

GENTING PLANTATIONS REPORTS FIRST QUARTER FINANCIAL YEAR 2021 RESULTS

KUALA LUMPUR, May 24 – Genting Plantations Berhad reported its financial results for the first quarter ended 31 March 2021 (“1Q 2021”) with a 4% decline in pre-tax profit to RM87 million from the previous corresponding period.

The Group achieved crude palm oil and palm kernel prices of RM2,916 per metric tonne (mt) and RM2,243 per mt respectively. Reflective of the higher palm products selling prices, 1Q 2021 EBITDA for the Plantation segment improved year-on-year, on account of better margins.

FFB production in 1Q 2021 was 2% lower year-on-year, arising from production setbacks in Malaysia largely attributed to the compounded lagged effects of droughts in early 2019 and early 2020. On the other hand, the Group’s Indonesia operations saw production growth from an enlarged harvesting area and improving age profile.

EBITDA from the Property segment for 1Q 2021 declined year-on-year in line with lower revenue.

The Biotechnology segment’s results improved year-on-year, on the back of lower research and development expenditure.

The Downstream Manufacturing segment registered a LBITDA for 1Q 2021 against a positive contribution in 1Q 2020, attributed to lower sales volume and squeezed margins.

The Group’s prospects for the rest of the year will track the performance of its mainstay Plantation segment, which is in turn dependent principally on the movements in palm products prices and the Group’s FFB production.

The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic continues to be felt worldwide with the renewed containment measures from countries facing resurgent infection waves. Thus, the Group expects palm oil prices to be primarily influenced by the impact of the pandemic on global economic conditions as well as the demand and supply dynamics of palm oil and other substitute oils and fats.

Notwithstanding lacklustre production in 1Q 2021, the Group expects a recovery in crop output and overall growth in FFB production for the year underpinned by additional mature areas and favourable age profile of its Indonesia operations. On the other hand, replanting activities are likely to moderate production from Malaysian estates.

For the Property segment, the Group will continue to offer products which cater to a broader market segment given the prevailing soft market sentiments. Meanwhile, patronage and sales of the Premium Outlets® will continue to be adversely affected until the COVID-19 situation has eased.

The Biotechnology segment will continue its work on developing commercial solutions and applications to enhance the yield and productivity of oil palm.

The outlook for the Downstream Manufacturing segment for the rest of this year will remain challenging due to the unfavourable palm oil-gas oil (“POGO”) spread and squeezed margins for its products. Nevertheless, the demand for refined palm products is expected to be sustained given its competitive pricing vis-à-vis other substitute soft oils.

A summary of the quarterly results is shown in Table 1.

TABLE 1:

RM' Million	1Q 2021	1Q 2020	%
Revenue			
Plantation	361.9	340.1	+6
Property	23.9	25.3	-6
Biotechnology	0.3	0.1	>100
Downstream Manufacturing	249.8	344.9	-28
	635.9	710.4	-10
Inter segment	(99.3)	(141.4)	+30
Revenue – external	536.6	569.0	-6
Adjusted EBITDA			
Plantation	155.2	118.5	+31
Property	5.0	5.5	-9
Biotechnology	(0.8)	(3.2)	+75
Downstream Manufacturing	(5.9)	14.1	-
Others*	6.0	13.1	-54
	159.5	148.0	+8
EBITDA	159.0	155.0	+3
Profit before tax	87.0	90.7	-4
Profit for the financial period	62.7	70.7	-11
Basic EPS (sen)	7.10	10.18	-30

**Changes in the “Others” category mainly reflect the impact from foreign currency translation position arising from foreign exchange movements.*

About Genting Plantations Berhad

Genting Plantations, a subsidiary of Genting Berhad, commenced operations in 1980. It has a landbank of about 64,600 hectares in Malaysia and some 178,900 hectares (including the *Plasma* scheme) in Indonesia held through joint ventures. It owns seven oil mills in Malaysia and five in Indonesia, with a total milling capacity of 665 metric tonnes per hour. In addition, the Group has ventured into the manufacturing of downstream palm-based products.

Genting Plantations has also diversified into property development to unlock the value of its strategically-located landbank and has invested significantly in biotechnology in a major effort to apply genomics-based solutions to increase crop productivity and sustainability.

