



# MHC Plantations Bhd.

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## 2022 *Annual Report*





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## Notice of Annual General Meeting

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Sixty-Third (63rd) Annual General Meeting (“**63rd AGM** and/or “**AGM**”) of the Company will be held at Kompleks Pejabat Behrang 2020, Jalan Persekutuan 1, 35900 Tanjung Malim, Perak, Malaysia on Friday, 26 May 2023 at 11.30 a.m. for the following purposes:

<b>AGENDA</b>		<b>ORDINARY RESOLUTION NO.</b>
<b>AS ORDINARY BUSINESS:</b>		
1.	To receive the Audited Financial Statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2022, together with the Directors’ and Auditors’ Reports thereon.	<b>Please refer to Note 2</b>
2.	To approve the payment of Directors’ benefits payable to Non-Executive Directors up to RM180,000 from 63rd AGM until the next AGM of the Company.	<b>1</b>
3.	To re-elect the following Directors retiring in accordance with the Company’s Constitution:	
3.1	Tan Sri Dr. Mah King Thian	<b>2</b>
3.2	Puan Wan Salmah Binti Wan Abdullah	<b>3</b>
4.	To re-elect Dato’ TPr. Suki Mee who was appointed during the year and retires in accordance with the Company’s Constitution.	<b>4</b>
5.	To re-appoint Messrs PKF PLT as Auditors of the Company to hold office until the next AGM and to authorise the Directors to fix their remuneration.	<b>5</b>

As **SPECIAL BUSINESS**, to consider and, if thought fit, with or without any modification, to pass the following resolutions:

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| 6. | <b>PROPOSED AUTHORITY TO ALLOT AND ISSUE SHARES IN GENERAL PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 75 AND 76 OF THE COMPANIES ACT, 2016</b> | <b>6</b> |
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“THAT pursuant to Sections 75 and 76 of the Companies Act, 2016 (“the Act”), the Directors be and are hereby empowered to allot and issue shares in the Company at any time and from time to time until the conclusion of the next AGM and upon such terms and conditions and for such purposes as the Directors may, in their absolute discretion, deem fit provided the aggregate number of shares to be issued does not exceed ten per centum (10%) of the total number of issued shares of the Company at the time of issue, subject always to the Constitution of the Company and approval of all relevant regulatory bodies being obtained for such allotment and issuance.

THAT pursuant to Section 85 of the Act, read together with Article 10 of the Constitution of the Company, approval be and is hereby given to waive the statutory pre-emptive rights of the shareholders of the Company to be offered new shares ranking equally to the existing issued shares of the Company arising from issuance of new shares pursuant to this Mandate.

AND THAT the Directors of the Company be and are also empowered to obtain the approval for the listing of and quotation for the additional shares so issued on Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad AND FURTHER THAT such authority shall commence immediately upon the passing of this Resolution and continue to be in force until the conclusion of the next AGM of the Company.”

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| 7. | To transact any other business of which due notice shall have been given in accordance with the Companies Act, 2016. |  |
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## Notice of Annual General Meeting (cont'd)

**FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT** only members whose names appear on the Record of Depositors as at **18 May 2023** shall be entitled to attend the AGM or appoint proxies in his/her stead or in the case of a corporation, a duly authorised representative to attend and to vote in his/her stead.

By Order of the Board

**CHAN EOI LENG**

(SSM PC No. 202008003055)  
(MAICSA 7030866)

**CHONG KWAI YOONG**

(SSM PC No. 202308000244)  
(MAICSA 7075434)

Chartered Secretaries

Ipoh, Perak Darul Ridzuan, Malaysia  
26 April 2023

**Notes:**

**1. PROXY**

A member, other than an exempt authorised nominee is entitled to appoint one (1) or two (2) proxies to attend and vote instead of him/her. A proxy must be 18 years and above and need not be a member of the Company.

Where a member appoints two (2) proxies, the appointments shall be invalid unless he/she specifies the proportions of his/her holdings to be represented by each proxy.

Where a member of the Company is an Exempt Authorised Nominee which holds ordinary shares in the Company in an Omnibus Account, there is no limit to the number of proxies which the Exempt Authorised Nominee may appoint in respect of each Omnibus Account it holds but the proportion of holdings to be represented by each proxy must be specified.

The instrument appointing a proxy shall be in writing under the hand of the appointer or his/her attorney duly authorised in writing or if the appointer is a corporation, either under the corporation's seal or under the hand of an officer or attorney duly authorised. If under the hand of attorney/authorised officer, the Power of Attorney or Letter of Authorisation must be attached.

The instrument appointing a proxy or proxies must be deposited at Boardroom Share Registrars Sdn. Bhd., 11th Floor, Menara Symphony, No. 5, Jalan Professor Khoo Kay Kim, Seksyen 13, 46200 Petaling Jaya, Selangor, Malaysia not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the Meeting or adjourned Meeting either by hand, post, courier or electronic mail to [bsr.helpdesk@boardroomlimited.com](mailto:bsr.helpdesk@boardroomlimited.com) or fax (603) 78904670 before the Form of Proxy lodgement cut-off time as mentioned above, otherwise the instrument of proxy should not be treated as valid.

For verification purposes, members and proxies are required to produce their original identity card at the registration counter. No person will be allowed to register on behalf of another person even with the original identity card of that other person.

**2. AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

Agenda 1 is meant for discussion only as Section 340(1)(a) of the Companies Act, 2016 only requires the Audited Financial Statements to be laid before the Company at the AGM and do not require shareholders' approval. Hence, this Agenda is not put forward for voting.

## Notice of Annual General Meeting (cont'd)

**Notes:** (cont'd)

### 3. DIRECTORS' BENEFITS TO NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

Section 230(1) of the Companies Act, 2016 provides amongst others, that "fees" of the Directors and "any benefits" payable to Directors of a listed company and its subsidiaries shall be approved at a general meeting. Pursuant thereto, shareholders' approval is sought for this payment in Ordinary Resolution 1 for Payment of Directors' benefits to Non-Executive Directors from 63rd AGM until the next AGM of the Company. The summary of the aforesaid payment is as follows:

Description	Non-Executive Directors
Monthly Allowance	RM3,500 per month
Meeting Allowance	RM1,000 per meeting

*Note: The Directors' benefits payable to the Non-Executive Directors of the Company would be calculated based on the current composition of the Board and Board Committees and the number of meetings scheduled for the Board and Board Committees and includes all benefits payable to the Directors, such as meeting allowances, committees' fees, subsidiaries' directors' fees, etc.*

### 4. RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Tan Sri Dr. Mah King Thian and Puan Wan Salmah Binti Wan Abdullah who retire by rotation and Dato' TPr. Suki Mee who was appointed during the year are standing for re-election as Directors of the Company and being eligible, have offered themselves for re-election at this 63rd AGM.

The Board has via the Nomination Committee had conducted an assessment on the effectiveness and contributions of the abovesaid retiring Directors including their skills, experience, competency and time commitments, and has recommended for them to be re-elected to the Board. The profiles of the retiring Directors are set out in the Profile of Directors of the Annual Report 2022.

### 5. RE-APPOINTMENT OF EXTERNAL AUDITORS ("EA")

The Audit Committee ("AC") has carried out an assessment of the suitability and independence of the EA, which included an assessment of the engagement teams' qualifications, credentials and experience, audit work approach and performance of the work within MHC Group's timeline by completing an assessment questionnaire.

The AC in its assessment found Messrs PKF PLT to be sufficiently objective and independent and was satisfied with the suitability based on the quality of audit, performance and resources in terms of their audit team provided to the Group.

The Board, therefore, approved the AC's recommendation that the re-appointment of Messrs PKF PLT as External Auditors of the Company for the financial year ending 31 December 2023 be put forward for the shareholders' approval at the AGM.

### 6. PROPOSED AUTHORITY TO ALLOT AND ISSUE SHARES IN GENERAL PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 75 AND 76 OF THE COMPANIES ACT, 2016

The proposed Ordinary Resolution 6 is a renewal of the general mandate for issuance of shares by the Company under Sections 75 and 76 of the Companies Act, 2016. The mandate, if passed, will empower the Directors from the date of the above AGM until the next AGM, to allot and issue up to a maximum of 10% of the total number of issued shares of the Company at the time of issue (other than bonus or rights issue) for such purposes as they consider would be in the best interest of the Company. This would eliminate any delay arising from and cost involved in convening a general meeting to obtain approval of the shareholders for such issuance of shares. This authority will unless revoked or varied by the Company at a general meeting, will expire at the next AGM of the Company.

The general mandate sought for allotment and issue of shares is a renewal of the general mandate sought in the preceding year. As at the date of Notice, no new shares in the Company were issued pursuant to the mandate granted to the Directors at the Sixty-Second (62nd) AGM held on 27 May 2022 and hence no proceeds were raised therefrom. The general mandate will provide flexibility to the Company for any possible fundraising activities, including but not limited to placing of shares for purpose of funding future investment project(s), working capital and/or acquisitions.

At this juncture, there is no decision to issue new shares. If there should be a decision to issue new shares after the general mandate is sought, the Company will make an announcement in respect thereof.

## ANNUAL REPORT 2022 AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT 2022

The Annual Report 2022 and Corporate Governance Report 2022 may be downloaded at [www.mhc.com.my](http://www.mhc.com.my)

## Corporate Information

### DIRECTORS

Dato' Seri Mah King Seng  
*(Executive Chairman)*  
Tan Sri Dr. Mah King Thian  
*(Managing Director)*  
Wan Salmah Binti Wan Abdullah  
*(Independent Non-Executive Director)*  
Heng Beng Fatt  
*(Independent Non-Executive Director)*  
Dato' TPr. Suki Mee *(appointed on 20 April 2023)*  
*(Independent Non-Executive Director)*  
Mah Li-Na  
*(Alternate Director to Dato' Seri Mah King Seng)*  
Dr. Jordina Mah Siu Yi  
*(Alternate Director to Tan Sri Dr. Mah King Thian)*

### AUDIT COMMITTEE

Heng Beng Fatt *(Chairman)*  
*(redesignated on 20 April 2023)*  
Wan Salmah Binti Wan Abdullah  
Dato' TPr. Suki Mee *(appointed on 20 April 2023)*

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Datin Seri Ooi Ah Thin *(Chairperson)*  
Dato' Seri Mah King Seng  
Tan Sri Dr. Mah King Thian

### NOMINATION COMMITTEE

Dato' TPr. Suki Mee *(appointed on 20 April 2023)*  
Wan Salmah Binti Wan Abdullah  
Heng Beng Fatt

### REMUNERATION COMMITTEE

Tan Sri Dr. Mah King Thian *(Chairman)*  
Heng Beng Fatt *(appointed on 20 April 2023)*  
Dato' TPr. Suki Mee *(appointed on 20 April 2023)*

### COMMITTEE TO REVIEW

#### PRESS OR PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dato' Seri Mah King Seng  
Tan Sri Dr. Mah King Thian

### REGISTERED OFFICE

55A Medan Ipoh 1A  
Medan Ipoh Bistari  
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### PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS

Kompleks Pejabat Behrang 2020  
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### SHARE REGISTRAR

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(MAICSA 7030866)

Chong Kwai Yoong  
(SSM PC No. 202308000244)  
(MAICSA 7075434)

### AUDITORS

Messrs PKF PLT  
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Lintas Plaza  
Lorong Lintas Plaza  
88300 Kota Kinabalu  
Sabah, Malaysia  
Tel. No. 088-266723  
Fax No. 088-267721

### PRINCIPAL BANKERS

Ambank (M) Berhad  
Malayan Banking Berhad  
Public Bank Berhad  
RHB Bank Berhad

### STOCK EXCHANGE LISTING

Main Market of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad  
Stock Code : 5026  
Stock Short Name : MHC

### COUNTRY OF INCORPORATION

Malaysia



## Profile of Directors

### **Dato' Seri Mah King Seng** *Executive Chairman* Aged 64, Male, Malaysian

- Dato' Seri Mah King Seng joined the Board of Directors on 20 September 1978. He was appointed as an Executive Chairman on 13 July 2005.
- He is also a member of the Executive Committee and the Committee for the review of press releases or public announcements.
- He joined the Company in 1978 after graduating from the University of Minnesota, United States of America with a degree in Agricultural Science and has been with the Group since then, garnering more than twenty years' experience in managing the operations of the Group's estates, mills and hotel. In 1980, he attended the Palm Oil Mill Engineer/Executive Training course on palm oil mill operations organised by the Malaysian Oil Palm Growers Council. He subsequently obtained his Bachelor of Law Degree in 1985 from the University of Buckingham, United Kingdom and was admitted and enrolled as an Advocate and Solicitor of the High Court of Malaya in 1990.
- He is a Director of Behrang 2020 Sdn. Bhd. and several other private limited companies. He is also the Managing Director of Cepatwawasan Group Berhad, a company listed on the Main Market of Bursa Securities. He is also the Managing Director of Timah Resources Limited, an Australian incorporated company listed on the Australian Securities Exchange.
- He is a son of Datin Seri Ooi Ah Thin who is a Director and substantial shareholder of Dato Mah Pooi Soo Realty Sdn. Bhd. ("DMR"), a major shareholder of the Company, and the elder brother of Tan Sri Dr. Mah King Thian, the Managing Director of the Company, who is also a Director and substantial shareholder of DMR.
- Dato' Seri Mah King Seng is also a Director and substantial shareholder of DMR. He is deemed interested in certain recurrent related party transactions carried out in the ordinary course of business between the Company and its Group with the DMR group and certain privately owned companies.
- He attended all the Board Meetings held during the financial year.

### **Tan Sri Dr. Mah King Thian** *Managing Director* Aged 59, Male, Malaysian

- Tan Sri Dr. Mah King Thian joined the Board of Directors on 28 December 1992. He is currently the Managing Director responsible for the Group's operations, corporate and legal affairs, accounting and finance.
- He is also a member of the Executive Committee, the Chairman of the Remuneration Committee and the Committee for the review of press releases or public announcements.
- He graduated from Monash University, Australia with a Bachelor of Economics Degree majoring in Accounting in 1986 and also a Bachelor of Laws Degree in 1987. He was subsequently admitted and enrolled as an Advocate and Solicitor of the High Court of Malaya in 1989, and he then joined the Company in the same year. He is also a Fellow Member of Certified Practising Accountant Australia (FCPA).
- In 2018, Tan Sri Dr. Mah King Thian successfully completed his postgraduate study on oil palm renewable energy businesses and was conferred the degree of Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) by the Liverpool Business School in the United Kingdom.
- He is a Director of Behrang 2020 Sdn. Bhd. and several other private limited companies. He is also the Executive Chairman of Cepatwawasan Group Berhad, a company listed on the Main Market of Bursa Securities. He is also the Executive Chairman of Timah Resources Limited, an Australian incorporated company listed on the Australian Securities Exchange.
- He is a son of Datin Seri Ooi Ah Thin who is a Director and substantial shareholder of Dato Mah Pooi Soo Realty Sdn. Bhd. ("DMR"), a major shareholder of the Company, and the younger brother of Dato' Seri Mah King Seng, the Executive Chairman of the Company, who is also a Director and substantial shareholder of DMR.
- Tan Sri Dr. Mah King Thian, is also a Director and substantial shareholder of DMR. He is deemed interested in certain recurrent related party transactions carried out in the ordinary course of business between the Company and its Group with the DMR group and certain privately owned companies.
- He attended all the Board Meetings held during the financial year.





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### Profile of Directors (cont'd)

#### **Puan Wan Salmah Binti Wan Abdullah**

*Independent Non-Executive Director*  
Aged 69, Female, Malaysian

- Puan Wan Salmah Binti Wan Abdullah was appointed to the Board on 10 July 2009 as an Independent Non-Executive Director of the Company.
- She is also a member of the Audit Committee and Nomination Committee of the Company. On 20 April 2023, she relinquished as a member of the Remuneration Committee of the Company.
- She graduated from University Sains Malaysia with a Bachelor of Social Science (Hons). She has more than 20 years' experience in property development and land related matters. She began her career working with Perbadanan Kemajuan Negeri Perak (PKNP) as a Project Officer and was promoted to Director of Land and Property and Director of Land and Industrial Estate Development in 1995. She was also appointed as a Director of some of the subsidiaries of PKNP. She had previously served as a Director of Majuperak Holdings Berhad from 1995 to June 2008.
- She does not have any directorship in public companies and other listed issuers.
- She does not have any family relationship with any other Director and/or major shareholder of the Company and has no conflict of interest with the Company.
- She attended all the Board Meetings held during the financial year.

#### **Mr. Heng Beng Fatt**

*Independent Non-Executive Director*  
Aged 58, Male, Malaysian

- Mr. Heng Beng Fatt was appointed to the Board on 23 July 2010 as a Non-Independent Non-Executive Director of the Company. On 10 August 2017, he was re-designated as Independent Non-Executive Director.
- On 20 April 2023, he was re-designated as Chairman of the Audit Committee and appointed as a member of the Remuneration Committee of the Company. He is also a member of the Nomination Committee of the Company.
- He holds the qualification of Master of Business Administration, University of Bath and is a member of the Malaysian Institute of Accountants.
- He has vast experience in accounting, finance, administration, business development and corporate affairs, having served in various capacities during his tenure with Golden Screen Cinemas Sdn. Bhd. ("GSC") namely as Human Resources and Admin Manager (1998-2000), Business Development Manager (1997-1998), Finance and Admin Manager (1995-1997) and Accountant (1993-1995). He also served as an Accountant at Avery Malaysia (1992-1993) and Ernst & Young (1988-1992). Currently, he is the Chief Operating Officer, Malaysia for GSC.
- He also serves on the Board of Enterprise Advance System Intelligence Sdn. Bhd. and as a committee member for the Malaysian Association of Film Exhibitors.
- He does not have any directorship in public companies and other listed issuers.
- He does not have any family relationship with any other Director and/or major shareholder of the Company and has no conflict of interest with the Company.
- He attended all the Board Meetings held during the financial year.

Profile of Directors (cont'd)

**Dato' TPr. Suki Mee**  
*Independent Non-Executive Director*  
 Aged 58, Male, Malaysian

- Dato' TPr. Suki Mee was appointed to the Board on 20 April 2023 as an Independent Non-Executive Director of the Company.
- On 20 April 2023, he was appointed as the Chairman of the Nomination Committee, member of the Audit Committee and Remuneration Committee of the Company.
- He holds the qualifications of Masters in Philosophy of Development Science at Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia and Degree in Urban and Regional Planning at Universiti Teknologi Malaysia. He is also a corporate member of Malaysian Institute of Planner and a registered Town Planner under the Malaysian Town Planner Board (LPBM) (Akta 538).
- He was holding the position of a Town Planner from 1988 to 1993 in Selangor, Kuala Lumpur and Pahang respectively. From 1993 to 1999, he was holding the position as Assistant Director of the Urban And Rural Planning Department in Perak. He was appointed as Chairman of Lembaga Getah Malaysia (LGM) Properties Corporation from 2009 to 2015. In 2019, he was appointed as Board of Director in Pembangunan Sumber Manusia Berhad (PSMB). From 2017 to 2023, he was appointed as Board of Trustee in Malaysia Timber Certification Council (MTCC). He has been appointed as Board of Trustee in Malaysia Forest Fund (MFF) from 2022 to 2024. Currently, he is a Registered Town Planner at DIGI PLANNERS since March 1999. He is also involved in housing development, construction and agriculture. He is also actively involves in Orang Asli NGO and co-operative.
- He does not have any directorship in public companies and other listed issuers.
- He does not have any family relationship with any other Director and/or major shareholder of the Company and has no conflict of interest with the Company.
- In view of the newly appointed as Director of the Company after the financial year, the attendance of the Board Meetings would not be applicable.

**Ms. Mah Li-Na**  
*Alternate Director to Dato' Seri Mah King Seng*  
 Aged 32, Female, Malaysian

- Ms. Mah Li-Na was appointed to the Board on 7 March 2018 as an Alternate Director to Dato' Seri Mah King Seng.
- She initially graduated from the University of Melbourne, Australia with a Bachelor of Commerce, majoring in Accounting and Finance in 2010. Thereafter, she joined the Chinese Language Programme in Tsinghua University, Beijing, China to enhance her fluency in Mandarin.
- She went on to pursue her second degree, Bachelor of Laws with the University of London and completed with a Second Upper Class Honours in 2016.
- She has previously interned with KPMG Malaysia, Forensics Accounting Department in 2009, then proceeded to join the company as an Associate in 2012. During her tenure there, she participated in investigations of financial frauds and was involved in the preparation of the KPMG Fraud Survey Report then.
- She is an Alternate Director of Cepatwawasan Group Berhad, a company listed on the Main Market of Bursa Securities and an Alternate Director of Timah Resources Limited, an Australian incorporated company listed on the Australian Securities Exchange. She is also currently with Cepatwawasan Group Berhad as Management Accountant and assists the Managing Director of Cepatwawasan Group Berhad, Dato' Seri Mah King Seng in management duties.
- She is the daughter of Dato' Seri Mah King Seng who is a Director and substantial shareholder of Dato Mah Pooi Soo Realty Sdn. Bhd. ("DMR"), a major shareholder of the Company and the granddaughter of Datin Seri Ooi Ah Thin, who is also a Director and substantial shareholder of DMR.

## Profile of Directors (cont'd)

### **Dr. Jordina Mah Siu Yi**

*Alternate Director to Tan Sri Dr. Mah King Thian*  
Aged 30, Female, Malaysian

- Dr. Jordina Mah Siu Yi was appointed to the Board on 7 March 2018 as an Alternate Director to Tan Sri Dr. Mah King Thian.
- She obtained her Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBChB) from the University of Glasgow, United Kingdom (UK) in 2016. She then successfully completed the Bar Professional Training Course (BPTC) and was admitted to Lincoln's Inn as a barrister of England and Wales. Currently, she is working for the UK National Heart and Lung Institute (NHLI) in Imperial College London.
- She is an Alternate Director of Cepatawawasan Group Berhad, a company listed on the Main Market of Bursa Securities and an Alternate Director of Timah Resources Limited, an Australian incorporated company listed on the Australian Securities Exchange.
- She is the eldest daughter of Tan Sri Dr. Mah King Thian who is a Director and substantial shareholder of Dato Mah Pooi Soo Realty Sdn. Bhd. ("DMR"), a major shareholder of the Company and the granddaughter of Datin Seri Ooi Ah Thin, who is also a Director and substantial shareholder of DMR.
- She has co-authored papers in international medical journals. Previously, she interned at World Vision Australia in Melbourne, Messrs Wong Kian Kheong, Advocates & Solicitors in Kuala Lumpur and the University Malaya Medical Centre.

### **CONVICTIONS FOR OFFENCES**

None of the Directors has been convicted of any offence within the past five (5) years and there were no public sanctions or penalties imposed by the relevant regulatory bodies during the financial year ended 31 December 2022.

## Profile of Key Senior Management

### **Dato' Seri Mah King Seng**

*Executive Chairman*

Aged 64, Male, Malaysian

- Refer to the Profile of Directors on page 7.

### **Tan Sri Dr. Mah King Thian**

*Managing Director*

Aged 59, Male, Malaysian

- Refer to the Profile of Directors on page 7.

### **Mr. Soong Swee Koon**

*Chief Operating Officer*

Aged 67, Male, Malaysian

- Mr. Soong Swee Koon is a qualified engineer with a Steam Engineers Certificate of Competency (First Grade).
- He started his career in power generation with Perak Hydro Electric Power Company (UK firm) in 1974. In the following years, he specialised in power generation, Hydro and Steam Thermal Power Plants, and maintenance and workshop overhaul of Cummins Diesel Engines and generators. From 1980 to 1996, he worked as an engineer in United Plantations Berhad. The palm oil mill under Mr. Soong's management was the winner of the Anugerah Award for Best Palm Oil Mill in Malaysia (2nd Place from year 1990-1995).
- He served as senior engineer, technical advisor, project manager and regional consultant to a number of energy companies from 1996 to 2010.
- He joined the Company in 2010 as Group Engineer and was appointed as Chief Operating Officer of the Company on 15 November 2012. He is also the Executive Director of Timah Resources Limited, an Australian incorporated company listed on the Australian Securities Exchange.
- He does not have any family relationship with any Director and/or major shareholder of the Company and has no conflict of interest with the Company.
- He has not been convicted of any offence within the past five (5) years and there were no public sanctions or penalties imposed by the relevant regulatory bodies during the financial year ended 31 December 2022.

### **Mr. Maniam A/L Perumal**

*Group General Manager of Subsidiary of MHC, Cepatwawasan Group Berhad*

Aged 60, Male, Malaysian

- Mr. Maniam A/L Perumal was appointed as Group General Manager of Cepatwawasan Group Berhad on 15 July 2021.
- He obtained his Bachelor Degree in Economics from University Kebangsaan Malaysia, Bangi, Malaysia. He has more than 32 years of extensive experience in the plantation industry which includes 26 years of operational and 6 years of advisory experience. He started his career as an Assistant Manager with Boustead Estate Agency Sdn. Bhd and rose through the ranks to various capacities such as General Manager and planting adviser. Prior to him joining Cepatwawasan Group Berhad, he was with Acapalm Plantation Services as Visiting Agent.
- He does not have any directorship in public companies and listed issuers.
- He does not have any family relationship with any Director and/or major shareholder of the Company, and has no conflict of interest with the Company.
- He has not been convicted of any offence within the past five (5) years and there were no public sanctions or penalties imposed by the relevant regulatory bodies during the financial year ended 31 December 2022.

## Profile of Key Senior Management (cont'd)

### **Mr. Chan Kim Meng**

*Group Accountant*

Aged 50, Male, Malaysian

- Mr. Chan Kim Meng holds a professional accounting qualification from the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA), United Kingdom. He is also a member of the Malaysian Institute of Accountants.
- Prior to joining the Company, he pursued a career in accountancy in the public accounting firm of Ernst & Young for 9 years.
- He has wide working experience in the field of accounting and corporate finance.
- He joined the Company in 2006 as Group Accountant.
- He does not have any directorship in public companies and listed issuers.
- He does not have any family relationship with any Director and/or major shareholder of the Company and has no conflict of interest with the Company.
- He has not been convicted of any offence within the past five (5) years and there were no public sanctions or penalties imposed by the relevant regulatory bodies during the financial year ended 31 December 2022.

## Chairman's Statement

On behalf of the Board of Directors of MHC Plantations Bhd., I am pleased to present the Annual Report of the Group and the Company for the financial year ended 31 December 2022.

### Group Performance

The Group recorded a revenue of RM593.27 million and profit before tax of RM80.44 million for the financial year ended 31 December 2022 ("FY2022") as compared to RM599.00 million and RM96.69 million respectively for the financial year ended 31 December 2021 ("FY2021"). The decrease in profit before tax was mainly due to:

- A 10% decrease in FFB production;
- Increased costs for FFB production in variables such as fertiliser and labour costs;
- A fair value loss of RM2.47 million on biological assets; and
- Decreases in power export and EFB Oil Sales volume by 12% and 24% respectively.

The highlights of the Group performance are stated below:

Average selling price per tonne:-

	<b>FY2022 RM</b>	<b>FY2021 RM</b>	<b>Difference (%)</b>
CPO	5,048	4,427	14%
Kernel	3,083	2,889	7%
FFB	958	868	10%

Production:-

	<b>FY2022 MT</b>	<b>FY2021 MT</b>	<b>Difference (%)</b>
CPO	87,055	94,290	-8%
Kernel	23,033	25,306	-9%
FFB	129,782	143,862	-10%

Extraction rate:-

	<b>FY2022 (%)</b>	<b>FY2021 (%)</b>	<b>Difference (%)</b>
CPO	19.31	19.68	-2%
Kernel	5.10	5.28	-3%

	<b>FY2022 MWh</b>	<b>FY2021 MWh</b>	<b>Difference (%)</b>
Electricity Export	52,366	59,542	-12%

### Changes at the Board

The Board bids farewell to Mr. Chan Kam Leong who retired from the Board on 20 April 2023. He has served the Company and its related corporations as Independent Director for more than 12 years.

On behalf of the Board, I would like to express our sincere gratitude to him for his wisdom and dedication throughout the years in helping to guide the Group.

In his place, we welcome Dato' TPr. Suki Mee who was appointed as Non-Independent Non-Executive Director on 20 April 2023. We look forward to working with him and are confident that his knowledge and insights will further strengthen the Group's commitment to continuously improving sustainability and value.



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## Chairman's Statement (cont'd)

### Dividend

On 31 March 2023, the Board approved the following single-tier interim dividend:

1. A single-tier dividend of 3.00 sen per ordinary share for the financial year ending 31 December 2023; and
2. A single-tier "bumper profit" special dividend of 3.00 sen per ordinary share for the financial year ended 31 December 2022.

### Prospect and Outlook

Since the removal of Indonesia's CPO export ban in June 2022, CPO prices have plunged steeply from the unprecedented all-time high levels seen earlier in 2022.

However, the Group expects that CPO prices could still remain relatively high for the year 2023 compared to prices seen three years ago.

The Group expects its FFB production to increase in 2023 as recently replanted areas have begun to reach maturity. However, this may be affected if the current labour shortage problem deteriorates any further.



NEW REPLANTING IN LADANG CEPAT-KPD SABAH ALREADY FRUITING AFTER 18 MONTHS

The Group faces challenges from recent significant increase in production costs such as surge in the price of fertiliser. Labour costs have also increased as a result of the acute shortage of foreign workers and the revised minimum wages effective from May 2022. To combat this, the Group will continue to focus on improving our operating efficiency and productivity, particularly through increased mechanisation.

Overall, the Group expects a challenging year for the FY2023 in view of escalating production costs alongside the drop in both CPO and PK prices.

### Acknowledgement

I wish to thank the Management and Staff for their dedicated services and contributions during the year.

To all our valued suppliers, customers, bankers, business associates and advisers, thank you very much for your commitment and assistance to the Group.

And finally, to all our highly valued shareholders, please accept my heartfelt thanks for your unwavering and continuous support.

**Dato' Seri Mah King Seng**  
*Executive Chairman*

## Penyataan Pengerusi

Bagi pihak Lembaga Pengarah MHC Plantations Bhd., saya dengan sukacitanya menyampaikan Laporan Tahunan Kumpulan dan Syarikat bagi tahun kewangan berakhir 31 Disember 2022.

### Prestasi Kumpulan

Kumpulan mencatatkan pendapatan sebanyak RM593.27 juta serta keuntungan sebelum cukai sebanyak RM80.44 juta bagi tahun kewangan berakhir 31 Disember 2022 ("TK2022") berbanding dengan masing-masing RM599.00 juta dan RM96.69 juta bagi tahun kewangan berakhir 31 Disember 2021 ("TK2021"). Penurunan keuntungan sebelum cukai ini disebabkan terutamanya oleh:

- Penurunan 10% dalam pengeluaran buah tandan segar ("FFB");
- Kenaikan kos-kos pengeluaran FFB dalam pembolehubah seperti kos-kos baja dan buruh;
- Kerugian saksama sebanyak RM2.47 juta keatas aset-aset biologi; dan
- Penurunan dalam eksport kuasa dan jumlah jualan Minyak Buah Tandan Kosong ("EFB") masing-masing sebanyak 12% dan 24%.

Sorotan penting prestasi Kumpulan Syarikat adalah seperti berikut:

Harga purata jualan per tan metrik ("TM"):-

	TK2022 RM	TK2021 RM	Perbezaan (%)
Minyak sawit mentah (CPO)	5,048	4,427	14%
Kernel (PK)	3,083	2,889	7%
FFB	958	868	10%

Pengeluaran:-

	TK2022 MT	TK2021 MT	Perbezaan (%)
CPO	87,055	94,290	-8%
Kernel	23,033	25,306	-9%
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Kadar Pengekstrakan:-

	TK2022 (%)	TK2021 (%)	Perbezaan (%)
CPO	19.31	19.68	-2%
Kernel	5.10	5.28	-3%

	TK2022 MWh	TK2021 MWh	Perbezaan (%)
Eksport Elektrik	52,366	59,542	-12%

### Perubahan di Lembaga

Lembaga Pengarah mengucapkan selamat tinggal kepada Encik Chan Kam Leong yang bersara daripada Lembaga Pengarah pada 20 April 2023. Beliau telah berkhidmat dengan Syarikat dan syarikat berkaitannya sebagai Pengarah Bebas selama lebih daripada 12 tahun.

Bagi pihak Lembaga Pengarah, saya ingin merakamkan ucapan terima kasih yang tulus kepada beliau atas kebijaksanaan dan dedikasi beliau sepanjang tahun dalam membantu membimbing Kumpulan.

Di tempat beliau, kami mengalu-alukan Dato' TPr. Suki Mee yang dilantik sebagai Pengarah Bukan Eksekutif Bukan Bebas pada 20 April 2023. Kami berharap dapat bekerjasama dengan beliau dan yakin bahawa pengetahuan dan pandangan beliau akan mengukuhkan lagi komitmen Kumpulan untuk terus meningkatkan kemampuan dan nilai.





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## Penyataan Pengerusi (samb)

### Dividen

Pada 31 Mac 2023, Lembaga Pengarah telah meluluskan dividen interim satu tier berikut:

1. Dividen interim satu tier sebanyak 3.00 sen sesaham untuk tahun kewangan berakhir 31 Disember 2023; dan
2. Dividen khas "keuntungan luar biasa" satu tier sebanyak 3.00 sen sesaham untuk tahun kewangan berakhir 31 Disember 2022.

### Prospek dan Tinjauan

Sejak penghapusan larangan eksport CPO Indonesia pada Jun 2022, harga-harga CPO telah menjunam dengan ketara daripada paras tertinggi sepanjang masa yang tidak pernah berlaku sebelum ini yang dilihat pada awal tahun 2022.

Bagaimanapun Kumpulan menjangkakan harga-harga CPO masih boleh kekal tinggi bagi tahun 2023 berbanding harga-harga yang dilihat tiga tahun lalu.

Kumpulan menjangkakan pengeluaran FFBnya akan meningkat dalam 2023 kerana kawasan-kawasan yang baru ditanam semula telah mula mencapai kematangan. Bagaimanapun ini mungkin terjejas sekiranya masalah kekurangan tenaga pekerja semasa menjadi semakin buruk.



PENANAMAN SEMULA YANG BARU DI LADANG CEPAT-KPD SABAH SUDAH BERBUAH SELEPAS 18 BULAN

Kumpulan menghadapi cabaran daripada kenaikan ketara dalam kos-kos pengeluaran baru-baru ini seperti lonjakan harga baja. Kos buruh juga meningkat akibat dari kekurangan pekerja asing yang teruk serta gaji minima yang disemak semula berkuat kuasa mulai Mei 2022. Untuk mengatasi ini, Kumpulan akan terus fokus kepada meningkatkan kecekapan operasi dan produktiviti kita, khususnya melalui peningkatan mekanisasi.

Secara keseluruhan, Kumpulan menjangkakan tahun yang mencabar bagi TK2023 memandangkan kos-kos pengeluaran yang semakin meningkat disamping penurunan harga-harga CPO dan PK.

### Penghargaan Acknowledgement

Saya ingin mengambil kesempatan ini untuk merakamkan ribuan terima kasih yang tidak terhingga kepada pihak pengurusan dan semua kakitangan atas khidmat dan dedikasi mereka sepanjang tahun 2022.

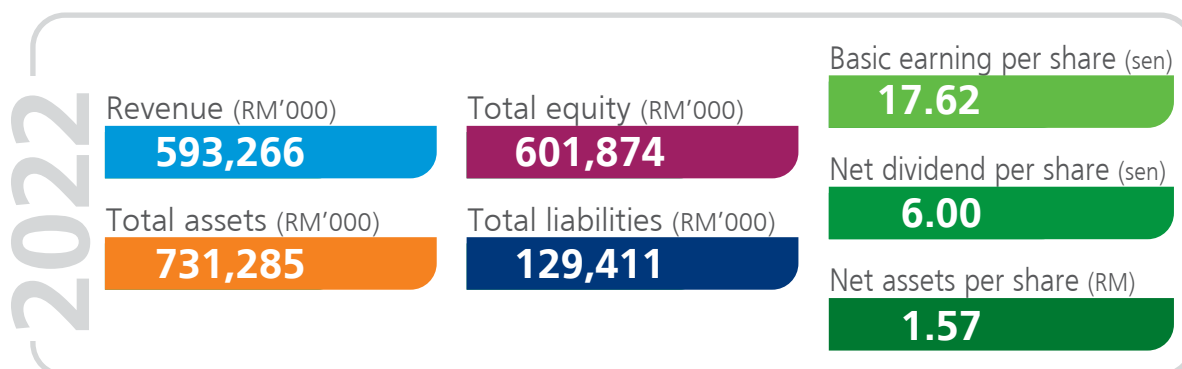
Terima kasih juga kepada semua pembekal dan pelanggan, rakan perniagaan, penasihat dan pihak bank atas komitmen dan bantuan yang telah diberikan.

Sebagai akhir kata, kepada semua pemegang saham yang dihargai, terima kasih yang tidak terhingga saya ucapkan di atas sokongan anda semua. Saya berharap semoga anda semua akan dirahmati dengan kejayaan dan kemakmuran di masa hadapan.

