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**BRITISH AMERICAN TOBACCO (MALAYSIA) BERHAD**

**UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL  
STATEMENTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30 JUNE 2024**

**BRITISH AMERICAN TOBACCO (MALAYSIA) BERHAD**  
**Registration No. 196101000326 (4372-M)**

**UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT**  
**FOR THE QUARTER AND PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2024**

	Note	Individual Period		Cumulative Period	
		For the 3 months ended		For the 6 months ended	
		30.06.2024	30.06.2023	30.06.2024	30.06.2023
		RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
Revenue		640,458	678,116	1,052,426	1,068,341
Cost of sales		(486,804)	(504,645)	(814,045)	(807,946)
Gross profit		153,654	173,471	238,381	260,395
Other operating income		144	191	428	759
Operating expenses		(97,421)	(100,798)	(136,471)	(129,458)
Profit from operations		56,377	72,864	102,338	131,696
Finance costs		(6,280)	(5,256)	(12,123)	(11,056)
Profit before tax	B2	50,097	67,608	90,215	120,640
Tax expense	B3	(13,817)	(20,082)	(23,947)	(32,792)
Profit after tax		36,280	47,526	66,268	87,848
Profit attributable to the shareholders of the Company		36,280	47,526	66,268	87,848
Effective tax rate		27.6%	29.7%	26.5%	27.2%
EPS	B10	12.7	16.6	23.2	30.8
<u>Dividends</u>					
- Interim 1		-	-	10	13
- Interim 2		12	16	12	16
		12	16	22	29

The unaudited Condensed Consolidated Income Statement should be read in conjunction with the Annual Audited Financial Statements of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2023.

**BRITISH AMERICAN TOBACCO (MALAYSIA) BERHAD**  
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**UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**  
**FOR THE QUARTER AND PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2024**

	Individual Period		Cumulative Period	
	For the 3 months ended		For the 6 months ended	
	30.06.2024	30.06.2023	30.06.2024	30.06.2023
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
<b>Profit after tax</b>	36,280	47,526	66,268	87,848
<b>Other comprehensive income/(expense), net of tax</b>				
<b>Items that may be subsequently reclassified to income statement</b>				
- changes in fair value of cash flow hedges	2,712	8,618	1,646	7,956
- deferred tax on fair value changes of cash flow hedges	(652)	(2,067)	(394)	(1,909)
<b>Total other comprehensive income, net of tax</b>	2,060	6,551	1,252	6,047
<b>Total comprehensive income</b>	38,340	54,077	67,520	93,895
<b>Profit attributable to:</b>				
Shareholders of the Company	36,280	47,526	66,268	87,848
<b>Total comprehensive income attributable to:</b>				
Shareholders of the Company	38,340	54,077	67,520	93,895

The unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income should be read in conjunction with the Annual Audited Financial Statements of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2023.

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**UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET**  
**AS AT 30 JUNE 2024**

	Note	As at 30.06.2024 RM'000	As at 31.12.2023 RM'000
<b>Assets</b>			
Property, plant and equipment		58,300	65,692
Computer software		702	1,311
Goodwill		411,618	411,618
Deferred tax assets		4,094	6,587
<b>Total non-current assets</b>		<b>474,714</b>	<b>485,208</b>
Inventories		39,178	32,570
Tax recoverable		10,299	2,321
Trade and other receivables		572,099	625,920
Derivative financial instruments		5,911	4,950
Cash and bank balances		78,393	27,849
<b>Total current assets</b>		<b>705,880</b>	<b>693,610</b>
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>1,180,594</b>	<b>1,178,818</b>
<b>Equity</b>			
Share capital		142,765	142,765
Cash flow hedge reserve		4,107	2,855
Retained earnings		226,824	231,939
<b>Total equity</b>		<b>373,696</b>	<b>377,559</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Lease liabilities		30,124	34,136
Derivative financial instruments		44	-
<b>Total non-current liabilities</b>		<b>30,168</b>	<b>34,136</b>
Trade and other payables		227,846	206,977
Borrowings	B5	533,000	543,000
Derivative financial instruments		250	809
Current tax liabilities		2,051	1,808
Lease liabilities		13,583	14,529
<b>Total current liabilities</b>		<b>776,730</b>	<b>767,123</b>
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>806,898</b>	<b>801,259</b>
<b>Total equity and liabilities</b>		<b>1,180,594</b>	<b>1,178,818</b>
Net assets per share (RM)		1.31	1.32

The unaudited Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet should be read in conjunction with the Annual Audited Financial Statements of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2023.

