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**MUAR BAN LEE GROUP BERHAD**

(Company No. 200601033829 (753588-P))  
(Incorporated in Malaysia)

**STATEMENT TO SHAREHOLDERS**

**IN RELATION TO THE**

**PROPOSED RENEWAL OF AUTHORITY FOR**

**THE SHARE BUY-BACK**

The above proposal will be tabled as Special Business at Muar Ban Lee Group Berhad (“MBL” or “the Company”)’s Seventeenth Annual General Meeting (“17th AGM”) to be held on a fully virtual basis through the online meeting platform in Malaysia at <https://agm.digerati.com.my/pasb-online> (Domain registration number: D1A11953). This Statement together with the Notice of the 17th AGM, Administrative Guide for the 17th AGM and Proxy Form are available on the Company’s website at [www.mbl.com](http://www.mbl.com).

You are entitled to attend, vote and speak at the 17th AGM of MBL or to appoint a proxy or proxies to attend, vote and speak on your behalf. The Proxy Form should be completed and returned in accordance with the instructions therein and should reach the Registered Office of our Company at No. 85, Muntri Street, 10200 Georgetown, Pulau Pinang, on or before the date and time indicated below:-

Last date and time for lodging the Proxy Form : Tuesday, 23 May 2023 at 11.30 a.m.  
Date and time of the AGM : Thursday, 25 May 2023 at 11.30 a.m.

This Statement is dated 27 April 2023

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**DEFINITIONS**

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Except where the context otherwise requires, the following definitions shall apply throughout this Statement:-

Act	:	The Companies Act 2016 as amended from time to time and any re-enactment thereof
AGM	:	Annual General Meeting
Board	:	The Board of Directors of our Company
Bursa Securities	:	Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad (200301033577(635998-W))
Code	:	The Malaysian Code on Take-Overs and Mergers, 2010 as amended from time to time and any re-enactment thereof
Director(s)	:	Director(s) of MBL
EPS	:	Earnings per share
Listing Requirements	:	Main Market Listing Requirements of Bursa Securities
LPD	:	30 March 2023, being the latest practicable date prior to the printing of this Statement
Market Day(s)	:	Any day(s) between Monday to Friday (inclusive), excluding public holidays, and a day on which Bursa Securities is open for trading of securities
MBL or our Company	:	Muar Ban Lee Group Berhad
MBL Group or our Group	:	MBL and its subsidiary companies, collectively
MBL Realty	:	MBL Realty Sdn Bhd
MBL Share(s) or Share(s)	:	Ordinary share(s) in MBL
NA	:	Net assets
Proposed Renewal	:	Proposed renewal of shareholders' mandate to authority for our Company to purchase our own Shares of up to 10% of our issued and paid-up share capital at any point of time
Purchased Shares	:	MBL Shares purchased pursuant to the Proposed Share Buy-Back
Record of Depositors	:	A record of securities holders established by Bursa Malaysia Depository Sdn Bhd under the Rules of Bursa Depository
RM and sen	:	Ringgit Malaysia and sen respectively
SC	:	Securities Commission Malaysia
Shares	:	Ordinary Shares of MBL

Share Grant Plan (“SGP”)		The SGP was granted approval from Bursa Malaysia and approved by Shareholders of MBL at the Extraordinary General Meeting (“EGM”) held on 14 June 2013 to approve the SGP to award to eligible employees and executive directors of MBL and its subsidiaries which entail the issuance of SGP MBL Shares up to 10% of the issued and paid up share capital of MBL (excluding treasury shares) at any relevant point in time. There was no share issued under SGP at the LPD.
Substantial Shareholder(s)	:	Meaning given in Section 136 of the Act.
Treasury Shares	:	Purchased Shares which are or will be retained in treasury by the Company and shall have the meaning given in Section 127 of the Act.
VWAP	:	Volume Weighted Average Market Price.

All references to “our Company” or “MBL” in this Statement are to Muar Ban Lee Group Berhad and references to “our Group” are to our Company and our subsidiaries. References to “we”, “us”, “our” and “ourselves” are to our Company, or where the context requires, our Group. All references to “you” in this Statement are references to the shareholders of our Company.

Words incorporating the singular shall, where applicable, include the plural and vice versa and words incorporating the masculine gender shall, where applicable, include the feminine and neuter genders and vice versa. Reference to persons shall include a corporation, unless otherwise specified.

Any reference in this Statement to any enactment is a reference to that enactment as for the time being amended or re-enacted. Any reference to a time of day in this Statement shall be a reference to Malaysian time, unless otherwise specified.

