



TITAN PETCHEM (M) SDN. BHD. (154990 W)

6th Floor, Bangunan Malaysian Re, No. 17, Lorong Dungun, Damansara Heights,
50490 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
T+603. 2093. 4222 F+603. 2093. 5688 www.titangroup.com

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Titan Chemicals reports 299% rise in net profit to RM538 million for twelve months ended December 2009

Kuala Lumpur, 23 February 2010 - Titan Chemicals Corp. Bhd announced group profit after tax of RM537.8 million for financial year 2009, up 299% when compared to the year 2008. Earnings per share (EPS) for the period stood at 30.1 sen.

The group profit after tax for the 4th quarter of 2009 was RM78.5 million as compared to RM486.8 million loss recorded in the corresponding quarter of 2008. The 2008 loss was due to an unprecedented industry-wide polymer-naphtha margin squeeze arising from the global financial crisis and collapse of oil price.

There is a 35% increase in sales price for the final quarter of 2009 resulting in a 26% increase in revenue from RM1,255.3 million to RM1,583.8 million over the corresponding quarter of last year.

For financial year 2009, the Group's sales volume have increased by 2% while fixed operating and finance expenses were reduced by 4% and 42% respectively.

The Group's borrowing have reduced from RM1,814.4 million as at 31 December 2008 to RM948.4 million as at 31 December 2009. Gearing ratio has reduced significantly from 38% to 21%.

Profit before tax for the fourth quarter ended 31 December 2009 stood at RM46.6 million, 79% lower as compared to RM224.1 million registered in the preceding quarter. This is due to an increase in naphtha prices and a reduction in polymer prices.

Group sales revenue registered a 4% increase from RM1,521.9 million in the preceding quarter to RM1,583.8 million for the fourth quarter ended 31 December 2009. The increase was mainly driven by a 9% increase in the sales volume.

We expect the business environment under current economic conditions to be challenging but with positive contributions from our integrated business.

ABOUT TITAN CHEMICALS CORP. BHD.

In 2005, Titan Chemicals was listed on the main board of Bursa Malaysia. It is the first and largest integrated producer of petrochemicals and polymers in Malaysia. The main products are olefins (ethylene and propylene) and polyolefins (polyethylene and polypropylene). It has ten world-class manufacturing plants located on two integrated industrial sites in Pasir Gudang and Tanjung Langsat, Johor. In Indonesia, Titan Chemicals has the largest manufacturing capacity for polyethylene and the second largest manufacturing capacity for Biaxially Oriented Polypropylene (BOPP).

Titan Chemicals Corp. Bhd. started as a joint venture between The Chao Group and Permodalan Nasional Berhad (PNB), through its wholly-owned subsidiary, PNB Equity Resources (PERC). The Chao Group is globally active in petrochemicals and plastics. Apart from the Titan Chemicals investment, The Chao Group also owns a majority share of Westlake Chemical Corporation which is listed on the New York Stock Exchange. The PNB group has grown to be the country's leading investment institution with a diversified portfolio of interests that include unit trusts, institution property trust, property management and asset management.

Plant Location: PLO 312, Jalan Tembaga 4, Pasir Gudang Industrial Estate, 81700 Pasir Gudang, Johor, Malaysia.
T+607. 253. 8888 F+607. 251. 7881

Titanex® • Titanlene® • Titanzex® • Titanceed® • Titanpro®

For more information, please log onto our website: www.titangroup.com

For queries, please contact:

Encik Azhar Naron

VP, Corporate Affairs

03-2093-4222 or email azharnaron@titangroup.com