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QL Resources Berhad is an integrated agro-based business group producing nourishing products from agri resources through four distinct but interconnected business pillars. The company is committed to creating sustainable shared value and is progressively integrating technology to support growth and drive efficiency towards benefiting all stakeholders.

Vision

To be the preferred global agro-based enterprise.

Mission

Create nourishing products from agro resources, leading to benefit for all parties.

# **Our Core Values**

# **Personality**

- Progressive
- Trustworthy Initiative
- Humility

# Values

- Integrity
- · Win-Win
- Teamwork Innovative

# Feature

# 27th Annual General Meeting



Broadcast venue at **QL Training Hall** 

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**Meeting Platform** TIIH Online website at https://tiih.online



Thursday, 29 August 2024 10:00 a.m.

# **Navigation Icon**

# **Business Pillars**









## **Material Matters**

(CC) Climate Change

CC Community Contributions



Supply Chain (B) Biodiversity (Social)

SCE Supply Chain (Environment)

**CG** Corporate AC Anti-Corruption

Governance



(LS) Labour Standards

(TM) Talent Management

Innovation and Technology

# **Our Growth Strategy**

Regional Replication

Strengthening Value Chain

Downstream Integration

Sustainably Enhancing Performance

Integrating Technology Empowering Talents

Enhance Branding & Product Innovation

## **Stakeholders Capital Inputs**



Vendors and suppliers











Natural Capital

Human Capital

Manufactured Capital

Social Capital



Intellectual

# **About This Report**

# We are pleased to present the QL Resources Berhad (QL) **Integrated Annual Report (IAR) 2024.**

This report covers the key strategies employed, business operations, financial results, corporate governance and risk management measures for the financial year ended 31 March 2024 (FY2024), as well as our future direction.

# **Reporting Philosophy** and Principles

This IAR contains salient information about the risks faced and opportunities available to QL, as well as the outputs and outcomes of our value creation processes for our stakeholders.

We adopt a holistic approach, balancing the interests and needs of stakeholders, with environmental, social and governance (ESG) considerations integrated into our decision-making processes to ensure that we can continue creating lasting long-term value.

This report presents QL's past, present, and anticipated performance in a coherent manner to illustrate the company's operating environment and execution of strategy.

The Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards are applied in the preparation of QL's financial statements, which are independently audited.

Our aim is to provide a comprehensive and balanced view of our value creation efforts as we endeavour to feed a growing population nourishing products made from agro resources.

This IAR is the outcome of the company's reporting approach as governed by the Board, aimed at strengthening and retaining stakeholder trust through consistent and transparent disclosure.

# **Reporting Framework** and Guidance

- Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad Main Market Listing Requirements
- Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad Corporate Governance Guide
- Malaysian Code on Corporate Governance
- International Financial Reporting Standards
- Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards
- · Companies Act 2016
- Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) Standards
- International Integrated Reporting Council (IIRC) <IR> Framework

## Assurance

- Internal controls and management assurance
- Internal audit and compliance
- Internal assurance (limited) by Group Internal Audit Department on sustainability matters
- External audit by KPMG PLT on financial statement

# Reporting Scope and **Boundaries**

This IAR contains quantifiable data of our activities and its output, including qualitative outcomes, on our operations from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024. Unless stated otherwise, this report encompasses all QL companies' financial and nonfinancial achievements

# Sustainability Statement

We are committed to integrating Environmental. Social. Governance (ESG) principles into our strategies, decisions and operations. We recognise the importance of ESG in creating value for all stakeholders. This report highlights our sustainability goals and progress, and notes the alignment with the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) where relevant.

For assurance, QL's Audit Committee approved an internal audit plan to review our Sustainability Statement. The Group Internal Audit Department concluded the review with the issuance of the Limited Assurance Statement on page 78.

Sustainability aspects of QL's activities and how ESG considerations affect QL's stakeholders are disclosed where practicable. Onward reading about our sustainability practices is on pages 30 - 79.

# **Forward-Looking** Statements

This report contains forwardlooking statements which represent our considerations and future expectations. These statements are inherently subject to change due to dynamic developments and therefore involve risk and uncertainty as they relate to future events and circumstances. Hence, such statements must not be construed as predictions or guarantees of future outcomes. Readers are advised not to place undue reliance on forward-looking statements and the assertions made as actual outcomes and performance may be different to those expressed in this report.

# Material Matters

QL continuously engages with internal and external stakeholders to identify matters that can materially affect the company's ability to generate value. These matters are disclosed in this report with the Material Matters and Materiality Assessment procedure readable on pages 37 - 39.

# Approval by the Board

The QL Board of Directors acknowledges its responsibility in governance to ensure the integrity of this report. We are of the view that this report that is prepared in accordance with the International Integrated Reporting <IR> Framework fairly and factually presents the company's performance by illustrating material matters that impact QL's ability to create, preserve, or erode value.

Approved by the Board on 10 July

Dr. Chia Song Kun **Executive Chairman** 

Mr. Chia Song Kooi Group Chief Executive Officer

# **Principal Activities**

QL transforms agro resources into nourishing protein sources to sustain a growing population through an integrated, scalable and resource-efficient value chain. With internationally certified operations in Malaysia, Indonesia, and Vietnam, we serve both global markets and contribute to domestic food security.

Our operations are organised into four complementary business pillars, which offer synergy with one another, contributing to economic and operational sustainability.

# **MARINE PRODUCTS MANUFACTURING (MPM)**

MPM specialises in producing quality, convenient and nutritious marine-based products. Our holistic value chain comprises upstream-to-downstream activities spanning aquaculture, deep-sea fishing, value-added processing, fishmeal production, surimi and surimi-based products manufacturing, and ready-to-cook food. QL is widely acknowledged as the leading producer of surimi-based food items in Southeast Asia.

Our direct-to-consumer channel of Family Mart convenience stores. which is rooted on the konbini concept, offers wholesome, ready-toeat and ready-to-cook meals tailored for contemporary lifestyles. FamilyMart plays an important role in expanding QL's food production capabilities and distribution channels. The CVS pillar has grown to feature innovative offerings such as Family Mart Minismart kiosks, "Food Superstore" concept stores, and halal certified FamiCafé

outlets

ILF produces highquality, nutritious and affordable sources of protein for consumers. Activities in this business pillar encompass the entire value chain, from feed and raw materials trading, feed milling and layer farming to broiler integration. We uphold strict biosecurity protocols and ensure optimal farming conditions to sustainably manage our farm operations.

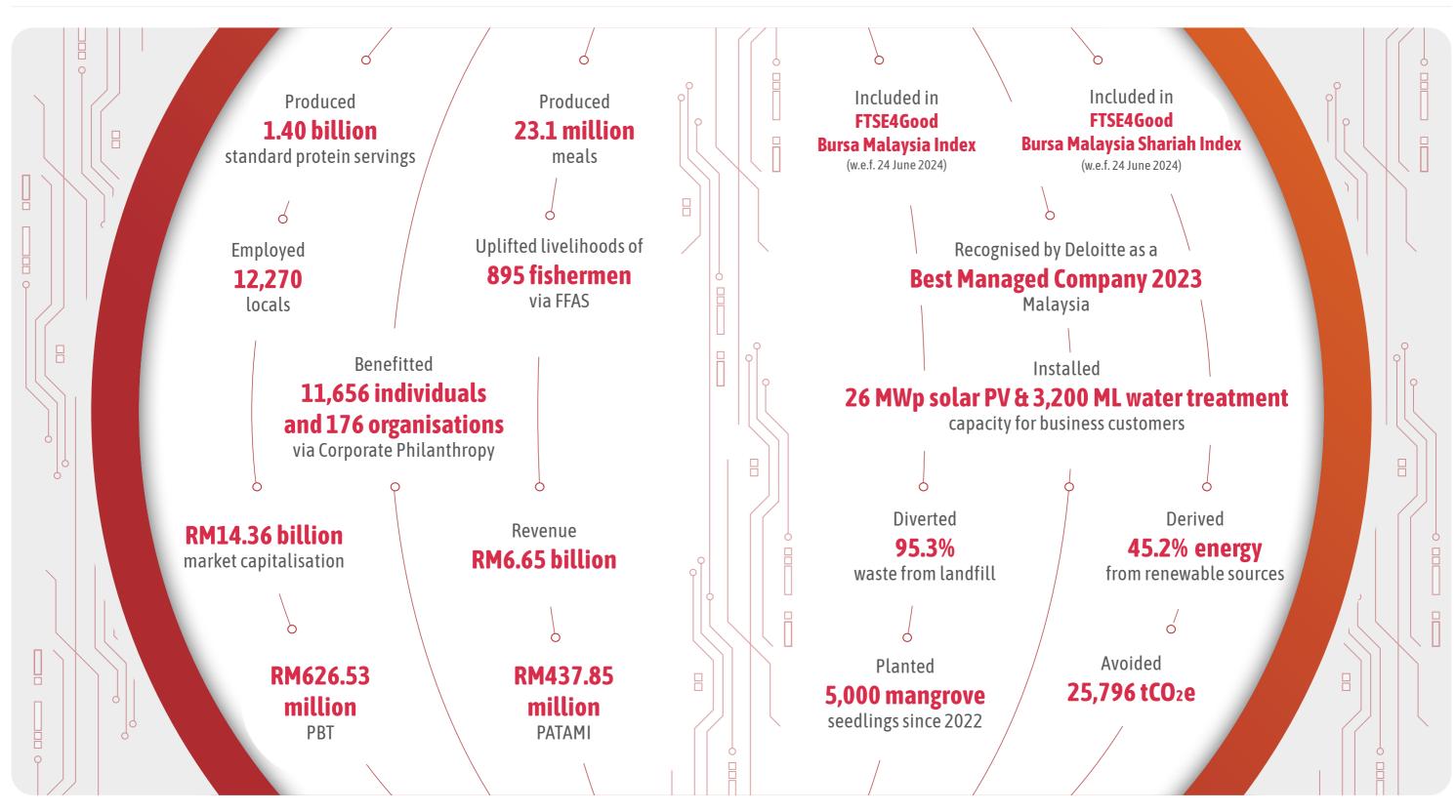
QL helps businesses fulfil their environmental, social and governance (ESG) requirements through the provision of bioenergy, renewable energy and water treatment solutions. Additionally, we are involved in the palm oil value chain, providing milling services for smallholders and managing 16,000 hectares of palm oil estate.

PALM OIL AND CLEAN ENERGY (POCE)

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# 2024 Key Highlights

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# Our **Presence**

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**Integrated Livestock Farming (ILF)** 

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# Chairman's **Statement**

Chairman's Statement





# Dr. Chia

**Song Kun** Executive

Chairman

# **Dear Valued Shareholders.**

In FY2024, QL operated in a year where the global economy in 2023 defied expectations, weathering significant headwinds to avoid a recession. Early forecasts painted a bleak picture, but the world demonstrated surprising resilience. A perfect storm of challenges - soaring inflation squeezing consumer spending, interest rate hikes dampening investment, and disrupted trade due to geopolitical conflicts - threatened growth. However, the global economy held firm. While growth slowed, many major economies dodged a recession.

Hostility in the Red Sea, a critical maritime route, disrupted global trade flows. This, coupled with the Black Sea Grain Initiative not being renewed, strained supply chains, caused input costs to fluctuate and heightened concerns about food security in regions like East Africa, South Asia, Southeast Asia, and East

Being in the business of producing food from agro resources, QL understands the gravity of food security. We remain deeply committed to our role in ensuring food security in the nations we serve. Throughout this period, we exercised prudence, guided by our honed strategy to create value for all. QL continued to strengthen our core competencies and invest in growth channels to drive efficiencies and enhance performance in a sustainable manner.

# Financial Performance

Guided by our 2023 strategic focus, QL delivered another year of uninterrupted growth for the financial year ended 31 March 2024. Our top line expanded RM409.46 million (6.6%) to RM6.65 billion with profit before tax (PBT) recording a solid 30.3% or RM145.70 million year-on-year (YoY) growth to RM626.53 million.

All four business pillars reported positive results and progress in their respective strategic business focus. More details can be read in the Business Review pages.

# **Value Creation Performance**

Our commitment extends beyond just financial metrics. Creating shared value for all stakeholders is embedded in our company ethos.

Our strategy, innovation, capabilities, and focus on value creation were recognised by Deloitte in July 2023, when QL was named one of Malaysia's Best Managed Companies.

QL was added as a constituent of both the FTSE4Good Bursa **Malaysia Index and FTSE4Good Bursa Malaysia Shariah Index** 

In the latest development, QL was added as a constituent of both the FTSE4Good Bursa Malaysia (F4GBM) Index and FTSE4Good Bursa Malaysia Shariah (F4GBMS) Index following the June 2024 review, effective 24 June 2024. These inclusions reflect QL's progress in implementing strong environmental, social and governance (ESG) practices, as well as our commitment to Shariah compliance.

# **Progressing Sustainability**

Sustainability aligns with our founding philosophy of value for all. In FY2024. OL undertook a full materiality assessment to ensure our material matters remain synchronous and have continued relevance with stakeholder expectations. We employed the double materiality concept which aims to show the interconnectedness of a company's impacts on society and the environment with the financial performance as recommended by the Task Force on Climaterelated Financial Disclosures. This resulted in a refined new set of 15 material matters, including two new areas: Customer Responsibility, and Innovation and Technology.

A snapshot of our top progress on sustainability matters:

- 7.0% GHG intensity reduction (FY2020 baseline: 37.1 tCO<sub>2</sub>e/RM Mil Revenue; target 20% reduction by
- 45.2% of QL's energy requirements derived from renewable resources (977,506.75 GJ); avoided 10,062.95 tCO<sub>2</sub>e
- 95.3% hazardous and non-hazardous waste generated diverted from landfills with 202,482.89 MT recycled or recovered
- 100% of our operations assessed for corruption-related risks with no violations of Anti-Bribery Policy
- 29.70 training hours per executive and 21.21 training hours per non-executive on average
- Set a goal of 8% YoY improvement over three years in LTIFR

We are mindful of responsible consumption and seek ways to minimise food waste and maximise community impact. By redirecting almost 22,000 meals to feed the needy and supporting 505 preschoolers in child nutrition efforts, we nourished present and future generations. Additionally, we provided RM22 million in interest-free loans to nearly 900 fishermen via our FFAS to uplift their livelihoods.

Heightening our sustainability efforts, we developed 4 new policies, revamped 4 existing ones and enhanced another policy.



Detailed reading of our sustainability efforts can be found on pages 30 - 79.

**QL RESOURCES BERHAD** 

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## **GOVERNANCE**

Integrity is the foundation of QL. Acting in good faith, delivering on promises and staying true to our word has earned QL invaluable goodwill among stakeholders.

In safeguarding this intangible capital, QL maintains a zero-tolerance stance on bribery and corruption.

# Our Anti-Bribery Framework was reviewed in FY2024 to ensure continued alignment with the TRUST principles

Refresher sessions were conducted for employees to re-emphasise our stance on the matter. To enhance communication of our Anti-Bribery Policy, a series of multi-lingual Anti-Bribery and Anti-Corruption Awareness collaterals have been planned, with the first series disseminated across all business units.

QL has also introduced a Supply Chain Policy to set clear guidelines for both procurement activities and suppliers. The policy reflects QL's commitment to environmental and social sustainability throughout our supply chain, encouraging responsible practices and strict compliance.

In our pursuit of continuous improvement, QL Kitchen, CVS' central kitchen unit, achieved ISO 45001:2018 certification for occupational health and safety. This commitment to a safe workplace extends across all our sites, with a dedicated team actively working towards expanding this certification. We believe occupational health and safety is a fundamental human right and a fundamental principle in our value creation process.

Food is a basic human need and we believe in providing accurate and transparent information about our products' quality, nutrition and safety. Our labelling practices strictly adhere to the Malaysia Food Act 1983, Food Regulations 1985, and incorporate relevant United States Food & Drug Administration's (FDA) guidelines. This ensures our customers have the information needed to make informed choices.

At the same time, our new Responsible Marketing and Advertising Policy ensures ethical and accurate marketing communications, consistent with our values, reflecting our commitment to transparency and ethical conduct. It references the Malaysian Code of Advertising Practice and Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Content Code 2022.

In FY2024, we enhanced our data security framework, along with a revamp and implementation plan of QL's Data Privacy and Security Policy governing the management of personal data collected and processed by QL.

This coincides with our increased integration of technology, including upgrading our Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system to improve efficiency and scalability. Embracing technology smoothens the path of QL's compliance, being in the pioneer phase of Malaysia's e-invoice implementation.

Following five years of leadership transition planning, QL has implemented a structured management approach with CEOs and Deputy CEOs in the business pillars. To incentivise and retain key personnel across the group, we propose a share grant scheme, aligning their interests with shareholders through equity participation and motivating them to drive QL's continued success.

QL's strategic direction is guided by our core values of win-win, innovation, integrity and teamwork, and a strong Board. This lays strong foundation for our business operations, which are enhanced by the personality and culture that have been nurtured throughout the value chain. Regular assessments ensure a well-rounded Board with complementary skills, competencies and qualifications to effectively guide QL and champion stakeholder interests. Our Board practices are benchmarked against the Malaysian Code of Corporate Governance. An independent, externally facilitated evaluation of the Board in FY2024 confirmed the Board's effectiveness, noting its formality, professionalism, and cohesiveness. The Board Leadership and Board Dynamics and Culture were particularly highlighted.

More details about our governance practices can be read on pages 97 - 104.

# Strategic Focus for FY2025

Our vision is to be the preferred global agro-based enterprise. To achieve this, we understand that knowing our destination must come accompanied with action, laid out in a clear roadmap that aligns our core values with our endeavour to create shared value for all.

Understanding core competencies allows us to identify opportunities that bolster our value chain. To advance on our strategic framework, QL's 4C approach – Conserve, Continue, Core Focus and Cultivate – is the rubric that guides resource allocation and initiative prioritised.

Our fortunes are interwoven with the fabric of the agro-sector prosperity. Recognising the impact of climate change, we are expanding our involvement in renewable energy through BM Greentech Berhad (formerly Boilermech Holdings Berhad). Growing the business at this subsidiary enables us to provide a wider range of sustainability solutions for both internal operations and external customers. This aligns perfectly with QL's "Sustainably Enhancing Performance" strategy.

As part of our strategic direction, QL is divesting our Tawau plantation business in the coming year to redirect resources into other growth channels. This move reflects our intention to gradually shift away from palm oil, focusing on clean biomass and solar energy.

We continuously innovate to generate long-term value. Automation streamlines processes while the use of connected sensors enables data collection and analysis for presentation in a dashboard to enhance efficiency and productivity. We are increasing our capacity to capture mission critical information for a data-driven approach and decision-making to drive value.

Committed to responsible consumption, we embrace a circular economy approach. Our waste hierarchy system prioritises reduction, reuse, recycling, and recovery. We transform byproducts into valuable inputs, reducing raw material reliance and environmental impact associated with extractions and processing new resources. For example, organic materials become fishmeal and chicken manure transforms into organic fertiliser.

QL's Board leads the strategy setting and oversees its implementation and progress through active participation in operations, ensuring continuous progress towards the creation of long-term value.

Collectively, our multi-faceted strategic focus supports the scaling of QL towards our vision

# **PROSPECTS**

As we heighten our emphasis on ethical and transparent practices, we are working towards solidifying consumer trust. This is an invaluable asset in a world increasingly concerned about food quality, safety and traceability.

We note that geopolitical developments can impact our business. As we continue to execute and advance on our strategy, we keep in mind the uncertainty of posturing and geopolitical tensions.

Being a leading producer of food from agro resources, in particular affordable protein for the masses and nourishing food, we are in the position to directly contribute to national food security. Together with our commitment to sustainability, including renewable energy and responsible resource management, QL's businesses align perfectly with growing global and national emphasis on environmentally friendly practices. As such, QL's prospects are positive.

# ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND APPRECIATION

Our philosophy of creating value for all compels us to continue delivering growth and shared value for stakeholders. QL's philosophy intertwines with the spirit of sustainability, to ensure we are responsible in our value creation without jeopardising the ability of future generations to meet their needs.

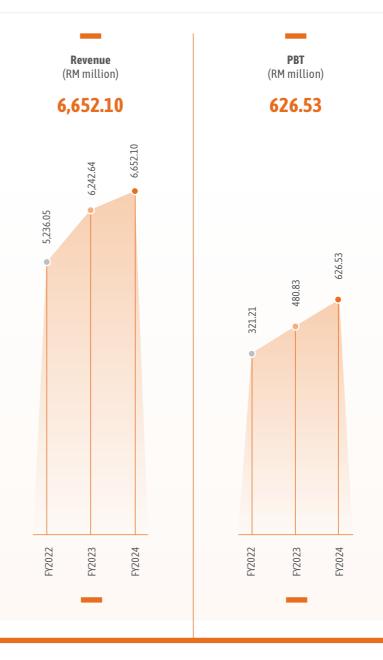
We are confident in our strategy that has guided us to our successes today. Honed and focused through the years, the overarching Strategic Business Growth and Strengthening Core Competencies components of our strategic thrusts progress us towards being the preferred agro-based enterprise. Our commitment to creating sustainable value is unwavering and we are convinced the advent of smart technology will support our journey.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I extend appreciation to all stakeholders for their continued faith and trust in QL. A special thank you note to our Independent Non-Executive Director, Cindy Tan, who had served the Board until 30 September 2023. We are grateful for the loyalty and support of my fellow Board members, Management, and all employees for their dedication and commitment to quan li.

# **Group Chief Executive Officer's Review**

## **Group Chief Executive Officer's Review**





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The business environment for QL's FY2024 was a complex picture. The glimmers of economic recovery met with significant challenges arising from persisting core inflation globally, new geopolitical tensions, fluctuating commodity prices and extreme weather patterns.

# Mr. Chia Song Kooi

Group Chief Executive Officer As a leading agri-food producer, QL understands the vital role we play in ensuring food security for the nations we serve.

We remained steadfast in our commitment to uninterrupted operations, ensuring a consistent supply of nutritious and affordable food while adapting to evolving preferences.

Guided by our strategy, we executed on the outlined approaches to capitalise on opportunities and strengthen our core competencies to sustain growth. We invested into technology to drive efficiency and countering pressures from competition.

Embracing a progressive mindset and fostering a collaborative team spirit to persevere through challenges, QL delivered a strong FY2024 with a new record profit before tax (PBT) of RM626.53 million on the back of RM6.65 billion revenue. Profit after tax and minority interests (PATAMI) increased by 26.2% to RM437.85 million.

QL is unwavering in our pursuit of sustainable value creation for all stakeholders. Our mission of creating nourishing products from agro resources has established us as a trusted food producer in Southeast Asia. We hold the distinction of being the region's leading producer of surimi-based food items, the preferred egg producer in our countries of operation, and the master franchisee of FamilyMart in Malaysia. Beyond food, QL's expertise extends to clean energy solutions, encompassing solar PV and biomass technology, as well as water treatment solutions. This allows us to journey alongside other companies and contribute to a more sustainable future.

Ql's business pillars operate with a strong focus on responsible resource utilisation. We adopt a circular economy approach, where waste from one business segment becomes a raw material or catalyst for another. For example, almost 25,000 MT of organic waste from our marine processing plants were repurposed into fishmeal for the aquaculture sector.

In FY2024, QL delivered a robust performance across our core business pillars. The MPM and ILF pillars delivered exemplary results fuelled by a confluence of factors. Good fish landings, lower input costs for downstream manufacturing and stable selling prices for surimi-based products provided a favourable environment. Beyond these, the broader market offered additional tailwinds. Stable egg selling prices courtesy of the Malaysian government's intervention on egg price control and subsidy, and an initial decline in commodity prices provided relief to the challenges faced in the Vietnam operations. We were also able to capitalise on the growing ESG trends and the National Energy Transition Roadmap (NETR) in POCE, while CVS expanded steadily with enhanced operational efficiency. These combined elements provided stability and momentum that resulted in a positive performance.

Overall, all four business pillars demonstrated QL's effectiveness in capitalising on evolving market conditions and strategically pursuing sustainable growth.



More detailed reading about our business performance and operational outlook can be found in the Business Review on pages 20 - 27.

# **Strategy**

Strategy

Embracing a Sustainable Future: Our Strategic Roadmap QL's vision is to be the world's preferred agro-based enterprise. We achieve this through continuous innovation, creating "purple oceans" where we offer unique value to stakeholders. This means developing innovative (blue ocean) products and solutions that disrupt established markets (red oceans).

Our strategy prioritises sustainable value creation. We manage all forms of capital responsibly, particularly natural and manufactured resources, to ensure we can continue providing nourishing food for generations to come.

QL's strategy has two key components that drive growth and efficiency, allowing us to capitalise on opportunities while mitigating potential risks. Our goal is to achieve sustainable, long-term growth.

# **Strengthening Core Competencies**

We continuously improve operational efficiency and risk management to stay ahead of the curve. Four enablers facilitate our business objectives. We focus on strengthening these enablers for long-term sustainability.

# **Strategic Business Growth**

We actively seek new opportunities to expand our reach and impact by constantly innovating to achieve sustainable growth. Our strategy focuses on three growth models, executing via a 4C Approach, which guides how we allocate resources to optimise growth.

In FY2024, QL invested RM364.6 million or 5.5% of revenue to grow our businesses strategically.

# Conserve

Consolidate and transform to unlock and enhance value

- · Maintain fishing fleet at 30 vessels
- · Leverage direct sales channel for QL-branded MPM products
- · Invest further in Vietnam's ILF regional operations
- · Restructure POA

## Continue

Nurture and expand existing successful businesses

- · Replicate raw material trading regionally
- Explore different species for aquaculture

Prioritise and invest in core competencies to excel in our chosen segments and

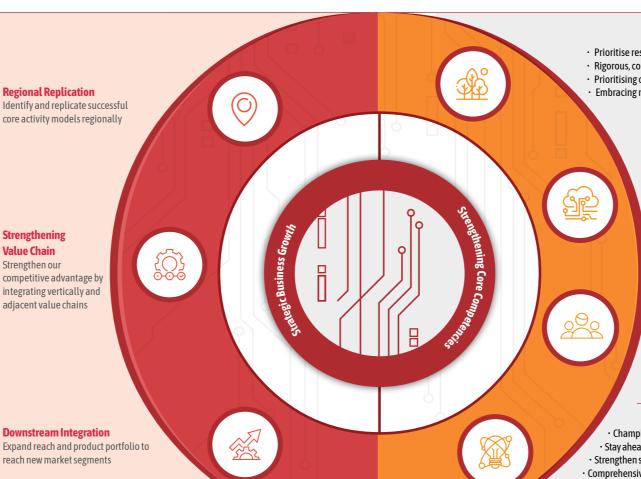
- · Expand surimi-based products manufacturing regionally
- Evolve and increase CVS touchpoints in high potential locales especially east coast of Peninsular Malaysia
- · Expand climate solution capability through acquisition
- · Strengthen CE branding and solutions portfolio

# **Core Focus**

Explore and develop new business opportunities for future growth

- · Optimise QL Kitchen capacity by supplying to other businesses
- Develop and increase range of convenient RTE food products
- $\cdot \quad \text{Develop leadership foothold in the residential solar market}$
- · Develop AI solutions for business use

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Sustainably Enhancing Performance

- · Prioritise responsible practices, driving positive impacts for the economy, environment, and society
- · Rigorous, continuous audits across all farms, safeguard animal health and food safety
- · Prioritising operational safety and health with external validation through audits and certifications
- Embracing renewable energy, monitoring water usage, and exploring alternative water sources at all sites

# **Integrating Technology**

- Data-driven approach for efficiency and decision-making in a timely manner
- $\boldsymbol{\cdot} \,\, \text{Real-time monitoring at operating sites for effective audit\,\&\, control, and identify areas for improvement}$
- $\cdot \ \, \text{Embark on data journey for reporting, performance management and continuous improvement culture}$
- $\bullet \ \ Utilise\ digital\ platforms\ to\ expand\ customer\ base\ and\ connect\ in\ new\ ways$
- Knowledge transfer across business units to accelerate improvement initiatives
- · Invest in ongoing learning, upskilling and employee wellbeing
- · Foster professional and personal development through merit-based career progression
- Robust talent pipeline and succession plan for business continuity
- Streamline and professionalise organisation structure
- $\cdot \ \, \text{Embrace human rights and fair labour practices, creating a safe and inclusive work environment}$

**Empowering Talents** 

- · Champion innovation and cultivate trust through certified quality and safety to build stronger brands
- Stay ahead of the curve via purple ocean strategy, continuously innovating product and service to meet evolving lifestyles
   Strengthen sales, marketing, and customer networks to expand our footprint
- · Comprehensive crisis management plan in preparation for any situation
- $\boldsymbol{\cdot} \, \text{Adhere to the highest standards, maintain multiple food quality and safety certifications} \\$

**Enhance Branding & Product Innovation** 

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# **Significant Risks & Opportunities**

Significant Risks & Opportunities

# Market Risk -

Events such as trade wars, wars and disputes arising from global, regional and domestic politics may potentially lead to:

- Adverse impact on economy in general
- Disruption of global supply chain, hence food insecurity (i.e. shortages & price escalation)
- Negative consumer sentiments toward certain business segments affecting their choice of products
- Volatile foreign currency fluctuation & commodity pricing environment

## **Mitigation Measures**

- Close monitoring of global & regional events through various channels and conduct swift assessment and respond where appropriate
- Regular management meetings are held to review market data, deliberate on the current events and making commodity trading and currency
- Diversification of market and source of key supplies where necessary
- Hedging process is in place to mitigate any impact that may arise from foreign currencies fluctuation

# Opportunities

- Reduced reliance on any single region and leveraging alternative supply sources can lead to long term cost savings and mitigate suppliers concentration risk
- Opening up new markets to capture growth opportunities and attract new business partners
- Increased adoption of business intelligence (BI) tools, fostering data-driven decision making culture and agile management style that is responsive to changes in the macroenvironment

# **Capital Inputs**

(RM)

**Material Matters** 

# **Stakeholders**







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**Mitigation Measures** 

Diversifying to alternative ingredients

**Environmental Risk** 

caused by climate change.

Capitalising on QL's subsidiary i.e. BM Greentech's industry leading capabilities to build & implement environmental solutions internally and for other businesses, expanding into a new revenue stream for QL

Failure to comply with the environmental legislation (e.g., biodiversity impacts, air emissions and waste discharges, etc.) may lead to fines and

In addition, the Group's fishery units are faced with situation of potential depleting fish resources where occurrences of low fish cycle could be

In addition, the Board recognised the significance of climate change and its associated risks which are discussed in the Sustainability Statement's Climate Change

Developing new food products range with alternative ingredients to capture new market

Close monitoring and strict compliance with relevant regulations including Environmental Quality Act. 1974

Continuously reviewing and enhancing fishing vessels' facility and technology in order to improve the catch rate

penalty, reputational damage and adversely impact surrounding environment.







# **Capital Inputs**

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# Stakeholders



**Material Matters** 

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(RM)

**Capital Inputs** 

# Operational Risk -

Disease outbreak is an industry risk which may lead to lower productivity, and higher mortality rate, leading to losses in poultry farms and aquaculture.

Any interruption or loss of electricity supply to major equipment can cause high mortality in chicken houses, leading to losses in poultry business.

# **Mitigation Measures**

- Robust biosecurity monitoring and response mechanism covering activities such as vaccination, regular serology testing, PCR test on chicken and environment to detect presence of pathogen
- Periodic compliance audit to ensure that farms uphold biosecurity procedures
- Periodic training to ensure high level of biosecurity awareness and culture among employees
- Robust preventive maintenance to the electrical equipment and testing functionability of the power generator
- Implementation of periodic drills in order to respond appropriately during emergency

Continually enhancing robust, high-standard biosecurity protocols could establish QL's unique competitive advantage



















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# **IT Security Risk**

Poor IT risk management may introduce vulnerabilities such as data security breaches, operational disruptions, potential intrusion/attacks, (e.g. ransomware, phishing & malware). Thus, adversely affect the Group's reputation, business and financial loss.

- · Continuous enhancement of Group-wide IT Security governance
- Introduction of new ERP system
- Implementation of program and initiatives such as intrusion detection & prevention, disaster recovery program & periodic penetration test

# **Opportunities**

- Robust IT security measures can enhance trust and confidence of stakeholders
- Continuously modernising IT infrastructure enhances data analytics and insights, while supporting business growth and future scalability

# **Material Matters**











# Halal Compliance Halal certification attests that a product manufactured in full compliance with the precepts of Islamic Law. Halal non-compliance will affect the

Compliance Risk —

Group's reputation and lead to loss of business.

However unlikely it is in the industries QL is operating in, any bribery incident risks stiff penalties. In addition, it could have serious impact on the Group's reputation and business growth.

- Implementation and development of Halal Assurance Management System (HAMS) and adherence to JAKIM requirement
- Regular internal reviews and external audits
- Halal awareness training are periodically provided to employees
- Complying fully with the Group's Anti-Bribery Framework and related regulatory requirements All the employees including directors are required to acknowledge and abide by the employees code of conduct
- Periodic anti-bribery awareness training & communications are provided to all the employees

# **Opportunities**

- Strengthen market position and expand access in markets that prioritise Halal-certified products including overseas market Fostering a culture of integrity and ethical behavior leads to better employee engagement and morale

# **Food Safety Risk**

Food production processes are exposed to various sources of contamination which may be caused by factors such as hygiene, quality of input material, pest etc. Lack of proper food safety standards could affect the Group's reputation and lead to sales & financial losses.

- Adoption of various food quality and safety certifications across industries such as HACCP, GMP, MeSTI, Halal and FSSC 22000
- Regular internal and external audits
- The use of technology to minimise human contact as well as to detect potential product contamination

- Continuous enhancement of food safety standards to retain consumer trust and loyalty
- Increased adoption of automation & technology to reduce human contact and minimise contamination further improves operational efficiency and food safety standards

# **Material Matters**











**QL RESOURCES BERHAD** 

# **Value Creation Business Model**

Value Creation Business Model

Produced 1.40 billion

standard protein

servings1

(FY23: 1.20 billion)

Produced

23.10

million

meals for

Malaysians<sup>2</sup>

(FY23: 19.50 million)

Maintained

99%

score of

**OUTCOMES** 





# **NATURAL CAPITAL**

- · 2,161,706.80 GJ energy consumed
- · 3.085,930 m³ water withdrawal
- · 31,959 solar panels installed (+1,802 from
- · Total of 5,000 mangrove seedlings planted to-date



# **MANUFACTURED CAPITAL**

- · Over 30 operating entities
- · Operating in 3 countries
- 2 central kitchens
- · Climate solutions engineering
- · 7,000 MT per annum ready-to-cook food plant in Johor commissioned in December 2023
- Acquired new layer farm in Melaka with a 600,000 epd operation



# INTELLECTUAL CAPITAL

- · Quality and halal certified products
- · Best practices and 10 food safety and quality certifications
- · QL Poultry Academy



# **HUMAN CAPITAL**

- · Inclusive and diverse workforce of over 16,331 employees across 4 business pillars
- Training and development programmes to nurture and upskill employees
- · Ongoing ISO45001 audits



# **SOCIAL CAPITAL**

- Open communication channels and dialogues between QL and stakeholders ensuring a mutually beneficial relationship
- Distributed RM939,546 net profit to support the community at large



# FINANCIAL CAPITAL

- · Total equity: RM2.9 billion
- · Total borrowings: RM1.3 billion









CVS



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CORE VALUES

**MISSION** 

We create nourishing

products from agro

resources, leading

to benefit for all

parties.



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- 977,507 GJ Renewable Energy Generated (FY23: 841,906 GJ)\* 45.2% of QL's energy requirements derived from renewable
- 25,796 tCO,e Emissions Avoided (FY23: 25,154 tCO,e)\* 7.0% GHG Émission Intensity Reduction (FY20 baseline: 37.1 tCO.e/
- RM Mil Revenue\*\*; target 20% reduction by FY26)\* 692 m<sup>3</sup>/RM Mil Revenue Water Withdrawal Intensity (0.7% reduction; FY23: 697 m3/RM Mil Revenue\*\*)\*
- 5,073 m<sup>3</sup> Rainwater Harvested (FY23: 6,754 m<sup>3</sup>) due to reduced Recycled/recovered 202,483 MT of non-hazardous waste (FY23:
- 194,237 MT recycled/recovered\*\*)\*
- Diverted 95.3% of waste from landfills and incineration (FY23: 95.3%)\* 91.9% of chicken manure converted into organic fertiliser (FY23:
- 95.0%\*\*)\* & 8.1% recovered for other usages Planted 2,000 mangrove seedlings with 95% survival rate after 7
- months (FY23: 2.000@99% after 4 months)

Safe and conducive working environment with personal

and career development paths to nurture an engaged

RM661 million paid in salaries and wages (FY23:

380 enrolled in Leaders Enhancement and

Development (LEAD) Programme (FY23: 373)

Process Programme with 27 participants

Completed third batch of Accelerated Learning

Group-wide Occupational Safety campaign over 3

ISO45001:2018 certification obtained for OL Kitchen

Established goal of 8% YoY improvement in LTIFR over

Maintained 0 substantiated complaints of human

300,807 upskilling and training hours (FY23: 219,491)

RM571 million)

rights violations

three years



Safe, quality and nourishing sources of protein produced by integrating technology with best practices and renewable energy solutions

- RM6.65 hillion revenue (FY23: RM6.24 hillion) 2.60 billion eggs (FY23: 2.40 billion)
- 168,000 MT of fish (FY23: 153,000 MT)
- 19 53 million broilers (FY23: 19 82 million) Over 1.400 quality halal certified products (FY23: Over 1.000)
- 26.00 MWp solar PV installed for businesses (FY23: 13.40 MWp)
- 27 water treatment plants with 3.2 million m<sup>3</sup> waste and raw water treatment capacity installed for businesses (FY23: 10, 0.5 million
- 49 biosecurity audits (FY23: 52) conducted across 20 farms

Build and maintain relationship with stakeholders across

operational locations by playing a role in socio-economic

(FY23-924)

lives: RM835 600)

51.5% of QL's total procurement spend was on local suppliers

Enhanced the livelihoods of 895 fishermen through FFAS

through Corporate Philanthropy initiatives (FY23: 11,900

12.770 locals employed in our operations (FY23: 11.619)

provided with daily protein requirements for 11 months

6.336 kg of food or 21.979 meals channelled to vulnerable

Formalised 4 new policies, revamped 4 policies and

4,849 suppliers signed QL's Suppliers and Business

Associates Code of Business Ethics (FY23: 3,433)

505 kindergarten children from vulnerable comr

(FY23: 207 children for 6 months)

enhanced 1 nolicy on FSG matters

Impacted 11,656 lives via over RM939,500 distributed



**OUTPUTS** 

Sustainable business growth driven by trust and reputation with deep pool of knowledge, experience, and robust systems Over 10 accepted and trusted brands (FY23:

- over 10 brands)
- Valid Halal and international certifications Halal certification for FamiCafé outlets
- Export to more than 10 countries (FY23: more than 10 countries)
- QL Poultry Academy training completed at 4 farms, intensifying poultry farming knowledge

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Sustain long-term shareholder value by

Total proposed dividend payment:

and debt

optimising financial resources including equity

Resilient business performance, PATAMI:

RM437.85 million (FY23: RM346.82 million)

RM158 21 million (FY23: RM170 36 million)

Cumulative shareholder return since listing

in year 2000: 13.000% ROI (FY23: 12.700%)

Total finance cost: RM72 02 million (FY23:

Initiated integration of Farm Management System and new ERP system, improving efficiency and productivity

# **UN SDGs**



"Fair to Excellent" for QL Eggs and QLMushroom brand in Consumer Satisfaction Survey

> Included in the FTSE4Good Bursa Malaysia

# (F4GBM) Index

and FTSE4Good Bursa Malaysia Shariah

(F4GBMS) Index

> 93% employee

engagement score

**UN SDGs** 

RM64.48 million)

for CVS



- Information pertains to subsidiaries reported within the Sustainability Statement
- Restated with revised calculation

- Based on average protein serving of 26g (recommended average daily protein intake by USDA Dietary Guidelines), computed using production volume for MPM and ILF businesses. Based on average 2,000 calories per meal per day (recommended daily calories intake by the
- Ministry of Health Malaysia), computed using CVS meal production

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# **OUR VALUE CHAIN**

## **MPM ASSETS**

# Aquaculture farming

- **9** operating entities
- Deep-sea fishing Fishmeal production

- Surimi-based products manufacturing
- Seafood snacks

# **KEY DEVELOPMENTS**

25,000 MT per annum surimi-based products plant in Indonesia commissioned in April 2024



7,000 MT per annum surimi-based ready-to-cook food plant in Johor commissioned in December 2023

Completed acquisition of an 86-hectare land in Perak

New workers quarters in Perak completed all inspections





Expanded Orang Asli recruitment efforts











# **Marine Products Manufacturing (MPM)**

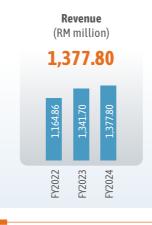
QL's heritage is marine based. Through our MPM business, we are a leading player in Southeast Asia, specialising in the entire value chain of marine food production. QL is involved in everything from deep-sea fishing, aquaculture and fishmeal all the way through to processing surimi, surimi-based products and marine based food snacks.

We prioritise food quality and safety, upholding our brand promise by adhering to rigorous audits for international certifications, including standards such as Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) certification, Malaysian Good Agricultural Practice (MyGAP), US Federal Department of Agriculture (USDA) and EU regulations, as well as halal certification.

# **Financial Performance**

Maintaining the momentum from its previous recovery year, the MPM business continued its positive trajectory in FY2024, achieving a 2.7% YoY revenue increase to RM1.38 billion. This was accompanied by a 13.9% increase in PBT to RM275.80 million.

Our anticipation of good fish landings, lower input cost for downstream activities, and favourable prices for fishmeal and surimi-based products materialised, providing significant tailwinds that propelled our performance in MPM. The stronger US dollar presented a strategic advantage in higher export, boosting earnings. The increase in volume and selling prices of fishmeal and surimi-based products were slightly dampened by stiff competition faced in surimi and weaker aquaculture performance due to extreme weather conditions.





# **Operational Review**

MPM's FY2024 operations delivered continued progress in key segments, strategic capacity expansion, and adaption to market dynamics.

The full operations of all our 30 technologically equipped vessels capitalised on a year of good fish landings. In contrast, extreme dry weather and heavy rainfall significantly impacted our overall aquaculture segment negatively.

The commissioning of the new production plants installed with automation and information systems will efficiently increase our annual capacity by 32,000 metric tonnes. The Kulai, Johor plant producing gyoza was commissioned in December 2023. The new Indonesian surimi-based products plant successfully completed its trial and is operational since April 2024. The new plant in Indonesia reaffirms our regional replication strategy of our core business and strengthening of our value chain, solidifying our position at the forefront of the MPM industry.

QL's strategic land acquisition in Hutan Melintang for the planned expansion was finalised, and application for land partitioning, conversion to industrial use, and development order is ongoing.

Our dedication to our workforce extends beyond employment opportunities. We prioritise their wellbeing by providing comfortable accommodation. The new quarters in Hutan Melintang, Perak have completed all required inspections and will house over 700 workers upon receiving the requisite certificates. Additionally, we expanded our Orang Asli recruitment efforts, onboarding 89 individuals at our Endau operations, demonstrating our commitment to supporting local communities.

# **Challenges**

The challenges of surimi supply competition experienced in the previous year persisted into FY2024. Strong production volume, particularly from Russia exerted downward pressure on both surimi sales volume and prices.

Climate change brought about extreme weather which affected our site locations, impacting our operations. The weather conditions also heightened disease challenges in our aquaculture activities, presenting a situation that required additional adaption and learning. In addition, the global aquaculture activities slowed down, causing a roll-on weakened demand for fishmeal in the second half of FY2024.

## Outlook

The weather is expected to swing to La Niña later this year, bringing a potential cooling of ocean surface, altering ocean currents, changes in rainfall and storm activities. The World Meteorological Organization warned that the weather is expected to be more extreme due to extra heat and moisture in our atmosphere. This will have an impact on fish landings and aquaculture activities, and roll-on effect on the MPM value chain.

Barring unforeseen weather disruptions, fish landings are projected to remain stable, providing a steady supply for MPM's operations.

Price pressures are expected for fishmeal due to a combination of factors - increased fishing quota in Peru, competition from India and Thailand, and weaker demand from a slower global aquaculture sector.

The surimi segment is anticipated to face continued headwinds from international competition, particularly from Russia, and potential price dampening due to the weak Japanese Yen. We will rise to the challenges via ongoing efforts to enhance production efficiency.

Our newly commissioned Indonesian surimi-based products plant will boost our production capacity and competitiveness. This, coupled with declining input costs and intensified marketing efforts, is expected to generate positive outcomes for surimi-based products.

The operating costs might be indirectly impacted by the ongoing restructuring of the diesel subsidy, but we remain committed to optimising operations throughout the year.

We recognise both potential opportunities and challenges in the horizon. By proactively managing these dynamics and focusing on operational excellence, we are cautiously optimistic of MPM's performance in FY2025.

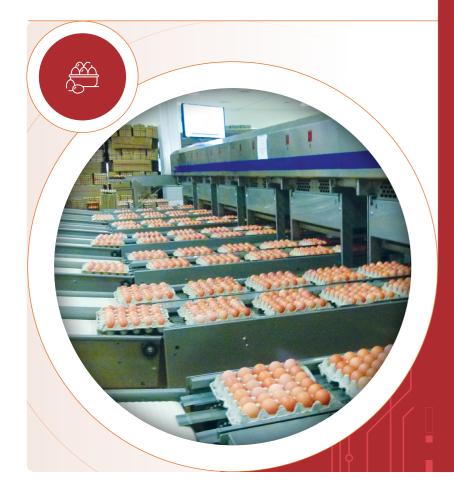
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# OUR VALUE CHAIN ILF ASSETS

- Animal feed raw material 15 operating entities trade
- Commercial feed milling
- Layer farming
- Broiler integration (eggs, broiler chickens, Day Old Chicks (DOCs))

# **KEY DEVELOPMENTS**

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QL Poultry Academy training completed at 4 layer farms

49 biosecurity audits across 20 farms

Initiated the adoption of a more comprehensive farm management system

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1,670 pieces of solar panels installed at the QL Eco Farms, capable of generating about 918 kWp

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Acquired 600,000 epd layer farm in Melaka











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# **Integrated Livestock Farming (ILF)**

The ILF business plays a crucial role in Southeast Asia's food security. As one of the region's leading egg producers, the ILF operates a vertically integrated value chain, encompassing animal feed raw material trading, commercial feed milling, layer farming for eggs, and broiler integration across Malaysia, Indonesia and Vietnam. This integrated approach allows us to optimise resource utilisation, improve operational efficiency, and minimise environmental impact, ultimately delivering reliable sources of protein.

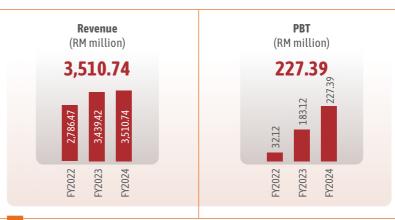
Beyond providing high-quality and affordable protein to consumers, the ILF contributes to a sustainable food production. We utilise the latest technology to optimise farm operating conditions, and maintain rigorous biosecurity protocols to improve productivity and ensure the quality, safety, and sustainability of our protein sources production. This commitment to quality is further validated by various third-party certifications and halal certification.

# Financial Performance

Performance of the ILF business normalised in FY2024 after a year of remarkable revenue growth in previous financial year, recording a marginal 2.1% increase to RM3.51 billion. This resilience was driven by stable selling prices and a higher volume of farm produce, particularly eggs with the inclusion of a newly acquired layer farm. This positive uplift helped offset the lower unit selling prices in the feed raw material market.

While revenue faced headwinds, the improved efficiency of farming operations in Malaysia and Indonesia, along with improved sales and marketing strategies, coupled with growing consumer acceptance of QL-branded eggs, translated the slight revenue increase into a stellar 24.2%

improvement in PBT to RM227.39 million. Although feed costs moderated, other input costs remained high. The eggs ceiling price also remained in place, thus the continued Malaysian government cost subsidy for eggs played a crucial role in maintaining profitability.



# **Operational Review**

As a reliable source of high-quality protein, QL's ILF eggs and broilers form the nutritional foundation of everyday nourishment, contributing to healthy communities across Southeast Asia.



The ILF business delivered on expectations set in the previous year's Integrated Annual Report, demonstrating the effectiveness of our strategies in enhancing our operations even amidst persistent challenges. While navigating a volatile commodity market environment, the continued focus on farm productivity, improved sales, and marketing strategy of QL-branded eggs contributed to a good set of results.

We are ramping up the adoption of technology to provide us with a dashboard view on data-driven insights across multiple functions including sales and channels. The piloting of the farm management system in FY2023 paved the way for the wider digitalisation of our farm operations.

To streamline and standardise operating procedure, we introduced the QL Poultry Academy to emphasise employees' understanding and adherence to the prescribed protocols. To this end, we completed the QL Poultry Academy training at 4 layer farms. A total of 49 biosecurity audits (FY2023: 52) were also conducted across 20 farms, and we have embarked on the journey to have our laboratory accredited.

During the financial year in review, we acquired a 600,000 epd layer farm in Melaka, Malaysia. This strategic move bolsters our production capacity and further strengthens our market position. We are investing more resources to improve the production efficiency of the operations.

In terms of growing the brand, we have expanded strategically into various sales channels and intensified marketing efforts to reach out to the broader consumer market. The initiative also simultaneously grew the brand awareness of QL-branded eggs in the market.

## **Challenges**

The geopolitical situation that developed in the Middle East added a new complexity to feed raw material supply and prices. The initial relief of the receding prices was short-lived as market dynamics shifted, resulting in a volatile environment. The stabilising soybean and wheat prices were met with the headwind of logistics disruption stemming from disruptions in Red Sea shipping routes. Consequently, the fluctuations in the elevated prices exerted pressure on farm input costs.

Adding to the pressure, the ringgit weakened against the greenback throughout the financial year. With corn, soybean meal and wheat being primarily imported feed raw materials, the unfavourable foreign exchange further inflated farm input costs.

The operations in Indonesia and Vietnam grappled with lower egg and broiler selling prices due to weak consumer sentiment throughout the year despite respite in feed costs.

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The global commodities prices are expected to stabilise, leading to a normalisation for our raw material trading segment.

The ringgit is also expected to regain some grounds against the US dollar, contributing to lower feed costs. This enabled sustained integrated farming activities at a steady operating cost level and stable average selling price.

The Malaysian government could potentially float the egg prices during FY2025. The removal of price controls and cost subsidy presents both opportunities and challenges. However, we are confident our continued operational efficiency and cost optimisation will minimise the impact as the market settles into a new demand-supply equilibrium.

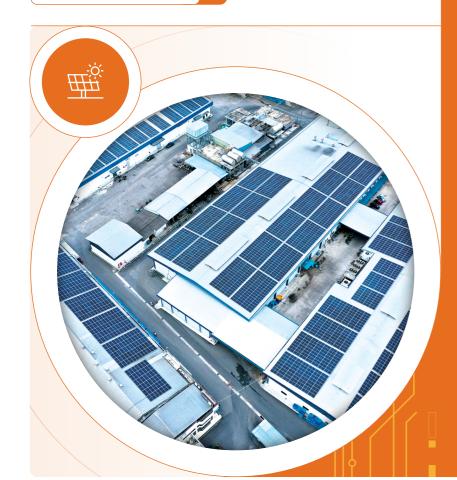
Overall, the ILF business is poised for a year of positive performance in FY2025.

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# **OUR VALUE CHAIN**

## **6** operating entities Bioenergy and solar

- energy solutions
- Water treatment solutions
- Crude Palm Oil (CPO)
- milling

# **KEY DEVELOPMENTS**

**POCE ASSETS** 

**16,000** hectares of

Approximately 26 MWp of solar panel capacity installed across a total of 800 projects

6 wastewater treatment plants with 1.6 million m³ wastewater treatment capacity installed at customers'

21 new water treatment systems with 1.6 million m³ raw water treatment capacity installed at customers'

Re-branding of Boilermech to BM Greentech in

September 2023

Completion of Tawau palm oil mill divestment (Mill 2) in

# Palm Oil and Clean Energy (POCE)

Our POCE business segments encompass palm oil activities (POA) and clean energy (CE) engineering, which include bioenergy, solar energy, and water treatment.

The CE unit catalyses climate change responsibility by enabling businesses to adopt environmental solutions that either harness solar energy or convert byproducts into valuable energy sources. Meanwhile, QL's palm oil operations comprise providing milling services to smallholders and oil palm plantation which are Malaysian Sustainable Palm Oil (MSPO) and Indonesian Sustainable Palm Oil (ISPO) certified.

# **Financial Performance**

POCE staged an outstanding turnaround, rebounding from a lacklustre year to return RM676.28 million revenue, or 12.6% growth, with a spectacular 448.0% in PBT to RM64.34

Significant progress on ongoing CE projects fuelled a notable increase in revenue and margin improvement. Additionally, the RM12.8 million disposal gain from our Tawau palm oil mill helped performance of POA, mitigating impacts of lower CPO price.





# **Operational Review**

In FY2024, POCE took a significant step towards aligning the CE segment with QL's broader sustainability focus and philosophy of creating shared value for all stakeholders. Our subsidiary, Boilermech Holdings Berhad was rebranded in September 2023 and now trades as BM Greentech Berhad. For deeper dive into BM Greentech's performance, please refer to their 2023/2024 Annual Report at https://www.boilermech.com/investorrelations.html#annualreport



In FY2024, a total of 800 solar solutions projects and 27 wastewater treatment solutions were completed. Collectively, these impactful projects can generate 26 MWp of energy from renewable sources and treat 3,200 megalitres of wastewater.

As reported previously, we engaged in discussions to divest our Sabah Palm Oil Mill 2 as part of the POA restructuring outlined in the Conserve approach of our strategy. We concluded the divestment in January 2024 and a one-time gain of RM12.8 million was recorded in our Q4 financials. This divestment enabled resources to be channelled into areas with better growth prospects for long-term sustainability.

POA showed improvements. Higher FFB tonnage processed throughout the year coupled with improved milling efficiency and better Oil Extraction Rate (OER) mitigated impacts of the drop in CPO selling prices. FFB production from our own estate was also higher.

Our commitment to sustainable palm oil is demonstrated by maintaining the MSPO certification for our palm oil estates and mill, adhering to rigorous standards including responsible land management, protection of high conservation value areas, and ensuring product traceability. Out of the close to 16,000 hectares of estate holding, only slightly over half (approximately 9,000 hectares) are currently cultivated. The remaining land is deliberately left fallowing in accordance with responsible land management principles.

# **Challenges**

In delivering on CE projects that help other businesses in their ESG adoption, we are confronted with the urgency of adopting such solutions - heavy rains delayed project progress.

Capacity building in terms of qualified and trained manpower slowed project intake and execution.

# Outlook

In August 2023, Malaysia revised its target of renewable energy installed capacity from 40% by 2040 to 70% by 2050, predominantly by increasing the number of solar energy projects. Favourable policies such as the Net Energy Metering (NEM) will greatly benefit the CE business, and we are ready to support and adopt national aspirations.

A healthy pipeline of project orders on hand for the CE business, with strengthening ringgit is set to be a boon for performance and margins.

We are quietly confident in cementing our position as one of the leading rooftop solar PV system providers, including through M&A as outlined in our strategy. We are in the unique position of having expertise in commercial and industrial installations that we can leverage to create value for residential customers.

Brighter skies are also forecast for POA as FFB production is expected to improve, as with OER. We are in the midst of initiating the disposal process of Mill 1 in FY2025 as part of the POA restructuring plans.

Overall, a sunny outlook is projected for the POCE pillar.

## **Business Review**

**Business Review** 

**BUSINESS PILLAR** 04 **OUR VALUE CHAIN CVS ASSETS 395** Family Mart stores FamilyMart stores, **102** FM Mini FamilyMart Food Superstores, FM Mini 97 halal certified ĬПШĬ and FamiCafé FamiCafé 2 central kitchens Central kitchens **KEY DEVELOPMENTS 8 8** --- **4 8** Over 200 halal certified products available at Family Mart stores FamilyMart --- #8 <u>F</u> One of the selected suppliers to supply in-flight meals to MAS Awana via OL Kitchen QL Kitchen awarded ISO 45001:2018 certification **2** 8 -1,000 kWp solar PV system installed at QL Kitchen

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# **Convenience Store Chain (CVS)**

Founded on the konbini concept, our FamilyMart convenience store chain in Malaysia is a value chain extension via our downstream integration strategy. It provides a direct-to-consumer platform offering a variety of wholesome ready-to-eat (RTE) and easily prepared meals designed to cater to the needs of modern lifestyles.

Since its introduction in 2016, FamilyMart in Malaysia has grown to incorporate FamilyMart Mini (FM Mini), the "Food Superstore" concept store, and FamiCafé. These stores are supported by FamilyMart's own central kitchens operated by QL Kitchen, which are halal-certified by Jabatan Kemajuan Islam Malaysia (JAKIM). With these assets and channels, CVS has greatly widened QL's downstream operations.

# **Financial Performance**

Following a 35.2% growth previously, the CVS pillar continued its upward trajectory, achieving a new milestone in FY2024 since being reported as a standalone pillar in FY2022. Revenue surpassed the RM1 billion mark for the first time. Correspondingly, PBT experienced a robust growth at 34.9%, reaching RM59.00 million.

This improved performance is attributed to a net increase in number of stores, including FM Mini, as well as better average store sales. Continued efforts to improve store operation efficiency also played a contributing role.



# **Operational Review**

Throughout FY2024, we grew our network of our customer touchpoints by opening 38 new Family Mart stores and 32 FM Mini, bringing greater convenience to more customers.

Catering to evolving lifestyles, we introduced the FamiCafé concept which offers a wider selection of food options. To ensure inclusivity and serve the needs of our customers, we initiated a voluntary halal certification process for FamiCafé. As of the reporting period, 97 FamiCafé have received halal certification from JAKIM.

Underscoring our commitment to continuous improvement approach towards safety and health, QL Kitchen, the central kitchen unit responsible for the production of frozen and chilled RTE food products, has been awarded ISO 45001:2018 certification for occupational health and safety management systems.

Both our halal-certified central kitchens provide ample capacity to support our growing CVS operations. To further utilise our resources and achieve economies of scale, we have embarked on a new venture of supplying meals for MAS Awana. This accomplishment positions us one of ten partners selected to supply easy-to-prepare food for inflight consumption.

Being a food producing company, we are keenly aware of the cost of production and therefore, seek to reduce food waste where possible. FamilyMart offers discount on select food items after 4pm; and in FY2024, channelled 21,979 meals to the needy facilitated by Kechara Soup Kitchen.

# **Challenges**

The new water tariffs in February 2024 and a sales tax hike in March 2024 combined to put pressure on consumer disposable income and dampened consumption spending habits.

Workforce availability, training and turnover continued to be a challenge especially with the expansion to new locations.