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FIRST QUARTERLY REPORT

Quarterly report on consolidated results for the first quarter ended 31 March 2021. The figures have not been audited.

**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS
FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

	INDIVIDUAL QUARTER		CUMULATIVE PERIOD	
	Current Year Quarter 31/03/2021 RM'000	Preceding Year Corresponding Quarter 31/03/2020 RM'000	Current Year To-Date 31/03/2021 RM'000	Preceding Year Corresponding Period 31/03/2020 RM'000
Revenue	536,576	569,038	536,576	569,038
Cost of sales	(395,998)	(435,415)	(395,998)	(435,415)
Gross profit	140,578	133,623	140,578	133,623
Other income	10,060	20,517	10,060	20,517
Other expenses	(50,157)	(60,545)	(50,157)	(60,545)
Other gains/(losses)	2,825	10,268	2,825	10,268
Profit from operations	103,306	103,863	103,306	103,863
Finance cost	(23,126)	(21,443)	(23,126)	(21,443)
Share of results in joint ventures and associates	6,800	8,272	6,800	8,272
Profit before taxation	86,980	90,692	86,980	90,692
Taxation	(24,315)	(20,002)	(24,315)	(20,002)
Profit for the financial period	62,665	70,690	62,665	70,690
Profit/(loss) attributable to:				
Equity holders of the Company	63,732	91,296	63,732	91,296
Non-controlling interests	(1,067)	(20,606)	(1,067)	(20,606)
	62,665	70,690	62,665	70,690
Earnings per share (sen) for profit attributable to equity holders of the Company:				
- Basic	7.10	10.18	7.10	10.18
- Diluted	7.10	10.18	7.10	10.18

(The Condensed Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2020)



**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

	INDIVIDUAL QUARTER		CUMULATIVE PERIOD	
	Current Year Quarter 31/03/2021 RM'000	Preceding Year Corresponding Quarter 31/03/2020 RM'000	Current Year To-Date 31/03/2021 RM'000	Preceding Year Corresponding Period 31/03/2020 RM'000
Profit for the financial period	62,665	70,690	62,665	70,690
Other comprehensive (loss)/income, net of tax:				
Items that will be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:				
Cash flow hedge				
- Fair value changes	3,561	19,986	3,561	19,986
- Reclassifications	1,499	10,970	1,499	10,970
	5,060	30,956	5,060	30,956
Foreign currency translation differences	(11,911)	(306,950)	(11,911)	(306,950)
	(6,851)	(275,994)	(6,851)	(275,994)
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the financial period	55,814	(205,304)	55,814	(205,304)
Total comprehensive income/(loss) attributable to:				
Equity holders of the Company	64,741	(133,923)	64,741	(133,923)
Non-controlling interests	(8,927)	(71,381)	(8,927)	(71,381)
	55,814	(205,304)	55,814	(205,304)

(The Condensed Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2020)



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**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 31 MARCH 2021**

	As at 31/03/2021 RM'000	Audited As at 31/12/2020 RM'000
ASSETS		
Non-current assets		
Property, plant and equipment	4,285,991	4,267,582
Land held for property development	363,149	239,776
Investment properties	22,359	22,498
Right-of-use assets	963,347	964,069
Intangible assets	39,532	38,735
Joint ventures	230,888	225,307
Associates	13,249	13,780
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	3,544	3,381
Other non-current assets	169,663	167,398
Deferred tax assets	70,742	52,724
	<u>6,162,464</u>	<u>5,995,250</u>
Current assets		
Property development costs	22,946	21,054
Inventories	190,480	156,411
Produce growing on bearer plants	10,408	8,243
Tax recoverable	14,086	9,447
Trade and other receivables	583,644	665,075
Amounts due from joint ventures, associates and other related companies	3,218	2,830
Derivative financial assets	31,819	23,326
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	600,110	600,260
Restricted cash	15,713	15,230
Cash and cash equivalents	789,355	943,627
	<u>2,261,779</u>	<u>2,445,503</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>8,424,243</u> =====	<u>8,440,753</u> =====

(The Condensed Consolidated Statement of Financial Position should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2020)



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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 31 MARCH 2021 *(Continued)*

