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## **Ahmad Zaki Resources Berhad**

(Registration No. 199701017271 (432768-X))  
(Incorporated in Malaysia)

**CIRCULAR TO SHAREHOLDERS**

**IN RELATION TO**

**PART A**

**PROPOSED RENEWAL OF SHAREHOLDERS' MANDATE FOR RECURRENT RELATED PARTY  
TRANSACTIONS OF A REVENUE OR TRADING NATURE**

**PART B**

**PROPOSED RENEWAL OF SHARE BUY-BACK AUTHORITY**

The last date and time for lodging the Form of Proxy: 10 December 2024 at 10.30 a.m.

The date and time of the Annual General Meeting: 12 December 2024 at 10.30 a.m.

This Circular is dated 30 October 2024

## DEFINITIONS

Unless where the context otherwise requires, the following definitions shall apply throughout this Circular:

Act	:	Companies Act, 2016, as amended from time to time, and any re-enactment thereof
AGM	:	Annual General Meeting
Audit and Risk Committee	:	Audit and Risk Committee of AZRB, comprising of Mr Lee Chee Khoon ( <i>Chairman</i> ), Tan Sri Dato' Lau Yin Pin @ Lau Yen Beng and Dato' Ir. Haji Che Noor Azeman bin Yusoff
AZRB or Company	:	Ahmad Zaki Resources Berhad (Registration No. 199701017271 (432768-X))
AZRB Group or Group	:	AZRB and its subsidiaries
AZSB	:	Ahmad Zaki Sdn Bhd (Registration No. 198201001504 (81250-W)), a wholly-owned subsidiary of AZRB
Board	:	Board of Directors of AZRB
Bursa Securities	:	Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad
Code	:	Malaysian Code on Take-Overs and Mergers, 2016 as amended from time to time including any re-enactment thereof
Director	:	This shall have the meaning given in Section 2(1) of the Capital Markets and Services Act, 2007 and/or Section 2(1) of Act and for the purpose of the Proposed Shareholders' Mandate, this includes any person who is or was within the preceding six (6) months of the date on which the terms of the transaction were agreed upon, a Director of AZRB or any other company which is its subsidiary or holding company or a Chief Executive of AZRB, its subsidiary or holding company
DSWZA	:	Dato' Sri Wan Zakariah bin Haji Wan Muda
DWZUL	:	Dato' Ir. W Zulkifli bin Haji W Muda
EPS	:	Earnings Per Share
ICSB	:	Inter-Century Sdn Bhd (Registration No. 199101017136 (227448-T)), a wholly-owned subsidiary of AZRB
Listing Requirements	:	Main Market Listing Requirements of Bursa Securities, as amended from time to time
LPD	:	1 October 2024, being the latest practicable date prior to the printing and despatch of this Circular
Major Shareholder	:	Any person who is or was within the preceding six (6) months of the date on which the terms of the transaction were agreed upon, who has an interest or interests in one or more voting shares in a corporation and the number or aggregate number of those shares, is:-  (a) 10% or more of the total number of voting shares in the corporation; or (b) 5% or more of the total number of voting shares in the corporation where such person is the largest shareholder of the corporation.  For the purpose of this definition, "interest in shares" has the meaning given in Section 8 of the Act.
Market Day(s)	:	A day on which Bursa Securities is open for trading in securities
NA	:	Net Assets

Person(s) Connected	:	Such person, in relation to any person (referred to as “said Person”), who falls under any one of the following categories:
		(a) a family member of the said Person;
		(b) a trustee of a trust (other than a trustee for a share scheme for employees or pension scheme) under which the said Person, or a family member of the said Person, is the sole beneficiary;
		(c) a partner of the said Person;
		(d) a person, or where the person is a body corporate, the body corporate or its directors who is/are accustomed or under an obligation, whether formal or informal, to act in accordance with the directions, instructions or wishes of the said Person;
		(e) a person, or where the person is a body corporate, the body corporate or its directors, in accordance with whose directions, instructions or wishes the said Person is accustomed or is under an obligation, whether formal or informal, to act;
		(f) a body corporate in which the said Person, or Persons Connected with the said Person are entitled to exercise, or control the exercise of, not less than 20% of the votes attached to voting shares in the body corporate; or
		(g) a body corporate which is a related corporation of the said Person.
Proposed Share Buy-Back	:	Proposed renewal of share buy-back authority
Proposed Shareholders’ Mandate	:	Proposed Renewal of Shareholders’ Mandate for Existing Recurrent Related Party Transactions and Shareholders’ Mandate for Additional Recurrent Transactions of AZRB Group
Purchased Shares	:	Share(s) of the Company purchased under the Proposed Share Buy-Back
Related Party(ies)	:	Director(s), Major Shareholder(s) or person connected with such Director(s) or Major Shareholder(s)
Related Party Transaction(s)	:	Transaction entered into by the listed issuer or its subsidiaries which involves the interest, direct or indirect, of a Related Party(ies)
RM and sen	:	Ringgit Malaysia and sen, respectively
RRPT	:	Related Party Transactions which are recurrent, of a revenue or trading nature and which are necessary for day to day operations of AZRB Group
Share(s) or AZRB Share(s)	:	Ordinary share(s) in the Company
Shareholders’ Mandate	:	Shareholders’ general mandate pursuant to Paragraph 10.09 of the Listing Requirements in respect of RRPT
Substantial Shareholder	:	A person who has interest or interests in one or more voting shares in a company and the number or the aggregate number of those shares, is not less than 5% of the total number of all the voting shares in the company as defined under Section 136(1)(a) of the Act. For the purpose of this definition, “interest in shares” shall have the meaning given in Section 8 of the Act
Treasury Share(s)	:	The Purchased Shares which are retained by the Company and shall have the meaning under Section 127 of the Act
WAMP	:	Weighted average market price
TSWZ	:	Tan Sri Dato’ Sri Haji Wan Zaki bin Haji Wan Muda
ZHSB	:	Zaki Holdings (M) Sdn Bhd (Registration No. 198401005758 (118278-W))

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**PART A**

**PROPOSED RENEWAL OF SHAREHOLDERS' MANDATE FOR  
RECURRENT RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS OF A REVENUE OR TRADING NATURE**



## Ahmad Zaki Resources Berhad

(Registration No. 199701017271 (432768-X))  
(Incorporated in Malaysia)

**Registered Office:**  
Menara AZRB  
No. 71, Persiaran Gurney  
54000 Kuala Lumpur

30 October 2024

### Board of Directors:

Tan Sri Dr Madinah binti Mohamad (*Independent Non-Executive Chairman*)  
Dato' Sri Wan Zakariah bin Haji Wan Muda (*Group Managing Director*)  
Dato' Ir. W Zulkifli bin Haji W Muda (*Executive Director*)  
Dato' Roslan bin Tan Sri Jaffar (*Executive Director*)  
Tan Sri Dato' Lau Yin Pin @ Lau Yen Beng (*Non-Independent Non-Executive Director*)  
Dato' Ir. Haji Che Noor Azeman bin Yusoff (*Independent Non-Executive Director*)  
Mr Lee Chee Khoon (*Independent Non-Executive Director*)  
Dato' Hj. Wan Mohd Hilmi bin Wan Kamal (*Independent Non-Executive Director*)

### To: The Shareholders of Ahmad Zaki Resources Berhad

Dear Sir/Madam,

### **PROPOSED RENEWAL OF SHAREHOLDERS' MANDATE FOR EXISTING RECURRENT RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS OF A REVENUE OR TRADING NATURE ("PROPOSED SHAREHOLDERS' MANDATE")**

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#### 1. INTRODUCTION

On 12 December 2023, the Company had at its 26<sup>th</sup> AGM obtained a mandate from its shareholders for the Company and/or its subsidiaries to enter into related party transactions of a revenue or trading nature, which are necessary for its day-to-day operations and are in the ordinary course of business of the Company and/or its subsidiaries.

