

MUMTALAKAT REPORTS 2010 FINANCIAL RESULTS

IMPROVED FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE; SIGNIFICANT MILESTONES ACHIEVED

Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain – December 20, 2011: Bahrain Mumtalakat Holding Company B.S.C (c) (“Mumtalakat”), the investment arm of the Kingdom of Bahrain, announced today its financial results for the year ended 31 December 2010, which showed improved financial performance as well as continued progress towards building a solid foundation for the future.

Talal Al Zain, CEO of Mumtalakat, said, “During the course of 2010 we achieved a number of key targets, including taking steps towards rebalancing our portfolio and improving our long term financial position. With a strong foundation now in place we are well positioned to take the next steps towards making additional investments to enhance and diversify our holdings. Whilst there will inevitably be some economic impact on certain portfolio companies due to the recent events in Bahrain, we have confidence in the resilience of our overall investment portfolio. At Mumtalakat we have a responsibility to support Bahrain’s economy over the long-term through intelligent investments that also have the potential to generate attractive returns. We believe there are numerous such opportunities out there that Mumtalakat is well positioned to develop.”

Mumtalakat registered 15% growth in revenues, from BD1.04 billion in 2009 to BD 1.19 billion for the year ended 31 December 2010, principally due to a strong performance by Aluminium Bahrain (“Alba”) following the operational restructuring activities last year, supported by a recovery in the price of aluminium and increased sales of higher premium, value-added aluminium products. Gross profits for 2010 more than doubled to BD133.1 million, compared to BD49.7 million in 2009.

Following the achievement of a number of significant milestones for Mumtalakat, including receiving ratings from Standard and Poor’s and Fitch, carrying out a successful US\$750 million bond offering and completing an offering of 10% of Mumtalakat’s ownership stake in Alba, on the Bahrain and London stock exchanges, the Company is in a more solid financial position.

As a result of the bond offering, Mumtalakat has improved its debt maturity profile, reducing short-term borrowings as a percentage of total borrowings to 23.8% in 2010 from 45.7% in 2009. Overall borrowings increased marginally to BD1.16 billion from BD1.15 billion. Due to an increase in total equity, by 12.5% to BD3.25 billion, net debt to equity as at 31 December 2010 reduced to 20.5%, from 35.7% as at 31 December 2009.

On a consolidated basis, Mumtalakat reported a loss of BD48.9 million, which was significantly lower than the BD123.4 million operating loss reported in 2009. This was due to strong growth in gross margins and an improved operating performance across the portfolio.

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About Mumtalakat

Mumtalakat is the investment company for the Kingdom of Bahrain, and was established in June 2006 by Royal Decree as an independent holding company for the government of Bahrain's strategic non-oil and gas related assets. Mumtalakat was created to align and implement the execution of the government's initiatives to pursue value-enhancing opportunities, improve transparency and help achieve operational excellence for its state-owned non-oil and gas related assets. Mumtalakat holds stakes in over 35 commercial enterprises spanning a variety of sectors, including aluminium production, financial services, telecommunications, real estate, tourism, transportation, and food production.