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NEW HOONG FATT'S PROFIT IMPACTED BY EXCHANGE RATE AND RISING MANUFACTURING COSTS

Klang, 14 May 2018 – New Hoong Fatt Holdings Berhad [**NHFATT: 7060**] ("New Hoong Fatt" or "the Group") today announced its unaudited results for the financial period ended 31 March 2018:

	Year to date ended 31 March 2018	Year to date ended 31 March 2017
Total Revenue (RM'000)	60,099	62,473
Profit Before Tax (RM'000)	2,757	8,610
Net Profit (RM'000)	1,826	7,371
Earnings per Share (sen)	2.43	9.81

The Group recorded RM2.4 million or 3.8% decrease in revenue from RM62.5 million in the corresponding quarter of preceding year ("1Q 2017") to RM60.1 million in the current quarter under review ("1Q 2018"). The decrease in revenue was mainly due to unfavourable foreign exchange rate ("forex") impact.

Profit Before Tax ("PBT") decreased by RM5.8 million or 67.4% from RM8.6 million in 1Q 2017 to RM2.8 million in 1Q 2018 mainly due to unfavourable forex impact, lower revenue from export markets as well as higher raw material and other manufacturing costs.

The global economy is expected to be stronger in 2018. The Group remains cautiously optimistic on the overall outlook of the automotive aftermarket industry despite the forecast of sluggish sales of new vehicles in the local market. The Group will continue to drive business growth through expanding its product range as well as further strengthening its cost competitiveness via various cost efficiency programs.

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