



## About The Annual Report

Westports Holdings Berhad (“Westports” or “Company”) is presenting its Integrated Annual Report 2023 with the disclosure of selected material information in a concise manner to provide a holistic perspective of our Company. Essential main parameters disclosed have been presented for consistency and comparability with previous years.

Westports has also published the Sustainability Report 2023. BSI Services Malaysia provided their independent verification on our eighth sustainability publication. The Company continues to highlight the activities of Corporate Social Responsibility (“CSR”) as we published our CSR Report on a quarterly basis in 2023. We shared our activities and contributions, especially to the communities at Pulau Indah, where our port is situated, and Klang.

Westports had refrained from offset lithography printing since publishing the Annual Report in 2018, and we eschewed such printing method since 2016 for the Sustainability Report. We adopted the horizontal layout format for these two reports to facilitate and for the ease of electronic reading.

Electronic reading will also reduce the carbon emissions associated with printing and delivering these reports, such as electricity, ink usage, deforestation and fuel consumption. Even if the paper is manufactured from sustainable forests or recycled paper, chemicals, ink, and other environmentally harmful processes still have to be used. Westports shareholders who still wish for a printed copy of the 2023 Annual Report should submit their request online at <http://www.westportsholdings.com/>.

*The cover page of the Annual Report 2023 depicted what is now known as Pulau Indah around 1994. The late and beloved Tan Sri Datuk G. Gnanalingam envisioned building Westports into a regional transshipment hub for container shipping. Through one of the earliest privatisation agreements of its time, he secured the concession to build and operate Westports and successfully nurtured and developed the port into the second busiest port in Southeast Asia, and in doing so, also transformed Malaysia’s logistics landscape. The back cover is what Westports at Pulau Indah looks like today.*

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## Group Performance

### Highlights

For the Financial Year Ended 31 December	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
<b>Financials</b>					
Revenue (RM'000)	2,151,918	2,069,012	2,022,024	1,974,968	1,782,890
Profit before tax (RM'000)	1,006,214	943,940	1,039,549	865,067	773,809
Profit after tax (RM'000)	779,432	699,578	808,222	654,486	590,896
Shareholders' equity (RM'000)	3,520,121	3,274,354	3,126,854	2,829,110	2,560,295
Total assets (RM'000)	5,339,238	5,281,689	5,415,300	5,261,648	5,132,206
<b>Per Share And Ratios</b>					
Earnings per share (sen)	22.9	20.5	23.7	19.2	17.3
Dividend per share (sen)	15.7	16.2	15.0	11.3	13.1
Dividend payout ratio (%)	74.0%	70.0%	75.0%	60.0%	75.0%
Return on equity (%)	22.1%	21.4%	25.8%	23.1%	23.1%
Return on total assets (%)	14.6%	13.2%	14.9%	12.4%	11.5%
<b>Operations</b>					
Container throughput (million TEUs)	10.9	10.1	10.4	10.5	10.9
Container handling capacity (million TEUs)	13.7	13.7	13.6	13.6	13.9
Westports market share of Port Klang	77%	76%	76%	79%	80%
Conventional throughput (million MT)	11.6	12.1	11.3	10.9	9.9
Number of vessels accommodated	9,356	8,262	7,298	8,515	8,997
<b>Sustainability</b>					
Diesel consumption (million litres)	51.7	51.3	52.4	<sup>^</sup> 50.1	50.3
Electricity consumption (million kWh)	60.7	65.6	119.8	101.3	101.3
Water consumption (million m <sup>3</sup> )	1.52	1.50	1.53	1.12	1.01
Direct GHG emissions, Scope 1 (tonnes) CO <sub>2</sub> e	<sup>^</sup> 134,243	<sup>^</sup> 133,165	<sup>^</sup> 135,773	132,866	131,485
Indirect GHG emissions, Scope 2 (tonnes) CO <sub>2</sub> e	*45,800	*49,664	<sup>^</sup> 97,317	70,109	59,277

<sup>^</sup>Restated

\*Landed clients and reefer use of electricity are Classified as Scope 3

## Statement Of Value Added And Distribution

For The Financial Year Ended 31 December

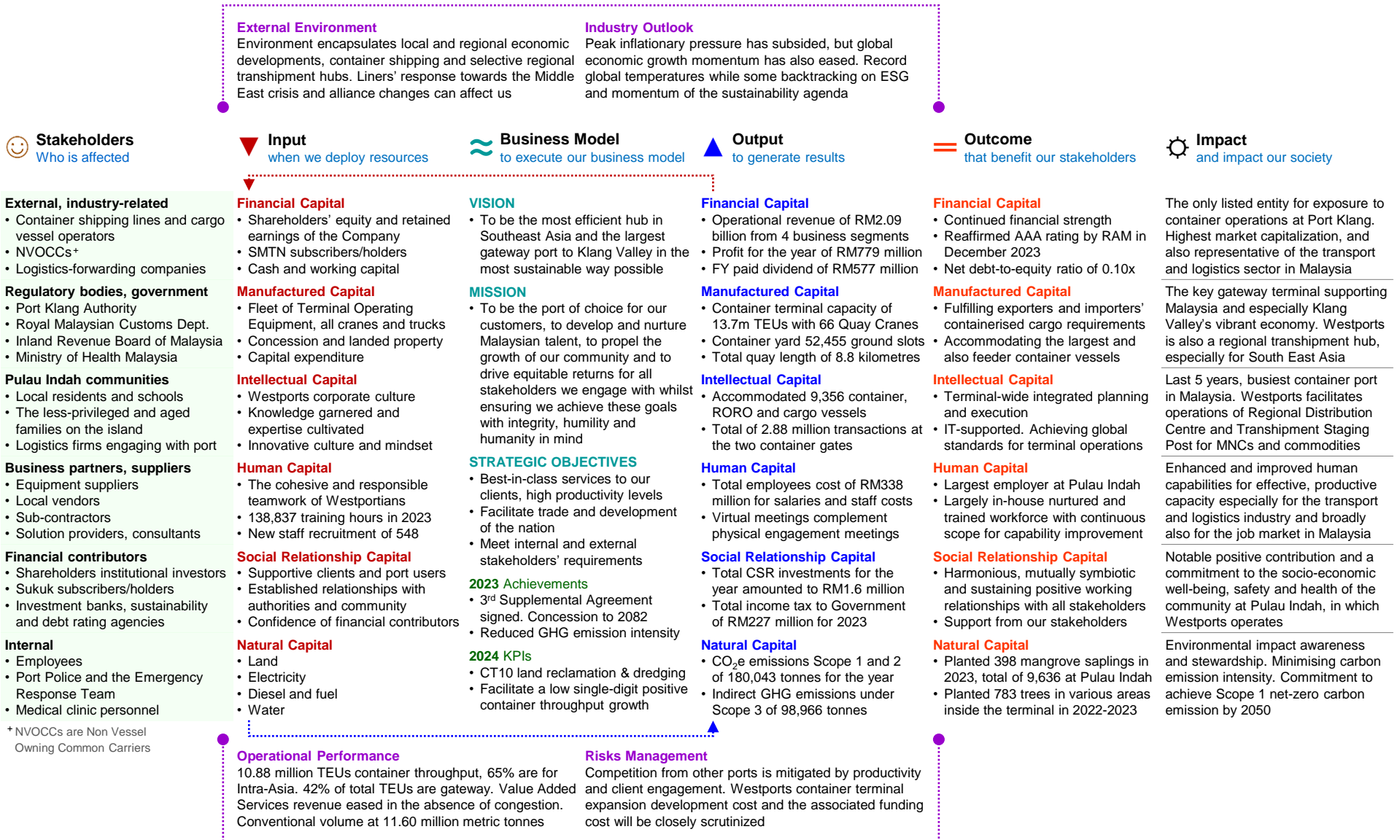
In RM'000	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
<b>VALUE ADDED:</b>					
Revenue	2,151,918	2,069,012	2,022,024	1,974,968	1,782,890
Less: Construction revenue	(63,295)	(13,629)	(44,274)	(139,146)	0
Operational revenue	2,088,623	2,055,383	1,977,750	1,835,822	1,782,890
Purchase of goods and services	(444,259)	(477,597)	(318,286)	(358,852)	(421,837)
<b>Total value added available for distribution</b>	<b>1,644,364</b>	<b>1,577,787</b>	<b>1,659,464</b>	<b>1,476,970</b>	<b>1,361,053</b>
<b>DISTRIBUTION:</b>					
To employees					
- salaries and other staff costs	337,546	317,034	299,421	286,202	256,290
To government					
- income tax	226,782	244,361	231,324	210,581	182,913
To provider of capital					
- dividends	533,665	552,079	510,477	385,671	445,687
- finance costs (net)	41,734	52,305	61,720	65,256	74,955
Retained for future reinvestment and growth					
- depreciation and amortisation	258,870	264,509	258,774	260,445	255,998
- retained profits	245,767	147,499	297,748	268,815	145,210
<b>Total distributed</b>	<b>1,644,364</b>	<b>1,577,787</b>	<b>1,659,464</b>	<b>1,476,970</b>	<b>1,361,053</b>
<b>RECONCILIATION:</b>					
Profit for the year	779,432	699,578	808,225	654,486	590,896
Add: Depreciation and amortisation	258,870	264,509	258,774	260,445	255,998
Finance costs (net)	41,734	52,305	61,720	65,256	74,955
Staff costs	337,546	317,034	299,421	286,202	256,290
Income tax	226,782	244,361	231,324	210,581	182,913
<b>Total value added</b>	<b>1,644,364</b>	<b>1,577,787</b>	<b>1,659,464</b>	<b>1,476,970</b>	<b>1,361,053</b>

Value added is a measure of wealth created. The above Statement shows the Group's value added for 2023 and the prior years and its distribution by way of payments to employees, government and capital providers with the balance being retained in the Group for future reinvestment and growth.



# Our Value Creation Model

Perspective



## Remembering The Achievements Of Tan Sri Datuk G. Gnanalingam

One of my earliest memories of Westports was when my dad, the late and beloved Tan Sri Datuk G. Gnanalingam, took the family for a drive to what is now known as Pulau Indah. As you can see from the cover picture, the island was just a tiny fishing village overgrown with greens and swamps in many areas. The adjacent port on the mainland was a feeder port then, and it catered to the requirements of the local economy. Even though he had no prior track record in ports or shipping, the late Tan Sri G, as many called him at Westports, had a vision of building Westports into a regional transshipment hub for container shipping. Me and many others felt he was a dreamer and too ambitious. Together with a few other local shareholders and one of the earliest privatisation agreements of its time, my dad secured the concession to build and operate Westports in 1994. He then took his dream and made it a reality and, in doing so, transformed Malaysia's logistics landscape.

The Company started with bulk cargo and proceeded with container operations in 1996. One main challenge was persuading ships to call Westports as the adjacent terminal basically met local needs while the country's southern neighbour fulfilled the regional transshipment requirements. In 1998, the Asian Financial Crisis hit. Subsequent shareholding changes ensued with the entry of Hutchison Port in 2000. Against all odds, Westports prevailed. Spurred by transshipment volume, an inflexion point whereby the former exceeded gateway boxes, the terminal handled 1.0 million TEUs in 2000 — the subsequent years witnessed accelerative growth as Westports expanded and fully developed all the container wharves by 2017. With three-quarters of Port Klang's container throughput today, Westports has single-handedly elevated Port Klang to be Malaysia's best-connected container terminal, thus contributing to making Malaysia top-4 in the UNCTAD global liner shipping connectivity index.

His accolades were too many to enumerate. Some notable ones include the Transport Man of the Year 2001 by the Malaysian Ministry of Transport, the Malaysia Achiever of the Year Award by the UK's Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport, the Outstanding American Alumnus Award 2007 in the field of Logistics and Transport by the American Universities Alumni Malaysia, the Value Creator: Most Outstanding CEO by the Edge Billion Ringgit Club in 2017, and the Lifetime Achievement Award by the International Business Review ASEAN Awards in 2022. He also rendered his expertise freely in various Government bodies, such as the National PEMUDAH, the National Export Council and the Economic Action Council.

My dad forged a close affinity with the local Pulau Indah community. His passion was reflected in the CSR committees he chaired through the years as he directed the many activities. He formulated the focus. Eradicate poverty, provide security and safety to the community, improve the children's education, enhance the environment and provide development to the local community. Today, Westports emerged as the largest employer in Pulau Indah, and about 40% of our employees are Pulau Indah residents.

His management approach endeared the staff to him. His oft-mentioned excerpt includes, "Who built the Taj Mahal? Was it Shah Jahan? No, it was the workers!" and "At Westports, Staff is King, and Customer is Queen", and also "Nothing is sacrosanct, challenge every issue, remove legacy issues". He structured remuneration that rewards performance. He formulated HR benefits with the staff families in mind. He revelled in joining team-building and get-together sessions with the staff. All staff members can write directly to him – regardless of rank and position – through "contact reports".

Tan Sri G did all this whilst never forgetting his main goals in life, which included being a great husband to my mum, an amazing father to me, my brother and sister, a fantastic grandfather to his seven grandchildren, and a loyal friend and mentor to many others. Having fulfilled his earlier vision of transforming an undeveloped island to ultimately one of the biggest and most competitive mega transshipment hubs, my dad left his indelible imprint on the blueprint to expand Westports 2. I still miss him dearly and resolve to take on my new responsibilities in a way that would make him proud – enriching the community, expanding the terminal and building on his immense legacy.

Datuk Ruben Emir Gnanalingam  
Executive Chairman and Group Managing Director



Tan Sri Datuk G. Gnanalingam  
The founder of Westports Holdings Berhad  
1944-2023



# Executive Chairman and Group Managing Director's Message

Perspective

Dear shareholders,

2023 was a year of pivotal shifts. Central banks across the globe raised interest rates to moderate the growing inflationary pressures after decades of subdued interest environment. The subsequent effects rippled across the world from Wall Street to Main Street and across many asset classes and supply chains. In addition to the ongoing conflict in Ukraine, the year ended with tensions in the Middle East.

## Macroeconomic review

The global Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth of between 3% and 4% turned out to be better than initially expected due to the outperformance and resilience of the US economy. Most economies in the Far East and ASEAN nations had more moderate GDP growth. Malaysia meanwhile attained a GDP growth of around 4% against the backdrop of volatile crude and palm oil prices, higher inflation and a softer Ringgit.

## External Operating Environment

The global supply chain normalises in 2023 after being affected by pandemic-related issues in prior years. Container shipping and the growth of regional economies affect the company's transshipment volume, whereas the broad local economy influences the gateway throughput. As all boxes are transported via container ships, these ships' operators, charterers, or owners are Westports' most critical immediate external environment.

2023 witnessed the continuation of the two mega alliances, Ocean Alliance and THE Alliance. However, 2M announced they would dissolve their partnership by 2025. Westports remained Ocean Alliance's second transshipment hub in the region, while the four individual members also have their services with us. Despite not being a transshipment hub for THE Alliance or 2M services, the individual liners' ships do call at Westports.

The deliveries of newly built ships, many of them ultra-large container vessels that can accommodate more than 20,000 boxes, outpaced global demand. We also have accommodated more larger ships. This oversupply pushed container freight rates lower for most of the year. Towards the end of 2023, tension in the Middle East and the diversion of container ships away from the Red Sea pushed freight rates upward.

## Review of results

The multi-decade benign interest rate environment ended as central banks sought to moderate brewing inflationary pressures. Despite consecutive rate hikes, many economies displayed surprising overall economic resilience, but the momentum of consumer spending on containerised goods eased while spending on services was sustained.

During the first half of 2023, the Company facilitated the repositioning of empty container boxes to the Far East. However, when the demand for containerised goods did not rebound strongly in the second half, most of these assets remained where they were due to lower storage fees. The boxes' repositioning tapered off during the second half of the year.

Westports initially expected a low single-digit growth rate for its container throughput in 2023. The movement of empty boxes marginally boosted the overall volume in the first half, while the improved gateway volume, arising from increasing industries and companies that have commenced their operations in Malaysia, facilitated favourable growth in the second half of the year.

The favourable momentum allowed Westports to surpass all its records by handling more than 1.0 million Twenty-foot Equivalent Units ("TEU") in a single month in December 2023. Furthermore, Westports exceeded all its previous achievements for the year by handling a record throughput of 10.88 million TEUs in 2023. The other key milestone attained in December 2023 was that Westports facilitated a cumulative movement of 3.0 million units of Roll-on/Roll-off ("RoRo") vehicles and equipment since its inception. In 2023, the Conventional operation moved 11.60 million metric tonnes of cargo.

Financially, Westports attained a record operational revenue of RM2.09 billion. The container segment was the most significant revenue contributor. Quay Cranes' average utilisation was just under 80%. These achievements underpinned the imperative to expand the container facilities. Our workforce was the biggest operational cost component as the Company offered comprehensive remuneration to our staff. At the bottom line, in the absence of Cukai Makmur and with the help of investment tax allowance ("ITA"), Westports reported its second-highest ever profit after tax of RM779 million.

## CSR and sustainability

At Westports, each department has an area of Corporate Social Responsibility ("CSR") for which they are responsible. With the Board Sustainability Committee, existing CSR activities under the Social pillar of ESG receive more attention. Westports' CSR focus is to improve the livelihoods of our communities in Pulau Indah and Klang, emphasising lowering poverty and crime levels whilst enhancing the education, health, and well-being of the targeted stakeholders. Many initiatives that fall within the Environment and Governance pillars are now reported – this strengthened the accountability and comprehensiveness of these initiatives.

The Company finetuned our commitment towards achieving Scope 1 operational net-zero on carbon emissions by 2050 after a thorough reassessment following the National Energy Transition Roadmap ("NETR") publication. Natural gas is NETR's transitional fuel and is the primary contributor to the Total Primary Energy Source, forecasted to be 56% by 2050. Hence, electricity sourced from the national grid would be non-net-zero. If the Company electrifies all its diesel-operated equipment, Scope 2 would still reflect some emissions as the electricity generated is not entirely green. As climate change affects the quality of all livelihoods, decarbonisation costs likewise should be equitably borne by those consuming the most resources in an affordable manner so that mitigation benefits are justly shared across all societies.

At the Social pillar, Westports is committed to diversity, equity and inclusion ("DEI"). Steps taken during the year included, among others, changing recruitment forms to exclude the requirement of specific personal details and adapting work practices to accommodate female employees' requirements. The Company also ensured that every single employee obtained at least a living wage, which is above the minimum wage stipulated by the government.

On Governance, Westports augmented its overall sustainability and CSR-related practices with ten publicly disclosed policies, enhanced our risk assessment framework by assessing the severity of harm, and reinforced our procurement selection process with more sustainability elements.

## Awards

Westports is of the view that sustainability and good Return on Investments (ROI) are mutually compatible, especially when all benefits and costs have been appropriately considered. Together with our mission of carrying out our business with operational excellence, Westports received the following awards in 2023:



## Executive Chairman and Group Managing Director's Message (continued)

### Perspective

- Asiamoney, Asia's Outstanding Companies Poll 2023 – Malaysia, Transportation Sector
- The Edge Malaysia ESG Awards 2023 – Gold Award in Transportation and Logistics
- APSN (APEC Port Services Network) Green Port Award (GPAS) 2023
- The Edge Billion Ringgit Club Corporate Awards 2023 – Category of Transportation & Logistics (Highest Growth in Profit After Tax Over 3 years)
- The Edge Billion Ringgit Club Corporate Awards 2023 – Category of Transportation & Logistics (Highest Return on Equity Over 3 years)

### Westports expansion and upgrading

In December 2023, the Company finally signed the Third Supplemental Agreement for the Privatisation of Westports, extending the concession period by 58 years from 2024 to 2082, after years of intense engagement, discussion, and in-depth analysis with external inputs by various parties. The existing port facilities would be upgraded, while new container terminal facilities, CT10 to CT17, would be developed. Westports' total container handling capacity will increase from 14 million TEUs to 27 million TEUs annually. The total investment to 2082 is projected to amount to RM 39.6 billion.

### Credit standing

RAM Rating Services Berhad (RAM) has assigned a long-term AAA/stable rating to Westports Malaysia Sdn Bhd ("WMSB") RM2.0 billion Sukuk Musharakah Programme 2011/2031 in February 2021. RAM reaffirmed this highest possible rating in its third annual review in December 2023.

### Dividends

Since Westports became a publicly listed company in 2013, its wholly-owned subsidiary, WMSB, has practised a dividend payout of 75% while the Company redistributed all the dividends it received. The distribution of dividends takes into consideration, among others, the projected levels of capital expenditure, future investment plans, working capital requirements, and the dividends it receives from the operating companies. For the financial year ended 31 December 2023, the Company has redistributed all the dividends it received and has paid two interim dividends amounting to RM577 million.

### Strategic Objectives

- We provide best-in-class services to our clients by achieving high productivity levels.
- We facilitate trade and development of the nation by expanding facilities at Westports to meet growing requirements.
- We fulfil our responsibilities by catering to internal and external stakeholders' requirements.

### Strategic Targets And Outcomes In 2023

- Conduct and complete the proof of concept operational evaluation of the feasibility of using autonomous electric terminal trucks.
- Westports purchased two units of autonomous electric trucks. We conducted the Proof of Concept assessment to evaluate whether they could replace the planned phase-out of some ageing diesel trucks. After an extended operational assessment period of six months, the tentative findings indicated that further enhancements are required before the autonomous electric trucks can be deployed successfully. We planned to redeploy them to specific applications that maximise their advantages while minimising their shortcomings. In the meantime, Westports will evaluate and consider buying some non-autonomous electric trucks to replace the ageing diesel-engine trucks.

- Complete the building of LBT4A by the end of the year to support additional liquid storage and transfer requirements.
- The slower-than-expected delivery of firefighting equipment has delayed the overall completion of LBT4A to the early part of 2024. The affected stakeholders agreed to prioritise safety and install the appropriate equipment for the intended purposes without any compromise.
- Facilitate a low single-digit positive container throughput growth.
- Westports has exceeded this target by recording a container volume growth of 8%. The stronger-than-expected growth was due to the repositioning of empty boxes and substantial gateway volume in the second half.

### Strategic Targets And KPIs For 2024

- Complete the purchase of the 362-acre Marina Land from the vendor(s).
- Commence land reclamation and the required dredging for CT10 and CT11.
- Facilitate a low single-digit positive container throughput growth.

### Outlook

The world's major economies are expected to slow down with the elevated interest rates. The American consumer and labour market could defy overly pessimistic assessments again, while Europe and China are expected to weigh down on global growth as both economies struggle with an increasingly challenging environment for trade and rising geopolitical tensions. Besides higher interest rates, exogenous shocks, such as the Red Sea issue, are rippling across the broad consumer economy and industrial activities. Nevertheless, despite challenges and an opaque outlook in recent years, Westports has performed beyond initial expectations by the end of the year. With contributions from all valued stakeholders, including our clients and Westportians, we endeavour to maintain such outperformance momentum.

### Acknowledgement

The year was marked by extremities. The Company experienced the demise of our beloved founder, the late Tan Sri Datuk G. Gnanalingam, and subsequently signed the long-awaited new concession agreement with the authorities, extending the concession period by 58 years to 2082 on 8 December 2023. Despite a cautionary outlook at the beginning of 2023, we ended the year by attaining a new record by handling a container throughput of 10.88 million TEUs. Throughout the year, we received tremendous support from our customers, government agencies, business partners, shareholders, Sukuk holders, other external stakeholders, and Westportians. The Company will be celebrating its 30th anniversary in 2024, and I appreciate all of you for contributing to the port's current and future successes.

I also want to thank our distinguished colleagues on the Board for your valuable input and guidance throughout the year. We also welcome Ms Shaline Gnanalingam to the Board. Finally, I wish to record the Board's thanks and appreciation to Ms Chan Chu Wei, one of the founding directors of WMSB, who served on the Board since 2000 and retired from the Board in 2023.

Datuk Ruben Emir Gnanalingam  
Executive Chairman and Group Managing Director

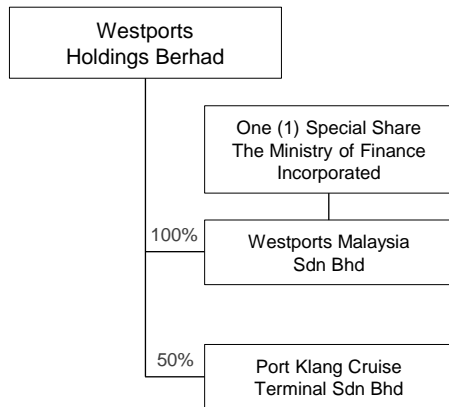
## Corporate Profile

### Our Company

Westports Holdings Berhad was incorporated in Malaysia under the Companies Act, 1965 as a private company limited by shares on 27 April 1993. The Company is principally involved in investment holding and the provision of management services to its subsidiary, namely, Westports Malaysia Sdn . Bhd. WMSB "). The Company commenced its business operations on 1 August 1994 and was subsequently converted into a public company limited by shares on 26 April 2013. The Company was listed on the Main Market of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad on 18 October 2013.

WMSB was incorporated on 24 January 1990 under the Companies Act, 1965 as a private limited company under the name of Kelang Multi Terminal Sdn . Bhd. and its principal activities are port development and management of port operations. WMSB assumed its present name on 29 December 2006.

### Group Corporate Structure



## Corporate Information

### Our Company

#### Board Of Directors

Datuk Ruben Emir Gnanalingam bin Abdullah (Executive Chairman and Group Managing Director)

Ahmad Zubir bin Zahid (Independent Non-Executive Director)

Chan Soo Chee (Senior Independent Non-Executive Director)

Shanthi Kandiah (Independent Non-Executive Director)

Datuk Siti Zauyah binti Md Desa (Independent Non-Executive Director)

Sing Chi IP (Non-Independent Non-Executive Director)

Diana Tung Wan LEE (Non-Independent Non-Executive Director)

Tan Sri Dato' Seri Mohd Khairul Adib bin Abd Rahman (Independent Non-Executive Director)

Dato' Tengku Marina binti Tunku Annuar (Independent Non-Executive Director)

Shaline Gnanalingam (Non-Independent Non-Executive Director)

John Stephen Ashworth (Alternate Director to Sing Chi IP)

Andy Wing Kit TSOI (Alternate Director to Diana Tung Wan LEE)

#### Audit Committee

Ahmad Zubir bin Zahid (Chairman)

Chan Soo Chee (Member)

Datuk Siti Zauyah binti Md Desa (Member)

#### Nomination And Remuneration Committee

Chan Soo Chee (Chairman)

Tan Sri Dato' Seri Mohd Khairul Adib bin Abd Rahman (Member)

Dato' Tengku Marina binti Tunku Annuar (Member)

#### Risk Management Committee

Shanthi Kandiah (Chairperson)

Ahmad Zubir bin Zahid (Member)

Diana Tung Wan LEE (Member)

#### Sustainability Committee

Datuk Siti Zauyah binti Md Desa (Chairperson)

Shanthi Kandiah (Member)

Dato' Tengku Marina binti Tunku Annuar (Member)

#### Company Secretaries

Tai Yit Chan (MAICSA 7009143) (SSM PC No. 202008001023)

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#### Registered Office

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#### Principal Bankers

Malayan Banking Berhad AmlInvestment Bank Berhad Standard Chartered Bank Malaysia Berhad Alliance Bank Berhad CIMB Bank Berhad OCBC Bank (Malaysia) Berhad

#### Stock Exchange Listing

Main Market of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad Stock Code: WPRTS 5246

#### Website

[www.westportsholdings.com](http://www.westportsholdings.com)

## Board Of Directors

Our Company



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Remuneration Committee



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Independent  
Non-Executive Director  
Chairperson, Risk  
Management Committee



Datuk Siti Zauyah  
binti Md Desa  
Independent  
Non-Executive Director  
Chairperson,  
Sustainability Committee



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Diana Tung Wan LEE,  
Non-Independent  
Non-Executive Director

## Profile Of Directors

Our Company

### **Datuk Ruben Emir Gnanalingam bin Abdullah**

Executive Chairman and Group Managing Director

Age 47, Male, Malaysian

Datuk Ruben Emir Gnanalingam bin Abdullah was appointed as Director of the Company on 5 July 2005.

He attended Victoria Institution between 1989 to 1993 and later, Eton College in the UK from 1994 until 1995. Datuk Ruben graduated with a Bachelor of Science (Honours) Degree in Economics from the London School of Economics and Political Science, the UK, in 1998. He also holds a diploma in Port Management, awarded by the University of Cambridge Local Examinations Syndicate. Datuk Ruben has also attended various Executive Education Programmes under the Harvard Business School, including the Senior Manager Development Programme and the Programme for Leadership Development.

Datuk Ruben started his career as a trainee in WMSB in 1999 before leaving WMSB to set up a start-up incubator known as The Makmal Group in 2000 until his departure in mid-2005. He then re-joined the Company as a Director in 5 July 2005 and was later appointed as Chief Executive Officer on 15 January 2009, a position he held until 31 December 2017 before being appointed as the Group Managing Director for Westports Holdings Berhad on 1 January 2018. Datuk Ruben was appointed as Executive Chairman and Group Managing Director on 20 July 2023.

Datuk Ruben is the Owner and Vice-Chairman of Queens Park Rangers Football Club (QPRFC), which participates in the English Football League (EFL). He is also a founder and Board Member of the Los Angeles Football Club (LAFC) which is a member of the US Major League Soccer (MLS). He also serves as an Executive Council Member of the Football Association of Selangor (FAS).

Outside his professional engagements, Datuk Ruben has involvement in many other business and industry-related groups. He is the President of Kuala Lumpur Business Club (KLBC), a Member of the APEC Business Advisory Council (ABAC) for Malaysia and on the Steering Committee for the CEO Action Network (CAN). He currently also sits on the Boards of the Malaysian Productivity Corporation (MPC) and the Malaysia External Trade Development Corporation (MATRADE).

From a charitable perspective, he also serves as the Chairman of the QPR Community Trust. He has been appointed to the Westports Foundation on 5 September 2019 and joined the CEO Action Network (CAN) as one of the Steering Committee members since 2020.

He is the eldest son of our late Executive Chairman, Tan Sri Datuk G. Gnanalingam. He is also a Director of Pembinaan Redzai Sdn Bhd and Semakin Ajaib Sdn Bhd, which in turn hold shares in the Company. Datuk Ruben is also a shareholder of Semakin Ajaib Sdn Bhd. He attended all four Board Meetings held during the financial year.

### **Ahmad Zubir bin Zahid**

Independent Non-Executive Director

Age 51, Male, Malaysian

Encik Ahmad Zubir bin Zahid was appointed as an Independent Non-Executive Director of the Company on 1 January 2022. Prior to that, he was appointed to the Board of Directors of WMSB on 17 May 2021 and resigned on 31 December 2021.

He holds a Master of Business Administration from the University of Chicago Booth School of Business and obtained his Bachelor of Science in Economics and Accounting from the University of Bristol in the United Kingdom. He also holds a Postgraduate Certificate in Laws (Distinction) from the University of London.

He is a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand and the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants. He is a member of the Malaysian Institute of Accountants and the Malaysian Institute of Certified Public Accountants. In the field of business valuation, he is a Chartered Valuer and Appraiser of the Institute of Valuers and Appraisers, Singapore, an Accredited Member of the American Society of Appraisers and holds the Accredited in Business Valuation credential from the Association of International Certified Professional Accountants. He holds a Capital Markets Services Representative's Licence from the Securities Commission Malaysia (SC) and is a licensed company auditor.

He is an Executive Director of Thinkat Advisory Sdn Bhd, a licensed boutique corporate finance advisory firm and the Managing Partner of Zubir Chang & Co. PLT, a licensed audit firm. He is also the Managing Partner of Value Advisors PLT, a business valuation, forensic accounting and litigation support services firm.

Encik Zubir was previously an Independent Non-Executive Director of Mass Rapid Transit Corporation Sdn Bhd. He was also the Chief Financial Officer of Daya Offshore Construction Sdn Bhd, Labuan Shipyard & Engineering Sdn Bhd, and SapuraAcergy Sdn Bhd. He was previously with Sime Darby Berhad, Ethos Consulting, ECM Libra, CIMB Investment Bank and PwC Malaysia.

He was appointed as a member of the Risk Management Committee on 1 January 2022 and as the Chairman of the Audit Committee on 1 March 2022. He attended all four Board Meetings held during the financial year.

He has no family relationship with any director or major shareholder of the Company nor has any conflict of interest with the Company.

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Our Company

### Chan Soo Chee

Senior Independent Non-Executive Director  
Age 68, Male, Malaysian

Mr. Chan Soo Chee was appointed as Independent Non-Executive Director of the Company on 1 January 2018. Prior to his appointment on the Board of the Company, he was a member on the Board of WMSB, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, until his resignation on 1 January 2018.

He was redesignated as Senior Independent Non-Executive Director on 1 March 2022. He holds a Masters in Business Administration, in Finance and Marketing from the University of Leicester. He also attended and completed the Executive Management Programme by Penn State University of Pennsylvania, USA. Mr. Chan started his career in the maritime industry and has over 35 years of experience spanning South East Asia, Africa, South and West Asia. He qualified as a Master Mariner from the Government of Great Britain in 1987 prior to joining Orient Overseas Container Line ("OOCL") Hong Kong and Japan, first serving as a Fleet Captain and later serving the OOCL Head Office in Hong Kong with responsibilities across a broad portfolio covering Operations, Audit & Risk, Consortium and Corporate Strategic Planning.

Mr. Chan also represented OOCL on the Steering Committee leading to the formation of the Consortium of the Global Alliances comprising 5 major international shipping lines. In 1997, Mr. Chan was appointed as the Regional Director of OOCL Singapore and later appointed as the company's Regional Managing Director in 2004, overseeing more than 30 countries across South East Asia, Africa, South and West Asia. He then joined China Sonangol International Singapore as its Chief Executive Officer in 2015. He retired from the active day-to-day operations management of China Sonangol in 2017, whilst maintaining an advisory role in the sea transportation business community. Mr. Chan is currently a member of the Audit Committee upon his appointment as the Board committee member on 1 January 2018. Mr. Chan was also appointed as the Chairman of Nomination and Remuneration Committee on 1 March 2022.

Mr. Chan has no family relationship with any director or major shareholder of the Company nor has any conflict of interest with the Company. He attended all four Board Meetings held during the financial year.

### Shanthi Kandiah

Independent Non-Executive Director  
Age 54, Female, Malaysian

Ms. Shanthi Kandiah was appointed as Independent Non-Executive Director of the Company on 1 August 2017.

She holds a Masters in Law from King's College London, a Bachelor of Law (Honours) Degree from University of London as well as a Postgraduate Diploma in Competition Economics from King's College London.

She founded Shanthi Kandiah Chambers (SK Chambers) in 2014, a law firm providing niche legal and regulatory services in new, evolving and complex areas of law and regulation namely competition law, the full spectrum of telecommunications and multimedia laws, privacy and data protection matters, cybersecurity laws as well as capital market laws and exchange rules.

Ms. Shanthi began her career in Securities Commission Malaysia in 1993 where she was part of the pioneer team that oversaw seminal law reform initiatives towards modernising and strengthening the Malaysian capital market. She was intimately involved in the development of the Finance Committee Report on Corporate Governance and the first Malaysian Code of Corporate Governance in 2000. She has also co-authored Malaysia's reports for the World Bank and Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development.

Ms. Shanthi was a member of the Nomination, Remuneration and Corporate Governance Committee upon her appointment as the Board committee member on 1 January 2018 and resigned on 31 December 2021.

On 1 January 2022, she was appointed as the Chairperson of the Risk Management Committee and a member of the Sustainability Committee. She was appointed as the Company's Nominee Director to Port Klang Cruise Terminal Sdn Bhd on 1 December 2021.

She has no family relationship with any director or major shareholder of the Company nor has any conflict of interest with the Company. She attended all four Board Meetings during the financial year.

### Datuk Siti Zauyah binti Md Desa

Independent Non-Executive Director  
Age 64, Female, Malaysian

Datuk Siti Zauyah was appointed as Independent Non-Executive Director of the Company on 1 January 2022. Prior to that, she was appointed to WMSB on 17 May 2021 and resigned on 31 December 2021.

She graduated with a Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Quantity Surveying from the University of Reading, United Kingdom. She started as a Quantity Surveyor with the Public Works Department. She subsequently held several positions in various institutions and the private sector before obtaining a Diploma in Public Administration from the National Institute of Public Administration (INTAN). She joined the Ministry of Finance Malaysia (MOF) as an Assistant Secretary. Later, she obtained a Master in Business Administration (International Banking) from the University of Manchester and was promoted as the Principal Assistant Secretary. She also attended the Oxford High-Performance Leadership Programme.

In 2003, she was seconded to the Asian Development Bank, Manila, as Director's Advisor. She returned to MOF in 2006 and was the Deputy Secretary (Economy, Public Transportation and Infrastructure), Investment, MOF (Inc.) and Privatisation Division in April 2008. She became the Secretary, Loan Management Division, and then Secretary, Government Investment Company Division. She then served as the Director of National Budget, National Budget Office and finally the Deputy Secretary-General (Policy) until her retirement in 2019.

Datuk Siti Zauyah is currently a Director of Telekom Malaysia Berhad, Cagamas Holdings Berhad, Cagamas SRP Berhad and a Member of the Board of Trustee of Capital Market Development Fund.

She was appointed as the Chairperson of the Sustainability Committee on 1 January 2022 and a member of the Audit Committee on 1 March 2022. She attended all four Board Meetings held during the financial year.

She has no family relationship with any director or major shareholder of the Company nor has any conflict of interest with the Company.

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Our Company

### Sing Chi IP

Non-Independent Non-Executive Director  
Age 70, Male, Chinese

Mr. Sing Chi IP was appointed as Non-Independent Non-Executive Director of the Company on 5 April 2013.

Mr. Ip graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Coventry University, UK in 1979.

Mr. Ip has over 40 years' of experience in the maritime industry, having joined Sun Hing Shipping Co., Ltd. in 1979 as an account executive. Subsequently, he joined Hongkong International Terminals Limited in 1993 as General Manager of commercial and was the Managing Director of the company from 1998 to 2011. In 2005, he was appointed as Director of Hutchison Port Holdings Limited ("Hutchison Ports"), and is currently the Group Managing Director of Hutchison Ports.

Mr. Ip is also an Executive Director of Hutchison Port Holdings Management Pte. Limited, the Trustee-Manager of Hutchison Port Holdings Trust (a business trust listed on the Singapore Exchange) and the Chairman of Yantian International Container Terminals Limited. In addition, he is a Non-Executive Director of both Orient Overseas (International) Limited and COSCO SHIPPING Development Co., Ltd., companies listed on the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited.

He was a member of the Hong Kong Port Development Council until the end of December 2014 and was the founding Chairman (in 2000-2001) of the Hong Kong Container Terminal Operators Association Limited.

Hutchison Ports, through South Port Investment Holdings Limited, is a major shareholder of the Company. Mr. Ip is not involved in the management and day-to-day operations of the Company. He attended all four Board Meetings held during the financial year.

### Diana Tung Wan LEE

Non-Independent Non-Executive Director  
Age 55, Female, Chinese

Ms. Diana Tung Wan LEE was appointed as Non-Independent Non-Executive Director of the Company on 1 January 2022.

She is a qualified accountant and holds a Bachelor's degree in Commerce from University of Melbourne. She is an Associate of Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand.

Ms. Lee was appointed as Non-Executive Director of Hutchison Port Holdings Management Pte. Limited, the trustee-manager ("Trustee-Manager") of Hutchison Port Holdings Trust ("HPH Trust", a business trust listed on Singapore Exchange) on 1 January 2022 and is currently the Group Chief Financial Officer of Hutchison Port Holdings Limited ("Hutchison Ports").

She has extensive experience in financial and accounting matters as well as financial reporting and regulatory compliance. Prior to her appointment as Group Chief Financial Officer of Hutchison Ports, she had been the Chief Financial Officer and Investor Relations Officer of the Trustee-Manager since May 2016 after having been appointed as the Deputy Chief Financial Officer of the Trustee-Manager in February 2011. Ms. Lee was also the Finance and Legal Director and Company Secretary of Yantian International Container Terminals and served as a member of HPH Trust Exco, a committee of executives that determines strategy for HPH Trust.

She was appointed as a member of the Risk Management Committee on 1 January 2022.

Hutchison Ports, through South Port Investment Holdings Limited, is a major shareholder of the Company. Ms. Lee is not involved in the management and day-to-day operations of the Company. She attended all four Board Meetings held during the financial year.

### Tan Sri Dato' Seri Mohd Khairul Adib bin Abd Rahman

Independent Non-Executive Director  
Age 62, Male, Malaysian

Tan Sri Dato' Seri Mohd Khairul Adib was appointed as Independent Non-Executive Director of the Company on 1 September 2022. Prior to that, he was appointed to WMSB on 15 February 2022 and resigned on 1 September 2022.

Tan Sri Dato' Seri served as Director-General of the Public Service Department from 1 October 2019 to 16 January 2022. Prior to that, Tan Sri Dato' Seri was the Secretary-General of the Ministry of Transports.