## Outlook

The Consumer Sentiment Index (CSI) remained below 100 points for five consecutive quarters since 1Q2023, with the latest reading at 87.1 (1Q2024), down from 89.4 in 4Q2023. Spending however bucked the trend and grew 4.7% in 1Q2024, compared to 4.2% the previous quarter.

Malaysia's economy remains fundamentally strong. The gradual strengthening of the ringgit, consumer spending and a resurgent hospitality and tourism industry benefitting from the ongoing visa-free policy will offset concerns of inflation arising from subsidy rationalisation.

The anticipated impact of the new EPFAccount 3 mechanism may improve consumer sentiment and stimulate spending power in the coming quarters (Q2 2024 onwards). The anticipated salary hike for civil servants in December 2024 may also give rise to improved spending sentiment.

Taking these into consideration, we project another year of neutral to positive performance in FY2025.

# **Group Outlook**

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The upcoming year presents another complex economic landscape. The International Monetary Fund (IMF) predicts moderate global economic growth at 3.2% for 2024 and 2025, slightly lower than the historical average. Global inflation is forecast to decline from 2023's 6.8% to 5.9% in 2024. However, this is still higher than pre-pandemic levels.

Prolonged high interest rates environment, drawn out geopolitical tensions and heightened trade disputes, in particular the US-China trade war are potential risks to economic progress.

Geopolitical conflicts can disrupt supply chains, increasing the cost of raw materials, and create uncertainty in the global market. Weather events arising from the anticipated La Niña and the bigger concern of climate change could have a bearing on commodity prices as well as our business pillars. All these factors will have an impact on the supply chain dynamics and prices, and affect QL's ability to source materials and export products, particularly for MPM and ILF.

Despite these external challenges, QL is taking proactive steps to mitigate disruptions to our operations and improve our business performance, to ensure our sustained ability to supply affordable nourishing food for masses. This is critical in view of Global Food Security Index's findings that Malaysia's food supply adequacy stands at 52.4 against the global mean average of 58.5. The National Agrofood Policy 2021-2030 (NAP 2.0) spotlighted food security and contribution of the agri-food sector to economic growth and efforts to enhance wellbeing of people.

# NAP 2.0's prioritisation of food and nutrition security resonates deeply with QL. We stand ready to nourish the nation with quality and accessible agri-food products.

In caring for people and nature, we strategically extended into complementary businesses. Our investment in renewable energy presents a promising opportunity for a new revenue stream and positions us well for a sustainable future. Furthermore, the Malaysian government's initiative allowing partial withdrawal from EPF and the civil servant salary hike are expected to improve consumer sentiment and potentially boost spending, benefiting QL's sales.

We are committed to digital transformation to improve internal efficiency. We are upgrading our ERP system to better streamline operations, and enhance group-wide business processes. The increasing digitalisation of our farm operations will lead to improved real-time operations data collection, enabling more efficient resource allocation and potential yields.

We acknowledge the external challenges but remain optimistic about our business performance in FY2025. We are proactively initiating internal efforts to mitigate risks and capitalise on opportunities. The focus on cost control, digitalisation, and exploration of new revenue streams paves the way for a stronger foundation for success in the coming year.

Our well-defined strategy prepares us for navigating a complex environment. Taking into consideration both external factors and internal initiatives, the overall outlook for QL in FY2025 is cautiously positive.

**Sustainability Statement** 



# **PREPARATION OF THIS STATEMENT**

# This Sustainability Statement aims to communicate QL's commitment to sustainability, activities, and progress to our stakeholders.

This Statement is prepared based on the Sustainability Reporting Guide (3rd Edition) issued by Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad. In preparation of the reporting approach of this Statement, we are guided by various international frameworks and standards:

- · Global Reporting Initiative Standards (GRI Standards)
- FTSE4Good Bursa Malaysia Index
- · International Integrated Reporting <IR> Framework of the International Integrated Reporting Council

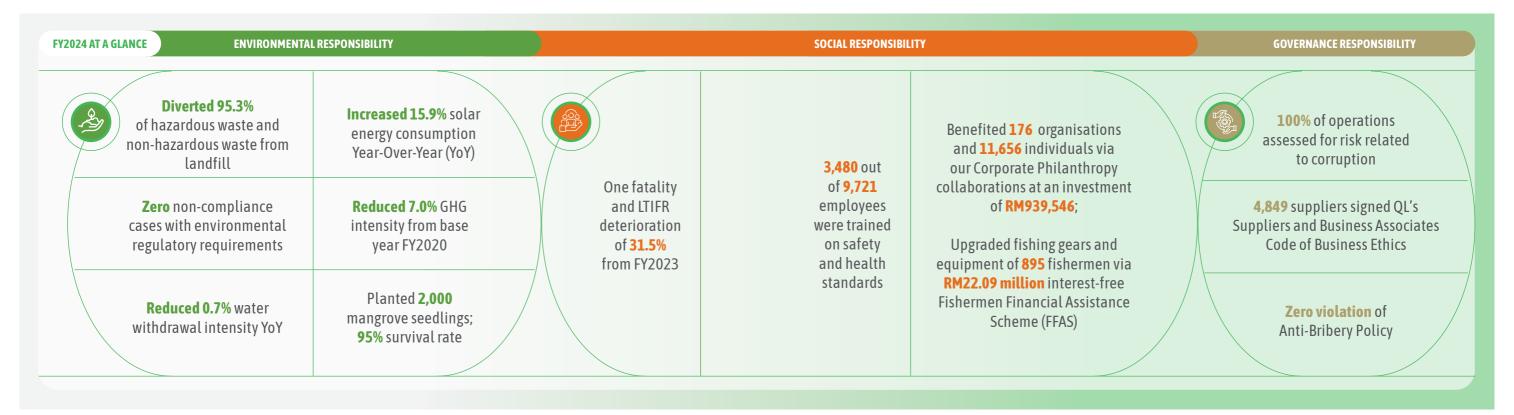
# FEEDBACK

We are committed to listening to valued feedback from our stakeholders in our efforts to continuously improve our sustainability performance and approach. Any questions, comments or feedback can be channelled to <a href="mailto:esg@ql.com.my">esg@ql.com.my</a>.



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# **OUR SUSTAINABILITY APPROACH**

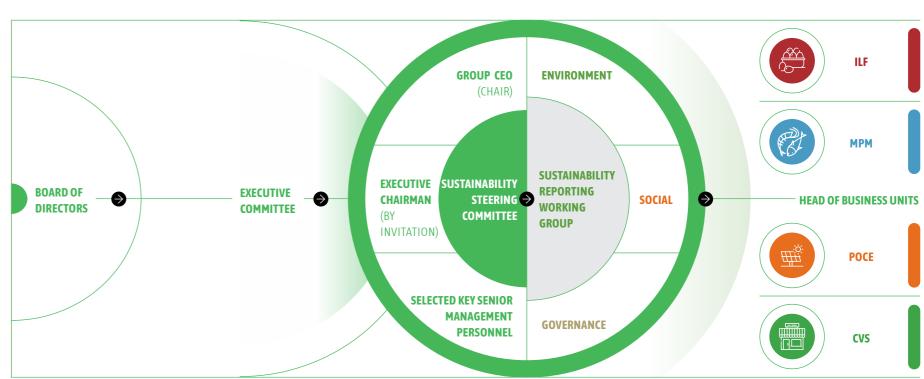
Sustainability transcends beyond simply reducing consumption as it involves creating and delivering enduring value for QL, communities, and future generations, reflecting the essence of our company name, QL, an abbreviation for Quan Li. In generating sustainable value, we focus not only on reductions but also on optimising value creation.

QL is committed to creating value for all stakeholders, including investors, employees, suppliers, customers, consumers, and communities. Building on this ethos, we embrace an integrated approach to sustainability, encompassing Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) dimensions. ESG principles are integrated into QL's business strategy planning and operational practices across the Group. Our sustainability governance structure ensures that our sustainability approach is rooted in strategic risk and opportunity management, guided by principles and industry best practices.

# SUSTAINABILITY GOVERNANCE

The sustainability direction for the Group is determined by the Board of Directors of QL (the Board), which ensures that our sustainability strategies, priorities, targets, and performance are communicated to both internal and external stakeholders. The Board, along with the Executive Committee (EXCO), reviews the Group's sustainability performance in addressing material sustainability risks and opportunities.

In steering the Group's sustainability efforts, the Board is supported by a Sustainability Steering Committee (SSC) which is chaired by QL's Group Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and comprising Head of Business Units and Business Functions (HOBU). The SSC is assisted by the Sustainability Reporting Working Group (SRW) to guide and monitor QL's sustainability performance across business units. Based on the agreed framework and focused areas, business units work on implementing their sustainability initiatives within their businesses.



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The roles and responsibilities of each committee are summarised below:



- Oversee all sustainability matters of the Group business encompassing but not limited to climate change, health and safety, human rights, anti-corruption and risk management.
- Set sustainability direction and framework for the Group and ensure our sustainability strategies, priorities, targets and performance are communicated to both internal and external stakeholders.
- · Review the Group's sustainability performance in addressing material sustainability risks and opportunities.
- · Approve the Group's ESG KPIs and targets setting.



- Review the Group's sustainability performance at the business pillar level in addressing material sustainability risks and opportunities.
- · Review, approve and execute the Group's sustainability policies.
- · Recommend ESG KPIs and targets for approval by the Board.
- Ensure the execution of the strategies and directions set forth by the Board.
- Ensure the Group complies with relevant laws, regulations and directives.



- · Support EXCO in steering the Group's sustainability efforts and approving sustainability roadmap.
- · Guide and monitor QL's sustainability performance across business units with the assistance from SRW.
- · Integrate sustainability principles into QL's risk management and corporate strategies.
- · Oversee management of material sustainability matters as identified by the organisation.
- · Monitor QL's sustainability performance to facilitate reporting.
- · Allocate resources to support sustainability programmes and projects.



- Report sustainability matters to SSC.
- · Perform materiality assessments, which involve identifying and assessing sustainability matters relevant to QL's businesses.
- Develop Group sustainability policies, procedures, guidelines, data definitions and initiatives.
- · Guide and monitor QL's sustainability performance across business units.
- · Provide overarching guidance on ESG matters across business units.
- Track ESG KPIs and targets.
- · Develop, monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of sustainability reporting and recommending improvements.
- · Benchmark the organisation's sustainability performance against industry peers and leaders.



- · Implement sustainability initiatives within their respective businesses.
- $\cdot \ \, \text{Collect and report sustainability data and is accountable for ensuring data integrity}.$
- · Engage with local stakeholders to address sustainability matters and build positive relationships within the community.
- Ensure that their business units comply with all relevant regulatory and reporting requirements related to sustainability.

Recognising the paramount importance of ESG, QL commits substantial resources to oversee sustainability efforts, including establishing a dedicated Corporate Sustainability Team led by a senior manager. This team is instrumental in advancing the organisation's sustainability agenda, harmonising business growth with social responsibility and environmental stewardship for long-term success.

Assuming a key role in SRW and coordinating with all committees across sustainability governance, the manager serves as a catalyst in embedding sustainability into the company's strategies. Through cross-departmental collaboration, the manager leads the formulation of sustainability policies and initiatives, while also monitoring key performance indicators to measure progress towards our sustainability goals.

## STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

Stakeholders are pivotal in nurturing QL's continuous business growth and progress. It's imperative for QL to engage with stakeholders to identify crucial sustainability concerns and devise solutions for addressing significant issues. We strive for ongoing improvement in tandem with our esteemed stakeholders through regular engagements. The table provided below outlines our primary stakeholders and the methods of engagement.

Stakeholder Groups	Focus Areas	Our Response	Engagement Channels	Frequency of Engagement
Investors and shareholders	<ul> <li>Financial performance</li> <li>Good corporate governance</li> <li>Responsible value creation in business management</li> </ul>	Refer to Management     Discussion and Analysis     ("MD&A") (pg 12)     Refer to Social     Responsibility (pg 50)	<ul> <li>Annual general meeting</li> <li>Analyst briefings, investor presentations &amp; meetings</li> <li>Financial results</li> <li>Press releases</li> <li>Corporate website</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Annual</li> <li>Regular meetings with investors &amp; analysts</li> <li>Quarterly</li> <li>As needed</li> <li>Throughout the year</li> </ul>
Employees	<ul> <li>Respect for human rights</li> <li>Learning &amp; development</li> <li>Safe &amp; healthy workplace</li> <li>Supportive welfare</li> <li>Continuous business growth</li> </ul>	Refer to Environmental Responsibility (pg 40) and Social Responsibility (pg 50)	<ul> <li>Workshop discussions</li> <li>Induction training</li> <li>Learning &amp; development programmes</li> <li>Employee performance appraisal</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>As needed</li> <li>As needed</li> <li>Throughout the year</li> <li>Annual</li> </ul>
Customers	<ul> <li>Safe, nutritious &amp; quality products</li> <li>Good governance practices</li> <li>Regulatory compliance</li> <li>Third party food certifications</li> </ul>	Refer to Environmental Responsibility (pg 40) and Social Responsibility (pg 50)	<ul> <li>Feedback survey</li> <li>Face-to-face interactions</li> <li>Online platform (Facebook, mobile apps)</li> <li>Customer Careline</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Annual</li><li>As needed</li><li>Throughout the year</li><li>Throughout the year</li></ul>
Vendors and suppliers	Business continuity     Regulatory compliance	<ul> <li>Refer to MD&amp;A (pg 12)</li> <li>Refer to Social Responsibility (pg 50) and Governance Responsibility (pg 68)</li> </ul>	Interviews     Face-to-face interactions	<ul><li>As needed</li><li>Throughout the year</li></ul>
Regulators and Non-Govermental Organisations (NGOs)	Regulatory compliance     Responsible business practices     Indirect economic contribution     Industry trends & standards	Refer to MD&A (pg 12)     Refer to Environmental     Responsibility (pg 40) and Social     Responsibility (pg 50)     Participate in NGOs as member,     board or committee member	Participation as Council     Member in the Chinese     Chamber of Commerce &     Industry of Kuala Lumpur     & Selangor, member of     Federation of Malaysian     Manufacturers, Sabah     Livestock Association,     Federation of Livestock     Farmers Association of     Malaysia, etc.	· Throughout the year
Community	Direct & indirect economic contribution     Responsible environmental management & contributions to society	Refer to Environmental     Responsibility (pg 40) and Social     Responsibility (pg 50)	<ul><li>Corporate philanthropy activities</li><li>Corporate website</li></ul>	<ul><li>Throughout the year</li><li>Throughout the year</li></ul>
Media	Business strategy & growth     Food quality & safety     Indirect economic contribution     Regulatory compliance     Environmental management     Workplace management	Refer to MD&A (pg 12)     Refer to Environmental     Responsibility (pg 40) and Social     Responsibility (pg 50)	<ul> <li>Press conferences &amp; events</li> <li>Press releases</li> <li>Media interviews</li> </ul>	<ul><li>As needed</li><li>Throughout the year</li><li>As needed</li></ul>

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## **MATERIALITY ASSESSMENT**

QL conducts full materiality assessment once every three years and review our material matters annually to ensure that our sustainability matters remain relevant and up to date with local and global trends.

In FY2024, QL conducted a double materiality assessment to update our previous materiality matrix that was established in FY2021 to better reflect the latest prioritisation of our material topics. The assessment evaluated the significance of ESG factors in QL's value creation and the impacts of QL's business operations throughout its entire value chain on both people and the environment.

# **IDENTIFICATION**



- · QL determined a list of material sustainability matters that are significant to QL's business operations and influence stakeholders' decisions by benchmarking against Bursa Malaysia's common sustainability matters, FTSE4Good index guidelines, S&P and MSCI ratings, as well as industry peer reviews.
- We also identified key stakeholder groups to ensure that their concerns and perspectives are taken into consideration when establishing the selected sustainability matters.

# **PRIORITISATION**



- · Over 2,800 QL's internal and external stakeholders were engaged in an online survey to prioritise the material sustainability matters by ranking and rating the matters from their perspectives.
- Varying weightage scores were assigned to response from different stakeholder groups to reflect their relative importance and influence.
- The survey results were used to generate a materiality matrix.



- The survey saw strong participation from key stakeholders such as the Board of Directors, senior management, suppliers, and customers that provided validity of the survey results.
- The results of the survey and materiality matrix were reviewed and validated by SSC through discussions. The matrix was then presented to and approved by the Board of Directors.

# **VALIDATION**

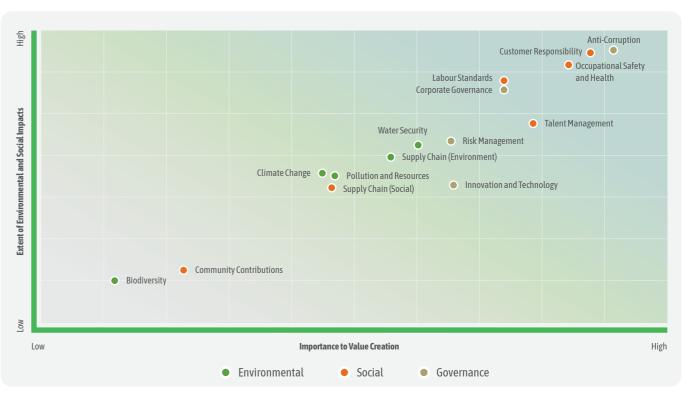


INTEGRATION

Key material matters have been integrated into QL's business strategies, management decisions and daily operations.

The materiality matrix presented below is a restatement of QL's matrix from FY2021.

# **QL Materiality Matrix**



We have streamlined our previous 17 material matters into 15. To align with emerging ESG issues and evolving stakeholder expectations, we have consolidated and renamed several material matters. Major updates are as follows:

- Climate Change Merged "Climate Change & Emissions" and "Energy Management".
- · Pollution and Resources Expanded "Waste & Effluents Management" to include resources management.
- · Supply Chain (Environment) Split out from "Supply Chain Management" to provide focus on environmental impacts including sustainable agriculture practices.
- Supply Chain (Social) Split out from "Supply Chain Management" to provide focus on social impacts.
- Customer Responsibility New material matter introduced to provide wider coverage for responsible marketing and advertising.
- Risk Management New material matter introduced to emphasis on robust risk management.
- Innovation and Technology New material matter introduced to reflect its trend as an emerging risk and increasing significance to our stakeholders.
- Anti-Corruption Renamed from "Upholding Business Integrity" to expand coverage on anti-corruption.

Our materiality matrix reveals that 13 material matters are rated as high importance to value creation and high impact materiality to environment and social. Three material matters, namely Anti-Corruption, Customer Responsibility, and Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) are the top three most important and most impactful. While Community Contributions and Biodiversity may have shifted to a lower quadrant, we acknowledge our impacts on local communities and biological resources. Hence, we remain committed to incorporating disclosures pertaining to these matters wherever applicable, considering the relevancy to our stakeholders.

The in-depth assessment concluded a series of material matters that will be the focus of our sustainability efforts and disclosures. It served as the foundation for crafting our ESG plans and establishing a set of targets for our key material topics commencing from 2024.

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Pillar			Material Matter	Why is it material to QL?	Our Response	Links to Our Capitals	Boundary	SDGs Supported by QL
ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY	•	(I)	Climate Change	Manufacturing and distribution activities emit GHG. It is critical to maximise our energy efficiency to manage carbon footprint and minimise our impact on climate change.	<ul> <li>Invest in renewable energy technology and solution; QL also offers this solution to businesses</li> <li>Install renewable energy solutions in our facilities</li> <li>Manage GHG emissions at all levels</li> </ul>		· QL · Customers	7 SERVENT 12 SERVENT 13 SERVE
		WS	Water Security	Water is a scarce resource for our business and the community. Efficient water management is critical to prevent stress on the water ecosystem.	Secure water through rainwater harvesting facility Set up alternative sources of water supply (e.g. river, groundwater and rain) Provide water treatment solution to benefit more customers and industries		· QL · Customers	6 manager
		PR	Pollution and Resources	Resources are vital to produce our goods and services. Efficient resources utilisation ensures long-term economic viability. Our operations generate waste and wastewater. Processing and treating wastes before disposal and discharge prevent environmental contamination.	Optimise 3R-principle (Reduce, Recycle and Repurpose) in business operations Ensure proper disposal of organic waste Install Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Efficient use of resources		· QL · Customers	12 several 18 amn
		В	Biodiversity	Biodiversity is critical to maintain a balanced ecosystem and mitigate climate change.	Continue our commitment to mangrove conservation programme		· QL · Community	13 may
		SCE	Supply Chain (Environment)	Responsible supply chain management allows us to reduce carbon footprint of our supply chain operations and promote a sustainable ecosystem.	Established Supply Chain Policy		· QL · Suppliers	13 draws
SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY	•	OSH	Occupational Safety and Health	Good safety and health measures reduce risk of accidents. A safe and healthy workplace leads to better employee well-being and increased productivity.	Reinforce and embed the "WECARE" OSH Guiding Principles in ourwork approaches and decisions Conduct awareness and training programmes to equip employees and service providers with skills and knowledge Conduct safety briefing for visitors to communicate safety procedures and advice on the potential risks and hazards that they may be exposed to		<ul><li>QL</li><li>Customers</li><li>Service</li><li>Providers</li></ul>	3 menus. ————————————————————————————————————
		LS	Labour Standards	Our workforce is core to our operations. Employee fair treatment and respect aligns with our core values and promotes job satisfaction.	Keep abreast and strengthen fair employment practices by intensifying efforts on human rights and fair labour practices audits		<ul><li>QL</li><li>Suppliers</li></ul>	10 MAGINI
		TM	Talent Management	A skilled and equipped workforce led by progressive leadership is central to business continuity and QL's success.	Instil QL's core values and strengthen human capital management practices in the areas of leadership development and growth, and attracting and retaining talents		· QL	8 REGISTER OFFER AND THE SECOND STATE OF THE S
	-	(i)	Community Contributions	Local community is interlinked with our activities. It is important to support the community for mutual growth.	Support local communities through Corporate Philanthropy activities, financial assistance and job opportunities		<ul><li>QL</li><li>Suppliers</li><li>Community</li></ul>	1 North 1 2 North 4 North 8 North 1 No
		CR	Customer Responsibility	Ensuring the quality, nutrition and safety of products and their contents are essential to assist consumers in making informed decisions and retain consumer trust towards QL.	Established Responsible Marketing and Advertising Policy Enhance food safety, quality and nutrition through research and development Engage with consumers via satisfaction survey		<ul><li>QL</li><li>Suppliers</li><li>Customers</li></ul>	3 seriores 12 months 12 mo
		scs	Supply Chain (Social)	Ethical supply chain management ensures the protection of workers' rights and enhances operational safety. It also enables us to support local vendors and ensure their adherence to social principles.	Established Supply Chain Policy		· QL · Suppliers	8 ESSE CREATE STATES
GOVERNANCE RESPONSIBILITY	€	CG	Corporate Governance	Continuous enhancement and embedment of sound corporate governance practices helps strengthen the trust of our stakeholders, safeguarding their interests in an effective, transparent and ethical manner.	Developed Sustainability Policy     Evaluation of Board performance     Internal assurance audit     Reviewed effectiveness of anti-bribery and anti-corruption framework     Enhanced Whistleblower Policy		· QL · Suppliers	12 HOWANIA MARKETER COO
		AC	Anti-Corruption	Integrity and transparency ensure all our operations are free from corruption that could lead to legal liabilities and reputational damage.	Uphold Anti-Bribery Policy Create awareness and engage all employees and suppliers on the Suppliers and Business Associates Code of Business Ethics		· QL · Suppliers	12 conversion
		RM	Risk Management	Incorporating risk management into strategic planning and day-to-day operations enables us to navigate uncertain circumstances, seize opportunities, and maintain business continuity.	Established Entities Risk Committees Conducted vendors (stakeholder) risk assessment exercise Conducted group-wide bribery risk assessment		· QL · Suppliers	12 mental management of the control
		П	Innovation and Technology	Innovation and technology give us a competitive advantage by better equipping us to anticipate and adapt to changing market dynamics.	Established Data Security and Privacy Policy     Invest in automation and digitalisation     Ongoing innovation addresses evolving market demands and changes in consumer lifestyles     Develop and implement internal security maturity assessment     IT awareness training programme		• QL • Suppliers	12 ROMAN MORPH COO

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## MANAGING SUSTAINABILITY

# **ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY**





As a player in the agriculture industry, QL is vulnerable to the impacts of climate change due to our heavy reliance on climate-dependent operations. We are dedicated to growing our business responsibly, mindful of our environmental footprint, and promoting responsible practices within our organisation. This year, our efforts have centred on increasing our use of renewable energy, improving energy and water efficiencies, and advancing waste management. We are confident that these initiatives will strengthen QL's dedication to combatting climate change and ensuring the resilience of our business.

# **Our Targets**

Material Matter	Target	FY24 Performance	
(C)	Reduce 20% GHG emissions intensity by FY2026 from FY2020 baseline (37.1 tCO <sub>2</sub> e/ RM Mil Revenue)	Reduced 7.0% GHG intensity from base year FY2020	
PR	Zero regulatory violation (fines, court case) in respect to quality of air emissions per year	Zero violation reported	
	Zero regulatory violation (fines, court case) in respect to quality of effluent discharge per year	Zero violation reported	
	Zero regulatory violation (fines, court case) in respect to management of hazardous waste per year	Zero violation reported	

In FY2021, we set a greenhouse gas (GHG) emission intensity reduction target of 20% by FY2026 from baseline year FY2020.

conducted a thorough review of past-year environmental data and identified discrepancies in our FY2020 GHG emission intensity. After rectifying and standardising the data to the same baseline criteria,

the intensity was restated to 37.1 tCO<sub>2</sub>e/RM Mil Revenue, indicating an increase from the previously disclosed 32.3 tCO<sub>2</sub>e/RM Mil Revenue.

As part of our ongoing endeavours to improve data integrity, we regularly In FY2024, our GHG emission intensity was recorded at 34.46 tCO.e/ assess our reporting methodology and procedures. In FY2024, we RM Mil Revenue, marking an 7.0% reduction from the base year. While our historical data shows a downward trend in intensity over the years, we recognise the need for additional efforts over the next two years to

# **Climate Change**



# Performance

- · Reduced 7.0% GHG emissions intensity from base year FY2020 (37.1 tCO<sub>2</sub>e/RM Mil Revenue)
- Generated **977,506.75** GJ of renewable energy from solar, biogas and biomass
- · Avoided 25,795.97 tonnes of GHG emissions

# Our Approach

Climate change poses a substantial challenge to our business operations, impacting our entire supply chain from raw materials sourcing to products manufacturing, logistics, and products delivery to customers.

QL acknowledges that our operations contribute to greenhouse gas emissions and is proactively addressing climate impacts. In addition, we are dedicated to utilise renewable energy from diverse sustainable sources.

# **Identifying Risks and Seizing Opportunities**

QL acknowledges the significance of climate change as a crucial business concern and recognises the detrimental effects and associated risks climate change poses to our business operations. In FY2024, we have identified a list of climate-related risks and opportunities spanning short, medium, and long-term horizons. These risks and opportunities will be addressed in our strategies in the future.

The below table presents climate change risks and opportunities related to QL's operations:

Risk Category		Risk and Description	Time Horizon
Transition Risks Policy and Legal Technology		<b>Increased regulatory requirement</b> such as reporting obligation may lead to higher compliance cost and impairment of assets.	Short-term to long-term
		<b>Cost of transitioning to lower emission technology</b> includes arising from investment in technology to reduce reliance on fossil fuel, improve energy efficiency and mitigate emissions to improve air quality.	Short-term to long-term
	Market and Reputation	<b>Changing stakeholders' preference</b> such as shift in consumer demand to climate-change friendly products, reduced financing availability in affected sectors etc.	Short-term to long-term
Physical Risks	Acute	<b>Increased extreme weather patterns</b> such as heatwave drought, cyclones, flood and turbulent sea condition could result in supply chain interruption such as disruption of fishing activities crop production and livestock productivity. In addition, this could lead to reduced production capacity and increased insurance premium as result of increased exposure to assets damage.	Short-term to long-term
	Chronic	<b>Rising temperature</b> may have affect human health which may lead to increased medical cost and reduced productivity. Rising temperature may also lead to the increase in energy cost for poultry farming and marine production operations which requires climate controlled environment.	Long-term
Opportunities	Energy Source	<b>Reduced operating cost</b> can be achieved by utilising alternate source of fuel and energy including renewable energies such as biomass and solar.	Short-term to long-term
	Products and Services	<b>Development of products</b> through R&D and innovation to penetrate new market e.g. segment of customers who prefer ESG friendly products.	Short-term to long-term
		BM Greentech Berhad, being a clean energy solution provider, stands to benefit from such climate-change transition.	

While the Group is embarking on a journey to TCFD disclosures, Management believes that the understanding will progressively deepen with regards to how climate change will affect the Group. Similarly, the necessary organisational skills and capabilities to assess climate-related risks and opportunities will be improved including the use of scenario analysis. Therefore, the climate change risk, opportunities and mitigations will be periodically reviewed and updated.

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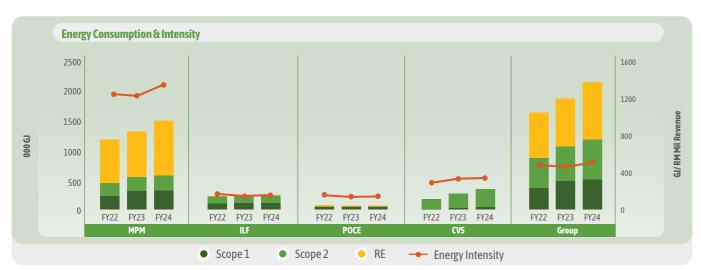
# Commitment to Climate Change

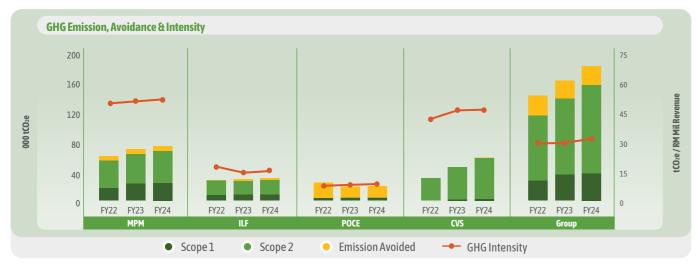
To showcase our dedication to addressing climate change concerns, we introduced a Climate Change Policy in FY2024. The policy outlines QL's strategy for tackling climate-related matters and integrating climate considerations into our decision-making procedures.

# Effective Management of Energy Consumption and Greenhouse Gas Emissions

QL remains steadfast in enhancing energy efficiency within our operations, ensuring responsible energy consumption and sustainable production. We continually strive to monitor and optimise our energy usage while actively identifying opportunities for improvement to manage our air emissions effectively.

In FY2024, QL group experienced an increase in energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions, reaching 2,161,706.80 Gigajoules (GJ) and 153,644.67 tCO<sub>2</sub>e, respectively.





The rise in energy consumption and GHG emissions in FY2024 was driven by increased production volumes and operation expansions at MPM and CVS business pillars. However, the revenue for FY2024 did not proportionally increase because some of the goods produced during this period remained in inventory. As a result, there was an elevation in energy consumption and GHG emission intensities for FY2024.

# Harnessing Renewable Energy

QL is actively adopting renewable energy technologies to reduce the consumption of fossil fuel-based energy by harvesting clean energy. In FY2024, we generated 977,506.75 GJ energy from solar, biogas and biomass, replacing 45.2% of our energy needs.

QL Kitchen Sdn. Bhd. increased its solar generation capacity by installing 1,802 solar panels with a capacity of 1,000 kWp at the second kitchen in July 2023.

As of FY2024, 31,959 pieces of solar panels were installed across the Group, enabling us to offset 10,062.95 tonnes of GHG emissions.



Photo of solar panels installation at QL Kitchen Sdn. Bhd.

# **Water Security**

# Performance

- 0.7% water withdrawal intensity reduction YoY
- **5,073 m**<sup>3</sup> of rainwater harvesting for nonpotable uses

# Our Approach

Water scarcity poses a threat to communities and economies worldwide. We acknowledge the critical role of water in our operations and is committed to conserving water resources and enhancing efficiency across all our operation sites. To tackle the challenge of water scarcity, we efficiently manage our water withdrawal and consumption by adhering to industry best practices.

# Responsible Water Resource Management

We utilise the World Resources Institute Aqueduct Water Risk Atlas tool to evaluate potential water risks in the regions where our operations are situated. None of our operations in Malaysia are in water-stressed regions and we refrain from withdrawing water from any water-stressed regions for use in our Malaysia operations. Nonetheless, we are steadfast in our commitment to safeguarding water resources and optimising our water consumption across all our operations.

In FY2024, the Group's water withdrawal intensity reduced by 0.7% from 697.05 m³/RM Mil Revenue to 692.18 m³/RM Mil Revenue. The slight reduction in intensity is due to lower water withdrawal volume in POCE business pillar because of divestment of one mill operated under QL Plantation Sdn. Bhd. in FY2024.



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# Rainwater Harvesting

In line with our efforts to conserve water by capturing rainwater that would otherwise runoff into sewers, we continue our rainwater harvesting initiative at QL Breeder Farms Sdn. Bhd. for non-potable uses. However, we observed a 26.5% decrease in rainwater volume from 6,754 m³ in FY2023 to 4,962 m³ in FY2024 attributable to reduced rainfall in the region.

We extended our efforts to QL Kitchen Sdn. Bhd. by the installation of a rainwater harvesting system. In FY2024, we successfully harvested 111 m³ of rainwater for non-potable uses.



# Pollution and Resources

# Performance

- · Recycled/recovered 202,482.89 MT of wastes
- · Diverted 95.3% of wastes from landfills and incineration

# Our Approach

QL embraces the principles of a circular economy in our operations. We aim to strike a balance between conserving and consuming resources, while also advocating for resource efficiency and reduction in wastes generation.

In our endeavours to improve resource efficiency, we harness renewable energy sources and employ technologies to optimise material utilisation and reduce energy inputs.

QL adopts waste hierarchy approach by prioritising reduction, reuse, recycling, and recovery of wastes. We convert wastes into valuable resources. Any remaining waste is disposed of through licensed waste contractors. On the other hand, conversion of wastes decreases the consumption of raw materials, thereby not only reducing environmental impacts but also minimising the need to extract and process additional new resources.

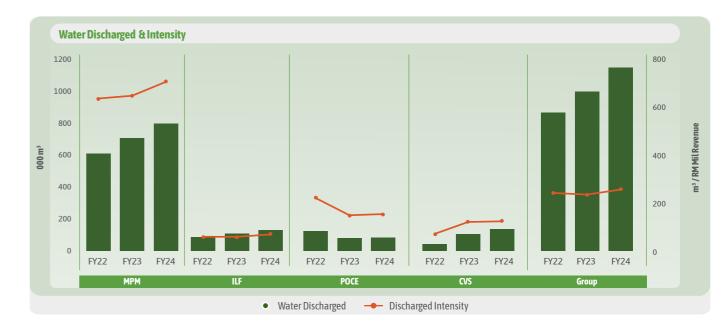
In compliance with legal requirements, we diligently manage wastes or pollutants and ensure that our employees receive adequate training to handle industrial effluent and hazardous wastes at our operational sites.

In support of circular economy, QL extends sustainable environmental measures by providing renewable energy and water treatment solutions to the industries.

# Effective Management of Effluent and Wastes

In FY2024, we discharged a total of 1,138,530.38 m³ of water into surface water sources. The Group experienced a rise in water discharge intensity which is attributed to increased discharge intensities in both the MPM and ILF business pillars. This escalation in business pillar discharge intensities correlates with increased production levels of these business pillars.

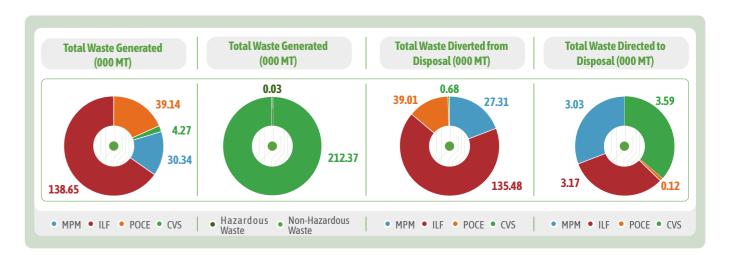
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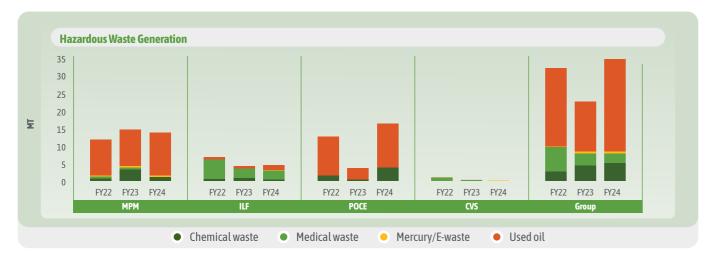
Our wastewater is treated before discharge to ensure compliance with Environmental Quality (Industrial Effluent) Regulations 2009, Standards A and B. To ensure that the quality of our effluent consistently meets Standards A and B, we conduct regular monitoring and upgrade our facilities when necessary. Following the expansion of QL Kitchen Sdn. Bhd. in FY2024, a new wastewater treatment plant with a treatment capacity of 350 m³/day was constructed.

In FY2024, QL generated 212,400.83 MT of waste from our operations. ILF business pillar produced the most waste primarily from the generation of chicken manure, whereas POCE business pillar generated a substantial volume of empty fruit bunches. The chicken manure was composted as organic fertiliser, while the empty fruit bunches were used as biomass fuel and also mulched as organic fertiliser.

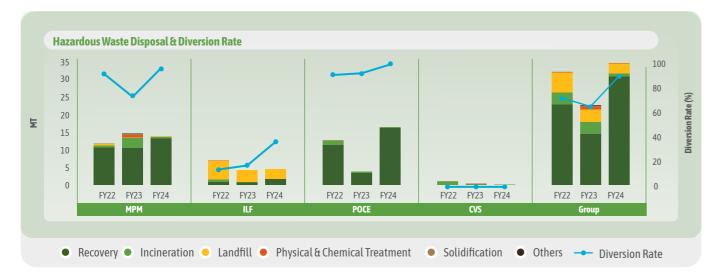




In FY2024, there was a notable increase in the Group's generation of hazardous waste. The spike is attributed to the increased volume of used oil in POCE business pillar due to increase in maintenance activities.



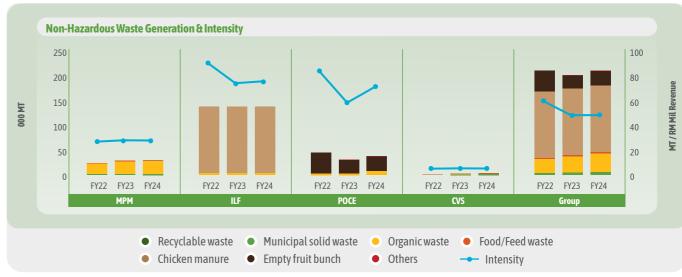
The Group's diversion rate was on the rise since FY2023. As part of our efforts to responsibly manage hazardous waste, we engaged the services of a licensed vendor specialising in the treatment of hazardous waste through recovery methods, contributing to an increase in our diversion rate by 25.0%.



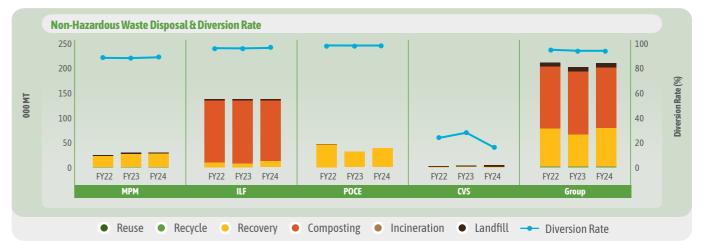
In FY2024, the Group's generation intensity for non-hazardous waste remained consistent with the previous year, at 47.63 metric tons per RM Mil Revenue. With the exception of POCE business pillar, the generation intensities across all business pillars remained consistent with those of the previous year. The marginal increase observed in the intensity of POCE business pillar is attributed to a significant amount of organic waste generated from desilting activities in the retention ponds.



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The Group's FY2024 diversion rate for non-hazardous waste remained consistent at 95.3%, similar to the rate observed in FY2023. Except for CVS business pillar, the diversion rates for all other business pillars appeared to have stabilised. The diversion rate in CVS business pillar declined as one of our suppliers, responsible for collecting our food waste for recovery purposes, stopped collecting food waste from us.



In FY2024, there were no reported cases of non-compliance with environmental laws, regulations and standards for air emissions, quality of effluent discharge and management of hazardous waste.

# Sustainable Utilisation of Resources

In FY2024, we diverted a total of 202,451.80 MT of non-hazardous waste through methods such as reuse, recycling and recovery. As a food manufacturer operating in the farming, fishing, and retailing sectors, the majority of our non-hazardous waste comprises chicken manure and organic waste. We recovered these primary waste streams, along with food/feed waste, into valuable resources for new products.

In ILF business pillar, we use composting technology to recover 123,429.12 MT of chicken manure into organic fertiliser. The remaining chicken manure was recovered for other usage which includes our own tree planting and collection by suppliers. In MPM business pillar, we recovered 25,491.73 MT of organic wastes by processing it into fishmeal

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# **Chicken Manure Recovery (000 MT)**



Organice Fertiliser
 Other Usage

We address food waste issue in accordance with the principles of the food waste hierarchy. Prioritising in directing surplus food to vulnerable communities as our next preferred strategy, we divert cosmetically imperfect food from landfills and redistribute it to those in need through Kechara Soup Kitchen. In FY2024, we donated a total of 6,335.55 kg of food to underprivileged groups. This food redistribution programme reduces our food waste contributing to environmental sustainability by conserving resources and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

# Sustainable Environmental Solutions Enabler

In line with QL's business and sustainability objectives, QL has broadened our business scope by investing in BM Greentech Berhad, a company specialising in solar and biomass renewable energy engineering, as well as water treatment systems and emission control. This strategic expansion allows us to provide a wider array of clean energy solutions to both our Group and customers.

In the reporting year, we facilitated the installation of:

- Approximately 26.0 megawatt peak (MWp) of solar panel capacity across a total of 800 projects.
- · 6 wastewater treatment plants at customers' sites which treated approximately 1.6 million m<sup>3</sup>
- 21 new water treatment systems at customers' facilities with an approximate treatment capacity of 1.6 million m3 raw water.

# Biodiversity

# Performance

- · Planted **2,000** mangrove seedlings with 95% survival rate after seven months
- · Our palm oil estates and mill in Malaysia are MSPO certified
- 88.2% of palm oil produced is certified with **MSPO**

Biodiversity is the sustenance of life that includes the diversity of species, populations, and ecosystems. Alterations in land use, and industrialisation have adversely affected biodiversity. As a responsible agro-based enterprise, QL acknowledges the profound impact of these issues on balance of ecosystem. Therefore, we are dedicated to revitalising this balance through biodiversity regeneration and enhancement.

# Mangrove Conservation Programme

Recognised as one of the top three ecosystems for carbon sequestration, mangroves sustain a rich diversity of flora and fauna while providing economic benefits to local communities. Restoration and conservation of mangrove forests can help in combating climate change and its impacts.

In partnership with Wetlands International for the third consecutive year, QL and BM Greentech Berhad carried out a mangrove reforestation and rehabilitation activity at Banjar Utara Forest Reserve, Tanjung Karang, on 14 October 2023. A total of 122 participants were involved in the planting activity, consisting of 92 employees and family members, along with 15 representatives from the forestry department and 15 volunteers. In total, 2,000 mangrove seedlings were planted. Notably, the survival rate of these seedlings reached an impressive 95% after seven months.









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# Commitment Towards Sustainable Palm Oil

Our commitment towards sustainable palm oil is evidenced by securing the Malaysian Sustainable Palm Oil (MSPO) certification for QL palm oil estates and mill. MSPO is a national certification standard created by the Malaysian government in the palm oil industry. To ensure sustainable palm oil production, this certification requires QL adhere to good agricultural practices such as responsible protection of high conservation value areas and high carbon stock forests, avoidance of deforestation and illegal land clearing, responsible land management, traceability of palm oil products throughout the supply chain.

In FY2024, 88.2% of palm oil produced by QL is certified with MSPO.

# Supply Chain (Environment)

# Performance

- 49 biosecurity audits in 20 farms
- **5.2%** increase in biosecurity audit average score from previous year

# Our Approach

Effective management of ESG factors is essential for ensuring sustainable supply chain operations. This approach not only enhances our business value and growth but also benefits the environment and society. Therefore, QL strives to practice a responsible supply chain management process that minimises environmental impacts and at the same time fosters socially responsible management of suppliers and procurement activities.

# Guiding Principles for Environmentally Responsible Supply Chain

OL has crafted a Supply Chain Policy to establish a set of guidelines governing procurement activities of QL and our suppliers who conduct business with us and on behalf of QL for implementation of a sound supplier management process. Aimed at promoting environmental stewardship, social equity and regulatory compliance, the policy outlines QL's commitments in working with our suppliers on environmental and social sustainability aspects.

While QL strives to reduce our ecological footprint of operations, our suppliers are similarly expected to conduct their operations in an environmentally responsible manner. They are encouraged to sustainably manage the use of energy, water and other resources; proactively reduce environmental issues such as pollution, waste, climate change and biodiversity impacts.

# **Bolstering Biosecurity Measures**

Biosecurity remains paramount at QL farms to safeguard the health and well-being of poultry and mitigate the spread of diseases. Our biosecurity initiatives undertaken in FY2024 focused on quality assurance, training, and groundwork for laboratory accreditation.

Building upon the successful implementation of the quality assurance programme at layer farms in previous fiscal year, we expanded the programme to include breeder and broiler farms in FY2024. In terms of training and development, QL Poultry Academy was inaugurated at two farms to enhance employees' comprehension and adherence to biosecurity protocols. Additionally, as part of our commitment to ensuring the quality and reliability of our laboratories, we commenced preparatory work for laboratory accreditation.

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# **SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**





At the heart of QL's business lies its people, and our people-centric approach begins with our employees.

At QL, we regard our employees as our most valuable asset. We invest in cultivating and enhancing our human capital by providing them with the necessary skills and knowledge to not only contribute to QL's business growth but also to the socio-economic development of the nation. Committed to fair labour practices, QL endeavours to foster a positive work culture and create a safe, healthy, and conducive work environment for our workforce.

Our focus on people extends beyond our employees to encompass other stakeholders and the communities in which we operate.

We enhance our business resilience to ensure the long-term creation of shared value for stakeholders such as suppliers and customers. Our prosperity is intertwined as we uphold shared values. QL actively engages in societal contribution by making a positive impact on the lives of our beneficiaries and striving for a more equitable future for all.

# **Our Targets**

Material Matter	Target	FY24 Performance		
TM	16 training hours for executives and 10 training hours for non-executives per year	Average training hour of 26.78 per executive and average training hour of 20.85 per non-executive		
OSH	Zero fatality	One fatality reported		
LS	Zero substantiated complaints concerning human rights violations	Zero substantiated ccomplaints concerning human rights and fair labour received through whistleblower channel		

In FY2024, our Lost Time Injury Frequency Rate (LTIFR) performance experienced a decline of 21.4% compared to FY2023. Nonetheless, we remain dedicated to ensuring a safe workplace for our employees. Recognising the significance of this dedication, we have set a goal to achieve an 8% improvement in LTIFR in FY2025.

# Labour Standards

Performance

# Our Approach

 1,791 employees attended the Human Rights and Labour Standards Policy Briefing

- Revised and enhanced Human Rights and Labour Standards Policy, with 289 employees trained on the revised policy
- Internal human rights and fair labour due diligence audits carried out for 4 business sites
- 35 people managers attended the workplace bullying and harassment training
- Zero reports received on human rights and fair labour violations

QL remains steadfast in our commitment to being acknowledged as an employer that prioritises good human rights and fair labour standards practices. We recognise the significant responsibility our organisation holds in ensuring human rights and fair labour practices across all our business operations. Compliance with all relevant legal requirements concerning human rights and fair labour practices is paramount to us. Our dedication extends to upholding the rights of our employees and third-party workers by aligning our human rights and labour practices with international good practices, which include the principles outlined in the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human

# Strengthening QL's Stance to Uphold Human Rights and Labour Standards

We firmly remain committed to conducting our business in a manner that respects the human rights and dignity of all people. We continuously strive to complying with all applicable laws and following international best practice guidelines to uphold our stance on human rights and labour standards.

Throughout the reporting period, a total of 1,791 employees have been trained on the human rights and labour standards policy.

As a testament to QL's ongoing efforts and stance to respect and support human rights, we have revised and enhanced our existing Human Rights and Labour Standards Policy. A copy of the revised and enhanced QL's Human Rights and Labour Standards Policy can be found on the company's website.

Following the revised and enhanced version of our Human Rights and Labour Standards, we have commenced a group-wide internal briefing for all our employees. In March 2024, a total of 289 employees have been briefed on the revised policy. We are currently planning and scheduling the remaining briefing sessions for all employees in the coming financial year. We believe that the internal briefing on the policy is crucial for all our employees, enabling each employee to be fully aware of their rights as well as cultivating a culture of respect and promoting human rights in our workplace.

Our Human Rights and Labour Standards Policy and stance have also been communicated to our business associates and all parties dealing with us and within our supply chain ecosystem. We have established a Code of Business Ethics (Suppliers and Business Associates) outlining our human rights stance and labour standards expectations. We have also emphasised that we will not tolerate any violation of QL's Human Rights and Labour Standards Policy by any business associates and will immediately cease any dealings due to any known violation. We seek to receive a signed acknowledgement from our suppliers and business associates acknowledging our expectations of QL's human rights and labour standards stance.

# Strengthening QL's Stance to Uphold Human Rights and Labour Standards

Recognising the pivotal role that the human rights due diligence audit can play, we have heightened our efforts to focus on carrying out the human rights and labour standards due diligence audit for selected sites.

This year, the Group HR team has completed the human rights due diligence audit for four sites, which mainly encompasses the MPM and CVS business pillars. QL Endau Marine Products Sdn. Bhd., QL Endau Deep Sea Fishing Sdn. Bhd., and QL Endau Fishmeal are mainly from the MPM business pillar that have been audited. The CVS business pillar that has been audited is from QL Kitchen Sdn. Bhd.

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The human rights due diligence audit focus on the following salient human rights issues identified as relevant to all business units in QL:

- 1 Freedom from discrimination in employment and occupation
- Labour rights relating to wages, working hours, leaves and benefits, safe work conditions, protection from forced and child labour, and freedom of association
- Rights of migrants and contract workers
- 4 Gender equality relating to equal pay for equal work

Observations made during the human rights' due diligence audits, along with findings and recommendations, were conveyed to the respective sites for necessary action. The audit observations enabled each respective business unit to better identify and mitigate potential risks associated with human rights violations. With the proactive approach of assessing these risks, the business units have been able to put in place preventive and mitigating measures to ensure compliance with applicable legal requirements.

# Governing Our Labour Practices for the Well-Being of Our Workforce

We place utmost priority on embedding fair employment practices and treatment of our employees.

We are dedicated to adhering to local minimum wages and compensating employees competitively relative to the market and industry standards. We ensure all our employees are compensated and paid above the minimum wage as established by the local labour law. Additionally, in ensuring a competitive remuneration package for our employees, we also introduced the implementation of productivity-linked incentives. The productivity-linked incentives aimed at enhancing workers' incomes, in tandem with increased productivity thus facilitating improvements in their overall wellbeing.

We prioritise the health and well-being of our employees. As such, we emphasise on strict adherence to labour laws regarding compliance with regulations on work hours limit and mandatory rest days. All overtime work is strictly voluntary and compensated in accordance with the respective regulations. We have mandated all business units to submit a quarterly report to Group HR declaring any occurrence of non-compliance and to put in place corrective actions to reduce excessive working hours. The reports are shared with higher management to ensure that appropriate actions are taken to comply with the respective overtime and work hours legislation.

Among the actions taken by business units to manage overtime are:

- Collaborating with the operations team to evaluate work shift patterns, with the aim of scheduling worker overtime shifts in a manner that mitigates the risk of exceeding 104 (1.5 rate) hours per month.
- Engaging in discussions with the operations team to assess and optimise manpower allocation, including the initiation of hiring temporary workers to address shortages.
- Enhancing the approval process for overtime, ensuring greater oversight and adherence to established guidelines.
- Introducing incentive programmes and Management Trainee Programme aimed at providing additional support and manpower to operations.

# **Grievance Handling Mechanisms and Communication**

We value the importance of ensuring that our internal and external stakeholders have access to report any actual or potential wrongdoing concerning business-related human rights abuse, labour standards infringement, and any violation of the Human Rights and Labour Standards Policy.

Within all our business units, we value a two-way communication with our employees. We strive to inculcate a workplace culture that is open, transparent and consultative for our employees. We encourage all employees to speak up and approach their immediate superior and manager to report any workplace grievances pertaining to their rights as employees and any violation of labour standards that directly or indirectly affects them. However, in any event that any employee should need to escalate any grievances beyond their immediate superior, an internal company workplace grievance management policy is in place. We commit to investigating all reported grievances, and to take appropriate action at our respective business units. Additionally, any grievances raised are also reported up to the group level to ensure that the business unit concerned has taken remedial actions to address the grievances.

In FY2024, through our internal grievance management channel, we received six reported grievance cases, of which four cases have been classified under work-related dissatisfaction and two grievance cases are related to sexual harassment. These reported grievances have been resolved according to the workplace grievance management policy. Reinforcement of sexual harassment policy has also been conducted by rebriefing the employees concerned.

Additionally, this year, we have taken steps to create a workplace environment that is free from bullying and harassment by launching training sessions for our people managers. So far, 35 managers have completed this training. Looking ahead to the next financial year, we aim to extend this initiative by training an additional 70 people managers.

In addition to our internal workplace grievance management policy, QL has also established a Whistleblower Policy that provides a mechanism for individuals, both internally and externally, to report any actual or potential wrongdoing concerning business-related human rights abuse, labour standards infringement, and any violation of the Human Rights and Labour Standards Policy. A copy of the Whistleblower Policy outlining the contact information and the protection of the confidentiality of the whistleblower's identity is available on QL corporate website. In FY2024, there were no reports of human rights violations received through QL's Whistleblower channel.

We continue to focus on training, education, and communication with both internal and external stakeholders. We emphasise building the awareness and knowledge of human rights, including labour rights, by familiarising employees with our workplace grievance management policy.

# **Talent Management**

# Performance

- Onboarded a total of 5,718 new hires across all business pillars
- An increase of 17.3% in training hours which exceeded the average training hours targets for executives and non-executives across all business pillars
- FamilyMart achieved a 93% engagement score with an employee participation rate of 81.1% in the FY2024 employee pulse survey
- 195 internships were offered, with 9.2% of interns converted to permanent employees

# Our Approach

At QL, we recognise that our employees are the cornerstone of our business growth and success. Our talent management practices revolve around creating and promoting a positive employee experience. We are dedicated to nurturing a workplace culture that prioritises employee well-being, satisfaction, and productivity. Our primary peoplecentric focus is to attract, develop, and retain a diverse, talented, and empowered workforce. We consistently invest in honing both individual and leadership skills. We strive to enhance employee engagement and foster meaningful interactions, ensuring our employees feel valued and supported.

# Diversity, Inclusivity, and Equality in Our Workplace

Our diverse and inclusive workforce demographics demonstrate our commitment to promoting and espousing diversity, non-discrimination, and equal opportunity within our workforce. We value the contributions of every employee, irrespective of their age, gender, nationality, employment type, or level. We believe in recognising and leveraging the unique perspectives and talents of each employee to drive innovation, creativity, and organisational success within our company.

As of 31 March 2024, QL had a total of 9,721 employees.

Our female employees represent 39.8% (3,874) of our total workforce.

Regarding age distribution, 5.1% (496) are aged 50 and above, while 53.3% (5,184) are under 30 years old

Workforce by Gender and Employment Type (%)

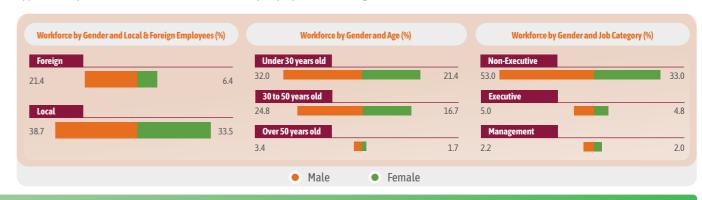
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Permanent
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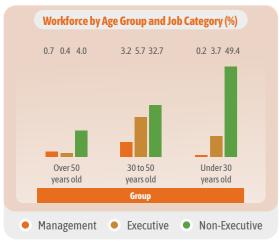
Among the total workforce, 62.8% (6,108) are permanent employees and 72.2% (7,024) are local.

0.03% of our workforce consist of staff with disabilities.

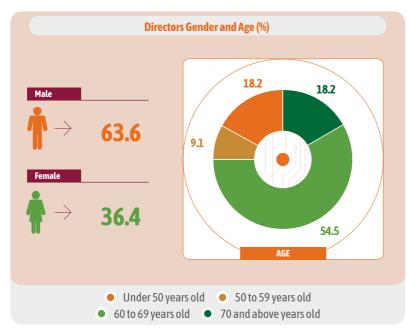
Around 8.9% of our workforce occupies management and executive positions, predominantly falling within the age range of 30 to 50 years. Conversely, approximately 49.4% of non-executive roles are filled by employees under the age of 30.



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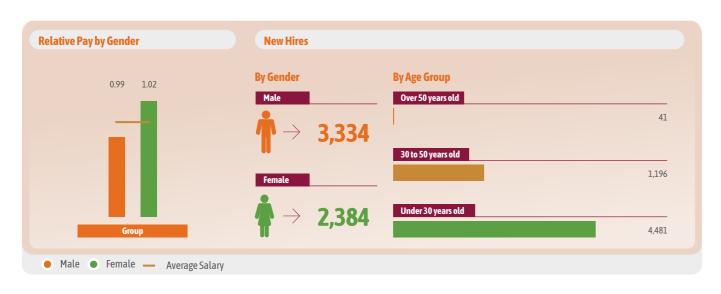
As for the diversity of our Board of Directors, the breakdown by gender and age as illustrated reflects a diversified board that enables a range of experiences, perspectives, and insights into decision-making, ultimately leading to more effective governance, innovation, and sustainable business practices.



Our compensation policy and practices are designed to be fair and equitable. We support equal pay for equal work. Our compensation offering is guided by market data benchmarks and individual merit based on performancew. Below is the data depicting the average basic salary and the ratio of basic salaries between male and female employees.

# Acquiring and Retaining Talent

Across our four business pillars, a total of 5,718 new hires were onboarded throughout FY2024. Women comprised 41.7% (2,384) of these hires, while 78.4% (4,481) were under the age of 30. The CVS business pillar maintained the highest recruitment rate, primarily driven by ongoing store expansions within the FamilyMart business, with a total of 38 FamilyMart stores opened over the reporting period.



