

EXPLANATORY NOTES AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. Basis of Preparation

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

This interim financial report contains condensed consolidated financial statements and selected explanatory notes. The notes include an explanation of events and transactions that are significant to an understanding of the changes in financial position and performance of the Company and its subsidiaries (“the Group”) subsequent to 31 December 2025.

The significant accounting policies and methods of computation applied in the unaudited condensed interim financial statements are consistent with those adopted in the most recent audited annual financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2025 except for the following which were adopted at the beginning of the current financial year.

Amendments effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2026

- Amendments to MFRS 9, Financial Instruments and MFRS 7, Financial Instruments: Disclosures – Classification and Measurement of Financial Instruments
- Amendments that are part of Annual Improvements – Volume 11:
 - Amendments to MFRS 7, Financial Instruments: Disclosures
 - Amendments to MFRS 9, Financial Instruments
 - Amendments to MFRS 10, Consolidated Financial Statements
 - Amendments to MFRS 107, Statement of Cash Flows
- Amendments to MFRS 9, Financial Instruments and MFRS 7, Financial Instruments: Disclosures – Contracts Referencing Nature-dependent Electricity

The adoption of the abovementioned amendments did not have any material impact to the current period and prior period financial statements of the Group and the Company.

2. Seasonality or Cyclicity of Interim Operations

Generally, the Group’s operations are not affected by seasonal or cyclical factors. However, the Group’s share of profit from an associate company which is involved in the job portal business may be negatively impacted in the last quarter of the year as recruitment activities tend to slow down towards year-end and during major holidays.

3. Unusual Items

There were no items or events that arose during the quarter under review, which affected assets, liabilities, equity, net income or cash flows that are unusual by reason of their nature, size or incidence.

4. Changes in Estimates

There were no changes in the nature and amount of estimates reported that have a material effect during the quarter under review.

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

During the quarter under review, the Company had bought back from the open market 218,100 of its issued ordinary shares (“JcbNext Shares”) at an average buy-back price of approximately RM1.73 per ordinary share. The total consideration paid for the share buy-back of JcbNext Shares by the Company during the quarter under review was RM378,997. The JcbNext Shares bought back are held as treasury shares in accordance with Section 127 Subsection 4(b) of the Companies Act 2016. At 31 March 2026, the Company held 218,100 of its own shares as treasury shares.

Other than the aforementioned share-buy-back, the Company continued to dispose 104 Corporation shares during the quarter under review as mentioned in Note 12.

Saved as disclosed above, there were no other issuances, cancellations, repurchases, resale and repayments of debt and equity securities during the quarter under review.

6. Dividends Paid

No dividend has been declared or paid during the quarter under review.

7. Operating Segments

The information reported to the Group’s chief operating decision maker, who is also the Group’s Chief Executive Officer, for the purposes of resource allocation and assessment of performance is segregated according to the following segments:

| | |
|--------------------|---|
| Investment holding | Includes equity investments, property investments, treasury investments, investment in associates, and property leasing |
| Others | Includes online advertising |

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Cumulative Quarter Ended 31/03/2026
(The figures have not been audited)

