

INTERIM REPORT

NESTLÉ (MALAYSIA) BERHAD

(110925-W) (Incorporated in Malaysia)

The Directors are pleased to present the Interim Report for the period ended 30 September 2019 as follows:

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2019

	3 months ended 30 September			9 months ended 30 September		
	2019 RM'000	2018 RM'000	%	2019 RM'000	2018 RM'000	%
Revenue - Sales of goods *	1,400,765	1,432,452	-2.2%	4,189,184	4,171,182	0.4%
Cost of sales	(885,922)	(877,221)		(2,622,296)	(2,560,795)	5.7.7.
Gross profit	514,843	555,231	-7.3%	1,566,888	1,610,387	-2.7%
Other income	55	-		19,787	-	
Operating expenses	(314,040)	(357,550)		(856,491)	(885,697)	
Operating profit	200,858	197,681	1.6%	730,184	724,690	0.8%
Finance costs	(10,296)	(11,901)		(30,466)	(32,023)	
Finance income	897	779		2,810	2,083	
Share of post tax profit of an associate	186	162		1,025	1,204	
Profit before tax	191,645	186,721	2.6%	703,553	695,954	1.1%
Tax expense	(42,653)	(49,034)		(162,458)	(160,890)	
Profit after tax	148,992	137,687	8.2%	541,095	535,064	1.1%
Minority interests	-	-		-	-	
Profit after tax and minority interest	148,992	137,687	8.2%	541,095	535,064	1.1%
Profit for the period	148,992	137,687	8.2%	541,095	535,064	1.1%
Other comprehensive income/(expense), net of tax						
Item that is or may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss						
Cash flow hedge	1,449	(720)		(2,613)	25,502	
Item that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss						
Remeasurement of defined benefit liability	-	-		-	-	
Total other comprehensive income/(expense) for the period, net of tax	1,449	(720)		(2,613)	25,502	
Total comprehensive income for the period	150,441	136,967	9.8%	538,482	560,566	-3.9%
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Basic earnings per share (sen)	63.54	58.72		230.74	228.17	
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Basic earnings per share (sen)	70.00		QUARTER	140.00		END

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^{* 2018} revenue includes the Chilled Dairy business. Factoring in the divestment of the Chilled Dairy business on 1 Jan 2019, this represents a solid 2.1% growth for first nine months ended 30 September 2019.

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2019

	As at 30.09.2019 RM'000	As at 31.12.2018 RM'000
Assets		
Property, plant and equipment	1,229,985	1,245,564
Right-of-use assets	236,570	261,567
Intangible assets	66,179	67,546
Investment in an associate	5,659	5,084
Deferred tax assets	25,135	30,572
Trade and other receivables	16,716	21,533
Total non-current assets	1,580,244	1,631,866
Trade and other receivables	638,968	605,414
Inventories	531,731	530,378
Current tax assets	4,301	163
Assets classified as held for sale	-	72,450
Cash and cash equivalents	21,134	7,011
Total current assets	1,196,134	1,215,416
Total assets	2,776,378	2,847,282
Equity		
Share capital	267,500	267,500
Hedging reserve	(115)	2,498
Retained earnings	432,980	384,335
Total equity attributable to owners of the Company	700,365	654,333
Liabilities		
Lease liabilities	159,327	180,198
Employee benefits	89,367	95,282
Deferred tax liabilities	127,601	135,390
Total non-current liabilities	376,295	410,870
Trade and other payables	1,497,143	1,527,276
Loans and borrowings	117,250	180,304
Lease liabilities	26,777	26,778
Current tax liabilities	58,548	47,721
Total current liabilities	1,699,718	1,782,079
Total liabilities		
Total equity and liabilities	2,076,013 2,776,378	2,192,949 2,847,282
Net assets per share attributable to shareholders (RM)	2.99	2.79
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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR PERIOD ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2019