As a public servant, he has served in various ministries, including the Embassy of Malaysia in Japan and the High Commission of Malaysia in London. Upon his return, he served at the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation, and then the Ministry of Education.

Tan Sri Dato' Seri graduated with a Bachelor of Science and has a Postgraduate Diploma in Public Management. He also holds a Master's in Public Policy from Saitama University, Japan, under a Japanese Government Scholarship.

In January 2022, Tan Sri Dato' Seri was conferred the Japanese Decoration: The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star by the Emperor of Japan.

He is currently the Chairman of the Malaysian Qualifications Agency, Board Chairman of MMAG Holdings Berhad and Ingenieur Gudang Berhad.

Tan Sri Dato' Seri was appointed as a member of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee member on 1 September 2022. He attended all four Board Meeting during the financial year.

He has no family relationship with any director or major shareholder of the Company nor has any conflict of interest with the Company.

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Our Company

### **Dato' Tengku Marina binti Tunku Annuar**

Independent Non-Executive Director  
Age 61, Female, Malaysian

Dato' Tengku Marina was appointed as an Independent Non-Executive Director of the Company on 1 September 2022. Prior to that, she was appointed to WMSB on 1 January 2022 and resigned on 1 September 2022.

She graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in International Relations from London University, United Kingdom. She started her career as a Public Relations Officer in Malaysia Airlines, United Kingdom. She joined Nestle (Malaysia) Berhad as Corporate Communication Executive in October 1988. She subsequently held several senior positions with Nestle Malaysia and Nestle S.A. She served as the Asia-Pacific Head, Corporate Regulatory and Scientific Affairs, Nestle S.A, from July 2016 until her retirement on 1 November 2022.

Dato' Tengku Marina attended the Nestle Leadership Programme in London Business School, United Kingdom; Business Sustainability Management Courses from the University of Cambridge Institute of Sustainability Leadership and various courses from The Graduate Institute, Geneva.

Dato' Tengku Marina is currently a Director of MISC Berhad and S P Setia Berhad.

She was appointed as a member of the Sustainability Committee on 1 September 2022 and as a member of Nomination and Remuneration Committee on 9 June 2023. She attended all four Board Meetings held during the financial year.

She has no family relationship with any director or major shareholder of the Company nor has any conflict of interest with the Company.

### **Shaline Gnanalingam**

Non-Independent Non-Executive Director  
Age 42, Female, Malaysian

Ms. Shaline Gnanalingam was appointed as a Non-Independent Non-Executive Director of the Company on 9 June 2023. Prior to that, she was appointed to WMSB on 1 August 2017 until her resignation on 31 March 2023.

Ms. Shaline has a Bachelors degree in Economics from the University of Cambridge. Additionally, she earned a Master of Business Administration (honours) from the University of Chicago Booth School of Business. She has also attended various Executive Education Programmes at Harvard Business School, including the Senior Manager Development Programme.

She began her career as an Executive with Maybank Investment Bank Berhad in 2003, before joining Khazanah Nasional Berhad, working in the aviation sector and on banking acquisitions in India. During her tenure at Khazanah, she also implemented an endowment plan for a non-profit organization focused on medical and humanitarian aid. In 2008, she left Khazanah as Assistant Vice President, Investments.

Currently, Ms. Shaline serves as the Chief Investment Officer at Pembinaan Redzai Sdn Bhd, a major shareholder of the Company since 2008. In this role, she oversees a diverse investment portfolio across various sectors and geographies. She was appointed as Director of Westports Foundation on 8 November 2023.

She is the daughter of our late Executive Chairman, Tan Sri Datuk G. Gnanalingam and is the sister of the Executive Chairman and Group Managing Director, Datuk Ruben Emir Gnanalingam bin Abdullah. She also holds director positions in Pembinaan Redzai Sdn Bhd and Semakin Ajaib Sdn Bhd, both of which hold shares in the Company. She attended two of the Board Meetings held during the financial year.

### **John Stephen Ashworth**

Alternate Director to Sing Chi IP,  
Non-Independent Non-Executive Director  
Age 60, Male, Chinese

Mr. John Stephen Ashworth was appointed as Alternate Director to Mr. Sing Chi IP, a Non-Independent Non-Executive Director of the Company, on 1 July 2016.

Mr. Ashworth graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Leeds, United Kingdom. He is a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales and the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

He started his career as a Chartered Accountant for Peat Marwick in London. Between 1992 and 2001, Mr. Ashworth worked for CK Hutchison Holdings Limited and the Hutchison Ports group in a number of senior finance and management positions. Between 2002 and 2010, he was Asia Pacific Chief Financial Officer for the Constituency Management Group, the marketing communications division of the U.S. listed Interpublic Group.

Mr. Ashworth was appointed Managing Director, South East Asia for Hutchison Ports in January 2017. Prior to his current position, he was Managing Director, Myanmar, Thailand & Vietnam between 2015 and 2016 and Chief Executive Officer of Hutchison Ports Indonesia between 2010 and 2014. He is also a Director of Westports Malaysia Sdn. Bhd., a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company.

Hutchison Ports, through South Port Investment Holdings Limited, is a major shareholder of the Company. Mr. Ashworth is not involved in the management and day-to-day operations of the Company.

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### Andy Wing Kit TSOI

Alternate Director to Diana Tung Wan LEE,  
Non-Independent Non-Executive Director  
Age 57, Male, Chinese

Mr. Andy Wing Kit Tsoi was appointed as Alternate Director to Ms. Diana Tung Wan LEE, a Non-Independent Non-Executive Director of the Company, on 1 January 2022.

Mr. Tsoi graduated from York University in Canada with Bachelor of Arts degree in 1989 and Master of Business Administration degree in 1991 before he started his career in ABN AMRO Bank N.V. Hong Kong where he held various senior positions between 1992 to 1997. Thereafter, he joined Debt Markets Division of BNP Paribas Hong Kong as an Associate Director where he was responsible for loan syndication prior to joining Hutchison Port Holdings Limited (“Hutchison Ports”) in 1998.

He was appointed as Hutchison Ports' Regional Director for Pakistan, Oman and Saudi Arabia in 2011 and since 2012, he had added management responsibilities for United Arab Emirates.

Mr. Tsoi has been the Managing Director, Middle East & Africa since January 2014 overseeing Hutchison Ports' business in Pakistan, Oman, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates and Iraq.

Hutchison Ports, through South Port Investment Holdings Limited, is a major shareholder of the Company. Mr. Tsoi is not involved in the management and day-to-day operations of the Company.

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None of the Directors have been:

- (i) Convicted of any offence (other than traffic offence, if any) within the past five years; and
- (ii) Imposed any public sanction or penalty by the relevant regulatory bodies during the financial year.



## Profile Of Management Team

Our Company

### Lee Mun Tat (Eddie)

Chief Executive Officer/  
Acting Chief Financial Officer  
Age 52, Male, Malaysian

Mr. Lee Mun Tat (Eddie), Chief Executive Officer of WMSB, is primarily responsible for controlling and overseeing across multiple divisions covering Commercial, Finance, Marketing, Legal, Corporate Communications and Engineering of WMSB. He has been appointed as a Director of WMSB on 9 June 2023.

Prior to his current role and responsibility with WMSB, Mr. Eddie has demonstrated his competency by holding different management roles including the Senior General Manager (in 2017), Head of Commercial (from 2006 to 2016) and Finance Manager (from 2003 to 2005).

Before joining WMSB, Mr. Eddie started his career with Matsushita Electronics Components (M) Sdn Bhd, after which he joined Jutajaya Holdings Berhad and All Best Furniture (M) Sdn Bhd with his last position as Group Finance Manager.

All these previous roles have equipped him with extensive working experience in the areas ranging from commercial affairs, business development, terminal service contracts, pricing, and statistics as well as credit control.

Mr Eddie received a Bachelor Degree in Business at Edith Cowan University in Australia. He has been active in undertaking the professional programme, including participated the Senior Management Development Programme organised by the Harvard Business School Alumni Club of Malaysia in collaboration with senior faculty members of the Harvard Business School, Boston, USA, in 2004, and also attended the General Management Programme in Boston US in 2016. In addition, he is an Alumnus of the Harvard Business School.

Mr. Eddie is also recognized as a qualified Chartered Accountant from Malaysia Institute of Accountants and a member of the Certified Practising Accountants in Australia (CPA Australia).

Mr. Eddie has no directorships in other public companies and listed issuers. He does not have any family relationship with any director and/or major shareholder of the Company. He does not have any conflict of interest with the Company and has no convictions for any offences within the past five years.

### Vijaya Kumar Puspowanam

Deputy Chief Executive Officer  
Age 47, Male, Malaysian

Mr. Vijaya Kumar Puspowanam joined the Westports Group in January 2000 as a Gate Operations Executive and has since served under various departments such as gate, vessel operations and terminal planning before being appointed as the Head of Container Marketing in January 2008. He then took additional responsibility for handling business development activities for the Conventional business and Customer Service IT in 2010 before assuming the position of General Manager, Marketing and Conventional, in January 2017. He led the business development, which saw volume grow to its peak of 10.9 million TEUs in 2019, and digitalisation and innovation initiatives to achieve 100% online transactions with all stakeholders in 2021. Having served under the Port Klang Authority ("PKA") and the Ministry of Transport Task Forces, he is well-versed in the logistics industry.

He left Westports in May 2022 to be the Managing Director of Talke Logistics Malaysia Sdn Bhd, part of Alfred Talke Logistics Services of Germany. The latter decided to invest in Malaysia in 2019, and they appointed Vijaya Kumar to lead the development of building the state-of-the-art chemical warehouse and setting up all the business operations. Operations commenced in February 2023. The new facility subsequently began in September 2023.

Mr. Vijaya Kumar rejoined Westports as the Deputy CEO in May 2023. He is responsible for various departments such as Container Operations, Container Planning, Container Marketing, Maintenance & Repair and the Port Police. He was also appointed as a Director of the Port Klang Cruise Terminal (PKCT) from 1 October 2023, representing WHB, which holds a 50% shareholding in PKCT.

Mr. Vijaya holds a Business Administration (International Business) Degree from Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia. He attended the Harvard Business School's Senior Management Development Programme organised by the Harvard Business School Alumni Club of Malaysia in collaboration with the Harvard Business School, Boston, USA, in 2004.

Mr. Vijaya has no directorships in other public companies and listed issuers. He does not have any family relationship with any director and/or major shareholder of the Company. He does not have any conflict of interest with the Company and has no convictions for any offences within the past five years.

### Tan Wei Chun

General Manager  
Information Technology  
Age 49, Male, Malaysian

Mr. Tan Wei Chun has been an integral part of the Westports Group since September 1998, commencing his journey as an Operations Executive. Throughout his illustrious career with the company, he has demonstrated versatility and expertise by contributing to various departments such as operations, customer services, gate and logistic operations, berth planning, vessel planning, and yard planning. In October 2019, he assumed his current role as the head of the Information Technology department at Westports.

Mr. Tan holds a Degree in Transportation and Logistics from the Chartered Institute of Transport since 1997. His commitment to continuous learning is highlighted by his participation in the Senior Management Development Programme organized by the Harvard Business School Alumni Club of Malaysia in collaboration with senior faculty members of the Harvard Business School in 2004. Additionally, he attended Linkage's Global Institute of Leadership Development (GILD) in 2017.

With an impressive 25 years of experience, Mr. Tan has excelled in various domains including terminal capacity planning, strategic yard planning, vessel stowage planning, cargo terminal operations, control room operations, systems project management, and operations information system development. His expertise played a pivotal role in successfully implementing key critical systems such as the new Terminal Operating System (TOS), remote P-check system (RPS), reefer management system (RMS) and manpower deployment system (MDS). His responsibilities also extend to overseeing strategic internal software and IoT development, ERP, Customer Service IT, Operations IT and Infra Support and spearheading initiatives in digitalization and automation for Westports.

Prior to joining the Westports Group, Mr. Tan contributed significantly to Kontena Nasional Berhad from 1993 to 1998, where he held various positions involving haulage operations, customer services, warehousing, and container depot management.

Mr. Tan currently holds no directorships in other public companies and listed issuers. There are no family relationships with any directors and/or major shareholders of the Company. Importantly, he maintains a clean record with no convictions for any offences within the past five years, reflecting his commitment to ethical and professional standards.

## Profile Of Management Team

Our Company

### **Nanthakumar A/L Murokana @ Murugan**

General Manager  
Conventional Business  
Age 51, Male, Malaysian

Mr. Nanthakumar A/L Murokana @ Murugan joined the Westports Group in May 1999 as a management trainee focusing on yard planning. Thereafter, he was transferred to the container operations department in 2003 to manage the operations team. In 2006, he headed the container department as Head of Container Operations overseeing the planning, operations and resource functions. In 2015, he was made Head of Container Logistics department before returning as Head of Container Operations department in 2016. He also focuses on succession planning and competencies development through constant coaching and training. He is currently holding the post of General Manager for Conventional Business which covers both Marketing and Operational aspects of Conventional business.

Mr. Nanthakumar has 24 years of experience in Container Operations and in areas of capacity planning, yard planning, Training & Development, Logistic section, Control room operations and Project management . Prior to joining the Westports Group, he worked for Wal Mart in Detroit, USA, as an Assistant Manager in 1998 before returning to Malaysia in 1999.

He holds a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree from Western Michigan University, USA. He did his Major in Operation Management and Minor in Economics.

He attended the Senior Management Development Programme organised by the Harvard Business School Alumni Club of Malaysia in collaboration with senior faculty members of the Harvard Business School, Boston, USA, in 2006. He also obtained a Diploma and Port Management from the University of Cambridge, Local Examination Syndicate in 2001.

Mr. Nanthakumar has no directorships in other public companies and listed issuers. He does not have any family relationship with any director and/or major shareholder of the Company. He does not have any conflict of interest with the Company and has no convictions for any offences within the past five years.

### **Rosman bin Mohd Yunus**

Head of Department  
Container Operations and Resources  
Age 48, Male, Malaysian

Mr. Rosman Bin Mohd Yunus joined the Westports Group in 15 August 2005 as a Vessel Planner and promoted to Vessel Planning Manager in 2012. Thereafter, he was transferred to the container operations department in 2014 as Operation Planning Manager with focusing on planning the resources and deployment in Operation. In December 2017, he headed group Brilliant as Vessel Operation Manager. In June 2022, he was promoted to Head of Container Operations & Resources department. His responsibility includes leading the Container Operation team towards high productivity with effective cost management . He also focuses on People Management by introducing 5MMC and Performance Management by 9 OPS Tagline.

He has 18 years of experience in Container Operations and Planning including in areas of vessel planning, control room operations and resources management . Prior to joining the Westports Group, he worked for QSR for 3 years as Store Manager. This is contributed to his leadership and management concept in current role.

He holds a Bachelor of Mass Communication from University Science of Malaysia, Penang. He did his Major in Mass Communication with minor in Political Science

He attended the several leadership course since joining Westports including stuying on lean concept via TPS at GPS Nagoya, Japan. He had visited few port and Shipping Line Planning office during his duty with Planning department.

Mr. Rosman has no directorships in other public companies and listed issuers. He does not have any family relationship with any director and/or major shareholder of the Company. He does not have any conflict of interest with the Company and has no convictions for any offences within the past five years.

### **Ahmad Damanhury bin Ibrahim**

Head of Engineering  
Age 56, Male, Malaysian

Mr. Ahmad Damanhury joined the Westports Group in July 1995 as a Civil Engineer and assumed his present position in 2007. Mr. Ahmad has performed various key roles for the port infrastructures and facilities, ranging from facilities planning and designs management, constructions management and contracts administrations, and commercial and economic evaluations as head of projects. He is currently fully involved in all technical matters for the the designs, planning and management of the planned constructions works for the 4.8km Westports 2 Expansion projects development, besides rendering technical supports to the existing port infrastructures and facilities, hydrography and maintenance dredging works.

He holds a Degree in Civil Engineering from Syracuse University, New York, a Diploma in Port Management from the University of Cambridge Local Examinations and a Masters of Science in Facilities Management. He is a member of the Institution of Engineers Malaysia, Board of Engineers Malaysia and Project Management Institute (PMI), USA. He attended the Harvard Business School's Senior Management Development Programme organised by the Harvard Business School in collaboration with senior faculty members of the Harvard Business School, Boston, USA, in 1998.

He started his career in 1990, working with a UEM Group subsidiary involved in the project management of the PLUS and Metramac's Kuala Lumpur highway projects, and thereafter, attached to a consultancy firm from 1992 to 1995 involved in the designs and constructions management of the Subang Airport Redevelopment and the Kuala Lumpur International Airport projects.

Mr. Ahmad has no directorships in other public companies and listed issuers. He does not have any family relationship with any director and/or major shareholder of the Company. He does not have any conflict of interest with the Company and has no convictions for any offences within the past five years.

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Our Company

### **Nadarajan A/L Krishnan**

Head of Planning Department  
Age 48, Male, Malaysian

Mr. Nadarajan A/L Krishnan joined the Westports Group in November 1999. He had started his career as a Traffic Executive and was transferred to container operation as a shift Operation Executive. He subsequently moved to the Planning Department as a Yard Planning Executive. In 2005, he was promoted as the Operation Planning Manager. In 2011, he was assigned to the Yard Planning Section as a Head of Yard Planning section. Currently, he is heading the Planning Department, and he is responsible for the overall yard planning, berth planning, vessel planning and operations of the container gates. He is also involved in succession planning and competencies development for his team members through coaching and training.

Mr. Nadarajan has 22 years of experience in container operations and yard planning. He holds a Bachelor of Urban Planning and Economy from University Malaya, and started his career as a Town Planner with the Shah Alam Municipal. He has also attended the Senior Management Development Programme organised by the Harvard Business School Alumni Club of Malaysia in collaboration with senior faculty members of the Harvard Business School, Boston, USA, in 2015.

Mr. Nadarajan has no directorships in other public companies and listed issuers. He does not have any family relationship with any director and/or major shareholder of the Company. He does not have any conflict of interest with the Company and has no convictions for any offences within the past five years.

### **Megat Amirul Zameer bin Megat AB.Rahman**

Head of Finance  
Age 33, Male, Malaysian

Mr. Megat Amirul joined the Westports Group in November 2019 as a Senior Finance Manager and he assumed his current position with effect from August 2020 with the responsibility for overseeing financial related matters of Westports. He holds a Bachelor Degree in Accounting and Finance from University of New South Wales, Australia.

Mr. Megat has more than ten years of experience in the field of accounting and finance. He started his career as an auditor with Ernst & Young in 2012. Subsequently, he joined Schlumberger as a Senior Financial Analyst in 2015, overseeing the region of Algeria, Tunisia and Libya for BITS and Drilling Tools Segment, and subsequently became the Head of Finance in KAT Technologies Sdn Bhd, the main distributor of CELCOM for Peninsular Malaysia in 2018 prior to joining Westports.

Mr. Megat has no directorships in other public companies and listed issuers. He does not have any family relationship with any director and/or major shareholder of the Company. He does not have any conflict of interest with the Company and has no convictions for any offences within the past five years.

### **Muhammad Imran Kunalan bin Abdullah**

Head of Human Resources  
Age 56, Male, Malaysian

Mr. Muhammad Imran Kunalan bin Abdullah joined Westports Group in April 2023 as the Head of Human Resources at Westports Malaysia.

A graduate of the Universiti Pertanian Malaysia (1991), Mr. Imran brings more than 30 years of experience in the field of human resources. His industry exposures as an HR practitioner are from KFC Holdings (QSR), HSBC, British American Tobacco, Multimedia Development Corporation (MDEC) and Huawei Technologies in Shenzhen, China. Imran was also exposed as HR Managing Consultant in Accenture and KPMG, servicing a range of industries in Malaysia and Indonesia. He was also exposed to leadership assessment planning through his stint at NBO Leadership.

Apart from corporate exposure, Mr. Imran was directly involved in the Malaysian digital transformation agenda ecosystem through various portfolios in the public and private sectors, mainly as one of the Senior Leadership Team of MDEC, driving the Malaysian Digital Economy for eight years. He was involved in driving the digital talent development for Malaysia and has good exposure and working relationships with multiple government stakeholders.

Mr. Imran formally trained in HR Metrics & Benchmarking from PWC-Saratoga Institute, London. His expertise in the HR field is reflected through his appointments and engagements such as the European Union e-Skills Expert Panel in Brussels, the Board of Advisory of ILMIA (MOHR) in data analytics for Malaysia and a consultant for EPU in digital transformation project in collaboration with Korea Development Institute (2020) and ADB.

Mr. Imran's HR expertise is recognized via HR Excellence Awards from Times Accent in Mumbai (2017), Bangalore (2009) and Malaysia (2023).

Mr. Imran has no directorship in other public companies and listed issuers. He does not have any family relationship with any director and/or major shareholder of the Company. He does not have any conflict of interest with the Company and has no conviction for any offences within the past five years.

## Financial Capital

### Value Creation Process

Our financial sustainability relies on the availability and management of our internal and externally sourced capital. Financial capital enables and supports value creation along with all other capitals. Through the prudent combined use of capital inputs, such as share capital, cash reserves, internally generated funds, and externally sourced long-term Sukuk borrowings, we fund our operations, terminal expansions, enhance existing facilities, and improve our facilities and people's productive capacity through training and innovation. Our strategy has been to create long-term, supply-led, sufficient handling capacity for sustainable operational expansion and growth.

All of Westports' borrowings are by its subsidiary, WMSB, and they are denominated in the local currency, Ringgit Malaysia. The borrowings, Sukuk Musharakah Medium Term Note ("SMTN"), has a profit rate of between 4.43% and 5.38% per annum. During the year 2023, the Company redeemed RM125 million of the SMTN in accordance with the redemption schedule. WMSB is planning a new RM5.0 billion Sukuk Wakalah Programme based on the Shariah principle.

At Port Klang Cruise Terminal Sdn Bhd, an entity in which the Company has an effective ownership interest of 50% and is the only joint venture of the Group, there are no borrowings as of 31 December 2023.

	Financial Capital		
Input RM'000	2023	2022	2021
Total Group Equity	3,520,121	3,274,354	3,126,855
LT And ST Borrowings	850,000	975,000	1,150,000
Cash & Cash Equivalents	577,858	552,057	656,003

	Financial Capital		
Output RM'000	2023	2022	2021
Total Operational Revenue	2,088,623	2,055,383	1,977,750
Total Profit Before Tax	1,006,214	943,940	1,039,548
Total Profit For The Year	779,432	699,578	808,222

### Outcome

- Total distribution to employees, government and shareholders of RM1.10 billion in 2023
- Continued financial viability and strength of the Company
- AAA rating by RAM Ratings for the RM2.0 billion Sukuk Musyarakah Programme in March 2021. Reviewed in December 2021, January 2023, and December 2023 and retained the AAA rating
- The net gearing ratio of 0.10x as of 31 December 2023

### Impact

- Westports is the only listed entity offering investors direct exposure to the container operations at Port Klang
- Given the Company's sizable market capitalisation, Westports also indirectly becomes a designated representative company for the transport and logistics sector in Malaysia

## Manufactured Capital

### Value Creation Process

Since Westports became a publicly listed company in 2013, it has invested approximately RM4.3 billion in container terminal expansion and other significant infrastructure improvements. Westports is the largest container terminal in Malaysia and the key gateway port to the Klang Valley, the country's most densely populated region. The Company has transformed Port Klang into the 12th busiest globally and one of the best-connected ports globally.

In 2023, the Company commenced initial work on the new Liquid Bulk Terminal 4A ("LBT4A"), invested in 3 new Quay Cranes, and also 9 units of container stackers. The sustained gradual upgrading, expansion and growth of Westports have facilitated Malaysia and the region's economic development, especially in the growth of containerised cargo.

For the medium to longer term, Westports will embark on a significant expansion at Pulau Indah that would entail the development from Container Terminal 10 (CT10) to Container Terminal 17 (CT17), raising the container terminal handling capacity to 27 million TEUs per annum with an additional 4.8 kilometres of wharves. After extensive studies, assessments and negotiations, WMSB signed the Third Supplemental Agreement for the Privatisation of Westports with the Government of Malaysia and Port Klang Authority on 8 December 2023. The new concession will extend the concession period by 58 years, from 2024 to 2082. WMSB will upgrade and renew existing facilities while new facilities from CT10 to CT17 will be developed, involving an estimated total investment of RM 39.6 billion.

	Manufactured Capital		
Input RM'000	2023	2022	2021
Property, Plant & Equipment	1,738,979	1,775,849	1,727,165
Total Concession Assets	2,477,758	2,444,245	2,499,028
Group Capital Expenditure	226,821	246,135	370,933

	Manufactured Capital		
Output	2023	2022	2021
Container Handling Capacity (TEUs)	13.7m	13.7m	13.6m
Total Ship-To-Shore Cranes	66 units	63 units	65 units
Container Throughput (TEUs)	10.9m	10.1m	10.4m

### Outcome

- The highest container handling capacity in Port Klang, fulfilling exporters' and importers' requirements as they ship their containerised cargoes
- The first port in Malaysia that handles more than 10 million TEU in a year
- An established track record of accommodating the world's largest container vessels

### Impact

- A crucial and proven gateway terminal supporting Malaysia and especially Klang Valley's vibrant economy
- Westports is also one of the largest regional transshipment hubs in South-East Asia

## Intellectual Capital

### Value Creation Process

The intellectual capital of Westports consists of organisational capital such as our knowledge in the form of procedures, operational practices and established manuals; the expertise acquired or nurtured in knowledge-based systems of governance, compliance, leadership skills, and know-how developed and gained, including from copyrights and licences. This capital has facilitated the innovation, implementation, and provision of terminal handling, container yards, gates, bulk cargoes, and customer services.

Westports has always emphasised continuous innovation that seeks further improvements, efficient productivity and effective project implementation as its core tenets. Such emphasis has facilitated the sustained modernisation and growth of Westports at an unprecedented pace since the terminal's inception. The Company's initiatives usually streamline our processes, enhance operational efficiencies, accommodate new regulatory requirements or best practices, and reduce costs. They are undertaken in collaboration with internal and external stakeholders and technical solution providers when needed.

Intellectual Capital	
Input	Westports Corporate Culture
T	Teamwork
A	Accountability and Integrity
N	Now Culture
S	Safety Awareness
R	Responsible
I	Innovation
G	Good Family Values

Intellectual Capital	
Input	IT Initiatives And Implemented Projects
2023	Reefer Monitoring System
2023	Fuel Management System
2022	Seamless Westports Internal Movement
2022	Smart Pick Up
2021	Port Health Vessel Clearing System
2021	e-Terminal 3.0
2020	Remote Physical-Check System (RPS)
2020	Air Quality & Carbon Monoxide Monitor
2019	Westports Mobile App
2018	OPUS Terminal Operating System
2018	GPS TOE, Tablet Terminal Truck (T-TAB)
2018	Predictive Maintenance System

Intellectual Capital		2023	2022	2021
Output				
Total Movement At Container Gate		2,883,223	2,552,237	2,399,105
Total Vessels Accommodated		9,356	8,262	7,298
Conventional Throughput (MT)		11.6m	12.1m	11.3m

### Outcome

- Back-end IT support of global operational standards
- Technologies adaptation and implementation capabilities
- Terminal-wide integrated planning and execution
- Fast gate-in and gate-out for external logistics-forwarding trucks

### Impact

- As one of the highest-performing and biggest terminals in Malaysia, Westports facilitates operations of the Regional Distribution Hub and Transshipment Staging Post for multinational corporations in Pulau Indah and the surrounding region

## Human Capital

### Value Creation Process

Our people are the foundation of Westports success, operational excellence and long-term sustainable growth. Supported by high levels of competencies and our staffs' unwavering commitment to the Company's objectives, these qualities have enabled Westports to be established as the largest container terminal in the country within two decades. Our operating context is industrial and infrastructure in nature. Hence, occupational training and comprehensive policies and procedures guide and safeguard our employees and other stakeholders in and around our terminal. The Company also emphasises career development, training and on-the-job learning. Staff are encouraged to undertake relevant courses and attend seminars or conferences to enhance their expertise, knowledge and skills.

Westports practises a relatively flat hierarchy with equal treatment for all employees. The Group policy stipulates that all employees must have equal opportunities regarding hiring, pay rates, training and development, promotions and other terms of employment. Discrimination includes any distinction, exclusion, or preference based on race, colour, sex, religion, political opinion, national extraction, social origin, or age. Any acts of discrimination or harassment when dealing with employees, customers and/or suppliers will not be tolerated. Offenders are subject to disciplinary action, including the possible termination of employment.

Human Capital		2023	2022	2021
Input				
Westports Total Workforce		5,685	5,773	5,797
Total Training Hours Of All Staff		138,837	413,112	552,845
Westports Staff Recruitment		548	1,120	914

Human Capital		2023	2022	2021
Output				
Total Employees Cost (RM'000)		337,546	317,034	299,421
Total Incidents And Accidents (with QC)		791	669	836
Westports Staff Resignation		608	1,132	1,009

### Outcome

- The largest employer and 24/7 operation at Pulau Indah
- Largely in-house nurtured and trained workforce with continuous capability improvement through training and career development
- Independent talent-pool creation
- Training, exposure and mentoring for employees to encourage internalisation of the desired organisational culture and values

### Impact

- Enhance and improve human capabilities and nurture a high-calibre, productive capacity, especially for the transport and logistics industry and broadly also for the Malaysian job market.

## Social Relationship Capital

### Value Creation Process

Westports operates in an environment with an extensive array of stakeholders. Establishing and cultivating our social and relationship capital enables the Company to create intangible and tangible value, expressed through mutual trust, collaborative relationships, partnerships, and, eventually, the establishment and operation of excellent operational services and facilities.

Our social relationship capital includes relationships with customers, business partners, logistics entities, suppliers, contractors, regulators, government bodies, the financial community, academic establishments, local communities at Pulau Indah and the media. Forging and nurturing positive stakeholders' relationships contribute ultimately to commercial sustainability (such as supportive client and logistics entities relationship), operational continuation (with a regulatory and social licence to operate), and organisational stability and profitability (with support from the financial community, committed employees and strategic partnerships).

Post-pandemic, the Company recommenced many physical engagements with various stakeholder groups. Virtual meetings now complement physical encounters due to their ease of use, widespread adoption and time-efficient mode of communication.

Social Relationship Capital			
Output RM'000	2023	2022	2021
Total CSR Investments	1,594	3,061	5,649
Income Tax To Government	226,782	244,361	231,324
Total Local Procurement	697,170	634,098	599,657

Social Relationship Capital	
Input To	Westports Commitment
Port Users & Clients	We communicate actively and deliver our work performance with speed and consistency
Community	Charity begins at home and we are committed to the development, well-being and future of Pulau Indah
Employees	To be a great place to work, where both individual accomplishments and team efforts are rewarded
Government & Authorities	We build constructive, respectful, open and transparent relationships with all regulators and authorities
Suppliers	We develop and maintain effective professional relationships with our suppliers to enjoy quality services
Shareholders & Investors	We adhere to the highest standards of corporate governance and work towards a healthy returns

### Outcome

- Harmonious, mutually symbiotic and sustaining positive working relationships with all stakeholders
- Support from stakeholders for the continuous operation of Westports
- The ongoing active engagement with various stakeholders for Westports' proposed expansion would enable the Company to incorporate and mitigate potential concerns arising from the project

### Impact

- Positive contribution and a commitment to the socio-economic well-being, safety and health of the community at Pulau Indah, in which Westports operates

## Natural Capital

### Value Creation Process

Westports is involved in building and maintaining an extensive container terminal and maritime port infrastructure, operating a sizeable number and type of terminal operating equipment and facilitating the frequent movement of heavy vehicles carrying large volumes of cargo into and out of the Company's premises. In 2023, we also guided and piloted the berthing and unberthing of 9,356 container and bulk ships.

Our activities have a significant impact on the ecosystems where we operate. The natural capital for Westports includes land, water, air, and the island's general biodiversity, where our operations are located. Our clients, logistics entities, regulatory bodies, contractors, suppliers, and employees would also inadvertently impact the natural environment. Consequently, our operations generate wastes, including greenhouse gases, which the Company acknowledges contribute to climate change.

Westports has conducted and completed the preliminary and detailed Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) on the proposed container terminal expansion and evaluated the implications thereof from the development. The Company acquired and operated two autonomous electric terminal trucks in 2023 to assess their operational suitability and financial feasibility in Westports' operating physical environment and integration with our terminal systems. The outcome of these live trials is to support the Company's understanding and experience of how we can use electric terminal operating equipment at the new proposed terminal and existing facilities by gradually phasing out the current fleet of diesel-powered equipment.

The Company also replaced 7 ageing Quay Cranes with 6 new energy-efficient Quay Cranes in 2023. We also fine-tuned our decarbonisation programme by targeting to achieve Scope 1 operational net-zero carbon emissions by 2050.

Input	Natural Capital		
	2023	2022	2021
Diesel Fuel (million litres)	51.7	51.3	52.4
Electricity (million kWh)	^60.6	^65.6	119.8
Water Usage (million m <sup>3</sup> )	1.52	1.50	1.53

Output (Tonnes)	Natural Capital		
	2023	2022	2021
CO <sub>2</sub> e Emissions Scope 1	*134,243	*133,165	*135,773
CO <sub>2</sub> e Emissions Scope 2	^45,800	^49,664	*97,317
CO <sub>2</sub> e Emissions Scope 3	^98,966	^108,720	9,178

^Landed clients and reefer use of electricity are classified as Scope 3

\* Restated due to emission factor changes

### Outcome

- The emissions intensity (measured by kg/CO<sub>2</sub>e produced) is a reflection of the proportionate environmental impact arising from the operations at the port
- Ongoing initiatives to continuously assess and, when viable, enhance equipment deployment efficiency to reduce emissions, energy and operational costs

### Impact

- Environmental impact awareness and stewardship as Westports focus on the long-term commitment of reducing our carbon emission intensity in the coming years as we focus on greater utilisation of more energy-efficient terminal operating equipment

## Operational Review

### Operational And Financial Review

Container Throughput				Key Terminal Operating Equipment				Energy Consumption				Conventional Throughput			
'000 TEUs	2023	2022	2021	Units	2023	2022	2021		2023	2022	2021	million tonnes	2023	2022	2021
Transshipment Containers	6,348	6,084	6,750	Ship-to-Shore Crane	66	63	65	Diesel (million litres)	51.7	51.3	52.4	Dry Bulk	4.3	4.2	4.1
Gateway Containers	4,529	3,968	3,650	Conventional RTG Crane	115	115	115	Efficiency (litres/TEUs)	4.75	5.10	5.04	Liquid Bulk	6.4	6.3	5.6
Total Container Throughput	10,876	10,052	10,400	Variable Speed / Hybrid RTG Crane	103	103	86	Electricity (million kWh)	60.6	65.6	119.8	Break Bulk	0.9	1.7	1.5
Container Terminal Capacity Utilisation	79%	74%	77%	Terminal Tractors	607	607	601	Efficiency (kWh/TEUs)	5.9	6.5	12.3	Cement	0.0	0.0	0.0
												Total Bulk Cargo Throughput	11.6	12.1	11.3
												RORO ('000 units)	189	164	127

As the global supply chain normalised in 2023, the operational challenges contributed by the pandemic in the prior years also eased. Despite accommodating 19% more container vessels at 7,865 ships, the average waiting time to berth has been reduced noticeably, whereas quay crane productivity and the speed at which container boxes were being unloaded and loaded have improved. These contributed to faster container ship turnaround time compared to the previous year. The absence of debilitating logistics issues across the region facilitated efficient cargo movement. The containers' dwell time at Westports' container yard has eased while yard occupancy by those boxes has also lessened.

The Company has handled higher container volume every sequential quarter; Westports achieved a record container volume of 10.88 million TEUs for the year. The overall volume growth of 8% was underpinned by the much-improved gateway volume, arising from more Foreign Direct Investments, industries and companies that have commenced their operations in Malaysia. As one of the leading regional transshipment hubs, Westports also handled 4% more transshipment boxes, amounting to 6.35 million TEUs.

Intra-Asia remained the most prominent trade lane for Westports as it constituted 65% of the Company's total throughput. This route included containerised trade between China, India and member nations of ASEAN. The latter is growing to become a manufacturing hub due to regionalisation and the diversification of the global supply chain, as well as evolving into a region with increasingly more affluent middle-income consumers. For Westports, the other notable trade lanes are Asia-Europe and Asia-Australasia; they constituted 14% and 8% of the total container volume, respectively.

The Ocean Alliance uses a dual transshipment hub in South East Asia. 2023 marked the seventh year they have used Westports as one of its regional transshipment terminals. In addition, the four container liners comprised of the Ocean Alliance also have their respective services with the Company. The other two notable container shipping alliances are 2M and THE Alliance. The individual lines of the latter two alliances also have regular services that call at Westports.

Container vessels constituted 84% of all ships calling at Westports. The remaining balance is bulk vessels and RoRo carriers – they carry dry bulk, liquid bulk and break bulk cargoes, vehicles, and special equipment.

Westports invested almost RM2.9 billion in expanding and enhancing Container Terminals 7, 8 and 9 in its most recent significant wharves expansion. In 2021, the Company incurred a capital expenditure of RM371 million to acquire more energy-efficient and new RTG cranes, Quay Cranes, construct a new liquid bulk jetty LBT5 and prepare an additional 19-acre container yard area.

In 2022, the initial work on LBT4A commenced due to clients' demand. Westports also invested RM246m on 21 units of new RTG cranes, 5 new Quay Cranes, and 100 new terminal tractors-trailers. Westports also dismantled and scrapped 7 old inefficient Quay Cranes and replaced them with new, more energy-efficient units as part of its terminal operating equipment fleet renewal. Westports also invested in the additional ground and reefer slots.

The gradual fleet renewal towards more energy-efficient equipment continued in 2023. Westports incurred a capital expenditure of RM227 million on 3 new Quay Cranes, 9 units of container stackers, and ongoing construction work at LBT4A. Westports received a 10-year Investment Tax Allowance (ITA) in 2022, that would facilitate the investment in energy-efficient fleet renewal and future expansion of the terminal.

In April 2022, Westports committed to achieving net-zero carbon emissions by 2050 by focusing on emissions intensity reduction and decarbonisation. The plan hinged on the national grid via the national utility company, achieving its net-zero emissions status by 2050. By the end of 2022, Westports purchased two units of autonomous electric terminal trucks to run the Proof-Of-Concept trial testing and to assess their suitability in replacing the existing fleet of diesel-powered internal combustion engine (ICE) trucks. By the 4th Quarter of 2023, Westports also commenced testing a different make of non-autonomous electric terminal trucks for operational and deployment suitability – the latter truck required human drivers. Westports fine-tuned its net-zero commitments at the end of 2023 – more at the TCFD Index on page 25.

To monitor and eventually optimise the total energy consumed by Westports, the Company digitalised the fuel monitoring via a Fuel Management System (FMS). Westports also introduced the Reefer Monitoring System (RMS) in 2023 to establish a continuous round-the-clock, real-time remote management of refrigerated containers – the parameters alerted included temperature changes and container operating conditions such as humidity and CO2 levels. The Company would eventually be able to assess the total electricity consumed by each reefer container.

## Financial Review

### Operational And Financial Review

	Revenue		
RM million	2023	2022	2021
Container	1,805	1,774	1,735
Conventional	139	155	134
Marine	91	76	65
Rental	54	50	43
Operational Revenue	2,089	2,055	1,978
Construction	63	14	44
Total Revenue	2,152	2,069	2,022

The principal activity of Westports is in port development and the management of port operations. The Company's total revenue increased by 4% to RM2.15 billion, but the operational revenue improvement of 2% is the more appropriate benchmark to assess the Company's financial performance.

Container revenue continued to be the most significant contributor. The Company derived most of its income from handling the movement of gateway and transshipment boxes. Value Added Services' revenue declined in 2023; the absence of yard congestion at Westports reduced storage requirements and the concomitant storage revenue.

Among the operating segments, the container has the highest cost, which has been incurred for the maintenance and repair of the fleet of Terminal Operating Equipment, which included Quay Cranes, 218 Rubber-Tyred Gantry Cranes and 607 units of Terminal Tractors.

The most negligible revenue is from construction activity, which was recorded in accordance with IC interpretation 12. The higher construction revenue in 2023 reflected the building activities at LBT4A.

	Cost Of Sales		
RM million	2023	2022	2021
Container	113	107	105
Conventional	14	19	18
Marine	14	16	12
Fuel	164	201	119
Electricity	59	49	45
Manpower	286	267	251
Depreciation	203	206	197
Operational Cost Of Sales	853	866	747
Construction	63	13	44
Total Cost Of Sales	916	879	791

Westports handled a record container volume of 10.88 million TEUs. The Company also moved over 1.0 million TEUs in December 2023 – the highest monthly container volume. Empty boxes repositioning during the first half and much-improved gateway volume in the second half of the year, arising from more industries and companies operating in Malaysia, supported the Company in achieving a container volume growth rate of 8%. Westports attained another milestone in the conventional segment by facilitating the cumulative movement of 3.0 million units of Roll-on/Roll-off ("RoRo") vehicles and equipment since its inception. Marine revenue reflected the high number of vessels calling at Westports. As newer container ships get larger, 27% of the vessels that berth at Westports have a Length Overall ("LOA") of more than 250 metres. The larger container ships also facilitate more boxes moved per vessel – ships with a capacity of 18,000-TEU and above carried 7% of the total container boxes handled by Westports. Rental revenue increased with warehouse tenants and operators at Westports Logistics Centre; some have commenced operations. Fuel costs eased due to lower Mean of Platts (MOPS) prices despite an unfavourable foreign currency exchange rate between the Ringgit and US Dollar.

