

SCICOM (MSC) BERHAD
(Company No. 200201029763 (597426-H))
(Incorporated in Malaysia)
SECOND QUARTER REPORT ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Board of Directors of Scicom (MSC) Berhad (hereinafter referred to as “Scicom” or “the Company”) is pleased to announce the following unaudited consolidated results for the second quarter ended 31 December 2024.

UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

	INDIVIDUAL QUARTER			CUMULATIVE QUARTERS		
	Current Period Quarter 31.12.2024 RM'000	Preceding Year Corresponding Quarter 31.12.2023 RM'000	Changes %	Current Financial Period Ended 31.12.2024 RM'000	Preceding Financial Period Ended 31.12.2023 RM'000	Changes %
Revenue	47,808	62,851	-24%	106,751	125,217	-15%
Operating expenses	(37,921)	(48,543)	-22%	(80,179)	(94,738)	-15%
Depreciation and amortisation	(4,864)	(4,627)	5%	(9,765)	(9,256)	5%
Operating profit	5,023	9,681	-48%	16,807	21,223	-21%
Loss on foreign exchange	(120)	(169)		(571)	(346)	
Finance income	447	386		860	775	
Finance costs	(269)	(377)		(574)	(790)	
Profit before taxation	5,081	9,521	-47%	16,522	20,862	-21%
Taxation	(519)	(2,370)	-78%	(4,132)	(6,160)	-33%
Profit for the financial period	4,562	7,151	-36%	12,390	14,702	-16%
Other comprehensive loss, net of tax						
Foreign currency translation differences for foreign operations	26	(154)	-117%	(74)	(164)	-55%
Total comprehensive income for the financial period	4,588	6,997	-34%	12,316	14,538	-15%
Profit attributable to:						
- Owners of the Company	4,564	7,152	-36%	12,393	14,704	-16%
- Non-controlling interest	(2)	(1)	100%	(3)	(2)	50%
Profit for the financial period	4,562	7,151	-36%	12,390	14,702	-16%
Total comprehensive income attributable to:						
- Owners of the Company	4,590	6,998	-34%	12,319	14,540	-15%
- Non-controlling interest	(2)	(1)	100%	(3)	(2)	50%
Total comprehensive income for the financial period	4,588	6,997	-34%	12,316	14,538	-15%
Earnings per share attributable to equity holders of the Company:						
- Basic (sen)	1.28	2.01	-36%	3.49	4.14	-16%
- Diluted (sen)	1.28	2.01	-36%	3.49	4.14	-16%

Other disclosure items pursuant to Paragraph 16, Part A of Appendix 9B of the Main Market Listing Requirements of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad are not applicable.

The condensed consolidated statement of comprehensive income should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements for the financial year ended 30 June 2024 and the accompanying explanatory notes attached to the interim financial report.

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UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	As At Current Financial Period Ended 31.12.2024 RM'000	As At Preceding Financial Year Ended 30.6.2024 RM'000
ASSETS		
Non-Current Assets		
Plant and equipment	11,292	13,490
Intangible assets	7,033	8,902
Right-of-use assets	16,688	21,155
Other receivables, deposits and prepayments	3,249	3,249
Deferred tax assets	1,588	1,041
	39,850	47,837
Current Assets		
Trade receivables	48,504	52,570
Other receivables, deposits and prepayments	8,613	6,540
Tax recoverable	3,100	4,156
Investments in cash funds	24,812	22,471
Cash and bank balances	24,596	21,767
	109,625	107,504
TOTAL ASSETS	149,475	155,341
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		
Equity attributable to Owners of the Company		
Share capital	35,545	35,545
Retained earnings	88,952	88,111
Currency translation reserve	(7,413)	(7,339)
Total equity attributable to Owners of the Company	117,084	116,317
Non-controlling interest	(1,632)	(1,629)
TOTAL EQUITY	115,452	114,688
Non-Current Liabilities		
Contract liability	1,622	1,913
Lease liabilities	9,563	14,090
Deferred tax liabilities	1,658	1,975
	12,843	17,978
Current Liabilities		
Contract liability	540	499
Trade and other payables	11,671	13,052
Lease liabilities	8,969	9,124
	21,180	22,675
TOTAL LIABILITIES	34,023	40,653
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	149,475	155,341
NET ASSETS PER SHARE ATTRIBUTABLE TO OWNERS OF THE COMPANY (RM)	0.33	0.33

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UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