| | Investment holding RM’000 | Others RM’000 | Eliminations RM’000 | Consolidated RM’000 |
|--|--|--------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Segment revenue | | | | |
| Dividends | 819 | - | - | 819 |
| Interest income | 505 | - | - | 505 |
| Investment distribution income | 428 | - | - | 428 |
| Revenue for the year | <u>1,752</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>1,752</u> |
| Segment profit/(loss) | | | | |
| Operating profit/(loss) for reportable segments | 296 | - | - | 296 |
| Interest expense | (5) | - | - | (5) |
| Gain on disposal of investment in an associate | 3,754 | - | - | 3,754 |
| Gain on financial assets classified as fair value through profit or loss | 309 | - | - | 309 |
| Share of loss of equity-accounted associates | 1,000 | - | - | 1,000 |
| Profit before tax | <u>5,354</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>5,354</u> |
| Income tax expense | (90) | - | - | (90) |
| Profit for the year | <u>5,264</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>5,264</u> |
| Segment assets | <u>605,930</u> | <u>90</u> | <u>(152,723)</u> | <u>453,297</u> |
| <i>Included in the measure of segment assets are:</i> | | | | |
| Investment in associates | 42,756 | - | - | 42,756 |
| Non-current assets other than financial instruments and deferred tax assets | 18,279 | - | - | 18,279 |
| Additions to non-current assets other than financial instruments and deferred tax assets | 179 | - | - | 179 |
| Other segment information | | | | |
| Depreciation of property and equipment | 7 | - | - | 7 |
| Depreciation of right-of-use assets | 25 | - | - | 25 |

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| | Investment holding RM’000 | Others RM’000 | Eliminations RM’000 | Consolidated RM’000 |
|---|--|--------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Segment revenue | | | | |
| Revenue from external customers | 345 | - | - | 345 |
| Inter segment revenue | 1 | - | (1) | - |
| Dividends | 1,507 | - | - | 1,507 |
| Interest income | 584 | - | - | 584 |
| Investment distribution income | 23 | - | - | 23 |
| Revenue for the year | <u>2,460</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>(1)</u> | <u>2,459</u> |
| Segment profit/(loss) | | | | |
| Operating profit/(loss) for reportable segments | 1,232 | (40) | 34 | 1,226 |
| Interest expense | (3) | - | - | (3) |
| Gain on disposal of investment in an associate | 5,278 | - | - | 5,278 |
| Gain on financial assets classified as fair value through profit or loss | 143 | - | - | 143 |
| Share of profit of equity-accounted associates | 1,070 | - | - | 1,070 |
| Profit before tax | <u>7,720</u> | <u>(40)</u> | <u>34</u> | <u>7,714</u> |
| Income tax expense | (373) | - | - | (373) |
| Profit for the year | <u>7,347</u> | <u>(40)</u> | <u>34</u> | <u>7,341</u> |
| Segment assets | <u>582,312</u> | <u>143</u> | <u>(148,343)</u> | <u>434,112</u> |
| <i>Included in the measure of segment assets are:</i> | | | | |
| Investment in associates | 74,170 | - | - | 74,170 |
| Non-current assets other than financial instruments and deferred tax assets | 18,610 | - | - | 18,610 |
| Other segment information | | | | |
| Depreciation of property and equipment | 5 | - | - | 5 |
| Depreciation of right-of-use assets | 16 | - | - | 16 |

8. Subsequent Events

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

9. Changes in the Composition of the Group

There were no changes in the composition of the Group during the quarter under review.

10. Changes in contingent assets and contingent liabilities

There were no material contingent liabilities or contingent assets as at 18 May 2026 (being the latest practicable date not earlier than 7 days from the date of issue of this interim financial report).

11. Capital Commitments

| | As at 31.3.2026 RM'000 |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Investment in unquoted shares | |
| Contracted but not provided for: | 268 |

12. Review of Performance for the Quarter

For the quarter ended 31 March 2026, consolidated revenue amounted to RM1.75 million, which was 28.8% lower than the revenue in the corresponding quarter in the preceding year of RM2.46 million. The decrease was mainly due to the lower dividend income from quoted investments.

The Group reported higher foreign exchange losses of RM0.35 million in the current quarter compared with RM0.08 million in Q1 2025. The foreign exchange losses consisted primarily of unrealised foreign exchange losses on the Group’s US Dollar and Singapore Dollar denominated bank deposits as the Ringgit strengthened from USD1:RM4.06 and SGD1:RM3.1555 at the end of December 2025 to USD1:RM4.0455 and SGD1:RM3.1355 at the end of March 2026.

