

CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

After years of uncertainty in view of global pandemic, 2022 saw a semblance of a return to old normal. The Malaysian economy continues to recover as containment measures for COVID-19 pandemic were progressively relaxed underpinned by waning daily new infections. As the recovery from the aftermath of the pandemic took hold, the fragile national economy was once again hit hard by surging inflation and weakening ringgit. The forming of the new unity government, somehow, was seen to be a godsend for the rejuvenation of long-term economic growth.

Celebrating its golden jubilee this year, SCC Group ("SCC") has stood the test of time. Caught in the headwinds of pandemic, global conflicts and rising costs, SCC proved remarkably resilient as it has achieved positive turnaround in its financial performance, notably, turning in profits consecutively. The Group's financial results and segmental performances are further expounded in Management Discussion & Analysis section in this Annual Report.

In 2022, the ringgit was on a weakening trend against a strong greenback driven by the Federal Reserve's hawkish tilt, aggravated by heightened domestic political risk premium. As existing headwinds subside, it was reckoned that 2023 could be a less turbulent one for the market. Expectations remained bright for the ringgit as one of the favourite expressions for the eventual reopening of China and Malaysian government's increasingly pro-investor policies. We believe that a recovery in ringgit augurs well for the Group in terms of lower import costs given its domestic-centric business nature.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to our capable and reliable management team and staff, for their unwavering dedication, commitment and support in executing our business objectives throughout the year. Also, I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the valuable contributions of our board members. In the same vein, I wish to extend my sincere gratitude to our customers, business partners, and suppliers for their steadfast supports and trust in the Group, leading SCC to where it is today and where it aspires to be in the future.

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