

PRESS RELEASE

For the three (3) months ended 31 March 2011, MBSB Group achieved a pre-tax profit of RM91.0 million, an increase of 111% as compared to the pre-tax profit of RM43.2 million for the corresponding period in 2010. This contributed to improved net earnings per share of 9.75 sen and annualised return on equity of 66%.

On quarterly basis, the Group recorded a pre-tax profit of RM91.0 million for the 1st quarter as compared to the 4th quarter pre-tax profit of RM72.4 million. The higher pre-tax profit is mainly due to higher income from Islamic banking operations in the current quarter.

Dato' Ahmad Zaini Othman, the Chief Executive Officer commented, "the strong earnings are the result of the Company's continued efforts in executing its Business Plan, to increase its loans in the retail segment. This customer segment includes government servants who continue to benefit from very affordable financing and attractive packages offered".

As at 31 March 2011, net loan, advances and financing stood at RM12.1 billion, an increase of 13% as compared to RM10.7 billion as at 31 December 2010.

Dato' Zaini said "the Business Plan also entails improvement of asset growth in corporate business, partly to be achieved via its SME Cash Express program, already launched early this year. Meanwhile, Contract Financing product targeted at those companies who have been awarded contracts by the Government or its entities, has also been getting good response. MBSB is also supporting the Government's Economic Transformation Program with the establishment of a Wholesale Banking Division, seeking to finance Private Finance Initiative (PFI) projects".

On the deposits from customers, Dato' Zaini said, "The deposits which stood at RM11.8 billion as at 31 March 2011 grew by 13% from 31 December 2010 of RM10.5 billion and we credit our depositors for the confidence level placed on us".

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