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1.	<p>Majority of construction Payment Vouchers are raised by the Finance Department at the instruction of Dato' Alan and team, then passed to Accounts Department to be keyed into the accounting system.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Project Team would go to Finance Department to raise Payment Vouchers for construction related matters more than they do with the Accounts Department. ▪ Payment Vouchers raised by the Finance Department will be manual handwritten forms and will be prepared together with the cheque. ▪ After the Payment Voucher and cheques is prepared, the documents will then be passed to Accounts Department for Mr. Loo's signature and to be keyed into the accounting system.
2.	<p>The Accounts Department is only in-charge of raising Payment Vouchers based on what Dato' Alan and/or his team had instructed. The responsibility of checking and verifying construction payments lies with the project team.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Occasionally, Dato' Alan or the Project Department will instruct the Accounts Department staff to raise Payment Vouchers for construction related matters. ▪ Mr Choo does not check the details of the payment vouchers as the Project Department would have gotten direct approval from Dato' Alan. ▪ Whatever is keyed into the accounting system by Mr Choo is exactly as what he sees stated on the Payment Voucher.
3.	<p>Lack of supporting documents for payments is only prevalent in construction payments. Payment relating to trading business does not have these such issues.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr Loo (i.e. the former Senior Finance Manager) is more confident when signing Classita and/ or Caely Trading payments as the supporting documents is complete. ▪ When it comes to construction payments, there will be a lack of supporting documents. ▪ In several instances, Mr Loo was not comfortable signing the cheques and had sought clarification from the project team (i.e. Dato' Alan, Mr Teo, Ramlan and Ben Choi)

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4.	<p>MITSB is a “dummy company” for the Malay Reserve Land developments. CMSB is hired as a subcontractor but essentially handles the entire development of the project.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ MITSB is a “dummy company” set up to develop Malay Reserve Land as CMSB is not a Malay company and is not allowed to be directly involved in the project. ▪ CMSB is hired as a subcontractor but essentially handles the entire project.
5.	<p>Dato’ Alan had assisted MITSB in paying for its debts.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dato’ Alan had assisted MITSB in paying off some debt as MITSB was facing cashflow issues due to the properties not being able to be sold off.
6.	<p>Potential kickbacks to government officials in the form of “advances” and “commission” for construction projects.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dato’ Alan explained that it was for commission for awarded government projects. ▪ These commissions are paid to key individuals that had assisted MITSB and/ or CMSB in obtaining the project. ▪ The commission paid is around 10% of the project. ▪ Mr Choo is not aware of how these monies are paid to the individuals as he is only in-charge of raising the Payment Vouchers ▪ Dato’ deals with the parties directly on the commissions. ▪ The projects for which Mr Choo is aware of commission payments are FELCRA and Tapah Road.
7.	<p>The adjustment accounting entry to reclassify the monies deposited by Dato’ Alan on behalf of MITSB to K W Chong & Partners was baseless and unsupported</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr Choo cannot recall why he approved the adjustment accounting entry to reclassify the monies deposited by Dato’ Alan on behalf of MITSB to K W Chong & Partners despite no supporting documents from K W Chong & Partners. ▪ Mr Choo would have sought clarification from Dato’ Alan before making the adjustment entry.

