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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

	INDIVIDUAL QUARTER		CUMULAT	IVE PERIOD
	CURRENT YEAR QUARTER 30/6/2023 RM'000	PRECEDING YEAR QUARTER 30/6/2022 RM'000	CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR 30/6/2023 RM'000	PRECEDING FINANCIAL YEAR 30/6/2022 RM'000
Revenue	116,042	105,214	116,042	105,214
Cost of sales (N1)	(111,352)	(97,722)	(111,352)	(97,722)
Gross profit	4,690	7,492	4,690	7,492
Other income (N2)	2,792	493	2,792	493
Other expenses (N3)	(49)	(34)	(49)	(34)
Administrative expenses	(1,941)	(1,015)	(1,941)	(1,015)
Profit from operations	5,492	6,936	5,492	6,936
Share of results of associates	-	12,636	-	12,636
Profit before interest and tax	5,492	19,572	5,492	19,572
Finance costs	(37,718)	(40,531)	(37,718)	(40,531)
Loss before tax	(32,226)	(20,959)	(32,226)	(20,959)
Income tax expenses	(243)	(245)	(243)	(245)
Loss for the period	(32,469)	(21,204)	(32,469)	(21,204)
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-	-
Total comprehensive loss	(32,469)	(21,204)	(32,469)	(21,204)
Loss for the period attributable to:				
Owners of the Company	(26,411)	(14,132)	(26,411)	(14,132)
Non-controlling Interests	(6,058)	(7,072)	(6,058)	(7,072)
	(32,469)	(21,204)	(32,469)	(21,204)
Total comprehensive loss attributable	to:			
Owners of the Company	(26,411)	(14,132)	(26,411)	(14,132)
Non-controlling Interests	(6,058)	(7,072)	(6,058)	(7,072)
	(32,469)	(21,204)	(32,469)	(21,204)
Loss per share attributable				
to Owners of the Company :			· · · · ·	<i></i>
- Basic (sen)	(0.88)	(0.47)	(0.88)	(0.47)
- Diluted (sen)	(0.88)	(0.47)	(0.88)	(0.47)

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (cont'd)

	INDIVIDUA	L QUARTER	CUMULATIVE PERIOD		
	CURRENT YEAR QUARTER 30/6/2023 RM'000	PRECEDING YEAR QUARTER 30/6/2022 RM'000	CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR 30/6/2023 RM'000	PRECEDING FINANCIAL YEAR 30/6/2022 RM'000	
Notes: (Refer to B1 "Review of Perf	ormance" for 1	nore informati	on)		
N1) Included in Cost of Sales - Amortisation of infrastructure	(2,227)	(1,748)	$(\gamma \gamma \gamma \gamma)$	(1 749)	
- Amortisation of infrastructure development expenditure	(2,227)	(1,/48)	(2,227)	(1,748)	
- Depreciation	(93)	(78)	(93)	(78)	
N2) Included in Other Income					
- Interest income	44	33	44	33	
- Distribution income	193	14	193	14	
- Fair value gain on other investments	1,799	125	1,799	125	
- Amortisation of deferred income	491	293	491	293	
- Others	265	28	265	28	
	2,792	493	2,792	493	
N3) Included in Other Expenses					
- Bad debts written off	(2)	-	(2)	-	
- Depreciation	(47)	(34)	(47)	(34)	
	(49)	(34)	(49)	(34)	

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

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	UNAUDITED AS AT 30/6/2023 RM'000	AUDITED AS AT 31/3/2023 RM'000
ASSETS		
Non-current Assets		1
Property, plant and equipment	3,541	3,650
Goodwill on consolidation	5,369	5,369
Infrastructure development expenditure	6,337,133	6,200,056
Deferred tax asset	74,193	74,193
Total Non-Current Assets	6,420,236	6,283,268
Current Assets		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Trade and other receivables	215,182	220,933
Contract assets	1,755	3,085
Tax recoverable	1,662	1,087
Other investments	218,036	230,872
Deposits placed with licensed banks	398,372	503,747
Cash and bank balances	62,711	9,284
Total Current Assets	897,718	969,008
TOTAL ASSETS	7,317,954	7,252,276
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		
Share capital	1,509,087	1,509,087
Warrant reserve	90,246	90,246
Accumulated losses	(516,917)	(490,506)
Attributable to Owners of the Company	1,082,416	1,108,827
Non-controlling interests	(62,125)	(56,067)
Total Equity	1,020,291	1,052,760
Non-current Liabilities		
Loans and borrowings	4,146,768	4,119,506
Deferred income	1,057,037	1,057,528
Deferred taxation	79,556	79,312
Other payables	568,304	532,494
Total Non-current Liabilities	5,851,665	5,788,840
Current Liabilities		
Trade and other payables	348,201	306,804
Contract liabilities	23,259	25,414
Provisions	68,230	72,114
Loans and borrowings	28	40
Tax payable	6,280	6,304
Total Current Liabilities	445,998	410,676
TOTAL LIABILITIES	6,297,663	6,199,516
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	7,317,954	7,252,276
Net assets per share attributable to Owners of the		
Company (RM)	0.3623	0.3711

