

KEJURUTERAAN ASASTERA BERHAD OPTIMISTIC OF FUTURE WITH INCREASED EARNINGS IN 3Q 2019

Kuala Lumpur, Monday, 18 November 2019 – Kejuruteraan Asastera Berhad (“KAB” or “the Group”) is pleased to announce its financial performance for the third quarter ended 30 September 2019 (3Q 2019). KAB reported a higher net profit year-on-year for the current quarter because of the favourable cycle in the S-curve with increased earnings recognition. KAB expects the construction progress to pick up in its key projects, coupled with a stronger order book, the Group is confident in achieving even better results in 4Q19 compared to 3Q19 and subsequently better results in financial year 2019 than 2018. As at end-September 2019, the Group’s order book expanded 8.2% to RM305 million (end-Dec 2018: RM282 million) in addition to RM294 million worth of tender book.

KAB posted a total revenue of RM45.7 million and a profit before tax (PBT) of RM4.0 million for 3Q 2019, an increase by 38.9% and 63.0%, respectively, in comparison to the preceding year corresponding quarter’s (3Q 2018) revenue of RM32.89 million and PBT of RM2.43 million. In 9M 2019, the Group’s revenue came in at RM110.7 million, higher than 9M 2018, but with a lower PBT at RM9.7 million if compared to 9M 2018. but with a lower PBT at RM9.7 million. The lower PBT was caused by increased hiring in anticipation of the expansion plan in the coming year.

Year-on-year, the Group reported profit after tax and non-controlling interests (PATNCI) of RM7.0 million for 9M 2019 which was comparable to RM7.1 million reported for 9M 2018. Earnings per share (EPS) stood at 2.09 sen versus 2.23 sen from the corresponding three-month period of last year.

KAB’s Managing Director Dato’ Lai Keng Onn remarked, “The group’s growth trajectory for the full year remains on track as we expect the progress of our key projects to accelerate in the final 3 months of 2019.” “We remain committed to our next phase of growth to drive revenue streams from new business segments such as the provision of maintenance services and the development of energy efficiency solutions for our clients,” added Dato’ Lai.

ABOUT KEJURUTERAAN ASASTERA BERHAD

KEJURUTERAAN ASASTERA BERHAD (“KAB”) is a mechanical and electrical (M&E) engineering company established in 1997 that covers all aspects of electrical, mechanical and associated engineering services for both commercial and residential buildings. KAB is registered under the Construction Industry Development Board (CIDB) with a Grade 7 and the Energy Commission with a Class A. In 2008, KAB has been accredited with the BS EN ISO 9001:2008 certificate by NQA Certification Services (M) Sdn Bhd for the scope of M&E engineering installation and maintenance services.

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