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ADVANCECON REPORTS STRONG Q4 PERFORMANCE WITH IMPROVED BOTTOM LINE AND HEALTHY ORDER BOOK

Group sees continued growth in quarry segment, optimistic on future outlook

Key Highlights:

- **Healthy order book:** Sustained a strong order book of RM673 million as of 31 December 2024, providing solid revenue visibility and future earnings stability.
- **One-Off Expense Impact:** Quarterly loss primarily driven by a one-off Employee Share Option Scheme expense of RM3.4 million.
- **Core Profitability:** Excluding this non-recurring expense, the Group marked a notable turnaround and would have recorded a Profit Attributable to Owners of the Company of RM0.6 million.

KUALA LUMPUR, 27 February 2025 – Earthworks and civil engineering services specialist, **Advancecon Holdings Berhad (前进控股有限公司) (“ADVCON” or “the Group”)** today announced its fourth-quarter results for the financial year ended 31 December 2024 (“**Q4 FYE 31 December 2024**”) and its consolidated results for the FYE 31 December 2024.

For Q4 FYE 31 December 2024, the Group reported revenue of **RM100.5 million**, reflecting an increase of **RM3.8 million** or approximately **4%** compared to Q4 FYE 31 December 2023. This growth was primarily driven by the **Quarry segment**, which remained the largest revenue contributor for the quarter in review, generating **RM53.9 million** or approximately **54%** of the Group’s total revenue. Meanwhile, the **Construction and Support Services segment** contributed **RM44.6 million**, accounting for **44%** of total revenue.

For the full financial year, the Group recorded **revenue of RM383.2 million**, compared to **RM449.8 million** in the previous year, representing a decline of **RM66.6 million** or approximately **15%**.

Despite the revenue increase in Q4 FYE 31 December 2024, the Group reported **Losses Attributable to Owners of the Company** amounting to **RM2.8 million**, a significant improvement from the **RM34.4 million loss** recorded in Q4 FYE 31 December 2023. This marks a **92% reduction in losses** by **RM31.6 million**. The loss in the quarter was mainly due to a **one-off Employee Share Option Scheme expense of RM3.4 million**. Excluding this non-recurring expense, the Group would have recorded a **Profit Attributable to Owners of the Company of RM0.6 million**.

For the full year, the Group's **Losses Attributable to Owners of the Company** stood at **RM21.9 million**, an improvement of **RM12.4 million** or **36%** compared to the **RM34.3 million loss** recorded in the previous financial year.

Group Chief Executive Officer Dato' Phum Ang Kia (“拿督潘红仔”) said “The Group made a strategic decision to implement the kitchen sinking process in the FYE 2024 to streamline operations and optimise cost structure to start the FYE 2025 on a stronger and cleaner slate. This positions us well for the year ahead, allowing us to focus on sustainable growth and operational efficiency.”

He added, “We are encouraged by the continued improvements in our **Quarry segment**, following its successful turnaround in Q3 2024. The positive momentum we have seen gives us confidence that this trajectory will continue in the upcoming quarters. At the same time, we remain optimistic about the **Construction and Support Services segment**, which continues to be a key contributor to the Group's financial performance.”



Dato' Phum Ang Kia, GCEO

“As of 31 December 2024, our **order book stands at RM673 million**, with a **tender book of RM2.7 billion**, ensuring a healthy pipeline of projects. Moving forward, we will remain focused on strengthening our business fundamentals, securing new opportunities, and delivering long-term value for our stakeholders.”

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About Advancecon Holdings Berhad (前进控股有限公司, www.advancecon.com.my)

Founded in 1990, Advancecon is primarily involved in the provision of earthworks and civil engineering services in Malaysia, as well as related support services such as the sale of construction materials, hiring of machinery, and ad-hoc general construction services. The Group was listed on the Main Market of Bursa Malaysia on 10 July 2017.

Advancecon's wide range of earthworks services encompass excavation and fill, rock-blasting, ground treatment works, erosion and sediment control plan, as well as compaction and surface finishing processes. On the civil engineering services front, Advancecon specializes in road works, drainage works, bridge construction, water supply works, and sewerage works.

To date, Advancecon has undertaken earthworks and civil engineering works for notable projects nationwide, including various township developments such as Bandar Setia Alam, Setia EcoHill, Setia Eco Gardens, Eco Majestic and Tropicana Aman, as well as infrastructure projects in relation to the construction of highways and railway such as West Coast Expressway (WCE), South Klang Valley Expressway (SKVE), Trumpet Interchange and Ecohill Link connected to Lebuhraya Kajang Seremban (LEKAS) Highway and East Coast Rail Link (ECRL).

In 2019, Advancecon also established a renewable energy subsidiary, Advancecon Solar Sdn Bhd, which will undertake the development and/or operations of power generation from solar and other renewable energy projects. It currently owns revenue-generating rooftop solar assets of more than 1.2MWp and also a 37.7MWp large-scale solar farm in Kuala Langat, Selangor which commenced operation on 8 November 2024.

In 2021, Advancecon further completed the acquisition of a 51% stake in Spring Energy Resources Berhad ("Spring Energy"), which is an integrated quarry operation management and service provider involved in contract quarry operations, provision, marketing and management of quarry products, related advisory services, as well as the undertaking of quarry-related earthworks and civil engineering works.

In 2024, Advancecon entered into a Joint Development Agreement with Perak Corporation Berhad to develop Silver Valley Technology Park (SVTP) on an 816-acre land in Kanthan, Perak, with an estimated Gross Development Value of RM1.0 billion, which is envisioned to be a state-of-the-art industrial park.

For more information, please visit <https://www.advancecon.com.my/>.

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