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**UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY  
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2024**

	Non-distributable		Distributable		Total Equity RM'000
	Share Capital RM'000	Cash flow hedge reserve RM'000	Share-based payment reserve RM'000	Retained earnings RM'000	
<b>At 1 January 2024</b>	142,765	2,855	-	231,939	377,559
Profit after tax	-	-	-	66,268	66,268
Other comprehensive income/(expense):					
- changes in fair value of cash flow hedges	-	1,646	-	-	1,646
- deferred tax on fair value changes on cash flow hedges	-	(394)	-	-	(394)
<b>Total comprehensive income</b>	-	1,252	-	66,268	67,520
Transaction with shareholders:					
Dividend for financial year ended 31 December 2023					
- fourth interim	-	-	-	(42,830)	(42,830)
Dividend for financial year ended 31 December 2024					
- first interim				(28,553)	(28,553)
Total transactions with shareholders of the Company	-	-	-	(71,383)	(71,383)
<b>At 30 June 2024</b>	142,765	4,107	-	226,824	373,696
<b>At 1 January 2023</b>	142,765	164	-	234,207	377,136
Profit after tax	-	-	-	87,848	87,848
Other comprehensive income/(expense):					
- changes in fair value of cash flow hedges	-	7,956	-	-	7,956
- deferred tax on fair value changes on cash flow hedges	-	(1,909)	-	-	(1,909)
<b>Total comprehensive income</b>	-	6,047	-	87,848	93,895
Transaction with shareholders:					
Dividend for financial year ended 31 December 2022					
- fourth interim	-	-	-	(59,961)	(59,961)
Dividend for financial year ended 31 December 2023					
- first interim	-	-	-	(37,119)	(37,119)
Total transactions with shareholders of the Company	-	-	-	(97,080)	(97,080)
<b>At 30 June 2023</b>	142,765	6,211	-	224,975	373,951

The unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity should be read in conjunction with the Annual Audited Financial Statements of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2023.

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**UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOWS STATEMENT  
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2024**

	<b>For the 6 months ended</b>	
	<b>30.06.2024</b>	<b>30.06.2023</b>
	<b>RM'000</b>	<b>RM'000</b>
<b>Operating activities</b>		
Profit before tax	90,215	120,640
Adjustments for:		
- non-cash items	12,454	18,079
- interest income	(262)	(344)
- interest expense	12,123	11,056
Changes in working capital:		
- inventories	(9,060)	15,403
- trade and other receivables	53,317	114,887
- trade and other payables	21,322	(9,890)
<b>Cash from operations</b>	<b>180,109</b>	<b>269,831</b>
Income tax paid	(29,583)	(46,805)
<b>Net cash flow from operating activities</b>	<b>150,526</b>	<b>223,026</b>
<b>Investing activities</b>		
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(90)	(173)
Proceeds from disposals of property, plant and equipment	248	2,013
Interest received	262	344
<b>Net cash flow from investing activities</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>2,184</b>
<b>Financing activities</b>		
Dividends paid to shareholders	(71,383)	(97,080)
Interest expense paid	(11,291)	(10,580)
Net repayment from revolving credit	(10,000)	(112,000)
Payment on lease liabilities	(6,896)	(6,816)
Interest paid in relation to lease liabilities	(832)	(476)
<b>Net cash flow used in financing activities</b>	<b>(100,402)</b>	<b>(226,952)</b>
<b>Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>50,544</b>	<b>(1,742)</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents as at 1 January</b>	<b>27,849</b>	<b>16,636</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents as at 30 June</b>	<b>78,393</b>	<b>14,894</b>

The unaudited Condensed Consolidated Cash Flows Statement should be read in conjunction with the Annual Audited Financial Statements of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2023.