	Non Dis	Non Distributable		
	Share capital	Hedging reserve	Retained profits	Total Equity
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
At 1 January 2018	267,500	(9,172)	370,607	628,935
Cash flow hedge	-	25,502	-	25,502
Profit for the period	-	-	535,064	535,064
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	25,502	535,064	560,566
Dividends to owners of the company				
- Final dividend for the financial year 2017	-	-	(316,575)	(316,575)
- Interim dividend for the financial year 2018	-	-	(164,150)	(164,150)
At 30 September 2018	267,500	16,330	424,946	708,776
At 1 January 2019	267,500	2,498	384,335	654,333
Cash flow hedge	-	(2,613)	-	(2,613)
Profit for the period	-	-	541,095	541,095
Total comprehensive (expense)/income for the period	-	(2,613)	541,095	538,482
Dividends to owners of the company				
- Final dividend for the financial year 2018	-	-	(328,300)	(328,300)
- Interim dividend for the financial year 2019	-	-	(164,150)	(164,150)
At 30 September 2019	267,500	(115)	432,980	700,365

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE PRIOD ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2019

	9 months ended 30.09.2019 RM'000	9 months ended 30.09.2018 RM'000
Cash flows from operating activities		
Profit before tax	703,553	695,954
Adjustments for:		
Amortisation and depreciation	125,596	123,205
Impairment of assets	3,267	-
Net finance costs	27,656	29,940
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	225	134
Gain on divestment	(19,787)	-
Add/ Less:		
Movement in working capital	(237,069)	13,266
Income tax paid	(157,395)	(98,475)
Others	(43,876)	6,679
Net cash from operating activities	402,170	770,703
Cash flows from investing activities		
Acquisition of property, plant and equipment	(90,328)	(59,139)
Acquisition of intangible assets	-	(2,893)
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment	451	363
Proceeds from divestment	140,900	-
Others	3,259	2,502
Net cash generated from/(used in) investing activities	54,282	(59,167)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Finance costs paid	(30,466)	(32,023)
Dividend payment	(328,300)	(480,725)
Payment of lease liabilities	(19,109)	(24,537)
Net cash used in financing activities	(377,875)	(537,285)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	78,577	174,251
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January	(57,443)	(17,310)
Cash and cash equivalents at 30 September	21,134	156,941

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Notes:

Basis of preparation

This interim financial report has been prepared in accordance with the applicable disclosure provisions of the Listing Requirements of the Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad and MFRS 134, Interim Financial Reporting in Malaysia and International Financial Reporting Standards. They do not include all of the information required for full annual financial statements, and should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2018.

- 2 There was no qualification made on the preceding audited financial statements.
- 3 The Group's operations are affected by economic cycles and festive seasons.

4 Items affecting assets, liabilities, equity, net income or cash flow

There were no unusual items affecting assets, liabilities, equity, net income or cash flow of the Group.

a. Property, plant and equipment

As at the end of this quarter, the Group has acquired / disposed the following assets:

Building (improvements and additions)

Plant and machinery (include Asset Under Construction)

Tools and furniture

Motor vehicles

Information systems

3 months ended 30 Sep 2019		9 months ended 30 Sep 2019		
Assets acquired	Assets disposed/ write-off	Assets acquired	Assets disposed/ write-off	
RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	
148	659	1,615	659	
23,943	89	77,211	153	
4,307	16	7,230	253	
2,791	231	2,791	321	
439	15	1,481	16	
31,628	1,010	90,328	1,402	

b. Right-of-use

As at the end of this quarter, the Group has acquired / disposed the following right-of-use assets:

3 months ended 30 Sep 2019				
Assets acquired	Assets disposed/ write-off			
RM'000	RM'000			
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9 months ended 30 Sep 2019		
Assets acquired	Assets disposed/ write-off	
RM'000	RM'000	
	1,763	

Building

5 Changes in estimates

There were no significant changes in estimates for prior periods that have materially affected the results of this quarter.

6 Debts and equity security

There is no issuance of debts and equity security in this quarter.

7 Dividends paid

There was no dividend payment in this quarter.

8 Operating segment

MFRS 8 requires separate reporting of segmental information for operating segments. Operating segments reflect the Group's management structure and the way financial information is regularly reviewed by the Group's chief operating decision maker, which is defined as the Executive Board.

The Group is focused in two areas of activity, Food & Beverages and Others which include Nutrition, Nestlé Professional, Nestlé Health Science and NESPRESSO.

Segment revenue and results

Segment revenue and results

Revenue

Revenue

Operating Profit

Operating Profit

9 months ended 30 Sep 2019				
Food & Beverages	Others	Total		
RM'000	RM'000	RM'000		
3,351,104	838,080	4,189,184		
3,351,104 595,732	136,193	731,925		

9 months ended 30 Sep 2018				
Food & Beverages	Others	Total		
RM'000	RM'000	RM'000		
3,345,838 585,145	825,344	4,171,182		
585,145	139,246	724,391		

The comments on page 6 apply to both segments Food & Beverages (80% of total sales) and Others (20% of total sales).