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

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

Attributable to Owners of the Company

	Share Capital RM'000	Warrants Reserve RM'000	Accumulated Losses RM'000	Total RM'000	Non- controlling Interests RM'000	Total Equity RM'000
Current financial period						
At 1 April 2023	1,509,087	90,246	(490,506)	1,108,827	(56,067)	1,052,760
Total comprehensive loss:						
Loss for the period	-	-	(26,411)	(26,411)	(6,058)	(32,469)
At 30 June 2023	1,509,087	90,246	(516,917)	1,082,416	(62,125)	1,020,291
Preceeding financial year						
At 1 April 2022	1,509,087	90,246	(587,776)	1,011,557	(31,391)	980,166
Total comprehensive loss:						
Loss for the period	-	-	(14,132)	(14,132)	(7,072)	(21,204)
At 30 June 2022	1,509,087	90,246	(601,908)	997,425	(38,463)	958,962

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

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

	3 month ended 30/6/2023 RM'000	3 month ended 30/6/2022 RM'000
OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Loss before taxation:	(32,226)	(20,959)
Adjustments for :		
Share of results of associates	-	(12,636)
Amortisation of infrastructure development expenditure	2,227	1,748
Amortisation of deferred income	(491)	(293)
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	140	112
Distribution income from other investments	(193)	(14)
Fair value gain on other investments	(1,799)	(125)
Profit arising from IC Interpretation 12		
Service Concession Arrangements	(1,014)	(1,019)
Net provisions	(3,884)	(2,626)
Interest income	(44)	(33)
Interest expense	37,718	40,531
Operating profit before changes		
in working capital	436	4,686
Changes in Working Capital:		
Contract assets	1,330	-
Contract liabilities	(2,155)	(6,598)
Receivables	113	3,747
Payables	33,194	21,712
Cash generated from operations	32,918	23,547
Income tax paid	(599)	(792)
Net cash flows from operating activities	32,319	22,755

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS (cont'd)

	3 month ended 30/6/2023 RM'000	3 month ended 30/6/2022 RM'000
INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Additions to property, plant and equipment	(81)	(348)
Infrastructure development expenditure	(86,643)	(108,842)
Upliftment of other investments	14,828	3,740
Upliftment of fixed deposits	138,233	59,193
Interest received	4,020	1,853
Net cash flows from /(used in) investing activities	70,357	(44,404)
FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Drawdown of government support loan	-	50,000
Drawdown of term loan	22,975	46,437
Interest paid	(43,034)	(30,456)
Lease liabilities	(12)	(1)
Issuance of murabahah loan stocks	3,680	4,580
Net cash flows (used in)/from financing activities	(16,391)	70,560
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	86,285	48,911
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of financial period	351,346	321,636
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial period	437,631	370,547
Note :		
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial period comprise of :		
Cash and bank balances	62,711	5,919
Fixed deposits with licensed banks	398,372	409,154
Less: Deposits with maturity of more than 3 months	(23,452)	(44,526)
	437,631	370,547

The Condensed Consolidated Cash Flow Statement should be read in conjunction with the Annual Financial Report for the year ended 31 March 2023 and the accompanying explanatory notes attached to the interim financial report.

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PART A – Explanatory Notes Pursuant to MFRS 134

A1. Basis of Preparation

The unaudited interim financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards ("MFRS") 134 "Interim Financial Reporting" and paragraph 9.22 of the Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad Listing Requirements. The unaudited interim financial statements should be read in conjunction with the Group's audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 March 2023 and the accompanying explanatory notes attached to the unaudited interim financial statements.