**Dato' Seri Mah King Seng**  
*Pengerusi Eksekutif*

## Five-Year Financial Highlights

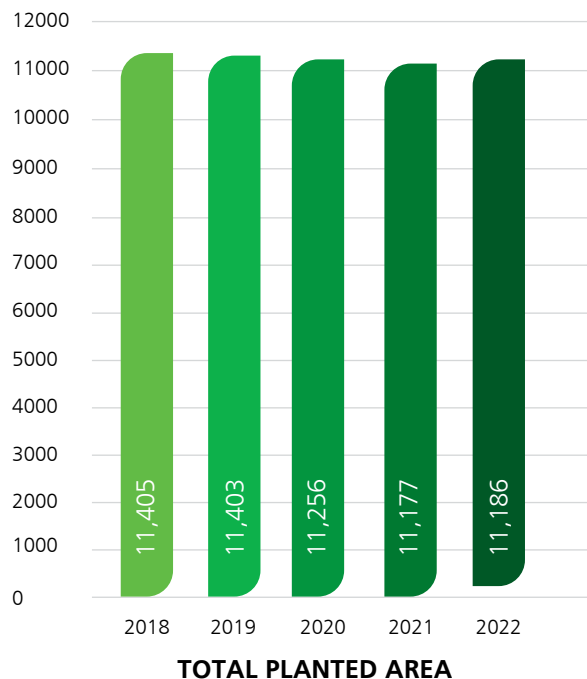
	2022 RM'000	2021 RM'000	2020 RM'000	2019 RM'000	2018 RM'000
<b>INCOME STATEMENT</b>					
Revenue	593,266	599,008	354,739	308,003	350,298
Profit before tax	80,439	96,692	31,199	9,400	9,817
Profit attributable to owners of the Company	34,622	42,100	13,674	2,501	3,975
<b>FINANCIAL POSITION</b>					
<b>ASSETS</b>					
Property, plant and equipment	472,094	486,201	507,400	518,050	516,347
Investment properties	45,264	45,264	45,264	49,924	49,250
Investment in securities	281	279	338	395	388
Land use rights	-	-	-	-	1,910
Deferred tax assets	4,648	6,539	6,777	7,560	5,767
Goodwill on consolidation	43,867	43,867	43,867	43,867	43,867
Current assets	165,131	139,123	95,850	86,804	89,835
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>731,285</b>	<b>721,273</b>	<b>699,496</b>	<b>706,600</b>	<b>707,364</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>					
Share capital	196,544	196,544	196,544	196,544	196,544
Reserves	111,698	88,697	54,322	43,361	44,022
Equity attributable to owners of the Company	308,242	285,241	250,866	239,905	240,566
Non-controlling interest	293,632	281,898	253,568	249,235	251,651
<b>Total equity</b>	<b>601,874</b>	<b>567,139</b>	<b>504,434</b>	<b>489,140</b>	<b>492,217</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>					
Deferred tax liabilities	50,636	50,997	48,913	48,657	44,708
Borrowings	25,561	33,126	46,866	55,163	64,047
Other non-current liabilities	-	-	-	-	267
Lease liabilities	2,867	2,908	3,876	3,689	-
Current liabilities	50,347	67,103	95,407	109,951	106,125
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>129,411</b>	<b>154,134</b>	<b>195,062</b>	<b>217,460</b>	<b>215,147</b>
<b>Total equity and liabilities</b>	<b>731,285</b>	<b>721,273</b>	<b>699,496</b>	<b>706,600</b>	<b>707,364</b>
<b>FINANCIAL INDICATORS</b>					
Basic earning per share (sen)	17.62	21.42	6.96	1.27	2.02
Net dividend per share (sen)	6.00	4.00	1.50	1.50	2.00
Net assets per share (RM)	1.57	1.45	1.28	1.22	1.22





## Five-Year Plantation Statistics

		Group				
		2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
<b>Oil Palm</b>						
Production:						
Fresh fruit bunches	(mt)	129,782	143,862	149,702	161,181	161,101
Crude palm oil	(mt)	87,056	94,290	87,349	104,000	111,702
Palm kernel	(mt)	23,015	25,306	22,966	26,883	29,720
Average selling price:						
Fresh fruit bunches	(RM/mt)	958	868	494	374	408
Crude palm oil	(RM/mt)	5,048	4,427	2,712	2,071	2,226
Palm kernel	(RM/mt)	3,083	2,889	1,597	1,231	1,748
Yield per matured hectare	(mt)	13.24	15.80	16.02	18.14	16.94
Oil extraction rate	%	19.31	19.68	19.50	19.57	19.45
Palm kernel rate	%	5.10	5.28	5.13	5.06	5.18
<b>Planted Oil Palm Area</b>						
(Weighted average hectares):		11,186	11,177	11,256	11,403	11,405
Mature		9,805	9,108	9,344	8,887	9,508
Immature		1,381	2,069	1,912	2,516	1,897
<b>Total planted area</b>		<b>11,186</b>	<b>11,177</b>	<b>11,256</b>	<b>11,403</b>	<b>11,405</b>



## Management's Discussion and Analysis

### DESCRIPTION OF OUR GROUP'S BUSINESS

MHC Plantations Bhd. ("MHC") was incorporated on 31 December 1960 (hereinafter MHC and its subsidiaries are collectively referred to as the "Group").

The principal activities of the Company consist of oil palm cultivation, investment holding and the operation of a hotel. The principal activities of the subsidiary companies consist of cultivation of oil palm, operation of quarry, milling and sales of oil palm products including crude palm oil ("CPO") and palm kernel ("Kernel"), letting of oil palm fresh fruit bunches ("FFB") collection center, investment holding, power generation, and property development.

As at 31 December 2022, the Group has a landbank of about 10,280 hectares in Sabah and 3,080 hectares in Peninsular Malaysia. The Group owns one oil mill in Sabah and one in Peninsular Malaysia, with a total milling capacity of 135 metric tonnes per hour. In addition, the Group has ventured into oil palm renewable energy by investing in and operating a 12 Megawatt Biomass Power Plant ("Biomass Plant") and a 4.0 Megawatt Biogas Power Plant ("Biogas Plant"), both in Sandakan, Sabah. The Group has also upgraded its existing Biogas Power Plant in Teluk Intan to connect it to the grid to export renewable power of up to 1 MW to Tenaga Nasional Berhad starting on 8 August 2019 at a Feed-in Tariff("FiT") rate of RM0.4669/kWh.

### FINANCIAL REVIEW

#### Revenue and Profit Before Taxation

The Group recorded a revenue of RM593.27 million and profit before tax of RM80.44 million for the financial year ended 31 December 2022 ("FY2022") as compared to RM599.00 million and RM96.69 million respectively for the financial year ended 31 December 2021 ("FY2021"). The decrease in profit before tax by 17% was mainly due to:

- A 10% decrease in FFB production;
- Increased costs of FFB production in variables such as fertiliser and labour costs;
- A fair value loss of RM2.47 million on biological assets; and
- Decreases in power export and EFB Oil Sales volume by 12% and 24% respectively.

Outlined below are the fluctuation in sales volume and pricing:

#### Average selling price per metric tonne ("MT"):-

	FY2022 RM	FY2021 RM	Difference (%)
CPO	5,048	4,427	14%
Kernel	3,083	2,889	7%
FFB	958	868	10%
Electricity/kWh	0.4021	0.3980	1%
EFB Oil	4,405	4,013	10%

## Management's Discussion and Analysis (cont'd)

### FINANCIAL REVIEW (cont'd)

#### Revenue and Profit Before Taxation (cont'd)

##### Sales Volume:-

	FY2022	FY2021	Difference (%)
CPO (MT)	86,791	93,890	-8%
Kernel (MT)	23,033	25,309	-9%
FFB (MT)	37,946	63,810	-40%
Electricity (MWh)	52,366	59,542	-12%
EFB Oil (MT)	5,712	7,506	-24%

Performance of the respective operating business segments as compared to the previous financial year is appended and analysed as follows:

- (i) Plantation – The decrease in Segment profit by RM12.21 million (18%) from RM68.18 million to RM55.97 million was mainly due to a decrease in FFB production by 10% and an increase in cost of FFB production such as fertiliser and labour costs. In addition, the Plantation Segment incurred a fair value loss of RM2.47 million on biological assets in the current year as compared to a fair value gain of RM2.56 million in the previous year.
- (ii) Oil Mill – The Segment profit decreased marginally by RM0.64 million (3%) from RM22.10 million to RM21.46 million.
- (iii) Power Plant – The decrease in Segment profit by RM5.88 million (30%) from RM19.57 million to RM13.69 million was mainly due to a decrease in the power export by 12% and lower EFB Oil sales volume by 24%.

#### Other Income

Other income increased by 35% from RM8.66 million to RM11.70 million mainly due to the higher sales of sludge oil.

#### Other Operating Expenses

Other operating expenses increased by 10% from RM3.94 million to RM4.33 million mainly due to the fair value loss of RM2.47 million on biological assets.

#### Finance Cost

Finance cost decreased by 42% from RM3.51 million to RM2.05 million in line with the decreases in bank borrowings.

#### Taxation

The effective tax rate for the financial year 2022 was higher than the statutory tax rate of 24% principally due to the reversal of deferred tax assets arising from Investment incentive previously recognised by one of Subsidiaries and certain expenses was disallowed for tax purposes.

#### Profit Attributable to Equity Holders of the Company

Profit attributable to equity holders of the Company and earnings per share of the Group decreased by 18% year-on-year to RM34.62 million and 17.62 sen respectively.

## Management's Discussion and Analysis (cont'd)

### FINANCIAL REVIEW (cont'd)

#### Cash Flow

In FY2022, the Group generated lower net cash from operating activities of RM83.31 million as compared to RM113.77 million in the previous financial year, mainly due to a lower profitability.

The net cash used in investing activities amounted to RM25.80 million in FY2022, primarily relating to the Group's capital expenditure requirements and investment in short term deposit accounts.

The net cash used in financing activities in FY2022 amounted to RM41.10 million, primarily relating to the repayment of bank borrowings and payment of dividends to shareholders.

Overall, the Group registered an increase in cash and cash equivalents of RM16.41 million during the year, bringing total cash and cash equivalents to RM62.83 million as at 31 December 2022.

### OPERATIONAL REVIEW

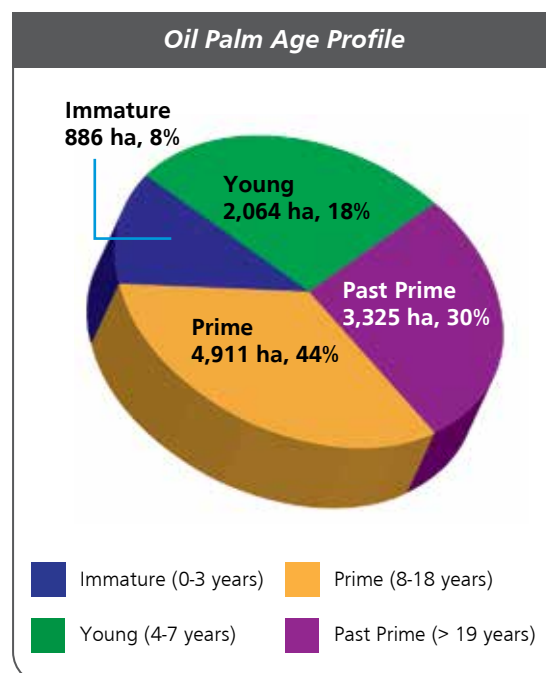
#### Plantation Operations

As at 31 December 2022, the Group's total plantation land stands at approximately 13,360 hectares, of which 84% or 11,186 hectares are planted with oil palms. The remaining plantable area is approximately 500 hectares. From the total planted area, approximately 88% or 9,805 hectares are mature, while the remaining 12% or 1,381 hectares are immature. The Group recorded a total FFB production of 129,782 MT (2021 – 143,862 MT). The average yield per hectare for the year under review was lower at 13.24 MT/hectare as compared to 15.80 MT/hectare in 2021. The significant decrease in yield per hectare for the year under review was mainly due to the acute labour shortages and poor road conditions of certain estates arising from the high rainfall during the year. The Group will continue its replanting programme to replant the old palms which are unable to meet the expectation of FFB yield. In view of current strong CPO price, the Management has adjusted the replanting programme with deferment on areas which continue to contribute good yield.

For productivity improvement, the Group will continue to enhance human capital development by providing comprehensive training to employees, and mechanisation of key processes in the estates, including harvesting, in-field collection and crop evacuation.

The age profile of the developed area is shown below:

Particulars	Hectare	%
0 – 3 years (Immature)	886	8
4 – 7 years (Young)	2,064	18
8 – 18 years (Prime)	4,911	44
> 19 years (Past Prime)	3,325	30
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,186</b>	<b>100</b>



## Management's Discussion and Analysis (cont'd)

### OPERATIONAL REVIEW (cont'd)

#### Milling Operations

The Group operates one oil mill in Sabah and one in Peninsular Malaysia, with a total milling capacity of 135 MT per hour. During the year under review, the Group's mills processed a total FFB quantity of 0.45 million MT as compared to 0.48 million MT in the previous financial year. Hence, the total CPO produced by the mills during the year under review was 87,055 MT, representing a decrease of 8% as compared to 94,290 MT in the previous financial year. Similarly, total kernel production decreased by 9% at 23,015 MT (2021 : 25,306 MT).

The Group's oil extraction rate ("OER") decreased to 19.31% in 2022 as compared to 19.68% in 2021, while kernel extraction rate ("KER") also decreased to 5.10% in 2022 from 5.28% in 2021.

The Group adopts good milling practices with an aim towards improving the OER and KER, alongside increasing productivity and efficiency.

#### Power Plant Operations

The Group operates a renewable energy division consisting of a 12 Megawatt Biomass Plant and a 4.0 Megawatt Biogas Plant, both in Sandakan and a 2.4 Megawatt Biogas Power Plant in Teluk Intan.

The 12 Megawatt Biomass Plant generates renewable electricity using oil palm Empty Fruit Bunches ("EFB") as primary fuel, alongside oil palm shells and mesocarp fibres as secondary fuels. On 12 May 2014, the Group obtained the FiT Approval from the Sustainable Energy Development Authority Malaysia ("SEDA") to sell renewable electricity to Sabah Electricity Sdn. Bhd. ("SESB") at the FiT rate of RM0.3486/kWh for 16 years commencing from 1 January 2015.

The two Biogas Plants generate renewable electricity by capturing the methane gas from palm oil mill effluent ("POME"), thereby mitigating the emission of greenhouse gases. There is also Zero discharge to the river, as the final discharge from the biogas plant is released through a system of drip irrigation for land application. On 18 February 2015, the Group obtained the Biogas FiT Approval from SEDA for the 4.0 Megawatt Biogas Plant to sell renewable electricity to SESB for 16 years commencing from 15 February 2017. The Group has also obtained the Biogas FiT Approval from SEDA on 5 May 2017 for the 2.4 Megawatt Biogas Plant in Teluk Intan to sell renewable electricity up to 1MW to Tenaga Nasional Berhad ("TNB") at the FiT rate of RM0.4669/kWh for 16 years commencing from 3 July 2019. On 11 May 2022, the Group obtained an additional Biogas FiT Approval from SEDA for its 2.4 Megawatt Biogas Plant in Teluk Intan to sell additional renewable electricity up to 1MW to TNB at the FiT rate of RM0.4000/kWh for 21 years commencing from 11 May 2025.

The Group recognises that fuel and system stability are the two main success factors for a renewable energy power plant. The Group has adopted a strict fuel policy to control the quantity and quality of its fuel. Several system upgrades and modification works have been carried out on our power plants to improve the efficiency and stability of power production.

During the year under review, the Group's power plants generated and exported 52,366 MWh, representing a decrease of 12% as compared to 59,542 MWh in the previous financial year. The decrease in the power generation was mainly attributable to the shutdown maintenance and repair of the 12 Megawatt Biomass Plant since October 2022. The 12 Megawatt Biomass Plant has resumed operation since 15 February 2023.

## Management's Discussion and Analysis (cont'd)

### **PROSPECT**

Since the removal of Indonesia's CPO export ban in June 2022, CPO prices have plunged steeply from the unprecedented all-time high levels seen earlier in 2022.

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Overall, the Group expects a challenging year for the FY2023 in view of escalating production costs alongside the drop in both CPO and PK prices.





## Sustainability Statement

### INTRODUCTION

MHC Plantations Bhd is committed to operating sustainably and responsibly. This Sustainability Report outlines the initiatives and strategies employed by the Company and Group for its Plantations, Power plants, and Oil Mill in the financial year ended 31 December 2022.

The report has been prepared in accordance with the Main Market Listing Requirements of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad (“Bursa Malaysia”). In the preparation of this report, we have considered the material issues that affect our business operations and its impact on our internal and external stakeholders, including investors, regulatory bodies, employees, suppliers, customers, and the local community.

We remain committed to improving our sustainability performance, ensuring that we maintain timely and transparent communication with all our stakeholders. We will achieve this by monitoring specific targets and key performance indicators, fostering strong and collaborative relationships with all stakeholders, and harmonizing material sustainability risks across the Group.

### SUSTAINABILITY GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

The Chief Operating Officer (“COO”) is primarily responsible for providing overall direction, leading strategic decision-making and driving execution for all of the Group’s sustainability related matters. The Board of Directors, entrusted with oversight of the Group’s sustainability practices, is kept informed and regularly updated on the progress of sustainability matters and any issues arising therefrom.

The Group has established a sustainability governance structure as depicted below:-

Committee	Responsibilities
Board of Directors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approve and monitor the development of Management’s corporate sustainability strategies, policies and performance</li> </ul>
Chief Operating Officer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Responsible for providing overall direction, leading strategic decision-making and driving execution for all of the Group’s sustainability related matters.</li> </ul>
Sustainability Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lead the implementation of sustainability strategies and policies within their respective departments;</li> <li>Monitor and provide regular updates to the COO regarding their department’s sustainability performance, based on the strategic direction set out by the Board;</li> <li>Identify, assess, evaluate, manage and report material sustainability risks and opportunities relevant to the Group’s operations for approval; and</li> <li>Facilitate sustainability disclosures as required by laws and regulations, and subsequently recommend them for approval.</li> </ul>

The Sustainability Policy of the Group can be found on the Company’s website at [www.mhc.com.my](http://www.mhc.com.my)

## Sustainability Statement (cont'd)

### STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

The Group recognises that the engagement and feedback of its stakeholders are an integral part of its sustainability strategies and initiatives.

The stakeholders engagement process involves both formal and informal approaches. The following table provides an overview of the efforts undertaken by the Group to further the engagement of its stakeholders.

Stakeholder	Modes of Engagement	Key Areas of Interest
Employees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meetings</li> <li>Internal communications</li> <li>Training sessions</li> <li>Morning muster</li> <li>Events and functions</li> <li>Annual appraisals</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Safety and health issues and practices</li> <li>Employee engagement</li> <li>Wages and remuneration</li> <li>Suggestions and areas for improvement</li> </ul>
Smallholders and local communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Formal and informal meetings</li> <li>Corporate social responsibility events</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MSPO certification program for oil palm cultivation</li> <li>Employment opportunities</li> <li>Complaints and grievances</li> </ul>
Customers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One-to-one meetings</li> <li>Phone calls</li> <li>Site visits</li> <li>Contract negotiation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Product quality</li> <li>Compliance with sustainability standards</li> <li>Supply chain and traceability of product</li> <li>Price competitiveness</li> </ul>
Government and Regulators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Two-way dialogue through forums and workshops</li> <li>One-to-one meetings</li> <li>Site visits and inspections</li> <li>Events and seminars</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Compliance of relevant regulatory requirements</li> </ul>
Shareholders and investors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Quarterly reporting</li> <li>Annual Report</li> <li>Annual General Meeting</li> <li>As and when needed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Operational performance</li> <li>Good corporate governance</li> <li>Business strategy</li> </ul>
Contractors and Suppliers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One-to-one meetings</li> <li>Tender and bidding process</li> <li>Visits</li> <li>Product/technology trial</li> <li>Contract negotiations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Company's policies and governance</li> <li>Sustainability related matters</li> <li>Payment terms and timeliness</li> </ul>

## Sustainability Statement (cont'd)

### STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT (cont'd)

#### Investor and Shareholder Relations

The Board recognises the importance of timely dissemination of information. We strive to keep our shareholders and investing community well informed of all major developments in the Group. A periodic overview of the Group's performance and operation is provided to shareholders and the investing public via announcements, disclosures in the Annual Report and quarterly release of financial results.

The Company uses the Annual General Meeting (AGM) as a forum for dialogue and interaction with all its shareholders. The Board of directors and key members of the management team are available to answer any questions raised.

The Company's website at [www.mhc.com.my](http://www.mhc.com.my) contains vital information concerning the Group and it is updated on a regular basis. Shareholders are able to pose questions to the Company through the website.

### MATERIALITY

The Group took into consideration the views and responses of all its stakeholders when conducting its materiality analysis exercise. It has deliberated over the various environmental, economic and social aspects of its operation whilst simultaneously taking into account their respective impact and risks. By doing so, the Group has also discovered opportunities for future success and continued growth.

From the evaluation of the Group's Sustainability Risk and Opportunities, the Group has maintained commitment to the Thirteen (13) key sustainability issues identified and discussed in the previous year's Sustainability report. At the time, these issues were assessed as being of high concern to stakeholders and of high significance to the Group, and we have remained committed to them throughout the entirety of 2022. These material issues have been prioritized through our materiality assessment process. Material issues identified are then assessed to establish if proper policies and procedures are implemented to manage and monitor these issues.

The 13 key sustainability issues are listed below:-

KEY SUSTAINABILITY MATTERS	SUSTAINABILITY FRAMEWORK
Economic Performance	MARKET PLACE
Governance and Business Ethics	
Sustainability Certification	
Water Management	ENVIRONMENT
Energy	
Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emission	
Waste Management	
Land Remediation and Contamination	
Training and Education	WORKPLACE
Labour Relations and Human rights	
Occupational Safety and Health	
Employee Retention & Engagement	
Community Care and CSR Initiatives	COMMUNITY

## Sustainability Statement (cont'd)

### MARKET PLACE

#### Economic Performance

The Group recorded revenue of RM593.27 million and profit before tax of RM80.44 million for the financial year ended 31 December 2022 as compared to RM599.01 million and RM96.69 million respectively in the previous financial year. Further details of the Group's economic performance for FY2022 can be found in the Financial Statement in this Annual Report.

#### Value Distribution

The direct economic value generated and distributed by the Group for 2022 is tabulated below:

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>RM'000</b>	<b>RM'000</b>
Employee wages and benefits	43,710	40,446
Payment to Government	49,817	40,828
Payment to Shareholders (Dividend)	11,793	7,862
CSR contribution	433	978

#### Governance and Business Ethics

Our business conduct shall be guided by honesty, integrity and a commitment to excellence. We are committed to promoting responsible practices among our business partners and showing care for the wellbeing of our customers. The Group upholds the principles of good corporate governance in line with the expectations of our stakeholders and investors, whilst adhering to the rules and regulations of the law. The Group's practices, alongside our continuous improvements and commitment to corporate governance, is further elaborated on in the 'Statement on Corporate Governance' found in this Annual Report.

In keeping with good corporate governance and as per the Group's Anti-Bribery and Corruption Policy, and Whistleblowing Policy (Policy), all our employees and workers are encouraged to raise genuine concerns regarding any improper conduct. Wrongdoings include, but are not limited to, any breaches of trust, corruption, fraud, waste and/or misappropriation of Group resources, abuses of power or position, sexual harassment, endangerment of the health and safety of employees or the public and any attempt to conceal or suppress information relating to the above. The Group reviews the Policy regularly, to mitigate the potential risks.

During 2022, the Group enhanced the Policy with the following changes:

##### Whistleblowing Policy

- Enhanced the Whistleblowing Policy by including reporting channel, procedures on treatment of whistle blowing reports received, appointment and authority of investigation officer and reporting of investigation outcome to Audit Committee Chairman.
- Designed a whistleblowing reporting form or provide guidance, which clearly identifies the information that a whistleblower needs to provide in order for a potential whistleblowing report to be effectively investigated.

##### Code of Conduct and Ethics

- Established a Conflict of Interest policy to provide clarity and explanation on the topic to guide the employee.

The Group's Code of Conduct and Ethics, Anti-Bribery and Corruption Policy and Whistleblowing Policy are accessible through the Group's website at [www.mhc.com.my](http://www.mhc.com.my)

## Sustainability Statement (cont'd)

### MARKET PLACE (cont'd)

#### Malaysian Sustainable Palm Oil Certification (“MSPO”)

MSPO is a mandatory national sustainability certification scheme for the oil palm industry in Malaysia, covering the entire supply chain from oil palm plantations to downstream facilities. All oil palm industry players in Malaysia are mandated to be certified under the MSPO certification scheme by the end of 2019.

The seven principles of MSPO are as follows:

- Principle 1 – Management commitment and responsibility
- Principle 2 – Transparency
- Principle 3 – Compliance to legal requirements
- Principle 4 – Social responsibility, health, safety and employment conditions
- Principle 5 – Environment, natural resources, biodiversity and ecosystem services
- Principle 6 – Best practices; and
- Principle 7 – Development of new plantings

As a responsible member of the industry, we are proud to state that all of our plantations and our Mill have completed MSPO certification.. In addition, our oil mills in Teluk Intan and Sandakan were also certified under the MSPO Supply Chain Certification (“SCCS”). This further reinforces our sustainability credentials with customers and enhances confidence in our sustainably managed business. In this reporting period, the Group successfully completed an annual surveillance audit as mandated by MSPO Oil Palm Management Certification (Parts 3 and 4 of the Principles and Criteria) as well as under the MSPO SCCS.

### ENVIRONMENT

The Group strives to achieve a sustainable long term balance between meeting its business goals and preserving the environment. It recognises that the continued health of ecosystems is an integral part of sustaining its business. Hence, conservation and preservation of the environment remain a priority of the Group.

#### Water Management

The Group’s water management involves measures taken to preserve and protect waterways, whilst optimizing water usage.

The Group adopts a zero discharge policy on Palm Oil Mill Effluent (“POME”). To prevent POME entry into waterways, it is first polished in the Biogas Plant before it is discharged via land irrigation.

Measures and practices that have been implemented by the Group include:-

- i. optimising water usage in nurseries through drip-irrigation;
- ii. land irrigation and application with treated POME;
- iii. installing watergates at strategic locations along drains to keep an optimum water table level in the estate;
- iv. increasing water reservoirs and storage tanks for rainwater harvesting in the housing sites; and
- v. riparian zones or areas which are identified and maintained to avoid runoff from cultivated land into the natural waterways.

In 2022, the Group’s palm oil mills maintained a water consumption (in unit of MT per MT of fresh fruit bunches processed) of 1.42 MT water per MT of FFB processed, an increase compared to the 1.17 MT water per MT of FFB processed in 2021.

## Sustainability Statement (cont'd)

### ENVIRONMENT (cont'd)

#### Energy Consumption

##### At our Estates

Fossil fuels are primarily used by mechanised equipment, agricultural machinery and vehicles for the operation of our estates.

In 2022, total diesel fuel consumption by our estates and housing quarters was approximately 1.26 million (2021 - 1.67 million) litres. While this decrease is positive, the Group recognises that there is more work to be done to reduce energy consumption and is actively pursuing energy efficiency measures and renewable energy projects.

Presently, two (2) estates have installed solar panels to generate power for the houses located away from the main complex. The Group will continue to explore installing additional solar panels in other estates still dependant on diesel-powered generation as their main source of power supply.

##### At our Oil Mills

The main source of power for our palm oil mill operation is derived from renewable energy. The fuel used in the boilers is biomass fiber and shell from oil palm fruit bunches.

In 2022, most of the energy consumption in our oil mills, amounting to almost 85% (2021 – 85%), came from renewable sources. While this is a positive trend, the Group recognises that there is still room for improvement and is committed to pursuing additional renewable energy projects in the future.

#### Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emission

To mitigate Greenhouse Gas emissions, the Group constructed and operates two Biogas Power Plants as well as a Biomass Power Plant. These Power Plants generate green power for use in our operations and any surplus is exported to the electrical grid.

Methane emissions from the treatment of POME are a large contributor to operational GHG emissions. The two biogas plants commissioned by the Group, one in Sandakan and one in Teluk Intan, capture methane and mitigate GHG emissions while the Group's Biomass power plant produce less CHG emissions compare to emission from fossil energy. Together, they contribute to a total GHG reduction of approximately 105,000 MT (2021 – 107,000 MT) of CO<sub>2</sub> in 2022.

Additionally, our oil mill recycles the POME residual solids, namely belt press solid and decanter cake, into organic fertilisers which are then reapplied to our estates. This helps preserve the environment by decreasing the application of chemical fertilisers whilst also reducing the Group's manuring cost.

#### Waste Management

##### Biomass Recycling

In accordance with the Group's biomass recycling best practices, empty fruit bunches ("EFB") are extensively used in our estates. The benefits of applying EFB on plantation land are well documented, especially for moisture retention and for increasing organic matter in soil leading to better nutrient utilisation and uptake.

##### Zero Burning Policy

The Group maintains a strict Zero Burning Policy for all new planting, re-planting and other related development.

## Sustainability Statement (cont'd)

### **ENVIRONMENT** (cont'd)

#### **Land Remediation and Contamination**

##### Integrated Pest Management

We have adopted environmentally friendly techniques and used them to innovate our Integrated Pest Management System. The Group favours an integrated pest management approach which includes the deployment of biological control instead of widespread pesticide use for pest control. The placement of pheromone traps to capture rhinoceros beetles is among the methods that have proven effective in reducing pest damage to our crops over the years. We also introduce barn owls in our estates to suppress rat populations.

Substitution of chemical fertilizers with nutrient-rich organic matter such as EFB, fibre and treated POME is also a common practice in our estates.

Since 2011, the Group has not purchased Paraquat herbicide due to concerns raised over its potential to harm workers. In adhering to government regulations, only chemicals approved by the Pesticides Board are used in the estate.

### **WORKPLACE**

#### **Fair Employment Practices**

The Group considers its employees to be one of its greatest assets and recognise them as major contributors to its success.

The Group advocates fair employment policies and practices. It is committed to equal employment opportunities without discrimination in regard to gender, age, religion, race, ethnicity and origin. We do not use forced labour nor do we approve of the practice of child labour. We do not tolerate any involvement in human trafficking.

The equality policy is embedded in all workplace procedures, starting from the recruitment process. A Sexual Harassment Policy is also in place to ensure female employees and workers are protected from sexual harassment and any form of violence in the workplace.

In addition, we have a formal grievance mechanism in place so that complaints of mistreatment and abuse can be reported. The mechanism covers complaints on labour practices and human rights and also comes with a remediation process. Guidelines on the complaint and grievance procedure have been established as part of the Group's Employment Policy.

#### **Employees Wages and Welfare**

The Group is committed to providing fair wages and excellent welfare to its employees. In compliance with the Amendment in Minimum Wages Order 2022 ("Order") on 27 April 2022, the Group has implemented an exercise to ensure that all employees are paid at least RM1,500 per month.

We believe in recognising our people for their work performance, behaviour, creativity and involvement in the Group's activities. Our reward philosophy covers basic salary, benefits, short-term variable bonuses as well as promotion.

## Sustainability Statement (cont'd)

### **WORKPLACE** (cont'd)

#### **Employees Wages and Welfare** (cont'd)

We are dedicated to having a comfortable environment for our workers and their dependents to work and live in. To this end, a comprehensive range of amenities is provided at the Group's operating units. This includes housing, water and electricity supply, healthcare, places of worship, childcare facilities and other recreational amenities. The Group continues to upgrade these amenities to ensure compliance with "Workers' Minimum Standards of Housing and Amenities Act 1990 (Act 446).

Our dedication to our employees extends beyond providing basic amenities. We also invest in their personal and professional development by providing training opportunities and personal growth programmes. We believe in cultivating a culture of continuous learning to help our employees achieve their full potential.

#### **Occupational Safety and Health**

The Group is committed to providing a safe and healthy working environment for all employees and contractors engaged at work. To maintain conditions, an Occupational Safety & Health (OSH) Policy is in place that governs the entirety of the Group. We also have Safety and Health Committees (consisting of management and employee representatives) based in all our estates and oil mills.

The Group's Safety and Health Officer (SHO) makes periodic workplace inspections to ensure safety protocols are implemented in compliance with legislative requirements. Workers are provided with safety equipment as befits their job responsibilities and they are given working procedures to follow. The codes of health and safety practices and procedures are strictly adhered to at all times by all parties concerned. Safety operating procedures and system checks for all processes and equipment are in place and product quality standards are stringently maintained in a responsible manner.

The Fatal Accident Frequency rate and the Lost Time Injury Frequency Rate (LTIFR) is at 0.23 (2021: Nil) and 4.56 (2021: 4.08) respectively.

LTIFR represents the number of accidents with lost days for every (1) million man hours worked.

Every accident is formally investigated to determine the root cause and to prevent the recurrence of such incidents.

#### **Training and Education**

Our human capital development programmes include in-house and external training, seminars and the provision of information/knowledge sharing platforms to encourage shared knowledge and communication.

The Group has carried out internal training throughout the year at each of its operating units. Training topics included personal protective equipment (PPE), chemical handling, hazard guidance, vehicle competency, safety work procedures and safe handling of tools & equipment at mechanical/vehicle workshops.

#### **Employee Retention and Engagement**

The Group is aware of the challenges faced by the palm oil industry in recruiting and retaining employees, especially in light of the shortage of foreign labour and the difficult working conditions on plantations.

To mitigate the risk of high employee turnover and job dissatisfaction, the Group places a strong emphasis on comprehensive employee benefits, competitive remuneration, and opportunities for training and personal development. Additionally, the Group strives to create a positive and conducive working culture that values the contributions of all employees.



## Sustainability Statement (cont'd)

### **WORKPLACE** (cont'd)

#### **Employee Retention and Engagement** (cont'd)

To address the shortage of foreign labour, the Group is exploring ways to increase efficiency and productivity, including the use of mechanization where feasible. The Group is also working to attract and retain younger employees by offering attractive compensation packages and opportunities for career advancement.

Overall, the Group is committed to ensuring the well-being and satisfaction of its employees, recognizing their vital role in the success of the business.

### **COMMUNITY**

#### **Community Care and CSR Initiatives**

The Group's commitment to the community is demonstrated through various Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives. We recognize the importance of promoting the well-being of the community, and therefore are dedicated to advancing education, religion, and poverty relief.

The Group is working with the Borneo Child Aid Society, Sabah (Humana) in Sandakan to provide basic education and care for children of foreign plantation workers, who are unable to enrol in Malaysian national schools. The Cepatwawasan-Humana Education Resource Centre currently has 101 (2021:98) students and the majority consists of our workers' children. The Group has also built a new learning centre in its estate located in Beaufort, Sabah. This centre is also aimed at educating plantation workers' children who are unable to attend Malaysian national schools. The centre offers classes based on the Indonesian curriculum in preparation for the children's future repatriation to their home country. In 2022, the number of students attending this learning centre was 38 (2021 – 36).

The Group is partnering with Persatuan Orang Asli Perak to provide basic education and care for the children of Orang Asli at the centre donated by the Group namely, Pusat Kecemerlangan Pendidikan Orang Asli Perak located between Simpang Pulai and Cameron Highlands.

The Group also contributed to the establishment of a Bistari IT Centre at the Pusat Kecemerlangan Pendidikan Orang Asli Perak. This IT College is intended to improve the living standard of Orang Asli by providing them skill training in computer science, business management and engineering in welding (Oil & Gas).

This Statement is made in accordance with the resolution of the Board of Directors passed on 27 February 2023.

## Corporate Governance Overview Statement

### Introduction

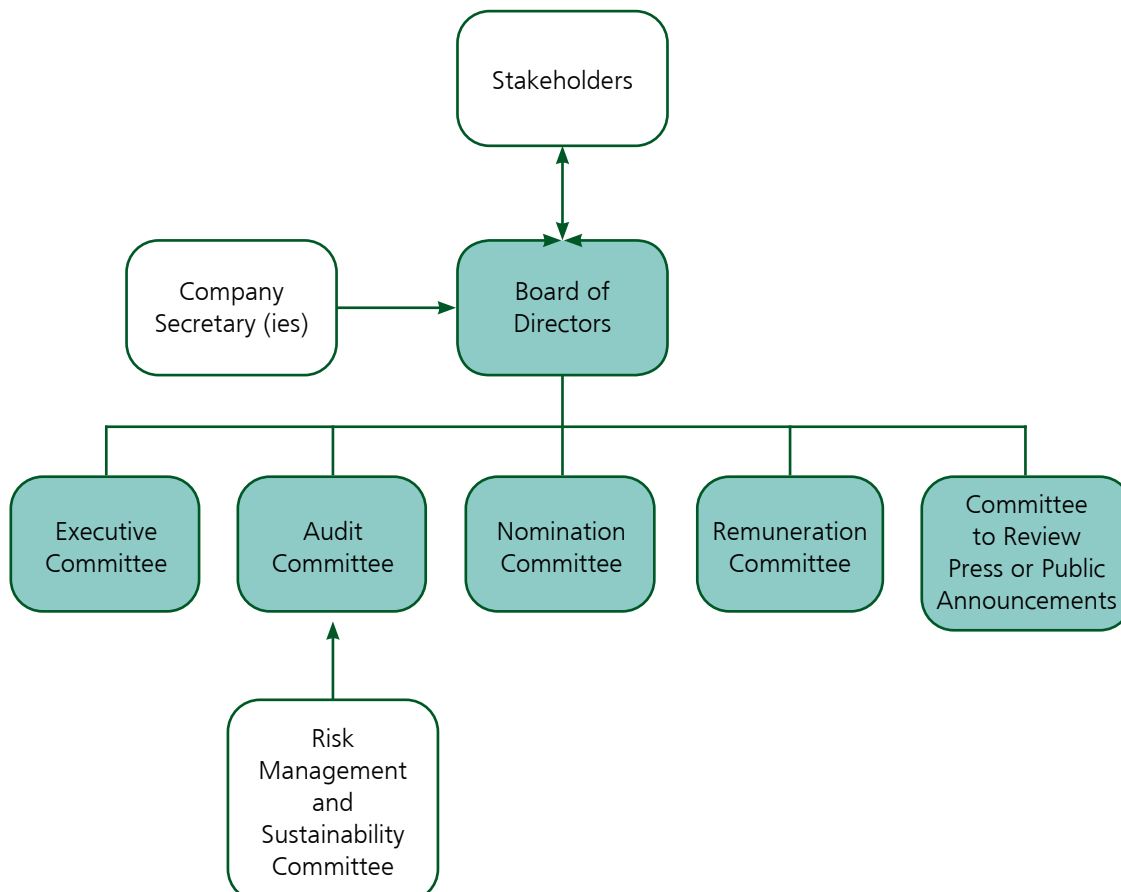
The Board of Directors (“the Board”) recognises the importance of adopting high standards of corporate governance throughout the Company and the Group as a fundamental part of discharging its responsibilities to protect and enhance long term shareholders value and the Group’s financial performance, whilst considering the interests of other stakeholders.

This Corporate Governance Overview Statement (“Statement”) sets out how the Company has applied the Principles of the Code and observed the Recommendations supporting the Principles and is to be read together with the Corporate Governance Report 2022 (“CG Report”) which is available on the Company’s corporate website at [www.mhc.com.my](http://www.mhc.com.my) as well as the announcements on the website of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad (“Bursa Securities”) and in conjunction with the other statements in the Annual Report (i.e. Statement on Risk Management and Internal Control and Sustainability Statement).

The CG Report provides the details on how the Company has applied the following three (3) principles which are set out in the Malaysian Code on Corporate Governance (“MCCG”) during the financial year 2022 (“FY 2022”):

- (a) Board leadership and effectiveness;
- (b) Effective audit and risk management; and
- (c) Integrity in corporate reporting and meaningful relationship with stakeholders.

