## (Company No. 640357-X)

## CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE THIRD QUARTER ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2019 <br> (The figures have not been audited)

|  | INDIVIDUAL QUARTER |  | CUMULATIVE QUARTER |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Current <br> Year <br> Quarter 30-Sep-19 RM'000 | Preceding Year <br> Corresponding Quarter 30-Sep-18 RM'000 | Current <br> Year <br> To Date 30-Sep-19 RM'000 | Preceding Year Corresponding Period 30-Sep-18 RM'000 |
| Continuing Operations |  |  |  |  |
| Revenue | 353,671 | 336,591 | 1,028,616 | 1,026,842 |
| Profit/(Loss) before depreciation | 17,865 | 11,550 | 51,851 | 53,442 |
| Depreciation | $(6,546)$ | $(8,754)$ | $(21,251)$ | $(26,192)$ |
| Operating profit/(loss) | 11,319 | 2,796 | 30,600 | 27,250 |
| Interest expense | - | - | (21) | - |
| Interest income | 1,468 | 1,450 | 4,142 | 4,479 |
| Share of profit/(loss) of associates | - | (480) | - | (870) |
| Profit/(loss) before tax | 12,787 | 3,766 | 34,721 | 30,859 |
| Tax expense | $(2,259)$ | (786) | $(6,984)$ | $(6,888)$ |
| Profit/(loss) after tax from continuing operations | 10,528 | 2,980 | 27,737 | 23,971 |
| Other comprehensive income/(loss) | 89 | 214 | 284 | (568) |
| Total comprehensive income/(loss) | 10,617 | 3,194 | 28,021 | 23,403 |
| Profit/(loss) after tax attributable to equity holders of the parent | 10,528 | 2,980 | 27,737 | 23,971 |
| Total comprehensive income/(loss) attributable to equity holders of the parent | 10,617 | 3,194 | 28,021 | 23,403 |

Earnings per share from continuing operations attributable to equity holders of the parent:

| Basic earnings/(loss) per share (sen) | 2.85 | 0.81 | 7.51 | 6.49 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Diluted earnings/(loss) per share (sen) | 2.85 | 0.81 | 7.51 | 6.49 |

## Notes:

The condensed financial statements should be read in conjunction with the accompanying explanatory notes attached to the financial statements and the audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2018.

CSC STEEL HOLDINGS BERHAD
(Company No. 640357-X)

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2019
(The figures have not been audited)

|  | As at End of Current Quarter 30-Sep-19 RM'000 | As at Preceding Financial Year Ended 31-Dec-18 RM'000 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Assets |  |  |
| Non-current assets |  |  |
| Property, plant and equipment | 187,180 | 196,692 |
| Investment in associates | - | - |
| Investment | 7,075 | 6,960 |
| Investment property | 42,544 | 42,544 |
| Deferred tax assets | 196 | 92 |
| Prepaid operating lease | 17,140 | 17,318 |
|  | 254,135 | 263,606 |
| Current assets |  |  |
| Inventories | 252,708 | 290,586 |
| Receivables | 183,048 | 168,233 |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 220,893 | 192,532 |
|  | 656,649 | 651,351 |
| Total assets | 910,784 | 914,957 |

Equity and Liabilities

## Capital and reserves

| ital and reserves |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Share capital Less: $10,700,000$ treasury shares at cost | $413,163$ | $413,163$ |
| Less: $10,700,000$ treasury shares at cost | $(11,614)$ | $(11,614)$ |
|  | 401,549 | 401,549 |
| Fair value adjustment reserve | 1,111 | 827 |
| Retained earnings | 415,456 | 402,491 |
| Equity attributable to equity holders of the parent/Total equity | 818,116 | 804,867 |
| Non-current liabilities |  |  |
| Deferred tax liabilities | 17,237 | 18,074 |
| Long term loan | - | - |
|  | 17,237 | 18,074 |
| Current liabilities |  |  |
| Payables | 75,431 | 92,016 |
| Short term borrowings | - | - |
| Taxation | - | - |
|  | 75,431 | 92,016 |
| Total liabilities | 92,668 | 110,090 |
| Total equity and liabilities | 910,784 | 914,957 |
| Net Assets per share (RM) | 2.22 | 2.18 |

## Notes:

The condensed financial statements should be read in conjunction with the accompanying explanatory notes attached to the financial statements and the audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2018.

