TALIWORKS CORPORATION BERHAD

(Company No 196501000264 (6052-V))

(Incorporated in Malaysia)

INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORT ON CONSOLIDATED RESULTS FOR THE FINANCIAL QUARTER ENDED 31 MARCH 2024 (UNAUDITED)

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KEY FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

	3 months	ended 31 Mar	<u>Variance</u>
(in RM'000 unless specified otherwise)	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	(%)
	unaudited	unaudited	#
Revenue	93,327	93,532	-
Gross profit	36,442	31,422	† 16
Profit before taxation ("PBT")	23,178	15,660	† 48
Profit for the period	17,349	11,675	† 49
Earnings per share ("EPS") (sen)	0.75	0.50	† 50
Dividends per share (sen)	1.00	1.65	↓ 39

- # approximate, to the nearest digit
- The Group achieved a revenue of RM93.33 million, which was almost similar to the corresponding period's revenue of RM93.53 million. During the quarter, revenue contributed by the water treatment and supply segment decreased due to lower electricity rebates whereas revenue contributed by the toll highway segment increased driven by higher Average Daily Traffic ("ADT") by 4.4%. Revenue from other operating segments remained consistent with the corresponding quarter.
- The decrease in revenue in the water treatment and supply segment was primarily attributed to the decrease in electricity rebates by RM6.40 million in the Sungai Selangor Water Treatment Plant Phase 1 ("SSP1") operations. The lower electricity rebate is due to a decrease in the Imbalance Cost Pass-Through ("ICPT") surcharge imposed by Tenaga Nasional Berhad ("TNB") from RM0.20/kWh to RM0.037/kWh effective from 1 July 2023. As a comparison, the ICPT for the corresponding period was RM0.20/kWh. The metered sales recorded in SSP1 were lower by 0.6% compared to the corresponding period. Nonetheless, revenue from metered sales was higher by RM5.02 million due to the increase in the Bulk Water Supply Rate from RM0.42/m³ to RM0.48/m³ on 1 January 2024 ("BWSR Increase") as provided under the Bulk Water Supply Agreement with Pengurusan Air Selangor Sdn. Bhd. ("Air Selangor").
- Despite no significant variation in revenue, the Group recorded a 16% increase in gross profit or by RM5.02 million. This increase was mainly due to the BWSR Increase and lower provision of heavy repairs as compared to the corresponding period. The increase was however impacted by higher rehabilitation and maintenance as well as depreciation and amortisation expenses in the current financial period.
- In line with the higher gross profit, PBT was also higher at RM23.18 million compared to RM15.66 million in the corresponding period. Contributing to this increase included higher share of profits from a joint venture company, higher sundry income and net gain on foreign exchange as well as lower finance costs. However, the higher PBT was impacted by lower net returns from interest income, dividend and net gain on redemption from investments designated at fair value through profit or loss ("FVTPL"), higher payroll related costs and higher share of losses of associates in the current financial period.
- Corresponding with the higher PBT, profit for the period was higher by RM5.67 million in the current financial period.
- EPS increased from RM0.50 per share to RM0.75 per share as a result of higher profit attributable to shareholders of the Company.
- The Board is pleased to declare a first interim single-tier dividend of 1.00 sen per share amounting to RM20.16 million in respect of the financial year ending 31 December 2024 to be payable on 28 June 2024.

CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

CONDENDED STRIEMENTS OF I		31 Mar 2024	31 Dec 2023
		RM'000	RM'000
	Note	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
ASSETS	1,000	<u>(Chadanta)</u>	<u>(11861664)</u>
Property, plant and equipment		117,821	121,072
Right-of-use assets		31,022	31,967
Investment properties		95	96
Intangible assets		951,249	959,438
Investment in joint venture		75,814	71,410
Investment in associates		102,113	107,668
Other investment		200	200
Goodwill on consolidation		132,503	132,503
Long-term other receivable		13,423	13,423
Deposits, cash and bank balances		15,690	45,924
Deferred tax assets		5,908	6,373
Total Non-Current Assets		1,445,838	1,490,074
Inventories		59,950	39,023
Trade receivables		84,785	65,905
Other receivables, deposits and prepayments		52,932	18,590
Tax recoverable		1,318	1,008
Investments designated at fair value through profit or loss	B11	44,193	50,846
Deposits, cash and bank balances	B11	71,038	82,478
Total Current Assets	ſ	314,216	257,850
TOTAL ASSETS		1,760,054	1,747,924
EQUITY AND LIADILITIES			
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES Share capital		438,354	438,354
Merger deficit		(71,500)	(71,500)
Currency translation reserve		(1,065)	(615)
Retained earnings		324,540	329,673
Total Equity Attributable to Owners of the Company		690,329	695,912
Non-controlling interests		270,274	267,950
Total Equity		960,603	963,862
LIABILITIES		900,003	903,002
	В7	229,279	269,215
Long-term borrowings Lease liabilities	D/	29,749	30,548
Long-term trade payables		659	1,629
Provisions		39,888	39,745
Deferred income		52,401	52,401
Deferred tax liabilities		235,738	237,670
Total Non-Current Liabilities		587,714	631,208
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CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

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LIABILITIES To do conclusion		CC 100	28,033
Trade payables		66,408	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Other payables and accruals		29,284	34,334
Amount due to contract customers		59,069	35,923
Provisions		-	8
Short-term borrowings	B7	40,000	35,000
Lease liabilities		3,007	2,943
Deferred income		10,511	13,989
Tax liabilities		3,458	2,624
Total Current Liabilities		211,737	152,854
TOTAL LIABILITIES		799,451	784,062
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		1,760,054	1,747,924

CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

		3 Months 31 M	
	<u>Note</u>	2024	2023
		RM'000	RM'000
		<u>unaudited</u>	<u>unaudited</u>
Revenue	A4, B1	93,327	93,532
Cost of operations	ич, вт	(56,885)	(62,110)
Gross profit		36,442	31,422
Other operating income		2,502	1,914
Administrative and other expenses		(10,565)	(9,012)
Operating profit		28,379	24,324
Finance costs		(4,050)	(4,405)
Share of results of joint venture		4,404	496
Share of results of associates		(5,555)	(4,755)
Profit before tax	B4	23,178	15,660
Income tax expense	B5	(5,829)	(3,985)
Profit for the financial period		17,349	11,675
Other comprehensive income			
Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:			
Currency translation differences		(450)	(55)
Total comprehensive income for the financial			
period		16,899	11,620
Profit for the financial period attributable to:			
Owners of the Company		15,025	10,059
Non-controlling interests		2,324	1,616
		17,349	11,675

CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

		3 Months ended 31 Mar		
<u>Note</u>	2024 RM'000 unaudited	2023 RM'000 unaudited		
Total comprehensive income for the financial period attributable to:				
Owners of the Company	14,575	10,004		
Non-controlling interests	2,324	1,616		
	16,899	11,620		
Basic and diluted earnings per share attributable to owners of the Company				
(sen per share) B9	0.75	0.50		

The Condensed Statements of Comprehensive Income should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 and the accompanying significant events and transactions attached to these interim financial statements.

CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

	Attributable to Owners of the Company							
				<u>Currency</u>			Non-	
		<u>Share</u>	<u>Merger</u>	translation	Retained		controlling	<u>Total</u>
	<u>Note</u>	<u>capital</u>	<u>deficit</u>	<u>reserve</u>	<u>earnings</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>interests</u>	Equity
		RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
As of 1 January 2024		438,354	(71,500)	(615)	329,673	695,912	267,950	963,862
Profit for the financial period		-	-	-	15,025	15,025	2,324	17,349
Other Comprehensive Income:								
Currency translation differences		-	-	(450)	-	(450)	-	(450)
Total comprehensive income for the financial period			-	(450)	-	(450)	-	(450)
Transactions with Owners of the Company:								
Dividends paid	A7		-	-	(20,158)	(20,158)	_	(20,158)
Total transactions with Owners of the Company			-		(20,158)	(20,158)	-	(20,158)
As of 31 Mar 2024 (unaudited)		438,354	(71,500)	(1,065)	324,540	690,329	270,274	960,603

CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

			Attributable	to Owners of th	e Company		
			Currency			Non-	
	<u>Share</u>	<u>Merger</u>	<u>translation</u>	Retained		controlling	<u>Total</u>
	<u>capital</u>	<u>deficit</u>	reserve	<u>earnings</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>interests</u>	Equity
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
As of 1 January 2023	438,354	(71,500)	(217)	420,755	787,392	260,459	1,047,851
Profit for the financial period	-	-	-	10,059	10,059	1,616	11,675
Other Comprehensive Income:							
Currency translation differences	-	-	(55)	-	(55)	-	(55)
Total comprehensive income for the financial period	-	-	(55)	10,059	10,004	1,616	11,620
Transactions with owners of the Company:							
Dividends paid	-	-	-	(33,261)	(33,261)	-	(33,261)
Total transactions with owners of the Company			-	(33,261)	(33,261)	-	(33,261)
As of 31 Mar 2023 (unaudited)	438,354	(71,500)	(272)	397,553	764,135	262,075	1,026,210

The Condensed Statements of Changes in Equity should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 and the accompanying significant events and transactions attached to these interim financial statements.

CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

	3 Months	3 Months
	<u>ended</u> 31 Mar 2024	<u>ended</u> 31 Mar 2023
	RM'000	RM'000
	unaudited	unaudited
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CASH FLOWS FROM/(USED IN) OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Profit before tax	23,178	15,660
Adjustments for:		
Non-cash items	9,647	13,258
Interest income	(589)	(465)
Finance costs	4,050	4,405
Operating Profit Before Working Capital Changes	36,286	32,858
Net (increase)/decrease in inventories, amount due from contract customers,		
trade and other receivables	(50,887)	15,911
Net increase/(decrease) in trade and other payables, provisions and deferred		
income	35,246	(1,439)
Cash Generated From Operations	20,645	47,330
Income tax paid	(5,523)	(4,802)
Net Cash From Operating Activities	15,122	42,528
CASH FLOWS FROM/(USED IN) INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Interest received	888	745
Property, plant and equipment:		
- Proceeds from disposal	15	37
- Purchases	(130)	(822)
Dividend received from a joint venture	-	3,375
Investments designated at FVTPL:		
- Purchase	(16,324)	(6,342)
- Proceeds from redemption	23,000	30,000
- Dividend income	324	740
Withdrawals of deposits pledged as security	30,235	30,145
Net Cash From Investing Activities	38,008	57,878
CASH FLOWS FROM/(USED IN) FINANCING ACTIVITIES	(0.00)	(0.000)
Interest paid	(8,232)	(9,083)
Repayment of borrowings	(35,021)	(30,017)
Repayment of lease liabilities	(709)	(665)
Dividends paid (Note A7)	(20,158)	(33,261)
Net Cash Used In Financing Activities	(64,120)	(73,026)

CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

	3 Months	3 Months
	<u>ended</u>	<u>ended</u>
	31 Mar 2024	31 Mar 2023
	RM'000	<u>RM'000</u>
	<u>unaudited</u>	<u>unaudited</u>
NET (DECDEASE)/INCDEASE IN CASH AND CASH FOLIWALENTS	(10,000)	27 290
NET (DECREASE)/INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(10,990)	27,380
Effect of Exchange Rate Changes	(450)	(60)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE BEGINNING OF FINANCIAL YEAR	82,478	48,854
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE END OF FINANCIAL PERIOD	71,038	76,174
Cash and cash equivalents comprised the following amounts in the statements of financial position:		
Deposits with licensed banks	54,288	73,781
Cash and bank balances	32,440	19,767
Total deposits, cash and bank balances	86,728	93,548
Less: Deposits pledged as security	(15,690)	(17,374)
_	71,038	76,174

The Condensed Statements of Cash Flows should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 and the accompanying significant events and transactions attached to these interim financial statements.

