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TH PLANTATIONS REPORTS 1H FY2013 PROFIT AFTER TAX OF RM16.72 MILLION

Robust growth in production outweighed by lower commodity prices

Kuala Lumpur, 20 August 2013 – TH Plantations Berhad (“THP” or “the Group”) today announced its second quarter (“2Q13”) and first half (“1H13”) financial results for the period ended 30 June 2013, reporting a 1H13 profit after tax of RM16.72 million on the back of RM185.26 million revenue. 1H13 EBITDA was RM57.71 million, only 20% lower compared to the corresponding period last year, despite the significantly lower commodity prices. The impact of lower prices was partially offset by strong growth in Fresh Fruit Bunches (“FFB”) and Crude Palm Oil (“CPO”) productions, which were higher by 59% and 41% respectively. FFB yields for the first six months of the year strengthened by 12%. Better operational efficiencies also saw improved 1H13 unit production costs for the Group, which further helped moderate the impact of lower prices. The Group’s CPO production cost declined by 13% to RM1,125 per metric tonne and estate production cost declined by 32% to RM193 per metric tonne. This was achieved through the Group’s agronomic improvements in its plantation practices.

For 2Q13, the Group’s revenue declined only by 4% year-on-year, driven by stronger production and better cost efficiencies. FFB and CPO productions grew by 65% and 52% respectively, while FFB yield grew 16% as compared to 2Q12. Overall, operational performance for the Group also improved against 1Q13, with FFB and CPO productions improving by 12% and 13% respectively.

Commenting on the performance of the Group, Dato’ Zainal Azwar bin Zainal Aminuddin, Chief Executive Officer and Executive Director of THP said “We are pleased to note that the production of FFB and CPO have grown substantially in the first half of the year, post acquisitions, and we are optimistic that we will meet our full year production estimates. The acquisitions made in 2012 and early this year have contributed healthily to the Group, and we expect the trend to grow positively over the next few years as more areas come into maturity.”

He added, “Nevertheless, our strengthened production and improved operational efficiencies have been outweighed by the continued downtrend in commodity prices. Our bottom line is also further impacted by higher non-cash amortisation costs and finance costs that we have incurred following the sizeable expansion we undertook recently. While we hope that CPO prices will improve in the near future, we are also looking into further improving our efficiencies to help improve profitability. We are also exploring the idea of diversifying our income stream. We have started developing rubber as our secondary crop and now assessing the feasibility of going downstream in Sarawak.”



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The Group now has 97,712 hectares of land throughout Malaysia, of which about 60,000 hectares have been planted with oil palm. The Group has also earmarked 14,000 hectares of land for the development of rubber plantations. In the medium term, the Group is exploring the possibility of building a palm oil refinery and targets to have the refinery commissioned by early 2016.

About TH Plantations Berhad

THP is a subsidiary of **TH**, incorporated on the 28 August 1972 and listed on the main board of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad on 27 April 2006. Its principal activities are investment holding, cultivation of oil palm, processing of fresh fruit bunches (“FFB”), marketing of crude palm oil, palm kernel and FFB.

As at 30 June 2012, THP Group has a total plantation land bank of approximately 91,712 Ha located in Pahang, Johor, Negeri Sembilan, Terengganu, Sabah and Sarawak. THP Group owns and operates six palm oil mills located in Johor, Pahang, Negeri Sembilan, Sabah and Sarawak with a total FFB processing capacity of 1,140,000 metric tonnes per annum. For further information please visit <http://www.thplantations.my/>