PART A: EXPLANATORY NOTES PURSUANT TO MFRS 134

**A1. BASIS OF PREPARATION**

These condensed consolidated financial statements ("Condensed Report") are unaudited and have been prepared in accordance with the Malaysian Financial Reporting Standard ("MFRS") 134 *Interim Financial Reporting*, the International Accounting Standard ("IAS") 34 *Interim Financial Reporting* and the requirements of the Companies Act 2016 in Malaysia, where applicable. This Condensed Report has also been prepared in accordance with paragraph 9.22 and Appendix 9B of the Main Market Listing Requirements of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad.

This Condensed Report should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2023. The explanatory notes attached to the Condensed Report provide explanations of events and transactions that are significant for an understanding of the changes in the financial position and performance of the Group since the financial year ended 31 December 2023.

**A2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The significant accounting policies adopted in the preparation of this Condensed Report are consistent with those adopted in the preparation of the Group's audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2023. As at the date of authorisation of this Condensed Report, the following are accounting standards, interpretations and amendments of the MFRSs that have been issued by the Malaysian Accounting Standards Board ("MASB") but have not been adopted by the Group:

***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 2026***

- Amendments to MFRS 9, *Financial Instruments* and MFRS 7, *Financial Instruments: Disclosures – Classification and Measurement of Financial Instruments*

***MFRSs, interpretations and amendments effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2027***

- MFRS 18, *Presentation and Disclosure in Financial Statements*
- MFRS 19, *Subsidiaries without Public Accountability: Disclosures*

***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*

The Group plans to apply the abovementioned accounting standards, interpretations and amendments, where applicable:

- from the annual period beginning on 1 January 2025 for the amendments that are effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2025.
- from the annual period beginning on 1 January 2026 for the amendments that are effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2026.
- from the annual period beginning on 1 January 2027 for the accounting standards that are effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2027.

**PART A: EXPLANATORY NOTES PURSUANT TO MFRS 134**

**A3. COMMENTS ABOUT SEASONAL OR CYCLICAL FACTORS**

The results of the Group's operations are affected by economic cycles and festive seasons.

**A4. UNUSUAL ITEMS DUE TO THEIR NATURE, SIZE OR INCIDENCE**

There were no significant unusual items affecting assets, liabilities, equity, net income or cash flows during the current quarter ended 30 June 2024.

**A5. SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN ESTIMATE**

There were no significant changes in estimates for prior periods that have had a material effect on the results for the current quarter ended 30 June 2024.

**A6. DEBT AND EQUITY SECURITIES**

There were no issuances, repurchases and repayments of debt and equity securities during the current quarter ended 30 June 2024.



**PART A: EXPLANATORY NOTES PURSUANT TO MFRS 134**

**A7. SEGMENT REPORTING**

MFRS 8 requires separate reporting of segmental information for operating segments. Operating segments reflect the Group's management structure and the way financial information is regularly reviewed by the Group's chief operating decision maker, which in this case is the Managing Director of the Group.

For the financial quarter ended 30 June 2024, the Group concluded that the operating segments determined in accordance with MFRS 8 are to be based on geographical areas as it forms part of the internal management reports regularly provided to the Group's chief operational decision maker.

The Group does not have any non-current assets that are located in countries other than Malaysia.

Segment assets and liabilities are not included in the internal management reports nor provided regularly to the Group's chief operating decision maker. Hence no such disclosures are provided below.

	Individual Period			Cumulative Period		
	For the 3 months ended			For the 6 months ended		
	West Malaysia RM'000	East Malaysia RM'000	Total RM'000	West Malaysia RM'000	East Malaysia RM'000	Total RM'000
<b>Segment revenue and results</b>						
Revenue	584,794	55,664	640,458	964,052	88,374	1,052,426
Gross profit	141,392	12,262	153,654	218,511	19,870	238,381

	Individual Period			Cumulative Period		
	For the 3 months ended			For the 6 months ended		
	West Malaysia RM'000	East Malaysia RM'000	Total RM'000	West Malaysia RM'000	East Malaysia RM'000	Total RM'000
<b>Segment revenue and results</b>						
Revenue	615,757	62,359	678,116	970,770	97,571	1,068,341
Gross profit	157,124	16,347	173,471	235,957	24,438	260,395

