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Dear Sir/Madam

JUNE 2024 QUARTERLY PRODUCTION AND MARKET UPDATE

The Board of OM Holdings Limited (“OMH” or the “Company”) is pleased to provide the following update.

HIGHLIGHTS

OPERATING PERFORMANCE

SMELTING: OM Materials (Sarawak) Sdn Bhd (100% owned smelter in Samalaju, East Malaysia)

- Production output for the quarter ended 30 June 2024 was 48,268 tonnes of ferrosilicon (“FeSi”), 84,037 tonnes of manganese alloys (including silicomanganese (“SiMn”) and high carbon ferromanganese (“HCFeMn”)) and 30,784 tonnes of manganese sinter ore
- A total of 50,567 tonnes of FeSi and 85,593 tonnes of manganese alloys were sold during the quarter ended 30 June 2024
- As at 30 June 2024, 7 furnaces (including 1 silicon metal furnace) were producing FeSi and 8 manganese alloys furnaces were producing manganese alloys
- 1 silicon metal furnace which was producing FeSi, underwent a temporary shutdown in June 2024 for preparatory works prior to hot commissioning and performance testing for silicon metal production. The remaining silicon metal furnace is continuing FeSi production to maximize furnace utilization
- Loan repayment of US\$12.3 million was made to project finance lenders during the quarter ended 30 June 2024

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OPERATING PERFORMANCE (CONT'D)

MARKETING, TRADING AND MARKET UPDATE

- 414,156 tonnes of ores and alloys were transacted in the period from 1 April 2024 to 30 June 2024 as compared to 471,194 tonnes from 1 January 2024 to 31 March 2024, which represented a quarter-on-quarter decrease of 12.1%. The decrease was mainly due to lower volumes of manganese ores (“Mn ore”) traded during the period
- World crude steel production during April and May 2024 was 328.8 million tonnes, which represented a 1.6% decrease as compared to the same period in 2023
- Price of 44% Mn ore closed at US\$8.30/dmtu CIF China at the end of June 2024, an increase of 92.1% from US\$4.32/dmtu CIF China at the end of March 2024. Mn ore prices have surged and reached US\$8.85/dmtu as of July 12th due to the halt in export operations of a key global manganese ore supplier caused by a tropical cyclone. This development has constrained high grade ore supply and led to a temporary increase in manganese alloy prices
- FeSi price increased from US\$1,210 to close at US\$1,290 per tonne CIF Japan and SiMn price increased from US\$920 to close at US\$1,165 per tonne CIF Japan at the end of June 2024 compared to the end of March 2024

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- As at 12 July 2024, a total of 83,162,750 shares were listed on Bursa Malaysia and 683,094,051 shares were listed on the Australian Securities Exchange
- OMH was included in the inaugural Fortune Southeast Asia 500 list for 2024, securing the 414th position, by revenue for the fiscal year ended 31 December 2023



SMELTING

OM MATERIALS (SARAWAK) SDN BHD (“OM Sarawak”)

The Ferroalloy Smelting Plant in the Samalaju Industrial Park in Sarawak, Malaysia (the “Plant”) is 100% owned by OM Sarawak. The Plant consists of 8 main workshops with a total of 16 units of 25.5 MVA furnaces, of which 6 units are allocated for the production of FeSi, 8 units for manganese alloys and 2 units for silicon metal. Upon completion of the conversion works, the Plant will have a design annual capacity to produce approximately 120,000 to 126,000 tonnes of FeSi, 333,000 to 400,000 tonnes of manganese alloys and 21,000 to 24,500 tonnes of silicon metal. The Plant also consists of a sinter plant that has a design capacity to produce 250,000 tonnes of sinter ore per annum.

Commercial operation

As at 30 June 2024, 15 out of 16 furnaces were in operation. 1 silicon metal furnace underwent a 21-days shutdown in June 2024, while 7 furnaces (consisting of 6 FeSi furnaces and 1 silicon metal furnace) were producing FeSi, and 8 furnaces producing manganese alloys.

