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BIMB HOLDINGS BERHAD APPOINTS DATO' SRI ZUKRI SAMAT AS ITS NEW GROUP CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Kuala Lumpur, Monday, 23 February 2015 - BIMB Holdings Berhad (BHB) today announced the appointment of Dato' Sri Zukri Samat as its new Group Chief Executive Officer effective 18 February 2014 following the resignation of Dato' Johan Abdullah on 15 January 2015. Dato' Johan Abdullah was the Group Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer of BHB since 15 May 2008. .

Dato' Sri Zukri Samat is also the Managing Director of Bank Islam Malaysia Berhad, a wholly owned subsidiary of BHB.

Dato' Sri Zukri Samat's experience in the banking industry spans more than 20 years where he was involved in corporate finance, capital market, privatisation and project financing. As the Managing Director of Bank Islam, a post he assumed on 9 June 2006, Dato' Sri Zukri has played a key role and is instrumental in developing the turnaround and transformation of Bank Islam from the brink of financial collapse to become one of Malaysia's leading Islamic banks today.

A highly respected figure in the Islamic banking circle, he became the recipient of the "Global Leadership Award" by The Leaders International, "Brand Icon Leadership Award" by The BrandLaureate in 2011 and "Trailblazer of the Year 2013" by Banking and Payments Asia. He was named "Islamic Banker of the Year 2013" by Global Islamic Finance Awards (GIFA) in Dubai for his outstanding personality, leading Bank Islam into the bank that it is today with his vision, skills and values. Most recently, he won the "Banking CEO of the Year, Asia" by the International Banker in London, solidifying his position as one of Malaysia's most respected corporate leaders in the banking industry.

Dato' Sri Zukri Samat is one of the founding board members of Amana Bank, the first Islamic bank in Sri Lanka which had received technical support and assistance in various areas from Bank Islam at the initial stage.

Among his most notable positions prior to the current role in Bank Islam was serving as the Managing Director of Pengurusan Danaharta Nasional Berhad (Danaharta), the national asset management company established to manage the non-performing loans (NPL) during the 1997/1998 Asian financial crisis. Danaharta was a debt resolution agency set up as a pre-emptive measure by the government to avert a failure in the banking system. His achievements in managing Danaharta were highly acknowledged and his invaluable experience was then documented by World Bank in its 2005 periodical issue.

Under his helm, Bank Islam transformed and grew to become a leading Islamic bank, and a key driver in the country's development to become an Islamic banking hub. Some of the awards received by the Bank under his able leadership are "Best Islamic Bank in Malaysia" by Islamic Finance News for two consecutive years in 2011 and 2012, "Islamic Bank of the Year (Malaysia) Awards 2013" by The Banker and "Best Islamic Bank in Malaysia" by the International Banker in 2014. In fact, the Asian Institute of Finance depicted the success story of Bank Islam's transformation in a case study and won a special award - "Best Islamic Finance Case Study" (2014) from GIFA.

Dato' Sri Zukri is the Chairman of the Islamic Banking and Finance Institute Malaysia Sdn Bhd (IBFIM), Chairman of the Trustee of IBFIM; Director and Executive Committee member of Asian Institute of Finance (AIF); a member of Majlis Agama Islam Wilayah Persekutuan (MAIWP); a member of Yayasan Budiman Universiti Teknologi MARA Trust and a member of the Board of Trustee of Amanah Dewan Amal Islami (DAMAI). He is also the Chairman of Bank Islam's subsidiary, BIMB Investment Management Berhad.

Dato' Sri Zukri Samat holds a Master's Degree in Finance from the University of Hull, United Kingdom.

For further information on BHB, please visit www.bimbholdings.com

About BIMB Holdings Berhad

BIMB Holdings Berhad ("BHB") is an investment holding company which operates along Islamic principles. BHB was incorporated in Malaysia on 20 March 1997, and was listed on the Main Market of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad on 16 September in the same year. The authorised capital of BHB is RM2 billion while its paid-up capital is RM1,493,505,934. The core subsidiaries of the BHB Group are pioneers in various Islamic financial services including banking, takaful, stockbroking, and other related services namely Bank Islam Malaysia Berhad, Syarikat Takaful Malaysia Berhad and BIMB Securities Sdn. Bhd.

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