Our overall turnover rate for the period was 53.1%, which is marginally lower than our hiring rate of 58.9%. The majority of turnover occurred among employees under the age of 30 (71.9%), with a higher proportion of men (59.9%) resigning during the reporting period. The CVS business pillar contributed significantly to the increased turnover, accounting for 69.8% of the total, largely due to higher turnover at FamilyMart stores.



# **Enhancing Our Employees Experience**

This year, FamilyMart conducted an Employee Pulse Survey, with 81.1% of its total employees, or 2,428 individuals, participating via the FMApp, achieving a high participation rate despite employees being dispersed across different locations. The survey yielded a 93% engagement score, highlighting job satisfaction, teamwork, and organisational culture as the top drivers, while compensation and benefits and employee well-being emerged as areas needing improvement. Subsequently, focus group discussions are planned to enhance the overall employee experience based on the survey findings.

Our ILF business pillar continues to engage their executive employees in the employee engagement survey. Despite a 42.9% increase in the number of executives since the previous survey in 2021, the participation rate improved from 68% to 80%. Overall, the 2023 survey showed a notable 24.5% increase in engagement score, rising from 53% to 66%, with all drivers scoring higher percentages compared to the previous survey. While the top three engagement drivers remained consistent, the bottom three drivers also showed improvement. However, the management noted that the marginal improvement score in employee well-being suggests a need for more focused efforts to further improve on employees' well-being.

# Employment Benefits

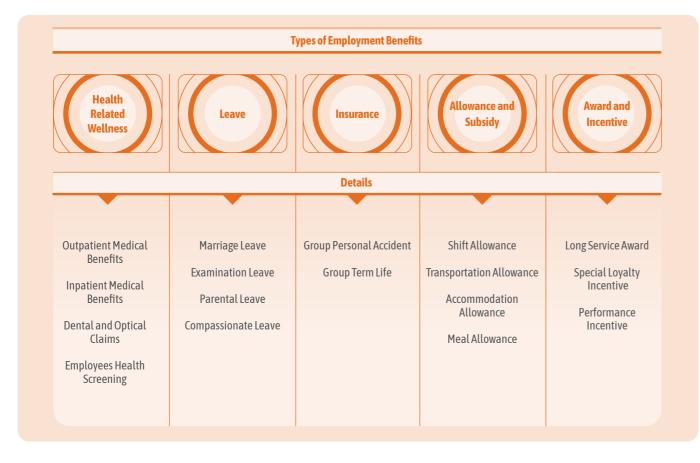
As a company, we acknowledge the significance of offering equally non-monetary benefits aside from monetary ones.

We strive to offer competitive monetary remuneration to our employees, which includes salaries, performance bonuses, and annual increments based on the overall company's performance and the employee's overall job performance.

Our comprehensive suite of benefits provided for our employees is centred around safeguarding their work-life balance, physical and mental health, and well-being.

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Below are the benefits provided to our full-time employees:



# Parental Leave

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During FY2024, a total of 246 employees, comprising 110 male and 136 female employees, took parental leave.

The below graph illustrates the return to work and retention rates of our employees who took parental leave.

The return-to-work after parental leave is 16.9% lower for women, as many leave their jobs after childbirth. Similarly, the retention rate is notably lower for women compared to men. The primary reasons cited for this trend include the caregiving responsibilities that mainly fall on women. For both genders, life priorities often shift after having children, leading some to pursue freelance work or start their own businesses to allow more time with their families.



# **Strengthening Our Talent Pipeline**

Throughout the year, concerted efforts have been made to ensure that our talent succession management focus remains robust. Our Board of Directors and Top Management place emphasis on this focus. We have established the Group Talent Council, along with Business Pillar Talent Councils that meets on a quarterly basis to identify mission-critical key positions and ensure a healthy succession pipeline is in place. At the business unit level, our site HR teams collaborate closely with management to ensure all mission-critical key positions are filled, supporting sustained business growth and success.

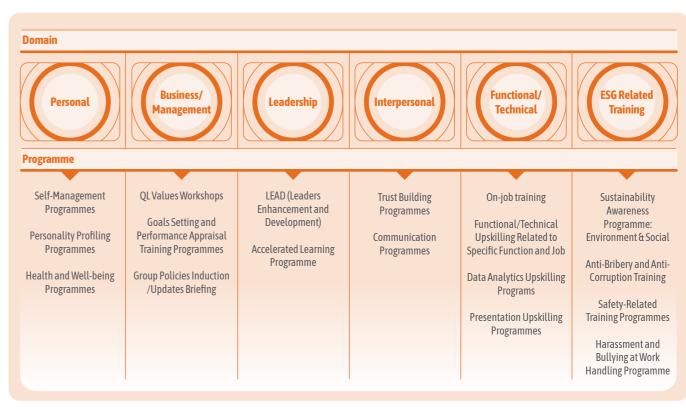
Besides our succession efforts, we also focus our efforts on building a sustainable talent pipeline by diversifying our talent sourcing approach. Strategically, we continue to partner with education institutions, formalising these relationships through MOUs. We continue to work alongside governmental and nongovernmental organisations in our efforts to boast local hiring.

Our HR teams are also actively involved in career fairs and roadshows, including participating in career talks at various universities and colleges. During the reporting period, we have continued to partner with academic institutions to facilitate internships for 195 individuals who have spent between three and six months with us in various businesses. Specifically, internship placements predominantly align with students' academic backgrounds and the relevant jobs within our diverse business pillars. Students who performed well during their internship are also offered permanent placement should a suitable and vacant role arise. A total of 9.2% of interns were hired in the reporting year.

# Nurturing Talent and Leadership Growth

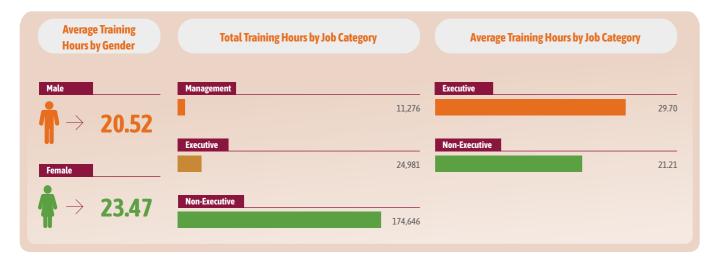
We firmly believe it is our responsibility to nurture our employees by facilitating their ongoing professional and personal growth, thus empowering our employees to reach their full potential as well as to be able to contribute positively to the business success.

We provide a diverse array of training programmes designed to address the specific needs of various employee groups, offering programmes that focus on various domains as categorised by our QL's competency model. The table below provides an overall summary of the programmes we offer for our employees.



In FY2024, our employees collectively completed a total of 210,903 training hours, marking a notable increase of 17.8% compared to the preceding year. On average, each employee contributed 22.31 hours towards training initiatives. The total training expenditure for the reporting period amounts to RM1,269,875.

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In FY2024, we exceeded our training targets. Executives averaged 29.70 training hours which are well above the target of 16 hours per year. Similarly, nonexecutives averaged 21.21 training hours, exceeding the set target of 10 hours per year. This accomplishment underscores our steadfast ongoing commitment to enhancing the skill sets of our workforce at every level.

# **Performance Management and Career Conversations**

At the start of each financial year, we engaged our permanent employees at the level of assistant managers and above in goal-setting conversations. Conversations are held throughout the year, focusing on the progress of job-specific Key Performance Indicators (KPIs), the support required, and the relevancy of the KPIs. These goals are being evaluated at the end of each financial year, alongside the predetermined factors set in the performance appraisal form. The year-end evaluations start with employees self-assessing themselves, followed by their direct superiors and one-up managers. Alongside the year-end appraisals, we are also conducting career development discussions that focus on employees' short-term and long-term career goals.

All other permanent employees other than the assistant managers and above also undergo the yearly annual appraisal using a performance appraisal form with standardised pre-determined factors for performance evaluation.

QL observes a merit-based approach when remunerating our employees. Employees are rewarded according to the company's financial performance and their individual performance with increments, performance-linked bonuses, and career advancement opportunities linked to the outcomes of the appraisals.

# Establishment of QL Poultry Academy and Intensifying On-Job Trainings at ILF Business Pillar

The reporting year has been an exciting year for the ILF business pillar with the establishment of QL Poultry Academy. The QL Poultry Academy was developed to include skills development training programme to drive employees to high level of competence in the poultry industry. One of the key areas of focus for the QL Poultry Academy is to intensify on-the-job training across all farms, spanning layer, breeder, and boiler farming operations.

The ILF business pillar has expanded the team with additional resources hired aimed at accelerating the on-the-job training initiatives. These new hires encompass a Training Manager, Trainers, Content Designers and Administrators. Concurrently, the team is actively pursuing the certification of all modules under the Skim Latihan Dual Nasional (SLDN), with the goal of cultivating a highly skilled workforce in QL as well as to meet the evolving demands of the poultry industry

Overall, the team has successfully completed the design of all the on-the-job training materials, with a specific emphasis on layer farming. Since the establishment of the QL Poultry Academy, a total of 9,945 training hours have been completed across four-layer farms, averaging of 17.4 training hours per employee. Efforts are now intensifying to extend training to all workers in the breeder and boiler farms, in addition to the ongoing focus on layer farms.

# **Occupational Safety and Health**

## Performance

- Refreshed and enhanced Occupational Safety and Health Policy
- Implemented a group-wide safety campaign over a three-week period
- 11% of QL sites are certified with ISO 45001:2018, with QL Kitchen Sdn. Bhd. being the latest site to obtain certification
- Deterioration of our safety performance resulting from an increase in LTIFR by **31.5%**, mainly by MPM business pillar, and one fatality involving our third-party contractor at our Clean Energy business
- 3,480 employees were trained on safety and health standards

# Our Approach

At QL, our management and leaders are dedicated to fostering a safe and healthy workplace environment. We are devoted to prioritising the continual improvement of our occupational safety and health management, considering it a fundamental aspect of our business culture. Ensuring a safe work culture that safeguards the safety and health of our employees, contractors, and the communities in which we operate, and work is a cornerstone of our commitment to responsible business practices. By ensuring a safe, healthy, and conducive workplace, we aim to prevent injuries and ill-health, which ultimately leads to increased efficiency and productivity.

# **Our Occupational Safety and Health Governance Structure**

Recognising the inherent obligation to ensure a safe and healthy workplace for our people, it is crucial to establish a safety and health governance structure to oversee, lead, and initiate safety and health initiatives, as well as meet our legal obligations across all our businesses.

The Board oversees the safety and health management as well as ensures compliance with all applicable regulations, industry code of practices and legislative requirements.

Agendas for Board meetings include the review of related safety performance data, significant risks, and other safety updates that are significant to be brought to the attention of the Board, enabling the Board to execute their roles and responsibilities in improving OSH performance and taking preventive actions for any OSH incidents from happening and reoccurring.

The Group CEO has the overall responsibility of ensuring the effectiveness of the Board's oversight of safety and health matters.

The EXCO is responsible for group-wide safety and health management, including complying with the relevant laws, rules, and regulations. They are to review the safety and health performance data and recommend safety and health targets for Board approval. They are to ensure that all decisions made and initiatives executed will lead to a safe and healthy work environment.

The Group OSH Work Committee is represented by safety and human resources personnel from all business units.

This committee meets quarterly to share the safety performance of all businesses and to discuss issues, initiatives and matters pertaining to safety and health at all levels within the Group.

Sub-working committees are being formed, led and supported by members of this group to assist on improving focused subjects such as legal compliance, risk management, training, and systems.

All operation sites have established their safety committee as required by local regulations, which is chaired by the respective directors, heads of business units, or general managers to enable employee participation in discussions on hazards, risks, safety practices, and improvement needs at their workplace.

All employees are to uphold the Occupational Safety and Health Policy and OSH Guiding Principles of WECARE and to comply with applicable laws and regulations in which we operate.

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# Strengthening Our Workplace Safety Practices

In the reporting year, we have refreshed and enhanced our Occupational Safety and Health Policy in line with our continuous improvement approach towards safety and health. A copy of the policy can be found on the QL website. We emphasise on our commitment to how our business operations are conducted in a safer manner through the implementation of risk assessment, various measures, and controls. We prioritise the communication, education, and training of our people and all parties that we deal with. We focus our efforts on improvement by evolving our processes, work practices, and systems for a safer work environment. We aspire for all parties dealing with us to uphold our OSH policy.

QL Group's Occupational Safety and Health Management System are designed in compliance with Occupational Safety and Health Act 1994, Occupational Safety and Health (Amendment) Act 2022, and ISO 45001:2018 Occupational Safety and Health Management System standards.

QL has embarked on a journey to have our operating sites progressively certified with ISO 45001:2018 Safety Management System standards. This year, we are pleased to announce that our QL Kitchen Sdn. Bhd. business unit has achieved ISO certification. Currently, 11% of our sites under the sustainability reporting scope at QL are certified with ISO 45001:2018 Safety Management System standards.

In preparing and facilitating the wider adoption of ISO 45001:2018 standards across our various business sites, we have established a sub-committee within our Group OSH Work Committee. This sub-committee's primary objective is to collaborate with individual business units' safety professional, helping them comprehend the requirements of ISO 45001:2018 and assisting in the development of necessary documentation and work practices in alignment with these standards. Our goal is to gradually prepare more sites to fully integrate these systems. Presently, all business units are evaluating occupational risks and opportunities in accordance with ISO 45001:2018, even if they have yet to officially adopt the standards.

The hazard identification, risk assessment, and risk control (HIRARC) process has also been reviewed to ensure that it remains relevant and aligns with DOSH Guidelines for Hazard Identification, Risk Assessment, and Risk Control 2008 with effective control measures to mitigate the risks.

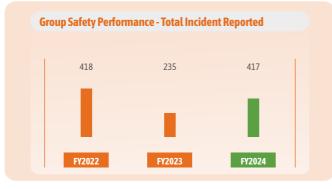
The HIRARC process is being practiced in business operations, where this process is regularly carried out when there are changes made to existing equipment or operations, and procurement of new equipment or projects. This is done before making major organisational changes or introducing new equipment, materials or processes.

## Our Safety Performance Scorecard

QL Group finished the year with a Lost Time Injury Frequency Rate (LTIFR) of 4.09 LTI per million hours. This is equivalent to 120 lost time injury incidents with total hours worked of approximately 29.4 million hours. Comparing to last financial year, the LTIFR is on a declining trend by 21.4%.

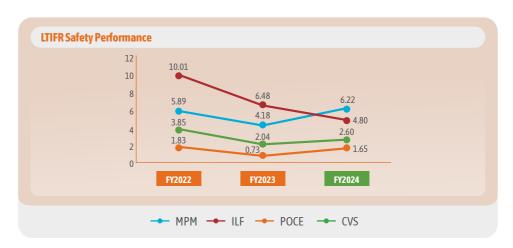
Throughout the reporting period, the total number of incidents reported has increased by approximately 74.4%. The increase in incidents being reported can be attributed to the establishment of initiatives that increased the involvement and awareness of employees about the importance of reporting all incidents, including near-miss incidents. A communication matrix outlining all incidents reporting lines was established to communicate essential information for management attention and actions.





Note: The LTIFR for FY2022 and FY2023 was restated to standardise the data by incorporating the same business entity for FY2023 and FY2024

Based on a review of the group's safety performance over the past three years, the EXCO Committee has established a baseline for setting safety targets. This baseline is set based on the average LTIFR over the last three years which is at 4.39 per million worked hours. As this is the first year of setting safety targets, the committee has established an annual goal of an 8% improvement in LTIFR for FY2025. Moving forward, the committee will set safety targets on a yearly basis. Long-term targets will also be established once the LTIFR data stabilises.



 $Except for ILF, all \ business \ pillars \ are showing \ an increasing \ trend. \ On \ annual \ performance, ILF is the \ only \ business \ pillar \ that \ shows \ improvement \ and \ improved$ by approximately 25.9% in comparison with FY2023. Although POCE had a fatal incident in FY2024, its LTIFR is still the lowest among the four business pillars.

During the reporting period, the frequency of near-miss incidents reported was low, indicating a lack of effectiveness in our accident management approach and the identification of potential injury situations or environments. As a result, alternative strategies are being considered, such as exploring the implementation of behaviour-based safety observation and audits as a safety management tool.

It is regrettable to note that there was one fatal injury reported. The unfortunate fatal incident occurred in third quarter which involved a contractor. A contract worker was injured as a result of falling from a temporary ladder at our customer's premises.

Following the fatal incident, a thorough accident investigation was jointly done to identify the root causes and determine controls for preventing recurrence. The details of the incident and recommended controls were communicated and discussed at the board and management meeting of the affected business unit meeting. The incident information was communicated to other business units via our Group OSH Work Committee through our sharing and learning session. The information was also reported to the Board of Directors. The key recommendations from the investigation are to improve existing contractor safety management system, procedures, practices, and supervision, especially at project sites.

# **Improving Our Safety Performance Communication**

This year, we have also focused our effort on improving and standardising the communication of performance on safety activities that have been planned for and incidents that have happened in the reporting period. at a minimum on a quarterly basis. The standardised safety dashboard initiative provides a platform for all heads of business units and site management to have a better understanding and knowledge of updates on safety status within their respective areas of responsibility.

To enhance our safety communication process, we have introduced the Safety Performance Board, which is displayed at prominent locations to ensure all management and employees are promptly aware of any incident or accident as and when it happens at their business units. It also initiates management to understand more and follow up on victims of the accident.



Introduction of Safety Performance Board in QL Ansan Poultry Farm Sdn. Bhd.

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# Safety and Health Campaign and Training

In FY2024, we carried out a group-wide safety campaign, emphasising on the six safety guiding principles (WECARE) that each employee needs to live by.

- W orking safety is a condition of employment.
- E mployee involvement is essential.
- ontinuous training employees to work safely is essential.
- A ) ll injuries can be prevented.
- R ole modelling & management accountability is important.
- E xposure to operational hazards can be safeguarded.

Our management and people managers are expected to demonstrate visible safety commitment through a behaviour-based safety approach and guide our employees to uphold the OSH guiding principles of WECARE.



Launching of Safety Campaign at QL Tawau



First Aid Training (mock drill) at QL Endau

This three-week campaign involved the entire workforce at QL, from top management to people on the ground. The campaign was launched concurrently at every business unit by the respective director and general manager with an opening message from the Executive Chairman of QL Group. This campaign met its objectives, and the closing of this three-week safety campaign was done at every business unit with an appreciative message from the Group CEO.

Throughout the year, our Group OSH Work Committee and safety professionals at various business sites work hard to roll out various safety and health training programmes that were conducted internally and externally. Induction, reinductions, on-the-job training relating to safe work instructions and standard operating procedures, emergency evacuation, firefighting and first-aid trainings were amongst the ongoing trainings attended by employees.

A total of 3,480 employees were trained in safety and health standards. This represents an increase of 55.3% compared to the number of employees trained in previous year. The key objective is to upskill and enhance the knowledge of employees, reduce the risks at workplaces, and improve the implementation performance of legal requirements.



Launching of Safety Campaign at QL Kitchen Sdn. Bhd.



# **Community Contributions**

Performance

- RM939,546 amount invested in community initiatives, benefitting 176 organisations and extending support to 11,656 individuals as beneficiaries
- Created employment opportunities for 4,884 local individuals
- Contributed RM22.09 million interest-free financial aid; benefiting 895 fishermen through the Marine Product Manufacturing Core Flagship Fishermen Financial Assistance Scheme (FFAS)
- Continue to champion the C Our Future Programme in support of child stunting issues in Malaysia with 505 preschoolers across 18 kindergartens receive one egg per child per day
- Provided 21,979 meals to the needy through our CVS business pillar's flagship food salvage programme

Ql's business philosophy of "value for all" remains the cornerstone of our efforts to enhance and enrich the lives of our communities. Our choice of both one-time and ongoing flagship programmes is guided by our corporate citizenship and philanthropic guidelines. These selections align with our business strategy, linking our community investments to QL and our respective business pillars.

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When executing these programmes, we collaborate with our employees to participate voluntarily, thereby nurturing a culture of giving and community involvement within our workforce.

# Making a Difference in the Lives of Our Communities and the Environment

During the reporting year 2024, QL allocated RM939,546 towards community initiatives, benefiting approximately 176 organisations and extending support to 11,656 individuals.

Throughout the year, the company undertakes activities or donations to give back to communities and the environment. We continue to enhance the well-being of our local communities by creating employment opportunities and supporting local fishermen to bolster their businesses. We have also extended our collaboration with our supplier to combat the issue of child stunning in Malaysia. We partner with a local soup kitchen society to support homeless and marginalised communities in Malaysia. This partnership also helps prevent edible food from being wasted, thereby contributing to the reduction of food waste.

Aside from that, we remain committed to elevating the quality of education either through education facilities upgrading or our engagement supporting school activities to enrich the well-being of students. Activities that we support include but not limited to sponsoring awards for top students, hosting factory visits, school sports day and fund-raising activities.

# Advocating for Employment Opportunities in Local Communities

QL remains committed to supporting the communities in which we operate by offering employment opportunities. In FY24, QL hired 4,884 locals, these comprised 79.8% of the total hires for the year. Primarily, the CVS business pillar accounted for most of these local hires.

Over the years, QL Endau Marine has been committed to recruiting from the underserved Orang Asli communities residing near our operations. This year, we have employed and onboarded 89 Orang Asli individuals to our team, which is a hiring increase of 40.4% from the previous year. From these hires, 58.4% remain employed. Although the retention rate has increased by 28.9% from the previous year, a key ongoing challenge lies in retaining these individuals and helping them adapt to the work environment. The team remains committed to continue providing employment opportunities to this underserved community and exploring avenues to support their transition into the workforce.

# Fostering Shared Prosperity with Local Fishermen

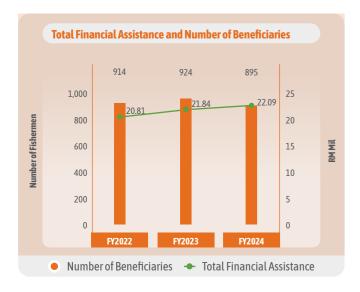
The Fisherman Financial Assistance Scheme (FFAS), which was initiated over two decades ago, continues to be an integral core flagship programme for the Marine Product Manufacturing (MPM) business pillar.

The mutually beneficial arrangement between the fishermen and QL has created shared value for both parties. Fishermen continue to have access to financial assistance, and QL has access to the fishermen's catch. In addition, over the years, both parties have fostered a strong relationship, enabling the sharing of knowledge and expertise that significantly improves the livelihood of fishermen and the fishing industry.

During FY24, QL allocated RM22.09 million in financial aid through FFAS, benefiting 895 fishermen. QL bore an estimated net financing cost of RM585,500.

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# **Breaking the Cycle of Child Stunting Among Pre-Schoolers**

Since the launch of the 2023 C Our Future Programme, the programme has been meticulously monitored to assess its effectiveness in promoting the growth and development of the pre-schoolers benefiting from the provision of eggs.

We are pleased to report that the initiative has helped to reduce the underweight children by 24% over the six months period.

Seeing the effectiveness of the programme, the ILF business pillar maintains its enthusiasm and optimism to continue championing this initiative alongside Ceva Animal Health, positioning it as a flagship programme within the ILF business pillar.

Now entering our second year since inception, QL has renewed our commitment to donating eggs to 18 kindergartens, which are mainly attended by 505 pre-schoolers from low-income families and indigenous communities. Commencing from March 2024 up to January 2025, the children will receive one egg each day to consume in their respective kindergartens.

# Feeding the Needy Through Our Food Salvage Programme

Our CVS business pillar has initiated a collaboration with a local soup kitchen, Kechara Soup Kitchen, to salvage edible food to be distributed to the needy. The purpose of the programme is to ensure that surplus food is collected and redirected to those in need, thereby addressing food insecurity in our community and reducing waste.

Since the commencement of the programme on 28 August 2023, and up until 31 March 2024, a total of 21,979 meals were served to the needy. With an aim to support community well-being and promote social equity, the programmes involved collaborating with 114 organisations, serving various underserved communities such as shelter homes for the elderly and children, soup kitchen food banks, the underprivileged Orang Asli, and project perumahan rakyat communities.

The CVS business pillar is considering the food salvage initiative as a long-term flagship programme as part of its business strategy of reducing food waste within the business pillar and more widely at the group level.

# Enhancing the Quality of Education Through the Construction of a Layer House Research Facility

In our steadfast dedication to fostering quality education, QL has committed this year to sponsoring the construction of a layer house for UPM's Agriculture Faculty. A Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) was officially signed between QL and UPM on 22 February 2024, to formalise this initiative.

The construction of the layer house, designed to accommodate approximately 2,000-layer chickens, will facilitate teaching and learning in layer chicken production and bolster research and innovation efforts in addressing issues and challenges in local layer chicken production.

QL's sponsorship of this initiative aims to elevate and refine industry practices in the layer farming sector, ultimately enhancing its quality.



Prof. Dr. Loh Teck Chwen, Dekan of Fakulti Pertanian, Prof. Ir. Dr. B.T Hang Tuah Baharudin, Timbalan Naib Canselor (Jaringan Industri & Masyarakat), Mr. Chia Song Kooi, Group Chief Executive Officer of QL Resources and Dr. Danish Cheong Abdullah, Head Veterinarian Centre of Excellence in the MOA signing ceremony held on 22 February 2024

# **Customer Responsibility**

# Performance

- 1,453 products are Halal certified
- ILF, MPM and CVS processes are certified to local and international standards

# Our Approach

QL's mission is to create nourishing goods, striving for a marketplace where food that meets stringent criteria for quality, safety, and nutrition is easily accessible to our consumers globally.

Subjected to rigorous examination by both local and international certification bodies, we adhere to stringent controls over food quality and safety throughout our production processes to uphold food safety standards and regulatory compliance. Through continuous innovation, we strive to elevate quality of our offerings to meet the ever-changing market demands.

# **Producing Quality and Safe Food**

QL is committed to ensuring that our products meet the highest standards of food quality and safety requirements through rigorous food safety management and quality control processes across our ILF, MPM, and CVS business units. We are wholly dedicated to adhering to all applicable local and international food quality and safety standards. Our production facilities are certified against various standards including, Halal Standards, Hazard Analytics and Critical Control Point (HACCP), Food Safety System Certification 22000 (FSSC 22000), Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP), Makanan Selamat Tanggungjawab Industri (MeSTI).

QL is steadfast in our commitment to providing consumers with a wider range of Halal products that comply with the Halal requirements set by Jabatan Kemajuan Islam Malaysia. As at end of March 2024, we now boast over 1,453 certified Halal products, marking a significant increase from the previous year's count of over 1,000.

# Certifications and Standards PACCP CERTIFICATION CERTIFICATION









# Empowering Consumers to Make Informed Choices Through Ethical Marketing and Advertising

To aid customers in making well-informed purchasing decisions, we are committed to providing customers with accurate and transparent information about our product quality, nutrition and safety through responsible product labelling. Our labelling practices strictly adheres to the Malaysia Food Act 1983, Food Regulations 1985, and guidelines by United States Food & Drug Administration's (FDA). Comprehensive processes and controls are also in place to regularly review information disclosed on our product labels to ensure the accuracy and transparency of the contents and nutrition-related information of our food products.

Upholding our Responsible Marketing and Advertising Policy, QL strives to ensure our marketing and advertising communication are responsible, ethical, accurate and consistent with our brand values as one of Malaysia's leading integrated agro-based enterprises. Our marketing and advertising practices are guided by the Malaysian Code of Advertising Practice and Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Content Code.

# **Commitment to Develop Healthy and Nutritious Products**

Over the past few years, the rise in adoption of healthier eating habits has led to the increase in demand for healthier food options. Recognising this trend, QL is committed to offering a diverse array of nutritious products to meet the rising demand. Guided by our Health and Nutrition Statement, QL is committed to continuously enhancing the quality and nutritional value of our offerings, aligning with industry-recognised health standards, all while ensuring that taste remains uncompromised.

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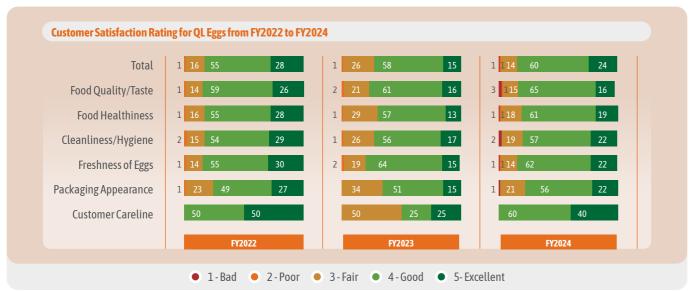
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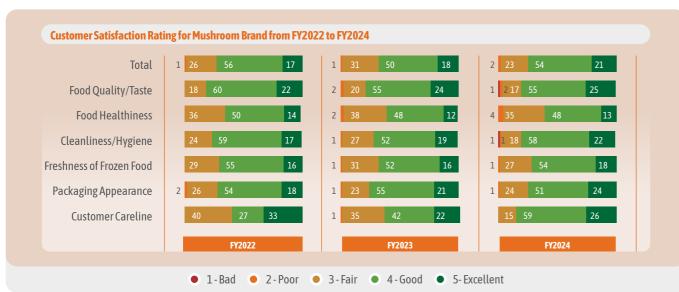
# **Customer Satisfaction**

Ensuring a consistently high level of customer satisfaction stands as one of QL's primary focuses in our strategy to foster brand loyalty and retain customer trust. To uphold and gauge customer satisfaction effectively, QL implements an annual survey initiative through an independent external subject matter expert to obtain valuable feedback from customers on two core brands – QL Eggs and QL Mushroom. The survey is designed to capture insights on various facets of customer experience including taste, freshness, cleanliness and packaging which will provide valuable insights for us to improve our products and services.

In FY2024, we retained an overall high level of customer satisfaction rating for QL Eggs and QL Mushroom products, with both brands maintaining more than 99% Fair to Excellent ratings.

We continuously monitor customer feedback on our products and services received through various channels. QL strives to address and resolve the feedback in a timely manner. We are committed to enhancing our customer care with a more strategic and responsive approach, as well as improving the accessibility of feedback channels for our customers.





# Supply Chain (Social)

Performance

Our Approach

51.5% proportion of spending on local suppliers

Effective management of ESG factors is essential for ensuring sustainable supply chain operations. This approach not only enhances our business value and growth but also benefits the environment and society. Therefore, QL strives to practice a responsible supply chain management process that minimises environmental impacts and at the same time fosters socially responsible management of suppliers and procurement activities.

# **Guiding Principles for Socially Responsible Supply Chain**

QL has crafted a Supply Chain Policy to establish a set of guidelines governing procurement activities of QL and our suppliers who conduct business with us and on behalf of QL for implementation of a sound supplier management process. Aimed at promoting environmental stewardship, social equity and regulatory compliance, the policy outlines QL's commitments in working with our suppliers on environmental and social sustainability aspects.

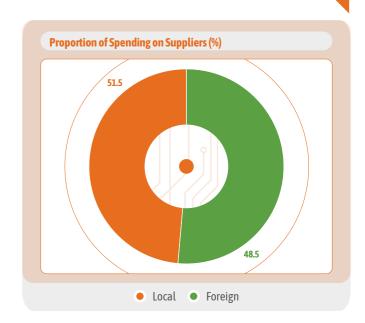
While QL places great emphasis on respect for human rights and fair labour practices, our suppliers are similarly expected to uphold ethical standards in their operations. They are encouraged to treat their employees equally, with respect and dignity. This covers prohibition of child, forced and involuntary labour, observation to minimum wage, work hours, overtime and benefits, respect to freedom of association and collective bargaining, and ensuring workplace security, safety and health.

# Supporting Local Economy

Besides sustainable procurement, local sourcing is also a fundamental aspect of QL's supply chain process, enabling us to bolster local economy while minimising our operational footprint. When feasible and appropriate, QL will prioritise local suppliers and the use of locally sourced materials and services to contribute to national economic growth.

As part of our commitment to support local economy development, QL monitors the proportion of our spending on local suppliers. QL defines local procurement as the purchase of goods, services, or works from suppliers using Ringgit Malaysia as the transaction currency.

In FY2024, more than 50% of QL's total procurement spend was on local suppliers. Given that raw materials of animal feed are not accessible locally, our ILF operations often need to procure from outside the country to fulfil our production requirements and ensure a steady supply of materials.



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# **GOVERNANCE RESPONSIBILITY**





# **Our Targets**

Material Matter	Target	FY24 Performance			
AC	Zero proven bribery case	Zero case reported			
IT	Zero substantiated incidents of data breach	Zero incident reported			

Information on Corporate Governance and Risk Management material matters can be found in Corporate Governance Overview Statement and Statement on Risk Management and Internal Control of this Integrated Annual Report.

Our Approach

# Anti-Corruption

# Performance

• 100% of operations assessed for risk related to corruption

- 82.9% executives and 80.2% non-executives received training on anti-bribery
- **4,849** suppliers signed QL's Suppliers and Business Associates Code of Business Ethics
- · Zero Violation of Anti-Bribery Policy

We persist in instilling and directing our business activities and relationship to conform to our internal policies, alongside pertinent laws and regulations. With an unwavering commitment to integrity, we ensure the dissemination of our core values and culture to both internal and external stakeholders to manage third-party risks and fortify business resilience.

# Standing Against Bribery and Corruption

To reinforce the Anti-Bribery Policy introduced in 2020, the effectiveness of our Anti-Bribery Framework was reviewed by an internal auditor in FY2024. Training sessions on Anti-Bribery Policy were conducted across the Group to ensure that all employees understand the various forms of bribery and comply with the relevant law, thereby cultivating a culture of integrity within QL. Since the introduction of the Anti-Bribery Policy, 100% of employees have received training. Now in the fourth year since the policy's inception, refresher training sessions have been conducted. For the reporting year, attendance rates for the Anti-Bribery Policy training were 82.9% for executives and 80.2% for non-executives.

In addition to providing all employees with training, we have mandated that all identified high-risk employees to complete an on-line course on the introduction to corporate liability under section 17A of the MACC Act 2009. A total of 215 employees have been enrolled in the programme.

In relation to enhancing communication of our Anti-Bribery Policy, we have planned a series of Anti-Bribery and Anti-Corruption Awareness Communication for our employees. The first communication, themed "Our Integrity. Our Pride", has been disseminated across all business units, accompanied by multilingual

# Innovation and Technology

# Performance

· Zero substantiated incidents of data breach

# Our Approach

Innovation and technology are crucial in securing QL's long-term business success, empowering us to remain pertinent and agile amidst rapidly shifting market trends. Our ongoing dedication involves embracing and investing in innovation and technology to drive QL's progress responsibly, while ensuring the safeguarding of cybersecurity and data protection.

# Automation for Scalability

QL remains committed to investing in automation initiatives throughout our business operations to achieve scalability. Automation enhances efficiency and productivity by streamlining processes and reducing our dependence on manual labours. This can result in cost savings and increased output.

In addition, automation can improve accuracy and consistency in our operations, leading to higher quality products and services. By implementing automated processes, human interaction with food products in our productions has been significantly minimised, ensuring a consistent level of product quality. As our employees are relieved from manual duties, they can dedicate their attention to strategic or creative endeavours, driving innovation, research and development within the organisation.

# Digitalising Operations

QL initiated our digitalisation journey by incorporating digital technologies into different aspects of our business operations. Our journey commenced with the ILF business pillar.

Centralised systems such as Enterprise Resource Planning and farm management system will be employed to streamline farm processes and collect real time operational data using digital tools and applications. Furthermore, IoT devices are utilised to capture data for analysis, minimise human error, and enhance productivity. These initiatives will establish the technological foundation for QL, paving the path for integration of advanceddata analytics into our daily operations for better decision making moving forward.

# Safeguarding Data Protection and Privacy

In FY2024, we enhanced a data security framework, along with revamp and implementation plan of QL's Data Privacy and Security Policy governing the management of personal data collected and processed by QL. We have a group-wide reporting channel for incidences of personal information leakage, accessible via email, phone, or postal mail. Any incident received will be escalated to Data Protection Officer. Respective departments will acknowledge the reported incident, conduct investigation, and develop plan to address and rectify the incident.

In addition to conducting routine IT awareness training for all employees. we also performed vulnerability assessments and penetration testing to detect threats, mitigate cybersecurity risks, and enhance security maturity progressively.

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#### **GRI CONTENT INDEX**

GRI Standards 2016	Disclosure Number	Disclosure Title	Section and Page Reference/Notes			
Universal Standar	ds					
GRI 102: General	Organisational Profile					
Disclosures	102-1	Name of the organisation	QL Resources Berhad			
	102-2	Activities, brands, products, and services	Principal Activities			
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	102-5	Ownership and legal form	Corporate Structure, QL Corporate Website (www.ql.com.my)			
	102-6	Markets served	Principal Activities			
	102-7	Scale of the organisation	Value Creation Strategy			
	102-8	Information on employees and other workers	Talent Management Value Creation Strategy			
	102-9	Supply chain	Stakeholder Engagement Upholding Business Integrity			
	102-10	Significant changes to organisation and its supply chain	Chairman's Statement Business Review			
	102-11	Precautionary principle or approach	QL's management approach is focused on risk-based guided by our internal audit framework than precautionary principle			
	102-12	External initiatives	QL supports the UNSDGs. Commitment to Our Communities Materiality Boundary			
	102-13	Membership of associations	Stakeholder Engagement			
	Strategy					
	102-14	Statement from senior decision-maker	Chairman's Statement			
	102-15	Key impacts, risks and opportunities	Value Creation Strategy			
	Ethics and I	ntegrity				
	102-16	Values, principles, standards, and norms of behaviour	Value Creation Strategy			
	102-17	Mechanisms for advice and concerns about ethics	Corporate Governance Overview Statement Upholding Business Integrity			

GRI Standards 2016	Disclosure Number	Disclosure Title	Section and Page Reference/Notes
Universal Standards	5		
GRI 102: General	Governance	9	
Disclosures	102-18	Governance structure	Key Senior Management Sustainability Governance
	Stakeholde	r Engagement	
	102-40	List of stakeholder groups	Stakeholder Engagement,
	102-41	Collective bargaining agreements	QL does not have collective bargaining in place
	102-42	Identifying and selecting stakeholders	Stakeholder Engagement
	102-43	Approach to stakeholder engagement	Stakeholder Engagement
	102-44	Key topics and concerns raised	Stakeholder Engagement
	Reporting P	ractice	
	102-45	Entities included in the consolidated financial statements	Corporate Structure, QL Corporate Website ( <a href="https://www.ql.com.my">www.ql.com.my</a> )
	102-46	Defining report content and topic Boundaries	Reporting Scope and Period
	102-47	List of material topics	Materiality Assessment Materiality Boundary
	102-48	Restatements of information	Climate Change Restatement due to change of measurement methods for Natural Gas emissions
	102-49	Changes in reporting	Materiality Assessment
	102-50	Reporting period	1 April 2023 - 31 March 2024
	102-51	Date of most recent report	August 2024
	102-52	Reporting cycle	Annual
	102-53	Contact point for questions regarding the report	Feedback
	102-54	Claims of reporting in accordance with GRI Standards	Preparation of This Statement
	102-55	GRI content index	GRI Content Index
	102-56	External assurance	QL has not sought external assurance on the data presented in this statement. QL intends to seek external assurance in the future.

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GRI Standards 2016	Disclosure Number	Disclosure Title	Section and Page Reference/Notes
Topic Specific Standards			
Anti-Corruption			
GRI 103:	103-1	Explanation of the material topic and its Boundary	Materiality Boundary
Management Approach	103-2	The management approach and its components	Anti-Corruption
	103-3	Evaluation of the management approach	
GRI 205: Anti-	205-1	Operations assessed for risks related to corruption	
Corruption (2016)	205-2	Communication and training about anti-corruption policies and procedures	
	205-3	Confirmed incidents of corruption and actions taken	
Innovation and Tech	nology		
GRI 103:	103-1	Explanation of the material topic and its Boundary	Materiality Assessment
Management Approach	103-2	The management approach and its components	Innovation and Technology
	103-3	Evaluation of the management approach	
GRI 418: Customer Privacy (2016)	418-1	Substantiated complaints concerning breaches of customer privacy and losses of customer data	
Climate Change			
GRI 103:	103-1	Explanation of the material topic and its Boundary	Materiality Boundary
Management Approach	103-2	The management approach and its components	Climate Change
	103-3	Evaluation of the management approach	
GRI 302: Energy	302-1	Energy consumption within the organisation	
(2016)	302-3	Energy intensity	
GRI 305: Emissions	305-1	Direct (Scope 1) GHG emissions	
	305-2	Energy indirect (Scope 2) GHG emissions	_
	305-4	GHG emissions intensity	_
	305-5	Reduction of GHG emissions	

GRI Standards 2016	Disclosure Number	Disclosure Title	Section and Page Reference/Notes
Topic Specific Standa	ards		
Water Security			
GRI 103:	103-1	Explanation of the material topic and its Boundary	Materiality Boundary
Management Approach	103-2	The management approach and its components	WaterSecurity
7.66.000	103-3	Evaluation of the management approach	
GRI 303: Water and	303-1	Interactions with water as a shared resource	
Effluents (2018)	303-2	Management of water discharge-related impacts	
	303-3	Water withdrawal	
Pollution and Resou	rces		
GRI 103:	103-1	Explanation of the material topic and its Boundary	Materiality Boundary
Management Approach	103-2	The management approach and its components	Pollution and Resources
	103-3	Evaluation of the management approach	
GRI 303: Water and Effluents (2018)	303-4	Water discharge	
GRI 306: Waste	306-2	Management of significant waste-related impacts	
(2020)	306-3	Waste generated	
	306-4	Waste diverted from disposal	
	306-5	Waste directed to disposal	
Biodiversity			
GRI 103: Management	103-1	Explanation of the material topic and its Boundary	Materiality Boundary
Approach	103-2	The management approach and its components	Biodiversity
	103-3	Evaluation of the management approach	
GRI 304: Biodiversity	304-3	Habitats protected or restored	

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GRI Standards 2016	Disclosure Number	Disclosure Title	Section and Page Reference/Notes
Topic Specific Stand	ards		
Supply Chain (Enviro	onment)		
GRI 103:	103-1	Explanation of the material topic and its Boundary	Materiality Boundary
Management Approach	103-2	The management approach and its components	Supply Chain (Environment)
	103-3	Evaluation of the management approach	_
NA	NA	Performance measure based on QL specific performance indicator	
Occupational Safety	/ & Health		
GRI 103:	103-1	Explanation of the material topic and its Boundary	Materiality Boundary
Management Approach	103-2	The management approach and its components	Occupational Safety & Health
	103-3	Evaluation of the management approach	_
GRI 403: Occupational Health and Safety	403-1	Types of injury and rates of injury, occupational diseases, lost days and absenteeism, and number of work-related fatalities	
(2018)	403-2	Hazard identification, risk assessment, and incident investigation	_
	403-5	Worker training on occupational health and safety	_
	403-9	Work-related injuries	
Talent Management	t		
GRI 103:	103-1	Explanation of the material topic and its Boundary	Materiality Boundary
Management Approach	103-2	The management approach and its components	Talent Management
	103-3	Evaluation of the management approach	_
GRI 401:	401-1	New employee hires and employee turnover	_
Employment	401-3	Parental leave	_
GRI 404: Training	404-1	Average hours of training per year per employee	_
and Education	404-3	Percentage of employees receiving regular performance and career development reviews	
GRI 405:	405-1	Diversity of governance bodies and employees	_
Diversity and Equal Opportunity	405-2	Ratio of basic salary and remuneration of women to men	
GRI 406: Non discrimination	406-1	Incidents of discrimination and corrective actions taken	

GRI Standards 2016	Disclosure Number	Disclosure Title	Section and Page Reference/Notes
Topic Specific Stand	ards		
Labour Standards			
GRI 103:	103-1	Explanation of the material topic and its Boundary	Materiality Boundary
Management Approach	103-2	The management approach and its components	Labour Standards
	103-3	Evaluation of the management approach	_
GRI 412: Human Rights Assessment	412-2	Employee training on human rights policies or procedures	
Community Contrib	utions		
GRI 103:	103-1	Explanation of the material topic and its Boundary	Materiality Boundary
Management Approach	103-2	The management approach and its components	Community Contributions
лрргоисп	103-3	Evaluation of the management approach	-
GRI 413: Local Communities	413-1	Operations with local community engagement, impact assessments, and development programmes	
Customer Responsil	bility		
GRI 103:	103-1	Explanation of the material topic and its boundary	Materiality Boundary
Management Approach	103-2	The management approach and its components	Customer Responsibility
	103-3	Evaluation of the management approach	-
NA	NA	Performance measure based on QL specific performance indicator	-
Supply Chain (Socia	l)		
GRI 103:	103-1	Explanation of the material topic and its boundary	Materiality Boundary
Management Approach	103-2	The management approach and its components	Supply Chain (Social)
	103-3	Evaluation of the management approach	_
GRI 204: Procurement Practices (2016)	204-1	Proportion of spending on local suppliers	_

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#### **BURSA MALAYSIA'S COMMON INDICATORS**

Indicator	Measurement Unit	2024
Bursa (Energy management)		
Bursa C4(a) Total energy consumption	Megawatt	600,474.11
Bursa (Emissions management)		
Bursa C11(a) Scope 1 emissions in tonnes of CO <sub>.9</sub> e	Metrictonnes	36,106.14
Bursa C11(b) Scope 2 emissions in tonnes of CO <sub>3</sub> e	Metrictonnes	117,538.53
Bursa (Water)		
Bursa C9(a) Total volume of water used	Megalitres	3,085.930000
Bursa (Waste management)	J	
Bursa C10(a) Total waste generated	Metrictonnes	212,400.83
Bursa C10(a)(i) Total waste diverted from disposal	Metric tonnes	202,482.89
Bursa C10(a)(ii) Total waste directed to disposal	Metric tonnes	9,918.13
Bursa (Diversity)		
Bursa C3(a) Percentage of employees by gender and age group, for each employee category		
Age Group by Employee Category		
Management Under 30	Percentage	0.20
Management Between 30-50	Percentage	3.2
Management Above 50	Percentage	0.7
Executive Under 30	Percentage	3.7
Executive Between 30-50	Percentage	5.7
Executive Above 50	Percentage	0.4
Non-executive Under 30	Percentage	49.4
Non-executive Between 30-50	Percentage	32.7
Non-executive Above 50	Percentage	4.0
Gender Group by Employee Category		
Management Male	Percentage	2.2
Management Female	Percentage	2.00
Executive Male	Percentage	4.8
Executive Female	Percentage	5.0
Non-executive Male	Percentage	53.0
Non-executive Female	Percentage	33.0
Bursa C3(b) Percentage of directors by gender and age group		
Male	Percentage	63.60
Female	Percentage	36.4
Under 50	Percentage	18.2
Between 50-59	Percentage	9.1
Between 60-69	Percentage	54.5
Above 70	Percentage	18.20
Internal assurance External assuran	nce No assurance	(*)Restated

Indicator	Measurement Unit	2024
Bursa (Labour practices and standards)		
Bursa C6(a) Total hours of training by employee category		
Management	Hours	11,276
Executive	Hours	24,981
Non-executive	Hours	174,646
Bursa C6(b) Percentage of employees that are contractors or temporary staff	Percentage	37.20
Bursa C6(c) Total number of employee turnover by employee category		
Management	Number	304
Executive	Number	270
Non-executive	Number	4,588
Bursa C6(d) Number of substantiated complaints concerning human rights violations	Number	0
Bursa (Health and safety)		
Bursa C5(a) Number of work-related fatalities	Number	1
Bursa C5(b) Lost time incident rate ("LTIR")	Rate	4.09
Bursa C5(c) Number of employees trained on health and safety standards	Number	3,480
Bursa (Community/Society)		
Bursa C2(a) Total amount invested in the community where the target beneficiaries are external to the listed issuer	MYR	939,546.00
Bursa C2(b) Total number of beneficiaries of the investment in communities	Number	11,832
Bursa (Supply chain management)		,
Bursa C7(a) Proportion of spending on local suppliers	Percentage	51.50
Bursa (Anti-corruption)		
Bursa C1(a) Percentage of employees who have received training on anti-corruption by employee category		
Executive and Above	Percentage	82.90
Non-executive	Percentage	80.20
Bursa C1(b) Percentage of operations assessed for corruption-related risks	Percentage	100.00
Bursa C1(c) Confirmed incidents of corruption and action taken	Number	0
Bursa (Data privacy and security)		· ·
Bursa C8(a) Number of substantiated complaints concerning breaches of customer privacy and losses of customer data	Number	0

Internal assurance

External assurance

No assurance

(\*)Restated

#### KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

For a detailed overview of our sustainability performance data across different business pillars, we have made available a comprehensive data table online. This table includes key performance indicators covering Environmental, Social and Governance Responsibilities. The table can be viewed directly by visiting <a href="https://ql.com.my/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/QL-IAR2024\_Key-Performance-Indicator.pdf">https://ql.com.my/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/QL-IAR2024\_Key-Performance-Indicator.pdf</a> or by scanning the QR code provided.



#### **Sustainability Statement**

#### INTERNAL AUDIT LIMITED ASSURANCE STATEMENT

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that would lead us to believe that the 21 common indicators included in the Sustainability Statement 2024, is not represented, in all material respects, in a fairly accurate manner.

Listed below are the selected information in the Sustainability Statement 2024 that had been subjected to internal review by the Group Internal Audit Department.

Matters	Common Indicators	Ref	UOM	Final Outcome	
Anti-corruption	Anti-corruption training	C1(a)	% of employees	Executive	82.9%
				Non-Executive	80.2%
	Corruption-related risks assessment	C1(b)	% of operations	100%	
	Corruption incidents	C1(c)	No. of incidents	Nil	
Community/ Society	Investment in the community	C2(a)	RM	RM939,546	
	Beneficiaries of the investment	C2(b)	No. of beneficiaries	Organisation Level Individual Level	176 organisations 11,656 individuals
Diversity	Employees' diversity by gender and age group	C3(a)	% of employees	Gender group Male Female	60.0% 40.0%
				<u>Management</u> Male Female	2.2% 2.0%
				<u>Executive</u> Male Female	4.8% 5.0%
				Non-Executive Male Female	53.0% 33.0%
				Age group Under 30 30 to 50 Over 50	53.3% 41.6% 5.1%
				Management Under 30 30 to 50 Over 50	0.2% 3.2% 0.7%
				Executive Under 30 30 to 50 Over 50	3.7% 5.7% 0.4%
				Non-Executive Under 30 30 to 50 Over 50	49.4% 32.7% 4.0%
	Directors' diversity by gender and age group	C3(b)	% of directors	Gender group Male Female	63.6% 36.4%
				Age group Under 50 50 to 60 60 to 69 70 and above	18.2% 9.1% 54.5% 18.2%

Matters	Common Indicators	Ref	UOM	Final Outcome	
Energy Management	Energy consumption	C4(a)	Gigajoules (GJ)	2,161,706.80 GJ	
Health & Safety	Number of work-related fatalities	C5(a)	No. of fatalities	1	
	Lost time incidents	C5(b)	Frequency rate	4.09 per million ho	urs
	Health & safety training	C5(c)	No. of employees	3,480	
	Employee training hours	C6(a)	No. of hours	Management Executive Non-Executive	11,276 hrs 24,981 hrs 174,646 hrs
	Contract / temporary employees	C6(b)	% of employees	37.2%	
	Employee turnover	C6(c)	No. of employee	Management Executive Non-Executive	304 270 4,588
	Human rights violations	C6(d)	No. of complaints	Nil	
Supply Chain Management	Spending on local suppliers	C7(a)	% of spending	51.5%	
Data Privacy & Security	Breaches of customer privacy and losses of customer data	C8(a)	No. of complaints	Nil	
Water	Water consumption	C9(a)	Megalitres	3,085.93 ML	
Waste Management	Waste management	C10(a)	MT	Total waste From disposal To disposal	212,400.83 MT 202,482.89 MT 9,918.13 MT
Emissions Management	Scope 1 emissions	C11(a)	tCO <sub>2</sub> e	36,106.14 tCO <sub>2</sub> e	
	Scope 2 emissions	C11(b)	tCO <sub>2</sub> e	117,538.53 tCO <sub>2</sub> e	
	Scope 3 emissions	C11(c)	tCO <sub>2</sub> e	Not in scope	

#### **Procedures Adopted**

The review procedures applied primarily comprises process evaluation, documentary reviews & sampling test on data. Internal auditors selected samples of the 21 common indicators across the 17 in-scope entities within the Group to:

- · Assess the adequacy of procedures pertaining to the data collection, submission and consolidation as well as the internal controls therein.
- · Review appropriateness of formulas & also accuracy of the mathematical calculation that derived the concluded common indicators to be reported in the Sustainability Statement 2024.

The outcome of the above review had been tabled as a report to the Audit Committee for their review and approval.

#### **Scope of Work and Limitation**

- The review on the 21 common indicators covers only data collected for one (1) financial year i.e. financial year ended 31 March 2024. The review does not carry out any procedures with respect to earlier periods.
- The review does not carry out any procedures with respect to any other elements included in the Sustainability Statement 2024 and, therefore, do not express any opinion thereon.
- The review did not examine any of the underlying financial information, analysis, commentary, opinion, commitment and future plans expressed in the Sustainability Statement.
- The review involved performance of limited substantive testing on a sampling basis by inspecting documents, reports, data capture forms and invoices.

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# **Corporate Information**

**Corporate Information** 



#### **Board of Directors**

#### Dr. Chia Song Kun

**Executive Chairman** 

#### Mr. Chia Song Kooi

Group Chief Executive Officer (Redesignated on 1 March 2024)

#### Mr. Chia Seong Fatt

Executive Director
(Appointed on 1 March 2024)

#### Mr. Cheah Juw Teck

**Executive Director** 

#### Mr. Chia Lik Khai

**Executive Director** 

#### Mr. Chia Seong Pow

(Alternate Director to Chia Seong Fatt) (Appointed on 1 March 2024)

#### Mr. Chia Song Swa

(Alternate Director to Cheah Juw Teck) (Appointed on 1 March 2024)

#### Mr. Chia Mak Hooi (Alternate Director to Chia Lik Khai) (Appointed on 1 March 2024)

#### Mr. Low Teng Lum

Senior Independent Non-Executive Director

#### Datin Paduka Setia Dato' Dr. Aini Binti Ideris

Independent Non-Executive Director

#### Ms. Kow Poh Gek

Independent Non-Executive Director

#### Ms. Chan Wai Yen, Millie

Independent Non-Executive Director

#### Ms. Cynthia Toh Mei Lee

Independent Non-Executive Director

#### Mr. Wee Beng Chuan

Independent Non-Executive Director

#### Madam Tan Ler Chin, Cindy

Independent Non-Executive Director
(Resigned on 30 September 2023)

### **Company Secretaries**

#### Ms. Lim Keat See

(MAICSA 7020290) (SSM PC No. 201908001159)

#### Ms. Ang Chen Leng

**Auditors** 

Chartered Accountants

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## Principal Bankers

AmBank (M) Berhad
DBS Bank Limited
Hong Leong Bank Berhad
HSBC Amanah Malaysia Berhad
HSBC Bank Malaysia Berhad
Malayan Banking Berhad
Standard Chartered Bank Malaysia Berhad
United Overseas Bank (Malaysia) Berhad
OCBC Bank (Malaysia) Berhad
OCBC Al-Amin Bank Berhad

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#### Main Market of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad

Stock Name: QL Stock Code: 7084

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# **Profile of Board of Directors**

Dr. Chia was born and raised in Sungai Burong, an impoverished fishing village on the northern coast of Selangor. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science (Honours) degree majoring in Mathematics from the University of Malaya in 1973 and obtained a Master in Business Administration in 1988 from the same university. He started his career as a tutor and subsequently joined University Teknologi Mara as a lecturer where he served for 11 years until 1984.

After his lecturing years, Dr. Chia, along with his brothers and his brothers-in-law, began trading in fish meal and feed meal raw material. The business they founded was subsequently incorporated as QL Resources Berhad. Today QL is a sustainable and scalable multinational agro-food corporation with interests in Integrated Livestock Farming, Marine Products Manufacturing, Palm Oil and Clean Energy and Convenience Store Chain. The Company has a market capitalisation of approximately fourteen billion ringgit.

Dr. Chia is also the Chairman of BM Greentech Berhad (formerly known as Boilermech Holdings Berhad), a company listed on the ACE Market of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad on 5 May 2011, which then transferred to the Main Market on 4 December 2014. BM Greentech became a subsidiary company of QL Resources Berhad in March 2022.

On 5 July 2008, Dr. Chia was conferred the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws (Hon LLD) by the Honorary Awards Board of the University of Hertfordshire in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the development of business and education in Malaysia. On 28 June 2019, he was then conferred Honorary Doctorate of Management by INTI International University in acknowledgement of his professionalism and exemplary leadership in building businesses and propelling QL Resources from a local trader to a recognised multinational corporation.

Dr. Chia's leadership has been recognised by a number of noted organisations. In 2012, Dr. Chia was awarded the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award 2012 for Malaysia. In October 2018, Dr. Chia was awarded the Sin Chew Business Lifetime Excellence Achievement Award 2018. In September 2019, Dr. Chia won *The Edge* Billion Ringgit Club Value Creator: Outstanding CEO of Malaysia.

Dr. Chia Song Kun is the brother of Mr. Chia Song Swa and Mr. Chia Song Kooi. He is the brother-in-law of Mr. Chia Seong Pow and Mr. Chia Seong Fatt and also Mr. Chia Lik Khai's father. He is the Director of CBG (L) Pte. Ltd. and Council Member of CBG (L) Foundation, the holding company of CBG (L) Pte. Ltd., which in turn is a major shareholder of QL.

He attended all six Board of Directors' meetings held for the financial year.

Dr. Chia has no conflict of interest or potential conflict of interest, including interest in any competing business, with the Company or its subsidiaries (other than related party transactions) and he has no convictions for any offences within the past five years (other than traffic offences, if any), nor any public sanction or penalty imposed by the relevant regulatory bodies during the financial year.



Dr. Chia Song Kun, aged 74, male, Malaysian, was appointed as the Group Managing Director of QL Resources Berhad on 3 January 2000 and redesignated as the Executive Chairman on 1 April 2018.

## **Dr. Chia Song Kun**

Executive Chairman





Mr. Chia Song Kooi, aged 64, male, Malaysian, was appointed as an Executive Director of the Company on 3 January 2000. He was redesignated as the Deputy Managing Director of the Company on 21 November 2016 and then as the Group Managing Director on 1 April 2018. On 1 March 2024, he was redesignated as the Group Chief Executive Officer and took on the role as the Chief Executive Officer of Marine Products Manufacturing business pillar. He is also a member of the Risk Management Committee.

# Mr. Chia Song Kooi

Group Chief Executive Officer



He holds a bachelor of Agricultural Science from University Putra Malaysia (1985). In 2005 he has completed the Premier Business Management Program which was aimed to equip business leaders with the skills and competencies necessary for navigating uncertainty, adversity and to lead change in

the global economy.

Mr. Chia began his career as a Product and Market Development Executive for agro-chemical products with Ancom Berhad, a company listed on the Main Market of the Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad and eventually headed the Product and Market Development Division in 1987.

