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DRB-HICOM BERHAD's FY2011 REVENUE UP 7.8% TO RM6.80 BILLION WITH OPERATIONAL PROFITS SURGING 41.2% TO RM630.3 MILLION

Shah Alam, Thursday, May 26, 2011 – DRB-HICOM Berhad delivered commendable performance for the 12 months ended 31 March 2011. Group revenue rose 7.8 % to RM 6.80 billion compared to RM6.31 billion registered last year. The growth was primarily driven by better performance achieved by its Automotive and Services sectors, which contributed 59% and 39% respectively to its total revenue.

The strong Group operational performance attributed significantly to a higher profit in FY2011. Operational profit now accounts for 90 % of the reported total profit of RM701.5 million compared to 68 % a year ago.

In line with the improved performance, the total gross dividend payout for FY2011 will be 50 % higher at 6 sen per share compared to 4 sen per share paid in 2010. The company had paid an interim dividend of 2 sen on 28 March, 2011 and the balance 4 sen will be paid after shareholders' approval.

Commenting on the full-year performance, DRB-HICOM Berhad's Group Managing Director, Dato' Sri Haji Mohd Khamil Jamil said, "We are humbled to be able to maintain our growth momentum with improved revenue and excellent operational profits due to the management's continuous effort in leveraging the Group's strength in seizing opportunities in a highly competitive environment. Additionally, the management unwavering emphasis on effective and efficient quality, cost and delivery management has assisted to contain challenges and add value to the Group."

"Focusing on cost and operational efficiency is not only to ensure constant growth for the Group but also part of our commitment to deliver value to shareholders," he said, pointing out to the Company's decision to increase the gross dividend payout to 6 sen per share from 4 sen paid last year.

“Share price has also appreciated over the period, with market capitalization increasing to RM4.44 billion compared to RM2.24 billion as at 31 March 2010. The Group's net assets per share improved to RM 2.58 as at 31 March 2011 compared to RM2.37 on the same date last year. The Group's total asset as at 31 March 2011 stood at RM28.02 billion against RM25.99 billion a year ago,” he continued, adding that, earnings per share was at 24.44 sen.

He further added that the Group has entered into numerous strategic initiatives that are expected to further propel its growth in the coming years. “The most recent and notable milestone was our alliance with Europe's no 1 automotive manufacturer, Volkswagen AG and we are confident that this will be a mutually beneficial and successful partnership to not only propel DRB-HICOM's role in the automotive industry but also to provide impetus to spur the positive change in the landscape of the national automotive industry.”

Dato' Sri Haji Mohd Khamil Jamil further said that the Group will continue to focus on effective cost management and operational efficiency measures to mitigate any substantial increase in costs amidst the uncertainty of the global economic situation, which may adversely impact its performance. Coupled with the several business initiatives in place, the Group is expected to record another satisfactory year ending 31 March 2012.

DRB-HICOM Berhad is one of Malaysia's leading conglomerate with core businesses in the Automotive, Services and Property, Asset & Construction sectors. DRB-HICOM's aim is to continue adding value and propelling the nation's development. In the Automotive sector, DRB-HICOM is involved in the manufacturing, assembly and distribution of passenger and commercial vehicles, including the national motorcycle. In Services, DRB-HICOM is involved in various businesses, including concession and financial related services. In Property, Asset & Construction, DRB-HICOM is involved in residential and commercial developments.

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