This Mandate shall, in accordance with the Listing Requirements, expire at the conclusion of the forthcoming 27<sup>th</sup> AGM unless authority for the renewal is obtained from the shareholders.

Accordingly, the Board had on 21 October 2024 announced that the Company has proposed to seek its shareholders' approval for the Shareholders' Mandate pursuant to Paragraph 10.09 of Chapter 10 of the Listing Requirements and Paragraph 3.1.4 of Practice Note 12 ("PN12") of the Listing Requirements.

The purpose of this Circular is to provide you with the relevant information on the Proposed Shareholders' Mandate and to seek your approval for the ordinary resolutions pertaining to the Proposed Shareholders' Mandate to be tabled at the forthcoming 27<sup>th</sup> AGM. The notice of the 27<sup>th</sup> AGM together with the Form of Proxy are available on the website of the Company at [www.azrb.com](http://www.azrb.com).

## 2. AGM

Our AGM will be conducted on virtual basis through live streaming and online remote voting from the Broadcast Venue at Boardroom, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, Menara AZRB, No.71 Persiaran Gurney, 54000 Kuala Lumpur on Thursday, 12 December 2024 at 10.30 a.m for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the ordinary resolutions as set out in the notice of AGM. The notice of AGM that contains the resolution pertaining to the Proposed Shareholders' Mandate has been incorporated into the 2024 Annual Report which is being circulated to you together with this Circular.

If you are unable to participate in the AGM, you may complete and return the Form of Proxy enclosed in the 2024 Annual Report in accordance with the instructions printed therein as soon as possible and in any event so as to arrive at the Share Registrar Office of the Company not less than 48 hours before the time fixed for the AGM or at any adjournment thereof. The lodging of the Form of Proxy does not preclude you from participating and voting at the AGM should you subsequently decide to do so.

## 3. DETAILS OF THE PROPOSED SHAREHOLDERS' MANDATE

The Board wishes to seek the approval of the shareholders of AZRB for the renewal of Shareholders' Mandate obtained on 12 December 2023, which would enable AZRB Group to continue to enter into the RRPT, provided that such transactions are entered within the ordinary course of business and undertaken at arms' length, on normal commercial terms of the AZRB Group which are not more favourable to the Related Parties than those generally available to the public and are not to the detriment of the minority shareholders.

Pursuant to Paragraph 10.09 of the Listing Requirements, a listed issuer may seek a Shareholders' Mandate that is necessary for its day-to-day operations, subject to the following:

- (a) the transactions are in the ordinary course of business and are on terms not more favourable to the Related Party than those generally available to the public;
- (b) the Shareholders' Mandate is subject to annual renewal and the disclosure is made in the annual report of the aggregate value of transactions conducted pursuant to the Shareholders' Mandate during the financial year where:
  - (i) the consideration, value of assets, capital outlay or costs of the RRPT is RM1 million or more; or
  - (ii) The percentage ratio of such RRPT is 1% or more,whichever is the higher,
- (c) the listed issuer to issue circular to shareholders for the Shareholders' Mandate;
- (d) in the meeting to obtain Shareholder's Mandate, the interested Director, interested Major Shareholder or interested Person Connected with a Director or Major Shareholder; and where it involves the interest of an interested Person Connected with a Director or Major Shareholder, such Director or Major Shareholder, must not vote on the resolution approving the transactions. An interested Director or interested Major Shareholder must ensure that Persons Connected with him abstain from voting on the resolution approving the transactions; and
- (e) an immediate announcement is made to Bursa Securities when the actual value of a recurrent related party transaction entered into by the listed issuer, exceeds the estimated value of the recurrent related party transaction disclosed in the circular by 10% or more and the announcement must include the information as prescribed by Bursa Securities.

The Proposed RRPT Mandate, if approved by our shareholders at our AGM, will take effect from the date of the passing of the ordinary resolutions relating thereto at the AGM and will continue to be in force until:

- (a) the conclusion of the next AGM of our Company, at which time it shall lapse, unless by ordinary resolutions passed at a general meeting, the authority is renewed, either unconditionally or subject to conditions; or

- (b) the expiration of the period within which the next AGM of our Company is required to be held pursuant to section 340(2) of the Act (but shall not extend to such extension as may be allowed pursuant to section 340(4) of the Act); or
- (c) revoked or varied by resolutions passed by the shareholders of our Company in a general meeting;

whichever is the earlier.

The Board will seek your approval for the Proposed RRPT Mandate at the forthcoming AGM of our Company and at each subsequent AGM, subject to a satisfactory review by the Audit & Risk Committee of its continued application to RRPTs.

The estimated transaction values are based on the information available and management's estimates at the point of estimation. Due to the nature of the transactions, the actual value of transactions may vary from the estimated value.

#### 4. PRINCIPAL BUSINESS ACTIVITIES OF AZRB AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES

AZRB's principal activities are investment holding, management services and contractors of civil and structural construction works while the principal activities of its subsidiaries are as follows:

Subsidiaries	Principal Activities	Equity Interest (%)
AZSB	Contractor of civil and structural works and to carry on all or any of the business of transport operators	100
ICSB	Dealer of marine fuels and lubricants	100
Tadok Granite Manufacturing Sdn Bhd	Dormant	100
AZRB International Ventures Sdn Bhd	Investment holding	100
Trend Vista Development Sdn Bhd	Dormant	100
Peninsular Medical Sdn Bhd	Maintenance services of a teaching hospital via concession and assets management agreements	100
AZ Land & Properties Sdn Bhd	Property development	100
EKVE Sdn Bhd	Business of construction, establishment, operation, maintenance and management of highway	100
Unggul Energy & Construction Sdn Bhd	Dormant	100
Peninsular Prokonsult Sdn Bhd	Project management services	100
Residence Inn & Motels Sdn Bhd	Hotel operator and hotel project consultant	100
AZRB Capital Sdn Bhd	A special purpose vehicle established solely for the purpose of issuance of Sukuk, in compliance with Shariah principles	100
Sambungan Lebuh raya Timur Sdn Bhd	Dormant	100