### The Group’s Governance Framework



## Corporate Governance Overview Statement (cont'd)

### **Principle A : Board Leadership and Effectiveness**

#### ***Principal Responsibilities of the Board***

The Board is led by the Executive Chairman and is supported by an experienced and dynamic Board members with a wide range of expertise, who play an important role in the stewardship of the direction and operations of the Group. Following the updated MCGG 2021, the Board has complied with Practice 1.4 of the MCGG 2021 whereby the Chairman of the Board is not a member of the Audit Committee, Nomination Committee or Remuneration Committee.

The Board assumes full responsibilities for the overall performance of the Company and its subsidiaries by setting the policies, short term and long term plans, establishing goals and monitoring the achievement of the goals through strategic action plans and careful stewardship of the Group's assets and resources. It focuses on financial performance and crucial business issues, like principal risks and their management, succession planning for senior management, investor relations programme and shareholders communication policy, systems for internal control and compliance with laws and regulations.

#### ***Board Charter***

The Board has a Board Charter which sets out the clear functions reserved for the Board and those delegated to Management in the Board Charter (the "Charter") which serves as a reference point for Board's activities. The Charter provides guidance for Directors and Management on the responsibilities of the Board and its Committees, and requirements of Directors to ensure consistency with the Board's strategic intent as well as relevant standards of corporate governance. The terms of the Charter are made available on the Company's website at [www.mhc.com.my](http://www.mhc.com.my)

Along with good governance practices and in order to enhance transparency and accountability, the Board has in place the following policies and procedures, full details of which are made available on the Company's website at [www.mhc.com.my](http://www.mhc.com.my):

- Board Charter and Code of Conduct
- Code of Conduct and Ethics
- Shareholder's Rights relating to General Meetings
- Whistleblowing Policy and Procedure
- Anti-Bribery and Corruption Policy
- Sustainability Policy
- Remuneration Policy and Procedures
- Board of Directors' Fit and Proper Policy

In February 2022, the Board had revised the Board Charter to incorporate the latest updates on MCGG 2021 in line with the Bursa Securities Listing Requirement. The Board will review the Board Charter periodically and update in accordance with new regulations that may have an impact on the discharge of the Board's responsibilities.

In June 2022, the Board established the Directors' Fit and Proper Policy to outline the fit and proper criteria for the appointment and re-appointment of Directors of the Company to ensure that individuals of high calibre who possess the right blend of qualifications, expertise, track record, competency and integrity are appointed on the Boards of Directors of the Group. All candidates to be appointed to the Boards of Directors of the Group, including those seeking re-election/re-appointment, shall undergo a review of fit and properness by the Board in accordance with the Directors' Fit and Proper Policy. The Board of Directors' Fit and Proper Policy is available on the Company's website at [www.mhc.com.my](http://www.mhc.com.my)

## Corporate Governance Overview Statement (cont'd)

### **Principle A : Board Leadership and Effectiveness** (cont'd)

#### **Board Charter** (cont'd)

In November 2022, the Board approved the revised Whistleblowing Policy for the enhancement of the said policies within the Group to ensure the highest standard of ethical conduct within the Group. The revised Whistleblowing Policy is available on the Company's website at [www.mhc.com.my](http://www.mhc.com.my)

#### **Board Composition and Independence**

The Board, led by the Executive Chairman, currently comprises five (5) members who bring with them a wide mix of knowledge, business acumen, industry expertise and financial experience which are invaluable assets required in their thorough examination and deliberations of the various key issues and matters involving the Group. A brief description of the background of each Director is presented under the Directors' Profiles section of this Annual Report.

The Board is appropriately balanced to reflect the interest of substantial shareholders. As such, the Board is satisfied that the current Board composition fairly represents and protects the interest of the minority shareholders in the Company. The Independent Directors play a key role in providing unbiased views and impartiality to the Board's deliberation and decision-making process. In addition, the Independent Directors ensure that matters and issues brought to the Board are given due consideration, fully discussed and examined, taking into account the interest of all stakeholders in the Group. The assessment on the independence of the Directors based on the provisions of the Listing Requirements covers a series of objective tests and is carried out before the appointment of the Independent Directors. Furthermore, the Board with assistance from the Nomination Committee will undertake to carry out annual assessment of the effectiveness of the Independent Non-Executive Directors and consider whether the Independent Non-Executive Directors can continue to bring independent and objective judgement to the Board deliberations. Any Director who considers that he has or may have a conflict of interest or a material personal interest or a direct or indirect interest or relationship that could reasonably be considered to influence in a material way the Director's decision in any matter concerning the Company, is required to immediately disclose to the Board.

Subsequent to FY 2022 and as at the date of the issuance of this CG Overview Statement, there were also changes to the composition of the Board as follows:

- The appointment of Dato' TPr. Suki Mee as Independent Non-Executive Director on 20 April 2023; and
- The retirement of Chan Kam Leong as Independent Non-Executive Director on 20 April 2023.

As at the FY 2022, the Board comprises five (5) members, of whom two (2) are Executive Directors and three (3) are Independent Non-Executive Directors. The Company has thus satisfied Paragraph 15.02(1) of the Main Market Listing Requirements ("MMLR") of Bursa Securities, which requires that at least two or one-third (1/3) of the Board members, whichever is the higher, comprise Independent Non-Executive Directors and had met the recommendation under Practice 5.2 of the MCCG 2021.

The Company has taken note of Principle 5.3 of the MCCG 2021 that the tenure of an Independent Director should not exceed a cumulative term of nine (9) years. Upon completion of nine (9) years, an Independent Director may continue to serve on the Board subject to the director's re-designation as a Non-Independent Director.

However, the Company does not have a term limit policy for independent directors but the Nomination Committee ("NC") annually assesses the independence of the Directors based on the criteria stipulated in paragraph 1.01 of the Listing Requirements. Thus, the Board must justify and seek Shareholders' approval at an Annual General Meeting ("AGM") through a two-tier voting process in the event it retains the director as an Independent Director beyond nine (9) years.

## Corporate Governance Overview Statement (cont'd)

### Principle A : Board Leadership and Effectiveness (cont'd)

#### **Board Composition and Independence** (cont'd)

The Board shall examine the composition and size of the Board from time to time to ensure its effectiveness. In this regard, the Board through its NC conducts an annual review of its size and composition, to determine if the Board has the right size and sufficient diversity with independence elements that fit the Company's objectives and strategic goal.

#### **Foster Commitment**

Each Director does not hold more than five (5) directorships in public listed companies to ensure that they have sufficient time to focus and discharge their duties and responsibilities. The Board is satisfied with the time and level of commitment given by the Non-Executive Directors towards fulfilling their roles and responsibilities as Directors of the Company during the financial year ended 31 December 2022.

#### **Board Meetings**

The Board meets four (4) times a year on a scheduled basis with additional meetings held when specific urgent or important matters are required to be considered and decided between the scheduled meetings. A total of four (4) Board Meetings were held during the financial year. All the Directors have complied with the minimum attendance at Board Meetings as stipulated by Bursa Securities during the financial year as follows:

No.	Name of Directors	Meeting Attendance
1	Dato' Seri Mah King Seng	4/4
2	Tan Sri Dr. Mah King Thian	4/4
3	Mr. Chan Kam Leong ( <i>retired on 20 April 2023</i> )	4/4
4	Puan Wan Salmah Binti Wan Abdullah	4/4
5	Mr. Heng Beng Fatt	4/4
6	Dato' TPr. Suki Mee ( <i>appointed on 20 April 2023</i> )	Not Applicable
7	Ms. Mah Li-Na (Alternate Director to Dato' Seri Mah King Seng)	4/4
8	Dr. Jordina Mah Siu Yi (Alternate Director to Tan Sri Dr. Mah King Thian)	4/4

#### **Gender Diversity Policy**

The Company does not have a policy on gender diversity but the Board endeavours to have at least one (1) woman Director participating on the Board at all times. The Board also endeavours to have diversity in its workforce in terms of experience, qualification, ethnicity and age. The Board recognise the value of female member of the Board. Currently, the Board has one female Director, Puan Wan Salmah Binti Wan Abdullah.

#### **Re-appointment and Re-election of Directors**

In accordance with the Company's Constitution, all Directors who were appointed by the Board are subject to re-election at the first opportunity after their appointment and at least one-third (1/3) of the remaining Directors are subject to re-election by rotation at each AGM. The Constitution also provide that all Directors shall retire at least once in three (3) years and in accordance with the MMLR of Bursa Securities.

## Corporate Governance Overview Statement (cont'd)

### **Principle A : Board Leadership and Effectiveness** (cont'd)

#### ***Re-appointment and Re-election of Directors*** (cont'd)

Where any Director is required to retire from office, the Nomination Committee reviews the composition of the Board and decides whether to recommend such Director for re-election taking into account the Director's skills, experience and strength in qualities necessary for the discharging of their responsibilities in an effective manner, their attendance at meetings, participation, contribution and also their time commitment via evaluation form.

The following Directors will be retiring at the forthcoming AGM to be held on 26 May 2023 and being eligible, offered themselves for re-election:

- (1) Tan Sri Dr. Mah King Thian (retiring by rotation);
- (2) Puan Wan Salmah Binti Wan Abdullah (retiring by rotation); and
- (3) Dato' TPr. Suki Mee (retiring as he was appointed during the year).

At the recommendation of the Nomination Committee and as approved by the Board, they will be seeking re-election as Directors at the forthcoming AGM.

#### ***Continuous Training of Directors***

Directors are expected to devote sufficient time to update their knowledge and enhance their skills through appropriate continuing education programmes, so as to enable them to sustain their active participation in the Board's deliberations. Hence, the Board recognises and has undertaken an assessment of the training needs of each Director to continue developing their skills and knowledge. All Directors have complied with the Continuous Training Programme prescribed by Bursa Securities. However, every Director is encouraged to evaluate their own training needs and undergo continuous training to equip himself with enhanced knowledge and effectively contribute his duties to the Board.

During the financial year, the Directors have attended several conferences, seminars and training programmes as follows:

- MACC Corporate Liability Act – Defense For Directors, Executives & Company
- Fraud Risk Management Workshop
- Understanding Bursa Share Requirements by KPMG
- Leadership Workshop - Awareness & Alignment
- Competency Framework Workshop
- Outlook for Markets and Long-Term Structural Drivers
- Blockchain: Beyond the Crypto Wave
- Overview of the Employment (Amendment) Act 2022 and the New Anti-Sexual Harassment Act 2022
- Best Practices of Regulations
- MPOC Meeting the Challenge of Improving Labour Rights in the Malaysian Palm Oil Supply Chain
- Forum on Food Analyst/Chemist Requirement
- Study tour to explore the feasibility of farming, hydroponics and algae cultivation in the United Arab Emirates
- Employer tax audit and common payroll issues

The Company Secretary keep the Directors informed of the relevant external training programmes. The Company Secretary circulated and highlighted from time to time the relevant guidelines on statutory and regulatory requirements to the Directors. The External Auditors also highlighted changes to the Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards and legislation that affect the Company's financial statements during the financial year.

The Board will continuously evaluate and determine the training needs of its members to assist them in the discharge of their duties as Directors.

## Corporate Governance Overview Statement (cont'd)

### **Principle A : Board Leadership and Effectiveness** (cont'd)

#### ***Qualified and Competent Company Secretary***

The Board believes that the current Company Secretary is capable of carrying out her duties to ensure effective functioning of the Board. The Company Secretary ensure that all Board and Board Committee meetings are properly convened and that records of the deliberations, proceedings and resolutions passed are properly recorded and statutory registers are properly maintained at the registered office of the Company. She constantly keeps herself abreast of the evolving capital market environment, regulatory changes and developments in corporate governance by attending the relevant training programmes/conferences.

#### ***Access to Information and Advice***

The Board has access to information within the Group and the advice and services of the Company Secretary. The Directors may obtain independent professional advice to enhance their duties whenever necessary at the Company's expense, subject to approval by the Chairman or the Board and depending on the quantum of the fees involved.

The Board members are provided with all meeting materials including updates on operational, financial and corporate issues as well as minutes of meetings of the various Board Committees at least five (5) days prior to the meetings to enable Directors to obtain further explanations/clarifications, if necessary, in order to ensure the effectiveness of the proceeding of the meetings.

#### ***Board Committees***

The Board is assisted by the following Sub-Committees in the discharge of its duties and responsibilities:

- Audit Committee ("**AC**")
- Executive Committee ("**EC**")
- Nomination Committee ("**NC**")
- Remuneration Committee ("**RC**")
- Committee for the review of press releases or public announcements

#### ***AC***

The AC was established on 27 September 2000 to support the Board of Directors in overseeing the processes for production of financial data and reviewing the financial reports and the internal controls of the Company. Details of the composition and summary of work of the AC are set out in the AC Report of this Annual Report.

#### ***EC***

The EC was set up on 24 May 2001 to act on behalf of the Board on matters concerning administration, operations, capital expenditure, debt approvals and investments. It meets at regular intervals to review the operations, budget and investment strategy. It has three (3) members comprising the Executive Chairman, the Managing Director and a Senior Executive:

- (1) Datin Seri Ooi Ah Thin (Senior Executive) - Chairperson
- (2) Dato' Seri Mah King Seng (Executive Chairman)
- (3) Tan Sri Dr. Mah King Thian (Managing Director)

## Corporate Governance Overview Statement (cont'd)

### **Principle A : Board Leadership and Effectiveness** (cont'd)

#### **Board Committees** (cont'd)

##### **NC**

The role of the NC is to assist the Board in ensuring that the Board comprises individuals with the requisite skills, knowledge, professional expertise and character.

The NC comprises exclusively Non-Executive Directors who are independent. As at 31 December 2022, the members are as follows:

- (1) Mr. Chan Kam Leong (Chairman, Independent Non-Executive Director)
- (2) Puan Wan Salmah Binti Wan Abdullah (Member, Independent Non-Executive Director)
- (3) Mr. Heng Beng Fatt (Member, Independent Non-Executive Director)

The NC meets as and when necessary. One (1) meeting was held during the financial year ended 31 December 2022.

The nomination and election process of board members and its Terms of Reference can be found on the Company's website at [www.mhc.com.my](http://www.mhc.com.my)

The activities of the NC during the financial year are as follows:

- Reviewed the mix of skills, independence, experience and other qualities of the Board.
- Reviewing the terms of office and performance of the AC, NC and RC.
- Reviewed and recommended to the Board to put for the proposal for the re-election of Directors at the forthcoming AGM of the Company.
- Assessed the independence of the Independent Directors.
- Reviewed the annual assessment of the effectiveness of the Board, committees and individual Directors with the following criteria used:

##### Audit Committee

- (i) Quality and Composition;
- (ii) Skills and Competencies; and
- (iii) Meeting Administration and Conduct.

##### Board of Directors

- (i) Board Roles and Responsibilities
- (ii) The Board Operations and the Company Senior Management
- (iii) Board Meetings and Facilities
- (iv) Board Composition
- (v) Board Committees

At the NC meeting held on 17 November 2022, the NC had conducted and carried out an annual assessment of the Board and its individual members, the AC and its members, and the RC and its members, including assessing in the area of board diversity, composition and governance, decision-making and Boardroom activities, skills and contribution of each director. The NC was satisfied with the current board size and the effectiveness of the Board/Board Committees and thus, no recommendation on the change of composition of the Board is made. All assessments and evaluations carried out by the NC in discharging its functions have been properly documented.



## Corporate Governance Overview Statement (cont'd)

### **Principle A : Board Leadership and Effectiveness** (cont'd)

#### **Board Committees** (cont'd)

##### **RC**

The RC comprises the following three (3) members as at 31 December 2022:

- (1) Tan Sri Dr. Mah King Thian (Chairman, Managing Director)
- (2) Mr. Chan Kam Leong (Member, Independent Non-Executive Director)
- (3) Puan Wan Salmah Binti Wan Abdullah (Member, Independent Non-Executive Director)

The RC meets as and when necessary. One (1) meeting was held during the financial year ended 17 November 2022.

The RC provides remuneration packages which are sufficient and necessary to attract, retain and motivate Executive Directors and Senior Management to run the Company. The remuneration of Non-Executive Directors is linked to their experience and level of responsibilities undertaken by them.

The Board has a Remuneration Policy and Procedure which facilitates the RC to review, consider and recommend to the Board for decision on the remuneration packages of the Executive Directors and Senior Management.

The Remuneration Policy and Procedure and its Terms of Reference can be found on the Company's website at [www.mhc.com.my](http://www.mhc.com.my)

#### **Committee for the Review of Press Releases or Public Announcements**

The Committee for the review of press releases or public announcements, comprising the Executive Chairman, Dato' Seri Mah King Seng, and the Managing Director, Tan Sri Dr. Mah King Thian, is responsible for making timely dissemination of information to the shareholders and investing public and ensuring that the information released is factual, clear, accurate and not false or misleading.

#### **Remuneration of Directors and Key Senior Management Personnel**

The Company's framework on Directors' remuneration has the underlying objectives of attracting and retaining Directors of high calibre needed to run the Group successfully. In the case of the Executive Directors, the various components of the remuneration are structured so as to link rewards to corporate and individual performance. In the case of Non-Executive Directors, the level of remuneration reflects the expertise, experience and level of responsibilities undertaken by a particular Non-Executive Director concerned.

The Company has identified the Chief Operating Officer, Group General Manager of the Company's subsidiary namely Cepatwawasan Group Berhad and Group Accountant who are the most senior management personnel outside the Board as its key senior management personnel.

The objective of the Group's remuneration policies is to provide fair and competitive remuneration to its Board and senior management personnel in order for the Company to benefit by attracting and retaining a high quality team.

The Company pays its Non-Executive Directors allowances based on attendance of meetings and level of responsibilities.

The Company provides Directors' and Officers' Liability Insurance and may provide an indemnity to the fullest extent permitted by the Companies Act, 2016, and the cost of such Liability Insurance is set out in the Directors' Report.

Corporate Governance Overview Statement (cont'd)

**Principle A : Board Leadership and Effectiveness** (cont'd)

**Remuneration of Directors and Key Senior Management Personnel** (cont'd)

The details of the remuneration of Directors comprising remuneration received/receivable from the Group and Company during the financial year are as follows:

	Salary RM'000	Fees RM'000	Bonus RM'000	Allowance RM'000	Benefits- in-kind RM'000	EPF RM'000	Total RM'000
<b>Group</b>							
<b>Executive Directors</b>							
Dato' Seri Mah King Seng	1,126	-	554	70	-	201	1,951
Tan Sri Dr. Mah King Thian	1,126	31	554	70	13	201	1,995
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,252</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1,108</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>402</b>	<b>3,946</b>
<b>Non-Executive Directors</b>							
Mr. Chan Kam Leong	-	53	-	47	-	-	100
Puan Wan Salmah Binti Wan Abdullah	-	53	-	47	-	-	100
Mr. Heng Beng Fatt	-	-	-	47	-	-	47
	-	106	-	141	-	-	247
<b>Alternate Director</b>							
Ms. Mah Li-Na	89	-	-	38	-	15	142
Dr. Jordina Mah Siu Yi	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	89	-	-	38	-	15	142
<b>Company</b>							
<b>Executive Directors</b>							
Dato' Seri Mah King Seng	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tan Sri Dr. Mah King Thian	240	-	118	-	-	43	401
<b>Total</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>401</b>
<b>Non-Executive Directors</b>							
Mr. Chan Kam Leong	-	-	-	47	-	-	47
Puan Wan Salmah Binti Wan Abdullah	-	-	-	47	-	-	47
Mr. Heng Beng Fatt	-	-	-	47	-	-	47
	-	-	-	141	-	-	141

## Corporate Governance Overview Statement (cont'd)

### **Principle B : Effective Audit and Risk management**

#### ***Risk Management and Internal Control Framework***

The Board has a Group Risk Management Committee (RMC) that comprises the Managing Director and senior management to review the risk management framework and assess the various types of risks which might have an impact on the profitable operation of the Group's business. This includes operational, market, legal and environmental risks. The key features of the risk management framework are set out in the Statement on Risk Management and Internal Control of this Annual Report.

In accordance with the MCCG and the MMLR of Bursa Securities, the Board has an internal audit function which reports directly to the AC. The function is currently outsourced to an independent professional firm. The AC had also undertaken an annual assessment of the quality of the internal auditor based on an assessment questionnaire, and no material issue and major deficiency had been noted which pose a high risk to the overall system of internal control under review.

Details on scope of work performed during the financial year under review are provided in the AC Report set out in this Annual Report.

#### ***Assessment of Suitability and Independence of External Auditors (EA)***

The AC had deliberated the outcome of the Evaluation of the EA including the assessment of the Engagement Teams' qualification, credentials and experience, particularly in the financial service sector, the firms' competitive advantage with global network resources, their audit work approach, and their ability to provide value added and service as well as to perform the work within MHC's timeline. Messrs PKF PLT had also confirmed their independence throughout the conduct of the audit engagement with the Company in accordance with the independence criteria set out by the International Federation of Accountants and the Malaysian Institute of Accountants.

A statement by the Directors of their responsibilities in preparing the financial statements is set out in this Annual Report.

#### ***Relationship with the Auditors***

The Board has a formal and transparent arrangement with its external auditors to meet their professional requirements. The auditors have continued to highlight to the AC and Board of Directors matters that require the Board's attention. The AC will have a private session with the external auditors without the presence of any executive of the Group at least twice (2) a year. In addition, the external auditors are invited to attend the Company's AGM.

The role of the AC in relation to the external auditors is set out in the Report of AC of this Annual Report.

### **Principle C : Integrity in Corporate Reporting and Meaningful relationship with Stakeholders**

#### ***Investor Relations and Communication***

The Board recognises the importance of timely dissemination of information to its shareholders to keep them well informed of all major developments of the Group. Disclosures in the Annual Report, announcements and releases of the quarterly financial results provide the shareholders and the investing public with a periodic overview of the Group's performance and operations.

## Corporate Governance Overview Statement (cont'd)

### **Principle C : Integrity in Corporate Reporting and Meaningful relationship with Stakeholders** (cont'd)

#### ***Investor Relations and Communication*** (cont'd)

The Company uses the AGM as a forum for dialogue and interaction with all its shareholders. Shareholders are encouraged to attend and participate in the AGM. They will be given the opportunity to seek clarification on any matters pertaining to the Company's affairs and performance, as the Directors and the representatives of the External Auditors will be present to answer any questions that they may have.

Shareholders may also contact the Company Secretary at any time for information.

The Company's website at [www.mhc.com.my](http://www.mhc.com.my) contains vital information concerning the Group which is updated on a regular basis and shareholders are able to put questions to the Company through the website.

#### ***Poll Voting***

In line with the MMLR, all resolutions set out in the Notice of AGM will be voted by poll and a scrutineer will be appointed to validate the vote cast. Poll voting more accurately and fairly reflects shareholders' views as every vote is recognised thus enforcing greater shareholder's rights.

#### **Compliance with the Code**

The Group has complied with the Principles of Corporate Governance as contained in the MCCG except for the following exception that, in the opinion of the Directors, adequately suit the circumstances:

- ◆ Practice 5.9  
The board comprises at least 30% women directors.
- ◆ Practice 5.10  
The board discloses in its annual report the company's policy on gender diversity for the board and senior management.
- ◆ Practice 8.2  
The board discloses on a named basis the top five senior management's remuneration component including salary, bonus, benefits-in-kind and other emoluments in bands of RM50,000.
- ◆ Practice 13.3  
Listed companies should leverage technology to facilitate–
  - voting including voting in absentia; and
  - remote shareholders' participation at general meetings.

The explanation for departure is further disclosed in the Corporate Governance Report.

The Statement and Corporate Governance Report were approved by the Board of Directors of MHC on 27 February 2023.



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## Statement of Directors' Responsibility for Preparing the Audited Financial Statements

The Directors are required by the Companies Act, 2016 to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Group and of the Company as at the end of the financial year and of their results and cash flows for the financial year then ended.

In preparing the financial statements, the Directors have:

- selected appropriate accounting policies and applied them consistently;
- made judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- stated whether applicable accounting standards have been followed and made a statement to that effect in the financial statements, subject to any material departures being disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepared the financial statements on a going concern basis.

The Directors are responsible for ensuring that proper accounting records are kept so as to enable disclosure of the accounts, financial position and other financial reports of the Group and of the Company are prepared in accordance with the applicable approved accounting standards in Malaysia and comply with the requirement of the Companies Act, 2016.

They are responsible for taking reasonable steps to safeguard the assets of the Group and of the Company for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. The Board of Directors is satisfied that the Group has applied the appropriate accounting policies and standards consistently in the preparation of the financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2022.

## Statement on Risk Management and Internal Control

### INTRODUCTION

The Board of Directors (“the Board”) is pleased to present the Group’s Statement on Risk Management and Internal Control for the financial year ended 31 December 2022 which is made in compliance with Paragraph 15.26(b) of the Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad’s (Bursa Malaysia) Main Market Listing Requirements and is guided by “Statement on Risk Management and Internal Control: Guidelines for Directors and Listed Issuers” endorsed by Bursa Malaysia.

### BOARD’S RESPONSIBILITY

The Board acknowledges its responsibility for establishing an efficient and effective sound risk management framework and internal control system. The Board ensures the Group’s key areas of risk are managed within an acceptable risks profile. There is an on-going review process for identifying, evaluating, responding to and managing significant risk faced by the Group to ensure the adequacy and integrity of the system.

In view of the limitations that are inherent in any system of internal control, this system is designed to manage key risks, rather than eliminate the risk of failure to achieve corporate objectives. Accordingly, the system can only provide reasonable but not absolute assurance against material misstatement, operational failures, fraud or loss.

### RISK POLICY

The Group recognises its primary responsibility is to ensure the long term viability of the Group. The Group recognises that the risk is an integral and unavoidable component of its business and is characterised by threats and opportunities. The Group fosters a risk-aware corporate culture in all decision making. Our policy, therefore, is to achieve a proper balance between risk incurred and potential returns to shareholders and stakeholders.

### RISK MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK AND CONTROL SELF-ASSESSMENT

The Board has put in place a risk management framework and ongoing process to assess the various types of risks, which might have an impact on the profitable operation of the Group’s business. These include operational risk, market risk, legal risk and environmental risk. After the review and taking into consideration the nature of the Group’s business, the Directors are of the view that the Group is not materially exposed to legal and environmental risks and therefore have concluded to focus on the operational risks relevant to the business. Although there is exposure to market risk as a result of price fluctuations in the commodity market, the Directors consider these as movements in market forces inherent in the industry in which the Group operates.

The Board has established a formal Group Risk Management Committee that comprises the Managing Director and senior management. The Group Risk Management Committee is entrusted with the responsibilities of identifying and evaluating various critical risks that are considered likely to affect the profitable operation of the business units in the Group.

Statement on Risk Management and Internal Control (cont'd)

The key risk management processes for the main risk areas of the Group are as follows:

Risk Area	Risk Management Process
Business/Operation Risks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Relevant discussions have been held with the operational managers on the major risks affecting the business operations of the Group. As a result, a database of all major risks and controls, and subsequent actions taken was compiled to produce a divisional risk profile of the business units evaluated under the risk management plan.</li> <li>- Business/Operation Heads are provided with reports to enable them to review, discuss and monitor the risk profiles and implementation of action plans.</li> <li>- Clearly defined policies and procedures are in place and are undergoing constant improvements to ensure that they continue to support the Group's business activities as the Group continues to grow.</li> <li>- Strong emphasis is placed on ensuring that the Group adheres to health, safety and environmental regulations as required by the various authorities.</li> <li>- The Group implemented attractive remuneration schemes to attract and retain a skilled workforce to meet existing and future needs.</li> <li>- The Group is upgrading the living quarters of guest workers complete with amenities including electricity and water, medical care, crèche, recreational and sports facilities in phases to attract and retain skilled workforce.</li> <li>- To cope with the adverse climatic conditions affecting oil palms, the plantation division strictly follows the requirements of the planting manual, employs good agricultural practices, and adopts water conservation and irrigation measures to sustain high production yields.</li> <li>- The Group is continuously devising ways to mechanise and increase efficiency and productivity to mitigate the risk of labour shortages.</li> </ul>

Statement on Risk Management and Internal Control (cont'd)

The key risk management processes for the main risk areas of the Group are as follows: (cont'd)

Risk Area	Risk Management Process
Financial Risks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The key financial risks of the Group include credit risk and liquidity risk.</li> <li>- Credit risks arise from the inability to recover debts in a timely manner which may adversely affect the Group's profitability, cash flows and funding. The Group minimises such exposures by assessing the creditworthiness of potential customers, closely monitoring collections and overdue debts, and effectively utilising credit to keep leverage at a comfortable level.</li> <li>- The Group trades only with recognised and creditworthy customers. It is the Group's policy that all customers who wish to trade on credit terms are subject to credit verification procedures. In addition, receivables balances are monitored on an going basis and the Group's exposure to bad debts is very minimal. The Group usually trades only with recognised and creditworthy customers in which there is no requirement for collateral. Liquidity risk is the risk that the Group will encounter difficulty in meeting financial obligations due to shortage of funds. The Group's exposure to liquidity risk arises primarily from mismatches of maturities of financial assets and liabilities. The Group actively manages their debt maturity profile, operating cash flows and the availability of funding so as to ensure that all refinancing, repayment and funding needs are met. As part of its overall prudent liquidity management, the Group maintains sufficient levels of cash or cash convertible investments to meet its working capital requirements.</li> </ul>
COVID-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Group established SOPs and precautionary practices to guide operations during the Covid-19 pandemic. A strict compliance of wearing face mask, observing physical distancing and sanitisation of work place area are some of the measures taken by the Group. The Group will continue to take precautionary measures and monitor the situation closely, and will do whatever is necessary to protect its employees whilst ensuring business continuity.</li> </ul>



## Statement on Risk Management and Internal Control (cont'd)

### INTERNAL AUDIT FUNCTION

The Board recognises that effective monitoring on a continuous basis is a vital component of a sound internal control system. In this respect, the Board through the Audit Committee regularly receives and reviews reports on internal control from its internal audit function.

The internal audit function is outsourced to a professional services firm which reports directly to the Audit Committee. The Internal Audit Function adopts a risk-based approach with focus on effective risk management practices. The scope of work covered by the internal audit function is determined by the Audit Committee after careful consideration and discussion of the audit plan with the Board. Observations from internal audits were presented to the Audit Committee together with management's response and proposed action plans for its review. The action plans were then followed up during subsequent internal audits with implementation status reported to the Audit Committee. The costs incurred for the Internal Audit function for the financial year ended 31 December 2022 totalled RM26,500.

### OTHER KEY ELEMENTS OF INTERNAL CONTROL

Other key elements of the Group's internal control are as follows:

- The Board of Directors reviews the operational and financial performance of the Group every quarter and management meetings are conducted regularly at head office and operating division level. The Executive Committee ("EXCO") is aware of the significant issues identified in those meetings, and when necessary the EXCO shall be involved in resolving those issues. The Group has been restructured in such a way that duties are properly segregated to ensure safe custody of the Group's assets and to provide clear and transparent reporting lines.
- Timely preparation of quarterly operational and financial reports to the Board and monthly financial reports to Senior Management for review.
- Existence of an organisational structure with clear delegation of responsibilities.
- The Company has implemented a system of controls as set out in the Operations Manual. The Board will review from time to time and update the financial authority limits set out therein as and when necessary.
- A detailed budgeting process takes place annually, where each business unit prepares its budget for the following financial year and the budget is then reviewed by the Managing Director, after which the budget is submitted to the Board for formal approval.
- Regular visits to the Operating Centres by the Managing Director and senior management whenever appropriate.
- Proposals for major capital expenditure and investment by the Group are reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors. All other purchases and payments are approved according to formalised limits of authority.
- The Remuneration Committee evaluates and reviews the remuneration packages of the executive directors and senior management.
- The Audit Committee reviews the internal audit plan for the year, and reviews and holds discussions on the actions taken on internal control issues identified in the reports prepared by the Internal Auditor.
- Regular management meetings.

## Statement on Risk Management and Internal Control (cont'd)

### **ADEQUACY AND EFFECTIVENESS OF THE GROUP'S RISK MANAGEMENT AND INTERNAL CONTROL SYSTEM**

The Board has reviewed the adequacy and effectiveness of the Group's risk management and internal control system for the year under review and up to the date of approval of this statement for inclusion in the Annual Report, and is of the view that the risk management and internal control system is satisfactory and there were no material internal control failures nor have any of the reported weaknesses resulted in material losses or contingencies during the financial year under review.

For the period under review, the Managing Director and the Group Accountant have provided assurance to the Board that to the best of their knowledge, the Group's risk management and internal control system are operating adequately and effectively in all material aspects.

### **REVIEW OF THE STATEMENT BY EXTERNAL AUDITORS**

In accordance with paragraph 15.23 of the Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad Main Market Listing Requirements, the external auditors have reviewed this Statement for inclusion in the Annual Report of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2022 and reported to the Board that nothing has come to their attention that caused them to believe that the Statement which is intended to be included in the annual report is not prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the disclosures required by paragraphs 41 and 42 of the Statement on Risk Management and Internal Control: Guidelines for Directors of Listed Issuers, nor is the Statement factually inaccurate.

This Statement on Risk Management and Internal Control is made in accordance with the resolution of the Board dated 27 February 2023.

## Audit Committee Report

The Board of Directors (“Board”) of MHC Plantations Bhd. is pleased to present the report of the Audit Committee (“AC”) for the financial year ended 31 December 2022 (“FY 2022”) in compliance with Paragraph 15.15 of the Main Market Listing Requirement (“MMLR”) of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad (“Bursa Securities”).

### Members of the Committee

As at FY 2022, the AC comprises the following three (3) members, all of whom are Non-Executive Directors with all of them being Independent Directors, which complies with Paragraph 15.09(1) of the MMLR of Bursa Securities and is in line with Practice 9.4 under the Malaysian Code on Corporate Governance 2021 (“MCCG”):

Mr. Chan Kam Leong	– Chairman, Independent Non-Executive Director
Puan Wan Salmah Binti Wan Abdullah	– Member, Independent Non-Executive Director
Mr. Heng Beng Fatt	– Member, Independent Non-Executive Director

One of the members, Mr. Heng Beng Fatt is a member of the Malaysian Institute of Accountants which complies with Paragraph 15.09(1)(c)(i) of the MMLR of Bursa Securities. The Chairman of the AC, Mr. Chan Kam Leong is not the Chairman of the Board, hence this is in line with Practice 9.1 under the MCCG. No Alternate Director is appointed as a member of the AC.

The detailed profiles of all the members of the AC are shown in the Directors’ Profiles.

### Number of Meetings and Details of Attendance

The AC met four (4) times during FY2022 to conduct and discharge its functions in accordance with its Terms of Reference. The Group Accountant and representatives of the internal and external auditors were invited to attend the AC meetings conducted during the financial year. The attendance record of each member is as follows:

<b>Audit Committee Members</b>	<b>Number of Meetings Attended</b>
Mr. Chan Kam Leong	4 of 4
Puan Wan Salmah Binti Wan Abdullah	4 of 4
Mr. Heng Beng Fatt	4 of 4

The AC and its members have discharged their functions, duties and responsibilities in accordance with its Board Charter and Terms of Reference (“TOR”) which are available on the Company’s website at [www.mhc.com.my](http://www.mhc.com.my), to support the Board in ensuring the Group complies with appropriate Corporate Governance Standards.

### Summary of Work For the Financial Year

The works of the AC during FY 2022 are as summarised below:

- Reviewed the unaudited quarterly Group results prior to recommending them to the Board for approval for the announcement to Bursa Securities;
- Reviewed prior to the commencement of audit, the external auditors’ scope of engagement, their audit plan and approach and their request for any increase in audit fees;

## Audit Committee Report (cont'd)

### Summary of Work For the Financial Year (cont'd)

- (c) Reviewed and discussed with the external auditors the updates or new developments on accounting standards issued by the Malaysian Accounting Standards Board and the Company's compliance with the applicable standards;
- (d) Reviewed with the external auditors the results of their audit, their audit report and management letters relating to the audit, their internal control recommendations in respect of control weaknesses noted in the course of their audit and the management's responses thereto. The Committee also appraised the adequacy of actions and measures subsequently taken by the management to address the issues and recommended, where relevant, further improvement measures;
- (e) Reviewed the draft audited financial statements prior to recommending the same to the Board for approval;
- (f) Met with the External Auditors without the presence of management including the Executive Chairman on 24 February 2022 and 17 November 2022.
- (g) Reviewed the statement on risk management and internal control before recommending to the Board for approval for inclusion in the Annual Report;
- (h) Reviewed and evaluated the performance of the External Auditors, including their capabilities, objectivity and independence on an annual basis and made recommendations to the Board on their re-appointment;
- (i) Considered the proposals received for the internal audit function and recommended the re-appointment of the internal auditors;
- (h) Reviewed the related party transactions that had arisen prior to recommending them to the Board for approval;
- (i) Reviewed the internal auditor's reports, their recommendations and the management responses. Improvement actions in the area of internal controls, systems and efficiency enhancements suggested by the internal auditor were discussed together with management;
- (j) Carried out an annual review of the performance of the Internal Auditor, including assessment of their suitability and independence in performing their obligation;
- (k) Followed up on the implementation actions taken by management in respect of the internal auditor's recommendations;
- (l) Ensured that the Group's Whistle Blowing/Anti-Bribery and Corruption Case as are actively implemented with appropriate actions taken whenever reports are received. There were no case reported in the financial year ended 31 December 2022;
- (m) Reviewed the Terms of Reference of AC to be in line with the latest MCCG Code which was revised in April 2021 and recommended to the Board for adoption; and
- (n) Reviewed the Whistleblowing Policy and Conflict of Interest Policy and recommended to the Board for adoption.

## Audit Committee Report (cont'd)

### Internal Audit Function

The Group's internal audit function is carried by an independent external firm of professional Internal Auditors, namely KPMG Management & Risk Consulting Sdn Bhd. The Internal Audit Function adopts a risk-based approach with focus on effective risk management practices. The role of the internal audit function, which reports directly to the AC, is to support the AC by providing it with independent and objective reports on the adequacy and effectiveness of the system of internal control and the extent of compliance with the procedures and by recommending ways to rectify shortfall and improve the existing control environment in relation to the Group's operations. It submits its findings and recommendations to the AC and senior management of the Group.

During the financial year under review, the Internal Audit conducted a series of audit assignments on operating segments of the Group. Internal audit activities carried out for the financial year include, inter alia, the following:

- Fresh Fruit Bunch ("FFB) harvesting and collection;
- Estate Yield Management (estate maintenance and fertiliser application); and
- Corporate Governance – Section 17A Anti-Bribery and Corruption.