## CSC STEEL HOLDINGS BERHAD

(Company No. 640357-X)

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE THIRD QUARTER ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2019
(The figures have not been audited)
$\left.\begin{array}{lcc} & \begin{array}{c}\text { Cumulative Quarter } \\ \text { Current } \\ \text { Pear } \\ \text { To Date } \\ \text { Corresponding Year } \\ \text { Period }\end{array} \\ \text { 30-Sep-19 } \\ \text { RM'000 }\end{array}\right)$

Cash and cash equivalents at end of period comprise:

| Cash \& bank balances | 20,576 | 13,341 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Deposits in the licensed banks | 42,997 | 23,530 |
| Unit trust funds | 157,320 | 123,393 |
|  |  | $\mathbf{2 2 0 , 8 9 3}$ |
|  |  | $\mathbf{1 6 0 , 2 6 4}$ |
|  |  |  |

Notes:

The condensed financial statements should be read in conjunction with the accompanying explanatory notes attached to the financial statements and the audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2018.

## CSC STEEL HOLDINGS BERHAD

(Company No. 640357-X)

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
FOR THE THIRD QUARTER ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2019
(The figures have not been audited)

|  | Non-Distributable |  |  | Distributable |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { Share } \\ \text { Capital } \\ \text { RM'000 } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | Treasury Shares RM'000 | Fair Value Adjustment Reserve RM'000 | Retained <br> Earnings <br> RM'000 | $\begin{gathered} \text { Total } \\ \text { RM'000 } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |
| Balance as at 1 January 2019 | 413,163 | $(11,614)$ | 827 | 402,491 | 804,867 |
| Total comprehensive income/(loss) | - | - | 284 | 27,737 | 28,021 |
| Dividends | - | - | - | $(14,772)$ | $(14,772)$ |
| Purchase of treasury shares at cost | - | - | - | - | - |
| Rounding difference | - | - | - | - | - |
| Balance as at 30 September 2019 | 413,163 | $(11,614)$ | 1,111 | 415,456 | 818,116 |
| Balance as at 1 January 2018 | 413,163 | $(11,614)$ | 2,177 | 415,427 | 819,153 |
| Total comprehensive income/(loss) | - | - | (568) | 23,971 | 23,403 |
| Dividends | - | - | - | $(36,930)$ | $(36,930)$ |
| Purchase of treasury shares at cost | - | - | - | - | - |
| Rounding difference | - | - | - | 1 | 1 |
| Balance as at 30 September 2018 | 413,163 | $(11,614)$ | 1,609 | 402,469 | 805,627 |

## Notes:

The condensed financial statements should be read in conjunction with the accompanying explanatory notes attached to the financial statements and the audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2018.

## PART A: EXPLANATORY NOTES AS PER MFRS 134

## A1. Basis of preparation

The interim financial statements are unaudited and have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of MFRS 134: Interim Financial Reporting and Paragraph 9.22 and Part A of Appendix 9B of the Listing Requirements of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad ("Bursa Securities").

The interim financial statements have been prepared on the basis of consolidating the results of the subsidiary companies during the three months period under review using the acquisition method of accounting. The interim financial statements are to be read in conjunction with the Company audited annual financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2018. The explanatory notes attached to the interim financial statements provide an explanation of events and transactions that are significant to an understanding of the changes in the financial position and performance of the Group.

- Adoption of new and amendments to MFRS and IC Interpretation ("IC Int.")

