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To : President  
The Stock Exchange of Thailand

CIMB Thai Bank PCL is pleased to report its unaudited financial results for the year ending 31 December 2009.

The unaudited financial statements show that CIMB Thai consolidated achieved a small profit for the full financial year ending 31 December 2009, with a net profit of THB1.7million. These improved earnings were a result of 2 successive quarters of profitable operations. Our core operating performance continued to improve but was hindered by several negative one-offs items such as large provision for NPL in the second quarter and assets write off in the fourth quarter.

CIMB Thai achieved a 6% Y-o-Y growth in revenue to THB6.9 billion and net profit of THB1.7 million in 2009. Performance dipped Q-o-Q with revenue decreasing by 19% to THB1.6 billion and profit by 91% to THB 42 million. The 2009 performance was largely driven by a 229% expansion in Non Interest Income on the back of robust fee income, gains from sale of investments and dividend income from investments. The Group's total gross loans shrank 7% Y-o-Y but grew 6% Q-o-Q as the bank started to gain momentum in lending business following realignment of our business in the first half of the year. Strategies to rightsizing the deposit book continued in Q409 had lowered funding costs and helped improve our NIM further. The deposit base fell by 45% since December 2008 as part of better balance sheet management resulting in lowering funding costs. The loan to deposit ratio had shown better utilization at 97% (88% if include Bill of Exchange) as at December 2009 from 58% in the same period last year.

CIMB Thai improved its asset quality by reducing total gross non-performing loans ("NPL") by 6% Y-o-Y and 4.7% Q-o-Q. CIMB Thai loan loss provisions for the year was THB 1.2bn – a 50% reduction from 2008 as we better managed our NPL during the year. Loan loss coverage was at 62.2%.

Management's efforts to reduce costs and improve efficiency reduced operating expenses by 8% Y-o-Y but increased 9% Q-o-Q due to one-time write off of the unused development cost of core banking systems. For full year 2009, cost to income ratio was 82.4% compared with 94% in full year 2008.

CIMB Thai's Tier 1 capital and total capital adequacy ratios remained above regulatory required level at 6% and 13% respectively (based on Basel II framework).



With the commitment of management together with various initiatives and transformation programs, CIMB Thai has achieved a turnaround in its performance to breakeven after 3 years of losses. The year 2009 has been the year of rebuilding the business, transforming the processes, building franchise as well as restructuring our internal organization to better service our clients.

Yours faithfully

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