PART A – DISCLOSURES PURSUANT TO MFRS 134: INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORTING

A1 - Basis of Preparation

These interim financial statements are unaudited and have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of MFRS134: Interim Financial Reporting issued by the Malaysian Accounting Standards Board, Paragraph 9.22 of the Main Board Listing Requirements of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad ("Bursa Securities") and guidance communication notes issued by Bursa Securities.

These interim financial statements should be read in conjunction with the latest audited financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries ("Group") for the financial year ended 31 December 2023 ("Audited Financial Statements"). The selected explanatory notes attached to these interim financial statements provide an explanation of events and transactions that are significant to an understanding of the changes in the financial position and performance of the Group since the previous financial year.

The material accounting policies and methods of computation adopted by the Group in these interim financial statements are consistent with those adopted in the Audited Financial Statements, except for the following: -

(i) Adoption of amendments to Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards ("MFRSs")

In the current financial period, the Group adopted all the amendments to the MFRSs issued by the Malaysian Accounting Standards Board that are effective for annual financial years beginning on or after 1 January 2024.

Amendments to MFRS 16
Amendments to MFRS 101
Amendments to MFRS 107 and MFRS 7

Lease Liability in a Sale and Leaseback
Non-current Liabilities with Covenants
Supplier Finance Arrangements

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

New MFRSs and Amendments to MFRSs in issue but not yet effective

As at the date of authorisation of these interim financial statements, the amendments to MFRSs which were in issue but not yet effective and not early adopted by the Group are as listed below: -

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

Amendments to MFRS 121 Lack of Exchangeability

The Board anticipates that the abovementioned amendments to MFRSs will be adopted in the annual financial statements of the Group when they become effective and that the adoption of these standards will have no material impact on the financial statements of the Group in the period of initial application.

(ii) The principal closing rate used in translation of foreign currency amounts were as follows:

Foreign currency	31 Mar 2024	31 Dec 2023	30 Mar 2023
	<u>RM</u>	<u>RM</u>	<u>RM</u>
1 US Dollar (USD)	4.72	4.59	4.42

A2 – Comments about the Seasonal or Cyclicality of Interim Operations

There are no significant seasonal or cyclical factors affecting the operations of the Group.

A3 - Unusual Nature and Amount of Items Affecting Assets, Liabilities, Equity, Net Income or Cash Flows

There are no other items affecting the assets, liabilities, equity, net income or cash flows of the Group that were unusual because of their nature, size or incidence during the current quarter and financial period.

A4 - Disaggregation of Revenue

The disaggregation of revenue was as follows:

	3 Months ended 31 Mar		
	2024	2023	
	<u>RM'000</u>	RM'000	
	<u>unaudited</u>	<u>unaudited</u>	
Revenue from contracts with customers:			
Management, operations and maintenance of water treatment			
plants	50,894	52,021	
Toll revenue and operator fee	19,433	18,340	
Revenue from construction contracts	11,798	11,957	
Sales of electricity	6,641	6,416	
Management fees	1,083	1,250	
	89,849	89,984	
Revenue from other sources:			
Deferred income	3,478	3,548	
Revenue as per Condensed Statement of Comprehensive			
Income	93,327	93,532	
Timing of revenue recognition for revenue from contracts with customers:			
At a point in time	76,968	76,777	
Over time	12,881	13,207	
	89,849	89,984	

A5 - Accounting Estimates

There were no changes in estimates of amounts reported in prior interim periods of the current financial year or changes in estimates of amounts reported in prior financial years of the Group that have a material effect in the current quarter and financial period.

A6 - Issuance, Repurchases and Repayments of Debt and Equity Securities

During the current quarter and financial period, there was no issuance, repurchase and repayment of debt and equity securities by the Company.

A7 - Dividends Paid

The total dividends paid to shareholders during the financial period amounted to RM20,158,000 (2023: RM33,261,000) as follows: -

On 27 February 2024, the Board declared a fourth interim single-tier dividend of 1.0 sen per share on 2,015,817,574 ordinary shares amounting to RM20,158,000 in respect of the financial year ended 31 December 2023 which was paid on 29 March 2024.

A8 - Material Subsequent Events

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

A9 - Contingent Liabilities

There are no material contingent liabilities as at the end of the current financial period and up to 7 May 2024 (being a date not earlier than 7 days from the date of these interim financial statements).

A10 - Changes in Composition of the Group

There were no changes to the composition of the Group during the financial period, including business combination, acquisition or disposal of subsidiaries and long-term investments, restructuring and discontinued operations.

A11 - Other Significant Events and Transactions

There are no other transactions and events that are significant to the understanding of the changes in the financial position and performance of the Group since the Audited Financial Statements.

A12 – Operating Segments

Segmental information is presented in respect of the Group's business segments, which reflect the Group's management structure and the way financial information is internally reviewed by the Group's chief operating decision makers.