The audit report incorporating the internal auditors' findings and recommendations with regard to the system operations and control weaknesses noted in the course of their audit and the management's responses thereto were subsequently submitted to the AC. The action plans were then followed up during subsequent internal audits with implementation status reported to the AC for their attention.

The cost incurred for the internal audit function of the Group for the financial year ended 31 December 2022 was RM26,500.

## Additional Compliance Information

Pursuant to the Listing Requirements of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad for the year ended 31 December 2022

### - Utilisation of Proceeds

The Company did not raise any funds through any corporate proposal during the financial year.

### - Auditors' Remuneration

The audit fee and non-audit fee paid and payable to the External Auditors by the Group and of the Company for the financial year ended 31 December 2022 are as follows:

	<b>Group RM</b>	<b>Company RM</b>
Audit fee	298,600	55,000
Non-Audit fee	35,500	6,000
	334,100	61,000

### - Material Contracts awarded to Directors and Substantial Shareholders

There were no material contracts entered into by the Company and its subsidiaries involving directors and major shareholders' interests still subsisting at the end of the financial year except for those disclosed under related party transaction on page 145 to 147 of this Annual Report.

### - Contracts Relating to Loans

There were no contracts relating to loans entered into by the Company and its subsidiaries involving directors' and major shareholders' interests during the financial year ended 31 December 2022.

### - Recurrent Related Party Transactions

The Company incurs related party transaction in the ordinary course of business with a private company connected to certain directors. The total amount involved falls below the threshold requiring announcements and/or shareholders' mandate.

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**List of Properties**

as at 31 December 2022

Location of Property Peninsular Malaysia	Tenure	Year of Expiry	Land Area	Description	Net Book Value As At 31.12.2022 RM'000	Date of last Revaluation ®
1 MHC Plantations Bhd. Lot Nos. 2768, 3502, 3537, 4471, 4475, 5228, 5229, 5936, 9249 to 9295 (incl.), 12657 and 12658, Mukim of Durien Sebatang, District of Hilir Perak, Perak Darul Ridzuan	Grant in perpetuity	N/A	343.902 hectares	Oil palm estate	3,608	1998
2 MHC Plantations Bhd. Lot Nos. 2327, 5299, 5300, 8275 and 16413, Mukim of Durien Sebatang, District of Hilir Perak, Perak Darul Ridzuan	Grant in perpetuity	N/A	284.333 hectares	Oil palm estate	2,923	1998
3 MHC Plantations Bhd. Lot Nos. 3318, 3319, 3342 to 3345 (incl.), Town of Teluk Intan, District of Hilir Perak, Perak Darul Ridzuan	Leasehold 999 years	21.02.2883	10,142.000 sq. feet	6½ - storey commercial structure partly used as a hotel known as Hotel Anson and partly as office premises	837	1998
4 MHC Plantations Bhd. Lot No. 4453, Town of Teluk Intan, District of Hilir Perak, Perak Darul Ridzuan	Grant in perpetuity	N/A	2,325.000 sq. feet	3-storey commercial shophouse	1,250	2022
5 Anson Oil Industries Sdn. Bhd. Lot No. PT 6438, Mukim of Changkat Jong, District of Hilir Perak, Perak Darul Ridzuan	Leasehold 99 years	28.02.2111	401.570 hectares	Oil palm estate	3,909	1998
6 Anson Oil Industries Sdn. Bhd. Lot No. 8859, Mukim of Hutan Melintang, District of Hilir Perak, Perak Darul Ridzuan	Leasehold 99 years	27.02.2111	367.010 hectares	Oil palm estate	2,979	1998
7 Anson Oil Industries Sdn. Bhd. Lot Nos. 26798, Mukim Durian Sebatang, Daerah Hilir Perak, Perak Darul Ridzuan	Grant in perpetuity	N/A	464.000 sq. metre	1½ - storey semi-detached factory	674	2022
8 Majuperak Plantation Sdn. Bhd. Lot No. 10471, Mukim of Hutan Melintang, District of Hilir Perak, Perak Darul Ridzuan	Leasehold 99 years	26.08.2090	404.889 hectares	Oil palm estate	3,370	1998
9 Sharikat Muzwin Bersaudara Sdn. Bhd. Lot No. PT 8860, Mukim of Hutan Melintang, District of Hilir Perak, Perak Darul Ridzuan	Leasehold 99 years	07.03.2111	404.686 hectares	Oil palm estate	2,459	1998
10 Yew Lee Holdings Sdn. Berhad Lot No. PT 6439, Mukim of Changkat Jong, District of Hilir Perak, Perak Darul Ridzuan	Leasehold 99 years	27.02.2111	392.141 hectares	Oil palm estate	2,366	1998

**List of Properties**  
 as at 31 December 2022 (cont'd)

Location of Property Peninsular Malaysia	Tenure	Year of Expiry	Land Area	Description	Net Book Value As At 31.12.2022 RM'000	Date of last Revaluation ®
11 Hutan Melintang Plantations Sdn. Berhad Lot No. PT 8861, Mukim of Hutan Melintang, District of Hilir Perak, Perak Darul Ridzuan	Leasehold 99 years	28.02.2111	396.147 hectares	Oil palm estate	4,526	1998
12 Champion Point Sdn. Bhd. Lot Nos. 10065, 10066, 10068, 10069, 10071-10075 (Incl.), PT 30768, PT 30769, Mukim of Durien Sebatang, District of Hilir Perak, Perak Darul Ridzuan	Grant in perpetuity	N/A	76.437 hectares	Oil palm estate	2,611	1998
13 Mah Hock Company Sendirian Berhad Lot Nos. PT 30770, PT 30766 and PT 30767 Mukim of Durien Sebatang, District of Hilir Perak, Perak Darul Ridzuan	Grant in perpetuity	N/A	11.706 hectares	Oil palm estate	2,636	N/A





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Location of Property Sabah	Tenure	Year of Expiry	Land Area	Description	Net Book Value As At 31.12.2022 RM'000	Date of last Revaluation ®
14 Prolific, Wong Tet-Jung Plantations Off KM 63.7, Sandakan-Lahad Datu Highway	Leasehold 99 years	2069 2070 2074 2075 2076 2077 2082 2082	39.752 hectares 30.607 hectares 8.010 hectares 207.903 hectares 9.967 hectares 24.460 hectares 6.463 hectares 72.790 hectares	Oil Palm Plantation & Oil Mill	9,346	N/A
Kolapis-Beluran Area District of Labuk Sugut	Perpetuity (Sublease 99 years) Leasehold 99 years	2097 2073	6.435 hectares 2.250 hectares	Plantable Reserve		
			<b>408.637 hectares</b>			
Prolific Yield Lot 38, Block C Taman Indah Jaya Phase 4A, Mile 4, Jalan Utara, Sandakan	Under Sub Division Leasehold 99 years (Parent title TL07752035)	2081	<b>167.22 Sq. M</b>	Double Storey Terrace Shoplot	109	N/A
15 Melabau, Suara Baru, Gelang Usaha 0.2 Km East of KM 96, Sandakan-Lahad Datu Highway	Leasehold 99 years	2069 2078 2079 2080 2081 2082 2085 2086 2095 2093 2097	27.480 hectares 17.110 hectares 260.780 hectares 202.303 hectares 136.615 hectares 88.690 hectares 252.660 hectares 14.930 hectares 4.993 hectares 154.700 hectares 12.300 hectares	Oil Palm Plantation Oil Palm Plantation & Quarry	535 20,723	N/A N/A
KM 28, Jalan Labuk	Perpetuity (Sublease 99 years) Leasehold 99 years	2075 2080 2093 2097 2065	316.549 hectares 136.763 hectares 5.751 hectares 10.930 hectares 1.842 hectares	Plantable Reserve		
			<b>1,644.396 hectares</b>			
16 Sri Likas Mewah, Ultisearch Trading 2.6 KM north of KM 31, Sukau Road	Leasehold 99 years	2085 2094 2096 2098	10.120 hectares 386.100 hectares 168.700 hectares 47.750 hectares	Oil Palm Plantation	3,406	N/A
			<b>612.670 hectares</b>			
17 Bakara Bukit Garam/Sg. Lokan Off KM 76.5, Sandakan-Lahad Highway	Leasehold 99 years	2085 2087	150.300 hectares 400.000 hectares	Oil Palm Plantation	3,551	N/A
			<b>550.300 hectares</b>			
18 Cepatwawasan & Kovusak KM 4.5, Jalan Beluran	Leasehold 99 years	2061 2071 2078	992.700 hectares 133.550 hectares 485.300 hectares	Oil Palm Plantation	22,057	N/A
			<b>1,611.550 hectares</b>			
19 Razijaya & Sungguh Mulia Sungai-Sungai Locality, 99 KM North-West of Sandakan	Leasehold 99 years	2098	<b>362.200 hectares</b>	Oil Palm Plantation, Quarry & Plantable Reserve	12,130	N/A

List of Properties  
as at 31 December 2022 (cont'd)

Location of Property Sabah	Tenure	Year of Expiry	Land Area	Description	Net Book Value As At 31.12.2022 RM'000	Date of last Revaluation ®
20 Prima Semasa Sonsogon Suyad, Paitan Locality 105 KM North-West of Sandakan	Leasehold 99 years	2094	<b><u>2,997.000 hectares</u></b>	Oil Palm Plantation & Plantable Reserve	30,833	N/A
21 Cepatwawasan, Tentu Bernas, Tentu Cergas, Liga Semarak & Jutategak Sg. Kawananan Locality 113 KM North-West of Sandakan	Leasehold 99 years	2097 2098 2099 2100	242.800 hectares 145.710 hectares 48.550 hectares <b><u>485.580 hectares</u></b>	Oil Palm Plantation & Plantable Reserve	4,269	N/A
22 Ladang Cepat-KPD 85 KM South-West of Beaufort	Leasehold 99 years	2087	<b><u>1,595.860 hectares</u></b>	Oil Palm Plantation	18,858	N/A
23 Cepatwawasan Group Berhad Lot 70, Block 6, Prima Square Mile 4, North Road, Sandakan	Leasehold 99 years	2106	<b><u>564.386 Sq. M</u></b>	Three Storey Shop/Office	575	N/A
24 Cepatwawasan Group Berhad Unit no. F-7-2, Level 7, Block F Utama Court, Phase 2, Mile 6 North Road, Sandakan	Leasehold 99 years	2081	<b><u>106.500 Sq. M</u></b>	Eight Storey Apartment	86	N/A
25 Cepatwawasan Group Berhad Unit no. F-8-2, Level 8, Block F Utama Court, Phase 2, Mile 6 North Road, Sandakan	Leasehold 99 years	2081	<b><u>106.500 Sq. M</u></b>	Eight Storey Apartment	87	N/A
26 Cepatwawasan Group Berhad Unit no. B1-10-1, Sri Utama Condominiums Mile 6, North Road, Sandakan	Leasehold 99 years	2081	<b><u>122.140 Sq. M</u></b>	Eight Storey Condominium	248	N/A
27 Cepatwawasan Group Berhad Unit no. B1-10-3, Sri Utama Condominiums Mile 6, North Road, Sandakan	Leasehold 99 years	2081	<b><u>105.140 Sq. M</u></b>	Eight Storey Condominium	201	N/A
28 Mistral Engineering Off KM 63.7, Sandakan-Lahad Datu Highway	Leasehold 99 years	2074	<b><u>3.115 hectares</u></b>	Biogas power plant	3,605	N/A
29 Cash Horse Off KM 63.7, Sandakan-Lahad Datu Highway	Leasehold 99 years	2074	<b><u>7.070 hectares</u></b>	Biomass power plant	36,467	N/A



**List of Properties**  
as at 31 December 2022 (cont'd)

<b>Location of Property Kuala Lumpur</b>	<b>Tenure</b>	<b>Year of Expiry</b>	<b>Land Area</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Net Book Value As At 31.12.2022 RM'000</b>	<b>Date of last Revaluation ®</b>
30 Minelink HS (D) 118739, No. PT 9103 Damansara Heights Mukim of Kuala Lumpur	Freehold	-	<u>896.976 Sq. M</u>	High-end residential property	7,339	2022
Minelink HS (D) 118740, No. PT 9104 Damansara Heights Mukim of Kuala Lumpur	Freehold	-	<u>877.693 Sq. M</u>	High-end residential property	7,181	2022
Minelink HS (D) 118741, No. PT 9105 Damansara Heights Mukim of Kuala Lumpur	Freehold	-	<u>896.829 Sq. M</u>	High-end residential property	7,337	2022
Minelink HS (D) 118742, No. PT 9106 Damansara Heights Mukim of Kuala Lumpur	Freehold	-	<u>878.490 Sq. M</u>	High-end residential property	7,188	2022
Minelink HS (D) 118743, No. PT 9107 Damansara Heights Mukim of Kuala Lumpur	Freehold	-	<u>884.183 Sq. M</u>	High-end residential property	7,234	2022
Minelink HS (D) 118744, No. PT 9108 Damansara Heights Mukim of Kuala Lumpur	Freehold	-	<u>863.043 Sq. M</u>	High-end residential property	7,061	2022

## Directors' Report

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

### Principal activities

The principal activities of the Company are oil palm cultivation, investment holding and the operation of a hotel.

The principal activities of the subsidiaries are set out in Note 18 to the financial statements.

### Results

	Group RM	Company RM
Profit for the financial year attributable to:		
Owners of the Company	34,621,789	16,524,614
Non-controlling interests	21,042,076	-
	55,663,865	16,524,614

### Reserves and provisions

There were no material transfers to or from reserves and provisions during the financial year except as disclosed in the financial statements.

### Dividends

Since the end of the previous financial year, the Company declared a "Bumper Profit" special dividend of 2.0 sen per ordinary share in respect of the financial year ended 31 December 2021, a single-tier interim dividend of 2.0 sen per ordinary share and a "Last and Final Covid-19 Relief" special dividend of 2.0 sen per ordinary share in respect of the financial year ended 31 December 2022 on 196,543,970 ordinary shares, amounting to a total dividend payable of RM11,792,638 which was paid on 10 May 2022.

On 31 March 2023, the Board approved the following dividends:

- (i) A single-tier interim dividend of 3.0 sen per ordinary share totalling RM5,896,319 in respect for the financial year ending 31 December 2023 and payable on 9 May 2023; and
- (ii) A "bumper profit" special dividend of 3.0 sen per ordinary share totalling RM5,896,319 in respect for the financial year ended 31 December 2022 and payable on 9 May 2023.

The financial statements for the current financial year do not reflect these proposed dividends. Such dividends will be accounted for in shareholders' equity as an appropriation of retained profits in the next financial year ending 31 December 2023.

## Directors' Report (cont'd)

### Directors

The Directors who have held office during the financial year and up to the date of this report are:

Dato' Seri Mah King Seng\*  
Tan Sri Dr. Mah King Thian\*  
Chan Kam Leong\*\*  
Wan Salmah Binti Wan Abdullah\*\*  
Heng Beng Fatt\*\*  
Mah Li-Na (Alternate Director to Dato' Seri Mah King Seng)\*\*  
Dr. Jordina Mah Siu Yi (Alternate Director to Tan Sri Dr. Mah King Thian)\*\*

\* These Directors are also Directors of the subsidiaries of the Company.

\*\* These Directors are also Directors of certain subsidiaries of the Company.

Pursuant to Section 253 of the Companies Act, 2016 in Malaysia, the Directors of subsidiaries during the financial year and up to the date of this report, who are not also the Directors of the Company, are as follows:

Datin Seri Ooi Ah Thin  
Datuk Chua Kim Yin, JP  
Datuk Palpanaban a/l Devarajoo (D.P. Naban)  
Derrick Martin De Souza  
Jack Tian Hock Tan  
Lee Chong Hoe  
Ng Choo Beng  
Soong Swee Koon  
Lee Nyuk Choon @ Jamilah Ariffin  
Andree Alexander Funk  
Musarif Bin Hj Md Nen (Appointed on 22 March 2023)

### Directors' interests in shares

The holdings and deemed holdings in the ordinary shares of the Company and its related corporations (other than wholly-owned subsidiaries) of those who were Directors at the end of the financial year, as recorded in the Register of Directors' Shareholding kept under Section 59 of the Companies Act, 2016 in Malaysia are as follows:

Name of Director	Number of ordinary shares			At 31.12.2022
	At 1.1.2022	Bought	Sold	
<b>The Company</b>				
<b>Direct interest:</b>				
Dato' Seri Mah King Seng	338,948	-	-	338,948
Tan Sri Dr. Mah King Thian	93,248	-	-	93,248
Mah Li-Na	1,000	-	-	1,000
<b>Deemed interest</b>				
Dato' Seri Mah King Seng	90,189,024	-	-	90,189,024
Tan Sri Dr. Mah King Thian	90,188,024	-	-	90,188,024
Chan Kam Leong #	593,294	-	(590,186)	3,108

# Interest by virtue of shares held by spouse.

## Directors' Report (cont'd)

### **Directors' interests in shares** (cont'd)

By virtue of their interests in the Company, Dato' Seri Mah King Seng and Tan Sri Dr. Mah King Thian are deemed to have interests in shares in its related corporations during the financial year to the extent of the Company's interest in accordance with Section 8 of the Companies Act, 2016.

None of the other Directors holding office at the end of the financial year had any interest in the ordinary shares of the Company and its related corporations during the financial year.

### **Directors' benefits**

Since the end of the previous financial year, no Director of the Company has received nor become entitled to receive any benefit (other than a benefit included in the aggregate amount of emoluments received or due and receivable by Directors as disclosed in the financial statements or the fixed salary of a full-time employee of the Company or related corporations) by reason of a contract made by the Company or a related corporation with the Director or with a firm of which the Director is a member, or with a company in which the Director has a substantial financial interest, except as disclosed in Note 33 to the financial statements.

There were no arrangements during and at the end of the financial year, which had the object of enabling the Directors of the Company to acquire benefits by means of the acquisition of shares in, or debentures of the Company or any other body corporate.

### **Directors' remuneration**

The remuneration paid to or receivable by the Directors of the Group and Company during the financial year is amounted to RM6,297,588 and RM541,960 respectively.

### **Indemnity and insurance for Directors, officers and auditors**

During the financial year, the Company has in force a Directors' and officers' liability insurance under which the Directors are indemnified up to a limit of RM2,500,000 in respect of all costs, charges, expenses or liabilities which they may incur in or about the execution of their duties to the Group or as a result of duties performed by the Directors on behalf of the Group. Such indemnity remain in force as at the end of the financial year. The total insurance premium paid for directors and officers of the Group is RM5,670.

There was no indemnity given to or liability insurance effected for the auditors of the Group and of the Company during the financial year.

### **Subsidiaries**

The details of the Company's subsidiaries are disclosed in Note 18 to the financial statements.

### **Issues of shares and debentures**

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

## Directors' Report (cont'd)

### Options granted over unissued shares

No options were granted to any person to take up unissued shares of the Company during the financial year.

### Other statutory information

Before the financial statements of the Group and of the Company were made out, the Directors took reasonable steps to ascertain that:

- (i) all known bad debts had been written off and adequate allowance had been made for doubtful debts; and
- (ii) all current assets have been stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

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

- (i) which would render it necessary to write off any bad debts, or the amount of the allowance for doubtful debts in the financial statements of the Group and of the Company inadequate to any substantial extent; or
- (ii) which would render the value attributed to the current assets in the financial statements of the Group and of the Company misleading; or
- (iii) which have arisen which render adherence to the existing method of valuation of assets or liabilities of the Group and of the Company misleading or inappropriate; or
- (iv) not otherwise dealt with in this report or the financial statements, which would render any amount stated in the financial statements of the Group and of the Company misleading.

As at the date of this report, there does not exist:

- (i) any charge on the assets of the Group and of the Company that has arisen since the end of the financial year which secures the liabilities of any other person; or
- (ii) any contingent liability in respect of the Group and of the Company that has arisen since the end of the financial year.

No contingent liability or other liability of the Group and of the Company has become enforceable, or is likely to become enforceable within the period of twelve (12) months after the end of the financial year which, in the opinion of the Directors, will or may substantially affect the ability of the Group and of the Company to meet their obligations as and when they fall due.

In the opinion of the Directors, the financial performance of the Group and of the Company for the financial year ended 31 December 2022 have not been substantially affected by any item, transaction or event of a material and unusual nature nor has any such item, transaction or event occurred in the interval between the end of the financial year and the date of this report.

## Directors' Report (cont'd)

### **Auditors**

The auditors, Messrs PKF PLT (202206000012 (LLP0030836-LCA) & AF0911), have indicated their willingness to continue in office.

The auditors' remuneration of the Group and of the Company are amounted to RM413,212 and RM55,000 respectively for the financial year ended 31 December 2022.

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

**Tan Sri Dr. Mah King Thian**  
Director

Dated 18 April 2023

**Dato' Seri Mah King Seng**  
Director



## Statement by Directors

Pursuant to Section 251(2) of the Companies Act, 2016

In the opinion of the Directors, the accompanying financial statements set out on pages 72 to 163 are drawn up in accordance with Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards, International Financial Reporting Standards and the requirements of the Companies Act, 2016 in Malaysia so as to give a true and fair view of the financial positions of the Group and of the Company as at 31 December 2022 and of their financial performances and cash flows for the financial year ended on that date.

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

**Tan Sri Dr. Mah King Tian**  
Director

**Dato' Seri Mah King Seng**  
Director

Dated 18 April 2023

## Statutory Declaration

Pursuant to Section 251(1)(b) of the Companies Act, 2016

I, CHAN KIM MENG, being the Officer primarily responsible for the financial management of MHC PLANTATIONS BHD., do solemnly and sincerely declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the accompanying financial statements set out on pages 72 to 163 are in my opinion correct, and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of the provisions of the Statutory Declarations Act, 1960 in Malaysia.

Subscribed and solemnly declared by     )  
the abovenamed CHAN KIM MENG         )  
at Ipoh in the State of Perak             )  
Darul Ridzuan on 18 April 2023         )

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**CHAN KIM MENG**  
CA No. 20736

Before me,

Kong Wai Ngee (A213)  
Pesuruhjaya Sumpah  
COMMISSIONER FOR OATHS

## **Independent Auditors' Report** to the members of MHC Plantations Bhd. (Incorporated in Malaysia)

### **REPORT ON THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of MHC PLANTATIONS BHD., which comprise the statements of financial position as at 31 December 2022 of the Group and of the Company, and the statements of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statements of changes in equity and statements of cash flows of the Group and of the Company for the financial year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, as set out on pages 72 to 163.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial positions of the Group and of the Company as at 31 December 2022, and of their financial performances and their cash flows for the financial year then ended in accordance with Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards, International Financial Reporting Standards and the requirements of the Companies Act, 2016 in Malaysia.

#### **Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with approved standards on auditing in Malaysia and International Standards on Auditing. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### *Independence and Other Ethical Responsibilities*

We are independent of the Group and of the Company in accordance with the *By-Laws (on Professional Ethics, Conduct and Practice)* of the Malaysian Institute of Accountants ("By-Laws") and the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' *International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards)* ("IESBA Code"), and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the By-Laws and the IESBA Code.

#### **Key Audit Matters**

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgement, were of most significance in our audit of the financial statements of the Group and of the Company for the current financial year. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the financial statements of the Group and of the Company as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.



Independent Auditors' Report  
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**Key Audit Matters** (cont'd)

We have determined the matters described below to be the key audit matters to be communicated in our report.

**Area of focus**

**How our audit addressed the key audit matter**

**Impairment testing of property, plant and equipment**

As highlighted in Note 16 to the financial statements, the carrying value of property, plant and equipment of the Group was RM472,094,347 as at 31 December 2022.

The market capitalisation of the Group amounted to RM198,509,410 as of 31 December 2022 is lower than the net tangible assets of the Group of RM558,006,633, which gives indication that the carrying amounts of property, plant and equipment of the subsidiaries of the Group may potentially be higher than their recoverable amounts and therefore, a formal estimate of their recoverable amounts may be required for impairment testing.

In carrying out the impairment testing of the property, plant and equipment, the Group considered whether the market capitalisation to book value shortfall can be reasonably related to specific subsidiaries or cash generating units within the Group. The Group has identified a few subsidiaries exhibiting indicators of impairment and has accordingly performed impairment testing on the property, plant and equipment of these subsidiaries.

The Group has engaged independent valuers to determine the recoverable amount of property, plant and equipment of two (2) of the subsidiaries involved in quarry operations that are exhibiting impairment indicators. These independent valuers uses industry/market accepted valuation methodology and approaches to determine the fair value of the underlying asset. Due to the measurement of fair value being inherently judgemental and the carrying value of these assets being material to the Group, we have considered this to be a key audit matter.

Our audit procedures included, among others:

- obtaining the valuation report prepared by the independent valuer engaged by the Group;
- reviewing this report for appropriateness of the methodology used and the reasonableness of the assumptions used; and
- assessing the competency, capabilities and objectivity of this independent valuer engaged by the Group.

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**Key Audit Matters** (cont'd)

Area of focus	How our audit addressed the key audit matter
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**Impairment testing of goodwill**

As highlighted in Note 21 to the financial statements, the carrying value of goodwill of the Group was RM43,867,118 as at 31 December 2022.

In accordance with paragraph 10 of MFRS 136 *Impairment of Assets*, goodwill is required to be tested for impairment annually by comparing its carrying amount with its recoverable amount, irrespective of whether there is any indication that it may be impaired.

The Group estimated the recoverable amounts of the cash generating units ("CGUs") to which goodwill is allocated based on either fair value less costs of disposal ("FVLCD") or value in use ("VIU"). For FVLCD, the Group adopted recent market transaction prices of similar plantation land to determine the recoverable amount of certain significant property, plant and equipment relating to the CGUs that are exhibiting impairment indicators. Due to the measurement of fair value being inherently judgemental and the carrying value of these assets being material to the Group, we have considered this to be a key audit matter.

Estimating the VIU involves estimating the future cash inflows and outflows that will be generated by the CGUs and discounting them at an appropriate rate. Significant judgements are required in determining the assumptions to be used to estimate the VIU of the CGUs as these assumptions are affected by expected future demand and economic conditions, which include estimates of future sales volumes, prices, operating costs, terminal value and the discount rate to use.

Our audit procedures included, among others:

FVLCD

- assessing the comparability of the plantation land and consideration of adjusting factors on the plantation land comparables.

VIU

- assessing whether the assumptions on which the cash flow projections are based are consistent with past actual outcomes, in particular the assumptions about estimated future sales volumes, prices, operating costs, terminal value and possible variations in the timing of those future cash flows;
- assessing the discount rate used to determine the present value of the cash flows;
- testing the mathematical accuracy of the impairment assessment; and
- performing stress test and sensitivity analysis around the key inputs that are expected to be most sensitive to the recoverable amount.



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### Independent Auditors' Report to the members of MHC Plantations Bhd. (Incorporated in Malaysia) (cont'd)

#### Key Audit Matters (cont'd)

##### Area of focus

##### How our audit addressed the key audit matter

#### Deferred tax assets

Deferred tax asset of the Group with a carrying amount of RM4,647,706 as at 31 December 2022 is associated with the biogas power plant operation of Mistral Engineering Sdn. Bhd. ("MESB"). Management has used significant judgement and estimates in determining the sufficiency of future taxable profits to utilise the deferred tax asset. Therefore, we had determined the realisability of the deferred tax asset to be a key audit matter.

As the generation of electricity and resulting profitability of the biogas power plant of MESB is dependent on sufficiency of liquid waste from processing of crude palm oil and kernel oil by the palm oil mill, management considered various factors to forecast future level of crude palm oil and kernel oil processing to support the biogas power plant. These factors include sufficiency of oil palm crops, market demand of crude palm oil and kernel oil and anticipated future prices of the commodities. Based on historical results of normalised level of crude palm oil and kernel oil processed, current market trends and susceptibility of the industry to global developments, management has forecasted sufficient future taxable profits to utilise the deferred tax asset.

Our audit procedures included, among others:

- obtaining management forecast on future taxable profits and held discussions with management on their judgements and assumptions in arriving at the forecast;
- examining the inputs used in the forecast such as price and quantity of electricity sale and evaluating its reasonableness based on the historical normalised level of crude palm oil and kernel oil processing, trend of electricity tariff rates, impact of latest developments affecting the palm oil industry and its ability to cope and others;
- performing sensitivity analysis on possible variations to the values of inputs used by management in their forecast and challenging where necessary on certain judgements used in arriving at these values; and
- considering if management had disregarded any contradictory evidence in forecasting the future taxable profits.

Independent Auditors' Report  
to the members of MHC Plantations Bhd.  
(Incorporated in Malaysia) (cont'd)

**Information Other than the Financial Statements and Auditors' Report Thereon**

The Directors of the Company are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, but does not include the financial statements of the Group and of the Company and our auditors' report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements of the Group and of the Company does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements of the Group and of the Company, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements of the Group and of the Company or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

**Responsibilities of the Directors for the Financial Statements**

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

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

**Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements**

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

Independent Auditors' Report  
to the members of MHC Plantations Bhd.  
(Incorporated in Malaysia) (cont'd)

**Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements** (cont'd)

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

- (i) Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements of the Group and of the Company, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- (ii) Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Group's and the Company's internal control.
- (iii) Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Directors.
- (iv) Conclude on the appropriateness of the Directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Group's or the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditors' report to the related disclosures in the financial statements of the Group and of the Company or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditors' report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Group or the Company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- (v) Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements of the Group and of the Company, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements of the Group and of the Company represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- (vi) Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Group to express an opinion on the financial statements of the Group. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

We communicate with the Directors regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide the Directors with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

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

Independent Auditors' Report  
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**Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements**

In accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act, 2016 in Malaysia, we report that the subsidiary of which we have not acted as auditors, is disclosed in Note 18 to the financial statements.

**Other Matter**

This report is made solely to the members of the Company, as a body, in accordance with Section 266 of the Companies Act, 2016 in Malaysia and for no other purpose. We do not assume responsibility to any other person for the content of this report.

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CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT

Kota Kinabalu

Dated 18 April 2023





## Statements of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income for the financial year ended 31 December 2022

	Note	Group		Company	
		2022 RM	Restated 2021 RM	2022 RM	2021 RM
Revenue	5	593,265,796	599,008,387	9,372,601	7,496,662
Cost of sales		(504,079,134)	(489,685,441)	(4,232,130)	(3,569,205)
<b>Gross profit</b>		<b>89,186,662</b>	<b>109,322,946</b>	<b>5,140,471</b>	<b>3,927,457</b>
Other operating income	6	11,704,821	8,661,424	356,104	398,460
Administrative expenses		(13,864,589)	(13,899,579)	(1,911,690)	(1,854,670)
Other operating expenses	7	(4,328,834)	(3,936,486)	(99,244)	(916)
(Allowance)/Reversal of allowance for expected credit losses	8	(219,047)	51,105	-	-
<b>Profit from operations</b>	11	<b>82,479,013</b>	<b>100,199,410</b>	<b>3,485,641</b>	<b>2,470,331</b>
Finance costs	12	(2,046,083)	(3,513,983)	(176,441)	(380,664)
Income from investments	13	5,704	6,439	14,096,451	12,420,964
<b>Profit before taxation</b>		<b>80,438,634</b>	<b>96,691,866</b>	<b>17,405,651</b>	<b>14,510,631</b>
Income tax expense	14	(24,774,769)	(19,686,236)	(881,037)	(339,918)
<b>Profit for the financial year</b>		<b>55,663,865</b>	<b>77,005,630</b>	<b>16,524,614</b>	<b>14,170,713</b>
<b>Other comprehensive loss, net of tax</b>					
Item that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:					
Net fair value gain/(loss) on financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income ("FVOCI")	19	2,081	(59,148)	(34,016)	(49,884)
Exchange differences on translation of a foreign operation		(22,916)	(61,291)	-	-
<b>Other comprehensive loss for the financial year, net of tax</b>		<b>(20,835)</b>	<b>(120,439)</b>	<b>(34,016)</b>	<b>(49,884)</b>
<b>Total comprehensive income for the financial year</b>		<b>55,643,030</b>	<b>76,885,191</b>	<b>16,490,598</b>	<b>14,120,829</b>
<b>Profit attributable to:</b>					
Owners of the Company		34,621,789	42,100,206	16,524,614	14,170,713
Non-controlling interests		21,042,076	34,905,424	-	-
		<b>55,663,865</b>	<b>77,005,630</b>	<b>16,524,614</b>	<b>14,170,713</b>
<b>Total comprehensive income attributable to:</b>					
Owners of the Company		34,618,108	42,025,279	16,490,598	14,120,829
Non-controlling interests		21,024,922	34,859,912	-	-
		<b>55,643,030</b>	<b>76,885,191</b>	<b>16,490,598</b>	<b>14,120,829</b>
<b>Earnings per share attributable to owners of the Company (sen per share)</b>					
Basic and diluted	15	17.62	21.42		
Net dividend per share		6.00	4.00		

The accompanying accounting policies and explanatory notes form an integral part of the financial statements.

## Statements of Financial Position

as at 31 December 2022

	Note	Group		Company	
		2022 RM	2021 RM	2022 RM	2021 RM
<b>ASSETS</b>					
<b>Non-current assets</b>					
Property, plant and equipment	16	472,094,347	486,200,761	11,002,938	11,648,371
Investment properties	17	45,263,826	45,263,826	1,250,000	1,250,000
Investments in subsidiaries	18	-	-	211,909,904	209,110,320
Investments in securities	19	281,359	279,278	121,017	155,033
Deferred tax assets	20	4,647,706	6,539,247	-	-
Goodwill on consolidation	21	43,867,118	43,867,118	-	-
		<u>566,154,356</u>	<u>582,150,230</u>	<u>224,283,859</u>	<u>222,163,724</u>
<b>Current assets</b>					
Biological assets	22	3,355,852	5,822,021	243,723	339,100
Inventories	23	26,813,283	21,608,982	40,034	179,119
Trade and other receivables	24	23,522,793	26,971,941	855,136	2,667,167
Tax recoverable		1,175,729	1,700,418	-	-
Short-term investments	25	42,815,793	31,965,555	180,087	1,118,500
Cash and bank balances	26	67,447,860	51,054,239	1,071,851	1,423,271
		<u>165,131,310</u>	<u>139,123,156</u>	<u>2,390,831</u>	<u>5,727,157</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<u>731,285,666</u>	<u>721,273,386</u>	<u>226,674,690</u>	<u>227,890,881</u>
<b>EQUITY AND LIABILITIES</b>					
<b>Equity attributable to owners of the Company</b>					
Share capital	27	196,543,970	196,543,970	196,543,970	196,543,970
Reserve	28	111,697,480	88,696,399	27,608,953	22,910,993
		<u>308,241,450</u>	<u>285,240,369</u>	<u>224,152,923</u>	<u>219,454,963</u>
Non-controlling interests		293,632,301	281,898,224	-	-
<b>Total equity</b>		<u>601,873,751</u>	<u>567,138,593</u>	<u>224,152,923</u>	<u>219,454,963</u>
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>					
Loans and borrowings	29	25,561,000	33,126,184	-	-
Deferred tax liabilities	20	50,636,056	50,997,149	588,221	336,773
Lease liabilities	30	2,867,732	2,908,103	-	-
		<u>79,064,788</u>	<u>87,031,436</u>	<u>588,221</u>	<u>336,773</u>
<b>Current liabilities</b>					
Trade and other payables	31	33,983,245	37,757,773	844,293	1,099,145
Loans and borrowings	29	10,948,000	22,586,929	900,000	7,000,000
Lease liabilities	30	1,025,200	1,075,038	-	-
Taxation		4,390,682	5,683,617	189,253	-
		<u>50,347,127</u>	<u>67,103,357</u>	<u>1,933,546</u>	<u>8,099,145</u>
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<u>129,411,915</u>	<u>154,134,793</u>	<u>2,521,767</u>	<u>8,435,918</u>
<b>TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES</b>		<u>731,285,666</u>	<u>721,273,386</u>	<u>226,674,690</u>	<u>227,890,881</u>

The accompanying accounting policies and explanatory notes form an integral part of the financial statements.

Group	Note	Attributable to owners of the Company						Distributable		Non-controlling interests RM	Total equity RM	
		Non-Distributable						Capital reserve RM	Retained profits RM			
		Share capital RM	Capital reserve RM	Other reserve RM	Revaluation reserve RM	Fair value adjustment reserve RM	Foreign currency translation reserve RM	Capital reserve RM	Retained profits RM	Sub-total RM		
At 1 January 2021		196,543,970	5,736,883	(32,381,526)	789,026	(4,419)	(276,132)	8,169	80,450,153	250,866,124	253,567,524	504,433,648
Profit for the financial year		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42,100,206	42,100,206	34,905,424	77,005,630
Other comprehensive loss		-	-	-	-	(59,148)	(15,779)	-	-	(74,927)	(45,512)	(120,439)
Total comprehensive income for the financial year		-	-	-	-	(59,148)	(15,779)	-	42,100,206	42,025,279	34,859,912	76,885,191
Effect of subsidiary's treasury share transaction		-	-	(141,792)	-	-	-	-	-	(141,792)	(84,315)	(226,107)
Effect of acquisition of non-controlling interests		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	352,517	352,517	(892,162)	(539,645)
Transactions with owners of the Company												
- Dividend on ordinary shares	32	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(7,861,759)	(7,861,759)	-	(7,861,759)
- Dividend on ordinary shares to non-controlling interests		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(5,552,735)	(5,552,735)
Total transactions with owners of the Company		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(7,861,759)	(7,861,759)	(5,552,735)	(13,414,494)
At 31 December 2021		196,543,970	5,736,883	(32,523,318)	789,026	(63,567)	(291,911)	8,169	115,041,117	285,240,369	281,898,224	567,138,593

## Statements of Changes in Equity

for the financial year ended 31 December 2022

Statements of Changes in Equity  
for the financial year ended 31 December 2022 (cont'd)

Group	Note	Attributable to owners of the Company							Sub-total RM	Non- controlling interests RM	Total equity RM	
		Share capital RM	Capital reserve RM	Other reserve RM	Revaluation reserve RM	Fair value adjustment reserve RM	Foreign currency translation reserve RM	Capital reserve RM				Retained profits RM
At 1 January 2022		196,543,970	5,736,883	(32,523,318)	789,026	(63,567)	(291,911)	8,169	115,041,117	285,240,369	281,898,224	567,138,593
Profit for the financial year		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	34,621,789	34,621,789	21,042,076	55,663,865
Other comprehensive income /(loss)		-	-	-	-	2,081	(5,762)	-	-	(3,681)	(17,154)	(20,835)
Total comprehensive income for the financial year		-	-	-	-	2,081	(5,762)	-	34,621,789	34,618,108	21,024,922	55,643,030
Effect of subsidiary's treasury share transaction		-	-	(146,806)	-	-	-	-	-	(146,806)	(67,668)	(214,474)
Effect of acquisition of non-controlling interests		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	322,417	322,417	(622,001)	(299,584)
Transactions with owners of the Company												
- Dividend on ordinary shares	32	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(11,792,638)	(11,792,638)	-	(11,792,638)
- Dividend on ordinary shares to non- controlling interests		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(8,601,176)	(8,601,176)
Total transactions with owners of the Company		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(11,792,638)	(11,792,638)	(8,601,176)	(20,393,814)
At 31 December 2022		196,543,970	5,736,883	(32,670,124)	789,026	(61,486)	(297,673)	8,169	138,192,685	308,241,450	293,632,301	601,873,751

The accompanying accounting policies and explanatory notes form an integral part of the financial statements.

