

# **First Resources Limited**

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**Delivering Growth and Returns** 



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## **Executive Summary – 1H2023**

#### Financial Performance

- EBITDA came in at US\$132.9 million, a decrease of 42.3%
- Underlying net profit came in at US\$67.7 million, a decrease of 50.8%
- Overall financial performance reflects the impact of weaker average selling prices, despite an improvement in sales volumes

#### Operational Performance

- Fresh fruit bunches (FFB) harvested decreased by 4.5%
- Crude palm oil (CPO) production volumes increased by 1.6%

#### Dividend

- Declared interim dividend of 2.50 Singapore cents per share
- Equivalent to 43% of interim underlying net profit



# Financial Performance



### **Income Statement Highlights**

| US\$' million   | 1H2023  | 1H2022  | Change  |
|---|---------|---------|---------|
| Sales   | 448.8   | 535.2   | (16.1%) |
| Cost of sales   | (291.8) | (240.2) | 21.5%   |
| Gross profit  | 157.0   | 295.1   | (46.8%) |
| Gain/(loss) arising from changes in fair value of biological assets | 4.8     | (12.3)  | n.m.    |
| EBITDA <sup>(1)</sup>   | 132.9   | 230.3   | (42.3%) |
| Net profit <sup>(2)</sup>   | 71.5    | 128.0   | (44.1%) |
| Underlying net profit <sup>(3)</sup>                                | 67.7    | 137.6   | (50.8%) |
| Gross profit margin   | 35.0%   | 55.1%   | •       |
| EBITDA margin   | 29.6%   | 43.0%   | •       |

- Sales and earnings dampened by weaker palm oil prices, partially offset by higher sales volumes as compared
  to the same period last year, during which there was a large build-up in inventory
- Fair value gain from biological assets in 1H2023 mainly attributable to higher projected harvest quantities used in the valuation as compared to 31 December 2022
- (1) Profit from operations before depreciation, amortisation and gains/(losses) arising from changes in fair value of biological assets
- (2) Profit attributable to owners of the Company
- (3) Profit attributable to owners of the Company excluding gains/(losses) arising from changes in fair value of biological assets



## **Segmental Results**

| US\$' million                            | 1H2023  | 1H2022  | Change  |
|--|---------|---------|---------|
| Sales                                    |         |         |         |
| Plantations and Palm Oil Mills           | 376.2   | 363.1   | 3.6%    |
| Crude Palm Oil                           | 338.8   | 288.0   | 17.6%   |
| Palm Kernel                              | 34.3    | 71.0    | (51.6%) |
| Fresh Fruit Bunches                      | 3.1     | 4.2     | (25.9%) |
| Refinery and Processing                  | 339.2   | 514.8   | (34.1%) |
| Inter-segment elimination                | (266.6) | (342.7) | (22.2%) |
|  | 448.8   | 535.2   | (16.1%) |
| EBITDA                                   |         |         |         |
| Plantations and Palm Oil Mills           | 151.5   | 197.8   | (23.4%) |
| Refinery and Processing                  | (24.0)  | 58.2    | n.m.    |
| Inter-segment elimination <sup>(1)</sup> | 5.4     | (25.7)  | n.m.    |
|  | 132.9   | 230.3   | (42.3%) |

<sup>(1)</sup> Inter-segment elimination of EBITDA relates to the elimination of unrealised profit on inter-segment sales



## **Segmental Sales Volume**

|   | 1H2023  | 1H2022  | Change |
|---|---------|---------|--------|
| Sales Volume (tonnes)                         |         |         |        |
| Plantations and Palm Oil Mills <sup>(1)</sup> |         |         |        |
| Crude Palm Oil                                | 436,076 | 344,087 | 26.7%  |
| Palm Kernel                                   | 88,637  | 88,371  | 0.3%   |
| Refinery and Processing                       | 445,020 | 457,805 | (2.8%) |

 Sales volumes included the effects of a net inventory drawdown of 3,000 tonnes in 1H2023, as compared to a build-up of 131,000 tonnes in 1H2022