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## MUAR BAN LEE GROUP BERHAD

(Company No. 200601033829 (753588-P))  
(Incorporated in Malaysia)

### Registered Office:

No. 85, Muntri Street  
10200 Georgetown,  
Pulau Pinang

27 April 2023

### Board of Directors:

Dato' Chua Ah Ba @ Chua Eng Ka (*Executive Chairman*)  
Chua En Hom (*Deputy Executive Chairman*)  
Dato' Chua Heok Wee (*Managing Director*)  
Tan Sri Dato' Seri Tan King Tai @ Tan Khoon Hai (*Executive Director / Finance Director*)  
Khairilnuar Bin Tun Abdul Rahman (*Senior Independent Non-Executive Director*) (*Resigned on 31 March 2023*)  
Datuk Rajendran A/L P Narayanasamy (*Independent Non-Executive Director*)  
Tan Soo Mooi (*Independent Non-Executive Director*)  
Ng Mei Wan (*Independent Non-Executive Director*)  
Lim Choo Hooi (*Independent Non-Executive Director*) (*Appointed on 31 March 2023*)

**To: The Shareholders of MBL**

Dear Sir/Madam,

### PROPOSED RENEWAL OF SHARE BUY-BACK AUTHORITY (“PROPOSAL RENEWAL”)

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#### 1. INTRODUCTION

Our Company had on 26 May 2022, at its 16th AGM, obtained the shareholders' approval for the renewal of authorisation for share buy-back of up to ten percent (10%) of its issued share capital of the Company, through Bursa Securities. This authority will, in accordance with Chapter 12 of Listing Requirements, lapse at the conclusion of the forthcoming 17th AGM unless a renewal of authority of share buy-back is obtained from the Shareholders of our Company at the AGM.

On 13 April 2023, the Company had announced its intention to seek the approval of its shareholders at the forthcoming 17th AGM on the Proposed Renewal.

THE PURPOSE OF THIS STATEMENT IS TO PROVIDE YOU WITH THE RELEVANT INFORMATION AND DETAILS ON THE PROPOSED RENEWAL AND TO SEEK YOUR APPROVAL FOR THE ORDINARY RESOLUTION PERTAINING TO THE PROPOSED RENEWAL TO BE TABLED AT OUR FORTHCOMING 17TH AGM. THE NOTICE OF AGM (“UNDER “SPECIAL BUSINESS”) TOGETHER WITH THE PROXY FORM ARE BEING SEND TO YOU TOGETHER WITH THIS STATEMENT.

YOU ARE ADVISED TO READ AND CONSIDER CAREFULLY THE CONTENTS OF THIS STATEMENT BEFORE VOTING ON THE RESOLUTION TO BE TABLED AT OUR FORTHCOMING AGM TO GIVE EFFECT TO THE PROPOSED RENEWAL.

## 2. DETAILS OF THE PROPOSED RENEWAL

The Board propose to seek shareholders’ approval for the renewal of authority for our Company to purchase up to ten percent (10%) of our Company’s issued share capital at any point in time, subject to Section 127 of the Act, Chapter 12 of the Listing Requirements and any prevailing laws, rules, regulations, orders, guidelines, and requirements issued by the relevant authorities (“Prevailing Laws”) at the time of purchase.

### 2.1 Quantum

As at LPD, the issued share capital of our Company stood at RM75,535,317.30 comprising 248,621,800 ordinary shares. Hence, up to 24,862,180 MBL Shares may be purchase by our Company pursuant to the Proposed Renewal. Nonetheless, assuming full exercise of SGP Options, a total up to 27,348,398 MBL Shares or ten per centum (10%) of the enlarged issued share capital may be purchased by our Company.

The maximum aggregate number of MBL Shares, which may be purchased by our Company, shall not exceed ten percent (10%) of the total issued share capital of our Company at any point in time. For illustrative purposes, the maximum aggregate number of MBL Shares that may be purchased under the Proposed Renewal based on the existing issued share capital and the number of treasury shares held as at the LPD, are set out below:-

	<b>Scenario 1 Assuming none of the SGP Options are exercised</b>	<b>Scenario 2 Assuming all the SGP Options are exercised</b>
	No. of MBL shares	No. of MBL shares
Issued share capital as at the LPD	248,621,800	248,621,800
To be issued assuming full exercise of the Outstanding SGP Option	-	24,862,180
<b>Enlarged issued share capital</b>	<b>248,621,800</b>	<b>273,483,980</b>
Ten percent (10%) of the issued share capital	24,862,180	27,348,398
Less: Treasury shares held by the Company as at the LPD	21,085,900	21,085,900
<b>Remaining number of MBL Shares that may be purchased by MBL</b>	<b>3,776,280</b>	<b>6,262,498</b>

The actual number of MBL Shares to be purchased will depend on, amongst others, market conditions, and the availability of retained profits and financial resources of the Company at the time of the purchase(s).

## **2.2 Duration**

The mandate from the shareholders for the Proposed Renewal will be effective immediately after the passing of the ordinary resolution to be tabled at the 17th AGM of our Company to be convened and will continue to be in force until:-

- (a) the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting (“AGM”) of our Company, unless by ordinary resolution passed at the meeting, the authority is renewed, either unconditionally or subject to conditions;
- (b) the expiration of the period within which the next AGM is required by law to be held (unless earlier revoked or varied by ordinary resolution of the shareholders of our Company in general meeting) but not so as to prejudice the completion of purchase(s) by our Company made before the aforesaid expiry date and, in any event, in accordance with the Listing Requirements of Bursa Securities or any other relevant authorities;

The approval from the shareholders for the Proposed Renewal does not impose an obligation on our Company to purchase its own shares but rather it will allow the Board to exercise the power of our Company to purchase its own shares at any time within the abovementioned time period.

The purchase of such MBL shares will be carried out through Bursa Securities via stockbrokers appointed by our Company.

## **2.3 The Purchase Price**

Pursuant to the Listing Requirements, our Company may only purchase our own Shares on the Bursa Securities at a price not more than fifteen per centum (15%) above the VWAP of the Shares for the five (5) market days immediately preceding the date(s) of purchase(s).