During the quarter under review, the Company had continued to dispose shares in an associate, 104 Corporation, and in the process the Group recorded gains on disposal of the said shares amounting to RM3.75 million, a decrease of 28.9% compared with gains of RM5.28 million recorded in Q1 2025. Following the disposals, the Company continued to hold 7.68% equity interest in 104 Corporation as at 31 March 2026.

Our share of profit from equity accounted associates decreased marginally by 6.6% year-on-year to RM1.0 million in Q1 2026 from RM1.07 million in the corresponding quarter of 2025. 104 Corporation, a leading provider of integrated human resource services in Taiwan, posted a higher net profit of NT\$118.59 million in the current quarter compared with NT\$105.98 million in Q1 2025. Its revenue increased to NT\$643.70 million in Q1 2026 from NT\$616.76 million in Q1 2025. However, the Group’s share of its profits decreased from RM1.92 million in Q1 2025 to RM1.25 million in the current quarter in view of the lower equity interest in 104 Corporation of 7.68% compared to 12.55% at the end of Q1 2025.

The Group’s profit before tax (“PBT”) decreased by 30.6% to RM5.35 million in Q1 2026 from RM7.71 million in Q1 2025 mainly attributable to the lower dividend income, higher foreign exchange losses and lower gains of disposal of shares in 104 Corporation as mentioned above. Excluding the gains on disposal of shares, the adjusted PBT for Q1 2026 amounted to RM1.60 million compared with RM2.44 million in Q1 2025.

13. Comparison with previous quarter's results

| | Q1 2026 <u>Current Quarter</u> RM'000 | Q4 2025 <u>Preceding Quarter</u> RM'000 |
|-------------------|---|---|
| Revenue | 1,752 | 6,441 |
| Profit before tax | 5,354 | 7,127 |

For the current quarter under review, the Group recorded a lower revenue of RM1.75 million compared with RM6.44 million reported in the preceding quarter mainly due to lower dividend income from quoted investments.

Apart from the lower revenue, the Group recorded a lower PBT in the current quarter mainly due to lower gains of disposal of shares in an associate of RM3.75 million in Q1 2026 compared with RM7.64 million in Q4 2025. The lower PBT was partially mitigated by lower foreign exchange losses of RM0.35 million in the current quarter compared with RM3.02 million in the preceding quarter. In addition, the PBT in Q4 2025 was negatively impacted by impairment provision on an associate amounting to RM3.76 million and a decrease in the fair value of investment property amounting to RM0.50 million.

14. Prospects for the Year 2026

The Group’s future prospects will depend on the performance of its associated companies in Taiwan and Malaysia, equity investments, foreign exchange rates and operating activities in Malaysia. The Group will derive income primarily from dividend income from its quoted investments and rental income from its investment property. The Board and management will endeavour to identify and evaluate new investments to be acquired by the Company which can contribute to the financial performance of the Group. The Group has a healthy cash position, receives good cash flow from its investments and does not have any material debt.

After withstanding higher trade barriers and elevated uncertainty last year, the global economy is now facing significant challenges arising from the outbreak of war in the Middle East. The International Monetary Fund (“IMF”) projected global growth at 3.1% in April 2026, down from its January 2026 forecast of 3.3%. Global headline inflation is expected to increase moderately in 2026 before continuing its downward trend in 2027. The slowdown in economic growth and increase in inflation are expected to be more pronounced among emerging market and developing economies.

Downside risks continue to dominate the outlook. A prolonged or broader conflict, worsening geopolitical fragmentation, reassessment of expectations surrounding artificial intelligence (“AI”)-driven productivity, or renewed trade tensions could significantly weaken global growth and increase financial market volatility. In addition, elevated public debt levels and weakening institutional credibility may further heighten economic vulnerabilities. Nevertheless, global economic activity could improve if productivity gains from AI materialise more rapidly than expected or if trade tensions ease on a sustained basis.

The tenant for Wisma JobNext moved out at the end of their tenancy since 31 August 2025. The Group has already engaged real estate agents to procure new tenants.