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1.	<p>MITSB was established to develop the Malay Reserve Land.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MITSB was established in order to develop Malay Reserve Land such as Kampung Bahagia, Kampung Banjar and Taman Qaseh Impiana.
2.	<p>Dato' Alan was the key person behind MITSB. Hamdan and Baharudin were merely proxies for Dato' Alan.</p>	<p>Hamdan and Baharudin were only proxies for Dato' Alan in MITSB.</p> <p>Nuren provided Hamdan certain documents for him to sign to be director/ shareholder of MITSB.</p>
3.	<p>Hamdan just blindly followed instructions by Nuren or Ms Tan to sign cheques and/ or documents – including the Settlement Agreement</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hamdan explained that he only signs the cheques that are passed to him by Nuren (i.e. Nuren Azsura binti Saroni) or Ms Tan (i.e. Tan Siao San). The documents were not explained to him by Nuren or Ms Tan. In some cases, he asked Mr Teo if it was ok for him to sign certain documents as he did not want to get into any trouble. Hamdan represented that Mr Teo comforted Hamdan stating that Baharudin had also signed the same document and would ok for Hamdan to sign as well.
4.	<p>Several other CMSB employees were also involved in the day-to-day operations of MITSB.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The cheque books of MITSB are held by Nuren Azura binti Saroni (i.e. Personal Assistant to Mr Teo and Editor at CMSB from 13 July 2009 to 17 September 2021), and before that, Tan Siao San (i.e. Admin Assittant at CMSB from 01 April 2011 to 19 September 2019). Hamdan explained that he is unsure if Dato' Alan is involved but believes Dato' Alan is involved as he is the proxy to Dato' Alan. He is aware that Ramlan Anas, Khairul Zaman, Nuren, Tan Siao San and Suhaily were involved in the day-to-day operations at MITSB.

Investigation findings & observations per our previous status updates

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Preliminary findings & observations

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A. Dato' Alan approved MITSB's payment vouchers

- Our investigation identified several MITSB payment vouchers that were filed in the "MUTIARA INTRA TIMUR SDN BHD (ORIGINAL COPY)" file. Upon checking these MITSB's payment vouchers, we noted that Dato' Alan had approved at least four (4) MITSB's payment vouchers amounting to MYR161,395 as tabulated below:

Year	Payee	Purpose	Cheque Number	Amount (MYR)
04-Jun-13	Superior Elegant Sdn Bhd	Payment for Lot 1626 Backfill & Levering Works	HLIB 033176	106,395.00
05-Oct-15	S City Construction	Payment for progress claim – Lot 1408. (Caely Advance – Kg. Banjar)	MBB 507712	30,000.00
09-Nov-15	T and T Industries	Payment on behalf of S City Construction (Caely) Kpg. Bahagia	MBB 507734	20,000.00
18-Nov-15	Caely (M) Sdn Bhd	Advance to Caely (M) Sdn Bhd – Felcra Project	MBB 507745	5,000.00
			TOTAL	161,395.00

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B. Dato' Alan was the cheque signatory of MITSB's HLIB account

- We further noted that the cheque image (HLIB 033176) for the payment dated 04 June 2013 to Superior Elegant Sdn Bhd (MYR106,395) appeared to be signed by Dato' Alan as the signature was very similar to the signature on MITSB's settlement agreement, which Dato' Alan signed on behalf of CMSB. A screen capture of the cheque image and settlement agreement is illustrated below.

Hong Leong Islamic Bank 豐隆回教銀行
Hong Leong Islamic Bank Berhad
A Member of the Hong Leong Group

TELOK INTAN/PERAK 152

45-08102

TAARIKH DATE 04 06 13
BANK MALAYSIA
PENGKOT MALAYSIA

Superior Elegant Sdn Bhd
One Hundred Six Thousand
Three Hundred Ninety Five only. RM 106,395.00

ACC NO. : 1520100017
MITSB INTRA TEBUK SDN BHD
(6207514)

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- As at 30 June 2021, MITSB owed CMSB MYR4,252,680.84 of which, MITSB had proposed an 18-months instalment payment plan vide MITSB's letter dated 02 June 2021.