	Income Statement		
RM million	2023	2022	2021
Gross Profit	1,236	1,190	1,231
Other Income	31	8	86
Administrative Expenses	(28)	(47)	(26)
Other Expenses	(201)	(201)	(189)
Operating Profit	1,037	950	1,102
<i>EBITDA</i>	1,296	1,215	1,360
Finance Income	11	12	13
Finance Costs	(53)	(65)	(74)
Profit Before Tax	1,006	944	1,040
Taxation	(227)	(244)	(231)
Profit After Tax	779	700	808

Besides fuel, the other primary energy input is electricity. The latter is to power the Ship-to-Shore Cranes that can move containers weighing up to 60 tonnes and maintain refrigerated containers in the container yard at their desired temperature. The higher electricity cost also incorporated the Imbalance Cost Pass Through (ICPT) charges.

Manpower is the highest operational cost component. Despite a slight reduction in the overall headcount to just under 5,700 persons, the cost increased due to higher salaries, bonus provisions, EPF contributions, allowances, and incentives. Westports adopted a higher minimum wage of RM1,700 and implemented it earlier, starting from 1 January 2023, ahead of the Government's requirements.

Depreciation charges eased marginally in 2023 due to the disposal of 7 units of old, less-efficient Quay Cranes and a fully depreciated OPUS Terminal Operating System.

The construction cost and construction revenue appear almost identical due to numerical rounding; the latter is only marginally higher as it reflected the 1% gross profit margin in accordance with IC interpretation 12.

	Cash Flow		
RM million	2023	2022	2021
Operating Profit Before Working Capital Changes	1,303	1,238	1,365
Net Cash From Operating Activities	995	899	1,101
Net Cash Used In Investing Activities	(213)	(184)	(471)
Net Cash Used In Financing Activities	(757)	(820)	(753)
Net Change In Cash & Cash Equivalents	25	(105)	(124)
Closing Balance	535	511	615

The higher Other Income in 2023 was due to the final non-recurrent recovery for QC51 and QC52 and scrap proceeds from the dismantled old Quay Cranes. Administrative Expenses are lower than the previous year, as the latter had the write-off for the 7 unit of old Quay Cranes. Finance Income and Finance Costs eased as the Company redeemed RM125 million of the Sukuk Musharakah Medium Term Note (SMTN) in 2023; Westports did not raise any additional borrowings.

The Share of Results of a Joint Venture is the 50% stake in Port Klang Cruise Terminal, which uses the Equity Method Accounting – the significant decline in 2023 was attributable to the reversal of impairment and recognition amounting to RM43m in 2022.

The Tax Expense declined by 7% despite Cukai Makmur's assessment rate of 33% in the previous year due to Westports being granted a 10-year ITA, which is valid till the 31st December 2031. Hence, the effective tax rate was 22.6% versus 25.8% in the previous year. At the bottom line, the Company reported a Profit After Tax of RM779 million.



## TCFD Index

The Task Force for Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD) recommendations are designed to help companies disclose information about the risks and opportunities presented by climate change. Developed around four core elements – i.e. governance, strategy, risk management, and metrics and targets – the recommendations are intended to support communication about how a company is responding to change and the resilience of its strategies. Westports adopted reporting elements aligned with the TCFD recommendations in 2022, and 2023 marked the second year of reporting within this framework.

In October 2023, the IFRS Foundation took over the role of monitoring the progress of companies' climate-related disclosures from TCFD. The IFRS Foundation's standards are developed by two standard-setting boards, the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) and the International Sustainability Standards Board (ISSB). The ISSB, in turn, has issued its inaugural Sustainability Disclosure Standards – IFRS S1 General Requirements for Disclosure of Sustainability-related Financial Information and IFRS S2 Climate-related Disclosures.

The IFRS S1 and IFRS S2 integrate and build upon TCFD recommendations. Hence, the TCFD framework and recommendations remained an excellent foundation for a company preparing to apply the IFRS Sustainability Disclosure Standards. Westports will evaluate these new requirements for gradual implementation and possibly adoption later.

### Governance

The Board of Directors has the ultimate oversight of the Company's environmental sustainability matters, including climate-related issues. The Board has empowered the Sustainability Committee ("SC") to perform this oversight role and report to the former on matters arising around climate-related risks and opportunities. The SC convened three times this year to receive reports and briefings from members of the Management Sub Committee ("MSC").

The MSC is the management committee that performs the management's role of supporting the impetus and initiatives to achieve sustainability goals. The MSC is responsible for driving and cascading down these principles and values throughout Westports so that sustainability becomes an integral and critical part of the Company's decision-making process and culture. Members of the MSC will also liaise and coordinate with the relevant departments to ensure the successful evaluation, planning and implementation of the selected sustainability initiatives.

### Strategy

The Company has identified two relevant and critical aspects of climate-related disclosures. The first is how Westports will pivot towards net-zero greenhouse gases ("GHG") emissions by 2050, and the second is whether the operational port facilities will be affected by climate-related risks.

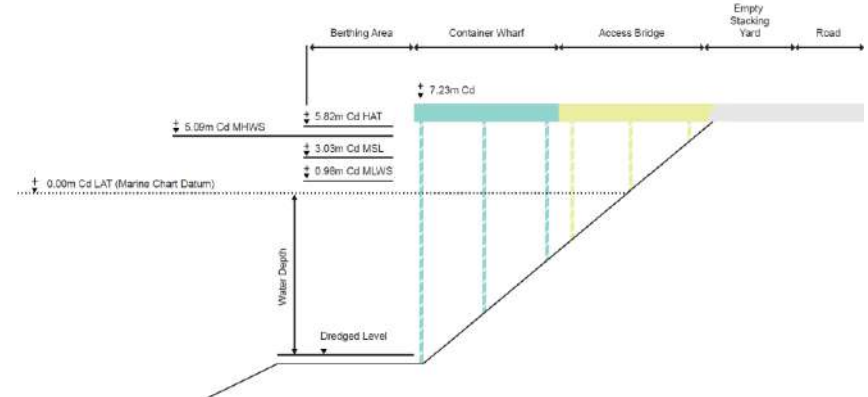
In 2021, Westports appointed DHI, which collaborated with the Marine Ecosystems Research Centre ("EKOMAR") from Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM), to comprehensively identify critical potential climate-related risks to our operations. The climate change assessment is for a timeframe of 60 years to 2080, with 2020 as a baseline period. The completed report and findings were uploaded to the Company's corporate website in 2022.

When the 2021 study was conducted, Westports had a concessionary right to operate the terminal until 2054. The concession period was well within the timeframe of the assessed climate change. In 2023, the Company has extended the right to operate the terminal until 2082 if all container assets are built. Since the Company should consider climate-related risks and opportunities until the end of the concession period, Westports would assess the need to conduct another comprehensive climate change evaluation study within the next five years. An updated research would also utilise more recent data input and improved forecasting models to provide a more accurate and updated assessment of potential risks and challenges. In the meantime, the following are findings from the study conducted in 2021.

### Physical Risk

Physical risks are associated with climate change's physical impact, including event-driven effects and long-term shifts in climate patterns. The potential consequences include damage to our premises, disruption to operations and the associated supply chain, workforce, health and safety issues. DHI and EKOMAR have evaluated six parameters that cover wind, water levels, waves, currents, rainfall and air temperature over 60 years until 2080.

Only water level increase was assessed to have a significant impact under the worst scenario analysis of RCP 8.5, which would occur at the end of the study period. The water level is projected to increase between 0.30 and 0.65 meters by 2080. Based on our current wharf design, the soffit of the berth deck slab has a freeboard of 0.80 meters above the Highest Astronomical Tide (HAT) water level. The assessment implies that there is still an air gap before the water levels inundate the soffit.



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### Transitional Risk

Transitional risks are broadly defined as business-related risks that follow societal and economic shifts toward a low-carbon and more climate-friendly future. The four transition risks are discussed below.

#### (a) Policy and Regulatory:

Malaysia evaluated a carbon pricing mechanism, but the implementation date and carbon pricing amount are undetermined or yet to be publicly disclosed. Westports' detailed disclosure of GHG emissions is in the Sustainability Report. Malaysia's regional countries, such as Singapore, Taiwan and Korea, already have a carbon tax mechanism.

Bursa Malaysia's Listing requirements stipulated that a listed company must include full climate change-related disclosures aligned with TCFD recommendations for the financial year ending on or after 31 December 2025. Westports has adopted and commenced reporting aligned with these recommendations on 31 December 2022. The bourse has also introduced an ESG Reporting Platform for listed companies to commence data input of essential sustainability-related parameters in 2024.

#### (b) Technological Risks:

To attain Scope 1 operational net-zero carbon emissions by 2050, the Company initially planned a decarbonisation programme of using the most readily proven alternative to diesel-powered terminal operating equipment, i.e. shifting to electric and replacing the fossil-fuel-powered units with electric equipment.

By the end of 2022, Westports purchased two units of autonomous electric terminal trucks to run the Proof-Of-Concept trial testing and to assess their suitability in replacing the existing fleet of trucks. Towards the 4th Quarter of 2023, Westports also commenced testing a different make of non-autonomous electric terminal trucks for operational and deployment suitability – this alternative truck required human drivers. The trial testing assesses their real-life operational performance and suitability before widespread adoption and implementation.

Other technologies are evolving, and some industries are evaluating the feasibility of hydrogen-powered technology. As technology advances, potential alternatives could emerge to compete with or complement electric units. The Company will need to continuously assess these options and the technological risks that arise thereof to balance the decarbonisation, operational performance, commercial viability and financial requirements.

#### (c) Market Risks:

A growing number of shippers in developed nations seek zero-emissions container shipping services. The supply chain, including shipping ports, would eventually need to decarbonise to accommodate this ever-increasing requirement fully. To remain a preferred transshipment hub and to accommodate the nascent but growing preference, the Company will also be required to commence with our decarbonisation initiatives as we move towards net zero by 2050. However, the elevated inflationary pressures in developed countries in the last two years, partly due to the conflict in Ukraine and the Middle East, have led to more selective requests for carbon-neutral or net-zero shipping as consumers contend with higher living costs.

#### (d) Reputational Risks:

Institutional investors increasingly prefer to invest in listed entities with favourable ESG ratings and those compliant with TCFD or other prominent framework disclosures. Bank Negara has announced plans for an industry-wide climate risk stress-testing exercise. Financial institutions have also commenced providing incentives for green-related financing. Hence, without disclosure in compliance with TCFD, borrowers could potentially incur higher funding costs and a less favourable reputational assessment.

### Risk Management

This component entails the disclosure of how a Company identifies, assesses, and manages climate-related risks.

Westports has incorporated physical and transitional risk elements into our Enterprise Risk Management and established the TCFD Risk Register. We have quantified the likelihood and impact based on the risk framework. The current risk has been assessed to be minimal, but the Company will evaluate this annually. A comprehensive climate change assessment will be conducted again, with the recommended period of within five years, based on the latest Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change ("IPCC") findings, weather data and climate modelling.

### Metrics and Targets

Westports provides annual updates on its Scope 1, 2, and 3 GHG emissions and emissions intensity of various activities in our Sustainability Report 2023, available on our corporate website.

Westports has finetuned its commitment and will now target to attain Scope 1 operational net-zero carbon emissions by 2050. We will focus and rely primarily on emissions intensity reduction and decarbonisation. The Company's Scope 2 emission will depend on the final number of electrified equipment, operational electricity usage intensity and the national grid's emission factor.

In 2023, Westports' Scope 1 and Scope 2 carbon emissions equivalent were 134,243 and 45,800 tonnes, respectively, while our Scope 3, including staff commuting to work and air travel for business trips, was 9,170 tonnes. A more detailed and enhanced disclosure of Westports' parameters and reporting, including climate-related risks and opportunities, an update of our reassessment of the glide path and commitment to net-zero by 2050, can be found in our Sustainability Report 2023.

## Risks Management

Risk management aims to provide a systematic methodology to identify, prioritise and manage risks. We integrate risk management into our business decision-making processes to anticipate better and address the potential risks posed, especially by the external environment, more effectively. We maintain a comprehensive risk register that the Company reviews quarterly. New potential risks are identified and included, while less relevant or critical issues are excluded from the risk register. The material risk items with a higher potential impact on our business are elaborated below, along with our key mitigation plans.

### 1. Changes to the port of call

#### Impact

Main Line Operators (“MLO”) and vessel operators could change their port of call or omit the terminal due to schedule reliability management or blank sailings. These may adversely affect the Company’s container volume and overall profitability.

#### Mitigation

- Westports’ strengths are its productivity, modern facilities, IT capabilities, competitive port charges, and excellent responsiveness to customers’ requirements.
- Regular engagement with our clients facilitates proactive actions to ensure a sustained satisfactory level of customer service.
- Container freight rates eased from the recent high as supply chain issues de-escalated while operational costs remained high. Close collaboration with the MLO and vessel operators should ensure that we support mitigating our clients’ challenges while forging deeper partnerships.

### 2. Competition from other ports

#### Impact

Competition from regional ports and MLO with joint ventures with other regional terminal operators may influence transshipment volume at Westports.

#### Mitigation

- In addition to the mitigation factors outlined in the first risk, Westports also actively engage with our clients to assess how we can serve them better as a terminal on our own or as Port Klang as a whole. The terminal also seeks to complement the logistics and warehousing requirements on the island.
- Furthermore, Westports is still discussing our long-term expansion programme with the authorities to cater to our client’s long-term growth and service-level requirements.

### 3. Fire or liquid spillage

#### Impact

Operational disruption, injury to the workforce and the associated financial implications.

#### Mitigation

- There is continuous enforcement of all safety rules and regulations, especially at the Liquid Bulk Terminal, by our Port Police and Conventional Operations, with support from the landed clients.
- Westports conduct fire drills and training for the Port Police and EHS team.
- Surveillance audits and regular maintenance of all appliances and equipment are also required.

### 4. Westports expansion development cost

#### Impact

High development, construction, and operational costs of the proposed Westports container terminal expansion could adversely affect the Company’s projected financial profitability.

#### Mitigation

- The Company curtailed the development cost by selecting an optimum number of berths during the design phase. The layout chosen also incorporated consideration for the environment by minimising the potential adverse impacts.
- Westports will incorporate the length of the concession period and tariff rates into the negotiation phase of the proposed development.
- When the construction phase commences, an open tender to local and foreign construction companies will allow the Company to select the most cost-competitive and optimum construction services required to manage the overall project development’s cost.

### 5. Higher funding cost

#### Impact

If interest rates remained significantly elevated for a prolonged period, the higher financing cost could trim the Company’s expected overall financial returns from the extensive container terminal expansion programme.

#### Mitigation

- The Company will strive to maintain WMSB’s AAA credit rating to ensure it can source the most competitive funds from the capital and debt markets.
- Existing debt covenants associated with the RM2 billion Sukuk Musharakah Medium Term Note would be complied with.
- Westports will establish a new long-term RM5 billion Sukuk Wakalah Programme of perpetual tenure with green features that align with sustainability objectives to support its long-term capital expenditure requirements

## Investor Relations Report

Westports is committed to maintaining a strong relationship with our investors. As in previous years, we regularly engage with our institutional investors, sell-side and buy-side equity analysts, and rating analysts to keep them sufficiently updated with our operational, financial performance, prospects and the proposed container terminal expansion to facilitate an informed decision-making process about their investment in Westports. We also engage with international ESG rating analysts and companies. The Executive Chairman and Group Managing Director, Chief Executive Officer or Head of Investor Relations participated in these meetings.

### Quarterly Financial Results And Analyst Coverage

After Westports announces the quarterly results to Bursa Malaysia Berhad ("Bursa Malaysia"), the Company will disseminate the press releases and quarterly Investor Relations updates, following which a video conference call will be conducted. These sessions provide an instantaneously balanced and updated perspective of our operations, financial performance, expansion plans, and the Company's outlook.

To ensure consistent and transparent external communication, the presentation materials referred to during the quarterly briefings are available on our corporate website at [www.westportsholdings.com](http://www.westportsholdings.com). After releasing the announcement to Bursa Securities, we also emailed the same documents to those on our contact list. SCRIPTS Asia Inc., a Japan Exchange Group company, also provide transcripts of our quarterly meetings to those who subscribe to their service. In 2023, 18 local and regional investment bank-based equity analysts provided active coverage of the Company.

### Meetings And Conferences

Virtually all Investor Relations activities have normalised following the endemic phase in the year before that. Westports resumed having physical one-to-one meetings, group meetings, port tours and selected visits to the operations of our landed clients for our stakeholders. Nevertheless, with the ease of use, cost-effectiveness, widespread familiarity and acceptance of virtual meetings, Westports continued to complement physical meetings with online video conferencing solutions. Virtual meetings also facilitated some short and more frequent engagement sessions with the financial community for quick updates on the Company. We attended fewer physical onsite conference events compared with pre-pandemic years. In some instances, physical onsite conference events facilitated Westports' virtual presence as the Company's representatives met the fund managers virtually.

### Index Member

Westports retained its inclusion as one of the constituents of the FTSE4Good Bursa Malaysia Index, FTSE4Good Bursa Malaysia Shariah Index, and FTSE Bursa Malaysia Mid 70 Index in 2023. The Company is also a constituent in the following international benchmarks: Amsterdam-based Global Property Research's GPR Pure Infrastructure Index Series and Belgium-based FT Wilshire GLIO Listed Infrastructure Index Series.

Westports is the only listed entity offering investors direct exposure to the container operations at Port Klang. Given the Company's market capitalisation, it also indirectly becomes a designated representative company for Malaysia's transport and logistics sector.

### Dividend Policy

It is the policy of our Board of Directors ("Board") to recommend dividends to allow shareholders to participate in our profits while retaining adequate profits and reserves for our working capital requirements and capital expenditure to invest for future growth. The recommendation and declaration of dividends are subject to the discretion and approval of our Board. Our financial capacity to pay dividends or make other distributions to our shareholders will depend upon several factors, including:

- The level of our cash, gearing, return on equity and retained earnings;
- Expected financial performance;
- Projected levels of capital expenditure and future investment plans;
- Working capital requirements and
- Existing and future debt obligations.

Since the Company's Initial Public Offering in 2013, Westports has practised a dividend payout ratio of 75% of its consolidated profit attributable to equity holders and redistributed all the dividends it received from the subsidiary, Westports Malaysia Sdn Bhd ("WMSB"). The exception was in 2020, when the payout ratio was temporarily reduced to 60%, given the onset of a once-a-century pandemic and the potential financial uncertainties arising thereof.

For the financial period 2023, the Company's results included its share of the results of a yet-to-remit dividend joint venture. As such, the calculated dividend payout ratio showed a marginally lower payout ratio of 74%, even though Westports redistributed all the dividends it received.

The dividend policy merely describes our Company's ongoing intention and shall not constitute a legally binding statement. The Company's future dividends are also subject to modification at the discretion of the Westports.

### Dividend Payment

For the financial year ended 31 December 2023, Westports has declared dividends amounting to RM576.7 million:

- 1st interim dividend of 8.19 sen per share amounting to RM279.3 million, paid on 22 August 2023; and
- 2nd interim dividend of 8.72 sen per share amounting to RM297.4 million, paid on 29 February 2024.

It represents a total payout of 16.91 sen per share, and Westports has redistributed all dividends it received.

### Shareholder Base

As of 29 December 2023, Westports had 5,612 shareholders accounts holding a total of 3.410 billion shares. Foreign shareholdings interest was 26.75%, which included South Port Investment Holdings Limited's shareholding of 23.55% in the Company.

### Credit Rating

Westports continued to exhibit strong operational performance, financial fundamentals and balance sheet strength. In February 2021, RAM Rating Services Bhd assigned a long-term AAA/stable rating to WMSB's RM2.0 billion Sukuk Musharakah Programme 2011/2031 programme. Subsequently, in its first annual review in December 2021, second yearly review in January 2023 and third annual review in December 2023, RAM Rating Services Bhd has reaffirmed WMSB's AAA Sukuk rating.

## Corporate Responsibility

Westports is committed to its corporate responsibility efforts. We have close engagement with the community, workforce, and marketplace. We believe this also ensures the sustainability of our business operations and is one of the reasons for our success as Malaysia's primary gateway and transhipment port.

We have produced separate quarterly Westports CSR Reports in 2023 to highlight our activities, primarily in Pulau Indah. These reports can be downloaded from [www.westportsholdings.com](http://www.westportsholdings.com). CSR activities have increased in 2023 and resumed at their normal pre-pandemic levels after some years of restrictions. There was greater frequency and scope of engagement by Westports with the stakeholders listed below.

Department	Area Of Focus	Quarter	Programme
Human Resource	Education	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mental Health Talk</li> <li>Health Talk (Session 1)</li> </ul>
		2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Health Talk (Session 2)</li> <li>Tapow A Seminar</li> </ul>
		3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Port Visit for Form 5</li> </ul>
		4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Transition to Adolescent / Teenager</li> <li>Smart Study Giga Memory (Form 4) Session1</li> <li>Smart Study Giga Memory (Form 4) Session2</li> </ul>
Container	Community Services	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gotong Royong @ Taman Bimbingan Kanak-Kanak Kampung Sungai Kembong</li> <li>Gotong Royong @ Sekolah Rendah Agama, Pulau Indah</li> <li>Gotong Royong (Path to SK Pulau Indah)</li> </ul>
		2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gotong Royong Near Klinik Kesihatan Pulau Indah</li> <li>Painting at Surau, Flat Samudera</li> </ul>
		3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gotong Royong at Balai Raya Kg Sg Pinang</li> <li>Classroom Painting Project at SK Pulau Indah</li> </ul>
		4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grass Cutting @ Asli Village</li> <li>Grass Cutting @ Sg Kembong</li> </ul>
Engineering & M&R	Community Development	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Repairing Work @ Balai Raya Kg Sg Kembong</li> <li>Road Potholes Patch-Up in Pulau Indah villages (Repair)</li> <li>Road Potholes Patch-Up in Pulau Indah villages (Audit)</li> </ul>
		3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Refurbishment Work at Tadika Baitul Zhafri</li> <li>Repair Work at Masjid Al Qayyum, Bandar Armada</li> <li>Road Audit and Patch Up</li> </ul>
		4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Repair Work at Dewan MPKK &amp; Galeri Warisan Perigi Nenas</li> </ul>
EHS	Health Safety & Security	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dengue Prevention Program @ Flat Samudera</li> </ul>
		3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dengue Awareness Roadshow</li> </ul>
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Department	Area Of Focus	Quarter	Programme
Public Relations	Zero Poverty Program	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assistance to Warga Emas</li> </ul>
		2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assistance to Warga Emas</li> </ul>
		3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assistance to Warga Emas</li> </ul>
		4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assistance to Warga Emas</li> </ul>
Planning	Community Development	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Introduction to Fertigation Farming</li> <li>Land Rental March 2023 - Feb 2024</li> </ul>
		3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fertigation Farming</li> <li>Chili Fertigation</li> </ul>
		4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chili Fertigation</li> <li>Fertigation Farming</li> </ul>
Marketing & Conventional	Community Development	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Introduction to Pineapple Planting</li> </ul>
		3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mangrove Clean-Up Program</li> </ul>
	Environment	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mangrove Planting</li> <li>Mangrove Clean-Up Program</li> </ul>
Port Police	Health Safety & Security	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Awareness Program on FloodFire and Safety at Home</li> </ul>
		2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Road Safety Awareness Talk By IPD Klang Selatan</li> </ul>
		4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Paramedic Training At SK Pulau Indah 2 (Teachers)</li> </ul>
Finance	Community Development	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Food Handler Training</li> </ul>
		3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cooking Class (Dessert &amp; Bread)</li> </ul>
		4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Entrepreneurship Training</li> </ul>
IT	Education	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms Word &amp; PowerPoint Workshop</li> </ul>

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The Board of Directors (“the Board”) of Westports Holdings Berhad (“Westports” or “the Company”) recognises the importance of good corporate governance and is committed to ensuring that good corporate governance is practiced throughout the Company and its subsidiary (“the Group”) with the ultimate objective of protecting and enhancing shareholders’ value and for long-term sustainable business prosperity and corporate accountability.

As required under the Main Market Listing Requirements (“Listing Requirements”) of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad (“Bursa Securities”), this Corporate Governance Overview Statement outlines on how the Company has applied the Principles and Practices to the extent of compliance with the recommendations of good corporate governance as set out in the Malaysian Code on Corporate Governance 2021 (“MCCG”) and Corporate Governance Guide (4th Edition) throughout the financial year ended 31 December 2023 (“the Year” or “2023”) and up to the date of this Annual Report. This statement is to be read together with Corporate Governance Report 2023 based on a prescribed format pursuant to Paragraph 15.25(2) of the Listing Requirements, which can be downloaded from Westports’ website at [www.westportsholdings.com](http://www.westportsholdings.com) or from Bursa Securities’ website.

The Corporate Governance Report provides the details on how the Company has applied each Principles and Step-Ups as set out in the MCCG during the year. Westports will further enhance its MCCG adoption and put in effort to adhere to all recommended best practices from time to time.

### PRINCIPLE A BOARD LEADERSHIP AND EFFECTIVENESS

#### I. BOARD ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

##### Board’s Role

The Company continues to be led by an experienced and dynamic Board. It has a diversified and balanced composition with effective independent directors. The Board plays a pivotal role in the stewardship of the Group and ultimately enhancing shareholders’ value. To fulfil this role, the Board assumes the duties and responsibilities as set out in the Board Charter.

The Board is charged with leading and managing the Company in an effective and responsible manner. The Board’s role is to oversee and provide stewardship to the Company’s strategic direction to maximise shareholders’ value while Management manages the day-to-day operations of Westports in accordance with the direction and delegation of the Board. There is a clear division of functions between the Board and the Management to ensure that no single individual or group dominates the decision-making process.

The Board reserves for its decision a formal schedule of matters, which include approval of the following, to ensure that the direction and control of the Group is firmly in its hands:

- Conflict of interest or potential conflict of interest issues relating to a substantial shareholder or a Director including related party transactions;
- Material acquisitions and disposals of assets not in the ordinary course of business including significant capital expenditures;
- Strategic investments, mergers and acquisitions as well as corporate exercises;
- Authority levels;
- Treasury policies;
- Yearly and quarterly financial results;
- Risk management policies; and
- Key human resources issues.

The Board is supported by Board Committees with delegated responsibilities to oversee the Group’s affairs and authorise to act on behalf of the Board in accordance with their respective charters. Matters outside the scope of the formal schedule are decided by the Board Committees and the Management in accordance with delegated authorities approved by the Board. Management manages the day-to-day operations in accordance with a Policy on Delegation & Limits of Authority with clearly defined authority limits for capital expenditure, operating expenditure, contract awards, safeguarding of assets, business decision activities, segregation of duties and other significant transactions, among others. Defined authority limits continue to be closely monitored in response to prevailing market conditions.

All the Board Committees are actively engaged and act as oversight committees. They evaluate and recommend matters under their purview for the Board to consider and approve. The Board receives updates from the respective Chairperson of the Board Committees on matters that have been discussed and deliberated at the respective meetings.

##### Separation of Chairman and Group Managing Director (“GMD”)

The then Chairman of the Board, Tan Sri Datuk Gnanalingam A/L Gunanath Lingam has passed away on 11 July 2023. The late Tan Sri Datuk Gnanalingam A/L Gunanath Lingam has played an instrumental role in providing the Company with strong leadership and vision, leading the Board in its review of the Group’s strategies for sustainable growth. As the Board Chairman, the late Tan Sri Datuk Gnanalingam A/L Gunanath Lingam also promoted and led the Group in its commitment to achieve and maintain high standards of corporate governance. He bore primary responsibility for the workings of the Board, by ensuring effectiveness in all aspects of its role including setting the agenda for Board meetings with input from Management, ensuring sufficient allocation of time for thorough discussion of key agenda items at Board meetings, promoting an open environment within the Boardroom for constructive debate, encouraging the Non-Executive Directors to speak freely and contribute effectively, and exercising control over the quality, quantity and timeliness of information flow between the Board and Management. At AGMs, he played a pivotal role in fostering constructive dialogue between shareholders, the Board and Management.

The GMD, Datuk Ruben Emir Gnanalingam bin Abdullah assumed the role of Executive Chairman and GMD (“**EC and GMD**”) effective from 20 July 2023 on a seamless transition, and has since efficiently fulfilled both responsibilities. This arrangement serves as an interim measure, with plans underway to separate the roles in the future.

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The Board has considered Datuk Ruben Emir Gnanalingam bin Abdullah's role as an EC and GMD due to his experience. Through the establishment of various Committees with power and authority to perform key functions without the undue influence from the EC and GMD, and the putting in place of internal controls for proper accountability and to allow for effective oversight by the Board of the Company's business, the Board ensures that there is appropriate balance of power which allows the Board to exercise objective decision-making in the best interests of the Company.

Taking cognisance that the EC and GMD is an Executive Director and thus not independent, the Board has designated a Senior Independent Director who serves as a sounding board for the EC and GMD and also as an intermediary between the Non-Executive Directors/ Independent Directors and the EC and GMD. The current Senior Independent Director is Mr Chan Soo Chee. The role of the Senior Independent Director is set out in the Board Charter, which have been approved by the Board.

Datuk Ruben Emir Gnanalingam bin Abdullah serves as the conduit between the Board and the Management in ensuring the success of the Group's governance and management function. The EC and GMD, is accountable to the Board for the achievement of the Group's mission, vision and objectives. The EC and GMD has the executive responsibility for the day-to-day operations of the Company and shall implement the policies, strategies and decisions adopted by the Board.

The Board is also of the view that the EC and GMD should not be involved in any Board Committees in order to ensure check and balance as well as objectivity will not be impaired/influenced by the Chairman of the Board who is also sitting on Board Committee(s). Therefore, our Chairman of the Board is not a member of any Board Committees since listing.

### Company Secretaries

The Board is supported by two (2) suitably qualified and competent Company Secretaries who play a vital role in advising the Board in relation to the Company's Constitution, Board policies and procedures and compliance with the relevant regulatory requirements, codes or guidance and legislations. They constantly keep themselves abreast of the evolving capital market environment, regulatory changes and developments in corporate governance by attending the relevant training programmes/conferences.

### Access to Information

The Directors have timely, full and unrestricted access to all information pertaining to the Group's business affairs, whether as a full Board or in their individual capacity, to enable them to discharge their duties effectively.

The Board is expected to meet at least four (4) times for each financial year, with additional meetings to be convened when necessary to review financial, operational and business performances. Board meetings for each financial year are normally scheduled before the end of the preceding financial year and to be confirmed at the end of the preceding meeting.

### Board Meeting

The Board meetings are chaired by the EC and GMD. The EC and GMD leads the Board effectively and encourages contribution from all members to ensure a balance of power and authority.

Prior to every Board meeting, the Directors are furnished with an agenda and a set of meeting papers electronically at least fourteen (14) days before the Board meeting in order for them to study and evaluate in advance the matters to be discussed. In addition to that, the Board Committees meetings are always held between one (1) week to three (3) weeks earlier before the Board meetings to allow the Board Committees to have sufficient time and independence discussion on the subject matters prior to recommending to the Board for deliberation and approval. The minutes of the said Board Committee meetings are prepared on time and included in the same Board papers for better discussion and transparent.

### Supply of and Access to Information and Advice

During 2023, Board papers were circulated to the Board members in advance via board portal developed by the Company and this remains an ongoing priority to facilitate informed decision making. The Board papers contain both quantitative and qualitative information. The papers are presented in a manner which is concise and include comprehensive Management reports, minutes of meetings and proposal papers. This will enable the Directors to review, consider, and if necessary, obtain further information from the Management on the subject matter. The Management is responsible for providing the Board with the required information in an appropriate and timely manner. All proceedings of the Board and the Board Committees are minuted and signed by the respective Chairperson of the meetings.

Senior Management are requested to attend Board meetings to present and provide additional information on matters being discussed and to respond to any queries that the Directors may have. In the furtherance of its duties, the Board is also authorised to obtain at the Company's expense, independent professional advice on specific matters, if necessary, to enable the Board to discharge its functions in the decision-making process.

Notices on the closed period for trading in Westports are served to Directors and principal officers of the Group who are deemed to have privy to price-sensitive information of the Company for the applicable periods especially during the scheduled Board meetings to approve the quarterly financial results. This is to comply with the Listing Requirements where Directors and principal officers are prohibited from trading in securities based on price-sensitive information which have not been publicly announced within thirty (30) calendar days before the targeted date of announcement of the quarterly financial results up to the date of announcement.

In recognising the importance of sound and timely information flow to Board effectiveness, all announcements made to Bursa Malaysia will be circulated to all Directors on the day the announcements are released. Copies of Director's notices on changes of Director's interests and other directorships will also be given to the other Directors of the Company within the timeframe prescribed by the regulations.

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### Board Charter

Westports has in place a Board Charter which serves as a reference point for Board activities and promotes high standards of corporate governance. It is designed to provide guidance and clarity for Directors and Management with regard to the role of the Board and its Committees, the requirement of the Directors in carrying out their stewardship role and in discharging their duties towards the Company as well as the Board's operating practices including matters reserved for the Board.

In accordance with the MCGG, Mr Chan Soo Chee who is the Chairman of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee ("NRC") is designated as the Board's Senior Independent Director. The Senior Independent Director, who acts as a sounding board for the Executive Chairman of the Board, acts as an intermediary for other Board members as well as acting as a point of contact for shareholders and other stakeholders where required.

The Board reviews its Board Charter periodically to keep abreast with the new changes in regulations and best practices.

The Board Charter is updated in accordance with the requirements of the Group and any new regulations that may have an impact on the discharge of the Board's responsibilities. The Board Charter was last reviewed and approved by the Board on 1 January 2022 to further strengthen the governance and management of the Company. The latest Board Charter is accessible on the Company's website at [www.westportsholdings.com](http://www.westportsholdings.com)

### Code of Conduct and Business Ethics

The Board has formalised and adopted the Code of Ethics of Directors, which is based on the core principles of integrity, transparency, accountability and corporate social responsibility. The Code of Ethics of Directors enables the Board and each Director to focus on areas of ethical risk, provides guidance to Directors to help them recognise and deal with ethical issues, provides mechanisms to report unethical conducts and helps foster a culture of honesty and accountability. It also serves as an avenue for any Director to channel any suspected violations of the Code of Ethics of Directors to the Chairman of the Audit Committee ("AC"). Investigation will be carried out by the Board and appropriate action will be taken in the event of any violations of the Code of Ethics of Directors.

Besides, the Group also adopted a Code of Conduct which sets standards for the employees within the Group to promote honest and ethical conduct, including the ethical handling of actual or apparent conflict of interest between personal and professional relationships in the workplace and to observe applicable rules, regulations and local laws.

The Board and all employees are committed to observe the highest standards of personal and corporate integrity when dealing within the Group and with external parties.

### Anti-Corruption and Anti-Bribery Policy

The Board has adopted the Anti-Corruption and Anti Bribery Policy to ensure that it has adequate procedures in place to prevent persons associated with the Group from undertaking corrupt conduct in relation to the business activities. On 18 February 2023, the Company had been certified with the Anti-Bribery Management System ISO 37001:2016 certification. It reinforces the commitment to Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission and to the public on zero tolerance on Corruption and Bribery.

The said policy serves as control measure for the Group's employees and associated persons to act professionally, fairly and with integrity in all business dealings and relationships. The Group believes that robust risk management is an important element to mitigate bribery and corruption risks. Effective risk management enables the identification of emerging sustainability risks and the execution of action plans to minimise any identified risks. To this end, the Group will review the Group's anti-corruption and anti-bribery programme every three (3) years to assess the performance, efficiency and effectiveness of the Group's anti-corruption and anti-bribery processes and risk management system.

### Vaccination and Immunisation Policy

The Board had on 28 January 2022 adopted Vaccination and Immunisation Policy. The policy provides a framework on vaccination against contagious diseases that threatens health and safety of employees and port users when such vaccines for the diseases are approved by the Ministry of Health.

### Whistle Blower Policy

In addition to the above, the Company's Whistle Blower Policy aims to maintain the highest level of corporate ethics within the Group. All employees of the Group have a professional responsibility to disclose any known malpractices or wrongdoings. The Board has the overall responsibility for overseeing the implementation of the policy. The whistleblowing reports related to corruption and bribery shall be made directly to the Company's Certified Integrity Officer at email address [integrity@westports.com.my](mailto:integrity@westports.com.my).

All other whistleblowing reports are addressed to the Chairman of the AC (for matters relating to financial reporting, unethical or illegal conduct) at email address [ac@westports.com.my](mailto:ac@westports.com.my) and the EC and GMD, Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") or Head of Human Resource Department (for employment-related concerns).

The Code of Ethics of Directors, Code of Conduct, Anti-Corruption and Anti Bribery Policy and Whistle Blower Policy can be found on the Company's website at [www.westportsholdings.com](http://www.westportsholdings.com).



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### Sustainability

Westports acknowledges the importance of sustainability relating to environmental, social and governance ("ESG") including their risks and opportunities to/for our Group. Aside from the above policies, the Company has also implemented the Environmental Policy with the objective of protecting the environment while developing and running the business at the port.

The Company continuously and constantly communicates the targets and performances of the ESG to all the stakeholders of the Group regardless internally or externally. Sustainability Committee assisted the Board in discharging the duties relating to ESG. Detailed information pertaining to the sustainability of the Group can be found in the standalone Sustainability Report issued together with the Annual Report 2023 which is available on Bursa Securities and the Company's website at [www.westportsholdings.com](http://www.westportsholdings.com).

### BOARD COMPOSITION

Westports is led by a capable and experienced Board. During the year, the Board comprised twelve (12) Directors, comprising the EC and GMD, three (3) Non-Independent Non-Executive Directors, six (6) Independent Non-Executive Directors and two (2) Alternate Directors. The Independent Directors make up the majority of the composition of the Board. On 9 June 2023, Ms Shaline Gnanalingam was appointed as a Non-Independent Non-Executive Director as a replacement for Ms Chan Chu Wei who retired from the Board.

The Board Charter provides that the Board should consist of qualified individuals with diverse experiences, backgrounds and perspectives. The Constitution of the Company provides a minimum of three (3) and a maximum of fifteen (15) Directors. The composition and size of the Board should be such that it facilitates the making of informed and critical decisions without limiting the level of individual participation, involvement and effectiveness.

The current Board composition comprises business leaders and professionals with port operations, marketing, risk management, finance, legal, information technology, project management, engineering, accounting and general experience in management. Together, the Directors bring a wide range of competencies, capabilities, technical skills and relevant business experience. This mix of skills and experience is vital for the successful direction of the Group. This combination of different professions and skills working together enables the Board to promote the interests of all shareholders and to govern our Group effectively.

The Company practices recruitment of Directors based on meritocracy. In the event two (2) candidates are of equal merit, other considerations such as diversity in respect of gender, ethnicity and age will be taken into account to aid the final selection process.

The Board welcomes the push for greater diversity in the boardroom which can provide a more diverse approach to business decision-making and the Company shared the view "that a diverse Board will enhance decision making by harnessing the variety of skills, industry and business experiences, gender, age, ethnicity and culture, geographical background and nationalities, tenure of service, and other distinguishing qualities of the members of the Board."

As at the date of this report, there are five (5) female Board members, representing 50% of female representation on the Board, adopting MCCG's target to achieve at least 30% female representation on the Board. The Board maintains a strong record on Board diversity with a wide range of backgrounds and nationalities represented among the Board members. A brief description of the background of each Director is presented under the Profile of Directors of this Annual Report.

Ethnicity		Age		Gender	
Bumiputera	4	<50 years	2	Male	5
Malaysian Indian	3	50-59 years	3	Female	5
Malaysian Chinese	1	60-69 years	4		
Foreigners	2	>70 years	1		

\* Excluded two (2) alternate directors

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## Board Committees

In discharging its fiduciary duties, the Board has delegated specific tasks to Board Committees. These Board Committees have the authority to examine particular issues and report to the Board on their proceedings and deliberations together with its recommendations. However, the ultimate responsibility for the final decision on all matters lies with the entire Board.

### a. AC

The AC assists the Board in its oversight of the Company's financial statements and reporting in fulfilling its fiduciary responsibilities relating to internal controls, financial and accounting records and policies as well as financial reporting practices of the Group.

The AC Charter is published on the Company's website at [www.westportsholdings.com](http://www.westportsholdings.com).

More information on the AC and its activities for 2023 is contained on pages 49 to 51 of this Annual Report.

