

**MEDIA RELEASE**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

- (1) REDESIGNATION OF EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN AND GROUP MANAGING DIRECTOR TO EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN**
- (2) APPOINTMENT OF GROUP MANAGING DIRECTOR**
- (3) APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**
- (4) APPOINTMENT OF ACTING CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER**

The Board of Directors (the “Board”) of Westports Holdings Berhad (“Westports” or the “Company”) wishes to announce the redesignation and new appointment of key positions for the Group as follows:

**(1) Redesignation to Executive Chairman**

Datuk Ruben Emir Gnanalingam Bin Abdullah has been the Company’s Executive Chairman and Group Managing Director since 20 July 2023. Before this, he only held the position of Group Managing Director, since 1 January 2018. Effective 1 February 2025, Datuk Ruben will be redesignated to Executive Chairman of the Company and its wholly owned subsidiary, Westports Malaysia Sdn Bhd (“WMSB”).

**(2) Appointment of Group Managing Director**

Mr Lee Mun Tat (Eddie) has been the Chief Executive Officer of WMSB since 1 January 2018 and was appointed to the WMSB’s Board on 9 June 2023. He also served as the Company’s Acting Chief Financial Officer since January 2020. Effective 1 February 2025, he will be appointed as the Group Managing Director of the Company. He will be relinquishing his position as Chief Executive Officer and Director of WMSB; and Acting Chief Financial Officer of the Company on the same day.

Mr Eddie joined the Group in 2003 as Finance Manager and held various positions until he reached his current position. He has extensive experience in the supply chain industry.

### **(3) Appointment of Chief Executive Officer**

Mr Vijaya Kumar Puspowanam (Vijay) has been the Deputy Chief Executive Officer of WMSB since May 2023. Mr Vijay will be redesignated as Chief Executive Officer of WMSB and as a WMSB Board member effective 1 February 2025.

Mr Vijay joined the Group in January 2000 and held various positions until he became the General Manager of Marketing and Conventional Business on 1 January 2017. He left WMSB in May 2022 to be the Managing Director of Talke Logistics Malaysia Sdn Bhd, a unit of Alfred Talke Logistics Services of Germany. He rejoined the Group in May 2023 as the Deputy Chief Executive Officer. He has extensive experience in the supply chain industry.

### **(4) Appointment of Acting Chief Financial Officer**

Encik Megat Amirul Zameer Bin Megat Ab. Rahman (Megat) has been the Head of Finance of WMSB since August 2020. Encik Megat will be appointed to be the Acting Chief Financial Officer of the Company effective 1 February 2025.

Encik Megat has twelve years of experience in accounting and finance and holds a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting and Finance from the University of New South Wales, Australia.

Datuk Ruben Emir Gnanalingam shared, "Since the passing of the late founder, Tan Sri Datuk G. Gnanalingam, I have temporarily assumed the role of Executive Chairman in addition to my position as the Group Managing Director. The practice of good corporate governance calls for the separation of the chairmanship and the highest executive role. As such, I am relinquishing the role of Group Managing Director to Mr Eddie Lee. I want to congratulate my colleagues and team on their new roles. These redesignations and new appointments will strengthen the management team and maintain Westports' renowned high standards of corporate governance."

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### **About Westports Holdings Berhad**

Westports Holdings Berhad was listed on the Main Market of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2013 and is Malaysia's largest listed port operator. The Company is involved in container and conventional cargo handling and provides a wide range of port services, including marine, rental, and other ancillary services. The Company is strategically located in Port Klang along the Straits of Malacca.

### **Important notice**

Kindly read this media release and the announcements released to Bursa Malaysia on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2025 for a comprehensive understanding of Westports' redesignation and new appointment of key positions for the Group .