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- Based on the accounting records, we noted that MITSB had only completely fulfilled three (3) instalment payments, where the fourth instalment payment was only satisfied partially, the instalment payments were paid via the following cheques:

Date	MITSB Cheque Number	Amount (MYR)	Instalment
30-Jun-21	HLIB 038825	250,000	1 st
28-Jul-21	HLIB 038826	250,000	2 nd
28-Sep-21	HLIB 038829	120,000	3 rd - Partial
16-Dec-21	MBB 808602	120,000	3 rd - Partial
24-Jan-22	MBB 808630	100,000	4 th - Partial
TOTAL		840,000	

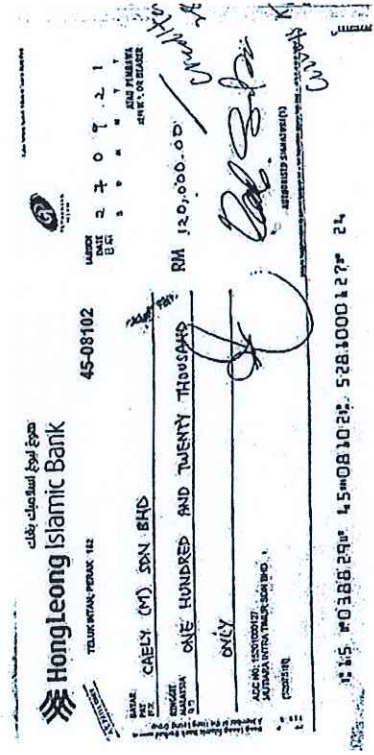
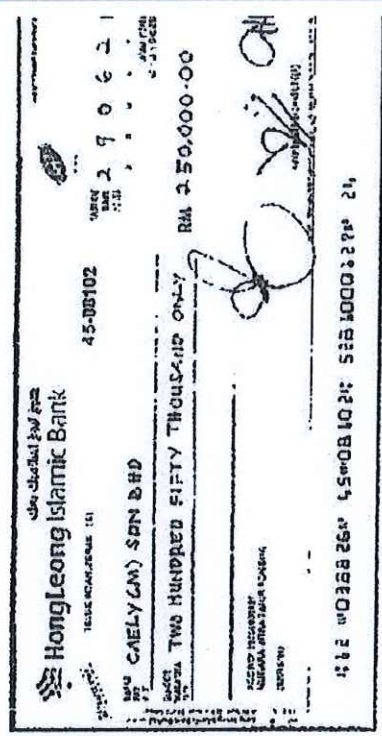
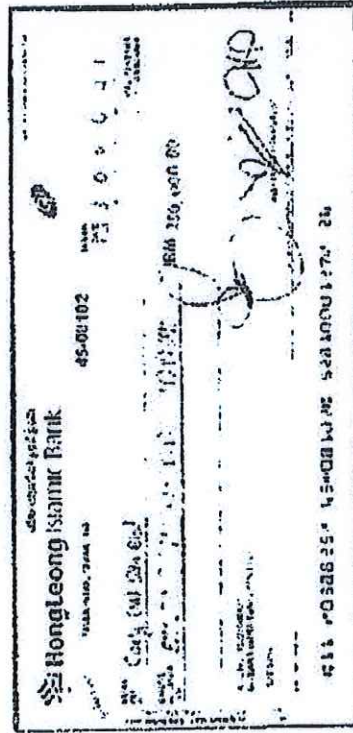
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- Upon checking MITSB's cheque images, we noted that the instalments that were paid using the HLIB cheques (i.e. HLIB 038825, 038826, and 038829) were signed by Dato' Alan, similar to our findings in paragraph 2.1.4 above. Screen captures of these cheque images are illustrated below.



Preliminary findings & observations

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C. Repayments purportedly from MITSB were recorded as receipts from Dato' Alan

- Our analysis of CMSB's general ledger noted that on or about 30 June to 14 July 2015 (approximately one (1) week prior to the Settlement Agreement), three (3) deposits totalling MYR1,398,155 were purportedly received to settle the debt owing from MITSB. An extract of the general ledger is illustrated below.

30/06/2015	OR 00000256	R1506306961565	Chuah CL - LYP	383,115.00
06/07/2015	OR 00000305	OCBC032306	Chuah CL	5,000.00
14/07/2015	OR 00000304	MBB010020	Chauh CL	1,010,000.00

- Per the extract above, the deposits/ repayment from MITSB were indicated as deposits from "Chuah CL", which is very likely referring to "Chuah Chin Lai"/ Dato' Alan. This is further supported as one of the credit advice to support the deposit had a handwritten note "Dato'" as indicated below.