Reconciliations of reportable segment operating profit:

Total operating profit for reported segments Other unallocated (expense)/income

Consolidated operating profit

9 months ended	9 months ended
30.09.2019	30.09.2018
RM'000	RM'000
731,925	724,391
(1,741)	299
730,184	724,690

9 Valuation of property, plant and equipment

There were no changes or amendments to the valuation of property, plant and equipment from the previous annual financial statements.

10 Events subsequent to balance sheet date

There were no subsequent events to the balance sheet date.

11 Changes in the composition of the Group

There were no changes in the composition of the Group in this quarter.

12 Changes in contingent liabilities

As of the date of this report, there were no other contingent liabilities to the Group except for material litigation as disclosed in Note 12 on page 7.

13 Related party transactions

Management fees

Transactions related to Nestlé S.A. and companies owned by Nestlé S.A. and other affiliates are as follows:

IT shared service
Net finance costs
Purchases of goods and services
Sales of finished goods
Royalties

3 months ended	9 months ended
30.09.2019	30.09.2019
RM'000	RM'000
7,931	23,469
951	3,237
259,108	750,142
253,499	713,356
68,021	206,764
3,219	9,742

These transactions have been entered into in the normal course of business and have been established under negotiated terms.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUIRED BY BURSA MALAYSIA LISTING REQUIREMENTS

Review of performance (Quarter 3, 2019 vs Quarter 3, 2018)

The Group achieved good margins for the third quarter, with Profit Before Tax at RM 192 Mio (+2.6% vs Q3 2018) and Profit After Tax at RM 149 Mio (+8.2%). These results were delivered in spite of higher commodity prices and unfavorable exchange rates, confirming the effectiveness of the efforts to manage margins through focus on driving sustainable efficiencies and savings.

Against the background of exceptionally strong sales in Q3 '18 (0% GST period), sales growth was subdued in the quarter (-2.2% to RM 1.4 Bio) and in spite of solid growth again in domestic sales (1.7% when adjusted for the divestment of Chilled Dairy business). Exports growth was still negatively impacted by unfavorable trading conditions in some of our main importing markets.

Robust domestic sales benefitted again from strong operational sales execution, sustained contribution from innovations and solid marketing activities. New products launched in the third quarter included the STARBUCKS AT HOME range, NESCAFÉ GOLD Mixes relaunch, MILO Protein Up, new varieties of NESCAFÉ RTD, NESTLÉ Crunch Wafer Nuts and DRUMSTICK Pika Pika Ice Cream.

2 Review of performance (Year-to-date, 2019 vs Year-to-date, 2018)

Despite the subdued consumer sentiment, for the first nine months ended 30 September 2019, the Group sales reached RM4.19 billion, +0.4% versus the same period in 2018 (equivalent to 2.1% once adjusted for the divestment of the Chilled Dairy business). Domestic sales remained the engine of growth, with sales expanding 2.6% during the nine-month period (4.6% net of the Chilled Dairy divestment).

The solid growth results reflect positive offtake for our brands confirming sustained consumer demand. This was achieved on the back of robust demand and effective marketing support over both the Chinese New Year and Hari Raya festive seasons, as well as successful product innovations and portfolio renovation. In addition to the above-mentioned launches in the third quarter, other launches this year included NESCAFÉ Blend & Brew White Coffee, NESTUM Brown Rice, NESCAFE Tarik Kurang Manis, MAGGI Pedas Giler Seafood, MAGGI Pedas Giler 2x Ayam Bakar and LA CREMERIA Summer Berries Yogurt Ice Cream.

On the back of this solid turnover, Profit Before Tax and Profit After Tax increased by 1.1% to RM704 million and RM541 million respectively, mainly driven by leveraging the growth and through our ongoing commitment to proactively capture efficiencies and savings to invest behind our brands and protect our margins.

3 Variation of results against previous quarter (Quarter 3, 2019 vs. Quarter 2, 2019)

For the third quarter, the Group registered a turnover of RM1.40 billion, 4.9% higher than the second quarter of 2019. Our growth momentum in the third quarter demonstrates the strength of our domestic business and reflects how our strategic plans to drive sustainable demand for our brands are bearing fruit.