Company	Note	Attributable to owners of the Company			Total equity RM
		Share capital RM	Fair value adjustment reserve RM	Retained profits RM	
At 1 January 2021		196,543,970	(80,159)	16,732,082	213,195,893
Profit for the financial year		-	-	14,170,713	14,170,713
Other comprehensive loss		-	(49,884)	-	(49,884)
Total comprehensive income for the financial year		-	(49,884)	14,170,713	14,120,829
Transaction with owners of the Company					
- Dividend on ordinary shares	32	-	-	(7,861,759)	(7,861,759)
At 31 December 2021		196,543,970	(130,043)	23,041,036	219,454,963
Profit for the financial year		-	-	16,524,614	16,524,614
Other comprehensive loss		-	(34,016)	-	(34,016)
Total comprehensive income for the financial year		-	(34,016)	16,524,614	16,490,598
Transaction with owners of the Company					
- Dividend on ordinary shares	32	-	-	(11,792,638)	(11,792,638)
At 31 December 2022		196,543,970	(164,059)	27,773,012	224,152,923

Statements of Changes in Equity  
for the financial year ended 31 December 2022 (cont'd)

## Statements of Cash Flows

for the financial year ended 31 December 2022

	Group		Company	
	2022 RM	2021 RM	2022 RM	2021 RM
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>				
Profit before taxation	80,438,634	96,691,866	17,405,651	14,510,631
Adjustments for:				
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	29,627,735	29,796,709	776,435	766,193
Dividend income	(5,704)	(6,439)	(14,096,451)	(12,420,964)
Fair value loss/(gain) on biological assets	2,466,169	(2,558,005)	95,377	(27,214)
Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment	(116,242)	-	-	-
Gain on termination of lease liabilities	-	(22,887)	-	-
Impairment on slow moving inventories	123,950	1,310,165	-	-
Interest expense	2,046,083	3,513,983	176,441	380,664
Interest income	(1,389,584)	(559,098)	(76,090)	(126,860)
Inventories written off	96,375	340,403	-	-
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	1,997	-	101	-
Property, plant and equipment written off	512,326	934,785	3,766	916
Allowance/(Reversal) of allowance for expected credit losses	219,047	(51,105)	-	-
<b>Operating profit before working capital changes</b>	114,020,786	129,390,377	4,285,230	3,083,366
Change in inventories	(5,424,626)	(4,726,163)	139,085	31,217
Change in receivables	3,230,101	(3,895,263)	(175,921)	121,047
Change in payables	(3,774,528)	11,435,580	(82,682)	178,750
Change in subsidiaries' accounts	-	-	1,815,782	(402,841)
<b>Cash from operations</b>	108,051,733	132,204,531	5,891,494	3,011,539
Income tax paid	(24,387,074)	(15,533,932)	(440,336)	-
Income tax refunded	374,507	383,231	-	-
Interest paid	(2,115,615)	(3,842,749)	(176,441)	(380,664)
Interest received	1,389,584	559,098	76,090	126,860
<b>Net cash from operating activities</b>	83,313,135	113,770,179	5,440,807	2,757,735

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Statements of Cash Flows  
for the financial year ended 31 December 2022 (cont'd)

	Group		Company	
	2022 RM	2021 RM	2022 RM	2021 RM
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>				
Acquisition of property, plant and equipment*	(14,789,732)	(9,063,790)	(144,769)	(138,171)
Acquisition of non-controlling interests	(299,584)	(539,645)	-	-
Dividend received	5,704	6,439	14,096,451	12,420,964
Increase in investment in a subsidiary	-	-	(2,799,584)	-
Net change in short-term investment (Placement)/Withdrawal of deposits with licensed banks	(10,850,238)	(14,392,535)	938,413	(1,105,047)
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment	(6,000)	6,134	(6,000)	(6,098)
	134,962	-	9,900	-
<b>Net cash (used in)/from investing activities</b>	<b>(25,804,888)</b>	<b>(23,983,397)</b>	<b>12,094,411</b>	<b>11,171,648</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>				
Acquisition of subsidiary's treasury shares	(214,474)	(226,107)	-	-
Dividend paid to equity holders of the Company	(11,792,638)	(7,861,759)	(11,792,638)	(7,861,759)
Dividend paid to non-controlling interests	(8,601,176)	(5,552,735)	-	-
Drawdown of revolving credit	-	5,000,000	-	-
Repayment of lease liabilities	(1,285,309)	(1,239,440)	-	(9,599)
Repayment of revolving credit	(8,600,000)	(40,600,000)	(6,100,000)	(5,600,000)
Repayment of term loan	(10,604,113)	(20,791,675)	-	-
<b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>	<b>(41,097,710)</b>	<b>(71,271,716)</b>	<b>(17,892,638)</b>	<b>(13,471,358)</b>
<b>Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>16,410,537</b>	<b>18,515,066</b>	<b>(357,420)</b>	<b>458,025</b>
Effect of exchange rate fluctuations	(22,916)	(61,291)	-	-
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of financial year</b>	<b>46,439,727</b>	<b>27,985,952</b>	<b>1,013,434</b>	<b>555,409</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year (Note 26)</b>	<b>62,827,348</b>	<b>46,439,727</b>	<b>656,014</b>	<b>1,013,434</b>

(forward)

Statements of Cash Flows  
for the financial year ended 31 December 2022 (cont'd)

Non-cash transactions

\* Acquisition of property, plant and equipment

During the financial year, the Group and the Company acquired property, plant and equipment inclusive of interest capitalised of RM69,532 and RMNil (2021: RM328,766 and RMNil) with an aggregate cost of RM16,054,364 and RM144,769 (2021: RM9,775,185 and RM138,171) of which RM1,195,100 and RMNil (2021: RM382,629 and RMNil) were acquired by means of lease liabilities. Cash payments of RM14,789,732 and RM144,769 (2021: RM9,063,790 and RM138,171) were made to acquire property, plant and equipment.

Reconciliation of liabilities arising from financing activities:

Group	1 January RM	Cash flows RM	Non-cash changes** RM	31 December RM
<b>2022</b>				
Loans and borrowings	55,713,113	(19,204,113)	-	36,509,000
Lease liabilities	3,983,141	(1,285,309)	1,195,100	3,892,932
	<u>59,696,254</u>	<u>(20,489,422)</u>	<u>1,195,100</u>	<u>40,401,932</u>
<b>2021</b>				
Loans and borrowings	112,104,788	(56,391,675)	-	55,713,113
Lease liabilities	5,105,287	(1,239,440)	117,294	3,983,141
	<u>117,210,075</u>	<u>(57,631,115)</u>	<u>117,294</u>	<u>59,696,254</u>
<b>Company</b>				
<b>2022</b>				
Loans and borrowings	<u>7,000,000</u>	<u>(6,100,000)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>900,000</u>
<b>2021</b>				
Loans and borrowings	12,600,000	(5,600,000)	-	7,000,000
Lease liabilities	9,599	(9,599)	-	-
	<u>12,609,599</u>	<u>(5,609,599)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,000,000</u>

\*\* Included in non-cash changes of lease liabilities of the Group are non-cash acquisition and termination of lease liabilities amounting to RM1,195,100 and RMNil (2021: RM382,629 and RM265,335).



## Notes to the Financial Statements

for the financial year ended 31 December 2022

### 1. General information

The Company is a public limited liability company that is incorporated and domiciled in Malaysia, and is listed on the Main Market of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad. The principal activities of the Company are oil palm cultivation, investment holding and the operation of a hotel. The principal activities of the subsidiaries are set out in Note 18 to the financial statements.

The registered office and principal place of business of the Company are located at 55A, Medan Ipoh 1A, Medan Ipoh Bestari, 31400 Ipoh, Perak Darul Ridzuan and Kompleks Pejabat Behrang 2020, Jalan Persekutuan 1, 35900 Tanjung Malim, Perak Darul Ridzuan respectively.

These financial statements were authorised for issue by the Directors in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors dated 18 April 2023.

### 2. Basis of preparation

#### (a) Statement of compliance

The financial statements of the Group and of the Company have been prepared in accordance with the Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards ("MFRSs") issued by Malaysian Accounting Standards Board ("MASB"), International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRSs") and the requirements of the Companies Act, 2016 in Malaysia.

#### (b) Basis of measurement

The significant accounting policies adopted by the Group and the Company are consistent with those adopted in previous financial year unless otherwise stated.

The financial statements of the Group and of the Company have been prepared under the historical cost convention, unless otherwise indicated in the summary of significant accounting policies.

#### (c) Functional and presentation currency

The financial statements are prepared in Ringgit Malaysia (RM) which is the Company's functional currency. Each entity in the Group determines its own company's functional currency and items included in the financial statements of each entity are measured using that functional currency.

#### (d) Adoption of new and revised MFRS

During the financial year, the Group and the Company have adopted the following amendments to standards issued by the MASB that are mandatory for current financial year:

- Amendment to MFRS 3: Reference to the Conceptual Framework
- Amendment to MFRS 9: Annual Improvements to MFRS Standards 2018 – 2020
- Amendment to MFRS 16: COVID-19-Related Rent Concessions beyond 30 June 2021
- Amendment to MFRS 16: Annual Improvements to MFRS Standards 2018 – 2020
- Amendments to MFRS 116: Property, Plant and Equipment - Proceeds before Intended Use
- Amendments to MFRS 137: Onerous Contracts – Cost of Fulfilling a Contract
- Amendment to MFRS 141: Annual Improvements to MFRS Standards 2018 – 2020

The adoption of the amendments to standards did not have any significant impact on the financial statements of the Group and of the Company.

Notes to the Financial Statements  
for the financial year ended 31 December 2022 (cont'd)

**2. Basis of preparation** (cont'd)

(e) **Standards issued but not yet effective**

Certain new accounting standards and interpretations have been issued but not yet effective for 31 December 2022 reporting periods and have not been early adopted by the Group and the Company. These standards are not expected to have a material impact on the Group and the Company in the current or future reporting periods.

**3. Significant accounting judgements and estimates**

The preparation of the Group's and the Company's financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of revenues, expenses, assets and liabilities, and the disclosure of contingent liabilities at the reporting date. However, uncertainty about these assumptions and estimates could result in outcomes that could require a material adjustment to the carrying amount of the asset or liability affected in the future periods.

(a) **Judgements made in applying accounting policies**

In the process of applying the Group's and the Company's accounting policies, management has made the following judgement, apart from those involving estimations, which could have a significant effect on the amounts recognised in the consolidated financial statements.

(i) **Operating segments**

The segments disclosed in Note 38 to the financial statements have been determined by distinguishing the business activities from which the Group earns revenues and incurs expenses. The economic characteristics of the operating segments have been reviewed and operating segments have been grouped based on the reporting to the chief operating decision maker.

(ii) **Control over Cepatawawasan Group Berhad ("CGB")**

As disclosed in Note 18, the Directors consider that the Group has control of CGB even though it has less than 50% of the voting rights. The Group is the majority shareholder of CGB with a 38.63% equity interest. All other shareholders individually own less than 3% of the equity shares of CGB. Historically, the other shareholders did not form a group to exercise their votes collectively. The directors assessed that the Group has had control over CGB since July 2006. Therefore, in accordance with the requirements of MFRS 10, CGB has been accounted for as a subsidiary company of the Company since 31 July 2006. During the year under review, the Group reassessed and concluded that it controls CGB, despite having less than a majority of the voting rights, based on the guidance under MFRS 10.

Notes to the Financial Statements  
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**3. Significant accounting judgements and estimates** (cont'd)

(b) **Key sources of estimation uncertainty**

The key assumptions concerning the future and other key sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are discussed below:

(i) **Depreciation of property, plant and equipment**

The estimates for the residual values, useful lives and related depreciation charges for the property, plant and equipment are based on commercial factors which could change significantly as a result of technical innovations and competitors' actions in response to the market conditions.

The Group and the Company anticipate that the residual values of their property, plant and equipment will be insignificant. As a result, residual values are not being taken into consideration for the computation of the depreciable amount. The management estimates the useful lives of the property, plant and equipment to be within five (5) to ninety-nine (99) years. Changes in the expected level of usage and technological development could impact the economic useful lives and the residual values of these assets, therefore future depreciation charges could be revised.

(ii) **Income taxes**

There are certain transactions and computations for which the ultimate tax determination may be different from the initial estimate. The Group and the Company recognise tax liabilities based on its understanding of the prevailing tax laws and estimates of whether such taxes will be due in the ordinary course of business. Where the final outcome of these matters is different from the amounts that were initially recognised, such difference will impact the income tax and deferred tax provisions in the period in which such determination is made.

(iii) **Impairment of property, plant and equipment**

The Group and the Company review their carrying amounts of property, plant and equipment at each reporting date to assess whether there is any indication of impairment. If any such indication exists, the Group and the Company make an estimate of the asset's recoverable amount. An asset's recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's fair value less costs of disposal ("FVLCD") and its value in use ("VIU").

The Group and the Company estimate the recoverable amounts of the cash-generating unit ("CGU") based on FVLCD and VIU. Estimating the VIU involves estimating the future cash inflows and outflows that will be generated by the CGUs and discounting them at an appropriate rate. In estimating the recoverable amounts of FVLCD, the Directors relied on independent professional valuer and recent market transaction prices of similar properties.

Notes to the Financial Statements  
for the financial year ended 31 December 2022 (cont'd)

**3. Significant accounting judgements and estimates** (cont'd)

(b) **Key sources of estimation uncertainty** (cont'd)

(iv) **Impairment of goodwill**

Goodwill is tested for impairment annually and at other times when such indicators exist. Impairment exists when the carrying value of an asset or CGU exceeds its recoverable amount, which is the higher of its FVLCD and its VIU. This requires an estimation of the recoverable amounts of the CGUs to which goodwill is allocated.

Estimating a VIU amount requires management to make an estimate of the expected future cash flows from the CGU and also to choose a suitable discount rate in order to calculate the present value of those cash flows. Further details of the carrying value, key assumptions applied in the impairment assessment of goodwill and sensitivity analysis to changes in the assumptions are disclosed in Note 21 to the financial statements.

(v) **Biological assets**

The Group and the Company carry their biological assets at fair value with changes in fair value being recognised in profit or loss. The determination of the fair value of the biological assets requires the use of estimates on the projected harvest quantities and market price of fresh fruit bunches ("FFB") as at the reporting date. The carrying amount and key assumptions used to determine the fair value of the biological assets are further disclosed in Note 22 to the financial statements.

(vi) **Carrying value of investments in subsidiaries**

Investments in subsidiaries are reviewed for impairment annually in accordance with its accounting policy as disclosed in Note 4(n)(ii) to the financial statements, or whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may not be recoverable.

Significant judgment is required in the estimation of the present value of future cash flows generated by the subsidiaries, which involves uncertainties and are significantly affected by assumptions and judgments made regarding estimates of future cash flows and discount rates. Changes in assumptions could significantly affect the carrying value of investments in subsidiaries.

(vii) **Deferred tax assets and liabilities**

Deferred tax implications arising from the changes in corporate income tax rates are measured with reference to the estimated realisation and settlement of temporary differences in the future periods in which the tax rates are expected to apply, based on the tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the reporting date. While management's estimates on the realisation and settlement of temporary differences are based on the available information at the reporting date, changes in business strategy, future operating performance and other factors could potentially impact on the actual timing and amount of temporary differences realised and settled. Any difference between the actual amount and the estimated amount would be recognised in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income in the period in which actual realisation and settlement occurs.

Notes to the Financial Statements  
for the financial year ended 31 December 2022 (cont'd)

**3. Significant accounting judgements and estimates** (cont'd)

(b) **Key sources of estimation uncertainty** (cont'd)

(vii) **Deferred tax assets and liabilities** (cont'd)

Deferred tax assets are recognised for all deductible temporary differences, unutilised tax credits and unutilised tax losses to the extent that it is probable that taxable profit will be available against which these items can be utilised. Significant management judgement is required to determine the amount of deferred tax assets that can be recognised, based upon the likely timing and level of future taxable profits together with future tax planning strategies. The carrying amount of recognised and unrecognised deferred tax assets are disclosed in Note 20 to the financial statements.

Assumptions about generation of future taxable profits would depend on the achievability of projected profits and this requires judgement of the management. These assumptions and judgement are subject to risks and uncertainty, hence there is possibility that changes in circumstances will alter expectations, which may impact on the amount of deferred tax assets recognised.

(viii) **Impairment of financial assets**

The loss allowances for financial assets are based on assumptions about risk of default and expected loss rates. The Group uses judgement in making these assumptions and selecting the inputs to the impairment calculation, based on the Group's past history, existing market conditions as well as forward looking estimates at the end of each reporting period.

(ix) **Leases**

The measurement of the right-of-use asset and lease liability for leases where the Group is lessee requires the use of judgements and assumptions, such as lease term and incremental borrowing rate. In determining the lease term, the Group considers all facts and circumstances that create an economic incentive to exercise an extension option. Extension options are only included in the lease term if the lease is reasonably certain to be extended. The incremental borrowing rate is the interest rate that the Group would have to pay to borrow over a similar term, the funds necessary to obtain an asset of a similar value to the right-of-use asset in a similar economic environment. Therefore, the incremental borrowing rate requires estimation, particularly when no observable rates are available or when they need to be adjusted to reflect the terms and conditions of the lease. The Group estimates the incremental borrowing rate using observable inputs when available and is required to make certain entity-specific estimates.

Notes to the Financial Statements  
for the financial year ended 31 December 2022 (cont'd)

**4. Significant accounting policies**

**(a) Basis of consolidation**

The consolidated financial statements comprise the financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries as at the reporting date. The financial statements of the subsidiaries used in the preparation of the consolidated financial statements are prepared for the same reporting date as the Company. Consistent accounting policies are applied for like transactions and events in similar circumstances.

**(i) Subsidiaries**

Subsidiaries are entities controlled by the Company. The financial statements of subsidiaries are included in the consolidated financial statements from the date that control commences until the date that control ceases.

Control exists when the Company is exposed, or has rights, to variable returns from its involvement with the entity and has the ability to affect those returns through its power over the entity.

The Company considers it has de facto power over an investee when, despite not having the majority of voting rights, it has the current ability to direct the activities of the investee that significantly affect the investee's return. Potential voting rights are considered when assessing control only when such rights are substantive.

Investments in subsidiaries are measured in the Company's statement of financial position at cost less any impairment losses, unless the investment is classified as held for sale or distribution. The cost of investments includes transaction costs.

**(ii) Business combinations**

Business combinations are accounted for using the acquisition method from the acquisition date, which is the date on which control is transferred to the Group.

For new acquisitions, the Group measures the cost of goodwill at the acquisition date as:

- the fair value of the consideration transferred; plus
- the recognised amount of any non-controlling interests in the acquiree; plus
- if the business combination is achieved in stages, the fair value of the existing equity interest in the acquiree; less
- the net recognised amount (generally fair value) of the identifiable assets acquired and liabilities assumed.

When the excess is negative, a bargain purchase gain is recognised immediately in profit or loss.

For each business combination, the Group elects whether it measures the non-controlling interests in the acquiree either at fair value or at the proportionate share of the acquiree's identifiable net assets at the acquisition date.

Transaction costs, other than those associated with the issue of debt or equity securities, that the Group incurs in connection with a business combination are expensed as incurred.

Notes to the Financial Statements  
for the financial year ended 31 December 2022 (cont'd)

**4. Significant accounting policies** (cont'd)

(a) **Basis of consolidation** (cont'd)

(iii) **Transactions eliminated on consolidation**

Intra-group balances and transactions, and any unrealised income and expenses arising from intra-group transactions, are eliminated in preparing the consolidated financial statements.

Unrealised losses are eliminated in the same way as unrealised gains, but only to the extent that there is no evidence of impairment.

(iv) **Loss of control**

Upon the loss of control of a subsidiary, the Group derecognises the assets and liabilities of the former subsidiary, any non-controlling interests and the other components of equity related to the former subsidiary from the consolidated statement of financial position. Any surplus or deficit arising on the loss of control is recognised in profit or loss. If the Group retains any interest in the former subsidiary, then such interest is measured at fair value at the date that control is lost. Subsequently, it is accounted for as an equity accounted investee or as a financial asset depending on the level of influence retained.

(v) **Non-controlling interests**

Non-controlling interests at the end of the reporting period, being the equity in a subsidiary not attributable directly or indirectly to the equity holders of the Company, are presented in the consolidated statement of financial position and statement of changes in equity within equity, separately from equity attributable to the owners of the Company. Non-controlling interests in the results of the Group is presented in the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income as an allocation of the profit and loss and the comprehensive income for the financial year between non-controlling interests and the owners of the Company.

Losses applicable to the non-controlling interests in a subsidiary are allocated to the non-controlling interests even if doing so caused the non-controlling interests to have a deficit balance.

(vi) **Transactions with non-controlling interests**

Transactions with non-controlling interests are accounted for using the entity concept method, whereby, transactions with non-controlling interests are accounted for as transactions with owners.

On acquisition of non-controlling interests, the difference between the consideration and the Group' share of the net assets acquired is recognised directly in equity. Gain or loss on disposal to non-controlling interests is recognised directly in equity.

Notes to the Financial Statements  
for the financial year ended 31 December 2022 (cont'd)

**4. Significant accounting policies** (cont'd)

**(b) Foreign currencies**

**(i) Functional and presentation currencies**

The Group's consolidated financial statements are presented in Ringgit Malaysia (RM), which is also the Company's functional currency. Each entity in the Group determines its own company's functional currency and items included in the financial statements of each entity are measured using that functional currency.

**(ii) Foreign currency transactions**

Transactions in foreign currencies are measured in the respective functional currencies of the Group and the Company and are recorded on initial recognition in the functional currencies at exchange rates approximating those ruling at the transaction dates.

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the rate of exchange ruling at the reporting date. Non-monetary items denominated in foreign currencies that are measured at historical cost are translated using the exchange rates as at the dates of the initial transactions. Non-monetary items denominated in foreign currencies measured at fair value are translated using the exchange rates at the date when the fair value was determined.

Exchange differences arising on the settlement of monetary items or on translating monetary items at the reporting date are recognised in profit or loss except for exchange differences arising on monetary items that form part of the Group's net investment in foreign operations, which are recognised initially in other comprehensive income and accumulated under foreign currency translation reserve in equity. The foreign currency translation reserve is reclassified from equity to profit or loss of the Group on disposal of the foreign operation.

Exchange differences arising on the translation of non-monetary items carried at fair value are included in profit or loss for the period except for the differences arising on the translation of non-monetary items in respect of which gains and losses are recognised directly in equity. Exchange differences arising from such non-monetary items are also recognised directly in equity.

**(iii) Foreign operations**

The assets and liabilities of foreign operations are translated into RM at the rate of exchange ruling at the reporting date and income and expenses are translated at exchange rates at the dates of the transactions. The exchange differences arising on the translation are taken directly to other comprehensive income. On disposal of a foreign operation, the cumulative amount recognised in other comprehensive income and accumulated in equity under foreign currency translation reserve relating to that particular foreign operation is recognised in the profit or loss.

Goodwill and fair value adjustments arising on the acquisition of foreign operations are treated as assets and liabilities of the foreign operations and are recorded in the functional currency of the foreign operations and translated at the closing rate at the reporting date.



Notes to the Financial Statements  
 for the financial year ended 31 December 2022 (cont'd)

**4. Significant accounting policies** (cont'd)

(c) **Revenue recognition**

Revenue from contracts with customers is recognised by reference to each distinct performance obligation promised in the contract with the customer when or as the Group and the Company transfer controls of the goods or services promised in a contract and the customer obtains control of the goods or services.

Revenue from contracts with customers is measured at its transaction price, being the amount of consideration to which the Group and the Company expect to be entitled in exchange for transferring promised goods or services to a customer, net of discounts. Generally, the Group and the Company receive short-term advances from its customers. Using the practical expedient in MFRS 15, the Group and the Company do not adjust the promised amount of consideration for the effects of a significant financing component if it expects, at contract inception, that the period between the transfer of the promised goods or services to the customer and when the customer pays for that goods or services will be one (1) year or less.

The transaction price is allocated to each distinct goods or service promised in the contract. Depending on the terms of the contract, revenue is recognised when the performance obligation is satisfied, which may be a point in time or over time.

The Group and the Company satisfy a performance obligation and recognises revenue over time, if one (1) of the following criteria is met:

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

If none of the above conditions are not met, the Group and the Company recognise revenue at the point in time at which the performance obligation is satisfied.

For performance obligations that the Group satisfies over time, the Group determined that the input method is the best method in measuring progress of the services because there is direct relationship between the Group's effort and the transfer of service to the customer. For measuring progress of the services of supply of electricity, the Group used output method because for supply of electricity, the output transmitted to receive by the customer is the best measure of transfer of service to the customer.

(i) **Sales of plantation produce**

The Group's and the Company's revenue from plantation and mill segments derived mainly from agricultural produce such as FFB, crude palm oil ("CPO"), palm kernel ("PK") and oil from empty fruit bunches.

Revenue from sales of agricultural produce is recognised net of discount and taxes at the point in time when control of the goods has been transferred to the customer.

Notes to the Financial Statements  
for the financial year ended 31 December 2022 (cont'd)

**4. Significant accounting policies** (cont'd)

**(c) Revenue recognition** (cont'd)

**(i) Sales of plantation produce** (cont'd)

The transaction price is allocated to each performance obligation based on the standalone selling price of the goods.

There is no element of financing present as the Group's and the Company's sale of goods are either on cash terms (immediate payments or advance payment not exceeding 30 days); or on credit terms of up to 30 days.

**(ii) Sales of earth and stones**

Sales of earth and stones are recognised upon delivery of products and customers' acceptance.

**(iii) Supply of electricity**

Revenue from supply of electricity is recognised over time as the consumer simultaneously receives and consumes the electricity provided by the Group.

**(iv) Revenue from hotel operations**

Hotel operation income is recognised upon performance of services.

**(v) Dividend income**

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

**(vi) Other revenue**

Revenue from other sources are recognised as follows:

(a) interest income is recognised on a time proportion basis that reflects the effective yield on the assets; and

(b) rental income is recognised on a time proportion basis.

**(d) Employee benefits**

The Group and the Company recognise a liability when an employee has provided service in exchange for employee benefits to be paid in the future and an expense when the Group and the Company consume the economic benefits arising from service provided by an employee in exchange for employee benefits.

**(i) Short term benefits**

Wages and salaries are usually accrued and paid on a monthly basis and are recognised as an expense, unless they relate to cost of producing inventories or other assets.

Notes to the Financial Statements  
for the financial year ended 31 December 2022 (cont'd)

**4. Significant accounting policies** (cont'd)

**(d) Employee benefits** (cont'd)

**(i) Short term benefits** (cont'd)

Paid absences (annual leave, maternity leave, paternity leave, sick leave, etc.) are accrued in each period if they are accumulating paid absences that can be carried forward, or in the case of non-accumulating paid absences, recognised as and when the absences occur.

Profit sharing and bonus payments are recognised when, and only when, the Group and the Company have a present legal or constructive obligation to make such payment as a result of past events and a reliable estimate of the obligation can be made.

**(ii) Post-employment benefits (defined contribution plans)**

The Group and the Company make statutory contributions to the approved provident funds and the contributions made are charged to profit or loss in the period to which they relate. When the contributions have been paid, the Group and the Company have no further payment obligations.

**(e) Tax assets and liabilities**

A current tax for current and prior periods, to the extent unpaid, is recognised as a current tax liability. If the amount already paid in respect of current and prior periods exceed the amount due for those periods, the excess is recognised as a current tax asset. A current tax liability/(asset) is measured at the amount the entity expects to pay/(recover) using tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantially enacted by the reporting date.

A deferred tax liability is recognised for all taxable temporary differences, except to the extent that the deferred tax liability arises from the initial recognition of an asset or liability in a transaction which is not a business combination and at the time of the transaction, affects neither accounting profit nor taxable profit/(or tax loss). The exceptions for initial recognition differences include items of property, plant and equipment that do not qualify for capital allowances and acquired intangible assets that are not deductible for tax purposes.

A deferred tax asset is recognised for all deductible temporary differences to the extent that it is probable that taxable profit will be available against which the deductible temporary differences can be utilised, unless the deferred tax asset arises from the initial recognition of an asset or liability in a transaction that is not a business combination and at the time of the transaction, affects neither accounting profit nor taxable profit/(or tax loss). The exceptions for the initial recognition differences include non-taxable government grants received and reinvestment allowances and investment tax allowances on qualifying plant and equipment.

A deferred tax asset is recognised for the carry-forward of unused tax losses and unused tax credits to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profit will be available against which the unused tax losses and unused tax credits can be utilised.

Deferred taxes are measured using tax rates (and tax laws) that have been enacted or substantially enacted by the end of the reporting period. The measurement of deferred taxes reflects the tax consequences that would follow from the manner in which the Group and the Company expect, at the end of the reporting period, to recover or settle the carrying amount of its assets or liabilities.

Notes to the Financial Statements  
for the financial year ended 31 December 2022 (cont'd)

**4. Significant accounting policies** (cont'd)

(e) **Tax assets and liabilities** (cont'd)

At the end of each reporting period, the carrying amount of a deferred tax asset is reviewed and is reduced to the extent that it is no longer probably that sufficient taxable profit will be available to allow the benefit of a part or all of that deferred tax asset to be utilised. Any such reduction will be reversed to the extent that it becomes probably that sufficient taxable profit will be available.

A current or deferred tax is recognised as income and expense in profit or loss for the period, except to the extent that the tax arises from items recognised outside profit or loss. For an income or expense item recognised in other comprehensive income, the current or deferred tax expense or tax income is recognised in other comprehensive income. For items recognised directly in equity, the related tax effect is also recognised directly in equity.

(f) **Earnings per share**

The Group presents basic and diluted earnings per share data for its ordinary shares ("EPS"). Basic EPS is calculated by dividing the profit or loss attributable to ordinary shareholders of the Company by the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the period, adjusted for own shares held. Diluted EPS is determined by adjusting the profit or loss attributable to ordinary shareholders and the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding, adjusted for own shares held, for the effects of all dilutive potential ordinary shares.

(g) **Property, plant and equipment**

All items of property, plant and equipment are initially recorded at cost. The cost of an item of property, plant and equipment is recognised as an asset if, and only if, it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the Group and the cost of the item can be measured reliably.

Subsequent to recognition, property, plant and equipment are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. When significant parts of property, plant and equipment are required to be replaced in intervals, the Group recognises such parts as individual assets with specific useful lives and depreciation, respectively. Likewise, when a major inspection is performed, its cost is recognised in the carrying amount of the plant and equipment as a replacement if the recognition criteria are satisfied. All other repair and maintenance costs are recognised in profit or loss as incurred.

Bearer plants comprise pre-cropping expenditure incurred from land clearing to the point of maturity. Such expenditure is capitalised and is amortised at maturity of the crop over the useful lives of the crop.

Direct expenditure incurred on quarry development is capitalised under quarry development expenditure. A portion of the indirect overheads which include general and administrative expenses and interest expense incurred on quarry development is similarly capitalised under quarry development expenditure until such time when the quarry commences operation.

Quarry development expenditure is amortised based on the proportion of stone volume extracted over the estimated volume of extractable stone from the quarry reserve.

Freehold land has an unlimited useful life and therefore is not depreciated.

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for the financial year ended 31 December 2022 (cont'd)

**4. Significant accounting policies** (cont'd)

**(g) Property, plant and equipment** (cont'd)

Capital work-in-progress is not depreciated as these assets are not available for use. Depreciation will commence on these assets when they are ready for their intended use.

Property, plant and equipment are depreciated on a straight-line basis to write off the cost of the property, plant and equipment over the term of their estimated useful lives. The principal annual rates of depreciation used are as follows:

Long term leasehold land	63 – 99 years
Short term leasehold land	23 – 60 years
Bearer plants – oil palm	22 years
Oil mill and other buildings	10 – 50 years
Plantation infrastructure	63 – 99 years
Heavy equipment, plant and machinery, and motor vehicles	10 – 25 years
Furniture and fittings, office equipment, laboratory equipment, electrical installation, road and drainage	10 – 20 years

The carrying values of property, plant and equipment are reviewed for impairment when events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may not be recoverable.

The residual value, useful life and depreciation method are reviewed at each financial year-end, and adjusted prospectively, if appropriate.

An item of property, plant and equipment is derecognised upon disposal or when no future economic benefits are expected from its use or disposal. Any gain or loss on derecognition of the asset is included in the profit or loss in the year the asset is derecognised.

**(h) Investment properties**

Investment properties are properties which are held either to earn rental income or for capital appreciation or for both. Investment properties are initially measured at cost, including transaction costs. Subsequent to initial recognition, investment properties are measured at fair value which reflects market condition as at the reporting date. Fair value is arrived at by reference to market evidence of transaction prices for similar properties and is performed by registered independent valuers having an appropriate recognised professional qualification and recent experience in the location and category of the properties being valued. Gains or losses arising from changes in the fair values of investment properties are included in profit or loss in the year in which they arise.

Investment properties are derecognised when either they have been disposed of or when the investment property is permanently withdrawn from use and no future economic benefit is expected from its disposal. Any gain or loss on the retirement or disposal of an investment property is recognised in profit or loss in the year of retirement or disposal.

Transfers are made to or from investment property only when there is a change in use. For a transfer from investment property to owner-occupied property, the deemed cost for subsequent accounting is the fair value at the date of change in use. For a transfer from owner-occupied property to investment property, the property is accounted for in accordance with the accounting policy for property, plant and equipment as disclosed in Note 4 (g) up to the date of change in use.

Notes to the Financial Statements  
for the financial year ended 31 December 2022 (cont'd)

**4. Significant accounting policies** (cont'd)

(i) **Goodwill**

Goodwill arising from a business combination is initially measured at cost being the excess of the cost of business combination over the Group's interest in the net fair value of the identifiable assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities. Following the initial recognition, goodwill is measured at cost less any accumulated impairment losses.

For the purpose of impairment testing, goodwill acquired is allocated, from the acquisition date, to each of the Group's CGU that are expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination.

The CGU to which goodwill has been allocated is tested for impairment annually and whenever there is an indication that the CGU may be impaired, by comparing the carrying amount of the CGU, including the allocated goodwill, with the recoverable amount of the CGU. Where the recoverable amount of the CGU is less than the carrying amount, an impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss. Impairment losses recognised for goodwill are not reversed in subsequent periods.

Where goodwill forms part of a CGU and part of the operation within that CGU is disposed of, the goodwill associated with the operation disposed of is included in the carrying amount of the operation when determining the gain or loss on disposal of the operation. Goodwill disposed of in this circumstance is measured based on the relative fair values of the operations disposed of and the portion of the CGU retained.

(j) **Biological assets**

Biological assets comprise the produce growing on bearer plants. Biological assets are measured at fair value less costs to sell. Any gains or losses arising from changes in the fair value less costs to sell are recognised in profit or loss. Fair value is determined based on the present value of expected net cash flows from biological assets. The expected net cash flows are estimated using the expected output method and the estimated market price of the biological assets.

Biological assets are classified as current assets as it relates to produce on the bearer plants that are expected to be harvested at a date not more than six (6) weeks after the reporting date.

(k) **Inventories**

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Costs incurred in bringing the inventories to their present location and conditions are accounted for as follows:

(a) **Palm oil products and quarry inventories**

Costs of direct materials, direct labour, other direct charges and appropriate proportions of factory overheads. These costs are assigned on weighted average cost method.

(b) **Consumable stores**

Purchase costs and expenses in bringing them into store on a weighted average cost method.

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**4. Significant accounting policies** (cont'd)

(k) **Inventories** (cont'd)

(c) **Oil Nursery seedlings**

Purchase costs and upkeep expenses on a weighted average cost method.

Where necessary, allowance is provided for damaged, obsolete and slow moving items to adjust the carrying value of inventories to the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Net realisable value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business less estimated costs of completion and the estimated costs necessary to make the sale.

(l) **Financial instruments**

A financial instrument is any contract that gives rise to a financial asset of one entity and a financial liability or equity instrument of another entity.

(i) **Financial assets**

Financial assets are classified, at initial recognition, as subsequently measured at amortised cost, fair value through other comprehensive income (OCI) and fair value through profit or loss.

The classification of financial assets at initial recognition depends on the financial asset's contractual cash flow characteristics and the Group's and the Company's business model for managing them. With the exception of trade receivables that do not contain a significant financing component or for which the Group and the Company have applied the practical expedient, the Group and the Company initially measure a financial asset at its fair value plus, in the case of a financial asset not at fair value through profit or loss, transaction costs. Trade receivables that do not contain a significant financing component or for which the Group and the Company have applied the practical expedient are measured at the transaction price determined under MFRS 15.

In order for a financial asset to be classified and measured at amortised cost or fair value through OCI, it needs to give rise to cash flows that are 'solely payments of principal and interest (SPPI)' on the principal amount outstanding. This assessment is referred to as the SPPI test and is performed at an instrument level.

The Group's and the Company's business model for managing financial assets refers to how it manages its financial assets in order to generate cash flows. The business model determines whether cash flows will result from collecting contractual cash flows, selling the financial assets, or both.

Purchases or sales of financial assets that require delivery of assets within a time frame established by regulation or convention in the market place (regular way trades) are recognised on the trade date, i.e., the date that the Group and the Company commit to purchase or sell the asset.

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**4. Significant accounting policies** (cont'd)

(l) **Financial instruments** (cont'd)

(i) **Financial assets** (cont'd)

For purposes of subsequent measurement, financial assets are classified in four (4) categories:

- Financial assets at amortised cost (debt instruments)
- Financial assets at fair value through OCI with recycling of cumulative gains and losses (debt instruments)
- Financial assets designated at fair value through OCI with no recycling of cumulative gains and losses upon derecognition (equity instruments)
- Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

**Financial assets at amortised cost (debt instruments)**

The Group and the Company measure financial assets at amortised cost if both of the following conditions are met:

- The financial asset is held within a business model with the objective to hold financial assets in order to collect contractual cash flows; and
- The contractual terms of the financial asset give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding

Financial assets at amortised cost are subsequently measured using the effective interest rate (EIR) method and are subject to impairment. Gains and losses are recognised in profit or loss when the asset is derecognised, modified or impaired.

