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### **WCT Records Net Profit of RM13 million in Q3 2019**

**PETALING JAYA, 21 November 2019** – WCT Holdings Berhad (“WCT” or “the Group”), a leading engineering and construction as well as property company, announced today that it has registered a net profit attributable to equity holders of RM13 million for its third quarter ended 30 September 2019 as compared to RM25 million<sup>1</sup> in the preceding year’s corresponding quarter. The Group’s revenue for the quarter was lower at RM368 million as compared to RM386 million in the corresponding quarter in 2018.

For the 9 months ended 30 September 2019, the Group recorded a lower net profit attributable to equity holders of RM76 million as compared to RM104 million<sup>1</sup> in the corresponding period last year. The Group also registered revenue of RM1.33 billion as compared to RM1.6 billion in the preceding year’s corresponding period.

The Group’s Engineering and Construction Division posted an operating profit of RM96 million (3Q FY2018: RM121 million) on the back of revenue of RM984 million (3Q FY2018: RM1.24 billion). The lower operating profit and revenue recognition were mainly due to some of the existing projects that are nearing completion and lesser work done for the on-going projects.

Meanwhile, the Group’s Property Development Division recorded lower revenue and operating profit of RM199 million (3Q FY2018: RM225 million) and RM51 million (3Q FY2018: RM55 million) respectively. The revenue and operating profit in the corresponding period in 2018 was higher mainly due to higher revenue and profit arising from the sale of undeveloped lands in 2018. The sales of property units for the current year to date amounted to RM155 million which is higher compared to RM123 million in the preceding year’s corresponding period.

The revenue of the Group’s Property Investment and Management Division, on the other hand, soared to RM151 million (3Q FY2018: RM132 million<sup>1</sup>) due to the improved occupancy level of Paradigm Mall in Johor Bahru and higher rental income from Bukit Tinggi Shopping Mall in Klang. The division delivered slightly lower operating profit of RM73 million (3Q FY2018: RM75 million<sup>1</sup>) mainly attributable to the losses of Subang SkyPark Group of companies which was acquired since April 2018.

Basic earnings per share for the nine months period ended 30 September 2019 was recorded at 5.48 sen as compared 7.44 sen<sup>1</sup> recorded in the preceding year corresponding period.

**Dato' Lee Tuck Fook, Group Managing Director of WCT Holdings Berhad** said, "Despite the challenging operating conditions, the Group has managed to maintain satisfactory performance across all its business segments. During the quarter under review, we have also successfully lowered our net gearing ratio from 1.03 times as at 31 December 2018 to 0.65 time as at 30 September 2019 with the issuance of RM617 million nominal value of perpetual sukuk under the RM1.0 billion Perpetual Sukuk Musharakah programme which was recently established in September 2019.

Lee added, "Our Property Development Division launched two new projects, namely Aronia Apartments – a 320-unit affordable apartments to cater to the demand for affordable housing and Paradigm Residence in Johor Bahru – a 263-unit residential project worth RM170 million in gross development value, which recorded encouraging take-up rate of over 60%. All our retail malls continue to maintain high occupancy levels of 90% and above which provides a steady stream of investment income to the Group."

(<sup>1</sup>The profits for Property Investment and Management Division of the preceding year corresponding cumulative period and quarter have been restated for purpose of comparative information, in compliance with MFRS16: Lease which has been adopted by the Group with effect from 1 January 2019.)

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## **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. The Group owns five shopping malls/ centre – Bukit Tinggi Shopping Centre in Klang, the airport malls – gateway@klia2 and SkyPark Terminal in Selangor, Paradigm Mall in Petaling Jaya and Paradigm Mall in Johor Bahru. The Group also owns Première Hotel in Klang and New World Hotel in Paradigm Petaling Jaya. WCT currently has a land bank of approximately 830 acres in Malaysia. For more information about WCT, please visit [www.wct.com.my](http://www.wct.com.my).