

**RCE Capital Berhad**

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for 3rd Quarter Ended 31 December 2023**SUMMARY OF KEY FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD
ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	INDIVIDUAL QUARTER		CUMULATIVE QUARTER	
	31.12.2023	31.12.2022	31.12.2023	31.12.2022
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
1. Revenue	87,409	81,568	259,202	240,987
2. Profit before tax	45,836	46,053	145,715	137,504
3. Profit for the financial period	34,563	35,175	109,689	103,944
4. Profit attributable to ordinary equity holders of the Company	34,563	35,175	109,689	103,944
5. Basic earnings per ordinary share (sen)	4.72	4.80	14.97	14.19
6. Proposed/Declared dividend per share (sen)	-	-	8.00	23.00
		AS AT END OF CURRENT QUARTER		AS AT PRECEDING FINANCIAL YEAR END
7. Net assets per share attributable to ordinary equity holders of the Company (RM)		1.10		1.10
	INDIVIDUAL QUARTER		CUMULATIVE QUARTER	
	31.12.2023	31.12.2022	31.12.2023	31.12.2022
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
8. Gross interest income	4	8	11	14
9. Gross interest expense	82	58	195	171

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	INDIVIDUAL QUARTER 3 MONTHS ENDED		CUMULATIVE QUARTER 9 MONTHS ENDED	
	31.12.2023 RM'000	31.12.2022 RM'000	31.12.2023 RM'000	31.12.2022 RM'000
Profit income	74,054	70,058	218,353	210,239
Other revenue	13,355	11,510	40,849	30,748
Revenue	87,409	81,568	259,202	240,987
Other income	10,043	7,315	28,299	19,275
Profit expense applicable to revenue	(23,989)	(22,787)	(73,467)	(64,705)
Directors' remuneration and staff costs	(11,333)	(9,370)	(25,315)	(21,102)
Allowances for impairment loss on receivables, net	(8,322)	(5,473)	(19,911)	(20,535)
Depreciation of plant and equipment and right-of-use ("ROU") assets	(951)	(925)	(2,766)	(2,667)
Other expenses	(6,939)	(4,217)	(20,132)	(13,578)
Finance costs	(82)	(58)	(195)	(171)
Profit before tax	45,836	46,053	145,715	137,504
Income tax expense	(11,273)	(10,878)	(36,026)	(33,560)
Total comprehensive income for the financial period	34,563	35,175	109,689	103,944
Attributable to:				
Owners of the Company	34,563	35,175	109,689	103,944
Earnings per ordinary share (sen):				
Basic	4.72	4.80	14.97	14.19
Diluted	4.70	4.76	14.90	14.11

The Condensed Statement of Comprehensive Income should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements of the Company for the financial year ended 31 March 2023 and the accompanying explanatory notes attached to the interim financial report.

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	AS AT 31.12.2023 RM'000	AS AT 31.03.2023 RM'000
ASSETS		
Non-Current Assets		
Plant and equipment	6,896	7,241
ROU assets	4,020	4,664
Goodwill on consolidation	47,333	47,333
Financing receivables	1,756,042	1,677,871
Deferred tax assets	38,312	38,575
Total Non-Current Assets	1,852,603	1,775,684
Current Assets		
Financing receivables	226,801	221,541
Trade receivables	53,843	53,918
Other receivables, deposits and prepaid expenses	17,145	16,021
Deposits with licensed financial institutions	810,137	799,886
Cash and bank balances	89,183	79,781
Total Current Assets	1,197,109	1,171,147
TOTAL ASSETS	3,049,712	2,946,831
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		
Equity attributable to owners of the Company		
Share capital	201,917	201,917
Treasury shares	(4,948)	(4,948)
Reserves	608,937	608,690
Total Equity	805,906	805,659
Non-Current Liabilities		
Payables and accrued expenses	3,832	780
Hire-purchase payables	1,016	1,160
Financing liabilities	1,267,125	1,308,538
Lease liabilities	1,306	2,025
Deferred tax liabilities	969	1,111
Total Non-Current Liabilities	1,274,248	1,313,614
Current Liabilities		
Payables and accrued expenses	27,488	35,470
Hire-purchase payables	375	379
Financing liabilities	927,568	783,006
Lease liabilities	953	915
Tax liabilities	13,174	7,788
Total Current Liabilities	969,558	827,558
Total Liabilities	2,243,806	2,141,172
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	3,049,712	2,946,831
NET ASSETS PER SHARE (RM)	1.10	1.10

The Condensed Statement of Financial Position should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements of the Company for the financial year ended 31 March 2023 and the accompanying explanatory notes attached to the interim financial report.