In the current financial year, the Group adopted a number of new and amendments to MFRS and IC Int. issued by the Malaysian Accounting Standards Board ("MASB") that are effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2019 as follows:

## MFRS 16 Leases

Amendments to MFRS $9 \quad$ Financial Instrument - Prepayment Features with Negative Compensation
Amendments to MFRS 119 Employee Benefits - Plan Amendment, Curtailment or Settlement
Amendments to MFRS 128 Long-term Interests in Associates and Joint Ventures
Amendments to MFRS

IC Int. 23

Annual Improvements to MFRS 2015-2017 Cycle: Amendments to MFRS 3 Business Combination, MFRS 11 Joint Arrangement, MFRS 112 Income Taxes and MFRS 123 Borrowing Costs
Uncertainty over Income Tax Payments

The adoption of the above new and amendments to the MFRS and IC Int. did not have material impact on the amounts reported in the financial statements of the Group upon its initial application.

- New and amendments to MFRS but not yet effective

As of the date of authorization for issue of interim financial statements, the Group and the Company have not applied the following new and amendments to MFRS that have been issued but not yet effective:

## MFRS 17

Amendments to MFRS 3
Amendments to MFRS 10 and MFRS 128
Amendments to MFRS 101 and MFRS 108
Amendments to MFRS

Insurance Contracts ${ }^{2}$
Definition of a Business ${ }^{1}$
Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture ${ }^{3}$
Definition of Material ${ }^{1}$
References to the Conceptual Framework in MFRS Standards ${ }^{1}$

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## A2. Qualification of Annual Financial Statements

There has not been any qualification made by the auditors on the annual financial statements of the Group for the financial year ended 31 December 2018.

## A3. Seasonal and cyclical factors

The Group's business operation results are not materially affected by any major seasonal or cyclical factors.

A4. Unusual nature and amounts of items affecting assets, liabilities, equity, net income or cash flows
There is no item of unusual nature and amounts affecting assets, liabilities, equity, net income or cash flows.

## A5. Material changes in estimates

There is no material changes in estimates of amounts reported in the current quarter under review.

A6. Issuances and repayment of debt and equity securities
There is no issuance and repayment of debt and equity securities during the quarter under review.

## A7. Dividend Paid

During the quarter under review a final single tier system of dividend 4 Sen per share for the financial year ended 2018 were paid on 11 July 2019 to the Company's shareholders whose names appeared on the Record of Depositors at the close of business on 28 June 2019.

## A8. Segment information

Segmental information in respect of the Group's business segments is as follows:-

|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Steel coils* } \\ & \text { RM'000 } \end{aligned}$ | Others RM'000 | Consolidation adjustment RM'000 | $\begin{gathered} \text { Current } \\ \text { year } \\ \text { to date } \\ \text { RM'000 } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Revenue from external customers | 1,028,153 | - | - | 1,028,153 |
| Inter-segment revenue | - | 16,326 | $(15,863)$ | 463 |
| Total revenue | 1,028,153 | 16,326 | $(15,863)$ | 1,028,616 |

Segment result $\quad 30,316 \quad 11,977 \quad(11,693) \quad 30,600$
*Steel coils - cold rolled, galvanized \& pre-painted galvanized steel coils

A9. Valuation of property, plant and equipment
Property, plant and equipment are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses except for freehold land which is stated at cost. There is no revaluation of property, plant and equipment for the current quarter and financial year to date.

A10. Material events subsequent to the end of the interim period
There is no material event subsequent to the end of the quarter under review

## A11. Changes in the composition of the Group

There is no change in the composition of the Group during the quarter under review.

## A12. Changes in contingent liabilities

There is no contingent liability incurred by the Group which, upon becoming enforceable, may have a material impact on the financial position of the Group.