	As at 31/03/2021 RM'000	Audited As at 31/12/2020 RM'000
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		
Equity attributable to equity holders of the Company		
Share capital	1,724,016	1,724,016
Treasury shares	(1,372)	(1,372)
Reserves	3,158,332	3,192,282
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	4,880,976	4,914,926
Non-controlling interests	113,802	122,729
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Total equity	4,994,778	5,037,655
Non-current liabilities		
Borrowings	2,290,271	2,287,119
Lease liabilities	9,127	9,748
Provisions	40,299	31,508
Derivative financial liabilities	3,123	4,671
Deferred tax liabilities	333,264	321,839
Deferred income	14,402	14,423
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	2,690,486	2,669,308
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Current liabilities		
Trade and other payables	394,978	386,614
Amounts due to ultimate holding and other related companies	412	1,955
Borrowings	289,804	303,677
Lease liabilities	2,314	2,288
Derivative financial liabilities	46,612	33,073
Taxation	4,859	6,183
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	738,979	733,790
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Total liabilities	3,429,465	3,403,098
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TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	8,424,243	8,440,753
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NET ASSETS PER SHARE (RM)	5.44	5.48

(The Condensed Consolidated Statement of Financial Position should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2020)



**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

	<----- Attributable to equity holders of the Company ----->								
	Share Capital	Fair Value Reserve	Reserve on Exchange Differences	Cash Flow Hedge Reserve	Treasury Shares	Retained Earnings	Total	Non- controlling Interests	Total Equity
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
At 1 January 2021	1,724,016	(84,586)	(263,493)	(22,896)	(1,372)	3,563,257	4,914,926	122,729	5,037,655
Profit/(loss) for the financial period	-	-	-	-	-	63,732	63,732	(1,067)	62,665
Other comprehensive income/(loss)	-	-	(3,698)	4,707	-	-	1,009	(7,860)	(6,851)
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the financial period	-	-	(3,698)	4,707	-	63,732	64,741	(8,927)	55,814
Appropriation:									
- Special single-tier dividend paid for the financial year ended 31 December 2020 (11.0 sen)	-	-	-	-	-	(98,691)	(98,691)	-	(98,691)
Balance at 31 March 2021	1,724,016	(84,586)	(267,191)	(18,189)	(1,372)	3,528,298	4,880,976	113,802	4,994,778

(The Condensed Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2020)



**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2021 (Continued)**

	<----- Attributable to equity holders of the Company ----->								
	Share Capital RM'000	Fair Value Reserve RM'000	Reserve on Exchange Differences RM'000	Cash Flow Hedge Reserve RM'000	Treasury Shares RM'000	Retained Earnings RM'000	Total RM'000	Non- controlling Interests RM'000	Total Equity RM'000
At 1 January 2020	1,724,016	(84,586)	(200,980)	(30,859)	(1,372)	3,466,900	4,873,119	186,474	5,059,593
Profit/(loss) for the financial period	-	-	-	-	-	91,296	91,296	(20,606)	70,690
Other comprehensive income/(loss)	-	-	(256,360)	31,141	-	-	(225,219)	(50,775)	(275,994)
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the financial period	-	-	(256,360)	31,141	-	91,296	(133,923)	(71,381)	(205,304)
Effects arising from changes in composition of the Group	-	-	-	-	-	(17,890)	(17,890)	(54,110)	(72,000)
Balance at 31 March 2020	<u>1,724,016</u>	<u>(84,586)</u>	<u>(457,340)</u>	<u>282</u>	<u>(1,372)</u>	<u>3,540,306</u>	<u>4,721,306</u>	<u>60,983</u>	<u>4,782,289</u>

(The Condensed Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2020)