## **2.4 The Resale Price**

The Company may only resell the Treasury Shares on the Bursa Securities at:

- (a) a price which is not less than the VWAP of the Shares for the five (5) market days immediately before the resale; or
- (b) a discounted price of not more than five per centum (5%) to the VWAP of the Shares for the five (5) market days immediately before the resale provided that:
  - (i) the resale takes place no earlier than thirty (30) days from the date of purchase; and
  - (ii) the resale price is not less than the cost of purchase of the Shares being resold.

## **2.5 Treatment of Purchased Shares**

The Shares purchased by our Company will be dealt with by our Directors in accordance with Section 127 of the Act, in the following manner:-

- (a) cancel the Purchase Shares if the Directors of our Company deem that there is excess share capital and wish to reduce the number of shares in circulation; or
- (b) retain the Purchase Shares as treasury shares held by our Company; or
- (c) retain part of the Purchase Shares as treasury shares and cancel the remainder;  
or
- (d) resell the treasury shares on Bursa Securities in accordance with the relevant rules of Bursa Securities; or

- (e) distribute the Purchase Shares as share dividends if our Directors of our Company wish to reward the shareholders of MBL, which will depend on the availability of, among others, retained profits, share premium and tax credits of our Company.

In any other manner as prescribed by the Act, rules, regulations and guidelines pursuant to the Act and the requirements of Bursa Securities and any other relevant authority for the time being in force.

In the event our Company wishes to purchase our own Shares, our Company are required to lodge a declaration of solvency to Bursa Securities and release an immediate announcement on the day the purchase is made.

An appropriate announcement will also be made to Bursa Securities in respect of the intention of the Board whether to retain the Shares so purchased as Treasury Shares or cancel them or both.

While the purchased Shares are held as Treasury Shares, the rights attached to them in relation to voting, dividends and participation in any other distributions or otherwise are suspended and the Treasury Shares shall not be taken into account in calculating the number or percentage of Shares or of a class of Shares, in our Company for any purposes including substantial shareholdings, take-overs, notices, the requisitioning of meetings, the quorum for a meeting and the result of a vote on a resolution at a meeting.

### **3. SOURCES OF FUNDS**

Your approval for the Proposed Renewal does not impose an obligation to our Company to purchase our own Shares. However, the Proposed Renewal will allow our Board to exercise the power of our Company to purchase our own Shares at any time within the abovementioned time period using internal funds of our Company and/or borrowings as long as the purchase is backed by an equivalent amount of retained profits of our Company.

Depending on the number of Shares purchased and the purchase price(s) of the Shares, the Proposed Renewal, if funded through internally generated fund, is not expected to have a material impact on the cash flow position of our Company.

In the event that bank borrowings are used to fund the purchase of Shares pursuant to the Proposed Renewal, our Company will ensure that it will have sufficient funds to repay the said borrowings as and when they fall due and this is not expected to have a material impact on the cash flow position of our Company.

The amount of funds to be utilised for the Proposed Renewal will only be determined later depending on the actual number of MBL Shares to be purchased, the purchase price(s) of the Purchased Shares, the availability of funds at the time of purchase(s) and other relevant cost factors.

The maximum amount of funds to be utilised by our Company for the Proposed Renewal shall not exceed the retained profit of our Company. Based on the latest Audited Financial Statements as at 31 December 2022 of MBL, the retained profits is RM31,076,215.

### **4. RATIONALE FOR THE PROPOSED RENEWAL**

The Proposed Renewal, if implemented, will enable our Group to utilise any of our surplus financial resources which is not immediately required for other uses, to purchase our own shares from the market. The Proposed Renewal is expected to stabilise the supply and demand, as well as the price of our Shares.



All things being equal, the Proposed Renewal, whether the Purchased Shares are retained as treasury shares or cancelled, will result in a lower number of MBL Shares being used for the purpose of computing the EPS. Therefore, the Proposed Renewal will improve the EPS of our Company which in turn, may have a positive impact on the market price of our Shares.

The Purchased Shares may be held as treasury shares and resold through Bursa Securities at a higher price with the intention of realising a potential gain without affecting the total issued share capital of our Company. Should any treasury shares be distributed as share dividend, this would serve to reward our shareholders.

The Proposed Renewal is not expected to have any potential material disadvantage to our Company and our shareholders, and it will only be exercised after due consideration of the financial resources of our Group and the impact on the shareholders of our Company. Our Board, in exercising any decision to buy-back any MBL Shares, will be mindful of the interests of our Company and our shareholders.

## **5. POTENTIAL ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES OF THE PROPOSED RENEWAL**

The potential advantages of the Proposed Renewal to our Company and our shareholders are as follows:

- (a) allows our Company to take preventive measures against speculation particularly when our Shares are undervalued which would in turn, stabilise the market price of our Shares and hence enhance investors' confidence;
- (b) allows flexibility for our Company to achieve the desired capital structure, in terms of debt and equity composition and size of equity;
- (c) the Proposed Renewal will also provide our Company with opportunities for potential gains if the Purchased Shares which are retained as treasury shares are resold at a higher price; and
- (d) if the treasury shares are distributed as share dividends by our Company, it may then serve to reward you.

