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WCT Q2 Profit Jumps 110%

PETALING JAYA, Monday, 27 August 2018 – WCT Holdings Berhad (“WCT” or “the Group”), a leading engineering and construction as well as property company, announced today that it had registered a net profit of RM44 million for the second quarter ended 30 June 2018, a significant two-fold increase from the RM21 million recorded in the same period last year.

Revenue for the second quarter was also higher at RM670 million compared with RM383 million last year.

Cumulatively, the Group recorded a higher net profit of RM82 million for the first six months ended 30 June 2018 against RM54 million last year. Revenue for the period under review rose by 41% to RM1.21 billion from RM856 million last year. The Group’s stronger performance were primarily due to higher construction billings from local infrastructure projects and lower unrealised foreign exchange loss.

Basic earnings per share for the current year to date increased to 5.83 sen compared with 4.09 sen recorded in the preceding year corresponding period.

Dato’ Lee Tuck Fook, Group Managing Director of WCT, said, “Our efforts in expanding our construction portfolio, specifically within the domestic infrastructure sector has continued to bear fruit, with our outstanding order book now standing at over RM5 billion, comprising mainly higher margin civil and infrastructural works. Moving forward, the Group intends to replenish its order book by focusing on building construction jobs to re-balance its order book to reduce its over reliance on infrastructure related jobs.”

“Our Engineering & Construction Division will remain as the primary contributor to our earnings and we are also expecting positive contribution from our Property Development Division as well as Property Investment and Management Division.”

The Group’s Engineering and Construction Division recorded an operating profit of RM98 million (2Q FY2017: RM53 million) on the back of revenue of RM932 million (2Q FY2017: RM620 million) for the six months ended 30 June 2018.

Revenue from the Property Development Division was lower at RM192 million (2QFY2017: RM205 million). Despite the lower revenue, the division recorded a higher operating profit of RM47 million (2QFY2017: RM26 million) due to land sales.

The Group's Property Investment and Management Division recorded an operating profit of RM33 million (2QFY2017: RM17 million) on the back of revenue of RM86 million (2QFY2017: RM31 million).

“For the second half of 2018, our Property Development Division will continue to intensify its marketing and sales initiatives in the effort to improve sales of existing unsold properties. In the fourth quarter of this year, we are also looking forward to the launch of Sapphire Residences at Paradigm Petaling Jaya. The single tower houses 229 contemporary chic residential units featuring four layouts, ranging from 1,001 square feet (sq ft) to 1,722 sq ft. The low-density tower features Skydeck facilities such as a 30-metre infinity pool and a floating gymnasium, overlooking the skylines of Kuala Lumpur and Petaling Jaya.”

“Additionally, our Property Investment and Management Division is expected to continue to provide a stable income stream. In order to remain competitive, we will be improving our offerings and services. We have recently undertaken our first major Asset Enhancement Initiative (AEI) for Paradigm Mall in Petaling Jaya, after six years of trading. Upon completion, the AEI is expected to add a new vibrancy to Paradigm PJ and provide enhanced shopping experience to our loyal customers and shoppers,” Dato Lee concluded.

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, dam and water supply scheme, expressways and highways, civil works, buildings and rail-based infrastructure works. The company's property development and investment & management portfolio includes townships, luxury homes, high-rise residences, integrated commercial developments, concession assets, hotels, and shopping malls. Currently, WCT owns Première Hotel in Klang and New World Hotel in Petaling Jaya and also owns four shopping malls – Bukit Tinggi Shopping Centre in Klang, the airport mall – gateway@klia2 in Sepang, Selangor, Paradigm Mall in Petaling Jaya and Paradigm Mall in Johor Bahru. In 2018, WCT ventured into the development of commercial and aviation-related infrastructure and facilities at the Skypark Airport Terminal in Subang. WCT currently has a land bank of approximately 854 acres in Malaysia. For more information about WCT, please visit www.wct.com.my.