Ahmad Zaki Saudi Arabia Co. Ltd.	Contractor of civil and structural works	95
Temala Development Sdn Bhd	Property development	70
Betanaz Mills Sdn Bhd	Dormant	67
Matrix Reservoir Sdn Bhd	Investment holding and rental of plant, machineries and equipment	53
Betanaz Properties Sdn Bhd	Property development	51
Palmacorp Sdn Bhd	General contractor	50
Kemaman Technology & Industrial Park Sdn Bhd	Property development	60

#### **Held through AZSB**

<b>Subsidiaries</b>	<b>Principal Activities</b>	<b>Equity Interest (%)</b>
AZSB Machineries Sdn Bhd	Rental of machineries and equipment and to carry on all or any of the business of transport operators	100
Peninsular Precast Sdn Bhd	Fabricating and marketing of Industrial Building Products and System (IBS)	100

#### **Held through AZRB International Ventures Sdn Bhd**

<b>Subsidiary</b>	<b>Principal Activities</b>	<b>Equity Interest (%)</b>
Ahmad Zaki Saudi Arabia Co. Ltd	Contractor of civil and structural works	5

#### **Held through Betanaz Mills Sdn Bhd**

<b>Subsidiary</b>	<b>Principal Activities</b>	<b>Equity Interest (%)</b>
Peak Crops Sdn Bhd <i>(In application for striking-off under S550 of the Act)</i>	Dormant	60

#### **Held through Matrix Reservoir Sdn Bhd**

<b>Subsidiaries</b>	<b>Principal Activities</b>	<b>Equity Interest (%)</b>
Astral Far East Sdn Bhd	Dealer of lubricants, petroleum-based products and selling of potable water	100
TB Supply Base Sdn Bhd	Logistics management services and vessel related services	100
TB Realty Sdn Bhd	Leasing of land and building	100
TB Terminals Sdn Bhd	Dormant	100

**5. NATURE OF RRPT AND ESTIMATED VALUES**

The terms of the pricing of the following RRPT are consistent with AZRB Group's usual business pricing practices and policies. Hence, the pricing is not more favourable to the Related Parties than to the public and not to the detriment of the minority shareholders:

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Details of the RRPT being carried out are as follows:

**RENEWAL OF RECURRENT TRANSACTION**

				Related Parties' interest in the transacting party			Related Parties' interest in AZRB				(I) Estimated aggregate value as disclosed in the preceding year's circular to shareholders dated 31 October 2023 "Estimated Value" (RM'000)	(II) Actual value transacted from the last AGM to 1 October 2024, being the LPD "Actual Value" (RM'000)	
Transacting party	Principal activities	Nature of transaction	New estimated value during the validity period from 27 <sup>th</sup> AGM to 28 <sup>th</sup> AGM (RM'000)*	Related Parties	Nature of interest	Equity interest (%)	Nature of interest	Shareholding as at 1 October 2024 <sup>(4)</sup>					
								Direct	%	Deemed			%
ZHSB <sup>(1)</sup> and its subsidiaries ("ZHSB Group")				ZHSB	Not applicable	Not applicable	Major Shareholder	319,444,836	48.69	-	-		
				TSWZ	Director of certain companies within ZHSB Group and Major Shareholder of ZHSB	30.0 <sup>#</sup>	Major Shareholder	4,757,371	0.73	321,543,859 <sup>(6)</sup>	49.01 <sup>(6)</sup>		
ZHSB	Investment holding	(i) Provision of administrative and security services to AZRB Group	14,000	DSWZA	Director of certain companies within ZHSB Group and Shareholder of ZHSB	12.5 <sup>#</sup>	Director of certain companies within AZRB Group	5,266,220	0.80	27,000 <sup>(2)</sup>	0.00 <sup>(2)</sup>	14,000	1,289.64
		(ii) Provision of insurance agent services to AZRB Group	14,000	DWZUL	Director of certain companies within ZHSB Group and Shareholder of ZHSB	12.5 <sup>#</sup>	Director of certain companies within AZRB Group	10,003,789	1.52	906,125 <sup>(3)</sup>	0.14 <sup>(3)</sup>	14,000	70.01

					Related Parties' interest in the transacting party		Related Parties' interest in AZRB					(I) Estimated aggregate value as disclosed in the preceding year's circular to shareholders dated 31 October 2023 "Estimated Value" (RM'000)	(II) Actual value transacted from the last AGM to 1 October 2024, being the LPD "Actual Value" (RM'000)
Transacting party	Principal activities	Nature of transaction	New estimated value during the validity period from 27th AGM to 28th AGM (RM'000)*	Related Parties	Nature of interest	Equity interest (%)	Nature of interest	Shareholding as at 1 October 2024 <sup>(4)</sup>					
								Direct	%	Deemed	%		
QMC Sdn Bhd ("QMC")	Quarry management and operations	Purchase of building materials by AZSB	20,000	TSWZ	Director of certain companies within ZHSB Group and Major Shareholder of ZHSB	30.0 <sup>#</sup>	Major Shareholder	4,757,371	0.73	321,543,859 <sup>(6)</sup>	49.01 <sup>(6)</sup>	20,000	0
				DSWZA	Director of QMC and Shareholder of ZHSB	12.5 <sup>#</sup> 10.20 <sup>(6)</sup>	Director of certain companies within AZRB Group	5,266,220	0.80	27,000 <sup>(2)</sup>	0.00 <sup>(2)</sup>		
				DWZUL	Director of QMC and Shareholder of ZHSB	12.5 <sup>#</sup> 10.20 <sup>(6)</sup>	Director of certain companies within AZRB Group	10,003,789	1.52	906,125 <sup>(3)</sup>	0.14 <sup>(3)</sup>		
Kemaman Quarry Sdn Bhd ("Kemaman Quarry")	Quarry management and operations	Purchase of building materials by AZSB	20,000	DWZUL	Director of Kemaman Quarry and Shareholder of ZHSB	12.5 <sup>#</sup> 9.91 <sup>(5)</sup>	Director of certain companies within AZRB Group	10,003,789	1.52	906,125 <sup>(3)</sup>	0.14 <sup>(3)</sup>	20,000	39.19
		Sale of diesel by ICSB	10,000									10,000	0