The potential disadvantages of the Proposed Renewal to our Company and our shareholders, are as follows:

- (a) the Proposed Renewal will reduce the financial resources of our Group and may result in our Group foregoing better investment opportunities that may emerge in the future; and
- (b) as the Proposed Renewal can only be made out of the retained profits and/or share premium of our Company, it may result in the reduction of financial resources available for distribution to our shareholders in the future.

## **6. EFFECTS OF THE PROPOSED RENEWAL**

The effects of the Proposed Renewal of Share Buy-Back Authority are presented based on the following assumptions:

- (a) the purchase of own Shares of up to 10% of the issued share capital of our Company is carried out in full; and
- (b) MBL Shares so purchased are retained as treasury shares.

Assuming that the Proposed Renewal will be carried out in full at any time during the proposed authorised period, the effects on the share capital, NA, earnings, working capital, and substantial shareholders' and directors' shareholdings in our Company are as follow:

## 6.1 Share capital

For illustrative purposes, the effects of the Proposed Renewal on the issued share capital of our Company will depend on whether the Purchased Shares are cancelled or retained as treasury shares. The Proposed Renewal will result in a reduction of the issued share capital of our Company, if the Purchased Shares are cancelled.

As at the LPD upon the implementation of the Proposed Renewal and assuming that 10% of our Company's issued share capital are purchased and cancelled, are set out below:

	<b>Scenario 1</b> <b>Assuming none of the</b> <b>SGP Options are</b> <b>exercised</b>	<b>Scenario 2</b> <b>Assuming all the</b> <b>SGP Options are</b> <b>exercised</b>
	No. of MBL Shares	No. of MBL Shares
Issued share capital as at the LPD	248,621,800	248,621,800
To be issued assuming full exercise of the Outstanding SGP Option	-	24,862,180
<b>Enlarged issued share capital</b>	<b>248,621,800</b>	<b>273,483,980</b>
Less: Assuming all treasury shares held by MBL as at the LPD are cancelled	21,085,900	21,085,900
Less: Assuming MBL Shares purchased under the Proposed Renewal are cancelled [Note (1)]	3,776,280	6,262,498
<b>Resultant issued share capital</b>	<b>223,759,620</b>	<b>246,135,582</b>

**Note (1):-** Assuming the MBL Shares purchased pursuant to the Proposed Renewal is based on the maximum number of MBL Shares that may be purchased under the respective scenarios.

On the other hand, if the MBL Shares purchased are retained as treasury shares, resold or distributed to our shareholders, the Proposed Renewal will have no effect on the issued share capital of our Company.

## 6.2 NA

The effects of the Proposed Renewal on the NA of our Group will depend on the purchase price(s) of Shares, the number of Shares purchased, the effective funding cost to our Group to finance the share buy-back, if any, or loss in interest income to our Company, and whether the Purchased Shares are cancelled, retained as treasury shares resold on Bursa Securities or distributed as share dividends to our shareholders.

If all Purchased Shares are cancelled, the Proposed Renewal will reduce the NA per Share if the purchase price per Purchased Share exceeds the NA per Share at the relevant point in time, and vice versa.

The NA of our Group would decrease if the Purchased Shares are retained as treasury shares due to the requirement for treasury shares to be carried at cost and be offset against equity, resulting in a decrease in the NA of our Group by the cost of the treasury shares.

If the treasury shares are resold through Bursa Securities, the NA per Share upon the resale would increase if our Company realises a gain from the resale, and vice versa. If the treasury shares are distributed as share dividends, the NA per Share will decrease by the cost of the treasury shares.

### **6.3 EPS**

The effects of the Proposed Renewal on the EPS of our Group will depend on the purchase price(s) of the Shares, the number of Shares purchased and the effective funding cost, if any, or any loss in interest income to our Group or opportunity cost in relation to other investment opportunities.

Assuming that the Purchased Shares are retained as treasury shares and subsequently resold, the effects on the EPS of our Group will depend on the actual selling price, the number of the treasury shares resold, and the effective gain or interest savings arising from the share buy-back exercise.

If the Purchased Shares are cancelled, the Proposed Renewal will increase the EPS of our Group provided that the income foregone and interest expenses incurred, if any, on the Purchased Shares are less than the EPS before the share buy-back.

### **6.4 Working capital**

The Proposed Renewal, as and when implemented, will reduce the working capital and cash flow of our Group, the quantum of which depends on, amongst others, the number of Shares purchased and the purchase price(s) of the Shares.

The Purchased Shares which are kept as treasury shares, upon resale, will increase the working capital and the cash flow of our Group upon receipt of the proceeds of the resale. The quantum of the increase in the working capital and cash flow will depend on the actual selling price(s) of the treasury shares and the number of treasury shares resold.

### **6.5 Dividend**

Barring unforeseen circumstances, the Proposed Renewal is not expected to have any effect on our Group's dividend policy. The decision to declare and pay dividends in the future would depend on the performance, cash flow position and financing requirements of our Group. As stated in Section 6.1 above, our Board may have the option to distribute future dividends in the form of the treasury shares purchased pursuant to the Proposed Renewal.



