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GENTING PLANTATIONS REPORTS FIRST HALF 2016 FINANCIAL RESULTS

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 25 – Genting Plantations Berhad today reported its financial results for the first half ended 30 June 2016, with pre-tax profit at RM90.7 million, down 26% from the corresponding period of the previous year.

Revenue was 10% lower year-on-year at RM570.0 million due to reduced contributions from the Plantation-Malaysia and Property segments, which were affected mainly by lower FFB production and lower land sales respectively. These declines more than negated the impact of stronger palm product selling prices, increased FFB production from Indonesia and higher biodiesel selling prices year-on-year.

Earnings per share in 1H 2016 was at 8.62 sen, down 28% from the same period in 2015.

The Group's FFB production was curtailed by the lagged effects of adverse weather conditions experienced in the previous years, although this was partly mitigated by the addition of new harvesting areas in Indonesia. Accordingly, overall FFB production declined 15% year-on-year in 1H 2016.

On the flip side, the Group achieved higher palm product selling prices year-on-year in 1H 2016, as crude palm oil prices recovered on the back of a decline in national palm oil inventory levels amid lower production and as overall supply tightness in lauric oils market bolstered palm kernel prices. Average selling prices of CPO and PK were at RM2,444/mt and RM2,108/mt in the first six months, up 11% and 29% respectively.

EBITDA for the Plantation segment, covering both Malaysia and Indonesia operations, declined in 1H 2016 from the corresponding period of the previous year, mainly on account of lower yields and higher manuring costs, which collectively outweighed the impact of higher palm product selling prices.

For the Property segment, EBITDA was lower year-on-year in the absence of a sizable land sale which was reported for the same period last year. Excluding land sales, EBITDA for 1H 2016 was 25% higher year-on-year due to higher profit recognition from progress of works as mentioned earlier.

The Biotechnology segment's loss narrowed during the year mainly due to lower research and development spending.

The Downstream Manufacturing segment's losses were comparable year-on-year amid steady sales quantities.

Changes in the “Others” category mainly reflect the impact of changes in the foreign currency translation position arising from foreign exchange movements.

The Group’s performance for the rest of 2016 will be fundamentally contingent on the movements in palm oil price dynamics weighed against the prospects of a recovery in FFB production from the lagged effects of the adverse weather of previous years.

Key factors anticipated to continue influencing the direction of palm oil prices include changes in weather conditions, demand for vegetable oils for edible and non-edible purposes, price trends of substitute feedstock commodities, currency movements and global economic prospects.

Notwithstanding that the ongoing addition of new harvesting areas and the progress of existing mature areas into higher yielding brackets in Indonesia are positive factors for production, the Group’s overall output for 2016 will depend on the extent to which any prospective recovery in crop yields in the latter months of the year will compensate for the shortfall experienced earlier in the year.

Nevertheless, at the operational level, the Group remains committed to the pursuit of performance improvements across all relevant aspects, including yield and cost management.

Meanwhile, on the property front, the Group will continue to monitor and assess opportunities within the prevailing sector landscape to ensure new property offerings are strategically-timed and well-aligned to market requirements.

For the Downstream Manufacturing segment, efforts towards completing the development of Genting Integrated Biorefinery Complex are ongoing with one of its key components, the 600,000mt palm oil refining plant, expected to be commissioned in 4Q 2016. Concurrently, the Group will continue with the production of biodiesel to cater to Malaysia’s mandatory B7 biodiesel programme.

The Board of Directors declared an interim single-tier dividend of 2.0 sen per ordinary share of 50 sen each. In comparison, the interim single-tier dividend declared for the corresponding period of 2015 amounted to 2.5 sen per ordinary share.

A summary of the quarterly results is shown in Table 1.

TABLE 1:

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RM' Million	2Q 2016	2Q 2015	%	1H 2016	1H 2015	%
Revenue						
Plantation - Malaysia	202.1	200.7	+1	350.4	388.8	-10
Plantation – Indonesia	54.8	49.5	+11	108.8	95.4	+14
Property	29.3	28.5	+3	64.3	101.2	-36
Downstream Manufacturing	22.9	27.0	-15	46.5	44.7	+4
	309.1	305.7	+1	570.0	630.1	-10
Adjusted EBITDA						
Plantation						
-Malaysia	68.1	78.4	-13	117.2	147.0	-20
-Indonesia	(0.5)	4.9	-	11.8	15.5	-24
Property	6.6	4.0	+65	18.0	34.2	-47
Biotechnology	(6.1)	(8.2)	-26	(11.1)	(15.8)	-30
Downstream Manufacturing	0.3	0.9	-67	(0.1)	(0.2)	-50
Others	9.9	(4.4)	-	5.1	(20.4)	-
	78.3	75.6	+4	140.9	160.3	-12
Profit before tax	52.2	55.5	-6	90.7	122.1	-26
Profit for the financial period	37.5	38.1	-2	65.6	86.0	-24
Basic EPS (sen)	5.20	5.18	-	8.62	12.01	-28

About Genting Plantations Berhad

Genting Plantations, a subsidiary of Genting Berhad, commenced operations in 1980. It has a landbank of about 65,500 hectares in Malaysia and about 172,900 hectares in Indonesia held through joint ventures. It owns seven oil mills in Malaysia and three in Indonesia, with a total milling capacity of 490 tonnes per hour. In addition, it has ventured into the manufacturing of downstream products.

Genting Plantations has also diversified into property development to unlock the value of its strategically-located landbank and has invested significantly in biotechnology in a major effort to apply genomics to increase crop productivity and sustainability

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