## A13. Capital commitments

|  | RM' $^{\prime} 000$ |
| :--- | :---: |
| Approved and contracted for | 17,764 |
| Approved but not contracted for | 13,849 |
|  | 31,613 |

## PART B: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THE LISTING REQUIREMENTS OF BURSA SECURITIES

## B1. Review of performance

Year-on- year performance review
The Group registered a total revenue of RM353.6 million and profit before tax of RM12.7 million for the current quarter, an increase of RM17 million or $5.1 \%$ higher in revenue than that of its corresponding quarter. The stronger performance mainly due to $12.4 \%$ increase in overall sales volume albeit lower average selling price that in line with downward trend of raw material price. In tandem with the higher revenue achieved, the Group posted profit before tax of RM12.7 million, an increase of $240 \%$ or RM9 million compared to RM3.7 million recorded in the same quarter last year. The better performance mainly derived from improved margin that underpinned by both the increase in domestic sales and favorable raw material cost as well as reduce in production cost as a result of higher capacity utilization.

## Revenue:

|  | Q3 2018 |  |  | Q3 2019 |  |  | Variance Analysis |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | mt | RM'000 | RM/mt | mt | RM'000 | RM/mt | $\underline{\mathrm{mt}}$ | \% | RM'000 | \% |
| CRC | 51,044 | 147,552 | 2,891 | 58,633 | 161,620 | 2,756 | 7,589 | 14.9\% | 14068 | 9.5\% |
| GI | 28,903 | 94,976 | 3,286 | 36,389 | 111,042 | 3,052 | 7,486 | 25.9\% | 16066 | 16.9\% |
| PPGI | 19,139 | 85,771 | 4,482 | 16,626 | 73,332 | 4,411 | -2,512 | -13.1\% | -12439 | -14.5\% |
| Sub-Con | 202 | 14 | 69 | 203 | 15 | 74 | 1 | n / | 1 | 7\% |
| Trading | 205 | 732 | 3,572 | 317 | 1,035 | 3,263 | 112 | 54.8\% | 303 | 41\% |
| Scrap | 5,802 | 6,707 | 1,156 | 6,150 | 6,627 | 1,078 | 347 | 6.0\% | -80 | -1\% |
| Others |  | 839 |  |  | 0 |  |  |  | -839 | -100\% |
| Total | 105,295 | 336,591 | 3,197 | 118,318 | 353,671 | 2,989 | 13,023 | 12.4\% | 17,080 | 5.1\% |


| CRC | $=$ cold rolled steel/pickled $\&$ oiled steel |
| :--- | :--- |
| GI | $=$ galvanized steel |
| PPGI | $=$ pre-painted galvanized steel |

## Year-to-date performance review

For the year to date, the Group's revenue of RM1028.6 million approximates the revenue for the preceding year. The Group posted a increase in revenue of $0.2 \%$ or 1.7 million in comparison to RM1026.8 million recorded in the same period last year, mainly attributed to higher sales volume in CRC product. Nevertheless, the Group posted profit before tax of RM34.7 million, an increase of $12.5 \%$ compared to RM30.8 million in the previous year corresponding period. These was mainly due to reduce in export marketing and administration expenses as a result of decrease in export sales.

Revenue:

|  | YTD 2018 |  |  | YTD 2019 |  |  | Variance Analysis |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\underline{\text { mt }}$ | RM'000 | $\underline{\mathrm{RM} / \mathrm{mt}}$ | $\underline{\text { mt }}$ | RM'000 | $\underline{\mathrm{RM} / \mathrm{mt}}$ | $\underline{\mathrm{mt}}$ | \% | RM'000 | \% |
| CRC | 154,779 | 446,682 | 2,886 | 181,895 | 495,903 | 2,726 | 27,115 | 17.5\% | 49,221 | 11.0\% |
| GI | 101,658 | 336,557 | 3,311 | 96,513 | 296,159 | 3,069 | -5,146 | -5.1\% | -40,398 | -12.0\% |
| PPGI | 49,468 | 223,136 | 4,511 | 47,169 | 211,026 | 4,474 | -2,298 | -4.6\% | -12,110 | -5.4\% |
| Sub-Con | 217 | 16 | 74 | 1,395 | 162 | 116 | 1,179 | 543.8\% | 146 | 913\% |
| Trading | 205 | 732 | 3,571 | 1,919 | 5,911 | 3,080 | 1,714 | 836.1\% | 5,179 | 708\% |
| Scrap | 17,039 | 18,843 | 1,106 | 17,598 | 18,991 | 1,079 | 560 | 3.3\% | 148 | 1\% |
| Others |  | 875 |  |  | 463 |  |  |  | -412 | -47\% |
| Total | 323,366 | 1,026,841 | 3,175 | 346,489 | 1,028,615 | 2,969 | 23,124 | 7.2\% | 1,774 | 0.2\% |


