BOUSTEAD PLANTATIONS BERHAD

Summary of Key Matters Discussed at the 110th Annual General Meeting of Boustead Plantations Berhad (Boustead Plantations or the Company) Conducted Entirely Through Live Streaming from the Amphitheatre, Level 23, The Bousteador, No. 10 Jalan PJU 7/6, Mutiara Damansara, 47800 Petaling Jaya, Selangor and through Live Streaming from TIIH Online at https://tiih.online Malaysia on Monday, 12 June 2023 at 9.30 a.m.

PRESENT

1. Shareholders - As per the Attendance List.

Proxy Holders - As per the Attendance List.

DIRECTORS PRESENT AT BROADCAST VENUE:

1. Encik Izaddeen Daud - Chairman of the Meeting / Non-Independent

Non-Executive Director

2. YBhg. Maj. Gen. Dato' Seri Hj. - Non-Independent Non-Executive Director

Khairuddin Abu Bakar (R) J.P.

3. YBhg. Tan Sri Dato' Wira Aziah Ali - Independent Non-Executive Director

4. (Dr.) Salihin Abang - Independent Non-Executive Director

5. YBhg. Lieutenant General Datuk Azizan - Non-Independent Non-Executive Director

Md Delin (R)

ABSENT WITH APOLOGIES

Encik Fahmy Ismail
 Non-Independent Non-Executive Director

MANAGEMENT PRESENT AT BROADCAST VENUE

Encik Mohamad Mahazir Mustaffa - Chief Financial Officer

Encik Affendi Mohd Yob - Company Secretary

IN ATTENDANCE (VIRTUAL)

1. Mr. Hoh Yoon Hoong - Representing External Auditors, Ernst &

Young PLT (EY)

1.0 110th Annual General Meeting Proceedings

The 110th Annual General Meeting (AGM) was conducted virtually in line with the Guidance Note on the Conduct of General Meetings for Listed Issuers issued by the Securities Commission Malaysia. This Guidance as well as the Malaysian Code of Corporate Governance encourage listed issuers to leverage on technology to conduct their general meetings.

2.0 Opening Address by Chairman

Encik Izaddeen Daud, the Non-Independent Non-Executive Director, has been elected as the Chairman of the 110th AGM of the Company.

The Chairman, welcomed all members to the 110th AGM of the Company.

The Chairman proceeded to present his opening remarks, as follows:

a) Financial Performance

- The Group was able to deliver a record-breaking revenue of RM1.2 billion, our highest since the Group's relisting on Bursa Malaysia in 2014.
- Profit before taxation and zakat was higher at RM729 million, more than double that from the previous year and the highest earnings to-date since the Group's relisting in 2014. The commendable results also included the gains realised from the disposal of land.
- A total of 14.45 sen dividend was paid for the financial year ended 31 December 2022, outperforming last year's total dividend payout of 8.35 sen.

b) Operational Performance

- Embarked on several initiatives to strengthen our operational efficiencies and the execution of the Company's 25-Year Replanting Programme.
- Continued to implement technological solutions through digitalisation initiatives, such as the usage of unmanned aerial vehicles.
- In respect of Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) practices, Boustead Plantations was listed in the FTSE4Good Bursa Malaysia Index and FTSE4Good Bursa Malaysia Syariah Index during the financial year 2022.

The Chairman then invited the Chief Financial Officer, Encik Mohamad Mahazir Mustaffa to brief the meeting on the performance of the Company for the financial year ended 31 December 2022 (FYE 2022) and the Group's performance and plans ahead.

3.0 Presentation by the Chief Financial Officer

The Chief Financial Officer briefed on the financial performance of Boustead Plantations and its group of companies (Group) for the financial year ended 31 December 2022.

Financial Highlights

For the year 2022, the Group registered a record-high revenue of RM1.2 billion, marking an improvement from RM1.1 billion in the previous financial year. This was primarily driven by higher palm product prices. The Group recorded profit before tax and zakat of RM729 million, which was higher than RM345 million recorded in 2021.

As a result of the good performance, the Group's earnings per share increased from 10.8 sen in 2021 to 26.6 sen in 2022 while net dividend per share increased from 8.4 sen to 14.5 sen.

The presentation slides also covered explanation on the following areas:

- Financial, Business and Sustainability Highlights;
- Certifications and Awards 2022; and
- Key Focus 2023.

4.0 Questions raised by Shareholders

A copy of the question and answer discussed is annexed hereto as **Appendix A**.

