

## **PRESS METAL REPORTS PBT OF RM172.92 MILLION FOR 3Q2020**

**26 November 2020, Kuala Lumpur** - Press Metal Aluminium Holdings Berhad (PMETAL-8869), the largest Aluminium smelter in South East Asia has announced its third quarter financial results for the three months ended 30 September 2020 ("3Q FY20").

Revenue in 3Q FY20 increased by 7.1% to RM1.86 billion as compared to RM1.73 billion in the preceding quarter of 2Q FY20. Increase in PBT outpaced revenue, surging by 38.4% to RM172.92 million in 3Q FY20 compared to RM124.92 million in 2Q FY20. The performance this quarter was buoyed by higher realised aluminium prices while there were cost benefits from lower alumina and carbon anode prices. Press Metal also declared a third interim dividend of 1.0 sen per share, payable on 4 January 2021. To-date, total interim dividends of 3.0 sen per share has been declared in respect of FY2020.

Commenting on this results, Group Chief Executive Officer Tan Sri Paul Koon stated: "We are pleased with the improvement in our third quarter financial performance which saw profitability returning to pre-COVID levels. Following the re-opening of economies after the global lockdown, we see positive trends in aluminium demand as different industries begin their recovery from the lows in the first half of this year. We observed improved demand from key end user industries such as the automotive sector and construction sector where manufacturers for these industries were holding low inventory.

In addition, China's swift economic rebound led to increased aluminium demand and higher domestic aluminium prices on the Shanghai Futures Exchange (SHFE) as compared to London Metal Exchange (LME) price. China, which historically was a net exporter, has reversed its position to be a net importer of primary aluminium during this quarter. Inventory levels are also seen to be decreasing week on week which only demonstrates the tightness of aluminium supply within China currently.

Our plan to commission the Phase 3 smelter in January 2021 is on-track, increasing our capacity by 42% from 760,000 up to 1,080,000 tonnes per annum. This expansion is timely as aluminium price has strengthened by more than 40% over the last few months and we see that the world is looking at further economic recovery in 2021. The construction of our 25% owned PT Bintan alumina refinery is also well in progress and we expect Phase 1 commissioning in 1Q21."

### **About Press Metal Aluminium Holdings Berhad**

Press Metal Aluminium Holdings Berhad is a Malaysian-based aluminium company with an extensive global presence. From a modest beginning as a privately-owned local aluminium extrusion company in 1986, it has grown into a globally integrated aluminium corporation. With current smelting capacity of 760,000 tonnes and an extrusion capacity of 210,000 tonnes per annum, Press Metal Aluminium Holdings Berhad is the largest integrated aluminium producer in South East Asia.

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