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THIRD CONSECUTIVE FUND RAISING SUCCESS OF PROJECT AR-RAHN ON IAP BY BANK MUAMALAT MALAYSIA BERHAD

Kuala Lumpur, 12 April 2018 – Muamalat Venture Sdn Bhd ("MVSB"), a wholly- owned subsidiary of Bank Muamalat Malaysia Berhad ("Bank Muamalat" or the "Bank") had successfully launched Project Ar-Rahn 3, its third listing on Investment Account Platform (IAP). Similar to the 2 previous Ar-Rahn listings in 2017 and earlier this year, Project Ar-Rahn 3 is an investment in a share of aggregate capital contribution of MVSB under the Musharakah Joint Venture (Musharakah JV) with Permodalan Kelantan Berhad ("PKB"), in selected branches of Islamic pawn broking (Ar-Rahnu) business activities.

Bank Muamalat, as the Sponsoring Bank for Project Ar-Rahn 3, announced that the offer period for Project Ar-Rahn 3 started on 2nd April 2018 and received an encouraging response from prospective retail and institutional investors. The investment of RM20.0 million in Project Ar-Rahn 3 is scheduled to commence on the 13th -April 2018 for a tenure of one (1) year and is expected to generate an attractive return of 7.00% per annum to investors.

Project Ar-Rahn 3 is the third sequel of IAP offering that places the musharakah or partnership between Permodalan Kelantan Berhad (PKB) and Muamalat Venture Sdn Bhd (MVSB) as an investment venture. MVSB and PKB had, in 2008, formed an unincorporated joint venture for investment in the operations of Ar-Rahnu business, with each partner contributing capital according to an agreed capital contribution ratio in several identified branches. The Musharakah JV with PKB currently comprises fourteen (14) branches located in Kelantan and Sabah, which are governed by separate partnership agreements albeit on similar terms.

The successful listing of projects to date on the IAP platform such as Project Ar-Rahn 3 with its attractive returns has managed to attract new investors to the Bank and widen the options of investment opportunities for potential investors at large.

It has also helped to introduce the relatively new IAP platform to a wider investor base. IAP is a centralized multi bank platform spearheaded by a consortium of six Malaysian Islamic Financial Institutions to market investment account (IA) products. Launched by Bank Negara Malaysia, the platform provides a new financing option for entrepreneurs with viable projects and in turn opportunities for the general public to finance these projects and earn competitive returns. The process will be intermediated by the Islamic member banks such as Bank Muamalat.



In 2018, IAP is targeting to breach the RM 150.0 mio target amount of assets to be listed in its platform. The Officer-in-Charge of IAP Integrated Sdn Bhd, Mohd Muzamir believes with the right combination of tenure and risk-and-return profile, IAP listings can be a hit with investors looking for investment with attractive returns.

Further information on Project Ar-Rahnu 3 and IAP can be found at <u>www.iaplatform.com</u>.

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