5.0 Resolution Passed

Based on the poling results, all resolutions were passed by shareholders as follows:

NO	RESOLUTIONS	VOTE FOR		VOTE AGAINST		RESULTS	
		NO OF	%	NO OF	%		
		SHARES		SHARES			
1.	Ordinary Resolution 1 Re-election of Maj. Gen. Dato' Seri Haji Khairuddin Haji Abu Bakar (R) J.P.	1,552,402,310	80.00	8,559,091	20.00	Carried	
2.	Ordinary Resolution 2 Re-election of Izaddeen Daud	1,553,810,629	80.76	7,205,072	19.24	Carried	
3.	Ordinary Resolution 3 Re-election of Lieutenant General Datuk Azizan Md Delin (R)	1,557,584,809	81.25	3,430,892	18.75	Carried	
4.	Ordinary Resolution 4 Payment of Directors' fees, meeting allowances and other benefits from 13 June 2023 until the conclusion of the next AGM of the Company	1,557,513,716	75.99	3,386,225	24.01	Carried	
5.	Ordinary Resolution 5 Re-appointment of Messrs. Ernst & Young PLT as Auditors of the Company	1,558,501,169	87.03	2,515,532	12.97	Carried	
6.	Ordinary Resolution 6 Authority to Directors to Allot and Issue Ordinary Shares	1,557,167,327	78.80	3,839,374	21.20	Carried	
7.	Ordinary Resolution 7 Renewal of Shareholders' Mandate for Recurrent Related Party Transaction	35,507,601	82.39	2,151,540	17.61	Carried	

Based on the aforesaid results, the Chairman declared all the Ordinary Resolutions as set out in the Notice of the 110th AGM of the Company dated 28 April 2023 were duly passed by the shareholders. All the Resolutions were voted on by poll and the results of the poll were validated by KPMG Management & Risk Consulting Sdn Bhd, the independent scrutineer appointed by the Company.

6.0 Record of Appreciation

On behalf of the Board, the Chairman placed on record the Board's appreciation to the Company's former Chairman, YBhg. Dato' Haji Ismail Haji Lasim as well as former Board members, YBhg. Dato' Indera Haji Mustaffar Kamal Haji Abdul Hamid, YBhg. Datuk Haji Abdul Ghani Abdul Rashid, Encik Mohd Azahar Ibrahim, YBhg. Dato' Dr. Haji Din Adam and Encik Ahmad Shahredzuan Mohd Shariff for their contributions as Directors of Boustead Plantations Berhad.

The Board also thanked the Management and employees of the Company for their continuing efforts to ensure the success of Boustead Plantations Berhad.

The Annual General Meeting concluded at 12.00 p.m.



110th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Answers to Questions Submitted by Shareholders

No.	Question	Answer			
A. <u>Bo</u>	A. Board Matters				
Q1.	The board comprise of 6 directors with only 2 independent directors (INEDs). It is proposed that the board should have more INEDs which have expertise outside the Boustead group to bring new/fresh ideas and expertise to the Group.	The Company complies with Paragraph 15.02 of the Main Market Listing Requirements which stipulates that at least 2 Directors or one third of the Board of Directors of Company must be Independent Director. The Company recognizes the benefits of bringing in more Independent Directors, which could provide new perspective to the Company. The Company will continue to source for suitable candidates for appointment as Independent Director and will work on achieving the recommendation by the Malaysian Code on Corporate Governance of having at least half of the board comprises of independent directors.			
Q2.	I recommend implementing measures to make way for more competent Board members. It is crucial for the Board to have the right composition and expertise to carry out their duties effectively.	The Company recognised the best practices recommended by the MCCG of which public listed companies. The appointment as directors had taken into consideration their background and capabilities of each individual from various perspectives to join as board members. The Independent Directors provide sufficient check and balance to the Board to ensure the Board acts in the best interest of the Company and is not detrimental to the minority shareholders as well as achieving good governance and protecting stakeholders' interests.			
Q3.	Is today director got given allowance attending the AGM?	No, the directors are not given allowance for attending the AGM.			