	June 2024 Quarter	March 2024 Quarter	6 months YTD 2024
Tonnes			
Production			
Ferrosilicon	48,268	49,561	97,829
Manganese Alloys	84,037	75,056	159,093
Manganese Sinter Ore	30,784	40,975	71,759
Sales*			
Ferrosilicon	50,567	46,216	96,783
Manganese Alloys	85,593	68,619	154,212
Manganese Sinter Ore	-	-	-

*Sales volume includes intercompany sales to OMS

During the quarter ended 30 June 2024, 1 silicon metal furnace that was producing FeSi underwent a temporary shutdown from 10 June 2024 for preparatory works prior to hot commissioning and performance testing for silicon metal production on 1st July 2024. This resulted in a marginal decrease for FeSi production volumes by 2.6% or 1,293 tonnes, compared to the previous quarter.

Production volumes for manganese alloys increased by 12.0% or 8,981 tonnes, compared to the previous quarter. This was mainly attributed to the higher production of HCFeMn in Q2 2024 as compared to Q1 2024, which has a higher daily production output compared to SiMn.

For the quarter ended 30 June 2024, sales volume for both FeSi and Mn alloys increased by 9.4% or 4,351 tonnes and 24.7% or 16,974 tonnes respectively as compared to the previous quarter ended 31 March 2024. The growth in sales was driven by efficient bulk vessel scheduling that enabled the clearance of surplus inventory by the end of June 2024.

14 out of 16 furnaces have undergone and completed major maintenance to date, of which 13 furnaces have passed hot commissioning and performance testing. The hot commissioning of 1 manganese alloy furnace has been extended to ensure production performance is within the acceptance criteria. The remaining 2 FeSi furnaces are scheduled to commence major maintenance in 2025 as reported previously.

Barring any unforeseen circumstances, the hot commissioning and performance testing of 1 silicon metal furnace is expected to take at least three months. The decision to fully ramp up to commercial production and enter the market remains strategic to ensure optimal returns. In the



interim, the remaining silicon metal furnace is continuing FeSi production to maximize furnace utilization.

OM Sarawak demonstrated its commitment to sustainable waste management by entering into a Sale of Goods Agreement with Saremas Sdn Bhd in May 2024. The agreement outlines the delivery of 120,000 metric tons of SiMn Slag as an eco-friendly alternative to virgin rocks for road construction and maintenance within Saremas' plantations. This initiative is aligned with the Department of Environment (DOE) Special Waste Management Permit, valid until July 2025. The partnership was witnessed by senior management from both companies and the DOE Bintulu.

A loan repayment of US\$12.3 million was made to the project finance lenders during the quarter ended 30 June 2024.

EXPLORATION AND MINING **OM (MANGANESE) LTD (“OMM”)**

Production at the 100% owned Bootu Creek Manganese mine (the “Mine”) ceased as planned in December 2021.

Processing

The Mine remains under care and maintenance mode.

The new stacked screens for the Ultra Fines Plant (“UFP”) have been delivered to the Mine site, with construction scheduled to begin in Q3 2024. The tailings pump delivery is also scheduled for Q3 2024. All other preparatory work for the UFP restart is underway and progressing according to plan and budget. Production restart for the UFP remains targeted for Q4 2024.

Environmental Programs

For the quarter ended 30 June 2024, the primary focus was the continued repair and maintenance of the damage caused by the higher-than-expected rainfall experienced on the Mine site in Q1 2024.

The Mine rehabilitation program continued to focus on the repair of damaged landforms (washouts and other water damage) as follows:

- Weed spraying has continued as agreed with the Northern Territory Government Weed Management Branch following their representatives visiting the Mine;
- Rehabilitation of the Tourag Waste Rock Dump is expected to commence in Q3 2024; and
- An application to seek the partial security return for environmental bonds held over the Xhosa, Gogo, Central and Shekuma waste rock landforms was submitted to the Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade, Northern Territory in June 2024.