### b. NRC

The NRC comprises of three (3) Independent Non-Executive Directors as follows:-

Name of Director	Designation Held During Tenure In Office
Chan Soo Chee (Senior Independent Non-Executive Director)	Chairman
Tan Sri Dato' Seri Mohd Khairul Adib bin Abd Rahman (Independent Non-Executive Director)	Member
Dato' Tengku Marina binti Tunku Annuar <sup>(1)</sup> (Independent Non-Executive Director)	Member
Chan Chu Wei <sup>(2)</sup> (Non-Independent Non-Executive Director)	Member

<sup>(1)</sup> Appointed on 9 June 2023

<sup>(2)</sup> Resigned on 9 June 2023

The duties and responsibilities of the NRC are set out in their respective Charters, which are published on the Company's website at [www.westportsholdings.com](http://www.westportsholdings.com).

During the year, the NRC has undertaken the following activities:

- Conducted annual review of the structure, size and composition of the Board, including the balance of mix of skills, knowledge, experience, diversity in respect of age, gender and ethnicity as well as independence of the Independent Non-Executive Directors. The NRC also focused on having a balanced mix of skills, independence and diversity (including gender, ethnicity and age) to facilitate optimal decision-making by harnessing different insights and perspectives;
- Reviewed, considered and recommended the re-election of Directors at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting ("AGM") pursuant to the Constitution of the Company and the Companies Act 2016, upon considering the necessary quality, character as well as integrity, competency and commitment in accordance with the Fit and Proper Policy;
- Reviewed the Board Evaluation Exercise process;
- Reviewed the key performance indicators for Executive Directors and Senior Management;
- Reviewed the training needs of the Directors;
- Reviewed and recommended the remuneration packages of the EC and GMD and CEO to the Board for approval;
- Reviewed and recommended the Non-Executive Directors' fees and benefits to the Board subject to approval by shareholders at the AGM;
- Reviewed the terms of office and performance of the AC and each of its members in compliance with the Listing Requirements;
- Reviewed and recommended the appointment of director and Board Committee;
- Reviewed and recommended the redesignation of GMD to EC and GMD for seamless transition following the demise of the then Executive Chairman;
- Reviewed and recommended the Term of Reference for the People Matters Committee and its reporting Committees;
- Reviewed the appointment of Deputy CEO and change in organisation structure;
- Review and recommended the appointment of director to Port Klang Cruise Terminal Sdn Bhd and applicable directors fees; and
- Reviewed the Performance Management Enhancement Framework, Manpower Budget for 2024, Performance Bonus for 2023, Annual Increment for 2024 and Company's Manpower Strength.

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### c. Risk Management Committee

The Risk Management Committee (“RMC”) comprises of two (2) Independent Non-Executive Directors and one (1) Non-Independent Non-Executive Director as follows:-

Name of Director	Designation Held During Tenure In Office
Shanthy Kandiah <i>(Independent Non-Executive Director)</i>	Chairperson
Ahmad Zubir bin Zahid <i>(Independent Non-Executive Director)</i>	Member
Diana Tung Wan LEE <i>(Non-Independent Non-Executive Director)</i>	Member

The primary functions of the RMC are to assist the Board in fulfilling its statutory and fiduciary responsibilities, including ensuring that the Company has in place a sound and robust risk management and internal control framework and also ensure that such framework has been effectively implemented to enhance the Company’s ability to achieve its strategic objectives.

The duties and responsibilities of the RMC are set out in the RMC Charter, which is published on the Company’s website at [www.westportsholdings.com](http://www.westportsholdings.com).

During the year, the RMC has undertaken the following activities:

- Reviewed and recommended the Risk Register of the Group on a quarterly basis with deliberation on key risk items as disclosed in this Annual Report;
- Reviewed the progress of Westports 2;
- Reviewed the Group’s achievement on medium-term business growth plan;
- Reviewed Crisis Management and Mitigation Plans;
- Reviewed the progress of Litigation cases;
- Reviewed the key Capital Expenditures and key Project updates;
- Reviewed the activities on the Physical Security;
- Reviewed and recommended the Term of Reference for Management Risk Committee and its reporting Committees;
- Reviewed and recommended the Anti Bribery Management System Risk Register; and
- Reviewed the updates from Management Risk Committee.

### d. Sustainability Committee

The Sustainability Committee (“SC”) comprises of three (3) Independent Non-Executive Directors as follows:-

Name of Director	Designation Held During Tenure In Office
Datuk Siti Zauyah binti Md Desa <i>(Independent Non-Executive Director)</i>	Chairperson
Shanthy Kandiah <i>(Independent Non-Executive Director)</i>	Member
Dato’ Tengku Marina binti Tunku Annuar <i>(Independent Non-Executive Director)</i>	Member

The primary functions of the SC are to assist the Board in reviewing policies and practices relating to Environmental, Social and Governance (“ESG”); and Sustainable practices in accordance with applicable laws.

The duties and responsibilities of the SC are set out in the SC Charter, which is published on the Company’s website at [www.westportsholdings.com](http://www.westportsholdings.com).

During the year, the SC has undertaken the following activities:

- Reviewed 2022 Sustainability Report;
- Reviewed the progress on the proof of concept of autonomous truck projects and electric truck;
- Reviewed the Internal Carbon Price up to 2050;
- Reviewed the Corporate Green Power Programme;
- Reviewed the detailed assessment of Net-Zero 2050 Glidepath;
- Reviewed the Sustainalytics ESG Rating;
- Reviewed the Centralised Sustainability Platform, collaboration with Bursa Malaysia and OCBC;
- Reviewed and recommended the Term of Reference for Management Sustainability Committee and its reporting Committee;
- Reviewed the updates from Management Sustainability Committee that covers papers consumption, update on solar projects, schedule waste and general waste monitoring, study on alternative energy, tree replanting, CSR activities, diversity and inclusiveness, contractors’ sustainability practices, security and safety;
- Reviewed Company’s FTSE4Good Bursa ranking for 2023; and
- Reviewed and recommended the following policies:-
  - Competition Law Policy;
  - Water Management Policy;
  - Child and Forced Labour Policy;
  - Community Engagement Policy;
  - Community Safety and Health Policy;
  - Customer Safety and Health Policy;
  - Data Privacy Policy;

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- viii. Land and Biodiversity Management Policy;
- ix. Supplier ESG Compliance Policy;
- x. Waste Management Policy; and
- xi. Sustainability Policy

### Board Independence

The Board recognises the significant contribution by the Independent Directors to the Company in bringing independent and objective judgement to the Board in decision making. The Board has a strong presence of nine (9) Non-Executive Directors, whereby six (6) of its members are Independent Directors, in compliance with the MCCG. The strong presence of a majority of Independent Directors provides effective check and balance in the functioning of the Board.

The six (6) Independent Directors are not substantial shareholder's representatives nor employees and there are no relationships or circumstances which are likely to affect, or could appear to affect, the Independent Directors' judgment.

They are tasked with ensuring there are checks and balances on the Board as they are able to provide unbiased and independent views in Board deliberations and decision making of the Board taking into account the interests of the Group and minority shareholders. The Independent Directors bring external perspectives through their diverse backgrounds and experiences, enabling them to put in place necessary checks and balances, contributing to Board's decision making. They are also engaged proactively with both the internal and external auditors. This is especially so for Ahmad Zubir bin Zahid who is the Chairman of the AC.

The Board Charter limits the tenure of the Independent Directors to a cumulative term of not more than nine (9) years.

### Assessment of Independent Directors

The Board, through the NRC, undertakes the independence assessment of all its Independent Directors which was carried out as part of the Board Assessment annually. The NRC and the Board reviewed the independence assessment results and are satisfied that all the Independent Directors meet the independence criteria prescribed by the Listing Requirements. The Board opined that the Independent Directors continue to remain objective and independent in expressing their respective views and in participating in deliberations and decision-making of the Board and the Board Committees.

### Board Appointment

The Board has delegated to its NRC with the responsibility to review and assess the proposed new Board nominees in terms of the appropriate balance of skills, expertise, attributes and core competencies before making any recommendation to the Board for approval. While the Board is responsible for the appointment of new Directors, the NRC is charged with the role of screening and conducting initial selection based on the criteria and qualification as specified in the Board Charter, which include the following summarised criteria:-

- ability to ask probing operational related questions and make informed business decisions;
- entrepreneurial talent;
- relevant experience in regional and/or international markets;
- education;
- high ethical standards;
- ability to devote sufficient time to fulfil his/her responsibilities as a Board and/or Board committee member; and
- total commitment in furthering the interests of shareholders and achievement of the Company's goals.

Following the amendments made to the Listing Requirements, the Board had on June 2022 adopted a Directors' Fit and Proper Policy which set out the approach, guidelines and procedures to ensure a formal, rigorous and transparent process is being adhered for the appointment, re-appointment and/or re-election of the Directors of the Company.

In evaluating the suitability of candidates for the Board, the NRC review the completed Fit and Proper Self-declaration Form and ensure that the candidates possess the necessary background, skills, professional expertise and character. On 9 June 2023, a new Directors was appointed to the Company.

At least one-third (1/3) of the Directors, including the EC and GMD, are required to retire from office at least once in every three (3) years but shall be eligible for re-election. The Company's Constitution further provides that at least one-third (1/3) of the Board is subject to retirement by rotation at each AGM.

The NRC is also responsible to conduct the fit and proper assessments on the Directors who are due for retirement at the AGM. Based on the office period of the Directors since their last election and upon recommendation by the NRC, the Board is proposing the re-election of Datuk Ruben Emir Gnanalingam bin Abdullah, Datuk Siti Zaayah binti Md Desa and Ms Diana Tung Wan LEE pursuant to Clause 115 of the Company's Constitution at the forthcoming Thirty First (31st) AGM and being eligible, they have offered themselves for re-election. The newly appointed Director, namely Ms Shaline Gnanalingam has sought for re-election pursuant to Clause 122 of the Company's Constitution at the forthcoming AGM.

To assist the shareholders in their decision, sufficient information such as personal profiles of the Directors standing for re-election are disclosed in the Profile of Directors of this Annual Report. The details of their interest in the securities of the Company are set out in the Analysis of Shareholdings of this Annual Report.

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### Fostering Commitment

Recognising the important responsibility of a Director towards the Board's success, the Board has incorporated time commitment as one of the appointment criteria for Directors whereby the candidate should have sufficient available time to be able to fulfil his or her responsibilities as a member of the Board and any of the Board Committees to which he or she may be appointed. The Board is satisfied with the level of commitment given by the Directors in carrying out their responsibilities which is evidenced by the attendance record of the Directors. The Board is also mindful of the importance of devoting sufficient time and effort to carry out their responsibilities and enhance their professional skills.

The Board considers that there is no need for a formal protocol for Directors to accept new directorships at this point in time as the number of directorships a Director can hold is restricted by Paragraph 15.06 of the Listing Requirements whereby the Directors are not allowed to hold more than five (5) directorships in public listed companies.

The Company has the practice of requiring its Directors to disclose and update his or her directorships in other companies as and when necessary at every Board meeting, and further, in cognisance of the criterion of substantial time devotion to the Company expected from each Director contained in the Company's annual Board Assessments as well as the time commitment clause enumerated in the Company's Board Charter; the Directors are mindful that they will serve on the boards of other companies only to the extent that such services do not detract from the Directors' ability to devote the necessary time and attention to the Company. The Board is satisfied that the external directorships of the Board members have not impaired their availability to provide sufficient time in discharging their roles and responsibilities effectively.

The Board is satisfied that each individual Director of Westports is committed to the Board and has a good attendance record for meetings for the year 2023. All Directors complied with the minimum attendance of at least 50% of Board meetings held in the financial period pursuant to the Listing Requirements. In addition, Board members are well prepared, having read the Board papers and all background materials before every Board meeting.

The decisions made at Board meetings are mostly consensus. Additionally, the resolutions in writing duly signed by a majority of the Directors or their alternates shall be valid and effectual as if the resolution had been passed at Board meetings.

The table below shows the attendance record of the Directors for the meetings held during 2023.

Name of Director	Number of Board Meetings	
	Held during tenure in office	Attended
Tan Sri Datuk Gnanalingam A/L Gunanath Lingam <sup>(1)</sup> <i>(Executive Chairman)</i>	2	2
Datuk Ruben Emir Gnanalingam bin Abdullah <sup>(2)</sup> <i>(Executive Chairman and Group Managing Director)</i>	4	4
Chan Chu Wei <sup>(3)</sup> <i>(Non-Independent Non-Executive Director)</i>	2	2
Sing Chi IP <i>(Non-Independent Non-Executive Director)</i>	4	4
Shanthy Kandiah <i>(Independent Non-Executive Director)</i>	4	4
Chan Soo Chee <i>(Senior Independent Non-Executive Director)</i>	4	4
Datuk Siti Zaayah binti Md Desa <i>(Independent Non-Executive Director)</i>	4	4
Ahmad Zubir bin Zahid <i>(Independent Non-Executive Director)</i>	4	4
Diana Tung Wan LEE <i>(Non-Independent Non-Executive Director)</i>	4	4
Tan Sri Dato' Seri Mohd Khairul Adib bin Abd Rahman <i>(Independent Non-Executive Director)</i>	4	4
Dato' Tengku Marina binti Tunku Annuar <i>(Independent Non-Executive Director)</i>	4	4
Shaline Gnanalingam <sup>(4)</sup> <i>(Non-Independent Non-Executive Director)</i>	2	2

<sup>(1)</sup> Demised on 11 July 2023

<sup>(2)</sup> Redesignated to EC and GMD on 20 July 2023

<sup>(3)</sup> Resigned on 9 June 2023

<sup>(4)</sup> Appointed on 9 June 2023

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### AC Meetings

Name of Director	Number of AC Meetings	
	Held during tenure in office	Attended
Ahmad Zubir bin Zahid – Chairman (Independent Non-Executive Director)	7	7
Chan Soo Chee (Senior Independent Non-Executive Director)	7	7
Datuk Siti Zauyah binti Md Desa (Independent Non-Executive Director)	7	7

### NRC Meetings

Name of Director	Number of NRC Meetings	
	Held during tenure in office	Attended
Chan Soo Chee – Chairman (Senior Independent Non-Executive Director)	6	6
Chan Chu Wei <sup>(1)</sup> (Non-Independent Non-Executive Director)	3	3
Tan Sri Dato' Seri Mohd Khairul Adib bin Abd Rahman (Independent Non-Executive Director)	6	6
Dato' Tengku Marina binti Tunku Annuar <sup>(2)</sup> (Independent Non-Executive Director)	3	3

<sup>(1)</sup> Resigned on 9 June 2023

<sup>(2)</sup> Appointed on 9 June 2023

### RMC Meetings

Name of Director	Number of RMC Meetings	
	Held during tenure in office	Attended
Shanthi Kandiah – Chairperson (Independent Non-Executive Director)	4	4
Ahmad Zubir bin Zahid (Independent Non-Executive Director)	4	4
Diana Tung Wan LEE (Non-Independent Non-Executive Director)	4	4

### SC Meetings

Name of Director	Number of SC Meetings	
	Held during tenure in office	Attended
Datuk Siti Zauyah binti Md Desa – Chairperson (Independent Non-Executive Director)	3	3
Shanthi Kandiah (Independent Non-Executive Director)	3	3
Dato' Tengku Marina binti Tunku Annuar (Independent Non-Executive Director)	3	3

### Succession Planning

Succession planning for senior management below the Executive Board level is driven by the EC and GMD. A review of senior management resources is carried out annually in conjunction with the annual remuneration review. We have in place a career development plan including succession planning at all levels of management. The annual management evaluation process is the key to performance improvement as well as the succession plan. The Company's Succession Planning Policy submitted by the EC and GMD has been reviewed by the NRC and approved by the Board on 23 February 2022.

### Training & Development of Directors

The Board acknowledges that continuous education is vital for the Board members to gain insight into the state of economy, technological advances, regulatory updates and management strategies to enhance the Board's skills and knowledge in discharging its responsibilities. The Board encourages its members to participate in continuous education programmes by allocating certain training budget for the Directors every year.

The Board, through the NRC, reviews and assesses the training needs of the Directors and determines the area of training that he or she may require for personal development as a director to strengthen their contributions to the Board. Furthermore, the Directors from time to time visited the port to familiarise and to have a thorough understanding and insights of the Group's operation.

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During 2023, all Board members had attended various training programmes, conferences, seminars and courses organised by regulatory authorities and professional bodies. The programmes in which members of the Board have participated were as follows:

Month	Training/Seminar	Presenter/Organiser
January 2023	Branding in the Industry	Metrix Research Sdn Bhd
February 2023	"Demystifying ESG - Understanding BursaMalaysia's Requirements And ISSB's Global Baseline On Sustainability Reporting"	SP Setia Berhad
	2023 CK Hutchison Global Climate Action Conference - Climate leadership in the context of Ports, Retail and Telecommunications - Developing net-zero ports - Strategy to address scope 1, 2 and 3 emissions - Setting and achieving science-based targets - Tackling energy efficiency - Leadership in the energy transition - Are we ready for the renewable gas revolution? - Preparing for a more extreme weather future - Developing our businesses to succeed in a net-zero world - The role of electricity distribution network operators in the energy transition - The circular economy as a tool to bridge climate mitigation	CK Hutchison Holdings Limited
March 2023	Becoming an Effective Board Member: Tips and Strategies Navigating ESG Data into Decisions  A 60-minute Crisis Management – A Guide for Board Members  Conduct of Directors and Common Breaches of Listing Requirements	LeadWomen Institute of Corporate Directors Malaysia ("ICDM") ICDM Malaysian Institute of Accountants
April 2023	Advocacy Dialogue with Bursa on ESG Development and FTSE4Good ESG Ratings for all PLCs	ICDM
May 2023	Financial Fraud and Forensics Conference 2023  Gartner's Digital Workplace Summit Global Board of Directors Transformation Masterclass: Roles & Responsibilities of Directors & Company Secretaries in Corporate Governance, Board Behaviour & Technology Remaking Corporate Governance for an ESG World	Malaysian Institute of Accountants Gartner Richard Winfield, Corporate World Intelligence Asia School of Business
June 2023	24th Annual Corporate and Regulatory Update  Companies Act 2016 - Voluntary Winding Up, Judicial Management and Corporate Voluntary Arrangement Sustainable and Responsible Investmetn Virtual Conference 2023 Scaling Up the Circular Economy	The Hong Kong Chartered Governance Institute Malaysian Institute of Accountants Securities Industry Development Corporation Climate Governance Malaysia ("CGM")

Month	Training/Seminar	Presenter/Organiser
July 2023	Conflict of Interest and governance of COI Cessation of Companies and Limited Liability Partnerships Business Action and Advocacy for the Planet Implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF) at the National Level by Malaysian Business and Private Sector Community Board Sustainability Committee Dialogue: The ABC Soup ICDM of ESG and You (Boards) Stepping up to the role: Objectives of Assurance and Advisory on ESG Finance Essentials for Non-Finance Executives	Cagamas Holdings Berhad Companies Commission of Malaysia Malaysia Platform for Business & Biodiversity ICDM ICDM
August 2023	The Concept of Double Materiality Sustainable Brands Conference, Kuala Lumpur Advocacy for Directors and CEOs of Main Market Listed Issuers	CGM Acacia Blue Bursa Malaysia
September 2023	Update on Legal and Regulatory Compliance The Cooler Earth Sustainability Summit What Amounts to a Conflict of Interest by Directors Audit Committee Conference 2023	Allen & Gledhill LLP CIMB Group Asia School of Business Malaysian Institute of Accountants
October 2023	Mandatory Accreditation Programme Khazanah Megatrens Forum Decarbonisation Workshop IVAS-IVSC Business Valuation Conference 2023  Mergers and Acquisition Activities - Practical Approaches to Purchase Price Allocation The Business of Biodiversity	ICDM & Bursa Malaysia Khazanah Nasional SP Setia Berhad Institute of Valuers and Appraisers, Singapore Malaysian Institute of Accountants CGM
November 2023	Container Regional Trade Outlook, Maritime and Sustainability Supply Chain; Digitalisation of port ecosystem; and Automation in the Port Industry Setia Governance, Risk and Audit Forum 2023	Jonathan Beard & Simon Quail, Ernst & Young S P Setia Berhad
December 2023	Climate Change & Carbon Footprint – Getting the Right Financial Risk & Reporting Perspectives Business Damages Concepts and Calculations  Mandatory Accreditation Programme Part II: Leading for Impact (LIP) Business Valuation Report Writing and Analysis  ICAEW Sustainability Certificate	ICDM Association of International Certified Professional Accountants (AICPA) Bursa Malaysia American Society of Appraisers Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales

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The Company Secretaries keep the Directors informed of the relevant external training programmes. The Company Secretaries also circulate relevant guidelines on statutory and regulatory requirements from time to time for the Board's references and brief the Board on the necessary updates at Board meetings.

#### Board Assessments

The NRC is tasked to assist the Board in carrying out the annual assessment of the effectiveness of the Board as a whole, the Board Committees and the contribution or performance of each individual Director. The NRC also assists the Board in assessing the independence of the Independent Directors annually (all the above mentioned assessments are collectively referred to as the "Board Assessments").

The Board Assessments are aimed to improve the Board's effectiveness as well as to draw the Board's attention to key areas that need to be addressed in order for the Board and individual Directors to maintain its significance. The Board Assessments consist of the following:

- i. Board and Board Committees evaluation;
- ii. Assessment of character, experience, integrity, competence and time commitment Directors;
- iii. Assessment on mix of skill and experience; and
- iv. Evaluation of level of independence of an Independent Director.

To facilitate the Board Assessments, a set of questionnaires are developed based on the criteria stipulated in the Directors' Assessment Policy as well as Corporate Governance Guide (4th Edition). The set of questionnaires were carried out on self and peer assessment basis which assesses the effectiveness of the Board as a whole, Board Committees, Chairman and individual Directors. The results of the assessment were tabled to the NRC for review and comments which were subsequently briefed to the Board. All assessments and evaluations carried out are properly documented. The results are presented to the NRC had on 10 January 2024 and the NRC has subsequently assessed the the performance of the Board as a whole and its board committees for the period from 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023.

In considering independence, the Board through the NRC conducts an annual review on the level of independence of each Independent Director to ensure that there are independent elements that fit the Company's objectives, strategic goals and comply with the Listing Requirements.

The results and recommendations from the evaluation of the Board and Committees are presented to the Board for full consideration and action. The Board was comfortable with the outcome and that the skills and experience of the current Directors satisfy the requirements of the skills matrix and that the EC and GMD possesses the leadership to safeguard the stakeholders' interest and ensure the Group's profitable performance.

## REMUNERATION

### Directors' Remuneration

The Company has in place a Directors' Remuneration Policy which sets out the criteria applied in recommending the remuneration package of the Directors of the Group, recommending the remuneration package of the Directors of the Group. The objective of this policy is to help attract, recruit, retain and reward high performing, experienced and qualified Directors and Senior Management by providing remuneration commensurate with the responsibilities of their positions and their contributions, be competitive in the industry, and encourage value creation for the Company by aligning the interests of Directors with the long term interests of shareholders. In its deliberation of remuneration level and mix, the NRC takes into consideration industry practices and benchmarks against relevant industry players as well as comparable positional responsibilities to ensure remuneration practices are competitive.

The determination of Directors' remuneration is a matter deliberated by the NRC and approved by the Board as whole. The Non-Executive Directors concerned abstain from the discussion of their own remuneration. In recommending the proposed Directors' fees, the NRC takes into consideration the qualification, duty and responsibility, and contribution required from a Director in view of the Group's complexity, and also the market rate among the industry.

The Non-Executive Directors are paid fixed annual directors' fees as members of the Board which are approved by the Company's shareholders at the AGM. The Non-Executive Directors are also paid an attendance allowance for each Board meeting that they attend. Below are the remuneration to Non-Executive Directors and the meeting allowance:-

Non-Executive Directors Fee	RM120,000 per annum each
Chairman/Chairperson of AC, NRC, RMC and SC	RM80,000 per annum each
Members of AC, NRC, RMC and SC	RM60,000 per annum each

Board members will receive meeting attendance allowance of RM500 for each local meeting and RM1,000 for each overseas meeting.

The NRC also recommends to the Board the remuneration packages of Executive Directors and it is the responsibility of the Board to approve the remuneration packages of Executive Directors. In evaluating the EC and GMD's and CEO's remuneration, the NRC takes into account the Group's financial performance and performance on a range of non-financial factors which reflects the level of risk, responsibility, as well as performance of the Company and the industry norm including elements of sustainability. The EC and GMD, and CEO are being paid at the subsidiary level and in line with the Group's general remuneration policy for its Senior Management. Their remunerations are structured so as to link rewards to Group and individual performance.



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The details of Directors' remuneration (including benefits-in-kind) from the Company and Group respectively are as follows:

Note	Particulars	Directors' Fees & Allowance		Board Committee Fees		Salary	Bonus	BIK Note 5	Others Note 6	Total
		Group	Company	Company	Group					
	All figures in thousands									
	<b>Non-Executive Director</b>									
	Ahmad Zubir Bin Zahid		123	140						263
	Chan Soo Chee		124	140						264
	Shanthi Kandiah		122	140						262
	Datuk Siti Zauyah Binti Md Desa		122	140						262
	Chan Chu Wei		54	37				3		94
1	Sing Chi IP	122	123							245
	Shaline Gnanalingam	31	68							99
2	Diana Tung Wan LEE		123	60						183
	Tan Sri Dato' Seri Mohd Khairul Adib bin Abd Rahman		122	60						182
	Dato' Tengku Marina binti Tunku Annuar		123	83						206
3	John Stephen Ashworth	123								123
	Mohammad Reezal Bin Ahmad	123								123
	Andy Wing Kit Tsoi									-
	Sub-Total	399	1,104	800	-	-	3			2,306
	<b>Executive Director</b>									
	Tan Sri Datuk Gnanalingam A/L Gunanath Lingam		1	1,264	-	268	215			1,748
	Datuk Ruben Emir Gnanalingam bin Abdullah	2	2	2,454	1,250	674	630			5,012
4	Lee Mun Tat	2		559	498	37	180			1,276
		4	3	-	4,277	1,748	979	1,025		8,036
	<b>Grand Total</b>	403	1,107	800	4,277	1,748	982	1,025		10,342

Note - remuneration prorated up to Directors appointment or resignation

1 Remuneration paid to South Port Investments Holdings Limited.

2 Remuneration paid to South Port Investments Holdings Limited.

3 Remuneration paid to South Port Investments Holdings Limited.

4 Appointed as a board member of WMSB on 9 June 2023

5 Benefits in kind refer to driver, car, and fuel, club membership, security services provided.

6 Others refer to employee provident funds paid.

The aggregate remuneration of the Company's Senior Management Team in respective bands of RM50,000 for the financial year 2023 are as follows:-

Remuneration (RM)	No. of Senior Management
350,000 - 400,000	3
500,000 - 550,000	1
550,001 - 600,000	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>

Although MCCG had stipulated that the Company should disclose on a named basis the top five (5) Senior Management's detailed remuneration, the Board believes that disclosure in such detail may be prejudicial to the business interest of the Group given the highly competitive environment it is operating in as well as competitive pressure in the talent market.

### PRINCIPLE B EFFECTIVE AUDIT AND RISK MANAGEMENT

#### I. AC

##### Composition

The AC assists the Board in its oversight of the Company's financial statements and reporting in fulfilling its fiduciary responsibilities relating to internal controls, financial and accounting records and policies as well as financial reporting practices of the Group. The Chairman of the AC is not the Chairman of the Board.

The AC Charter requires a former audit partner to observe a cooling off period of at least three (3) years before being appointed as a member of the AC.

The AC members possess a wide range of necessary skills to discharge their duties effectively. All the AC members are financially literate and able to understand matters under the purview of AC including the financial reporting standards. The AC members had attended relevant professional training during the year that will continue to keep themselves abreast of the relevant developments in accounting and auditing standards, practices and rules as set out in this Corporate Governance Overview Statement on page 40.

More information on the AC and its activities for 2023 is contained on pages 49 of this Annual Report.

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### Financial Reporting

The Board aims to provide and present a clear, balanced and comprehensive assessment of the Group's financial performance and prospects at the end of the financial year, primarily through the annual financial statements, quarterly announcement of results to shareholders and the EC and GMD message, Operational Review, Financial Review and our Value Creation Model in the Annual Report. The Board is assisted by the AC to oversee the Group's financial reporting processes and the quality of its financial reporting.

The quarterly financial results and audited financial statements are reviewed by the AC to ensure compliance with the applicable financial reporting standards and are approved by the Board before being released to Bursa Securities.

### External Auditors

The AC and Board place great emphasis on the objectivity and independence of the external auditors in providing a true and fair report to the shareholders. The Board, through its AC, maintains a transparent relationship with its external auditors, Deloitte PLT. The AC is empowered to communicate directly with the external auditors and vice versa.

The external auditors also have direct access to the AC to highlight any issues of concern at any point in time. It is a policy of the AC to meet with the external auditors at least twice a year without the presence of the Executive Directors and Management to discuss on audit findings, audit plans and the Company's financial statements. The AC Charter provides procedures to assess the suitability, objectivity and independence of the external auditor.

The AC discusses with the external auditors periodically on the nature and scope of audits and reporting obligations before the audit commences, and seeks their professional advice to ensure that accounting standards are complied with. The AC also ensures that the Management provides timely responses on all material queries raised by the external auditors after the audit in respect of the accounting records, financial statements or systems of control.

In safeguarding and supporting external auditors' independence and objectivities, the AC has adopted in its AC Charter, the External Auditors' assessment which sets out the assessment of external auditors, basic principles and the prohibition of non-audit services and the approval process for the provision of non-audit services.

With respect to the appointment or re-appointment of external auditors, the AC is accorded with the responsibility to review the suitability and independence of the external auditors before appropriate recommendation is made to the Board and shareholders. In assessing the suitability and independence of the external auditors for 2023, the AC received a confirmation in writing from the external auditors that they were and had been independent during the year in accordance with the By-Laws (on Professional Ethics, Conduct and Practice) of the Malaysian Institute of Accountants.

The Board considers the declaration of independence, integrity and objectivity made by the external auditors in their Audit Report for 2023 as adequate to serve as an assurance from the external auditors on their independence and integrity throughout the conduct of their audit engagement.

## II. RISK MANAGEMENT AND INTERNAL CONTROLS FRAMEWORK

### Risk Management and Internal Control Framework

The ultimate responsibility for ensuring a sound and effective internal control framework lies with the Board. The Board sets policies and procedures for internal control and oversees that the implementation of the internal control system is properly carried out by the Management to safeguard shareholders' investments and the Company's assets. The oversight of the Group and Company's risk management framework and policies is also embedded in the RMC Charter.

The Board concluded that the risk management and internal control framework of the Group is generally adequate and effective for 2023. Further details of the Group and Company risk management and internal controls framework are as set out in the Statement on Risk Management and Internal Control on page 45 of this Annual Report.

### Internal Audit Function

The Internal Audit Department is an integral part of the Group's internal control system, with the function reporting directly to the AC and administratively to the EC and GMD. The primary role is to provide independent, objective assurance and consulting services designed to add value and improve the operations in the Group.

An annual assessment on the performance of Internal Audit was conducted by AC on 24 January 2024 and the AC was satisfied with the performance of the Internal Auditor for 2023. Further details of Internal Audit are set out on page 51 of this Annual Report.

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

#### I. ENGAGEMENT WITH STAKEHOLDERS

##### Timely and High Quality Disclosure

In Westports, we believe that it is important to achieve corporate accountability by disclosing timely and appropriate information to our stakeholders. In this regard, the Board has established and adopted the Corporate Disclosure Policy and Procedures. The policy aims to promote a high standard of integrity and transparency through timely, accurate, quality and full disclosure.

We continue to actively embrace timeliness and quality in our disclosures. As shown below, the Company's Annual Report was issued earlier than the statutorily required date and the Company's quarterly results continued to be published ahead of the mandatory requirement so that shareholders can avail themselves to financial information earlier.

2023 Annual Report			
	Issued	Requirement	Ahead By
2023 Annual Report	26 March 2024	30 April 2024	35 Days

2023 Quarterly Results			
	Announced	Requirement	Ahead By
First Quarter 2023	05 May 2023	31 May 2023	26 Days
Second Quarter 2023	27 July 2023	31 August 2023	35 Days
Third Quarter 2023	9 November 2023	30 November 2023	21 Days
Fourth Quarter 2023	2 February 2024	29 February 2024	27 Days

Westports strives to develop an effective Investor Relations programme and strategy to communicate the corporate vision, strategies, developments, financial plan and prospects to investors, shareholders and other stakeholders fairly and accurately and to obtain feedback from them. The Company's EC and GMD have been appointed as the spokesperson to communicate with the audience and to respond accordingly to queries that may arise.

In disseminating the corporate information and disclosure, Westports has made use of a broad range of communication channels, which includes but is not limited to, the electronic facilities provided by Bursa Securities, press releases, letters to shareholders, the Company's website, e-mails, investors/news conferences, road shows/events and general meetings of the Company.

Westports recognises the need and importance of leveraging on information technology in communicating with its shareholders and stakeholders efficiently and effectively. All timely disclosures and material information are published and retained in the Company's website, such as the Company's Annual Report, Sustainability Report, CSR Report, quarterly financial results, announcements to Bursa Securities, press releases etc. In addition, the contact details of the Company's designated persons are listed in the Company's website to enable the public to forward their queries to or request information from the Company.

The Company also organises quarterly briefings and conference calls to fund managers, institutional investors, investment analysts and the media upon the announcement of the Company's quarterly financial results to keep the interested public updated on the progress and development of the business and prospects of the Company.

##### Strengthening Relationship with Stakeholders

Westports has been transparent and accountable to its shareholders and recognises the importance of timely dissemination of information to shareholders. The Board is committed to ensure that the shareholders are well informed of major developments of the Group and the information is communicated to them through the following channels:

- the Company's Annual Report;
- various disclosures and announcements to Bursa Securities including quarterly financial results;
- press releases and announcements to Bursa Securities and to the media;
- dialogues and presentations at general meetings to provide overview and clear rationale with regards to the proposals tabled for approval by shareholders; and
- investor relations section on the Company's website at [www.westportsholdings.com](http://www.westportsholdings.com).

Material price sensitive and other pertinent information are simultaneously disseminated to Bursa Securities, and where relevant, the press.

In addition to general meetings, shareholders and the interested public are also welcomed to raise their queries at any time through the designated person listed in the Company's website or to the EC and GMD.

The Company has established a corporate website including the creation of an Investor Relations web portal to reach out to current and potential investors. The website is regarded by the Company as an important source of information on the Group, including press releases, quarterly and year-end financial results presentations, documentation of policies and other shareholder communication (such as Notice of AGM, all announcements released by the Company to the Bursa Securities, and so forth). The Company's website continues to be developed and updated to ensure it remains a principal source of information on the Group and its activities. Details of the Company's engagement with investors are reported in the Investor Relations Report pages 28 of this Annual Report.

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### II. CONDUCT OF GENERAL MEETINGS

The AGM and any general meeting of the Company serves as the principal forum for shareholders to have direct access to the Board and provides the opportunity for shareholders to raise questions pertaining to issues related to the Annual Report, Audited Financial Statements, corporate developments, resolutions being proposed, and the businesses of the Group.

The Company had its AGM entirely via remote participation and electronic voting. This is in accordance with Section 327 of the Companies Act 2016 and Clause 81 of the Company's Constitution which allows for General Meetings to be held using any technology or electronic means.

Alternative arrangements relating to attendance at the AGM via electronic means (including arrangements by which the meeting can be electronically accessed via 'live' audio-visual webcast), submission of questions to the Chairman of the Meeting in advance of the 2022 AGM, addressing of substantial and relevant questions prior to the AGM and voting by appointing the Chairman of the Meeting as proxy at the AGM, were put in place for the 2022 AGM.

During the AGM, the GMD presented the Company's performance and highlighted salient items to the shareholders. The Board also encourages participation from shareholders by having question and answer session during the AGM (inclusive of the Chairman/Chairperson of the Board, AC, NRC, RMC and SC) were available to provide meaningful responses to queries raised. All our Directors attended the fully virtual AGM and meeting participants participated the meeting remotely. Shareholders had direct access to the Board during the AGM proceedings and to participate in the question-and-answer session (via typed-text) on the resolutions being proposed or on the Group's operations in general. Shareholders who are unable to participate in the fully virtual AGM are allowed to appoint proxies to participate and vote on their behalf in accordance with the Company's Constitution. The GMD, Board members in attendance and the external auditors, if so required, will endeavour to respond to shareholders' questions during the meeting. All questions posed by shareholders during the AGM were well attended by the Board and/or the Senior Management.

Proper notices of AGM or any general meeting are at all times despatched to the shareholders at least 21 days prior to the meetings, unless otherwise required by law, in order to provide sufficient time for shareholders to understand and evaluate the subject matter. Notwithstanding that, MCCG strongly advised that the notice of AGM should be given to the shareholders at least 28 days prior to the meeting.

The Notice convening the 2023 AGM was issued to shareholders on 4 April 2023, which was more than 28 days from the date of meeting. Each item of special business included in the notice of the meeting is accompanied by a full explanatory statement for the proposed resolution to facilitate better understanding and evaluation of issues involved.

During the 2023 AGM, in line with Listing Requirements, all resolutions were voted via electronic poll voting. Leveraging on information technology or effective meeting procedures, an electronic poll voting system was put in place whereby all shareholders of the Company participated in the polling procedure. An independent scrutineer was appointed to validate the poll results. Voting results of the general meetings are also announced instantaneously by being displayed on the screen to shareholders/ proxies after each resolution is put to vote. The decision of each resolution put to poll as well as the name of the independent scrutineer were announced to Bursa Securities on the same day as the AGM.

The 2023 AGM's minutes, presentation slides and responses to questions raised by Minority Shareholders Watch Group (MSWG) and shareholders were published on the Company's website at [www.westportsholdings.com](http://www.westportsholdings.com).

### FUTURE PRIORITIES

The Board is satisfied that the Group has maintained high standards of corporate governance and strived to achieve the highest level of integrity and ethical standard, in all its business dealings. Moving forward, the Board will continue to operationalise and improve the Company's corporate governance practices and instil a risk and governance awareness culture and mindset throughout the organisation in the best interest of all stakeholders.

The areas to be prioritised would be those principles which have not adopted by the Company as disclosed in the Corporate Governance Report 2023.

This Corporate Governance Overview Statement was approved by the Board of Directors via resolution dated 20 March 2024.

### DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF THE PREPARATION OF ANNUAL AUDITED STATEMENT

The Directors are required by the Companies Act 2016, to state whether, in their opinion, the Group and Company's financial statements for the financial year are drawn up in accordance with approved accounting standards, i.e. Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards and International Financial Reporting Standards, Listing Requirements and Companies Act 2016 so as to provide a true and fair view of the Group and Company's financial position and performance for the financial year.

Towards this, the Directors ensure that relevant accounting policies have been used and applied consistently and that reasonable and prudent judgments and estimates have been made, in the preparation of financial statements. The Directors also ensure that applicable approved accounting standards have been followed and that proper accounting records are being kept so as to enable disclosure of the Group's and Company's financial position in compliance with laws and regulations.

The Board is satisfied that in preparing the financial statements of the Company and the Group as at 31 December 2023, the Company and the Group have used appropriate accounting policies and applied them consistently and prudently.

# Statement On Risk Management And Internal Control

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## INTRODUCTION

The Board of Westports Holdings Berhad sets out below its Statement on Risk Management and Internal Control for the year in line with Paragraph 15.26(b) and Practice Note 9 of the Main Market Listing Requirements of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad (“Bursa Securities”) and the Statement on Risk Management and Internal Control: Guidelines for Directors of Public Listed Issuers issued by Bursa Securities.

The risk management functions and internal control functions have been assigned to Risk Management Committee (“RMC”) and Audit Committee (“AC”) respectively to allow for better focus on the key areas of responsibility.

## BOARD'S RESPONSIBILITY

The Board is fully responsible and accountable for the governance of the Group's risk management and internal controls. It acknowledges that a controlled environment and a framework that is conducive are necessary to achieve a sound system of risk management and internal control. The Board has delegated its authority and empowered the RMC and AC to oversee the implementation of a system of risk management and internal control within the Group.

The Board acknowledges that the risk management and internal control systems are designed to manage, rather than eliminate risks that hinder the Group from achieving its goals and objectives. The Board wishes to state that all these risk controls and mitigation can only provide reasonable but not absolute assurance against material misstatement, operational failures, fraud and losses.

The Board is pleased to disclose that there is an on-going comprehensive and systematic process in place for identifying, evaluating and managing the diverse array risks faced by the Group throughout the financial year under review. This process includes ongoing enhancements and regular reviews of risk management and internal control systems, ensuring their alignment with the evolving business environment or regulatory guidelines.

The Board has received assurance from the Executive Chairman and Group Managing Director (“**EC and GMD**”) and Acting Chief Financial Officer that the Group's risk management and internal control systems are operating adequately and effectively, in all material aspects, based on the risk management model adopted by the Group.

## MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY

Management is responsible for implementing the Group's policies and procedures on risk management and internal control to identify, evaluate, measure, monitor and report on risks as well as the effectiveness of the internal control systems, taking appropriate remedial actions as required. Its roles include:-

- Identifying and evaluating the risks relevant to the Group's business, and the achievement of business objectives and strategies;
- Formulating relevant policies and procedures to manage these risks in accordance with the Group's strategic vision and overall risk appetite;
- Designing, implementing and monitoring the effective implementation of the risk management and internal control system;

- Implementing the policies approved by the Board;
- Implementing remedial actions to address the control design gaps and compliance deficiencies as directed by the Board; and
- Reporting in a timely manner to the Board any changes to the risks and the corrective actions taken.

## RISK MANAGEMENT

The Board regards the risk management and internal control system as an integral part of the Group's strategic planning and day-to-day operations. The Board and Management have established an Enterprise Risk Management (“**ERM**”) Framework to continuously identify, evaluate, monitor and manage significant risks that materially affect the achievement of the Group's corporate objectives.

Risk assessment and evaluation are integral to the Group's annual strategic planning and day-to-day operations. Under the ERM Framework, the detailed risk management process is the responsibility of the Risk Sub-Committee (“RSC”) comprising of senior members of the Management team. The RSC meets on a quarterly basis to review, identify and assess key risks facing the Group and submit its report to the RMC. Supporting the RSC in its roles are the Risk Champions who are representatives from the respective sections of the Group and business units, who will be responsible for identifying, evaluating, managing and monitoring key risks. An annual Risk Register is formalised, with identified Heads of Departments being responsible for setting up action plans to manage and mitigate the risks to be completed within an agreed timeframe.

The ERM Framework uses the ORCA (objectives, risks, control and alignment) methodology and comprises the following activities:

- Articulating and communicating the objective of the organisation;
- Determining the risk appetite of the organisation;
- Establishing an appropriate internal environment, including a risk management framework;
- Identifying potential threats to the achievement of the objectives;
- Assessing the risk i.e. the impact and likelihood of the threat occurring;
- Selecting and implementing responses to the risks;
- Undertaking control and other response activities;
- Communicating information on risks in a consistent manner at all levels in the organisation;
- Centrally monitoring and coordinating the risk management process and the outcomes; and
- Providing assurance on the effectiveness with which risks are managed.

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### INTERNAL CONTROL SYSTEM

The Board and Management have established numerous processes for identifying, evaluating and managing the significant risks faced by the Group.

The key components of the Group's internal control system include:

#### a. Organisational Structure

In providing direction and oversight, the Board is supported by its Board Committees, namely the AC, RMC, Nomination and Remuneration Committee; and Sustainability Committee. Each Committee has formal defined terms of reference and responsibilities.

Responsibility for implementing the Group's strategies and day-to-day businesses, including implementing the system of risk management and internal control, is delegated to Management. The organisation structure facilitates the segregation of roles and responsibilities, lines of accountability and levels of authority to promote an effective and independent stewardship.

#### b. Audit Committee

The AC comprises of three (3) Independent Non-Executive Directors. The AC members bring with them a wide range of knowledge, expertise and experience from various industries and backgrounds.

The AC's responsibilities include amongst others, to deliberate over the Group's financial reporting process, the system of internal controls, the audit process both external and internal, related party transactions and the Group's processes for monitoring compliance with laws and regulations, its own code of conduct and such other matters which may be specifically delegated to the AC by the Board from time to time.

The AC also reviews and reports to the Board on the re-appointment and independence of the external auditors and their audit plan, nature, approach, scope and other examinations of external audit matters.

During the financial year, the AC had recommended the re-appointment of the external auditors, Deloitte PLT. It also reviews the adequacy and effectiveness of the internal audit function as set out below. The AC convenes meetings at least once every quarter and has unrestricted access to the internal and external auditors and all employees of the Group. The Chairman of the AC provides the Board with reports on all meetings of the AC.

#### c. Risk Management Committee

The RMC comprises of three (3) Non-Executive Directors. The RMC members bring with them a wide range of knowledge, expertise and experience from various industries and backgrounds.

The RMC assists the Company in fulfilling its statutory and fiduciary responsibilities, including ensuring the Company has in place a sound and robust risk management framework and ensuring such framework has been effectively implemented.

The RMC also reviews the enterprise risk management reports, crisis management and business continuity plan that ensures business resilience and recovering from a crisis. It also reviews the corruption risk assessment while taking impact criteria and control measures into consideration

#### d. Internal Audit

The Internal Audit Department ("IAD") is an integral part of the Group's internal control system, with the function reporting directly to the AC and administratively to the EC and GMD. The primary role is to provide independent, objective assurance and consulting services designed to add value and improve the operations in the Group. It assists the Group to achieve its objectives by bringing a systematic, disciplined approach to evaluate and improve the adequacy and effectiveness of risk management, control and governance processes.

IAD develops risk-based audit plans annually, consistent with the Group's objectives and strategies articulated in the annual budget plan and conducts internal audit engagements accordingly. In the course of performing its duties, IAD has unrestricted access to all functions, records, documents, personnel and any other resource or information at all levels throughout the Group. Audits are performed on key units or areas in the audit population, the frequency of which is determined by the level of risk assessed, with a view of providing an independent and objective report on operational and management activities in the Group.

The yearly internal audit plans are reviewed and approved by the AC and the results of the audits are communicated and reported periodically to Management and the AC.

#### e. Code of Conduct

The Group is committed to conduct its business fairly, impartially and ethically and to comply with all laws and regulations. To this end, the Group has a Code of Conduct (the "Code") which sets standards for the employees within the Group. The Code primarily promotes honest and ethical conduct, including the ethical handling of actual or apparent conflict of interest between personal and professional relationships at the workplace and for employees to observe applicable rules, regulations and local laws. In the performance of duties, the employees are expected to carry out their mandate and responsibility to the best of their ability and judgement and maintain the highest standard of integrity and conduct.

#### f. Whistle Blower Policy

The Group has also established the Whistle Blower Policy. The policy encourages employees or a person or entity making a protected disclosure ("Whistleblower") to raise concerns, be they internally and/or at a high-level, and to disclose information where such Whistleblower believes that a form of malpractice or misconduct is being committed. This also covers concerns which are in the public interest and may be investigated at least initially, so that appropriate remedial action can be taken.

The Whistle Blower Policy also includes provisions which protect the confidentiality of the Whistleblower and ensures no retaliation against the Whistleblower if he or she had acted in good faith.

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All disclosures in relation to corruption and bribery shall be made directly to the Company's Certified Integrity Officer at email address integrity@westports.com.my.

Other complaints or reports can be directed to the EC and GMD, CEO or the Head of Human Resources. In addition, should the Whistleblower believe that the Group is better served if the report was addressed to levels higher than Management, the complaint or report can be submitted directly to the Chairman of the AC at email address ac@westports.com.my.

#### g. Anti-Corruption and Bribery Policy ("ABAC Policy")

The Board had on 4 May 2020 adopted the ABAC Policy to ensure that it has adequate procedures in place to prevent persons associated with the Group from undertaking corrupt conduct in relation to the business activities.

Where applicable, the requirements of the Group's existing policies, systems and procedures in relation to anti-bribery and anti-corruption are extended to the Group's agents, counterparties and business partners to ensure that anti-corruption and bribery initiatives are applied throughout the Group's supply chain. The Group will continue to foster anti-corruption culture and adhere to the anti-corruption laws and regulations in countries in which it operates. The Group's stance in combating corruption is publicly available on the Company's website together with the Group's Codes of Conduct and Ethics, Sustainability Policy, Conflict of Interest Policy and other relevant policies and procedures.

On 18 February 2023, the Company had been certified with the Anti Bribery Management System ISO 37001:2016 certification. The Company received its first annual surveillance certification on 31 January 2024.

#### h. Information Security Management System

Our Information Security Management System ("ISMS") is certified under the MS ISO/IEC27001 standard. The objective of ISMS is to ensure that core and supporting business operations operate with minimal disruptions, to protect the integrity of information generated as well as to ensure confidentiality in the management and protection of data. The ISMS standard for the Group covers the management, operation and maintenance of information assets and information system.

#### i. Policies and Procedures

The Group has policies, procedures, service level agreements and contracts to guide staff in their day-to-day tasks. The policies and procedures cover Company-wide functions and are regularly reviewed and updated as and when necessary.

#### j. Management Committees

The Group has various management committees with specific terms of reference and authority limits. The objective of the committees is to act collectively in making key decisions in relation to the activities of the Group.

#### k. Limits of Authority

The Limits of Authority ("LOA") describe the system of delegation of authority. The LOA outlines matters reserved for the Board's approvals, delegation and authority limits to the EC and GMD. It also provides guidance on the segregation of responsibilities between the Board and Management. The objective of the LOA is to ensure effective authorisation limits and their delegations within the Group for consistent good business practices and governance and to safeguard the Group's assets.

#### i. Business Continuity Plan

The Group recognises the importance of setting a Business Continuity Plan ("BCP") in place to ensure business resilience and capability in recovering from a crisis should it occur. The Group's BCP contains the strategies and responses that the Group will undertake for its critical business functions and the resource requirements to ensure business continuity during a crisis period which is reviewed by the RMC.

#### m. Risk Appetite and Tolerance

Risk appetite is measured in terms of variability of return (i.e. risk) in order to achieve a desired level of result as set out in the risk parameters.

The Board through the RMC and RSC, establishes the risk parameters for the Group. The defined risk parameters i.e. financial and non-financial parameters, are reviewed by the Management and the Board in line with the Group's business strategies and operating environment. The financial parameters are based on the Group's risk appetite, which is defined as the level of risk that the Group is prepared to accept to achieve its objectives

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### THE REVIEW OF THE STATEMENT BY EXTERNAL AUDITORS

The external auditors have reviewed this Statement in accordance with Audit and Assurance Practice Guide 3 ("AAPG3"), 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 December 2023, and reported to the Board that nothing has come to their attention that causes them to believe that this statement is not prepared, in all material aspects, in accordance with the disclosures required by paragraphs 41 and 42 of the Statement on Risk Management and Internal Control: Guidelines for Directors of Listed Issuers, nor it is factually inaccurate.

AAPG3 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 satisfied with the adequacy and effectiveness of the risk management and internal control systems to safeguard the shareholders' investments and the Group's assets.

The Board will continue to monitor all major risks affecting the Group and take the necessary measures to mitigate them and continue to enhance the adequacy and effectiveness of the risk management and internal control systems of the Group.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board dated 20 March 2024.

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## Audit Committee Report

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Pursuant to Paragraph 15.15 of the Main Market Listing Requirements (“**Listing Requirements**”) of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad (“**Bursa Securities**”) and the Malaysian Code of Corporate Governance 2021 (“**Code**”).

### ROLE OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Audit and Risk Management Committee was constituted by the Board on 13 March 2013 and was subsequently renamed as the Audit Committee (“**AC**”) on 1 January 2022 as the function of risk management has been assumed by a separate Risk Management Committee in line with the best practices under the Code.

During the financial year under review, the AC assists the Board in fulfilling the Board’s responsibilities with respect to its oversight responsibilities. The AC reviews and monitors the integrity of the Group’s financial reporting process, its management of risk and internal control system, its audit process as well as compliance with legal and regulatory matters, its own code of business conduct and such other matters that may be specifically delegated to the AC by the Board from time to time.

In addition, with regards to the Company’s internal audit function, the AC is also responsible for any appointment and/or removal of internal audit personnel, scope of internal audit activities carried out for the year, the annual assessment of the Company’s internal audit function as well as to approve the Company’s internal audit plan for the year.

### COMPOSITION AND MEETINGS

The AC currently comprises of three (3) members, all of whom are Non-Executive Directors, with all of them being Independent Directors which is in compliance with Paragraph 15.09 of the Listing Requirements of Bursa Securities. No alternate director is appointed as a member of the AC.

A total of seven (7) AC meetings were held during the financial year ended 31 December 2023 (“**FYE 2023**”), and the details of the AC members and meeting attendance are as follows:

Name of Director	Number of AC Meetings	
	Designation Held During Tenure In Office	Attended
Ahmad Zubir bin Zahid (Independent Non-Executive Director)	Chairman	7/7
Chan Soo Chee (Senior Independent Non-Executive Director)	Member	7/7
Datuk Siti Zauyah binti Md Desa (Independent Non-Executive Director)	Member	7/7

Minutes of each AC meeting were recorded and tabled for confirmation at the next AC meeting and tabled to the Board for notation in the same quarter of the Board Meeting. The AC Chairman reports to the Board on activities undertaken and key recommendations for the Board’s consideration and decision.

The Chairman of the AC, Ahmad Zubir bin Zahid is a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, a Fellow of Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand, a member of the Malaysian Institute of Accountants and a Chartered Valuer and Appraiser of the Institute of Valuers and Appraisers, Singapore. He holds a Capital Markets Services Representative’s Licence from the Securities Commission Malaysia (SC) and is a licensed company auditor. The AC, therefore, fulfils the requirements of having at least one (1) of its members be a qualified accountant pursuant to Paragraph 15.09(1)(c) of the Listing Requirements of Bursa Securities.

### TERMS OF REFERENCE

In performing its duties and discharging its responsibilities, the AC is guided by its terms of reference. The AC Charter which has been revised on 2 February 2024 is accessible on the Company’s website at [www.westportsholdings.com](http://www.westportsholdings.com).

### SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN

During the year under review, the Chairman of the AC reports regularly to the Board on the activities carried out by the AC in the discharge of its duties and responsibilities as set out in its Charter.

The principal activities undertaken by the AC during the FYE 2023 were as follows:

#### a. Financial Reporting

- Reviewed the unaudited quarterly financial results, annual audited financial statements and any other related financial statements and announcements of the Group prior to recommending them to the Board for consideration and approval and public release. In discharging this role, the AC deliberated with officers of the Group and external auditors on the following matters:
  - new accounting standards applicable during the FYE 2023;
  - revenue recognition;
  - adequacy of impairment for property, plant and equipment and concession assets;
  - adequacy of impairment loss made on receivables;
  - adequacy of accruals on expenses; and
  - adequacy of provisions and contingencies for litigation cases.
- Reviewed significant related party transactions as reported in the quarterly financial results to ensure compliance with Bursa Securities’s Listing Requirements and the Group’s policies and procedures as well as the appropriateness of such transactions before recommending them to the Board for approval; and
- Reviewed the Report of the AC and the Statement on Risk Management and Internal Control prior to their inclusion in the Company’s Annual Report.

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### b. Internal Audit

- Reviewed and approved the Group's internal audit plan for the FYE 2023 for adequacy of scope and coverage of the activities of the Group. Reviewed the Internal Audit Reports ("IA Reports") on a quarterly basis, which encompassed findings, recommendations, Management's responses and action plans, where the AC deliberated the adequacy and effectiveness of internal control based on the findings and outcomes of the audits conducted. The AC also reviewed Management's implementation status of the action plans to ensure that findings had been addressed and duly resolved. During the FYE 2023, the AC reviewed the IA Reports for audits carried out on the core sections of the Group's business including Container operations, Support and Financial Services;
- Confirmed with the Head of Internal Audit through communication and interaction at the quarterly meetings, that all the internal auditors had the full cooperation of the Management and employees of the Group during the conduct of their audit and that their independence and objectivity were not compromised;
- Assessed the adequacy of scope, functions, competency and resources of the Internal Audit Function and ensure that it has the necessary authority to carry out its responsibilities; and
- Met with the Internal Auditors twice without the presence of Executive Board members and Management. The Internal Auditors reported that there were no issues requiring their attention other than those reported in the audit findings.

### c. External Audit

- Reviewed with the external auditors, their terms of engagement, proposed audit remuneration and the audit plan for the FYE 2023 to ensure that their scope of work adequately covers the activities of the Group;
- Reviewed and discussed with the external auditors the audit findings, audit analytics on key items and the application of new Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards in relation to the statutory audit for the FYE 2023;
- Reviewed Management's representation and approach to fraud, potential non-compliance with laws and regulations and any potential instances of major litigations;
- Reviewed with the external auditors on audit materiality and setting of materiality thresholds for the FYE 2023 audit;
- Reviewed the annual performance assessment, including the independence, suitability, objectivity and cost effectiveness of the external auditors before recommending their re-appointment and remuneration to the Board. The external auditors had provided written assurance to the AC they had been independent throughout the audit engagement in accordance with the terms of all relevant professional and regulatory requirements including requirements regarding rotation of audit partners and staff;
- Reviewed the level of compliance of the external auditors with the Group's external audit independence policy;
- Reviewed with the external auditors on their Transparency Report; and
- Met with the external auditors twice without the presence of Executive Board members and Management to discuss issues requiring attention/significant matters arising from the audit. The auditors were satisfied with the support received from Management.

The Company obtained written assurance from the external auditors confirming their independence throughout the conduct of the audit engagement in accordance with the terms of all relevant professional and regulatory requirements. Following the outcome of the assessment and having been satisfied with the external auditors' independence, suitability and objectivity, the AC at its meeting held on 24 January 2024 recommended to the Board to re-appoint Deloitte PLT as auditors of the Company. A resolution for their re-appointment will be tabled for approval by the shareholders at the forthcoming Thirty First (31st) Annual General Meeting.

### d. Others

- Reviewed with Management, the Group's budget and capital expenditure together with the assumptions for the financial year ending 31 December 2024;
- Reviewed the Solvency Tests prior to recommending the declaration of the interim single-tier dividends paid out to the Company's shareholders for the FYE 2023 to the Board for approval, having been satisfied that the Company will remain solvent after the distribution is made, pursuant to the Companies Act 2016;
- Reviewed the performance of the Company and the Group;
- Reviewed the Related Party Transactions entered into by the Company and the Group and disclosure of such transactions pursuant to the Listing Requirements of Bursa Securities, Financial Reporting Standard 124 and the Companies Act 2016;
- Reviewed the procurement report;
- Reviewed and recommended for implementation of External Auditors Non-Assurance Pre-Approval Policies and Procedures;
- Reviewed and recommended the Terms of Reference of Management Finance Committee and its reporting Committee;
- Reviewed and recommended the changes to Delegation and Limits of Authority;
- Reviewed and recommended the proposed new Sukuk Wakalah Medium Term Notes Programme for the Group;
- Reviewed and recommended for implementation of the Conflicts of Interest Policy;
- Reviewed and recommended the AC Charter; and
- Reviewed the AC Report for inclusion in the Annual Report before submitting for Board's approval.

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### EXTERNAL AUDIT FUNCTIONS

The Company's independent external auditors, Deloitte PLT, plays an essential role in enhancing the Company's reliability in its financial reporting. The external auditors have an obligation to highlight any significant weakness in the Company's control and compliance systems and bring the same to the attention of Management, the AC and the Board.

Throughout the year, the AC had two (2) meetings with the external auditors, Deloitte PLT. The AC is pleased to report that there was no significant matter of disagreement that arose between the external auditors and Management.

During the year, the external auditors provided both audit and non-audit related services as follows:-

RM '000	Audit Related Fees	Non-Audit Related Fees
Company	60	15
Group	340	51

### INTERNAL AUDIT FUNCTION

The Group has established an independent in-house Internal Audit Department ("IAD") that functionally reports directly to the AC and administratively to the EC and GMD. IAD comprises of three (3) internal auditors, which clocked in 3,945 man hours for internal audit and risk management activities carried out in 2023. IAD is currently led by Ms Chee Yen Lee, who has been with Westports Group for twenty-three (23) years. She is a chartered accountant by profession and is a member of both the Malaysian Institute of Certified Public Accountants and Malaysian Institute of Accountants since 1995. Costs amounting to RM347,772 were incurred in relation to the Internal Audit function for FYE 2023.

The IAD conducts independent scheduled audits to ensure there are effective risk monitoring, internal controls, governance processes and compliance procedures to provide the level of assurance required by the Board. The conduct of IAD work is governed by the Internal Audit Charter that provides for its independence and reflects the roles and responsibilities, accountability and scope of work of the department. The AC is satisfied that the internal auditors' independence and objectivity have been maintained as adequate safeguards are in place.

In conducting its independent audits, the IAD places emphasis on a risk-based auditing approach which forms an integral part of the audit plan. The key to solving lapses in internal controls is the submission of audit findings, recommendations and execution of agreed action plans which are encompassed in the audit reports.

The IAD submits their findings and audit recommendations to the Management for attention and further action. Management is responsible to ensure that the corrective actions are implemented within the required timeframes. Subsequently, the audit report which provides the results of the audit conducted is submitted to the AC for review. Key control issues and recommendations are highlighted to enable the AC to execute its oversight function.

The key activities carried out by IAD for the FYE 2023 were as follows:-

- Prepared the internal audit plan for the year 2024, which is reviewed and approved by the AC;
- Completed a total of eleven (11) internal audit engagements as per the approved audit plan;
- Discussed with auditees, process owners and Management on the results of the audit for each activity or process, and the recommendations for action plan to mitigate the identified risk or control workflow improvements;
- Reported to the AC on a quarterly basis, the internal audit findings together with recommendations for improvements in the processes and control framework; and
- Followed up on all the action plans recommended from the previous IA Reports to ensure that all matters are adequately addressed by Management.

The AC remains satisfied:

- That the Internal Audit Manager has the relevant experience, standing and authority in ensuring that the Company's internal audit function is carried out objectively and independently;
- That the IAD personnel are competent, experienced and has been provided with the necessary resources and information in order to discharge their duties accordingly; and
- That the personnel carrying out the Company's internal audit activities are free from relationships and conflicts of interest which impair or may impair the objectivity and independence of the Company's internal audit function.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board dated 20 March 2024.

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### WESTPORTS HOLDINGS BERHAD

(Incorporated in Malaysia)

#### REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

The Directors of **WESTPORTS HOLDINGS BERHAD** have pleasure in submitting their report and the audited financial statements of the Group and of the Company for the financial year ended 31 December 2023.

#### PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The Company is principally engaged in investment holding activities and the provision of management services to its subsidiary, whilst the principal activities of the subsidiary are the development and management of port operations.

#### RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The results of the Group and of the Company for the financial year are as follows:

	Group RM'000	Company RM'000
<b>Profit for the year</b>	779,432	532,761

In the opinion of the Directors, the results of operations of the Group and of the Company during the financial year have not been substantially affected by any item, transaction or event of a material and unusual nature.

#### DIVIDENDS

Since the end of the previous financial year, the amounts of dividends paid by the Company are as follows:

- (i) a second interim dividend of 7.46 sen per ordinary share, amounting to RM254,386,000 in respect of the financial year ended 31 December 2022 on 20 February 2023; and
- (ii) a first interim dividend of 8.19 sen per ordinary share, amounting to RM279,279,000 in respect of the financial year ended 31 December 2023 on 22 August 2023.

On 2 February 2024, the Directors declared a second interim dividend of 8.72 sen per ordinary share, amounting to RM297,352,000 in respect of the financial year ended 31 December 2023. The financial statements for the current financial year do not reflect this dividend. Such dividend will be accounted for within equity as an appropriation of reserves for the financial year ending 31 December 2024.

No final dividend has been paid or declared during the financial year and the Directors do not recommend any final dividend to be paid for the financial year under review.

#### RESERVES AND PROVISIONS

There were no material transfers to or from reserves or provisions during the financial year other than those disclosed in the financial statements.

#### ISSUE OF SHARES OR DEBENTURES

There were no new issue of shares or debentures during the financial year.

#### SHARES OPTIONS

No options have been granted by the Company to any parties during the financial year to take up unissued shares of the Company.

No shares have been issued during the financial year by virtue of the exercise of any option to take up unissued shares of the Company. As at the end of the financial year, there were no unissued shares of the Company under options.

#### OTHER STATUTORY INFORMATION

Before the financial statements of the Group and of the Company were prepared, the Directors took reasonable steps:

- (i) to ascertain that proper action had been taken in relation to the writing off of bad debts and the making of provision for doubtful debts and satisfied themselves that no bad debts had been written off and that adequate provision had been made for doubtful debts; and
- (ii) to ensure that any current assets which were unlikely to be realised in the ordinary course of business including the value of current assets as shown in the accounting records of the Group and of the Company had been written down to an amount which the current assets might be expected so to realise.

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

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

At the date of this report, there does not exist:

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

No contingent or other liability 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 when they fall due.

In the opinion of the Directors, no item, transaction or event of a material and unusual nature has arisen in the interval between the end of the financial year and the date of this report which is likely to affect substantially the results of operations of the Group and of the Company in the financial year in which this report is made.

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### DIRECTORS

The Directors of the Company in office during the financial year and during the period from the end of the financial year to the date of this report are as follows:

Tan Sri Datuk Gnanalingam A/L Gunanath Lingam (demised on 11 July 2023)  
Datuk Ruben Emir Gnanalingam bin Abdullah  
Sing Chi IP  
Shanthi Kandiah  
Chan Soo Chee  
Datuk Siti Zauyah binti Md Desa  
Ahmad Zubir bin Zahid  
Diana Tung Wan LEE  
Tan Sri Dato' Seri Mohd Khairul Adib bin Abd Rahman  
Dato' Tengku Marina binti Tunku Annuar  
Shaline Gnanalingam (appointed on 9 June 2023)  
John Stephen Ashworth (Alternate Director to Sing Chi IP)  
Andy Wing Kit TSOI (Alternate Director to Diana Tung Wan LEE)  
Chan Chu Wei (resigned on 9 June 2023)

The Directors who held office in the subsidiary of the Company during the financial year and up to the date of this report are as follows:

Tan Sri Datuk Gnanalingam A/L Gunanath Lingam (demised on 11 July 2023)  
Datuk Ruben Emir Gnanalingam bin Abdullah (resigned on 31 March 2023 and reappointed on 9 June 2023)  
Sing Chi IP  
John Stephen Ashworth  
Mohammad Reezal bin Ahmad  
Lee Mun Tat (appointed on 9 June 2023)  
Diana Tung Wan LEE (Alternate Director to Sing Chi IP)  
Edith Shih (Alternate Director to John Stephen Ashworth)  
Shaline Gnanalingam (resigned on 31 March 2023)

### DIRECTORS' INTERESTS

The interests in shares in the Company and in related corporations of those who were Directors of the Company at the end of the financial year according to the Register of Directors' Shareholdings kept by the Company under Section 59 of the Companies Act, 2016 are as follows:

	Number of ordinary shares			At 31.12.2023
	At 1.1.2023	Bought	Sold	
<i>Shareholdings in which Directors have direct interests</i>				
Chan Soo Chee	50,000	-	-	50,000
<i>Shareholdings in which Directors have deemed indirect interests</i>				
Datuk Ruben Emir Gnanalingam bin Abdullah				
Own:				
- Semakin Ajaib Sdn. Bhd. #	105,638,500	-	-	105,638,500

# Datuk Ruben Emir Gnanalingam bin Abdullah is deemed interested in the shares of the Company by virtue of his interest in Semakin Ajaib Sdn. Bhd. to the extent that Semakin Ajaib Sdn. Bhd. has an interest in the Company.

By virtue of his interest in the shares of the Company, Datuk Ruben Emir Gnanalingam bin Abdullah is also deemed interested in the shares of the subsidiary to the extent that the Company has an interest.

None of the other Directors in office at the end of the financial year held shares or had beneficial interest in the shares of the Company or its related corporation during or at the beginning and end of the financial year.

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### DIRECTORS' BENEFITS

Since the end of the previous financial year, none of the Directors of the Company has received or become entitled to receive a benefit (other than a benefit included in the aggregate of remuneration received or due and receivable by Directors or the fixed salary of a full-time employee of the Company as shown below) by reason of a contract made by the Company or a related corporation with the director or with a firm of which he is a member, or with a company in which he has a substantial financial interest except for any benefit which may be deemed to have arisen by virtue of the transactions between the Company and certain companies in which a Director of the Company is also director and/or shareholder as disclosed in Note 36 to the financial statements.

During and at the end of the financial year, no arrangements subsisted to which the Company was a party whereby Directors of the Company might acquire benefits by means of the acquisition of shares in, or debentures of, the Company or any other body corporate.

The Directors' benefits are as follows:

	Group RM'000	Company RM'000
Directors' fees	1,470	1,080
Salaries and bonuses	6,025	-
Defined contribution plan	1,024	-
Allowances	840	827
	9,359	1,907

The estimated monetary value of Directors' benefits-in-kind is RM983,000.

### INDEMNITY AND INSURANCE FOR DIRECTORS, OFFICERS AND AUDITORS

During the financial year, Directors and Officers of the Company, together with its subsidiary are covered under the corporate liability insurance in respect of liabilities arising from acts committed in their respective capacity as, inter alia, the Directors and Officers of the Group subject to the terms of the policy. The total amount of corporate liability insurance effected for the Directors and Officers of the Company was RM50 million. The total amount of premium paid for the corporate liability insurance by the Company during the year was RM40,000.

There was no indemnity given to or insurance effected for the auditors of the Company in accordance with Section 289 of the Companies Act, 2016.

### AUDITORS

The auditors, Deloitte PLT, have indicated their willingness to continue in office.

### AUDITORS' REMUNERATION

The amount paid or payable as remuneration of the auditors of the Group and of the Company for the financial year ended 31 December 2023 amounting to RM350,000 and RM70,000, respectively.

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

.....  
**AHMAD ZUBIR BIN ZAHID**

Director

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**DATUK RUBEN EMIR GNANALINGAM BIN ABDULLAH**

Director

Kuala Lumpur  
2 February 2024

# Independent Auditors' Report

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF WESTPORTS HOLDINGS BERHAD

(Incorporated in Malaysia)

### Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

#### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of **WESTPORTS HOLDINGS BERHAD**, which comprise the statements of financial position as at 31 December 2023 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 13 to 90.

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 December 2023, and of their financial performance and their cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards, International Financial Reporting Standards and the requirements of the Companies Act, 2016 in Malaysia.

#### Basis for Opinion

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

#### *Independence and Other Ethical Responsibilities*

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

#### Key Audit Matters

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

#### Revenue recognition from port operations

##### Refer to Note 6 to the financial statements

Revenue from port operations of RM2.0 billion represents approximately 95% of the Group's revenue for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Revenue from port operations is recognised based on the throughput handled, consisting of large volumes of individually low value transactions, and the tariffs applied to each transaction which is based on rates approved by the port authority.

Discounts and rebates given to customers are accounted for as net of revenue according to various contract terms agreed with customers.

Although the recognition of revenue transactions from port operations is largely automated, manual adjustments to revenue are recorded by management to account for discounts and rebates and accrued revenue where services have been rendered but not billed.

This therefore gives rise to a risk of material misstatement in the revenue recognised from port operations.

##### How the matter was addressed in our audit

Our audit procedures, amongst others, included the following:

- We evaluated the design and implementation of the relevant internal controls over revenue recognition and tested their operating effectiveness.
- We engaged our information technology specialists to test the control environment of the IT systems and the application controls relevant to the recognition of revenue.
- We tested the accuracy of the data interface between the relevant application systems pertaining to the revenue workflows.
- We deployed data analytics in the testing of revenue from container operations.
- We performed procedures to corroborate the occurrence of revenue by tracing samples of revenue recognised to invoices and supporting documents.
- We agreed the applied tariff rates to the approved port authority schedules whilst discounts and rebates were agreed to the applicable terms in the respective customers' contracts.
- We assessed the appropriateness of manual adjustments recorded in relation to revenue from port operations.

We have determined that there is no key audit matter in the audit of the financial statements of the Company to communicate 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. We expect to receive Chairman's Statement, Corporate Governance Overview Statement, Additional Compliance Information, Financial Highlights, Group Managing Director's Statement, Management Discussion and Analysis, Statement on Risk Management and Internal Control, and Audit and Risk Committee Report after the date of this auditors' report.

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

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

When we read the Chairman's Statement, Corporate Governance Overview Statement, Additional Compliance Information, Financial Highlights, Group Managing Director's Statement, Management Discussion and Analysis, Statement on Risk Management and Internal Control, and Audit and Risk Committee Report, if we conclude that there is a material misstatement therein, we are required to communicate the matter to those charged with governance and request management to correct the other information accordingly.

### Responsibilities of the Directors for the Financial Statements

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

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

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

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

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 control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Group's and the Company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Directors.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Group's or the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditors' report to the related disclosures in the financial statements of the Group and of the Company or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditors' report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Group or the Company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements of the Group and of the Company, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements of the Group and of the Company represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- 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.



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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 applied.

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 report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.

### **Other Matter**

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

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**DELOITTE PLT (LLP0010145-LCA)**  
**Chartered Accountants (AF 0080)**

**TEO SWEE CHUA**  
**Partner - 02846/01/2026 J**  
**Chartered Accountant**

Kuala Lumpur  
2 February 2024

## Statements Of Profit Or Loss And Other Comprehensive Income

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### WESTPORTS HOLDINGS BERHAD

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### AND ITS SUBSIDIARY

#### STATEMENTS OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Note	Group		Company	
		2023 RM'000	2022 RM'000	2023 RM'000	2022 RM'000
Revenue	6	2,151,918	2,069,012	534,818	554,910
Cost of sales	7	(916,154)	(879,028)	-	-
<b>Gross profit</b>		1,235,764	1,189,984	534,818	554,910
Other income		31,023	7,975	-	-
Administrative expenses		(28,454)	(47,279)	(2,378)	(2,790)
Other expenses		(200,880)	(200,588)	-	-
<b>Results from operating activities</b>		1,037,453	950,092	532,440	552,120
Finance income	8	10,896	12,267	434	248
Finance costs	9	(52,630)	(64,572)	-	-
Share of results of a joint venture	16	10,495	46,153	-	-
<b>Profit before tax</b>	10	1,006,214	943,940	532,874	552,368
Tax expense	11	(226,782)	(244,362)	(113)	(60)
<b>Profit and total comprehensive income for the year</b>		779,432	699,578	532,761	552,308
<b>Total comprehensive income attributable to owners of the Company</b>		779,432	699,578	532,761	552,308
<b>Basic earnings per ordinary share (sen)</b>	28	22.86	20.52		

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#### STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Note	Group		Company	
		2023 RM'000	2022 RM'000	2023 RM'000	2022 RM'000
<b>ASSETS</b>					
<b>Non-current Assets</b>					
Property, plant and equipment	12	1,738,979	1,775,849	-	-
Concession assets	13	2,477,758	2,444,245	-	-
Right-of-use assets	14	66,959	62,549	-	-
Investment in subsidiary	15	-	-	1,030,130	1,030,130
Investment in a joint venture	16	171,212	160,717	115,000	115,000
<b>Total non-current assets</b>		4,454,908	4,443,360	1,145,130	1,145,130
<b>Current Assets</b>					
Inventories	17	5,349	5,349	-	-
Trade and other receivables	18	280,739	210,085	76	76
Cash and short term investments	19	577,858	552,057	17,361	18,273
Tax recoverable		20,384	70,828	-	-
<b>Total current assets</b>		884,330	838,329	17,437	18,349
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		5,339,238	5,281,689	1,162,567	1,163,479
<b>EQUITY AND LIABILITIES</b>					
<b>Equity</b>					
Share capital	20	1,038,000	1,038,000	1,038,000	1,038,000
Reserves	20	2,482,121	2,236,354	124,493	125,397
<b>Total equity</b>		3,520,121	3,274,354	1,162,493	1,163,397

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	Note	Group		Company	
		2023 RM'000	2022 RM'000	2023 RM'000	2022 RM'000
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>					
Borrowings	21	725,000	850,000	-	-
Employee benefits	23	8,503	8,714	-	-
Deferred tax liabilities	24	428,323	426,486	-	-
Service concession obligation	26	-	60,989	-	-
Lease liabilities	27	41,179	41,546	-	-
<b>Total non-current liabilities</b>		<b>1,203,005</b>	<b>1,387,735</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Current liabilities</b>					
Trade and other payables	22	158,950	195,313	57	80
Provisions	25	244,451	220,566	-	-
Borrowings	21	125,000	125,000	-	-
Service concession obligation	26	60,989	54,943	-	-
Lease liabilities	27	26,722	23,778	-	-
Tax payable		-	-	17	2
<b>Total current liabilities</b>		<b>616,112</b>	<b>619,600</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>82</b>
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>1,819,117</b>	<b>2,007,335</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>82</b>
<b>TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES</b>		<b>5,339,238</b>	<b>5,281,689</b>	<b>1,162,567</b>	<b>1,163,479</b>

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STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Note	Attributable to owners of the Company			
		Share capital RM'000	Non-distributable Goodwill written off reserve RM'000	Distributable Retained earnings RM'000	Total RM'000
<b>Group</b>					
<b>At 1 January 2022</b>		1,038,000	(47,732)	2,136,587	3,126,855
Total comprehensive income for the year		-	-	699,578	699,578
Distributions to owners of the Company					
- Dividends	29	-	-	(552,079)	(552,079)
Total transactions with owners of the Company		-	-	(552,079)	(552,079)
<b>At 31 December 2022</b>		<b>1,038,000</b>	<b>(47,732)</b>	<b>2,284,086</b>	<b>3,274,354</b>
<b>At 1 January 2023</b>		1,038,000	(47,732)	2,284,086	3,274,354
Total comprehensive income for the year		-	-	779,432	779,432
Distributions to owners of the Company					
- Dividends	29	-	-	(533,665)	(533,665)
Total transactions with owners of the Company		-	-	(533,665)	
<b>At 31 December 2023</b>		<b>1,038,000</b>	<b>(47,732)</b>	<b>2,529,853</b>	<b>3,520,121</b>

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#### STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023 (continued)

Company	Note	Share capital RM'000	Distributable Retained Earnings RM'000	Total RM'000
<b>At 1 January 2022</b>		1,038,000	125,168	1,163,168
Total comprehensive income for the year		-	552,308	552,308
Distributions to owners of the Company - Dividends	29	-	(552,079)	(552,079)
Total transactions with owners of the Company		-	(552,079)	(552,079)
<b>At 31 December 2022</b>		1,038,000	125,397	1,163,397
<b>At 1 January 2023</b>		1,038,000	125,397	1,163,397
Total comprehensive income for the year		-	532,761	532,761
Distributions to owners of the Company - Dividends	29	-	(533,665)	(533,665)
Total transactions with owners of the Company		-	(533,665)	(533,665)
<b>At 31 December 2023</b>		1,038,000	124,493	1,162,493

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#### STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Group		Company	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES/(USED IN) OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>				
Profit before tax	1,006,214	943,940	532,874	552,368
Adjustments for:				
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	142,898	152,177	-	-
Amortisation of concession assets	86,399	85,652	-	-
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	29,573	26,678	-	-
Finance costs :				
Borrowings	41,933	51,661	-	-
Accretion of service concession obligation	6,088	8,827	-	-
Lease liabilities	4,609	4,084	-	-
Concession assets written off	127	221	-	-
Dredging expenditure	8,032	8,530	-	-
Provision for retirement benefits	158	432	-	-
Impairment loss on trade receivables	136	132	-	-
Property, plant and equipment written off	-	13,974	-	-
Share of results of a joint venture	(10,495)	(46,153)	-	-
Dividend income	-	-	(534,818)	(554,910)
Finance income	(8,388)	(6,219)	(434)	(248)
Income from money market fund	(2,508)	(6,048)	-	-
Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment	(1,947)	(2)	-	-
Reversal of impairment loss on trade receivables	(133)	(257)	-	-
Gain on lease termination	(179)	-	-	-
Operating Profit/(Loss) Before Working Capital Changes	1,302,517	1,237,629	(2,378)	(2,790)

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#### STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023 (continued)

	Group		Company	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
Changes in working capital:				
Inventories	10	15	-	-
Trade and other receivables, excluding payment for dredging expenses	(67,874)	89,435	-	-
Payment for dredging expense	(10,815)	(11,591)	-	-
Trade and other payables	(35,071)	50,292	(23)	20
Provisions	23,885	(93,261)	-	-
Cash Generated From/(Used In) Operations	1,212,652	1,272,519	(2,401)	(2,770)
Income tax paid	(174,501)	(319,655)	(98)	(62)
Interest paid	(43,225)	(53,220)	-	-
Retirement benefits paid	(369)	(308)	-	-
Net Cash Generated From/(Used In) Operating Activities	994,557	899,336	(2,499)	(2,832)
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM/(USED IN) INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>				
Interest received	8,388	6,219	434	248
Dividend received	-	-	534,818	554,910
Income received from money market fund	2,508	6,048	-	-
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment	2,701	212	-	-
Redemption of Sukuk Prihatin	-	50,000	-	-
Construction of concession assets	(120,039)	(31,090)	-	-
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(106,782)	(215,045)	-	-
Net Cash (Used In)/Generated From Investing Activities	(213,224)	(183,656)	535,252	555,158

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#### STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023 (continued)

	Note	Group		Company	
		2023	2022	2023	2022
		RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
<b>CASH FLOWS USED IN FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>					
Dividends paid to shareholders		(533,665)	(552,079)	(533,665)	(552,079)
Redemption of borrowings - Sukuk Musharakah Medium Term Note ("SMTN")		(125,000)	(175,000)	-	-
Annual lease paid for use of port infrastructures and facilities		(61,031)	(61,031)	-	-
Fixed deposits pledged for borrowings		(1,156)	(801)	-	-
Payment of lease liabilities					
-Principal		(31,227)	(27,432)	-	-
-Interest		(4,609)	(4,084)	-	-
Net Cash Used In Financing Activities		(756,688)	(820,427)	(533,665)	(552,079)
<b>NET INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>		24,645	(104,747)	(912)	247
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>		510,572	615,319	18,273	18,026
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF YEAR</b>	(i)	535,217	510,572	17,361	18,273

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#### STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023 (continued)

##### (i) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents included in the statements of cash flows comprise the following amounts:

	Note	Group		Company	
		2023 RM'000	2022 RM'000	2023 RM'000	2022 RM'000
Cash and bank balances	19	450,870	328,510	4,361	5,247
Money market fund	19	70,519	168,224	-	-
Fixed deposits with licensed banks	19	56,469	55,323	13,000	13,026
		577,858	552,057	17,361	18,273
Less: Pledged deposits	19	(42,641)	(41,485)	-	-
		535,217	510,572	17,361	18,273

##### (ii) Reconciliation of liabilities arising from financing activities

The table below details the reconciliation of the movement of borrowings in the statements of cash flows:

This section has been intentionally left blank.

