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### **Ranhill Revenue Up by 5.5%**

*Moves Closer to Becoming Total Solutions Provider in Environment & Power*

**JOHOR BAHRU, April 11, 2019** – Ranhill Holdings Berhad (Ranhill) views growing population, urban migration and infrastructure development as key factors that will have a positive impact on demand for clean water and power.

Tan Sri Hamdan Mohamad, Ranhill Group President and Chief Executive, said, "These macro factors are expected to bode well for the Group given our business model and proven capabilities in providing multiple services in the environment and power sectors locally and overseas. Looking ahead, our approach will focus on delivering comprehensive and sustainable infrastructure solutions that can support socio economic growth of communities."

"Last year was yet another solid year of growth despite economic uncertainties on the home front and globally. The Group remains cautiously optimistic on market prospects this year and we are maintaining our growth direction with specific targets to be achieved by 2022 through strategies that leverage our core strengths, namely, water production and distribution, non-revenue water (NRW), wastewater treatment and combined cycle gas turbine power generation (CCGT)."

For its financial year ended December 31, 2018 (FY2018), the Group registered a 5.5% increase in revenue to RM1.56 billion from RM1.48 billion previously. Profit before tax stood at RM152.1 million, while profit after tax for FY2018 was RM85.5 million.

In line with its commitment to enhance shareholder value, the Group declared a total dividend payment of 6 sen per share for the year under review and this amounts to a total dividend payout of RM53.3 million.

According to Ranhill, the rise in revenue was due to stronger contribution from its environment sector, which continued to remain the main contributor, accounting for approximately 80% of the Group's earnings. Its subsidiary company Ranhill SAJ Sdn Bhd (RanhillSaj) for FY2018 recorded a 5.3% increase in treated water revenue to RM1.19 billion, from RM1.13 billion in the previous year.

The Group maintained its lead position in NRW management in the country, making further headway in Johor last year where NRW levels were further reduced to 24.19% from 24.5%, which is equivalent to savings of RM5.8 million. As a result, Johor continues to have the lowest NRW per kilometre of pipe length nationwide.

Ranhill's overseas operations continued to make progress in FY2018, with its total treatment capacity growing to 336 million litres daily (MLD) from 290 MLD. China alone grew by 18.4% to 222 MLD compared to 187.5 MLD in 2017, while Thailand increased by 11.76% to 114 MLD compared to 102 MLD the year before.

Tan Sri Hamdan added, "This year will see us tapping opportunities that arise in Thailand's industrial sector following the completion of a reclamation water treatment plant in the country's Amata Industrial Park. With the completion of this project, Ranhill has two water reclamation projects in Thailand with a total capacity of 17 MLD whilst we are also pursuing industrial water and wastewater treatment projects from other industrial parks in the country as the Thai Government continues to focus on making advances in its water infrastructure."

"Moving forward, we will continue to seek out viable opportunities in the water sector, both locally and in regional markets. Our target by 2022 is to reach 3,000 million litres daily (MLD) water and wastewater treatment capacity, of which 400 MLD would be derived from overseas projects."

On the power front, Ranhill sees tremendous potential in CCGT power plants. Earlier this year, it inked a collaborative agreement with Thailand-based Treasure Specialty Co. Ltd, which is the Group's advisor on water projects in Thailand, to jointly bid to establish a proposed 1,150 megawatt plant in Kedah as part of its aim to expand its power generation footprint regionally. All power generated here would be exported to Southern Thailand.

“Our ongoing development will also be premised on collaborations that can enhance our technology and capabilities. Our goal is to ultimately become a full-service provider with the expertise and capacity to provide customised and sustainable solutions based on individual requirements, be it here in Malaysia or overseas. We are confident through this and other strategic plans, we can drive growth over the long term,” concluded Tan Sri Hamdan.

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