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

	Share Capital RM'000	Treasury Shares RM'000	← Reserves →		Total Reserves RM'000	Total RM'000
			Employees' Share Scheme ("ESS") RM'000	Retained Earnings RM'000		
As at 1 April 2022	200,697	(4,948)	3,467	672,852	676,319	872,068
Total comprehensive income	-	-	-	103,944	103,944	103,944
Transactions with owners						
Dividends	-	-	-	(197,843)	(197,843)	(197,843)
Options under ESS:	-	-	-	-	-	-
- Granted	-	-	2,867	-	2,867	2,867
- Exercised	-	-	(4,710)	(5,776)	(10,486)	(10,486)
Issuance of shares pursuant to options exercised	1,220	-	-	-	-	1,220
Cancellation of options	-	-	(111)	111	-	-
Total transactions with owners	1,220	-	(1,954)	(203,508)	(205,462)	(204,242)
As at 31 December 2022	201,917	(4,948)	1,513	573,288	574,801	771,770
As at 1 April 2023	201,917	(4,948)	1,187	607,503	608,690	805,659
Total comprehensive income	-	-	-	109,689	109,689	109,689
Transactions with owners						
Dividends	-	-	-	(109,928)	(109,928)	(109,928)
Options under ESS:	-	-	-	-	-	-
- Granted	-	-	4,747	-	4,747	4,747
- Exercised	-	-	(1,139)	(3,122)	(4,261)	(4,261)
Total transactions with owners	-	-	3,608	(113,050)	(109,442)	(109,442)
As at 31 December 2023	201,917	(4,948)	4,795	604,142	608,937	805,906

The Condensed Statement of Changes in Equity should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements of the Company for the financial year ended 31 March 2023 and the accompanying explanatory notes attached to the interim financial report.

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	CUMULATIVE QUARTER 31.12.2023 RM'000	CUMULATIVE QUARTER 31.12.2022 RM'000
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Profit before tax	145,715	137,504
Adjustments for:		
Allowances for impairment loss on receivables, net	19,911	20,535
Options granted under ESS	4,747	2,867
Depreciation of plant and equipment and ROU assets	2,766	2,667
Finance costs	195	171
Profit and interest income from deposits placed with licensed financial institutions	(21,316)	(12,795)
Gain on disposal of plant and equipment	-	(207)
Operating profit before working capital changes	<u>152,018</u>	<u>150,742</u>
(Increase)/Decrease in working capital:		
Financing receivables	(103,361)	(115,429)
Trade receivables	95	210
Other receivables, deposits and prepaid expenses	(185)	(8,341)
(Decrease)/Increase in working capital:		
Payables and accrued expenses	(47)	11,099
Cash generated from operations	<u>48,520</u>	<u>38,281</u>
Taxes paid	(29,520)	(28,473)
Taxes refunded	17	-
Net cash generated from operating activities	<u>19,017</u>	<u>9,808</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Profit and interest income from deposits placed with licensed financial institutions received	21,316	12,795
Proceeds from disposal of plant and equipment	-	207
Additions to plant and equipment	(1,589)	(2,281)
Deposit payment for asset under hire-purchase	(44)	(92)
Net cash generated from investing activities	<u>19,683</u>	<u>10,629</u>