	-----Attributable to Owners of the Company-----					
	Issued and fully paid ordinary shares		Non-distributable	Distributable		Total Equity
	Number of shares	Share capital	Currency translation reserve	Retained earnings	Non-controlling interest	
	'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
6 months ended 31.12.2023						
As at 1 July 2023	355,454	35,545	(7,104)	89,528	(1,624)	116,345
Currency translation differences	-	-	(164)	-	-	(164)
Profit/(expense) for the financial period	-	-	-	14,704	(2)	14,702
Total comprehensive (expense)/income for the financial period	-	-	(164)	14,704	(2)	14,538
Dividends paid for the financial year ended:						
- 30 June 2023	-	-	-	(7,109)	-	(7,109)
- 30 June 2024	-	-	-	(7,109)	-	(7,109)
As at 31 December 2023	355,454	35,545	(7,268)	90,014	(1,626)	116,665
6 months ended 31.12.2024						
As at 1 July 2024	355,454	35,545	(7,339)	88,111	(1,629)	114,688
Currency translation differences	-	-	(74)	-	-	(74)
Profit/(expense) for the financial period	-	-	-	12,393	(3)	12,390
Total comprehensive (expense)/income for the financial period	-	-	(74)	12,393	(3)	12,316
Dividends paid for the financial year ended:						
- 30 June 2024	-	-	-	(4,443)	-	(4,443)
- 30 June 2025	-	-	-	(7,109)	-	(7,109)
As at 31 December 2024	355,454	35,545	(7,413)	88,952	(1,632)	115,452

The condensed consolidated statement of changes in equity should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements for the financial year ended 30 June 2024 and the accompanying explanatory notes attached to the interim financial report.

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UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW

	Current Financial Period Ended 31.12.2024 RM'000	Preceding Financial Period Ended 31.12.2023 RM'000
Operating Activities		
Net profit for the financial period	12,390	14,702
Adjustments:		
Depreciation of plant and equipment	3,249	3,171
Amortisation of intangible assets	2,075	1,420
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	4,441	4,665
Unrealised foreign exchange loss	450	314
Plant and equipment written off	-	13
Taxation	4,124	6,165
Finance income	(860)	(775)
Finance cost	574	790
Operating profit before changes in working capital	26,443	30,465
Trade and other receivables	1,543	(11,090)
Trade and other payables	(1,632)	3,995
Cash flow from operations	26,354	23,370
Net tax paid	(3,933)	(5,225)
Net cash flow generated from operating activities	22,421	18,145
Investing Activities		
Purchase of plant and equipment	(1,050)	(665)
Purchase of intangible assets	(229)	-
Decrease in fixed deposits with maturity of more than 3 months	4,000	6,983
Placement of investments in cash funds	(2,341)	(4,536)
Interest received	860	775
Net cash flow generated from investing activities	1,240	2,557
Financing Activities		
Payment of principal element of lease liabilities	(4,656)	(4,803)
Payment of interest element of lease liabilities	(574)	(790)
Payment of dividends	(11,552)	(14,218)
Net cash flow used in financing activities	(16,782)	(19,811)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	6,879	891
Effect of foreign exchange on cash and cash equivalents	(50)	(96)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of financial year	15,767	12,956
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial period	22,596	13,751
Deposits with maturity of more than 3 months	2,000	-
Cash and bank balances at the end of the financial period	24,596	13,751

The condensed consolidated statement of cash flow should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements for the financial year ended 30 June 2024 and the accompanying explanatory notes attached to the interim financial report.

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1. BASIS OF PREPARATION

The unaudited interim financial report has been prepared in accordance with the reporting requirements of Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards (“MFRS”) 134 “Interim Financial Reporting”, International Accounting Standards (“IAS”) 34 “Interim Financial Reporting” and paragraph 9.22 and Appendix 9B of the Main Market Listing Requirements of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad (“Bursa Securities”). The unaudited interim financial report should be read in conjunction with the Group's most recent audited financial statements for the financial year ended 30 June 2024.

2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies and method of computation adopted by the Group in this interim financial report are consistent with those adopted in the annual financial statements for the financial year ended 30 June 2024.

Amendments to published standards that are effective and applicable to the Group

The Group have applied the following for the first time for the financial year beginning on 1 July 2024:

- Amendments to MFRS 16 “Lease Liability in a Sale and Leaseback”
- Amendments to MFRS 101 “Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current” and “Non-current Liabilities with Covenants”

The adoption of the above did not have any impact on the current period or any prior period and is not likely to affect future periods.

