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Subject: CIMB Thai Group consolidated unreviewed financial results for the three months ended 31 March 2016

To : President
The Stock Exchange of Thailand

Dear Sir,

On behalf of CIMB Thai Bank PCL, I am pleased to submit the unreviewed consolidated financial results for the three months ended 31 March 2016. The key summaries are as follows:

For the three months ended 31 March 2016, CIMB Thai group recorded a consolidated net profit of THB 327.3 million, a year-on-year (YoY) increase of THB 196.7 million or 150.6% from 3M2015. The increase in income was mainly attributed to a commendable growth in net interest income of 24.9% and a 1.5% decrease in operating expenses, partially offset by lower net fee and service income of 18.3% and other operating income of 7.8%. The 12.6% YoY increase in provisions is reflective of our cautious stance in the event of possible changes in the economic environment.

On a YoY basis, consolidated operating income for CIMB Thai group increased by THB 351.0 million, or 11.8% from 3M2015 to THB 3,314.6 million. The higher operating income was mainly due to higher net interest income of THB 476.0 million or 24.9%, arising from loan expansion and lower interest expenses. Net fee and service income decreased by THB 74.9 million or 18.3%, mainly from lower debt capital market and insurance fees. Other operating income decreased by THB 50.1 million or 7.8% due to the softer treasury businesses, partially moderated by higher gains on investment and other operating income.

Operating expenses decreased by THB 26.6 million or 1.5%, mainly from employee expenses, premises and equipment expenses and other operating expenses. The cost to income ratio decreased to 53.0% in 3M2016 compared to 60.1% in 3M2015 as a result of better cost management and increased income.

Net Interest Margin (NIM) over earning assets stood at 3.72% in 3M2016, compared to 2.95% in 3M2015 resulting from the back of better controls on the cost of funds.

As at 31 March 2016, total gross loans (inclusive of loans guaranteed by other banks and loans to financial institutions) stood at THB 200.4 billion, an increase of THB 1.4 billion or 0.7% from 31 December 2015. Deposits (inclusive of Bill of Exchanges, Debentures and selected Structured Deposit Products) stood at THB 205.8 billion, a decrease of 5.7% from THB 218.4 billion at the end of December 2015. As a result, the Modified Loan to Deposit Ratio increased to 97.4% from 91.1% as at 31 December 2015.

The gross non-performing loans ("NPL") stood at THB 6.2 billion, with an equivalent gross NPL ratio of 3.0%. This is a decrease from 3.1% as at 31 December 2015. The reduction in NPL was mainly due to more stringent credit risk assessment, effective risk management policies, improvements in loan collection processes and continued management of the Bank's NPLs.



CIMB Thai Group's loan loss coverage ratio increased to 115.0% as at 31 March 2016 from 106.5% at the end of December 2015 as the conservative reserve policy. As at 31 March 2016, our total provisions stood at THB 7.1 billion showing an excess of THB 3.3 billion over Bank of Thailand's reserve requirements.

Total consolidated capital funds as at 31 March 2016 stood at THB 34.6 billion. BIS ratio stood at 15.0%, 10.8% of which comprised Tier-1-capital.

Yours faithfully,

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President and Chief Executive Officer
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