While Profit Before Tax was slightly lower at RM192 million, this was mainly due to planned phasing of our commercial spending. The preceding second quarter also benefitted from a one-off gain of RM19.7 million arising from the divestment of the Petaling Jaya factory and the manufacturing business in relation to chilled dairy products, cold sauces and packing of milk powders.

4 Current year prospects

Building on our solid foundation, the Group's results remain resilient and we expect to land another quarter of solid results in Q4 and for the full year. Despite a challenging backdrop of global and local uncertainties (both consumer and commodities), our fundamentals remain strong and we continue to focus on commercial activities which are consumer-driven.

We will continue to proactively enhance efficiencies and generate savings to invest behind our brands and protect our margins. In the current context this remains the most effective strategy to counter rising commodity costs and protect the accessibility to our brands by consumers.

5 Profit forecast

We do not issue any profit forecast.

6 Tax expense

Malaysian - current period

- prior year

Total current tax expense

Deferred tax

Origination and reversal of temporary differences

Under provision in prior year

Total deferred tax expense

Total income tax expense

3 months ended 30.09.2019	9 months ended 30.09.2019	
RM'000	RM'000	
48,265	170,708	
(5,871)	(6,624)	
42,394	164,084	
438	(7,597)	
(179)	5,971	
259	(1,626)	
42,653	162,458	

7 Unquoted investments

Not applicable in this quarter.

8 Quoted investments

Not applicable to the Group.

9 Status of corporate proposals

There were no corporate proposals in this quarter.

10 Loans and borrowings

Group Borrowings and Debt Securities are:

Short term - Unsecured loans

Loan from a related company

Total short term loans

The Group has a short-term unsecured loan from Nestlé Treasury Centre-Middle East & Africa of USD28 million.

As at		
30.09.2019		
RM'000		
117,250		
117,250		

11 Derivatives

Summary of outstanding derivative assets / (liabilities) as at 30.09.2019 :

Type of derivatives	Notional Value RM'000	Fair Value RM'000	Difference RM'000	Ageing
Forward exchange contracts	954,050	956,112	2,062	Less than 1 year
Commodity futures	2,158	2,064	(94)	Less than 1 year

12 Material litigation

Nestlé Products Sdn. Bhd. ("NPSB"), the wholly owned subsidiary of Nestlé (Malaysia) Berhad (110925-W) ("the Company") was served with a sealed Writ of Summons and Statement of Claim dated 6 March 2019, filed by Mad Labs Sdn. Bhd. ("Mad Labs"). The claim by Mad Labs against NPSB is for amongst others, the sum of RM139,344,262.25. An amended Writ of Summons dated 21 March 2019 was further filed by Mad Labs and served subsequently on 25 March 2019.

In the Statement of Claim, Mad Labs is alleging inter alia, the unauthorised and/or unlawful use of Mad Lab's QR Code, breach of an implied contract between Mad Labs and NPSB by reason of NPSB's continued use of the QR Code, unjust enrichment of NPSB by the use of the QR Code, compensation for the services which Mad Labs has rendered to NPSB and NPSB's negligence in using Mad Labs's QR Code on its products/packaging.

NPSB has filed and served its Statement of Defence dated 22 April 2019 to dispute the claims made by Mad Labs. In addition to filing the Statement of Defence, NPSB has separately filed an action at the Intellectual Property Court against Mad Labs and its sole director and shareholder, Chow Kien Loon ("CKL") for amongst others, to challenge the ownership of Mad Labs in the QR Code, negligence, unlawful interference with trade as well as defamation and trade libel. Mad Labs and CKL have been served the sealed Writ of Summons and Statement of Claim dated 23 April 2019 filed by NPSB through its solicitors.

Both NPSB and Mad Labs are in the midst of complying with pre-trial directions by the Courts.

Based on the opinion rendered by solicitors representing NPSB, Messrs. Zaid Ibrahim & Co., NPSB has a reasonably strong case against Mad Labs and CKL. Accordingly, the Board is of the opinion that no provision needs to be made for this claim.

13 Dividend

The Board of Directors has declared an interim dividend of 70.00 sen per share (2018: 70.00 sen per share) in respect of financial year ending 31 December 2019 which will be paid on 19 December 2019 to shareholders whose names appear on the Record of Depositors on 29 November 2019. Under current rules, single-tier dividends are not taxable in the hand of shareholders.

