

DRB-HICOM NETS RM96.7M PROFIT BEFORE TAX IN Q3

SHAH ALAM, Thursday, 28 February – On the back of revenue worth RM3.17b, DRB-HICOM Berhad (DRB-HICOM, the Group) has recorded a RM96.7m profit before tax (PBT) for the three months ended December 2018, reversing a pre-tax loss of RM276.24m in the same period in 2017.

For the nine months ended December 2018, the Group recorded a pre-tax loss (PTL) of RM46.94m.

SECTOR REVIEW

For the nine month period ended 31 December 2018, revenue at the Group's Services Sector came in at RM3.37b. As per the previous period, improved performance at the banking and waste management businesses enabled the sector to maintain similar revenue levels compared against the previous quarter/period.

Property Sector revenue of RM364.35m came in lower compared to the same period a year ago, reflecting the lower revenue from the Group's construction projects.

The largest contributor to DRB-HICOM's revenue remains the Automotive Sector. Still, the nine month period saw revenue coming in lower against the same period a year ago, at RM5.28b. It is noted that the previous corresponding period's revenue include that of the Lotus marque, which was disposed in September 2017. At the quarterly level, both PROTON and DEFTECH – with the positive reception to the PROTON X70 SUV and increased completion volume of the AV8 military vehicles respectively – drove the better quarter performance.

PROSPECTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2019

Following PROTON's maiden SUV's official debut on 12 December 2018, PROTON has to date delivered over 7,000 units of the X70, from approximately 18,000 bookings. The national carmaker continues to pursue quality improvement initiatives as well as improving PROTON's model offerings. These key efforts have proven to be instrumental in boosting the market's confidence in PROTON. At the sales networks, adoption of global standards has ensured a more customer-oriented delivery process.

Other business units within the Group also continue pursuing operational improvements across the value-chain as they move to enhance business performance.

The Group's operating results for the financial year ending 31 March 2019 is expected to be better than the previous year's financial performance (excluding exceptional items).

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