| CRC | $=$ cold rolled steel/pickled $\&$ oiled steel |
| :--- | :--- |
| GI | $=$ galvanized steel |
| PPGI | $=$ pre-painted galvanized steel |

## B2. Variation of results against preceding quarter

The Group reported revenue of RM353.6 million for the current quarter compared to RM343.7 million in the preceding quarter with the increase in sales volume of GI and PPGI products. Despite stronger sales volume of coated products, the Group's registered a lesser profit before tax of RM12.7 million compared with RM16.1 million in the preceding quarter. The decrease mainly attributed to margin compression in all our key products undermined by deliver competitive pricing to maintain market share in an intensely price competitive market amid unease macroeconomic and geopolitical situation.

|  | Q2 2019 |  |  | Q3 2019 |  |  | Variance Analysis |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\underline{\mathrm{mt}}$ | RM'000 | $\underline{\mathrm{RM} / \mathrm{mt}}$ | $\underline{\mathrm{mt}}$ | RM'000 | RM/mt | $\underline{\mathrm{mt}}$ | \% | RM'000 | \% |
| CRC | 60,309 | 162,775 | 2,699 | 58,633 | 161,620 | 2,756 | -1,676 | -2.8\% | -1,155 | -0.7\% |
| GI | 32,813 | 100,568 | 3,065 | 36,389 | 111,042 | 3,052 | 3,576 | 10.9\% | 10,474 | 10.4\% |
| PPGI | 15,814 | 71,436 | 4,517 | 16,626 | 73,332 | 4,411 | 812 | 5.1\% | 1,896 | 2.7\% |
| Sub-Con | 684 | 80 | 117 | 203 | 15 | 74 | -481 | -70.3\% | -65 | -81.3\% |
| Trading | 724 | 2,300 | 3,178 | 317 | 1,035 | 3,263 | -407 | -56.2\% | -1,265 | -55.0\% |
| Scrap | 5,691 | 6,130 | 1,077 | 6,150 | 6,627 | 1,078 | 459 | 8.1\% | 497 | 8.1\% |
| Others |  | 463 |  |  |  |  |  |  | -463 | -100.0\% |
| Total | 116,035 | 343,752 | 2,962 | 118,318 | 353,671 | 2,989 | 2,283 | 2.0\% | 9,919 | 2.9\% |


| CRC | $=$ cold rolled steel/pickled $\&$ oiled steel |
| :--- | :--- |
| GI | $=$ galvanized steel |
| PPGI | $=$ pre-painted galvanized steel |

## B3. Current year prospects

The volatility of the China-US trade war negotiations has exposed the global economy into uncertainty and instability. In Q3, the prices of all steel products have shown significant decline with the sharpest decline for flat products driven by the ample supply of HR coils from India, Turkey and Russia. Chinese mills have been trying to prevent the steel price from further falling when returning to work after China National Day "Golden Week", but it might not be supported by weak buying sentiment and high inventory levels. It is generally believed that weak steel prices will continue to be driven by the insufficient market demand globally throughout the 4Q.