**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

	Current Year To-Date 31/03/2021 RM'000	Preceding Year Corresponding Period 31/03/2020 RM'000
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Profit before taxation	86,980	90,692
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation and amortisation	61,107	57,904
Finance cost	23,126	21,443
Interest income	(5,366)	(6,727)
Investment income	(2,879)	(4,738)
Net unrealised foreign exchange differences	(3,369)	(10,272)
Share of results in joint ventures and associates	(6,800)	(8,272)
Fair value change arising from produce growing on bearer plants	(10,406)	1,531
Net surplus arising from Government acquisition	-	(7,006)
Other adjustments	4,146	6,631
	59,559	50,494
Operating profit before changes in working capital	146,539	141,186
Changes in working capital:		
Net change in current assets	91,480	41,826
Net change in current liabilities	(69,109)	(46,079)
	22,371	(4,253)
Cash generated from operations	168,910	136,933
Tax paid (<i>net of tax refund</i>)	(22,928)	(10,706)
Retirement gratuities/benefits paid	(116)	(1,330)
Net cash flows generated from operating activities	145,866	124,897
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(48,213)	(69,684)
Purchase of intangible assets	(88)	(6,977)
Purchase of right-of-use assets	(383)	(1,796)
Land held for property development	(85,703)	(915)
Interest received	5,311	6,727
Investment income	2,879	4,738
Dividend received from associates	1,750	-
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment	-	76
Proceeds received from Government in respect of acquisition of land	-	7,006
Net cash flows used in investing activities	(124,447)	(60,825)

(The Condensed Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2020)

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2021 *(Continued)*

	Current Year To-Date 31/03/2021 RM'000	Preceding Year Corresponding Period 31/03/2020 RM'000
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Proceeds from bank borrowings	296,353	344,039
Repayment of bank borrowings and transaction costs	(361,973)	(445,896)
Finance cost paid	(12,845)	(16,000)
Repayment of lease liabilities	(732)	(723)
Dividend paid	(98,691)	-
Net cash flows used in financing activities	(177,888)	(118,580)
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	(156,469)	(54,508)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of financial period	943,627	955,093
Effects of currency translation	2,197	(1,516)
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial period	789,355	899,069
Analysis of cash and cash equivalents		
Bank balances and deposits	443,349	311,984
Money market instruments	346,006	587,085
	789,355	899,069

(The Condensed Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2020)

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NOTES TO THE INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORT
- FIRST QUARTER ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

I) Compliance with Malaysian Financial Reporting Standard (“MFRS”) 134: Interim Financial Reporting

a) Accounting Policies, Presentation and Methods of Computation

The interim financial report is unaudited and has been prepared in accordance with MFRS 134 “Interim Financial Reporting” and paragraph 9.22 of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad (“Bursa Securities”) Listing Requirements.

The interim financial report should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements of the Group for the financial year ended 31 December 2020. The accounting policies, presentation and methods of computation adopted for the interim financial report are consistent with those adopted for the annual audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2020 except for the adoption of amendments to published standards for the Group for the financial year beginning 1 January 2021:

- Amendments to MFRS 16 “COVID-19-Related Rent Concessions”
- Amendments to MFRS 9, MFRS 139, MFRS 7, MFRS 4 and MFRS 16 “Interest Rate Benchmark Reform-Phase 2”

The adoption of these amendments to published standards did not have any material impact on the interim financial report of the Group.

b) Seasonal or Cyclical Factors

Fresh fruit bunches (“FFB”) production is seasonal in nature. Production of FFB normally peaks in the second half of the year but this cropping pattern can be affected by changes in weather conditions.

c) Unusual Items Affecting Assets, Liabilities, Equity, Net Income or Cash Flow

There were no unusual items affecting the assets, liabilities, equity, net income or cash flows of the Group for the current quarter ended 31 March 2021.

d) Material Changes in Estimates

There were no significant changes made in estimates of amounts reported in previous financial year.

e) Changes in Debt and Equity Securities

There were no issuance, cancellation, repurchase, resale or repayment of debts or equity securities for the current quarter ended 31 March 2021.

f) Dividend Paid

A special single-tier dividend of 11.0 sen per ordinary share amounting to RM98.7 million for the financial year ended 31 December 2020 was paid on 30 March 2021.

g) Segment Information

The segments are reported in a manner that is consistent with the internal reporting provided to the chief operating decision maker whereby the Group's business is considered based on the nature of the products and services, specific expertise and technology requirements of individual reportable segments. The performance of the operating segments is based on a measure of adjusted EBITDA. Items not forming part of the adjusted EBITDA include net fair value gain or loss on financial assets, gain or loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment, net surplus arising from Government acquisition, assets written off, gain or loss on changes in shareholding in joint ventures and associates, impairment losses and reversal of previously recognised impairment losses.