Datuk Rajendran A/L P Narayanasamy	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tan Soo Mooi	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ng Mei Wan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lim Choo Hooi (Appointed on 31 March 2023)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

**Substantial Shareholders**

MBL Realty Sdn. Bhd.	85,512,960	37.58	-	-	85,512,960	38.22	-	-
Tan Sri Dato' Seri Tan King Tai @ Tan Khoon Hai	12,894,200	5.67	(c) 6,702,400	2.95	12,894,200	5.76	(c) 6,702,400	3.00

**Notes:**

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- (a)
- (b)
- (c)

Based on the assumption that our Company purchases the maximum 24,862,180 MBL Shares, representing 10% of its issued share capital of 248,621,800 MBL Shares. Deemed interested by virtue of their substantial shareholdings in MBL Realty pursuant to Section 8 of the Act.

Deemed interested by virtue of his son pursuant to Section 59(11) of the Act

Deemed interested by virtue of his spouse and daughter pursuant to Section 59(11) of the Act.

**Scenario 2 – Assuming all the SGP Options are exercised**

Directors	No. of Shares held as at LPD		%	Assuming full exercise of the SGP Options		%	After all treasury		%
	Direct	Indirect		Direct	Indirect		Direct	Indirect	
Dato' Chua Ah Ba @ Chua Eng Ka	1,732,000	(a)85,812,960	37.71	4,492,000	(d)(e)88,572,960	32.39	4,492,000	(d)(e)88,572,960	35.99
Chua En Hom	300,000	(a)85,512,960	37.58	3,060,000	(d)85,512,960	31.27	3,060,000	(d)85,512,960	34.74
Dato' Chua Heok Wee	300,000	(a)85,512,960	37.58	3,060,000	(d)85,512,960	31.27	3,060,000	(d)85,512,960	34.74
Chua Kang Sing	-	(a)85,512,960	37.58	2,760,000	(d)85,512,960	31.27	2,760,000	(d)85,512,960	34.74
Tan Sri Dato' Seri Tan King Tai @ Tan Khoon Hai	12,894,200	(c)6,702,400	2.95	15,654,200	(f)6,702,400	2.45	15,654,200	(f)6,702,400	2.72
Khairilnuar Bin Tun Abdul Rahman	100,000	-	-	100,000	-	-	100,000	-	-
(Resigned on 31 March 2023)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Datuk Rajendran A/L P Narayanasamy	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tan Soo Mooi	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ng Mei Wan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lim Choo Hooi (Appointed on 31 March 2023)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

**Substantial Shareholders**

MBL Realty Sdn. Bhd.	85,512,960	37.58	-	-	85,512,960	31.27	-	-	85,512,960	34.74	-	
Tan Sri Dato' Seri Tan King Tai @ Tan Khoon Hai	12,894,200	5.67	6,702,400	2.95	15,654,200	5.72	6,702,400	2.45	15,654,200	6.36	6,702,400	2.72

**Notes:**

- ^ Based on the assumption that our Company purchases the maximum 27,348,398 MBL Shares, representing 10% of its issued share capital of 273,483,980 MBL Share after all the outstanding Warrants and SGP Options are exercised.
- (d) Deemed interested by virtue of their substantial shareholdings in MBL Realty pursuant to Section 8 of the Act.
- (e) Deemed interested by virtue of his son pursuant to Section 59(11) of the Act
- (f) Deemed interested by virtue of his spouse and daughter pursuant to Section 59(11) of the Act.

## 8. IMPLICATION OF THE CODE

It is not the intention of our Company to cause our substantial shareholders to trigger an obligation to undertake a mandatory offer under the Code and our Company will be mindful of the above implications of the Code in making any purchase of our own Shares under the Proposed Renewal.

Nonetheless, if the obligation to undertake a mandatory take-over offer under the Code is expected to be triggered, our substantial shareholder and its respective persons acting in concert will make an application to the SC for an exemption from a mandatory offer under Practice Note 9.24.1 of the Code.

## 9. HISTORICAL SHARE PRICE

The monthly highest and lowest prices of MBL Shares as traded on Bursa Securities for the last twelve (12) months from April 2022 to March 2023 are as follows:-

Month	High (RM)	Low (RM)
April 2022	0.495	0.415
May 2022	0.440	0.395
June 2022	0.420	0.365
July 2022	0.375	0.335
August 2022	0.380	0.335
September 2022	0.375	0.350
October 2022	0.370	0.350
November 2022	0.450	0.360
December 2022	0.490	0.430
January 2023	0.555	0.450
February 2023	0.545	0.495
March 2023	0.540	0.490

The last transacted price of MBL Shares on 30 March 2023, being the latest practicable date prior to the printing of this Statement, was RM0.515.

*(Source: Investing.com)*

## 10. PURCHASE, RESALE, TRANSFER AND CANCELLATION OF TREASURY SHARES IN THE PREVIOUS TWELVE (12) MONTHS

### Previous purchases, resale and cancellation of treasury shares

Based on the Record of Depositors as at the LPD, 21,085,900 MBL Shares are held as treasury shares by our Company.

Our Company has not resold and/or cancelled any treasury shares held by our Company in the past twelve (12) months preceding the LPD.

## 11. PUBLIC SHAREHOLDING SPREAD

Based on our Company's Record of Depositors as at the LPD, 126,696,662 Shares representing approximately 55.68% of the issued share capital of our Company were held by 2,220 public shareholders holding not less than 100 MBL Shares each.