The Group's and the Company's financial assets at amortised cost includes trade and other receivables and cash and bank balances.

**Financial assets at fair value through OCI (debt instruments)**

The Group and the Company measure debt instruments at fair value through OCI if both of the following conditions are met:

- The financial asset is held within a business model with the objective of both holding to collect contractual cash flows and selling; and
- The contractual terms of the financial asset give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding



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**4. Significant accounting policies** (cont'd)

(l) **Financial instruments** (cont'd)

(i) **Financial assets** (cont'd)

**Financial assets at fair value through OCI (debt instruments)** (cont'd)

For debt instruments at fair value through OCI, interest income, foreign exchange revaluation and impairment losses or reversals are recognised in the statement of profit or loss and computed in the same manner as for financial assets measured at amortised cost. The remaining fair value changes are recognised in OCI. Upon derecognition, the cumulative fair value change recognised in OCI is recycled to profit or loss.

The Group and the Company have no debt instruments at fair value through OCI.

**Financial assets designated at fair value through OCI (equity instruments)**

Upon initial recognition, the Group and the Company can elect to classify irrevocably its equity investments as equity instruments designated at fair value through OCI when they meet the definition of equity under MFRS 132 Financial Instruments: Presentation and are not held for trading. The classification is determined on an instrument-by-instrument basis.

Gains and losses on these financial assets are never recycled to profit or loss. Dividends are recognised as other income in the statement of profit or loss when the right of payment has been established, except when the Company benefits from such proceeds as a recovery of part of the cost of the financial asset, in which case, such gains are recorded in OCI. Equity instruments designated at fair value through OCI are not subject to impairment assessment.

The Group and the Company elected to classify irrevocably their quoted and unquoted equity instruments under this category.

**Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss**

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss include financial assets held for trading, financial assets designated upon initial recognition at fair value through profit or loss, or financial assets mandatorily required to be measured at fair value. Financial assets are classified as held for trading if they are acquired for the purpose of selling or repurchasing in the near term. Derivatives, including separated embedded derivatives, are also classified as held for trading unless they are designated as effective hedging instruments. Financial assets with cash flows that are not solely payments of principal and interest are classified and measured at fair value through profit or loss, irrespective of the business model. Notwithstanding the criteria for debt instruments to be classified at amortised cost or at fair value through OCI, as described above, debt instruments may be designated at fair value through profit or loss on initial recognition if doing so eliminates, or significantly reduces, an accounting mismatch.

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss are carried in the statement of financial position at fair value with net changes in fair value recognised in the statement of profit or loss.

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**4. Significant accounting policies** (cont'd)

(l) **Financial instruments** (cont'd)

(i) **Financial assets** (cont'd)

**Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss** (cont'd)

A derivative embedded in a hybrid contract, with a financial liability or non-financial host, is separated from the host and accounted for as a separate derivative if: the economic characteristics and risks are not closely related to the host; a separate instrument with the same terms as the embedded derivative would meet the definition of a derivative; and the hybrid contract is not measured at fair value through profit or loss. Embedded derivatives are measured at fair value with changes in fair value recognised in profit or loss. Reassessment only occurs if there is either a change in the terms of the contract that significantly modifies the cash flows that would otherwise be required or a reclassification of a financial asset out of the fair value through profit or loss category.

A derivative embedded within a hybrid contract containing a financial asset host is not accounted for separately. The financial asset host together with the embedded derivative is required to be classified in its entirety as a financial asset at fair value through profit or loss.

The Group's and the Company's financial assets at fair value through profit or loss includes short-term investments.

**Derecognition**

A financial asset (or, where applicable, a part of a financial asset or part of a group of similar financial assets) is primarily derecognised when:

- The rights to receive cash flows from the asset have expired; or
- The Group and the Company have transferred its rights to receive cash flows from the asset or has assumed an obligation to pay the received cash flows in full without material delay to a third party under a 'pass-through' arrangement and either (a) the Group and the Company have transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset, or (b) the Group and the Company have neither transferred nor retained substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset, but has transferred control of the asset.

When the Group and the Company have transferred its rights to receive cash flows from an asset or has entered into a pass-through arrangement, it evaluates if, and to what extent, it has retained the risks and rewards of ownership. When it has neither transferred nor retained substantially all of the risks and rewards of the asset, nor transferred control of the asset, the Group and the Company continue to recognise the transferred asset to the extent of its continuing involvement. In that case, the Group and the Company also recognise an associated liability. The transferred asset and the associated liability are measured on a basis that reflects the rights and obligations that the Group and the Company have retained.

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**4. Significant accounting policies** (cont'd)

(l) **Financial instruments** (cont'd)

(i) **Financial assets** (cont'd)

**Derecognition** (cont'd)

Continuing involvement that takes the form of a guarantee over the transferred asset is measured at the lower of the original carrying amount of the asset and the maximum amount of consideration that the Group and the Company could be required to repay.

(ii) **Financial liabilities**

Financial liabilities are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into and the definitions of a financial liability.

Financial liabilities, within the scope of MFRS 9, are recognised in the statements of financial position when, and only when, the Group and the Company become a party to the contractual provisions of the financial instrument. Financial liabilities are classified as either financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss or financial liabilities measured at amortised cost.

The subsequent measurement of financial liabilities depends on their classification as follows:

**Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss**

Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss include financial liabilities held for trading and financial liabilities designated upon initial recognition as at fair value through profit or loss.

Financial liabilities held for trading include derivatives entered into by the Group and the Company that do not meet the hedge accounting criteria. Derivative liabilities are initially measured at fair value and subsequently stated at fair value, with any resultant gains or losses recognised in profit or loss. Net gains or losses on derivatives include exchange differences.

**Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost**

The Group's and the Company's financial liabilities measured at amortised cost include trade and other payables and loans and borrowings.

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

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

Notes to the Financial Statements  
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**4. Significant accounting policies** (cont'd)

(l) **Financial instruments** (cont'd)

(ii) **Financial liabilities** (cont'd)

**Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost** (cont'd)

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

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

(m) **Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash in hand, at banks, deposits with licensed banks with maturity not exceeding three (3) months and short-term, highly liquid investments which are readily convertible to cash with short periods to maturity and are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value, net of outstanding bank overdrafts, if any.

(n) **Impairment**

(i) **Impairment of financial assets**

The Group and the Company recognise an allowance for expected credit losses (ECLs) for all debt instruments not held at fair value through profit or loss. ECLs are based on the difference between the contractual cash flows due in accordance with the contract and all the cash flows that the Group and the Company expect to receive, discounted at an approximation of the original effective interest rate. The expected cash flows will include cash flows from the sale of collateral held or other credit enhancements that are integral to the contractual terms.

ECLs are recognised in two (2) stages. For credit exposures for which there has not been a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition, ECLs are provided for credit losses that result from default events that are possible within the next 12-months (a 12-month ECL). For those credit exposures for which there has been a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition, a loss allowance is required for credit losses expected over the remaining life of the exposure, irrespective of the timing of the default (a lifetime ECL).

For trade receivables and contract assets, the Group and the Company apply a simplified approach in calculating ECLs. Therefore, the Group and the Company do not track changes in credit risk, but instead recognises a loss allowance based on lifetime ECLs at each reporting date. The Group and the Company have established a provision matrix that is based on its historical credit loss experience, adjusted for forward-looking factors specific to the debtors and the economic environment.

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**4. Significant accounting policies** (cont'd)

(n) **Impairment** (cont'd)

(i) **Impairment of financial assets** (cont'd)

For debt instruments considered to have low credit risk, the Group and the Company apply the low credit risk simplification. At every reporting date, the Group and the Company evaluate whether the debt instrument is considered to have low credit risk using all reasonable and supportable information that is available without undue cost or effort. In making that evaluation, the Group and the Company reassess the internal credit rating of the debt instrument.

In addition, the Group and the Company consider that there has been a significant increase in credit risk when contractual payments are more than one (1) year past due. It is the Group's and the Company's policy to measure ECLs on such instruments on a 12-month basis. However, when there has been a significant increase in credit risk since origination, the allowance will be based on the lifetime ECL.

The Group and the Company consider a financial asset in default when contractual payments are one (1) year past due. However, in certain cases, the Group and the Company may also consider a financial asset to be in default when internal or external information indicates that the Group and the Company are unlikely to receive the outstanding contractual amounts in full before taking into account any credit enhancements held by the Group and the Company. A financial asset is written off when there is no reasonable expectation of recovering the contractual cash flows.

(ii) **Impairment of non-financial assets**

The Group and the Company assess at each reporting date whether there is an indication that an asset may be impaired. If any such indication exists, or when an annual impairment assessment for an asset is required, the Group and the Company make an estimate of the asset's recoverable amount.

An asset's recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's fair value less costs to sell and its value in use. For the purpose of assessing impairment, assets are grouped at the lowest levels for which there are separately identifiable cash flows (CGU).

In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows expected to be generated by the asset are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset. Where the carrying amount of an asset exceeds its recoverable amount, the asset is written down to its recoverable amount. Impairment losses recognised in respect of a CGU or groups of CGUs are allocated first to reduce the carrying amount of any goodwill allocated to those units or groups of units and then, to reduce the carrying amount of the other assets in the unit or groups of units on a pro-rata basis.

Impairment losses are recognised in profit or loss except for assets that are previously revalued where the revaluation was taken to other comprehensive income. In this case the impairment is also recognised in other comprehensive income up to the amount of any previous revaluation.

Notes to the Financial Statements  
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**4. Significant accounting policies** (cont'd)

(n) **Impairment** (cont'd)

(ii) **Impairment of non-financial assets** (cont'd)

An assessment is made at each reporting date as to whether there is any indication that previously recognised impairment losses may no longer exist or may have decreased. A previously recognised impairment loss is reversed only if there has been a change in the estimates used to determine the asset's recoverable amount since the last impairment loss was recognised. If that is the case, the carrying amount of the asset is increased to its recoverable amount. That increase cannot exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined, net of depreciation, had no impairment loss been recognised previously. Such reversal is recognised in profit or loss unless that asset is measured at revalued amount, in which case the reversal is treated as a revaluation increase. Impairment loss on goodwill is not reversed in a subsequent period.

(o) **Equity instruments**

An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the Group and the Company after deducting all of its liabilities. Ordinary shares are classified as equity.

Ordinary shares are recorded at the proceeds received, net of directly attributable incremental transaction costs. Dividends on ordinary shares are recognised as an appropriation of retained profits upon declaration, and are only taken up as liabilities upon the necessary approval being obtained.

(p) **Treasury shares**

When shares of the Group, that have not been cancelled, recognised as equity are reacquired, the amount of consideration paid is recognised directly in equity. Reacquired shares are classified as treasury shares and presented as a deduction from total equity. No gain or loss is recognised in profit or loss on the purchase, sale, issue or cancellation of treasury shares. When treasury shares are reissued by resale, the difference between the sales consideration and the carrying amount is recognised in equity.

(q) **Borrowing costs**

Borrowing costs are capitalised as part of the cost of a qualifying asset if they are directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of that asset. Capitalisation of borrowing costs commences when the activities to prepare the asset for its intended use or sale are in progress and the expenditures and borrowing costs are incurred. Borrowing costs are capitalised until the assets are substantially completed for their intended use or sale.

All other borrowings costs are recognised in profit or loss in the period they are incurred. Borrowing costs consist of interest and other costs that the Group and the Company incurred in connection with the borrowing of funds.

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**4. Significant accounting policies** (cont'd)

(r) **Leases**

(i) **Classification**

At inception of a contract, the Group and the Company assess whether a contract is, or contains, a lease. A contract is, or contains, a lease if the contract conveys a right to control the use of an identified asset for a period of time in exchange for consideration. To assess whether a contract conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset, the Group assesses whether:

- the contract involves the use of an identified asset – this may be specified explicitly or implicitly, and should be physically distinct or represent substantially all of the capacity of a physical distinct asset. If the supplier has a substantive substitution right, then the asset is not identified;
- the customer has the right to obtain substantially all of the economic benefits from use of the asset throughout the period of use; and
- the customer has the right to direct the use of the asset. The customer has this right when it has the decision-making rights that are most relevant to changing how and for what purpose the asset is used. In rare cases where the decision about how and for what purpose the asset is used is predetermined, the customer has the right to direct the use of the asset if either the customer has the right to operate the asset; or the customer designed the asset in a way that predetermines how and for what purpose it will be used

At inception or on reassessment of a contract that contains a lease component, the Group and the Company allocate the consideration in the contract to each lease and non-lease component on the basis of their relative stand-alone prices. However, for leases of properties in which the Group and the Company are a lessee, it has elected not to separate non-lease components and will instead account for the lease and non-lease components as a single lease component.

(ii) **Lease term**

In determining the lease term, the Group considers all facts and circumstances that create an economic incentive to exercise an extension option, or not to exercise a termination option. Extension options (or periods after termination options) are only included in the lease term if the lease is reasonably certain to be extended (or not to be terminated).

(iii) **Recognition and initial measurement**

**As a lessee**

The Group and the Company recognise a right-of-use asset and a lease liability at the lease commencement date. The right-of-use asset is initially measured at cost, which comprises the initial amount of the lease liability adjusted for any lease payments made at or before the commencement date, plus any initial direct costs incurred and an estimate of costs to dismantle and remove the underlying asset or to restore the underlying asset or the site on which it is located, less any lease incentives received.

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**4. Significant accounting policies** (cont'd)

(r) **Leases** (cont'd)

(iii) **Recognition and initial measurement** (cont'd)

**As a lessee** (cont'd)

The lease liability is initially measured at the present value of the lease payments that are not paid at the commencement date, discounted using the interest rate implicit in the lease or, if that rate cannot be readily determined, the respective Group and the Company entities' incremental borrowing rate. Generally, the Group and the Company use its incremental borrowing rate as the discount rate.

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

- fixed payments, including in-substance fixed payments less any incentives receivable;
- variable lease payments that depend on an index or a rate, initially measured using the index or rate as at the commencement date;
- amounts expected to be payable under a residual value guarantee;
- the exercise price under a purchase option that the Group and the Company are reasonably certain to exercise; and
- penalties for early termination of a lease unless the Group and the Company are reasonably certain not to terminate early.

The Group and the Company exclude variable lease payments that linked to future performance or usage of the underlying asset from the lease liability. Instead, these payments are recognised in profit or loss in the period in which the performance or use occurs.

The Group and the Company have elected to use the recognition exemption that permits entities not to recognise right-of-use assets and lease liabilities for short-term leases that have a lease term of twelve (12) months or less and leases of low-value assets. The Group and the Company recognise the lease payments associated with these leases as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

**As a lessor**

When the Group acts as a lessor, it determines at lease inception whether each lease is a finance lease or an operating lease.

To classify each lease, the Group makes an overall assessment of whether the lease transfers substantially all of the risks and rewards incidental to ownership of the underlying asset. If this is the case, then the lease is a finance lease; if not, then it is an operating lease.

If an arrangement contains lease and non-lease components, the Group applies MFRS 15 to allocate the consideration in the contract based on the stand-alone selling prices.

When the Group is intermediate lessor, it accounts for its interests in the head lease and the sublease separately. It assesses the lease classification of a sublease with reference to the right-of-use asset arising from the head lease, not with reference to the underlying asset. If a head lease is a short-term lease to which the Group and applies the exemption described above, then it classifies the sublease as an operating lease.



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**4. Significant accounting policies** (cont'd)

(r) **Leases** (cont'd)

(iv) **Subsequent measurement**

**As a lessee**

The right-of-use asset is subsequently depreciated using the straight-line method from the commencement date to the earlier of the end of the useful life of the right-of-use asset or the end of the lease term. The estimated useful lives of right-of-use assets are determined on the same basis as those of property, plant and equipment. In addition, the right-of-use asset is periodically reduced by impairment losses, if any, and adjusted for certain remeasurements of the lease liability.

The lease liability is measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. It is remeasured when there is a change in future lease payments arising from a change in an index or rate, if there is a revision of in-substance fixed lease payments, or if there is a change in the Group's and the Company's estimate of the amount expected to be payable under a residual value guarantee, or if the Group and the Company change its assessment of whether it will exercise a purchase, extension or termination option.

The Group and the Company reassess the lease term upon the occurrence of a significant event or change in circumstances that is within the control of the Group and the Company affect whether the Group and the Company are reasonably certain to exercise an option not previously included in the determination of lease term, or not to exercise an option previously included in the determination of lease term. A revision in lease term results in remeasurement of the lease liabilities.

When the lease liability is remeasured, a corresponding adjustment is made to the carrying amount of the right-of-use asset, or is recorded in profit or loss if the carrying amount of the right-of-use asset has been reduced to zero.

**As a lessor**

The Group recognises lease payments received under operating leases as income on a straight-line basis over the lease term as part of "other operating income".

(s) **Financial guarantee contracts**

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

Financial guarantee contracts are recognised initially as a liability at fair value, net transaction costs. Subsequent to initial recognition, financial guarantee contracts are recognised as income in profit or loss over the period of the guarantee. If the debtor fails to make payment relating to financial guarantee contract when it is due and the Group, as the issuer, is required to reimburse the holder for the associated loss, the liability is measured at the higher of the best estimate of the expenditure required to settle the present obligation at the reporting date and the amount initially recognised less cumulative amortisation.

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**4. Significant accounting policies** (cont'd)

(t) **Provisions**

Provisions are recognised when the Group and the Company have present legal or constructive obligation as a result of a past event and it is probable that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits will be required to settle the obligations, and a reliable estimate of the amount can be made.

Provisions are reviewed at each reporting date and adjusted to reflect the current best estimate. If it is no longer probable that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation, the provision will be reversed. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, provisions are discounted using a current pre-tax rate that reflects, where appropriate, the risks specific to the liability and the present value of the expenditure expected to be required to settle the obligation. When discounting is used, the increase in the provision due to the passage of time is recognised as finance cost.

(u) **Contingencies**

A contingent liability or asset is a possible obligation that arises from past events and whose existence will be confirmed only by the occurrence or non-occurrence of one or more uncertain future events not wholly within the control of the Group.

Contingent liabilities and assets are not recognised in the statements of financial position of the Group.

(v) **Segment reporting**

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

(w) **Fair value measurement**

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The fair value measurement is based on the presumption that the transactions to sell the asset or transfer the liability takes place either:

- (i) In the principal market for the asset or liability, or
- (ii) In the absence of a principal market, in the most advantageous market for the asset or liability.

The principal or the most advantageous market must be accessible to by the Group.

The fair value of an asset or liability is measured using the assumptions that market participants would use when pricing the asset or liability, assuming that market participants act in their economic best interest.

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for the financial year ended 31 December 2022 (cont'd)

**4. Significant accounting policies** (cont'd)

(w) **Fair value measurement** (cont'd)

The fair value measurement of a non-financial asset takes into account a market participant's ability to generate economic benefits by using the asset in its highest and best use or by selling it to another market participant that would use the asset in its highest and best use.

The Group uses valuation techniques that are appropriate in the circumstances and for which sufficient data are available to measure fair value, maximising the use of relevant observable inputs and minimising the use unobservable inputs.

All assets and liabilities for which fair value is measured or disclosed in the financial statements are categorised within the fair value hierarchy, described as follows, based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement as a whole:

- (i) Level 1 – Quoted (unadjusted) market prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities
- (ii) Level 2 – Valuation techniques for which the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement is directly or indirectly observable
- (iii) Level 3 – Valuation techniques for which the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement is unobservable

For assets and liabilities that are recognised in the financial statements on a recurring basis, the Group determines whether transfers have occurred between levels in the hierarchy by re-assessing categorisation (based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement as a whole) at the end of each reporting period.

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5. Revenue

	Group		Company	
	2022 RM	2021 RM	2022 RM	2021 RM
<b>Revenue from contracts with customers</b>				
<b>Type of goods or services</b>				
Sale of:				
- crude palm oil	438,115,674	415,670,960	-	-
- earth and stones	644,373	972,858	-	-
- empty fruit bunches oil	25,159,028	30,127,263	-	-
- fresh fruit bunches	36,374,537	55,404,900	8,468,594	7,475,491
- palm kernel	71,014,047	73,116,018	-	-
Revenue from hotel operations	904,007	21,171	904,007	21,171
Supply of electricity	21,054,130	23,695,217	-	-
	<u>593,265,796</u>	<u>599,008,387</u>	<u>9,372,601</u>	<u>7,496,662</u>
<b>Timing of revenue recognition:</b>				
At a point in time	572,211,666	575,313,170	9,372,601	7,496,662
Over time	21,054,130	23,695,217	-	-
	<u>593,265,796</u>	<u>599,008,387</u>	<u>9,372,601</u>	<u>7,496,662</u>

There are no unfulfilled performance obligations, whether satisfied or partially satisfied to be recognised over the subsequent periods.

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**6. Other operating income**

	Group		Company	
	2022 RM	Restated 2021 RM	2022 RM	2021 RM
Fair value gain on biological assets (Note 22)	-	2,558,005	-	27,214
Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment	116,242	-	-	-
Gain on termination of lease liabilities	-	22,887	-	-
Insurances commission	261,544	224,142	99,376	98,279
Interest income from:				
- short-term investments and fixed deposits	1,389,584	532,233	17,587	11,145
- advances to subsidiary companies	-	-	58,503	88,850
- receivable	-	26,865	-	26,865
Miscellaneous income	540,679	357,976	32,326	29,818
Realised gain on foreign exchange	69,180	60,412	-	-
Rental income	224,965	210,594	148,312	116,289
Sale of:				
- bunch ash	15,479	199	-	-
- empty fruit bunches	120,313	139,385	-	-
- fertiliser	92	10,488	-	-
- fibre	146,242	110,230	-	-
- palm kernel shell	1,663,245	1,455,604	-	-
- scrapped iron	210,291	248,402	-	-
- sludge oil	6,943,871	2,696,976	-	-
- waste oil	2,816	2,258	-	-
- others	278	4,768	-	-
	<u>11,704,821</u>	<u>8,661,424</u>	<u>356,104</u>	<u>398,460</u>

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**7. Other operating expenses**

	Group		Company	
	2022 RM	2021 RM	2022 RM	2021 RM
Fair value loss on biological assets (Note 22)	2,466,169	-	95,377	-
Forwarding charges	1,128,017	1,351,133	-	-
Impairment on slow moving inventories (Note 23)	123,950	1,310,165	-	-
Inventories written off	96,375	340,403	-	-
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	1,997	-	101	-
Property, plant and equipment written off (Note 16)	512,326	934,785	3,766	916
	<u>4,328,834</u>	<u>3,936,486</u>	<u>99,244</u>	<u>916</u>

**8. (Allowance)/Reversal of allowance for expected credit losses**

	Group		Company	
	2022 RM	Restated 2021 RM	2022 RM	2021 RM
Allowance for expected credit losses (Note 24)	(219,047)	-	-	-
Reversal of allowance for expected credit losses (Note 24)	-	51,105	-	-
	<u>(219,047)</u>	<u>51,105</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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**9. Employee benefits expense**

	Group		Company	
	2022 RM	2021 RM	2022 RM	2021 RM
Salaries and wages	40,965,761	37,849,180	2,052,524	1,899,811
Contributions to defined contribution plan	2,291,099	2,267,531	165,281	157,895
Contributions to employees insurance system	21,534	20,414	1,142	1,233
Social security contributions	431,224	308,574	20,437	18,432
	<u>43,709,618</u>	<u>40,445,699</u>	<u>2,239,384</u>	<u>2,077,371</u>
Capitalised in bearer plants (Note 16)	681,887	974,408	14,432	15,088
Capitalised in inventories (Nurseries) (Note 23)	122,883	194,528	8,864	12,815
Recognised in profit or loss	42,904,848	39,276,763	2,216,088	2,049,468
	<u>43,709,618</u>	<u>40,445,699</u>	<u>2,239,384</u>	<u>2,077,371</u>

Included in employee benefits expense of the Group and of the Company are Executive Directors' remuneration amounting to RM5,735,187 (2021: RM5,716,310) and RM400,960 (2021: RM400,960) respectively as further disclosed in Note 10 to the financial statements.

**10. Directors' remuneration**

The details of remuneration received and receivable by Directors of the Group and of the Company during the financial year are as follows:

	Group		Company	
	2022 RM	2021 RM	2022 RM	2021 RM
Executive Directors' remuneration (Note 9)				
- Salaries and other emoluments	3,538,240	3,378,240	240,000	240,000
- Bonus	1,660,968	1,660,968	118,000	118,000
- Allowance	30,535	161,036	-	-
- Contributions to defined contribution plan	492,119	492,116	42,960	42,960
- Benefit-in-kind	13,325	23,950	-	-
	<u>5,735,187</u>	<u>5,716,310</u>	<u>400,960</u>	<u>400,960</u>

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**10. Directors' remuneration** (cont'd)

The details of remuneration received and receivable by Directors of the Group and of the Company during the financial year are as follows: (cont'd)

	Group		Company	
	2022 RM	2021 RM	2022 RM	2021 RM
Alternate Director				
- Salaries and other emoluments	89,760	87,840	-	-
- Bonus	37,700	36,600	-	-
- Contributions to defined contribution plan	15,336	15,048	-	-
	<u>142,796</u>	<u>139,488</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Non-executive Directors' remuneration				
- Fees	159,000	151,500	-	-
- Allowance	260,605	266,108	141,000	141,000
	<u>419,605</u>	<u>417,608</u>	<u>141,000</u>	<u>141,000</u>
Total Directors' remuneration	<u>6,297,588</u>	<u>6,273,406</u>	<u>541,960</u>	<u>541,960</u>

Included in the Directors' remuneration of the Group and the Company above are remuneration received and receivable by directors of the Company during the financial year which amounted to RM4,336,303 (2021: RM4,250,618) and RM541,960 (2021: RM541,960) respectively.



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**11. Profit from operations**

	Group		Company	
	2022 RM	2021 RM	2022 RM	2021 RM
Other than those disclosed in Notes 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 profit from operations is arrived at after charging:				
Auditors' remuneration				
- Statutory audit				
- Current year	413,212	413,812	55,000	55,000
- Over provision in prior year	(1,000)	(21,700)	-	-
- Other services	47,500	31,500	6,000	12,000
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment (Note 16)	29,627,735	29,796,709	776,435	766,193
Rental expenses*	306,254	224,128	110,520	103,800

\* Expenses relating to short-term lease accounted for applying the recognition exception of MFRS 16 Leases. There are no material expense relating to low value assets.

**12. Finance costs**

	Group		Company	
	2022 RM	2021 RM	2022 RM	2021 RM
Interest expenses:				
- Lease liabilities	228,152	277,774	-	153
- Revolving credits	451,154	1,666,285	176,441	380,511
- Term loans	1,436,309	1,898,690	-	-
	2,115,615	3,842,749	176,441	380,664
Less: Capitalised in bearer plants (Note 16)	(69,532)	(328,766)	-	-
	2,046,083	3,513,983	176,441	380,664

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**13. Income from investments**

	Group		Company	
	2022 RM	2021 RM	2022 RM	2021 RM
Gross dividend income from:				
- subsidiary companies	-	-	14,090,747	12,414,654
- quoted investments in Malaysia	5,704	6,439	5,704	6,310
	<u>5,704</u>	<u>6,439</u>	<u>14,096,451</u>	<u>12,420,964</u>

**14. Income tax expense**

	Group		Company	
	2022 RM	2021 RM	2022 RM	2021 RM
Current taxation	20,826,871	17,361,529	624,253	-
Deferred tax (Note 20)	1,596,142	2,629,670	269,618	643,945
	<u>22,423,013</u>	<u>19,991,199</u>	<u>893,871</u>	<u>643,945</u>
Under/(Over) provision in prior years:				
- Current taxation	2,417,450	2,580	5,336	3,145
- Deferred tax (Note 20)	(65,694)	(307,543)	(18,170)	(307,172)
	<u>2,351,756</u>	<u>(304,963)</u>	<u>(12,834)</u>	<u>(304,027)</u>
	<u>24,774,769</u>	<u>19,686,236</u>	<u>881,037</u>	<u>339,918</u>

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**14. Income tax expense** (cont'd)

A reconciliation of income tax expense applicable to profit before taxation at the statutory income tax rate to income tax expense at the effective income tax rate of the Group and the Company is as follows:

	Group		Company	
	2022 RM	2021 RM	2022 RM	2021 RM
Profit before taxation	80,438,634	96,691,866	17,405,651	14,510,631
Taxation at Malaysian statutory tax rate of 24% (2021: 24%)	19,305,272	23,206,048	4,177,356	3,482,551
Non-deductible expenses	1,083,485	2,278,358	116,346	164,821
Non-taxable income	(141,884)	(716,290)	(3,399,831)	(3,003,427)
Effect of unrecognised temporary differences/ (utilisation of previously unrecognised temporary differences)	2,176,140	(4,776,917)	-	-
	22,423,013	19,991,199	893,871	643,945
Under/(Over) provision in prior years:				
- Current taxation	2,417,450	2,580	5,336	3,145
- Deferred tax	(65,694)	(307,543)	(18,170)	(307,172)
	2,351,756	(304,963)	(12,834)	(304,027)
	24,774,769	19,686,236	881,037	339,918

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**15. Earnings per share**

(a) Basic

Basic earnings per share is calculated by dividing profit for the financial year, net of tax, attributable to owners of the Company by the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the financial year.

	<b>Group</b>	
	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>RM</b>	<b>RM</b>
Profit net of tax attributable to owners of the Company	34,621,789	42,100,206
Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue	196,543,970	196,543,970
Basic earnings per share (sen)	17.62	21.42

(b) Diluted

There is no dilution in the earnings per share of the current and previous year end as there are no dilutive potential ordinary shares outstanding at the end of the reporting period.

## 16. Property, plant and equipment

Group	Freehold land	Long term leasehold land	Short term leasehold land	Bearer plant	Buildings*	Heavy equipment, plant and machinery, and motor vehicles	Furniture and fittings	Office equipment and laboratory equipment	Electrical installation, road and drainage	Capital work-in-progress	Total
2022	RM	RM	RM	RM	RM	RM	RM	RM	RM	RM	RM
At 1 January 2022	14,654,167	147,922,125	7,328,101	175,802,345	188,513,523	239,590,975	7,082,365	899,704	6,865,233	3,445,359	792,103,897
Additions	1,075,033	-	-	3,025,456	228,544	5,871,620	305,632	17,311	89,451	5,441,317	16,054,364
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	(1,219,996)	-	-	-	-	(1,219,996)
Written off (Note 7)	-	-	-	(379,428)	-	(1,368,580)	(695)	-	-	(182,000)	(1,930,703)
Reclassification	-	-	-	-	882,072	221,091	-	-	-	(1,103,163)	-
At 31 December 2022	15,729,200	147,922,125	7,328,101	178,448,373	189,624,139	243,095,110	7,387,302	917,015	6,954,684	7,601,513	805,007,562
<b>Accumulated depreciation</b>											
At 1 January 2022	-	29,821,685	2,689,724	96,883,902	59,414,460	108,535,300	4,572,124	640,353	3,345,588	-	305,903,136
Charge for the financial year (Note 11)	-	1,881,935	133,521	5,544,538	6,792,227	14,366,300	550,395	40,433	318,386	-	29,627,735
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	(1,199,279)	-	-	-	-	(1,199,279)
Written off (Note 7)	-	-	-	(375,662)	-	(1,042,549)	(166)	-	-	-	(1,418,377)
At 31 December 2022	-	31,703,620	2,823,245	102,052,778	66,206,687	120,659,772	5,122,353	680,786	3,663,974	-	332,913,215
<b>Net book value</b>											
At 31 December 2022	15,729,200	116,218,505	4,504,856	76,395,595	123,417,452	122,435,338	2,264,949	236,229	3,290,710	7,601,513	472,094,347

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## 16. Property, plant and equipment (cont'd)

Group	Freehold land	Long term leasehold land	Short term leasehold land	Bearer plant	Buildings*	Heavy equipment, plant and machinery, and motor vehicles	Furniture and fittings	Office equipment and laboratory equipment	Electrical installation, road and drainage	Capital work-in-progress	Total
Cost	RM	RM	RM	RM	RM	RM	RM	RM	RM	RM	RM
At 1 January 2021	14,654,167	147,879,927	7,328,101	170,863,560	187,966,831	237,851,006	6,760,127	861,088	6,750,744	3,590,525	784,506,076
Additions	-	412,329	-	4,974,491	274,584	1,705,886	332,839	38,616	114,489	1,921,951	9,775,185
Disposals	-	(370,131)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(370,131)
Written off (Note 7)	-	-	-	-	-	(859,452)	(18,820)	-	-	(928,961)	(1,807,233)
Reclassification	-	-	-	(35,706)	272,108	893,535	8,219	-	-	(1,138,156)	-
At 31 December 2021	14,654,167	147,922,125	7,328,101	175,802,345	188,513,523	239,590,975	7,082,365	899,704	6,865,233	3,445,359	792,103,897
<b>Accumulated depreciation</b>											
At 1 January 2021	-	28,000,638	2,556,203	91,321,471	52,624,258	94,944,715	4,024,903	601,444	3,032,926	-	277,106,558
Charge for the financial year (Note 11)	-	1,948,730	133,521	5,562,431	6,790,202	14,447,731	562,523	38,909	312,662	-	29,796,709
Disposals	-	(127,683)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(127,683)
Written off (Note 7)	-	-	-	-	-	(857,146)	(15,302)	-	-	-	(872,448)
At 31 December 2021	-	29,821,685	2,689,724	96,883,902	59,414,460	108,535,300	4,572,124	640,353	3,345,588	-	305,903,136
<b>Net book value</b>											
At 31 December 2021	14,654,167	118,100,440	4,638,377	78,918,443	129,099,063	131,055,675	2,510,241	259,351	3,519,645	3,445,359	486,200,761

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## 16. Property, plant and equipment (cont'd)

\*Buildings comprise:

Group	Leasehold property RM	Oil mill and other buildings RM	Plantation infrastructure development expenditure RM	Quarry RM	Total RM
<b>Cost</b>					
At 1 January 2021	592,166	112,830,629	59,912,015	14,632,021	187,966,831
Additions	-	134,348	140,236	-	274,584
Reclassification	-	236,402	35,706	-	272,108
At 31 December 2021	592,166	113,201,379	60,087,957	14,632,021	188,513,523
Additions	-	223,244	5,300	-	228,544
Reclassification	-	882,072	-	-	882,072
At 31 December 2022	592,166	114,306,695	60,093,257	14,632,021	189,624,139
<b>Accumulated depreciation</b>					
At 1 January 2021	-	45,170,384	4,928,387	2,525,487	52,624,258
Charge for the financial year	-	5,948,103	842,099	-	6,790,202
At 31 December 2021	-	51,118,487	5,770,486	2,525,487	59,414,460
Charge for the financial year	-	5,527,025	1,265,202	-	6,792,227
At 31 December 2022	-	56,645,512	7,035,688	2,525,487	66,206,687
<b>Net book value</b>					
At 31 December 2022	592,166	57,661,183	53,057,569	12,106,534	123,417,452
At 31 December 2021	592,166	62,082,892	54,317,471	12,106,534	129,099,063

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## 16. Property, plant and equipment (cont'd)

Company										
2022	Freehold land	Long term leasehold land	Bearer plant	Buildings	Plant and machinery, and motor vehicles	Furniture and fittings	Office equipment	Electrical installation	Capital work-in-progress	Total
Cost	RM	RM	RM	RM	RM	RM	RM	RM	RM	RM
At 1 January 2022	3,006,617	388,220	4,680,671	7,941,749	1,114,335	1,687,065	700,165	189,463	448	19,708,733
Additions	-	-	87,141	27,302	4,250	12,614	2,048	2,414	9,000	144,769
Disposal	-	-	-	-	(92,500)	-	-	-	-	(92,500)
Written off	-	-	(22,093)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(22,093)
At 31 December 2022	3,006,617	388,220	4,745,719	7,969,051	1,026,085	1,699,679	702,213	191,877	9,448	19,738,909
<b>Accumulated depreciation</b>										
At 1 January 2022	-	-	1,045,388	4,561,386	621,585	1,136,607	545,219	150,177	-	8,060,362
Charge for the financial year (Note 11)	-	-	186,508	395,743	49,288	116,489	24,868	3,539	-	776,435
Disposal	-	-	-	-	(82,499)	-	-	-	-	(82,499)
Written off	-	-	(18,327)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(18,327)
At 31 December 2022	-	-	1,213,569	4,957,129	588,374	1,253,096	570,087	153,716	-	8,735,971
<b>Net book value</b>										
At 31 December 2022	3,006,617	388,220	3,532,150	3,011,922	437,711	446,583	132,126	38,161	9,448	11,002,938

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## 16. Property, plant and equipment (cont'd)

Company										
2021	Freehold land	Long term leasehold land	Bearer plant	Buildings	Plant and machinery, and motor vehicles	Furniture and fittings	Office equipment	Electrical installation	Capital work-in-progress	Total
Cost	RM	RM	RM	RM	RM	RM	RM	RM	RM	RM
At 1 January 2021	3,006,617	388,220	4,601,300	7,931,739	1,111,705	1,658,755	692,913	183,463	-	19,574,712
Additions	-	-	79,371	10,010	2,630	32,460	7,252	6,000	448	138,171
Written off (Note 7)	-	-	-	-	-	(4,150)	-	-	-	(4,150)
At 31 December 2021	3,006,617	388,220	4,680,671	7,941,749	1,114,335	1,687,065	700,165	189,463	448	19,708,733
<b>Accumulated depreciation</b>										
At 1 January 2021	-	-	874,066	4,168,379	564,441	1,023,425	520,206	146,886	-	7,297,403
Charge for the financial year (Note 11)	-	-	171,322	393,007	57,144	116,416	25,013	3,291	-	766,193
Written off (Note 7)	-	-	-	-	-	(3,234)	-	-	-	(3,234)
At 31 December 2021	-	-	1,045,388	4,561,386	621,585	1,136,607	545,219	150,177	-	8,060,362
<b>Net book value</b>										
At 31 December 2021	3,006,617	388,220	3,635,283	3,380,363	492,750	550,458	154,946	39,286	448	11,648,371

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**16. Property, plant and equipment** (cont'd)

The property, plant and equipment of the Group and the Company held as right-of-use assets are as follows:

**Group**

	<b>Cost RM</b>	<b>Accumulated depreciation RM</b>	<b>Net book value RM</b>
<b>2022</b>			
Long term leasehold land	147,922,125	(31,703,620)	116,218,505
Short term leasehold land	7,328,101	(2,823,245)	4,504,856
Plant and machinery, and motor vehicles	7,097,921	(2,371,703)	4,726,218
	<u>162,348,147</u>	<u>(34,898,568)</u>	<u>125,449,579</u>

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Long term leasehold land	147,922,125	(29,821,685)	118,100,440
Short term leasehold land	7,328,101	(2,689,724)	4,638,377
Plant and machinery, and motor vehicles	7,167,929	(2,250,949)	4,916,980
	<u>162,418,155</u>	<u>(34,762,358)</u>	<u>127,655,797</u>

**Company**

	<b>Cost RM</b>	<b>Accumulated depreciation RM</b>	<b>Net book value RM</b>
<b>2022</b>			
Long term leasehold land	<u>388,220</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>388,220</u>
<b>2021</b>			
Long term leasehold land	<u>388,220</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>388,220</u>

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**16. Property, plant and equipment** (cont'd)

Leased assets of the Group and the Company pledged as security for the related finance lease liabilities as disclosed in Note 30 to the financial statements.