Mr. Chia joined QL Feedingstuffs Sdn. Bhd. (now known as QL AgriFoods Sdn. Bhd.) as an Executive Director on 21 September 1988. He has more than 20 years of experience in farm management and in trading of raw materials for farm use, as well as more than 10 years of experience in marine products processing. He was the Deputy Chairman of Sabah Livestock Poultry Association from 2012 to 2016. In view of the restructuring of the QL Group, he has resigned as a Director of QL AgriFoods Sdn. Bhd. and has been re-appointed in year 2017. Prior to being the Group Managing Director, he was overall in charge of the Group's operations in Kota Kinabalu since 1990 to 2016.

Mr. Chia Song Kooi is the brother to Dr. Chia Song Kun and Mr. Chia Song Swa.

He attended all six Board of Directors' meetings held for the financial year.

Mr. Chia has no conflict of interest or potential conflict of interest, including interest in any competing business, with the Company or its subsidiaries and he has no convictions for any offences within the past five years (other than traffic offences, if any), nor any public sanction or penalty imposed by the relevant regulatory bodies during the financial year.

He obtained his B.Sc. Honours Degree in Chemistry from University of London in 1979. He practised as an industrial chemist for 3 years before he pursued further studies in University Malaya.

In 1984, he graduated from University of Malaya with a Master Degree in Business Administration.

He served for seven years as Managing Director in Sri Tawau Farming Sdn. Bhd., a company involved in layer farming.

In 1991, he was appointed as Managing Director of QL Farms Sdn. Bhd., a subsidiary of QL overseeing its operations in Tawau. In January 1996, he was appointed as an Executive Director of QL Feedingstuffs Sdn. Bhd. (now known as QL AgriFoods Sdn. Bhd.) in charge of layer farm and Crude Palm Oil ("CPO") milling operations. In view of the restructuring of QL Group, he has resigned as a Director of QL AgriFoods Sdn. Bhd. However he is still in charge of layer, broiler farms and CPO milling operations in Tawau. From 2017 onwards, he is the Director overseeing all farming operations in Sabah. In line with the Group succession planning, he was appointed as the Chief Executive Officer of both Integrated Livestock Farming and Palm Oil business pillars on 1 April 2024.

He is also an Alternate Director to Chia Lik Khai in BM Greentech Berhad (formerly known as Boilermech Holdings Berhad), a company listed on the Main Market of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad.

He is the elder brother to Mr. Chia Seong Pow. Both of them are brothers-in-law to Dr. Chia Song Kun. He is the Director and beneficial shareholder of Farsathy Holdings Sdn. Bhd., a major shareholder of QL.

He attended all six Board of Directors' meetings held for the financial year.

Mr. Chia Seong Fatt has no conflict of interest or potential conflict of interest, including interest in any competing business, with the Company or its subsidiaries (other than related party transactions) and he has no convictions for any offences within the past five years (other than traffic offences, if any), nor any public sanction or penalty imposed by the relevant regulatory bodies during the financial year.



Mr. Chia Seong Fatt, aged 68, male, Malaysian, was appointed as an Executive Director of the Company on 3 January 2000. During the period of 1 April 2019 to 1 April 2021 and 1 April 2023 to 1 March 2024, he was appointed as an Alternate Director to Mr. Chia Seong Pow. During the period of 1 April 2021 to 1 April 2023 and on 1 March 2024, he was the Executive Director of the Company.

# Mr. Chia Seong Fatt

Executive Director





Mr. Cheah Juw Teck, aged 55, male, Malaysian,
was appointed as an Executive Director of the Company
on 1 June 2011. During the period of 1 April 2019 to 1 April 2021,
he was appointed as an Alternate Director to Mr. Chia Lik Khai. On
1 April 2021, he was the Executive Director of the Company. Since 1
December 2022, he is a member of the Risk Management Committee.

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He holds a Degree in Food Technology from University Putra Malaysia (1993).

Prior to joining QL Group in 1994, he was involved in quality control in S & P Foods Bhd as quality control executive. In 1994, he joined QL Group as operations manager to set up the surimi and surimi-based products business and subsequently was appointed as a Director of QL Foods Sdn. Bhd. in 1997. He is also the Director in charge of the surimi and surimi-based products division in QL Group as well as the expansion programs in overseas. In line with the Group succession planning, he was appointed as the Deputy Chief Executive Officer of Marine Products Manufacturing business pillar on 1 April 2024.

Mr. Cheah Juw Teck is the nephew to Dr. Chia Song Kun, Mr. Chia Song Swa and Mr. Chia Song Kooi.

He attended all six Board of Directors' meetings held for the financial year.

Mr. Cheah has no conflict of interest or potential conflict of interest, including interest in any competing business, with the Company or its subsidiaries and he has no convictions for any offences within the past five years (other than traffic offences, if any), nor any public sanction or penalty imposed by the relevant regulatory bodies during the financial year.

## Mr. Cheah Juw Teck

Executive Director



He graduated from the MBA program of Wharton Business School, University of Pennsylvania, United States where he focused on Entrepreneurship and Corporate Finance. He also received his Master of Science and Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, United States.

He joined QL Resources Berhad as Group Corporate Development Director and was appointed as the Executive Director of a few subsidiaries of QL Resources Berhad in 2009. He oversees the Group's strategic business planning and growth initiatives. He also oversees Convenience Store Chain (CVS) business pillar. Mr. Chia Lik Khai is the corporate representative of QL Resources Berhad in its subsidiary BM Greentech Berhad (formerly known as Boilermech Holdings Berhad), a company listed on the Main Market of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad and held the position as the Deputy Managing Director from 25 February 2015 to 28 February 2021. On 1 March 2021, he was redesignated as Joint Managing Director and since 1 September 2022, he is the Group Managing Director of BM Greentech Berhad.

In line with the Group succession planning, he was redesignated as the Chief Executive Officer of both CVS and Clean Energy business pillars on 1 April 2024.

Prior to joining QL Resources Berhad and Group, he was with McKinsey & Company in Shanghai, where he was an affiliate of Global Energy & Materials and High-Tech practice. Prior to that, he spent 8 years in the semiconductor industry with Agilent and Avago Technologies in Silicon Valley, where he assumed multiple roles as R&D staff, New Product Manager and Marketing Manager.

He is the son of Dr. Chia Song Kun, nephew to Mr. Chia Song Swa, Mr. Chia Song Kooi, Mr. Chia Seong Pow and Mr. Chia Seong Fatt.

He attended five out of six Board of Directors' meetings held for the financial year.

Mr. Chia Lik Khai has no conflict of interest or potential conflict of interest, including interest in any competing business, with the Company or its subsidiaries and he has no convictions for any offences within the past five years (other than traffic offences, if any), nor any public sanction or penalty imposed by the relevant regulatory bodies during the financial year.



Mr. Chia Lik Khai, aged 45, male, Malaysian,
was appointed as an Executive Director of the Company
on 21 November 2016. During the period of 1 April 2018 to 1 April
2019 and 1 April 2021 to 4 January 2022, he was appointed as an
Alternate Director to Mr. Cheah Juw Teck. During the period of 1 April
2019 to 1 April 2021 and since 4 January 2022, he is appointed as the
Executive Director of the Company. Since 1 December 2022, he is a
member of the Risk Management Committee.

## Mr. Chia Lik Khai

**Executive Director** 





Mr. Chia Seong Pow, aged 68, male, Malaysian, was appointed as an Executive Director of the Company on 3 January 2000. During the period of 1 April 2018 to 1 April 2019 and 1 April 2021 to 1 April 2023 and on 1 March 2024, he was appointed as an Alternate Director to Mr. Chia Seong Fatt. During the period of 1 April 2019 to 1 April 2021 and 1 April 2023 to 1 March 2024, he was the Executive Director of the Company. He ceased to be a member of the Risk Management Committee on 1 January 2024.

## Mr. Chia Seong Pow

Alternate Director to Chia Seong Fatt



He graduated from Tunku Abdul Rahman College with a Diploma in Building Technology in 1982.

He is one of the founder members of QL Group. He joined CBG Holdings Sdn. Bhd. as Marketing Director in 1984. He has more than 38 years of experience in the livestock and food industry covering layer farming, manufacturing, trading and shipping.

Currently, Mr. Chia Seong Pow is mainly in charge of layer farming, regional merchanting trade in food grains as well as new business developments. In line with the Group succession planning, he was redesignated as the Chief Operating Officer of farming division under Integrated Livestock Farming business pillar on 1 April 2024.

Majority of the Group's new expansion programmes were initiated by him.

Mr. Chia Seong Pow was appointed as a Director of EITA Resources Berhad ("EITA") on 1 March 2017, a company listed on the Main Market of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad on 9 April 2012. Thereafter, as an Alternate Director to Mr. Chia Mak Hooi on 1 November 2018. EITA is principally an investment holding company and provider of management services to its subsidiaries. EITA Group's business activities are in the marketing and distribution of E&E components and equipment, design and manufacture of Elevator and Busduct systems as well as maintenance of Elevator systems and provision of electrical and security system solutions as well as manufacture of E&E components and equipment namely Centralised Dimming Systems, Ballasts and Connectors.

He is the younger brother to Mr. Chia Seong Fatt. Both of them are brothers-in-law to Dr. Chia Song Kun. He is the Director and beneficial shareholder of Farsathy Holdings Sdn. Bhd., a major shareholder of OL.

He attended all six Board of Directors' meetings held for the financial year.

Mr. Chia Seong Pow has no conflict of interest or potential conflict of interest, including interest in any competing business, with the Company or its subsidiaries (other than related party transactions) and he has no convictions for any offences within the past five years (other than traffic offences, if any), nor any public sanction or penalty imposed by the relevant regulatory bodies during the financial year.

He holds a Degree in Chemistry and Statistics from the University of Campbell, USA.

He began his career at Genting Berhad, a company listed on the Main Market of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad as a Management Trainee in 1984 and served for 2 years.

In 1987 he joined QL Feedingstuffs Sdn. Bhd. (now known as QL AgriFoods Sdn. Bhd.) as a sales executive and was appointed as a Director of QL AgriFoods Sdn. Bhd. on 22 June 1987. In line with the transfer of business from QL AgriFoods Sdn. Bhd. to QL Feed Sdn. Bhd., he was appointed as the Director in charge of sales and trading function at QL Feed Sdn. Bhd. As a result of his vast experience in feed raw material distribution, he has helped the Company to establish a very strong distribution network. In line with the Group succession planning, he was redesignated as the Chief Operating Officer of Raw Materials & Trading division under Integrated Livestock Farming business pillar on 1 April 2024.

He is the brother to Dr. Chia Song Kun and Mr. Chia Song Kooi.

He attended all six Board of Directors' meetings held for the financial year.

Mr. Chia Song Swa has no conflict of interest or potential conflict of interest, including interest in any competing business, with the Company or its subsidiaries and he has no convictions for any offences within the past five years (other than traffic offences, if any), nor any public sanction or penalty imposed by the relevant regulatory bodies during the financial year.



Mr. Chia Song Swa, aged 64, male, Malaysian, was appointed as an Executive Director of the Company on 3 January 2000. During the period of 1 April 2018 to 1 April 2019 and 1 April 2021 to 1 April 2023, he was appointed as an Alternate Director to Mr. Chia Mak Hooi. During the period of 1 April 2019 to 1 April 2021 and 1 April 2023 to 1 March 2024, he was the Executive Director of the Company. He was then appointed as an Alternate Director to Mr. Cheah Juw Teck on 1 March 2024.

# Mr. Chia Song Swa

Alternate Director to Cheah Juw Teck





Mr. Chia Mak Hooi, aged 59, male, Malaysian, was appointed as an Executive Director of the Company on 3 January 2000. During the period of 1 April 2019 to 1 April 2021 and 1 April 2023 to 1 March 2024, he was appointed as an Alternate Director to Mr. Chia Song Swa. During the period of 1 April 2021 to 1 April 2023, he was the Executive Director of the Company. He was then appointed as an Alternate Director to Mr. Chia Lik Khai on 1 March 2024.

## Mr. Chia Mak Hooi

Alternate Director to Chia Lik Khai



He graduated from Arizona State University, USA with a Degree in Accounting and Finance in 1988.

He started his career in 1989 as an Assistant Accountant at Concept Enterprises Inc. In 1991, he joined QL Feedingstuffs Sdn. Bhd. (now known as QL AgriFoods Sdn. Bhd.) as Finance Manager where he was mainly responsible for the accounts, tax and audit planning, and cash management and liaised with bankers for banking facilities. In 1996, he was appointed as Finance Director of QL AgriFoods Sdn. Bhd., and was involved in the proposed listing of the Company on the Second Board of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad.

Currently, he is actively involved in Group corporate activities and strategic business planning and also Group integrated livestock business expansion programs both locally and overseas. In line with the Group succession planning, he was appointed as the Deputy Chief Executive Officer of Integrated Livestock Farming business pillar on 1 April 2024.

Mr. Chia Mak Hooi is the Director of EITA and Group, a company listed on the Main Market of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad on 9 April 2012. EITA is principally an investment holding company and provider of management services to its subsidiaries. EITA Group's business activities are in the marketing and distribution of E&E components and equipment, design and manufacture of Elevator and Busduct systems as well as maintenance of Elevator systems and provision of electrical and security system solutions as well as manufacture of E&E components and equipment namely Centralised Dimming Systems, Ballasts and Connectors.

He is the nephew to Dr. Chia Song Kun, Mr. Chia Song Swa and Mr. Chia Song Kooi.

He attended all six Board of Directors' meetings held for the

Mr. Chia Mak Hooi has no conflict of interest or potential conflict of interest, including interest in any competing business, with the Company or its subsidiaries and he has no convictions for any offences within the past five years (other than traffic offences, if any), nor any public sanction or penalty imposed by the relevant regulatory bodies during the financial year.

#### Profile of Board of Directors

Mr. Low obtained his qualifications from the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants ("ACCA") and Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators ("ICSA"), both of the United Kingdom, in 1977. He attended the Applied Management Program of Swedish Institute of Management in 1990. In 1996, he obtained his Master in Public Administration from the John Fitzgerald Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University.

He is a Chartered Accountant of the Malaysian Institute of Accountants and a Fellow member of both ACCA and ICSA.

He has been a member of the Taxation and Trade committees of the Malaysian International Chamber of Commerce and Industry since 2002 and 2005 respectively. He was a founding committee member of Confederation of Malaysian Brewers.

Over the course of his career, he has held various accounting and financial positions in Arthur Young & Company (presently known as Ernst & Young), Guthrie Malaysia Holdings Berhad, Palmco Holdings Berhad, Guiness Anchor Berhad and General Corporation Berhad. During his 14-year tenure with Southern Steel Berhad, he was promoted from Finance Manager to General Manager (Commercial), Senior General Manager (Rod Division) and Chief Operating Officer (Steel Business Unit). He retired from Guinness Anchor Berhad (presently known as Heineken Malaysia Berhad) in April 2011, as both the Finance Director and member of the Board of Director, after 10 years of service.

He served as a member of the Task Force on the formation of an Audit Oversight Board chaired by the Securities Commission Malaysia.

Mr. Low currently sits on the Board of Salutica Berhad.

He attended all six Board of Directors' meetings held for the financial year.

Mr. Low does not have any family relationship with any Director and/or major shareholder of the Company. He has no conflict of interest or potential conflict of interest, including interest in any competing business, with the Company or its subsidiaries and he has no convictions for any offences within the past five years (other than traffic offences, if any), nor any public sanction or penalty imposed by the relevant regulatory bodies during the financial year.



Mr. Low Teng Lum, aged 70, male, Malaysian,
was appointed as an Independent Non-Executive Director of the
Company on 30 August 2019. He was then appointed as the Senior
Independent Non-Executive Director on 25 February 2021. He is also
a Chairman of the Audit and Nominating Committees and a member
of the Risk Management Committee.

## Mr. Low Teng Lum

Senior Independent Non-Executive Director





Datin Paduka Setia Dato' Dr. Aini Binti Ideris, aged 71, female, Malaysian, was appointed as an Independent Non-Executive Director of the Company on 1 January 2016. She is also a member of the Risk Management and Remuneration Committees.

## Datin Paduka Setia Dato' Dr. Aini Binti Ideris

Independent Non-Executive Director



Dato' Dr. Aini graduated with Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) Degree in 1979 from Universiti Pertanian Malaysia (UPM) (currently, Universiti Putra Malaysia), Masters in Veterinary Science (MVSc) Degree in Avian Medicine from University of Liverpool, England (1981), and PhD Degree from UPM (1989). She continued to do post-doctoral training at the University of California Davis, USA (1990-1992) and was awarded Asian Development Bank Fellowship in 1993 for further post-doctoral training at Cornell University, USA.

Dato' Dr. Aini held various administrative positions in UPM, such as Chairman of Veterinary Teaching Hospital, Deputy Dean Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Dean School of Graduate Studies, Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic and International), the Founding Director for Corporate Strategy & Communications Office, and the 8th Vice-Chancellor of Universiti Putra Malaysia. She was also the Coordinator for the National Centre of Excellence for Swiftlets, under the Ministry of Agriculture, Vice President of Global World Veterinary Poultry Association (WVPA), President of WVPA Malaysia, member of Board of Directors of Yayasan Putra Business School, the Founding Chairman of Board of Directors of UPM Holdings Sdn. Bhd., Board Member of UPM Holdings Education & Training, and member of International Advisors of Women Issues, under the Minister at Prime Minister's Department.

She finished her contract with UPM in January 2021 and currently, she is the Pro-Chancellor of International Medical University (IMU). She is also the EXCO member of Global WVPA. Dato' Dr. Aini is a Senior Fellow and EXCO of Academy of Sciences Malaysia, Fellow and Council member of the World Islamic Academy of Sciences, Founding Fellow and Council member of Malaysian College of Veterinary Specialists, Fellow of the World Academy of Sciences, Fellow and Council member of Malaysian Science Association, Fellow of Malaysian Institute of Marketing, member of Board of Governance of International Medical University (IMU) and International Medical College (IMC), member of Board of Trustees Yavasan Inovasi Malavsia (YIM), EXCO member of National Cancer Council (MAKNA) and member of Investigating Tribunal Panel for the Advocates and Solicitors Disciplinary Board of the Bar Council Malaysia.

She attended five out of six Board of Directors' meetings held for the financial year.

She is the Independent Non-Executive Director of Malayan Flour Mills Berhad. Dato' Dr. Aini has no family relationship with any Director and/or major shareholder of the Company. Besides this, she has no other conflict of interest or potential conflict of interest, including interest in any competing business, with the Company or its subsidiaries. She has no convictions for any offences within the past five years (other than traffic offences, if any), nor any public sanction or penalty imposed by the relevant regulatory bodies during the financial year.

She graduated with a Diploma In Commerce (Cost & Management Accounting) from Tunku Abdul Rahman College and a fellow member of The Chartered Institute of Management Accountants, UK.

Ms. Kow started her career as a Financial Assistant in April 1982. She has more than 35 years of experience in finance and management accounting, financial reporting, taxation, treasury, budgetary control, internal control systems and risk management within the investment holding, banking, hotel and resorts, direct selling, manufacturing and trading/services sectors.

In January 2010, she joined EITA Holdings Sdn. Bhd. (now known as EITA) as the Finance cum Investors Relation Manager. She was later designated as the Chief Financial Officer in EITA in January 2012, a position she held till 31 December 2017.

During her tenure in EITA, she was involved in the preparation of EITA prospectus for its listing on the Main Board of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad in April 2012, formulation and documentation of accounting standard operating procedures, evaluation of financial position of companies targeted for merger and acquisition, overseeing the company's financial reporting and entire accounts department, investor relations and risk management functions.

She is also an Independent Non-Executive Director of GDB Holdings Berhad since 14 December 2017 and EITA since 30 August 2023.

She attended all six Board of Directors' meetings held for the financial year.

Ms. Kow Poh Gek has no family relationship with any Director and/or major shareholder of the Company. She has no conflict of interest or potential conflict of interest, including interest in any competing business, with the Company or its subsidiaries and she has no convictions for any offences within the past five years (other than traffic offences, if any), nor any public sanction or penalty imposed by the relevant regulatory bodies during the financial year.



Ms. Kow Poh Gek, aged 66, female, Malaysian,
was appointed as an Independent Non-Executive Director
of the Company on 1 April 2018. She is also a
member of the Audit Committee and Chairman of the
Remuneration Committee.

## Ms. Kow Poh Gek

Independent Non-Executive Director





Ms. Chan Wai Yen, Millie, aged 68, female, Malaysian, was appointed as an Independent Non-Executive Director of the Company on 1 April 2018. She is a member of the Risk Management and Remuneration Committees.

## Ms. Chan Wai Yen, Millie

Independent Non-Executive Director



She graduated with a Bachelor of Laws Degree with First Class Honours from the University of Malaya, 1980.

Ms. Chan was admitted as an Advocate and Solicitor to the High Court of Malaya in 1981. She commenced legal practice in Maxwell, Kenion, Cowdy & Jones, a law firm in Ipoh. In 1984, Ms. Chan co-founded the legal firm W Y Chan & Roy, and continued to practice law in Malaysia until 2007.

Ms. Chan's practice focus in Malaysia during the first seven years of practice was in civil and commercial litigation. In the following 2 decades, her practice concentrated on corporate securities and finance, and commercial matters.

In 2010, Ms. Chan was admitted to the Law Society of British Columbia, Canada. She practiced in the Vancouver office of Borden Ladner Gervais (BLG), a national law firm in Canada, and was a member of BLG Tax Group and the Corporate & Commercial Group. She was also BLG Senior Consultant for Asia Pacific Market. She advises high net worth families, particularly business families in Asia, in the area of holistic global estate planning, involving inter-generational wealth transfer, asset protection, and capital preservation. In addition, she assists families to establish strategies and processes to promote family governance, maintain family unity, and uphold family identity and integrity. She works with an extensive contact base of financial institutions and offshore service providers for trust, foundations, and corporations.

Ms. Chan ceased her legal practice with BLG and applied to be a non-practicing lawyer in British Columbia in 2018 in order to concentrate on consulting with business families and individuals, particularly in Asia, in the area of holistic global estate planning under Legacy 127 Consulting Inc.

Ms. Chan is also an Independent Non-Executive Director of Gamuda Berhad.

She attended all six Board of Directors' meetings held for the financial year.

Ms. Chan Wai Yen has no family relationship with any Director and/or major shareholder of the Company. She has no conflict of interest or potential conflict of interest, including interest in any competing business, with the Company or its subsidiaries and she has no convictions for any offences within the past five years (other than traffic offences, if any), nor any public sanction or penalty imposed by the relevant regulatory bodies during the financial year.

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#### **Profile of Board of Directors**

She graduated with a Bachelor of Commerce from Monash University in 1994 and Bachelor of Laws from Monash University in 1996.

Ms. Cynthia Toh is an Advocate & Solicitor of the High Court of Malaya. She is partner of the law firm, Messrs. Wong Beh & Toh since 2002.

In 1997, she completed her pupillage at Messrs. Presgrave & Matthews and was admitted as an advocate and solicitor in the High Court of Malaya in the same year. She worked as a legal assistant at Messrs. Presgrave & Matthews until 2002 when Messrs. Wong Beh & Toh was set up. She is one of the founding partners of Messrs. Wong Beh & Toh.

She practices in the areas of equity corporate finance, mergers and acquisitions as well as private company advisory work. She is also involved in various other corporate and commercial matters.

She has been involved in both domestic and cross-border transactions. Her experience includes, debt and equity securities offerings, corporate restructurings of insolvent companies, takeovers, mergers and acquisitions of companies and businesses, initial public offerings, venture and development capital financing, unit trusts and investment funds, foreign direct investment, placement and underwriting arrangements, franchising and commercial and intellectual property transactions.

She is also an Independent Non-Executive Director of Unitrade Industries Berhad.

She attended all six Board of Directors' meetings held for the financial year.

Ms. Cynthia Toh has no family relationship with any Director and/or major shareholder of the Company. She has no conflict of interest or potential conflict of interest, including interest in any competing business, with the Company or its subsidiaries and she has no convictions for any offences within the past five years (other than traffic offences, if any), nor any public sanction or penalty imposed by the relevant regulatory bodies during the financial year.



Ms. Cynthia Toh Mei Lee, aged 50, female, Malaysian, was appointed as an Independent Non-Executive Director of the Company on 1 April 2018. She is also a member of the Audit and Nominating Committees.

# Ms. Cynthia Toh Mei Lee

Independent Non-Executive Director





Mr. Wee Beng Chuan, aged 61, male, Malaysian, was appointed as an Independent Non-Executive Director of the Company on 1 July 2020. He is also a member of the Audit Committee and Chairman of the Risk Management Committee. On 1 January 2024, he was appointed as a member of the Nominating Committee.

# Mr. Wee Beng Chuan

Independent Non-Executive Director



Mr. Wee obtained his qualifications from the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants in 1988 and commenced his professional training in an audit firm in London, England in 1989. He joined KPMG Malaysia in 1993 upon his return to Malaysia and was admitted as an audit partner of KPMG Malaysia in 2003 until his retirement from the firm on 31 December 2017.

He is a member of the Malaysian Institute of Accountants and a Fellow member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants.

Mr. Wee has extensive experience in the audit of a wide range of companies which include public listed companies and multinationals in various industries, including manufacturing of industrial products, consumer products and services, plantation, property development and construction, transportation and logistics. He is also an experienced reporting accountant who has worked on numerous Initial Public Offerings and various fund raising exercises in the Capital Market.

He is also an Executive Director of Tuju Setia Berhad and was appointed as an Independent Non-Executive Director of both V.S. Industry Berhad on 25 November 2022 and I REIT Managers Sdn. Bhd. (Manager of AME REIT) on 1 April 2022.

He attended all six Board of Directors' meetings held for the financial year.

Mr. Wee does not have any family relationship with any Director and/or major shareholder of the Company. He has no conflict of interest or potential conflict of interest, including interest in any competing business, with the Company or its subsidiaries and he has no convictions for any offences within the past five years (other than traffic offences, if any), nor any public sanction or penalty imposed by the relevant regulatory bodies during the financial year.

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# **Key Senior Management**



Mr. Chia Song Kang, aged 73, male, Malaysian, joined QL Group as an Executive Director in January 1987. He was appointed as an Executive Committee ("EXCO") member of QL Resources Berhad in

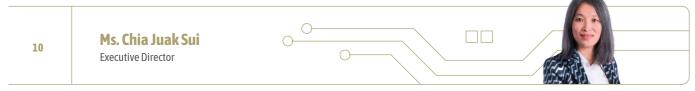
He is the brother to Dr. Chia Song Kun, Mr. Chia Song Kooi and Mr. Chia Song Swa.

December 2004. He is overall in charge of the operations in Endau, Johor.

Mr. Chia Song Kang

**Executive Director** 

Mr. Chia Song Kang has no conflict of interest or potential conflict of interest, including interest in any competing business, with the Company or its subsidiaries and he has no convictions for any offences within the past five years (other than traffic offences, if any), nor any public sanction or penalty imposed by the relevant regulatory bodies during the financial year.



Ms. Chia Juak Sui, aged 48, female, Malaysian, joined QL Group as an Executive Director in January 2013. She was appointed as an EXCO member of QL Resources Berhad in December 2020.

She graduated with a Bachelor of Pharmacy from University of Queensland, Australia in 1996 and obtained a Master in Business Administration in 2001 from the same university. She is also a Certified Financial Analyst from CFA Institute.

Prior to joining QL Group, she was involved in pharmaceutical industry from 1996 to 2002. In 2008, she joined QL Resources Berhad as Finance & Business Development Manager focusing on finance administration, development of palm based bio-energy and human resource administration. Subsequently, she was promoted as the Head of Finance & Treasury/Executive Assistant to Group Managing Director in 2015 and was appointed as the Executive Director of a few subsidiaries of QL Resources Berhad since 2013. In line with the Group succession planning, she was appointed

as Deputy Chief Executive Officer of Convenience Store Chain-Family Mart & QL Kitchen division on 1 April 2024.

She is the daughter of Dr. Chia Song Kun, niece to Mr. Chia Song Kooi, Mr. Chia Song Swa, Mr. Chia Seong Pow, Mr. Chia Seong Fatt and sister to Mr. Chia Lik Khai.

Ms. Chia Juak Sui has no conflict of interest or potential conflict of interest, including interest in any competing business, with the Company or its subsidiaries and she has no convictions for any offences within the past five years (other than traffic offences, if any), nor any public sanction or penalty imposed by the relevant regulatory bodies during the financial year.

# **Corporate Governance Overview Statement**

The Board of Directors of QL Resources Berhad ("the Board") is pleased to present the Corporate Governance ("CG") Overview Statement, providing stakeholders with a fair, meaningful and useful disclosure of the Company's CG practices during the financial year ended 31 March 2024 (FY2024). This overview takes guidance from the three key principles set out in the Malaysian Code on Corporate Governance 2021 ("MCCG").

To ensure the Company continues to adopt the best CG practices, the Board reviews its practices annually with reference to the MCCG. The latest review was conducted in July 2024. In our effort to attain good governance standards, the Board conducted a Gap Analysis Report on the departures and identified plans to remedy them.

As at 31 March 2024, the Company applied 42 out of the total of 48 recommended MCCG practices including Step-Up practices. Explanations on departures and non-adoptions are disclosed in the CG Report.

This statement is to be read together with the Company's CG Report. The Company's detailed application of each practice is disclosed therein and is available on QL's website: <a href="https://ql.com.my/corporate-governance/">https://ql.com.my/corporate-governance/</a>.

#### PRINCIPLE A: BOARD LEADERSHIP AND EFFECTIVENESS

#### I. Board Responsibilities

The Board is responsible for formulating and reviewing the Group's strategic plans and key policies, and charting the course of the Group's business operations whilst providing effective oversight of Management's performance, risk assessment and controls over business operations. The Board is responsible for determining the nature and extent of the principal risks it is willing to take in achieving its strategic objectives.

The Board ensures that the strategic direction is aligned with QL's vision and mission statements, balancing between short-term objectives, long-term growth and sustainable value creation for customers, investors and wider stakeholders. The Board actively incorporates environmental, social and governance (ESG) considerations into QL's strategy, governance and decision making to address ESG risks and opportunities.

To ensure orderly and effective discharge of its functions and responsibilities, the Board delegates specific responsibilities to relevant Board Committees, Executive Chairman and the Group Chief Executive Officer ("GCEO"), all of which have their terms of reference to govern their respective scopes and responsibilities.

Members of the Board and Board Committees have discharged their roles and responsibilities in FY2024 through their attendance at various Board of Directors and Board Committee meetings. This is disclosed in the table below:-

	Board of Directors	Audit Committee	Risk Management Committee	Nominating Committee	Remuneration Committee
Non-Independent Executive Director					
Dr. Chia Song Kun (Executive Chairman)	6/6	-	-	-	-
Chia Song Kooi <sup>[1]</sup> (redesignated as GCEO)	6/6	-	4/4	-	-
Chia Seong Fatt <sup>[2]</sup>	6/6	-	-	-	-
Cheah Juw Teck	6/6	-	4/4	-	-
Chia Lik Khai <sup>[6]</sup>	5/6	-	3/4	-	-
Alternate Director					
Chia Seong Pow <sup>[3]</sup>	6/6	-	3/3	-	-
Chia Song Swa <sup>[4]</sup>	6/6	-	-	-	-
Chia Mak Hooi <sup>[5]</sup>	6/6	-	-	-	-
Independent Non-Executive Director					
Low Teng Lum	6/6	5/5	4/4	3/3	-
Datin Paduka Setia Dato' Dr. Aini Binti Ideris <sup>[7]</sup>	5/6	-	4/4	-	4/4
Kow Poh Gek	6/6	5/5	-	-	4/4
Chan Wai Yen, Millie	6/6	-	4/4	-	4/4
Cynthia Toh Mei Lee	6/6	5/5	-	3/3	-
Wee Beng Chuan <sup>[8]</sup>	6/6	5/5	4/4	1/1	-
Tan Ler Chin, Cindy (resigned on 30 September 2023)	4/4	-	2/2	1/1	-

#### Notes:

 $^{[1]}$  to  $^{[5]}\;$  Board restructuring in compliance with MCCG in March 2024.

 $^{[6]}$  &  $^{[7]}$  They could not attend one of the meetings due to prior arrangement.

He was appointed as a member of the Nominating Committee in January 2024.

To ensure the Board's strategies and directions are executed effectively and efficiently, the Board has established an Executive Committee ("EXCO") to oversee the Group's operations to achieve the Group's corporate objectives. The EXCO consists of Executive Chairman, Group CEO, Executive Directors/ Alternate Directors of the Company and Key Senior Management. During FY2024, the EXCO had met 9 times with more than 90% attendance of total EXCO meetings.

The positions of Chairman and GCEO are held by different individuals with clear division of responsibilities to ensure accountability and a balance of authority and power. Their roles and responsibilities are defined in QL's Board Charter. It also sets out the roles and responsibilities of the Board, the Individual Directors as well as the Senior Independent Non-Executive Director.

In February 2024, the Board reviewed and approved amendments to the Board Charter including the terms of reference of the Board Committees to be in line with the recommendations in the MCCG, Securities Commission Malaysia Guidelines and QL's Sustainability Policy. There were also changes in the composition of the Board and Board Committees. Further details pertaining to the Board Charter and Code of Conduct are set out in the CG Report and are available on the Company's website.

The Directors have ready and unrestricted access to the advice and services of the Company Secretaries to enable them to discharge their duty effectively. The Company Secretaries are qualified to act under the Companies Act 2016.

#### II. Board Composition

The Nominating Committee comprises three Independent Non-Executive Directors. During the financial year, there were changes to the composition of the Nominating Committee:-

- 1. Low Teng Lum (Chairman)
- 2. Cynthia Toh Mei Lee
- 3. Wee Beng Chuan (Appointed on 1 January 2024)
- 4. Tan Ler Chin, Cindy (Ceased on 30 September 2023)

The Committee conducts an annual review of its size and composition, mix of skills, experience, assessment of Independent Directors, succession plans, and boardroom diversity; oversees training courses for Directors and other requisite qualities of Directors, as well as the annual assessment of the effectiveness of the Board as a whole, its Committees and the performance, commitment, ability and contribution of each individual Director. The Board of QL comprises 36% female representation. The diversity relating to age is available in the Sustainability Statement at page 54.

During the financial year, the Nominating Committee met three times to review and assess the following:

- · Board, individual Directors, Committee's evaluation and Independent Directors Self-evaluation for FY2023;
- revision on Directors' Fit and Proper Policy;
- · independent Board Effectiveness Evaluation process for FY2024 and the recommendations by the independent experts;
- · progress of the succession planning for Directors and Senior Management;
- composition of the Board and Board Committees and revision on the Board Charter including the terms of reference of the Board Committees;
- trainings attended by Directors for FY2024.

In assessing potential candidates and in undertaking reviews of the size and composition of the Board, the Nominating Committee takes into account the guiding principles that the Board's composition should reflect an appropriate mix having regard to such matters as:

- · skills and experience, integrity, competence and time to effectively discharge their role as a director;
- tenure; and
- diversity.

Following the Board restructuring on 1 March 2024, Mr. Chia Song Kooi was redesignated from Group Managing Director to GCEO, Mr. Chia Seong Fatt was appointed as Executive Director while Mr. Chia Seong Pow, Mr. Chia Song Swa and Mr. Chia Mak Hooi were appointed as Alternate Directors to the Executive Directors.

The Board had established the Directors' Fit and Proper Policy to ensure that any person to be appointed or elected/re-elected as a Director of the Company shall possess the necessary quality and character as well as integrity, competency and commitment to enable the discharge of the responsibilities required of the position in the most effective manner. The Directors' Fit and Proper Policy is available on the Company's website.

During the financial year, in line with the MCCG, the Board have engaged the Institute of Corporate Directors Malaysia ("ICDM") to conduct the Board Effectiveness Evaluation for FY2024. The details of the Board Effectiveness Evaluation process, findings, recommendations and enhancements made are disclosed in the CG Report.

Regarding succession planning, during the reporting year, the Nominating Committee reviewed detailed succession plans and talent management updates for mission-critical roles within the organisation, as presented by the Head of Group Human Resources. The Committee assessed the succession bench strength for each senior and operational critical role. Individual development plans were implemented for successors to enhance their leadership capabilities and increase role-specific competencies. Additionally, Group Human Resources identified both ready now and ready later talent, thereby strengthening the talent pipeline and ensuring a robust pool of potential successors for critical roles.

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The Group remains committed in attracting, developing and retaining capable, engaged and empowered employees. In addition to partnering with our existing training provider, we have strengthened collaborations with other training providers to further advance our talent management and learning development processes and initiatives.

In FY2024, the Board comprised six Independent Non-Executive Directors, five Executive Directors and three Alternate Directors to Executive Directors. Of the six Independent Directors, four were women.

With the current composition, the Board feels that its members have the appropriate mix of skills, knowledge, experience, and competence to enable them to discharge their duties and responsibilities effectively and achieve the Company's objectives and goals.

During the financial year, the Directors attended various training programmes, seminar and briefings on topics relevant to the industry and their roles:

Seminar/Course	Organiser
ESG KPI and Target Setting Workshop	QL in-house training by Joshua Rayan Communications
AOB's Conversation with Audit Committees	Audit Oversight Board
7 <sup>th</sup> Layer Conference	QL in-house training
International Conference on Tropical Agriculture (ICTA 2023)	Academy of Tropical Agricultural Sciences Association
The US Economy in 2024: If the US Sneezes, will the world catch a cold?	Deloitte Global
Maybank Private Wealth Forum 1H2024 - New Perspective, New Opportunities	Maybank
Artificial Intelligence (AI) for Company Directors and Executives	Malaysian Institute of Corporate Governance
Advocacy Session for Directors & Chief Executive Officers of Main Market Listed Issuers	Bursa Malaysia Berhad
Key amendments to the Main Market Listing Requirements of Bursa Securities relating to Sustainability Training for Directors, Conflict of Interest and other Amendments	COSPEC Management Services Sdn. Bhd.
MAP Part II: Leading for Impact	Institute of Corporate Directors Malaysia
Breeder, Hatchery, Broiler and Slaughterhouse Integrated Conference	QL in-house training
The Budget 2024 Highlight, E-Invoice and Updated Transfer Pricing Rules 2023	The Malaysian Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators
Remaking Corporate Governance for an ESG World	Asia School of Business
MIA Conference 2023: Future Fit Profession: Charting A Better Tomorrow	Malaysian Institute of Accountants
Suite Talk - Inside Stories of Sustainability Champions	Securities Industry Development Corporation
World Veterinary Poultry Association Malaysia Seminar 2023: Prevention Better Than Control	World Veterinary Poultry Association
XXII Congress of the World Veterinary Poultry Association	Italian Branch of the World Veterinary Poultry Association
Bursa: Conflict of Interest and Governance of Conflict of Interest	Asia School of Business
Board Oversight of Climate Risks and Opportunities	Asia School of Business
Governance in Groups	Asia School of Business
The Audit Committee - How to navigate financial reporting oversight amidst potential landmines of misreporting?	Malaysian Institute of Corporate Governance
ESG Oversight for Boards	Malaysian Institute of Accountants
Environmental, Social and Governance	BoardRoom Corporate Services

Seminar/Course	Organiser
e-Invoicing: The digital way forward	KPMG Tax Services Sdn. Bhd.
Sustainability Governance, Management & Reporting - Implications of the Environmental, Social & Governance ('ESG') agenda to the Board & Management	Tuju Setia Berhad
The Arrival of ISSB Standards and the Continued Relevance of Integrated Reporting	Malaysian Institute of Accountants
Reserved Matters for Shareholders	Malaysian Institute of Accountants
Tax and Business Summit 2023	KPMG Tax Services Sdn. Bhd.
MFRS Updates 2023	KPMG
KPMG National Budget Webinar	KPMG Tax Services Sdn. Bhd.
KPMG Board Leadership Center Exclusive - What you need to know about the Bursa's Amended Listing Requirements on Conflict of Interest (COI)	KPMG



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#### III. Remuneration

The Remuneration Committee comprises three Independent Non-Executive Directors as follows:

- 1. Kow Poh Gek (Chairman)
- 2. Datin Paduka Setia Dato' Dr. Aini Binti Ideris
- 3. Chan Wai Yen, Millie

During the financial year, the Remuneration Committee has reviewed the amendments made to the remuneration policy for Directors and Senior Management and was approved by the Board in November 2023.

The remuneration packages of the Executive Directors are structured to commensurate with the experience, knowledge and professional skills, scope of duties and responsibilities of the Executive Directors and are also structured to link rewards with corporate and individual performance as well as based on market competitiveness, market benchmark and economic situation.

The Directors' remuneration is also designed to motivate Directors to drive the business goals in ensuring long-term business sustainability and value creation for shareholders.

The Remuneration Committee conducts the Executive Directors' remuneration framework ("Framework") review every 2 to 3 years after its financial year and benchmarking its remuneration scheme with the market data source provided. During the financial year, the Remuneration Committee has reviewed the Framework and was approved by the Board in November 2023.

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						Company ('000)	(000,						Group ('000)			
							Benefits-	Other						*Benefits-	®Other	
ş	Name	Directorate	*Fee	Allowance	Salary	Bonus	in-kind	emoluments	Total	l *Fee	**Allowance	Salary	Bonus	in-kind	emoluments	Total
$\vdash$	Chia Song Kun	<b>Executive Director</b>	164	0	0	0	0	0	164	1 302.18	14	1,895.55	2,577.11	22.7	88.29	4,899.83
2	Chia Song Kooi	<b>Executive Director</b>	140	0	0	0	0	0	140	294.67	1.6	1,317.24	2,537.95	22.7	60.05	4,234.21
m	Chia Seong Fatt^	<b>Executive Director</b>	20	0	0	0	0	0	50	188	0	923.94	1,499.81	24.87	43.03	2,679.65
4	Chia Mak Hooi^^	<b>Executive Director</b>	44	0	0	0	0	0	44	1 74	0	734.28	1,259.18	30.31	102.59	2,200.36
2	Cheah Juw Teck	Executive Director	116	0	0	0	0	0	116	5 176.68	12.8	770.90	2,133.10	28	109.15	3,230.63
9	Chia Lik Khai	Executive Director	116	0	0	0	0	0	116	5 128	0	1,174.83	602.79	32.07	196.52	2,134.21
7	Chia Seong Pow^^^	Executive Director	102	0	0	0	0	0	102	2 199.47	1.2	944.25	1,282.66	30.31	43.98	2,501.87
∞	Chia Song Swa^^^	Executive Director	102	0	0	0	0	0	102	2 134.4	0	730.47	626.01	22.7	34.02	1,547.60
6	Low Teng Lum	Independent	162	9	0	0	0	0	168	3 162	9	0	0	0	0	168
		Director														
10	Datin Paduka Setia Dato'	Independent	122	9	0	0	0	0	128	3 122	9	0	0	0	0	128
	Dr. Aini Binti Ideris	Director														
11	Kow Poh Gek	lent	138	9	0	0	0	0	144	138	9	0	0	0	0	144
		Director														
12	Chan Wai Yen, Millie	Independent	122	9	0	0	0	0	128	3 122	9	0	0	0	0	128
		Director														
13	Cynthia Toh Mei Lee	Independent	122	7	0	0	0	0	129	) 122	7	0	0	0	0	129
		Director														
14	Wee Beng Chuan	Independent	138	9	0	0	0	0	144	138	9	0	0	0	0	144
		Director														
15	Tan Ler Chin, Cindy	Independent	9	5	0	0	0	0	70	) 65	5	0	0	0	0	70
	(Resigned on 30	Director														
	September 2023)															

PRINCIPLE B: EFFECTIVE AUDIT AND RISK MANAGEMENT

#### I. Audit Committee

The Audit Committee ("AC") comprises four Independent Non-Executive Directors as follows and is chaired by Mr. Low Teng Lum, Senior Independent Non-Executive Director:-

- 1. Low Teng Lum (Chairman)
- 2. Kow Poh Gek
- 3. Cynthia Toh Mei Lee
- 4. Wee Beng Chuan

In the annual assessment on the suitability, objectivity and independence of the external auditors, the AC is guided by the factors as prescribed under Paragraph 15.21 of the Main Market Listing Requirements of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad as well as obtaining declaration of independence from the external auditors.

The roles and activities undertaken by the Audit Committee is available at page 105.

#### II. Risk Management and Internal Control

The Board acknowledges their responsibility in maintaining a sound system of internal control covering financial and operational controls, compliance and risk management to safeguard shareholders' investments and the Group's assets. In terms of risk management, the Board is responsible for overseeing the risk management framework of the Group and review the effectiveness of the risk management process. The Board sets the tone from the top and appetite towards managing key risks, nurtures a risk conscious culture and embeds risk management into the Group's processes and structure.

The Board delegates its role on risk management to the Risk Management Committee to oversee the implementation and compliance of a robust risk management process and the relevant internal controls system.

There is an ongoing review process by the Board to ensure the adequacy and integrity of the risk management and internal control system. However, the Board recognises that the review of the Group's system of risk management and internal controls is a concerted and continuous process, designed to manage rather than eliminate the risk of failure to achieve business objectives. As such, internal controls can only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance against material misstatements or loss.

Features of risk management and internal controls had been included in the Statement on Risk Management and Internal Control.

- The Board has put in place an Enterprise Risk Management ("ERM") Framework that is principally aligned with ISO 31000:2018. The ERM Framework provides the foundation for managing risks across the Group covering the aspects of economic, environment, social and governance (EESG) risks where internal controls are designed to address and manage the risks identified. Applying the ERM Framework and relevant practices set out in the MCCG ensures that there is an on-going process of identifying, evaluating, and managing risk exposure. The Group's ERM framework enhances the Group's ability to make better decisions, improve performance and capitalise on opportunities which are essential to achieve the Group's vision of being a preferred global agro-based enterprise by maintaining and implementing relevant controls or translating the principal risks of the business into upside opportunities.
- The key elements of the Group's internal control processes include Code of Business Ethics and Conduct, Delegation of Responsibilities, Authority Limits, Standard Operating Procedures, Budgetary Process, Annual Budget and Periodic Performance Review, Anti-Bribery Framework, Whistleblower policy, Quality Assurance, Control and Monitoring, Food Safety Standards, Safety, Health and Environment, Human Capital Management, Quarterly Board and Board Committee Meetings, Physical Safeguard and Insurance, Information and Communications Systems.

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#### PRINCIPLE C: INTEGRITY IN CORPORATE REPORTING AND MEANINGFUL RELATIONSHIP WITH STAKEHOLDERS

#### I. Engagement with Stakeholders

The Company recognises the importance of engaging and communicating with its shareholders and does this through the Annual Report, Annual General Meeting ("AGM") and announcements via Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad to enable comprehensive, timely and accurate disclosures to stakeholders.

The Company maintains a website at <a href="https://ql.com.my/">https://ql.com.my/</a> to facilitate dialogue with its investors and shareholders with the intention of giving investors and shareholders a clear and complete picture of the Company's performance and position, its policies on governance, the environment and social responsibilities.

QL's investor relations activities serve as an important communication channel with shareholders, investors, and the investment community, both in Malaysia and internationally. The activities allowed them to make informed decisions with respect to QL's business, governance, environment and social responsibility.

A total of 41 engagements with the investment community were carried out in FY2024. All communications were undertaken through physical, online platforms and virtual briefings. Participation includes overseas roadshows as well as visit to plant and factories.

Stakeholder engagements in FY2024	Number of activities
Briefing to Analysts and Fund Managers	27
Participating in Investor Conferences organised by Investment banks for domestic as well as foreign fund managers	4
ESG Engagement	3
In-house Investor meetings	5
Engagement with other stakeholders	2
Total	41

The Board aims to present a balanced and understandable assessment of the Company's and the Group's position and prospects in the various financial and non-financial information to shareholders, investors and regulatory authorities.

#### II. Conduct of General Meeting

The AGM is the principal forum for dialogue between the Company and its shareholders and investors. At the AGM, the Board briefs shareholders on the status of the Group's businesses and operations. The GCEO presents the overall performance of the Group. Shareholders are given the opportunity to raise questions on the Group's activities and prospects as well as to communicate their expectations and concerns to the Company. Extraordinary General Meetings are held as and when shareholders' approvals are required on specific matters.

The voting at the 26th AGM of the Company held on 30 August 2023 was conducted through electronic voting system and the Company conducted poll voting on all the resolutions proposed at its 26th AGM in accordance with Paragraph 8.29A of the Main Market Listing Requirements of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad. Tricor Investor & Issuing House Services Sdn. Bhd. was appointed as the poll administrator to conduct the polling voting electronically, and Messrs SKY Corporate Services Sdn. Bhd. as an independent scrutineer, verified the poll results.

The scrutineer upon verification of the poll results, announced the results for the resolutions which included votes in favour and against, upon which the Chairman of the Meeting declared whether the resolutions were carried. The poll results were also announced by the Company via Bursa LINK on the same day for the benefit of all shareholders.

The Board has deliberated, reviewed and approved the Corporate Governance Overview Statement on 10 July 2024

# **Audit Committee Report**

While the responsibility for financial reporting process rests with the QL Board, the Audit Committee is appointed by the Board to challenge and ask probing questions on the Company's financial reporting process, internal controls, risk management and governance. With good understanding of financial reporting process complemented with a wide range of diverse perspectives, knowledge, skills and experience and commitment of its members, the Audit Committee brings transparency, focus and independent judgment needed to oversee the financial reporting.

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

The Audit Committee comprises four (4) Independent Non-Executive Directors as listed in the Corporate Governance Overview Statement at page 103.

The Audit Committee members are financially literate, competent and possess a wide range of skills necessary to discharge their duties. Majority of the Audit Committee members are members of the Malaysian Institute of Accountants (MIA) and/or professional accounting body, meeting Paragraph 15.09 (1)(c)(i) of the Listing Requirements.

#### **ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS**

During FY2024, the Audit Committee held a total of five (5) meetings. Details of attendance of the Committee members are available in the Corporate Governance Overview Statement at page 98.

Where relevant and necessary, Members of Management are invited to the meetings to provide explanations to ensure that the topics of discussion are comprehensively deliberated and any concerns noted by the Audit Committee are effectively and immediately communicated. The Secretary to the Committee is the Company Secretary.

During the financial year, the Audit Committee provided open dialogue opportunity to the External Auditors by holding two (2) private sessions with them without the presence of the Executive Board Members and Management. Matters typically discussed include the External Auditor's assessment of business risks, scope of work, independence of their audit, how professional scepticism had been exercised and any issues arising from the audit.

#### SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE (AC):

The AC had undertaken the following activities during the financial year, which are in accordance with the terms of reference of the AC:

#### A) FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

Reviewed and recommended the Quarterly and Annual Financial Statements of the Company and Group (including announcements to Bursa) for the Board's approval, focusing particularly on:

- the appropriateness and relevance of accounting policies and practices adopted and their application;
- any significant changes to the basis of preparation of the financial statements or new accounting standards adopted during the year which impacted the results or financial position of the Group:
- $\cdot \quad \text{the compliance with financial reporting standards and other regulatory or legal requirements;} \\$
- · amendments to the Main Market Listing Requirements and Companies Act 2016, if any;
- disclosure of related party transactions; and
- significant accounting matters involving Management's judgments or estimates, unusual events or transactions during the year or subsequent to year-end.

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Reviewed recurrent related party transactions of revenue or trading nature which are necessary for the day-to-day operations in the ordinary course of business of the Company and its subsidiaries to ascertain that these transactions were undertaken on normal commercial terms and within the mandate given by shareholders.

Reviewed and recommended for the Board's approval the Circular to Shareholders in respect of the shareholders' mandates for recurrent related party transactions and proposed new mandates for additional recurrent related party transactions of revenue or trading nature.

Reviewed and recommended the Corporate Governance Overview Statement, Audit Committee Report and Statement on Risk Management and Internal Control, to the Board for approval.

Reviewed the Terms of Reference of the Audit Committee.

Reviewed Non-Audit Services fees paid to the external auditors to ensure that they are within the approved limit.

Received update of whistleblowing reports, where applicable.

Reviewed Policy on Non-Assurance Services Provided by External Auditor.

#### B) EXTERNAL AUDIT

Engaged in dialogue with External Auditors to review:-

- · and be satisfied with the audit plan, audit strategy and scope of work, especially on areas identified for audit focus for the year;
- the audit adjustments and issues arising from their annual audit, including their comments on the Group's financial reporting and internal
  accounting control:
- · the audit report and key audit matters highlighted for inclusion therein and the audit process in addressing them; and
- the Group's financial reporting process including consolidation.

Assessed the objectivity and independence of the External Auditors in carrying out their audit during the financial year.

 $Evaluated \ the performance \ and \ competency \ of \ the \ External \ Auditors \ and \ recommended \ their \ re-appointment \ to \ the \ Board \ of \ Directors.$ 

Had two (2) private sessions with the External Auditors in May 2023 and February 2024 without the presence of the Executive Board Members and Management.

Reviewed and recommended the appointment of the Company's External Auditors for the provision of non-audit services, after assessing and considering the following:-

- · The nature of the non-audit provided services by the External Auditors or its affiliates and fees paid for such services relative to the audit fee;
- · The scope of work as required are permitted under the Malaysian Institute of Accountants By-Laws; and
- The services would not impair their independence or there were safeguards against threat to the objectivity and independence of the audit
  arising from the provision of non-audit services or tenure of the External Auditors.

Reviewed Non-Assurance Services provided by external auditors to ensure that they complied with the Policy on Non-Assurance Services Provided by External Auditor.

Reviewed Management representation letter for the audit of the financial statements of the Company and its Group FY2023.

#### C) INTERNAL AUDIT

- · Reviewed and approved the proposed establishment of an in-house internal audit function in addition to the outsourced internal audit.
- · Reviewed the internal audit resource plan.
- · Reviewed and approved the Internal Audit Terms of Reference (i.e. Internal Audit Charter).
- · Reviewed and approved the tender process for outsourcing of Internal Audit services.
- · Reviewed and approved the Annual Internal Audit Plan including the progress status.
- · Assessed the overall performance of the outsourced internal auditor to ensure their effectiveness in meeting audit objectives.
- Reviewed and deliberated the internal audit findings and observations arising from audits and considered their recommendations to Management for improvement in internal control process.
- Examined the adequacy and appropriateness of the Management's action plans and responses to the audit findings and recommendations.

#### INTERNAL AUDIT FUNCTION

#### **Outsourced Internal Audit**

The Group outsourced its internal audit function to an independent professional consulting firm with global presence in approximately 151 countries with more than 364,000 people who are committed to delivering quality in assurance, advisory and tax services.

The engagement partner is Mr. Nik Shahrizal Sulaiman, a chartered accountant (ICAEW) with relevant experience in the areas of governance, risk and controls. The staff involved in the reviews have the relevant training in the area of internal audit, of which some are members of the Institute of Internal Auditors Malaysia.

The internal audit reviews were conducted using the firm's risk-based Internal Audit methodology, which are guided by industry good practices including the Institute of Internal Auditors framework. The areas of coverage are driven by a risk assessment process and presented to the Audit Committee for approval.

The firm has an internal policy that requires their personnel to declare their professional independence and disclose any potential conflict of interest. During the course of the internal audit engagement for the financial year ended 2024, the firm did not highlight any conflict of interest matters with regards to its personnel.

The activities undertaken by the internal auditors are based on the Professional Services Firm's Internal Audit methodology, which is aligned to Institute of Internal Auditors ("IIA") standards.

#### **Key Activities**

Formulated the internal audit plan and presented for the Audit Committee's review and approval. Executed internal audit reviews on key business processes and internal controls of business units as per approved audit plan. Reported to the Audit Committee on exceptions noted and highlighted areas of improvements, after discussion with management.

#### **Audit Fees**

In FY2024, the total cost incurred for the internal audit function was RM735,000.

# **Statement on Risk Management and Internal Control**

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#### **BOARD'S RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Board of Directors ("The Board") acknowledges their responsibility in maintaining a sound system of internal control covering financial and operational controls, compliance and risk management to safeguard shareholders' investments and the Group's assets. In terms of risk management, the Board is responsible for overseeing the risk management framework of the Group and review the effectiveness of the risk management process. The Board sets the tone from the top and the appetite towards managing key risks, nurtures a risk conscious culture and embeds risk management into the Group's processes and structure.

The Board delegates its role on risk management to the Risk Management Committee to oversee the implementation and compliance of a robust risk management process and the relevant internal controls system.

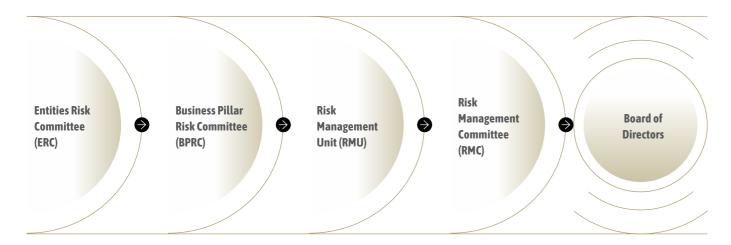
There is an on-going review process by the Board to ensure the adequacy and integrity of the risk management and internal control system. However, the Board recognises that the review of the Group's system of risk management and internal controls is a concerted and continuous process, designed to manage rather than eliminate the risk of failure to achieve business objectives. As such, internal controls can only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance against material misstatements or loss.

The Board has received assurance from the Executive Committee ("EXCO") and Chief Financial Officer that the Group's risk management and internal control system is adequate and operates effectively, in all material aspects providing reasonable assurance that risks are managed within tolerable ranges. The Executive Committee consists of the Executive Chairman, Group Chief Executive Officer, Business Pillars' CEOs, Deputy CEOs, COOs, and Head of Business Units (HOBU).

#### ENTERPRISE RISK MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK

The Board has put in place an Enterprise Risk Management ("ERM") Framework that is principally aligned with ISO 31000:2018. The ERM Framework provides the foundation for managing risks across the Group covering the aspects of economic, environment, social and governance (EESG) risks where internal controls are designed to address and manage the risks identified. Applying the ERM Framework and relevant practices set out in the Malaysian Code on Corporate Governance 2021 ensures that there is an on-going process of identifying, evaluating, and managing risk exposure. The Group's ERM framework enhances the Group's ability to make better decisions, improve performance and capitalise on opportunities which are essential to achieve the Group's vision of being a preferred global agro-based enterprise by maintaining and implementing relevant controls or translating the principal risks of the business into upside opportunities.

Management is accountable to the Board for risk management and internal control and has implemented processes to identify, evaluate, monitor and report risks in a timely manner. Management promptly mitigates risks through the design and implementation of effective and relevant controls. For this, a Risk Management Committee ("RMC"), a Risk Management Unit ("RMU") and Business Pillar Risk Committees have been established by the Group.



#### Risk Management Committee (RMC)

The members of the RMC comprise a majority of Independent Non-Executive Directors appointed by the Board of Directors. The RMC is responsible for amongst others:

- · Creating a high-level risk strategy policy aligned with the Company's strategic business objectives;
- · Performing risk oversight and reviewing risk profiles (Company and the Group) and organisational performance; and
- Providing guidance to the business units' risk appetite and capacity, and other criteria, which, when exceeded, triggers an obligation to report upwards
  to the Board.

