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3Q2011 NET PROFIT UP 39% TO RM38.6 MILLION DRIVEN BY STRONG SECURITIES AND DERIVATIVES TRADING PERFORMANCE

Key Financial & Market Highlights <i>(3Q2011 against 3Q2010)</i>
▪ Net profit at RM38.6 million, up 39%
▪ Total operating revenue at RM96.1 million, up 21%
▪ Securities trading revenue at RM48.9 million, up 20%
▪ Derivatives trading revenue at RM13.4 million, up 39%
▪ Total expenses at RM53.1 million, up 11%
▪ Daily average trading value for securities at RM1.89 billion, up 27%
▪ Market capitalisation at end-September 2011 is RM1.17 trillion, up 2%
▪ Velocity at 34%, up 10%
▪ Total derivatives contracts traded 2.12 million, up 34%

Bursa Malaysia Berhad (Bursa Malaysia) today announced a net profit attributable to shareholders of the Company of RM38.6 million for the **quarter ended 30 September 2011**, up 39% from RM27.7 million recorded for the same period last year.

Bursa Malaysia's Chief Executive Officer, Dato' Tajuddin Atan said, "The third quarter was a trying period for stock markets around the world. Standard & Poor's downgrade of the U.S. government's debt rating in August compounded fears of a spiraling European debt crisis and a slowing global economy. Asian markets were not shielded from the impact of these events. For the quarter under review, we saw an increase in both our securities and derivatives trading revenue due to high volatility in both markets.

"Trading revenue from the securities market recorded an increase of 20% to RM48.9 million in the quarter under review compared to RM40.7 million in the corresponding quarter last year. Daily average trading value (DATV) was higher at RM1.89 billion compared to RM1.48 billion in the same quarter last year. Daily average trading volume grew but at a slower pace of 11% to 1.02 billion for the quarter under review compared to 921 million for the third quarter of 2010. For the quarter ended 30 September 2011, market capitalisation stood at RM1.17 trillion from RM1.15 trillion in the same quarter last year. Market velocity stood at 34% against 31% a year earlier.

"Our derivatives market has charted an impressive performance as we celebrated two significant milestones during the quarter. The first was Bursa Malaysia Derivatives' record achievement of 6,252,675 total contracts traded so far this year by 28 September 2011. This is the highest ever number of contracts traded annually since 1980. The second was the record 4,085,147 Crude Palm Oil Futures (FCPO) contracts traded so far this year by 13 September 2011, which surpassed the previous all-time high of 4,064,361 contracts traded for the whole of 2010. These accomplishments translated into higher trading revenue for the derivatives market, which rose 39% to RM13.4 million in the third quarter from RM9.6 million in the corresponding quarter in 2010. Total derivatives contracts traded were 2.12 million compared to 1.58 million in the same quarter last year. The FTSE

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Bursa Malaysia Kuala Lumpur Composite Index Futures (FKLI) contracts posted an increase of 40% to 0.70 million contracts traded compared to 0.50 million in the third quarter of 2010. FCPO recorded an increase of 31% to 1.40 million contracts traded compared to 1.07 million in the same period last year.

“Our total expenses increased by 11% to RM53.1 million in the third quarter compared to the corresponding quarter last year. This was mainly due to higher staff costs and service fees paid to CME Group for the use of the Globex® trading platform. The increase in total expenses was partially offset by reduced depreciation and amortisation charges. However, we saw our cost-to-income ratio improve to 49% in the quarter under review compared to 55% for the corresponding quarter last year.

For the **nine months ended 30 September 2011**, Bursa Malaysia registered a net profit of RM114.8 million, an increase of 38% compared to RM83.3 million for the corresponding period last year. Securities trading revenue increased by 30% to RM152.7 million in the nine months of this year compared to the corresponding period. Derivatives trading revenue increased by 43% to RM38.7 million in the nine months under review, compared to the first nine months of 2010. Total derivatives contracts traded in the nine months ended 30 September 2011 were 6.32 million compared to 4.43 million traded in the nine months of 2010.

“Given the ongoing financial market turbulence around the world, liquidity will continue to be a challenge as investors seek investments that offer the best returns. Having said this, the recent initiatives announced by the Prime Minister in his 2012 Budget speech to spur economic activities under the current challenging environment, together with the implementation of the various transformation plans announced much earlier, will help sustain interest in our stock market. On our part, we will continue our drive to build market competitiveness and vibrancy by focusing on infrastructure efficiency, product innovation and market awareness programmes,” he said.

FINANCIAL RESULTS	3Q2011	3Q2010	Percentage Change	9M2011	9M2010	Percentage Change
	RM'000	RM' 000	%	RM'000	RM' 000	%
Operating revenue	96,088	79,297	21	296,393	236,979	25
Other income	11,221	7,468	50	28,080	22,161	27
Total revenue	107,309	86,765	24	324,473	259,140	25
Staff costs	(27,946)	(22,991)	(22)	(79,012)	(66,704)	(18)
Depreciation and amortisation	(9,684)	(11,230)	14	(29,513)	(33,203)	11
Other operating expenses	(15,442)	(13,594)	(14)	(53,913)	(41,817)	(29)
	54,237	38,950	39	162,035	117,416	38
Finance costs	(50)	(157)	68	(231)	(467)	51
Profit before tax	54,187	38,793	40	161,804	116,949	38
Income tax expense	(14,669)	(10,403)	(41)	(43,372)	(31,106)	(39)
Profit after tax	39,518	28,390	39	118,432	85,843	38
Minority interest	(899)	(683)	(32)	(3,609)	(2,587)	(40)
Net profit	38,619	27,707	39	114,823	83,256	38

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Bursa Malaysia Berhad is a public company limited by shares under the Companies Act 1965. Bursa Malaysia is an approved exchange holding company under Section 15 of the Capital Markets and Services Act 2007. Other companies in the Bursa Malaysia Berhad Group of companies include a stock exchange, a derivatives exchange, an off-shore international financial exchange, equity and derivatives clearing houses, a central depository, an information services provider and an Information Technology services provider.

Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Bursa Malaysia Berhad, is an approved stock exchange under Section 8 of the Capital Markets and Services Act 2007.

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