3 Months ended 31 Mar	Wa	ter	Waste ma	nagement	Constr	uction	Toll hig	ghway	Renewabl	e energy	Oth	ers	Tot	tal	Reconci	liation		r Statement of sive Income
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
	RM'000																	
	Unaudited																	
Revenue	50,894	52,021	86,461	84,410	11,798	11,957	21,440	15,922	6,641	6,415	1,083	1,250	178,317	171,975	(84,990)	(78,443)	93,327	93,532
EBITDA(i)	18,456	15,192	13,206	11,554	292	254	18,113	12,260	6,354	5,479	(3,361)	(2,033)	53,060	42,706	(12,341)	(6,452)	40,719	36,254
Depreciation and amortisation	(112)	(90)	(2,771)	(1,551)	(5)	(6)	(6,311)	(6,086)	(2,882)	(2,864)	(797)	(773)	(12,878)	(11,370)	538	(560)	(12,340)	(11,930)
Operating profit	18,344	15,102	10,435	10,003	287	248	11,802	6,174	3,472	2,615	(4,158)	(2,806)	40,182	31,336	(11,803)	(7,012)	28,379	24,324
Finance costs	(6)		(8,419)	(7,149)	-	-	(2,138)	(2,443)	(123)	(130)	(314)	(342)	(11,000)	(10,064)	6,950	5,659	(4,050)	(4,405)
Share of results of joint venture	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	4,404	496	4,404	496
Share of results of associate		-	-		-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	(5,555)	(4,755)	(5,555)	(4,755)
Profit before tax	18,338	15,102	2,016	2,854	287	248	9,664	3,731	3,349	2,485	(4,472)		29,182	21,272	(6,004)	(5,612)		15,660
Income tax expense	(4,317)	(3,458)	(4,491)	(5,173)	-		(2,594)	(1,194)	90	97	-	612	(11,312)	(9,116)	5,483	5,131	(5,829)	(3,985)
Profit for the financial year	14,021	11,644	(2,475)	(2,319)	287	248	7,070	2,537	3,439	2,582	(4,472)	(2.536)	17,870	12,156	(521)	(481)	17,349	11,675
,			(2,222)	(L)							(4,23-2)				(, ,		
EBDA(ii)	14,133	11,734	296	(768)	292	254	13,381	8,623	6,321	5,446	(3,675)	(1,763)	30,748	23,526	(1,059)	79	29,689	23,605
Capex(iii)	90	69	9,256	9,100	13	90	94	166	7	393	5	55	9,465	9,873	-	-	-	-

A12 – Operating Segments (continued)

- (i) EBITDA is defined as earnings before finance costs, taxation, depreciation and amortisation (and excludes share of results of associates and joint venture).
- (ii) EBDA is defined as earnings before depreciation and amortisation.
- (iii) CAPEX is defined as capital expenditure based on the Group's proportionate share on capital expenditure incurred for the financial period.

Notes

- 1. The Group monitors the performance of its business by five main business segments namely water treatment and supply, construction, toll highway, waste management and renewable energy. Others refer to investment holding and other non-core businesses. Goodwill has been allocated to its reportable segments.
- 2. The revenue and profit performance represent the Group's proportionate share of interest in each of the subsidiaries (instead of full consolidation) and includes a proportionate share of the interest of joint ventures or associates (instead of being equity accounted). The total is then reconciled to the revenue and profit performance in the Condensed Statements of Comprehensive Income. This is the measure reported to the chief operating decision makers for the purposes of resource allocation and assessment of segment performance.
- 3. The segmental information on the waste management segment excluded the fair value measurement adjustments made at the Group level. This is to better assess the operational performance of the segment. The segmental results (including the calculation of EBITDA and EBDA), are solely from the concession business, after the proportionate deduction of dividends on cumulative preferences shares held by parties other than the Group.

	Water treat	tment and												
	supj		Waste man	nagement	Constru	uction_	Toll hig	<u>shway</u>	Renewabl	e energy	Othe	<u>ers</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>tal</u>
As at 31 Mar	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	<u>RM'000</u>	RM'000	<u>RM'000</u>	RM'000	<u>RM'000</u>	RM'000	<u>RM'000</u>	<u>RM'000</u>	<u>RM'000</u>	<u>RM'000</u>
	unaudited	unaudited	unaudited	unaudited	unaudited	<u>unaudited</u>	unaudited	<u>unaudited</u>	unaudited	unaudited	unaudited	unaudited	unaudited	unaudited
Segment assets	98,160	131,742	88,203	111,299	132,568	53,790	1,216,531	1,237,007	167,757	176,208	56,835	92,228	1,760,054	1,802,274
Segment liabilities	(22,789)	(26,748)	-	-	(119,235)	(48,890)	(585,658)	(632,276)	(37,839)	(39,365)	(33,930)	(28,785)	(799,451)	(776,064)
Net segment assets	75,371	104,994	88,203	111,299	13,333	4,900	630,873	604,731	129,918	136,843	22,905	63,443	960,603	1,026,210

PART B – DISCLOSURES PURSUANT TO PART A OF APPENDIX 9B OF THE LISTING REQUIREMENTS OF BURSA MALAYSIA SECURITIES BERHAD

B1 - Overall Review of Group's Financial Performance

Part A - Review of Statement of Financial Position

	As at	As at	
	31 Mar 2024	31 Dec 2023	Variance
	(unaudited)	(Audited)	(%)
	RM'000	RM'000	#
Total assets	1,760,054	1,747,924	† 1
Total liabilities	799,451	784,062	† 2
Total shareholders' equity	960,603	963,862	-
Return on equity (%)*	1.80	4.92	↓ 63
Net assets per share (sen)	34.25	34.52	↓ 1

^{*} Return on Equity is calculated by dividing the profit for the financial period/year with the average of the opening and closing total shareholders' equity

- (a) The Group's total assets increase marginally by 1% or RM12.13 million when compared to the Audited Financial Statements mainly due to an increase in the following carrying amounts:
 - (i) inventories by RM20.93 million, mainly from material purchased and delivered on site but yet to be installed or consumed in the Group's construction activities;
 - (ii) trade and other receivables by RM53.22 million mainly due to higher billings to customer from purchases of inventory and the BWSR Increase. Additionally, the increase is also attributed to purchases of solar panels to be installed in the ongoing solar panel replacements at two of the project sites at TR Cpark Sdn. Bhd. ("TR Cpark") and TR Sepang Sdn. Bhd. ("TR Sepang"); and
 - (iii) investment in joint venture by RM4.40 million due to recognition of a government compensation of RM12.56 million during the current financial period.

