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**DRB-HICOM Berhad chalks-up a 115% increase in operating profits for its financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010**

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**Shah Alam, Wednesday** – DRB-HICOM Berhad's pre-tax profits from its operating activities for the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010 (FY10), soared by 115 percent to RM446.5 million, as opposed to RM207.4 million, in the previous year. This is backed by a revenue of RM6.31 billion, an increase from RM6.1 billion posted last financial year.

Apart from the Group's constant effort in improving efficiency, performance and cost management, the jump in operating profits was also due to the improving economy over the last two quarters.

Taking into account the exceptional one-off gain of RM211.43 million from the disposal of its estates in FY10 as opposed to the gain of RM567.6 million on disposal of EON Capital Berhad in the previous year, the Group's posted a pre-tax profit of RM657.9 million compared to RM774.9 million posted last financial year.

The Board has proposed a final dividend of 2.5 sen gross per share less taxation for FY10, in addition to the interim dividend of 1.5 sen gross per share amounting to RM21.75 million paid on 29 March 2010.

Ends.

*DRB-HICOM is one of Malaysia's leading corporations, playing an integral role in the Automotive Manufacturing, Assembly and Distribution industry through its involvement in passenger cars and four wheel drive vehicles market segment, the national truck project and the national motorcycle project, among others. Besides Automotive concerns, the Group's core businesses are in the Services and Property & Infrastructure.*

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