Amendments that are applicable to the Group but not yet effective

Amendments effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2025

- Amendments to MFRS121 “Lack of Exchangeability”

Amendments effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2026

- Amendments to MFRS 9 and MFRS 7 “Amendments to the Classification and Measurement of Financial Instruments”

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2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont'd)

Amendments that are applicable to the Group but not yet effective (cont'd)

Amendments effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2027

- New standards to MFRS 18 "Presentation and Disclosures in Financial Statements"
- New standards to MFRS 19 "Subsidiaries without Public Accountability : Disclosure"

The Group will adopt the above amendments when they become effective in the respective financial periods. The Group is in the process of assessing the impact of the adoption of these amendments to existing standards.

3. AUDITORS' REPORT OF PRECEDING AUDITED ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The auditors' report on the financial statements for the financial year ended 30 June 2024 was not qualified.

4. SEASONAL / CYCLICAL FACTORS

The operations of the Group were not significantly affected by seasonal and cyclical factors during the financial quarter under review.

5. UNUSUAL ITEMS

There were no significant unusual items affecting assets, liabilities, equity, net income or cash flows during the financial quarter under review and financial period to date.

6. MATERIAL CHANGES IN ESTIMATES OF AMOUNTS REPORTED

There were no material changes in the basis of estimates of amounts previously reported which have a material effect in the financial quarter under review and financial period to date.

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7. MOVEMENT IN DEBT AND EQUITY SECURITIES

During the current financial quarter and financial period to date, there were no issuances, cancellation, repurchases, resale and repayments of debt and equity securities.

8. DIVIDENDS PAID

The following dividends were paid during the financial year to date :-

In respect of the financial year ended	Dividend	Date of dividend payment	Amount paid
2024	Interim dividend of 1.25 sen per ordinary share	30 September 2024	RM4,443,170
2025	Interim dividend of 2.00 sen per ordinary share	27 December 2024	RM7,109,071

9. SEGMENT RESULTS AND REPORTING

Management monitors the operating results of its business units separately for the purpose of making decisions about resource allocation and performance assessment. Segment performance is evaluated based on operating profit or loss.

The two primary segments that are the focus of the management's internal financial and operational reporting structure are as follows:

- Business Process Outsourcing (BPO)'s suite of services includes integrated solutions in Customer Lifecycle Management, Digital/ E-Commerce Solutions and E-Government (Gov-Tech) Solutions.
- Education provides physical and online educational and industrial training services primarily focused on customer care in the service industry and also internal training for the Group.

Segmental analysis by geographical areas:

	Current Period Quarter 31.12.2024 RM'000	Preceding Year Corresponding Quarter 31.12.2023 RM'000
Revenue		
Malaysia	34,433	52,076
Singapore	1,546	1,424
Philippines	7,217	5,503
Sri Lanka	1,899	1,265
Germany	1,569	1,429
Others	1,144	1,154
	47,808	62,851

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9. SEGMENT RESULTS AND REPORTING (cont'd)

Segmental analysis by business segment is as follows:

For the financial period ended 31 December 2024

FY 2025	Current Financial Period Ended 31.12.2024			
	Outsourcing services	Education	Elimination	Consolidated
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
Revenue from external customers	106,750	1	-	106,751
Inter-segment revenue	3,600	199	(3,799)	-
Total revenue	110,350	200	(3,799)	106,751
Segment results	25,993	8	-	26,001
Depreciation of plant and equipment				(3,249)
Amortisation of intangible assets				(2,075)
Amortisation of right-of-use assets				(4,441)
Finance income				860
Finance cost				(574)
Profit before taxation				16,522
Taxation				(4,132)
Net profit for the financial period				12,390

For the financial period ended 31 December 2023

FY 2024	Preceding Financial Period Ended 31.12.2023			
	Outsourcing services	Education	Elimination	Consolidated
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
Revenue from external customers	125,038	179	-	125,217
Inter-segment revenue	3,000	-	(3,000)	-
Total revenue	128,038	179	(3,000)	125,217
Segment results	30,196	(63)	-	30,133
Depreciation of plant and equipment				(3,171)
Amortisation of intangible assets				(1,420)
Amortisation of right-of-use assets				(4,665)
Finance income				775
Finance cost				(790)
Profit before taxation				20,862
Taxation				(6,160)
Net profit for the financial period				14,702

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10. VALUATION OF PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

There was no revaluation of plant and equipment during the financial quarter under review and financial year to date. As at 31 December 2024, all plant and equipment were stated at cost less accumulated depreciation.

11. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

There were no material events subsequent to the end of the financial quarter under review up to the date of the interim financial report.