Nonetheless, the increase in total assets was offset by the reduction of the following carrying amounts:

- (i) investments designated at FVTPL, cash and bank balances of RM48.33 million. The decrease in the cash reserves of the Group was principally due to dividend payments to shareholders, repayments of the Islamic Medium-Term Notes ("IMTN") under a IMTN (Sukuk) Programme issued by Cerah Sama Sdn Bhd ("Cerah Sama") and interest payments during the financial period;
- (ii) intangible assets by RM8.19 million due to amortisation charges; and
- (iii) investments in associates by RM5.56 million mainly due to share of losses of SWM Environment Holdings Sdn Bhd ("SWMEH") during the financial period.

[#] approximate, to the nearest digit

Part A – Review of Statement of Financial Position (continued)

Total liabilities saw an increase of 2% or RM15.39 million mainly due to the increase in trade payables and amount due to contract customers by RM37.41 million and RM23.15 million respectively from purchases of inventories and increase in billings to contract customers for inventories purchased. On the other hand, there was a reduction in borrowings from the redemption of the fifth tranche of the IMTN of RM30.00 million, repayment of revolving credit of RM5.00 million as well as lower deferred income and other payables by RM3.48 million and RM5.05 million respectively.

(b) There was no major variation in the total shareholders' equity in the current quarter compared to the Audited Financial Statements. The net assets per share at 34.25 sen was comparable to 34.52 sen recorded as of 31 December 2023.

Part B – Review of Income Statement

The breakdown of the revenue by business segment below should be read in conjunction with Note A4 – Disaggregation of Revenue above.

Revenue Water treatment and supply Construction Toll highway Renewable energy Others Revenue as per Condensed Statement of Comprehensive Income Profit Before Tax	3 Months ended 31 Mar 2024 RM'000 unaudited 50,894 11,798 22,911 6,641 1,083 93,327 3 Months ended 31 Mar 2024 RM'000 unaudited	3 Months ended 31 Mar 2023 RM'000 unaudited 52,021 11,957 21,888 6,416 1,250 93,532 3 Months ended 31 Mar 2023 RM'000 unaudited
Water treatment and supply Construction Toll highway Renewable energy Others Operating profit Finance cost Share of results of joint venture Share of results of associates Profit before tax for the financial period	18,344 279 10,446 3,472 (4,162) 28,379 (4,050) 4,404 (5,555) 23,178	15,102 239 9,173 2,615 (2,805) 24,324 (4,405) 496 (4,755) 15,660

<u>Part B – Review of Income Statement (continued)</u>

(a) <u>Current Quarter vs. Preceding Year's Corresponding Quarter</u>

Overall Summary

For the current quarter, the Group posted a revenue of RM93.33 million, which was comparable to the corresponding quarter. The revenue contributed by water treatment and supply segment was lower on account of lower electricity rebates, but this was mitigated by higher revenue contributed by the toll highway segment from higher ADT in the current quarter. Other operating segment's revenue did not show significant variance when compared to the corresponding quarter.

Despite similar revenue, the Group reported a higher PBT of RM23.18 million, as compared to RM15.66 million in the corresponding quarter. The increase in PBT was mainly attributable to the following: -

- (a) higher share of results from a joint venture company, Grand Sepadu (NK) Sdn Bhd ("**Grand Sepadu**") due to a government compensation of RM12.56 million recognised in the current quarter in respect of a non-increase in scheduled toll hike in respect of 2020;
- (b) BWSR Increase from the water treatment and supply segment;
- (c) lower provision of heavy repairs in the toll highway segment referred to in Note 39 of the Audited Financial Statements whereby the Group had reassessed the basis of estimation for the provision of heavy repairs to be based on the independent pavement condition assessment conducted annually; and
- (d) higher sundry income and net gain on foreign exchange as well as lower finance costs.

However, the increase in PBT was impacted by higher rehabilitation and maintenance expenses of RM6.64 million (Q1FY23: RM5.10 million), payroll related costs, depreciation and amortisation expenses of RM12.34 million (Q1FY23: RM11.93 million), as well as higher share of losses of an associate, SWMEH of RM5.97 million (Q1FY23: RM5.23 million) in the current quarter. The net returns from interest income, dividend and net gain on redemption from investments designated at FVTPL were lower at RM0.99 million (Q1FY23: RM1.27 million) in the current quarter.

Water treatment and supply

The operating revenue for the water treatment and supply segment comprised of metered sales of RM42.03 million (Q1FY23: RM37.01 million) and electricity and chemical rebates of RM8.86 million (Q1FY23: RM15.01 million) respectively. Despite the BWSR Increase, the segment's operating revenue registered a decrease from RM52.02 million to RM50.89 million due to the lower metered sales and electricity rebates.

The metered sales and the average million litres per day ("MLD") of metered sales recorded in SSP1 were as follows: -

SSP1	Q1 2024	Q1 2023	variance (%)
Metered Sales (million m ³)	87.56	88.12	↓ 0.6
Number of billing days	91	90	
Average MLD	962	979	↓ 1.7

The segment's operating profit increased from RM15.10 million to RM18.34 million in the current quarter due to the BWSR Increase. However, this increase was partially offset by a rise in rehabilitation and maintenance expenditure totaling RM5.50 million (Q1FY23: RM4.27 million) and lower return from interest income, dividend and net gain on redemption from investments designated at FVTPL of RM0.29 million (Q1FY23: RM0.44 million).

<u>Part B – Review of Income Statement (continued)</u>

(a) <u>Current Quarter vs. Preceding Year's Corresponding Quarter (continued)</u>

Construction

The construction revenue and operating profit was almost similar when compared to the corresponding quarter. The current quarter's revenue was achieved from the progress of the Packages 2 and 3 of Phase 1 of the Sungai Rasau Water Treatment Plant and Water Supply Scheme ("Rasau Projects"), whereas in the corresponding quarter, revenue was contributed by both the Rasau Projects as well as from the Proposed Construction and Completion of 76ML RC Reservoir R4 and Related Ancillary Works at Cyberjaya Flagship Zone, Mukim Dengkil, Daerah Sepang, Selangor Darul Ehsan ("CRJ4 Project") which has since been completed in the third quarter of last year but pending finalisation of its accounts.