B. Financial Matters

- Q1. On note 7 to the accounts, the company had loan to a non-wholly owned subsidiary and recognised an allowance for expected credit loss of RM196 million. Appreciate if the company can provide explanation for corporate governance purposes:
 - a) for what purpose is the loan granted and the approval process on the loan?;
 - b) the terms of the loans including the security and interest rate charge?; and
 - c) the recovery process currently undertaken and chances of recovery on the loan?
- 1. It is intercompany loans between Boustead Plantations Berhad (BPlant) and the non-wholly owned subsidiaries for working capital and capital expenditure purposes. The interest rate charged is based on prevailing market rate with certain margin, which complies with transfer pricing policy. The recovery is via net surplus on monthly transactions.
- 2. The above complies with MFRS 9
 Financial Instruments on the
 recognition of expected credit loss and
 has been agreed by our auditor, Ernst
 & Young.
- Q2. 1. Refer to note 4 and 5 to the accounts on revenue and operating cost. Please explain the high increase in cost compared with revenue and steps taken to contain the cost.
 - 2. The raw material, consumables & other direct cost and other operating cost increased substantially in FY2022 vs FY2021. What is the reason for the substantial increase in these two cost items in FY2022?

Higher raw material cost was mainly due to the increased fertiliser and diesel prices and higher labour cost as a result of increase in minimum wages, as well as increase in fresh fruit bunches (FFB) purchases. The management has implemented few key strategic initiatives to contain the cost and increasing operational efficiencies such as the expansion of mechanisation programme and re-application of mill by-products in the estate and mill operations (i.e., application of Empty Fruit Bunches as organic fertiliser).

Q3. In note 19 page 225 on receivable in your Integrated Report, there is a balance outstanding of RM88 million on disposal of land, when this debt can be fully collected?

As announced in our Q4 2022 Financial Result on 21 February 2023, the remaining balance of the proceeds from the partial disposal of Bukit Mertajam estate were received on 10 February 2023.



Q4.	 With the war in Ukraine had raise the fertiliser price sky high, how has the current fertiliser price/trend settled to-date? How BPlant manages the challenges of high fertiliser price/trend in terms of impact of cost on its operations? 	 The fertiliser cost has stabilised in 2023. However, the overall fertiliser cost is not only depending on the price but also depends on the required volume as recommended by our agronomist. To mitigate the fluctuations of fertiliser prices/trend, we planned our fertiliser purchase ahead in which, purchasing was undertaken earlier with staggered delivery to our estates in line with the fertiliser application program. By locking the prices ahead, we eliminate the risk of paying a higher price later in the year.
Q5.	The Net Cash Generated from Operations amounted to RM299 million in FY2022. If the Net Proceeds from disposal of land of RM399 million were to be excluded, BPlant Group would report a negative net cash flow. In view of the current low CPO prices, will the remaining cash received from the sale of Bukit Mertajam enable BPlant Group to record a positive cash flow for FY2023?	As per Integrated Report FY2022 page 181, the Net Cash Generated from Operations is RM320 million instead of RM299 million. The proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment and compulsory land acquisition land of RM399.6 million is not included in the Net Cash Generated from Operations.
Q6.	 What is the current dividend policy? Is there any special dividend? 	In reference to page 261 of the Integrated Report, it is the intention of the Board of Directors to adopt a dividend payout ratio of at least 60% of the company's audited profit after taxation and zakat attributable to shareholders.
C. <u>Op</u>	perational Matters	
Q1.	The segmental result shows Sarawak plantation result a loss of RM3.8 million compared to others region - profitable. Please explain the loss and also the status on the sale of Sarawak plantation assets?	The loss was due to lower FFB production from ageing palm. More than 90% of Sarawak plantation age profile is under past prime and old category which leads to lower productivity.



- Q2. 1. The crude palm oil (CPO) price has been tapered down from high above RM6000 to now about RM3000 to RM3500, under this lower price challenges condition will BPlant operationally turn into a loss because of this lower price?
 - 2. What are actions taken by management to match lower revenue against cost to prevent turning into losses because of lower CPO price and what is the breakeven CPO price for BPlant in order to avoid losses?

The management has implemented few key strategic initiatives to contain the cost and increasing operational efficiencies such as the expansion of mechanisation programme and re-application of mill byproducts in the estate and mill operations (i.e., application of Empty Fruit Bunches as organic fertiliser).

- Q3. 1. The size of BPlant plantations in Sarawak about 26,400 ha quite similar to the size of peninsular plant but the production of CPO is small compare to peninsular, the point is why is Sarawak not efficient despite owning these assets for more than 20 years?
 - 2. What is the plan to turnaround or to monetise these assets?
 - 3. Has BPlant ever consider joint venture with partner to develop these plantations with some major efficient partner since the trees are old and due for replanting and need a lot of monies?
- 1. As mentioned during the AGM last year, we are still in the midst of undertaking the sale process of Sarawak. We are also exploring other options of which upon material development of the same, necessary announcement shall be made to Bursa Malaysia.
- 2. To clarify on your question, 26,400 ha is the total landbank in Sarawak operation, however, total planted area is only 10,300 ha as compared to total planted area in Peninsular Malaysia of 23,300 ha.



