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# **1Q2025 FINANCIAL RESULTS: VELESTO DELIVERS STRONG PAT AMID LOWER RIG UTILISATION**

**Kuala Lumpur, 27 May 2025** - Velesto Energy Berhad ('Velesto') announced its financial results for the first quarter ended 31 March 2025 ('1Q2025'), delivering strong profitability despite softened rig utilisation.

For 1Q2025, Velesto achieved a profit after tax ('PAT') of RM53 million, with a higher PAT margin of 23% (1Q2024: 14%). This was on the back of a revenue of RM225 million. Earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortisation ('EBITDA') stood at RM113 million, with EBITDA margin improving to 50% (1Q2024: 39%).

The stronger performance was supported by an increase in average daily charter rate to USD127k/day (1Q2024: USD107k/day), which helped offset the lower rig utilisation rate of 67% (1Q2024: 94%), primarily due to the idle periods of NAGA 3 and NAGA 5.

Megat Zariman Abdul Rahim, President of Velesto, said, "The 1Q2025 results reflect Velesto's ability to sustain strong bottom-line performance despite market headwinds. It also reaffirms the strength of our operational excellence and disciplined cost management."

"The increasing offshore activities in Southeast Asia signal strong market momentum, as reflected in our recent contract wins in Vietnam and Indonesia. We are strategically focused on maximising rig utilisation, maintaining cost efficiency to sustain healthy margins, and driving shareholder returns. Our priority remains clear—delivering long-term, sustainable value to all stakeholders," he added.

Supporting the Group's outlook, the Special Periodical Surveys ('SPS') for NAGA 8 and NAGA 3 are on track for completion in the second quarter of 2025. Following the completion of SPS, NAGA 8 is scheduled to commence operations in Indonesia in the third quarter of 2025. As at April 2025, Velesto's order book has doubled to RM1.4 billion, providing earnings visibility until 2028.

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### **About Velesto Energy Berhad**

VELESTO ENERGY BERHAD is a Malaysia-based multinational provider of services for the upstream sector of the oil and gas industry through its fleet of six (6) wholly owned jack-up drilling rigs and two (2) hydraulic workover units. We are the largest jack-up drilling rigs owner and operator in Malaysia and Southeast Asia. Apart from our home base in Malaysia, we have experiences operating in South East Asia countries such as Indonesia, Vietnam, Philippines and Thailand with strong track record of working with national and international oil and gas companies.

Listed on the Main Market of Bursa Securities, we are a constituent of FTSE4Good Bursa Malaysia Index, a testament to our sustainability performance and Environmental, Social and Governance ('ESG') practices.

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