12. CHANGES IN THE COMPOSITION OF THE GROUP

There were no changes in the composition of the Group, including business combinations, acquisition or disposal of subsidiaries and long term investments, restructuring and discontinuing operations for the financial quarter under review.

13. CONTINGENT LIABILITY OR CONTINGENT ASSET

There was no contingent liability or contingent asset arising since the last audited financial statement for the financial year ended 30 June 2024.

14. COMMITMENTS

Commitments for the Group not provided for are as follows:

(a) Capital commitments

In respect of plant and equipment
- Authorised and contracted

Current Financial Period Ended 31.12.2024	Preceding Financial Period Ended 31.12.2023
RM'000	RM'000
649	516

15. SIGNIFICANT RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

There were no significant related party transactions during the financial period under review.

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16. REVIEW OF PERFORMANCE

PERFORMANCE BY QUARTER

Financial quarter ended	31 Dec 2024	31 Dec 2023	Increase/ (decrease)
Revenue	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
BPO	47,808	62,674	(14,866)
Education	-	177	(177)
Total revenue	47,808	62,851	(15,043)
Profit before taxation	5,081	9,521	(4,440)

a. Revenue

BPO

The Group recorded a decrease in BPO revenue of RM14.87 million for the current financial quarter due mainly to lower transactional volume as a result of the non-renewal of contracts for certain long term BPO clients who have opted to bring their business in-house.

b. Profit before taxation

The Group recorded a lower profit before tax due primarily to the lower revenue as compared to the preceding financial quarter.

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16. REVIEW OF PERFORMANCE (cont'd)

PERFORMANCE BY PERIOD TO DATE

Financial period ended	31 Dec 2024	31 Dec 2023	Increase/ (decrease)
Revenue	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
BPO	106,750	125,038	(18,288)
Education	1	179	(178)
Total revenue	106,751	125,217	(18,466)
Profit before taxation	16,522	20,862	(4,340)

a. Revenue

BPO

The Group recorded a decrease in BPO revenue of RM18.29 million for the current financial period under review as compared to the preceding year corresponding period. The decrease in revenue for the BPO business is due mainly to lower transactional volume as a result of the non-renewal of contracts for certain long term BPO clients who have opted to bring their business in-house.

a. Profit before taxation

The decrease in the Group's profit before taxation for the current financial period under review is due primarily to the lower revenue as compared to the preceding year financial period.

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17. COMPARISON WITH PRECEDING QUARTER'S RESULTS

Financial quarter ended	31 Dec 2024	30 Sep 2024	Increase/ (decrease)
Revenue	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
BPO	47,808	58,942	(11,134)
Education	-	1	(1)
Total revenue	47,808	58,943	(11,135)
Profit before taxation	5,081	11,441	(6,360)

a. Revenue

BPO

The Group recorded an decrease in BPO revenue of RM11.13 million for the current financial quarter as compared to the preceding quarter due mainly to lower transactional volume for certain customers.

b. Profit before taxation

The decrease in the Group's profit before taxation for the current financial quarter is due mainly to lower revenue as compared to the preceding quarter.

18. CURRENT YEAR REVIEW

For the current financial period under review, the Group registered a decrease in revenue, as compared to the preceding year corresponding period. The lower revenue is primarily due to lower transactional volume during the current quarter as a result of the non-renewal of contracts for certain long term BPO clients who have opted to bring their business in-house.

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18. CURRENT YEAR REVIEW (cont'd)

Scicom is experiencing an increase in business activities with other clients during the financial period under review. Scicom has also secured new clients during the financial period which are expected to contribute to the Group's profitability by the fourth quarter of the financial year ending 30 June 2025.

For the Group's BPO business, Scicom has made progress in our effort in integrating advanced AI technology into our suite of products and services and this has resulted in Scicom being shortlisted for several significant tenders in our BPO pipeline. Scicom is well placed to secure these contracts which will result in an improvement in the Group's profitability in the next financial year.

On the Gov-tech front, Scicom has secured a project with a 15-year concession contract which will start contributing to the group in the financial year 2026. Furthermore, Scicom is in the final stages of negotiation with several governments for the integrated border management platform.

With the contribution of the newly secured projects and the expected conversion of our current pipeline, Scicom is confident that the Group's current profit level will be able to register growth for financial year 2025.

19. EXPLANATORY NOTES FOR VARIANCE OF ACTUAL PROFIT FROM PROFIT FORECAST OR PROFIT GUARANTEE

The Group did not publish any profit forecast in respect of the financial year ended 30 June 2025.