#### **Risk Management Unit (RMU)**

Chaired by the Executive Chairman, the RMU comprises the Group CEO, CFO and Business Pillars CEOs & COOs and undertakes the following responsibilities:

- · Communicating Board vision, strategy, policy, responsibilities, and reporting lines to all employees across the Group;
- Identifying and communicating to the RMC the critical risks (present or potential) the Group faces, their changes, and the Management action plans to mitigate the risks; and
- Performing risk oversight and reviewing risk profiles (Company and the Group) and organisational performance.

#### **Business Pillar Risk Committees (BPRC)**

Business Pillars MPM and ILF have formed their respective BPRCs which comprises the Group CEO, Business Pillars CEOs, Deputy CEOs, COOs and key management personnel. Responsibilities of the BPRC include:

- · Reviewing the risks compiled from the Entities Risk Committees (ERC) from the Business Pillar perspective i.e. by Business Pillar;
- Ensuring consistent application of the ERM Framework including risk appetite and risk assessment; and
- Reviewing sufficiency of the mitigation action plans taken by ERCs to address the risks and where deemed appropriate and necessary, mitigation actions by the Business Pillar.

#### **Entities Risk Committees (ERC)**

Cluster of Subsidiaries within the same locations and Business Pillars are managed by the same Management team. Each of this cluster forms an ERC, maintains its own risk registers and is supported by a Risk Champion appointed by Head of Entity. Overseen by the respective person in charge of the business, HOBU and COO, ERCs perform quarterly review of their risk registers to document their risk identification, assessment and mitigation. Residual risks are being assessed for its likelihood and impact defined by the ERM Framework. Key risks such as those that are deemed significant or high are brought up to the BPRC and/or RMU for further review and deliberation.

The Head of Internal Audit and Risk Management facilitates the risk management process in accordance with the ERM Framework. This facilitation is a consulting service provided to the Group without assuming any Management responsibility.

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#### **INTERNAL CONTROL PROCESS**

The key elements of the Group's internal control processes are summarised as follows:

**Code of Business Ethics and Conduct** sets out expected ethical standards and code of conduct which are binding on all employees in the Group,

**Delegation of Responsibilities** - The Board has delegated its responsibility to several committees and to the Management of the Company to implement and monitor designated tasks. At Management level, organisation charts are used to establish clear line of reporting and delineation of responsibilities.

**Authority Limits** are in place to define the level of authority given to various levels of Management in making operational and commercial business decisions. As for the matters reserved for collective decision of the Board, they are defined in the Board Charter.

**Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)** for business processes are formalised to govern the Group's business operations. SOPs are being reviewed and revised from time to time to ensure that they remain relevant at all times.

**Budgetary Process** has been conducted starting from the respective entities proposing budgets and CAPEX to be reviewed at pillar level. The budgets and CAPEX are then submitted to the EXCO for deliberation and consolidated into the Group's budget that will be approved by the Board.

Annual Budget and Periodic Performance Review are being undertaken by Management. While the Board approves the annual budget, EXCO meets on a quarterly basis to review performance against the budget to ensure that the business remains on track to achieve the Group's strategic direction.

Anti-Bribery Framework ("ABF") has been adopted by the Group which reflects the Group's zero tolerance stance against all forms of bribery and corruption at all times. The ABF covers policies and procedures on facilitation payments, gifts and entertainment, third party travel, donation and sponsorship, business rewards, rebates, commissions, or other incentives. A copy of the Anti-Bribery Policy is published at QL's website.

Safety, Health and Environment ("HSE") is among the Group's emphasis in the Group's Sustainability Roadmap. The Group's Sustainability Roadmap has included a plan to obtain certification for ISO 45001:2018 Occupational Health and Safety Management System by stages for relevant entities. In the past two (2) years, one (1) of the entities under ILF and another under CVS had obtained the certification.

**Sustainability Framework** is providing the roadmap to ensure the Group conducts its business responsibly, ethically and sustainably with regards to environment, social and governance.

Physical Safeguard and Insurance are undertaken to ensure adequate protection and coverage. Physical control is in place to protect the Group's assets at various locations. Various insurance policies are being reviewed annually to ensure that the Group is covered against unwanted events.

Food Safety Standards are being implemented across the Group to ensure that the products manufactured can be enjoyed safely by customers. The standards include FSSC 22000, ISO 22000, ISO 9001, HACCP, MeSTI and GMP certifications.

Whistle-blower policy is in place and anyone who has a genuine concern on detrimental actions or improper conduct may raise it using the confidential channels laid out in the policy which is available on QL's website.

**Human Capital Management** involves having roles and responsibilities clearly defined in the job description for each position. There is also a systematic process for periodic appraisals of employees' performance comprising criteria of rating and performance indicators to assess personnel productivity, growth and succession planning.

**Quarterly Board and Board Committee Meetings** including the Audit Committee and RMC are being conducted to review business performance, discuss strategic matters, deliberate on key risks and matters brought up by the Management, Internal and External Auditors.

Quality Assurance, Control and Monitoring have been undertaken by entities of various business operations. For instance, Family Mart has QA/QC Teams focusing on food safety and compliance at central kitchens and stores. Internal quality auditors visit various locations to ensure that the quality requirements are complied with. In addition, at pillar level, centralised departments such as Centre of Excellence Department ("COE") at ILF focuses on the Integrated Livestock Farming's quality assurance.

Information and Communications Systems within the Group include the use of ERP system and other systems which capture data and provide Management with analysis and reports for performance monitoring. Employees are guided by the Information Technology (IT) policies and procedures such as IT Security Policy and IT User Guide to ensure the Group's data and information are being safeguarded.

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

The external auditors have reviewed this Statement on Risk Management and Internal Control pursuant to the scope set out in Audit and Assurance Practice Guide ("AAPG") 3, Guidance for Auditors on Engagements to Report on the Statement on Risk Management and Internal Control included in the Annual Report issued by the Malaysian Institute of Accountants for inclusion in the Annual Report of the Group for the year ended 31 March 2024, and reported to the Board that nothing has come to their attention that cause them to believe that the statement intended to be included in the Annual Report of the Group, in all material respects:

- a. has not been prepared 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, or
- b. is factually inaccurate.

AAPG 3 does not require the external auditors to consider whether the Directors' Statement on Risk Management and Internal Control covers all risks and controls, or to form an opinion on the adequacy and effectiveness of the Group's risk management and internal control system including the assessment and opinion by the Board of Directors and Management thereon. The auditors are also not required to consider whether the processes described to deal with material internal control aspects of any significant problems disclosed in the Annual Report will, in fact, remedy the problems.

#### CONCLUSION

The Board is of the view that the risk management and internal control systems that are in place for the year under review and up to the date of approval of this statement is adequate and effective to safeguard shareholders' investment and the Group's assets.

There have been no significant breakdowns or weaknesses in the system of internal control of the Group for the financial year under review. The Group continues to take the necessary measures to ensure that the system of internal control is in place and functioning effectively.

The Group's system of internal control applies to QL Resources Berhad and its subsidiaries. Associated companies have been excluded because the Group does not have full management and control over them. However, the Group's interest is served through representations on the Boards of the respective Associated companies.

This Statement on Risk Management and Internal Control was approved by the Board on 10 July 2024.

# **Additional Compliance Information**

#### **OTHER INFORMATION**

#### (a) Recurrent Related Party Transactions (RRPT) of a revenue or trading nature

The shareholders of the Company approved the Proposed Renewal of Existing and New Shareholders' Mandate for RRPT of a revenue or trading nature during its Annual General Meeting ("AGM") held on 30 August 2023.

The Company is also seeking shareholders' approval to renew the Shareholders' Mandate for Existing RRPT and New Shareholders' Mandate for additional RRPT of a revenue or trading nature in the forthcoming AGM. The details of the RRPT entered into or to be entered by the Company or its subsidiaries with related parties are included in the Statement/Circular to Shareholders.

#### (b) Share Buy-Back

The shareholders of the Company approved the Proposed Renewal of Share Buy-Back Authority during its AGM held on 30 August 2023.

The Company is also seeking shareholder approval to renew the Share Buy-Back Authority in the forthcoming AGM. The details of the Share Buy-Back are included in the Circular/Statement to Shareholders.

#### (c) Audit fees and Non-audit fees

The amount of audit fees and non-audit fees of the external auditors, for the financial year ended 31 March 2024 were as follows:-

	Audi	t fees	Non-au	dit fees
	Group	Company	Group	Company
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
KPMG PLT Malaysia	2,032	169	132	30
Overseas affiliates of KPMG PLT Malaysia	392	-	120	-
Other auditors	578	-	48	-

#### ADDITIONAL COMPLIANCE INFORMATION

In compliance with the Main Market Listing Requirements of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad, the following additional information is provided:

During the financial year under review, there were no:

- i) material contracts between the Company and its subsidiaries that involve directors', chief executive who is not a director or major shareholders' interests; and
- contract of loans between the Company and its subsidiaries that involve directors', chief executive who is not a director or major shareholders' interests.

# **Statement of Directors' Responsibility**

Directors are required by Companies Act 2016 to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Group and of the Company at the end of the financial year and of the financial performance of the Group and of the Company for the financial year then ended.

In preparing those financial statements, the Directors have:

- · adopted and consistently applied suitable accounting policies;
- made judgements and estimates that are prudent and reasonable;
- ensured applicable financial reporting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepared it on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Group and the Company will continue in business.

The Directors are responsible in ensuring proper accounting records are kept, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Group and of the Company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2016. The Directors are also responsible to take such steps to safeguard the assets of the Group and of the Company and, to prevent and detect fraud or any other irregularities.

# Directors' Report

for the year ended 31 March 2024

The Directors have pleasure in submitting their report and the audited financial statements of the Group and of the Company for the financial year ended 31 March 2024.

#### PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The Company is principally engaged in investment holding, whilst the principal activities of the subsidiaries are as stated in Note 34 to the financial statements. There has been no significant change in the nature of these activities during the financial year.

#### SUBSIDIARIES

The details of the Company's subsidiaries are disclosed in Note 34 to the financial statements.

#### RESULTS

	Group RM'000	Company RM'000
Profit for the year attributable to:		
Owners of the Company	437,852	222,671
Non-controlling interests	35,522	-
	473,374	222,671

#### RESERVES AND PROVISIONS

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

#### DIVIDENDS

In respect of the financial year ended 31 March 2023, a final single tier dividend of 3.50 sen per ordinary share totalling approximately RM85,178,000 was approved on 30 August 2023 and paid on 22 September 2023.

In respect of the financial year ended 31 March 2024:-

- a single tier interim dividend of 3.00 sen per ordinary share totalling approximately RM73,010,000 was declared on 29 February 2024 and paid on 29 March 2024; and
- a final single tier dividend recommended by the Directors is 3.50 sen per ordinary share totalling approximately RM85,200,000 subject to the approval of the members at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting of the Company.



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#### **DIRECTORS OF THE COMPANY**

Directors who served during the financial year until the date of this report are:

Director	Alternate	
Director	Atternate	
Dr. Chia Song Kun		
Mr. Chia Song Kooi		
Mr. Chia Seong Fatt <sup>^</sup>	Mr. Chia Seong Pow <sup>#</sup>	
Mr. Cheah Juw Teck	Mr. Chia Song Swa <sup>#</sup>	
Mr. Chia Lik Khai	Mr. Chia Mak Hooi	
Mr. Low Teng Lum		
Datin Paduka Setia Dato' Dr. Aini Binti Ideris		
Ms. Kow Poh Gek		
Ms. Chan Wai Yen		
Ms. Cynthia Toh Mei Lee		
Mr. Wee Beng Chuan		
Ms. Tan Ler Chin (Resigned on 30 September 2023)		

- ^ Resigned as alternate Director on 1 March 2024 and subsequently appointed as Director on 1 March 2024 respectively.
- \* Resigned as Director on 1 March 2024 and subsequently appointed as alternate Director on 1 March 2024 respectively.

#### LIST OF DIRECTORS OF SUBSIDIARIES

Pursuant to Section 253(2) of the Companies Act 2016 in Malaysia, the list of Directors of the subsidiaries (excluding Directors who are also Directors of the Company) during the financial year and up to the date of this report is as follows:

Mr. Ang Han Seng

Mr. Cheah Yaw Song

Ms. Chia Juak Sui

Mr. Chia Liek Kuen Mr. Chia Pei Xun

Mr. Chia Song Phuan

Mr. Chia Song Pou

Mr. Chia Song Kang

Mr. Chia Soon Lai

Mr. Chia Tai Ling

Mr. Chua Chye Huat

Mr. Ding Lean Yew

Mrs. Juliet Kristianto Liu

#### LIST OF DIRECTORS OF SUBSIDIARIES (CONTINUED)

Mr. Lee Kat Choy

Mr. Liew Meow Fook

Mr. Liu Sin

Mr. Mak Weng Kieng

Mr. Noor Azman Bin Nordin

Mr. Saidi Widjaja

Mr. Tan Eng Hai

Mr. Chia Jooi Seng

Ms. Judith Binti Petrus Pilos

Mr. Kok Wan Shong

Mr. Chua Lee Guan

Dokter Hewan Cecep Mohammad Wahyudin

Mr. Leong Yew Cheong

Mr. Tee Seng Chun (Alternate to Mr. Gan Chih Soon)

Mr. Gan Chih Soon

Mr. Ng Swee Weng

Mr. Law Chee Wong

Ms. Benja Boonyakitsombat

Mr. Yong Hua Kong

Mr. Chia Khek Ping

Mr. Hii Hiong Swee

Mr. Leong Jit Min

Mr. Liu Chuan Yew

Ir. Haryanto

Mr. Koh Kim Sing

Mr. Kok Hang Seng

Mr. Lim Yong Hion (Appointed on 1 July 2023)

Datuk Wira Roslan Bin Abdul Rahman (Appointed on 17 November 2023)

Ms. Koh Ee Huei (Appointed on 17 November 2023)

Mr. Lee Yoon Yeau (Effective on 10 November 2023)

Mr. Tan Gek Len (Resigned on 1 May 2023)

Mr. Khoo Ng Hiong (Resigned on 30 June 2023)

Mr. Brahanuddin Bin Hussin (Resigned on 1 December 2023)

Mr. Ahmad Azlam Bin Jikan (Resigned on 1 December 2023)

Mr. Lee Kien Zhang (Effective on 10 November 2023 and resigned on 15 November 2023)

Mr. Lee Yoon Fung (Effective on 10 November 2023 and resigned on 15 November 2023)

Ms. Rina Meileene Binti Adam (Retired on 25 August 2023)

Mr. Adrian Chair Yong Huang (Retired on 17 November 2023)

Mr. Ho Cheok Yuen (Demised on 27 September 2023)

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#### **DIRECTORS' INTERESTS IN SHARES**

The interests and deemed interests in the ordinary shares of the Company and of its related companies (other than wholly-owned subsidiaries) of those who were Directors at financial year end (including the interests of the spouse and children of the Directors who themselves are not Directors of the Company) as recorded in the Register of Directors' Shareholdings are as follows:

		Number of ordin	ary shares	
	At 1.4.2023	Bought	Sold	At 31.3.2024
Shareholdings in the Company which Directors have				
direct interests:				
Chia Song Kun	1,316,250	-	-	1,316,250
Chia Song Kooi	1,696,500	33,100	-	1,729,600
Chia Seong Pow	3,540,000	-	-	3,540,000
Chia Song Swa	1,105,650	-	-	1,105,650
Chia Lik Khai	3,075,200	236,400	(510,000)	2,801,600
Chia Seong Fatt	390,000	-	-	390,000
Chia Mak Hooi	4,017,955	216,400	-	4,234,355
Cheah Juw Teck	4,396,522	341,200	(600,000)	4,137,722
Low Teng Lum	7,000	-	-	7,000
Shareholdings in the Company which Directors have				
deemed interests:				
Chia Song Kun	1,002,895,571	574,600	(1,573,900)	1,001,896,271
Chia Song Kooi	4,727,560	-	-	4,727,560
Chia Seong Pow	293,014,266	517,100	(1,573,900)	291,957,466
Chia Song Swa	4,247,900	606,500	(307,500)	4,546,900
Chia Lik Khai	285,480	-	-	285,480
Chia Seong Fatt	289,861,079	521,400	(1,573,900)	288,808,579
Chia Mak Hooi	713,700	-	-	713,700
Cheah Juw Teck	2,298,000	600,000	-	2,898,000
Kow Poh Gek	13,845	-	-	13,845
Low Teng Lum	135,825	5,500	-	141,325

By virtue of his interest in the shares of the Company, Chia Song Kun is also deemed interested in the shares of all subsidiaries disclosed in Note 34 to these financial statements to the extent that the Company has an interest.

The other Directors, Datin Paduka Setia Dato' Dr. Aini Binti Ideris, Chan Wai Yen, Cynthia Toh Mei Lee and Wee Beng Chuan holding office at 31 March 2024 did not have any interest in the ordinary shares of the Company and of its related companies 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 those shown below) 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, other than certain Directors who have substantial financial interests in companies which traded with certain companies in the Group in the ordinary course of business as disclosed in Note 33 to the financial statements.

The Directors' benefits paid to or receivable by Directors in respect of the financial year ended 31 March 2024 are as follows:

	From the Company RM'000	From subsidiary companies RM'000
Directors of the Company:		
Fees	1,703	2,366
Remuneration	42	21,759
Other short-term employee benefits (including estimated monetary value of any benefits-in-kind)	-	214
	1,745	24,339

There were no arrangements during and at the end of the financial year which had the object of enabling 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.

#### **ISSUE OF SHARES AND DEBENTURES**

There were no changes in the issued and paid-up capital of the Company during the financial year.

There were no debentures issued during the financial year.

#### **OPTIONS GRANTED OVER UNISSUED SHARES**

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

#### SHARE BUY-BACK

The shareholders of the Company, by an ordinary resolution passed in the Annual General Meeting held on 30 August 2023, renewed the Company's plan to buy-back its own shares.

There was no share buy-back during the financial year.

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#### INDEMNITY AND INSURANCE COSTS

The following disclosure on particulars of indemnity given to, or insurance effected for, any Director or officer of the Company is made pursuant to Section 289(7) of the Companies Act 2016:

	Amount paid RM	Sum insured RM
Directors and Officers Liability Insurance	36,836	20,000,000

There was no indemnity given to, or insurance effected for auditors 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:

- all known bad debts have been written off and adequate provision made for doubtful debts, and
- any current assets which were unlikely to be realised in the ordinary course of business have been written down to an amount which they might be expected so to realise.

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

- that would render the amount written off for bad debts or the amount of the provision for doubtful debts in the Group and in the Company inadequate to any substantial extent, or
- that would render the value attributed to the current assets in the financial statements of the Group and of the Company misleading, or
- 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
- not otherwise dealt with in this report or the financial statements that would render any amount stated in the financial statements of the Group and of the Company misleading.

At the date of this report, there does not exist:

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

#### OTHER STATUTORY INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

No contingent liability or other liability of any company in the Group has become enforceable, or is likely to become enforceable within the period of twelve 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 March 2024 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 that financial year and the date of this report.

#### SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The subsequent events are disclosed in Note 37 to the financial statements.

#### **AUDITORS**

The auditors of the Company, KPMG PLT, have indicated their willingness to accept re-appointment.

The auditors' remuneration of the Group and of the Company during the year in respect of the audit for the financial year ended 31 March 2024 are RM3,002,000 and RM169,000 respectively.

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

#### **Chia Song Kun**

Director

#### **Chia Song Kooi**

Director

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Date: 10 July 2024

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# **Statements of Financial Position**

as at 31 March 2024

Statements of Financial Position as at 31 March 2024

		Group		Compan	ıy
	Note	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000
Assets					
Property, plant and equipment	3	2,340,572	2,209,906	-	-
Right-of-use assets	4	527,367	520,544	-	-
Investment properties	5	60,670	25,065	-	-
Intangible assets	6	126,554	125,017	-	-
Investment in subsidiaries	7	-	-	1,289,471	1,319,172
Investment in associates	8	6,556	6,202	-	-
Deferred tax assets	9	24,244	14,081	-	-
Trade and other receivables	10	23,539	26,085	59,187	170,068
Total non-current assets		3,109,502	2,926,900	1,348,658	1,489,240
Biological assets	11	246,712	251,914	_	_
Inventories	12	883,970	955,218	_	_
Current tax assets		31,007	32,884	250	157
Contract assets	13.1	45,936	55,743	-	
Contract costs	13.2	1,863	850	-	-
Trade and other receivables	10	683,948	616,441	232,005	208,006
Prepayments and other assets	14	48,229	66,105	212	385
Derivative financial assets	15	22,294	25,643	21,930	23,551
Cash and cash equivalents	16	397,805	346,499	38,065	18,285
·		2,361,764	2,351,297	292,462	250,384
Assets classified as held for sale	17	5,557	6,902	-	-
Total current assets		2,367,321	2,358,199	292,462	250,384
Total assets		5,476,823	5,285,099	1,641,120	1,739,624
Equity					
Share capital		620,025	620,025	620,025	620,025
Reserves		2,322,615	2,036,420	550,140	486,907
Equity attributable to owners of the Company	18	2,942,640	2,656,445	1,170,165	1,106,932
Non-controlling interests		255,179	231,101	-	-
Total equity		3,197,819	2,887,546	1,170,165	1,106,932

		Group		Compar	ıy
	Note	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000
Liabilities					
Loans and borrowings	19	70,821	237,898	48,027	191,308
Lease liabilities		193,223	181,284	-	-
Other payables	20	7,537	6,684	-	-
Employee benefits	21	16,359	12,258	-	-
Deferred tax liabilities	9	182,504	172,756	-	-
otal non-current liabilities		470,444	610,880	48,027	191,308
Loans and borrowings	19	997,538	1,017,168	210,873	247,284
Lease liabilities		32,598	29,493	-	-
Trade and other payables	20	668,734	649,117	212,055	194,100
Contract liabilities	13.1	72,072	77,265	-	-
Derivative financial liabilities	15	120	52	-	-
Current tax liabilities		37,498	13,578	-	-
Total current liabilities		1,808,560	1,786,673	422,928	441,384
Total liabilities		2,279,004	2,397,553	470,955	632,692
Total equity and liabilities		5,476,823	5,285,099	1,641,120	1,739,624

The notes on pages 134 to 225 are an integral part of these financial statements.

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Statements of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income

# Statements of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income for the year ended 31 March 2024

		Group		Company	
	Note	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000
Revenue					
- sale of goods	22	6,314,418	5,935,525	-	-
- construction contracts	22	337,628	307,097	-	-
- dividend income		57	21	222,191	176,953
		6,652,103	6,242,643	222,191	176,953
Cost of sales		(5,124,402)	(4,988,417)	-	-
Gross profit		1,527,701	1,254,226	222,191	176,953
Administrative expenses		(415,540)	(366,984)	(13,016)	(11,619)
Distribution costs		(402,150)	(322,177)	-	-
Other expenses		(57,023)	(67,219)	(6,322)	(10,001
Otherincome		36,509	38,484	15,081	11,855
Results from operating activities	23	689,497	536,330	217,934	167,188
Finance costs	24	(72,016)	(64,475)	(22,411)	(26,319
Finance income	25	8,311	7,760	28,299	31,749
Share of profits of equity-accounted associate net of tax	s,	736	1,216	-	-
Profit before tax		626,528	480,831	223,822	172,618
Tax expense	26	(153,154)	(118,929)	(1,151)	(822)
Profit for the year		473,374	361,902	222,671	171,796
Other comprehensive income, net of tax  Items that will not be reclassified subsequent profit or loss  Actuarial gain on estimated liabilities for	ly to				
employee benefits		450	587	-	-
		450	587	-	-
Items that are or may be reclassified subsequence to profit or loss  Foreign currency translation differences for	-				
foreign operations		10,555	7,645	-	-
Cash flow hedge		(1,227)	5,151	(1,250)	5,210
-		9,328	12,796	(1,250)	5,210
Total other comprehensive income/(expense) the year, net of tax	for	9,778	13,383	(1,250)	5,210

375,285

		Group		Company	
	Note	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000
Profit attributable to:					
Owners of the Company		437,852	346,821	222,671	171,796
Non-controlling interests		35,522	15,081	-	-
Profit for the year		473,374	361,902	222,671	171,796
Total comprehensive income attributable to:					
Owners of the Company		449,075	362,890	221,421	177,006
Non-controlling interests		34,077	12,395	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year		483,152	375,285	221,421	177,006
Basic earnings per ordinary share (sen)	27	18	14	,	

The notes on pages 134 to 225 are an integral part of these financial statements.

Total other comprehensive income for the year

# Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity for the year ended 31 March 2024

# Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity for the year ended 31 March 2024

	•	—— Attributable	Attributable to owners of the Company	Сотрапу —			
		Non-distributable		→ Distributable			
Note	Share capital RM'000	Translation reserves RM'000	Hedging reserves RM'000	Retained earnings RM'000	Total RM'000	Non- controlling interests RM'000	Total equity RM'000
Group							
At 1 April 2022	620,025	(78,370)	(3,810)	1,933,281	2,471,126	235,281	2,706,407
Foreign currency translation differences for		10.305			205.01	(127 C)	7 2 4 15
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Actuarial gain/(loss) on estimated liabilities			1	213	101,0	(26)	1 0
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lotatorner comprenensive income/ (expense) for the year		10,306	5,151	612	16,069	(2,686)	13,383
Profit for the year	•			346,821	346,821	15,081	361,902
Total comprehensive income for the year	•	10,306	5,151	347,433	362,890	12,395	375,285
Contributions by and distributions to owners of the Company							
- Dividends to owners of the Company 28	•			(170,356)	(170,356)		(170,356)
- Dividends to non-controlling interests	•			٠		(10,691)	(10,691)
- Acquisition of non-controlling interests				(7,215)	(7,215)	(5,884)	(13,099)
Total transactions with owners of the							
Company	•			(177,571)	(177,571)	(16,575)	(194,146)
At 31 March 2023	620,025	(68,064)	1,341	2,103,143	2,656,445	231,101	2,887,546

			— Attributable	Attributable to owners of the Company	Сотрапу —			
	•	N	Non-distributable		> Distributable			
	Note	Share capital RM'000	Translation reserves RM'000	Hedging reserves RM'000	Retained earnings RM'000	Total RM'000	Non- controlling interests RM'000	Total equity RM'000
Group (continued) At 1 April 2023		620,025	(68,064)	1,341	2,103,143	2,656,445	231,101	2,887,546
Foreign currency translation differences for foreign operations			11,915			11,915	(1,360)	10,555
Reclassification		٠	18,851		(18,851)			•
Cash flow hedge				(1,125)	•	(1,125)	(102)	(1,227)
Actuarial gain on estimated liabilities for employee benefits		,			433	433	17	450
Total other comprehensive income/ (expenses) for the year			30.766	(1125)	(18 418)	11 223	(1 445)	9778
Profit for the year		٠	,	-	437,852	437,852	35,522	473,374
Total comprehensive income/(expenses) for the year			30,766	(1,125)	419,434	449,075	34,077	483,152
Contributions by and distributions to owners of the Company								
- Dividends to owners of the Company	28				(158,188)	(158,188)		(158,188)
- Dividends to non-controlling interests		٠	•	•	•	•	(46,302)	(46,302)
- Acquisition of a subsidiary	35.1	•		•		•	(174)	(174)
- Acquisition of non-controlling interests		٠	٠	٠	(2,612)	(2,612)	2,219	(393)
- Subscription of share in subsidiaries by non-controlling interests			,	,			34.758	34.258
- Members' voluntary liquidation			(4,144)		2,064	(2,080)		(2,080)
Total transactions with owners of the	J							
Company			(4,144)		(158,736)	(162,880)	(6,699)	(172,879)
At 31 March 2024		620,025	(41,442)	216	2,363,841	2,942,640	255,179	3,197,819
		Note 18.1	Note 18.2	Note 18.3				

# Statement of Changes in Equity for the year ended 31 March 2024

		Att	ributable to owners	s of the Company —	
	•	← Non-distribu	ıtable	Distributable	
	Note	Share capital RM'000	Hedging reserves RM'000	Retained earnings RM'000	Total equity RM'000
Company					
At 1 April 2022		620,025	(2,583)	482,840	1,100,282
Cash flow hedge		-	5,210	-	5,210
Total other comprehensive income for the year		-	5,210	-	5,210
Profit for the year		-	-	171,796	171,796
Total comprehensive income for the year		-	5,210	171,796	177,006
Distribution to owners of the Company	_				
- Dividends to owners of the Company	28	-	-	(170,356)	(170,356)
Total transactions with owners of the Company		-	-	(170,356)	(170,356)
At 31 March/1 April 2023	_	620,025	2,627	484,280	1,106,932
Cash flow hedge		-	(1,250)	-	(1,250)
Total other comprehensive income for the year		-	(1,250)	-	(1,250)
Profit for the year		-	-	222,671	222,671
Total comprehensive income for the year		-	(1,250)	222,671	221,421
Distribution to owners of the Company	_				
- Dividends to owners of the Company	28	-	-	(158,188)	(158,188)
Total transactions with owners of the Company		-	-	(158,188)	(158,188)
At 31 March 2024		620,025	1,377	548,763	1,170,165
		Note 18.1	Note 18.3		

# Statements of Cash Flows

for the year ended 31 March 2024

		Group		Company	1
	Note	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000
ash flows from operating activities					
Profit before tax		626,528	480,831	223,822	172,618
Adjustments for:					
Amortisation of:					
- intangible assets	6	1,557	2,058	-	
Change in fair value of:					
- biological assets	11	23,737	19,220	-	
Depreciation of:					
- investment properties	5	2,957	2,953	-	
- property, plant and equipment	3	213,027	203,187	-	
- right-of-use assets	4	44,025	38,319	-	
Derivative gain, net		(98)	(198)	-	
Dividends from:					
- liquid investments		(57)	(21)	(57)	(2:
- subsidiaries		-	-	(222,134)	(176,93
Finance costs		72,016	64,475	22,411	26,31
Finance income		(8,311)	(7,760)	(28,299)	(31,74
Gain on disposal of:					
- investment properties		(19)	-	-	
- property, plant and equipment		(10,258)	(4,190)	-	
- right-of-use assets		(6,836)	(2,684)	-	
- assets classified as held for sales		(455)	-	-	
Loss/(Gain) on unrealised foreign					
exchange, net		7,243	(3,504)	(2,253)	(1,22
Gain on unrealised liquid investment		(165)	(162)	(165)	(16
Gain on termination of lease contracts		-	(96)	-	
Impairment loss on:					
- advances to suppliers		60	125	-	
- contract assets		81	41	-	
- intangible assets		1,301	1,211	-	
- property, plant and equipment		-	11,738	-	
- trade and other receivables		8,070	6,009	2,075	4,22
- subsidiary		-	-	-	1,432
Reversal of impairment loss on investment					
properties		(432)	-	-	
Inventories write-down, net		667	(436)	-	
perating profit/(loss) before changes in working					
capital		974,638	811,116	(4,600)	(5,498

The notes on pages 134 to 225 are an integral part of these financial statements.

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Statements of Cash Flows for the year ended 31 March 2024

Statements of Cash Flows for the year ended 31 March 2024

		Group		Company	1
	Note	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000
Operating profit/(loss) before changes in working				_	
capital (continued)	-	974,638	811,116	(4,600)	(5,498
Property, plant and equipment written off	3	5,135	2,866	-	
Share of associates' profits		(736)	(1,216)	-	-
Operating profit/(loss) before changes in working capital		979,037	812,766	(4,600)	(5,498
Changes in working capital:					
Biological assets		(4,872)	(38,250)	-	
Inventories		72,508	(276,376)	-	
Trade and other receivables and other financial		,	, ,		
assets		(60,283)	(87,321)	(11,982)	(9,567
Employee benefits		4,551	1,383	-	-
Trade and other payables, including derivatives		8,568	215,047	40,022	36,79
Contract assets		9,726	(1,964)	-	
Contract costs		(1,013)	225	-	
Contract liabilities		(5,193)	15,044	-	
Bills payable		16,429	115,722	-	
Supplier factoring facilities		(16,645)	(624)	-	
Cash generated from operations		1,002,813	755,652	23,440	21,720
Dividends from liquid investments		57	21	57	2.
Income taxes paid		(130,628)	(115,493)	(1,244)	(1,219
Interest paid		(36,753)	(29,959)	(9,358)	(7,689
Interest received		8,311	7,760	28,299	31,749
Net cash from operating activities		843,800	617,981	41,194	44,588
Cash flows from investing activities					
Acquisition of:					
- investment properties	(i)	(32,705)	(964)	-	
- intangible assets	6	(23)	(177)	-	
- property, plant and equipment	3	(329,553)	(232,997)	-	
- right-of-use assets	4	(2,293)	(6,180)	-	
Advances from subsidiaries		-	-	133,301	207,977
Change in pledged deposits		(5)	(4)	-	
Deposit received from sale of asset classified as					
held for sale		-	3,090	-	
Dividends received from:					
- associates		448	605	-	
- subsidiaries		-	-	222,134	176,932
Net cash inflow on acquisition of subsidiaries		3,598	-	-	
Addition of investment in associate		(66)	(3,200)		
Net cash (used in)/generated from investing activities		(360,599)	(239,827)	355,435	384,909

		Group		Company	/
	Note	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000
Net cash (used in)/generated from investing					
activities (continued)		(360,599)	(239,827)	355,435	384,909
Proceeds from disposal of:					
- investment properties		581	120	-	
- property, plant and equipment		20,819	8,303	-	-
- asset classified as held for sale		5,000	-	-	-
- right-of-use assets		7,610	-	-	
Net cash (used in)/generated from investing activities		(326,589)	(231,404)	355,435	384,909
Cash flows from financing activities					
Acquisition of non-controlling interests	35.2	(2,106)	(13,099)	-	
Dividends paid to:					
- non-controlling interests		(46,302)	(10,691)	-	
- owners of the Company	28	(158,188)	(170,356)	(158,188)	(170,356
Interest paid		(35,263)	(34,516)	(13,053)	(18,630
Proceeds from:					
- term loans and revolving credit		417,806	191,813	402,046	109,369
Payment of lease liabilities	(iii)	(34,359)	(29,141)	-	
Repayment of:					
- term loans and revolving credit		(646,183)	(449,220)	(607,654)	(346,510
Subscription of share in subsidiaries by non-controlling interests		36,577	-	-	-
Net cash used in financing activities		(468,018)	(515,210)	(376,849)	(426,127
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash					
equivalents		49,193	(128,633)	19,780	3,370
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 April 2023/2022		343,188	471,821	18,285	14,915
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 March	(ii)	392,381	343,188	38,065	18,285

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#### NOTES TO THE STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

Non-cash transactions

Investing activities

#### Group

Included in the acquisition cost of investment property of RM40,194,000 are deposit of RM7,489,000 which have been paid in prior period.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents included in the statements of cash flows comprise the following statements of financial position amounts:

		Group		Company	
	Note	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000
Cash and bank balances		349,814	323,060	35,722	17,110
Deposits placed with licensed banks		20,332	15,590	323	316
Liquid investments		27,659	7,849	2,020	859
	16	397,805	346,499	38,065	18,285
Bank overdrafts	19	(5,229)	(3,121)	-	-
Pledged deposits	16	(195)	(190)	-	-
		392,381	343,188	38,065	18,285

(iii) Cash outflows for leases as a lessee

		Group	
	Note	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000
Included in net cash from operating activities:			
Payment relating to short-term leases	23	11,466	9,699
Payment relating to leases of low-value assets	23	1,089	823
Payment relating to variable lease payments not included in the measurement o	f		
lease liabilities	23	2,581	1,571
Interest paid in relation to lease liabilities	24	8,835	7,796
Included in net cash from financing activities:			
Payment of lease liabilities		34,359	29,141
Total cash outflows for leases		58,330	49,030

# NOTES TO THE STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (CONTINUED)

		At 1.4.2022 RM'000	Net changes from financing cash flows RM'000	Acquisition of new leases RM'000	Termination of lease contracts RM'000	Remeasurement of leases RM'000	Foreign exchange movement RM'000	At 31.3.2023 RM'000
Group								
Term loans		720,566	(283,114)	•	٠	•	43,012	480,464
Lease liabilities		171,559	(29,141)	64,500	(2,896)	6,755	•	210,777
Revolving credit		29,537	25,707	٠		•	(29)	55,215
Total liabilities from financing activities	ctivities	921,662	(286,548)	64,500	(2,896)	6,755	42,983	746,456
	At 31.3.2023/ 1.4.2023 RM'000	Net changes from financing cash flows RM'000	Change arising from obtaining control of subsidiary RM'000	Acquisition of new Leases RM'000	Termination of Lease contracts RM'000	Remeasurement of leases RM'000	Foreign exchange movement RM'000	At 31.3,2024 RM'000
Group								
Term loans	480,464	(262,586)	13,079	•		•	25,472	256,429
Lease liabilities	210,777	(34,359)	108	40,984	(1,553)	9,864	1	225,821
Revolving credit	55,215	34,209	•			•	1,227	90,651
Total liabilities from financing activities	746,456	(262,736)	13,187	40,984	(1,553)	9,864	26,699	572,901
		At 1.4.2022 RM'000	Net changes from At financing 122 cashflows	es Foreign 1g exchange vs movement 10 RM'000	31.3.207 1.4.20 RM'0	Net changes At from 23/ financing (23 cash flows	Foreign exchange movement RM'000	At 3 1.3.2024 RM'000
Company								
Term loans		637,834	334 (257,010)	33,928	28 414,752	52 (232,732)	24,764	206,784
Revolving credit		4,0	4,000 19,869		(29) 23,840	10 27,124	1,152	52,116

notes on pages 134 to 225 are an integral part of these financial statements.

Notes to the Financial Statements

QL Resources Berhad is a public limited liability company, incorporated and domiciled in Malaysia and is listed on the Main Market of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad. The address of its registered office and principal place of business is as follows:

#### Registered office/Principal place of business

No. 16A, Jalan Astaka U8/83 Bukit Jelutong 40150 Shah Alam Selangor Darul Ehsan

The consolidated financial statements of the Company as at and for the financial year ended 31 March 2024 comprise the Company and its subsidiaries (together referred to as the "Group" and individually referred to as "Group entities") and the Group's interest in associates. The financial statements of the Company as at and for the financial year ended 31 March 2024 do not include other entities.

The Company is principally engaged in investment holding, whilst the principal activities of the subsidiaries are as stated in Note 34 to the financial statements. There has been no significant change in the nature of these activities during the financial year.

These financial statements were authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 10 July 2024.

#### 1. BASIS OF PREPARATION

#### (a) Statement of compliance

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

The following are accounting standards, interpretations and amendments of the MFRSs framework that have been issued by the Malaysian Accounting Standards Board ("MASB") but have not been adopted by the Group and the Company:

#### MFRSs, interpretations and amendments effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2024

- · Amendments to MFRS 16, Leases Lease Liability in a Sale and Leaseback
- Amendments to MFRS 101, Presentation of Financial Statements Non-current Liabilities with Covenants and Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current
- Amendments to MFRS 107, Statement of Cash Flows and MFRS 7, Financial Instruments: Disclosures Supplier Finance Arrangements

#### MFRSs, interpretations and amendments effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2025

Amendments to MFRS 121, The Effects of Changes in Foreign Exchange Rates – Lack of Exchangeability

#### MFRSs, interpretations and amendments effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2027

• MFRS 18, Presentation and Disclosure in Financial Statements

#### MFRSs, interpretations and amendments effective for annual periods beginning on or after a date yet to be confirmed

• Amendments to MFRS 10, Consolidated Financial Statements and MFRS 128, Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures – Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture

#### BASIS OF PREPARATION (CONTINUED)

#### (a) Statement of compliance (continued)

The Group and the Company plan to apply the abovementioned accounting standards, interpretations and amendments:

- from the annual period beginning on 1 April 2024 for the amendments that are effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2024.
- from the annual period beginning on 1 April 2025 for the amendments that are effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2025.
- from the annual period beginning on 1 April 2027 for the accounting standard that is effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2027.

The initial application of the abovementioned accounting standards, amendments and interpretations are not expected to have any material financial impact to the current period and prior period financial statements of the Group and of the Company.

#### b) Basis of measurement

These financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis other than as disclosed in the financial statement.

#### c) Functional and presentation currencies

These financial statements are presented in Ringgit Malaysia ("RM"), which is the Group's and Company's functional currency. All financial information is presented in RM and has been rounded to the nearest thousand, unless otherwise stated.

#### (d) Use of estimates and judgements

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with MFRS requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimates are revised and in any future periods affected.

There are no significant areas of estimation uncertainty and critical judgements in applying accounting policies that have significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements other than those disclosed in the following notes:

(i) Note 4 – extension options and incremental borrowing rate in relation to leases

The Group assesses at lease commencement by applying significant judgement whether it is reasonably certain to exercise the extension options. Group entities consider all facts and circumstances including their past practice and any cost that will be incurred to change the asset if an option to extend is not taken, to help them determine the lease term.

The Group also applied judgement and assumptions in determining the incremental borrowing rate of the respective leases. Group entities first determine the closest available borrowing rates before using significant judgement to determine the adjustments required to reflect the term, security, value or economic environment of the respective leases.

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#### 1. BASIS OF PREPARATION (CONTINUED)

#### (d) Use of estimates and judgements (continued)

(ii) Note 6 - impairment of intangible assets

The Group performs annual impairment assessment on goodwill. The impairment is measured by comparing the carrying amount of an asset with its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is measured at the higher of the fair value less cost to sell for that asset and its value-in-use. Determining the value in use of an assets requires an estimation of the future cash flows expected to arise from the cash generating units to which goodwill has been allocated and a suitable discount rate. Details of the impairment assessment are provided in Note 6.

(iii) Note 10 - allowances for impairment loss of receivables

Allowances for impairment loss of receivables is made by an allowance matrix to measure expected credit losses ("ECLs") of trade receivables. A considerable amount of judgement is required in assessing the loss rates, which are based on actual credit loss experience. The Group also considers differences between (a) economic conditions during the period over which the historic data has been collected, (b) current conditions and (c) the Group's view of economic conditions over the expected lives of the receivables. If the financial conditions of the customers with which the Group deals were to deteriorate, resulting in an impairment of their ability to make payments, additional allowance may be required. Details are disclosed in Note 30.4.

(iv) Note 11 – valuation of biological assets

The fair value of livestock biological assets is determined using a discounted cash flow model.

In measuring the fair value of livestock biological assets, management estimates and judgements are required which includes the following:

- · expected number of agriculture produce
- expected selling price of agriculture produce
- · expected salvage value of agriculture produce
- · mortality rate of livestock
- · feed consumption rate and estimated feed costs
- other estimated costs to be incurred for the remaining life of the biological assets, and at the point of sales
- · discount rates

Changes to any of the above assumptions would affect the fair value of the biological assets.

The key assumptions used in the discounted cash flow model and the sensitivity analysis are disclosed in Note 11 to the financial statements.

(v) Note 12 – allowance for slow-moving inventories and write down of inventories to net realisable value

Reviews are made periodically by management on damaged, obsolete and slow-moving inventories. These reviews require judgement and estimates. Possible changes in these estimates could result in revisions to the valuation of inventories. Details are disclosed in Note 12.

#### 1. BASIS OF PREPARATION (CONTINUED)

#### (d) Use of estimates and judgements (continued)

(vi) Note 20 - presentation of amounts related to supplier factoring facilities

Supplier factoring facility is an arrangement where the participating suppliers may elect to receive early payment of their invoices from a financial institution. Under this arrangement, the financial institution agrees to pay amounts to a participating supplier in respect of invoices owed by the Group and receives settlement from the Group at a later date. Details are disclosed in Note 20.

(vii) Note 21 - employee benefits

The defined benefit obligation is determined based on an actuarial valuation. The actuarial valuation involves making assumptions regarding the discount rate, future salary increases and attrition rates. Due to the long-term nature of the defined benefit plan, such estimates are subject to significant uncertainty. Details of the assumptions used are disclosed in Note 21.

#### 1.1 Change in material accounting policy

#### 1.1.1 Material accounting policy information

The Group and the Company have adopted amendments to MFRS 101, Presentation of Financial Statements and MFRS Practice Statement 2 – Disclosures of Accounting Policies from 1 April 2023. The amendments require the disclosure of 'material', rather than 'significant', accounting policies. The amendments also provide guidance on the application of materiality to disclosure of accounting policies, assisting entities to provide useful, entity-specific accounting policy information that users need to understand other information in the financial statements.

Although the amendments did not result in any changes to the Group's and the Company's accounting policies, it impacted the accounting policy information disclosed in the financial statements. The material accounting policy information is disclosed in the financial statements where relevant.

#### 1.1.2 Supplier finance arrangements

The Group has early adopted amendments to MFRS 107, Statements of Cash Flows and MFRS 7, Financial Instruments: Disclosures – Supplier Finance Arrangements. The amendments introduce new disclosures relating to supplier finance arrangements that assist users of the financial statements to assess the effects of these arrangements on an entity's liabilities and cash flows and on an entity's exposure to liquidity risk.

The Group participates in a supply chain financing arrangement for which the new disclosures will apply. The new disclosures are disclosed in Note 20.4.

#### 1.1.3 Global minimum top-up tax

The Group and the Company have adopted the amendments to MFRS 112 International Tax Reform – Pillar Two Model Rules upon the release on 2 June 2023. The amendments provide a temporary mandatory relief from deferred tax accounting for the top-up tax which is applied retrospectively. The Group and the Company do not anticipate any material top-up tax charge as the effective tax rate for majority of tax jurisdictions in which the Group entities operate is above 15%.

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#### 2. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The material accounting policies set out below have been applied consistently to the periods presented in these financial statements and have been applied consistently by the Group entities, unless otherwise stated.

#### (a) Basis of consolidation

#### (i) Subsidiaries

Investments in subsidiaries are measured in the Company's statement of financial position at cost less any impairment losses.

#### (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.

#### (iii) Acquisitions from entities under common controls

Business combinations arising from transfers of interests in entities that are under the control of the shareholder that controls the Group are accounted for using book value accounting as occur and the comparatives are not restated. The assets and liabilities acquired are recognised at the carrying amounts recognised previously in the Group controlling shareholder's consolidated financial statements. The components of equity of the acquired entities are added to the same components within Group's equity and any resulting gain/loss is recognised directly in equity.

#### (iv) Associates

Investments in associates are accounted for under the equity method less any impairment losses.

#### 2. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### (b) Property, plant and equipment

#### (i) Recognition and measurement

Items of property, plant and equipment are measured at cost, which includes capitalised borrowing costs, less any accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses.

Purchased software that is integral to the functionality of the related equipment is capitalised as part of that equipment.

Bearer plants are living plants that supply agriculture produce for more than one period and have remote likelihood of being sold as agriculture produce, except for incidental scrap sales. The bearer plants are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. The bearer plant's cost includes plantation expenditure, which represents the total cost incurred from land clearing to the point of harvesting. Bearer plants have an average life cycle of twenty-eight (28) years with the first three (3) years as immature bearer plants and the remaining years as mature bearer plants.

#### (ii) Depreciation

Depreciation is recognised in profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of each component of an item of property, plant and equipment from the date they are available for use. Freehold land is not depreciated. Property, plant and equipment under construction are not depreciated until the assets are ready for their intended use. The mature bearer plants are depreciated over its remaining useful lives of twenty-five (25) years on a straight-line basis. The immature bearer plants are not depreciated until such time when it becomes mature bearer plants.

The estimated useful lives for the current and comparative periods are as follows:

Buildings and improvements 5-58 years
Farm buildings 10-50 years
Fishing boat and equipment 2-20 years
Furniture, fittings and equipment 2-25 years
Plant and machinery 2-50 years
Motor vehicles 2-15 years
Bearer plants (mature) 25 years

#### (c) Leases

#### (i) Lease and non-lease components

At inception or on reassessment of a contract that contains a lease component, the Group allocates 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 is 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.

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#### 2. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### (c) Leases (continued)

#### (ii) Recognition and initial measurement

All right-of-use assets are measured at cost less any accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. 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.

#### (iii) Recognition exemption

#### (a) As a lessee

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

#### (b) As a lessor

When the Group is an 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 applies the exemption described above, then it classifies the sublease as an operating lease.

#### (d) Intangible assets

#### (i) Goodwill

Goodwill arises on business combinations is measured at cost less any accumulated impairment losses.

#### (ii) Franchise fees, contractual production backlog and other intangible assets

Franchise fees, contractual production backlog and other intangible assets, other than goodwill and license, that are acquired by the Group, which have finite useful lives, are measured at cost less any accumulated amortisation and any accumulated impairment losses.

#### (iii) Amortisation

Goodwill and intangible assets (license) with indefinite useful lives are not amortised but are tested for impairment annually and whenever there is an indication that they may be impaired.

Franchise fees and other intangible assets are amortised from the date they are available for use. Amortisation is based on the cost of an asset less its residual value. Amortisation is recognised in profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of intangible assets.

#### 2. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### (d) Intangible assets (continued)

#### (iii) Amortisation (continued)

The estimated useful lives for the current and comparative periods are as follows:

Franchise fees 20 years
Contractual production backlog 3 years
Other intangible assets 5-15 years

#### (e) Investment properties

Investment properties are measured at cost less any accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses, consistent with the accounting policy for property, plant and equipment as stated in Note 2(b).

Depreciation is charged to profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives. Freehold land is not depreciated.

#### (f) Biological assets

#### (i) Livestock

#### Layer and breeder

Layers and breeders are measured at fair value less cost to sell. The fair value of layers and breeders is determined using discounted cash flow model based on expected cash inflow from agriculture produce, less expected cost incurs over the remaining life of the layers and breeders and contributory assets charges for the land and farm houses owned by the Group. Changes in fair value of the livestock are recognised in profit or loss.

#### Broiler

Broilers are measured at fair value less cost to sell. The fair value of broilers is estimated based on the selling price, less the estimated costs necessary to nurture the broiler at the point of sale. Changes in fair value of the livestock are recognised in profit or loss.

#### (ii) Aquaculture

Aquaculture consists of shrimp and fishes. Aquaculture is measured at cost less any accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses due to fair value at present conditions of these biological assets are unavailable and the valuation based on discounted cash flow method is considered to be clearly unreliable given the uncertainty with respect to external factors.

Cost of shrimp includes cost of larvae and nauplii plus all attributable cost in breeding the shrimp to saleable condition. Cost of post larvae includes cost of nauplii plus all attribution costs in culturing the post larvae to nurturing stage for breeding to shrimp or saleable condition. For broodstock, cost consists of the original purchase price.

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### 2. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

### (f) Biological assets (continued)

### (ii) Aquaculture (continued)

Cost of fish includes cost of immature fish and all attributable costs in breeding the immature fish to saleable condition.

### (iii) Agriculture produce

### Agriculture produce growing on bearer plants

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

### Hatching eggs

Hatching eggs are measured at fair value less cost to sell. The fair value of the hatching eggs is determined based on the discounted cash flow from selling of agriculture produce – day-old chick, less estimated hatchery cost to be incurred for hatching the eggs into day-old chick. Changes in fair value of the agriculture produce are recognised in profit or loss.

### (g) Inventories

### Raw materials, manufacturing and trading goods

Inventories comprise raw materials, manufactured inventories, trading inventories and agriculture produce which are measured at the lower of cost and net realisable value. The cost of inventories is measured based on first-in-first-out principle.

### (h) Provisions

Provisions are determined by discounting the expected future cash flows at a pre-tax rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised as finance cost.

### **Provision for restoration costs**

A provision for site restoration is recognised when there is a projected cost of dismantlement, removal or restoration as a consequence of using a leased property during a particular period. The provision is measured at the present value of the restoration cost expected to be paid upon termination of the lease agreement.

### (i) Borrowing costs

Borrowing costs that are not directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of a qualifying asset are recognised in profit or loss using the effective interest method.

### 2. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

### (i) Borrowing costs (continued)

Borrowing costs directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of qualifying assets, which are assets that necessarily take a substantial period of time to get ready for their intended use or sale, are capitalised as part of the cost of those assets.

### (j) Government grants

Government grants are recognised when there is reasonable assurance that the Group will comply with the relevant conditions and the grant will be received.

The government grant is recognised in profit or loss as cost of sales where the raw material costs were recognised.

Grants that compensate the Group for the cost of an asset are deducted from the cost of the asset and are recognised in profit or loss on a systematic basis over the useful life of the depreciable assets as a reduced depreciation charged.

### (k) Financial Instruments

### (i) Financial guarantees

Financial guarantees issued are initially measured at fair value. Subsequently, they are measured at higher of:

- the amount of the loss allowance; and
- the amount initially recognised less, when appropriate, the cumulative amount of income recognised in accordance to the principles of MFRS 15, Revenue from Contracts with Customers.

### (ii) Regular way purchase or sale of financial assets

The Group or the Company applies settlement date accounting for regular way purchase or sale of financial assets.

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			Buildings		Fishing	Furniture,				Capital	
	Note	Land RM'000	and improvements RM'000	Farm buildings RM'000	boatand equipment RM'000	fittings and equipment RM'000	Plantand machinery RM'000	Motor vehicles RM'000	Bearer plants RM'000	work-in- progress RM'000	Total RM'000
Group											
Cost											
At 1 April 2022		172,584	655,376	628,497	72,288	364,352	1,279,207	163,238	111,502	099'66	3,546,704
Additions		33	30,168	10,001	•	61,193	30,124	12,445	3,332	85,701	232,997
Disposals		•	(312)	(1,286)	(2,682)	(1,720)	(7,910)	(3,168)	(6,367)	٠	(23,445)
Written off		•	(1,689)	(1,058)	(1,575)	(2,438)	(1,131)	(168)		(473)	(8,532)
Transfer in/(out)		,	28,023	24,457	•	14,010	55,764	1,128	٠	(123,382)	
Transferfrom											
assets held for											
sale	17	•	16,239	٠	•	379	18,528	5,275	17,744	74	58,239
Transfer to right-of-											
use assets	4	•	•					٠	٠	(1,741)	(1,741)
Effect of											
movements in											
exchange rates		195	(329)	4,716		343	1,977	546	995	309	8,752
At 31 March 2023		172,812	727,476	665,327	68,031	436,119	1,376,559	179,296	127,206	60,148	3,812,974
Additions		33	31,183	6,797	•	55,719	41,771	13,704	3,249	174,097	329,553
Acquisition											
through business											
combinations	35.1	9,915	388	12,550		3,994	25,239	3,002			55,088
Disposals		٠	(15,707)	(1,950)	(735)	(2,120)	(24,999)	(6,344)	٠	(2,163)	(54,018)
Written off		٠	(2,722)	(310)	(647)	(2,128)	(6,377)	(361)	(17,308)	(704)	(30,557)
Transfer in/(out)		٠	17,839	7,461	12,053	1,877	23,646	326	٠	(63,202)	٠
Transfer to assets											
held for sale	17	٠	(313)	٠	•	(12)	(157)	٠	٠		(482)
Effect of											
movements in											
exchange rates		476	490	3,882		439	2,693	410	1,505	552	10,447
At 31 March 2024		183,236	758,634	696,757	78,702	493,888	1,438,375	190,033	114,652	168,728	4,123,005

## PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (CONTINUED)

			Buildings		Fishing	Furniture,				Capital	
	Note	Land RM'000	and improvements RM'000	Farm buildings RM'000	boat and equipment RM'000	fittings and equipment RM'000	Plant and machinery RM'000	Motor vehicles RM'000	Bearer plants RM'000	work-in- progress RM'000	Total RM'000
Group (continued)											
Depreciation and impairment loss											
At 1 April 2022											
- Accumulated depreciation		,	163,918	176,042	32,318	151,251	686,794	113,930	28,903	,	1,353,156
- Accumulated impairment loss			895			215	5,162	П	٠	•	6,273
		'	164,813	176,042	32,318	151,466	691,956	113,931	28,903		1,359,429
Depreciation for the year			31,412	28,302	3,513	36,785	82,032	14,764	6,379	,	203,187
Disposals			(236)	(562)	(2,572)	(1,421)	(5,750)	(2,963)	(5,828)	•	(19,332)
Written off		,	(284)	(262)	(678)	(2,310)	(956)	(168)	٠	٠	(5,666)
Impairment loss		•	400	,	•	•	٠	•	•	11,338	11,738
Transfer from assets held for sale	17		13,550	•	•	341	17,469	5,201	14,374	•	50,935
Effect of movements in exchange rates			(25)	1,320	•	224	821	152	285	•	2,777
At 31 March 2023											
- Accumulated depreciation		,	207,632	204,505	32,581	184,870	780,440	130,916	44,113	,	1,585,057
- Accumulated			C			, L	( \ L	٠		,	0

	Note	Land RM'000	Buildings and improvements RM′000	Farm buildings RM'000	Fishing boat and equipment RM'000	Furniture, fittings and equipment RM'000	Plantand machinery RM'000	Motor vehicles RM'000	Bearer plants RM'000	Capital work-in- progress RM'000	Total RM'000
Group (continued) Deprectation and impairment loss (continued)											
- Accumulated depreciation			207,632	204,505	32,581	184,870	780,440	130,916	44,113	,	1,585,057
- Accumulated impairment loss		•	1,295	•	,	215	5,162	П	•	11,338	18,011
			208,927	204,505	32,581	185,085	785,602	130,917	44,113	11,338	1,603,068
Acquisition through business combinations	35.1		00	108		3,465	24,999	2,935	,	,	31,515
Depreciation for the year			34,082	29,714	3,516	41,435	84,392	13,464	6,424		213,027
Disposals		,	(13,539)	(931)	(733)		(21,091)	(5,554)	٠	•	(43,457)
Written off		,	(1,726)	(278)	(527)	(1,372)	(6,027)	(361)	(15,131)	•	(25,422)
Transfer to assets held for sale	17		(308)	•		(12)	(149)				(469)
Effect of movements in exchange rates		,	265	1,127	1	337	1,698	258	486		4,171
- Accumulated depreciation		,	226,414	234,245	34,837	227,114	868,262	141,658	35,892		1,768,422
- Accumulated impairment loss		•	1,295	•		215	1,162	П	,	11,338	14,011
			227,709	234,245	34,837	227,329	869,424	141,659	35,892	11,338	1,782,433
Carrying amounts At 1 April 2022		172,584	490 563	452 455	39970	212 886	587.251	49 307	82 599	09966	2 187 275
At 31 March /1 April		1		000		7	1		7,01	000	7,01,01

### PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (CONTINUED)

	Motor vehicle RM'000
Company	
Cost	
At 1 April 2022/31 March 2023/1 April 2023/31 March 2024	499
Accumulated depreciation	
At 1 April 2022/31 March 2023/1 April 2023/31 March 2024	495

### 3.1 Capital work-in-progress

Capital work-in-progress is in respect of the ongoing construction of buildings and installation of plant and machinery in certain subsidiaries.

### 3.2 Assets pledged to licensed banks

Freehold land and buildings with carrying amount of RM830,000 (2023: RM830,000) and RM3,016,000 (2023: RM3,115,000) respectively are pledged to licensed banks as security for banking facilities granted to the Group (see Note 19.1).