Toll highway – Subsidiary

ADT	Q1 2024	Q1 2023	Variance (%)
Grand Saga Highway	162,489	155,627	† 4.4

With the opening of the Sungai Besi–Ulu Klang Elevated Expressway ("**SUKE Expressway**") in September 2022, there was a significant improvement in the traffic flow along the Grand Saga Highway. As a result, Grand Saga's ADT increased by 4.4%, generating higher revenue by RM1.02 million during the current quarter.

The operating profit was higher at RM10.45 million as compared to RM9.17 million in the corresponding quarter attributed to higher revenue and lower provision for heavy repairs. The increase was however impacted by higher amortisation of intangible assets amounting to RM8.18 million (Q1FY23: RM7.86 million) as well as higher repair and maintenance expenses in the current quarter amounting to RM0.80 million (Q1FY23: RM0.43 million).

Renewable energy

The total energy output (measured in megawatt-hour ("MWh") recorded in the four (4) solar plants were as follows: -

	Q1 2024	Q1 2023	Variance (%)
Total energy output (MWh)	5,603	5,381	† 4.1

The revenue contributed by the renewable energy segment in the current quarter was slightly higher by RM0.23 million attributed to higher energy output by 4.1%.

In line with higher revenue, the operating profit was also higher at RM3.47 million as compared to RM2.62 million in the corresponding quarter. The segment also recorded higher sundry income and net gain on foreign exchange of RM0.42 million (Q1FY23: RM0.05 million) in the current quarter. The higher sundry income of RM0.52 million (Q1FY23: RM0.13 million) due to disposal of the old panels following the ongoing panel replacement in both TR Cpark and TR Sepang solar facilities during the current quarter.

Part B – Review of Income Statement (continued)

(a) <u>Current Quarter vs. Preceding Year's Corresponding Quarter (continued)</u>

Toll highway – Share of results of joint venture

ADT	Q1 2024	Q1 2023	Variance (%)
Grand Sepadu Highway	88,919	87,984	↑ 1.1

The Group's share of results from Grand Sepadu was higher by RM3.91 million mainly due to the recognition of government compensation of RM12.56 million. The improved share of results was also contributed from the increased traffic brought on by the opening of a new flyover at Bandar Bukit Raja, improving the ADT by 1.1%, and to a lesser extent, from lower provision for heavy repairs and finance cost in the current quarter. However, the increase was offset by higher repair and maintenance expenses of RM0.60 million (Q1FY23: RM0.45 million), depreciation and amortisation expenses of RM4.04 million (Q1FY23: RM3.92 million) and tax expenses of RM5.01 million (Q1FY23: RM 1.78 million).

Waste management – Associate

The Group's share of results of associates is mainly contributed by SWMEH. The Group's share of losses from SWMEH was higher at RM5.97 million as compared to RM5.23 million in the corresponding quarter due to lower PAT recorded in SWMEH's group level and higher adjustments made by the Group of RM62.77 million (Q1FY23: RM61.09 million) to SWMEH's PAT.

At SWMEH's group level, the revenue from both solid waste collection and public cleansing services was higher by 2.4% in the current quarter, mainly attributable to the handing over of new areas. Nonetheless, SWMEH recorded a lower PAT of RM45.70 million compared to RM46.15 million in the corresponding quarter, mainly due to higher repair and maintenance expenses, payroll related costs, depreciation and finance costs in the current quarter. However, the drop was mitigated by lower provision for loss allowance on receivables and taxes during the current quarter.

(b) <u>Material Change in Financial Performance for the Current Quarter Compared with Preceding</u> Ouarter

	3 Months	3 Months
	<u>ended</u>	<u>ended</u>
	31 Mar 2024	30 Dec 2023
	<u>RM'000</u>	<u>RM'000</u>
	<u>unaudited</u>	<u>unaudited</u>
<u>Revenue</u>		
Water treatment and supply	50,894	45,759
Construction	11,798	26,435
Toll highway	22,911	22,653
Renewable energy	6,641	5,479
Others	1,083	1,083
Total revenue as per Condensed Statement of		
Comprehensive Income	93,327	101,409

Part B – Review of Income Statement (continued)

(b) <u>Material Change in Financial Performance for the Current Quarter Compared with Preceding Quarter (continued)</u>

<u>Profit Before Tax</u>		
Water treatment and supply	18,344	12,336
Construction	279	1,485
Toll highway	10,446	11,784
Renewable energy	3,472	1,250
Others	(4,162)	(2,324)
Operating profit	28,379	24,531
Finance cost	(4,050)	(4,394)
Share of results of joint venture	4,404	460
Share of results of associates	(5,555)	(5,966)
Profit before tax for the financial period	23,178	14,631

In the current quarter, the Group revenue decreased by RM8.08 million, from RM101.41 million to RM93.33 million mainly due to lower contribution from the construction segment whereas all other segments recorded higher revenue.

Despite the lower revenue, the Group PBT increased by RM8.55 million to RM23.18 million from RM14.63 million in the previous quarter. This was attributable to higher share of results from joint venture and lower expenses, amongst others, repair and maintenance expenses, provision for heavy repairs and employee related expenses in the current quarter. The higher PBT in the preceding quarter was also due to lower amortisation of intangible assets, higher net return from interest income, dividend and net gain on redemption from investments designated at FVTPL, as well as recognition of a net reversal of provision for loss allowance on receivables.