	Group		Company	
	2022 RM	2021 RM	2022 RM	2021 RM
Right-of-use assets				
- Plant and machinery	2,468,291	2,083,468	-	-
- Motor vehicles	2,257,927	2,833,512	-	-
	<u>4,726,218</u>	<u>4,916,980</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

In addition, the net carrying value of the property, plant and equipment of the Group pledged to licensed banks to secure the loans and borrowings granted to the Group as disclosed in Note 29 to the financial statements are as follows:

	Group		Company	
	2022 RM	2021 RM	2022 RM	2021 RM
Freehold land	3,006,617	3,006,617	3,006,617	3,006,617
Bearer plant	56,605,255	57,955,577	3,532,153	3,635,283
Buildings	19,504,932	21,374,658	1,014,832	1,209,176
Plantation infrastructure				
development expenditure	43,310,616	43,913,661	-	-
Plant and machinery	69,637,973	75,318,366	129,238	138,082
Furniture and fittings	829,162	890,533	59,960	62,152
Office equipment	77,344	89,941	77,344	89,941
Electrical installation	38,160	39,286	38,160	39,285
Capital work-in-progress	928,325	169,778	-	-
Right-of-use assets				
- Leasehold land	39,912,179	40,545,969	-	-
- Motor vehicles	411,478	233,342	-	-
	<u>234,262,041</u>	<u>243,537,728</u>	<u>7,858,304</u>	<u>8,180,536</u>

Additions in bearer plants during the financial year included the following:

	Group		Company	
	2022 RM	2021 RM	2022 RM	2021 RM
Employee benefits expense (Note 9)	681,887	974,408	14,432	15,088
Interest expense (Note 12)	69,532	328,766	-	-
	<u>751,419</u>	<u>1,303,174</u>	<u>14,432</u>	<u>15,088</u>

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**17. Investment properties**

Fair value	Group		Company	
	2022 RM	2021 RM	2022 RM	2021 RM
At 1 January and 31 December	45,263,826	45,263,826	1,250,000	1,250,000

The category of the fair value of investment properties are further disclosed in Note 36 to the financial statements.

Investment properties are stated at fair value, which has been determined based on valuations performed during the financial year by independent professional valuers using sales comparison method that makes reference to the sales prices of comparable properties in close proximity which are adjusted for differences in key attributes such as property size and location. The most significant input into this valuation approach is price per square foot of comparable properties.

Valuation techniques	Significant unobservable inputs	Range of adjustment factor	
		2022 %	2021 %
Market comparable approach	Difference in size and bulk discount	5 – 10	5 – 10

The followings are recognised in profit or loss in respect of investment properties:

	Group		Company	
	2022 RM	2021 RM	2022 RM	2021 RM
Rental income	102,630	81,730	76,230	76,230
Direct operating expenses	(4,813)	(4,813)	(3,499)	(3,499)

For all investment properties that are measured at fair value, the current use of the properties is considered the highest and best use.

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**18. Investments in subsidiaries**

At cost	Company	
	2022 RM	2021 RM
Unquoted shares, at cost		
At 1 January	109,804,859	109,804,859
Increase in investment in a subsidiary	2,500,000	-
At 31 December	112,304,859	109,804,859
Quoted shares, at cost.		
At 1 January	99,305,461	99,305,461
Increase in investment in a subsidiary	299,584	-
At 31 December	99,605,045	99,305,461
	<b>211,909,904</b>	<b>209,110,320</b>

Details of the subsidiaries are as follows:

Name of subsidiary companies	Country of incorporation	Proportion of ownership interest held by the Group*		Proportion of ownership interest held by non-controlling interests*		Principal activities
		2022 %	2021 %	2022 %	2021 %	
<b>Held by the Company</b>						
Champion Point Sdn. Bhd.	Malaysia	100	100	-	-	Cultivation of oil palm and sale of fresh fruit bunches
Yew Lee Holdings Sdn. Berhad	Malaysia	100	100	-	-	Cultivation of oil palm and sale of fresh fruit bunches
Majuperak Plantation Sdn. Bhd.	Malaysia	100	100	-	-	Cultivation of oil palm and sale of fresh fruit bunches
Anson Oil Industries Sdn. Bhd.	Malaysia	100	100	-	-	Cultivation of oil palm, milling, sale of oil palm products and power generation
Ayu Gemilang Sdn. Bhd.	Malaysia	100	100	-	-	Investment holding
Telok Anson Hotel Sdn. Berhad	Malaysia	100	100	-	-	Property development
Mah Hock Company Sendirian Berhad	Malaysia	100	100	-	-	Property investment, housing development and cultivation of oil palm
Cepatwawasan Group Berhad ("CGB")	Malaysia	38.63	38.50	61.37	61.50	Investment holding and provision of management services to its subsidiary companies

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**18. Investments in subsidiaries** (cont'd)

Details of the subsidiaries are as follows: (cont'd)

Name of subsidiary companies	Country of incorporation	Proportion of ownership interest held by the Group*		Proportion of ownership interest held by non-controlling interests*		Principal activities
		2022 %	2021 %	2022 %	2021 %	
<b>Held through Yew Lee Holdings Sdn. Berhad</b>						
Sharikat Muzwin Bersaudara Sdn. Bhd.	Malaysia	99	99	1	1	Cultivation of oil palm and sale of fresh fruit bunches
Hutan Melintang Plantations Sdn. Berhad	Malaysia	100	100	-	-	Cultivation of oil palm and sale of fresh fruit bunches
<b>Held through Majuperak Plantation Sdn. Bhd.</b>						
Majuperak Sawit Sdn. Bhd.	Malaysia	100	100	-	-	Dormant
<b>Held through CGB</b>						
Cepatwawasan Sdn. Bhd.	Malaysia	38.63	38.50	61.37	61.50	Cultivation of oil palm
Syarikat Melabau Sdn. Bhd.	Malaysia	38.63	38.50	61.37	61.50	Cultivation of oil palm
Wong Tet-Jung Plantations Sdn. Bhd.	Malaysia	38.63	38.50	61.37	61.50	Cultivation of oil palm
Razijaya Sdn. Bhd.	Malaysia	38.63	38.50	61.37	61.50	Cultivation of oil palm, and operation of a quarry
Sri Likas Mewah Sdn. Bhd.	Malaysia	38.63	38.50	61.37	61.50	Cultivation of oil palm
Kovusak Sdn. Bhd.	Malaysia	38.63	38.50	61.37	61.50	Cultivation of oil palm
Libarran Island Resort Sdn. Bhd.	Malaysia	38.63	38.50	61.37	61.50	Investment holding
Bakara Sdn. Bhd.	Malaysia	38.63	38.50	61.37	61.50	Cultivation of oil palm
Sungguh Mulia Sdn. Bhd.	Malaysia	38.63	38.50	61.37	61.50	Cultivation of oil palm
Prima Semasa Sdn. Bhd.	Malaysia	38.63	38.50	61.37	61.50	Cultivation of oil palm
Ayu Sempurna Sdn. Bhd.	Malaysia	38.63	38.50	61.37	61.50	Investment holding
Cash Nexus (M) Sdn. Bhd.	Malaysia	38.63	38.50	61.37	61.50	Investment holding
Magnum Kapital Sdn. Bhd.	Malaysia	38.63	38.50	61.37	61.50	Dormant
Hikayat Anggun Sdn. Bhd.	Malaysia	38.63	38.50	61.37	61.50	Dormant
Aspenglade Sdn. Bhd.	Malaysia	38.63	38.50	61.37	61.50	Dormant
Ekuiti Etika Sdn. Bhd.	Malaysia	38.63	38.50	61.37	61.50	Dormant



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**18. Investments in subsidiaries** (cont'd)

Details of the subsidiaries are as follows: (cont'd)

Name of subsidiary companies	Country of incorporation	Proportion of ownership interest held by the Group*		Proportion of ownership interest held by non-controlling interests*		Principal activities
		2022 %	2021 %	2022 %	2021 %	
<b>Held through Cepatwasan Sdn. Bhd.</b>						
Prolific Yield Sdn. Bhd.	Malaysia	38.63	38.50	61.37	61.50	Milling and sales of oil palm products
Jutategak Sdn. Bhd.	Malaysia	38.63	38.50	61.37	61.50	Cultivation of oil palm
Liga Semarak Sdn. Bhd.	Malaysia	38.63	38.50	61.37	61.50	Cultivation of oil palm
Tentu Cergas Sdn. Bhd.	Malaysia	38.63	38.50	61.37	61.50	Cultivation of oil palm
Tentu Bernas Sdn. Bhd.	Malaysia	38.63	38.50	61.37	61.50	Cultivation of oil palm
<b>Held through Syarikat Melabau Sdn. Bhd.</b>						
Suara Baru Sdn. Bhd.	Malaysia	38.63	38.50	61.37	61.50	Cultivation of oil palm and operation of a quarry
Gelang Usaha Sdn. Bhd.	Malaysia	38.63	38.50	61.37	61.50	Cultivation of oil palm
Swifturn Sdn. Bhd.	Malaysia	38.63	38.50	61.37	61.50	Letting of oil palm fresh fruit bunches collection center
<b>Held through Sri Likas Mewah Sdn. Bhd.</b>						
Ultisearch Trading Sdn. Bhd.	Malaysia	38.63	38.50	61.37	61.50	Cultivation of oil palm
<b>Held through Libarran Island Resort Sdn. Bhd.</b>						
Minelink Sdn. Bhd.	Malaysia	38.63	38.50	61.37	61.50	Investment property holding
<b>Held through Ayu Sempurna Sdn. Bhd.</b>						
Ladang Cepat-KPD Sdn. Bhd.	Malaysia	23.18	23.10	36.82	36.90	Cultivation of oil palm
<b>Held through Ayu Gemilang Sdn. Bhd.</b>						
Ladang Cepat-KPD Sdn. Bhd.	Malaysia	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	Cultivation of oil palm

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**18. Investments in subsidiaries** (cont'd)

Details of the subsidiaries are as follows: (cont'd)

Name of subsidiary companies	Country of incorporation	Proportion of ownership interest held by the Group*		Proportion of ownership interest held by non-controlling interests*		Principal activities
		2022 %	2021 %	2022 %	2021 %	
<b>Held through Cash Nexus (M) Sdn. Bhd.</b>						
Power Precinct Sdn. Bhd.	Malaysia	38.63	38.50	61.37	61.50	Investment holding
Cash Horse (M) Sdn. Bhd.	Malaysia	38.63	38.50	61.37	61.50	Power generation and sale of biomass by-products
Timah Resources Limited # ^	Australia	26.96	26.59	73.04	73.41	Investment holding
Mistral Engineering Sdn. Bhd.**	Malaysia	19.70	19.64	-	-	Power generation
<b>Held through Timah Resources Limited</b>						
Mistral Engineering Sdn. Bhd.**	Malaysia	13.18	13.03	67.12	67.33	Power generation

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\* Equals to the proportion of voting rights held

\*\* Mistral Engineering Sdn. Bhd. is held through both Cash Nexus (M) Sdn. Bhd. and Timah Resources Limited

^ Listed on the Australian Securities Exchange Ltd or ASX Limited

**Increase in stake of a subsidiary**

**2022**

On 30 November 2022, the Group acquired an additional 0.13% equity interest in Cepatwawasan Group Berhad as follows:

	<b>RM</b>
Consideration paid for the 0.13% increase in stake	299,584
Carrying value of the additional interest in Cepatwawasan	(622,001)
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Difference recognised in retained profits	(322,417)
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**18. Investments in subsidiaries** (cont'd)

**2021**

On 25 October 2021, the Group acquired an additional 2.94% equity interest in Timah Resources Limited ("Timah") as follows:

	<b>RM</b>
Consideration paid for the 2.94% increase in stake	539,645
Carrying value of the additional interest in Timah	(892,162)
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Difference recognised in retained profits	(352,517)
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**Non-controlling interests in subsidiary**

Summarised financial information of CGB which has non-controlling interests that are material to the Group are set out below. The summarised financial information presented below is the amount before inter-company elimination.

	<b>2022 RM</b>	<b>2021 RM</b>
<b>Summarised consolidated statements of profit or loss and other comprehensive income</b>		
Revenue	357,088,235	363,002,365
Profit for the financial year	33,234,730	53,851,425
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Profit attributable to:		
Owners of the Company	31,555,924	50,612,819
Non-controlling interests	1,678,806	3,238,606
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	33,234,730	53,851,425
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Other comprehensive (loss)/income attributable to:		
Owners of the Company	(14,916)	(40,985)
Non-controlling interests	(8,000)	(20,306)
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	(22,916)	(61,291)
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Total comprehensive income	33,211,814	53,790,134
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Total comprehensive income attributable to:		
Owners of the Company	31,541,008	50,571,834
Non-controlling interests	1,670,806	3,218,300
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	33,211,814	53,790,134
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Dividends paid to non-controlling interests	8,601,176	5,550,735
Effect of subsidiary's treasury share transactions	67,668	84,315
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**18. Investments in subsidiaries** (cont'd)

**Non-controlling interests in subsidiary** (cont'd)

Summarised financial information of CGB which has non-controlling interests that are material to the Group are set out below. The summarised financial information presented below is the amount before inter-company elimination. (cont'd)

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>RM</b>	<b>RM</b>
<b>Summarised consolidated statement of financial position</b>		
Non-current assets	378,344,541	393,838,854
Current assets	119,590,685	96,409,053
Non-current liabilities	(54,919,776)	(62,703,018)
Current liabilities	(39,121,382)	(42,296,106)
Net assets	<u>403,894,068</u>	<u>385,248,783</u>
Equity attributable to owners of the Company	396,263,842	377,222,841
Non-controlling interests	<u>7,630,226</u>	<u>8,025,942</u>
<b>Summarised cash flows information</b>		
Net cash from operating activities	55,891,181	81,303,781
Net cash used in investing activities	(9,567,039)	(10,934,192)
Net cash used in financing activities	(24,246,223)	(57,123,856)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	22,077,919	13,245,733
Net foreign exchange difference	(22,990)	(64,872)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the financial year	34,633,774	21,452,913
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the financial year	<u>56,688,703</u>	<u>34,633,774</u>

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**19. Investments in securities**

Group	2022		2021	
	Carrying amount RM	Market value of quoted investments RM	Carrying amount RM	Market value of quoted investments RM
<b>Non-current</b>				
Financial assets				
- Equity instruments (quoted in Malaysia)	136,023	136,023	164,464	164,464
- Equity instruments (unquoted), at fair value	145,336	-	114,814	-
At 31 December	<u>281,359</u>		<u>279,278</u>	
<b>Company</b>				
<b>Non-current</b>				
Financial assets				
- Equity instruments (quoted in Malaysia)	121,016	121,016	155,032	155,032
- Equity instruments (unquoted), at fair value	1	-	1	-
At 31 December	<u>121,017</u>		<u>155,033</u>	

**20. Deferred tax assets/(liabilities)**

	Group		Company	
	2022 RM	2021 RM	2022 RM	2021 RM
At 1 January	(44,457,902)	(42,135,775)	(336,773)	-
Recognised in profit or loss (Note 14)	(1,530,448)	(2,322,127)	(251,448)	(336,773)
At 31 December	<u>(45,988,350)</u>	<u>(44,457,902)</u>	<u>(588,221)</u>	<u>(336,773)</u>

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**20. Deferred tax assets/(liabilities) (cont'd)**

The components of deferred tax assets and liabilities during the financial year recognised in profit and loss prior and after offsetting are as follows:

	Group		Company	
	2022 RM	2021 RM	2022 RM	2021 RM
<b>Deferred tax assets</b>				
Provision	736,410	629,831	-	-
Allowance for expected credit losses	-	45,530	-	-
Unutilised tax losses	2,507,818	2,264,446	-	872,436
Unabsorbed agriculture and capital allowances	14,294,467	8,364,416	688,248	172,481
Unabsorbed investment tax allowances	18,153,716	5,687,679	-	-
	<u>35,692,411</u>	<u>16,991,902</u>	<u>688,248</u>	<u>1,044,917</u>
<b>Deferred tax liabilities</b>				
Property, plant and equipment	(77,884,347)	(56,968,288)	(1,137,529)	(1,219,860)
Biological assets	(727,756)	(1,397,285)	(58,494)	(81,384)
Revaluation of leasehold land and buildings	(623,938)	(639,511)	(15,529)	(15,529)
Fair value changes to investment properties	(2,444,720)	(2,444,720)	(64,917)	(64,917)
	<u>(81,680,761)</u>	<u>(61,449,804)</u>	<u>(1,276,469)</u>	<u>(1,381,690)</u>
	<u>(45,988,350)</u>	<u>(44,457,902)</u>	<u>(588,221)</u>	<u>(336,773)</u>

Presented after appropriate offsetting as follows:

	Group		Company	
	2022 RM	2021 RM	2022 RM	2021 RM
Deferred tax assets	4,647,706	6,539,247	-	-
Deferred tax liabilities	(50,636,056)	(50,997,149)	(588,221)	(336,773)
	<u>(45,988,350)</u>	<u>(44,457,902)</u>	<u>(588,221)</u>	<u>(336,773)</u>

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**20. Deferred tax assets/(liabilities)** (cont'd)

No deferred tax asset has been recognised for the following items:

	<b>Company</b>	
	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>RM</b>	<b>RM</b>
Unabsorbed capital allowances	91,387,400	68,480,296
Unutilised tax losses	19,550,430	33,390,283
	<u>110,937,830</u>	<u>101,870,579</u>
Tax rate	24%	24%
Deferred tax assets not recognised	<u>26,625,079</u>	<u>24,448,939</u>

Year of expiry of unutilised tax losses is analysed as follows:

	<b>GROUP</b>	
	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>RM</b>	<b>RM</b>
Expiry by 2028	26,183,020	34,227,198
Expiry by 2029	3,334,280	4,049,187
Expiry by 2030	482,373	790,538
	<u>29,999,673</u>	<u>39,066,923</u>
Tax rate	24%	24%
	<u>7,199,922</u>	<u>9,376,062</u>

The unabsorbed capital allowances disclosed above are available indefinitely for offsetting against future taxable profits of the Group whereas the unutilised losses is available to be carried forward up to the maximum of ten (10) years, subject to no substantial change in shareholdings of these subsidiaries under the Income Tax Act, 1967 and guidelines issued by the tax authority.

Deferred tax assets have not been recognised in respect of these items because it is not probable that future taxable profit will be available against which the Group and the Company can utilise the benefits.

**21. Goodwill on consolidation**

	<b>Group</b>	
	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>RM</b>	<b>RM</b>
<b>Goodwill</b>		
At 1 January/31 December	<u>43,867,118</u>	<u>43,867,118</u>

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**21. Goodwill on consolidation** (cont'd)

**Impairment testing of goodwill**

Goodwill which arose from business combinations has been allocated to CGUs identified according to the individual subsidiaries and the Sub Group, all of which are principally involved in plantation activities for impairment testing.

The recoverable amount of the above CGUs has been determined based on a combination of FVLCD where the management relied on independent professional valuers using comparison method valuation and VIU calculations using cash flow projections approved by management covering a five-year period.

The following describes each key assumption on which management has based its cash flow projections to undertake impairment testing of goodwill:

	<b>2022</b>	<b>Group 2021</b>
CPO per metric tonne ("MT") (RM)	3,700 – 3,929	3,800 – 3,955
PK per MT (RM)	2,500 – 2,655	2,400 – 2,498
Discount rates	10%	10%

- (i) CPO and PK prices are based on the current market outlook of product prices relating to the CGU.
- (ii) Discount rates used for cash flows discounting purpose is the Group's weighted average cost of capital.

For CGUs determined based on FVLCD, the recoverable values were determined by reference to recent market transacted prices of similar properties. These prices are adjusted for factors of size and location by a range of 5% - 10% to arrive at a range of valuation of RM31,950 to RM36,418 per acre for plantation land.

In prior year, the recoverable values for CGUs determined based on FVLCD were determined by the professional valuers on plantation land using market comparison approach that reflects recent transacted prices of similar properties. These prices are adjusted for factors of size and location by a range of 5% - 10% to arrive at a range of valuation of RM22,500 to RM43,000 per acre for plantation land.

**Sensitivity to changes in assumptions**

With regard to the assessment of value-in-use of the plantation segment, management believes that any reasonable possible change in any of the above key assumptions applied is unlikely to materially cause the recoverable amounts to be lower than the carrying values of the CGU.

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**22. Biological assets**

At fair value	Group		Company	
	2022 RM	2021 RM	2022 RM	2021 RM
At 1 January	5,822,021	3,264,016	339,100	311,886
Fair value gain (Note 6)	-	2,558,005	-	27,214
Fair value loss (Note 7)	(2,466,169)	-	(95,377)	-
At 31 December	<u>3,355,852</u>	<u>5,822,021</u>	<u>243,723</u>	<u>339,100</u>

The biological assets of the Group and the Company comprise fresh fruit bunches ("FFB") prior to harvest. To arrive at the fair value of FFB, the management has considered the oil content of the unripe FFB and derived at the assumption that the net cash flows to be generated from FFB prior to more than six (6) weeks to harvest is negligible, therefore quantity of unripe FFB on bearer plants of up to six (6) weeks prior to harvest was used for valuation purpose.

The value of the unripe FFB was estimated to be approximately 17% for FFB that are five (5) to six (6) weeks prior to harvest, 50% for FFB that are three (3) to four (4) weeks prior to harvest and 83% for FFB that are one (1) to two (2) weeks prior to harvest. The quantity of unharvested FFB of the Group and the Company as at 31 December 2022 included in the fair valuation of FFB were 15,981 and 1,027 metric tonne (2021: 14,386 and 806 metric tonne) respectively. The net present value of cash flows is then determined with reference to the market value of crude palm oil at the date of harvest, adjusted for freight and other costs to sell at the point of harvest.

The valuation model adopted by the Group is a discounted cash flow model which includes all cash inflows, cash outflows and imputed contributory asset charges where no actual cash flows associated with the use of assets essential to the agricultural activity are accounted for. The net present value of cash flows is then determined with reference to the market value of crude palm oil at the date of harvest, adjusted for freight, extraction rates, production, transportation, contributory asset charges and other costs to sell at the point of harvest. Changes to the assumed prices of the FFB and tonnage included in the valuation will have a direct effect on the reported valuation.

The relationship of the unobservable inputs to changes in fair value, with all other variables held constant is as follows:

Unobservable Input	Fair Value gain/(loss)			
	2022		2021	
Group	Increase by 10% RM	Decrease by 10% RM	Increase by 10% RM	Decrease by 10% RM
FFB price	541,734	(541,734)	732,199	(732,199)
Production volume	345,295	(345,295)	582,202	(582,202)
Harvest and transportation costs	(199,439)	(199,439)	(149,997)	149,997
<b>Company</b>				
FFB price	36,065	(36,065)	41,615	(41,615)
Production volume	24,372	(24,372)	33,910	(33,910)
Harvest and transportation costs	(11,693)	11,693	(7,705)	7,705

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**23. Inventories**

At cost	Group		Company	
	2022 RM	2021 RM	2022 RM	2021 RM
Crude palm oil	5,857,522	4,728,374	-	-
Empty fruit bunches	17,221	32,628	-	-
Empty fruit bunches oil	905,170	294,215	-	-
Fibre	43,239	46,633	-	-
Nursery, seedlings, stores, and materials	12,876,481	8,580,015	40,034	179,119
Palm kernel	931,827	1,272,733	-	-
Quarry stocks	7,550,426	7,963,883	-	-
Shell	65,512	666	-	-
	<u>28,247,398</u>	<u>22,919,147</u>	<u>40,034</u>	<u>179,119</u>
Less: Impairment	(1,434,115)	(1,310,165)	-	-
	<u>26,813,283</u>	<u>21,608,982</u>	<u>40,034</u>	<u>179,119</u>

Movement in the impairment account is as follows:

	Group	
	2022 RM	2021 RM
At 1 January	1,310,165	-
Charge for the financial year (Note 7)	123,950	1,310,165
At 31 December	<u>1,434,115</u>	<u>1,310,165</u>

During the financial year, the amount of inventories recognised as an expense in cost of sales of the Group and the Company were RM29,616,483 and RM546,831 (2021: RM27,736,055 and RM505,782).

Additions in nurseries during the financial year included the following:

	Group		Company	
	2022 RM	2021 RM	2022 RM	2021 RM
Employee benefits expense (Note 9)	<u>122,883</u>	<u>194,528</u>	<u>8,864</u>	<u>12,815</u>



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**24. Trade and other receivables**

	Group		Company	
	2022 RM	2021 RM	2022 RM	2021 RM
<b>Trade receivables</b>				
Third parties	13,432,380	18,112,632	251,680	76,604
Amounts due from subsidiaries	-	-	156,644	276,386
	13,432,380	18,112,632	408,324	352,990
Less: Allowance for expected credit losses	(224,326)	(227,218)	-	-
Trade receivables, net	13,208,054	17,885,414	408,324	352,990
<b>Other receivables</b>				
Amounts due from subsidiaries				
- Interest bearing	-	-	230,000	2,120,257
- Non-interest bearing	-	-	92,996	70,949
Sundry receivables	5,286,886	5,451,255	41,095	37,903
GST receivables	132,435	132,435	-	-
Prepayments and deposits	5,670,885	4,570,634	82,721	85,068
	11,090,206	10,154,324	446,812	2,314,177
Less: Allowance for expected credit losses	(775,467)	(1,067,797)	-	-
Other receivables, net	10,314,739	9,086,527	446,812	2,314,177
<b>Total trade and other receivables</b>	<b>23,522,793</b>	<b>26,971,941</b>	<b>855,136</b>	<b>2,667,167</b>

Trade receivables, including those amounts due from subsidiaries are non-interest bearing and are generally on 7 to 30 days (2021: 7 to 30 days) terms. They are recognised at their original invoice amounts which represent their fair values on initial recognition.

The non-trade amounts due from subsidiaries are unsecured and repayable on demand. The interest bearing advances are subject to interest charge based on recovery of borrowing cost incurred by the Company.

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**24. Trade and other receivables** (cont'd)

During the financial year, the following (gains)/losses were recognised in profit or loss in relation to impaired financial assets:

Group	Trade receivables RM	Other receivables RM	Total RM
At 1 January 2021	278,323	1,074,432	1,352,755
Reversal during the financial year (Note 8)	(51,105)	-	(51,105)
Written off	-	(6,635)	(6,635)
At 31 December 2021	227,218	1,067,797	1,295,015
(Reversal)/charge during the financial year (Note 8)	(2,892)	221,939	219,047
Written off	-	(514,269)	(514,269)
At 31 December 2022	224,326	775,467	999,793

There was no material expected credit loss for the Company's trade receivables as of the financial year end.

Information about the Group's and the Company's exposure to credit risks and expected credit losses for trade receivables is included in Note 35 to the financial statements.

**25. Short-term investments**

	Group		Company	
	2022 RM	2021 RM	2022 RM	2021 RM
<b>Fair value through profit or loss</b>				
Short-term investments	42,815,793	31,965,555	180,087	1,118,500

Short-term funds are investments in income trust funds in Malaysia. The trust funds invest in highly liquid assets which are readily convertible to known amounts of cash with insignificant changes in value.

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**26. Cash and cash equivalents**

	Group		Company	
	2022 RM	2021 RM	2022 RM	2021 RM
Cash and bank balances	25,505,590	34,370,100	656,014	1,013,434
Deposits with licensed banks	41,942,270	16,684,139	415,837	409,837
<b>Cash and bank balances</b>	<b>67,447,860</b>	<b>51,054,239</b>	<b>1,071,851</b>	<b>1,423,271</b>
Less: Deposits pledged as securities for banking facilities and deposits with maturity of more than three (3) months (Note 29)	(4,620,512)	(4,614,512)	(415,837)	(409,837)
<b>Cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>62,827,348</b>	<b>46,439,727</b>	<b>656,014</b>	<b>1,013,434</b>

The deposits with licensed banks of the Group and the Company include an amount of RM415,837 (2021: RM409,837), which are registered in the names of two of the Company's Directors and held in trust for the Company, are pledged as securities for bankers' guarantee facilities granted to the Group.

The interest rate structure are as follows:

	Fixed interest rate per annum			
	Group		Company	
	2022	2021	2022	2021
Deposits with licensed banks	2.33% to 2.70%	1.00% to 2.85%	2.70%	1.70%

The maturities of deposits with licensed banks as at the end of the financial year are as follows:

	Group		Company	
	2022 Days	2021 Days	2022 Days	2021 Days
Deposits with licensed banks	1 – 365	1 – 365	30 – 31	30 – 31

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**27. Share capital**

	No. of ordinary shares		Group/Company	
			2022 RM	2021 RM
<b>Issued and fully paid:</b>				
At 1 January 2021/ 31 December 2021/ 31 December 2022	196,543,970	196,543,970	196,543,970	196,543,970

The holders of ordinary shares are entitled to receive dividends as and when declared by the Company. All ordinary shares carry one vote per share without restrictions and rank equally with regard to the Company's residual assets.

**28. Reserve**

Group	2022 RM	2021 RM
<b>Distributable</b>		
Capital reserve	8,169	8,169
Retained profits	138,192,685	115,041,117
	<u>138,200,854</u>	<u>115,049,286</u>
<b>Non-distributable</b>		
Capital reserve	5,736,883	5,736,883
Other reserve	(32,670,124)	(32,523,318)
Revaluation reserve	789,026	789,026
Fair value adjustment reserve	(61,486)	(63,567)
Foreign currency translation reserve	(297,673)	(291,911)
	<u>(26,503,374)</u>	<u>(26,352,887)</u>
	<u>111,697,480</u>	<u>88,696,399</u>

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**28. Reserve** (cont'd)

<b>Company</b>	<b>2022 RM</b>	<b>2021 RM</b>
<b>Distributable</b>		
Retained profits	27,773,012	23,041,036
<b>Non-distributable</b>		
Fair value adjustment reserve	(164,059)	(130,043)
	<u>27,608,953</u>	<u>22,910,993</u>

**Capital reserve**

The distributable capital reserve comprises mainly gains arising from disposal of property, plant and equipment and investments whereas the non-distributable capital reserve represents amount capitalised for bonus issue from post-acquisition reserve of a subsidiary company.

**Retained profits**

The Group's and the Company's policy is to treat all gains and losses that pass through the statements of profit or loss and other comprehensive income (i.e. non-owner transactions or events) as revenue reserves. Other than retained profits, all other revenue reserves are regarded as non-distributable in the form of cash dividends to shareholders. Accumulated losses are the opposite of retained profits and when an entity is in an accumulated loss position, it is prohibited from distributing cash dividends to shareholders.

**Other reserve**

Other reserve represents the difference between the adjusted carrying amount of the non-controlling interests and the fair value of the consideration paid.

**Revaluation reserve**

Revaluation reserve represents net surplus arising from the revaluation of certain subsidiary companies' freehold land, buildings and biological assets in 1976, 1982 and 1988 respectively. On transition to MFRS, the Group opted for the cost model as its accounting policy for measurement of property, plant and equipment, and treated the carrying values of the previously revalued properties at the date of transition as deemed cost.

On subsequent sale or retirement of these revalued properties, the attributable surplus remaining in the revaluation reserve will be transferred to distributable reserve.

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**28. Reserve** (cont'd)

**Fair value adjustment reserve**

Fair value adjustment reserve represents the cumulative fair value changes, net of tax, of equity instrument until they are disposed of or impaired.

**Foreign currency translation reserve**

The foreign currency translation reserve represents exchange differences arising from the translation of the financial statements of foreign subsidiary companies whose functional currencies are different from that of the Group's presentation currency.

**29. Loans and borrowings**

	Group		Company	
	2022 RM	2021 RM	2022 RM	2021 RM
<b>Non-current</b>				
Secured:				
Term loans				
- Loan at COF + 1.10%	25,561,000	33,126,184	-	-
	<u>25,561,000</u>	<u>33,126,184</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Current</b>				
Secured:				
Revolving credits				
- RC at COF + 1.10%	800,000	8,400,000	800,000	5,900,000
- RC at ICOF + 1.20%	200,000	200,000	-	-
- RC at ICOF + 1.125%	3,100,000	3,100,000	-	-
Term loans				
- Loans at COF + 1.10%	6,748,000	8,536,929	-	-
- Loan at COF + 1.50%	-	1,250,000	-	-
Unsecured:				
Revolving credits				
- RC at COF + 1.50%	100,000	1,100,000	100,000	1,100,000
	<u>10,948,000</u>	<u>22,586,929</u>	<u>900,000</u>	<u>7,000,000</u>

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**29. Loans and borrowings** (cont'd)

	Group		Company	
	2022 RM	2021 RM	2022 RM	2021 RM
<b>Total loans and borrowings</b>				
Secured:				
Revolving credits	4,100,000	11,700,000	800,000	5,900,000
Term loans	32,309,000	42,913,113	-	-
Unsecured:				
Revolving credits	100,000	1,100,000	100,000	1,100,000
	<u>36,509,000</u>	<u>55,713,113</u>	<u>900,000</u>	<u>7,000,000</u>
<b>Maturity structure of loans and borrowings</b>				
Within one year	10,948,257	22,586,929	900,000	7,000,000
Between one to two years	6,920,156	6,830,376	-	-
Between two to five years	13,802,374	17,790,004	-	-
More than five years	4,838,213	8,505,804	-	-
	<u>36,509,000</u>	<u>55,713,113</u>	<u>900,000</u>	<u>7,000,000</u>

The loans and borrowings are secured by the followings:

(i) **Loans at Cost of Finance ("COF") + 1.10% p.a.**

One of the loans was secured by legal charges over leasehold agricultural lands, specific debenture over the land together with the fixture and fittings of a subsidiary company as disclosed in Note 16 to the financial statements, corporate guarantee given by the Company and Credit Guarantee Corporation (M) Bhd ("CGC") under the Green Technology Financing Scheme ("GTFS") and was fully settled during the financial year. An interest subsidy of 2% p.a. is granted to its subsidiary company under the GTFS.

Another loan is secured by legal charges over certain leasehold plantations, debentures incorporating fixed and floating charges over all the assets of subsidiary companies presently owned and subsequently acquired as disclosed in Note 16 to the financial statements and corporate guarantees given by the subsidiary companies.

(ii) **Revolving credit ("RC") at COF + 1.10% p.a.**

This revolving credit is secured by legal charges over freehold agricultural land of the Company and leasehold lands of a subsidiary company, specific debenture over the land together with the fixture and fittings as disclosed in Note 16 to the financial statements and deposit with licensed bank as disclosed in Note 26 to the financial statements.

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**29. Loans and borrowings** (cont'd)

The loans and borrowings are secured by the followings: (cont'd)

(iii) **RC at Islamic Cost of Fund ("ICOF") + 1.20% p.a. and COF + 1.125% p.a.**

This revolving credit is secured by legal charges over certain leasehold plantations together with the plant and machinery and palm oil mill of subsidiary companies, sub-divided land together with the power plant erected thereon of a subsidiary company, debentures incorporating fixed and floating charges over all the assets of subsidiary companies presently owned and subsequently acquired as disclosed in Note 16 to the financial statements and corporate guarantees given by the subsidiary companies and short term deposits with licensed bank as further disclosed in Note 26 to the financial statements.

**30. Lease liabilities**

	Group		Company	
	2022 RM	2021 RM	2022 RM	2021 RM
Current	1,025,200	1,075,038	-	-
Non-current	2,867,732	2,908,103	-	-
	<u>3,892,932</u>	<u>3,983,141</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Maturity structure of lease liabilities</b>				
Within one year	1,025,200	1,075,038	-	-
Between one to two years	896,130	835,767	-	-
Between two to five years	1,319,732	1,349,642	-	-
More than five years	651,870	722,694	-	-
	<u>3,892,932</u>	<u>3,983,141</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

The Group has lease contracts of land used in its operations as disclosed in Note 16 to the financial statements. Leases of land has lease terms of average five (5) to thirty (30) years. The average discount rate implicit in the leases is 7.39% (2021: 7.39%) per annum.



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**30. Lease liabilities** (cont'd)

The table below describes the nature of the Group's leasing activities by type of right-of-use asset recognised in the statement of financial position:

Right-of-use asset	No. of right-of-use assets leased	Range of remaining term	Average remaining lease term	No. of leases with extension options	No. of leases with variable payment	No. of leases with termination option
Leasehold land	10	3 – 20 years	7 years	5	-	-

The leases of the Group and the Company are secured by a charge over the leased assets which consist of plant and machinery and motor vehicles as disclosed in Note 16 to the financial statements. These leases of the Group and the Company bear effective interest rate ranging from 4.36% to 6.54% and Nil% (2021: 4.36% to 7.12% and Nil%) per annum respectively.

There were no leases with residual value guarantee or leases which have yet to commence of which the Group and the Company have committed.

**31. Trade and other payables**

	Group		Company	
	2022 RM	2021 RM	2022 RM	2021 RM
<b>Trade payables</b>				
Third parties	16,398,771	20,013,185	-	-
<b>Other payables</b>				
Accruals and deposits	8,687,373	7,200,149	477,186	480,336
CPO sales tax and MPOB cess	1,576,023	1,806,207	-	-
Other payables				
- Third parties	5,589,510	7,435,551	367,107	446,639
- Retention sum payable to contractor	1,731,568	1,302,681	-	-
- Amounts due to subsidiaries	-	-	-	172,170
	17,584,474	17,744,588	844,293	1,099,145
<b>Total trade and other payables</b>	<b>33,983,245</b>	<b>37,757,773</b>	<b>844,293</b>	<b>1,099,145</b>

Trade payables are non-interest bearing and the normal credit terms granted to the Group and the Company are 30 to 90 days (2021: 30 to 90 days).