The Proposed Renewal will be carried out in accordance with prevailing laws at the time of the purchase including compliance with the public shareholding spread. Our Company will only undertake the Proposed Renewal, provided that the public shareholding spread of at least 25% of the issued capital of our Company (excluding treasury shares) are in the hands of public shareholders. Our Board are mindful of the compliance with the public shareholding spread as required by the Listing Requirements and will take into consideration the requirement when making any purchase of MBL Shares pursuant to the Proposed Renewal.



## **12. APPROVAL REQUIRED**

The Proposed Renewal requires your approval at the forthcoming AGM. The Proposal Renewal is not conditional upon any other proposal.

## **13. DIRECTORS' AND SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS' INTERESTS**

Save for the inadvertent increase in the percentage shareholdings and/or voting rights of the Directors and Substantial Shareholders of our Company as a consequence of the Proposed Renewal as set out in Section 7 above, none of our Directors, Substantial Shareholders and/or persons connected to them has any interest, direct or indirect, in the Proposed Renewal or resale of the treasury shares (if any in the future).

## **14. DIRECTORS' RECOMMENDATION**

Our Board, having considered all aspects of the Proposed Renewal is of the opinion that the Proposed Renewal is in the best interest of our Company. Accordingly, our Board recommends that you vote in favour of the ordinary resolution pertaining to the Proposed Renewal to be tabled at the forthcoming AGM.

## **15. AGM**

The Ordinary Resolution pertaining to the Proposed Renewal is set out in the Extract of the Notice of 17th AGM in Appendix II of this Statement and as a Special Business in the Notice of the 17th AGM, which is sent to you together with this Statement.

The 17th AGM will be held at Fully virtual basis via the online meeting platform at <https://agm.digerati.com.my/pasb-online> Malaysia on Thursday, 25 May 2023 at 11.30 a.m. or any adjournment thereof for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the ordinary resolution pertaining to the Proposed Renewal.

If you are unable to attend and vote in person at the AGM, you are requested to complete, sign and return the Proxy Form, in accordance with the instructions printed thereon as soon as possible and, in any event, so as to arrive at our Company's registered office at No. 85, Muntri Street, 10200 Georgetown, Pulau Pinang, not less than forty-eight (48) hours before the date and time set for the AGM or any adjournment thereof. The lodging of the Proxy Form will not, however, preclude you from attending and voting in person at the AGM should you subsequently wish to do so. Pursuant to Paragraph 8.29A(1) of the Bursa Securities MMLR, all the Resolutions set out in this Notice will be put to vote by poll.

Yours faithfully,  
For and on behalf of  
**MUAR BAN LEE GROUP BERHAD**

**TAN SRI DATO' SERI TAN KING TAI @ TAN KHOON HAI**  
Executive Director / Finance Director

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

## 1. DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT

This Statement has been reviewed and approved by the Directors and they collectively and individually accept full responsibility for the accuracy of the information given and confirm that after making all reasonable enquiries to the best of their knowledge and belief there are no other facts the omission of which would make any statement herein misleading.

## 2. MATERIAL LITIGATION, CLAIMS OR ARBITRATION

Save as disclosed below, neither the Company nor any of its subsidiary companies is engaged in any other material litigation, claims or arbitration either as plaintiff or defendant and the Directors do not have any knowledge of any proceedings, pending or threatened, against the Company or any of its subsidiary companies or of any facts likely to give rise to any proceedings which might materially affect the position or business of the Company or its subsidiary companies:

**A. Disposal of Sokor Gemilang Ladang Sdn Bhd ("SGLSB")**

On 18 February 2022, the Group wholly-owned subsidiary, MBL Plantation Sdn Bhd ("MBLPSB" or collectively referred to as "Defendant") had received a Writ of Summon and Statement of Claim both dated 15 February 2022 filed by Doa Huat Holdings Sdn Bhd (collectively referred to as "Plaintiff") under Kuala Lumpur High Court Suit No. WA-22NCC-67-02/2022 in relation to the claims filed by the Plaintiff through a legal firm acting on their behalf.

The plaintiff claimed that the Share Sales Agreement dated 1 April 2021 between the Plaintiff and the Defendant for the purchase of shares of Sokor Gemilang Ladang Sdn Bhd ("SGLSB") with a total consideration of RM25,000,000.00 is void or terminated and demanded for the repayment of RM23,900,000.00.

The Plaintiff has made a total payment of RM23,900,000.00 to the Defendant to date, with the balance of the consideration RM1,100,000.00 remains outstanding.

MBLPSB has appointed a legal firm to act on its behalf and filed a counter claim against plaintiff on the above case. Further to the announcement made on 18 February 2022 and 2 March 2022, the case WA-22NCC-67-02/2022 has been transferred to Penang high court pursuant to a court order dated 15 April 2022.

Pursuant to the case Management on 20 May 2022, the company has filed the interlocutory applications to Penang High Court to move the Court to dispose of Doa Huat's claim and to seek the court to enter summary judgement against Doa Huat for MBLPSB's counterclaim. The Court has fixed the hearing date on 29 July 2022.

On 29 July 2022, Plaintiff's claim has been dismissed by the Court with costs of RM5,000.00, subject to allocator, to be paid by the Plaintiff to MBLPSB.