For the water treatment and supply segment, the operating revenue recorded an increase from RM45.89 million to RM50.89 million principally due to the BWSR Increase, despite lower metered sales in the current quarter. Electricity and chemical rebates did not vary materially from the preceding quarter. The following were the metered sales and the average MLD of metered sales recorded in the SSP1 operations:

SSP1	Q1 2024	Q4 2023	Variance (%)
Metered Sales (million m ³)	87.56	88.1	↓ 0.6%
Number of billing days	91	92	
Average MLD	962	957	† 0.5%

The segment's operating profit recorded an increase by RM6.01 million due to increase in revenue and lower rehabilitation and maintenance expenses and employee related expenses in the current quarter. However, this increase was partially impacted by lower sundry income in the current quarter and recognition of a net reversal of provision for loss allowance on receivables in the preceding quarter.

The construction segment's revenue is substantially lower due to higher contribution from the Rasau Projects and the CRJ4 Project in the preceding quarter. In line with lower revenue, the segment's operating profit was also lower, coupled with a net reversal of provision of loss allowance on receivables recognised in the preceding quarter.

Part B – Review of Income Statement (continued)

(b) <u>Material Change in Financial Performance for the Current Quarter Compared with Preceding Quarter (continued)</u>

Revenue contribution from Grand Saga showed a marginal increase due to a slight increase in the ADT by 0.7% as compared to preceding quarter. Despite the increase in revenue, operating profit was lower attributable to higher of amortisation of intangible assets. This drop was however mitigated by lower provision for heavy repairs and repair and maintenance expenses in the current quarter.

The ADT recorded in the Grand Saga Highway was as follows: -

ADT	Q1 2024	Q4 2023	Variance (%)
Grand Saga Highway	162,489	161,380	↑ 0.7

For the renewable energy segment, revenue increased by RM1.16 million due to higher total energy output generated by 16.4% attributable to a higher average insolation of 485.9 kWh/m2 as compared to 409.1 kWh/m2 in the previous quarter. This was also reflected in the increase in the operating profit. The higher operating profit was also due to higher sundry income and net gain on foreign exchange in the current quarter. The total energy output (measured in MWh) recorded in the four (4) solar plants were as follows: -

	Q1 2024	Q4 2023	Variance (%)
Total energy output (MWh)	5,603	4,813	↑ 16.4

As for Grand Sepadu, the company recorded an almost similar ADT as compared to preceding quarter. Nonetheless, the Group's share of results in Grand Sepadu was significantly higher at RM4.40 million (Q4FY23: RM0.46 million) and this was attributed to the government compensation of RM12.56 million in the current quarter, coupled with lower provision of heavy repairs and repair and maintenance expenses in the current quarter. The higher share of results contributed to higher taxes.

The ADT recorded in the Grand Sepadu Highway was as follows: -

ADT	Q1 2024	Q4 2023	Variance (%)
Grand Sepadu Highway	88,919	88,941	-

The Group's share of losses of SWMEH was lower at RM5.97 million as compared to RM6.16 million in the preceding quarter due to higher PAT recorded in SWMEH's group level. At SWMEH's group level, the revenue from both solid waste collection and public cleansing services was not differ materially from the preceding quarter. However, SWMEH recorded a higher PAT at RM45.70 million as compared to RM44.24 million due to lower provision for loss allowance on receivables, depreciation expenses and repair and maintenance expenses in the current quarter. This was however impacted by the higher of finance cost and taxes.

Part C – Review of Statement of Cash Flow

	3 Months ended 31 Mar 2024 RM'000 unaudited	3 Months ended 31 Mar 2023 RM'000 unaudited	Variance (%)
Net cash from operating activities	15,122	42,528	↓ 64
Net cash from investing activities	38,008	57,878	↓ 34
Net cash used in financing activities	(64,120)	(73,026)	↓ 12

Net cash from operating activities for the financial period was lower by RM27.41 million or 64% primarily attributable to purchase of inventories, lower payments from trade and other receivables as well as contract customers in the current financial period. The lower net cash from operating activities was also contributed by the higher income tax paid in the current financial period. Nonetheless, this decrease was offset by higher profit generated from business operation and lower payments made to trade and other payables during the financial period.

Net cash from investing activities for the financial period was lower by RM19.87 million or 34% primarily due to the lower net proceeds from redemption of investments designated at FVTPL as compared to corresponding period. Additionally, the decrease in net cash from investing activities was also attributable to dividend received from a joint venture in the corresponding period.

Net cash used in financing activities for the financial period was lower by RM8.91 million or 12% due to lower dividend payment to shareholders. Nonetheless, this was offset by an increase in loan repayments compared to corresponding period.

B2 - Prospects

The profitability of the Group is predominantly driven by the performance of the water treatment and supply; and the toll highway segments as they contribute the bulk of the profits and cash flows to the Group. Throughout the year, there was a consistent and sustained demand for treated raw water in the Klang Valley. Additionally, the toll highway segment has shown vast improvement in the traffic volume, particularly for the Grand Saga Highway, following the opening of the SUKE Expressway. Aside from that, contribution from the renewable energy and construction segments to the Group's profit continued to improve compared to a year ago following the replacement of solar panels at one of the project sites and receipt of approval from authority to commence construction work for the Rasau Projects respectively.

In the previous year, Packages 2 and 3 of the Rasau Projects were granted an extension of time to complete by 29 November 2025 and 19 December 2025 respectively. Both the projects are still behind schedule and we expect to apply for further extension of time to complete both the projects. The successful completion of the Rasau Projects remains as one of the top priorities considering that it is a sizeable project to the Group.

For the waste management segment, SWMEH remains profitable and continues to register higher revenue from both solid waste collection and public cleansing services mainly from increasing areas to be serviced. However, the protracted delay in securing a tariff revision remains one of the key concerns. As a result, the Group is expected to record share of losses until the tariff revision is resolved. Discussions are on-going between SWMEH and the Ministry of Housing and Local Government for a second cycle tariff review under the terms of the SWMEH concession agreement.