These explanatory notes attached to the unaudited 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 year ended 31 March 2023.

A2. Accounting Policies

The significant accounting policies and methods of computation applied in the unaudited interim financial statements are consistent with those adopted in the audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 March 2023, except for the adoption of the following new and amendments to MFRSs for the current financial year:-

MFRS 17Insurance ContractsAmendments to:MFRS 17Insurance ContractsMFRS 101Presentation of Financial StatementsMFRS 108Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and ErrorsMFRS 112Income Taxes

The adoption of the above new and amendments to MFRSs did not have any significant effect on the financial statements of the Group, and did not result in significant changes to the Group's existing accounting policies.

Amendments to MFRSs that in Issue But Not Yet Effective

The Group has not adopted the following amendments to MFRSs that have been issued, but yet to be effective:

- MFRS 7 Financial Instruments: Disclosures
- MFRS 16 Leases
- MFRS 101 Presentation of Financial Statements
- MFRS 107 Statements of Cash Flows

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A3. Seasonality or Cyclicality of Operations

The business operations of the Group are not materially affected by any seasonal or cyclical factors.

A4. Unusual Items

There were no unusual items that have material effects on the financial statements in the current quarter.

A5. Material Changes in Estimates

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

A6. Debt and Equity Securities

There were no issuances, cancellations, repurchases, resale and repayments of debt or equity securities in the current quarter.

A7. Dividend

No dividend has been paid in the current financial year.

A8. Segmental Results

Segmental results are included in Note B1.

A9. Material Subsequent Events

There were no material events subsequent to the financial period ended 30 June 2023.

A10. Changes in the Composition of the Group

There were no material changes in the composition of the Group in the current year quarter and financial year.

A11. Contingent Liabilities

There were no contingent liabilities at the end of this quarter and as at the date of this report.

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<u>PART B : EXPLANATORY NOTES PURSUANT TO APPENDIX 9B OF THE LISTING</u> <u>REQUIREMENTS OF BURSA MALAYSIA SECURITIES BERHAD</u>

B1. Review of Performance

(a) Segmental Information

	Current quarter			Cumulative quarter				
	30/6/2023	30/6/2022	Chang	ges	30/6/2023	30/6/2023 30/6/2022		ges
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	%	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	%
<u>Segmental</u> <u>Revenue</u>								
Toll concession:								
- Construction	95,303	87,539	7,764	9%	95,303	87,539	7,764	9%
- Toll collection	13,493	10,425	3,068	29%	13,493	10,425	3,068	29%
	108,796	97,964	10,832	11%	108,796	97,964	10,832	11%
Construction	7,246	7,250	(4)	0%	7,246	7,250	(4)	0%
	116,042	105,214	10,828	10%	116,042	105,214	10,828	10%
Loss before tax								
Toll concession	(32,496)	(32,179)	(317)	1%	(32,496)	(32,179)	(317)	1%
Construction	(767)	(203)	(564)	278%	(767)	(203)	(564)	278%
Investment holding, management services and others *	1,037	11,423	(10,386)	-91%	1,037	11,423	(10,386)	-91%
	(32,226)	(20,959)	(11,267)	54%	(32,226)	(20,959)	(11,267)	54%

* In the previous year quarter, this includes share of results of associates, including results of Radiant Pillar Sdn Bhd, a company involved in property development.

(b) Overall Results Commentary:

For the quarter:

The Group recorded higher revenue of RM116.0 million in the current quarter compared to RM105.2 million in the preceding year quarter. This is mainly due to higher construction activities for the WCE Project where the construction revenue was recorded at RM95.3 million as compared to the preceding quarter of RM87.5 million. The Group also recorded higher toll revenue of RM13.5 million as compared to RM10.4 million in the preceding year quarter due to higher traffic volume recorded particularly during school and festive holidays.

The Group recorded a loss before tax of RM32.2 million in the current quarter compared to RM21.0 million in the preceding year quarter. The loss before tax was mainly due to the interest cost for completed sections of RM37.2 million (preceding year quarter: RM39.5 million). In the preceding year quarter, the loss before tax of RM21.0 million included the share of profit from associates of RM12.6 million which ceased during the current quarter upon completion of the Proposed Disposal (as defined in Note B6) on 28 February 2023.