					Related Parties' interest in the transacting party		Related Parties' interest in AZRB				(I) Estimated aggregate value as disclosed in the preceding year's circular to shareholders 31 October 2023 "Estimated Value" (RM'000)	(II) Actual value transacted from the last AGM to 1 October 2024, being the LPD "Actual Value" (RM'000)	
Transacting party	Principal activities	Nature of transaction	New estimated value during the validity period from 27 <sup>th</sup> AGM to 28 <sup>th</sup> AGM (RM'000)*	Related Parties	Nature of interest	Equity interest (%)	Nature of interest	Shareholding as at 1 October 2024 <sup>(4)</sup>					
								Direct	%	Deemed			%
MIM Waste Services Sdn Bhd ("MIM Waste")	Dealing in scrap, providing waste management services, highway maintenance and carry out construction work	i) Purchase of scrap from AZRB Group	2,500	DSWZA	Director of MIM Waste and shareholder of ZHSB	12.5 <sup>#</sup> 12.5 <sup>(5)</sup>	Director of certain companies within AZRB Group	5,266,220	0.80	27,000 <sup>(2)</sup>	0.00 <sup>(2)</sup>	2,500	32.17
		ii) Sale of construction material, providing waste management services, highway maintenance and carry out construction work to AZRB Group	10,000	DWZUL	Director of MIM Waste and shareholder of ZHSB	12.5 <sup>#</sup> 12.5 <sup>(5)</sup>	Director of certain companies within AZRB Group	10,003,789	1.52	906,125 <sup>(3)</sup>	0.14 <sup>(3)</sup>	10,000	488.0

**Notes:**

*	<i>Period from the forthcoming 27<sup>th</sup> AGM until the following 28<sup>th</sup> AGM to be convened. The transaction prices are estimates only and are based on the prevailing market rates, which are subject to market fluctuations.</i>
#	<i>Direct Interest</i>
(1)	<i>The holding company of AZRB.</i>
(2)	<i>Deemed interest by virtue of Section 8 of the Act held through child.</i>
(3)	<i>Deemed interest by virtue of Section 8 of the Act held through spouse and children.</i>
(4)	<i>The shareholding is based on the issued and paid up capital of the Company after deducting 1,662,862 ordinary shares held as treasury shares as at 1 October 2024.</i>
(5)	<i>Deemed interest by virtue of his interest in ZHSB pursuant to Section 8 of the Act.</i>
(6)	<i>Deemed interest by virtue of Section 8 of the Act held through ZHSB, spouse, children and son-in-law.</i>

## **6. DISCLOSURE AND REVIEW PROCEDURES FOR THE RRPT**

### **6.1 Disclosure for the RRPT**

Disclosure will be made in the annual report of the Company on the breakdown of the aggregate value of RRPT conducted pursuant to the Proposed Shareholders' Mandate during the current financial year, and in the annual reports for the subsequent financial years during which a Shareholders' Mandate is in force.

The disclosure will include, amongst others, the following information:

- (i) the type of RRPT; and
- (ii) the names of the Related Parties involved in each type of the RRPT entered into and the relationship with AZRB Group.

### **6.2 Review procedures for the RRPT**

Our Group has set up its internal control systems which cover, amongst other things, the following methods and procedures to ensure all RRPTs are undertaken on an arm's length basis, on normal commercial terms transaction prices and are on terms not more favourable to the Related Parties than those generally available to third parties or the public, and are not detrimental to the minority shareholders:

- (i) A list of Related Parties has been circulated to the subsidiaries of AZRB to notify them that any RRPT are required to be undertaken at arms' length, on normal commercial terms of AZRB Group which are not more favourable to the Related Parties than those generally available to the public and are not to the detriment of the minority shareholders;
- (ii) AZRB and each of its subsidiaries will record all RRPT which are entered into pursuant to the Shareholders' Mandate;
- (iii) Each of the subsidiaries of AZRB will submit a RRPT report to the management team of the Company on a quarterly basis;
- (iv) The management team of the Company will review and summarise the RRPT reports for the consideration of the Audit and Risk Committee on a quarterly basis;
- (v) At least 2 other contemporaneous transactions with unrelated third parties for similar products/services and/or quantities will be used as comparison, wherever possible, to determine whether the price and terms offered to/by the related parties are fair and reasonable and comparable to those offered to/by other unrelated third parties for the same or substantially similar type of produces/services and/or quantities. In the event that quotation or comparative pricing from unrelated third parties cannot be obtained, the transaction price will be based on prevailing market rates/prices that are agreed upon under similar commercial terms for transactions with unrelated third parties, business practices and policies and terms which are generally in line with industrial norms and is not detrimental to the Group and the minority shareholders. Other factors taken into considerations for evaluation purposes will be reliability to supply, delivery, quality materials or goods and services;
- (vi) AZRB Group will obtain quotations from third parties in order to compare quotations from Related Parties and will make purchases from the parties (whether they are third parties or Related Parties) which offer the lowest quotations. Although the Group also sources similar products and services from third parties, the Board of Directors is of the view that these close business relationships with the Related Parties allow the Group to be more competitive in terms of product pricing and response time in the steel related sector and creates an extensive network of marketing, distribution and manufacturing operations for the Group. These upstream and downstream linkages will help to reduce inventory costs, increase availability and fulfill customer demands, improve asset allocation, reduce inventory lead time and better utilisation of resources;

- (vii) The Audit and Risk Committee will review the management's reports on the RRPT to ascertain that the guidelines and procedures established to monitor RRPT have been complied with and the review shall be carried out at the quarterly meetings of the Audit and Risk Committee;
- (viii) There was no specific threshold for approval of RRPTs within the AZRB Group. However, all RRPTs are subject to the approval of the appropriate levels of authority as determined by the senior management and/or the Tender Board (i.e. chaired by independent non-executive director) from time to time, subject to the provisions in the Listing Requirements and/or the Act, where necessary. Where any Director has an interest (direct or indirect) in any RRPT, such Director will abstain from deliberation and decision making;
- (ix) The Board and Audit and Risk Committee shall have the overall responsibility for the determination of the review procedures and processes with authority to sub-delegate to officers within AZRB Group as they deem appropriate; and
- (x) The Board and the Audit and Risk Committee have reviewed the procedures and will continue to review the procedures on a quarterly basis or as and when required, with the authority to sub-delegate the review process to individuals or committees within AZRB Group as they deem appropriate. If a member of the Board or the Audit and Risk Committee has an interest in the transaction to be reviewed by the Board or the Audit and Risk Committee, as the case may be, he will abstain from any decision-making by the Board or Audit and Risk Committee in respect of that transaction.

## **7. AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE'S STATEMENT**

The Audit and Risk Committee of the Company has reviewed the procedures mentioned in Paragraph 6.2 above and is satisfied that:

- (a) the Group has in place adequate procedures and processes to monitor, track and identify RRPT in a timely and orderly manner and these procedures and processes are reviewed on a quarterly basis or as and when required; and
- (b) the procedures above are sufficient to ensure that the terms of the RRPT are fair, reasonable, on normal commercial terms and are not more favourable to the Related Party than those generally available to the public and the RRPTs are not detrimental of the minority shareholders and are in the best interest of the Group.

## **8. RATIONALE FOR THE PROPOSED SHAREHOLDERS' MANDATE**

The Proposed Recurrent Related Party Transactions (RRPT) that have been entered into and that will be entered into by AZRB Group are transactions in the ordinary course of business made on arm's length basis which are necessary to meet the business needs of AZRB Group at the best possible terms. Therefore, it is anticipated that the Recurrent Related Party Transactions are likely to continue on a frequent and recurrent basis from time to time.