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	CUMULATIVE QUARTER 31.12.2023 RM'000	CUMULATIVE QUARTER 31.12.2022 RM'000
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Drawdown of:		
- revolving credits	589,114	603,528
- term financing/loans	169,993	200,000
- other financing liabilities	3,115	3,094
Issuance of Sukuk Murabahah ("Sukuk")	205,000	175,000
Proceeds from issuance of shares	-	1,220
Repayments of revolving credits	(578,826)	(524,528)
Redemptions of Sukuk	(180,000)	(125,000)
Repayments of term financing/loans	(109,034)	(57,292)
Dividends paid	(109,928)	(197,843)
(Placements)/Withdrawal of deposits, cash and bank balances, net:		
- assigned in favour of the trustees	(6,358)	(155,665)
- pledged to licensed financial institutions	(10,414)	83,396
Cash settlement for ESS	(5,249)	(12,369)
Repayments of:		
- other financing liabilities	(2,103)	(3,094)
- lease liabilities	(682)	(626)
- hire-purchase payables	(298)	(240)
Finance costs paid	(149)	(171)
Net cash used in from financing activities	<u>(35,819)</u>	<u>(10,590)</u>
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	2,881	9,847
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of financial period	39,497	41,001
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial period	<u>42,378</u>	<u>50,848</u>
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AS AT END OF FINANCIAL PERIOD COMPRISE THE FOLLOWING:		
Deposits with licensed financial institutions	810,137	793,830
Cash and bank balances	89,183	88,797
	<u>899,320</u>	<u>882,627</u>
Less: Deposits, cash and bank balances		
- assigned in favour of the trustees	(818,237)	(807,724)
- pledged to licensed financial institutions	(38,705)	(24,055)
	<u>42,378</u>	<u>50,848</u>

The Condensed Statement of Cash Flows should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements of the Company for the financial year ended 31 March 2023 and the accompanying explanatory notes attached to the interim financial report.



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NOTES TO THE INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORT

1. BASIS OF PREPARATION

The interim financial report is unaudited and has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of Malaysian Financial Reporting Standard ("MFRS") 134 (Interim Financial Reporting) issued by the Malaysian Accounting Standards Board and paragraph 9.22 of the Main Market Listing Requirements of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad ("Bursa"). It also complies with IAS 34 (Interim Financial Reporting) issued by the International Accounting Standards Board and should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements of the Group for the financial year ended 31 March 2023.

2. CHANGES IN SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The significant accounting policies adopted by the Group in this interim financial report are consistent with those of the annual audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 March 2023, except for the following amendments to published standards which are effective for the financial period commencing 1 April 2023:

Amendments to:

MFRS 101	Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-Current Disclosure of Accounting Policies
MFRS 108	Definition of Accounting Estimates
MFRS 112	Deferred Tax related to Assets and Liabilities arising from a Single Transaction
MFRS 112	International Tax Reform - Pillar Two Model Rules

The adoption of the above amendments does not have any material effect to the Group.

3. AUDITORS' REPORT ON PRECEDING ANNUAL AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The auditors' report on the preceding annual audited financial statements was not subject to any qualification.



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4. SEASONAL OR CYCLICAL FACTORS

The Group's operations were not significantly affected by any seasonal or cyclical factors.

5. UNUSUAL ITEMS

There were no unusual items for the current quarter and financial period.

6. CHANGES IN ESTIMATES

There were no changes in estimates that have a material effect for the current quarter and financial period.

7. DEBT AND EQUITY SECURITIES

There were no issuance, repurchase and repayment of debt and equity securities for the financial period except for the following:

- (a) Issuance and redemption of Sukuk by Zamarad Assets Berhad, an indirect and not a legal subsidiary of the Company, as follow:

	CURRENT QUARTER RM'000	CUMULATIVE QUARTER RM'000
Issuance	-	205,000
Redemption upon maturity	40,000	70,000



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7. DEBT AND EQUITY SECURITIES (CONT'D)

- (b) Redemption of Sukuk by Al Dzahab Assets Berhad, an indirect and not a legal subsidiary of the Company, as follow:

	CURRENT QUARTER RM'000	CUMULATIVE QUARTER RM'000
Early redemption of Sukuk	-	60,000
Redemption upon maturity	-	50,000

- (c) ESS

The Company has granted 19,111,000 options to the eligible employees at an option price of RM2.28 in accordance with the By-Laws of the ESS.

As at 31 December 2023, the number of ordinary shares, net of treasury shares is 732,850,571.