Q4.	How much cost of digitalisation from
	depending too much on foreign labour
	depending too much on foreign labour and how the company manage labour
	issue?

- 1. As-to-date, we have embarked in various initiatives to reduce reliance on foreign workers.
- 2. For instance, the use of electric FFB cutter, mechanical assisted crop evacuation system, and the use of carbon fibre harvesting pole.
- 3. We are also exploring on capitalising on drone technology for harvesting. We plan to continuously digitalize our operations, as and when technology is available. The expenditure is ongoing and we will continue to assess the cost benefit.

Q5. 1. I notice that BPlant has its own research development arm i.e., Applied Agricultural Resources Sdn Bhd (AAR), how is this approach help BPlant compare with the policy of independently sourcing for best high quality planting materials available from SIME, FGV, KLK and UP in terms of increasing yield and reducing cost?

- 2. How is applied agricultural which is operationally profitable today compare to its counterparts mentioned above in terms of market competitiveness and what is its core competence?
- 1. As a research and consultancy centre, provides BPlant competitive edge through systematic and strategic research, with the aim of their efficiency increasing productivity. One of their dedicated research activities are Crop Improvement through production of superior Crop planting materials and new varieties with selective agronomic and desirable traits of interest through conventional and molecular breeding methods i.e., Plant Breeding, Tissue Culture and Biotechnology.
- 2. Production and sales of these planting material are dedicated and prioritised for BPlant at special preference price.



Q6.	1.	BPlant	operates	72,000) ha	of
		planted	land and	10 mills	, wha	t is
		the seg	mental p	profit br	eakdo	wn
		betwee	n planta	ition es	state	VS
		mills?				

- 2. Do BPlant sell biomass electricity to *Tenaga*, if not why not since it is operating sizeable ten mills?
- 3. And besides palm oil and FFB, what other food cash crop is BPlant planting in its plantations to help Malaysia to fight food inflation, has management got blueprint for it to expand to other food cash crops beside palm oil in order to diversify to avoid reliance on single palm crop?
- Most plantations company do not disclose the segmental profit breakdown between plantation estate vs mills. However, as per BPlant's Integrated Report 2022 (page 243), the segment information by region are as the following:
 - a) Peninsular Malaysia recorded a profit of RM175 million;
 - b) Sabah recorded a profit of RM122 million; and
 - c) Sarawak recorded a loss of RM3 million.
- 2. Under BPlant's 5-Year Strategy Framework, Thrust 2 Growth strategy, Mill integration is looking at potential value creation for mills, where the Management will assess each project based on its viability that include its location and other operational factors.
- 3. Alternative cash crops plantation is not in the immediate plan.
- Q7. In relation to a pre-AGM question submitted by shareholder, Mr. Lee, please confirm that the non-wholly owned subsidiaries are the joint venture (JV) companies with Pelita in Sarawak as detailed out in Note 15 Pages 218 to 219 of the Integrated Report?

Yes, the non-wholly owned subsidiaries are the JV companies with LCDA Holding Sdn Bhd (previously known as Pelita) in Sarawak.

- Q8. In 2017, BPlant had purchased the Pertama Estate in Sabah from Duta Land Berhad for RM250 million. According to the Edge Newspaper, 2/3 of the palms were in the post peak production age of 10 to 20 years and the cost of replanting is RM230 million. Was there any due diligence conducted before the purchase of this Estate and would any action be taken against any individual because it appears that the Company is suffering loses.
- To clarify on your question, BPlant had purchased the Pertama Estate in Sabah from Duta Land Berhad for RM750 million (not RM250 million).
- BPlant has a standard policy and procedures on land acquisition.