	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000
<b>Reconciliation of reportable segment operating profits</b>		
Total gross profits for reporting segments	238,381	260,395
Depreciation and amortisation	(9,948)	(9,105)
Finance costs	(12,123)	(11,056)
Total unallocated operating expense	(126,095)	(119,594)
Consolidated profit before tax	90,215	120,640

**PART A: EXPLANATORY NOTES PURSUANT TO MFRS 134**

**A8. EVENTS AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD**

There were no material events subsequent to the end of the financial period under review that have not been reflected in the quarterly report.

**A9. CHANGES IN COMPOSITION OF GROUP**

There were no changes in the composition of the Group during the current quarter ended 30 June 2024.

**A10. CONTINGENT ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

There were no contingent liabilities or contingent assets as at 17 July 2024 (the latest practicable date which shall not be earlier than 7 days from the date of issue of this quarterly report).

**A11. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS**

The Group has no capital commitments as at 30 June 2024.

**PART A: EXPLANATORY NOTES PURSUANT TO MFRS 134**

**A12. SIGNIFICANT RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

For the purposes of this quarterly report, parties are considered to be related to the Group if the Group 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 and the party are subject to common control or common significant influence. 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 has related party relationships with its holding company, subsidiaries and key management personnel. Significant related party transactions are as follows:

	<b>Individual Period</b>		<b>Cumulative Period</b>	
	<b>For the 3 months ended</b>		<b>For the 6 months ended</b>	
	<b>30.6.2024</b>	<b>30.6.2023</b>	<b>30.6.2024</b>	<b>30.6.2023</b>
	<b>RM'000</b>	<b>RM'000</b>	<b>RM'000</b>	<b>RM'000</b>
Purchase of leaf, cigarette packaging, wrapping materials and tobacco products from:				
PT Bentoel Prima	46,901	35,947	91,377	65,591
Purchase of vapour products from:				
Nicoventures Trading Limited	5,377	-	21,121	-
Procurement of information technology services from:				
British American Shared Services (GSD) Limited	5,379	4,871	9,837	9,608
Royalties paid/payable to:				
British American Tobacco Exports Limited	20,771	22,914	32,649	34,806
Technical and advisory support services fee from:				
British American Tobacco Investments Ltd.	2,277	2,933	5,768	6,999
BAT Aspac Service Centre Sdn. Bhd.	2,891	3,667	8,600	7,029

**PART B: EXPLANATORY NOTES PURSUANT TO MAIN MARKET  
LISTING REQUIREMENTS OF BURSA MALAYSIA SECURITIES BERHAD**

**B1. AUDITORS' REPORT ON PRECEDING ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The auditors' report on the annual financial statements of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2023 was unqualified.

**B2. PROFIT BEFORE TAX**

	<b>Individual Period</b>		<b>Cumulative Period</b>	
	<b>For the 3 months ended</b>		<b>For the 6 months ended</b>	
	<b>30.6.2024</b>	<b>30.6.2023</b>	<b>30.6.2024</b>	<b>30.6.2023</b>
	<b>RM'000</b>	<b>RM'000</b>	<b>RM'000</b>	<b>RM'000</b>
<b>Profit before tax is arrived at after charging:</b>				
Finance costs:				
- lease liabilities	410	229	832	476
- borrowings	5,870	5,027	11,291	10,580
Property, plant and equipment:				
- depreciation	1,760	1,455	2,868	2,680
- depreciation of right-of-use assets	3,007	2,927	6,471	5,816
- write-off	-	199	-	199
Computer software:				
- amortisation	305	305	609	609
Net loss on impairment of financial assets at amortised cost	104	161	-	-
Inventories written-off	1,375	4,390	2,452	8,253
Net foreign exchange loss	-	2,554	1,201	2,365
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<b>and after crediting:</b>				
Interest income on deposits	145	134	262	344
Property, plant and equipment:				
- gain on disposal	-	256	166	614
Gain on derecognition of lease contracts	-	39	81	39
Gain on derivatives	647	1,147	-	870
Net foreign exchange gain	118	-	-	-
Reversal on impairment of financial assets at amortised cost	-	-	70	169
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**PART B: EXPLANATORY NOTES PURSUANT TO MAIN MARKET  
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**B3. TAX EXPENSE**