Segment analysis for the current quarter ended 31 March 2021 is set out below:

	Plantation RM'000	Property RM'000	Biotechnology RM'000	Downstream Manufacturing RM'000	Others RM'000	Elimination RM'000	Total RM'000
Revenue							
- External	262,858	23,946	-	249,772	-	-	536,576
- Inter segment	99,016	-	350	-	-	(99,366)	-
Total Revenue	361,874	23,946	350	249,772	-	(99,366)	536,576
Adjusted EBITDA	155,196	5,065	(815)	(5,948)	6,021	-	159,519
Assets written off & others	(306)	-	(16)	-	(150)	-	(472)
	154,890	5,065	(831)	(5,948)	5,871	-	159,047
Depreciation and amortisation	(57,378)	(230)	(620)	(2,879)	-	-	(61,107)
Share of results in joint ventures and associates	1,219	5,574	-	-	7	-	6,800
	98,731	10,409	(1,451)	(8,827)	5,878	-	104,740
Interest income							5,366
Finance cost							(23,126)
Profit before taxation							86,980
Main foreign currency exchange ratio of 100 units of foreign currency to RM	RM/IDR 0.0287	RM -	RM -	RM -	RM -		
Assets							
Segment assets	6,050,957	538,275	27,833	448,701	600,287	-	7,666,053
Joint ventures	-	230,888	-	-	-	-	230,888
Associates	13,313	101	-	-	(165)	-	13,249
	6,064,270	769,264	27,833	448,701	600,122	-	7,910,190
Interest bearing instruments							429,225
Deferred tax assets							70,742
Tax recoverable							14,086
Total assets							8,424,243
Liabilities							
Segment liabilities	318,704	125,038	3,145	63,939	441	-	511,267
Interest bearing instruments							2,580,075
Deferred tax liabilities							333,264
Taxation							4,859
Total liabilities							3,429,465
Main foreign currency exchange ratio of 100 units of foreign currency to RM	RM/IDR 0.0287	RM -	RM -	RM -	RM -		

h) Property, Plant and Equipment

During the current quarter ended 31 March 2021, acquisitions of property, plant and equipment by the Group was RM66.1 million.

i) Material Events Subsequent to the End of Financial Year

There were no material events subsequent to the end of the current quarter ended 31 March 2021 that have not been reflected in this interim financial report.

j) Changes in the Composition of the Group

There were no material changes in the composition of the Group for the current quarter ended 31 March 2021.

k) Changes in Contingent Liabilities or Contingent Assets

There were no significant changes in contingent liabilities or contingent assets since the last financial year ended 31 December 2020.

l) Capital Commitments

Authorised capital commitments not provided for in the interim financial statements as at 31 March 2021 are as follows:

	RM'000
Contracted	109,713
Not contracted	1,459,522

	1,569,235
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Analysed as follows:	
- Property, plant and equipment	1,495,490
- Right-of-use assets	73,657
- Intangible assets	88

	1,569,235
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m) Significant Related Party Transactions

Significant related party transactions which were entered into on agreed terms and prices for the current quarter ended 31 March 2021 are set out below. The relationship of the related parties are as disclosed in the annual audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2020 and the approved shareholders' mandates for recurrent related party transactions.

	Current Quarter RM'000
i) Provision of shared services in relation to secretarial, tax, treasury and other services by Genting Berhad ("GENT").	348
ii) Letting of office space and provision of related services by Oakwood Sdn Bhd.	638
iii) Provision of information technology consultancy, development, implementation, support and maintenance service by Genting Malaysia Berhad ("GENM").	606
iv) Provision of management services to Genting Simon Sdn Bhd and Genting Highlands Premium Outlets Sdn Bhd by Genting Awanpura Sdn Bhd.	162
v) Sale of refined palm oil products by Genting MusimMas Refinery Sdn Bhd to Inter-Continental Oils & Fats Pte Ltd.	177,276
vi) Royalty fee charged by Genting Intellectual Property Sdn Bhd and Genting Intellectual Property Pte Ltd, both are subsidiaries of GENT, to Genting Simon Sdn Bhd and Genting Highlands Premium Outlets Sdn Bhd.	172
vii) Provision of electricity services by Genting Utilities & Services Sdn Bhd, a subsidiary of GENM, to Genting Highlands Premium Outlets Sdn Bhd.	192

n) Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The Group uses the following hierarchy for determining the fair value of all financial instruments carried at fair value:

- Level 1: Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.
- Level 2: Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (that is, as prices) or indirectly (that is, derived from prices).
- Level 3: Inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (that is, unobservable inputs).

