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VERTICE APPOINTS FORMER CHIEF JUSTICE YAB TUN ARIFIN BIN ZAKARIA AS NEW BOARD CHAIRMAN

New Chairman in Active Discussions with PT Inka for JV Opportunities with
AFR

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Vertice Berhad (“Vertice” or “the Group”), formerly known as Voir Holdings Berhad today announced the appointment of two new directors and the resignation of its Chairman. **Former Chief Justice YABhg Rt. Hon. Tun Arifin Bin Zakaria** was appointed as the new **Non-Executive Independent Chairman** and **Datuk Dr. Azirul Salihin B. Anuar** as an **Independent Director** of the Group.

Former Chairman Dato’ Zarul Ahmad Bin Mohd Zulkifli (“Dato’ Zarul”) had requested to resign from his position as the Non-Executive Independent Chairman to pursue other business interests.

Tun Arifin has a wealth of experience with the Malaysian judicial system with his long and highly distinguished career in the legal sector, most recently holding the post of Chief Justice of Malaysia from 2011 to April 2017, when he retired from office. He is also familiar with the corporate scene, being the Chairman of Microlink Solutions Berhad, a company listed on Bursa Malaysia.

He is also the advisor to Asia Freight Rail Sdn Bhd (“AFR”), a company set up in 2015 which is in the final stages of obtaining the rail operator licence from Suruhanjaya Pengangkutan Awam Darat (“SPAD”) to be the second national rail operator in line with the Multiple Rail Operator (“MRO”) policy using the existing railway infrastructure owned by Railway Assets Corporation (“RAC”). AFR’s business model is to become an integrated door to door cargo operator and plans to develop inland ports, freight villages, inland container depots and cargo terminals. AFR and Vertice currently have common directors and shareholders.

Tun Arifin is currently actively involved in discussions with PT Industry Kereta Api (Persero) (“PT Inka”), to negotiate joint venture (“JV”) opportunities with AFR for railway cargo operations. PT Inka is the first fully integrated rolling stock and automotive manufacturer in Southeast Asia and the largest in Indonesia. PT Inka manufactures a variety of high quality products and delivers globally to countries such as Australia, Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, Philippines and Bangladesh.

Former Chief Justice YABhg Rt. Hon. Tun Arifin Bin Zakaria’s Profile

Tun Arifin graduated with LLB (Hons) from the University of Sheffield, UK, in 1974 and LLM from the University of College, London, in 1979. He was called to the English Bar at Lincoln's Inn in 1979.

His distinguished legal career began when he joined the Malaysian Judicial and Legal Service before being posted as Federal Counsel in the advisory division of the Attorney-General's Chambers and later as magistrate, session court judge and senior assistant registrar. He was later appointed as a Judicial Commissioner on March 1, 1992, and Judge of the High Court of Malaya in 1994.

In 2002, he was appointed as Judge of the Court of Appeal, in 2005 as Judge of the Federal Court and then on 24 October 2008 as Chief Judge of Malaya. On 14 September 2011, Tun Arifin was elevated as the 13th Chief Justice of Malaysia, where he served until his retirement from office on 1 April 2017.

In June 2012, he also served as Co-Chair of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) World Congress on Justice, Governance and Law for Environmental Sustainability as part of his efforts to improve the status of environmental law in the region.

Datuk Dr. Azirul Salihin B. Anuar's Profile

Datuk Dr. Azirul graduated with Medical Bachelor in Bachelor of Surgery from Universiti Malaya in 2002. His medical career began in 2002 as a medical officer in Universiti Malaya medical centre. Subsequently, Datuk Dr. Azirul's corporate career progressed via being appointed as a director in various companies such as Mudajaya International Ltd and CMC Machipex Sdn Bhd, a subsidiary of a China National Machinery Import and Export Corporation, a Chinese GLC.

The Board of Directors of Vertice commented "We are proud and honoured to welcome the former Chief Justice Tun Arifin Bin Zakaria and Datuk Dr. Azirul Salihin B. Anuar onto the Board. We believe that their wealth of knowledge, integrity and experience will be invaluable to the Group as it embarks on its strategic directions in the near future."

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