	Individual Period		Cumulative Period	
	For the 3 months ended		For the 6 months ended	
	30.6.2024	30.6.2023	30.6.2024	30.6.2023
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
<b>Current tax expense</b>				
- current tax	11,694	21,887	21,849	35,289
<b>Deferred tax expense</b>				
- origination/(reversal) of temporary differences	2,123	(1,805)	2,098	(2,497)
	13,817	20,082	23,947	32,792

The average effective tax rate of the Group for the second quarter and financial period 30 June 2024 were 27.6% (2023: 29.7%) and 26.5% (2023: 27.2%) respectively.

The average effective tax rate in the second quarter 2024 and financial period ended 30 June 2024 was higher than the 24% corporate rate mainly attributed to non-deductible expenses.

**B4. CORPORATE PROPOSAL**

There were no new corporate proposals announced as at 17 July 2024 (the latest practicable date which shall not be earlier than 7 days from the date of issue of this quarterly report).

**B5. BORROWINGS**

The Group's borrowings as at the end of the financial period are as follows:

	As at 30.6.2024 RM'000	As at 31.12.2023 RM'000
Borrowings – unsecured	533,000	543,000

The Group's borrowings have a maturity date between one month to three months. The Group's borrowings are denominated in Ringgit Malaysia.

**B6. MATERIAL LITIGATION**

There was no material litigation as at 17 July 2024 (the latest practicable date which shall not be earlier than 7 days from the date of issue of this quarterly report).

**PART B: EXPLANATORY NOTES PURSUANT TO MAIN MARKET  
LISTING REQUIREMENTS OF BURSA MALAYSIA SECURITIES BERHAD**

**B7. MATERIAL CHANGES IN THE QUARTERLY RESULTS AS COMPARED WITH THE PRECEDING QUARTER**

The tobacco black market incidence saw a decrease 1.1% from 55.9% to 54.8% in the current quarter. The legal industry combustible volume was higher in the second quarter compared to the first quarter, reflecting a yearly market trend.

The Group's share of market registered at 50.9%, increased by 0.2% versus the preceding quarter. Continuing to strengthen its market leadership, the Group's Premium brand Dunhill gained a 0.4% increase in share of market. The Group's Aspirational Premium brands saw a 0.2% decrease in share of market to 6.0% whereas Value-For-Money brands share of market remained unchanged at 12.7%, compared to the previous quarter.

The Group's volume increased by 52.8% leading to a revenue growth of 55.5% from RM412 million to RM640 million. The gross profit margin improved by 3.4% to 24% due to the positive impact of a better product mix. Profit from operations rose to RM56 million from RM46 million in the preceding quarter, marking a 22.7% increase primarily driven by increased revenue, partially offset by higher operation cost.

**B8. REVIEW OF PERFORMANCE YEAR-TO-DATE YEAR 2024 VS YEAR-TO-DATE 2023**

Amid ongoing industry pressures, industry volume decreased by 3% whereas the Group's total volume experienced a higher decline of 5.3%. The Group's Premium and Aspirational Premium brands contracted by 0.9% and 0.6%, respectively, in share of market mainly due to consumer affordability pressures and downtrading trend. With the launch of Value-For-Money brand, Luckies, in the second half of 2023, the Group witnessed continued growth in the share of market for Value-For-Money brands, increasing by 1.1% in the first half of 2024 amidst the prevailing downtrading trend.

The Group's volume experienced a decline of 5.3%, resulting in a 1.5% decrease in revenue to RM 1,052 million, largely driven by decline in FMC volume, partially offset by sales from vapour products. Gross profit decreased by 8.5% attributed to lower margin of vapour products and heightened inflationary impact. Operating expenses for year-to-date 2024 increased by 5.4%, driven by the cost associated with the launch of its vapour product, Vuse. Consequently, the profit from operations declined by 22.3% from RM132 million to RM102 million.