In respect of MBLPSB's counterclaim against Plaintiff, the Court allowed MBLPSB's application for summary judgment of its counterclaim with the following terms:-

- (a) a Declaration that the Plaintiff's act/attempt to terminate the share sale agreement dated 1/4/2021 ("the Agreement") via the Plaintiff's letter of termination dated 7/2/2022 is not valid;
- (b) an order for specific performance of the Agreement whereby the Plaintiff shall continue and fulfill all its obligations under the Agreement including paying the balance consideration price of RM1,100,000.00 to the Defendant within fourteen (14) days from the date of this judgment;

- (c) The Plaintiff shall provide full cooperation and do all that is necessary to complete the Agreement within fourteen (14) days from the date the Defendant receives payment of the balance consideration price of RM1,100,000.00;
- (d) If the Plaintiff fails to comply with paragraph (c) above, then the Registrar of the Court is given the power to execute all requisite documents to complete the transfer of 100% of the shares in Sokor Gemilang Ladang Sdn. Bhd. (Company No: 742516-X) from the Defendant to the Plaintiff; and
- (e) Costs of RM5,000.00, subject to allocator, to be paid by the Plaintiff to MBLPSB.

In gist, the whole civil suit PA-22NCC-13-04/2022 has been disposed of in MBLPSB's favour.

On 2 September 2022, MBLPSB's solicitors had updated the Company that the Plaintiff has filed an appeal to the Court of Appeal against the High Court Orders/Decisions given on 29 July 2022. The Plaintiff has also filed an application for stay of the High Court orders pending their appeal to the Court of Appeal. The Company is resisting and opposing both the Appeal and the Stay application.

The first case management of the Appeal (Court of Appeal, Civil Appeal No.: P-02(IM)(NCC)-1545-08/2022) is fixed on 10 November 2022. There is no appeal hearing date fixed yet at this juncture. As for the Application for Stay at the High Court, the court has given directions for filing of affidavits and has fixed a further case management date. There is still no hearing date fixed yet for the Stay application at this juncture.

The High Court matter and the Court of Appeal matters have also now been taken over by our new solicitors (Messrs Presgrave & Matthews).

Pursuant to the Case Management on 4 October 2022, the Court has fixed the hearing date for the stay application on 15 December 2022 at 8.30 a.m. by Zoom before YA Tuan Quay Chew Soon.

On 22 November 2022, pursuant to the Case Management in respect of the Appeal (Court of Appeal, Civil Appeal No.: P-02(IM)(NCC)-1545-08/2022) conducted on 10 November 2022 and which concluded only on 21 November 2022, the Court of Appeal (Putrajaya) has fixed the hearing of the Plaintiff/Appellant's Appeal to be heard on 20 June 2023.

On 9 December 2022, MBLPSB's solicitor had updated the Company that the Court has rescheduled the hearing date for the stay application from 15 December 2022 to 6 January 2023.

On 6 January 2023, MBLPSB's solicitor had updated the Company on the outcome of hearing for the stay application on 6 January 2023. Plaintiff's application for Stay (Enclosure 50) has been dismissed by the Court with costs of RM5,000.00 to be paid by the Plaintiff to MBLPSB.

On 13 February 2023, MBLPSB's solicitor had updated the Company that the Court of Appeal has fixed the hearing date for both Motions (Enclosure 13 for Fresh Evidence and Enclosure 16 for Stay) on 9 May 2023.

### **B. Statutory Derivative Action**

On 1 June 2022, Jingshi Holdings (M) Sdn Bhd ("Jingshi") had filed an Originating Summons in the Penang High Court (No. PA-24NCvC-459-05/2022) against Muar Ban Lee Group Berhad ("MBL"), inter alia for Leave to commence a Statutory Derivative Action pursuant to Sections 347, 348 and 350 of the Companies Act 2016.

The Company was only served with the unsealed copy of the Originating Summons together with the Plaintiff's Affidavit in Support on 31 May 2022. The sealed Copy of the Originating Summons was received by the Company on 1 June 2022.

The Company intends to defend and resist the matter and as such has duly appointed Messrs Presgrave & Matthews as solicitors to act on its behalf in respect of the said matter.

Further to the announcement made by the Company on 1 June 2022, the Company wishes to provide the following additional information:

- (a) There is no Writ and Statement of Claim as this Originating Summons is filed by the Plaintiff to obtain Leave of Court to initiate an action in the name and on behalf of the Company;
- (b) At the moment, apart from the legal costs, the Originating Summons are not expected to have any financial and operational impact on the Company as the Leave has not been granted yet and in the event that Leave is granted by the Court, the proposed Civil Suit to be filed will be by the company; and
- (c) The Company at this juncture is taking steps to defend and resist the Originating Summons and/or from Leave being granted.

Pursuant to the Case Management on 7 September 2022, the Court has fixed the next Case Management date on 10 November 2022 and the hearing date on 7 December 2022.

On 7 December 2022, MBL's solicitors had updated the Company that the Court has rescheduled the hearing date from 7 December 2022 to 6 January 2023.

On 6 January 2023, MBL's solicitors had updated the Company on the outcome of Hearing held on 6 January 2023, Plaintiff's application pursuant to the Originating Summons (Enclosure 1) has been dismissed by the Court with costs of RM10,000.00 to be paid by the Plaintiff to MBL. The last date for Jingshi Holdings (M) Sdn Bhd to file an appeal against the said decision to the Court of Appeal expires 30 days from 6 January 2023, and up until the expiry date, neither MBL nor its solicitors has been served with any Notice of Appeal.