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8. DIVIDENDS

31.12.2023	31.12.2022
RM'000	RM'000

Recognised during the financial period:

- Second interim dividend for 2022: 4.00 sen per ordinary share, paid on 30 June 2022 to shareholders whose names appeared in the record of depositors on 17 June 2022	-	29,287
- First interim dividend for 2023: 5.00 sen per ordinary share, paid on 30 December 2022 to shareholders whose names appeared in the record of depositors on 19 December 2022	-	36,643
- Special interim dividend for 2023: 18.00 sen per ordinary share, paid on 30 December 2022 to shareholders whose names appeared in the record of depositors on 19 December 2022	-	131,913
- Second interim dividend for 2023: 7.00 sen per ordinary share, paid on 28 June 2023 to shareholders whose names appeared in the record of depositors on 15 June 2023	51,300	-
- First interim dividend for 2024: 8.00 sen per ordinary share, paid on 28 December 2023 to shareholders whose names appeared in the record of depositors on 14 December 2023	58,628	-
	<u>109,928</u>	<u>197,843</u>



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9. SEGMENT INFORMATION

Segmental reporting is not presented as the Group is primarily engaged in the provision of shariah-compliant and conventional financing services.

10. PROFIT BEFORE TAX

The following items have been charged/(credited) in arriving at the profit before tax:

	INDIVIDUAL QUARTER 31.12.2023 RM'000	CUMULATIVE QUARTER 31.12.2023 RM'000
Allowances for impairment loss on receivables, net	8,322	19,911
Income from deposits with licensed financial institutions:		
- profit income	(7,245)	(21,305)
- interest income	(4)	(11)
	(7,249)	(21,316)
Gain on foreign exchange, net:		
- realised	2	4
- unrealised	-	-

There were no exceptional items, amortisation, inventories written down and written off, allowance for impairment loss on investment properties, gain or loss on disposal of quoted or unquoted investments or properties and gain or loss on derivatives for the current quarter and financial period.



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11. MATERIAL EVENTS SUBSEQUENT TO THE END OF THE INTERIM PERIOD

As at the date of this announcement, there were no material events subsequent to the end of the interim period that affect the results of the Group.

12. CHANGES IN THE COMPOSITION OF THE GROUP

There was no change in the composition of the Group during the financial period.

13. REVIEW OF PERFORMANCE

	INDIVIDUAL QUARTER				CUMULATIVE QUARTER			
	31.12.2023	31.12.2022	Variance		31.12.2023	31.12.2022	Variance	
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	%	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	%
Revenue	87,409	81,568	5,841	7.2	259,202	240,987	18,215	7.6
Profit before tax	45,836	46,053	(217)	(0.5)	145,715	137,504	8,211	6.0
Profit for the financial period	34,563	35,175	(612)	(1.7)	109,689	103,944	5,745	5.5
Profit attributable to ordinary equity holders of the Parent	34,563	35,175	(612)	(1.7)	109,689	103,944	5,745	5.5

For the current quarter, the Group recorded a higher revenue of RM87.4 million as compared to corresponding quarter of RM81.6 million. This was primarily derived from higher profit and fee income.

The higher revenue and other income gave rise to a pre-tax profit of RM45.8 million, after accounting for higher allowances for impairment loss on receivables, operating and profit expense.

Accordingly, the Group registered a post-tax profit of RM34.6 million in the current quarter.



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13. REVIEW OF PERFORMANCE (CONT'D)

For the 9 months ended 31 December 2023, the Group's revenue rose to RM259.2 million mainly contributed by higher profit and fee income.

The Group posted a higher pre-tax profit of RM145.7 million as compared to RM137.5 million in the corresponding period largely due to higher revenue and other income, offset with higher operating and profit expense.

Correspondingly, the Group registered an increase in post-tax profit of RM109.7 million.

14. MATERIAL CHANGE IN RESULTS OF CURRENT QUARTER COMPARED WITH PRECEDING QUARTER

	INDIVIDUAL QUARTER			
	31.12.2023	30.09.2023	Variance	
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	%
Revenue	87,409	87,823	(414)	(0.5)
Profit before tax	45,836	50,888	(5,052)	(9.9)
Profit for the financial period	34,563	38,248	(3,685)	(9.6)
Profit attributable to ordinary equity holders of the Company	34,563	38,248	(3,685)	(9.6)

The Group recorded a revenue of RM87.4 million in the current quarter, slightly lower than the preceding quarter of RM87.8 million.

The Group registered a lower pre-tax profit of RM45.8 million mainly due to ESS expense incurred and higher allowances for impairment loss in the current quarter.

