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Boustead Plantations Records Q1 Revenue of RM163 Mil

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- Revenue grew to RM163 million for the first quarter.
- Profit from operations of RM17 million.
- Profit before tax of RM1.3 million, an improvement from the deficit recorded in the previous year's corresponding quarter.

KUALA LUMPUR, June 2, 2020 – Boustead Plantations Berhad (BPB) recorded a higher revenue of RM163 million for its first quarter ended 31 March 2020, compared with RM135 million in the previous year's corresponding quarter. This was attributable to improved palm product prices, which saw profit from operations increase to RM17 million. As a result, profit before tax stood at RM1.3 million, compared with a deficit of RM14 million in the same quarter last year.

The Group's results for the first quarter are as follows:

	Q1 FY20	Q1 FY19
(All figures are stated in RM '000)		
Revenue	162,689	(134,912)
Operating cost	(145,414)	(135,775)
Profit/(Loss) from operations	17,275	(863)
Interest income	102	85
Finance cost	(17,032)	(13,921)
Share of results of Associate	935	651
Profit/(Loss) before taxation	1,280	(14,048)

The operational statistics achieved by the Group are as follows:

	Q1 FY20	Q1 FY19	Difference	%
Crude Palm Oil Price (RM per MT)	2,793	2,017	776	38

Palm Kernel Price (RM per MT)	1,700	1,300	400	31
Fresh Fruit Bunches production (MT)	209,857	258,996	-49,139	-19
Oil Extraction Rate (%)	21.0	21.4	-0.4	-2
Kernel Extraction Rate (%)	4.3	4.5	-0.2	-5

Looking ahead, the COVID-19 pandemic will continue to impact industries and markets across the globe. The Malaysian palm oil industry has been affected by reduced demand from palm oil importing countries as well as a slowdown in domestic consumption. The Movement Control Order which has been enforced to prevent the spread of the pandemic has also disrupted oil palm operational activities, particularly in Sabah where palm oil operations in six districts were shutdown from March 25 to April 14, 2020.

Against this challenging backdrop, the decline in palm oil demand and global consumption are expected to continue to put pressure on palm oil prices over the coming months. Nonetheless, the Group remains committed to its transformation programme towards achieving a better performance over the long-term. While the uncertain climate post COVID-19 may hinder recovery, the Group expects to record some growth in crop production as it continues to focus on yield improvement, cost management and operational efficiency.

Forward looking statements

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