15. Profit Forecast

No profit forecast was announced hence there is no comparison between actual results and forecast.

16. Taxation

The taxation charge/(credit) for the current quarter includes the following:

| | Individual and Cumulative Quarter Ended | |
|-------------------------------|--|-------------------|
| | 31.03.2026 | 31.03.2025 |
| | RM’000 | RM’000 |
| Estimated current tax payable | - | 177 |
| Deferred taxation | 90 | 196 |
| | <u>90</u> | <u>373</u> |

17. Investments

The Group’s investments during the current quarter and financial year-to-date are as follows:-

| | Individual and Cumulative Quarter Ended 31.03.2026 RM’000 |
|--|--|
| Associate companies | |
| Share of results and changes in equity in associates and exchange differences | (369) |
| Sales proceeds | (6,863) |
| Gain on disposal of shares | 3,754 |
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| Long term: | |
| Purchase consideration | 6,886 |
| Sale proceeds | (8,225) |
| Changes in fair value | (8,218) |
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| Short term: | |
| Purchase consideration | 13,046 |
| Sale proceeds | (6,304) |
| Changes in fair value | 309 |
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The Group’s investments at fair value through other comprehensive income, investments in the quoted securities of associate companies and other short-term investments at fair value through profit or loss as at 31 March 2026 are summarized below:

| | |
|------------------------------|----------------------|
| | RM’000 |
| At cost | 305,925 |
| At carrying value/book value | 325,067 [^] |
| At market value | 356,792 |
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^ Carrying value of investments in associate companies represents the Group’s proportionate share of net assets in the associate companies.

18. Status of Corporate Proposals

Proposed disposal of ordinary shares in JS E-Recruitment Ltd

The Company had on 24 June 2009 entered into a Share Sale Agreement (the “SSA”) with Daffodil Computers Limited, a company incorporated in Bangladesh (“Daffodil”) for the disposal of 60,000 ordinary shares of BDT 10 each in the share capital of JS E-Recruitment Ltd. (“JSE”) to Daffodil, representing 60% equity interest in the issued and paid-up share capital of JSE for a total cash consideration of USD1.00 (equivalent to RM3.549 based on the exchange rate as at 23 June 2009 of USD1:RM3.549).

19. Material Litigation

The Group is not engaged in any material litigation either as plaintiff or defendant and the directors do not have any knowledge of any proceedings pending or threatened against the Group as at the date of this report.

20. Dividend

No dividend has been declared during the quarter under review in line with the discontinuation of the previous dividend policy with effect from 22 February 2016.

21. Earnings Per Share

Basic earnings per share

The basic earnings per share is calculated by dividing the Group’s net profit attributable to owners of the Company by the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue during the period.

| | Individual and Cumulative Quarter Ended | |
|---|--|-------------------|
| | 31.03.2026 | 31.03.2025 |
| Net profit attributable to owners of the Company (RM’000) | 5,264 | 7,341 |
| Weighted average number of shares in issue (‘000) | 130,922 | 131,231 |
| Basic earnings per share (sen) | 4.02 | 5.59 |

Fully diluted earnings per share

No diluted earnings per share is disclosed in the financial statements as there are no dilutive potential ordinary shares.

22. Profit for the Period

| | Individual Quarter Ended | |
|--|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| | 31.03.2026 | 31.03.2025 |
| | RM'000 | RM'000 |
| Profit for the period is arrived at after (charging)/crediting:- | | |
| Interest income | 499 | 581 |
| Depreciation of property and equipment | (7) | (5) |
| Depreciation of right-of-use assets | (25) | (16) |

Save as disclosed above and in the Condensed Consolidated Income Statement, the other items as required under Appendix 9B, Part A (16) of the Main Market Listing Requirements are not applicable.

23. Authorisation for Issue

The interim financial statements were authorised for issue by the Board of Directors.