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BTOTO REGISTERS INCREASED REVENUE AND PRE-TAX PROFIT FOR 2Q2013

For 2nd Quarter ended 31 October 2012

Berjaya Sports Toto Berhad (“BToto”) registered an increase of 5.4% in revenue from RM862.4 million in the previous year to RM908.7 million this year while pre-tax profit increased by 8.5% from RM148.79 million last year to RM161.45 million this year.

This was mainly due to the improved results of its principal subsidiary, Sports Toto Malaysia Sdn Bhd (“Sports Toto”) which recorded an increase in revenue and pre-tax profit of 4.2% and 3.4% respectively compared to the previous year’s corresponding quarter. The increase in revenue was mainly attributed to strong sales from high jackpot in the Power Toto 6/55 game as well as having higher number of draws in the current quarter under review.

Berjaya Philippines Inc group (“BPI”) registered a 26.3% growth in revenue and an improvement of 33.2% in pre-tax profit. The improved results were mainly contributed by the higher lease rental income arising from the improved sales registered by the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office.

For the 6-month period ended 31 October 2012

BToto Group recorded an increase in revenue of 5.9% and pre-tax profit of 15.6% respectively. This was mainly due to Sports Toto’s improved results. The higher percentage increase in Group pre-tax profit was also attributed to the realized gain on disposal of unquoted investment of approximately RM8.8 million in the current period under review.

Sports Toto recorded an increase in revenue of 5.1% in the current period under review mainly attributed to strong sales from high jackpot in the Power Toto 6/55 game coupled with 6 months sales contribution from the 4D Jackpot game compared to 4.5 months in the previous year’s corresponding period, as well as having a higher number of draws in the current period under review. Sports Toto’s improvement in pre-tax profit of 8.6% was mainly due to a lower prize payout in the current period under review.

BPI reported an increase in revenue of 17.8% and pre-tax profit of 37.9%. The improved performance was mainly contributed by the increased lease rental income arising from the higher sales registered by the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office Lottery as well as the recognition of gain on disposal of certain quoted investment in the current period under review.

Dividend

The Board has declared a second interim dividend in respect of the financial year ending 30 April 2013 via a share dividend distribution of approximately 29.35 million treasury shares on the basis of 1 treasury share for every 45 existing ordinary shares of RM0.10 each held, with the entitlement date fixed on 17 January 2013. The treasury shares to be distributed as share dividend will be credited into the entitled depositors’ securities accounts maintained with Bursa Malaysia Depository Sdn Bhd within 8 market days from the entitlement date. The share dividend amounting to approximately RM126.036 million based on its book cost, is equivalent to 9.5 sen per share based on the ordinary shares in issue with voting rights as at 18 December 2012 of 1.3207 billion.

If compared to the closing market price of RM4.47 per share on 17 December 2012, the share dividend would be valued at approximately 9.9 sen.

The first interim single tier exempt dividend of 6.5 sen per share was paid on 16 October 2012. Together with the second interim dividend equivalent to about 9.5 sen per share, this will bring the total dividend distribution to approximately RM211.89 million representing about 94.9% of the attributable profit of the Group for the 6-month period ended 31 October 2012.

The Board noted that the Company is undertaking a major restructuring which will lead to the listing of Sports Toto Malaysia Sdn Bhd (“STM”) as Business Trust (“STM-Trust”) on the SGX-ST and is mindful of its covenants and undertakings. These obligations are in respect of the need to deliver STM in a healthy financial position as well as the need to settle all advances (previously received from STM) when the transfer of the latter to the Trust is effected.

The Board also took into consideration the anticipated special cash dividend that may be declared after the listing of STM-Trust and in this regard would wish to ensure that the Group will have a comfortable level of retained earnings in order to frank an optimum quantum of dividend to shareholders.

Prospects

In spite of the cautious economic outlook, the gaming sector is expected to be resilient and the Directors expect the Group to maintain its market share in the Number Forecast Operator business.

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