Group	1.1.2023		Net changes from financing cash flows RM'000	Accretion of interest RM'000	31.12.2023 RM'000
	RM'000	RM'000			
Sukuk MTN	975,000	-	(125,000)	-	850,000
Lease liabilities	65,324	33,804	(35,836)	4,609	67,901
Service concession obligation	115,932	-	(61,031)	6,088	60,989
	1,156,256	33,804	(221,867)	10,697	978,890

Group	1.1.2022		Net changes from financing cash flows RM'000	Accretion of interest RM'000	31.12.2022 RM'000
	RM'000	RM'000			
Sukuk MTN	1,150,000	-	(175,000)	-	975,000
Lease liabilities	70,360	22,396	(31,516)	4,084	65,324
Service concession obligation	168,136	-	(61,031)	8,827	115,932
	1,388,496	22,396	(267,547)	12,911	1,156,256

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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

#### 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

The Company is a public limited liability company, incorporated and domiciled in Malaysia and listed on the Main Market of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad.

The Company is principally engaged in investment holding activities and the provision of management services to its subsidiary, whilst the principal activities of the subsidiary are the development and management of port operations.

The registered office of the Company is located at 12th Floor, Menara Symphony, No. 5, Jalan Prof. Khoo Kay Kim, Seksyen 13, 46200 Petaling Jaya, Selangor Darul Ehsan.

The principal place of business of the Company is located at P.O. Box 266, Westports, Pulau Indah, 42009 Port Klang, Selangor Darul Ehsan.

These financial statements of the Group and of the Company have been approved by the Board of Directors and were authorised for issuance on 2 February 2024.

#### 2. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

##### 2.1 Amendments to MFRSs that are mandatorily effective for the current year

In the current year, the Group and the Company have applied standards and amendments to MFRSs issued by the Malaysian Accounting Standards Board ("MASB") that are mandatorily effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2023:

MFRS 17	Insurance contracts
Amendments to MFRS 4	Extension of the Temporary Exemption from Applying MFRS 9
Amendments to MFRS 17	Insurance contracts
Amendments to MFRS 17	Initial application of MFRS 9 and MFRS 17 Comparative Information
Amendments to MFRS 101 and MFRS Practice Statement 2	Disclosure of Accounting Policies
Amendments to MFRS 108	Disclosure of Accounting Estimates
Amendments to MFRS 112	International Tax Reform - Pillar Two Model Rules – other disclosure requirements
Amendments to MFRS 112 MFRS 1	Deferred Tax related to Assets and Liabilities arising from a Single Transaction

#### 2. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

##### 2.1 Amendments to MFRSs that are mandatorily effective for the current year (continued)

The adoption of the above standards and amendments to MFRSs did not result in significant changes in the accounting policies of the Group and of the Company and has no significant effect on the financial performance or position of the Group and of the Company.

The Group has adopted amendments to MFRS 101, Presentation of Financial Statements and MFRS Practice Statement 2 - Disclosures of Accounting Policies from 1 January 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 accounting policies, it impacted the accounting policy information disclosed in the financial statements. The material accounting policy information is disclosed in Note 3.

##### 2.2 Amendments to MFRSs in issue but not yet effective

At the date of authorisation for issue of these financial statements, the amendments to MFRSs which were in issue but not yet effective and not early adopted by the Group and the Company are as listed below:

Amendments to MFRS 16	Lease Liability in a Sale and Leaseback <sup>1</sup>
Amendments to MFRS 101	Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current <sup>1</sup>
Amendments to MFRS 101	Non-current Liabilities with Covenants <sup>1</sup>
Amendments to MFRS 112	International Tax Reform - Pillar Two Model Rules <sup>1</sup>
Amendments to 121	Lack of Exchangeability <sup>2</sup>
Amendments to MFRS 7 and MFRS 107	Supplier Finance Arrangement <sup>1</sup>
Amendments to MFRS 10 and MFRS 128	Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture <sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2024, with earlier application permitted.

<sup>2</sup> Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2025, with earlier application permitted.

<sup>3</sup> Effective date deferred to a date to be determined and announced by MASB, with earlier application permitted.

The Directors anticipate that the abovementioned Amendments will be adopted in the annual financial statements of the Group and of the Company when they become effective and that the adoption of these Amendments will have no material impact on the financial statements of the Group and of the Company in the period of initial application.

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#### 3. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

##### Basis of accounting

The financial statements of the Group and of the Company have been prepared on historical cost, except for certain financial instruments that are measured at fair values, at the end of each reporting period as explained in the accounting policies below. Historical cost is generally based on the fair value of the consideration given in exchange for goods and services.

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date, regardless of whether that price is directly observable or estimated using another valuation technique. In estimating the fair value of an asset or a liability, the Group and the Company take into account the characteristics of the asset or liability if market participants would take those characteristics into account when pricing the asset or liability at the measurement date. Fair value for measurement and/or disclosure purposes in these consolidated financial statements is determined on such a basis, except for leasing transactions that are within the scope of MFRS 16 Leases, and measurements that have some similarities to fair value but are not fair value, such as net realisable value in MFRS 102 Inventories or value in use in MFRS 136 *Impairment of Assets*.

In addition, for financial reporting purposes, fair value measurements are categorised into Level 1, 2 or 3 based on the degree to which the inputs to the fair value measurements are observable and the significance of the inputs to the fair value measurement in its entirety, which are described as follows:

- Level 1 inputs are quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the entity can access at the measurement date;
- Level 2 inputs are inputs, other than quoted prices included within Level 1, that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly; and
- Level 3 inputs are unobservable inputs for the asset or liability.

##### Basis of consolidation

A subsidiary is an entity, including structured entity, controlled by the Company. The financial statements of a subsidiary is included in the consolidated financial statements from the date that control commences until the date that control ceases.

In the Company's separate financial statements, investment in subsidiary is stated at cost less accumulated impairment losses. The cost of investment includes transaction costs. On disposal of such investment, the difference between net disposal proceeds and its carrying amount is included in profit or loss.

##### Functional and presentation currency

These financial statements of the Group and of the Company are presented in Ringgit Malaysia ("RM"), which is the Company's functional currency. All financial information is presented in RM and has been rounded to the nearest thousand, unless otherwise stated.

#### 3. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

##### Revenue recognition

Revenue is measured based on the consideration specified in a contract with customer and excludes amounts collected on behalf of third parties. The Group recognises revenue when it transfers control of a product or service to a customer. Where applicable, discounts and rebates to customer are accounted as net of revenue according to contract. Payment of the transaction price is within the allowed credit periods granted by the Group.

##### *Port operations*

The port operations of the Group principally generate revenue from providing port related services. The primary services are container cargo services, conventional cargo services and marine services. The Group accounts for each service separately as a distinct source of income at the point in time when each service is rendered upon completion of the services.

##### *(i) Container service revenue*

The Group provides container-related terminal handling services to shipping lines and forwarders. Container revenue includes Terminal Handling Charges ("THC") and Value Added Services ("VAS"), of which the tariff rates are governed by the Government of Malaysia ("GOM") through Port Klang Authority ("PKA").

THC includes the provision of container handling between the wharf and yard as well as certain storage days as stipulated in the PKA tariff circular. Containers are stored at the port premise for either pick-up by customer or loading to vessel. Additional service may be performed on the stored container upon request and charged as VAS.

THC revenue is recognised at the point in time when control of the container has been transferred upon completion of handling which refers to the movement of container between wharf and yard. Separately, VAS revenue is recognised at the point in time when control of the container has been transferred upon completion of service that refers to either completion of requested service or departure of container from the port premise.

Revenue is recognised when the service is completed as this represents the point in time at which the right to consideration becomes unconditional, as only passage of time is required before the payment is due.

##### *(ii) Conventional service revenue*

The Group provides non-container-related terminal handling services to shipping lines and consignees. Conventional revenue comprises Dry Bulk, Break Bulk, Liquid Bulk, Cement Cargo and Roll-On-Roll-Off ("RORO").

Revenue is recognised at the point in time when control of cargo has been transferred upon completion of handling which refers to movement of cargo between wharf and yard.



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#### 3. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

##### Revenue recognition (continued)

###### Port operations (continued)

###### (iii) Marine service revenue

All vessels that call at the terminal may engage the Group for marine services where tugboats and pilot boat will be deployed to berth and unberth the vessels. Marine revenue comprises marine consolidated charge and VAS.

Revenue is recognised at the point in time when the service has been rendered.

###### Construction revenue

The Group constructs and operates the terminal facilities based on the terms of the service concession arrangement disclosed in Note 4. The consideration, including non-cash, received or receivable by the Group is recognised at its fair value indirectly by reference to the stand-alone selling price of the construction services delivered. The fair value is calculated as the estimated total construction costs plus a profit margin, which the Group evaluates and determines to be a reasonable margin earned.

Revenue is recognised over time using the input method i.e. cost-to-cost method based on the proportion of contract costs incurred for work performed to date relative to the estimated total contract costs, plus a profit margin.

###### Rental income

Rental income from land and building is recognised in profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease.

###### Dividend income

Dividend income is recognised in profit or loss on the date that the Group's or the Company's right to receive payment is established, which in the case of quoted securities is the ex-dividend date.

##### Taxation

The income tax expense represents the sum of the tax currently payable and deferred tax.

###### Current tax

The tax currently payable is based on taxable profit for the year. Taxable profit differs from net profit as reported in profit or loss because it excludes items of income or expense that are taxable or deductible in other years and it further excludes items that are never taxable or deductible. The Group's liability for current tax is calculated using tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the end of the reporting period.

#### 3. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

##### Taxation (continued)

###### Current tax (continued)

A provision is recognised for those matters for which the tax determination is uncertain but it is considered probable that there will be a future outflow of funds to a tax authority. The provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amount expected to become payable. The assessment is based on the judgement of tax professionals within the Group supported by previous experience in respect of such activities and in certain cases based on specialist independent tax advice.

###### Deferred tax

Deferred tax is the tax expected to be payable or recoverable on differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities in the financial statements and the corresponding tax bases used in the computation of taxable profit, and is accounted for using the liability method. Deferred tax liabilities are generally recognised for all taxable temporary differences and deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that taxable profits will be available against which deductible temporary differences can be utilised.

The carrying amount of deferred tax assets is reviewed at each reporting date and reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable profits will be available to allow all or part of the asset to be recovered.

Deferred tax is calculated at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the period when the liability is settled or the asset is realised based on tax laws and rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted at the reporting date.

The measurement of deferred tax liabilities and assets reflects the tax consequences that would follow from the manner in which the Group expects, at the end of the reporting period, to recover or settle the carrying amount of its assets and liabilities.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset when there is a legally enforceable right to set off current tax assets against current tax liabilities and when they relate to income taxes levied by the same taxation authority and the Group intends to settle its current tax assets and liabilities on a net basis.

Unutilised reinvestment allowance and investment tax allowance, being tax incentives that is not a tax base of an asset, is recognised as a deferred tax asset to the extent that it is probable that the future taxable profits will be available against which the unutilised tax incentive can be utilised.

##### Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment are measured at cost less any accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses.

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#### 3. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

##### Property, plant and equipment (continued)

Cost includes expenditures that are directly attributable to the acquisition of the asset and any other costs directly attributable to bringing the asset to working condition for its intended use, and the costs of dismantling and removing the items and restoring the site on which they are located. For qualifying assets, borrowing costs are capitalised in accordance with the accounting policy on borrowing costs.

Purchased software that is integral to the functionality of the related equipment is capitalised as part of that equipment.

When significant parts of an item of property, plant and equipment have different useful lives, they are accounted for as separate items (major components) of property, plant and equipment.

Spare parts are recognised in property, plant and equipment when they meet the definition of property, plant and equipment. Otherwise, such items are classified as inventories.

Depreciation is based on the cost of an asset less its residual value. Significant components of individual assets are assessed, and if a component has a useful life that is different from the remainder of that asset, then that component is depreciated separately.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost of assets (other than asset under construction) less their residual values over their useful lives, using the straight-line method, on the following bases:

• Plant, machinery and equipment	5 to 30 years
• Motor vehicles	5 to 7 years
• Office equipment, furniture and fittings	3 to 7 years

Assets under construction are not depreciated. Assets under construction comprises contractors' payments and directly attributable costs incurred in preparing these assets for their intended use. Depreciation on assets under construction commences when the assets are ready for their intended use.

The estimated useful lives, residual values and depreciation method are reviewed at the end of each reporting period, with the effect of any changes in estimate accounted for on a prospective basis.

The cost of replacing a component of an item of property, plant and equipment is recognised in the carrying amount of the item if it is probable that the future economic benefits embodied within the component will flow to the Group, and its cost can be measured reliably. The carrying amount of the replaced component is derecognised to profit or loss.

The costs of the day-to-day servicing of property, plant and equipment are recognised in profit or loss as incurred.

An item of property, plant and equipment is derecognised upon disposal or when no future economic benefits are expected to arise from the continued use of the asset. The gain or loss on disposal of an item of property, plant and equipment is determined by comparing the proceeds from disposal with the carrying amount of property, plant and equipment and is recognised net within "Other income" and "Other expenses" respectively in profit or loss.

#### 3. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

##### Concession assets

###### (a) Service concession arrangement

Pursuant to a privatisation agreement signed between a subsidiary, namely Westports Malaysia Sdn. Bhd. ("WMSB") and the Government of Malaysia ("GOM") and Port Klang Authority ("PKA") on 25 July 1994, the subsidiary is granted a license to provide port services for an initial period of 30 years with an additional 30 years (which was granted on 26 June 2014) upon the fulfilment of the terms and conditions as set out under the supplemental privatisation agreement, primarily on commitments to construct and operationalise certain additional port infrastructures and facilities in respect of the subject port.

The Group recognises concession assets arising from a service concession arrangement when it has a right to charge for usage of the concession infrastructures and facilities. Concession assets received as consideration for providing construction or upgrade services in a service concession arrangement are measured at fair value on initial recognition. Subsequent to initial recognition, the concession assets are measured at cost, which includes capitalised borrowing costs, less accumulated amortisation and accumulated impairment losses.

The estimated useful life of concession assets in a service concession arrangement is over the concession period extended to the Group.

The Group recognised port infrastructure and facilities as concession assets which include land reclamation, terminals, buildings, warehouse, paved areas, landscaping and certain assets under construction.

Cost includes expenditures that are directly attributable to the acquisition or construction of the asset and any other costs directly attributable to bringing the asset to working condition for its intended use. For qualifying assets, borrowing costs are capitalised in accordance with the accounting policy on borrowing costs.

###### (b) Annual lease payments for the use of port infrastructures and facilities

The Group recognises concession assets (and related service concession obligations) arising from lease rental payable for the relevant port infrastructures and facilities under the privatisation agreement at fair value on the first day of service concession arrangement or where impracticable, on the earliest period presented, arising from the adoption of IC Interpretation 12 Service Concession Arrangements ("IC Interpretation 12").

The concession assets arising from the above are amortised over the relevant concession period.

Upon initial recognition, the concession assets are measured at an amount equal to the lower of its fair value and the present value of the minimum lease payments. Subsequent to initial recognition, the concession assets are accounted for in accordance with the accounting policy applicable to concession assets.

Minimum lease payments made are apportioned between the finance expense and the reduction of the outstanding liability. The finance expense is allocated to each period during the concession period so as to produce a constant periodic rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability.

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#### 3. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

##### Concession assets (continued)

When significant parts of concession assets are required to be replaced in intervals, the Group recognises such parts as individual assets at cost with specific useful lives and amortisation, respectively, if it is probable that the future economic benefits embodied within the component will flow to the Group, and its cost can be measured reliably. The carrying amount of the replaced component is derecognised to profit or loss.

Concession assets (other than annual lease payments for the use of land and facilities) are amortised over the extended concession period. The initial concession period is 30 years ending 2024 and an additional period of 30 years which was granted on 26 June 2014. Amortisation on assets under construction included in concession assets commences only when the assets are ready for their intended use and are amortised over the remaining concession period.

The fair value of a concession asset received as consideration for providing construction services in a service concession arrangement is estimated by reference to the fair value of the construction services provided. The fair value is calculated as the estimated total construction cost plus a profit margin, which the Group evaluates and determines to be a reasonable margin earned.

When the Group receives a concession asset and a financial asset as consideration for providing construction services in a service concession arrangement, the Group estimates the fair value of concession assets as the difference between the fair value of the construction services provided and the fair value of the financial asset received.

##### Financial instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised in the Group's statements of financial position when the Group becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and financial liabilities are initially measured at fair value. Transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition or issue of financial assets and financial liabilities (other than financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss) are added to or deducted from the fair value of the financial assets or financial liabilities, as appropriate, on initial recognition. Transaction costs directly attributable to the acquisition of financial assets or financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss are recognised immediately in profit or loss.

##### Financial assets

All regular way purchases or sales of financial assets are recognised and derecognised on a trade date basis. Regular way purchases or sales are purchases or sales of financial assets that require delivery of assets within the time frame established by regulation or convention in the marketplace.

All recognised financial assets are measured subsequently in their entirety at either amortised cost or fair value, depending on the classification of the financial assets.

#### 3. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

##### Financial instruments (continued)

##### Financial assets (continued)

##### Classification of financial assets

Debt instruments that meet the following conditions are measured subsequently at amortised cost:

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

Debt instruments that meet the following conditions are measured subsequently at fair value through other comprehensive income (FVTOCI):

- the financial asset is held within a business model whose objective is achieved by both collecting contractual cash flows and selling the financial assets; and
- the contractual terms of the financial asset give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

By default, all other financial assets are measured subsequently at fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL).

Despite the foregoing, the Group may make the following irrevocable election/designation at initial recognition of a financial asset:

- the Group may irrevocably elect to present subsequent changes in fair value of an equity investment in other comprehensive income if certain criteria are met; and
- the Group may irrevocably designate a debt investment that meets the amortised cost or FVTOCI criteria as measured at FVTPL if doing so eliminates or significantly reduces an accounting mismatch.

##### (i) Amortisation cost and effective interest method

The effective interest method is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a debt instrument and of allocating interest income over the relevant period.

For financial assets other than purchased or originated credit-impaired financial assets (i.e. assets that are credit-impaired on initial recognition), the effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts (including all fees and points paid or received that form an integral part of the effective interest rate, transaction costs and other premiums or discounts) excluding expected credit losses, through the expected life of the debt instrument, or, where appropriate, a shorter period, to the gross carrying amount of the debt instrument on initial recognition. For purchased or originated credit-impaired financial assets, a credit-adjusted effective interest rate is calculated by discounting the estimated future cash flows, including expected credit losses, to the amortised cost of the debt instrument on initial recognition.

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#### 3. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

##### Financial instruments (continued)

##### Financial assets (continued)

##### Classification of financial assets (continued)

##### (i) Amortisation cost and effective interest method (continued)

The amortised cost of a financial asset is the amount at which the financial asset is measured at initial recognition minus the principal repayments, plus the cumulative amortisation using the effective interest method of any difference between that initial amount and the maturity amount, adjusted for any credit loss allowance. The gross carrying amount of a financial asset is the amortised cost of a financial asset before adjusting for any credit loss allowance.

Interest income is recognised using the effective interest method for debt instruments measured subsequently at amortised cost and at FVTOCI. For financial assets other than purchased or originated credit-impaired financial assets, interest income is calculated by applying the effective interest rate to the gross carrying amount of a financial asset, except for financial assets that have subsequently become credit-impaired (see below). For financial assets that have subsequently become credit-impaired, interest income is recognised by applying the effective interest rate to the amortised cost of the financial asset.

If, in subsequent reporting periods, the credit risk on the credit-impaired financial instrument improves so that the financial asset is no longer credit-impaired, interest income is recognised by applying the effective interest rate to the gross carrying amount of the financial asset.

For purchased or originated credit-impaired financial assets, the Group recognises interest income by applying the credit-adjusted effective interest rate to the amortised cost of the financial asset from initial recognition. The calculation does not revert to the gross basis even if the credit risk of the financial asset subsequently improves so that the financial asset is no longer credit-impaired.

Interest income is recognised in profit or loss.

##### (ii) Financial assets at FVTPL

Financial assets at FVTPL are measured at fair value at the end of each reporting period, with any fair value gains or losses recognised in profit or loss to the extent they are not part of a designated hedging relationship. The net gain or loss recognised in profit or loss includes any dividend or interest earned on the financial asset and is included in "Other gains and losses".

##### Foreign exchange gains and losses

The carrying amount of financial assets that are denominated in a foreign currency is determined in that foreign currency and translated at the spot rate at the end of each reporting period. Specifically for financial assets measured at amortised cost that are not part of a designated hedging relationship, exchange differences are recognised in profit or loss.

#### 3. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

##### Financial instruments (continued)

##### Financial assets (continued)

##### Impairment of financial assets

The Group recognises a credit loss allowance for expected credit losses ("ECL") on investments in debt instruments that are measured at amortised cost, lease receivables, trade receivables and contract assets, as well as on financial guarantee contracts. The amount of expected credit losses is updated at each reporting date to reflect changes in credit risk since initial recognition of the respective financial instrument.

The Group always recognises lifetime ECL for trade receivables, contract assets and lease receivables. The expected credit losses on these financial assets are estimated using a provision matrix based on the Group's historical credit loss experience, adjusted for factors that are specific to the debtors, general economic conditions and an assessment of both the current as well as the forecast direction of conditions at the reporting date, including time value of money where appropriate.

For all other financial instruments, the Group recognises lifetime ECL when there has been a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition. However, if the credit risk on the financial instrument has not increased significantly since initial recognition, the Group measures the credit loss allowance for that financial instrument at an amount equal to 12-month ECL.

Lifetime ECL represents the expected credit losses that will result from all possible default events over the expected life of a financial instrument. In contrast, 12-month ECL represents the portion of lifetime ECL that is expected to result from default events on a financial instrument that are possible within 12 months after the reporting date.

##### (i) Significant increase in credit risk

In assessing whether the credit risk on a financial instrument has increased significantly since initial recognition, the Group compares the risk of a default occurring on the financial instrument at the reporting date with the risk of a default occurring on the financial instrument at the date of initial recognition. In making this assessment, the Group considers both quantitative and qualitative information that is reasonable and supportable, including historical experience and forward-looking information that is available without undue cost or effort. Forward-looking information considered includes the future prospects of the industries in which the Group's debtors operate, obtained from economic expert reports, financial analysts, governmental bodies, relevant think-tanks and other similar organisations, as well as consideration of various external sources of actual and forecast economic information that relate to the Group's core operations.

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#### 3. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

##### Financial instruments (continued)

##### Financial assets (continued)

##### Significant increase in credit risk (continued)

In particular, the following information is taken into account when assessing whether credit risk has increased significantly since initial recognition:

- an actual or expected significant deterioration in the financial instrument's external (if available) or internal credit rating;
- significant deterioration in external market indicators of credit risk for a particular financial instrument, e.g. a significant increase in the credit spread, the credit default swap prices for the debtor, or the length of time or the extent to which the fair value of a financial asset has been less than its amortised cost;
- existing or forecast adverse changes in business, financial or economic conditions that are expected to cause a significant decrease in the debtor's ability to meet its debt obligations;
- an actual or expected significant deterioration in the operating results of the debtor;
- significant increases in credit risk on other financial instruments of the same debtor; and
- an actual or expected significant adverse change in the regulatory, economic, or technological environment of the debtor that results in a significant decrease in the debtor's ability to meet its debt obligations.

Irrespective of the outcome of the above assessment, the Group presumes that the credit risk on a financial asset has increased significantly since initial recognition when contractual payments are more than 30 days past due, unless the Group has reasonable and supportable information that demonstrates otherwise.

Despite the foregoing, the Group assumes that the credit risk on a financial instrument has not increased significantly since initial recognition if the financial instrument is determined to have low credit risk at the reporting date. A financial instrument is determined to have low credit risk if:

- The financial instrument has a low risk of default,
- The debtor has a strong capacity to meet its contractual cash flow obligations in the near term, and
- Adverse changes in economic and business conditions in the longer term may, but will not necessarily, reduce the ability of the borrower to fulfil its contractual cash flow obligations.

The Group considers a financial asset to have low credit risk when the asset has an external credit rating of 'investment grade' in accordance with the globally understood definition or if an external rating is not available, the asset has an internal rating of 'performing'. Performing means that the counterparty has a strong financial position and there are no past due amounts.

#### 3. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

##### Financial instruments (continued)

##### Financial assets (continued)

##### Significant increase in credit risk (continued)

For financial guarantee contracts, the date that the Group becomes a party to the irrevocable commitment is considered to be the date of initial recognition for the purposes of assessing the financial instrument for impairment. In assessing whether there has been a significant increase in the credit risk since initial recognition of a financial guarantee contracts, the Group considers the changes in the risk that the specified debtor will default on the contract.

The Group regularly monitors the effectiveness of the criteria used to identify whether there has been a significant increase in credit risk and revises them as appropriate to ensure that the criteria are capable of identifying significant increase in credit risk before the amount becomes past due.

##### (ii) Definition of default

The Group considers the following as constituting an event of default for internal credit risk management purposes as historical experience indicates that financial assets that meet either of the following criteria are generally not recoverable:

- when there is a breach of financial covenants by the debtor; or
- information developed internally or obtained from external sources indicates that the debtor is unlikely to pay its creditors, including the Group, in full (without taking into account any collateral held by the Group).

Irrespective of the above analysis, the Group considers that default has occurred when a financial asset is more than 180 days past due unless the Group has reasonable and supportable information to demonstrate that a more lagging default criterion is more appropriate.

##### (iii) Credit-impaired financial assets

A financial asset is credit-impaired when one or more events that have a detrimental impact on the estimated future cash flows of that financial asset have occurred. Evidence that a financial asset is credit-impaired includes observable data about the following events:

- significant financial difficulty of the issuer or the borrower;
- a breach of contract, such as a default or past due event (see (ii) above);
- the lender(s) of the borrower, for economic or contractual reasons relating to the borrower's financial difficulty, having granted to the borrower a concession(s) that the lender(s) would not otherwise consider;
- it is becoming probable that the borrower will enter bankruptcy or other financial reorganisation; or
- the disappearance of an active market for that financial asset because of financial difficulties.

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#### 3. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

##### Financial instruments (continued)

##### *Financial assets (continued)*

##### *Significant increase in credit risk (continued)*

##### (iv) *Write-off policy*

The Group writes off a financial asset when there is information indicating that the debtor is in severe financial difficulty and there is no realistic prospect of recovery, e.g. when the debtor has been placed under liquidation or has entered into bankruptcy proceedings, or in the case of trade receivables, when the amounts are over two years past due, whichever occurs sooner. Financial assets written off may still be subject to enforcement activities under the Group's recovery procedures, taking into account legal advice where appropriate. Any recoveries made are recognised in profit or loss.

##### (v) *Measurement and recognition of expected credit losses*

The measurement of expected credit losses is a function of the probability of default, loss given default (i.e. the magnitude of the loss if there is a default) and the exposure at default. The assessment of the probability of default and loss given default is based on historical data adjusted by forward-looking information as described above. As for the exposure at default, for financial assets, this is represented by the assets' gross carrying amount at the reporting date; for financial guarantee contracts, the exposure includes the amount drawn down as at the reporting date, together with any additional amounts expected to be drawn down in the future by default date determined based on historical trend, the Group's understanding of the specific future financing needs of the debtors, and other relevant forward-looking information.

For financial assets, the expected credit loss is estimated as the difference between all contractual cash flows that are due to the Group in accordance with the contract and all the cash flows that the Group expects to receive, discounted at the original effective interest rate. For a lease receivable, the cash flows used for determining the expected credit losses is consistent with the cash flows used in measuring the lease receivable in accordance with MFRS 16 Leases.

If the Group measures the credit loss allowance for a financial instrument at an amount equal to lifetime ECL in the previous reporting period, but determines at the current reporting date that the conditions for lifetime ECL are no longer met, the Group measures the credit loss allowance at an amount equal to 12-month ECL at the current reporting date, except for assets for which simplified approach was used.

#### 3. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

##### Financial instruments (continued)

##### *Financial assets (continued)*

##### *Derecognition of financial assets*

The Group derecognises a financial asset only when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire, or when it transfers the financial asset and substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the asset to another entity. If the Group neither transfers nor retains substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership and continues to control the transferred asset, the Group recognises its retained interest in the asset and an associated liability for amounts it may have to pay. If the Group retains substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of a transferred financial asset, the Group continues to recognise the financial asset and also recognises a collateralised borrowing for the proceeds received.

On derecognition of a financial asset measured at amortised cost, the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the sum of the consideration received and receivable is recognised in profit or loss. In addition, on derecognition of an investment in a debt instrument classified as at FVTOCI, the cumulative gain or loss previously accumulated in the investments revaluation reserve is reclassified to profit or loss. In contrast, on derecognition of an investment in equity instrument which the Group has elected on initial recognition to measure at FVTOCI, the cumulative gain or loss previously accumulated in the investments revaluation reserve is not reclassified to profit or loss, but is transferred to retained earnings.

##### *Financial liabilities and equity*

##### *Classification as debt or equity*

Debt and equity instruments are classified as either financial liabilities or as equity in accordance with the substance of the contractual arrangements and the definitions of a financial liability and an equity instrument.

##### *Equity instruments*

An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of an entity after deducting all of its liabilities. Equity instruments issued by the Group are recognised at the proceeds received, net of direct issue costs.

Repurchase of the Company's own equity instruments is recognised and deducted directly in equity. No gain or loss is recognised in profit or loss on the purchase, sale, issue or cancellation of the Company's own equity instruments.

Ordinary shares are classified as equity.

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#### 3. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

##### Financial instruments (continued)

##### *Financial liabilities and equity (continued)*

##### *Financial liabilities*

All financial liabilities are measured subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method or at FVTPL.

However, financial liabilities that arise when a transfer of a financial asset does not qualify for derecognition or when the continuing involvement approach applies, and financial guarantee contracts issued by the Group, are measured in accordance with the specific accounting policies set out below.

##### *Financial liabilities at FVTPL*

Financial liabilities are classified as at FVTPL when the financial liability is (i) contingent consideration of an acquirer in a business combination, (ii) held for trading or (iii) it is designated as at FVTPL.

A financial liability is classified as held for trading if:

- it has been acquired principally for the purpose of repurchasing it in the near term; or
- on initial recognition it is part of a portfolio of identified financial instruments that the Group manages together and has a recent actual pattern of short-term profit-taking; or
- it is a derivative, except for a derivative that is a financial guarantee contract or a designated and effective hedging instrument.

A financial liability other than a financial liability held for trading or contingent consideration of an acquirer in a business combination may be designated as at FVTPL upon initial recognition if:

- such designation eliminates or significantly reduces a measurement or recognition inconsistency that would otherwise arise; or
- the financial liability forms part of a group of financial assets or financial liabilities or both, which is managed and its performance is evaluated on a fair value basis, in accordance with the Group's documented risk management or investment strategy, and information about the grouping is provided internally on that basis; or
- it forms part of a contract containing one or more embedded derivatives, and MFRS 9 permits the entire combined contract to be designated as at FVTPL

Financial liabilities at FVTPL are measured at fair value, with any gains or losses arising on changes in fair value recognised in profit or loss to the extent that they are not part of a designated hedging relationship. The net gain or loss recognised in profit or loss incorporates any interest paid on the financial liability and is included in profit or loss.

#### 3. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

##### Financial instruments (continued)

##### *Financial liabilities and equity (continued)*

##### *Financial liabilities at FVTPL (continued)*

However, for financial liabilities that are designated as at FVTPL, the amount of change in the fair value of the financial liability that is attributable to changes in the credit risk of that liability is recognised in other comprehensive income, unless the recognition of the effects of changes in the liability's credit risk in other comprehensive income would create or enlarge an accounting mismatch in profit or loss. The remaining amount of change in the fair value of liability is recognised in profit or loss. Changes in fair value attributable to a financial liability's credit risk that are recognised in other comprehensive income are not subsequently reclassified to profit or loss; instead, they are transferred to retained earnings upon derecognition of the financial liability.

Gains or losses on financial guarantee contracts issued by the Group that are designated by the Group as at FVTPL are recognised in profit or loss.

##### *Financial liabilities measured subsequently at amortised cost*

Financial liabilities that are not (i) contingent consideration of an acquirer in a business combination, (ii) held-for-trading, or (iii) designated as at FVTPL, are measured subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

The effective interest method is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a financial liability and of allocating interest expense over the relevant period. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash payments (including all fees and points paid or received that form an integral part of the effective interest rate, transaction costs and other premiums or discounts) through the expected life of the financial liability, or (where appropriate) a shorter period, to the amortised cost of a financial liability.

##### *Foreign exchange gains and losses*

For financial liabilities that are denominated in a foreign currency and are measured at amortised cost at the end of each reporting period, the foreign exchange gains and losses are determined based on the amortised cost of the instruments. These foreign exchange gains and losses are recognised in profit or loss for financial liabilities that are not part of a designated hedging relationship. For those which are designated as a hedging instrument for a hedge of foreign currency risk foreign exchange gains and losses are recognised in other comprehensive income and accumulated in a separate component of equity.

The fair value of financial liabilities denominated in a foreign currency is determined in that foreign currency and translated at the spot rate at the end of the reporting period. For financial liabilities that are measured as at FVTPL, the foreign exchange component forms part of the fair value gains or losses and is recognised in profit or loss for financial liabilities that are not part of a designated hedging relationship.

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#### 3. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

##### Financial instruments (continued)

##### *Financial liabilities and equity (continued)*

##### *Derecognition of financial liabilities*

The Group derecognises financial liabilities when, and only when, the Group's obligations are discharged, cancelled or have expired. The difference between the carrying amount of the financial liability derecognised and the consideration paid and payable is recognised in profit or loss.

When the Group exchanges with the existing lender one debt instrument into another one with the substantially different terms, such exchange is accounted for as an extinguishment of the original financial liability and the recognition of a new financial liability. Similarly, the Group accounts for substantial modification of terms of an existing liability or part of it as an extinguishment of the original financial liability and the recognition of a new liability. It is assumed that the terms are substantially different if the discounted present value of the cash flows under the new terms, including any fees paid net of any fees received and discounted using the original effective rate is at least 10 per cent different from the discounted present value of the remaining cash flows of the original financial liability. If the modification is not substantial, the difference between: (1) the carrying amount of the liability before the modification; and (2) the present value of the cash flows after modification should be recognised in profit or loss as the modification gain or loss within other gains and losses.

##### Provisions

Provisions are recognised if, as a result of a past event, the Group has a present legal or constructive obligation that can be estimated reliably, and it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation.

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.

Where some or all of the expenditure required to settle a provision is expected to be reimbursed by another party, the reimbursement shall be recognised when, and only when, it is virtually certain that the reimbursement will be received if the entity settles the obligation. The reimbursement shall be presented as a separate asset. The amount recognised for the reimbursement shall not exceed the amount of the provision. In the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the expense relating to a provision is presented net of the amount recognised for a reimbursement.

##### Contingent liabilities

Where it is not probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required, or the amount cannot be estimated reliably, the obligation is not recognised in the statement of financial position and is disclosed as a contingent liability, unless the probability of outflow of economic benefits is remote. Possible obligations, whose existence will only be confirmed by the occurrence or non-occurrence of one or more future events, are also disclosed as contingent liabilities unless the probability of outflow of economic benefits is remote.

#### 3. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

##### Financial instruments (continued)

##### *Financial liabilities and equity (continued)*

##### Cash and cash equivalents

The Group and the Company adopt the indirect method in the preparation of statements of cash flows. Cash equivalents consist of short-term, highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value, and are used by the Group and the Company in the management of their short term commitments. Money market fund are deposited in the money market and are managed by investment institutions. For the purpose of the statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents are presented net of bank overdrafts and pledged deposits.

#### 4. SERVICE CONCESSION ARRANGEMENT

On 25 July 1994, a subsidiary of the Company, Westports Malaysia Sdn. Bhd. ("WMSB") entered into a privatisation agreement with Port Klang Authority ("PKA") and Government of Malaysia ("GOM") (collectively, PKA and GOM are known as the "Grantor"). The privatisation agreement ("Privatisation Agreement") provides WMSB with the licence to operate the port and to lease the said port property. Under the terms of the agreement, the subsidiary will operate the port for a period of 30 years, commencing from 1 September 1994 ("Take-over Date").

WMSB has the right to charge the users of the port for services rendered, which WMSB will collect and retain; however, the fees are capped subject to the tariffs for port services as determined by PKA and GOM. At the end of the concession period, the relevant port infrastructures and facilities will revert to the Grantor and WMSB will have no further involvement in its operation and maintenance requirements.

As consideration to lease the said port property from PKA and GOM, WMSB has agreed to the annual base lease rentals and profit sharing payments at agreed terms.

The supplementary privatisation agreement dated 27 March 1999 was entered into in connection with the Privatisation Agreement. The supplementary privatisation agreement primarily provides for a moratorium of 5 years and 7 years in respect of the respective specified annual base lease rental payments; the expanded development plan of the port; incremental revision of the annual base lease rentals and certain clarifications to the existing terms and definitions of the Privatisation Agreement.

Subsequently, the second supplemental agreement dated 15 January 2010 was entered into in connection with the Privatisation Agreement. The terms of the second supplemental agreement primarily provides for an additional concession period of 30 years; revision of the terms of the profit sharing payments and certain clarifications and/or additions to the existing terms and definitions of the Privatisation Agreement and supplementary privatisation agreement. The additional concession period of 30 years will commence on the day after the 30th anniversary of the Take-over Date upon the fulfilment of the following conditions:

- (a) completion of land reclamation works for container terminal ("CT") no. 6 to no. 9 on or before 1 January 2014; and
- (b) completion of construction works for CT no. 6 and for it to be operationalised on or before 1 January 2014.



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#### 4. SERVICE CONCESSION ARRANGEMENT (continued)

On 25 April 2013, a second supplementary lease agreement was entered into between PKA and WMSB. The second supplementary lease agreement provided for general covenants and the obligation to pay quit rent for the specified leased areas effective from financial year ended 31 December 2010.

PKA has vide its letter dated 26 June 2014, consented to the extension of concession period of 30 years from 1 September 2024 to 31 August 2054, subject to the terms and conditions as set out in the Privatisation Agreement dated 25 July 1994 and the supplemental agreements executed thereafter, between GOM, PKA and WMSB.

On 7 February 2020, WMSB entered into a conditional sale and purchase agreement with Pembinaan Redzai Sdn Bhd, a company owned by a corporate shareholder, to acquire a parcel of leasehold land for a total cash consideration of RM393,958,900. The acquisition is intended to be used for the development of container terminal ("CT") facilities involving the development of 8 additional berths comprising CT 10 to CT 13. In view that the signing of third supplementary agreement (as explained below) fulfils the last condition precedent, the acquisition has become unconditional on 14 December 2023.

WMSB entered into the third supplementary agreement with PKA and GOM on 8 December 2023 to have the concession period extended to 31 August 2070, covering CT 10 to CT 13, subject to the fulfilment of condition precedents as stated in the agreement. The concession period may extend up to 31 August 2082 subject to the completion of acquisition of the third parcel of underwater land ("state land") from the Selangor State Government and transfer of the state land to PKA by 31 August 2045 for the development of CT 14 to CT 17.

#### 5. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING JUDGEMENTS AND KEY SOURCES OF ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTY

In the application of the Group's material accounting policies, which are described in Note 3, the Directors are required to make judgements (other than those involving estimations) that have a significant impact on the amounts recognised and to make estimates and assumptions about the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

##### (a) Critical judgements in applying the Group's accounting policies

In the process of applying the Group's accounting policies, which are described in Note 3 above, the directors are of the opinion that there are no instances of application of judgement which are expected to have a significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements.

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

The key assumptions concerning the future, and other key sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting period that may have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year, are as follows.

#### 5. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING JUDGEMENTS AND KEY SOURCES OF ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTY (continued)

##### Key sources of estimation uncertainty (continued)

##### (i) Calculation of credit loss allowance

When measuring ECL, the Group uses reasonable and supportable forward looking information, which is based on assumptions for the future movement of different economic drivers and how these drivers will affect each other.