### **3. MATERIAL CONTRACTS**

#### **A. Disposal of Theron Holdings Sdn Bhd ("Theron")**

On 12 July 2022, MBL has entered into a conditional share sale agreement ( "SSA" ) with XOX (Hong Kong) Limited ( "XOX" ) for the disposal of the entire equity interest held by MBL in Theron Holdings Sdn Bhd ( "Theron" ), a wholly-owned subsidiary of MBL, to XOX for a total cash consideration of RM19,254,590 ( "Disposal Consideration" ), subject to the terms as set out in the SSA ( "Proposed Disposal" ).

On 3 November 2022, the shareholders of MBL have duly approved the resolution at the EGM for the Disposal of Theron Shares, for a total cash consideration of RM19,254,590. With that, MBL has fulfilled the condition precedent of the Disposal.

The Completion Date of the SSA has been extended to 25 November 2022 upon mutual agreement via letter dated 10 November 2022. On 25 November 2022, the Completion Date of the SSA has further extended to 6 December 2022 upon mutual agreement via letter dated 25 November 2022.

With the payment of the remainder of the Purchase Price (less the Deposit) on 13 December 2022, the Disposal is deemed completed on 13 December 2022. As such, Theron will cease to be a subsidiary of MBL.

#### **B. Disposal of PT. Serdang Jaya Perdana ("SJP")**

On 10 November 2022, its wholly-owned subsidiary, Muar Ban Lee Engineering Sdn Bhd ( "MBLE" ), has entered into a Sale and Purchase Deed with Sian and Lucialim ( "the Purchasers" ) for the disposal of 51% equity interest in PT. Serdang Jaya Perdana ( "SJP" ) for a net cash consideration of IDR36,000,000,000.00 (which is equivalent to approximately RM11,000,000.00) ( "Disposal Consideration" ), subject to the terms as set out in the Sale and Purchase Deed.

The Disposal has been completed on 17 November 2022.

### **C. Proposed Bonus Issue of Warrants-B**

On 20 January 2023, the Company proposes to undertake a bonus issue of 113,767,950 warrants ("Warrant(s)-B") on the basis of 1 Warrant B for every 2 existing ordinary shares in the MBL ("MBL Share(s)" or the "Share(s)") held by the shareholders whose names appear in the Record of Depositors of the Company on an entitlement date to be determined later ("Entitlement Date") ("Entitled Shareholder(s)") ("Proposed Bonus Issue of Warrants-B" or the "Proposal").

The above corporate proposal is currently pending for submission and shareholder's approval.

### **4. DOCUMENTS FOR INSPECTION**

Copies of the following documents are available for inspection at the Registered Office of our Company at No. 85, Muntri Street, 10200 Georgetown, Pulau Pinang during the normal office hours on any business day falling from the date of this Statement up to and including the date of Thirteenth Annual General Meeting:-

- Constitution of the Company; and
- Audited consolidated financial statements of the Company for the past two (2) financial years ended 31 December 2021 and 31 December 2022.

**ORDINARY RESOLUTION II (RESOLUTION NO. 8)****Proposed Renewal of Authority for Share Buy-Back**

“THAT subject to the Companies Act, 2016 (“the Act”), rules, regulations and orders made pursuant to the Act, provisions of the Company’s Constitution, the Listing Requirements of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad and any other relevant authorities, the Directors of the Company be hereby unconditionally and generally authorised to make purchases of ordinary shares of the Company’s issued capital through Bursa Securities at anytime and upon such terms and conditions and for such purposes as the Directors may, in their discretion deem fit, subject to the following:-

- i. the maximum number of MBL shares which may be purchased by the Company shall not exceed ten per centum (10%) of the issued share capital of the Company at any point of time;
- ii. the maximum fund to be allocated by the Company for the purpose of purchasing its own shares shall not exceed the retained profits of the Company, as at 31 December 2022;
- iii. the authority conferred by this Resolution will be effective immediately upon the passing of this Resolution and will continue in force until:-
  - a. the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting (“AGM”) of the Company, unless by ordinary resolution passed at the meeting, the authority is renewed, either unconditionally or subject to conditions;
  - b. the expiration of the period within which the next AGM is required by law to be held (unless earlier revoked or varied by ordinary resolution of the shareholders of the Company in general meeting) but not so as to prejudice the completion of purchase(s) by the Company made before the aforesaid expiry date and, in any event, in accordance with the Listing Requirements of Bursa Securities or any other relevant authorities;
- iv. upon completion of the purchase(s) of the MBL Shares by the Company (“Purchase Shares”), the Purchase Shares shall be dealt with either of the following manner:-
  - a. cancel the Purchase Shares if the Directors of the Company deem that there is excess share capital and wish to reduce the number of shares in circulation; or
  - b. retain the Purchase Shares as treasury shares held by the Company; or
  - c. retain part of the Purchase Shares as treasury shares and cancel the remainder; or
  - d. resell the treasury shares on Bursa Securities in accordance with the relevant rules of Bursa Securities; or
  - e. distribute the Purchase Shares as share dividends if the Directors of the Company wish to reward the shareholders of MBL, which will depend on the availability of, among others, retained profits, share premium and tax credits of the Company.

AND THAT the Directors of the Company be and are hereby authorised to take all such actions and steps as are necessary or expedient to implement or to effect the purchase of MBL Shares.”