### 3.3 Land in Indonesia

35,450

Land in Indonesia which is regulated under Hak Guna Bangunan ("HGB") can be renewed indefinitely with minimal cost if certain conditions are met. The Group assessed the conditions and concludes that the possibility of non-renewal of the usage rights of the land is remote. Hence, the Group exercised significant judgement and concluded that the land is in substance a purchase of rights which meets the definition of property, plant and equipment regardless of whether the legal title transfers.

### 3.4 Impairment loss

In the previous financial year, the Group has carried out the impairment reassessment of certain property, plant and equipment of a subsidiary. As a result, the Group fully impaired the said asset with carrying amount of RM11,338,000 recognised the impairment as other expenses in profit or loss in the previous financial year.

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### 4. RIGHT-OF-USE ASSETS

	Note	Leasehold land RM'000	Land use rights RM'000	Motor vehicles RM'000	Buildings RM'000	Equipment RM'000	Total RM'000
Group							
At 1 April 2022		289,811	17,389	570	167,495	-	475,265
Additions		6,180	27	1,029	63,444	-	70,680
Transfer from property, plant and equipment	3	1,741	-	-	-	-	1,741
Transfer from assets held for sale	17	6,836	386	-	-	-	7,222
Depreciation		(6,279)	(442)	(403)	(31,195)	-	(38,319)
Remeasurement		(10)	-	(61)	6,826	-	6,755
Derecognition		(780)	-	(40)	(1,980)	-	(2,800)
At 31 March/1 April 2023		297,499	17,360	1,095	204,590	-	520,544
Additions		2,293	-	907	39,257	820	43,277
Acquisition through business combinations	35.1	-	-	-	34	-	34
Depreciation		(7,400)	(465)	(433)	(35,645)	(82)	(44,025)
Remeasurement		(1,781)	-	-	11,645	-	9,864
Derecognition		-	-	-	(1,553)	-	(1,553)
Disposal		(774)	-	-	-	-	(774)
At 31 March 2024		289,837	16,895	1,569	218,328	738	527,367

The Group entities lease a number of retail stores, offices, hostels and warehouses that run between 2 to 15 years (2023: 2 to 15 years), with an option to renew the lease after that date. There is no extension or renewal option for motor vehicles. The Group entities lease an equipment that run for 4 years with no extension or renewal option.

Leasehold land has an original unexpired lease period between 2 years and 914 years (2023: 2 years and 914 years).

The land use rights represent the location permit, plantation license and the cultivation right title over the plantation land of approximately 20,000 hectares in Indonesia. The approval for the land utilisation rights measuring 14,177 hectares was granted in 2010 for a period of 35 years. The cultivation right title is extendable under Indonesian Land Ordinance.

Under the Indonesian regulations, approximately 20% of the land use rights have to be set aside for Plasma Scheme. This scheme is a programme where oil palm plantation owners/operators are required to participate in selected programmes to develop plantations to smallholders (herein referred to as plasma farmers) (see Note 10.2).

### 4. RIGHT-OF-USE ASSETS (CONTINUED)

Leasehold land with carrying amount of RM606,000 (2023: RM619,000) have been pledged to licensed banks as security for banking facilities granted to the Group (see Note 19.1).

### 4.1 Variable lease payments based on sales

Some leases of retail stores contain variable lease payments that are based on sales that the Group entities make at the store. Variable rental payments for the year ended are as follows:

	Variable payments		Estimated an impact on rent increase in s	of a 1%
	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000
Leases with lease payments based on sales	2,581	1,571	114	220

### 5. INVESTMENT PROPERTIES

	Note	Group RM'000
Cost		
At 1 April 2022		43,314
Additions		964
Disposal		(220)
Effect of movement in exchange rates		398
At 31 March/1 April 2023		44,456
Additions		40,194
Acquisition through business combinations	35.1	1,530
Transfer to assets held for sale	17	(5,152)
Disposal		(621)
Effect of movement in exchange rates		336
At 31 March 2024	_	80,743

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### 5. INVESTMENT PROPERTIES (CONTINUED)

	Note	Group RM'000
Depreciation and impairment loss		
At 1 April 2022		
- Accumulated depreciation		15,280
- Accumulated impairment loss		1,221
		16,501
Depreciation for the year		2,953
Transfer from property, plant and equipment	3	(100)
Effect of movement in exchange rates		37
At 31 March/1 April 2023		
- Accumulated depreciation		18,170
- Accumulated impairment loss		1,221
		19,391
Acquisition through business combinations	35.1	110
Depreciation for the year		2,957
Disposal		(59)
Reversal of impairment loss		(432)
Transfer to assets held for sale	17	(1,965)
Effect of movement in exchange rates		71
At 31 March 2024		
- Accumulated depreciation		19,284
- Accumulated impairment loss		789
		20,073
Carrying amounts		
At 1 April 2022		26,813
At 31 March/1 April 2023		25,065
At 31 March 2024		60,670

### 5. INVESTMENT PROPERTIES (CONTINUED)

Investment properties with carrying amount of RM6,999,000 (2023: RM5,713,000) have been pledged to licensed banks as security for banking facilities granted to the Group (see Note 19.1).

The following are recognised in profit or loss:

	Group	
	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000
Lease income	3,053	2,826
Direct operating expenses: - income generating investment properties	(159)	(145)
- non-income generating investment properties	(58)	(58)

The operating lease payments to be received are as follows:

	Gro	ир
	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000
Less than one year	484	239
One to five years	479	317
Total undiscounted lease payments	963	556

### Fair value information

Fair value of investment properties are categorised as follows:

	Group Level 3	
	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000
Land and building	117,921	68,490

### Level 3 fair value

Level 3 fair value is estimated using unobservable inputs for the investment property.

Level 3 fair values of land are estimated by Directors by making reference to the asking price of comparable properties in close proximity and adjusting for differences in key attributes such as property size. The significant unobservable inputs include adjustments to price per square feet at comparable properties.

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### 6. INTANGIBLE ASSETS

	Goodwill RM'000	Franchise fees RM'000	License RM'000	Contractual production backlog RM'000	Other intangible assets RM'000	Total RM'000
Group						
Cost						
At 1 April 2022	121,578	3,960	487	5,315	511	131,851
Additions	-	-	-	-	177	177
Effect of movements in exchange rates		-	-	-	1	1
At 31 March/1 April 2023	121,578	3,960	487	5,315	689	132,029
Acquisition through business combinations	4,371	-	-	-	-	4,371
Additions	-	-	-	-	23	23
Effect of movements in exchange rates	-	-	-	-	1	1
At 31 March 2024	125,949	3,960	487	5,315	713	136,424
At 1 April 2022  - Accumulated amortisation	- 23/	1,138	-	2,215	156	
•	-	1,138	-	2,215	156	3,509
- Accumulated impairment loss	234	-	-	-	-	234
	234	1,138	-	2,215	156	3,743
Amortisation for the year	-	198	-	1,772	88	2,058
Impairment loss for the year	858	-	-	-	353	1,211
At 31 March/1 April 2023		1 227		2.007	244	
- Accumulated amortisation	-	1,336	-	3,987	244	5,567
- Accumulated impairment loss	1,092	1 227	-	2.007	353	1,445
Association for the contract	1,092	1,336	-	3,987	597	7,012
Amortisation for the year	1 201	198	-	1,300	59	1,557
Impairment loss for the year	1,301	-	-	-	-	1,301
At 31 March 2024		1 524		Г 207	202	7124
- Accumulated amortisation	2 202	1,534	-	5,287	303	7,124
- Accumulated impairment loss	2,393	1 534	-		353	2,746
	2,393	1,534	-	5,287	656	9,870
Carrying amounts						
At 1 April 2022	121,344	2,822	487	3,100	355	128,108
At 31 March/1 April 2023	120,486	2,624	487	1,328	92	125,017
At 31 March 2024	123,556	2,426	487	28	57	126,554

### 6. INTANGIBLE ASSETS (CONTINUED)

For the purpose of the impairment testing, goodwill is allocated to the following cash-generating units at which the goodwill is monitored for internal management purposes:

	Note	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000
Engineering, procurement and construction ("EPC") for Clean Energy business	6.1	113,585	113,585
Multiple units without significant goodwill	6.2	9,971	6,901
		123,556	120,486

### 6.1 Impairment testing for EPC for Clean Energy business

The Group has assessed the recoverable amount using value-in-use method using the discounted cash flows expected to be generated from the continuing use of the cash-generating unit based on the following key assumptions:

- Cash flows were projected based on 5 years (2023: 5 years) plan and an estimated long-term growth rate of 3% (2023: 3%).
- The anticipated annual revenue growth included in the cash flow on average of 9% (2023: 7%) based on historical growth performance and anticipate growth within the next 5 years.
- Pre-tax discount rate of approximately 13% (2023: 12%) were applied in determining the recoverable amount of the unit. The discount rate is estimated based on an industry weighted average cost of capital.

The values assigned to the key assumptions represent management's assessment of future trends in the cash-generating unit and are based on both external sources and internal sources (historical data). These key assumptions are not particularly sensitive.

The recoverable amount is higher than its carrying value.

6.2 The recoverable amounts of the respective cash-generating units without significant goodwill were based on value in use method. These calculations use pre-tax cash flow projections based on financial budgets approved by management. During the year, the Group has recognised impairment loss of goodwill amounting to RM1,301,000 (2023: RM858,000).

### 7. INVESTMENT IN SUBSIDIARIES

		Compan	y
	Note	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000
Unquoted shares, at cost		1,094,177	1,094,177
Amounts due from subsidiaries	7.1	196,726	226,427
Less: Impairment loss		(1,432)	(1,432)
		1,289,471	1,319,172

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# RM154,776,000 (2023: RM172,877,000) which are subject to fixed interest rate from 2.22% to 6.50% (2023: 2.22% to 6.50%) per annum and the repayment is neither planned nor likely to occur in the foreseeable future; and The amounts due from subsidiaries are advances of:

RM41,950,000 (2023: RM53,550,000) which are subject to the Company's weighted average cost of funds ("COF") (2023: COF) per annum and the repayment is neither planned nor likely to occur in the foreseeable future.

Details of the Company's subsidiaries are shown in Note 34.

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### Non-controlling interests in subsidiaries

				31.3.2024	2024			
	QL Endau Marine Products Sdn. Bhd. and its subsidiaries	QL Ansan Poultry Farm Sdn. Bhd. and its subsidiaries	Lian Foo Poultry Farm Sdn. Bhd. and its subsidiary RM'000	PT Pipit Mutiara Indah RM'000	Kembang Subur Sdn. Bhd. and its subsidiaries	BM Greentech Berhad and its subsidiaries	Other subsidiaries with immaterial NCI RM'000	Total RM'000
NCI percentage of ownership interest and voting interest	29.41%	10.00%	15.00%	25.50%	12.78%	47.43%		
Carrying amount of NCI	71,609	9,821	3,323	(169)	6,385	159,437	4,773	255,179
Total comprehensive income allocated to NCI	9,162	3,772	1,178	1,389	878	16,911	787	34,077
Summarised financial information before intra-group elimination								

(20,078) (138,028)

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(73,484)

6,443

150,535 75,989 (11,172)

25,769 46,687

120,678 81,995 (30,983)

137,107 133,861 (15,640) (11,842)

Non-current liabilities **Current liabilities** 

**Current assets** 

As at 31 March

176,550 307,829

### **INVESTMENT IN SUBSIDIARIES (CONTINUED)**

### Non-controlling interests in subsidiaries (continued)

The Group's subsidiaries that have material non-controlling interests ("NCI") are as follows: (continued)

	◀		31.3.	2024 —		
	QL Endau Marine Products Sdn. Bhd. and its subsidiaries RM'000	QL Ansan Poultry Farm Sdn. Bhd. and its subsidiaries RM'000	Lian Foo Poultry Farm Sdn. Bhd and its subsidiary RM'000	PT Pipit Mutiara Indah RM'000	Kembang Subur Sdn. Bhd. and its subsidiaries RM'000	BM Greentech Berhad and its subsidiaries RM'000
Year ended 31 March						
Revenue	219,126	210,111	34,554	122,237	40,142	440,304
Total comprehensive income	31,151	37,929	7,851	5,446	6,867	35,593
Cash flows from operating activities	27,718	27,144	5,758	34,332	8,404	39,531
Cash flows (used in)/from investing activities	(15,633)	(11,347)	(741)	1,926	(1,597)	(714)
Cash flows (used in)/from financing activities	(16,110)	(22,317)	1,167	(19,354)	(8,072)	(11,069)
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents	(4,025)	(6,520)	6,184	16,904	(1,265)	27,748
Dividends paid to NCI	(37,163)	(922)	-	-	(2,023)	(5,021)

INVESTMENT IN SUBSIDIARIES (CONTINUED)

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The Group's subsidiaries that have material non-controlling interests ("NCI") are as follows: (continued)

interest	29.41%	10.00%	25.50%	12.78%	47.43%		
Carrying amount of NCI	67,111	7,172	(1,275)	6,250	147,547	4,296	231,101
Total comprehensive income/(expense) allocated to NCI	5,725	436	(3,884)	1,483	7,633	1,002	12,395
Summarised financial information before							
intra-group elimination							
As at 31 March							
Non-current assets	132,915	119,779	160,981	51,594	177,731		
Current assets	119,441	85,493	74,469	8,478	281,083		
Non-current liabilities	(14,972)	(36,747)	(9,912)	(8,004)	(21,014)		
Current liabilities	(9,192)	(66,907)	(230,540)	(3,159)	(135,306)		
Net assets/(Net liabilities)	228,192	71,618	(5,002)	48,909	302,494		

### 7. INVESTMENT IN SUBSIDIARIES (CONTINUED)

### Non-controlling interests in subsidiaries (continued)

The Group's subsidiaries that have material non-controlling interests ("NCI") are as follows: (continued)

	<b>←</b>		- 31.3.2023 -		-
	QL Endau Marine Products Sdn. Bhd. and its subsidiaries RM'000	QL Ansan Poultry Farm Sdn. Bhd. and its subsidiaries RM'000	PT Pipit Mutiara Indah RM'000	Kembang Subur Sdn. Bhd. and its subsidiaries RM'000	BM Greentech Berhad and its subsidiaries RM'000
Year ended 31 March					
Revenue	192,858	210,159	89,066	52,323	377,684
Total comprehensive income/(expense)	19,464	4,509	(15,233)	11,607	16,280
Cash flows from operating activities	14,218	42,220	9,134	16,130	12,677
Cash flows used in investing activities	(9,155)	(13,152)	(2,881)	(4,456)	(9,008)
Cash flows used in financing activities	(12,759)	(20,570)	(84,168)	(10,772)	(10,901)
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents	(7,696)	8,498	(77,915)	902	(7,232)
Dividends paid to NCI	(3,709)	-	-	(833)	(4,836)

### 8. INVESTMENT IN ASSOCIATES

	Group	
	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000
cost:		
Unquoted shares	5,860	5,794
Less: Impairment loss	(49)	(49)
	5,811	5,745
Share of post-acquisition reserve	745	457
	6,556	6,202

During the financial year, the Group via its wholly-owned subsidiary, QL Marine Foods Sdn. Bhd. (f.k.a QL Fishery Sdn. Bhd.) increased its investment in AB Hatchery Sdn. Bhd. by RM66,000 (2023: Nil).

Non-controlling interests in subsidiaries (continued)

### INVESTMENT IN ASSOCIATES (CONTINUED)

Details of the associates are as follows:

	Country of			ership interest g interest
Name of company	incorporation	Principal activities	<b>2024</b> %	<b>2023</b> %
Indahgrains Logistics Sdn. Bhd.*	Malaysia	Operating of warehouse and warehouse management	29.87	29.87
AB Hatchery Sdn. Bhd.*	Malaysia	Larvae farming and trading	42.74	42.74
Belmont Logistics Sdn. Bhd.*	Malaysia	Warehousing and storage services	25.00	25.00

Equity-accounted based on management accounts.

### 9. DEFERRED TAX ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)

### Recognised deferred tax assets/(liabilities)

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are attributable to the following:

	Asset	S	Liabilit	ies	Net	
	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000
Group						
Property, plant and equipment and investment properties	369	301	(207,374)	(203,412)	(207,005)	(203,111)
Right-of-use assets, net of lease liabilities	2,353	2,101	(11,994)	(12,039)	(9,641)	(9,938)
Biological assets	-	-	(6,077)	(6,400)	(6,077)	(6,400)
Unutilised tax losses	13,481	10,817	-	-	13,481	10,817
Unabsorbed capital allowances	28,277	36,164	-	-	28,277	36,164
Other temporary differences	26,192	16,719	(3,487)	(2,926)	22,705	13,793
Tax assets/(liabilities)	70,672	66,102	(228,932)	(224,777)	(158,260)	(158,675)
Set off of tax	(46,428)	(52,021)	46,428	52,021	-	-
Net tax assets/(liabilities)	24,244	14,081	(182,504)	(172,756)	(158,260)	(158,675)

	At 1.4.2022 RM'000	Recognised in profit or loss (Note 26) RM'000	Recognised in other comprehensive income	At 31.3.2023/ 1.4.2023 RM'000	Acquisition through business combination RM'000	uisition through Recognisedin uusiness profit or loss vination (Note 26) RM'000	Recognised in other comprehensive income	At 31.3.2024 RM'000
Group								
Property, plant and equipment and investment properties	(191,623)	(11,488)		(203,111)	(3,065)	(829)		(207,005)
Right-of-use assets, net of Lease liabilities	(9,946)	∞		(9,938)		297		(9,641)
Biologicalassets	(8,284)	1,884	٠	(6,400)	(220)	543	٠	(6,077)
Unutilised tax losses	14,457	(3,640)	•	10,817	462	2,202	•	13,481
Unabsorbed capital allowances	45,716	(9,552)		36,164		(7,887)	•	28,277
Other temporary differences	7,461	6,498	(166)	13,793		9,046	(134)	22,705
	(142,219)	(16,290)	(166)	(158,675)	(2,823)	3,372	(134)	(158,260)

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### 9. DEFERRED TAX ASSETS/(LIABILITIES) (CONTINUED)

### Unrecognised deferred tax

Deferred tax has not been recognised in respect of the following items (stated at gross):

	Group	
	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000
Unutilised tax losses	(120,752)	(121,139)
Unabsorbed capital allowances and investment tax allowances carry-forwards	(39,747)	(36,425)
Other deductible temporary differences	(6,043)	(5,776)
	(166,542)	(163,340)

The unutilised tax losses of subsidiaries in Malaysia of RM58,102,000 (2023: RM55,728,000) can be carried forward up to 10 consecutive years of assessment under the tax legislation in Malaysia, whereas the unutilised tax losses of subsidiaries in Indonesia of RM30,735,000 (2023: RM24,905,000) and Singapore of RM867,000 (2023: RM1,441,000) will expire over a 5-year period. The remaining unutilised tax losses, unabsorbed capital allowance and investment tax allowances do not expire under current tax legislation in countries where respective Group entities operates. The unutilised tax losses are summarised as below:

	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000
Voor of accomment in which unutilized toy locace will expire		
Year of assessment in which unutilised tax losses will expire:	(257)	/25.4
2025	(357)	(354)
2026	(11,988)	(11,867)
2027	(760)	(752)
2028	(19,020)	(21,605)
2029	(8,150)	(666)
2030	(1,587)	(1,587)
2031	(13,423)	(13,591
2032	(22,648)	(22,648)
2033	(9,196)	(9,004)
2034	(2,575)	-
Unutilised tax losses without expiry*	(31,048)	(39,065)
	(120,752)	(121,139)

<sup>\*</sup> The unutilised tax losses are allowed to be carried forward after the exemption period of ten (10) years and to be utilised against the statutory income of the approved project until it is fully absorbed.

Deferred tax assets have not been recognised in respect of the above items because it is not probable that future taxable profit will be available against which the Group entities can utilise the benefits therefrom.

### 10. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

		Group		Company	,
	Note	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000
Non-current					
Subsidiaries	10.1	-	-	60,168	170,068
Less: Impairment loss		-	-	(981)	-
		-	-	59,187	170,068
Otherreceivables	10.2	23,412	25,185	-	-
Trade receivables		127	900	-	-
		23,539	26,085	59,187	170,068
Current					
Trade					
Trade receivables	10.3	558,142	462,016	-	-
Non-trade					
Subsidiaries	10.1	-	-	238,305	213,212
Less: Impairment loss		-	-	(6,300)	(5,206)
		-	-	232,005	208,006
Other receivables	10.2	125,806	154,425	-	-
		125,806	154,425	232,005	208,006
		683,948	616,441	232,005	208,006
		707,487	642,526	291,192	378,074

### 10.1 Amounts due from subsidiaries

### Subsidiaries

The amounts due from subsidiaries of the Company are in respect of advances, which are unsecured, interest free and repayable on demand except for:

- i) RM68,682,000 (2023: RM127,929,000) which is unsecured, subject to fixed interest rate from 2.65% to 4.29% (2023: 1.70% to 4.67%) per annum with fixed terms of repayment over a period of 1 to 4 years (2023: 1 to 5 years); and
- ii) RM215,969,000 (2023: RM238,184,000) which is subject to the Company's weighted average cost of funds ("COF") (2023: ("COF")) per annum with fixed terms of repayment over a period of 1 to 5 years (2023: 1 to 6 years).

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### 10. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES (CONTINUED)

### 10.2 Other receivables

Included in non-current other receivables of the Group are advances for plasma plantation projects in Indonesia amounting to RM14,745,000 (2023: RM16,796,000).

The advances made by the Group in the form of plasma plantation development costs are recoverable from the plasma farmers upon the completion and handover of the plasma plantation projects to plasma farmers. These advances are recoverable from plasma farmers or through bank loans obtained by plasma farmers. Impairment losses are made when the estimated amount recoverable is less than the outstanding advances.

- ii) Included in non-current other receivables of the Group are refundable deposits paid amounting to RM8,667,000 (2023: RM8,389,000).
- iii) Included in current other receivables of the Group relate to refundable deposits for utilities amounting to RM4,898,000 (2023: RM4,570,000) and advance payments for purchases of plant and equipment amounting to RM1,573,000 (2023: RM7,139,000).
- iv) Included in current other receivables of the Group are advances made to suppliers of certain subsidiaries amounting to RM49,012,000 (2023: RM54,440,000) to secure the constant source of raw material supplies for the manufacturing activities. The amount is net of impairment loss on advances to suppliers, unsecured, interest free and repayment is substantially made through the supply of raw materials.
- v) Included in other receivables of the Group are government subsidy receivables amounting to RM51,643,000 (2023: RM38,257,000).
- vi) Included in current other receivables arising from remaining purchase consideration of the disposal of assets classified as held for sale amounting to RM Nil (2023: RM27,804,000).

### 10.3 Trade receivables

Included in the trade receivables of the Group are the following amounts due from related parties:

	Group	
	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000
A person connected with a Director	550	677
Companies in which certain Directors have interests	2,381	2,511
	2,931	3,188

The amounts due from related parties are subject to normal trade terms.

### 11. BIOLOGICAL ASSETS

	Gr	Group	
	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000	
At cost:			
Aquaculture biological assets	1,177	1,549	
At fair value less cost to sell:			
- Livestock biological assets	238,106	246,214	
- Hatching eggs	6,125	2,934	
- Fresh fruit bunches	1,304	1,217	
	245,535	250,365	
	246,712	251,914	

Biological assets carried at fair value less cost to sell comprise of layers, breeders, broilers, hatching eggs and fresh fruit bunches. The movement of the biological assets measured at fair value less cost to sell can be analysed as follows:

	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000
At 1 April 2023/2022	250,365	226,759
Additions	340,276	335,829
Acquisition through business combination	13,663	-
Depopulation/Livestock losses	(336,051)	(294,669)
Changes in fair value recognised in profit or loss	(23,737)	(19,220)
Effect of movements in exchange rates	1,019	1,666
At 31 March	245,535	250,365

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### 11. BIOLOGICAL ASSETS (CONTINUED)

An analysis of the estimates of physical quantities of the Group's livestocks measured at fair value less cost to sell as at year end are as follows:

	Physical o	Physical quantities		griculture produce
	2024 heads	2023 heads	2024	2023
Livestock:				
- Layers	11.3 million	10.4 million	2.6 billion eggs	2.4 billion eggs
- Breeders	0.5 million	0.5 million	48 million DOC*	49 million DOC*
- Broilers	1.7 million	2.0 million	36 million kg	37 million kg

\* DOC: Day-old chick

For fresh fruit bunches, total mature planted area amounted to 8,320 hectares (2023: 8,403 hectares). During the financial year, the Group has harvested approximately 157,324 MT (2023: 140,472 MT) of fresh fruit bunches.

The estimates of physical quantities of biological assets and their yearly output of agriculture produce were based on experience and historical data.

### Valuation processes applied by the Group

### Aquaculture biological assets measured at cost:

The fair value of aquaculture biological assets comprise of shrimps and fishes are not readily available and the valuation based on discounted cash flow method is considered to be unreliable due to uncertainty in relation to external factors. Therefore, aquaculture biological assets comprise of shrimps and fishes are measured at cost less any accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses.

### Biological assets measured at fair value less cost to sell:

### Layers and breeders

Management estimates and judgements are required in measuring the fair value of the layers and breeders. In deriving the fair value of layers and breeders using discounted cash flow model, the management's estimation includes the expected number of eggs and day-old chicks produced, projected selling prices, discount rate, mortality rate, feed consumption rate, projected feed costs and other estimated costs over the remaining life of the layers and breeders.

### <u>Broilers</u>

The fair value is estimated by the management by reference to selling prices, less the estimated necessary feed and farm overhead cost to nurture the broilers to the point of sale.

### 11. BIOLOGICAL ASSETS (CONTINUED)

### Valuation processes applied by the Group (continued)

### Biological assets measured at fair value less cost to sell: (continued)

### Hatching eggs

The fair value is estimated by the management by reference to selling prices of day-old chick, less the estimated necessary hatching overhead cost to hatch the eggs.

### Fresh fruit bunches ("FFB")

The fair value is estimated by the management based on the present value of expected net cash flows from the produce growing on bearer plants. The expected net cash flows are estimated using expected output method and the estimated selling price of the produce growing on bearer plants.

To arrive at the fair value, the management has considered the oil content of the unripe FFB and derived the assumption that the net cash flows to be generated from FFB prior to more than 15 days to harvest is negligible. Therefore, quantity of unripe FFB on bearer plants of up to 15 days prior to harvest was used for valuation purpose.

### Fair value information

The Group has classified its livestock, hatching eggs and fresh fruit bunches measured at fair value within Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy. The following table shows the valuation techniques used in the determination of fair values within Level 3, as well as the significant unobservable inputs used in the valuation model.

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### 11. BIOLOGICAL ASSETS (CONTINUED)

### Fair value information (continued)

Туре	Description of valuation technique	Significant unobservable inputs	Inter-relationship between significant unobservable inputs and fair value measurements
Layers and Breeders	Discounted cash flow Fair values of the layers and breeders are determined using discounted cash flow model. The expected net cash flows are discounted using risk-adjusted discount rate.	agriculture produce	The estimated fair value would increase/(decrease) if:  The estimated selling price of the agriculture produce were higher/(lower)  The estimated feed cost were lower/(higher)
Broilers	Net cash flow Fair values of the broilers are determined based on the expected net cash flows from sale proceeds of the broilers less the estimated feed and farm overhead cost to nurture the broiler to the point of sale.	Estimated selling price of the broilers at the point of sale	The estimated fair value would increase/(decrease) if:  The estimated selling price of the broiler at the point of sale were higher/(lower)
Hatching eggs	Net cash flow Fair values of the hatching eggs are determined based on the expected net cash flows generated by the day-old chicks produced and other estimated hatching overhead cost incurred to the point of sale.	Estimated selling price of the day-old chicks at the point of sale	The estimated fair value would increase/(decrease) if:  • The estimated selling price of the day-old chicks at the point of sale were higher/(lower)
FFB	Net cash flow Fair values of the fresh fruit bunches are determined based on the expected net cash flows generated by the produce growing on the bearer plants (i.e: FFB) and other estimated production cost incurred.	Estimated selling price of the FFB	The estimated fair value would increase/(decrease) if:  • The estimated selling price of the fresh fruit bunches were higher/(lower)

### 11. BIOLOGICAL ASSETS (CONTINUED)

### Fair value information (continued)

The key assumptions used for the fair value calculation at financial year across geographical locations are as follows:

	2024	2023
Layers		
Estimated average eggs' selling prices per piece (sen)	32 - 47	41 - 49
Estimated feed costs (RM per MT)	1,620 - 2,062	1,969 - 2,292
Breeders		
Estimated selling prices of the day-old chick (RM)	1.56 - 2.23	1.50 - 2.36
Estimated feed costs (RM per MT)	1,894 - 2,025	2,169 - 2,307
<u>Broilers</u>		
Estimated selling prices of the broiler at the point of sale (RM per KG)	6.16 - 7.64	5.52 - 7.27
Hatching eggs		
Estimated selling prices of the day-old chick at point of sales (RM)	1.52 - 2.17	1.50 - 2.16
Fresh fruit bunches		
Estimated selling price of the fresh fruit bunches (RM per MT)	657 - 830	597 - 748

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### 11. BIOLOGICAL ASSETS (CONTINUED)

### Sensitivity analysis

Sensitivity analysis of the possible changes in key assumptions (assumes all other variables remained constant) on fair value of biological assets at year end are disclosed in the table below:

		Effect on fair value of respective biological assets	
	2024	2023	
<u>Layers</u>			
Estimated average selling prices of eggs			
- Increased by 5%	+15.40%	+15.18%	
- Decreased by 5%	-15.40 %	-15.18%	
Estimated feed costs (per MT)			
- Increased by 5%	-8.59%	-9.35%	
- Decreased by 5%	+8.59%	+9.35%	
<u>Breeders</u>			
Estimated selling prices of the day-old chick			
- Increased by 5%	+9.37%	+9.60%	
- Decreased by 5%	-9.37%	-9.60%	
Estimated feed costs (per MT)			
- Increased by 5%	-3.41%	-3.88%	
- Decreased by 5%	+3.41%	+3.88%	

### 11. BIOLOGICAL ASSETS (CONTINUED)

### Sensitivity analysis (continued)

		Effect on fair value of respective biological assets	
	2024	2023	
Broilers			
Estimated selling price of the broiler at the point of sale (per KG)			
-Increased by 5%	+9.14%	+9.56%	
- Decreased by 5%	-9.14%	-9.56%	
Hatching eggs			
Estimated selling price of the day-old chick		/	
- Increased by 5%	+7.81%	+8.50%	
- Decreased by 5%	-7.81%	-8.50%	
Fresh fruit bunches			
Estimated selling price of the fresh fruit bunches (per MT)			
-Increased by 5%	+25.83%	+16.64%	
- Decreased by 5%	-25.83%	-16.64%	

In respect of other variables, a reasonable possible change in the assumptions used will not result in any material change to the fair value of the biological assets.

### 12. INVENTORIES

	Gro	Group	
	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000	
At cost:			
Raw materials	228,887	263,570	
Manufactured and trading inventories	649,664	685,965	
	878,551	949,535	
At net realisable value:			
Raw materials	3,038	2,454	
Manufactured and trading inventories	2,381	3,229	
	883,970	955,218	

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### 13. CONTRACT WITH CUSTOMERS

### 13.1 Contract assets/(liabilities)

Group	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000
Contract assets	45,936	55,743
Contract liabilities	(72,072)	(77,265)

### **Contract assets**

Contract assets are primarily relate to:

- i) the Group's right to consideration for the revenue earned but not yet billed at the reporting date. Typically, the amount will be billed within 30 days and payment is expected within 60 days; and
- ii) the Group's right to consideration for work completed on construction contracts but not yet billed at the reporting date. Typically, the amount will be invoiced within 12 months.

### **Contract liabilities**

Contract liabilities are made up of:

- deferred revenue from loyalty points yet to be redeemed by the customers of a subsidiary of RM3,055,000 (2023: RM2,915,000).
  - The value of the loyalty points is estimated by reference to the monetary value attributable to the redemption points and are based on the best estimate of future redemption profile. The amount will be recognised as revenue when the points are redeemed by customers or expired, which is expected to occur over a year;
- ii) advance considerations of RM7,517,000 (2023: RM5,723,000) received from customers for their purchases; and
- iii) advance considerations of RM61,500,000 (2023: RM68,627,000) received from few customers for construction services of which the revenue will be recognised over the remaining contract term of the specific contract it relates to, within 12 months.

### 13.2 Contract costs

Group	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000
Cost to fulfil a contract	1,863	850

Cost to fulfil a contract comprises of costs incurred in construction and solar installation contracts that are used to fulfil the contracts in future. These costs are to be recognised in profit or loss over the specific contract it relates to, consistent with the pattern of recognition of the associated revenue.

### 14. PREPAYMENTS AND OTHER ASSETS

	Gr	Group		pany
	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000
Prepayments	39,298	50,582	184	357
Otherassets	8,931	15,523	28	28
	48,229	66,105	212	385

### 15. DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)

	<b>←</b>	<b>— 2024</b> ——	<b>→</b>		— 2023 ——	
	Nominal value RM'000	Assets RM'000	Liabilities RM'000	Nominal value RM'000	Assets RM'000	Liabilities RM'000
Group						
Derivatives used for hedging						
- Cross currency swap	168,050	21,528	-	341,286	22,024	-
- Forward exchange contracts	176,843	364	(120)	89,977	2,092	(52)
- Interest rate swap	18,184	402	-	59,601	1,527	-
	363,077	22,294	(120)	490,864	25,643	(52)
Company						
Derivatives used for hedging						
- Cross currency swap	168,050	21,528	-	341,286	22,024	-
- Interest rate swap	18,184	402	-	59,601	1,527	-
	186,234	21,930	-	400,887	23,551	-

The cross currency swap and interest rate swap contracts of the Group and of the Company are mainly used to hedge against its exposures of foreign currency and movements in interest rates.

Forward exchange contracts are used to manage the foreign currency exposures arising from the Group's receivables and payables denominated in currencies other than the functional currencies of Group entities. Most of the forward exchange contracts have maturities of less than one year after the end of the reporting period. Where necessary, the forward contracts are rolled over at maturity.

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### 16. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

		Group		Company	
	Note	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000
Cash and bank balances		349,814	323,060	35,722	17,110
Deposits with licensed banks	16.1	20,332	15,590	323	316
Liquid investments	16.2	27,659	7,849	2,020	859
		397,805	346,499	38,065	18,285

### 16.1 Deposits with licensed banks

Included in the deposits with licensed banks of the Group is RM195,000 (2023: RM190,000) pledged to a licensed bank as security for banking facilities granted to the Group.

### 16.2 Liquid investments

The liquid investments represent investments in unit trust funds which primarily invest in money market instruments. The Directors regard the liquid investments as cash equivalents in view of its high liquidity and insignificant risk of changes in value.

### 17. ASSETS CLASSIFIED AS HELD FOR SALE

Assets classified as held for sale comprise land, building and right-of-use assets with the intention to sell. Efforts to sell the assets have commenced, and the sale is expected to complete within next financial year. As at end of reporting period, the assets classified as held for sale are as follows:

		Group		
	Note	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000	
Property, plant and equipment				
Cost				
As at 1 April 2023/2022		2,479	88,928	
Transfer from/(to) property, plant and equipment	3	482	(58,239	
Disposal		(2,479)	(28,210	
As at 31 March		482	2,479	
Accumulated depreciation				
As at 1 April 2023/2022		-	(50,935	
Transfer (from)/to property, plant and equipment	3	(469)	50,935	
		(469)	-	
	·	13	2,479	

### 17. ASSETS CLASSIFIED AS HELD FOR SALE (CONTINUED)

		Group	
	Note	2024	2023
		RM'000	RM'000
Right-of-use assets			
As at 1 April 2023/2022		2,066	9,288
Transfer to right-of-use assets	4	-	(7,222)
Disposal		(2,066)	-
		-	2,066
Investment properties			
As at 1 April 2023/2022		2,357	2,357
Transfer from investment properties	5	3,187	-
		5,544	2,357
Carrying amount		5,557	6,902

The carrying amount of property, plant and equipment, right-of-use assets and investment properties are the same as their carrying amounts before they were being reclassified to current assets.

### 18. CAPITAL AND RESERVES

### 18.1 Share capital

Group and Company	Amount 2024 RM'000	Number of shares 2024 '000	Amount 2023 RM'000	Number of shares 2023 '000
Issued and fully paid shares with no par value classified as equity instruments:				

The holders of ordinary shares are entitled to receive dividends as declared from time to time, and are entitled to one vote per share at meetings of the Company.

### 18.2 Translation reserve

The translation reserve comprises all foreign currency differences arising from the translation of the financial statements of the Group entities with functional currencies other than RM as well as the exchange differences arising from monetary items that in substance form the Company's net investments in subsidiaries.

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### 18. CAPITAL AND RESERVES (CONTINUED)

### 18.3 Hedging reserve

The hedging reserve comprises the effective portion of the cumulative net change in the fair value of cash flow hedges related to hedged transactions that have not yet occurred.

### 19. LOANS AND BORROWINGS

		Group		Company	/
	Note	2024	2023	2024	2023
		RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
Non-current					
Term loans					
- Conventional – unsecured		48,953	223,841	28,116	179,660
- Conventional – secured	19.1	1,957	2,409	-	-
- Islamic – unsecured		19,911	11,648	19,911	11,648
		70,821	237,898	48,027	191,308
Current					
Term loans					
- Conventional – unsecured		180,812	239,625	154,414	220,948
- Conventional – secured	19.1	453	445	-	-
- Islamic – unsecured		4,343	2,496	4,343	2,496
Bank overdrafts					
- Unsecured		5,229	3,121	-	-
Bills payable					
- Conventional – secured	19.2	5,322	-	-	-
- Conventional – unsecured		640,566	624,991	-	-
- Islamic – unsecured		61,870	66,338	-	-
Revolving credit					
- Unsecured		90,651	55,215	52,116	23,840
Supplier factoring facilities	20.4	8,292	24,937	-	-
		997,538	1,017,168	210,873	247,284
		1,068,359	1,255,066	258,900	438,592

### 19. LOANS AND BORROWINGS (CONTINUED)

### 19.1 Secured term loans

The term loans are secured by:

- i) A legal charge over certain properties and investment properties of the Group (see Note 3, Note 4 and Note 5);
- ii) A corporate guarantee by a subsidiary; and
- iii) A joint and several guarantee of certain directors of a subsidiary.

### 19.2 Secured bills payable

The bills payable are secured by:

- i) A legal charge over certain properties of the Group (see Note 5);
- ii) A deposit with licensed banks (see Note 16);
- iii) A joint and several guarantee by a director of a subsidiary and persons connected to a director of a subsidiary; and
- iv) A corporate guarantee by the Company.

### 20. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

		Group		Company	Y
	Note	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000
Non-current					
Other payables	20.1	7,537	6,684	-	-
Current					
Trade					
Trade payables	20.2	429,328	419,028	-	-
Associate	20.3	844	852	-	-
		430,172	419,880	-	-
Non-trade					
Other payables	20.1	112,227	123,808	84	95
Supplier factoring facilities	20.4	8,426	17,366	-	-
Accrued expenses	20.5	117,909	88,063	1,716	2,359
Subsidiaries	20.6	-	-	210,255	191,646
		238,562	229,237	212,055	194,100
		668,734	649,117	212,055	194,100
		676,271	655,801	212,055	194,100

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### 20. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES (CONTINUED)

### 20.1 Other payables

### **Non-current**

Under the provision of lease agreements, the Group has an obligation to dismantle and remove structures on the site and restore those sites at the end of the lease term to an acceptable condition. The provision of site restoration are recognised at present value of the compounded future expenditure estimated using current price and discounted using a discount rate of 3.99% (2023: 3.97%).

### Current

Included in other payables of the Group are the following amounts due to related parties:

	Group	
	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000
Companies in which certain Directors have interests	47	14
Amount due to non-controlling interests and its related parties	48,512	65,448
	48,559	65,462

The amounts due to related parties are unsecured, interest free and repayable on demand.

### 20.2 Trade payables

Included in trade payables of the Group are the following amounts due to related parties:

	Group	
	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000
Companies in which certain directors of subsidiaries have interests	422	294

The amounts due to related parties are subject to normal trade terms.

### 20. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES (CONTINUED)

### 20.3 Amount due to an associate

The amount due to an associate is trade in nature, interest free and subject to normal trade terms.

### 20.4 Supplier factoring facilities

Supplier factoring facility (SFF) is an arrangement where the participating suppliers may elect to receive early payment of their invoices from a financial institution. Under this arrangement, the financial institution agrees to pay amounts to a participating supplier in respect of invoices owed by the Group entities and receives settlement from the Group entities at a later date. The principal purpose of this programme is to facilitate efficient payment processing and enable the willing suppliers to sell their receivables due from the Group entities to the financial institution before their due date.

The Group has not derecognised the original liabilities to which the arrangement applies because neither a legal release was obtained nor the original liability was substantially modified on entering into the arrangement. From the Group's perspective, the arrangement does not significantly extend payment terms beyond the normal terms agreed with other suppliers that are not participating and the Group does not incur any additional interest towards the financial institution on the amounts due to the suppliers. The Group therefore discloses the amounts factored by suppliers within other payables because the nature and function of the financial liability remain the same as those other non-trade payables but discloses disaggregated amounts in the notes. All non-trade payables under the SFF are classified as current as at 31 March 2024 and 31 March 2023.

Group	Total SFF non-trade payable RM'000	Not yet paid by finance provider RM'000	Paid by finance provider RM'000
At 1 April 2022	17,933	-	17,933
At 31 March 2023/1 April 2023	17,366	-	17,366
At 31 March 2024	8,426	-	8,426

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### 20. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES (CONTINUED)

### 20.4 Supplier factoring facilities (continued)

	Non-trade payables that are part of the SFF (days)	Comparable non-trade payables that not are part of the SFF (days)
At 1 April 2022/31 March 2023/1 April 2023	120	60
At 31 March 2024	120	60

The payments to financial institutions are included within operating cash flows because they continue to be part of the normal operating cycle of the Group and their principal nature remains operating – i.e. payments for the purchased goods and services. The payments to suppliers by the financial institution are considered non-cash transactions.

In the event the Group entities utilising the facilities or applied for further extension of payment term with the financial institution, these portion are reclassified and presented as loan and borrowings (see Note 19).

### 20.5 Accrued expenses

Included in accrued expenses of the Group are provision for warranties amounting to RM12,878,000 (2023: RM3,101,000), relates to products sold and services rendered. The provision is based on estimates made from historical warranty data associated with similar products and services.

### 20.6 Amount due to subsidiaries

The amount due to subsidiaries is non-trade in nature, unsecured, subject to floating interest rate 3.96% - 4.37% (2023: 2.88% - 3.98%) per annum and repayable on demand.

### 21. EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

The Group's net obligation in respect of defined benefit retirement plans arises from its subsidiaries in Indonesia. The following table summarises the components of net employee benefit expense recognised in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income and in the statement of financial position as employee benefits:

		Group	
		2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000
a.	Expense recognised in profit or loss		
	Current service cost	4,761	2,160
	Past service cost	(13)	(184)
	Interest on obligation	940	1,096
	Net employee benefit expense	5,688	3,072
b.	Present value of defined employee benefit obligations  Net employee benefit expense	16,359	12,258
C.	Present value of defined employee benefit obligations		
c.	Present value of defined employee benefit obligations  Defined employee benefit obligations at 1 April 2023/2022	12,258	10,875
c.		12,258 5,688	10,875 3,072
c.	Defined employee benefit obligations at 1 April 2023/2022	,	3,072
C.	Defined employee benefit obligations at 1 April 2023/2022 Current service cost and interest	5,688	3,072 (992)
С.	Defined employee benefit obligations at 1 April 2023/2022  Current service cost and interest  Payment during the year	5,688 (977)	

The principal assumptions used in determining the retirement benefit cost at end of the reporting period are as follows:

Calculation method : Projected Unit Credit

Normal pension age : 55 - 57 years

Annual salary increment (estimated) : 5.00% - 8.00% (2023: 5.00% - 10.20%)

Annual discount rate : 6.80% - 6.94% (2023: 7.00% - 7.27%)

Mortality level : Indonesian Mortality Table ("TMI") 3 & 4

Disability level : 10% from mortality level (2023: 10%)

Resignation level : 5% constant until the age of 34 and linearly decreasing until the pension age

The Group's management believes that the accrued employee benefit as of financial year end is sufficient to meet the requirements of the law in Indonesia.

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	Marine-products manufacturing	roducts cturing	Palm oil and clean energy	l and nergy	Integrated livestock farming	livestock ing	Convenience store chain	ence nain	Total	al
	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000
Group										
Major products and service lines										
Sale of goods	1,377,804	1,341,701	338,656	293,392	3,510,744	3,439,415	1,087,214	861,017	6,314,418	5,935,525
Construction contracts	•		337,628	307,097	•	٠		٠	337,628	307,097
	1,377,804	1,341,701	676,284	600,489	3,510,744	3,439,415	1,087,214	861,017	6,652,046	6,242,622
Primary geographical markets										
Malaysia	873,915	853,331	343,666	336,190	2,181,929	2,117,866	1,087,214	861,017	4,486,724	4,168,404
Indonesia	152,401	155,565	316,010	251,438	868,180	720,886	٠	٠	1,336,591	1,127,889
Vietnam	3,564	13,056	356	230	365,137	360,409	٠	٠	369,057	373,695
Other countries	347,924	319,749	16,252	12,631	95,498	240,254	•	•	459,674	572,634
	1,377,804	1,341,701	676,284	600,489	3,510,744	3,439,415	1,087,214	861,017	6,652,046	6,242,622
Timing and recognition										
At a point in time	1,377,804	1,341,701	338,656	293,392	3,510,744	3,439,415	1,087,214	861,017	6,314,418	5,935,525
Overtime			337,628	307,097				٠	337,628	307,097
	1,377,804	1,341,701	676,284	600,489	3,510,744	3,439,415	1,087,214	861,017	6,652,046	6,242,622

### 22. REVENUE (CONTINUED)

### Sale of goods

Revenue from sale of goods is recognised when the goods are delivered and accepted by the customers at their premises or recognised when the control of the goods have transferred to the customer. Generally, payment terms for revenue from customers range from 7 days to 90 days (2023: 7 days to 90 days) from invoice date or cash term. There were no warranties given to the customers, nor any variable element in the consideration except for customers who purchase the goods using the customer loyalty programme are entitled to earn loyalty points that are redeemable against future purchases and will be recognised as revenue when the points are redeemed by the customers, which is expected to occur over a year.

The Group allocates a portion of the consideration received to the loyalty points. The consideration allocated to the points issued is estimated by reference to the monetary value attributable to the redemption points and are based on the best estimate of future redemption profile. This amount is deferred and included in contract liabilities.

### **Construction contracts**

Revenue from construction services is recognised over time using the input method, determined based on proportion of construction costs incurred for work performed to-date over the estimated total construction costs. Generally, payment terms for revenue from customers is 30 days from invoice date. Transaction price is computed based on the price specified in the contract. Past experience is used to estimate and provide for the variable consideration, using most likely method and revenue is only recognised to the extent that it is highly probable that a significant reversal will not occur. The Group is required to fulfil warranty obligation over a defect liability period of ranging from 3 months to 5 years (2023: 3 months to 5 years) from the date of completion.

The following table shows revenue performance obligation that are unsatisfied (or partially unsatisfied) at the reporting date:

Group	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000
Within 1 year	218,061	238,653
More than 1 year	73,935	82,636
	291,996	321,289

The amounts disclose does not include any variable consideration which are constrained.

There was no performance obligation that are unsatisfied in the previous financial year ended.

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### 23. RESULTS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

		Group		Company	
	Note	2024	2023	2024	2023
		RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
tesults from operating activities is arrived					
at after charging:					
Auditors' remuneration:					
- Audit fees					
KPMG PLT					
- current year		2,032	1,866	169	158
- prior years		-	-	11	
Overseas affiliates of KPMG PLT		392	305	-	
Other auditors		578	580	-	
- Non-audit fees					
KPMG PLT		132	129	30	30
Overseas affiliates of KPMG PLT		120	113	-	
Otherauditors		48	-	-	
Material expenses:					
Amortisation of intangible assets	6	1,557	2,058	-	
Amortisation of investment properties	5	2,957	2,953	-	
Bad debts written off		204	-	-	
Depreciation of property, plant and					
equipment	3	213,027	203,187	-	
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	4	44,025	38,319	-	
Impairment loss:					
- contract assets		81	41	-	
- intangible assets		1,301	1,211	-	
- property, plant and equipment		-	11,738	-	
- subsidiary		-	-	-	1,432
- advances to suppliers		60	125	-	
- trade and other receivables		8,070	6,009	2,075	4,225
Inventories write-down, net		667	-	-	
Loss on change in fair value of					
biological assets, net	11	23,737	19,220	-	
Loss on foreign exchange, net:					
- realised		-	6,504	-	
- unrealised		7,243	-	-	
Personnel expenses (including key management personnel):					
- contributions to state plans		39,662	33,453	-	
- expenses related to defined benefit plans		5,688	3,072	-	-
- wages, salaries and others		615,150	534,596	1,775	1,370
Property, plant and equipment written off		5,135	2,866	-	

### 23. RESULTS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)

		Group		Company	
	Note	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000
Material income:					
Dividend income from:					
- Subsidiaries (unquoted)		-	-	222,134	176,932
- Liquid investments		57	21	57	21
Derivative gain		98	198	-	-
Gain on foreign exchange, net:					
- realised		4,044	-	8,415	6,121
- unrealised		-	3,504	2,253	1,228
Gain on liquid investments, net:					
- unrealised		165	162	165	162
Gain on disposal of:					
- property, plant and equipment		10,258	4,190	-	-
- asset classified as held for sale		455	2,684	-	-
- investment properties		19	-	-	-
- right-of-use assets		6,836	-	-	-
Gain on termination of lease contracts		-	96	-	-
Government grant	a	133,775	111,872	-	-
Reversal of impairment loss of:					
- investment properties		432	-	-	-
Inventories write-down, net		-	436	-	
Expenses arising from leases:					
Expenses relating to short-term leases		11,466	9,699	-	-
Expenses relating to leases of low-value assets		1,089	823	-	-
Expenses relating to variable lease payments not included in the		2.504	1.571		
measurement of lease liabilities		2,581	1,571	-	-
Income arising from leases:			•		
Rental of equipment		-	8	-	-
Rental of premises		4,688	2,826	-	-

### Note a

Included in government grant are government subsidy income recognised amounted to RM133,491,000 (2023: RM110,526,000) to mitigate the high production cost caused by the hike in commodity feed prices whilst the government imposed price control for chicken and egg. This government subsidy income was recognised in profit or loss as cost of sales where the raw material costs were recognised. The outstanding balances of the government subsidy receivables is disclosed in Note 10.

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### 24. FINANCE COSTS

	Group		Company	
	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000
Interest expense of financial liabilities that are not at fair value through profit or loss:				
- term loans	29,443	31,664	10,400	19,232
- bank overdrafts	339	844	-	-
- bills payable	25,506	17,525	-	-
- lease liabilities	8,835	7,796	-	-
- revolving credit	5,820	2,852	4,104	1,667
- supplier factoring facilities	613	957	-	-
- subsidiaries	-	-	7,907	5,420
	70,556	61,638	22,411	26,319
Other finance costs	1,460	2,837	-	-
	72,016	64,475	22,411	26,319

### 25. FINANCE INCOME

	Group		Company	
	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000
Interest income of financial assets that are not at fair value through profit or loss:				
- deposits placed with licensed banks	7,567	6,995	519	288
- subsidiaries	-	-	27,780	31,461
- others	312	290	-	-
Interest income of financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss mandatorily:				
- liquid investment	432	475	-	-
	8,311	7,760	28,299	31,749

### 26. TAX EXPENSE

	Group		Company	1
	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000
Tax expense on continuing operations	153,154	118,929	1,151	822
Share of tax of equity-accounted associates	417	422	-	-
	153,571	119,351	1,151	822
Current tax expense				
- Current year	155,531	97,240	1,121	864
- Under/(Over) provision in prior years	995	5,399	30	(42)
Total current tax recognised in profit or loss	156,526	102,639	1,151	822
Deferred tax expense				
- Origination of temporary differences	5,130	12,528	-	-
- (Over)/Under provision in prior years	(8,502)	3,762	-	-
Total deferred tax recognised in profit or loss	(3,372)	16,290	-	-
	153,154	118,929	1,151	822
Share of tax of equity-accounted associates	417	422	-	-
Total tax expense	153,571	119,351	1,151	822
<b>Reconciliation of tax expense</b> Profit for the year Total tax expense	473,374 153,571	361,902 119,351	222,671 1,151	171,796 822
Profit excluding tax	626,945	481,253	223,822	172,618
Income tax calculated using Malaysian tax rate of 24% (2023: 24%)	150,467	115,501	53,717	41,428
Effect of tax rates in foreign jurisdictions	(3,286)	(7,522)	-	-
Non-deductible expenses	25,421	11,069	4,957	5,917
Tax exempt income	(9,622)	(6,640)	(57,553)	(46,481)
Tax incentives	(2,564)	(4,364)	-	-
Effect of temporary differences not recognised	644	2,316	-	-
Others	18	(170)	-	-
	161,078	110,190	1,121	864
(Over)/Under provided in prior years	(7,507)	9,161	30	(42)
Tax expense	153,571	119,351	1,151	822

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### 27. EARNINGS PER ORDINARY SHARE

### Basic earnings per ordinary share

The calculation of basic earnings per ordinary share is based on the profit attributable to the owners of the Company of RM437,852,000 (2023: RM346,821,000) and the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue during the year.

	2024 '000	2023 '000
Weighted average number of ordinary shares at 31 March	2,433,657	2,433,657
Basic earnings per ordinary share (sen)	18	14

### Diluted earnings per ordinary share

The Group has no dilution in its earnings per ordinary share at 31 March 2024 and 31 March 2023.

### 28. DIVIDENDS

Dividends recognised by the Company:

	Sen per share	Total amount RM'000	Date of payment
2024			
Interim 2024	3.00	73,010	29 March 2024
Final 2023	3.50	85,178	22 September 2023
		158,188	
2023			
Interim 2023	3.50	85,178	29 March 2023
Final 2022	3.50	85,178	23 September 2022
		170,356	

A final single tier dividend recommended by the Directors in respect of the financial year ended 31 March 2024 is 3.50 sen per ordinary share totalling approximately RM85,200,000 subject to the approval of the members at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting of the Company.

### 29. OPERATING SEGMENTS

The Group's resources allocation is assessed on a quarterly basis in accordance to the business performance and requirements of the respective business segments as reviewed and determined by the Group's Chief Operating Decision Makers ("CODM") whom are also the Executive Chairman and Managing Director of the Group. Hence, segment information is presented by business segment that the Group operates in. The format of the business segment is based on the Group's operation management and internal reporting structure.

Segment results, assets and liabilities include items directly attributable to a segment as well as those that can be allocated on a reasonable basis. The Company's assets and liabilities are absorbed into integrated livestock farming segment. Expenses which are common and may not be directly allocated to the respective operating segments are allocated to the respective segments based on the relative size of each segments.

Segment capital expenditure is the total costs incurred during the period to acquire property, plant and equipment, investment properties, right-of-use assets and intangible assets other than goodwill.

### **Business segments**

The Group comprises of the following main business segments:

Marine-products manufacturing	Deep-sea fishing, manufacture and sale of fishmeal, surimi, surimi-based products and aquaculture
	livestock related product.

Palm oil and clean energy Plantation, crude palm oil milling activities, downstream palm biomass technology and provide

renewable energy and sustainable environmental solutions.

Integrated livestock farming Distribution of animal feed raw materials, feed-milling, animal health supplement and related

products and livestock farming.

Convenience store chain Operations of convenience stores.

The inter-segment transactions have been entered into in the normal course of business and are based on normal trade terms.

### Geographical segments

 $The Group's \ business \ operates \ in four geographical \ areas: \ Malaysia, Indonesia, Vietnam \ and \ Singapore.$ 

In presenting information on the basis of geographical segments, segment revenue is based on the geographical location of the customers, segment assets are based on the geographical location of the assets.

### 2023 M'000

	store chain	ain	Consolidatec	atec
023	2024	2023	2024	
000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	~

6,652,046 43,748 861,017

6,242,622

480,831

1,087,214 59,003 (246,517)

(261,566)

(59,710)

(70,087)

(95,200)

(100,324)

(27,385)

(25,877)

(64,222)

(65,278)

**Depreciation** and

Amortisation

Finance income

Finance costs

Share of profits of associates, net of tax

1,216

736

1,216

736

(64,475)

(72,016)

(9,822)

(10,772)

(45,456)

(54,091)

(4,924)

(3,057)

(4,273)

(4,096)

6,694

157,232

200,781

Inter-segment

revenue

segment profit before

taxation are:

measurement of

Included in the

8,416

10,015

7,760

8,311

562

1,128

2,795

3,527

2,377

1,568

2,026

2,088

174,410

217,503

9

(118,929)

(153,154)

(9,674)

(12,430)

(41,711)

(60,507)

(7,365)

(16,959)

(60,179)

(63,258)

Tax expense

to CODM:

measurement of segment profit before taxation but provided

Not included in the

183,115

3,510,744

600,489

676,284

1,341,701

1,377,804

Revenue from external

Business segments

227,387

11,736

64,340

275,798

Segment profit before

3,439,415

clean energy

2023

Marine-products manufacturing

OPERATING SEGMENTS (CONTINUED)

29.

