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Titan Chemicals reports 112% rise in net profit to RM459 million for nine months ended September 2009

Kuala Lumpur, 27 October 2009 - Titan Chemicals Corp. Bhd announced group profit after tax of RM459.4 million for the first nine months of 2009, up 112% when compared to the corresponding period in 2008. Earnings per share (EPS) for the period stood at 25.66 sen.

For the third quarter of 2009, Titan delivered a profit after tax of RM 146.5 million, significantly higher as compared to RM9.9 million recorded in third quarter 2008 with improved polymer-naphtha margin.

There is a 28% decrease in sales price in tandem with a drop in oil price resulting in a reduction in revenue for the third quarter ended 30 September 2009 by 26% to RM1,521.9 million over the corresponding quarter of last year.

Year to date, the Group's sales volume have increased by 5% while fixed operating and finance expenses were reduced by 12% and 32% respectively.

With good operating cash flow, the Group's borrowing is reduced from RM1,955.6 million as at 30 September 2008 to RM1,017.2 million as at 30 September 2009. Gearing ratio has reduced from 39% to 26%.

Profit before tax for the third quarter ended 30 September 2009 was RM224.1 million or 22% higher than the RM183.5 million in the preceding quarter. There were improved margins and lower fixed operating and finance expenses for the third quarter 2009. Profit after tax for the third quarter of 2009 was lower due to higher provision of deferred tax.

Group sales revenue registered an 11% increase from RM1,374.1 million in the preceding quarter to RM1,521.9 million for the third quarter ended 30 September 2009. The increase was mainly driven by a 15% increase in the average selling price.

Demand for polymer products for the last quarter of the year is expected to be sustained. Margin however may be affected by the additional polymer supply from new manufacturing plants in the Middle East and China.

We expect positive contribution from our integrated business for the remainder of 2009.

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

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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.

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