Amounts due to subsidiaries are unsecured, interest free and repayable on demand.

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**32. Dividend**

Recognised during the financial year	Group		Company	
	2022 RM	2021 RM	2022 RM	2021 RM
Dividend on ordinary shares:				
Interim single-tier dividend of 2.00 sen (2021: 2.00 sen) per share	3,930,879	3,930,879	3,930,879	3,930,879
Special dividend of 2.00 sen (2021: 2.00 sen) per share	3,930,879	3,930,880	3,930,879	3,930,880
Special dividend of 2.00 sen (2021: Nil) per share	3,930,880	-	3,930,880	-
	<u>11,792,638</u>	<u>7,861,759</u>	<u>11,792,638</u>	<u>7,861,759</u>

**33. Significant related party transactions**

(a) **Identities of related parties**

Parties are considered to be related to the Group and the Company if the Group and the Company have the ability, directly or indirectly, to control the party or exercise significant influence over the party in making financial and operating decisions, or vice versa, or where the Group or the Company and the party are subject to common control or common significant influence. Related parties could be individuals or other entities.

(b) **Related parties' transactions**

The aggregate value of transactions of the related parties of the Group and the Company were as follows:

Name of related parties	Type of transaction	Transaction value	
		2022 RM	2021 RM
<b>Group and Company</b>			
With company which have common Directors with the Company and in which certain Directors of the Company have financial interests:			
Behrang 2020 Sdn. Bhd.	Rental of premises	(48,000)	(48,400)
With substantial shareholder:			
Datin Seri Ooi Ah Thin	Rental of premises	(42,000)	(42,000)

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**33 . Significant related party transactions** (cont'd)

(b) **Related parties' transactions** (cont'd)

The aggregate value of transactions of the related parties of the Group and the Company were as follows: (cont'd)

Name of related parties	Type of transaction	Transaction value	
		2022 RM	2021 RM
<b>Company</b>			
With subsidiary companies:			
Anson Oil Industries Sdn. Bhd.	Sales of fresh fruit bunches	7,181,421	6,223,146
	Purchase of bio fertilisers	-	(9,452)
	Rental income of equipment	12,566	495
	Rental expenses of equipment	(41,663)	(45,425)
	Champion Point Sdn. Bhd.	Rental income of equipment	2,742
Majuperak Plantation Sdn. Bhd.	Interest on advances received	8,296	32,042
Yew Lee Holdings Sdn. Berhad	Rental expenses of equipment	(52,124)	(2,400)
Mah Hock Company Sendirian Berhad	Interest on advances received	50,208	47,054

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**33. Significant related party transactions** (cont'd)

(c) **Compensation of key management personnel**

The remuneration of the key management personnel other than the Directors of the Group and of the Company are as follows:

	Group		Company	
	2022 RM	2021 RM	2022 RM	2021 RM
Short-term employee benefits	2,317,569	1,981,968	227,298	224,193
Contributions to defined contribution plan	252,542	216,641	28,014	27,750
	<u>2,570,111</u>	<u>2,198,609</u>	<u>255,312</u>	<u>251,943</u>

Key management personnel are defined as those persons having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the Group and of the Company either directly or indirectly, including any Director of the Group and of the Company.

The terms and conditions and prices of the above transactions are mutually agreed between the parties.

**34. Commitments and contingencies**

(a) **Capital commitment**

	Group	
	2022 RM	2021 RM
Approved and contracted for:		
- Property, plant and equipment	<u>13,758,326</u>	<u>2,518,922</u>

(b) **Contingent liability**

On 10 May 2021, John Bin Until, Nokra Bin HJ Segun, Kuning Bin Kadir, Liew Ah Hon, Ongong Bin Unangga ("the Plaintiffs") on behalf of themselves and 144 other residents of Kampung Segaliud, Sandakan, sued a subsidiary of the Group, namely, Prolific Yield Sdn. Bhd. ("Prolific") and another third party for negligence and breach of duty for alleged discharge of industrial effluent from their palm oil mill and thereby causing pollution to the nearby Segaliud River.

The Plaintiffs alleged they have suffered loss and damage to their livelihood and therefore, seek an injunction to restrain Prolific from the said alleged unlawful act and for loss and damages to be assessed by the Court.

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**34. Commitments and contingencies** (cont'd)

(b) **Contingent liability** (cont'd)

Prolific has strongly denied the said claim as they maintain that at all material times they had set up and operated a safe and adequate industrial effluent treatment system duly approved and licensed by the relevant authorities and in compliance with the terms and conditions of the said license and all applicable relevant laws and regulations.

On 1 December 2022, the Sandakan High Court dismissed the said claim against Prolific and awarded RM30,000 costs to Prolific.

**35. Financial instruments**

(a) **Categories of financial instruments**

	Group		Company	
	2022 RM	2021 RM	2022 RM	2021 RM
<b>Financial assets</b>				
<u>Measured at amortised cost</u>				
Trade and other receivables	17,719,473	22,268,872	772,415	2,582,099
Cash and bank balances	67,447,860	51,054,239	1,071,851	1,423,271
<u>Measured at FVOCI</u>				
Investments in securities	281,359	279,278	121,017	155,033
<u>Measured at fair value through profit or loss</u>				
Short-term investments	42,815,793	31,965,555	180,087	1,118,500
	<u>128,264,485</u>	<u>105,567,944</u>	<u>2,145,370</u>	<u>5,278,903</u>
<b>Finance liabilities</b>				
<u>Measured at amortised cost</u>				
Trade and other payables	32,407,222	35,951,566	844,293	1,099,145
Loans and borrowings	36,509,000	55,713,113	900,000	7,000,000
Lease liabilities	3,892,932	3,983,141	-	-
	<u>72,809,154</u>	<u>95,647,820</u>	<u>1,744,293</u>	<u>8,099,145</u>

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**35. Financial instruments** (cont'd)

(a) **Categories of financial instruments** (cont'd)

A reconciliation of trade and other receivables in financial assets to the amounts reflected in the statements of financial position is as follows:

	Group		Company	
	2022 RM	2021 RM	2022 RM	2021 RM
<b>Trade and other receivables</b>				
As reflected in the statements of financial position (Note 24)	23,522,793	26,971,941	855,136	2,667,167
Less: Prepayments and Non-refundable deposits	(5,670,885)	(4,570,634)	(82,721)	(85,068)
GST receivables	(132,435)	(132,435)	-	-
	<u>17,719,473</u>	<u>22,268,872</u>	<u>772,415</u>	<u>2,582,099</u>

A reconciliation of trade and other payables in financial liabilities to the amounts reflected in the statements of financial position is as follows:

	Group		Company	
	2022 RM	2021 RM	2022 RM	2021 RM
<b>Trade and other payables</b>				
As reflected in the statements of financial position (Note 31)	33,983,245	37,757,773	844,293	1,099,145
Less: CPO sales tax and MPOB cess	(1,576,023)	(1,806,207)	-	-
	<u>32,407,222</u>	<u>35,951,566</u>	<u>844,293</u>	<u>1,099,145</u>

(b) **Financial risk management**

The Group and the Company are exposed to financial risks arising from their operations and the use of financial instruments. The key financial risks include credit risk, liquidity risk, interest rate risk, and foreign currency risk.

The Board of Directors reviews and agrees on policies and procedures for the management of these risks, which are executed by Executive Committee. The audit committee provides independent oversight to the effectiveness of the risk management process.

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**35. Financial instruments** (cont'd)

(b) **Financial risk management** (cont'd)

The following sections provide details regarding the Group's and the Company's exposure to the above-mentioned financial risks and the objectives, policies and processes for the management of these risks.

(i) **Credit risk**

Credit risk is the risk of loss that may arise on outstanding financial instruments should a counterparty default on its obligations. The Group's and the Company's exposure to credit risk arises primarily from trade and other receivables. For other financial assets (including short-term investments and cash and bank balances), the Group and the Company minimise credit risk by dealing exclusively with high credit rating counterparties.

The Group's and the Company's objective are to seek continual revenue growth while minimising losses incurred due to increased credit risk exposure. The Group trades only with recognised and creditworthy third parties.

It is the Group's and the Company's policy that all customers who wish to trade on credit terms are subject to credit verification procedures. In addition, receivable balances are monitored on an ongoing basis with the result that the Group's and the Company's exposure to bad debts is not significant.

As at the reporting date, the Group's and the Company's maximum exposure to credit risk is represented by the carrying amount of each class of financial assets recognised in the statements of financial position.

**Trade receivables**

Customer credit risk is managed by each business unit subject to the Group's established policy, procedures and control relating to customer credit risk management. Credit quality of a customer is assessed based on an extensive credit rating scorecard and individual credit limits are defined in accordance with this assessment. Outstanding customer receivables are regularly monitored.

At each reporting date, the Group and the Company assess whether any of the trade receivables are credit impaired.

The gross carrying amounts of credit impaired trade receivables are written off (either partially or full) when there is no realistic prospect of recovery. This is generally the case when the Group and the Company determine that the debtor does not have assets or sources of income that could generate sufficient cash flows to repay amounts subject to the write-off. Nevertheless, trade receivables and contract asset that are written off could still be subject to enforcement activities.

As at the end of the reporting period, the maximum exposure to credit risk arising from trade receivables is represented by the carrying amounts in the statements of financial position. The Group and the Company do not hold collateral as security.

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**35. Financial instruments** (cont'd)

(b) **Financial risk management** (cont'd)

(i) **Credit risk** (cont'd)

**Trade receivables** (cont'd)

The ageing analysis of the Group's and the Company's trade receivables as at the reporting date is as follows:

<b>Group</b>	<b>Gross amount RM</b>	<b>Expected credit losses RM</b>	<b>Carrying value RM</b>
<b>2022</b>			
Not past due	13,171,273	-	13,171,273
Past due:			
- less than 30 days	20,668	-	20,668
- between 31 to 60 days	15,692	-	15,692
- between 61 to 90 days	421	-	421
- more than 90 days	224,326	(224,326)	-
	261,107	(224,326)	36,781
	<b>13,432,380</b>	<b>(224,326)</b>	<b>13,208,054</b>
<b>2021</b>			
Not past due	16,771,537	-	16,771,537
Past due:			
- less than 30 days	730,057	-	730,057
- between 31 to 60 days	56,690	-	56,690
- between 61 to 90 days	327,116	-	327,116
- more than 90 days	227,232	(227,218)	14
	1,341,095	(227,218)	1,113,877
	<b>18,112,632</b>	<b>(227,218)</b>	<b>17,885,414</b>
<b>Company</b>			
<b>2022</b>			
Not past due	408,324	-	408,324
<b>2021</b>			
Not past due	352,990	-	352,990



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**35. Financial instruments** (cont'd)

(b) **Financial risk management** (cont'd)

(i) **Credit risk** (cont'd)

**Trade receivables** (cont'd)

Impairment for trade receivables is measured at an amount equal to lifetime expected credit loss. The expected credit losses on trade receivables includes both individual impairment for those that show objective evidence of impairment (stage 3 loss) and collective impairment (stage 2 loss). Collective impairment has been provided using the provisional matrix based on historical loss experience of the respective entities in the Group with reference to past due status of the debtor, as follows:

	<b>Expected credit loss rates</b>	
	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
Not past due	0%	0%
Past due:		
- less than 30 days	0%	0%
- between 31 to 60 days	0%	0%
- between 61 to 90 days	0%	0%
- more than 90 days	100%	100%

The expected credit loss rates are based on the historical loss rates experienced by each entity in the Group as adjusted for forward looking element as necessary.

There was no material expected credit loss for the Company's trade receivables as of the financial year end.

As at the reporting date, the Group and the Company have significant concentration of credit risk in the form of outstanding balance due from 4 and 3 (2021: 6 and 2) major customers representing 60% and 99% (2021: 75% and 100%) of the total trade receivables respectively.

**Other receivables**

For other receivables, a lifetime expected credit loss is assessed for those counterparties that show significant increase in credit risk as at the end of the reporting period, and impairment made based on objective evidence of impairment.

**Inter-company advances**

The Company provides advances to subsidiaries. The Company monitors the ability of the subsidiaries to repay the advances on an individual basis and considers advances to subsidiaries to have low credit risks.

The Company determines the probability of default for these advances individually using internal information available.

As at the end of the reporting period, the maximum exposure to credit risk is represented by their carrying amounts in the statement of financial position. Advances provided are not secured by any collateral or supported by any other credit enhancements.

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**35. Financial instruments** (cont'd)

(b) **Financial risk management** (cont'd)

(i) **Credit risk** (cont'd)

**Cash and cash equivalents**

The cash and cash equivalents are held with banks and financial institutions. As at the end of the reporting period, the maximum exposure to credit risk is represented by their carrying amounts in the statements of financial position.

These banks and financial institutions have low credit risks. Consequently, the Group and the Company are of the view that loss allowance is not material and hence, it is not provided for.

(ii) **Liquidity risk**

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Group and the Company will encounter difficulty in meeting financial obligations due to shortage of funds. The Group's and the Company's exposure to liquidity risk arises primarily from mismatches of the maturities of financial assets and liabilities. The Group's and the Company's objective is to maintain a balance between continuity of funding and flexibility through the use of stand-by credit facilities.

As part of its overall liquidity management, the Group maintains sufficient levels of cash or cash convertible investments to meet its working capital requirements. In addition, the Group strives to maintain available banking facilities at a reasonable level to its overall debt position. As far as possible, the Group raises committed funding from financial institutions and balances its portfolio with some short term funding so as to achieve overall cost effectiveness.

The following table sets out the maturity profile of the Group's and the Company's financial liabilities as at the end of the reporting period based on contractual undiscounted cash flows (including interest payments computed using contractual rates or, if floating, based on the rates at the end of the reporting period):

Group	Carrying amount	Contractual undiscounted cashflows	Within One (1) year	One (1) to Five (5) years	Over Five (5) years
2022	RM	RM	RM	RM	RM
<b>Financial liabilities</b>					
Trade and other payables	33,983,245	33,983,245	33,983,245	-	-
Loans and borrowings	36,509,000	40,150,000	11,900,000	23,000,000	5,250,000
Lease liabilities	3,892,932	5,114,348	1,240,882	2,593,256	1,280,210
	74,385,177	79,247,593	47,124,127	25,593,256	6,530,210



Notes to the Financial Statements  
for the financial year ended 31 December 2022 (cont'd)

**35. Financial instruments** (cont'd)

(b) **Financial risk management** (cont'd)

(ii) **Liquidity risk** (cont'd)

Group	Carrying amount RM	Contractual undiscounted cashflows RM	Within One (1) year RM	One (1) to Five (5) years RM	Over Five (5) years RM
<b>2021</b>					
<b>Financial liabilities</b>					
Trade and other payables	37,757,773	37,757,773	37,757,773	-	-
Loans and borrowings	55,713,113	60,047,582	23,422,582	27,000,000	9,625,000
Lease liabilities	3,983,141	5,291,810	1,280,131	2,603,284	1,408,395
	97,454,027	103,097,165	62,460,486	29,603,284	11,033,395
<b>Company</b>					
<b>2022</b>					
<b>Financial liabilities</b>					
Trade and other payables	844,293	844,293	844,293	-	-
Loans and borrowings	900,000	900,000	900,000	-	-
	1,744,293	1,744,293	1,744,293	-	-
<b>2021</b>					
<b>Financial liabilities</b>					
Trade and other payables	1,099,145	1,099,145	1,099,145	-	-
Loans and borrowings	7,000,000	7,000,000	7,000,000	-	-
	8,099,145	8,099,145	8,099,145	-	-

Notes to the Financial Statements  
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**35. Financial instruments** (cont'd)

(b) **Financial risk management** (cont'd)

(iii) **Interest rate risk**

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates.

The Group's and the Company's exposure to interest rate risk arises mainly from their loans and borrowings. Most of the Group's and the Company's loans and borrowings are charged a fixed interest rate plus the financial institutions' cost of fund per annum. The fixed interest rate is reviewed annually. Whilst, the cost of fund used by the financial institutions vary according to the rates set by the respective financial institutions. Meanwhile, interest rates charged on finance leases are fixed at the inception of the finance lease arrangements. The investments in financial assets are mainly short term in nature and have been mostly placed in fixed deposits and short-term investments.

The Group's policy is to manage interest cost using a mix of fixed and floating rate debts.

The following table details the sensitivity analysis to a reasonably possible change in the interest rates as at the end of the reporting period, with all other variables held constant:

Effects on profit after taxation	Group (Decrease)/Increase		Company (Decrease)/Increase	
	2022 RM	2021 RM	2022 RM	2021 RM
Increase of 70bp (2021: 70bp)	(10,595)	(39,896)	(1,209)	(9,881)
Decrease of 70bp (2021: 70bp)	10,595	39,896	1,209	9,881

(iv) **Foreign currency risk**

Foreign currency risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of change in foreign exchange rate.

The Group holds cash and bank balances denominated in foreign currencies for working capital purposes. As at the reporting date, such foreign currency balances (mainly in AUD, USD and SGD) amounted to RM3,849,363 (2021: RM4,021,212).

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**35. Financial instruments** (cont'd)

(b) **Financial risk management** (cont'd)

(iv) **Foreign currency risk** (cont'd)

The following table demonstrates the sensitivity of the Group's profit before tax to a reasonably possible change in the AUD, USD and SGD exchange rates against the respective functional currencies of the Group entities, with all other variables held constant:

Effects on profit after taxation	Group (Decrease)/Increase in profit before tax	
	2022 RM	2021 RM
AUD/RM		
- strengthened 5% (2021: 5%)	(97,832)	(107,361)
- weakened 5% (2021: 5%)	97,832	107,361
USD/RM		
- strengthened 5% (2021: 5%)	(28,898)	(26,991)
- weakened 5% (2021: 5%)	28,898	26,991
SGD/RM		
- strengthened 5% (2021: 5%)	(19,546)	(18,215)
- weakened 5% (2021: 5%)	19,546	18,215

**36. Fair value information**

The financial assets and financial liabilities maturing within the next twelve (12) months approximated their fair values due to the relatively short-term maturity of the financial instruments.

The carrying amount of the variable rate term loans approximated their fair value as the loans will be re-priced to market interest rate on or near reporting date.

The fair value of quoted shares is determined directly by quoted bid prices in an active market at reporting date.

The fair value of unquoted shares is determined by reference to a selling price agreement and adjusted net tangible asset.

The fair value of investments in short-term instruments are based on daily price quotes by the funds.

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**36. Fair value information** (cont'd)

As at the reporting date, the Group and the Company held the following at fair value in the statement of financial position:

Group		Carrying amount	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
2022	Note	RM	RM	RM	RM
<b>Assets measured at fair value</b>					
Investment properties	17				
- Freehold					
- Land		43,340,000	-	-	43,340,000
- Semi-Detached factory		673,826	-	-	673,826
- Shophouse		1,250,000	-	-	1,250,000
Investments in securities	19				
- Equity instruments (quoted in Malaysia)		136,023	136,023	-	-
- Equity instruments (unquoted in Malaysia)		145,336	-	-	145,336
Biological assets	22	3,355,852	-	-	3,355,852
Short-term investments	25	42,815,793	42,815,793	-	-
		91,716,830	42,951,816	-	48,765,014

Group		Carrying amount	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
2021	Note	RM	RM	RM	RM
<b>Assets measured at fair value</b>					
Investment properties	17				
- Freehold					
- Land		43,340,000	-	-	43,340,000
- Semi-Detached factory		673,826	-	-	673,826
- Shophouse		1,250,000	-	-	1,250,000
Investments in securities	19				
- Equity instruments (quoted in Malaysia)		164,464	164,464	-	-
- Equity instruments (unquoted in Malaysia)		114,814	-	-	114,814
Biological assets	22	5,822,021	-	-	5,822,021
Short-term investments	25	31,965,555	31,965,555	-	-
		83,330,680	32,130,019	-	51,200,661

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for the financial year ended 31 December 2022 (cont'd)**36. Fair value information** (cont'd)

<b>Company</b>		<b>Carrying amount</b>	<b>Level 1</b>	<b>Level 2</b>	<b>Level 3</b>
<b>2022</b>	<b>Note</b>	<b>RM</b>	<b>RM</b>	<b>RM</b>	<b>RM</b>
<b>Assets measured at fair value</b>					
Investment properties	17				
- Freehold shophouse		1,250,000	-	-	1,250,000
Investments in securities	19				
- Equity instruments (quoted in Malaysia)		121,016	121,016	-	-
- Equity instruments (unquoted in Malaysia)		1	-	-	1
Biological assets	22	243,723	-	-	243,723
Short-term investments	25	180,087	180,087	-	-
		<b>1,794,827</b>	<b>301,103</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,493,724</b>

<b>Company</b>		<b>Carrying amount</b>	<b>Level 1</b>	<b>Level 2</b>	<b>Level 3</b>
<b>2021</b>	<b>Note</b>	<b>RM</b>	<b>RM</b>	<b>RM</b>	<b>RM</b>
<b>Assets measured at fair value</b>					
Investment properties	17				
- Freehold shophouse		1,250,000	-	-	1,250,000
Investments in securities	19				
- Equity instruments (quoted in Malaysia)		155,032	155,032	-	-
- Equity instruments (unquoted in Malaysia)		1	-	-	1
Biological assets	22	339,100	-	-	339,100
Short-term investments	25	1,118,500	1,118,500	-	-
		<b>2,862,633</b>	<b>1,273,532</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,589,101</b>

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### 37. Capital management

The primary objective of the Group's and of the Company's capital management is to ensure that they maintain a strong credit rating and healthy capital ratios in order to support their businesses and maximise shareholders' value.

The Group and the Company manage their capital structure, and make adjustment to it, in the light of changes in economic conditions. To maintain or adjust the capital structure, the Group and the Company may adjust dividend payment to shareholders, return capital to shareholders or issue new shares. The Group's strategies were unchanged from the previous financial year.

The Group and the Company monitor capital using gearing ratio. The gearing ratio is calculated as net debt divided by total equity. Net debt is calculated as borrowings plus payables less cash and bank balances and short-term investments.

The gearing ratio of the Group and the Company as at the end of the reporting period was as follows:

	Group		Company	
	2022 RM	2021 RM	2022 RM	2021 RM
Loans and borrowings	36,509,000	55,713,113	900,000	7,000,000
Lease liabilities	3,892,932	3,983,141	-	-
Trade and other payables	33,983,245	37,757,773	844,293	1,099,145
Less: Cash and bank balances	(67,447,860)	(51,054,239)	(1,071,851)	(1,423,271)
Short-term investments	(42,815,793)	(31,965,555)	(180,087)	(1,118,500)
Net debt	(35,878,476)	14,434,233	492,355	5,557,374
Total equity	601,873,751	567,138,593	224,152,923	219,454,963
<b>Gearing ratio</b>	-	3%	1%	3%

The Group maintains a gearing ratio that complies with the applicable debt covenant as at the reporting date. The Group is not subject to any other externally imposed capital requirements.



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**38. Segment information**

(i) **Operating segment**

For management purposes, the Group is organised into business units based on its products and services, and has three (3) reportable operating segments as follows:

Plantation	Cultivation of oil palm
Mill	Milling and sale of oil palm products
Power plant	Power generation and sale of biomass by-products
All other segments	Extraction and sale of earth stone, operation of a hotel and others

Management monitors the operating results of its business units separately for the purpose of making decisions about resource allocation and performance assessment. Segment performance is evaluated based on operating profit or loss which, in certain respects as explained in the table below, is measured differently from operating profit or loss in the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income. Group financing (including finance costs) and income taxes are managed on a group basis and are not allocated to operating segments.

Transfer prices between operating segments are on an arm's length basis in a manner similar to transactions with third parties.

38. Segment information (cont'd)

(i) Operating segment (cont'd)

2022

Revenue	Plantation RM	Oil mill RM	Power plant RM	All other segments RM	Total reported segments RM	Adjustments and eliminations RM	Note	Per consolidated financial statements RM
External customers	36,374,537	509,129,919	46,213,158	1,548,182	593,265,796	-		593,265,796
Inter-segment	89,923,432	-	-	5,195,926	95,119,358	(95,119,358)	(a)	-
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>126,297,969</b>	<b>509,129,919</b>	<b>46,213,158</b>	<b>6,744,108</b>	<b>688,385,154</b>	<b>(95,199,358)</b>		<b>593,265,796</b>
<b>Results</b>								
Interest income	2,160,793	2,610,812	154,209	3,658,500	8,584,314	(7,194,730)		1,389,584
Finance costs	335,177	917,147	3,816,420	4,207,530	9,276,274	(7,230,191)		2,046,083
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	7,676,676	6,683,402	10,786,747	692,164	25,838,989	3,788,746		29,627,735
<b>Segment profit</b>	<b>55,966,311</b>	<b>21,464,370</b>	<b>13,691,378</b>	<b>2,081,517</b>	<b>93,203,576</b>	<b>(12,764,942)</b>	(b)	<b>80,438,634</b>

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**38. Segment information** (cont'd)(i) **Operating segment** (cont'd)**2021**

	Plantation RM	Oil mill RM	Power plant RM	All other segments RM	Total reported segments RM	Adjustments and eliminations RM	Note	Per consolidated financial statements RM
<b>Revenue</b>								
External customers	55,404,900	488,786,978	53,822,481	994,028	599,008,387	-		599,008,387
Inter-segment	65,073,222	-	-	3,222,472	68,295,694	(68,295,694)	(a)	-
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>120,478,122</b>	<b>488,786,978</b>	<b>53,822,481</b>	<b>4,216,500</b>	<b>667,304,081</b>	<b>(68,295,694)</b>		<b>599,008,387</b>
<b>Results</b>								
Interest income	552,314	2,351,537	30,838	3,458,856	6,393,545	(5,834,447)		559,098
Finance costs	592,847	1,241,962	4,101,633	3,169,858	9,106,300	(5,592,317)		3,513,983
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	7,238,682	7,185,382	10,271,022	652,869	25,347,955	4,448,754		29,796,709
<b>Segment profit</b>	<b>68,180,328</b>	<b>22,095,099</b>	<b>19,570,834</b>	<b>(834,522)</b>	<b>109,011,739</b>	<b>(12,319,873)</b>	(b)	<b>96,691,866</b>

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Notes to the Financial Statements  
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**38. Segment information** (cont'd)

(i) **Operating segment** (cont'd)

- (a) Inter-segment revenue are eliminated on consolidation. This is represented mainly by sale of fresh fruit bunches by plantation segment to mill segment and sale of earth and stones by quarry segment (included in All other segments) to plantation and mill segments.
- (b) The profit from inter-segment sales is deducted from segment profit to arrive at "Profit before tax" presented in the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income.

(ii) **Geographical information**

No geographical information has been provided as the Group activities are predominantly conducted in Malaysia.

(iii) **Major customers**

Revenue from 5 (2021: 5) major customers amounted to RM405,954,349 (68% of revenue) (2021: RM389,439,312 (65% of revenue)) arising from mill segment.

**39. Comparative figures**

The comparative figures have been restated to conform with the presentation of current year as follows:

Group	As previously reported RM	Adjustment RM	As restated RM
Other operating income	8,712,529	(51,105)	8,661,424
Reversal of allowance for expected credit losses	-	51,105	51,105

**MHC Plantations Bhd.**[196001000393 (4060-V)]  
(Incorporated in Malaysia)**Statement of Shareholdings**

as at 31 March 2023

Total Number of Issued Shares	:	RM196,543,970.00
Class of Shares	:	Ordinary Shares
Voting Rights	:	One vote per ordinary share

**DISTRIBUTION OF SHAREHOLDINGS**

Range of Shareholdings	No. of Holders	% of Holders	No. of Shares	% of Issued Capital
Less than 100	511	12.63	21,876	0.01
100 - 1,000	274	6.77	145,352	0.07
1,001 - 10,000	2,014	49.80	10,126,786	5.15
10,001 - 100,000	1,092	27.00	32,601,394	16.59
100,001 - 9,827,197(*)	153	3.78	64,460,538	32.80
9,827,198 and above (**)	1	0.02	89,188,024	45.38
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,045</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>196,543,970</b>	<b>100.00</b>

Note: \* - Less than 5% of issued holdings

\*\* - 5% and above of issued holdings

**TOP THIRTY (30) HOLDERS AS AT 31 MARCH 2023**

Name of Holders	Holdings	% of Issued Capital
1 DATO MAH POOI SOO REALTY SDN BHD	89,188,024	45.38
2 REG BOARD OF T'TEES OF DATO MAH POOI SOO BENEVOLENT FUND	6,995,666	3.56
3 ALLIANCEGROUP NOMINEES (TEMPATAN) SDN BHD PLEDGED SECURITIES ACCOUNT FOR LAI SIAK HWEE	2,270,300	1.16
4 MAH SIEW KEONG	2,043,800	1.04
5 TAN AIK CHOON	2,007,100	1.02
6 MAYBANK NOMINEES (TEMPATAN) SDN BHD MAYBANK PRIVATE WEALTH MANAGEMENT FOR MAH SIEW HOE	2,000,000	1.02
7 DATIN SERI OOI AH THIN	1,905,888	0.97
8 AMSEC NOMINEES (ASING) SDN BHD KGI SECURITIES (SINGAPORE) PTE. LTD. FOR MAH SIEW CHUAN	1,840,000	0.94
9 LIM CHENG HAI	1,600,000	0.81
10 SYARIKAT MAJUPERAK BERHAD	1,070,966	0.54
11 LIEW YOON YEE	1,050,000	0.53
12 CIMSEC NOMINEES (TEMPATAN) SDN BHD CIMB FOR LIM LOI HENG	1,000,000	0.51
13 MENJELANG CITARASA SDN. BHD.	1,000,000	0.51
14 LEONG SIEW MUN	998,200	0.51
15 HLIB NOMINEES (TEMPATAN) SDN BHD PLEDGED SECURITIES ACCOUNT FOR YAP QWEE BENG	916,000	0.47
16 KENANGA NOMINEES (TEMPATAN) SDN BHD PLEDGED SECURITIES ACCOUNT FOR CHIN KIAM HSUNG	909,832	0.46

Statement of Shareholdings  
as at 31 March 2023 (cont'd)

**TOP THIRTY (30) HOLDERS AS AT 31 MARCH 2023** (cont'd)

Name of Holders	Holdings	% of Issued Capital
17 LIM JIT HAI	869,763	0.44
18 ALLIANCEGROUP NOMINEES (TEMPATAN) SDN BHD PLEGDED SECURITIES ACCOUNT FOR CHONG YIEW ON	854,400	0.43
19 AFFIN HWANG NOMINEES (TEMPATAN) SDN. BHD. PLEGDED SECURITIES ACCOUNT FOR TEE KIM TEE @ TEE CHING TEE	852,400	0.43
20 LIM CHENG HAI	800,000	0.41
21 MAH SIEW HOE	780,000	0.40
22 YEOH KIM LENG	752,200	0.38
23 LEE CHOO SEONG @ LEE CHO SENG	714,269	0.36
24 FOONG HONG MENG @ FOONG LAI CHOONG	664,700	0.34
25 HLB NOMINEES (TEMPATAN) SDN BHD PLEGDED SECURITIES ACCOUNT FOR CHEE SAI MUN	624,000	0.32
26 TAN LAI KIM (HOLDINGS) SDN BHD	600,000	0.31
27 TLK CAPITAL SDN. BHD.	600,000	0.31
28 MAYBANK NOMINEES (TEMPATAN) SDN BHD CHAM AH UNG	585,800	0.30
29 TAN LIONG HUAT @ TAN SWEE HUAT	561,700	0.29
30 TAN AIK CHOON	526,500	0.27

**SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS AS AT 31 MARCH 2023**

According to the Register of Substantial Shareholders required to be kept under Section 144 of the Companies Act, 2016, the following are the substantial shareholders of the Company:

Name of Substantial Shareholders	Direct Interest (A)		Deemed Interest (B)		Total Interest (A+B)	
		%		%		%
Dato Mah Pooi Soo Realty Sdn Bhd	89,188,024	45.38	-	-	89,188,024	45.38
Dato' Seri Mah King Seng	338,948	0.17	90,189,024 *	45.89	90,527,972	46.06
Tan Sri Dr. Mah King Thian	93,248	0.05	90,188,024 **	45.89	90,281,272	45.94
Datin Seri Ooi Ah Thin	1,905,888	0.97	90,620,220 ***	46.11	92,526,108	47.08

**Notes:-**

- \* Deemed interest by virtue of his shareholdings in Dato Mah Pooi Soo Realty Sdn Bhd, Menjelang Citarasa Sdn Bhd and his daughter, Mah Li-Na..
- \*\* Deemed interest by virtue of his shareholdings in Dato Mah Pooi Soo Realty Sdn Bhd and Menjelang Citarasa Sdn Bhd
- \*\*\* Deemed interest by virtue of the shareholdings of her children, namely Dato' Seri Mah King Seng and Tan Sri Dr. Mah King Thian in MHC and her shareholdings in Dato Mah Pooi Soo Realty Sdn Bhd and Menjelang Citarasa Sdn Bhd.

Statement of Shareholdings  
as at 31 March 2023 (cont'd)

**DIRECTORS' INTEREST AS AT 31 MARCH 2023**

According to the Register of Directors' Shareholdings required to be kept under Section 59 of the Companies Act, 2016 the Directors' interests in the ordinary share capital of the Company and its subsidiary companies are as follows:

Name of Directors	Direct Interest (A)	%	Deemed Interest (B)	%	Total Interest (A+B)	%
Dato' Seri Mah King Seng	338,948	0.17	90,189,024 *	45.89	90,527,972	46.06
Tan Sri Dr. Mah King Thian	93,248	0.05	90,188,024 **	45.89	90,281,272	45.94
Chan Kam Leong (Retired on 20 April 2023)	-	-	3,108 ***	0.00	3,108	0.00
Wan Salmah Binti Wan Abdullah	-	-	-	-	-	-
Heng Beng Fatt	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mah Li-Na (Alternate Director to Dato' Seri Mah King Seng)	1,000	0.00	-	-	1,000	0.00
Dr. Jordina Mah Siu Yi (Alternate Director to Tan Sri Dr. Mah King Thian)	-	-	-	-	-	-

**Notes:-**

- \* Deemed interest by virtue of his shareholdings in Dato Mah Pooi Soo Realty Sdn Bhd, Menjelang Citarasa Sdn Bhd and his daughter, Mah Li-Na.
- \*\* Deemed interest by virtue of his shareholdings in Dato Mah Pooi Soo Realty Sdn Bhd and Menjelang Citarasa Sdn Bhd.
- \*\*\* Deemed interest through his spouse.

By virtue of their interests in the Company, Dato' Seri Mah King Seng and Tan Sri Dr. Mah King Thian are also deemed to have interests in the shares in its related corporations to the extent of the Company's interest in accordance with Section 8 of the Companies Act, 2016.

Other than disclosed above, none of the Directors had any interest in the shares of the Company and its related corporations.

## Form of Proxy

No. of Shares Held	
CDS Account No.	
Telephone No.	

I/We, \_\_\_\_\_ NRIC No./Company No. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Shareholder as per NRIC)

of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Full Address)

being a member of MHC Plantations Bhd. hereby appoint the following person(s):

	Name of Proxy & NRIC No.	Email Address	No. of Shares	Percentage %
Proxy 1				
Proxy 2				

or failing him/her, the Chairman of the Meeting as my/our proxy, to vote for me/us and on my/our behalf at the Sixty-Third (63rd) Annual General Meeting of the Company to be held on 26 May 2023 and at any adjournment thereof in the manner indicated below in respect of the following Resolutions:

Ordinary Business	Ordinary Resolution	For	Against
Approval for the payment of Directors' benefits	1		
Re-election of Tan Sri Dr. Mah King Thian as Director	2		
Re-election of Puan Wan Salmah Binti Wan Abdullah as Director	3		
Re-election of Dato' TPr. Suki Mee as Director	4		
Re-appointment of Messrs PKF PLT as Auditors of the Company and to authorise the Directors to fix their remuneration.	5		
<b>Special Business</b>			
Authority under Sections 75 and 76 of the Companies Act, 2016 for Directors to allot and issue shares	6		

Please indicate with (✓) or (X) how you wish your vote to be cast. If you do not indicate how you wish your proxy to vote on any resolution, the proxy shall vote as he thinks fit, or at his discretion, abstain from voting.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Shareholder/  
(Common Seal & Signatures)

### NOTES:

- Only members whose names appear on the Record of Depositors as at 18 May 2023 shall be entitled to attend the AGM or appoint proxies in his/her stead or in the case of a corporation, a duly authorised representative to attend and to vote in his/ her stead.
- A member (other than an exempt authorized nominee) entitled to attend and vote at the Meeting is entitled to appoint one (1) or two (2) proxies to attend and vote instead of him. A proxy must be 18 years and above and need not be a member of the Company.
- Where a member appoints two (2) proxies, the appointments shall be invalid unless he/she specifies the proportions of his/her holdings to be represented by each proxy.
- Where a member of the Company is an Exempt Authorised Nominee which holds ordinary shares in the Company in an Omnibus Account, there is no limit to the number of proxies which the Exempt Authorised Nominee may appoint in respect of each Omnibus Account it holds but the proportion of holdings to be represented by each proxy must be specified.
- The instrument appointing a proxy shall be in writing under the hand of the appointer or his/her attorney duly authorised in writing or if the appointer is a corporation, either under the corporation's seal or under the hand of an officer or attorney duly authorised. If under the hand of attorney/authorised officer, the Power of Attorney or Letter of Authorisation must be attached.
- The instrument appointing a proxy or proxies must be deposited at Boardroom Share Registrars Sdn. Bhd., 11th Floor, Menara Symphony, No. 5, Jalan Professor Khoo Kay Kim, Seksyen 13, 46200 Petaling Jaya, Selangor, Malaysia not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the Meeting or adjourned Meeting either by hand, post, courier or electronic mail to bsr.helpdesk@boardroomlimited.com or fax (603) 78904670 before the Form of Proxy lodgement cut-off time as mentioned above, otherwise the instrument of proxy should not be treated as valid.
- For verification purposes, members and proxies are required to produce their original identity card at the registration counter. No person will be allowed to register on behalf of another person even with the original identity card of that other person.
- Personal Data Privacy – By submitting an instrument appointing a proxy(ies) and/or representative(s) to attend, speak and vote at the AGM and/or any adjournment thereof, a member of the Company hereby agree and consent that any of your personal data in our possession shall be processed by us in accordance with the Personal Data Protection Act 2010. Further, you hereby warrant that relevant consent has been obtained by you for us to process any third party's personal data in accordance with the said Act.





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