The Proposed Renewal of Existing Shareholders' Mandate is intended to enhance AZRB Group's ability to pursue business opportunities, which are time-sensitive in nature and confidentiality of such transactions, and it may be impractical to seek approval from the shareholders on a case-to-case basis before entering into such RRPT. As such, the Board is seeking shareholders' mandate pursuant to Paragraph 10.09 of the Listing Requirements to allow AZRB Group to enter into such RRPT made at arm's length basis and on normal commercial term and which are in the Board's opinion, not prejudicial to the interests of the shareholders and are on terms not more favourable to the Related Parties than those generally available to the public and are not to the detriment of the minority shareholders.

The shareholders' mandate for RRPT(s), which is to be renewed annually, will eliminate the requirement by the Company to make regular announcements and convene separate general meetings from time to time for the entry of the aforesaid RRPT(s). This will serve to substantially reduce expenses associated with the convening of such meetings on an ad-hoc basis, improve administrative efficiency and allow human resources and time to be channeled towards attaining other corporate objectives and opportunities.



## 9. EFFECTS OF THE PROPOSED SHAREHOLDERS' MANDATE

The Proposed Shareholders' Mandate has no foreseeable adverse effect on the share capital and substantial shareholding of AZRB and the NA, gearing and earnings of AZRB Group.

## 10. AMOUNT DUE AND OWING TO AZRB GROUP BY ITS RELATED PARTIES PURSUANT TO THE RRPT

The breakdown and ageing analysis of amount due and owing to AZRB Group by the Related Parties pursuant to the RRPT, which exceeded the credit term for the following periods as at the end of the financial year ended 30 June 2024 are as follows:

Principal Sum (RM)	Late Payment Interest (RM)	Total Outstanding Amount (RM)	Ageing Analysis (RM)			
			≤1 year	> 1 year to 3 years	> 3 years to 5 years	> 5 years
5,009,196	-	5,009,196	672,094	1,476,341	1,010,388	1,850,373

The Board is of the opinion there will be no recoverability issues as the overdue amount is closely monitored by the Management who is optimistic that the amount is recoverable

## 11. APPROVALS REQUIRED

The Proposed Shareholders' Mandate is subject to approval being obtained from the shareholders of the Company at the forthcoming AGM.

## 12. DIRECTORS' AND MAJOR SHAREHOLDERS' INTERESTS

Save as disclosed below, none of the other Directors, Major Shareholders of the Company or Persons Connected with the Directors and/or Major Shareholders of the Company have any interest, direct or indirect, in the Proposed Shareholders' Mandate.

In addition to being Directors and/or having equity interest in AZRB, DSWZA and DWZUL (collectively, "Interested Directors") are Directors and/or have equity interest in the relevant companies involved in the RRPT and hence are interested in the Proposed Shareholders' Mandate.

ZHSB is a Major Shareholder of AZRB and is also a transacting party with AZRB Group and hence is deemed to be interested in the Proposed Shareholders' Mandate ("Interested Major Shareholder").

The Interested Directors have abstained and will continue to abstain from deliberating and voting on the resolutions in respect of the relevant RRPT in which they are interested at the relevant meetings of the Board.

The Interested Directors and Interested Major Shareholder will abstain and have also undertaken to ensure that the Persons Connected with them will abstain from voting in respect of their direct and indirect shareholdings in the Company on the relevant ordinary resolution pertaining to the Proposed Shareholders' Mandate to be tabled at the forthcoming AGM.

## 13. DIRECTORS' RECOMMENDATION

The Board (other than the Interested Directors), having considered all aspects of the Proposed Shareholders' Mandate, is of the opinion that it is in the best interest of the AZRB Group and accordingly, recommends that you vote in favour of the resolution pertaining to the Proposed Shareholders' Mandate to be tabled at the forthcoming AGM.

**14. FURTHER INFORMATION**

Shareholders are requested to refer to the attached Appendix I for additional information.

Yours faithfully  
For and on behalf of the Board of  
**Ahmad Zaki Resources Berhad**

**Lee Chee Khoon**  
Independent Non-Executive Director

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**PART B**

**PROPOSED RENEWAL OF SHARE BUY-BACK AUTHORITY**



## Ahmad Zaki Resources Berhad

(Registration No. 199701017271 (432768-X))  
(Incorporated in Malaysia)

### Registered Office:

Menara AZRB  
No. 71, Persiaran Gurney  
54000 Kuala Lumpur

30 October 2024

### Board of Directors:

Tan Sri Dr Madinah binti Mohamad (*Independent Non-Executive Chairman*)  
Dato' Sri Wan Zakariah bin Haji Wan Muda (*Group Managing Director*)  
Dato' Ir. W Zulkifli bin Haji W Muda (*Executive Director*)  
Dato' Roslan bin Tan Sri Jaffar (*Executive Director*)  
Tan Sri Dato' Lau Yin Pin @ Lau Yen Beng (*Non-Independent Non-Executive Director*)  
Dato' Ir. Haji Che Noor Azeman bin Yusoff (*Independent Non-Executive Director*)  
Mr Lee Chee Khoon (*Independent Non-Executive Director*)  
Dato' Hj. Wan Mohd Hilmi bin Wan Kamal (*Independent Non-Executive Director*)

### To: The Shareholders of Ahmad Zaki Resources Berhad

Dear Sir/Madam,

### PROPOSED RENEWAL OF SHARE BUY-BACK AUTHORITY (“PROPOSED SHARE BUY-BACK”)

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

The Company had on 12 December 2023, at its 26<sup>th</sup> AGM obtained an approval from its shareholders to purchase of up to 10% of the total number of issued shares of the Company. The aforesaid shareholders' approval for the Company to purchase its own shares is subject to the annual renewal and will lapse at the conclusion at the forthcoming AGM of the Company, unless such authority is renewed and shareholders' approval is obtained at the forthcoming AGM.

On 21 October 2024, the Board had announced the Company's intention to seek the shareholders' approval at the forthcoming AGM on the Proposed Renewal of Share Buy-Back Authority. The Proposed Renewal of Share Buy-Back Authority is subject to compliance with Section 127 of the Act and any prevailing laws, orders, requirements, guidelines, rules and regulations issued by any relevant authorities at the time of purchase.