188

6,242,622

6,652,046

927

2,342

350,175

354,343

1,203,635

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2,912,819

3,085,258

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209,827

218,580

474,670

497,682

2,228,320

2,368,993

RM'000 5,285,099 Consolidated 2024 RM'000 5,476,823 634,217 RM'000 409,697

**OPERATING SEGMENTS (CONTINUED)** 

29.

store chain 2024 RM'000 RM'000 Palm oil and clean energy 2024 RM'000 RM′000 Marine-products manufacturing 2024 RM'000

2,447,389 1,472,401 2,490,696 863,892 888,127 1,339,601 1,424,879 240,638

**Segment liabilities** 

**Segment assets** 

673,121

Included in the

segment assets are: measurement of

Investmentin associates

99

6,202

6,556

6,490

304,818

474,070

135,525

84,239

102,886

210,319

7,477

11,448

58,930

Indo

Malaysia

2023

Consolidated

Other countries

2024 RM'000

Additions to non-

current assets other than financial

instruments and

deferred tax assets

168,064

Non-current assets other than deferred tax Geographicalsegments Revenue from external

189

### 30. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

### 30.1 Categories of financial instruments

The table below provides an analysis of financial instruments categorised as follows:

- i) Amortised cost ("AC"); and
- ii) Fair value through profit or loss ("FVTPL")
  - Mandatorily required by MFRS 9

	Carrying amount RM'000	AC RM'000	Mandatorily at FVTPL RM'000	Derivatives used for hedging RM'000
2024				
Financial assets				
Group				
Derivative financial assets	22,294	-	-	22,294
Trade and other receivables, excluding advances				
to suppliers	656,902	656,902	-	-
Cash and cash equivalents	397,805	370,146	27,659	-
	1,077,001	1,027,048	27,659	22,294
Company				
Derivative financial assets	21,930	-	-	21,930
Trade and other receivables	291,192	291,192	-	-
Cash and cash equivalents	38,065	36,045	2,020	-
	351,187	327,237	2,020	21,930
Financial liabilities				
Group				
Loans and borrowings	(1,068,359)	(1,068,359)	-	-
Derivative financial liabilities	(120)	-	-	(120)
Trade and other payables	(676,271)	(676,271)	-	-
	(1,744,750)	(1,744,630)	-	(120)
Company				
Loans and borrowings	(258,900)	(258,900)	-	-
Trade and other payables	(212,055)	(212,055)	-	-
• •	(470,955)	(470,955)	-	-

### 30. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONTINUED)

### 30.1 Categories of financial instruments (continued)

	Carrying amount RM'000	AC RM'000	Mandatorily at FVTPL RM'000	Derivatives used for hedging RM'000
2023				
Financial assets				
Group				
Derivative financial assets	25,643	-	-	25,643
Trade and other receivables, excluding advances to suppliers	580,947	580,947	-	-
Cash and cash equivalents	346,499	338,650	7,849	-
	953,089	919,597	7,849	25,643
Company				
Derivative financial assets	23,551	-	-	23,551
Trade and other receivables	378,074	378,074	-	-
Cash and cash equivalents	18,285	17,426	859	-
	419,910	395,500	859	23,551
Financial liabilities				
Group				
Loans and borrowings	(1,255,066)	(1,255,066)	-	-
Derivative financial liabilities	(52)	-	-	(52)
Trade and other payables	(655,801)	(655,801)	-	
	(1,910,919)	(1,910,867)	-	(52)
Company				
Loans and borrowings	(438,592)	(438,592)	-	-
Trade and other payables	(194,100)	(194,100)		
	(632,692)	(632,692)	-	-

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### 30. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONTINUED)

### 30.2 Net losses and gains arising from financial instruments

	Group		Company	
	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000
Net (losses)/gains on:				
Financial liabilities at amortised cost	(66,380)	(59,679)	(22,411)	(25,091)
Financial assets at amortised cost	37	1,751	36,892	33,645
Financial assets at FVTPL	222	183	222	183
Financial liabilities at FVTPL	98	198	-	-
	(66,023)	(57,547)	14,703	8,737

### 30.3 Financial risk management

The Group and the Company have exposure to the following risks from its financial instruments:

- Credit risk
- Liquidity risk
- Market risk

### 30.4 Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk of a financial loss if a customer or counterparty to a financial instrument fails to meet its contractual obligations. The Group's exposure to credit risk arises principally from the individual characteristics of each customer. The Company's exposure to credit risk arises principally from loans and advances to subsidiaries and financial guarantees given to banks for credit facilities granted to subsidiaries. There are no significant changes as compared to prior periods.

### Trade receivables and contract assets

Risk management objectives, policies and processes for managing the risk

Credit risk is controlled by the application of credit approvals, limits and monitoring procedures. Management has a credit policy in place and the exposure to credit risk is monitored on an ongoing basis. Credit evaluations are performed on all customers requiring credit over a certain amount. The Group does not have any significant exposure to any individual counterparty. The Group has credit policy in place to ensure that transactions are conducted with creditworthy counterparty.

At each reporting date, the Group assesses whether any of the trade receivables and contract assets are credit impaired.

### 30. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONTINUED)

### 30.4 Credit risk (continued)

### Trade receivables and contract assets (continued)

Risk management objectives, policies and processes for managing the risk (continued)

The gross carrying amounts of credit impaired trade receivables and contract assets are written off (either partially or full) when there is no realistic prospect of recovery. This is generally the case when the Group determines that the debtor does not have assets or sources of income that could generate sufficient cash flows to repay the amounts subject to the write-off. Nevertheless, trade receivables and contract assets that are written off could still be subject to enforcement activities.

There are no significant changes as compared to previous year.

Exposure to credit risk, credit quality and collateral

As at the end of the reporting period, the maximum exposure to credit risk arising from trade receivables and contract assets is represented by the carrying amounts in the statements of financial position. A significant portion of these receivables are regular customers that have been transacting with the Group. The Group uses aging analysis to monitor the credit quality of the receivables.

Concentration of credit risk

The exposure of credit risk for trade receivables and contract assets as at the end of the reporting period by geographic region was:

	Gro	oup
	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000
Malaysia	405,822	362,071
Indonesia	161,989	127,185
Vietnam	7,540	6,468
Others	28,854	22,935
	604,205	518,659

Recognition and measurement of impairment loss

In managing credit risk of receivables, the Group manages its debtors and takes appropriate actions (including but not limited to legal actions) to recover long overdue balances. Generally, trade receivables will pay within 60 to 150 days.

The Group uses an allowance matrix to measure expected credit losses ("ECL") of trade receivables. Loss rates are calculated using a 'roll rate' method based on the probability of a receivable progressing through successive stages of delinquency.

Loss rates are based on actual credit loss experience over the past three years. The Group also considers differences between (a) economic conditions during the period over which the historic data has been collected, (b) current conditions and (c) the Group's view of economic conditions over the expected lives of the receivables. Nevertheless, the Group believes that these factors are immaterial for the purpose of impairment calculation for the year.

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### 30. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONTINUED)

### 30.4 Credit risk (continued)

### Trade receivables and contract assets (continued)

Recognition and measurement of impairment loss (continued)

The following table provides information about the exposure to credit risk and ECLs for trade receivables and contract assets which are grouped together as they are expected to have similar risk nature.

	Gross carrying amount RM'000	Loss allowance RM'000	Net balance RM'000
Group			
2024			
Current (not past due)	415,080	(2,500)	412,580
1-30 days past due	117,479	(1,308)	116,171
31-60 days past due	35,219	(378)	34,841
61-90 days past due	14,242	(528)	13,714
91-120 days past due	6,804	(435)	6,369
More than 120 days past due	27,560	(7,142)	20,418
	616,384	(12,291)	604,093
Creditimpaired			
Individually impaired	19,161	(19,049)	112
	635,545	(31,340)	604,205
Trade receivables	588,447	(30,178)	558,269
Contract assets	47,098	(1,162)	45,936
	635,545	(31,340)	604,205
2023			
Current (not past due)	384,540	(2,133)	382,407
1-30 days past due	86,983	(1,381)	85,602
31-60 days past due	17,776	(336)	17,440
61-90 days past due	7,333	(555)	6,778
91-120 days past due	13,756	(538)	13,218
More than 120 days past due	18,229	(6,510)	11,719
	528,617	(11,453)	517,164
Credit impaired			
Individually impaired	16,595	(15,100)	1,495
	545,212	(26,553)	518,659
Trade receivables	488,388	(25,472)	462,916
Contract assets	56,824	(1,081)	55,743
	545,212	(26,553)	518,659

### 30. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONTINUED)

### 30.4 Credit risk (continued)

### Trade receivables and contract assets (continued)

Recognition and measurement of impairment loss (continued)

There are trade receivables where the Group has not recognised any loss allowance as the trade receivables are supported by collateral such as assets held as securities, agreed instalment plan, and other credit enhancement in managing exposure to credit risk.

The movements in the allowance for impairment in respect of trade receivables and contract assets net of advances to suppliers during the year are shown below.

	Trade rec	eivables		
	Lifetime ECL RM'000	Credit impaired RM'000	Contract assets RM'000	Total RM'000
Group				
Balance at 1 April 2022	8,270	13,811	1,040	23,121
Amounts written off	(131)	(2,487)	-	(2,618)
Net remeasurement of loss allowance	3,314	2,695	41	6,050
Balance at 31 March/1 April 2023	11,453	14,019	1,081	26,553
Amounts written off	(126)	(3,238)	-	(3,364)
Net remeasurement of loss allowance	(198)	8,268	81	8,151
Balance at 31 March 2024	11,129	19,049	1,162	31,340

### 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. In addition, some of the bank balances are insured by government agencies. Consequently, the Group and the Company are of the view that the loss allowance is not material and hence, it is not provided for.

### Other receivables

Credit risks on other receivables are mainly arising from deposits paid for office buildings and convenience stores, and government subsidy receivables. The deposit paid will be received at the end of each lease terms. The Group manages the credit risk together with the leasing arrangement.

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.

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### 30. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONTINUED)

### 30.4 Credit risk (continued)

### Other receivables (continued)

As at the end of the reporting period, the Group did not recognise any allowance for impairment losses.

### Financial guarantees

Risk management objectives, policies and processes for managing the risk

The Company provides unsecured financial guarantees to banks in respect of banking facilities granted to certain subsidiaries. The Company monitors the ability of the subsidiaries to service their loans on an individual basis.

Exposure to credit risk, credit quality and collateral

The maximum exposure to credit risk amounts to RM877,348,000 (2023: RM855,017,000) representing the outstanding banking facilities of the subsidiaries as at the end of the reporting period.

The financial guarantees are provided as credit enhancements to the subsidiaries' loans.

Recognition and measurement of impairment loss

The Company assumes that there is a significant increase in credit risk when a subsidiary's financial position deteriorates significantly. The Company considers a financial guarantee to be credit impaired when:

- · The subsidiary is unlikely to repay its credit obligation to the financial institution in full; or
- The subsidiary is continuously loss making and is having a deficit shareholders' fund.

The Company determines the probability of default of the guaranteed loans individually using internal information available.

As at the end of the reporting period, there was no indication that any subsidiary would default on repayment and hence no allowance for impairment losses was recognised by the Company.

### 30. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONTINUED)

### 30.4 Credit risk (continued)

### Intercompany loans and advances

Risk management objectives, policies and processes for managing the risk

The Company provides unsecured loans and advances to subsidiaries. The Company monitors the ability of the subsidiaries to repay the loans and advances on an individual basis.

Exposure to credit risk, credit quality and collateral

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.

Loans and advances provided are not secured by any collateral or supported by any other credit enhancements.

Recognition and measurement of impairment loss

Generally, the Company considers loans and advances to subsidiaries have low credit risk. The Company assumes that there is a significant increase in credit risk when a subsidiary's financial position deteriorates significantly. As the Company is able to determine the timing of payments of the subsidiaries' loans and advances when they are payable, the Company considers the loans and advances to be in default when the subsidiaries are not able to pay when demanded. The Company considers a subsidiary's loan or advance to be credit impaired when:

- The subsidiary is unlikely to repay its loan or advance to the Company in full; or
- The subsidiary is continuously loss making and is having a deficit shareholders' fund.

The Company determines the probability of default for these loans and advances individually using internal information available. The following table provides information about the exposure to credit risk and ECLs for subsidiaries advances:

	Gross carrying amount RM'000	Impairment loss allowances RM'000	Net balance RM'000
Company			
2024			
Low credit risk	291,192	-	291,192
Creditimpaired	7,281	(7,281)	-
	298,473	(7,281)	291,192
2023			
Low credit risk	378,074	-	378,074
Creditimpaired	5,206	(5,206)	-
	383,280	(5,206)	378,074

### 30. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONTINUED)

### 30.4 Credit risk (continued)

### Intercompany loans and advances (continued)

Recognition and measurement of impairment loss (continued)

The movement in the allowance for impairment in respect of subsidiaries' advances during the year is as follows:

	Lifetime ECL RM'000
Company	
Balance at 1 April 2022	981
Net remeasurement of loss allowance	4,225
Balance at 31 March/1 April 2023	5,206
Net remeasurement of loss allowance	2,075
Balance at 31 March 2024	7,281

### 30.5 Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Group and the Company will not be able to meet its financial obligations as they fall due. The Group's and the Company's exposure to liquidity risk arises principally from its various payables, loans and borrowings. The Group also manages its liquidity risk by entering into supplier factoring facilities when necessary.

The Group and the Company maintain a level of cash and cash equivalents and bank facilities deemed adequate by the management to ensure, as far as possible, that it will have sufficient liquidity to meet its liabilities when they fall due. The Company can also demand repayment of advances/dividends from subsidiaries to meet its liability as and when they fall due.

It is not expected that the cash flows included in the maturity analysis could occur significantly earlier, or at significantly different amounts.

## FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONTINUED)

### Liquidity risk (cont

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	Carrying amount RM'000	Contractual interest/ discountrate %	Contractual cash flows RM'000	Under 1 year RM'000	1-2 years RM'000	2-5 years RM'000	More than 5 years RM'000
Group							
2024							
Non-derivative financial liabilities							
Revolvingcredit	90,651	3.96 - 9.04	95,500	95,500		٠	٠
Lease liabilities	225,821	2.10 - 5.01	264,017	41,852	38,729	66,054	117,382
Bank overdrafts	5,229	1.25 - 9.50	5,671	5,671	٠	٠	٠
Bills payable	707,758	3.30 - 9.21	725,198	725,198	٠	٠	٠
Term loans	256,429	2.70 - 10.39	266,895	186,590	39,824	40,117	364
Trade and other payables	676,271		676,271	676,271		٠	
Supplier factoring facilities	8,292	3.80	8,607	8,607		•	
	1,970,451		2,042,159	1,739,689	78,553	106,171	117,746
Derivative financial liabilities							
Forward exchange contracts (gross settled):							
Outflow	•		176,599	176,599		•	٠
Inflow	(244)		(176,843)	(176,843)		•	
	1 970 207	l	2 041 915	1 739 115	78 553	171 301	117746

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### 30.5 Liquidity risk (continued)

FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONTINUED)

Maturity analysis (continued)

	Carrying amount RM'000	Contractual interest/discountrate %	Contractual cash flows RM'000	Under1 year RM'000	1-2 years RM'000	2-5 years RM'000	More than 5 years RM'000
Group							
2023							
Non-derivative financial liabilities							
Revolving credit	55,215	2.88 - 9.04	56,570	56,570	٠	٠	٠
Lease liabilities	210,777	2.88 - 4.92	247,323	38,349	32,853	59,490	116,631
Bank overdrafts	3,121	2.66 - 9.50	3,230	3,230		٠	٠
Bills payable	691,329	2.60 - 9.04	721,695	721,695		•	
Term loans	480,464	1.66 - 10.50	500,507	266,225	173,534	59,942	808
Trade and other payables	649,117		649,117	649,117		٠	
Supplier factoring facilities	24,937	2.57	25,578	25,578			
	2,114,960		2,204,020	1,760,764	206,387	119,432	117,437
Derivative financial liabilities							
Forward exchange contracts (gross settled):							
Outflow	,		87,937	87,937		٠	
Inflow	(2,040)		(89,977)	(89,977)			٠
	2,112,920		2,201,980	1,758,724	206,387	119,432	117,437

## FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONTINUED)

### 30.5 Liquidity risk (continued)

	Carrying amount RM'000	Contractual interest/ discount rate %	Contractual cashflows RM'000	Under 1 year RM'000	1-2 years RM'000	2 – 5 years RM'000
Сотрапу						
2024						
Non-derivative financial liabilities						
Revolving credit	52,116	3.96 - 6.97	54,981	54,981	٠	٠
Term loans	206,784	2.75 - 6.77	213,126	163,236	29,900	19,990
Trade and other payables	1,800	ı	1,800	1,800		
Amount due to subsidiaries	210,255	3.96 - 4.37	219,012	219,012		
Financial guarantees			877,348	877,348		
	470,955	<b>!</b>	1,366,267	1,316,377	29,900	19,990
2023						
Non-derivative financial liabilities						
Revolving credit	23,840	2.88 - 6.32	24,920	24,920		
Term loans	414,752	1.66 - 6.01	429,121	243,239	150,257	35,625
Trade and other payables	2,454	ı	2,454	2,454		
Amount due to subsidiaries	191,646	2.88-3.98	198,218	198,218		
Financial guarantees	٠	,	855,017	855,017		
	632,692		1,509,730	1,323,848	150,257	35,625

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### 30. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONTINUED)

### 30.6 Market risk

Market risk is the risk that changes in market prices, such as foreign exchange rates and interest rates will affect the Group's and the Company's financial position or cash flows.

### 30.6.1 Currency risk

The Group and the Company are exposed to foreign currency risk arising from transactions that are denominated in a currency other than the respective functional currencies of the Group entities. The currency giving rise to this risk is primarily US Dollars ("USD").

The management does not view the exposure to other currencies to be significant.

Risk management objectives, policies and processes for managing the risk

The Group's and the Company's foreign exchange management policies are to minimise exposures arising from currency movements. The Group monitors currency movements closely and may enter into foreign currency swaps, forward foreign currency contracts and options to limit its exposure when the needs arise.

Exposure to foreign currency risk

The Group's and the Company's main exposure to foreign currency (a currency which is other than the functional currency of the Group entities) risk, based on carrying amounts as at the end of the reporting period are as follows:

	Denominated	in USD
	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000
Group		
Trade receivables	24,924	17,135
Loans and borrowings	(245,985)	(427,530)
Trade payables	(113,613)	(154,219)
Forward exchange contracts	176,843	89,977
Cross currency swap	168,050	341,286
Cash and cash equivalents	75,299	69,170
Net exposure	85,518	(64,181)
Company		
Trade and other receivables	23,265	28,628
Loans and borrowings	(238,900)	(423,592)
Cross currency swap	168,050	341,286
Cash and cash equivalents	25,667	10,267
Net exposure	(21,918)	(43,411)

### 30. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONTINUED)

### 30.6 Market risk (continued)

### 30.6.1 Currency risk (continued)

Currency risk sensitivity analysis

A 1.50% (2023: 1.50%) strengthening of RM against USD at the end of the reporting period would have increased post-tax profit or loss by the amounts shown below. This analysis assumes that all other variables, in particular interest rates, remained constant and ignores any impact of forecasted sales and purchases.

	(Loss)/Pro	fit
	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000
Group		
USD	(975)	732
Company		
USD	250	495

A 1.50% (2023: 1.50%) weakening of RM against USD at the end of the reporting period would have had equal but opposite effect on the above currencies to the amounts shown above, on the basis that all other variables remained constant.

### 30.6.2 Interest rate risk

The Group's and the Company's fixed rate borrowings are exposed to a risk of change in their fair value due to changes in interest rates. The Group's and the Company's variable rate borrowings are exposed to a risk of change in cash flows due to changes in interest rates. Short-term receivables and payables are not significantly exposed to interest rate risk.

Risk management objectives, policies and processes for managing the risk

In managing interest rate risk, the Group and the Company maintain a balanced portfolio of fixed and floating rate instruments. All interest rate exposures are monitored and managed by the Group and the Company on a regular basis.

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### 30. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONTINUED)

### 30.6 Market risk (continued)

### 30.6.2 Interest rate risk (continued)

Exposure to interest rate risk

The interest rate profile of the Group's and the Company's significant interest-bearing financial instruments, based on carrying amounts as at the end of the reporting period was:

	Group		Company	I
	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000
Fixed rate instruments				
Financial assets	20,332	15,590	69,005	128,245
Financial liabilities	(806,701)	(774,583)	(52,116)	(23,840)
Lease liabilities	(225,821)	(210,777)	-	-
	(1,012,190)	(969,770)	16,889	104,405
Floating rate instruments				
Financial assets	377,473	330,909	253,711	256,153
Financial liabilities	(261,658)	(480,483)	(417,039)	(606,398)
	115,815	(149,574)	(163,328)	(350,245)

Interest rate risk sensitivity analysis

### (a) Fair value sensitivity analysis for fixed rate instruments

The Group and the Company do not account for any fixed rate financial assets and liabilities at fair value through profit or loss, and the Group and the Company do not designate derivatives as hedging instruments under a fair value hedge accounting model. Therefore, a change in interest rates at the end of the reporting period would not affect profit or loss.

### 30. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONTINUED)

### 30.6 Market risk (continued)

### 30.6.2 Interest rate risk (continued)

Interest rate risk sensitivity analysis (continued)

### (b) Cash flow sensitivity analysis for variable rate instruments

A change of 50 basis points ("bp") in interest rates at the end of the reporting period would have increased/(decreased) the post-tax profit or loss by the amounts shown below. This analysis assumes that all other variables, in particular foreign currency rates, remained constant.

		Profit or (lo	oss)	
	50 bp increase 2024 RM'000	50 bp decrease 2024 RM'000	50 bp increase 2023 RM'000	50 bp decrease 2023 RM'000
Group				
Floating rate instruments	440	(440)	(568)	568
Company				
Floating rate instruments	(621)	621	(1,331)	1,331

### 30.7 Hedging activities

### 30.7.1 Cash flow hedge

The Group entered into forward exchange contracts as hedges for purchases denominated in foreign currencies. The Group and the Company also entered into cross currency swap and interest rate swap to hedge against its exposures of borrowings in foreign currency and movements in interest rates.

During the year, the Group and the Company had recognised net loss of RM1,227,000 and RM1,250,000 (2023: net gain of RM5,151,000 and RM5,210,000) respectively in other comprehensive income.

cash and cash equivalents, short-term receivables and payables and short-term borrowings approximate fair values due to the relatively **Fair value information** 

The carrying amounts of the floating rate borrowings and long term advances to subsidiaries approximate fair values as they are subject to variable interest rates which in turn approximate the current market interest rates for similar loans at the end of the reporting period.

The table below analyses financial instruments carried at fair value and those not carried at fair value for which fair value is disclosed, together values and carrying amounts shown in the statements of financial position.

	Fairva	Fair value of financial instruments	ial instrume	nts	Fairva	alue of finan	Fair value of financial instruments	nts		
		carried at fair value	irvalue			not carried at fair value	t fair value		<b>Total fair</b>	Carrying
	Level 1 RM'000	Level 2 RM'000	Level 3 RM'000	Total RM'000	Level 1 RM'000	Level 2 RM'000	Level 3 RM'000	Total RM'000	value RM'000	amount RM'000
Group										
2024										
<b>Financial assets</b>										
Forward exchange										
contracts	•	244	٠	244		•	•	•	244	244
Liquid investments	27,659	٠	٠	27,659	٠	٠	٠	٠	27,659	27,659
Cross currency swap	٠	21,528		21,528	٠	٠	٠	٠	21,528	21,528
Interest rate swap		402		402					402	402
	27.659	22.174		49.833					49.833	49.833

## FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONTINUED)

### Fair value information (continued) 30.8

	Fairva	Fair value of financial instruments	ial instrume	nts	Fairv	Fair value of financial instruments	cial instrume	nts		
		carried at fair value	irvalue			not carried at fair value	: fair value		<b>Total fair</b>	Carrying
	Levell RM'000	Level 2 RM'000	Level 3 RM'000	Total RM'000	Level 1 RM'000	Level 2 RM'000	Level 3 RM'000	Total RM'000	value RM'000	amount RM'000
Group										
2023										
<b>Financial assets</b>										
Forward exchange										
contracts		2,040		2,040	,	,	,	,	2,040	2,040
Liquid investments	7,849	٠	٠	7,849	٠	٠	٠	٠	7,849	7,849
Cross currency swap	٠	22,024		22,024	٠	٠	٠	٠	22,024	22,024
Interest rate swap		1,527		1,527					1,527	1,527
	7,849	25,591	٠	33,440				٠	33,440	33,440

FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONTINUED)

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Amount due from subsidiaries

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### 30. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONTINUED)

### 30.8 Fair value information (continued)

Transfers between Level 1 and Level 2 fair values

There has been no transfer between Level 1 and 2 fair values during the financial year (2023: no transfer in either directions).

### Level 1 fair value

The fair values of liquid investments are their last quoted bid prices at the end of the reporting period.

### Level 2 fair value

Derivatives

The fair value of forward exchange contracts, cross currency swap and interest rate swap are based on the information obtained from  $licensed\,financial\,institutions.$ 

The following table shows the valuation techniques used in the determination of fair values within Level 3, as well as the key unobservable inputs used in the valuation models.

### Financial instruments not carried at fair value

Description of valuation technique and inputs used
Discounted cash flow using a rate based on the current market rate of borrowing of the Group at the reporting date.

### 31. CAPITAL AND OTHER COMMITMENTS

	Gro	oup
	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000
Capital commitments:		
Property, plant and equipment		
Contracted but not provided for	25,134	62,350

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Fair value information (continued)

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### 32. CAPITAL MANAGEMENT

The Group's and the Company's objectives when managing capital is to maintain a healthy capital ratio and safeguard the Group's and the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, so as to maintain the confidence of shareholders, creditors and other stakeholders in the Group and the Company and to sustain the future development of the business.

There were no change in the Group and the Company's approach to capital management during the financial year.

The summary of quantitative data used in capital management is as follows:

	Group		Compan	у
	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000
Net debt (excluding lease liabilities)				
Loans and borrowings (Note 19)	1,068,359	1,255,066	258,900	438,592
Less: Cash and cash equivalents (Note 16)	(397,805)	(346,499)	(38,065)	(18,285)
	670,554	908,567	220,835	420,307
Total equity	3,197,819	2,887,246	1,170,165	1,106,932

### 33. RELATED PARTIES

### **Identity of related parties**

For the purposes of these financial statements, parties are considered to be related to the Group and the Company if the Group or the Company has 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. Related parties may be individuals or other entities.

Related parties also include key management personnel defined as those persons having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the Group either directly or indirectly. The key management personnel include all the Directors of the Group.

The Group and the Company have related party relationship with its holding company, subsidiaries, related companies and Directors.

### 33. RELATED PARTIES (CONTINUED)

### Significant related party transactions

Related party transactions have been entered into in the normal course of business under negotiated terms. The significant related party transactions of the Group and the Company are as below. The balances related to the below transactions are shown in Note 10 and Note 20.

With companies in which certain Directors and/or person(s) connected to them have interests:  M.B. Agriculture (Sandakan) Sdn. Bhd.:  Sales (6.523) (8.057, Purchases 588 666  M.B. Agriculture (Sabah) Sdn. Bhd.:  Sales (350) (4.454, Agriculture (Sabah) Sdn. Bhd.:  Sales (350) (4.989, Sales (1.985) (4.989, Sales (1.981) (4.989, Sa		Group	
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Gross dividends received (448) (605)	Associates		
		(448)	(605)
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### 33. RELATED PARTIES (CONTINUED)

### Significant related party transactions (continued)

	Compan	у
	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000
Subsidiaries		
Finance income	(27,780)	(31,461)
Dividend received	(222,134)	(176,932)
Finance costs	7,907	5,420
Management fee expense	9,164	8,157

The key management personnel compensation are as follows:

	Group		Company	1
	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000
Directors of the Company				
- Fees	2,366	1,935	1,703	1,298
- Remuneration	21,759	19,043	42	39
- Other short-term employee benefits (including estimated monetary value of benefits-in-kind)	214	205	-	-
	24,339	21,183	1,745	1,337
Directors of subsidiaries				
- Fees	782	459	72	72
- Remuneration	15,796	11,026	-	-
- Other short-term employee benefits (including estimated monetary value of benefits-in-kind)	210	209	-	-
	16,788	11,694	72	72
	41,127	32,877	1,817	1,409

### 34. SUBSIDIARIES

The principal activities of the subsidiaries and the interest of QL Resources Berhad are as follows:

		Effective own	ership interest
Name of company	Principal activities	2024	2023
		%	%
QL Agrifoods Sdn. Bhd. (f.k.a QL Feedingstuffs Sdn. Bhd.) and its subsidiaries	Investment holding and provision of management services	100	100
QL Agrofood Sdn. Bhd.	Processing and sale of animal feeds, trading of raw materials for animal feeds, lubricants, foodstuffs and livestock	100	100
QL Agroventures Sdn. Bhd.	Layer and broiler farming	100	100
Chingsan Development Sdn. Bhd.	Property holding	100	100
QL Tawau Feedmill Sdn. Bhd.	Manufacture and sale of animal feeds and providing chicken parts processing service	100	100
QL Feed Sdn. Bhd.	Marketing and distribution of animal feed raw material and food grain	100	100
QL Realty Sdn. Bhd. and its subsidiaries	Investment holding	100	100
PT. QL Trimitra <sup>(a)</sup>	Integrated broiler farming and its related activities	100	100
PT. QL Agrofood <sup>(a)</sup>	Layer farming, broiler farming, breeder farming and feed milling	100	100
Pacific Vet Group (M) Sdn. Bhd. and its subsidiary	Investment holding	95	95
QL Pacific Vet Group Sdn. Bhd.	Trading of feed supplement, animal health food and agricultural products	95	95
QL AgroResources Sdn. Bhd. and its subsidiaries	Investment holding, feed milling, selling and distribution of animal feeds, raw materials and other related products	100	100
QL Livestock Farming Sdn. Bhd.	Poultry farming, selling and distribution of animal feeds, poultry and related products	100	100

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#### 34. SUBSIDIARIES (CONTINUED)

The principal activities of the subsidiaries and the interest of QL Resources Berhad are as follows: (continued)

		Effective ownership interest	
Name of company	Principal activities	2024	2023
		%	%
Gelombang Elit (M) Sdn. Bhd.	Property holding	100	100
QL TP Fertilizer Sdn. Bhd.	Producing and selling organic fertiliser	51	51
QL Farms Sdn. Bhd. and its subsidiaries	Layer and broiler farming, wholesale of frozen chicken parts, trading of goods, wholesale and distribution of rice flour, oil palm cultivation, manufacturing and sales of organic fertiliser, and investment holding	100	100
Adequate Triumph Sdn. Bhd.	Property holding	100	100
QL Inter-Food Sdn. Bhd.	Dormant	100	100
QL Breeder Farm Sdn. Bhd.	Poultry breeding and farming and oil palm cultivation	100	100
Merkaya Sdn. Bhd.	Property holding	100	100
QL Agrobio Sdn. Bhd.	Commercial production and supply of biologically digested feeding raw materials	100	100
QL Ansan Poultry Farm Sdn. Bhd. and its subsidiaries	Investment holding, poultry farming, and provision of ancillary transportation services	90	90
QL Rawang Poultry Farm Sdn. Bhd.	Property holding	90	90
Haji Hussin Markom Sdn. Bhd.	Dormant	90	54
QL Vietnam AgroResources Liability Limited Company <sup>(b)</sup>	Poultry farming	100	100
QL International Pte. Ltd.	Marketing and trading of animal raw materials	100	100
PT. QL Feed Indonesia <sup>(a)</sup>	Trading of animal feed raw materials and related products	88	88
QL Palm Pellet Sdn. Bhd.	Investment holding	90	90

### 34. SUBSIDIARIES (CONTINUED)

The principal activities of the subsidiaries and the interest of QL Resources Berhad are as follows: (continued)

		Effective own	ership interest
Name of company	Principal activities	<b>2024</b> %	<b>2023</b> %
QL Feedingstuffs Vietnam Limited Liability Company <sup>(b)</sup>	Trading of poultry products	100	100
QL Farms (Tay Ninh) Liability Limited Company <sup>(b)</sup>	Poultry farming	100	100
KS Galah Sdn. Bhd.	Dormant	100	100
QL Nutrifood Sdn. Bhd. (f.k.a Icon Blitz Sdn. Bhd.)	Dormant	-	100
QL Poultry Farms Sdn. Bhd.	Layerfarming	100	100
QL Eco Farm Sdn. Bhd.	Layer farming and provision of ancillary transportation services	100	100
Lian Foo Poultry Farm Sdn. Bhd. and its subsidiary	Poultry farming	85	-
LFP Liquid Egg Sdn. Bhd.	Dormant	85	-
QL Oil Sdn. Bhd. and its subsidiaries	Investment holding	100	100
QL Plantation Sdn. Bhd. and its subsidiary	Investment holding, oil palm cultivation, processing and marketing of oil palm products	100	100
QL Tawau Biogas Sdn. Bhd.	Operating a biogas power plant	100	100
QL BioEnergy Sdn. Bhd.	Dormant	100	100
QL Mutiara (S) Pte. Ltd. (d) and its subsidiary	Investment holding	78.42	78.42
PT. Pipit Mutiara Indah <sup>(a)</sup>	Oil palm plantation and crude palm oil milling	74.50	74.50
QL Marine Foods Sdn. Bhd. (f.k.a QL Fishery Sdn. Bhd.) and its subsidiaries	Investment holding	100	100

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#### 34. SUBSIDIARIES (CONTINUED)

The principal activities of the subsidiaries and the interest of QL Resources Berhad are as follows: (continued)

		Effective own	ership interest
Name of company	Principal activities	<b>2024</b> %	<b>2023</b> %
QL Marine Products Sdn. Bhd. and its subsidiaries	Investment holding, manufacturing of surimi, surimi-based products and fishmeal as well as processing and sale of frozen seafood	100	100
QL Deep Sea Fishing Sdn. Bhd.	Deep sea fishing and sale of subsidised diesel to fishermen	100	100
QL Aquamarine Sdn. Bhd.	Shrimp farming	100	-
QL Foods Sdn. Bhd. and its subsidiaries	Investment holding, manufacturing of surimi and surimi-based products	100	100
QL Aquaculture Sdn. Bhd.	Dormant	100	100
QL Aquamarine Sdn. Bhd.	Shrimp farming	-	100
Citra Jernih Sdn. Bhd.	Investment holding	70	70
Mesra Prima Sdn. Bhd.	Investment holding	70	70
QL Prima Sdn. Bhd.	Investment holding	70	70
QL Nutrifood Sdn. Bhd. (f.k.a Icon Blitz Sdn. Bhd.)	Dormant	100	-
QL Fishmeal Sdn. Bhd. and its subsidiary	Investment holding, manufacturing and trading of fishmeal	100	100
PT. QL Hasil Laut <sup>(a)</sup> and its subsidiary	Manufacturing of surimi, surimi-based products and fishmeal	100	100
PT. QLNutri Foods Indonesia <sup>(e)</sup>	Dormant	100	100
QL Endau Marine Products Sdn. Bhd. and its subsidiaries	Investment holding, manufacturing of surimi and provision of ancillary transportation services	70.59	70.59

### 34. SUBSIDIARIES (CONTINUED)

The principal activities of the subsidiaries and the interest of QL Resources Berhad are as follows: (continued)

		Effective own	ership interest
ame of company	Principal activities	<b>2024</b> %	<b>2023</b> %
QL Endau Deep Sea Fishing Sdn. Bhd.	Deep sea fishing and trading of fish	70.59	70.59
QL Endau Fishmeal Sdn. Bhd.	Manufacturing and trading of fishmeal	70.59	70.59
Pilihan Mahir Sdn. Bhd.	Letting of property	70.59	70.59
Rikawawasan Sdn. Bhd.	Deep sea fishing	70.59	70.59
QL Figo Foods Sdn. Bhd.	Leasing of properties	100	100
QL Figo (Johor) Sdn. Bhd.	Manufacturing and sale of "halal" food products	100	100
QL Fresh Choice Seafood Sdn. Bhd.	Coastal fish trawling and wholesale of marine products	100	100
QL Lian Hoe Sdn. Bhd.	Manufacturing and sale of surimi-based products	82	82
QL Lian Hoe (S) Pte. Ltd. <sup>(c)</sup>	Investment holding	-	100
Kuala Kedah Fish Meal Sendirian Berhad	Property investment	100	100
KS Monodon Sdn. Bhd.	Dormant	100	100
Kembang Subur Sdn. Bhd. and its subsidiaries	Hatchery and culturing of shrimps and fishes	87.22	87.22
Kembang Subur (Perak) Sdn. Bhd.	Dormant	87.22	87.22
KS Pekan Hatchery Sdn. Bhd.	Dormant	87.22	87.22
Agromacy Sdn. Bhd.	Dormant	87.22	-
Green Resources Sdn. Bhd. and its subsidiaries	Investment holding	100	100
QL Tawau Palm Pellet Sdn. Bhd.	Dormant	100	100
QL NatureCo Sdn. Bhd.	Dormant	100	100

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#### 34. SUBSIDIARIES (CONTINUED)

The principal activities of the subsidiaries and the interest of QL Resources Berhad are as follows: (continued)

		Effective ownership interest	
Name of company	Principal activities	<b>2024</b> %	<b>2023</b> %
QL ESCO Sdn. Bhd.	Supply of biomass	100	100
Leisure Pyramid Sdn. Bhd.	Dormant	76.47	76.47
BM Greentech Berhad (f.k.a Boilermech Holdings Berhad) and its subsidiaries	Investment holding	52.57	52.57
Boilermech Sdn. Bhd.	Engaged in the business of manufacturing, repairing and servicing of boilers	52.57	52.57
BM Green Energy Sdn. Bhd. (f.k.a Boilermech Cleantech Sdn. Bhd.)	Engaged in the business of dealing and installation of green solar power energy products and producing integrated biomass electric power generation system	52.57	52.57
Zenith Index Sdn. Bhd.	Engaged in the business of manufacturing bio- energy systems	52.57	52.57
PT Boilermech <sup>(a)</sup> and its subsidiary	Engaged in trading services especially in repairing, servicing, installation and commissioning of biomass boilers	52.57	52.57
PT Boilermech Manufacturing Indonesia <sup>(a)</sup>	Engaged in the business of manufacturing, repairing and servicing of boilers	52.57	52.57
Boilermech Oretech Sdn. Bhd.	Engaged in the business of supplying and installation of power generation system from solar or other renewable energy	52.57	52.57
Tera VA Sdn. Bhd.	Engaged in the business of dealing and installation of green solar power energy products and electrical equipment	52.57	52.57
BM TEK Sdn. Bhd. (f.k.a Teknologi Enviro-Kimia (M) Sdn. Bhd.) and its subsidiaries	Engaged in the business of general trader and contractor of water treatment chemicals and equipment and investment holdings	31.66	31.66
T.E.K. Greencare Sdn. Bhd.	Dormant	31.66	31.66

## 34. SUBSIDIARIES (CONTINUED)

The principal activities of the subsidiaries and the interest of QL Resources Berhad are as follows: (continued)

			Effective ownership interest	
Nar	me of company	Principal activities	<b>2024</b> %	<b>2023</b> %
	BM WaterTEK Sdn. Bhd. (f.k.a T.E.K. Water Sdn. Bhd.)	Supplier of water treatment chemical and related accessories	31.66	31.66
	BM BioTEK Sdn. Bhd. (f.k.a TEK Biotechnology Sdn. Bhd.)	Management services, technical consultancy service, project management, laboratory testing, trading and engineering works	25.33	25.33
	QL Renewable Energy Pte. Ltd. <sup>(f)</sup>	Engineering design and consultancy services in energy management and clean energy systems	100	-
QLI	IPC Sdn. Bhd. and its subsidiaries	Investment holding	100	100
	Axrail Pte. Ltd. <sup>(f)</sup> and its subsidiary	Provision of information technology related works and services	50.10	50.10
	Axrail Sdn. Bhd.	Consultancy in information technology	50.10	50.10
	Convenience Retail Sdn. Bhd. (f.k.a QL Carbon Sdn. Bhd.) and its subsidiaries	Investment holding	100	100
Q	QL Maxincome Sdn. Bhd.	Operating and franchising of convenience stores	100	100
Q	QL Kitchen Sdn. Bhd.	Operation of centralised kitchen	100	100
QL (	Corporate Services Sdn. Bhd.	Provision of management services	100	100
a)	Subsidiaries incorporated in Indonesia	and audited by another firm of accountants.		
b)	Subsidiaries incorporated in Vietnam a	nd audited by a member firm of KPMG.		
<b>E</b> )	Subsidiary incorporated in Singapore a year.	nd audited by another firm of accountants. This subsidi	ary was wound up	during the finan
d)	Subsidiary incorporated in Singapore a	nd audited by another firm of accountants.		
e)	Subsidiary incorporated in Indonesia winding up during the financial year.	and consolidated based on management accounts. Th	is subsidiary is u	ndergoing volunt
f)	Subsidiaries incorporated in Singapore	and consolidated based on management accounts.		

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#### 34. SUBSIDIARIES (CONTINUED)

34.1 The Company's shareholdings in non wholly-owned subsidiaries are as follows:

	Number of ordinary shares			
	At 1.4.2023	Bought	Sold	At 31.3.2024
Interest in non wholly-owned subsidiaries via				
QL Agrifoods Sdn. Bhd.				
Pacific Vet Group (M) Sdn. Bhd. and its subsidiary	2,888,000	5,795,061	-	8,683,061
QL Pacific Vet Group Sdn. Bhd.	2,000,000	9,200,064	-	11,200,064
Interest in non wholly-owned subsidiaries via QL AgroResources Sdn. Bhd.				
QLTP Fertilizer Sdn. Bhd.	255,000	-	-	255,000
QL Ansan Poultry Farm Sdn. Bhd. and its subsidiaries	34,200,000	-	-	34,200,000
QL Rawang Poultry Farm Sdn. Bhd.	4,400,000	-	-	4,400,000
Haji Hussin Markom Sdn. Bhd.	60,000	40,000	-	100,000
PT. QL Feed Indonesia	500,000	440,880	-	940,880
QL Palm Pellet Sdn. Bhd.	3,870,000	-	-	3,870,000
Lian Foo Poultry Farm Sdn. Bhd. and its subsidiary	-	14,257,055	-	14,257,055
LFP Liquid Egg Sdn. Bhd.	-	100	-	100
Interest in non wholly-owned subsidiaries via QL Oil Sdn. Bhd.				
QL Mutiara (S) Pte. Ltd. and its subsidiary	11,919,998	-	-	11,919,998
PT. Pipit Mutiara Indah	2,983,000	-	-	2,983,000

### 34. SUBSIDIARIES (CONTINUED)

34.1 The Company's shareholdings in non wholly-owned subsidiaries are as follows: (continued)

	Number of ordinary shares			
	At 1.4.2023	Bought	Sold	At 31.3.2024
	1.4.2023	Bougiit	Sota	31.3.2024
Interest in non wholly-owned subsidiaries via				
QL Marine Foods Sdn. Bhd.				
QL Endau Marine Products Sdn. Bhd.				
and its subsidiaries	6,723,960	77,997,936	-	84,721,896
QL Endau Deep Sea Fishing Sdn. Bhd.	43,800,000	7,300,000	-	51,100,000
QL Endau Fishmeal Sdn. Bhd.	20,100,000	10,000,000	-	30,100,000
Pilihan Mahir Sdn. Bhd.	10,000	-	-	10,000
Rikawawasan Sdn. Bhd.	10,000,000	1,600,000	-	11,600,000
QL Lian Hoe Sdn. Bhd.	8,200,000	-	-	8,200,000
Kembang Subur Sdn. Bhd. and its subsidiaries	7,850,000	8,722,220	-	16,572,220
Kembang Subur (Perak) Sdn. Bhd.	500,000	-	-	500,000
KS Pekan Hatchery Sdn. Bhd.	4,000,000	-	-	4,000,000
Agromacy Sdn. Bhd.	-	100	-	100
Interest in non wholly-owned subsidiaries via QL Foods Sdn. Bhd.				
Citra Jernih Sdn. Bhd.	70,000	-	-	70,000
Mesra Prima Sdn. Bhd.	70,000	-	-	70,000
QL Prima Sdn. Bhd.	70,000	-	-	70,000

#### 34. SUBSIDIARIES (CONTINUED)

34.1 The Company's shareholdings in non wholly-owned subsidiaries are as follows: (continued)

	Number of ordinary shares			
	At			At
	1.4.2023	Bought	Sold	31.3.2024
Interest in non wholly-owned subsidiaries via QL Green Resources Sdn. Bhd.				
Leisure Pyramid Sdn. Bhd.	1,300,000	-	-	1,300,000
BM Greentech Berhad and its subsidiaries	271,263,106	-	-	271,263,106
Boilermech Sdn. Bhd.	500,000	-	-	500,000
BM Green Energy Sdn. Bhd.	1,000,000	-	-	1,000,000
Zenith Index Sdn. Bhd.	2	-	-	2
PT Boilermech and its subsidiary	30,000	-	-	30,000
PT Boilermech Manufacturing Indonesia	30,000	-	-	30,000
Boilermech Oretech Sdn. Bhd.	1,000,000	-	-	1,000,000
Tera VA Sdn. Bhd.	700,000	300,000	-	1,000,000
BM TEK Sdn. Bhd. and its subsidiaries	698,287	-	-	698,287
T.E.K. Greencare Sdn. Bhd.	50,000	-	-	50,000
BM WaterTEK Sdn. Bhd.	230,000	-	-	230,000
BM BioTEK Sdn. Bhd.	320,000	-	-	320,000
Interest in non wholly-owned subsidiary via QL IPC Sdn. Bhd.				
Axrail Pte. Ltd. and its subsidiary	1,002,000	-	-	1,002,000
Axrail Sdn. Bhd.	910,000	-	-	910,000

#### 35. ACQUISITION/DISPOSAL OF SUBSIDIARIES AND NON-CONTROLLING INTEREST

#### 35.1 Acquisition of subsidiaries in 2024

#### Lian Foo Poultry Farm Sdn. Bhd. and its subsidiary

In October 2023, the Group, via its subsidiary, QL AgriFoods Sdn. Bhd. ("QLAF") entered into an agreement with Lee Yoon Yeau and Lian Foo Poultry Farm Sdn. Bhd. and its subsidiary ("LFP") to acquire a total of 1,329,754 ordinary shares in LFP for a total consideration of RM3,847,338, representing 75% equity interest in LFP.

In December 2023, the Group via QLAF subscribed additional 177,301 ordinary share by increasing its equity interest in LFP from 75% to 85% for a consideration of RM536,477.

Subsequently, the Group via QLAF further subscribed additional 12,750,000 ordinary shares in LFP for a total consideration of RM12,750,000 with no change in the shareholders' interest of 85%.

The acquisition had the following effect on the Group's asset and liabilities on acquisition date:

	Note	Fair value recognised on acquisition RM'000
Property, plant and equipment	3	23,573
Right-of-use assets	4	34
	5	1,420
Investment properties		,
Biological assets	11	13,663
Inventories		1,927
Trade and other receivables		9,025
Prepayment and other assets		340
Cash and cash equivalents		7,445
Current tax assets		101
Deferred tax liabilities	9	(2,823)
Trade and other payables		(32,740)
Loan and borrowings		(22,555)
Lease liabilities		(108)
Total identifiable net liabilities at fair value		(698)
Non-controlling interest		174
		(524)
Goodwill arising on acquisition	6	4,371
Purchase consideration transferred		3,847

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#### 35. ACQUISITION/DISPOSAL OF SUBSIDIARIES AND NON-CONTROLLING INTEREST (CONTINUED)

#### 35.1 Acquisition of subsidiaries in 2024 (continued)

#### Lian Foo Poultry Farm Sdn. Bhd. and its subsidiary (continued)

#### Net cash inflow arising from acquisition of subsidiary

	2024 RM'000
Purchase consideration settled in cash and cash equivalents	(3,847)
Cash and cash equivalent acquired	7,445
	3,598

#### Agromacy Sdn. Bhd.

During the year, the Group, via its subsidiary, Kembang Subur Sdn. Bhd. ("KSSB") acquired 100% equity interest in Agromacy Sdn. Bhd. for a cash consideration of RM2. Following the acquisition, Agromacy Sdn. Bhd. became a subsidiary of the Group, via KSSB.

#### 35.2 Acquisition of non-controlling interest in 2024

#### Haji Hussin Markom Sdn. Bhd.

In November 2023, the Group, via its subsidiary, QL Ansan Poultry Farm Sdn. Bhd. ("QLAPF"), entered into a Share Purchase Agreement with minority shareholders to acquire 40,000 ordinary shares in Haji Hussin Markom Sdn. Bhd. for a total consideration of RM3,000,000 of which RM894,000 was offset against amount owing to minority shareholders by QLAPF. Following the acquisition, Haji Hussin Markom Sdn. Bhd. became a wholly-owned subsidiary of QLAPF.

#### 35.3 Acquisition of non-controlling interest in 2023

#### BM Greentech Berhad and its subsidiaries

In financial year 2023, the Group, via its wholly-owned subsidiary, QL Green Resources Sdn. Bhd. ("QLGR") acquired an additional 0.58% equity interest in BM Greentech Berhad ("BMG") for a total consideration of RM2,558,000. As a result, the Company's ownership interest in BMG increased from 51.99% to 52.57%.

In August 2022 and January 2023, the Group acquired an additional 5% and 35% equity interest for total cash consideration of RM630,000 and RM8,200,000 respectively in Tera VA Sdn. Bhd., increasing its ownership from 60% to 100%. Upon completion of the acquisition, Tera VA Sdn. Bhd. became a wholly-owned subsidiary of BMG.

#### 35.4 Acquisition and disposal of non-controlling interest in 2023

#### Pacific Vet Group (M) Sdn. Bhd.

In November 2022, the Group, via its wholly-owned subsidiary, QLAF, entered into a Share Purchase Agreement with Cheah Soon Hai to acquire 304,000 ordinary shares in Pacific Vet Group (M) Sdn. Bhd. ("PVG") for a total consideration of RM3,421,000. Following the acquisition, PVG became a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Group, via QLAF.

In February 2023, the Group, via QLAF entered into a Share Purchase Agreement with Dr Kok Hang Seng to dispose its 152,000 ordinary shares in PVG for a total consideration of RM1,710,395 only. Following the disposal, QLAF's shareholding in PVG decreased from 100% to 95% of the issued and paid-up capital of PVG.

#### 36. WINDING UP OF SUBSIDIARIES

#### 36.1 QL Lian Hoe (S) Pte. Ltd.

On 7 July 2023, the Company's wholly-owned subsidiary, QL Lian Hoe (S) Pte. Ltd. ("QLLHS"), has convened an Extraordinary General Meeting on matters relating to members' voluntary winding up in accordance with the relevant sections of Singapore's Insolvency, Restructuring and Dissolution Act 2018 ("Winding Up") as the Board of Directors of QLLHS have no intention to further carry out any operational activities going forward.

On 18 December 2023, QLLHS had convened the Final Meeting of the members in accordance with Section 180 of Singapore's Insolvency, Restructuring and Dissolution Act 2018 (the "Act"). QLLHS was dissolved during the financial year.

The Winding Up of QLLHS does not have any significant financial and operational impact on the Company and its Group for the financial year ended 31 March 2024.

#### 36.2 PT. QLNutri Foods Indonesia

On 15 December 2023, the Company's wholly-owned subsidiary, PT. QLNutri Foods Indonesia ("QLNF"), has convened an Extraordinary General Meeting on matters relating to members' voluntary winding up in accordance with the Article 143 of Law No. 40 of 2007 ("Winding Up") as the Board of Directors of QLNF have no intention to further carry out any operational activities going forward.

On 4 June 2024, QLNF had convened the Final Meeting of the members (the "Meeting") in accordance with Article 143 of Law No. 40 of 2007. The Group expects the Winding Up process to be finalised within 6 months from the date of the submission of final results of QLNF's liquidation process.

The Group does not expect to have significant financial and operational impact arising from this Winding Up process.

#### 37. SUBSEQUENT EVENT

On 18 June 2024, BM Greentech Berhad being a subsidiary of QL Green Resources Sdn. Bhd. (a wholly-owed subsidiary of the Group) had executed a legally binding term sheet with the shareholders of Plus Xnergy Holdings Sdn Bhd ("PXH") in respect of the proposed acquisition of the entire equity interest in PXH comprising 66,600,000 ordinary shares in PXH for a purchase consideration of RM110,000,000. The purchase consideration shall be satisfied entirely by way of issuance and allotment of 81,481,482 consideration shares at an issue price of RM1.35 per share ("Consideration Shares") within 30 days from completion of conditional share sale agreement subject to satisfactory due diligence and the relevant approvals in the following manner:

- a) 48,888,889 consideration shares, equivalent to approximately 60% of the total consideration shares, shall be issued and allotted to the vendors; and
- b) the remaining 32,592,593 consideration shares, equivalent to approximately 40% of total consideration shares, shall be issued and allotted to trustee company as a security for profit guarantee of RM44,000,000 over 4 years provided by PXH.

Inter-conditional to the acquisition in PXH and concurrently with the issuance of the Consideration Shares, BM Greentech Berhad shall also undertake a proposed special issuance of new shares at issue price of RM1.35 per share to QL Green Resources Sdn. Bhd. ("QLGR"), a whollyowned subsidiary of the Group, so that QLGR can maintain its current shareholding percentage.

#### FINANCIALSTATEMENTS

# **Statement** by Directors

pursuant to Section 251(2) of the Companies Act 2016

In the opinion of the Directors, the financial statements set out on pages 122 to 225 are drawn up in accordance with Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards, IFRS Accounting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board and the requirements of the Companies Act 2016 in Malaysia so as to give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Group and of the Company as of 31 March 2024 and of their financial performance and cash flows for the financial year then ended.

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

#### Chia Song Kun

Director

#### Chia Song Kooi

Director

Shah Alam

Date: 10 July 2024

# **Statutory Declaration**

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

I, Kang Boon Beng, the officer primarily responsible for the financial management of QL Resources Berhad, do solemnly and sincerely declare that the financial statements set out on pages 122 to 225 are, to the best of my knowledge and belief, correct and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the declaration to be true, and by virtue of the Statutory Declarations Act 1960.

Subscribed and solemnly declared by the abovenamed Kang Boon Beng, NRIC: 710327-08-5453, at Klang in the State of Selangor on 10 July 2024.

#### **Kang Boon Beng**

Before me:

#### Lee Pei Nam

Commissioner for Oaths Klang, Selangor

## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Independent Auditors' Report

to the Members of QL Resources Berhad

## Independent **Auditors' Report**

#### Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of QL Resources Berhad, which comprise the statements of financial position as at 31 March 2024 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 year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including material accounting policy information, as set out on pages 122 to 225.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Group and of the Company as at 31 March 2024, and of their financial performance and their cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards, IFRS Accounting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IFRS Accounting 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 auditors' 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 MalaysianInstitute 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 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.

#### i) Valuation of biological assets – Livestock

Refer to Note 1(d)(iv) - Use of estimate and judgement, Note 2(f) - Material accounting policies: Biological assets - livestock and Note 11 -Biological assets to the financial statements.

#### The kev audit matter

The Group held RM238,106,000 of biological assets – livestock Our audit procedures performed over this area included, among others: measured at fair value less cost to sell as at 31 March 2024. In determining the fair value of the biological assets - livestock, the Group uses the discounted cash flow model. We have identified the valuation of biological assets – livestock as a key audit matter because significant judgement is involved in determining the key assumptions which will impact the amount of the fair value of biological assets livestock recognised.

#### How the matter was addressed in our audit

- · We gained an understanding of the process in determining the fair value of biological assets – livestock including the review of minutes of management meeting that discussed on the outlook of the projected selling prices and projected feed costs;
- · We evaluated the appropriateness of the methodology used by management in valuation of the biological assets - livestock;

#### **Key Audit Matters (continued)**

#### i) Valuation of biological assets - Livestock (continued)

Refer to Note 1(d)(iv) - Use of estimate and judgement, Note 2(f) - Material accounting policies: Biological assets - livestock and Note 11 -Biological assets to the financial statements. (continued)

#### The key audit matter

#### How the matter was addressed in our audit

Our audit procedures performed over this area included, among others: (continued)

- · We assessed the appropriateness of the key assumptions and relevant inputs used by the management in the valuation model by comparing to the external data as well as the historical data provided to us by the management;
- · In respect of the projected selling prices and feed costs, we performed testing by comparing the projected selling prices against externally derived data, historical trends and other collaborative evidence available:
- · We tested the Group's control over the recording of livestock quantities. Our testing involved a comparison of actual quantity to our expectations, derived based on our understanding of the operation, size of the farms and subsequent quantities sold; and
- · We evaluated the adequacy of the disclosure, including disclosure of key assumptions, judgments and sensitivities analysis performed by the management.

#### ii) Valuation of goodwill

Refer to Note 1(d)(ii) – Use of estimate and judgement, Note 2(d) – Material accounting policies: Intangible assets and Note 6.1 – Goodwill arising from Engineering, procurement and construction ("EPC") for Clean Energy business.

#### The key audit matter

procurement and construction ("EPC") for Clean Energy business was RM113,585,000 as at 31 March 2024.

The Group performed goodwill impairment review to determine whether the carrying amount exceeds the estimated recoverable value of the cash generating unit attached to the goodwill at the balance sheet date.

We have identified valuation of goodwill as a key audit matter due to the degree of judgement and assumptions involved in the preparation of the discounted cash flows, including estimated revenue growth rate, long-term growth rate, and discount rate, which are inherently uncertain. Changes in judgements and the related estimates could result in material adjustments to the estimated recoverable amount, hence, affect the carrying amount of goodwill.

#### How the matter was addressed in our audit

The carrying value of the Group's goodwill arising from Engineering, We performed the following audit procedures, among others:

- · Evaluated the design and implementation of the management control over the preparation of valuation model used to determine the recoverable amount of the cash generating unit ("CGU");
- Assessed the appropriateness of the underlying assumptions made by the Group in their cash flow projections, including revenue growth rate, long-term growth rate, and discount rate with reference to internally and externally derived sources;
- · Assessed the sensitivity of the key assumptions in the cash flow projections including revenue growth rate, long-term growth rate and discount rate and the impact on the headroom over the carrying
- · Considered the adequacy of the disclosure in the financial statements in respect of this matter.

We have determined that there are no key audit matters in the audit of the separate financial statements of the Company to be communicated in our auditors' report.

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#### 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 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 the 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, IFRS Accounting 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 ability of the Group and of the Company 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.

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:

- 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.
- Obtain an understanding of internal controls 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 internal control of the Group and of the Company.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Directors.

#### Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements (continued)

- 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 ability of the Group or of the Company 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.
- 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 gives a true and fair view.
- 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, actions taken to eliminate threats or safeguards applies.

From the matters communicated with the Directors, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the financial  $statements\ of\ the\ Group\ and\ of\ the\ Company\ for\ the\ current\ year\ and\ are\ therefore\ the\ key\ audit\ matters.\ We\ describe\ these\ matters\ in\ our\ auditors'$ 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 audit report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.

#### Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

In accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2016 in Malaysia, we report that the subsidiaries of which we have not acted as auditors are disclosed in Note 34 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.