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NOTES TO CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

B2. Comparison with Immediate Preceding Quarter's Results

The Group recorded lower revenue of RM116.0 million in the current quarter compared to RM131.1 million recorded in the immediate preceding quarter, mainly due to the lower construction rate of the WCE Project as certain sections have slightly lower activities at site due to ground treatment. On the other hand, the Group recorded higher toll revenue of RM13.5 million compared to RM11.8 million in the immediate preceding year quarter due to higher traffic volume recorded during school and festive holidays.

The Group recorded a loss before tax of RM32.2 million in the current quarter compared to a profit before tax of RM150.0 million in the immediate preceding quarter. The profit before tax in the immediate preceding quarter was mainly due to the recognition of a one-off surplus from the disposal of investment in associates of RM208.0 million upon completion of the Proposed Disposal (as defined in Note B6) on 28 February 2023.

B3. Prospects

(a) <u>Toll concession</u>

The WCE Project involves the development of a 233 kilometres tolled highway from Banting, Selangor to Taiping, Perak (including 40 kilometres of highway to be constructed later). The WCE Project is a build-operate-transfer project with a concession period of up to a maximum of 60 years effective from 20 December 2013.

To ensure the successful completion of the WCE Project, WCESB assembled a project management team to undertake the WCE Project and the appointment of IJMC-KEB Joint Venture ("IJMC-KEB JV") as the Turnkey/Engineering and Procurement Contractor for the construction of the WCE Project has allowed our Group to leverage on the manpower, skills and technical resources of IJM, which has a proven track record in undertaking projects of this nature.

The toll concession segment has reported a loss before tax in the current quarter mainly due to interest expense incurred in relation to project financing for completed sections of the WCE Project. In accordance with MFRS 123, an entity shall cease capitalising borrowing costs when substantially all the activities necessary to prepare the qualifying asset for its intended use is complete. The interest expense was capitalised as part of the infrastructure development expenditure prior to the completion of construction works. Upon the completion of sectional construction, the interest expense for these sections will be charged to the statement of profit or loss. The Group is expected to incur losses in the early years of toll operations due to the cessation of capitalisation of interest expenses for completed sections. Nonetheless, the Group is still expecting a surplus from toll operations before accounting for this interest expense.

The WCE Project is divided into 11 sections whereby 4 sections have been opened for traffic and commenced tolling. These are Section 5 (Bandar Bukit Raja - Kapar), Section 8 (Hutan Melintang - Teluk Intan), Section 9 (Kampung Lekir - Changkat Cermin) and Section 10 (Changkat Cermin - Beruas). Traffic volume on the existing 4 opened sections has seen an increase of 65% from the preceding year and the Group expects a further increase once the additional 4 sections are completed by the end of the financial year.

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B3. Prospects (Cont'd)

(a) <u>Toll concession (Cont'd)</u>

The Group is targeting to complete the following 4 sections by the end of the financial year:

- Section 1: Banting South Klang Valley Expressway (SKVE)
- Section 2: SKVE Shah Alam Expressway (KESAS)
- Section 6: Bandar Bukit Raja Utara Assam Jawa
- Section 11: Beruas Taiping South.

The completion of these 4 sections will also provide connections to several existing highways, namely the South Klang Valley Expressway (SKVE), the Shah Alam Expressway (KESAS), the Kuala Lumpur – Kuala Selangor Expressway (LATAR) and the North South Expressway (NSE), which would enhance the accessibility and connectivity of these areas along the alignment. The final 3 sections namely, Section 3 (KESAS – Federal Highway Route 2), Section 4 (Federal Highway Route 2 – New North South Klang Straits Bypass (NNKSB)) and Section 7 (Assam Jawa – Tanjung Karang) are targeted for completion by the end of 2024. Going forward, the additional sectional toll revenue is expected to further improve the future financial performance of the Group in terms of cash flows and operating results.

(b) <u>Construction</u>

WCE Maju Sdn Bhd (*formerly known as KEB Builders Sdn Bhd*) ("WCE Maju"), a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company, has entered into a Memorandum of Agreement ("MOA") to undertake, on a design, build and manage basis, the construction works of a proposed access from West Coast Expressway to a mixed development project in Kota Seri Langat. This Proposed Access will be known as the Kota Seri Langat "*Left-In and Left-Out Interchange*" and includes the construction works of a bridge, main drainage, water pipes and associated works for a total consideration of RM126.8 million ("the Seri Langat Project").