Maybank
 Dato' Alan - Hse. Cha

Teluk Intan
 July 14, 2015
 12:55:30

Name: CAELY (M) SDN BHD
 Account No: 00905506223
 ID Bonanza:

Handwritten: *Dato'*

Cheque No	Amount
010020	MYR 1,010,000.00

CAELY (M) SDN BHD
 Sup ID: M8
 Tel: ID: 00045428

Please check and verify the transaction details before leaving the counter. The Bank shall not be responsible or liable for any failure to notify of any discrepancy(ies). This is a computer printout.

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- Upon checking the credit advice dated 30 June 2015, we noted that the source account for the transfer of MYR383,155 to CMSB was from one "Lim Yeng Poh" which matches the initials "LYP".
- Based on the company search of MITSB extracted from CCM, Lim Yeng Poh is the company secretary of MITSB.
- Subsequent to these transactions, we noted four (4) accounting adjustment entries using one (1) Journal Voucher (i.e. JV 00000431) with the identical deposit amount were recorded on 30 September 2015 as indicated below. The Journal Voucher was approved by CMSB's Group Accountant, Mr. Choo Yen Wah.

Reclassification Entry	Account Code	Account Name	Debit (MYR)	Credit (MYR)
#1	3000-M0035	Mutiara Intra Timur Sdn Bhd	383,115.00	
	4001-L0016	Lim Yeng Poh		383,115.00
#2	3000-M0035	Mutiara Intra Timur Sdn Bhd	5,000.00	
	4001-K0021	K.W. Chong & Partners		5,000.00
#3	3000-M0035	Mutiara Intra Timur Sdn Bhd	1,010,000.00	
	4001-K0021	K.W. Chong & Partners		1,010,000.00
		TOTAL	1,398,155.00	1,398,155.00

- These Journal Voucher entries were entered to reclassify the three (3) deposits highlighted in paragraph 2.1.10 to two (2) different accounts – namely Lim Yeng Poh; and one K W Chong & Partners as illustrated below.

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30/09/2015	JV 00000431	JV 00000431	Chuah CL	Mutiara Intra Timur Sdn Bhd - Chuah CL	1,010,000.00
30/09/2015	JV 00000431	JV 00000431	Mutiara Intra Timur Sdn Bhd - Chuah CL		100,000.00

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- Upon further analysis of the Lim Yeng Poh account ledger, we noted several unusual accounting entries, where CMSB purported debt owing to Lim Yeng Poh were as follows:

Financial Year	Date	Amount (MYR)	Movement (MYR)
2017	01-April-2016	383,115.00	-
2018	01- April 2017	838,115.00	+ 455,000.00
2019	01-April-2018	633,115.00	- 205,000.00
2020	01-April-2019	0.00	- 633,155.00
2021	01-April-2020	0.00	-

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D. Advances that were purportedly for MITSB were instead paid to Dato' Alan

- Our analysis of MITSB's accounting ledger noted one (1) advance amounting to MYR100,000 that was purportedly paid to MITSB via CMSB's cheque (i.e. OCBC 032762) on 02 September 2015. A screen capture of the extract from MITSB's accounting ledger is as follows.

02/09/2015 PV 09/024 OCBC032762 Mutiara Intra Timur Sdn Bhd - Chuah CL 100,000.00

- Upon checking the cheque image, we noted that the purported advances to MITSB were instead paid to "Chuah Chin Lai" / Dato' Alan. A screen capture of the cheque image is illustrated below.

Stamp Duty Paid: 09.00

Amount: RM 100,000.00

Payable to: CHUE KUMPIDEP THOUSAND & SEN CO

Bank: OCBC Bank (Malaysia) Berhad

Account: 29-08052

Signature: CAELY (M) SON, BHD.

MICR Line: ⑆00 ⑆032762⑆ 29⑆08052⑆ 723⑆026746⑆ 24