Loss given default is an estimate of the loss arising on default. It is based on the difference between the contractual cash flows due and those that the lender would expect to receive, taking into account cash flows from collateral and integral credit enhancements.

Probability of default constitutes a key input in measuring ECL. Probability of default is an estimate of the likelihood of default over a given time horizon, the calculation of which includes historical data, assumptions and expectations of future conditions. The information about the ECL of the Group is disclosed in Note 31(b).

##### (ii) Recognition of construction revenue and cost for service concession arrangements

The Group adopts the intangible asset model as defined in IC Interpretation 12 and has recognised construction revenue and costs of RM63,295,000 (2022: RM13,629,000) and RM62,659,000 (2022: RM13,484,000), respectively in the construction of port infrastructure as disclosed in Notes 6 and 7. The estimated profit margin is based on relative comparison with general industry although actual margin may differ due to location, materials and other pricing considerations.

##### (iii) Estimated useful lives of property, plant and equipment

The Group regularly reviews the estimated useful lives of property, plant and equipment based on factors such as business plan and strategies, expected level of usage and future technological developments. Future results of operations could be materially affected by changes in these estimates brought about by changes in the factors mentioned above. A reduction in the estimated useful lives of property, plant and equipment would increase the recorded depreciation and decrease the value of property, plant and equipment. The carrying amount of the Group's property, plant and equipment is disclosed in Note 12.

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#### 6. REVENUE

	Group		Company	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
Port operations				
- Container	1,805,210	1,774,367	-	-
- Conventional	138,642	154,965	-	-
- Marine	91,008	76,306	-	-
	2,034,860	2,005,638	-	-
Construction revenue	63,295	13,629	-	-
Rental income - lands and buildings	53,763	49,745	-	-
Dividend income	-	-	534,818	554,910
	2,151,918	2,069,012	534,818	554,910

In accordance with MFRS 15, the Group recognises its port operations and construction revenue based on the timing detailed below:

	Group	
	2023	2022
	RM'000	RM'000
Timing of revenue recognition		
Over time	63,295	13,629
At a point in time	2,034,860	2,005,638
	2,098,155	2,019,267

The Group expects construction revenue of RM1,221,297 (2022: RM64,507,342) from unsatisfied performance obligations to be recognised in the next financial year.

#### 7. COST OF SALES

	Group	
	2023	2022
	RM'000	RM'000
Port operations	853,495	865,544
Construction cost	62,659	13,484
	916,154	879,028

#### 8. FINANCE INCOME

	Group		Company	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
<i>Income received from financial assets designated at fair value through profit or loss:</i>				
Income received from investment in money market funds	2,508	6,048	-	-
<i>Interest income of financial assets that are not at fair value through profit or loss:</i>				
Fixed deposits interest	8,178	6,060	434	248
Other interest	210	159	-	-
	10,896	12,267	434	248

#### 9. FINANCE COSTS

	Group	
	2023	2022
	RM'000	RM'000
<i>Interest expense of financial liabilities that are not at fair value through profit or loss:</i>		
Borrowings - SMTN	43,539	51,812
Less: Amounts capitalised during the year (Note 13)	(1,606)	(151)
	41,933	51,661
Accretion - service concession obligation (Note 26)	6,088	8,827
Lease liabilities (Note 27)	4,609	4,084
	52,630	64,572



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### 12. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Group	Plant, machinery and equipment RM'000	Motor vehicles RM'000	Office equipment, furniture and fittings RM'000	Assets under construction RM'000	Total RM'000
<b>Cost</b>					
At 1 January 2022	2,884,992	23,540	76,628	211,703	3,196,863
Additions	-	-	-	215,045	215,045
Disposals	-	(452)	-	-	(452)
Write-off	(158,051)	-	-	(502)	(158,553)
Transfers	318,548	1,253	2,965	(322,766)	-
At 31 December 2022/ 1 January 2023	3,045,489	24,341	79,593	103,480	3,252,903
Additions	-	-	-	106,782	106,782
Disposals	(57,135)	(938)	-	-	(58,073)
Transfers	123,477	1,058	8,797	(133,332)	-
At 31 December 2023	3,111,831	24,461	88,390	76,930	3,301,612
<b>Group</b>					
<b>Accumulated depreciation</b>					
At 1 January 2022	1,394,031	16,012	59,655	-	1,469,698
Charge for the year (Note 10)	139,291	2,353	10,533	-	152,177
Disposals	-	(242)	-	-	(242)
Write-off	(144,579)	-	-	-	(144,579)
At 31 December 2022/ 1 January 2023	1,388,743	18,123	70,188	-	1,477,054
Charge for the year (Note 10)	135,325	1,855	5,718	-	142,898
Disposals	(56,974)	(345)	-	-	(57,319)
At 31 December 2023	1,467,094	19,633	75,906	-	1,562,633
<b>Carrying amounts</b>					
At 31 December 2022	1,656,746	6,218	9,405	103,480	1,775,849
At 31 December 2023	1,644,737	4,828	12,484	76,930	1,738,979

### 13. CONCESSION ASSETS

Group	Leased port infrastructures and facilities RM'000	Acquired and constructed port infrastructures and facilities RM'000	Assets under construction RM'000	Total RM'000
<b>Cost</b>				
At 1 January 2022	552,383	2,669,556	231,178	3,453,117
Additions	-	-	30,939	30,939
Borrowing costs capitalised (Note 9)	-	-	151	151
Transfers	-	10,280	(10,280)	-
Write off	-	-	(221)	(221)
At 31 December 2022/ 1 January 2023	552,383	2,679,836	251,767	3,483,986
Additions	-	-	118,433	118,433
Borrowing costs capitalised (Note 9)	-	-	1,606	1,606
Transfers	-	11,691	(11,691)	-
Write off	-	(242)	-	(242)
At 31 December 2023	552,383	2,691,285	360,115	3,603,783
<b>Accumulated amortisation</b>				
At 1 January 2022	236,454	717,635	-	954,089
Amortisation for the year (Note 10)	18,189	67,463	-	85,652
At 31 December 2022/ 1 January 2023	254,643	785,098	-	1,039,741
Amortisation for the year (Note 10)	18,189	68,210	-	86,399
Write off	-	(115)	-	(115)
At 31 December 2023	272,832	853,193	-	1,126,025
<b>Carrying amounts</b>				
At 31 December 2022	297,740	1,894,738	251,767	2,444,245
At 31 December 2023	279,551	1,838,092	360,115	2,477,758

During the year, borrowing costs arising from the general borrowing pool were capitalised to concession assets and were calculated by applying a capitalisation rate of 5% (2022: 5%).

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### 14. RIGHT-OF-USE ASSETS

Group	Equipment RM'000
<b>Cost</b>	
At 1 January 2022	170,100
Additions (Note 27)	22,396
At 31 December 2022/1 January 2023	192,496
Additions (Note 27)	42,766
Lease termination	(20,629)
At 31 December 2022	214,633
<b>Accumulated depreciation</b>	
At 1 January 2022	103,269
Charge for the year (Note 10)	26,678
At 31 December 2022/1 January 2023	129,947
Charge for the year (Note 10)	29,573
Lease termination	(11,846)
At 31 December 2023	147,674
<b>Carrying amount</b>	
At 31 December 2022	62,549
At 31 December 2023	66,959

The Group leases several assets including marine equipment and IT equipment. The lease term ranges from 1 to 5 years (2022: 1 to 5 years). The maturity analysis of lease liabilities is presented in Note 27.

### 15. INVESTMENT IN SUBSIDIARY

	Company	
	2023 RM'000	2022 RM'000
Unquoted shares, at cost	1,030,130	1,030,130

Details of the subsidiary, which is incorporated in Malaysia, are as follows:

Name of subsidiary	Principal activities	Effective Ownership interest	
		2023 %	2022 %
Westports Malaysia Sdn. Bhd.	Development and management of port operations	100	100

### 15. INVESTMENT IN SUBSIDIARY (continued)

Included in Westports Malaysia Sdn. Bhd.'s share capital is a special share of RM1 issued to the Ministry of Finance (Incorporated).

The special share enables the Government of Malaysia ("GOM") through the Ministry of Finance (Incorporated) to ensure that certain major decisions affecting the operations of the subsidiary are consistent with GOM policies. The special shareholder or any person acting on behalf of the special shareholder shall be entitled to receive notice of and to attend and speak at all general meetings or any other meeting of any class of shareholders of the subsidiary, but the special shareholder shall carry no right to vote nor any other rights at any such meeting.

The special shareholder shall be entitled to nominate one director to be on the Board of Directors of the subsidiary.

Certain matters, in particular the alteration of the Articles of Association of the subsidiary relating to the rights of the special shareholder, creation and issue of additional shares which carry different voting rights, the dissolution of the subsidiary, substantial disposal of assets, amalgamations, merger and takeover and any proposals affecting the interests of the GOM or the national interest require prior consent of the special shareholder.

The special shareholder does not have any right to participate in the capital or profits of the subsidiary. The special shareholder has the right to require the subsidiary to redeem the special share at par at any time.

### 16. INVESTMENT IN A JOINT VENTURE

	Group		Company	
	2023 RM'000	2022 RM'000	2023 RM'000	2022 RM'000
In Malaysia:				
Unquoted shares, at cost	115,000	115,000	115,000	115,000
Share of post-acquisition profit	56,212	45,717	-	-
	171,212	160,717	115,000	115,000

Investment in a joint venture is stated at cost in the separate financial statements of the Company. The Group recognises its interest in a joint venture as an investment and accounts for that investment using the equity method.

Details of the joint venture, which is incorporated in Malaysia, are as follows:

Name of joint venture	Principal Activities	Effective ownership interest	
		2023 %	2022 %
Port Klang Cruise Terminal Sdn Bhd ("PKCT)	Provision of port facilities and services to cruise and navy vessels	50	50

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#### 16. INVESTMENT IN A JOINT VENTURE (continued)

Summarised unaudited financial information in respect of the Group's joint venture is set out below. The summarised financial information below represents amounts show in the joint venture's latest management financial statements prepared in accordance with MFRSs:

	2023 RM'000	2022 RM'000
<b>Assets and liabilities</b>		
Non-current assets	295,145	299,241
Current assets	48,656	22,929
<b>Total assets</b>	<u>343,801</u>	<u>322,170</u>
Current liabilities	1,377	735
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<u>1,377</u>	<u>735</u>
The above amounts of assets and liabilities include the following:		
	2023 RM'000	2022 RM'000
Plant and equipment	148,502	150,594
Right-of-use assets	89,405	90,796
Investment properties	56,960	57,851
Cash and cash equivalents	47,823	21,166
<b>Results</b>		
Revenue	34,229	22,725
Profit before tax	20,861	99,739
<b>Share of results</b>		
Share of profit of joint venture	7,036	49,869
Other adjustments	3,459	(3,716)
Net group's share of profit of joint venture	<u>10,495</u>	<u>46,153</u>

#### 16. INVESTMENT IN A JOINT VENTURE (continued)

The above profit for the year includes the following charges/(credits):

Depreciation and amortisation	5,298	4,058
Reversal of impairment losses on property, plant and equipment, right of use assets and investment properties	-	(85,711)

Reconciliation of the above summarised financial information to the carrying amount of the interest in the joint venture recognised in the consolidated financial statements are as follows:

	2023 RM'000	2022 RM'000
<b>Group</b>		
Goodwill arising from acquisition	7,158	7,158
Group's share of net assets	164,054	153,559
Group's carrying amount of interest in the joint venture	<u>171,212</u>	<u>160,717</u>

#### 17. INVENTORIES

	Group	
	2023 RM'000	2022 RM'000
Spares	5,349	5,349
Recognised in profit or loss:		
Inventories recognised as cost of sales	175,722	209,583

Inventories are measured at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Costs comprises expenditure incurred in acquiring the inventories, production or conversion costs and other costs incurred in bringing the inventories to their existing location and condition. Cost is calculated using the First-In, First-Out method. Net realisable value represents the estimated selling price less all estimated costs of completion and costs to be incurred in marketing, selling and distribution.

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#### 18. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

	Group		Company	
	2023 RM'000	2022 RM'000	2023 RM'000	2022 RM'000
<b>Trade</b>				
Trade receivables	256,679	195,192	-	-
Less: Impairment loss	(7,676)	(7,673)	-	-
	<u>249,003</u>	<u>187,519</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Non-trade</b>				
Other receivables	16,779	15,523	-	-
Deposits	925	925	76	76
Prepayments	14,032	6,118	-	-
	<u>31,736</u>	<u>22,566</u>	<u>76</u>	<u>76</u>
	<u>280,739</u>	<u>210,085</u>	<u>76</u>	<u>76</u>

Included in other receivables are lease rental receivables of RM4,625,939 (2022: RM13,033,012), insurance recoverable of RM2,423,000 (2022: RM244,000), and investments in club memberships amounting to RM1,850,000 (2022: RM1,850,000).

Trade receivables comprise amounts receivable for the revenue generated from port operations. The credit periods range from 14 to 30 days (2022: 14 to 30 days).

At the end of the reporting period, the Group has a concentration of credit risk in the form of trade receivables from 5 (2022: 5) main customers, representing approximately 41% (2022: 26%) of the Group's trade receivables.

#### 19. CASH AND SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS

	Group		Company	
	2023 RM'000	2022 RM'000	2023 RM'000	2022 RM'000
Cash and bank balances	450,870	328,510	4,361	5,247
Money market funds	70,519	168,224	-	-
Fixed deposits with licensed banks	56,469	55,323	13,000	13,026
	<u>577,858</u>	<u>552,057</u>	<u>17,361</u>	<u>18,273</u>

Fixed deposits with licensed banks include pledged deposits of RM42,641,000 (2022: RM41,485,000) as securities for Sukuk Musharakah Medium Term Notes ("SMTN") programme of the subsidiary as disclosed in Note 21.

#### 19. CASH AND SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS (continued)

As of 31 December 2023, the Group has utilised RM8,794,051 (2022: RM9,802,551) of its corporate bank guarantee facility which is obtained from an overseas licensed bank.

The interest rates are as follows:

	Group		Company	
	2023 %	2022 %	2023 %	2022 %
Fixed and short-term deposits	2.55-3.55	2.55-3.50	3.50-3.55	3.50

The maturity periods of the deposits of the Group and of the Company range from 90 to 189 days (2022: 90 to 189 days).

#### 20. SHARE CAPITAL AND RESERVES

	Group and Company			
	2023 Amount RM'000	2023 Number of shares RM'000	2022 Amount RM'000	2022 Number of shares RM'000
Issued and fully paid up shares with no par value classified as equity instrument:				
Ordinary shares				
At 1 January/31 December	<u>1,038,000</u>	<u>3,410,000</u>	<u>1,038,000</u>	<u>3,410,000</u>

##### Ordinary shares

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.

##### Goodwill written-off reserve

This reserve relates to goodwill written-off arising from the acquisition of its subsidiary, measured at cost.

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#### 21. BORROWINGS

	Group	
	2023	2022
	RM'000	RM'000
Unsecured:		
Sukuk Musharakah Medium Term Note ("SMTN")	850,000	975,000
Less: Amount due within 12 months (shown under current liabilities)	(125,000)	(125,000)
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Non-current portion	725,000	850,000

The non-current portion is repayable as follows:

	Group	
	2023	2022
	RM'000	RM'000
Financial years ending 31 December:		
2025	175,000	125,000
2026 and above	550,000	725,000
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	725,000	850,000

Sukuk Musharakah Medium Term Notes ("SMTN") - representing a 20-years Sukuk Musharakah Medium Term Notes programme with an initial draw down of RM450 million on 3 May 2011. This initial draw down is repayable in 6 annual tranches from 3 May 2022 to 3 May 2026. The SMTN is available for issuance for an aggregate nominal value of RM2.0 billion. The profit rates range from 4.43% to 5.38% (2022: 4.43% to 5.38%) per annum.

On 1 April 2013, an additional RM250 million of SMTN was drawdown and is repayable in 4 tranches from 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2028. The profit rates range from 4.43% to 4.58% per annum.

On 23 October 2013, an additional RM200 million of SMTN was drawdown and is repayable in 5 tranches from 23 October 2024 to 23 October 2028. The profit rates range from 4.58% to 4.90% per annum.

On 3 April 2014, an additional RM250 million of SMTN was drawdown and is repayable in 4 tranches from 2 April 2021 to 3 April 2024. The profit rates range from 4.60% to 4.85% per annum.

On 7 August 2017, an additional RM200 million of SMTN was drawdown and is repayable in 2 tranches from 7 August 2020 to 7 August 2021. The profit rates range from 4.15% to 4.22% per annum.

On 13 December 2017, an additional RM150 million of SMTN was drawdown and is repayable in 3 tranches from 13 December 2021 to 13 December 2027. The profit rates range from 4.53% to 4.90% per annum.

SMTN has been implemented on a clean basis and certain pledged deposits are maintained in the Finance Service Reserve Account with the lender as disclosed in Note 19.

During the year, the Group redeemed RM125 million (2022: RM175 million) of SMTN in accordance with the redemption terms.

#### 21. BORROWINGS (continued)

##### Covenants

The SMTN is subject to certain positive and negative undertakings and the primary financial covenants are as follows:-

(i) financial service cover ratio of WMSB shall not be less than 1.25 times; and

(ii) finance to equity ratio of WMSB shall not exceed 2.0 times.

WMSB is required to maintain a minimal rating of AAA during the tenor of SMTN. The subsidiary attained a rating of AAA from RAM Rating Services Berhad on 5 December 2023

#### 22. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

	Group		Company	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
<b>Trade</b>				
Trade payables (Note a)	44,854	72,543	-	-
Accrued expenses	50,853	57,697	-	-
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	95,707	130,240	-	-
<b>Non-trade</b>				
Other payables (Note b)	34,262	38,594	57	80
Accrued expenses (Note c)	28,981	26,479	-	-
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	63,243	65,073	57	80
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	158,950	195,313	57	80

Trade and other payables comprise amounts outstanding for trade purchases and ongoing costs, are unsecured and interest-free.

- (a) Included in trade payables is balance due to related parties amounting to RM2,917,000 (2022: RM2,465,000) which is unsecured, interest free and repayable on demand. The credit period granted to the Group for trade purchases is 60 days (2022: 60 days).
- (b) Included in trade payables are balances due to suppliers for the purchases of property, plant and equipment amounting to RM16,569,362 (2022: RM50,608,240).
- (c) Included in non-trade accrued expenses is profit sharing expenses payable to the port authority amounting to RM12,321,000 (2022: RM11,500,000) and accrual of construction costs for port infrastructure.



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#### 23. EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

	Group	
	2023	2022
	RM'000	RM'000
<b>Present value of unfunded obligations</b>		
Provision for retirement benefits	8,503	8,714

The Group operates a defined benefit plan for its eligible employees. The obligations under the retirement benefit scheme are determined based on the latest available actuarial valuation by a qualified independent actuary.

Principal assumptions at the end of the reporting periods are as follows:

	Group	
	2023	2022
Discount rate	4.8%	4.7%
Expected annual salary increment rate	6.0%	6.0%

Movements in the present value of defined benefit obligations:

	Group	
	2023	2022
	RM'000	RM'000
Defined benefit obligations at 1 January	8,714	8,590
Expense recognised in profit or loss (Note 10)	158	432
Retirement benefits paid	(369)	(308)
Defined benefit obligations at 31 December	8,503	8,714

The defined benefit plan was frozen on 31 August 2004. Subsequent to 31 August 2004, no new participants have been introduced to the defined benefit plan. Employees under the defined benefit plan continue to be eligible for their retirement benefits but computations of their length of service years with the Group are only until 31 August 2004.

#### 24 DEFERRED TAX LIABILITIES

The deferred tax amounts, determined after appropriate offsetting, are as follows:

	Group	
	2023	2022
	RM'000	RM'000
Deferred tax liabilities	436,536	433,544
Deferred tax assets	(8,213)	(7,058)
	428,323	426,486

Movement in deferred tax assets and liabilities (prior to offsetting of balances) of the Group during the year are as follows:

	Recognised		Recognise		
	At	in profit	At	d	
	1.1.2022	or loss	31.12.2022/	in profit	At
	RM'000	(Note 11)	1.1.2023	or loss	31.12.2023
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
<b>Group</b>					
<b>Deferred tax liabilities</b>					
Property plant and equipment and concession assets	(434,849)	1,305	(433,544)	(2,992)	(436,536)
Others	(1,578)	1,578	-	-	-
	(436,427)	2,883	(433,544)	(2,992)	(436,536)
<b>Deferred tax assets</b>					
Provisions	52,388	(45,611)	6,777	(580)	6,197
Others	-	281	281	1,735	2,016
	52,388	(45,330)	7,058	1,155	8,213
	(384,039)	(42,447)	(426,486)	(1,837)	(428,323)

Deferred tax liabilities and assets above are offset as there is a legally enforceable right to set off current tax assets against current tax liabilities and that the deferred taxes relate to the same taxation authority and entity.

Deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profits will be available against which the temporary differences can be utilised. The deductible temporary differences do not expire under the current tax legislation.

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#### 25. PROVISIONS

Included in provisions are payables to various external parties relating to marketing activities. The movements in provisions during the reporting period are as follows:

	<b>Group RM'000</b>
At 1 January 2022	313,827
Provisions made	403,125
Payments made	<u>(496,386)</u>
At 31 December 2022/1 January 2023	220,566
Provisions made	429,526
Payments made	<u>(405,641)</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>244,451</u>

#### 26. SERVICE CONCESSION OBLIGATION

	<b>Group</b>	
	<b>2023 RM'000</b>	<b>2022 RM'000</b>
At 1 January	115,932	168,136
Finance costs (Note 9)	6,088	8,827
Payment of lease rental	<u>(61,031)</u>	<u>(61,031)</u>
At 31 December	<u>60,989</u>	<u>115,932</u>

The minimum lease payments for the service concession obligation are payable as follows:

<b>Group</b>	<b>Future minimum lease payments RM'000</b>	<b>Interest RM'000</b>	<b>Present value of minimum lease payments RM'000</b>
<b>2023</b>			
Less than one year	64,191	(3,202)	60,989
<b>2022</b>			
Less than one year	61,031	(6,088)	54,943
Between one and five years	64,191	(3,202)	60,989
	<u>125,222</u>	<u>(9,290)</u>	<u>115,932</u>

#### 27. LEASE LIABILITIES

<b>Group</b>	<b>2023 RM'000</b>	<b>2022 RM'000</b>
At 1 January	65,324	70,360
Additions (Note 14)	42,766	22,396
Finance costs (Note 9)	4,609	4,084
Payment of lease rental	(35,836)	(31,516)
Lease termination	(8,962)	-
At 31 December	<u>67,901</u>	<u>65,324</u>

The minimum lease payments for the lease liabilities are payable as follows:

<b>Group</b>	<b>Future minimum lease payments RM'000</b>	<b>Interest RM'000</b>	<b>Present value of minimum lease payments RM'000</b>
<b>2023</b>			
Less than one year	29,750	(3,028)	26,722
Between one and five years	44,358	(3,179)	41,179
	<u>74,108</u>	<u>(6,207)</u>	<u>67,901</u>
<b>2022</b>			
Less than one year	26,643	(2,865)	23,778
Between one and five years	44,957	(3,411)	41,546
	<u>71,600</u>	<u>(6,276)</u>	<u>65,324</u>

#### 28. EARNINGS PER ORDINARY SHARE

##### Basic earnings per ordinary share

The basic earnings per ordinary share is calculated by dividing the Group's profit attributable to owners of the Company of RM779,432,000 (2022: RM699,578,000) by the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the financial year of 3,410,000,000 (2022: 3,410,000,000).

##### Diluted earnings per ordinary share

The Group has no dilution in its earnings per ordinary share in the current financial year as the Group does not have dilutive financial instruments.

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#### 29. DIVIDENDS

Amounts recognised as distributions to equity holders in the year:

	Sen per share	Amount RM'000	Date of payment
<b>2023</b>			
Second interim dividend 2022	7.46	254,386	20 February 2023
First interim dividend 2023	8.19	279,279	22 August 2023
		<u>533,665</u>	
<b>2022</b>			
Second interim dividend 2021	9.28	316,448	24 February 2022
First interim dividend 2022	6.91	235,631	23 August 2022
		<u>552,079</u>	

On 2 February 2024, the Directors declared a second interim dividend of 8.72 sen per share, amounting to RM297,352,000 in respect of the financial year ended 31 December 2023. The financial statements for the current financial year do not reflect this dividend. Such dividend will be accounted for within equity as an appropriation of reserves for the financial year ending 31 December 2024.

No final dividend has been paid or declared during the financial year and the Directors do not recommend any final dividend to be paid for the financial year under review.

#### 30. OPERATING SEGMENTS

The Board of Directors reviews internal management reports on a monthly basis. Operating segments are components in which separate financial information is available that is evaluated regularly by the Board of Directors in deciding how to allocate resources and in assessing performance of the Group. The Group has identified the business of port development and management of port operations as its sole operating segment.

The Board of Directors does not consider investment holding activities as a reportable segment. For segmental reporting, unallocated costs relate to administrative expenses of the holding company. Unallocated assets and liabilities pertain to the holding company's property, plant and equipment, other receivables, investments in securities, cash and cash equivalents, other payables and tax liabilities.

No entity wide geographic information is provided as the Group's activities are carried out predominantly in Malaysia.

Performance is measured based on segment profit before finance income, finance cost and taxation as included in the internal management reports that are reviewed by the Board of Directors.

#### 30. OPERATING SEGMENTS (continued)

##### Segment assets

Segment assets information is presented regularly to the Board of Directors and hence, no disclosure is made on the segment assets.

##### Segment liabilities

Segment liabilities information is presented regularly to the Board of Directors and hence, no disclosure is made on the segment liabilities.

##### Segment capital expenditure

Segment capital expenditure information is the total cost incurred during the financial year to acquire and construct property, plant and equipment and concession assets.

##### Information about reportable segment

	Port development and management of port operations	
	2023	2022
	RM'000	RM'000
Reportable segment profit	1,039,831	952,882
<i>Included in the measure of segment profit are:</i>		
Revenue - external customers	2,088,623	2,055,383
- construction services	63,295	13,629
Reversal of impairment loss on trade receivables	133	257
Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment	1,947	2
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	(142,898)	(152,177)
Amortisation of concession assets	(86,399)	(85,652)
Concession assets written off	(127)	(221)
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	(29,573)	(26,678)
Impairment loss on trade receivables	(136)	(132)
Property, plant and equipment written off	-	(13,974)

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#### 30. OPERATING SEGMENTS (continued)

##### Reconciliation of reportable segment profit and revenue

	<b>Port development and management of port operations</b>	
	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>RM'000</b>	<b>RM'000</b>
<b>Profit</b>		
Reportable segment	1,039,831	952,882
Non-reportable segment	(2,378)	(2,790)
Finance income	10,896	12,267
Finance costs	(52,630)	(64,572)
Share of results of a joint venture	10,495	46,153
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Consolidated profit before tax	1,006,214	943,940
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<b>Revenue</b>		
Reportable segment	2,151,918	2,069,012
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Consolidated revenue	2,151,918	2,069,012

##### Geographical information

The revenue of the Group are from its sole port operations in Malaysia.

All non-current assets of the Group were maintained within Malaysia as at the end of the current and previous financial year.

##### Major customers

The following are major customers with revenue equal to or more than 10% of the Group's total revenue:-

	<b>Port Operations</b>	
	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>RM'000</b>	<b>RM'000</b>
Customer A	298,597	237,228
Customer B	219,153	180,982
Customer C	212,930	204,957
Customer D	209,182	202,123

#### 31. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

##### (a) Classes and categories of financial instruments and their fair values

The carrying amounts of cash and cash equivalents, receivables and payables reasonably approximate their fair values due to the relatively short-term nature of these financial instruments. Accordingly, the fair values and fair value hierarchy level have not been presented for these instruments.

##### **Fair value of financial assets and financial liabilities that are not measured at fair value (but fair value disclosures are required)**

The table below analyses financial instruments not carried at fair value for which fair value is disclosed, together with fair values and carrying amounts shown in the statement of financial position. Combines information about:

- classes of financial instruments based on their nature and characteristics;
- the carrying amounts of financial instruments;
- fair values of financial instruments (except financial instruments when carrying amount approximates their fair value); and
- fair value hierarchy levels of financial assets and financial liabilities for which fair value was disclosed.

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### 31. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (continued)

#### (a) Classes and categories of financial instruments and their fair values (continued)

2023 Group	Carrying amount				Fair value		
	Financial assets		Financial liabilities	Total	Level		
	FVTPL – designated	Amortised cost	Amortised cost		1	2	3
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
Trade and other receivables *	-	264,857	-	264,857	Note 1	Note 1	Note 1
Cash and bank balances	-	507,339	-	507,339	Note 1	Note 1	Note 1
Money market fund	70,519	-	-	70,519	70,519	-	-
Trade and other payables	-	-	(158,950)	(158,950)	Note 1	Note 1	Note 1
Borrowings	-	-	(850,000)	(850,000)	-	-	(954,604)
Service concession obligation	-	-	(60,989)	(60,989)	-	-	(60,989)
Lease liabilities	-	-	(67,901)	(67,901)	-	-	(67,901)
	70,519	772,196	(1,137,840)	(295,125)	70,519	-	(1,083,494)
<b>2022 Group</b>							
Trade and other receivables *	-	202,117	-	202,117	Note 1	Note 1	Note 1
Cash and bank balances	-	383,833	-	383,833	Note 1	Note 1	Note 1
Money market fund	168,224	-	-	168,224	168,224	-	-
Trade and other payables	-	-	(195,313)	(195,313)	Note 1	Note 1	Note 1
Borrowings	-	-	(975,000)	(975,000)	-	-	(1,149,451)
Service concession obligation	-	-	(115,932)	(115,932)	-	-	(115,932)
Lease liabilities	-	-	(65,324)	(65,324)	-	-	(65,324)
	168,224	585,950	(1,351,569)	(597,395)	168,224	-	(1,330,707)

\* Excludes investments in club membership, prepayments, and input tax recoverable.

Note 1 - the carrying amounts approximate fair values due to the relatively short-term nature of these financial instruments.

### 31. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (continued)

#### (a) Classes and categories of financial instruments and their fair values (continued)

2023 Company	Carrying amount			Fair value			
	Financial assets		Financial liabilities	Total	Level		
	Amortised cost	Amortised cost	Amortised cost		1	2	3
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
Trade and other receivables	76	-	76	Note 1	Note 1	Note 1	
Cash and bank balances	17,361	-	17,361	Note 1	Note 1	Note 1	
Trade and other payables	-	(57)	(57)	Note 1	Note 1	Note 1	
<b>2022 Company</b>							
Trade and other receivables	76	-	76	Note 1	Note 1	Note 1	
Cash and bank balances	18,273	-	18,273	Note 1	Note 1	Note 1	
Trade and other payables	-	(80)	(80)	Note 1	Note 1	Note 1	

There were no transfers between Level 1 and 2 during the current or prior year.

Note 1 - the carrying amounts approximate fair values due to the relatively short-term nature of these financial instruments.

The following table shows the valuation techniques used in the determination of fair values within Level 3.

Type	Valuation technique	Significant unobservable inputs	Inter-relationship between significant unobservable inputs and fair value measurement
<b>Borrowings</b>	Discounted cash flows	Interest rate of 4.43% to 5.38% (2022: 4.43% to 5.38%) per annum	The estimated fair value would increase/(decrease) if the discount rate is lower/(higher)
<b>Service concession obligation</b>	Discounted cash flows	Interest rate of 5.25% (2022: 5.25%) per annum	The estimated fair value would increase/(decrease) if the discount rate is lower/(higher)
<b>Lease liabilities</b>	Discounted cash flows	Interest rate of 4.50% (2022: 4.50%) per annum	The estimated fair value would increase/(decrease) if the discount rate is lower/(higher)

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### 31. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (continued)

#### (b) Financial risk management objectives

The Group has exposure to the following risks from its use of financial instruments:

- Market risk
  - Currency risk
  - Interest rate risk
- Credit risk
- Liquidity and cash flow risk

#### Market risk

Market risk is the risk that changes in the market prices, such as foreign exchange rates and interest rates that will affect the Group's financial position or cash flows.

#### (i) Foreign currency risk management

The Group is exposed to foreign currency risk on purchases of machineries and parts that are denominated in currency other than functional currency.

The carrying amounts of the Group's foreign currency denominated monetary liabilities at the reporting date are as follows:

	Liabilities	
	2023	2022
	RM'000	RM'000
<b>Currency</b>		
Singapore dollar	76	-

Exposure to foreign currency risk is monitored and where considered necessary, the Group may consider appropriate hedging strategies to mitigate the foreign currency risks.

#### Foreign currency sensitivity analysis

The Group does not have any significant exposure to foreign currency risk as most of its transactions and balances are denominated in Ringgit Malaysia, other than the purchases of machineries and parts. The exposure to currency risk of the Group is not material and hence, sensitivity analysis is not presented.

#### (ii) Interest rate risk management

The Group does not have any significant exposure to interest rate risk as the financial assets and financial liabilities are subject to fixed rates but the Group does not measure them at fair value, except money market fund.

### 31. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (continued)

#### (b) Financial risk management objectives (continued)

#### Market risk (continued)

#### (ii) Interest rate risk management (continued)

#### Exposure to interest rate risk

The interest rate profile of the Group's significant interest-bearing financial instruments, based on carrying amounts as at the end of the reporting period was:

	Group		Company	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
<b>Fixed rate instruments</b>				
Borrowings	(850,000)	(975,000)	-	-
Service concession obligation	(60,989)	(115,932)	-	-
Lease liabilities	(67,901)	(65,324)	-	-

#### Fair value sensitivity analysis for fixed rate instruments

The Group has holdings in money market funds at fixed rates measured at fair value through profit or loss. A change in interest rates at the end of the reporting period would not materially affect profit or loss.

#### Credit risk management

Credit risk is the risk of a financial loss to the Group 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 its trade receivables from customers and cash and cash equivalents.

#### Receivables

Management has a credit policy in place and the exposure to credit risk is monitored on an ongoing basis. Credit evaluations are performed by the Credit Committee that sets policies, approves credit evaluations and institutes mitigating actions.

New customers are subject to the credit evaluation process and existing customers' risk profiles are reviewed regularly with a view to setting appropriate terms of trade and credit limits. Where appropriate, further transactions are suspended and legal actions are taken to attempt recoveries and mitigate losses. Financial guarantees from certain customers may be obtained.

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#### 31. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (continued)

##### (b) Financial risk management objectives (continued)

###### Credit risk management (continued)

###### Receivables (continued)

###### Exposure to credit risk, credit quality and collateral

As at the end of the reporting period, the Group's maximum exposure to credit risk arising from receivables is represented by the carrying amounts in the statement of financial position.

Credit approvals and other monitoring procedures are also in place to ensure that follow-up action is taken to recover overdue debts. Furthermore, the Group reviews the recoverable amount of each trade debt on an individual basis at the end of the reporting period to ensure that adequate credit loss allowance is made for irrecoverable amounts. In this regard, the Directors of the Company consider that the Group's credit risk is significantly reduced.

Management has taken reasonable steps to ensure that receivables that are neither past due nor impaired are stated at their realisable values. A significant portion of these receivables are regular customers that have been transacting with the Group. The Group uses credit risk grading framework to monitor the credit quality of the receivables based on its own trading records to rate its major customers and other debtors.

The Group's current credit risk grading framework comprises the following categories:

Internal credit rating	Description	Basis for recognising expected credit losses
Performing	The counterparty has a low risk of default and does not have any past-due amounts	12-month ECL
Doubtful	Amount is >30 days past due or there has been a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition	Lifetime ECL - not credit-impaired
In default	Amount is >180 days past due or there is evidence indicating the asset is credit-impaired	Lifetime ECL - credit-impaired
Write-off	There is evidence indicating that the debtor is in financial difficulty and the Group has no realistic prospect of recovery	Amount written off

#### 31. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (continued)

##### (b) Financial risk management objectives (continued)

###### Credit risk management (continued)

###### Receivables (continued)

###### Exposure to credit risk, credit quality and collateral (continued)

The Group obtains financial guarantees from certain customers in managing its exposures to credit risks. At the end of the reporting period, financial guarantees received by the Group amounted to RM75 million (2022: RM51 million) from trade receivables.

The Group measures the credit loss allowance for trade receivables at an amount equal to lifetime ECL. The expected credit losses on trade receivables are estimated using a provision matrix by reference to past default experience of the debtor and an analysis of the debtor's current financial position, adjusted for factors that are specific to the debtors, general economic conditions of the industry in which the debtors operate and an assessment of both the current as well as the forecast direction of conditions at the reporting date. The Group has recognised a credit loss allowance of 100% against all receivables over 360 days past due because historical experience has indicated that these receivables are generally not recoverable.

There has been no change in the estimation techniques or significant assumptions made during the current reporting period.

The Group writes off a trade receivable when there is information indicating that the debtor is in severe financial difficulty and there is no realistic prospect of recovery. None of the trade receivables that have been written off is subject to enforcement activities.

The following table details the risk profile of trade receivables based on the Group's provision matrix. As the Group's historical credit loss experience does not show significantly different loss patterns for different customer segments, the provision for credit loss allowance based on past due status is not further distinguished between the Group's different customer bases.

Group	Trade receivables - days past due			Total	
	Not past due	1 – 30 Days	31 – 180 Days		More than 180 days
<b>2023</b>					
Estimated total gross carrying amount at default	200,490	36,985	11,144	8,060	256,679
Lifetime ECL	-	-	-	-	(7,676)
					<u>249,003</u>
<b>2022</b>					
Estimated total gross carrying amount at default	142,665	24,999	13,919	13,609	195,192
Lifetime ECL	-	-	-	-	(7,673)
					<u>187,519</u>

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#### 31. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (continued)

##### (b) Financial risk management objectives (continued)

###### Credit risk management (continued)

###### Receivables (continued)

###### Exposure to credit risk, credit quality and collateral (continued)

The movements in the impairment loss of trade receivables during the financial year are as follows:

	Group 2023 RM'000	2022 RM'000
Lifetime ECL (simplified approach)		
At 1 January	7,673	7,798
Impairment loss recognised (Note 10)	136	132
Reversal of impairment loss (Note 10)	(133)	(257)
	<u>7,676</u>	<u>7,673</u>
At 31 December	<u>7,676</u>	<u>7,673</u>

###### Cash and short term investments

The Group's and the Company's cash and short term investments consist of cash and bank balances, money market funds and fixed deposits with licensed banks.

###### Exposure to credit risk, credit quality and collateral

The maximum exposure to credit risk is represented by the carrying amounts of cash and short term investments in the statement of financial position and the Group's financial assets as disclosed in Note 31(a) best represents their respective maximum exposure to credit risk. Management does not expect any counterparty to fail to meet its obligations.

###### Liquidity and cash flow risk management

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Group will not be able to meet its financial obligations as they fall due. The Group's exposure to liquidity risk arises principally from its various payables and borrowings.

The Group maintains a level of cash and cash equivalents and banking facilities that are deemed adequate by management to ensure, as far as possible, that it will have sufficient liquidity to meet its liabilities when they fall due.

It is not expected that the cash flows included in the maturity analysis could occur significantly earlier, or at a significantly different amount.

#### 31. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (continued)

##### (b) Financial risk management objectives (continued)

###### Liquidity and cash flow risk management (continued)

The table below summarises the maturity profile of the Group's and of the Company's financial liabilities as at the end of the reporting period based on undiscounted contractual payments:

Group	Carrying amount RM'000	Contractual profit/ interest rate	Contractual cash flows RM'000	Under 1 years RM'000	1 - 2 years RM'000	2 - 5 years RM'000
<b>2023</b>						
<i>Non-derivative financial liabilities</i>						
Borrowings	850,000	4.43% - 5.38%	954,604	162,999	205,766	585,839
Trade and other payables	158,950	-	158,950	158,950	-	-
Service concession obligation	60,989	5.25%	641,191	64,191	-	-
Lease liabilities	67,901	4.50%	74,108	29,750	35,727	8,631
	<u>1,137,840</u>		<u>1,251,853</u>	<u>415,890</u>	<u>241,493</u>	<u>594,470</u>
<b>Company</b>						
<b>2023</b>						
<i>Non-derivative financial liabilities</i>						
Trade and other payables	57		57	57	-	-



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### 31. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (continued)

#### (b) Financial risk management objectives (continued)

##### Liquidity and cash flow risk management (continued)

Group	Carrying amount RM'000	Contractual profit/ interest rate	Contractual cash flows RM'000	Under 1 years RM'000	1 - 2 years RM'000	2 - 5 years RM'000
<b>2022</b>						
<i>Non-derivative financial liabilities</i>						
Borrowings	975,000	4.43% -5.38%	1,123,125	168,125	162,999	791,605
Trade and other payables	195,313	-	195,313	195,313	-	-
Service concession obligation	115,932	5.25%	125,222	61,031	64,191	-
Lease liabilities	65,324	4.50%	71,600	26,643	32,826	12,131
	<u>1,351,569</u>		<u>1,515,260</u>	<u>451,508</u>	<u>260,016</u>	<u>803,736</u>

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<i>Non-derivative financial liabilities</i>						
Trade and other payables	80		80	80	-	-

### 32. CAPITAL RISK MANAGEMENT

The Group's objectives when managing capital is to maintain an optimal capital structure and to safeguard the Group's ability to continue as a going concern, so as to maintain GOM, investors', creditors' and market confidence and to sustain future development of the business. The Directors monitor and are determined to maintain an optimal net debt-to-equity ratio and to comply with applicable externally imposed covenants or conditions.

