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KUALA LUMPUR, 18 JULY 2013 - BURSA MALAYSIA ANNOUNCES THE BEST FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND FIRST HALF SINCE 2007

Posts 19% jump in its PATAMI 1H13 and distributes a combined total of 36 sen interim and special dividend distribution

Key Financial & Market Highlights (1H13 Vs 1H12)
* PATAMI at RM93.0 million, up 19%
* Operating revenue at RM223.9 million, up 13%
* Operating expenses at RM108.0 million, up 4%
* Average daily trading value for securities market at RM2.06 billion, up 19%
* Market capitalisation at end June 2013 at RM1.60 trillion, up 17%
* Velocity at 33%, up 3%
* Average daily contracts traded for derivatives market at 43,358 contracts, up 21%
* Interim dividend of 16 sen and special dividend of 20 sen

Bursa's Half Year-on-Half Year Results – comparison to corresponding 1H2012

Bursa Malaysia Berhad (“Bursa Malaysia” or “the Exchange”) today announced their best financial results for the quarter and first half since the 2007 rally and a special 20 sen dividend on top of the 16 sen dividend to be distributed to the shareholders.

“Bursa Malaysia’s solid performance in 1H13 is due to the stronger performance from our three markets (Securities, Derivatives and Islamic). All three markets recorded high double digit growth in respective traded volumes¹ as a result of increased foreign participation and retail² participation. This performance is a reflection of the local and global interest and confidence in Malaysia’s strong fundamentals. Bursa Malaysia has not seen such momentum in the past six years,” said Dato’ Tajuddin Atan, Chief Executive Officer of Bursa Malaysia Berhad.

¹ **Source:** Bursa Malaysia Berhad as at 30 June 2013

- Securities Market: ADV for 1H13 is up 19% compared to 1H12; Foreign Trade Value up 46%
- Foreign net inflow up by 141% in 1H13 to RM14.5 billion from RM6 billion in 1H12
- Derivatives Market: ADC up 21% at 43,358 contracts
- Foreign Participation in FKL1 up 47% in 1H13 from 42% in 2007 while Foreign Participation in FCPO up 39% in 1H13 from 18% in 2007
- Islamic Market: ADV up 88%, Foreign Trade Value up 126% to RM128 billion in 1H13 to RM57 billion in 1H12

² **Source:** Bursa Malaysia Berhad as at 30 June 2013: Retail Participation up 13% from RM354 million to RM390 million

For the 1H13, the Exchange delivered a profit after tax and minority interest (“PATAMI”) of RM93.0 million, a 19% spike compared to the corresponding period last year. The annualised 1H13 net return on average equity (“ROE”) increased by 14% to 21% whilst the earnings per share (“EPS”) moved up 19% to 17.5 sen. Cost-to-income ratio improved, marking a 7% drop to 45%.

Total operating revenue was up 13% to RM223.9 million attributable largely to an increase in the securities trading revenue on the back of a more buoyant market post Malaysia’s 13th General Elections on 5 May 2013.

Bursa Malaysia’s operating expenses remained fairly stable at RM108.0 million compared to RM103.9 million, up 4%, primarily due to a salary review and adjustment as the Exchange introduced talent development and retention initiatives as part of its continued efforts to remain competitive in attracting and retaining talent.

For the period under review, revenue from the securities market registered strong double digit performance of 17% bringing the current total to RM109.0 million. This improved performance is derived from a higher average daily trading value (“ADV”) of RM2.06 billion, an increase of 19% from RM1.74 billion for the corresponding period under review.

The derivatives market’s average daily contracts (“ADC”) traded expanded by 21% which saw the ADC increase from 35,845 contracts to 43,358 contracts as a result of increased foreign participation. On the Islamic market front, the ADV of Bursa Suq-Al Sila was up 88% supported by active trading by new members.

Bursa’s Quarter-on-Quarter Results – comparison to corresponding 2Q12

Bursa Malaysia registered a record performance in the second quarter of 2013, the best quarter financial results since the 2007 rally. Operating revenue increased 26% from RM96.7 million to RM122.2 million due to heightened activities in all three markets. The ADV for the securities market increased by 57% to RM2.39 billion while ADC traded for the derivatives market increased 3% to 41,673 contracts. On the Islamic market front, the ADV of Bursa Suq-Al Sila increased by 57% to RM3.4 billion.

Outlook

Dato’ Tajuddin said, “In the coming months, we will be focusing on value extraction in order to take advantage of all the initiatives and projects which we have worked hard to complete. We will continue to build for the future to further strengthen our breadth and depth of the markets. Amongst our focus areas will be the Regulated Short Selling and Securities Borrowing and Lending (“RSS & SBL”) which is necessary for Malaysia to achieve developed market status. On the retail front, we will be actively engaging our local retail investors through initiatives which will be announced in the fourth quarter this year.”

The financial results for the 1H13 ended 30 June 2013 are available on Bursa Malaysia's website at www.bursamalaysia.com

FINANCIAL RESULTS	1H2013	1H2012	Percentage Change
	RM'mil	RM'mil	%
Operating revenue	223.9	197.2	13
Other income	16.9	18.0	(6)
Total revenue	240.8	215.2	12
Staff costs	(55.2)	(49.4)	12
Depreciation and amortisation	(17.5)	(16.7)	5
Other operating expenses	(35.3)	(37.8)	(7)
Profit before tax	132.8	111.3	19
Income tax expense	(36.0)	(29.9)	21
Profit after tax	96.8	81.4	19
Minority interest	(3.8)	(3.1)	22
PATAMI	93.0	78.3	19

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Bursa Malaysia is an approved exchange holding company under Section 15 of the Capital Markets and Services Act 2007. A public company limited by shares under the Companies Act 1965, Bursa Malaysia operates a fully-integrated exchange, offering equities, derivatives, offshore, bonds as well as Islamic products, and provides a diverse range of investment choices globally.

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