(1) Sales volumes include inter-segment sales



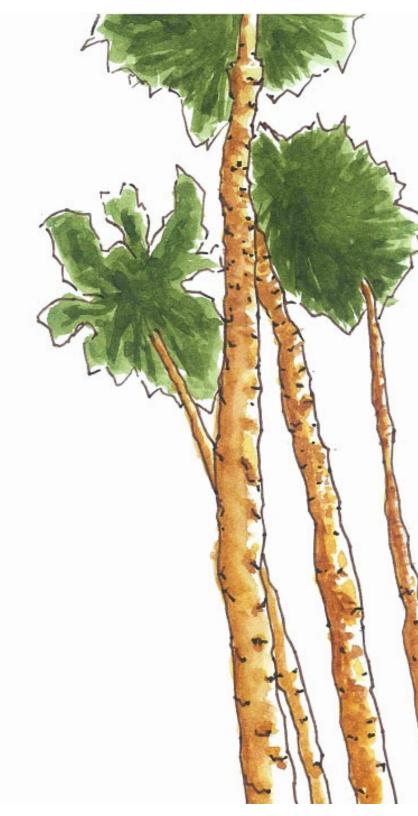
## **Balance Sheet Highlights**

| US\$' million   | 30 Jun 2023 | 31 Dec 2022 |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| Total Assets  | 1,789.8     | 1,832.7     |
| Cash and bank balances  | 286.4       | 440.3       |
| Total Liabilities   | 377.9       | 433.8       |
| Borrowings and debt securities <sup>(1)</sup>                 | 258.2       | 295.7       |
| Total Equity  | 1,411.8     | 1,398.9     |
| Net Debt/(Cash) <sup>(2)</sup>                                | (28.2)      | (144.6)     |
| Gross gearing ratio   | 0.18x       | 0.21x       |
| Net gearing ratio   | (0.02x)     | (0.10x)     |
| Gross debt <sup>(1)</sup> to EBITDA <sup>(3)</sup> ratio      | 0.97x       | 0.58x       |
| Net debt/(cash) <sup>(2)</sup> to EBITDA <sup>(3)</sup> ratio | (0.11x)     | (0.28x)     |
| EBITDA to interest <sup>(4)</sup> coverage                    | 32.9x       | 54.6x       |

- (1) Sum of borrowings from financial institutions
- (2) Borrowings and debt securities less cash and bank balances
- (3) Annualised
- (4) Total interest paid/payable on borrowings and debt securities