A Depositor shall qualify for entitlement only in respect of:

- a. shares transferred into the Depositor's Securities Account before 5.00 p.m. on 29 November 2019 in respect of ordinary transfers.
- b. shares bought on the Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad on a cum entitlement basis according to the rules of the Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad.

14 Profit for the period

Profit for the period is arrived at after charging:
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment
Amortisation of right-of-use
Amortisation of intangible assets
Finance cost of lease liabilities
Impairment of assets
Property, plant and equipment written off
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment
Net loss on derivatives
Provision & write off of receivables
Provision & write off of inventories
Net foreign exchange loss
and after crediting:
Net gain on derivatives
Gain on divestment
Reversal of provision of receivables
Reversal of provision of inventories
Net foreign exchange gain

3 months ended 30 Sep			9 months ended 30 Sep			
2019	2018		2018 2019		2018	
RM'000	RM'000		RM'000	RM'000		
30,773	34,439		100,810	100,783		
7,727	7,974		23,419	22,112		
392	106		1,367	310		
1,940	1,950		5,959	3,144		
3,267	-		3,267	-		
678	215		726	307		
149	4		225	134		
-	4,999		-	-		
1,079	6,108		-	15,817		
269	389		-	1,203		
1,740	-		10,557	-		
2	-		2	309		
55	-		19,787	-		
-	-		1,568	-		
-	-		1,932	-		
-	856		-	6,794		

15 Financial instruments disclosure

Fair value information

The table below analyses financial instruments carried at fair value and those not carried at fair value for which fair value is disclosed, together with their fair values and carrying amounts shown in the statement of financial position:

Financial assets
Commodity futures
Forward exchange contracts
Financial liabilities
Forward exchange contracts
Commodity futures

Financial assets
Loans to employees
Financial liabilities
Loan from a related company

Financial assets
Commodity futures
Forward exchange contracts
Financial liabilities
Forward exchange contracts
Commodity futures

Financial assets
Loans to employees
Financial liabilities
Loan from a related company

	As at 30.09.2019						
Fair val	Fair value of financial instruments carried at fair value						
Level 1	Level 2	Carrying amount					
RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000			
222	-	-	222	222			
-	5,945	-	5,945	5,945			
-	(3,883)	-	(3,883)	(3,883)			
(316)	-	-	(316)	(316)			

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Carrying amount	Fair value of financial instruments not carried at fair value				
Carrying amount	evel 2 Level 3 Total fair value			Level 1	
RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	
28,589	28,589	28,589	-	-	
(117,250)	(117,250)	(117,250)	-	_	

As at 31.12.2018					
Fair val	t fair value	Counting amount			
Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total fair value	Carrying amount	
RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	
179	-	-	179	179	
-	7,779	-	7,779	7,779	
-	(4,893)	-	(4,893)	(4,893)	
(711)	-	-	(711)	(711)	

Fair value of financial instruments not carried at fair value				Carrying amount	
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 2 Level 3 Total fair value		Carrying amount
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
	-	-	33,557	33,557	33,557
	-	-	(115,850)	(115,850)	(115,850)

Policy on transfer between levels

The fair value of an asset to be transferred between levels is determined as of the date of the event or change in circumstances that caused the transfer.

Level 2 fair value

Derivatives

The fair value of forward exchange contracts is estimated by discounting the difference between the contractual forward price and the current forward price for the residual maturity of the contract using a risk-free interest rate (based on government bonds).

Transfers between Level 1 and Level 2 fair values

There has been no transfer between Level 1 and Level 2 fair values during the period (2018: no transfer in either directions).

Level 3 fair value

Non-derivative financial liabilities

Fair value, which is determined for disclosure purposes, is calculated based on the present value of future principal and interest cash flows, discounted at the market rate of interest at the end of the reporting period.

16 Basic earnings per share

a. Basic earnings per share

The calculation of the basic earnings per share is based on the net profit attributable to ordinary shareholders of RM541.1 million (RM535.1 million in September 2018) and the number of ordinary shares outstanding of 234.5 million (234.5 million in September 2018).

b. Diluted earnings per share

Not applicable for the Group.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
Tengku Ida Adura Binti Tengku Ismail, MCCS (MACS 01686)
Company Secretary

Date: November 12, 2019