Accordingly, this led to a lower post-tax profit of RM34.6 million.



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15. CURRENT YEAR PROSPECTS

With Malaysia's Gross Domestic Product on the rising trend, consumer spending momentum is envisaged to increase, thereby potentially translating into higher demand for financing.

Apart from introducing more sales campaign to boost disbursement and expand customer base, the Group is committed to improve its delivery channels by ongoing digitalisation initiatives to ensure sustainability of its business operations.

The Group remains prudent on the above positive economic development and expects to end the financial year ending 31 March 2024 profitably.

16. PROFIT FORECAST

There were no profit forecast prepared or profit guarantee made by the Group.

17. INCOME TAX EXPENSE

	INDIVIDUAL QUARTER 31.12.2023 RM'000	CUMULATIVE QUARTER 31.12.2023 RM'000
Income tax payable:		
Current period	13,751	35,987
Over provision in prior years	(82)	(82)
	13,669	35,905
Deferred tax:		
Current period	(2,384)	133
Over provision in prior years	(12)	(12)
	(2,396)	121
	11,273	36,026

The effective tax rate of the Group in the current quarter and financial period is higher than the statutory tax rate due to non-deductibility of certain expenses for taxation purposes.



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18. STATUS OF CORPORATE PROPOSALS

There was no corporate proposal announced or pending completion as at the date of this report.

19. FINANCING RECEIVABLES

	←———— As at 31.12.2023 —————→		
	←———— Receivables —————→		
	Financing	Loans	Total
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
At amortised cost, gross	2,098,676	8,091	2,106,767
Less: Allowances for impairment	(120,960)	(2,964)	(123,924)
	<u>1,977,716</u>	<u>5,127</u>	<u>1,982,843</u>
Amount receivable within one year	(224,987)	(1,814)	(226,801)
Non-current portion	<u>1,752,729</u>	<u>3,313</u>	<u>1,756,042</u>

During the financial period, there was no transaction with related parties in relation to the Group's financing receivables.

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Movement in allowances for impairment:

	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
Balance as at 1 April 2023	42,321	2,190	77,018	121,529
Changes in the expected credit loss ("ECL"):				
- Transfer to Stage 1	310	(481)	(5,874)	(6,045)
- Transfer to Stage 2	(121)	1,025	(1,780)	(876)
- Transfer to Stage 3	(781)	(483)	36,357	35,093
Net adjustment of allowances for impairment	(592)	61	28,703	28,172
New financial assets originated or purchased	9,612	-	-	9,612
Financial assets derecognised	(1,844)	(124)	(3,355)	(5,323)
Changes in risk parameters	(8,047)	(436)	(4,047)	(12,530)
Written off	-	-	(17,536)	(17,536)
Balance as at 31 December 2023	41,450	1,691	80,783	123,924

The Group applied the latest economic scenarios to reflect an unbiased probability-weighted range of possible future outcome and factor in forecasted Real Gross Domestic Product, a forward looking element used for the ECL calculation. Accordingly, the ECL during the financial period has been adjusted to reflect the impact of latest economic conditions.



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20. GROUP FINANCING LIABILITIES AND DEBT SECURITIES

Total financing liabilities and debt securities (all denominated in Ringgit Malaysia) of the Group are as follow:

	← As at 31.12.2023 →		
	Short Term RM'000	Long Term RM'000	Total RM'000
At amortised cost			
<i>Secured:</i>			
Shariah			
- Sukuk	336,064	984,437	1,320,501
- Term financing	90,224	134,153	224,377
- Revolving credits	96,525	-	96,525
	522,813	1,118,590	1,641,403
Conventional			
- Revolving credits	259,787	-	259,787
- Term loans	59,842	148,535	208,377
	319,629	148,535	468,164
	842,442	1,267,125	2,109,567
<i>Unsecured:</i>			
Shariah			
- Revolving credits	85,126	-	85,126
	927,568	1,267,125	2,194,693

