

## Chairman's Statement



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*Chairman*

It is my pleasure, on behalf of the Board of Directors, to present to you the Annual Report and Accounts of Press Metal Berhad and its subsidiaries for the financial year ended 31 December 2000.

### FINANCIAL RESULTS

Press Metal Group achieved another year of satisfactory performance in the year 2000. The Group recorded a turnover of RM309.2 million for the financial year ended 31 December 2000 representing a rise of approximately RM69.3 million or an increase of 29% over the previous year of RM239.8 million.

The consolidated profit before tax of RM20.7 million showed an increase of RM7.4 million or 56% whereas the consolidated profit after tax and minority interest rose by RM0.7 million or 6% to RM12.4 million for the financial year ended 31 December 2000. Correspondingly, the Group earnings per share increased from 19 sen to 20 sen.

### DIVIDENDS

The Board is pleased to propose a final tax exempt dividend of 1.5%, in respect of the financial year ended 31 December 2000. This represents a total tax exempt dividend of 3.0% for the year, which includes an interim tax exempt dividend of 1.5% that was paid on November 17, 2000.

### CORPORATE DEVELOPMENT

#### ***Acquisition of Unison International (H.K.) Limited ('UIL'), a company incorporated in Hong Kong***

On 15 January 2000, PMB Façade Technology Sdn Bhd ('PMBFT'), a 51% owned subsidiary of the Company, acquired a total of 60 ordinary shares of HK\$1.00 each representing 60% of the total issued and paid up share capital of UIL for a total cash consideration of HK\$60.00. UIL is currently dormant. The intended principal activity of UIL is the designing, fabricating and installing of aluminium curtain wall and cladding systems.

***Acquisition of PMB-Cyberwall Limited ('PMBC'), a company incorporated in Hong Kong***

On 11 February 2000, PMBFT acquired a total 7,000 ordinary shares of HK\$1.00 each representing 70% of the total paid up share capital of PMBC for a total cash consideration of HK\$7,000. PMBC has begun its operations in designing, fabricating and installing of aluminium curtain wall and cladding systems.

PMBC will provide the Company with an opportunity to diversify and penetrate into the Hong Kong and China markets.

***Acquisition of Everlast Marketing Sdn Bhd (EMSD)***

On 13 June 2000, Everlast Aluminium (M) Sdn Bhd, a subsidiary of the Company, acquired a total of 80 ordinary shares of RM1.00 each representing 80% of the issued share capital of EMSD. EMSD has begun its operations in marketing of aluminium and other products in the southern region of Malaysia.

***Acquisition of PMB Façade Technology (S) Pte Ltd ('PMBS'), a company incorporated in Singapore***

On 5 September 2000, PMBFT subscribed for a total of 6,993 ordinary shares of S\$1.00 each representing 69.9% of the total issued and paid up share capital of PMBS for a total cash consideration of S\$6,993.00. PMBS has begun its operations in designing, fabricating and installing of aluminium curtain wall and cladding systems.

Subsequently, on 22 September 2000, PMBFT increased its shareholding stake in PMBS to 70% by acquiring an additional 7 shares of S\$1.00 each.

***Acquisition of KAI-PMB Façade Technology Limited ('KAI-PMB'), a company incorporated in Bangladesh***

On 18 October 2000, PMBFT subscribed for a total of 25,500 ordinary shares of TK100.00 each representing 51% of the total issued and paid up share capital of KAI-PMB for a total cash consideration of TK2,550,000.00. KAI-PMB has begun its operations in supplying, manufacturing, fabricating and installing structural glazing and thermal flow aluminium cladding in buildings.

**PROSPECTS**

The concerns on the impact of a slow down in the US economy, has led to the downward revision of the Malaysian GDP growth for the year 2001. Notwithstanding that, Malaysia is expected to sustain its economic recovery and growth from the previous financial crisis, consequent upon the economic stimulus packages implemented by the government, coupled with an expected stronger domestic demand. However, the outlook of the global economy remained uncertain and the Board is cautious about the business environments going forward. But with the experience from the past crisis and the use of appropriate business strategies, the Group remains optimistic of achieving reasonable results for the current financial year.

**APPRECIATION**

On behalf of the Board, I would like to take this opportunity to thank to all our employees for their hard work, dedication, loyalty and commitment. In these changing, challenging and difficult times, I ask for their continued support and commitment in the years ahead. I would also like to thank our shareholders, customers, suppliers, business associates, bankers and government authorities for their support.

**Y. BHG. DATO' MEGAT ABDUL RAHMAN MEGAT AHMAD**

*Chairman*

*30 May 2001*

## Message From The Group Chief Executive Officer



**Y. BHG. DATO' KOON POH KEONG**  
*Group Chief Executive Officer*

**P**ress Metal Group ('PMB' or 'The Group') has managed to sustain its financial performance, with an improvement in the consolidated profit after taxation and minority interests despite the global market slowdown. Current year profit attained is RM12.4 million as compared to RM11.7 million in the year 1999.

As the contribution from the export market has been an important element to the Group, PMB intends to further diversify and penetrate into new overseas market. In the year 2000, PMB had successfully set up its trading arm in Australia through the establishment of Press Metal Aluminium (Australia) Pty Ltd. In addition, PMB is also positioning itself in the European and African markets, which will potentially improve the turnover of the Group. For the contract work division, the Group has secured various medium term prestigious projects in Hong Kong and Bangladesh, through the set up of PMB-Cyberwall Limited and KAI-PMB Façade Technology Limited.

The Group will continue to focus on its present core activities of aluminium products with a view to return to fundamental management. PMB will continue to involve in the business it knows best and to bring forth the best in all that we do. Innovative approaches will be initiated through planning, design, development and marketing so that the quality of the product will be improved and be competitive. This will ensure PMB to be always ahead of competition in terms of consumer demands relating to quality and service standards. In applying this, PMB will strive for excellence in order to achieve productivity and competitiveness and thus attaining our theme, **"TO BE OUTSTANDING"**, which was adopted this year.

We have also launched the Occupational Health Safety Assessment System (OHSAS 18001) to adopt the measures to protect the environment and also to ensure that the workforce understands and applies health safety standards in the workplace.

PMB welcome and recognized the importance of the introduction and enhancement of corporate governance requirements by the Kuala Lumpur Stock Exchange. The Group has initiated steps to ensure full compliance, with a view to boost the public confidence and thus create a long term value to the Group.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to record my appreciation to the management and staff of PMB Group for the good work done. I would also like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to our shareholders, customers, suppliers, business associates and bankers for their continued support and cooperation given to PMB Group.

**Y. BHG. DATO' PAUL KOON POH KEONG**  
*Group Chief Executive Officer*  
 30 May 2001