



## RCE CAPITAL BERHAD

(Company No. 2444-M)

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### RCE GROUP ANNOUNCES 18.6% INCREASE IN ANNUAL PROFIT BEFORE TAX (“PBT”)

- Annual PBT up 18.6% against a year ago
- 16.9% growth in loan base driven by market demand
- Higher annual revenue of RM162.4 million
- Implementation of Central Credit Reference Information System (“CCRIS”) in progress
- Completion of Share Consolidation and Capital Repayment
- Proposed final single-tier dividend of 3.5 sen per share

**KUALA LUMPUR:** RCE Capital Berhad (“the Group”) recorded higher PBT of RM54.2 million as compared to RM45.7 million a year ago, representing an increase of 18.6% for the 12 months ended 31 March 2016. Accordingly, profit after tax (“PAT”) grew 9.4% compared to a year ago, from RM36.2 million to RM39.6 million. This translated into earnings per share of 3.08 sen, which is 35.7% higher than the year before.

The Group’s annual revenue stood at RM162.4 million, up 23.8% compared to RM131.2 million a year ago, driven primarily by higher interest income against a larger loan portfolio.

The Group’s personal loan financing segment also strengthened over the financial year. Against previous financial year ended 31 March 2015, total loans grew by 16.9% from RM1.168 billion to RM1.365 billion arising from favourable market demand.

Meanwhile, the Group is still working closely with Bank Negara Malaysia to further enhance and fine tune the system requirements of CCRIS to ensure its readiness.

As for corporate exercises, the Share Consolidation previously announced to the market on 5 November 2015 has been completed. Every four (4) shares held were consolidated into one (1) share, resulting in an adjusted issued and paid-up share capital of 340,952,486 ordinary shares from 1,363,809,945 on 26 April 2016. Subsequently, the Capital Repayment of RM0.075 per share, totaling RM97.5 million, was completed on 6 May 2016. Arising thereof, the post-consolidated net assets was adjusted from RM0.35 to RM1.11 per share.

The Board also recommends a higher final single-tier dividend of 3.5 sen per share, amounting to RM11.4 million in respect of the financial year ended 31 March 2016 for shareholders’ approval. Such dividend, if approved by the shareholders, will be accounted for in equity as appropriation of retained earnings in the financial year ending 31 March 2017.

On the business front, the Group remains focused in building quality loans with continued emphasis on improving its asset quality and operational efficiencies. Process simplification initiatives are also in place to further improve productivity across all business segments with the aim of delivering better results for the next financial year.