20. TAXATION

	Current Financial Quarter Ended 31.12.2024 RM '000	Current Financial Period Ended 31.12.2024 RM '000
<u>Group</u>		
Current tax	1,632	4,989
Deferred tax	(1,113)	(867)
	519	4,132
Effective tax rate	10%	25%

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20. TAXATION (cont'd)

The Malaysian current income tax is calculated at the statutory tax rate of 24% (2024: 24%) of the estimated assessable profit for the financial year.

Numerical reconciliation between the average effective tax rate and the Malaysian statutory tax rate:

<u>Group</u>	Current Financial Quarter Ended 31.12.2024 RM '000	Current Financial Period Ended 31.12.2024 RM '000
Malaysian statutory tax rate	24%	24%
Tax effects of:		
-Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	5%	4%
-Recognition of previously unrecognised deferred tax asset	-17%	-4%
-Utilisation of business losses and capital allowances	-2%	-1%
-Under provision of prior year deferred tax	-	2%
Effective tax rate	10%	25%

As reported in the previous financial years, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company, Scicom Contact Centre Services Private Limited (India) has received tax assessment notices of RM1.2 million, INR23.8 million (2024: RM1.3 million, INR23.8 million). These assessments are in respect to transfer pricing adjustments and the disallowance of certain expenses for tax purposes. Currently, the subsidiary is challenging the assessments on the ground that the tax matter has become barred by limitation of time. The Board of Directors have received expert advice on this matter from a tax agent. Based on the advice received, the Board of Directors are of the view that no significant liability will crystallize from these assessments.

21. STATUS OF CORPORATE PROPOSALS ANNOUNCED

There were no corporate proposals announced but not completed as at 27 February 2025, being the date of this report.

22. GROUP BORROWINGS AND DEBT SECURITIES

The Group does not have any borrowings and debt securities as at 31 December 2024.

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23. UPDATE ON LITIGATION

Informatics International Limited

With reference to our disclosures made in the previous quarterly announcements, the case returned to the High Court on 11th February 2025 but has been adjourned to 12th June 2025 as matters relating to finalising of the Supreme Court Order had not been completed and other outstanding items needed to be addressed.

Other than the above, there were no material litigation matters dealt with during the financial period or pending as at 27 February 2025, being the date of this report.

24. DIVIDENDS

The Board of Directors has approved and declared a second interim dividend of 1.25 sen, single-tier, per ordinary share, amounting to RM4,443,170 which is payable on 28 March 2025.

	Current Financial Year Ended 31.12.2024	Preceding Financial Year Ended 31.12.2023
Interim dividend for the financial year ending/ended 30 June	2025	2024
<u>Second interim</u>		
Approved and declared on	27-Feb-25	26-Feb-24
Date payable/paid	28-Mar-25	25-Mar-24
Based on register members dated	14-Mar-25	11-Mar-24
Amount per share	1.25 sen single-tier	2.0 sen single-tier
Net dividend payable/paid(RM)	4,443,170	7,109,071
Interim dividend for the financial year ending/ended 30 June	2025	2024
<u>First interim</u>		
Approved and declared on	28-Nov-24	30-Nov-23
Date paid	27-Dec-24	28-Dec-23
Based on register members dated	13-Dec-24	15-Dec-23
Amount per share	2.0 sen single-tier	2.0 sen single-tier
Net dividend paid (RM)	7,109,071	7,109,071
Interim dividend for the financial year ended 30 June	2024	2023
<u>Fourth</u>		
Approved and declared on	30-Aug-24	25-Aug-23
Date paid	30-Sep-24	22-Sep-23
Based on register members dated	13-Sep-24	12-Sep-23
Amount per share	1.25 sen single-tier	2.0 sen single-tier
Net dividend paid (RM)	4,443,170	7,109,071

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25. EARNINGS PER SHARE (“EPS”)

The basic earnings per share for the financial quarter/period under review are computed as follows:

	Current Financial Quarter Ended 31.12.2024	Current Financial Period Ended 31.12.2024
Profit attributable to the Owners of the Company for the financial period (RM'000)	4,564	12,393
Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue ('000)	355,454	355,454
Basic earnings per share (sen)	1.28	3.49

Diluted earnings per share is the same as basic earnings per share as the Company has no potential ordinary shares to be issued.

26. DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

There were no outstanding derivative financial instruments as at 31 December 2024.

27. FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL LIABILITIES

There were no gains/losses arising from fair value changes of financial liabilities for the financial period ended 31 December 2024.

By order of the Board of Directors

DATO' SRI LEO SURESH ARIYANAYAKAM
DIRECTOR
27 FEBRUARY 2025