B2 – Prospects (continued)

In the renewable energy segment, the improved financial result is attributed to the improved solar panel efficiency at TR SaTerm's solar facility, pursuant to the successful completion of the solar panel replacement project in the fourth quarter of 2022. For 2024, the Group has commenced replacing solar panels in the two other solar facilities, namely TR Cpark and TR Sepang which involves an estimated capital expenditure of approximately RM19.5 million. The replacement exercise is expected to be completed by the third quarter of this year.

The Group continues to focus on its growth strategies, prioritising investing and growing its infrastructure and utility businesses and intends to prioritise its resources for this purpose.

B3 - Profit Estimates, Forecasts, Projections, Internal Targets or Profit Guarantees

Not applicable as none were announced or disclosed in a public document.

B4 - Profit before tax

	3 Months ended 31 Mar	
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	RM'000	RM'000
	unaudited	<u>unaudited</u>
Other operating income:		
Interest income on fixed deposits with licensed banks	589	465
Dividend from investments designated at FVTPL	276	740
Rental income	96	98
Gain on redemption of investments designated at FVTPL	122	61
Gain on foreign exchange (realised)	-	1
Gain on foreign exchange (unrealised)	647	81
Fair value changes	2	167
Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment and sundry income	771	300
Cost of operations, administrative and other expenses:		
Depreciation and amortisation	(12,340)	(11,929)
Imputed interest on borrowing	(64)	(76)
Loss on fair value changes	(52)	-
Loss allowance on trade and other receivables and amount due from contract		
customers	(1)	-
Loss on foreign exchange (unrealised)	(227)	(32)
Loss on foreign exchange (realised)	-	(1)
Reversal of interest income imputed on retention sum	(42)	(70)

Save as disclosed above, the other items required under Chapter 9, Appendix 9B, Part A (16) of the Listing Requirements of Bursa Securities are not applicable.

B5 – Income Tax Expense

The income tax expense is in respect of the estimated Malaysian income tax charges and deferred tax expenses. The effective tax rate of the Group varied from the statutory tax rate principally due to non-deductibility of certain expenses and/or non-taxability of certain income, as the case maybe, tax effect of share of profits/loss of joint venture and associates and losses incurred by certain subsidiaries which were not available to be set-off against taxable profits in other companies within the Group.

	3 Months end	3 Months ended 31 Mar	
	<u>2024</u>	2023	
	<u>RM'000</u>	<u>RM'000</u>	
	<u>unaudited</u>	<u>unaudited</u>	
Malaysian income tax	7,297	7,045	
Deferred tax expense	(1,468)	(3,060)	
Total income tax expense	5,829	3,985	
Effective tax rate	25.1%	25.4%	

B6 - Status of Corporate Proposals Announced but not Completed

There was no corporate proposal announced but not completed as of 7 May 2024, being a date not earlier than 7 days from the date of these interim financial statements.

B7 - Group Borrowings and Debt Securities

Included in the borrowings of the Group are borrowings denominated in Ringgit Malaysia as follows: -

	Long term RM'000	Short term RM'000	<u>Total</u> RM'000
31 Mar 2024 (unaudited) Secured- IMTN	229,279	40,000	269,279
31 Mar 2023 (unaudited) Secured- IMTN	268,983	30,000	298,983

The RM420 million in nominal value IMTN Programme issued by Cerah Sama is repayable over eleven (11) annual instalments commencing 2020. During the financial period, the fifth tranche of the IMTN amounting to RM30 million in nominal value was redeemed in full at maturity in January 2024. As at the end of the financial period the remaining balance of the IMTN tranches is RM270 million, which are repayable between 2025 and 2030.

B8 - Changes in Material Litigations

The Group does not have any material litigation as at the last annual statement of financial position.

B9 - Earnings Per Share ("EPS")

Basic and diluted earnings per share attributable to owners of the Company are computed by dividing the profit for the financial period attributable to owners of the Company by the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue during the financial period.

There are no potential dilutive ordinary shares attributable to the Company as at the end of the financial period.

	3 Months ended 31 Mar	
	2024	<u>2023</u>
	<u>unaudited</u>	unaudited
Profit for the financial period attributable to owners of the Company (RM'000)	15,025	10,059
Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue ('000)	2,015,817	2,015,817
Earnings per share (sen)	<u>0.75</u>	<u>0.50</u>

B10 – Auditors' Reports

The audit report on the annual financial statements of the Group and the Company for the preceding financial year does not contain a modified opinion or material uncertainty related to going concern.

B11 - Investment Designated at FVTPL, Deposits, Bank and Cash Balances

As at the end of the financial period, included in the investment designated at FVTPL, deposits, bank and cash balances totalling RM130.92 million are: -

- (a) RM15.69 million held as securities for banking facilities secured by the Group, of which RM8.19 million is maintained in a debt service reserve account for the sixth tranche of the IMTN and its corresponding interest due on 31 January 2025;
- (b) RM27.60 million for budgeted capital expenditure for the year, a significant portion of which is for solar panel replacement and other improvement works.

B12 – Restatement of Comparatives

Certain comparatives may differ from the unaudited financial results announced for the fourth quarter of 2023 as they have been adjusted to take into account the audited results of the Group for the financial year ended 31 December 2023.

B13 – Dividends

The Board is pleased to declare a first interim single-tier dividend of 1.00 sen per share on 2,015,817,574 shares amounting to RM20,158,000 in respect of the financial year ending 31 December 2024, to be payable on 28 June 2024.

For the dividend year-to-date for the financial year ending 31 December 2024, the Board has therefore declared a total single-tier dividend of 1.00 sen to shareholders amounting to RM20,158,000 (2023: 1.65 sen per share amounting to RM33,261,000).

B14 – Authorisation for Release

These interim financial statements have been reviewed by the Audit and Risk Management Committee and approved by the Board for public release.

By Order of the Board Tai Yuen Ling (LS0008513) Tai Yit Chan (MAICSA 7009143) Company Secretaries 14 May 2024