

RCE CAPITAL BERHAD (Company No. 2444-M)

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## RCE GROUP – DOUBLE DIGIT GROWTH IN 2Q11 EARNINGS FROM 2Q10

- Pre-tax profit increased by 65% to RM41.3 million
- Earnings per share increased by 58% to 3.99 sen
- Revenue increased by 25% to RM74.6 million

**KUALA LUMPUR:** RCE Group ("the Group") achieved a pre-tax profit of RM41.3 million in 2Q11, representing a growth of 65% as compared to pre-tax profit of RM25.0 million in 2Q10. The growth is substantially driven by stronger demand from existing and new customers as well as offering of newly improved Syariah-based financing products. The Group also achieved a higher pre-tax profit compared to the preceding quarter, an increase of 23% from RM33.7 million to RM41.3 million.

The Group continues its growth momentum in the personal financing market, as reflected in its revenue of RM74.6 million, an increase of 25% compared to the previous year's corresponding quarter of RM59.9 million. The improved level of revenue is in tandem with the increase in the Group's loan disbursements and refinancing activities.

The Group's resilient results translate into earnings per share of 3.99 sen in the current quarter, an improvement of 58% compared to 2.52 sen in the previous year's corresponding quarter.

The Group continues to register strong growth in its net loan receivables, an increase of RM42.8 million compared to previous year's corresponding quarter despite the change in accounting treatments adopted for interest income and loan impairment in line with FRS139 Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement. This signifies the Group's focus in growing its lending activities.

RCE Group will continue to pursue its marketing and product diversification strategies with a view of expanding market penetration and identifying new market segments. Barring any unforeseen circumstances, the Group is optimistic of improving its performance for the rest of the year.

On the corporate front, the Group has recently issued its ninth tranche of Asset-Backed Securities totalling RM83.8 million which was accorded AAA-rating by RAM Ratings Services Berhad.

## About RCE Group

RCE is involved in the provision of personal loans and consumer-financing services to public and private sector employees, factoring and investment in a real-estate trust.