# **Operational Performance**

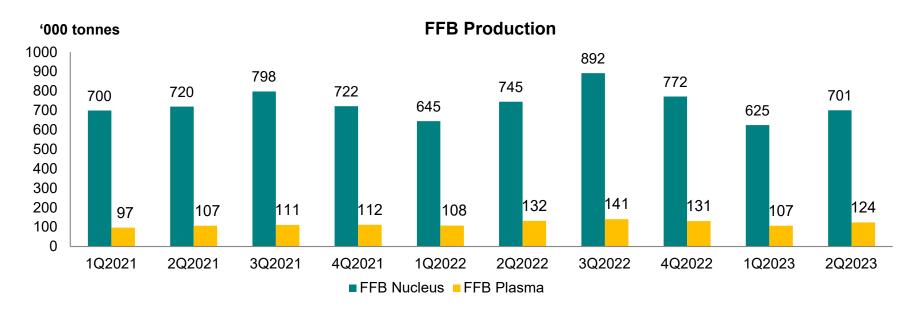


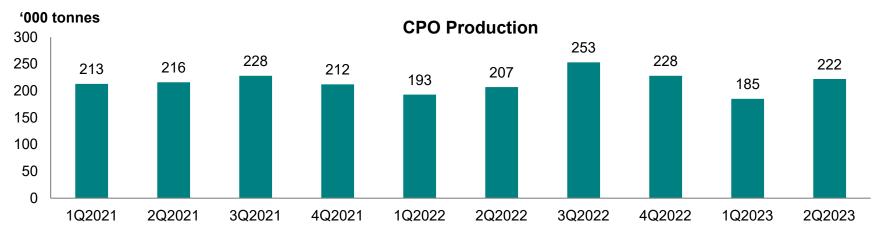
# **Production Highlights**

|                             |             | 1H2023    | 1H2022    | Change |
|-----------------------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|--------|
| Production                  |             |           |           |        |
| FFB harvested               | (tonnes)    | 1,556,775 | 1,630,328 | (4.5%) |
| <ul> <li>Nucleus</li> </ul> |             | 1,326,161 | 1,390,567 | (4.6%) |
| • Plasma                    |             | 230,614   | 239,761   | (3.8%) |
| СРО                         | (tonnes)    | 406,648   | 400,159   | 1.6%   |
| PK                          | (tonnes)    | 88,234    | 89,061    | (0.9%) |
|                             |             |           |           |        |
| Efficiency                  |             |           |           |        |
| FFB Yield                   | (tonnes/ha) | 7.9       | 8.2       | •      |
| CPO Yield                   | (tonnes/ha) | 1.8       | 1.8       | _      |
| CPO Extraction Rate         | (%)         | 22.6      | 22.4      | •      |
| PK Extraction Rate          | (%)         | 4.9       | 5.0       |        |



#### **Production Trends**







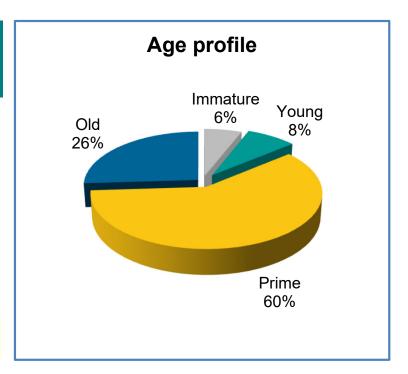
## **Oil Palm Plantation Area**

|                 | As at 30 Jun 2023 |            | As at 30 Jun 2022 |            | As at 31 Dec 2022 |
|-----------------|-------------------|------------|-------------------|------------|-------------------|
|                 | Area (ha)         | % of Total | Area (ha)         | % of Total | Area (ha)         |
| Planted Nucleus | 173,687           | 83%        | 175,051           | 83%        | 175,563           |
| - Mature        | 161,373           | 77%        | 162,339           | 77%        | 160,095           |
| - Immature      | 12,314            | 6%         | 12,712            | 6%         | 15,468            |
| Planted Plasma  | 35,587            | 17%        | 35,837            | 17%        | 35,846            |
| - Mature        | 35,570            | 17%        | 35,480            | 17%        | 35,480            |
| - Immature      | 17                | 0%         | 357               | 0%         | 366               |
|                 |                   |            |                   |            |                   |
| Total Planted   | 209,274           | 100%       | 210,888           | 100%       | 211,409           |
| - Mature        | 196,943           | 94%        | 197,819           | 94%        | 195,575           |
| - Immature      | 12,331            | 6%         | 13,069            | 6%         | 15,834            |



# **Plantation Age Profile**

| Ago                  | As at 30 Jun 2023 |            |  |
|----------------------|-------------------|------------|--|
| Age                  | Area (ha)         | % of Total |  |
| 0-3 years (Immature) | 12,331            | 6%         |  |
| 4-7 years (Young)    | 17,266            | 8%         |  |
| 8-17 years (Prime)   | 125,182           | 60%        |  |
| ≥ 18 years (Old)     | 54,495            | 26%        |  |
| Total                | 209,274           | 100%       |  |



Weighted average age of ~ 14 years



# **Group Updates**



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#### Outlook

- Against the record high palm oil prices seen in the first half of last year, CPO prices have moderated to come in lower in the first half of 2023.
- Looking ahead, prices in the near to mid-term are expected to be influenced by the geopolitical situation in the Black Sea, as well as the anticipated weather impact of El Nino on the output of palm and other competing oils. Nonetheless, the fundamentals of the palm oil industry remain supported by Indonesia's B35 biodiesel mandate and Domestic Market Obligation ("DMO") policy, which are expected to continue driving domestic demand and consumption, limiting the country's palm oil export volumes.
- On the production front, the Group expects production to pick up seasonally in the second half of the year.



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