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MSM RECORDED A PROFIT BEFORE TAX OF RM8 MIL FOR 1QFY2025

Remains cautious on higher production cost

KUALA LUMPUR, MAY 22, 2025 – MSM Malaysia Holdings Berhad (MSM), the producer of the leading national refined sugar brand "Gula Prai", recorded a profit before tax (PBT) of RM8 million in the first quarter of its financial year ending 31 December 2025 (1QFY2025), 88 percent lower compared to PBT recorded in the same quarter last year (1QFY2024) of RM66 million, attributed to lower Average Selling Price (ASP) and lower sales volume, outweighing the gains of lower production costs.

Operationally, the Group achieved 10 percent reduction in production cost compared to 1QFY2024, driven by lower NY11 and foreign exchange rates. Revenue for 1QFY2025 stood at RM750 million, 17 percent lower than RM907 million in 1QFY2024. The decline in revenue was mainly attributable to lower sales volume and a reduced average selling price.

The Group reported a lower capacity utilisation factor (UF) of 47 percent in the 1QFY2025, compared to 52 percent in the corresponding period of 1QFY2024 due to plant shutdown in both refineries but mitigated by consistency in efficiency yield.

MSM Group Chief Executive Officer, Syed Feizal Syed Mohammad said, “The sugar industry is expected to face continued headwinds in 2025, driven by persistently high input costs and volatility in raw sugar prices amid fluctuating global production. The dumping practices of imported sugar into the country without control have also impacted sales volume and prices. However, the matter has been raised by the joint local sugar industry with the government authorities for needed anti-dumping actions. The joint local sugar industry expects the matter to be resolved in ensuring price stability and food security sustainability. Meanwhile at the global front, we remain vigilant of escalating geopolitical tensions and the ongoing trade war, both of which pose risks to global supply chains, trade flows, and currency stability,”

“Operationally, we will continue to sweat our assets. For MSM Prai, the goal is to maintain high performance with a UF above 80 percent, yield targets around 97 percent and energy efficiency below 1.0 Ts/Tr. With MSM Johor having stabilised operations, we will focus on ramping up to 45 percent UF, with a targeted yield of 94 percent and continued

improvements in energy consumption. The completion of Boiler 3 in Johor by late 2025 will further enhance production capacity and operational efficiency," said Syed Feizal.

"The Group continues to maximise its domestic market and optimise its export presence, supported by steady demand and growing opportunities in the value-added product segment. We aim to expand our market presence, particularly in China and the ASEAN region, including Vietnam, Indonesia, Singapore and the Philippines. Our goal is to increase total export volumes to 360,000 MT in 2025, with an emphasis on value added products like liquid sugar and premixes from MSM Johor. This diversification will strengthen our export footprint and help mitigate domestic market volatility," Syed Feizal added.

MSM remains actively engaged with the Government to finalise a sustainable pricing mechanism for the domestic retail market and to propose effective measures to regulate imported refined sugar — key initiatives aimed at safeguarding national food security and ensuring the long-term viability of the sugar industry.

MSM is listed on the FTSE4Good Bursa Malaysia Index (F4GBM) and FTSE4GOOD Bursa Malaysia Shariah (F4GBMS), having heightened its Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) initiatives recognised by Russel FTSE UK rating threshold.

Since 1964, MSM has firmly established itself as a leading national sugar refinery and ranks among the top 10 refiners globally. MSM's growth is underpinned by a robust ESG framework fully integrated into the business and operations. MSM is advancing a circular economy through its waste-to-green or 4R initiatives and are actively reducing its carbon footprint. MSM aims to achieve carbon neutrality ahead of 2030.

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About MSM Malaysia Holdings Berhad (MSM)

MSM Malaysia Holdings Berhad (MSM) is Malaysia's leading refined sugar producer and one of the biggest sugar refiners in Asia. MSM is involved in producing, marketing and selling refined sugar products under the "Gula Prai" brand. The company conducts its business principally through two operating subsidiaries, MSM Prai Berhad and MSM Sugar Refinery (Johor) Sdn Bhd. In addition, MSM also operates a logistics company – MSM Logistics Sdn Bhd.

At present, MSM's annual production capacity is up to 2.05 million tonnes of refined sugar. In 2024, MSM produced 1,104,290 MT of refined sugar, of which 258,932 MT are catered for the export market. Currently, MSM corroborates up to 60% of the domestic market share MSM Malaysia Holdings Berhad (MSM), Malaysia's leading refined sugar producer, has been listed on the Main Market of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad since 28 June 2011 with a market capitalisation of RM830 million as at 31 December 2024. MSM combines economic success with environmental protection and social responsibility for a sustainable future.

MSM offers a variety of products ranging from white refined sugar of various grain sizes to soft brown sugar. These are marketed and sold in a variety of packaging options under its flagship brand - Gula Prai. MSM also sells molasses, a by-product of the refining process, to distilleries and producers of ethanol, animal feed and yeast, among other products. Aside from household consumers, MSM sells to a wide range of customers in Malaysia and in other countries directly and indirectly through traders, wholesalers and distributors. Its customers include major companies in the beverage and confectionery industries, hotels, restaurants and food outlets.

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