Q9. Why BPlant has decided to dispose We take note of your concern, however we have done the required assessment of the Sarawak plantations instead of turning cost benefit analysis for the disposal. As it around the region plantation, as mentioned during the AGM last year, we more than 50% is not planted? are still in the midst of undertaking the sale process of Sarawak. We are also exploring other options of which upon material development of the same, necessary announcement shall be made to Bursa Malaysia. Q10. On question 16 which you have As mentioned in our Answer for Pre-AGM Question 16, BPlant is looking at potential answered, but you have not addressed value creation for mills, which means we the question why is BPlant did not sell are looking for all possible initiatives and biomass electricity despite having ten not limited to biomass electricity. The CPO mills? assessment is done for each project based on location and other operational factors. There are various steps that needs to be fulfilled for the feed-in tariff program to TNB, which include bidding process as well as CAPEX and cost-benefit analysis considerations. D. Strategic Matters / Outlook 1. Rebalancing of asset strategy looks Q1. BPlant has a strategy of disposing old disposal of ageing assets, plantations and expensive plantations replanting of old trees and acquisition in order to rebalance its plantation of new brownfield asset. portfolio and to-date what is the current status of this action plan and 2. We are exploring all options in arriving can management advise us which are into ideal distribution of age profile the list of plantations portfolio have and will make necessary been identified for rebalancing? announcements on any material development of the same. Q2. Balau estate in Semenyih, Selangor We take note that the surrounding area of currently Balau estate is about 247 hectares (ha) had been nondevelopment into various township. This operational as a plantation, what is the development will contribute positively to plan for BPlant to monetise this the value of Balau estate. valuable asset to improve the return on equity (ROE) and to paydown BPlant current debt level?



Q3.	Mentioned in the Integrated Report that BPlant still have some unutilised landbank and can the management brief us what is the plan to put to good use these important assets?	We are looking into various options in optimising the available landbanks as currently it is not suitable for oil palm plantation due to its agronomic properties. However, the management will continue to assess other potential of the unutilised land usage.	
Q4.	Integrated Report mentioned land held under Kulai Young, Bukit Mertajam and Telok Sengat had seen full and partial disposal, what other land of BPlant besides the above mentioned has been identified for future disposal?	 The disposal of Kulai Young and Bukit Mertajam estates which were concluded in 2022 are land disposals, whereas the Telok Sengat partial land was a Government compulsory acquisition. Among the land that has potential for disposal is Sarawak assets of which upon material development of the same, necessary announcement shall be made to Bursa Malaysia. 	
Q5.	How is Europe latest policy affect company business?	The European latest policy does not significantly impact our Peninsular Malaysia operations, as all our mills are RSPO certified. For Sabah, we will monitor the market sentiment towards Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG).	
Q6.	 Will 2023 be a better year than 2022 or be worse due to new challenges? What is the business outlook/prospect and strategy of company to counter fluctuations of oil palm market price in to minimise the negative impact on company profit? 	 The Group's profitability is dependent on the price direction for CPO as well as crop production. While palm oil production was impacted by adverse weather conditions in the first quarter of 2023, CPO production is expected to see an uptrend in the second half of the year with a potential improvement in weather conditions. Despite volatile market conditions, BPlant remains focused on our yield improvement initiatives and systematic replanting programmes which continue to progress well. This is part of our aim to boost our yield and achieve an ideal age profile for our estates. To further improve operational efficiencies and productivity, we also continue to 	



		implement digitalisation and mechanisation efforts.
Q7.	There is a sudden jump in the Company's share price. Can the Company confirm if there is any major transaction happening in the near future?	The market price fluctuation is beyond our control.
Q8.	I would like to know any bonus issues new shares as rewards back to shareholders?	We take note of your comment. In reference to page 261 of the Integrated Report, it is the intention of the Board of Directors to adopt a dividend payout ratio of at least 60% of the company's audited profit after taxation and zakat attributable to shareholders.
Q9.	Is Boustead Holdings Berhad going to be de-listed? If yes, what are the impacts to Boustead Plantations Berhad in the short term and in the longer run?	Please refer to the announcement made recently by Boustead Holdings Berhad.
Q10.	It is unfortunate to note that loyal shareholders have not received any token of appreciation during the Company's meetings in recent years, while CSR recipients have. It would be greatly appreciated if shareholders were also acknowledged.	We appreciate your loyalty and thank you for your continuous support thus far. We reward our shareholders through high dividend payouts. For FY2022, BPlant have declared a total of 14.45 sen/share dividend payment to its shareholders, the highest in the past 5-years
E. Ad	lministrative Matters / Others	
Q1.	Can I get a copy of printed Integrated Report?	 In the interest of sustainability, we would prefer that you use the soft copies of the Integrated Report available from BPlant and Bursa website. For request of hardcopy Integrated Report, you may request at https://tiih.online by selecting "Request for Annual Report" under the "Investor Service".



Q2.	Please give us some door gifts / e-vouchers / e-wallet for attending this RPV as a token of appreciation. Thank you.	 As mentioned in the notice for the Annual General Meeting, we have specified that no voucher will be provided to the shareholders. We sincerely hope that you will continue to give your full support and we look forward to meeting you at the next AGM.
Q3.	When are you reverting back to physical AGM?	We thank you for your suggestion and we will look into it.