The purpose of this Statement is to provide you with the relevant information of the Proposed Renewal of Share Buy-Back Authority and to seek your approval for the ordinary resolution in respect thereof to be tabled at the 27<sup>th</sup> AGM. The Notice of the 27<sup>th</sup> AGM and the Proxy Form are enclosed in the Annual Report 2024 of the Company, which can be downloaded from the Company's website at [www.azrb.com](http://www.azrb.com)

**SHAREHOLDERS OF AZRB ARE ADVISED TO READ AND CAREFULLY CONSIDER THE CONTENTS OF THIS STATEMENT BEFORE VOTING ON THE ORDINARY RESOLUTION PERTAINING TO THE PROPOSED RENEWAL OF SHARE BUY-BACK AUTHORITY TO BE TABLED AT THE 27<sup>TH</sup> AGM OF THE COMPANY**

## **2. AGM**

Our AGM will be conducted on virtual basis through live streaming and online remote voting from the Broadcast Venue at Boardroom, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, Menara AZRB, No.71 Persiaran Gurney, 54000 Kuala Lumpur on Thursday, 12 December 2024 at 10.30 a.m for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the ordinary resolutions as set out in the notice of AGM. The notice of AGM that contains the resolution pertaining to the Proposed Share Buy-Back has been incorporated into the 2024 Annual Report which is being circulated to you together with this Circular.

If you are unable to participate in the AGM, you may complete and return the Form of Proxy enclosed in the 2024 Annual Report in accordance with the instructions printed therein as soon as possible and in any event so as to arrive at the Share Registrar Office of the Company not less than 48 hours before the time fixed for the AGM or at any adjournment thereof. The lodging of the Form of Proxy does not preclude you from participating and voting at the AGM should you subsequently decide to do so.

## **3. DETAILS OF THE PROPOSED SHARE BUY-BACK**

In accordance with Section 127 of the Act, the Company's Constitution, the Listing Requirements and any prevailing laws, orders, guidelines, rules and regulations issued by the relevant authorities at the time of the purchase, the Company is allowed to purchase its own Shares on Bursa Securities through its appointed stockbroker(s) as approved by Bursa Securities.

Accordingly, the Board proposes to seek the authority from the shareholders of AZRB to purchase and/or hold from time to time and at any time up to 10% of its issued Shares for the time being quoted on Bursa Securities through stockbroker(s) to be appointed at a later date.

### **3.1 Maximum number or percentage of AZRB Shares to be acquired**

The maximum aggregate number of AZRB Shares, which may be purchased by the Company, shall not exceed 10% of the issued shares at any point in time.

The Company has a total of 1,662,862 Shares held as Treasury Shares. As at the LPD, AZRB has a total of 657,741,147 Shares (inclusive of Treasury Shares). Pursuant to the Proposed Share Buy-Back, AZRB may purchase up to 65,607,828 AZRB Shares, representing 10% of its total number of issued Shares as at the LPD. The Treasury Shares against the total number of issued Shares of the Company as at the LPD was 0.25%.

### **3.2 Source of funds**

The Proposed Share Buy-Back shall be funded through internally generated funds and the maximum funds allocated shall not exceed the sum of the retained earnings of the Company based on the audited financial statements for the financial year ended 30 June 2024.

The actual number of Shares to be purchased, the total amount of funds to be utilised, impact on cash flows as well as the timing of the proposed purchase by the Company of its own Shares will be dependent on amongst others, the market conditions, sentiments of the stock market and the available retained earnings and financial resources of the Company at the time of purchase(s).

Based on the audited financial statements for the financial year ended 30 June 2024, the accumulated losses of the Company were RM241.3 million.

### **3.3 Duration of the Proposed Share Buy-Back**

The implementation of the Proposed Share Buy-Back will be effective immediately upon the passing of the ordinary resolution for the Proposed Share Buy-Back by the shareholders of AZRB at the forthcoming AGM. Pursuant to Paragraph 12.07(3) of the Listing Requirements, the Proposed Share Buy-Back shall be valid until:

- (a) the conclusion of the next AGM of the Company following at which time the authority will lapse unless by ordinary resolution passed at the meeting, the authority is renewed, either unconditionally or subject to conditions;

- (b) the expiration of the period within which the next AGM of the Company is required by law to be held; or
- (c) revoked or varied by an ordinary resolution passed by the shareholders of the Company in the general meeting,

whichever occurs first.

The shareholders' approval for the Proposed Share Buy-Back does not impose an obligation on the Company to purchase its own Shares on Bursa Securities. The Proposed Share Buy- Back will allow the Board to exercise the power of the Company to purchase its own Shares at any time within the abovementioned time period.

### **3.4 Treatment of Purchased Shares**

In accordance with Section 127(4) of the Act, the Board is able to deal with the Purchased Shares in the following manner:

- (a) to cancel the Shares so purchased;
- (b) to retain the Shares so purchased as Treasury Shares;
- (c) to retain part of the Shares so purchased as Treasury Shares and cancel the remainder; or
- (d) deal with the Shares in any other manner as may be permitted by the applicable laws and/or regulations in force from time to time.

Accordingly, based on Section 127(7) of the Act, where such Purchased Shares are held as Treasury Shares, the Board may, at their discretion:

- (a) distribute the Treasury Shares as dividends to AZRB shareholders, such dividends to be known as "share dividends";
- (b) resell the Treasury Shares or any of the Treasury Shares in accordance with the relevant rules of Bursa Securities;
- (c) transfer the Treasury Shares or any of the Treasury Shares for the purpose of or under an employees' share scheme;
- (d) transfer the Treasury Shares or any of the Treasury Shares as purchase consideration;
- (e) cancel the Treasury Shares or any of the Treasury Shares; or
- (f) sell, transfer or otherwise use the Treasury Shares for such other purposes as the Minister charged with the responsibility for companies (as set out in the Act) may by order prescribe.

If such Purchased Shares were held as Treasury Shares, the rights attaching to them in relation to voting, dividends and participation in any other distribution or otherwise would be suspended and the Treasury Shares would not be taken into account in calculating the number or percentage of Shares or a class of Shares in the Company for any purposes including the determination of substantial shareholdings, take-overs, notices, the requisitioning of meetings, the quorum for meetings and the result of a vote on resolution(s) at shareholders meetings.

The decision whether to retain the Purchased Shares as Treasury Shares, or to cancel the Purchased Shares or a combination of both, will be determined by the Board at the appropriate time.

The Company will make an immediate announcement to Bursa Securities of any purchase or resale of AZRB Shares and whether the Purchased Shares will be cancelled or retained as Treasury Shares or a combination of both.

### **3.5 Pricing**

Pursuant to Paragraph 12.17 of the Listing Requirements, AZRB may only purchase its own Shares at a price which is not more than 15% above WAMP of AZRB Shares for the 5 Market Days immediately preceding the date of the purchase(s).

The Treasury Shares arising from the share buy-back, including those Shares that have been bought back as at the date of this Circular, may be resold on the market or transferred pursuant to Section 127(7) of the Act, if so determined by the Board, at:

- (a) a price which is not less than the WAMP for the Shares for the 5 Market Days immediately before the resale or transfer; or
- (b) a discounted price of not more than 5% to the WAMP for the Shares for the 5 Market Days immediately before the resale or transfer provided that:
  - (i) the resale or transfer takes place not earlier than 30 days from the date of purchase; and
  - (ii) the resale or transfer price is not less than the cost of purchase of the Shares being resold or transferred.

