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BIMB HOLDINGS BERHAD GARNERS THREE PRESTIGIOUS AWARDS

KUALA LUMPUR, Wednesday, [23 August 2017]: BIMB Holdings Berhad (“BHB”) recently received three prestigious awards, reflecting the organisation’s continuing excellence in all aspects of its business operations and contributions to the financial industry. The three awards received include **Best Sustainability Strategies** and **Best Sustainability Report** awards at the **Asia Sustainability Excellence Awards 2017** event held on 2 August 2017, and **Silver (Highest Growth in Profit after Tax over Three Years)** award in the **Finance Sector (Below RM10 Billion Market Cap)** at the **The Edge Billion Ringgit Club Corporate Awards 2017** event held on 21 August 2017.

At the same award ceremony, BHB’s subsidiary, Syarikat Takaful Malaysia Berhad also bags two awards; **Silver (Highest Return on Equity over Three Years)** and **Gold (Highest Return to Shareholders over Three Years)** in the **Finance Sector (Below RM10 Billion Market Cap)**.

“These achievements truly illustrate our practice of the ‘Triple Bottom Line’ principle, which calls for social and environmental aspects to be taken into considerations in addition to the company’s financial bottom line,” BHB’s **Chief Executive Officer, Encik Khairul Kamarudin** said. “We continue to place great emphasis on maximising our financial returns while at the same time ensuring economic benefits and social growth for the people and communities, as well as playing an active role in conserving the natural ecosystem and resources of the planet for future generation.”

BHB’s position as Malaysia’s first and only Islamic financial holding company has imparted it with the responsibility to become an exemplary organisation, and one that places great emphasis on its adherence to Shariah principles in all aspects of its conducts, businesses and operations. BHB’s sustainability strategy is very much based on the organisation’s longstanding core principles, principled governance and good business practices, which ensure the balanced wellbeing of the company, society and environment.

Encik Khairul explained, BHB has always been committed towards becoming a responsible corporate citizen that looks after its people and the communities, and expends every effort in doing its part for the natural environment. “Our sustainability strategy revolves around promoting responsible finance and ensuring equal financial access opportunity for every level of the society,” he said. “At the same time we play

our role in minimising impact on the environment, by providing preferred financing for companies or corporations that are actively looking to implement environmentally-friendly solutions”.

“Our approach has always been to engage proactively with our clients, governmental agencies and other organisations, as well as the communities, and ascertain how we can best meet their expectations,” En. Khairul continued. “In this way we are able to devise solutions that are beneficial for everybody and aligned with our principles, as well as earned the trust of the people as we continue to strengthen relationship with the stakeholders.”

“These awards will be a motivation for our people to continue doing good, not just for their careers but also for the benefit of the society at large. Our ingrained values and working culture we have cultivated over the years have made us realise the important role we play in contributing to economic growth and positive social development of the market we operate in,” En. Khairul said.

While the awards acknowledge the consistency and focus of BHB’s sustainability strategy as aligned with the globally accepted standards, they are also a recognition of its progressive nature with new initiatives continuously being initiated. “Our aim is to secure our future sustainable finance by improving the prospects of our stakeholders, which include our customers, shareholders and the society at large. There is now clear evidence that our initiatives are making a real contribution to the communities”. Encik Khairul added.

Asia Sustainability Excellence Awards is the brainchild of **CMO Asia**, a non-profit organisation that is committed towards the implementation and sharing of Global Best Practices among the network of industry-leading organisations and multinational corporations. **The Edge Billion Ringgit Club** is conceived by **The Edge Malaysia**, one of the country’s leading business and investment publications.

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

About BIMB Holdings Berhad

BIMB Holdings Berhad (“BHB”) is the first Islamic Financial Holding company approved by Bank Negara Malaysia under the Islamic Financial Services Act 2013. 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 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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