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## **ATLAN REPORTS 35.5% LEAP IN EARNINGS FOR Q3FYE2017**

Declared second interim single tier ordinary dividend of RM0.10 per ordinary share

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**Atlán Holdings Berhad ("Atlán" or the "Group")**, today announced its 3rd quarter ("Q3FYE2017") results for the financial year ending 28 February 2017 with a revenue of RM181.6 million, showing a decrease of 6.3% compared to its corresponding quarter last year ("Q3FYE2016"). The drop was largely due to the lower revenue reported by Duty Free segment following the demise of King Bhumibol in October 2016 which affected negatively the tourist traffic to and from Thailand.

Despite the weaker performance from the Group's Q3FYE2017 revenue, Atlán reported a strong profit after tax ("PAT") of RM23.1 million and profit after tax and minority interest ("PATAMI") of RM16.7 million for the quarter under review, representing an increase of 35.5% and 22.1% respectively.

Reflecting on the Group's financial performance for its cumulative nine months performance for its financial year ending 28 February 2017 ("9MFY2017"), Atlán delivered a total revenue of RM613.0 million, PAT of RM57.5 million and PATAMI of RM41.9 million, representing an increase of 7.1%, 43.4%, and 34.1% respectively compared to its corresponding period, 9MFY2016.

For the 9MFY2017 under review, the Group's core business, Duty Free remains to be the core contributor of the Group with a revenue of RM481.9 million representing a 9.2% increase compared to 9MFY2016. This was contributed by the increase in sales volume and improvement in pricing for certain products as well as contributions from the new outlets at Kuala Lumpur International Airport 2 in particular the first and second quarter of financial year 2017

For 9MFY2017, the other two income streams of the Group are via (i) automotive segment which saw an increase in revenue to RM108.3, and (ii) property and hospitality segment reported a dip in revenue to RM22.3 million. The improvement in revenue in the automotive segment was mainly due to higher orders

received from its customers, whilst the marginal dip in property and hospitality segment was due to lower occupancy rate during the period under review.

As at 30 November 2016, The Group presents a healthy balance sheet with a total cash and bank balances of RM269.5 million, translating to a **net cash position of RM187.4 million.**

### **Dividend**

Atlan declares a second interim single tier ordinary dividend of RM0.10 per ordinary share for the financial year ending 28 February 2017 amounting to RM25.4 million which shall be paid on 13 March 2017. Total dividends of RM0.225 per ordinary share paid and payable by Atlan for the 9MFY2017 amounting to RM57.1 million. (9MFY2016: RM0.175 per ordinary share totalling to RM44.4 million)

### **Bonus Warrant**

On 12 January 2017, Atlan's subsidiary Duty Free International Limited ("DFIL") proposed a two (2) bonus warrants for every five (5) existing ordinary shares issue of up to 477,740,157 warrants held by the shareholders of the Company. The exercise price of the proposed bonus warrants is at S\$0.43 for each new shares at a premium of 7.5% to the last transacted price of S\$0.40 per share on the SGX-ST on 11 January 2017. This is to reward Shareholders for their loyalty and support towards the Company and by providing Shareholders with an opportunity to increase their equity participation in the Company and allow Shareholders to participate in the future growth of the Company. The proposed bonus warrants is subject to the approval of shareholders of DFIL at an Extraordinary General Meeting ("EGM") to be convened

### **Corporate Updates**

During the financial year ending 2017, DFIL had completed four placement exercises issuing a total of 89 million new ordinary shares and 5.5 million treasury shares to institutional funds, raising a total net proceeds of **RM92.8 million.**

On 1 June 2016, DFIL completed the disposal of 10% equity interest plus one share ("First Tranche Sale Shares") in DFZ Capital Berhad ("DFZ"), a wholly owned group subsidiary, to **Heinemann Asia Pacific Pte. Ltd.** for a consideration of **EUR19.7 million**, with further options to dispose a maximum of 15% equity interest in DFZ by DFIL. The said transaction values DFZ's duty free business at **EUR197 million.**

DFIL completed its **transfer from Catalist to the Mainboard** of the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited with effect from 5 October 2016.

### **About Atlan Holdings Berhad**

Atlan Holdings Bhd ("Atlan" or the "Group") is an investment holding company involved in the activities of trading of duty free and non-dutiable merchandise, auto-components manufacturing, property investment and hospitality.

Atlan's trading of duty free and non-dutiable segment is undertaken by Duty Free International Ltd and its group of subsidiaries ("DFI Group"). DFI Group's principal activity is duty free trading under the brand name "Zon" with an operating history of 38 years. The Zon is the largest multi-channel duty free and duty paid retailing brand in Malaysia that is extensively rooted at all leading entry and exit points at

international airports, seaports, international ferry terminals, border towns and popular tourist destinations.

Atlan's automotive segment is undertaken by the United Industries Group ("UI Group") where they manufacture automotive component parts including but not limited to metal fuel tanks, screw jack, and tubing etc.

Property and hospitality segment consists of property management of an office tower named "Menara Atlan", and hotel operations of a serviced apartment named "The Zon All Suites Residences on the Park".

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