Along with the trend in international steel prices, Malaysia market has taken the wait-and-see approach attributable to the uncertainty in the current steel market. As the biggest end consumer of steel, the construction sector has revealed a substantial fall in sales. However, according to CIDB, the growth momentum is likely to pick up by the second half of 2020 as government has approved certain projects.

To get through the tough times, the Group will adhere to prudence and conservatism, consolidate the domestic market, continue to promote the development of high-grade and high-value products, attentively to track the import dynamics to prevent unfair competition, and enhance its competitiveness among other competitors in the domestic market.
Barring any unforeseen circumstances, the Group is cautiously optimistic to achieve positive results in 2019.

## B4. Variance of actual and forecast profit

Not applicable as the Group does not make any profit forecast for current financial year.

B5. Tax expense/ (income)

|  | Current <br> Quarter <br> RM'000 | Current Year To Date RM'000 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Current: <br> - Income tax <br> - Deferred tax | $\begin{gathered} 4,042 \\ (1,191) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 8,517 \\ (941) \\ \hline \end{array}$ |
|  | 2,851 | 7,576 |
|  |  |  |
| - Deferred tax | - | - |
|  | (592) | (592) |
| Total | 2,259 | 6,984 |

The effective tax rate on consolidated profit before tax for the current period was lower than the statutory income tax rate of $24 \%$ due mainly to the tax effect of income not taxable in determining taxable profit. However, the decrease is partly offset by the tax effect of the expenses not deductible for tax purposes.

B6. Status of corporate proposal announced
There is no corporate proposal announced during the quarter under review.

## B7. Details of treasury shares

As at the end of the reporting quarter, the status of the share buy-back is as follows:-

| Current | Accumulated |
| :--- | :--- |
| Year-to-Date | Total |
| ------------------------------- |  |
| Ordinary share of RM1.00 each: |  |


| Number of shares purchased: | Nil | $11,300,000$ |
| :--- | :--- | ---: |
| Number of shares cancelled: | Nil | Nil |
| Number of shares held as treasury shares: | Nil | $10,700,000$ |
| Number of treasury shares resold: | Nil | 600,000 |

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## B8. Group borrowings

There are no borrowings as at the end of the reporting quarter.

B9. Changes in material litigation
Neither CHB nor any of its subsidiaries is engaged in any litigation or arbitration, either as plaintiff or defendant, which has a material effect on the financial position of the Company or any of its subsidiaries.

B10. Dividend recommended by Directors
There is no dividend recommended by directors during the quarter under review.

B11. Earnings per share
The basic earnings per share and diluted earnings per share for the current quarter and cumulative year to date are computed as follows:-

|  | Current <br> Quarter |  | Current Year <br> To-date <br>  <br> Profit/(Loss) attributable to equity holders of the parent (RM'000) |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Weighted average number of shares in issue ('000) | 10,528 | 27,737 |  |
| Basic earnings/(loss) per share (sen) | 369,300 | 369,300 |  |
| Diluted earnings/(loss) per share (sen) | 2.85 | 7.51 |  |

## Notes on the Quarterly Report - Nine Months Ended 30 September 2019

## B12. Notes to the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income

|  | Current <br> Quarter <br> Ended | Financial <br> Year <br> To Date |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | RM'000 | RM'000 |
| a) Other income | 1,326 | 3,882 |
| b) Provision for write off of receivable | - | - |
| c) Provision for write off of inventories (reversal) | 1,323 | $(3,282)$ |
| d) Gain/(loss) on disposal of quoted investments or properties | - | - |
| e) Impairment of assets | - | - |
| f) Foreign exchange gain or (loss) | 3,537 | 11,616 |
| g) Gain/(loss) on derivatives | - | - |
| h) Exceptional items | - | - |

By order of the Board
Mr. Yin, Shou-Kang
Group Managing
Director
22 November 2019


[^0]:    1 Effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2020, with earlier application permitted.
    2 Effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2021, with earlier application permitted.
    3 Effective date deferred to a date to be determined and announced, with earlier application permitted.