#### **KPMG PLT**

(LLP0010081-LCA & AF 0758) **Chartered Accountants** 

Petaling Jaya

Date: 10 July 2024

#### Lee Hean Kok

Approval Number: 02700/12/2025 J Chartered Accountant

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**List of Properties** as at 31 March 2024

## **List of Properties**

Date of revaluation Net book Age of or (date of Land & build-up value building acquisition) **Existing use** Particulars of property (RM'000) Company Tenure PT. Pipit Desa Sekatak Buji, December 2009 Leasehold to: Oil Palm Estate 14,177 hectare 102,126 15 Mutiara Indah Kecamatan Sekatak, (date obtained 19.01.2045 together with ("ha") Kabupaten Bulungan, Hak Guna Usaha) palm oil mill & building Provinsi Kalimantan Utara Build-up area: 20.0 ha Lot 261, 273, 290, 298, 311, 5,742 QL Farms March 2018 Rent land Layer Farm Land area: (Tay Ninh) 315 (Land lease 50 years (Percentage of 450,365.9 m<sup>2</sup> Liability Thanh Phuoc Hamlet, contract dated (14.03.2018 to work completed Limited Thanh Binh Commune, January 2019) 14.03.2068) Gross build-up 82,919 Company Tan Bien District, area: Tay Ninh Province, 106,319 m<sup>2</sup> Vietnam 88,661 PT. QL 1) HGB No. 1919 (02.11.2013) Leasehold to Feedmill 4.46 acres 48,493 Agrofood 2) HGB No. 1920 09.10.2042 1.29 acres 1,609 Kelurahan Ciketing Udik, Build-up area: Kec. Bantar Gebang, 26,215.54 Bekasi square metre ("sq.m.") 3) SHM No. 332 (01.08.2022) Feedmill 1,779 1.21 acres Kec. Jampang, Tengah Desa. Cijulang, Kabupaten Sukabumi, Jawa Barat 51,881 Geran 53747 Lot 4877 (June 2023) Freehold 1. Oil Palm 39.58 ha - QL Prima 44,349 1 Sdn. Bhd. Mukim of Hutan Melintang, Plantation - Mesra Prima District of Hilir Perak, Perak 2. Foundation Sdn. Bhd. Works - work in - Citra Jernih progress Sdn. Bhd. QL Figo GRN238020, Lot 3627 (June 2014) Industrial 2-storey Land cost 18,000 (Johor) Mukim of Kulai, detached office site 5.5948 ha Sdn. Bhd. District of Kulai Jaya, building, Johor 8 blocks of Build-up area: 19,415 19 single-storey 245,000 square detached factory foot ("sq.ft.") (factory building) 5-storey workers 908.8 sq.m. 4,031 1.5 hostel. Maximum (9,782 sq.ft.) capacity 360 pax 41,446

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Owner Company	Particulars of property	Date of revaluation or (date of acquisition)	Tenure	Existing use	Land & build-up area	Net book value (RM'000)	Age of building (years)
QL Kitchen Sdn. Bhd.	H.S.(D) 119695, Lot 139, Bandar Shah Alam, Daerah Petaling, Negeri Selangor	(29.09.2019)	Leasehold 99 years (11.02.2075)	Vacant industrial land	20,438 sq.m.	37,195	N/A
	No. 1, Jalan Kawat 15/18, Seksyen 15, 40200 Shah Alam, Selangor Darul Ehsan						
QL Fishmeal Sdn. Bhd.	Lot 164, 2647 & 3314 & 3315 & PT 7576 GM1653, GM1416 & GM2415 & GM1033 & H.S (M) 1638	(November 2003)	Freehold	Fishmeal factory, warehouse, landing jetty cum office	area:	34,128	20
	Mukim of Hutan Melintang, District of Hilir Perak, Perak				4.365 ha		
	Lot 2647, Jalan Tepi Sungai, 36400 Hutan Melintang, Perak						
QL Foods Sdn. Bhd.	Lot 9122, 109, 110, 111, 112 GM2114, 3285, 3287, 3288, 3397 Mukim of Hutan Melintang, District of Hilir Perak, Perak	13.01.2014	Freehold	2 units of surimi based products factory	Gross build-up area: 16,840 sq.m. 3.55 ha	30,854	9
QL Marine Products Sdn. Bhd.	1. CL045081687 2. CL045076042 Kampung Bolong,	(27.12.2002) (19.09.2003)	1. Leasehold to 31.12.2104	Surimi, fishmeal & frozen seafood plant	26 acres 3 acres	2,698 191	20
	District of Tuaran, Sabah		2. Leasehold to 27.04.2929		Build-up area: 30,000 sq.m.	25,056	
						27,945	
Chingsan Development Sdn. Bhd.	H.S.(D) 315476, PT 3034 Bandar Glenmarie, Daerah Petaling, Negeri Selangor	(28.08.2019)	Freehold	Vacant land	2,941 sq.m.	25,146	N/A
	PT3034, KM 18.5, Lebuhraya Persekutuan, Seksyen U1, 40150 Shah Alam, Selangor						

Shareholders' Analysis Report

as at 28 June 2024

## Shareholders' Analysis Report

Issued and paid-up capital : RM620,025,000\* Type of shares : Ordinary shares

: One vote per ordinary share Voting rights

\*As per audited financial statements, these figures are rounded to nearest thousand.

#### Shareholders by Size of Shareholdings

Size of shareholdings	No. of shareholders	No. of shares	% of shareholding
less than 100	627	23,626	0.001
100 to 1,000	2,698	1,536,704	0.063
1,001 to 10,000	3,949	16,434,377	0.675
10,001 to 100,000	2,316	75,692,536	3.110
100,001 to less than 5% of issued shares	889	1,184,505,743	48.672
5% and above of issued shares	2	1,155,464,153	47.479
	10,481	2,433,657,139	100.000

#### Directors' Shareholdings

	No. of shares held				
Name of directors	Direct	%^	Indirect	%^	
Chia Song Kun	1,316,250	0.054	1,001,896,271*	41.168	
Chia Song Kooi	1,729,600	0.071	4,727,560**	0.194	
Chia Seong Fatt	390,000	0.016	288,808,579#	11.867	
Cheah Juw Teck	4,137,722	0.170	2,898,000**	0.119	
Chia Lik Khai	2,801,600	0.115	285,480##	0.012	
Chia Seong Pow (Alternate Director to Chia Seong Fatt)	3,540,000	0.145	291,957,466#	11.997	
Chia Song Swa (Alternate Director to Cheah Juw Teck)	1,105,650	0.045	4,546,900**	0.187	
Chia Mak Hooi (Alternate Director to Chia Lik Khai)	4,134,355	0.170	713,700##	0.029	
Low Teng Lum	7,000	0.000	141,325##	0.006	
Datin Paduka Setia Dato' Dr. Aini Binti Ideris	-	-	-	-	
Kow Poh Gek	-	-	13,845+	0.001	
Chan Wai Yen, Millie	-	-	-	-	
Cynthia Toh Mei Lee	-	-	-	-	
Wee Beng Chuan	-	-	-	-	
Tan Ler Chin (resigned on 30 September 2023)	-	-	-	-	

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- Deemed interest via his and his spouse's interest in CBG (L) Foundation, the holding company of CBG (L) Pte. Ltd., Song Bak Holdings Sdn. Bhd., his and his spouse's indirect interest in Ruby Technique Sdn. Bhd. ("RT") and Pelita Global Sdn. Bhd. ("PG") as well as his spouse's and children's shares in QL pursuant to Section 8 of the Companies Act 2016 ("Act").
- Indirect interest via his spouse's and children's shares in QL.
- Deemed interest via his and his spouse's beneficial interest in Farsathy Holdings Sdn. Bhd., his and his spouse's indirect interest in RT and PG as well as his spouse's and children's shares in QL pursuant to Section 8 of the Act.
- Indirect interest via his spouse's shares in QL.
- Indirect interest via her son's shares in QL.
- Based on the issued and paid-up share capital of the Company comprising 2,433,657,139 ordinary shares.

#### **Substantial Shareholders**

No.	Name of shareholders	Direct	%^	Indirect	%۸
1	CBG (L) Pte. Ltd.	979,596,109	40.252	-	0.000
2	CBG (L) Foundation	-	0.000	979,596,109*	40.252
3	Farsathy Holdings Sdn. Bhd.	281,632,294	11.572	-	0.000
4	Chia Song Kun	1,316,250	0.054	1,001,896,271**	41.168
5	Chia Seong Pow	3,540,000	0.145	291,957,466#	11.997
6	Chia Seong Fatt	390,000	0.016	288,808,579#	11.867
7	Employees Provident Fund Board	130,120,790	5.347	-	0.000

- Deemed interest via its direct interest in CBG (L) Pte. Ltd. pursuant to Section 8 of the Act.
- Deemed interest via his and his spouse's interest in CBG (L) Foundation, the holding company of CBG (L) Pte. Ltd., Song Bak Holdings Sdn. Bhd., his and his spouse's indirect interest in RT and PG as well as his spouse's and children's shares in QL pursuant to Section 8 of the Act.
- Deemed interest via his and his spouse's beneficial interest in Farsathy Holdings Sdn. Bhd., his and his spouse's indirect interest in RT and PG as well as his spouse's and children's shares in QL pursuant to Section 8 of the Act.
- Based on the Record of Depositors of QL Resources Berhad issued by Bursa Malaysia Depository Sdn. Bhd. as at 28 June 2024.

#### List of 30 Largest Shareholders

No.	Name of shareholders	Shareholdings	%
1	CIMSEC NOMINEES (TEMPATAN) SDN. BHD. CIMB FOR CBG (L) PTE. LTD. (PB)	873,831,859	35.906
2	FARSATHY HOLDINGS SDN. BHD.	281,632,294	11.572
3	CBG (L) PTE. LTD.	105,764,250	4.345
4	CITIGROUP NOMINEES (TEMPATAN) SDN. BHD. EMPLOYEES PROVIDENT FUND BOARD	81,555,768	3.351
5	AMANAHRAYA TRUSTEES BERHAD PUBLIC ITTIKAL SEQUEL FUND	34,289,980	1.408
6	CITIGROUP NOMINEES (TEMPATAN) SDN. BHD. EMPLOYEES PROVIDENT FUND BOARD (ISLAMIC)	32,749,022	1.345
7	LEMBAGA TABUNG HAJI	30,633,100	1.258
8	CARTABAN NOMINEES (ASING) SDN. BHD. EXEMPT AN FOR STATE STREET BANK & TRUST COMPANY (WEST CLT OD67)	26,181,738	1.075
9	KUMPULAN WANG PERSARAAN (DIPERBADANKAN)	25,915,067	1.064
10	PERMODALAN NASIONAL BERHAD	24,202,700	0.994

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#### List of 30 Largest Shareholders (continued)

No	Name of shareholders	Shareholdings	%
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11	AMANAHRAYA TRUSTEES BERHAD AMANAH SAHAM BUMIPUTERA	18,000,000	0.739
12	HSBC NOMINEES (ASING) SDN. BHD.	15,127,564	0.621
13	JPMCB NA FOR VANGUARD TOTAL INTERNATIONAL STOCK INDEX FUND  DB (MALAYSIA) NOMINEE (TEMPATAN) SENDIRIAN BERHAD	15,066,700	0.619
13	DEUTSCHETRUSTEES MALAYSIA BERHAD FOR HONG LEONG VALUE FUND	13,000,700	0.017
14	HSBC NOMINEES (ASING) SDN. BHD. JPMCB NA FOR VANGUARD EMERGING MARKETS STOCK INDEX FUND	14,895,430	0.612
15	MAYBANK NOMINEES (TEMPATAN) SDN. BHD. MAYBANK TRUSTEES BERHAD FOR PUBLIC REGULAR SAVINGS FUND (N14011940100)	14,500,040	0.595
16	CITIGROUP NOMINEES (TEMPATAN) SDN. BHD. EMPLOYEES PROVIDENT FUND BOARD (CGS CIMB)	12,168,000	0.499
17	CITIGROUP NOMINEES (ASING) SDN. BHD. CB SPORE GW FOR GOVERNMENT OF SINGAPORE (GIC C)	11,907,700	0.489
18	MAYBANK NOMINEES (TEMPATAN) SDN. BHD. MAYBANK TRUSTEES BERHAD FOR PUBLIC ITTIKAL FUND (N14011970240)	11,390,000	0.468
19	HSBC NOMINEES (ASING) SDN. BHD. JPMCB NA FOR FLEXSHARES MORNINGSTAR GLOBAL UPSTREAM NATURAL RESOURCES INDEX FUND	10,461,600	0.429
20	CHIA SONG PHUAN	10,111,676	0.415
21	AMANAHRAYA TRUSTEES BERHAD PUBLIC ISLAMIC EQUITY FUND	9,993,700	0.410
22	AMANAHRAYA TRUSTEES BERHAD AMANAH SAHAM BUMIPUTERA 2	9,216,000	0.378
23	LIU & CHIA HOLDINGS SDN. BHD.	8,385,350	0.344
24	HSBC NOMINEES (ASING) SDN. BHD.  JPMCB NA FOR BLACKROCK INSTITUTIONAL TRUST COMPANY, N.A. INVESTMENT FUNDS FOR EMPLOYEE BENEFIT TRUSTS	8,250,400	0.339
25	CARTABAN NOMINEES (ASING) SDN. BHD. BNYM SA/NV FOR PEOPLE'S BANK OF CHINA (SICL ASIA EM)	8,085,100	0.332
26	CHIA SIANG ENG	8,046,854	0.330
27	KEE SIOK HIN	7,990,375	0.328
28	HSBC NOMINEES (ASING) SDN. BHD.  JPMCB NA FOR VANGUARD FIDUCIARY TRUST COMPANY INSTITUTIONAL TOTAL INTERNATIONAL  STOCK MARKET INDEX TRUST II	7,475,900	0.307
29	LIU FUI MOY	7,339,040	0.301
30	SONG BAK HOLDINGS SDN. BHD.	7,062,750	0.290

# **Disclosure on Recurrent Related Party Transactions**

#### Classes of Related Parties/Transacting Parties

The proposed renewal of existing shareholders' mandate for recurrent related party transactions of a revenue or trading nature ("RRPT") and new shareholders' mandate for additional RRPT will apply to the following Related Parties/Transacting Parties:

- (i) Sin Teow Fatt Trading Company is a sole proprietorship dealing with marine products, sundry goods and ice, and it is owned by Cheah Yaw Song.
- (ii) Fusipim Sdn. Bhd. ("Fusipim") is a company involved in manufacturing of frozen fish-based products, other frozen food and culinary products and wholly-owned by Eng Family Holding Sdn. Bhd. ("EFH"). Chia Kah Chuan ("KChuan") and her spouse, Eng Seng Poo ("ESPoo") as well as their children are the Directors of Fusipim. KChuan and ESPoo are the Major Shareholders of Fusipim by virtue of their deemed interests in EFH.
- (iii) Cheah Joo Kiang Enterprise is a sole proprietorship engaged in the trading of fish ball and owned by Cheah Joo Kiang.
- (iv) Keang Huat Trading Sdn. Bhd. ("KHT") is a trading company of all kinds of hardware, marine engines, fishing and other related activities. PK Chua Resources Sdn. Bhd. ("PKC") is a Major Shareholder of KHT. Chua Lee Guan is a Director and Major Shareholder of KHT by virtue of his deemed interests in PKC.
- (v) Perikanan Sri Tanjung Sdn. Bhd. ("**PST**") is a company engaged in manufacturing, trading and processing of deep sea fish, diesel and provision of transportation services. Chua Lee Guan is a Director and Major Shareholder of PST.
- (vi) Timurikan Trengganu Marine Products Sdn. Bhd. ("**TTMP**") is a company engaged in marine products manufacturing, trading of edible fishes, frozen fishes and other aquatic animals. Chua Lee Guan is a Director of TTMP. He and his brother, Chua Lee Swee are shareholders of TTMP with a total shareholding of 12%.
- (vii) M.B. Agriculture (Sabah) Sdn. Bhd. ("MB (Sabah)") is engaged in livestock farming and is 77.67% and 22.33% owned by Imbangan Lestari Sdn. Bhd. ("Imbangan") and Farsathy Holdings Sdn. Bhd. ("Farsathy") respectively. Chia Song Kooi, Chia Seong Fatt and Chia Song Pou are the Directors of MB (Sabah).
- (viii) Arena Dijaya Sdn. Bhd. ("**Arena**") is engaged in livestock farming and is 77.67% and 22.33% owned by Imbangan and Farsathy respectively. Chia Song Kooi and Chia Seong Fatt are the Directors of Arena.
- (ix) M.B. Agriculture (Sandakan) Sdn. Bhd. ("MB (Sandakan)") is engaged in livestock farming and is 77.67% and 22.33% owned by Imbangan and Farsathy respectively. Chia Song Kooi and Chia Seong Fatt are the Directors of MB (Sandakan).

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#### Classes of Related Parties/Transacting Parties (continued)

The proposed renewal of existing shareholders' mandate for RRPT and new shareholders' mandate for additional RRPT will apply to the following Related Parties/Transacting Parties (continued):

- (x) E Koon Trading ("**E Koon**") is a sole proprietorship engaged in wholesale of metal, kitchenware, glass and plastic and owned by Cheah Jui Koon. Cheah Jui Koon had transferred his ownership to his son in January 2023.
- (xi) Perikanan Hap Huat Sdn. Bhd. ("**PHH**") is a wholesaler and engaged in trading of frozen edible fishes and other aquatic animals. Chua Lee Guan is a Director and Major Shareholder of PHH.
- (xii) Highglobal Properties Sdn. Bhd. ("**HP**") is engaged in the cultivation of oil palm, sales of fresh fruit bunches, sales of gravel and rearing of swiftlets. It is 33% owned by MB (Sandakan), which in turn is 77.67% and 22.33% owned by Imbangan and Farsathy respectively. Chia Seong Fatt is a Director of HP.
- (xiii) Total Icon Sdn. Bhd. ("**TI**") is engaged in sales of fresh fruit bunches and rearing of swiftlets. Chia Seong Fatt, Chia Lik Khai and Chia Seong Pow are Major Shareholders of TI with a total shareholding of 40% in TI.
- (xiv) Timurikan Trengganu Sdn. Bhd. ("**TT**") is a company engaged in deep sea fishing. Chua Lee Guan is a Director of TT. He and his brother, Chua Lee Swee are shareholders of TT with a total shareholding of 13.5%.
- (xv) Credential Development Sdn. Bhd. ("CD") is an investment holding company and a wholly-owned subsidiary of CBG Holdings Sdn. Bhd. ("CBG"). Chia Song Swa, Chia Mak Hooi and Chia Song Phuan are the Directors of CD. Whereas, Chia Song Kun is a Major Shareholder of CD by virtue of his deemed interests in CBG.
- (xvi) Amazing Synergy Realty Sdn. Bhd. ("**ASR**") is engaged in property investment holding and palm oil cultivation. Chia Seong Fatt and Chia Seong Pow are Directors and Major Shareholders of ASR.
- (xvii) Farsathy is an investment holding company and a Major Shareholder of QL. Chia Seong Fatt and Chia Seong Pow are Directors and beneficial shareholders of Farsathy.

#### Relationship of the Related Parties/Transacting Parties as set out above with the Related Parties of QL Group and Persons Connected to them

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Transacting Parties	Related Parties of QL Group and Persons Connected to them	Rema	ark
QL Marine Foods Group and the following companies: Sin Teow Fatt Trading Company Fusipim Sdn. Bhd. Cheah Joo Kiang Enterprise M.B. Agriculture (Sandakan) Sdn. Bhd. Credential Development Sdn. Bhd. Keang Huat Trading Sdn. Bhd. Perikanan Sri Tanjung Sdn. Bhd. Timurikan Trengganu Marine Products Sdn. Bhd. Perikanan Hap Huat Sdn. Bhd. Timurikan Trengganu Sdn. Bhd. Timurikan Trengganu Sdn. Bhd.	Interested Directors and/or Major Shareholders of QL Marine Foods Group:- Chia Song Kun ("SKun")(i)(vi)(vii) Chia Song Kooi ("SKooi")(ii)(vi)(vii) Cheah Juw Teck ("JTeck")(iii) Chia Song Phuan ("SPhuan")(vi)(vi)(vii) Cheah Yaw Song ("YSong")(vi)(vii) Chia Song Rou ("SPou")(vi)(vii) Chia Song Rang ("SKang")(vi)(vii)(vii) Chia Seong Fatt ("SFatt")(v)(viii) Chia Seong Pow ("SPow")(vi)(viii) Chia Seong Pow ("SPow")(vi)(viii) CBG (L) Pte. Ltd. ("CBG (L)")(vi) Farsathy Holdings Sdn. Bhd. ("Farsathy")(viii)(xi) Chua Lee Guan ("CLG")(xvii) Keang Huat Trading Sdn. Bhd. ("KHT")(xviii)  Persons Connected to the above:- Chia Teow Guan ("TGuan")(viv)(vii)(xxiii) Chia Suan Hooi ("SHooi")(viii)(xxiii) Sim Ahi Yok ("AYok")(viii)(xxiii) Chia Kah Chuan(x) Eng Seng Poo(x) Cheah Joo Kiang(xi) Chia Song Swa ("SSwa")(vi)(vii)(xii) Imbangan Lestari Sdn. Bhd. (xiv) Chia Bak Lang(vii)(xxi)(xxiii) Chia Cheong Soong(vii) Chia Chong Lang(viii)(xxiii) PK Chua Resources Sdn. Bhd. ("PKC")(xix) Chua Lee Swee(xx)	(i) (ii) (iv) (v) (vi)	SKun is the Executive Chairman and Major Shareholder of QL with total shareholding of 41.22% in QL. He is also a Director of QL Marine Foods Sdn. Bhd. (formerly known as QL Fishery Sdn. Bhd.), QL AgriFoods Sdn. Bhd. (formerly known as QL Feedingstuffs Sdn. Bhd.) and QL Oil Group. He has deemed interests in these group of companies by virtue of his interests in QL. He is also a member of the Chia Brothers* and brother-in-law of SFatt and SPow.  SKooi is the Group Chief Executive Officer and shareholder of QL. He is also a Director of certain subsidiaries of QL Marine Foods Group, QL AgriFoods Group and QL Oil Group as well as a member of the Chia Brothers.  JTeck is an Executive Director and shareholder of QL as well as a Director of certain subsidiaries of QL Marine Foods Group. He is YSong's son.  SPhuan, YSong, SPou and SKang are Directors of certain subsidiaries in QL Marine Foods Group, shareholders of QL and members of the Chia Brothers. Whereas, TGuan is a shareholder of QL, member of the Chia Brothers and Chia Mak Hooi's father. SFatt and SPow are siblings, and they are Directors and Major Shareholders of QL with total shareholding of 11.88% and 12.14% respectively. SFatt is also a Director of certain subsidiaries of QL AgriFoods Group and QL Oil Group whilst SPow is a Director of certain subsidiaries of QL Marine Foods Group and QL AgriFoods Group.  CBG (L) is a Major Shareholder of QL with total shareholding of 40.25% in QL. It is a body corporate that is accustomed or under an obligation, formal or informal, to act in accordance with the directions, instructions or wishes of the beneficiaries of CBG Foundation. The entire shareholdings in CBG (L) are held by CBG Foundation. The Directors of CBG (L) are SKun, SKang, SPou, SKooi, YSong, SPhuan, SSwa, TGuan and Chia Cheong Soong whilst the other beneficiaries of CBG Foundation are SKun, SKooi, SPhuan, YSong, SPou, SKang, SSwa, TGuan and Chia Cheong Soong whilst the other beneficiaries of CBG Foundation are Chia Bak Lang and Chia Mak Hooi.

<sup>\*</sup> Consists of SKun, SKang, SPou, SSwa, SKooi, YSong, SPhuan, TGuan and Chia Cheong Soong.

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#### Relationship of the Related Parties/Transacting Parties as set out above with the Related Parties of QL Group and Persons Connected to them (continued)

Transacting Parties	Related Parties of QL Group and Persons Connected to them	Rema	ark
QL AgriFoods Group and the following companies:  M.B. Agriculture (Sabah) Sdn. Bhd.  Arena Dijaya Sdn. Bhd.  M.B. Agriculture (Sandakan) Sdn. Bhd.  Highglobal Properties Sdn. Bhd.  Total Icon Sdn. Bhd.	Interested Directors and/or Major Shareholders of QL AgriFoods Group: SKun SKooi SFatt SPow SSwa CBG (L) CBG Foundation Farsathy  Persons Connected to the above: YSong SPhuan SKang TGuan SHooi AYok KChoo Imbangan Lestari Sdn. Bhd. M.B. Agriculture (Sandakan) Sdn. Bhd. SPou Chia Lik Khai ("LKhai")(xw) Chia Cheong Soong Chia Chong Lang	(viii) (ix) (x) (xi) (xiii) (xiv) (xv)	Farsathy is a Major Shareholder of QL with shareholding of 11.57%. It is a body corporate in which SPow and SFatt are entitled to exercise, or control the exercise of, not less than 20% of the votes attached to voting shares in Farsathy. SPow, SFatt and SHooi are the Directors and beneficial shareholders of Farsathy whilst the other beneficial shareholders of Farsathy are, Chia Chong Lang, AYok, Chia Chw Pew, KChoo, Chia Chew Seng, Chia Chiew Yang and Chia Chew Ngee.  The entire shareholdings in Farsathy are held by Kensington Trust Malaysia Berhad ("KTM") as trustee of Chia Ser Teik trust, a trust company registered under the Trust Companies Act, 1949 on trust for the beneficiaries of a family trust. Although KTM has an interest in the voting rights of Farsathy, it does not have economic or beneficial interest in the said voting rights, and as such interest is held solely for the benefits of the beneficiaries under the family's trust.  Chia Kah Chuan is Chia Brothers' sibling. Eng Seng Poo is Chia Kah Chuan's spouse and brother-in-law of the Chia Brothers.  Cheah Joo Kiang is JTeck's brother and YSong's son.  SSwa is a Director and shareholder of QL. He is also a Director of certain subsidiaries of QL AgriFoods Group and Credential Development Sdn. Bhd. as well as a member of the Chia Brothers. Imbangan Lestari Sdn. Bhd. is a wholly-owned subsidiary of CBG Foundation.  CBG Holdings Sdn. Bhd. is a body corporate in which SKun and his spouse are entitled to exercise, or control the exercise of, not less than 20% of the votes attached to voting shares.  LKhai is an Executive Director and shareholder of QL. He is also a Director of certain subsidiaries of QL Marine Foods Group and QL Oil Group. He is SKun and Chia Bak Lang's son.

#### Relationship of the Related Parties/Transacting Parties as set out above with the Related Parties of QL Group and Persons Connected to them (continued)

Transacting Parties	Related Parties of QL Group and Persons Connected to them	Remark
QL Oil Group and the following companies:  M.B. Agriculture (Sandakan) Sdn. Bhd.  Highglobal Properties Sdn. Bhd.  Total Icon Sdn. Bhd.  Amazing Synergy Realty Sdn. Bhd.  Farsathy	Interested Directors and/or Major Shareholders of QL Oil Group:  SKun SKooi SFatt SPow CBG (L) CBG Foundation Farsathy LKhai Liu Sin  Persons Connected to the above: SSwa YSong SPhuan SKang TGuan SHooi AYok KChoo Imbangan Lestari Sdn. Bhd. M.B. Agriculture (Sandakan) Sdn. Bhd. Chia Bak Lang Chia Cheong Soong Chia Cheong Soong	<ul> <li>(xvi) Liu Sin is a Director of certain subsidiaries of QL Oil Group and a shareholder of QL. He is also the brother-in-law of SFatt and SPow.</li> <li>(xvii) CLG is a Director of QL Endau Marine Products Sdn. Bhd. ("EMP") and QL Endau Fishmeal Sdn. Bhd., subsidiaries of QL Marine Foods Group. He is one of the Major Shareholders of EMP with total shareholding of 12.32% in EMP by virtue of his direct and indirect interests in KHT as well as a Major Shareholder of KHT by virtue of his deemed interests in PKC.</li> <li>(xviii) KHT is one of the Major Shareholders of EMP with total shareholding of 10.88% in EMP.</li> <li>(xix) PKC is a Major Shareholder of KHT and a body corporate in which CLG is entitled to exercise, or control the exercise of, not less than 20% of the votes attached to voting shares in PKC.</li> <li>(xx) Chua Lee Swee is CLG's brother.</li> <li>(xxi) Chia Bak Lang is SKun's spouse and LKhai's mother.</li> <li>(xxii) AYok is SFatt's spouse, whereas KChoo is SPow's spouse.</li> <li>(xxiii) Chia Chong Lang, SHooi, Chia Bak Lang, SFatt and SPow are siblings.</li> </ul>

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#### Nature of RRPT and Estimated Value

The following is the existing and additional RRPT of which approval is being sought for the proposed renewal of existing shareholders' mandate for RRPT and new shareholders' mandate for additional RRPT at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting ("AGM"):

#### 1) Existing RRPT

(a) Transactions between QL Group and companies in which the interested Directors and/or Major Shareholders, namely, Chia Song Kun, Chia Song Kooi, Chia Song Swa, Cheah Yaw Song, Chia Song Pou, Chia Song Phuan, Chia Song Kang, Liu Sin, Chia Lik Khai, CBG (L) Foundation ("CBG Foundation"), CBG (L) Pte. Ltd. ("CBG (L)") and person(s) connected to them have interests:

No.	Transacting Parties	Nature of transaction	Estimated Value from the date of the forthcoming AGM to the next AGM <sup>(1)</sup> (RM'000)	Mandate obtained from last year's AGM (RM'000)	Actual transacted value for the period from 30 August 2023 to 30 June 2024 (RM'000)	Actual transacted value for the financial year ended 31 March 2024 (RM'000)
1	QL Marine Foods Group and the following companies:- Sin Teow Fatt Trading Company Fusipim Sdn. Bhd. Cheah Joo Kiang Enterprise M.B. Agriculture (Sandakan) Sdn. Bhd. Credential Development Sdn. Bhd. EKoon Trading <sup>(2)</sup>	Purchase of raw fish; sale of surimi and surimi-based product; sale of frozen fish; renting of property; purchase of lubricant and packing material	12,100	15,850	8,216	9,457
2	QL AgriFoods Group and the following companies:-  M.B. Agriculture (Sabah) Sdn. Bhd.  Arena Dijaya Sdn. Bhd.  M.B. Agriculture (Sandakan) Sdn. Bhd.  Highglobal Properties Sdn. Bhd.  Total Icon Sdn. Bhd.	Purchase of raw material and packing material; sale of animal feed; sale of lubricant; sale of broiler, chicken part, egg, sundries, meat/ frozen food, organic fertiliser and animal health product	46,610	62,650	9,056	8,865
3	QL Oil Group and the following companies:-  M.B. Agriculture (Sandakan) Sdn. Bhd.  Highglobal Properties Sdn. Bhd.  Total Icon Sdn. Bhd.  Amazing Synergy Realty Sdn. Bhd.	Purchase of fresh fruit bunch and ERP fertiliser	2,850	3,100	2,025	2,463
	Total		61,560	81,600	19,297	20,785

#### Nature of RRPT and Estimated Value (continued)

The following is the existing and additional RRPT of which approval is being sought for the proposed renewal of existing shareholders' mandate for RRPT and new shareholders' mandate for additional RRPT at the forthcoming AGM (continued):

#### 1) Existing RRPT (continued)

(b) Transactions between QL Group and companies in which the interested Directors and/or Major Shareholders, namely, Chia Seong Pow, Chia Seong Fatt, Farsathy Holdings Sdn. Bhd. ("Farsathy") and person(s) connected to them have interests:

No.	Transacting Parties	Nature of transaction	Estimated Value from the date of the forthcoming AGM to the next AGM <sup>(1)</sup> (RM'000)	Mandate obtained from last year's AGM (RM'000)	Actual transacted value for the period from 30 August 2023 to 30 June 2024 (RM'000)	Actual transacted value for the financial year ended 31 March 2024 (RM'000)
1	QL Marine Foods Group and M.B. Agriculture (Sandakan) Sdn. Bhd.	Sale of frozen fish	200	200	44	66
2	QL AgriFoods Group and the following companies:  M.B. Agriculture (Sabah) Sdn. Bhd.  M.B. Agriculture (Sandakan) Sdn. Bhd.  M.B. Agriculture (Sandakan) Sdn. Bhd.  Highglobal Properties Sdn. Bhd.  Total Icon Sdn. Bhd.	Purchase of raw material and packing material; sale of animal feed; sale of lubricant; sale of broiler, chicken part, egg, sundries, meat/ frozen food, organic fertiliser and animal health product	46,610	62,650	9,056	8,865
3	QL Oil Group and the following companies:  M.B. Agriculture (Sandakan) Sdn. Bhd.  Highglobal Properties Sdn. Bhd.  Total Icon Sdn. Bhd.  Amazing Synergy Realty Sdn. Bhd.	Purchase of fresh fruit bunch and ERP fertiliser	2,850	3,100	2,025	2,463
	Total		49,660	65,950	11,125	11,394

#### Nature of RRPT and Estimated Value (continued)

The following is the existing and additional RRPT of which approval is being sought for the proposed renewal of existing shareholders' mandate for RRPT and new shareholders' mandate for additional RRPT at the forthcoming AGM (continued):

#### 1) Existing RRPT (continued)

(c) Transactions between QL Group and companies in which the interested Director and/or Major Shareholder, namely, Chua Lee Guan, Keang Huat Trading Sdn. Bhd. and person(s) connected to them have interests:

No.	Transacting Parties	Nature of transaction	Estimated Value from the date of the forthcoming AGM to the next AGM <sup>(1)</sup> (RM'000)	Mandate obtained from last year's AGM (RM'000)	Actual transacted value for the period from 30 August 2023 to 30 June 2024 (RM'000)	Actual transacted value for the financial year ended 31 March 2024 (RM'000)
1	QL Marine Foods Group and the following companies:  Keang Huat Trading Sdn. Bhd. Perikanan Sri Tanjung Sdn. Bhd. Timurikan Trengganu Marine Products Sdn. Bhd. Perikanan Hap Huat Sdn. Bhd. Timurikan Trengganu Sdn. Bhd.	Purchase of spare part and other consumable; purchase of fish	10,000	6,500	5,156	6,087
	Total		10,000	6,500	5,156	6,087

#### 2. Additional RRPT

(a) Transaction between QL Group and companies in which the interested Directors and/or Major Shareholders, namely, Chia Song Kun, Chia Lik Khai, Chia Song Kooi, Liu Sin, Chia Seong Pow, Chia Seong Fatt, CBG Foundation, CBG (L), Farsathy and person(s) connected to them have interests:

No.	Transacting Parties	Nature of transaction	Estimated Value from the date of the forthcoming AGM to the next AGM <sup>(1)</sup> (RM'000)
1.	QL Oil Group and Farsathy	Purchase of fresh fruit bunch	50
	Total		50

## **Notice of Annual General Meeting**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 27th Annual General Meeting ("AGM") of QL Resources Berhad ("QL" or the "Company") will be conducted virtually through live streaming from the Broadcast Venue at QL Training Hall, No. 16A, Jalan Astaka U8/83, Bukit Jelutong, 40150 Shah Alam, Selangor ("Broadcast Venue") on Thursday, 29 August 2024 at 10.00 a.m. to transact the following businesses:

#### **AGENDA**

#### **As Ordinary Business:**

Chia Lik Khai

1.	To receive the Audited Financial Statements for the financial year ended 31 March 2024 together with the	Refer to Explanatory Note 2
	Directors' and Auditors' Report thereon.	

2. To approve the payment of a final single tier dividend of 3.50 sen per ordinary share in respect of the financial year Ordinary Resolution 1 ended 31 March 2024.

3. To re-elect the following Directors who retire in accordance with Clause 124 of the Company's Constitution and

being eligible, offers themselves for re-election: Cheah Juw Teck

Kow Poh Gek 4. To re-elect Chia Seong Fatt who retires in accordance with Clause 129 of the Company's Constitution and being

5. To approve the proposed payment of fees to Directors up to RM1,458,000 from 1 September 2024 until the next Annual General Meeting, and further, to authorise the Directors to apportion the fees and make payment in the manner as the Directors may determine.

6. To approve the proposed payment of Directors' benefits up to RM76,000 from 1 September 2024 until the next Annual General Meeting.

7. To re-appoint Messrs. KPMG PLT as the auditors of the Company and to authorise the Directors to fix their remuneration.

### Ordinary Resolution 8

#### As Special Business:

To consider and if thought fit, pass the following resolutions:

eligible, offers himself for re-election.

#### 8. Authority to Directors to allot and issue shares pursuant to Section 75 and Section 76 of the Companies Act 2016 and Waiver of Pre-Emptive Rights

"THAT pursuant to Section 75 and Section 76 of the Companies Act 2016, and subject to the approval of all relevant authorities being obtained, the Directors be and are hereby empowered to issue ordinary shares in the Company at any time and upon such terms and conditions and for such purposes as the Directors may, in their absolute discretion deem fit ranking equally with the existing ordinary shares in the Company, provided that the aggregate number of shares issued pursuant to this resolution does not exceed 10% of the total number of issued shares (excluding treasury shares) of the Company for the time being and that the Directors 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;

THAT in connection with Section 85 of the Companies Act 2016 and pursuant to Clause 14 of the Constitution of the Company, the shareholders of the Company do hereby irrevocably waive all and any of their pre-emptive rights to be first offered the new ordinary shares to be allotted and issued pursuant to the authority granted above which will rank equally with the existing ordinary shares in the Company, with such waiver resulting in a dilution to their shareholding percentage in the Company and the Board is exempted from the obligation to offer such new shares first to the existing shareholders of the Company;

AND THAT such authority shall continue in force until the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company or at the expiring of the period within which the next annual general meeting is required to be held after the approval was given, whichever is earlier, unless revoked or varied by ordinary resolution of the Company in a general meeting."

Ordinary Resolution 9

Ordinary Resolution 2

Ordinary Resolution 3

Ordinary Resolution 4

Ordinary Resolution 5

Ordinary Resolution 6

Ordinary Resolution 7

The new estimated value is based on the Management's estimate, which takes into account the transacted amount for the FYE 31 March 2024 as well as the changing economic and competitive environment. Announcement will be made accordingly if the total actual value exceeds the total estimated value by 10% or more.

QL Marine Foods Group will not be renewing the shareholders' mandate for the existing RRPT involving E Koon Trading as it is no longer a Related Party after change in

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#### 9. Proposed Renewal for the Company to purchase its own shares of up to 10% of the total number of issued shares ("Proposed Renewal of Share Buy-Back Authority")

"THAT approval be and is hereby given to the Company to, from time to time, purchase through Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad ("Bursa Securities") such number of ordinary shares in the Company as may be determined by the Directors of the Company upon such terms and conditions as the Directors may deem fit and expedient in the best interests of the Company provided that:

- (1) the aggregate number of shares purchased and/or retained as treasury shares shall not exceed 10% of the total number of issued shares of the Company at the time of purchase;
- the maximum amount of funds to be allocated for the purpose of the proposed share buy-back shall not exceed the retained profits of the Company:
- such authority from shareholders of the Company will be effective immediately upon passing of this ordinary resolution and will continue to be in force until:
  - (i) the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting ("AGM") of the Company at which time the authority shall lapse unless by ordinary resolution passed at that meeting, the authority is renewed, either unconditionally or subject to conditions;
  - (ii) the expiration of the period within which the next AGM after that date is required by law to be held; or
  - (iii) revoked or varied by ordinary resolution passed by the shareholders of the Company in a general

whichever occurs first, but not so as to prejudice the completion of purchase(s) by the Company before the aforesaid expiry date and in any event, in accordance with the provisions of the guidelines issued by Bursa Securities or any other relevant authority;

AND THAT upon completion of the purchase by the Company of its own shares, the Directors of the Company be and are hereby authorised to:

- (a) cancel all or part of the shares so purchased;
- retain all or part of the shares so purchased as treasury shares;
- distribute the treasury shares as share dividends to the Company's shareholders for the time being;
- transfer the treasury shares or any part thereof as purchase consideration and/or for the purposes of or under an employees' share scheme;
- resell the treasury shares on Bursa Securities in accordance with the relevant rules of Bursa Securities; or
- sell, transfer or otherwise use the treasury shares for such other purpose pursuant to Section 127 of the Companies Act 2016.

AND THAT authority be and is hereby given to the Directors of the Company to take all such steps as are necessary, including the opening and maintaining of a central depositories account(s) and entering into all other agreements, arrangements and guarantees with any party or parties to implement, finalise and give full effect to and to implement the Proposed Renewal of Share Buy-Back Authority with full powers to assent to any conditions, modifications, revaluations, variations and/or amendments (if any) as may be required or imposed by the relevant authorities from time to time and to do all such acts and things as the Directors may deem fit and expedient in the best interest of the Company."

#### Ordinary Resolution 10

#### 10. Proposed Renewal of Existing and New Shareholders' Mandate for Recurrent Related Party Transactions of a Revenue or Trading Nature ("Proposed Renewal of Existing and New RRPT Mandate")

"THAT approval be and is hereby given to the Company and its subsidiaries to renew the shareholders' mandate and seek new shareholders' mandate for the recurrent related party transactions of a revenue or trading nature as set out in Part B. Section 2.4 of the Circular to Shareholders dated 29 July 2024 with the related parties described therein which are necessary for the Group's day to day operations, carried out in the normal course of business, at arm's length, on normal commercial terms, not more favourable to the related parties than those generally available to the public and are not detriment of the minority shareholders;

THAT such approval shall continue to be in force until:

- (i) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company, at which such mandate will lapse, unless by a resolution passed at a general meeting, the authority is renewed;
- (ii) the expiration of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required to be held pursuant to Section 340(2) of the Companies Act 2016 ("Act") (but must not extend to such extension as may be allowed pursuant to Section 340(4) of the Act); or
- (iii) revoked or varied by resolution passed by the shareholders in a general meeting,

whichever is the earlier.

AND THAT the Directors of the Company be authorised to complete and do all such acts and things (including all such documents as may be required) as they may consider expedient or necessary to give effect to the Proposed Renewal of Existing and New RRPT Mandate."

11. Proposed bonus issue of up to 1,216,828,569 new ordinary shares in QL ("Bonus Share(s)") on the basis of 1 Bonus Share for every 2 existing ordinary shares in QL ("QL Share(s)" or "Share(s)") held by the shareholders of QL whose names appear in the Company's Record of Depositors on an entitlement date to be determined and announced later ("Entitlement Date") ("Entitled Shareholder(s)") ("Proposed Bonus Issue of Shares")

"THAT subject to the approvals of all relevant regulatory authorities and/or parties (where applicable) being obtained, authority be and is hereby given to the Board of Directors of the Company ("Board") to issue and allot up to 1,216,828,569 Bonus Shares, issued as fully paid, at no consideration and without capitalisation of the Company's reserves, on the basis of 1 Bonus Share for every 2 existing QL Shares held by the Entitled Shareholders on the Entitlement Date;

THAT the Board be and is hereby authorised to deal with any fractional entitlements of Bonus Shares arising from the Proposed Bonus Issue of Shares, if any, will be disregarded and dealt with in such manner as the Board may in its absolute discretion deem fit, expedient, and in the best interest of the Company;

THAT the Bonus Shares shall, upon allotment and issuance, rank equally in all respects with the existing QL Shares, save and except that they will not be entitled to any dividends, rights, allotments and/or other distributions that may be declared, made or paid prior to the date of issuance and allotment of the Bonus Shares;

AND THAT the Board be and is hereby authorised to take all such necessary steps to give effect to the Proposed Bonus Issue of Shares with full power to assent to any conditions, variations, modifications and/or amendments in any manner as may be required or imposed by any relevant authorities and to deal with all matters relating thereto and to take all such steps and do all such acts and things in any manner as the Board may consider necessary or expedient to implement, finalise and give full effect to the Proposed Bonus Issue of Shares."

12. To transact any other business for which due notice shall have been given in accordance with the Company's Constitution and the Companies Act 2016.

Ordinary Resolution 11

Ordinary Resolution 12

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#### **Notice of Dividend Entitlement and Payment**

**NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN** that the final single tier dividend, if approved, will be paid on 23 September 2024 to shareholders whose names appear in the Record of Depositors of the Company at the close of business on 11 September 2024.

A Depositor shall qualify for entitlement only in respect of:

- (a) Shares transferred into the Depositor's Securities Account before 4.30 p.m. on 11 September 2024 in respect of transfers; and
- (b) Shares bought on the Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad on a cum entitlement basis according to the Rules of the Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad.

#### BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

Lim Keat See

SSM PC No. 201908001159 Company Secretary **Ang Chen Leng** SSM PC No. 202008000556

Company Secretary

Shah Alam, Selangor Darul Ehsan 29 July 2024

#### NOTES:

#### PROXY:

- 1. The Broadcast Venue of the 27<sup>th</sup> AGM is strictly for the purpose of complying with Section 327(2) of the Companies Act 2016 which requires the Chairman of the Meeting to be at the main venue of the meeting.
  - Shareholders/proxy(ies) will not be allowed to attend the 27th AGM in person at the Broadcast Venue on the day of the meeting.
  - Shareholders are to participate, communicate by posting questions to the Board via real time submission of typed texts and vote remotely at the 27<sup>th</sup> AGM using the Remote Participation and Voting facilities ("RPV") provided by Tricor Investor & Issuing House Services Sdn. Bhd. via its TIIH Online website at <a href="https://tiih.online">https://tiih.online</a>. Please follow <a href="the Procedures for RPV">the Procedures for RPV</a> as set out in the Administrative Guide of the 27<sup>th</sup> AGM ("Administrative Guide") and take note of <a href="Notes">Notes</a> (2) to (10) below in order to participate remotely via RPV.
- 2. For the purpose of determining who shall be entitled to participate in this AGM via RPV, the Company shall be requesting Bursa Malaysia Depository Sdn. Bhd. to make available to the Company, the **Record of Depositors as at 19 August 2024.** Only a member whose name appears on this Record of Depositors shall be entitled to participate in this AGM via RPV.
- 3. A Member, including an Authorised Nominee, may appoint not more than two (2) proxies to participate and vote instead of the Member or Authorised Nominee on the same occasion via RPV.
- 4. An Exempt Authorised Nominee (which holds ordinary shares in the Company for the Omnibus Account) may appoint one (1) or more proxies to participate on the same occasion. There is no limit to the number of proxies which an Exempt Authorised Nominee may appoint in respect of each Omnibus Account it holds.

- 5. Where a Member, an Authorised Nominee or an Exempt Authorised Nominee appoints more than one (1) proxy, the proportion of shareholdings to be represented by each proxy must be specified in the instrument appointing the proxies. The appointment shall not be valid unless he specifies the proportions of his holdings to be represented by each proxy.
- 6. A proxy may but need not be a Member of the Company. There shall be no restriction as to the qualification of the proxy.
- 7. A member who has appointed a proxy or attorney or authorised representative to participate and vote at 27<sup>th</sup> AGM via RPV must request his/her proxy or attorney or authorised representative to register himself/herself for RPV at TIIH Online website at <a href="https://tiih.online">https://tiih.online</a> in accordance with the procedures as set out in the Administrative Guide.
- 8. The appointment of a proxy may be made in a hard copy form or by electronic means in the following manner and must be received by the Company not less than forty-eight (48) hours before the time appointed for holding the AGM or adjourned general meeting at which the person named in the appointment proposes to vote:

#### (i) <u>In hard copy form</u>

In the case of an appointment made in hard copy form, the proxy form must be deposited with the Share Registrar of the Company at Tricor Investor & Issuing House Services Sdn. Bhd., Unit 32-01, Level 32, Tower A, Vertical Business Suite, Avenue 3, Bangsar South, No. 8, Jalan Kerinchi, 59200 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia or alternatively, the Customer Service Centre at Unit G-3, Ground Floor, Vertical Podium, Avenue 3, Bangsar South, No. 8, Jalan Kerinchi, 59200 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

#### (ii) By electronic form

The proxy form can be electronically lodged with the Share Registrar of the Company via TIIH Online website at <a href="https://tiih.online">https://tiih.online</a>. Kindly refer to the Administrative Guide on the procedures for electronic lodgement of proxy form via TIIH Online.

- 9. Please ensure ALL the particulars as required in the proxy form are completed, signed and dated accordingly.
- 10. Last date and time for lodging the proxy form is **Tuesday, 27 August 2024 at 10.00 a.m.**

#### **EXPLANATORY NOTES ON ORDINARY/SPECIAL BUSINESS:**

#### Item 1 of the Agenda

This Agenda item is meant for discussion only as the provision of Section 340(1)(a) of the Companies Act 2016 does not require a formal approval of the shareholders for the Audited Financial Statements. Hence, this Agenda item is not put forward for voting.

#### 2. Ordinary Resolution 1

With reference to Section 131 of the Companies Act 2016, a company may only make a distribution to the shareholders out of profits of the Company available if the Company is solvent. On 30 May 2024, the Board had considered the amount of dividend and decided to recommend the same for the shareholders' approval.

The Directors of the Company are satisfied that the Company will be solvent as it will be able to pay its debts as and when the debts become due within 12 months immediately after the distribution is made on 23 September 2024 in accordance with the requirements under Section 132(2) and (3) of the Companies Act 2016.

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#### 3. Ordinary Resolutions 2 to 5

Clause 124 of the Company's Constitution provides that one-third of the directors for the time being, or if their number is not three or a multiple of three, then the number nearest one-third shall retire from office but shall be eligible for re-election. Hence, 3 out of 10 Directors of the Company are to retire in accordance with Clause 124 of the Company's Constitution.

Mr. Cheah Juw Teck, Mr. Chia Lik Khai and Ms. Kow Poh Gek retires in accordance with Clause 124 of the Company's Constitution. They are standing for re-election as Directors of the Company and being eligible, have offered themselves for re-election at the 27<sup>th</sup> AGM. Based on the outcome of the annual Board assessment, the Board endorsed the recommendation by the Nominating Committee that they remain competent and committed to the role as a Director. The Board recommends that shareholders approve the proposed re-election as they have met the fit and proper criteria in terms of character, integrity, experience, competence, commitment and time to effectively discharge their role as a Director.

Clause 129 of the Company's Constitution provides that the directors may appoint a person who is willing to act as Director, either to fill a casual vacancy or as an additional Director, in accordance with the Company's Constitution. The directors so appointed shall hold office only until this annual general meeting and shall then be eligible for re-election.

Mr. Chia Seong Fatt retires in accordance with Clause 129 of the Company's Constitution following the restructuring of the Board. He is standing for re-election as Director of the Company and being eligible, has offered himself for re-election at the 27th AGM. Based on the outcome of the annual Board assessment, the Board endorsed the recommendation by the Nominating Committee that he remains competent and committed to the role as a Director. The Board recommends that shareholders approve the proposed re-election as he has met the fit and proper criteria in terms of character, integrity, experience, competence, commitment and time to effectively discharge his role as a Director.

The profiles of the Directors who are standing for re-election as per Agenda 3 and 4 are set out on pages 84, 85, 86 and 92.

#### 4. Ordinary Resolutions 6 and 7

The actual payment of Directors' fees incurred for the financial year 2024 was RM1,778.000.00.

The proposed Ordinary Resolutions 6 and 7, if passed, will give authority to the Company to pay the fees and benefits to the Directors from 1 September 2024 until the next annual general meeting.

The fees and benefits comprise the following and will be paid as and when incurred:

Fees	Amount		
Chairman of the Board	RM13,000 per month		
Chairman of the Audit Committee	RM1,500 per month		
Chairman of Other Committee	RM1,000 per month		
Group Chief Executive Officer	RM11,000 per month		
Executive Director	RM9,000 per month		
Independent Director	RM9,500 per month		
Alternate Director – Executive Committee	RM3,000 per month		
Benefits			
Meeting Allowance	RM1,000 per meeting day		
Directors' and Officers' Indemnity Insurance	Approximately RM40,000		

#### 5. Ordinary Resolution 9

The proposed resolution is a renewal of the general authority for the Directors to issue shares pursuant to Section 75 and Section 76 of the Companies Act 2016. If passed, it will empower the Directors to allot and issue shares in the Company up to an amount not exceeding 10% of the total number of issued shares of the Company for the time being for such purposes as the Directors consider would be in the interests of the Company. This authority unless revoked or varied by the Company at a general meeting will expire at the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company or within which the next annual general meeting after the date is required by law to be held, whichever occurs first.

The Company has not issued any new shares pursuant to Section 75 and Section 76 of the Companies Act 2016 under the general mandate which was approved at the 26<sup>th</sup> AGM of the Company held on 30 August 2023 and which will lapse at the conclusion of the 27<sup>th</sup> AGM. A renewal of this authority is being sought at the 27<sup>th</sup> AGM.

The general authority to issue shares will allow the Company to take advantage of any strategic opportunities, including but not limited to, issuance of new shares for purpose of funding investment project(s), working capital and/or acquisitions which require new shares to be allotted and issued. This would avoid any delay and costs in convening a general meeting to specifically approve such an issue of shares.

By voting in favour of this resolution, the shareholders of the Company would also be waiving their pre-emptive rights to be offered any new shares in the Company which rank equally with the existing issued shares in the Company, resulting in a dilution to their shareholding percentage in the Company. The Directors would also be empowered to issue new shares to any person without having to offer the new shares in the Company to be issued equally to all existing shareholders of the Company prior to issuance.

#### 6. Ordinary Resolution 10

The proposed resolution, if passed, will empower the Company to purchase and/or hold up to 10% of the total number of issued shares of the Company. This authority unless revoked or varied by the Company at a general meeting will expire at the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company or within which the next annual general meeting after the date is required by law to be held, whichever occurs first. For further information, please refer to Part A of the Share Buy-Back Statement dated 29 July 2024.

#### 7. Ordinary Resolution 11

The proposed resolution pertain to the shareholders' mandate required under Chapter 10.09(2) of the Main Market Listing Requirements of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad. The said Proposed Renewal of Existing and New RRPT Mandate if passed, will mandate the Company and/or its subsidiaries to enter into categories of recurrent transactions of a revenue or trading nature and with those related parties/transacting parties as specified in Part B, Section 2.2 of the Circular to Shareholders dated 29 July 2024. The mandate is subject to annual renewal and disclosure is made in the annual report of the aggregate value of transactions conducted pursuant to the shareholders' mandate during the financial year. The director, major shareholder or person connected with a director or major shareholder, who has interest in the transaction, must not vote on the resolutions approving the transactions. An interested director or interested major shareholder must ensure that persons connected to him abstain from voting on the resolutions approving the transactions.

#### 8. Ordinary Resolution 12

The rationale for the Proposed Bonus Issue of Shares is as follows:

- (i) to reward our Company's existing shareholders for their continuous support by increasing their equity participation in our Company in terms of the number of Shares held whilst maintaining their percentage equity shareholding;
- (ii) to encourage the trading liquidity and affordability of QL Shares on the Main Market of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad whilst increasing the number of Shares in issue without affecting the market capitalisation of our Company; and
- (iii) to encourage greater participation by investors and potentially widen the share spread to a wider pool of investors.

For further information, please refer to Part C of the Circular to Shareholders dated 29 July 2024.

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(FULL NAME IN BLOCK LETTERS)

being a member of **QL RESOURCES BERHAD**, hereby appoint \_

(NRIC No./Passport No. \_\_\_\_\_

## **FORM OF PROXY**

\_ (NRIC No./Passport No. \_\_\_\_\_

(FULL NAME)

(FULL ADDRESS)

No. of ordinary shares held	
CDS Account No.	
Email address	

and,		(NRIC No./F	Passport No			) (Proxy 2)
of						
			(FULL ADDRESS)			
or failing him/her, the CHAIRN Company, to be conducted virt Shah Alam, Selangor on Thurs My/our proxy is to vote as indi	ually through liv day, 29 August 20	e streaming from the	e Broadcast Venue at QL T	raining Hall, No. 16A, Jalan <i>F</i>		
Resolutions					For	Against
Ordinary Resolution No. 1						
Ordinary Resolution No. 2						
Ordinary Resolution No. 3						
Ordinary Resolution No. 4						
Ordinary Resolution No. 5						
Ordinary Resolution No. 6						
Ordinary Resolution No. 7						
Ordinary Resolution No. 8						
Ordinary Resolution No. 9						
Ordinary Resolution No. 10						
Ordinary Resolution No. 11						
Ordinary Resolution No. 12						
Please indicate with an "X" or General Meeting. If you do not Dated this	do so, the proxy	will vote or abstain f	rom voting at his/her dis	cretion.		
			For appointment of two (2) proxies, percentage of shareholding to be repre by the proxies:		o be represented	
				No. of Shares	Pe	rcentage
			Proxy 1			
			Proxy 2			
			Total			
Signature o	f Shareholder					

(FULL ADDRESS)

\_\_\_\_ ) (Proxy 1) of \_\_\_

#### Notes:-

 The Broadcast Venue of the 27th AGM is strictly for the purpose of complying with Section 327(2) of the Companies Act 2016 which requires the Chairman of the Meeting to be at the main venue of the meeting.

Shareholders/proxy(ies) will not be allowed to attend the  $27^{th}$  AGM in person at the Broadcast Venue on the day of the meeting.

Shareholders are to participate, communicate by posting questions to the Board via real time submission of typed texts and vote remotely at the 27<sup>th</sup> AGM using the Remote Participation and Voting facilities ("RPV") provided by Tricor Investor & Issuing House Services Sdn. Bhd. via its TIIH Online website at <a href="https://tiih.online">https://tiih.online</a>. Please follow <a href="https://tiih.online.Please follow the Procedures for RPV as set out in the Administrative Guide of the 27th AGM ("Administrative Guide") and take note of Notes (2) to (10) below in order to participate remotely via RPV.

- For the purpose of determining who shall be entitled to participate in this AGM via RPV, the
  Company shall be requesting Bursa Malaysia Depository Sdn. Bhd. to make available to
  the Company, the Record of Depositors as at 19 August 2024. Only a member whose name
  appears on this Record of Depositors shall be entitled to participate in this AGM via RPV.
- A Member, including an Authorised Nominee, may appoint not more than two (2) proxies to
  participate and vote instead of the Member or Authorised Nominee on the same occasion
  via RPV
- 4. An Exempt Authorised Nominee (which holds ordinary shares in the Company for the Omnibus Account) may appoint one (1) or more proxies to participate on the same occasion. There is no limit to the number of proxies which an Exempt Authorised Nominee may appoint in respect of each Omnibus Account it holds.
- 5. Where a Member, an Authorised Nominee or an Exempt Authorised Nominee appoints more than one (1) proxy, the proportion of shareholdings to be represented by each proxy must be specified in the instrument appointing the proxies. The appointment shall not be valid unless he specifies the proportions of his holdings to be represented by each proxy.

- A proxy may but need not be a Member of the Company. There shall be no restriction as to the qualification of the proxy.
- 7. A member who has appointed a proxy or attorney or authorised representative to participate and vote at 27th AGM via RPV must request his/her proxy or attorney or authorised representative to register himself/herself for RPV at TIIH Online website at <a href="https://tiih.online">https://tiih.online</a> in accordance with the procedures as set out in the Administrative Guide.
- 8. The appointment of a proxy may be made in a hard copy form or by electronic means in the following manner and must be received by the Company not less than forty-eight (48) hours before the time appointed for holding the AGM or adjourned general meeting at which the person named in the appointment proposes to vote:

#### (i) In hard copy form

In the case of an appointment made in hard copy form, the proxy form must be deposited with the Share Registrar of the Company at Tricor Investor & Issuing House Services Sdn. Bhd., Unit 32-01, Level 32, Tower A, Vertical Business Suite, Avenue 3, Bangsar South, No. 8, Jalan Kerinchi, 59200 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia or alternatively, the Customer Service Centre at Unit G-3, Ground Floor, Vertical Podium, Avenue 3, Bangsar South, No. 8, Jalan Kerinchi, 59200 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

#### (ii) By electronic form

The proxy form can be electronically lodged with the Share Registrar of the Company via TIIH Online website at <a href="https://tiih.online">https://tiih.online</a>. Kindly refer to the Administrative Guide on the procedures for electronic lodgement of proxy form via TIIH Online.

- Please ensure ALL the particulars as required in the proxy form are completed, signed and dated accordingly.
- 0. Last date and time for lodging the proxy form is Tuesday, 27 August 2024 at 10.00 a.m.

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The Share Registrar

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