WCE Maju had also been awarded to construct and complete Section 7, Part 2 of 2 ("Section 7B") of the WCE Project which is approximately 10km in length from the beginning of the Assam Jawa Interchange towards the Tanjung Karang Interchange. The construction of works of Section 7B is currently on-going.

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B4. Profit Forecast and Guarantee

No profit forecast or guarantee was issued in respect of the current financial year.

B5. Taxation

	Individual	Quarter	Cumulative Period		
	Current	Current Preceding		Preceding	
	Year	Year Year		Year	
	Quarter	Quarter	To-date	To-date 30/6/2022	
	30/6/2023	30/6/2022	30/6/2023		
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	
Deferred Tax					
Current year	243	245	243	245	
Total	243	245	243	245	

The effective tax rate of the Group during the quarter is disproportionate to the statutory tax rate mainly due to deferred tax assets on losses incurred by certain subsidiaries not being fully recognised.

B6. Status of Corporate Proposals

KEB Management Sdn Bhd ("KEBM"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, and WCE Maju, a wholly-owned subsidiary of KEB Plantations Holdings Sdn Bhd ("KEBP"), which in turn is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, had on 25 November 2022 entered into a conditional share sale agreement with IJM Properties Sdn Bhd ("IJMP") for the proposed disposal of a total of 400,000 ordinary shares in Radiant Pillar Sdn Bhd ("RPSB") ("Sale Shares"), representing their entire 40% equity interest in RPSB to IJMP, for a total cash consideration of RM494.00 million ("Disposal Consideration") ("SSA")("Proposed Disposal").

The Proposed Disposal has been completed on 28 February 2023 and the surplus from the Proposed Disposal has been reflected in the current quarter. The status of utilisation of the Disposal Consideration is as follows:

	Proposed utilisation RM'000	Utilisation as at 30 Jun 2023 RM'000	Balance as at 30 Jun 2023 RM'000	Intended timeframe for utilisation from 30 Jun 2023 RM'000
- Injection as equity into WCESB	375,610	(63,932)	311,678	Within 8 months
- Payment of non-trade payable	68,250	-	68,250	Within 8 months
 Repayment of a term loan Estimated expenses in relation to 	48,500	(48,500)	-	Completed
the Proposed Disposal	1,640	(1,640)	-	Completed
	494,000	(114,072)	379,928	

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B7. Group Borrowings and Debt Securities

The Group's borrowings which are denominated in Ringgit Malaysia as at 31 March 2023 are as follows:

	RM'000
- secured	3,878,340
- unsecured	268,456
Total borrowings	4,146,796

The Group received a loan from the Malaysian government at an interest rate lower than the prevailing market rate. Using the prevailing market rate, the loan amount is adjusted to its fair value and the difference treated as deferred income.

B8. Off Balance Sheet Risk Financial Instruments

The Group did not contract for any financial instruments with off balance sheet risk as at the date of this announcement.

B9. Material Litigation

The Group has no material litigation since 31 March 2023.

B10. Dividend

No dividend has been declared for the current and preceding financial year.

B11. Loss Per Share

(a) Basic

The basic loss per share is calculated as follows :

	INDIVIDUAL QUARTER		CUMULATIVE PERIOD		
	Current Year Quarter 30/6/2023	Preceding Year Quarter 30/6/2022	Current Financial Year 30/6/2023	Preceding Financial Year 30/6/2022	
Loss attributable to owners of the company (RM'000)	(26,411)	(14,132)	(26,411)	(14,132)	
Weighted average number of ordinary shares ('000)	2,987,707	2,987,707	2,987,707	2,987,707	
Basic loss per share (sen)	(0.88)	(0.47)	(0.88)	(0.47)	

(b) Diluted

The diluted earnings per share is equivalent to the basic earnings per share. The potential ordinary shares arising from the exercise of warrants have an anti-dilutive effect.

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NOTES TO CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

B12. Audit Report

The auditors' report of the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023 was not subject to any qualification.

B13. Authorisation for Issue

The interim financial reports were authorised for issue by the Board of Directors in accordance with a resolution of the Directors on 23 August 2023.

By order of the Board

Raw Koon Beng Company Secretary