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DRB-HICOM REPORTS RM247.39 MILLION IN PROFIT BEFORE TAX FOR 2024

Revenue increases to RM16.19 billion during the year

SHAH ALAM, Thursday, 27 February 2025 – DRB-HICOM Berhad (“DRB-HICOM” or “the Group”) reported a pre-tax profit (“PBT”) of RM247.39 million for the financial year ended 31 December 2024 (“FY2024”). This was supported by revenue of RM16.19 billion, a 2.1% increase from RM15.85 billion reported for the previous financial year ended 31 December 2023.

For the fourth quarter ended 31 December 2024 (“Q4FY2024”), the Group reported a 5.2% increase in revenue to RM3.97 billion, compared to RM3.77 billion in the same quarter of FY2023. This growth was mainly driven by higher sales across the Automotive, Banking, and Properties sectors.

The Group however recorded a loss before tax of RM35.17 million in Q4FY2024, primarily attributed to reduced profit in the Banking sector, which was impacted by higher credit loss allowances on customer financing and investment impairments. Additionally, the Automotive sector posted lower profits, mainly due to higher discounts and incentives to clear year-end stock. These were partially offset by higher contributions from the Properties, as well as the Aerospace and Defence sectors.

REVENUE GROWTH IN BANKING, AEROSPACE & DEFENCE, POSTAL AND SERVICES SECTORS

For the financial year under review, the Group recorded revenue growth in the following key business sectors:

- **Banking:** The sector recorded revenue of RM2.11 billion, an increase of 23.2% (FY2023: RM1.72 billion), due to higher financing income driven by growth in financing volume attributed to sustainable growth and an expanding customer base.
- **Aerospace and Defence:** Revenue grew by 12.1% to RM771.72 million (FY2023: RM688.21 million), mainly driven by increased product deliveries of single-aisle aircraft and certain aircraft parts in response to greater demand from airlines.

- **Services:** Revenue rose by 5.6% to RM189.59 million (FY2023: RM179.61 million), primarily due to a higher turnout of commercial vehicles for inspections in the vehicle inspection business segment.
- **Postal:** Revenue improved by 2.5% to RM1.77 billion (FY2023: RM1.73 billion), primarily driven by higher revenue from the in-flight catering business which saw an increase in the number of meals prepared, and the ground handling business which benefited from a rise in flight operations.

PROSPECTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2025

The Malaysian economy is expected to remain resilient in 2025, supported by initiatives under the Madani Economy framework. The strength of economic activity this year will primarily be driven by robust domestic expenditure. The global outlook remains uncertain due to escalating risks, including newly imposed US tariffs, intensified trade wars, geopolitical tensions, and financial market volatility.

The Total Industry Volume (“TIV”) for automotive sales in Malaysia achieved a historic high for the third consecutive year, with 816,747 new vehicles registered in 2024 (2023: 799,821 units; 2022: 721,177 units). The growth in TIV has been fuelled by an influx of new foreign brands, particularly from China. In addition, there is strong consumer demand and growing interest in electric vehicles, including the recently launched Proton e.MAS 7 on 16 December 2024. The Group remains committed to enhancing its product offerings, adopting advanced technologies, and elevating customer experience across all marques, including PROTON, Honda, Mitsubishi and Isuzu.

Leveraging on DRB-HICOM’s diversified portfolio, the Group continues to demonstrate resilience while strengthening its digital capabilities, particularly in the Banking, Postal, and Services sectors. Meanwhile, the increasing demand for global travel presents growth opportunities for the Group’s aerospace business. Additionally, the on-going development of the Automotive High-Tech Valley in Tanjong Malim, Perak, will be the catalyst for the Properties sector in the future.

The Group anticipates a moderate outlook for the financial year ending 31 December 2025.

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DRB-HICOM Berhad (“DRB-HICOM”) is one of Malaysia’s leading group of companies with core businesses in the Automotive, Aerospace & Defence, Banking, Postal, Services, and Properties sectors. With 89 active companies in its stable and more than 44,000 employees group-wide, DRB-HICOM’s aim is to continue adding value and propelling the nation’s development. In the Automotive sector, DRB-HICOM is involved in the manufacturing, assembly and distribution of passenger and commercial vehicles, including the national motorcycle. In Aerospace and Defence, DRB-HICOM is involved through its subsidiaries CTRM and DEFTECH, while it is represented in the postal segment through its subsidiaries Pos Malaysia, and banking through Bank Muamalat. In the Services segment, DRB-HICOM is involved in various businesses, including concession, education, aviation and logistics and investment holdings whereas in Properties, DRB-HICOM is involved in the development of industrial properties.

STATEMENT ON FORWARD - LOOKING

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