect of deposited securities, only Members whose names appear in the Record of Depositors on 19 May 2023 shall be eligible to participate at the Meeting.
 - (ii) A member entitled to participate and vote at the Meeting is entitled to appoint not more than 2 proxies to participate and vote instead of him. A proxy need not be a member of the Company.
 - (iii) If a member appoints 2 proxies, the proportion of his shareholdings represented by each proxy must be specified.
 - (iv) The instrument appointing a proxy must be in writing under the hand of the appointor or his attorney duly authorised in writing or, if the appointor is a corporation, either under seal or the hand of an officer or attorney duly authorised.
 - (v) Where a member of the Company is an exempt authorised nominee which holds ordinary shares in the Company for multiple beneficial owners in 1 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.
 - (vi) The instrument appointing a proxy shall be deposited at the Office of the Poll Administrator of the Company for the Meeting, SS E Solutions Sdn Bhd at Level 7, Menara Milenium, Jalan Damanela, Pusat Bandar Damansara, Damansara Heights, 50490 Kuala Lumpur, Wilayah Persekutuan not less than 48 hours before the time for holding the Meeting.
 - (vii) Completed Form of Proxy sent through facsimile transmission or any electronic or digital manner shall not be accepted.
- The 92nd AGM will be conducted virtually through live streaming and online remote voting via the Remote Participation and Voting ("RPV") facilities available on Securities Services e-Portal at <https://sshb.net.my/>. Please refer to the procedures provided in the Administrative Guide for the 92nd AGM for registration, participation and remote voting via the RPV facilities.



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