As at 31 March 2021, the Group's financial instruments measured and recognised at fair value on a recurring basis are as follows:

RM'000	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Financial assets				
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	-	600,110	3,544	603,654
Derivative financial instruments	-	31,819	-	31,819
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	-	631,929	3,544	635,473
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Financial liabilities				
Derivative financial instruments	-	49,735	-	49,735
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The methods and valuation techniques used for the purpose of measuring fair value are unchanged compared with the previous financial year ended 31 December 2020.

n) Fair Value of Financial Instruments (Continued)

The following table presents the changes in financial instruments classified within Level 3:

	RM'000
As at 1 January 2021	3,381
Interest income	55
Foreign exchange differences	108

As at 31 March 2021	3,544
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There have been no transfers between the levels of the fair value hierarchy during the current quarter ended 31 March 2021.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUIRED BY BURSA SECURITIES - FIRST QUARTER ENDED
31 MARCH 2021**

II) Compliance with Appendix 9(B) of Bursa Securities Listing Requirements

1) Performance Analysis

The results of the Group are tabulated below:

	CURRENT QUARTER		+/- RM'Mil	+/- %
	2021	2020		
	RM'Mil	RM'Mil		
<u>Revenue</u>				
Plantation	361.9	340.1	+21.8	+6
Property	23.9	25.3	-1.4	-6
Biotechnology	0.3	0.1	+0.2	>100
Downstream Manufacturing	249.8	344.9	-95.1	-28
	635.9	710.4	-74.5	-10
Inter segment	(99.3)	(141.4)	+42.1	+30
Revenue - external	536.6	569.0	-32.4	-6
<u>Profit before tax</u>				
Plantation	155.2	118.5	+36.7	+31
Property	5.0	5.5	-0.5	-9
Biotechnology	(0.8)	(3.2)	+2.4	+75
Downstream Manufacturing	(5.9)	14.1	-20.0	-
Others	6.0	13.1	-7.1	-54
Adjusted EBITDA	159.5	148.0	+11.5	+8
Net surplus arising from Government acquisition	-	7.0	-7.0	-
Assets written off and others	(0.5)	-	-0.5	-
EBITDA	159.0	155.0	+4.0	+3
Depreciation and amortisation	(61.1)	(57.9)	-3.2	-6
Interest income	5.4	6.7	-1.3	-19
Finance cost	(23.1)	(21.4)	-1.7	-8
Share of results in joint ventures and associates	6.8	8.3	-1.5	-18
Profit before tax	87.0	90.7	-3.7	-4

1) **Performance Analysis (Continued)**

The Group registered a 6% year-on-year contraction in revenue in the first quarter of 2021 (“1Q 2021”), mainly due to lower sales volume from the Downstream Manufacturing segment. On the other hand, the Plantation segment’s revenue was higher on the back of stronger palm product prices.

The Group’s FFB production in 1Q 2021 was marginally lower year-on-year, arising from production setbacks in Malaysia largely attributed to the compounded lagged effects of droughts in early 2019 and early 2020. On the other hand, the Group’s Indonesia operations saw production growth from an enlarged harvesting area and improving age profile.

CPO prices experienced volatile trading in the beginning of 2021, tumbling to a low of circa RM3,500/mt in January before trending upwards by the end of the quarter. Average monthly prices for March 2021 breached RM4,000/mt, driven by supply tightness arising from adverse weather events and shortage of labour. Soaring prices of competitor vegetable oils further supported the rally. Overall, the Group recorded higher year-on-year CPO and PK prices of RM2,916/mt and RM2,243/mt respectively in 1Q 2021

	Current Quarter		
	2021	2020	Change %
Average Selling Price/tonne (RM)			
○ Crude Palm Oil	2,916	2,619	+11
○ Palm Kernel	2,243	1,593	+41
Production (MT’000)			
○ Fresh Fruit Bunches	441	449	-2

The Plantation segment’s EBITDA for 1Q 2021 surged year-on-year on account of better margins from higher palm products selling prices.