	Group 2023 RM'000	2022 RM'000
Debt	917,901	1,040,324
Less: Cash and short term investments	(577,858)	(522,057)
Net debt	<u>340,043</u>	<u>488,267</u>
Equity	<u>3,520,121</u>	<u>3,274,354</u>
Net debt-to-equity ratio	<u>0.10</u>	<u>0.15</u>

Debt is defined as long and short-term borrowing and lease liabilities as disclosed in Notes 21 and 27.

Equity includes all capital and reserves of the Group that is managed as capital.

There were no changes in the Group's approach to capital risk management during the financial year.

### 33. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

	Group 2023 RM'000	2022 RM'000
<b>Capital expenditure commitments:</b>		
<i>Property, plant and equipment and concession assets</i>		
Authorised and contracted for	<u>512,554</u>	<u>548,128</u>

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#### 34. OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS

##### Leases as lessor

The Group subleases out certain lands and buildings under operating leases. The future minimum lease receivables under non-cancellable leases are as follows:

Group	2023 RM'000	2022 RM'000
Less than one year	25,313	565
Between one and four years	130,412	93,288
	<u>155,725</u>	<u>93,853</u>

#### 35. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

Group	2023 RM'000	2022 RM'000
Claims related to additional assessment by Inland Revenue Board	-	143,235

In 2020, WMSB was served a the notice of additional assessment for additional tax liabilities of RM120,576,256, inclusive of penalties for the years of assessment from 2013 to 2018, by the Inland Revenue Board of Malaysia ("IRB") in relation to the following:

- Total annual lease payments made by WMSB to the Port Klang Authority ("PKA") amounting to RM299,901,840 for the years of assessment from 2013 to 2018 was assessed by IRB as not allowable for deduction in WMSB's tax computation; and
- Deferred revenue of RM7,965,536 for the year of assessment 2018 was assessed by IRB as a non-deductible expenditure.

On 26 July 2021, WMSB was served with another notice of additional assessment for additional tax liabilities of RM22,658,626 as the total annual lease payment made by WMSB to the PKA amounting to RM59,006,840 for the year of assessment 2019 was assessed by IRB as not allowable for deduction in WMSB's tax computation.

On 17 August 2022, the hearing for judicial review against Ministry of Finance ("MOF") has been vacated and the leave hearing was held on 3 January 2023. The Court has fixed the decision date for the intervener and leave application on 31 January 2023. The interim stay has been extended until then. Concurrently, case mention for Special Commissioners of Income Tax ("SCIT") has been rescheduled to 17 February 2022 which the cause paper have been filed and the court has fixed a hearing date on 16 and 17 May 2023.

#### 35. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES (continued)

On 20 December 2022, the High Court disallowed IRB to intervene and granted leave for judicial review. The Group has filed notice of hearing of the application for judicial review on 31 December 2022. The court has fixed case management on 12 January 2023. The case mention for SCIT was fixed on 7 May 2022 and the court instructed the parties to file the cause papers on 3 October 2022. The parties have filed the cause papers and the court has fixed case management on 16 February 2023.

On 29 May 2023, the IRB issued Form JR to cancel the notices of additional assessment for years of assessment 2013 to 2019. In view of the Form JR issued by IRB, WMSB filed Notices of Discontinuance in the respective Courts on 30 May 2023.

As the suits are discontinued, in the opinion of the Directors, the contingent liabilities regarding this case are no longer relevant to be disclosed in the financial statements.

#### 36. RELATED PARTIES

##### Identity of related parties

For the purposes of these financial statements, 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 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 Directors of the Group. Transactions with key management personnel are disclosed in Note 37.

The Group has related party relationship with its significant investors, subsidiary, related companies, Directors and key management personnel.

Related party transactions have been entered into in the normal course of business and under negotiated terms. The balances related to the below transactions are shown in Note 22.

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#### 36. RELATED PARTIES (continued)

##### Identity of related parties (continued)

	Group	
	2023	2022
	RM'000	RM'000
<b>Corporate shareholder</b>		
<i>Pembinaan Redzai Sdn. Bhd.</i>		
- Office rental and administrative expenses paid on behalf	55	18
<b>Companies in which a director has significant financial interest</b>		
<i>Cloud Ten Executive Travel &amp; Tours Sdn. Bhd</i>		
- Flight ticket and accommodation	2,199	1,069
<i>Gryss Holdings Sdn. Bhd</i>		
- Office rental and utilities	-	44
<i>Harbour 360 Sdn Bhd.</i>		
- Hiring of tug boat	342	-
Westports Foundation		
- Financial support to community	716	1,340
	Company	
	2023	2022
	RM'000	RM'000
<b>Corporate shareholder</b>		
<i>Pembinaan Redzai Sdn Bhd</i>		
- Office rental	54	11
<b>Company in which a director has significant financial interest (continued)</b>		
<i>Gryss Holdings Sdn. Bhd.</i>		
- Office rental	-	49

#### 37. KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL COMPENSATION

Key management personnel are those Group or Company personnel having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the Group or the Company either directly or indirectly. The key management personnel include all the Directors of the Group or Company. The key management personnel compensation are as follows:

	Group		Company	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
Directors' fees	1,470	1,812	1,080	1,147
Salaries and bonuses	6,025	6,081	-	-
Defined contribution plan	1,024	1,034	-	-
Allowances	840	824	827	810
	9,359	9,751	1,907	1,957

The estimated monetary value of Directors' benefits-in-kind is RM983,000 (2022: RM1,019,000).

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#### STATEMENT BY DIRECTORS

#### PURSUANT TO SECTION 251(2) OF THE COMPANIES ACT, 2016 IN MALAYSIA

In the opinion of the Directors of WESTPORTS HOLDINGS BERHAD, the accompanying financial statements are drawn up in accordance with Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards, International Financial Reporting Standards and the provisions 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 at 31 December 2023 and of the financial performance and the cash flows of the Group and of the Company for the financial year then ended.

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

.....  
**AHMAD ZUBIR BIN ZAHID**

Director

.....  
**DATUK RUBEN EMIR GNANALINGAM BIN ABDULLAH**

Director

Kuala Lumpur  
2 February 2024

## Statement By Directors

Financial Statements

### WESTPORTS HOLDINGS BERHAD

(Incorporated in Malaysia)

### AND ITS SUBSIDIARY

#### STATUTORY DECLARATION

#### PURSUANT TO SECTION 251(1)(b) OF THE COMPANIES ACT, 2016 IN MALAYSIA

I, LEE MUN TAT, the officer primarily responsible for the financial management of WESTPORTS HOLDINGS BERHAD, do solemnly and sincerely declare that the accompanying financial statements are, in my opinion, correct and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of the Statutory Declarations Act, 1960.

.....  
**LEE MUN TAT**

MIA 14184

Subscribed and solemnly declared by the abovenamed Lee Mun Tat,  
at Kuala Lumpur in Federal Territory, this 2nd day of February 2024.

Before me,

.....  
**COMMISSIONER FOR OATHS**

## Statutory Declaration

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### **WESTPORTS HOLDINGS BERHAD**

(Incorporated in Malaysia)

### **AND ITS SUBSIDIARY**

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19th day of January 2023.

Before me,

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**COMMISSIONER FOR OATHS**

## Additional Compliance Information

### Other Information

In compliance with the Listing Requirements of Bursa Securities, the following information is provided:-

#### 1. Utilisation of Proceeds Raised from Corporate Proposal

There were no corporate proposals or exercises carried out during the financial year to raise proceeds.

#### 2. Material Contracts Involving Interests of Directors and Major Shareholders

The material contracts entered into by the Company and its subsidiary involving the interest of Directors and major shareholders, either still subsisting at the end of the financial year ended 31 December 2023 or entered into since the end of the previous financial year are as follows:

- (a) A conditional sale and purchase agreement entered into between Westports Malaysia Sdn Bhd (“WMSB”), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company with Pembinaan Redzai Sdn Bhd (“PRSB”) on 7 February 2020 to acquire a parcel of leasehold land held under Pajakan Negeri (PN) 7374, Lot No. 72778, Mukim and District of Klang, State of Selangor Darul Ehsan measuring about 146.4 hectares (361.762 acres) (“the Land”), from PRSB for a total cash consideration of RM393,958,900 (“Proposed Acquisition”)

The Company had on 5 May 2020 vide Extraordinary General Meeting obtained the shareholders’ approval on the Proposed Acquisition. The Company and PRSB had subsequently on mutual agreement extended the conditional period for a further 6 months from 9 August 2023 to 8 February 2024.

WMSB, the Government of Malaysia and Port Klang Authority have signed the third supplemental agreement to the existing concession agreement for the expansion of the Container Terminal facilities on 8 December 2023. This marked the fulfilment of the last Condition Precedent in relation to the Sale and Purchase Agreement (“SPA”) and accordingly, the SPA has become unconditional on 14 December 2023.

WMSB had on 13 March 2024 completed the acquisition of the Land by making payment of the balance sum to PRSB’s solicitors. Accordingly, the acquisition of the Land has been completed pursuant to the terms and conditions of the SPA.

#### 3. Contracts Relating to Loans

There were no contracts relating to loans entered into by the Company and its subsidiaries involving Directors’ and major shareholders’ interests during the financial year ended 31 December 2023.

#### 4. Recurrent Related Party Transactions

Details of the recurrent related party transactions undertaken by the Group during the financial year ended 31 December 2023 are disclosed in Note 36 to the Financial Statements.

## Analysis Of Shareholdings

### Other Information

#### Analysis of Shareholdings as at 29 February 2024

Issued Shares	: 3,410,000,000
Class of Shares	: Ordinary shares
Voting Rights	: One vote per share

#### Distribution of Shareholdings

as per Register of Substantial Shareholders as at 29 February 2024

Size of Holdings	No. of holders	%	No. of shares	%
Less than 100	292	5.35	1,574	Negligible
100 to 1,000	1,656	30.35	1,168,705	0.03
1,001 to 10,000	2,627	48.15	11,626,850	0.34
10,001 to 100,000	648	11.88	21,228,195	0.62
100,001 to less than 5% of Issued Shares	230	4.22	977,918,152	28.68
5% and above of Issued Shares	3	0.06	2,398,056,524	70.32
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,456</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>3,410,000,000</b>	<b>100.00</b>

#### Substantial Shareholders

Name of Substantial Shareholders	Direct		Indirect	
	No. of shares held	% of Issued Capital	No. of shares held	% of Issued Capital
Pembinaan Redzai Sdn Bhd	1,446,461,500	42.42	-	-
South Port Investment Holdings Limited	802,962,600	23.55	-	-
The Estate of late Tan Sri Datuk Gnanalingam A/L Gunanath Lingam	-	-	1,552,100,000 <sup>(1)</sup>	45.52
Pacific Port Investment Holdings Limited	-	-	802,962,600 <sup>(2)</sup>	23.55
Coastal Wide Limited	-	-	802,962,600 <sup>(3)</sup>	23.55
Hutchison Port Holdings Limited	-	-	802,962,600 <sup>(4)</sup>	23.55
CK Hutchison Global Investments Limited	-	-	802,962,600 <sup>(4)</sup>	23.55
CK Hutchison Holdings Limited	-	-	802,962,600 <sup>(4)</sup>	23.55
Employees Provident Fund Board	321,486,300 <sup>(5)</sup>	9.43	-	-
Kumpulan Wang Persaraan (Diperbadankan) (“KWAP”)	196,364,400	5.76	34,441,600 <sup>(6)</sup>	1.01
Gryss Limited	-	-	1,446,461,500 <sup>(7)</sup>	42.42
Gryss (L) Foundation	-	-	1,446,461,500 <sup>(8)</sup>	42.42

#### Notes:

- Deemed interested in shares held by Pembinaan Redzai Sdn Bhd in the Company by virtue of his direct interest in Gryss (L) Foundation which has interest in Gryss Limited, which in turn holds shares in Pembinaan Redzai Sdn Bhd pursuant to Section 8(4) of the Companies Act 2016.
- Deemed interested in shares held by South Port Investment Holdings Limited in the Company pursuant to Section 8(4) of the Companies Act 2016.
- Deemed interested in shares held by South Port Investment Holdings Limited in the Company by virtue of its subsidiary, Pacific Port Investment Holdings Limited being entitled to exercise not less than 20% of the votes attached to the voting shares in South Port Investment Holdings Limited pursuant to Section 8(4) of the Companies Act 2016.
- Deemed interested in shares held by South Port Investment Holdings Limited in the Company, by virtue of its indirect subsidiary, Pacific Port Investment Holdings Limited being entitled to exercise not less than 20% of the votes attached to the voting shares in South Port Investment Holdings Limited pursuant to Section 8(4) of the Companies Act 2016.
- Include shares held through nominee companies.
- Deemed interested in the shares held by KWAP Fund Manager.
- Deemed interested in the shares held by Pembinaan Redzai Sdn Bhd in the Company pursuant to Section 8(4) of the Companies Act 2016.
- Deemed interested in the shares held by Pembinaan Redzai Sdn Bhd in the Company via Gryss Limited pursuant to Section 8(4) of the Companies Act 2016.

## Analysis Of Shareholdings

Other Information

### Thirty Largest Shareholders

as at 29 February 2024

No.	Name	No. Of Shares	%
1.	Pembinaan Redzai Sdn Berhad	1,400,361,500	41.07
2.	Maybank Securities Nominees (Asing) Sdn Bhd - Pledged Securities Account for South Port Investment Holdings Limited	802,962,600	23.55
3.	Kumpulan Wang Persaraan (Diperbadankan)	194,732,424	5.71
4.	Citigroup Nominees (Tempatan) Sdn Bhd - Employees Provident Fund Board	158,916,807	4.66
5.	Semakin Ajaib Sdn Bhd	99,438,500	2.92
6.	Amanahraya Trustees Berhad - Amanah Saham Bumiputera	78,504,700	2.30
7.	Citigroup Nominees (Tempatan) Sdn Bhd - Employees Provident Fund Board (Islamic)	66,500,993	1.95
8.	Lembaga Tabung Haji	64,071,800	1.88
9.	HSBC Nominees (Asing) Sdn Bhd - JPMCB NA For Vanguard International Value Fund	48,658,900	1.43
10.	DB (Malaysia) Nominee (Tempatan) Sendirian Berhad - Pledge Securities Account – DB Singapore WM Client For Pembinaan Redzai Sdn. Bhd.	45,000,000	1.32
11.	Citigroup Nominees (Tempatan) Sdn Bhd - Employees Provident Fund Board (Aberdeen)	29,712,100	0.87
12.	Citigroup Nominees (Tempatan) Sdn Bhd - Kumpulan Wang Persaraan (Diperbadankan) (Aberdeen)	22,966,600	0.67
13.	Amanahraya Trustees Berhad - Amanah Saham Bumiputera 2	20,700,000	0.61
14.	Citigroup Nominees (Tempatan) Sdn Bhd - Employees Provident Fund Board (Nomura)	18,572,900	0.55
15.	Amanahraya Trustees Berhad - Public Islamic Dividend Fund	15,736,900	0.46

### Thirty Largest Shareholders (continued)

as at 29 February 2024

No.	Name	No. Of Shares	%
16.	Amanahraya Trustees Berhad - Amanah Saham Malaysia 3	12,892,100	0.38
17.	Permodalan Nasional Berhad	12,776,900	0.38
18.	Citigroup Nominees (Tempatan) Sdn Bhd - Employees Provident Fund Board (AberIslamic)	11,604,900	0.34
19.	Amanahraya Trustees Berhad - Amanah Saham Malaysia	10,233,400	0.30
20.	Cartaban Nominees (Tempatan) Sdn Bhd - PAMB For Prulink Equity Focus Fund	9,505,700	0.28
21.	Pertubuhan Keselamatan Sosial	8,942,200	0.26
22.	Citigroup Nominees (Tempatan) Sdn Bhd - Urusharta Jamaah Sdn. Bhd. (Aberdeen 2)	8,380,000	0.25
23.	Citigroup Nominees (Tempatan) Sdn Bhd - Employees Provident Fund Board (CGS CIMB)	8,033,700	0.24
24.	Cartaban Nominees (Tempatan) Sdn Bhd - PBTB For Takafulink Dana Ekuiti	7,228,400	0.21
25.	Citigroup Nominees (Tempatan) Sdn Bhd - Employees Provident Fund Board (Asian Islamic)	6,327,700	0.19
26.	Cimsec Nominees (Tempatan) Sdn Bhd - CIMB For Semakin Ajaib Sdn Bhd (PB)	6,200,000	0.18
27.	Citigroup Nominees (Asing) Sdn Bhd - CBNY For Norges Bank (FI 17)	6,186,912	0.18
28.	Citigroup Nominees (Tempatan) Sdn Bhd - Employees Provident Fund Board (Amundi)	6,015,000	0.18
29.	Amanahraya Trustees Berhad - Public Islamic Equity Fund	5,780,200	0.17
30.	Citigroup Nominees (Tempatan) Sdn Bhd - Employees Provident Fund Board (BNP Najmah EQ)	5,535,700	0.16
	<b>Total</b>	<b>3,192,479,536</b>	<b>93.62</b>

## Analysis Of Shareholdings

Other Information

### Directors' Shareholdings

as at 29 February 2024

Name of Directors	Direct		Indirect	
	No. of shares held	%	No. of shares held	%
Datuk Ruben Emir Gnanalingam bin Abdullah	-	-	105,638,500 <sup>(1)</sup>	3.10
Tan Sri Dato' Seri Mohd Khairul Adib Abd Rahman	-	-	-	-
Sing Chi IP	-	-	-	-
Chan Soo Chee	50,000	Negligible	-	-
Datuk Siti Zauyah Binti Md Desa	-	-	-	-
Dato' Tengku Marina Binti Tunku Annuar	-	-	-	-
Shanthi Kandiah	-	-	-	-
Ahmad Zubir bin Zahid	-	-	-	-
Diana Tung Wan LEE	-	-	-	-
Shaline Gnanalingam	-	-	-	-
John Stephen Ashworth (Alternate Director to Sing Chi IP)	-	-	-	-
Andy Wing Kit TSOI (Alternate Director to Diana Tung Wan LEE)	-	-	-	-

#### Notes:

(1) Deemed interested in shares held by Semakin Ajaib Sdn Bhd in the Company pursuant to Section 8(4) of the Companies Act 2016.

## List Of Concession Assets

Other Information

Location	Description & Current Use	Ages of Buildings (Years)	Berth length (m)/ Built up area ('000m <sup>2</sup> )	Date of Construction	Tenure (Years)	Net Book Value 2022 RM'000
<b>CT1:</b>						
Wharf and Yard	Wharf and yard for berthing and storing containers	26	600m & 91.2 m <sub>2</sub>	1997	57	33,248
Building	Container Gate, Marshalling Building, Storage Facilities and M&R workshop	27	6.1 m <sub>2</sub>	1996	50	4,089
<b>CT2:</b>						
Wharf and Yard	Wharf and yard for berthing and storing containers	26 & 23	600m & 150.0m <sub>2</sub>	1997 & 2000	57 & 53	29,855
Building	Storage Facilities	24	2.7 m <sub>2</sub>	1999	50	1,955
<b>CT3:</b>						
Wharf and Yard	Wharf and yard for berthing and storing containers	22	600m & 131.4m <sub>2</sub>	2001	52	75,282
Building	Storage Facilities	20	38.3m <sub>2</sub>	2003	50	4,848
<b>CT4:</b>						
Wharf and Yard	Wharf and yard for berthing and storing containers	18	600m & 137.6m <sub>2</sub>	2005	48	105,861
Building	Admin building and M&R workshop	16	2.8m <sub>2</sub>	2007	46	10,097
<b>CT5:</b>						
Wharf and Yard	Wharf and yard for berthing and storing containers	15	600m & 137.6m <sub>2</sub>	2008	45	158,259
<b>CT6:</b>						
Wharf and Yard	Wharf and yard for berthing and storing containers	12 & 11	600m & 180.3m <sub>2</sub>	2011 & 2012	42 & 43	221,182
<b>CT7:</b>						
Wharf and Yard	Wharf and yard for berthing and storing containers	10 & 9	600m & 175.8m <sub>2</sub>	2013 & 2014	41 & 40	255,170
Building	Container Gate, Marshalling Centre, M&R workshop	7	127.1m <sub>2</sub>	2016	38	65,877
<b>CT8:</b>						
Wharf and Yard	Wharf and yard for berthing and storing containers	7 & 6	600m & 263.1m <sub>2</sub>	2016	38	233,072
<b>CT9:</b>						
Wharf and Yard	Wharf and yard for berthing and storing containers	6	600m & 100.1m <sub>2</sub>	2017	37	320,558
Yard	CT9 yard area	3	157.1m <sub>2</sub>	2020	34	71,454
<b>LBT5</b>	Liquid Bulk Terminal 5	2	9467 m <sub>2</sub>	2021	33	66,624



## Notice Of The Thirty First Annual General Meeting

### Other Information

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Thirty First Annual General Meeting ("31st AGM") of WESTPORTS HOLDINGS BERHAD will be conducted on a virtual basis through live streaming from the broadcast venue at 3rd Floor, Tower Block, Jalan Pelabuhan Barat, Pulau Indah, 42009 Port Klang, Selangor Darul Ehsan, Malaysia ("Broadcast Venue") on Tuesday, 30 April 2024 at 2.00 p.m. for the following purposes:-

### AGENDA

#### As ordinary business

1. To receive the Audited Financial Statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2023 together with the Reports of the Directors and Auditors thereon. **Please refer to Explanatory Note 1**
2. To approve the aggregate Directors' fees and benefits payable to the Non-Executive Directors of the Company and its subsidiary, Westports Malaysia Sdn Bhd of an amount not exceeding RM2.88 million from this Annual General Meeting until the next Annual General Meeting of the Company, to be paid monthly in arrears after each month of completed service of the Directors. **Ordinary Resolution 1  
Please refer to Explanatory Note 2**
3. To re-elect the following Directors who are retiring pursuant to Clause 115 of the Constitution of the Company:-
  - (i) Datuk Ruben Emir Gnanalingam bin Abdullah **Ordinary Resolution 2**
  - (ii) Datuk Siti Zauyah binti Md Desa **Ordinary Resolution 3**
  - (iii) Ms Diana Tung Wan LEE **Ordinary Resolution 4  
Please refer to Explanatory Note 3**
4. To re-elect Ms Shaline Gnanalingam who is retiring pursuant to Clause 122 of the Constitution of the Company. **Ordinary Resolution 5  
Please refer to Explanatory Note 3**
5. To re-appoint Deloitte PLT as Auditors of the Company and to authorise the Directors to fix their remuneration. **Ordinary Resolution 6**

#### As Special Business

To consider and, if thought fit, to pass the following resolutions:

#### 6. Proposed Authority to Allot and Issue Shares pursuant to Section 76 of the Companies Act 2016 **Ordinary Resolution 7 Please refer to Explanatory Note 4**

"THAT pursuant to Section 76 of the Companies Act 2016, the Directors be and are hereby authorised to allot and issue shares in the Company at any time and from time to time until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting upon such terms and conditions and or for such purposes, as the Directors may, in their absolute discretion, deem fit provided the aggregate number of shares to be issued does not exceed ten per centum (10%) of the total number of issued shares of the Company (excluding treasury shares) for the time being, subject always to the approval of the relevant regulatory bodies being obtained for such allotment and issuance.

THAT in connection with the above, pursuant to Section 85 of the Companies Act 2016 and Clause 75 of the Constitution of the Company, the shareholders do hereby waive the statutory pre-emptive rights of the offered shares in proportion of their holdings at such price and at such terms to be offered arising from any issuance of new shares above by the Company.

AND THAT the new shares to be issued shall, upon allotment and issuance, rank equally in all respects with the existing shares of the Company, save and except that they shall not be entitled to any dividends, rights, allotments and/or any other forms of distribution that which may be declared, made or paid before the date of allotment of such new shares."

7. To transact any other business for which due notice shall have been given.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

TAI YIT CHAN (MAICSA 7009143) (SSM PC No. 202008001023)  
TAN AI NING (MAICSA 7015852) (SSM PC No. 202008000067)  
Company Secretaries

Selangor Darul Ehsan

Date: 26 March 2024

## Notice Of The Thirty First Annual General Meeting

Other Information

### NOTES:

1. The 31st AGM will be conducted on a virtual basis through live streaming and online remote voting using the Remote Participation and Electronic Voting ("RPEV") facilities to be provided by Company's Share Registrar, Boardroom Share Registrars Sdn Bhd at <https://meeting.boardroomlimited.my>. Please follow the procedures provided in the Administrative Guide for the 31st AGM in order to register, participate and vote remotely via the RPEV facilities.

The Administrative Guide on the conduct of a virtual 31st AGM of the Company is available at the Company's website at <https://www.westportsholdings.com>.

2. The Broadcast Venue 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 present at the main venue of the general meeting and in accordance with Clause 81 of the Company's Constitution which allows a meeting of members to be held at more than one venue, using any technology or method that enables the members of the Company to participate at the general meeting. Members/proxies/corporate representatives are not allowed to physically present nor admitted at the Broadcast Venue on the day of the 31st AGM.

3. Since the 31st AGM will be conducted virtually in its entirety, a Member entitled to participate and vote at the Meeting may appoint his/her proxy or the Chairman of the 31st AGM as his/her proxy and indicate the voting instruction in the Form of Proxy.

4. A proxy may but need not be a member. A member shall be entitled to appoint not more than two (2) proxies to attend and vote at the same meeting. Where a member appoints more than one (1) proxy, the appointment shall be invalid unless he specifies the proportions of his holdings to be represented by each proxy.

5. Where a member is an Exempt Authorised Nominee which holds ordinary shares in the Company for multiple beneficial owners in one securities account ("omnibus account"), there is no limit to the number of proxies which the Exempt Authorised Nominee may appoint in respect of each omnibus account it holds.

6. If the appointor is a corporation, this form must be executed under the corporation's common seal or under the hand of an officer or attorney duly authorised.

7. The appointment of proxy may be made in a hardcopy form or by electronic means, not less than forty-eight (48) hours before the time for holding the 31st AGM or at any adjournment thereof, as follows:

(i) In Hardcopy Form

The Form of Proxy or the Power of Attorney or other authority, if any, under which it is signed or a notarially certified copy of that power or authority, must be deposited at the Share Registrar's office of the Company, Boardroom Share Registrars Sdn Bhd at 11th Floor, Menara Symphony, No. 5, Jalan Prof. Khoo Kay Kim, Seksyen 13, 46200 Petaling Jaya, Selangor Darul Ehsan.

(ii) By Boardroom Smart Investor Online Portal

The Form of Proxy can be electronically submitted via Boardroom Share Registrars' website, Boardroom Smart Investor Online Portal at <https://investor.boardroomlimited.com>. Please refer to the Administrative Guide for the 31st AGM for further information on electronic submission.

8. Individual members may via Boardroom Smart Investor Online Portal at <https://investor.boardroomlimited.com>, and proxies/corporate representatives may via [BSR.Helpdesk@boardroomlimited.com](mailto:BSR.Helpdesk@boardroomlimited.com), submit questions relating to resolutions to be tabled at the 31st AGM or financial performance/prospect of the Company, not later than Sunday, 28 April 2024 at 2.00 p.m. Alternatively, members/proxies/corporate representatives may via real time submission of typed texts via RPEV facilities during the live streaming of the 31st AGM as the primary mode of communication.

9. In respect of deposited securities, only members whose names appear on the Record of Depositors on 23 April 2024 (General Meeting Record of Depositors) shall be eligible to attend, speak and vote at the meeting or appoint proxy(ies) to attend and/or vote on his behalf.

# Notice Of The Thirty First Annual General Meeting

Other Information

## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### 1. To receive the Audited Financial Statements

The Audited Financial Statements under Agenda 1 are meant for discussion only in accordance with Section 340(1)(a) of the Companies Act 2016 ("the Act") and do not require shareholders' approval. Hence, this Agenda will not be put forward for voting.

### 2. Directors' Fees and Benefits Payable

Section 230(1) of the Act provides amongst others, that the Directors' fees and any benefits payable to the Directors of the Company and its subsidiaries shall be approved at a general meeting.

The amount of Directors' fees payable includes fees payable to Directors as members of Board and Board Committees. The amount of Directors' benefits payable comprises meeting allowances from this AGM until the conclusion of the next AGM of the Company to be held by June 2025 (14 Months) pursuant to the Act which shareholders' approval will be sought at this 31st AGM in accordance with Section 230(1) of the Act.

During a review in 2023, the Nomination and Remuneration Committee recommended and the Board has approved, subject to shareholders' approval at this Annual General Meeting, for fees payable to Directors as members of Board and Board Committees.

### 3. Re-election of Directors

The profiles of the Directors who are standing for re-election under item 3 and 4 of this Agenda are set out in the Board of Directors' profile of the Annual Report 2023.

The Board has, through the Nomination and Remuneration Committee, considered the evaluation of the Directors and concurred that they have met the criteria as prescribed by paragraph 2.20A of the Main Market Listing Requirements ("MMLR") of Bursa Securities on character, experience, integrity, competence and time commitment to effectively discharge their roles as Directors.

Based on the recommendation of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee, the Board is satisfied with the performance and contributions of the following Directors and supports the re-election based on the following justifications:-

#### (a) Re-election of Datuk Ruben Emir Gnanalingam bin Abdullah as Executive Chairman and Group Managing Director

Datuk Ruben Emir Gnanalingam bin Abdullah has shown exemplary leadership and contributes significantly in the business and value creation of the Group. He is familiar with the Group operations and will continue to steer the Group forward. He has exercised due care and carried out his duties professionally and proficiently during his tenure as the Executive Chairman and Group Managing Director.

#### (b) Re-election of Datuk Siti Zauyah binti Md Desa as Independent Non-Executive Director

Datuk Siti Zauyah binti Md Desa, who fulfills the requirement of independence set out in the MMLR of Bursa Securities as well as the prescribed criteria under the Malaysian Code on Corporate Governance. She has demonstrated her independence through her engagement in the meetings by proactively giving valuable insights to the Management in developing the Group's business strategies. She also exercised her due care and carried out her professional duties proficiently during her tenure as an Independent Non-Executive Director of the Company.

#### (c) Re-election of Ms Diana Tung Wan LEE as Non-Independent Non-Executive Director

Ms Diana Tung Wan LEE has diverse professional background and experience to complement the Board. She has been proactively giving valuable insights and constructive feedbacks to the Management in developing the Group's business strategies, steering the Group forward during her tenure as a Non-Independent Non-Executive Director.

#### (d) Re-election of Ms Shaline Gnanalingam as Non-Independent Non-Executive Director

In accordance with Clause 122 of the Company's Constitution, a Director appointed by the Board shall hold office until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting of the Company and shall then be eligible for re-election. Ms Shaline Gnanalingam, who was appointed as a Director of the Company on 9 June 2023, retires pursuant to Clause 122 of the Company's Constitution and being eligible, has offered herself for re-election at the 31st Annual General Meeting.

Shareholders' approval is sought for the re-election of Ms Shaline Gnanalingam under Ordinary Resolution 5. The profile of Ms Shaline Gnanalingam is listed in the Profile of Directors section.

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Other Information

### 4. Proposed Authority to Allot and Issue Shares pursuant to Section 76 of the Act

The Ordinary Resolution 7 proposed under item 6 of this Agenda seeks the shareholders' approval for a general mandate for issuance of shares by the Company under Section 76 of the Act. The mandate, if passed will empower the Company's Directors to allot and issue up to a maximum of 10% of the Company's total number of issued shares at the time of issue (other than bonus or rights issue) for such purposes as the Directors consider would be in the best interest of the Company. This would eliminate any delay arising from and cost involved in convening a general meeting to obtain approval of the shareholders for such issuance of shares. This authority will unless revoked or varied by the Company at a general meeting, will expire at the next AGM of the Company.

This authority will provide flexibility to the Company for any possible fund raising activities, including but not limited to further placing of shares for the purpose of funding investment project(s), working capital and/or acquisition(s). At this juncture, there is no decision to issue new shares. Should there be any decision to issue new shares after the general mandate is sought, the Company will make an announcement in respect thereof.

The waiver of pre-emptive rights pursuant to Section 85 of the Act and Clause 75 of the Constitution of the Company will allow the Directors of the Company to issue new shares of the Company which rank equally to existing issued shares of the Company, to any person without having to offer new shares to all the existing shareholders of the Company prior to issuance of new shares in the Company under the general mandate.

The Directors of the Company did not allot, or issue ordinary shares pursuant to the authority given by its shareholders at the previous AGM.

### 5. Voting Procedures

Pursuant to Paragraph 8.29(A) of Main Market Listing Requirements of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad, voting at the 31st AGM will be conducted by poll. Poll Administrator and Scrutineer will be appointed to conduct the polling process and to verify the results.

### 6. Annual Report 2023

The softcopy of the Annual Report 2023, Sustainability Report 2023 and Corporate Governance Report 2023 are available on the Company's website at [www.westportsholdings.com](http://www.westportsholdings.com).

Shareholders of the Company may request for the printed copy of the Annual Report 2023 and Sustainability Report 2023 via the Company's website at [www.westportsholdings.com](http://www.westportsholdings.com) and must provide all the required information accurately, i.e. full name, CDS Account Number, full mailing address and shareholder's mobile number. With the accurate and complete information, a copy of the documents would be sent to the shareholders upon request within four (4) working days.

### PERSONAL DATA POLICY

By submitting an instrument appointing a proxy(ies) and/or representative(s) to attend, speak and vote at the AGM and/or any adjournment thereof, a member of the Company (i) consents to the collection, use and disclosure of the member's personal data by the Company (or its agents) for the purpose of the processing and administration by the Company (or its agents) of proxies and representatives appointed for the AGM (including any adjournment thereof) and the preparation and compilation of the attendance lists, minutes and other documents relating to the AGM (including any adjournment thereof) and in order for the Company (or its agents) to comply with any applicable laws, listing rules, regulations and/or guidelines (collectively, the "Purposes"), (ii) warrants that where the member discloses the personal data of the member's proxy(ies) and/or representative(s) to the Company (or its agents), the member has obtained the prior consent of such proxy(ies) and/or representative(s) for the collection, use and disclosure by the Company (or its agents) of the personal data of such proxy(ies) and/or representative(s) for the Purposes, and (iii) agrees that the member will indemnify the Company in respect of any penalties, liabilities, claims, demands, losses and damages as a result of the member's breach of warranty.

### Form of Proxy

**WESTPORTS HOLDINGS BERHAD**  
 (Registration No. 199301008024 (262761-A))  
 (Incorporated In Malaysia)

**CDS Account No.**

**No. of Shares held**

I/We, ..... (Full Name in Block Letters),  
 NRIC No./Passport No./Company No. .... of .....  
 .....(Email Address) and  
 .....(Telephone no.) being a member/members of **Westports Holdings Berhad**  
 hereby appoint ..... NRIC No. /Passport No. ....  
 of .....(Email Address) and..... (Telephone No.) or failing \*him/her .....  
 ..... NRIC No. /Passport No. ....  
 of .....(Email Address) and..... (Telephone No.) or failing him/her, \*THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MEETING as my/our  
 proxy/proxies to vote for me/us on my/our behalf at the Thirty First Annual General Meeting ("31st AGM") of the Company to be conducted on a virtual basis through live streaming from the broadcast venue at 3rd Floor, Tower  
 Block, Jalan Pelabuhan Barat, Pulau Indah, 42009 Port Klang, Selangor Darul Ehsan, Malaysia ("Broadcast Venue") on Tuesday, 30 April 2024 at 2.00 p.m. and at any adjournment thereof.

\*I/We indicate with an "x" in the spaces below how \*I/We wish \*my/our vote to be cast.

	RESOLUTIONS		For	Against
1.	To approve the aggregate Directors' fees and benefits payable to the Non-Executive Directors of the Company and its subsidiary, Westports Malaysia Sdn Bhd of an amount not exceeding RM2.88 million from this Annual General Meeting until the next Annual General Meeting of the Company, to be paid monthly in arrears after each month of completed service of the Directors.	Ordinary Resolution 1		
2.	Re-election of Datuk Ruben Emir Gnanalingam bin Abdullah as Director.	Ordinary Resolution 2		
3.	Re-election of Datuk Siti Zauyah binti Md Desa as Director.	Ordinary Resolution 3		
4.	Re-election of Ms Diana Tung Wan LEE as Director.	Ordinary Resolution 4		
5.	Re-election of Ms Shaline Gnanalingam as Director.	Ordinary Resolution 5		
6.	Re-appointment of Deloitte PLT as Auditors of the Company and to authorise the Directors to fix their remuneration.	Ordinary Resolution 6		
7.	Authority under Section 76 of the Companies Act 2016 for the Directors to allot and issue shares.	Ordinary Resolution 7		

Subject to the above stated voting instructions, my/our proxy/proxies may vote or abstain from voting on any resolutions as \*he/\*she/\*they may think fit.

The proportion of my/our shareholdings to be represented by my/our proxies are as follows:

First Proxy	%
Second Proxy	%
	100%



**NOTES:**

1. The 31st AGM will be conducted on a virtual basis through live streaming and online remote voting using the Remote Participation and Electronic Voting (“RPEV”) facilities to be provided by Company’s Share Registrar, Boardroom Share Registrars Sdn Bhd at <https://meeting.boardroomlimited.my>. Please follow the procedures provided in the Administrative Guide for the 31st AGM in order to register, participate and vote remotely via the RPEV facilities.  
  
The Administrative Guide on the conduct of a virtual 31st AGM of the Company is available at the Company’s website at <https://www.westportsholdings.com>.
2. The Broadcast Venue 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 present at the main venue of the general meeting and in accordance with Clause 81 of the Company’s Constitution which allows a meeting of members to be held at more than one venue, using any technology or method that enables the members of the Company to participate at the general meeting. Members/proxies/corporate representatives are not allowed to physically present nor admitted at the Broadcast Venue on the day of the 31st AGM.
3. Since the 31st AGM will be conducted virtually in its entirety, a Member entitled to participate and vote at the Meeting may appoint his/her proxy or the Chairman of the 31st AGM as his/her proxy and indicate the voting instruction in the Form of Proxy.
4. A proxy may but need not be a member. A member shall be entitled to appoint not more than two (2) proxies to attend and vote at the same meeting. Where a member appoints more than one (1) proxy, the appointment shall be invalid unless he specifies the proportions of his holdings to be represented by each proxy.
5. Where a member is an Exempt Authorised Nominee which holds ordinary shares in the Company for multiple beneficial owners in one securities account (“omnibus account”), there is no limit to the number of proxies which the Exempt Authorised Nominee may appoint in respect of each omnibus account it holds.
6. If the appointor is a corporation, this form must be executed under the corporation’s common seal or under the hand of an officer or attorney duly authorised.
7. The appointment of proxy may be made in a hardcopy form or by electronic means, not less than forty-eight (48) hours before the time for holding the 31st AGM or at any adjournment thereof, as follows:
  - (i) In Hardcopy Form  
  
The Form of Proxy or the Power of Attorney or other authority, if any, under which it is signed or a notarially certified copy of that power or authority, must be deposited at the Share Registrar’s office of the Company, Boardroom Share Registrars Sdn Bhd at 11th Floor, Menara Symphony, No. 5, Jalan Prof. Khoo Kay Kim, Seksyen 13, 46200 Petaling Jaya, Selangor Darul Ehsan.
  - (ii) By Boardroom Smart Investor Online Portal  
  
The Form of Proxy can be electronically submitted via Boardroom Share Registrars’ website, Boardroom Smart Investor Online Portal at <https://www.boardroomlimited.my/>. Please refer to the Administrative Guide for the 31st AGM for further information on electronic submission.
8. Individual members may via Boardroom Smart Investor Online Portal at <https://investor.boardroomlimited.com>, and proxies/corporate representatives may via [BSR.Helpdesk@boardroomlimited.com](mailto:BSR.Helpdesk@boardroomlimited.com), submit questions relating to resolutions to be tabled at the 31st AGM or financial performance/prospect of the Company, not later than Sunday, 28 April 2024 at 2.00 p.m. Alternatively, members/proxies/corporate representatives may via real time submission of typed texts via RPEV facilities during the live streaming of the 31st AGM as the primary mode of communication.
9. In respect of deposited securities, only members whose names appear on the Record of Depositors on 23 April 2024 (General Meeting Record of Depositors) shall be eligible to attend, speak and vote at the meeting or appoint proxy(ies) to attend and/or vote on his behalf.

**Personal Data Privacy:**

By submitting an instrument appointing a proxy(ies) and/or representative(s), the member accepts and agrees to the personal data privacy terms set out in the Notice of Annual General Meeting dated 26 March 2024.

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