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BANK MUAMALAT RECORDS 33.5% GROWTH IN PROFIT BEFORE TAX FOR FIRST HALF OF FINANCIAL YEAR 2016

- **Total revenue increased to RM583.4 million for first half of financial year 2016, period ending September 2015, a 10% growth from a year ago**
- **More than 10% reduction in overheads**
- **Improving gross impaired financing ratio from 2.8% to 2.5%**
- **Steady increase of 12.4% in Gross Financing**
- **Capital remained healthy with core capital and risk weighted capital ratios at 12.6% and 15.07%, respectively**

Kuala Lumpur - Bank Muamalat Malaysia Berhad (BMMB) today announced a 33.5% increase in Profit Before Tax (PBT) for its first six-months period, ending September 2015. Profit Before Tax escalated to RM92.4 million from RM69.2 million in the corresponding period in 2014.

“The improved performance was driven by a steady growth in revenue derived from a 12.4% growth in gross financing and our continuous effort in managing yields of our portfolios. Equally significant, we experienced a notable cost reduction resulting from our cost rationalization and operational efficiencies initiatives,” said Dato’ Mohd Redza Shah Abdul Wahid, Chief Executive Officer of BMMB.

Total revenue increased from RM530.6 million to RM583.4 million largely from the 11.1% growth in financing income, whilst total overheads reduced by more than 10% to RM171.6 million from RM192 million previously.

Total gross financing grew to RM14.4 billion as at end of September 2015, from RM12.8 billion in the corresponding period last year. At the same time, asset quality, as measured by gross impairment ratio, continued to improve to 2.49% from 2.8% recorded in the previous corresponding period.

The bank's key capital ratios remained at a healthy level, with core capital ratio at 12.6% and risk weighted capital ratio at 15.07%, among the highest in the industry.

"These improvements are the result of our constant effort on prudent recovery, credit risk management initiatives and better quality financing base expansion", added Dato Mohd Redza Shah Abdul Wahid.

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