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	←———— As at 31.12.2022 —————→		
	Short Term RM'000	Long Term RM'000	Total RM'000
At amortised cost			
<i>Secured:</i>			
Shariah			
- Sukuk	218,039	1,153,840	1,371,879
- Term financing	76,963	112,343	189,306
- Revolving credits	79,900	-	79,900
	<u>374,902</u>	<u>1,266,183</u>	<u>1,641,085</u>
Conventional			
- Revolving credits	244,125	-	244,125
- Term loans	25,959	81,861	107,820
	<u>270,084</u>	<u>81,861</u>	<u>351,945</u>
	<u>644,986</u>	<u>1,348,044</u>	<u>1,993,030</u>
<i>Unsecured:</i>			
Shariah			
- Revolving credits	85,087	-	85,087
Conventional			
- Revolving credits	8,005	-	8,005
	<u>93,092</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>93,092</u>
	<u>738,078</u>	<u>1,348,044</u>	<u>2,086,122</u>

As at 31 December 2023, the Group's weighted average profit rate by categories of financing liabilities ranges from 4.4% to 5.0% (31.12.2022: 3.6% to 4.8%) per annum.

The Group's financing liabilities consist of:

	31.12.2023 RM'000	31.12.2022 RM'000
Fixed rate	1,339,539	1,371,879
Floating rate	855,154	714,243
	<u>2,194,693</u>	<u>2,086,122</u>



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20. GROUP FINANCING LIABILITIES AND DEBT SECURITIES (CONT'D)

The Group's financing liabilities increased from RM2.09 billion a year ago to RM2.19 billion, representing an increase of RM108.6 million. The increase was primarily due to RM205.0 million and RM158.5 million issuance of Sukuk and net drawdown of other financing liabilities respectively, offset with RM255.0 million redemptions of Sukuk upon maturity and early redemption.

21. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

	31.12.2023
	RM'000
Capital expenditure approved and contracted for	<u>1,666</u>

22. CHANGES IN CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AND ASSETS

As at 31 December 2023, the letter of credit stood at RM0.5 million, representing a decrease of RM0.2 million as compared to 30 September 2023.

Other than disclosed above, there were no other changes in contingent liabilities or assets since the last financial year ended 31 March 2023.

23. DERIVATIVES AND FAIR VALUE CHANGES OF FINANCIAL LIABILITIES

- (a) There were no derivatives as at 31 December 2023.
- (b) There were no fair value gain/(loss) on fair value changes of financial liabilities as all financial liabilities were measured at amortised cost.



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24. CHANGES IN MATERIAL LITIGATION

There were no pending material litigation for the Group as at the date of this report.

25. EARNINGS PER SHARE ("EPS")

		INDIVIDUAL QUARTER		CUMULATIVE QUARTER	
		31.12.2023	31.12.2022	31.12.2023	31.12.2022
(a) Basic EPS:					
Profit for the period attributable to ordinary equity holders of the Company	(RM'000)	34,563	35,175	109,689	103,944
Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue	(unit'000)	732,851	732,633	732,851	732,284
Basic EPS	(sen)	<u>4.72</u>	<u>4.80</u>	<u>14.97</u>	<u>14.19</u>

Basic EPS for the current quarter and financial period are calculated by dividing the net profit attributable to ordinary equity holders of the Company by the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue during the financial period.



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25. EPS (CONT'D)

		INDIVIDUAL QUARTER		CUMULATIVE QUARTER	
		31.12.2023	31.12.2022	31.12.2023	31.12.2022
(b) Diluted EPS:					
Profit for the period attributable to ordinary equity holders of the Company	(RM'000)	34,563	35,175	109,689	103,944
Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue	(unit'000)	732,851	732,633	732,851	732,284
Effects of dilution of ESS	(unit'000)	3,089	6,409	3,235	4,167
Adjusted weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue	(unit'000)	735,940	739,042	736,086	736,451
Diluted EPS	(sen)	4.70	4.76	14.90	14.11

Diluted EPS are calculated by dividing the net profit attributable to ordinary equity holders of the Company by the weighted average number of ordinary shares adjusted for dilutive effects of ESS.



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26. FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The carrying amount of financial assets and liabilities of the Group for the financial period approximate their fair values except for the following:

	31.12.2023	
	Carrying amount RM'000	Fair value RM'000
Financial assets		
Financing receivables	<u>1,982,843</u>	<u>2,013,999</u>
Financial liabilities		
Sukuk	<u>1,320,501</u>	<u>1,346,037</u>

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
JOHNSON YAP CHOON SENG
Company Secretary
8 February 2024