MARKETING AND TRADING UPDATE

During the quarter ended 30 June 2024, a total of 414,156 tonnes of ores and alloys were transacted (which included intercompany sales), which represented a 12.1% quarter-on-quarter decrease compared to the previous quarter ended 31 March 2024. The decrease was mainly due to lower volumes of Mn ores traded during the quarter ended 30 June 2024.

According to the International Manganese Institute, world crude steel production during April and May 2024 was 328.8 million tonnes, which represented a 1.6% decrease as compared to the same period in 2023.



Fastmarkets MB reported that the price of Mn ore High Grade closed at US\$8.30/dmtu CIF China at the end of June 2024, an increase of 92.1% from US\$4.32/dmtu CIF China at the end of March 2024. The spike was mainly due to the reduction of supply following the halt in export operations of a key global manganese ore supplier due to infrastructure damage caused by a tropical cyclone.

During the quarter ended 30 June 2024, the FeSi price increased from US\$1,210 to US\$1,290 per tonne CIF Japan. SiMn price increased from US\$920 to US\$1,165 per tonne CIF Japan on the back of stronger Mn ore prices.

Freight rates decreased in the current quarter as compared to the preceding quarter with Fastmarkets MB reporting an implied freight rate of US\$0.85/dmtu from South Africa to China for 37% manganese ore, as compared to US\$0.90/dmtu at the end of March 2024.

OM Holdings Limited

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1. Tshipi é Ntle Manganese Mining (Pty) Ltd (“Tshipi”)

OMH has an effective 13% interest in Tshipi through its 26% strategic partnership with Ntsimbintle Holdings Proprietary Limited.

OMH (26%) and Ntsimbintle Holdings Proprietary Limited (74%) are shareholders in Ntsimbintle Mining Proprietary Limited (“NMPL”). NMPL holds a 50.1% interest in Tshipi, an independently operated and managed black-empowered manganese mining company that operates the Tshipi Borwa Manganese Mine located in the world class Kalahari Manganese field in South Africa. The Tshipi Borwa Manganese Mine currently has a production capacity of 3.3 to 3.6 million tonnes per annum.

Tshipi Borwa Manganese Mine

Tshipi exports (100%) for the quarter ended 30 June 2024 totalled 1,046,674 which represented an increase of 40.3% from the previous quarter ended 31 March 2024. This upturn was mainly attributed to higher volumes of low-grade materials being exported due to favourable market conditions.

2. Update on Bryah Farm-In and Joint Venture Agreement (OMM has earned a 51% interest)

As previously announced, OMM is a party to the Farm-In and Joint Venture Agreement for the Bryah Basin Manganese Project with Bryah Resources Limited (ASX Code: BYH).

OMM has earned a 51% interest in the Bryah Basin Manganese Joint Venture (“BBMJV”) with a total Inferred and Indicated JORC 2012 compliant Mineral Resource Estimate of 3.07 million tonnes at 20.2% Mn. The Indicated Mineral Resource tonnage was 2.07 million tonnes at 20.9% Mn and the Inferred Mineral Resource was 1.0 million tonnes at 18.6% Mn. The Mineral Resource estimate included prospects Area 74, Brumby Creek East, Brumby Creek West, Redrum and Black Hill deposits on E52/3237 and Horseshoe South and Horseshoe Extended on M52/806.⁽¹⁾

OMM is currently sole funding A\$1.8 million on exploration to earn a 60% interest in the BBMJV.

⁽¹⁾ The Competent Person Statement on the mineral resource estimate, exploration results and exploration targets for the BBMJV should be referenced to the announcement made by Bryah Resources Limited on [24 August 2023](#).

CAPITAL STRUCTURE

There was no movement in the share capital structure of the Company during the quarter ended 30 June 2024. As at 30 June 2024, the Company had 766,256,801 ordinary shares on issue.



As at 12 July 2024, a total of 83,162,750 shares were listed on Bursa Malaysia and 683,094,051 shares were listed on the Australian Securities Exchange.

Yours faithfully

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Heng Siow Kwee' followed by a flourish.

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This ASX announcement was authorised for release by the Board of OM Holdings Limited.

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