EBITDA from the Property segment for 1Q 2021 declined year-on-year in line with lower revenue.

The Biotechnology segment’s results improved year-on-year, on the back of lower research and development expenditure.

The Downstream Manufacturing segment registered a LBITDA for 1Q 2021 against a positive contribution in 1Q 2020, attributed to lower sales volume and squeezed margins.

Changes in the “Others” category mainly reflect the impact of changes in foreign currency translation position of the Group’s US Dollar denominated cash reserves and borrowings arising from foreign exchange fluctuations.

2) **Material Changes in Profit before Taxation for the Current Quarter as Compared with the Immediate Preceding Quarter**

	1Q 2021 RM'Mil	4Q 2020 RM'Mil	+/- RM'Mil	+/- %
Revenue				
Plantation	361.9	437.5	-75.6	-17
Property	23.9	46.9	-23.0	-49
Biotechnology	0.3	3.3	-3.0	-91
Downstream manufacturing	249.8	408.2	-158.4	-39
	635.9	895.9	-260.0	-29
Inter segment	(99.3)	(156.6)	+57.3	+37
Revenue – external	536.6	739.3	-202.7	-27
Profit before tax				
Plantation	155.2	187.0	-31.8	-17
Property	5.0	4.3	+0.7	+16
Biotechnology	(0.8)	1.3	-2.1	-
Downstream manufacturing	(5.9)	5.6	-11.5	-
Others	6.0	(1.7)	+7.7	-
Adjusted EBITDA	159.5	196.5	-37.0	-19
Assets written off and others	(0.5)	(0.7)	+0.2	+29
EBITDA	159.0	195.8	-36.8	-19
Depreciation and amortisation	(61.1)	(58.2)	-2.9	-5
Interest income	5.4	5.1	+0.3	+6
Finance cost	(23.1)	(24.6)	+1.5	+6
Share of results in joint ventures and associates	6.8	9.9	-3.1	-31
Profit before tax	87.0	128.0	-41.0	-32

Profit before tax for 1Q 2021 declined against the immediate preceding quarter, mainly due to weaker contribution from Plantation and Downstream segments on the back of lower FFB production and lower sales volume respectively. However, the adverse impact of the aforementioned was partially moderated by higher palm product prices.

	1Q 2021	4Q 2020	Change %
Average Selling Price/tonne (RM)			
○ Crude Palm Oil	2,916	2,589	+13
○ Palm Kernel	2,243	1,732	+29
Production (MT'000)			
○ Fresh Fruit Bunches	441	598	-26

3) **Prospects**

The Group's prospects for the rest of the year will track the performance of its mainstay Plantation segment, which is in turn dependent principally on the movements in palm products prices and the Group's FFB production.

The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic continues to be felt worldwide with the renewed containment measures from countries facing resurgent infection waves. Thus, the Group expects palm oil prices to be primarily influenced by the impact of the pandemic on global economic conditions as well as the demand and supply dynamics of palm oil and other substitute oils and fats.

Notwithstanding lacklustre production in 1Q 2021, the Group expects a recovery in crop output and overall growth in FFB production for the year underpinned by additional mature areas and favourable age profile of its Indonesia operations. On the other hand, replanting activities are likely to moderate production from Malaysian estates.

For the Property segment, the Group will continue to offer products which cater to a broader market segment given the prevailing soft market sentiments. Meanwhile, patronage and sales of the Premium Outlets® will continue to be adversely affected until the COVID-19 situation has eased.

The Biotechnology segment will continue its work on developing commercial solutions and applications to enhance the yield and productivity of oil palm.

The outlook for the Downstream Manufacturing segment for the rest of this year will remain challenging due to the unfavourable palm oil-gas oil ("POGO") spread and squeezed margins for its products. Nevertheless, the demand for refined palm products is expected to be sustained given its competitive pricing vis-à-vis other substitute soft oils.

