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## MBSB REPORTS A POSITIVE SECOND QUARTER RESULTS

**Kuala Lumpur, 14 August 2014 -** For the six months period ended 30 June 2014, MBSB Group achieved a pre-tax profit of RM577.9 million, an increase of 19.2% or RM93.2 million from RM484.7 million for the same period last year. On a quarterly basis, the Group's pre-tax profit is recorded at RM310.9 million which is an increase of 16.5% and 25.6% from the first quarter 2014 and second quarter 2013 respectively.

MBSB President and Chief Executive Officer, Dato' Ahmad Zaini Othman said, "MBSB delivered a second quarter of steady underlying performance despite a tough market with growing profits, improved revenue and quality assets."

The Group's net return on equity reached 27.6% as at 30 June 2014 from 26.2% as at 31 March 2014 respectively. During the first six months of this year, disbursements for corporate business lending activities increased by 15.0% as compared to the same period in 2013.

Dato' Ahmad Zaini added, "Our entire core businesses contributed to this result and MBSB's performance was primarily driven by its retail segment and supported by the increase in corporate business asset."

The company's revenue grew by 13.8% to RM1.3 billion for the six month period as at 30 June 2014. Net loan, advances and financing increased by 0.7% to RM30.5 billion as at 30 June 2014 as compared to RM30.3 billion as at 31 December 2013. MBSB's overall financial position remains steady with continued business growth and expansion in new strategic growth areas as it implements its business plan for 2014 and beyond. It maintains its standalone capabilities which are driven by its innovative and competitive retail financing product

lines, diversified customer base, enhanced technology capabilities and its Islamic financing

potentials.

MBSB brings a heritage of demonstrated capabilities and experience in both retail and

corporate segments. It has strong footprints in personal financing, home financing and in

recent years has increased its business in the property development, oil and gas and

infrastructure sector markets. Amongst its notable endeavors are financing Government's

private finance initiative (PFI) projects of education hubs and campuses in Seremban and

Rembau in Negeri Sembilan, Puncak Alam in Selangor and in Raub, Pahang supported by

an ISO 9001:2008 certified in-house project management and monitoring team.

The team comprises of industry expertise that can facilitate the progress of property

development or construction projects financed by MBSB. MBSB also launched its MBSB

Kids Fun Pilot Branch in Puchong, Selangor aimed at providing a unique banking experience

to the younger retail segment with two (2) branches to be launched by MBSB end of this

vear.

Following to MBSB's plan in exploring a merger deal with CIMB Group and RHB Capital,

Dato' Ahmad Zaini Othman commented that MBSB is currently in an active discussion with

the merger parties and have been constantly discussing on options at various levels to

ensure that MBSB is poised with good value for the merger entity.

On another development, MBSB was named the 'Most Profitable Company' and 'Highest

Profit Growth Company' for Finance Sector by The Edge Billion Ringgit Club 2014 award

series. The award series recognised Malaysia's leading and outstanding corporate industry

performers. MBSB received the same awards in 2013. In 2011, MBSB received the 'Highest

Profit Growth Company' Award and was placed second in the "Most Profitable Company"

category.

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## **About Malaysia Building Society Berhad (MBSB)**

The origin of Malaysia Building Society Berhad (MBSB) can be traced back to the Federal and Colonial Building Society Limited incorporated in 1950. In 1956, it changed its name to Malaya Borneo Building Society Limited (MBSS), with the Malaysian government as its major shareholder. MBBS was then listed on the Stock Exchange of Malaysia and Singapore in August 1963. The company became an incorporation in Malaysia under the Companies Act 1965 on 17 March 1970, before it was listed on the Kuala Lumpur Stock Exchange now Bursa Malaysia on 14 March 1972. The Employees Provident Fund (EPF) is currently the financial holding company of MBSB. MBSB was defined as a Scheduled Institution under the repealed Banking and Financial Institution Act 1989 (BAFIA). The status of an Exempt Finance Company was granted to MBSB on 1 March 1972 by the Ministry of Finance and the status has remained since. This allows MBSB to undertake a financing business in the absence of a banking license. Under Section 272 (a) of the Financial Services Act 2013, exemptions granted under the BAFIA is deemed to have been granted under the corresponding provision of the Financial Services Act 2013 and shall remain in full force and effect until amended or revoked. As a financial provider, MBSB offers a spectrum of innovative financial products and services for both individuals and corporates throughout its branches nationwide.