### **3.6 Public Shareholding Spread of AZRB**

As at the LPD, the public shareholding spread of the Company was 47.33%.

The Board is mindful of the requirement that any purchase of AZRB Shares by the Company must not result in the public shareholding spread of AZRB falling below 25% of the total number of issued Shares.

### **3.7 Purchase, Resale or Cancellation of Treasury Shares made in the preceding 12 months**

As at the LPD, the Company held a total of 1,662,862 Treasury Shares. The Company has not purchased, resold and/or cancelled any Shares during the last 12 months preceding the LPD.

### **3.8 Implications relating to the Code**

If the Proposed Share Buy-Back results in the equity interest of any one of the substantial shareholders and their respective parties acting in concert obtain control in the Company or if his/their existing shareholdings is between 33% to 50% and increases by more than 2% in any 6 months period, the affected substantial shareholder and parties acting in concert would be obliged to undertake a mandatory offer for the remainder AZRB Shares not held by the said affected substantial shareholder and parties acting in concert pursuant to the Code. However, a waiver to undertake a mandatory offer may be granted by the Securities Commission under the Code, subject to the affected substantial shareholder and parties acting in concert complying with certain conditions.

In this respect, the Board will be mindful of the potential implications relating to the Code. In the event that the obligations relating to the Code are expected to be triggered as a result of the Proposed Share Buy-Back, which is an action outside its direct participation, the affected substantial shareholder and parties acting in concert will apply to the Securities Commission for an exemption from undertaking the mandatory offer under the Code.

### **3.9 Potential Advantages and Disadvantages of the Proposed Share Buy-Back**

The potential advantages of the Proposed Share Buy-Back are as follows:

- (a) The Company may be able to stabilise the supply and demand of its Shares in the open market and thereby support its fundamental value. The stability of the share price is important in order to maintain investors' confidence to facilitate the Company's future fund raising exercises via issues of equity shares or other instruments should there be any.
- (b) The Company will have the opportunity to realise potential capital gains if the Purchased Shares are resold at prices higher than the purchase prices and such proceeds may be subsequently utilised for working capital and investment opportunities arising in the future. If the Purchased Shares are subsequently cancelled, this may strengthen the earnings per share of the Company.
- (c) The Purchased Shares (if retained as Treasury Shares) may serve as an alternative to reward the shareholders of the Company in the event the Company distributes the Treasury Shares as share dividends or bonus shares.
- (d) The Board may also transfer the Treasury Shares for the purpose of ESS or as purchase consideration. In the event the Treasury Shares are transferred for ESS, it will serve to reward the employees of AZRB Group and if the Treasury Shares are transferred to be used as purchase consideration, it will save the Company's time and costs associated with the fresh issuance of shares.

The potential disadvantages of the Proposed Share Buy-Back are as follows:

- (a) The Proposed Share Buy-Back will reduce the financial resources available for distribution to the shareholders of the Company and should there be any good investment opportunity arising in the future, the Company may have to resell the Purchased Shares for cash in the market not at an opportune time.
- (b) The Proposed Share Buy-Back will reduce the trading liquidity of Shares in the open market as a result of a decrease in the number of outstanding Shares.

The Board does not expect the Proposed Share Buy-Back to result in any material disadvantage to the Company and its shareholders as it will be implemented only after taking into consideration that there is adequate cash flow to fund AZRB Group's working capital requirements and dividends to be paid to the shareholders prior to allocating the available resources for the Proposed Share Buy-Back. In any event, the Board will be mindful of the interests of the Company, the Group and the shareholders in implementing the Proposed Share Buy-Back.

#### **4. RATIONALE FOR THE PROPOSED SHARE BUY-BACK**

The Proposed Share Buy-Back will enable AZRB to utilise any of its surplus financial resources, which is not immediately required for other uses, to purchase its own Shares from the open market on Bursa Securities as and when the Board deems fit in the interest of the Company and its shareholders during the validity period of the Proposed Share Buy-Back. With the Proposed Share Buy-Back mandate being procured, the Company will be able to stabilise the supply and demand of AZRB Shares traded on Bursa Securities and thereby supports its fundamental value, if required.

In addition, the Purchased Shares may be held as Treasury Shares and resold on Bursa Securities with the intention of realising a potential gain without affecting the total issued shares of the Company. Should any Treasury Shares be distributed as share dividends, this will serve to reward the shareholders of the Company.

#### **5. HISTORICAL SHARE PRICES**

The monthly highest and lowest prices of AZRB Shares as traded on the Main Market of Bursa Securities for the preceding 12 months are as follows:

<b>Month and Year</b>	<b>Highest (RM)</b>	<b>Lowest (RM)</b>
<b>2023</b>		
October	0.250	0.185
November	0.200	0.180
December	0.240	0.190
<b>2024</b>		
January	0.245	0.190
February	0.205	0.185
March	0.220	0.190
April	0.270	0.215
May	0.265	0.230
June	0.320	0.230
July	0.365	0.285
August	0.305	0.230
September	0.280	0.245

The last transacted market price of AZRB Shares on the LPD was RM0.26



## **6. EFFECTS OF THE PROPOSED SHARE BUY-BACK**

The effects of the Proposed Share Buy-Back are as follows:

### **6.1 Issued Share Capital**

The effect of the Proposed Renewal of Authority to Buy Back Shares on the Issued Share Capital of AZRB depend on whether the purchased shares are cancelled or retained as treasury shares. The Proposed Renewal of Authority to Buy Back Shares will result in a reduction of the total number of Issued Share Capital of the Company if the purchased shares are cancelled. However, there should be no effect on the Issued Share Capital of AZRB if the AZRB Shares so purchased are retained as treasury shares.

Based on the assumption that the Proposed Renewal of Authority to Buy Back Shares is implemented in full and all the purchased shares are cancelled, the effect on the number of Issued Share Capital of the Company is illustrated below:

	<b>No of AZRB Shares</b>
Issued share capital as at the LPD	657,741,147
Assuming all Shares Purchased are to be cancelled pursuant to the Proposed Share Buy-Back	1,662,862
Total Issued Share Capital after the Proposed Renewal of Authority to Buy Back Shares	656,078,285

### **6.2 NA and EPS**

#### **NA**

The NA per AZRB Share may increase or decrease, depending on the purchase price and the number of Shares Purchased. Should the purchase price per Share Purchased exceeds its existing NA per AZRB Share at the time of purchase, the resultant NA per AZRB Share should decrease accordingly. Conversely, should the purchase price per Share Purchased be lower than the existing NA per AZRB Share at the time of purchase, the resultant NA per AZRB Share should increase accordingly.

#### **EPS**

The effects of the Proposed Share Buy-Back on the EPS of AZRB would depend on the number of Shares Purchased.

### **6.3 Working Capital**

The Proposed Share Buy-Back is likely to reduce the working capital of the Group, the quantum of which will depend on the actual purchase price and number of Shares Purchased.