**B9. CURRENT YEAR PROSPECTS**

The Malaysian economy grew at a higher rate of 4.2% in the first quarter of 2024, exceeding Bloomberg consensus forecast of 3.9%, driven by stronger domestic demand and positive turnaround in exports. On the back of this positive growth, Bank Negara Malaysia (BNM) maintained its 2024 economic growth projection of 4% to 5%.

Against this backdrop, the Group remains optimistic of achieving a stable financial performance in FY2024, as it continues to build A Better Tomorrow™, backed by its New Category business.

The Group firmly believes that harm reduction strategies are crucial in reducing the health impact of our business and will continue to focus on growing the market share of Vuse, which represents the Group's efforts to offer reduced-risk\* alternatives to adult smokers.

On the regulatory landscape, the Group believes that the Control of Smoking Products for Public Health Act 2024 is a step in the right direction for the industry. However, the Group reiterates that any regulations introduced must be sensible and evidence-based to ensure that it can be enforced effectively and deliver its intended objectives, without fuelling the growth of the tobacco or vapour black market.

**PART B: EXPLANATORY NOTES PURSUANT TO MAIN MARKET  
LISTING REQUIREMENTS OF BURSA MALAYSIA SECURITIES BERHAD**

**B9. CURRENT YEAR PROSPECTS (CONT'D)**

The Group also believes that the Government needs to focus its attention and resources to address tobacco black market in Malaysia as the incidence remains persistently high at 54.8%, weighing down on the performance of the legal industry and creating revenue leakages for the Government. Apart from proactive work done on the enforcement front to curb the supply, the Group urges the Government to develop solutions that would address the issues to curb demand of black-market products.

(\*Based on the weight of evidence and assuming a complete switch from cigarette smoking. These products are not risk free and are addictive.)

**B10. EARNINGS PER SHARE**

	<b>Individual Period</b>		<b>Cumulative Period</b>	
	<b>For the 3 months ended</b>	<b>For the 3 months ended</b>	<b>For the 6 months ended</b>	<b>For the 6 months ended</b>
	<b>30.6.2024</b>	<b>30.6.2023</b>	<b>30.6.2024</b>	<b>30.6.2023</b>
<b>Basic earnings per share</b>				
Profit for the financial period (RM'000)	36,280	47,526	66,268	87,848
Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue ('000)	285,530	285,530	285,530	285,530
Basic earnings per share (sen)	12.7	16.6	23.2	30.8

The Group does not have in issue any financial instrument or other contract that may entitle its holders to ordinary shares and therefore, diluted earnings per share is not disclosed.

**PART B: EXPLANATORY NOTES PURSUANT TO MAIN MARKET  
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**B11. DIVIDENDS**

Dividends paid or declared in respect of the quarter ended 30 June 2024 are as follows:

	<b>Sen per share</b>	<b>Total amount RM'000</b>
<b>2024</b>		
Fourth interim dividend 2023	15.0	42,830
First interim dividend 2024	10.0	28,553
	25.0	71,383
<b>2023</b>		
Fourth interim dividend 2022	21.0	59,961
First interim dividend 2023	13.0	37,119
	34.0	97,080

The Board of Directors had on 24 July 2024 declared a second interim ordinary dividend of 12.0 sen per ordinary share (tax exempted under single-tier tax system) amounting to RM34,264,000 in respect of the financial quarter ended 30 June 2024, payable on 22 August 2024 to shareholders whose names appear on the Record of Depositors on 8 August 2024. This equates to a 94% payout on Q2 2024 earnings per share and dividend yield of 6.7%\*.

A Depositor shall qualify for entitlement only in respect of:

- (a) Securities transferred to the Depositor's Securities Account before 4.30 p.m. on 8 August 2024, in respect of ordinary transfers; and
- (b) Securities bought on Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad on a cum entitlement basis according to the Rules of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad.

*\* Based on last 3 quarters dividend paid out and second interim dividend 2024 declared*

**B12. AUTHORISED FOR ISSUE**

The quarterly report was authorised for issue by the Board in accordance with a resolution of the Directors on 24 July 2024.