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WCT Q1 Profit Jump by 276%

PETALING JAYA, Monday, 29 May 2017 – WCT Holdings Berhad (“WCT” or “the Group”), a leading engineering and construction as well as property company, recorded a net profit of RM33.1 million for the first quarter ended 31 March 2017, marking a significant 276% jump when compared to a net profit of RM8.8 million registered in the same corresponding period last year.

The improvement in profit came despite revenue being marginally lower at RM473.4 million for the quarter under review compared to RM485.0 million recorded in the same quarter last financial year. This is reflective of the Group’s ability to derive better margins from projects undertaken by its construction division.

Basic earnings per share for the financial quarter ended 31 March 2017 was at 2.64 sen, a significant increase from 0.72 sen for the corresponding quarter a year ago. Net assets per share also rose from RM2.19 last year to RM2.21 as at 31 March 2017.

For the financial quarter ended 31 March 2017, WCT’s Engineering and Construction Division was the primary contributor to the Group’s performance as the Division recorded an operating profit of RM30.1 million (1Q FY2016: RM3.7 million) on the back of a revenue of RM383.4 million (1Q FY2016: RM378.1 million).

Meanwhile, the Group’s Property Development and Investment Division recorded an operating profit of RM19.3 million (1QFY2016 : RM25.7 million) on the back of a revenue of RM90 million (1QFY2016 RM106.9 million). The decrease in operating profit was in line with lower revenue recognition from the Group’s property development business of RM74.8 million (1Q2016 : RM92.0 million) mainly due to slowing sales of property units.

Dato’ Lee Tuck Fook, Group Managing Director of WCT, said, “We are happy to start our 2017 financial year on a strong and positive note. Clearly, our continued focus to strengthen our construction margin has contributed to our performance for the quarter under review.”

“As we move forward, we aim to remain focused on our efforts to improve the overall margins from our construction business by pursuing higher margin infrastructure related jobs and

selective specialised building projects to add on to the Group's outstanding order book which stood at RM4.8 billion.

“For our Property Development Division, we will further intensify our marketing efforts and fine tune product delivery to increase property sales. Meanwhile, our Property Investment and Management Division is expected to continue to provide a stable income stream to the Group. This year, we will be adding new assets into our investment properties portfolio as we target to complete and open our Paradigm Mall Johor Bahru in Johor and New World Hotel in Petaling Jaya for business.

“All in all, we are cautiously optimistic as WCT is currently on track to deliver satisfactory results for the financial year ended 31 December 2017,” Dato' Lee concluded.

WCT recently announced its plan to undertake a proposed placement of up to 125 million of new ordinary shares of RM0.50 each in order to improve its cashflow. The first tranche of the proposed placement was completed on 11 April 2017 with the issuance of over 100 million ordinary shares raising a total cash proceeds of RM178 million.

About WCT Holdings Berhad

Founded in 1981, WCT was listed on the Bursa Malaysia in 1995. Currently with 2,000 employees and presence in six countries, WCT is an investment holding company involved in engineering and construction, property development and investment & management activities. Its engineering and construction expertise covers F1 racing circuits, airports, dams and water supply schemes, expressways and highways, civil works, interior fit-out works and buildings. The company's property development and investment & management portfolio includes townships, luxury homes, high-rise residences, industrial properties, offices, integrated commercial developments, concessions, hotels and shopping malls. WCT owns and operates Première Hotel, Klang and owns 3 shopping malls – Bukit Tinggi Shopping Centre in Klang, Paradigm Mall in Petaling Jaya, and the integrated complex – gateway@klia2 in Sepang, Selangor. WCT currently has a land bank of approximately 950 acres in Malaysia. For more information about WCT, please visit wct.com.my.