### **6.4 Dividends**

The Proposed Share Buy-Back may reduce the cash available, which may otherwise be used for the dividend payment. Nonetheless, if AZRB Shares so purchased are retained as Treasury Shares, the Treasury Shares may be distributed as dividends to shareholders of the Company if the Company so decides.

**7. DIRECTORS' AND SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS' SHAREHOLDINGS**

Based on the Record of Depositors as at the LPD and assuming the Proposed Share Buy-Back is implemented in full (i.e. up to 10% of the total number of issued shares) and that the AZRB Shares purchased are from shareholders other than the existing Directors, Major/Substantial Shareholders and persons connected with them, the effect of the Proposed Share Buy-Back on the shareholdings of the existing Directors, Major/Substantial Shareholders and persons connected with them by virtue of Section 127 of the Act are set out below:

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Directors' and Substantial Shareholders' shareholdings

	As at LPD				After Proposed Share Buy-Back			
	Direct		Deemed*		Direct		Deemed*	
	No. of Shares	%	No. of Shares	%	No. of Shares	%	No. of Shares	%
<b>Directors</b>								
Tan Sri Dr Madinah binti Mohamad	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dato' Sri Wan Zakariah bin Haji Wan Muda	5,266,220	0.80	27,000	0.00	5,266,220	0.82	27,000	0.00
Dato' Ir. W Zulkifli bin Haji W Muda	10,003,789	1.52	906,125	0.13	10,003,789	1.55	906,125	0.13
Dato' Roslan bin Tan Sri Jaffar	1,061,262	0.16	492,187	0.08	1,061,262	0.16	492,187	0.08
Tan Sri Dato' Lau Yin Pin @ Lau Yen Beng	2,000,000	0.30	-	-	2,000,000	0.31	-	-
Dato' Ir. Haji Che Noor Azeman bin Yusoff	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mr Lee Chee Khoon	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dato' Hj. Wan Mohd Hilmi bin Wan Kamal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Substantial Shareholder</b>								
Zaki Holdings (M) Sdn Bhd	319,444,836	48.69	-	-	319,444,836	49.50	-	-
Tan Sri Dato' Sri Haji Wan Zaki bin Haji Wan Muda <sup>#</sup>	4,757,371	0.73	321,543,859	49.01	4,757,371	0.74	321,543,859	49.83

Notes:

\* Deemed interest in securities held through person(s) connected with the Director.

# Deemed interest by virtue of Section 8 of the Act held through ZHSB, spouse, children and son-in-law.

**8. CONDITIONS TO THE PROPOSED SHARE BUY-BACK**

The Proposed Share Buy-Back is conditional upon approval being obtained from shareholders of the Company at the forthcoming AGM and is subject to an annual renewal.

**9. DIRECTORS' AND/OR MAJOR SHAREHOLDERS' INTERESTS AND/OR PERSON(S) CONNECTED**

None of the Directors and/or Major Shareholder of the Company and/or persons connected to them has any interests, direct or indirect, in the Proposed Share Buy-Back or resale of Treasury Shares, if any.

**10. DIRECTORS' STATEMENT AND RECOMMENDATION**

The Board, having considered all aspects of the Proposed Share Buy-Back, is of the opinion that the Proposed Share Buy-Back is in the best interest of the Company. As such, the Directors recommend that you vote in favour of Proposed Share Buy-Back at the forthcoming AGM of the Company.

**11. FURTHER INFORMATION**

Shareholders are requested to refer to the attached Appendix I for additional information.

Yours faithfully  
For and on behalf of the Board of  
**Ahmad Zaki Resources Berhad**

**Lee Chee Khoon**  
Independent Non-Executive Director

## APPENDIX I – FURTHER INFORMATION

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### 1. RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT

This Circular has been seen and approved by the Board and they collectively and individually accept full responsibility for the accuracy of the information given and confirm that after making all reasonable enquiries and to the best of their knowledge and belief, there are no other facts, the omission of which would make any statement herein misleading.

### 2. MATERIAL LITIGATION

Save as disclosed below, neither AZRB nor any of its subsidiaries, is engaged in any material litigations, claims or arbitration, either as plaintiff or defendant, which has a material effect on the financial position or the business of AZRB or its subsidiaries and the Board of Directors of AZRB has no knowledge of any proceedings pending or threatened against AZRB and/or its subsidiaries or of any other facts likely to give rise to any proceedings which might materially affect the financial position or business of AZRB and/or its subsidiaries:

#### (a) Claim by Betanaz Properties Sdn Bhd (“BPSB”) against AEON Co. (M) Bhd (“AEON”) and Counterclaim by AEON

On 2 March 2021, BPSB, a 51%-owned subsidiary of AZRB served a Writ and Statement of Claim (“Claim”) on AEON pertaining to the breach of Tenancy Agreement by AEON which was entered into between both parties on 24 August 2017, under which BPSB granted to AEON a tenancy and lease of a plot of land held under H.S.(D) 59653, PT No. 145020, Mukim Kuala Kuantan, Daerah Kuantan, Pahang for AEON to construct and thereafter, operate a commercial shopping complex. The Tenancy Agreement was subsequently supplemented and/or amended by a Supplementary Tenancy Agreement dated 13 September 2019.

BPSB claim against AEON, amongst others, a sum of RM59,302,302.97.

BPSB and AZRB had on 29 March 2021 and 31 March 2021 respectively, received a Defence to BPSB’s claim, and a Counterclaim by AEON against BPSB and AZRB seeking a refund of the monies paid by AEON to BPSB and AZRB, on the ground that the Tenancy Agreement, and the Commercial Agreement dated 24 August 2017 between AZRB and AEON (“Commercial Agreement”) were allegedly void by reason of the alleged non-fulfilment of the conditions precedent to those agreements.

AEON claim against BPSB, amongst others, the return or payment of RM2,303,087 under the Tenancy Agreement and against AZRB, amongst others, the return of RM28,415,094.44 under the Commercial Agreement.

Both BPSB and AEON have closed its case, and the evidence-taking of witnesses have been completed on 28 August 2024.

The Judge fixed Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> December 2024 in the morning to hear oral closing submissions from Counsels, and Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> December 2024 to deliver her decision on the matter.

### 3. MATERIAL CONTRACTS

AZRB and/or its subsidiaries, have not entered into any material contracts (not being contracts entered into in the ordinary course of business) during the two (2) years preceding the date of this Circular.

#### **4. DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION**

Copies of the following documents are available for inspection at our registered office at Menara AZRB, No. 71, Persiaran Gurney, 54000 Kuala Lumpur during normal office hours on Monday to Friday (except public holidays) from the date of this Circular up to and including the date of the forthcoming AGM:

- (a) The Constitution of the Company;
- (b) The Audited consolidated financial statements of AZRB for the past two (2) financial years up to the financial year ended 30 June 2024
- (c) The material litigations as referred to in Section 2 above; and
- (d) The material contracts as referred to in Section 3 above.