

GUINNESS ANCHOR BERHAD (GAB) POSTS GROWTH IN THIRD QUARTER REVENUE AND PROFIT IN FY10

TIGER BEER LEADS GROWTH

PETALING JAYA, May 7th 2010:- Guinness Anchor Berhad (GAB), Malaysia's leading brewer, has posted a net profit of RM46.5 million for the third quarter of FY10 ended March 31st 2010 which is 42.5 percent higher than a year ago.

FY10's third quarter revenue also increased significantly by 17.8 percent to RM370.8 million versus the corresponding quarter in the last financial year. The sales and profit increase was partly due to the later timing of the Chinese New Year celebrations, a traditional driver of sales for the malt liquor market. Earning per share for the period rose to 15.38 compared to 10.79 a year ago.

GAB's strong third quarter performance has further extended its position as Malaysia's clear market leader in the malt liquor market (MLM); as of end of FY09 ended June, GAB recorded eight successive years of volume, revenue and profit growth.

GAB Managing Director Charles Ireland said: "We are pleased with our overall performance."

"I am happy to report that GAB is on track to meet our targeted full year results for FY10 ending June 2010.

"It is fitting that in the year of the Tiger, Tiger beer is leading our growth. Guinness, Heineken, Anchor and Kilkeny are also contributing to our good performance."

"It is clear that GAB's long-term strategy of investing in people, brands and performance continues to deliver for us and is ensuring that we continue winning," Charles said.

GAB's dedication to quality products shone yet again with the company gaining notable recognition at the recently concluded Putra Brand Awards in Kuala Lumpur, with top brands Tiger, Guinness and Heineken winning Gold, Silver and Bronze respectively for product excellence.

Tiger's international reputation as a global brand was further boosted when Tiger and variant Tiger Crystal won Gold at the World Beer Cup 2010, the world's most prestigious beer competition.

Tiger Crystal swept aside 19 other entries in the Australasian, Latin American or Tropical-Style Light Lager category.

"We are proud that Tiger Crystal won for the first time and delighted that Tiger beer has won this iconic global award for the second time, beating 58 rivals to come up tops in the International Style Lager category."

"These awards, together with other awards won in recent months in recognition of our brewing quality and our corporate achievements, on top of our eight consecutive years of market share, revenue and profit growth are indeed testament that we are moving in the right direction towards our vision of being an Icon in business," Charles added.

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About Guinness Anchor Berhad

GAB with its portfolio of iconic, international brands, is the beer and stout market leader in Malaysia. GAB produces, markets and distributes:

- Asia's fastest growing beer TIGER;
- The world's No 1 stout GUINNESS Foreign Extra Stout and its variant Guinness Draught;
- The world's No 1 international premium beer HEINEKEN;
- The all-time favourite quality local brew ANCHOR SMOOTH and its strong beer variant ANCHOR STRONG;
- The premium Irish ale " KILKENNY;
- The real Shandy ANGLIA; and
- The wholesome, premium quality non-alcoholic MALTA

Listed on the Main Market of Bursa Malaysia, GAB evolved from the merger between Guinness Malaysia Bhd and Malayan Breweries (Malaya) Sdn Bhd. The company's principal shareholder is GAPL Pte Ltd based in Singapore. GAPL Pte Ltd is a joint venture between Diageo PLC and Asia Pacific Breweries Ltd. Guinness Anchor Marketing Sdn Bhd is a 100% owned subsidiary of GAB.

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