4) **Variance of Actual Profit from Forecast Profit**

The Group did not issue any profit forecast or profit guarantee for the year.

5) **Taxation**

Tax charge for the current quarter ended 31 March 2021 is set out below:

	Current Quarter 1Q 2021 RM'000
Current taxation:	
- Malaysian income tax charge	15,718
- Foreign income tax charge	1,237
- Deferred tax charge	7,360

	24,315
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The effective tax rate for the current quarter was higher than the Malaysian statutory tax rate mainly due to expenses not deductible for tax purposes and tax losses of certain subsidiaries where deferred tax assets have not been recognised, partially offset by differences in tax regime and income not subject to tax.

6) **Profit before taxation**

Profit before taxation has been determined after inclusion of the following charges and credits:

	Current Quarter 1Q 2021 RM'000
Charges:	
Finance cost	23,126
Depreciation and amortisation	61,107
Property, plant and equipment written off	322
Write-down on land held for property development	13
Fair value loss on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	150 =====
Credits:	
Interest income	5,366
Investment income	2,879
Net foreign exchange differences	2,975 =====

Other than the above, there were no provision for and write-off of receivables and inventories, gain or loss on disposal of quoted investments and gain or loss on derivatives for the current quarter ended 31 March 2021.

7) **Status of Corporate Proposals Announced**

There was no corporate proposals announced but not completed as at 17 May 2021.

8) **Group Borrowings and Debt Securities**

The details of the Group's borrowings and debts securities as at 31 March 2021 are set out below:

	As at 31/03/2021			As at 31/12/2020	
	Secured/ Unsecured	Foreign Currency 'million		RM Equivalent '000	RM Equivalent '000
Short term borrowings	Secured	USD	37.1	153,913	150,960
	Secured	RM		4,881	3,897
	Unsecured	RM		131,010	148,820
				289,804	303,677
Long term borrowings	Secured	USD	291.5	1,207,922	1,204,571
	Secured	RM		83,645	83,920
	Unsecured	RM		998,704	998,628
				2,290,271	2,287,119
Total borrowings	Secured	USD	328.6	1,361,835	1,355,531
	Secured	RM		88,526	87,817
	Unsecured	RM		1,129,714	1,147,448
				2,580,075	2,590,796

9) **Outstanding Derivatives**

As at 31 March 2021, the maturity analysis of the outstanding derivatives of the Group are summarised as follows:

Types of Derivative	Contract/Notional Value RM'000	Net Fair Value Assets/(Liabilities) RM'000
<u>Interest Rate Swaps</u>		
USD	414,350	
- Less than 1 year		(7,666)
- 1 year to 2 years		(1,667)
- 2 years to 5 years		(1,456)
<u>Forward Foreign Currency Exchange Contracts</u>		
USD	362,393	
- Less than 1 year		(6,904)
<u>Commodity Futures Contracts</u>		
RM	484,162	
- Less than 1 year		(223)

There is no significant change for the financial derivatives in respect of the following since the previous financial year ended 31 December 2020:

- (a) the credit risk, market risk and liquidity risk associated with those financial derivatives;
- (b) the cash requirements of the financial derivatives; and
- (c) the policy in place for mitigating or controlling the risks associated with those financial derivatives.

10) **Fair Value Changes of Financial Liabilities**

As at 31 March 2021, the Group does not have any financial liabilities measured at fair value through profit or loss.

11) **Changes in Material Litigation**

There are no pending material litigations as at 17 May 2021.

12) **Dividend Proposed or Declared**

No dividend has been proposed or declared for the current quarter ended 31 March 2021.

13) **Earnings per Share**

	Current Quarter 1Q 2021
Basic and diluted earnings per share	
Profit for the financial period attributable to equity holders of the Company (RM'000)	63,732
Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue ('000)	897,198
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Basic earnings per share (sen)	7.10
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The Group has no dilutive potential ordinary shares and therefore the diluted earnings per share is the same as the basic earnings per share.

14) Disclosure of Audit Report Qualification and Status of Matters Raised

The audit report of the Group's annual financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2020 did not contain any qualification.

15) Authorisation of Financial Statements

The condensed consolidated financial statements have been approved for issue in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors on 24 May 2021.