



PERWAJA HOLDINGS BERHAD

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PERWAJA GARNERS STRONG SUPPORT FOR ITS IPO

Kuala Lumpur, 8 August 2008 – Integrated upstream primary steel producer **Perwaja Holdings Berhad** (“Perwaja” or “the Group”) has announced that its initial public offering (“IPO”) of 150 million has been over-subscribed.

At the close of the application list at 5 p.m. on 6 August 2008:

- the Group received acceptance and excess applications for an aggregate of 126,378,419 shares under the restricted offer, representing an over-subscription rate of 24.5% over 101,476,000 shares allocated at a discounted price of RM2.23 each;
- 26,124,000 shares made available for private placement at the IPO price of RM2.90 apiece have been fully placed out;
- 11,200,000 reserved for associates of Kinsteel Group were also fully subscribed at the IPO price; and
- The remaining 11,200,000 shares made available for public subscription at the IPO price was 189% over-subscribed, with overwhelming applications for 32,390,000 shares received in total.

Commenting on the response, YBhg Tan Sri Abu Sahid bin Mohamed, Chairman of Perwaja said, “We are delighted with the response to our IPO from the investment community at large, and the confidence the market has in the Group. Going forward, we believe Perwaja will be able to leverage its position as a listed entity to capitalize on the business opportunities that present themselves.”

“The management of Perwaja would like to express its appreciation for the support of all applicants, particularly Kinsteel minority shareholders, in this listing which is expected to be the largest IPO for the year with a market capitalization of about RM1.6 billion. We would like to assure all shareholders of our commitment towards taking Perwaja to new heights of excellence,” YBhg Tan Sri Dato’ Pheng Yin Huah, Managing Director of Perwaja added.



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Trading of Perwaja shares on the Main Board of Bursa Malaysia is expected to commence at 9 a.m. on 20 August 2008. RHB Investment Bank Bhd is the adviser, managing underwriter, underwriter, placement agent and facility agent. Affin Investment Bank Berhad, AmInvestment Bank Berhad and OSK Investment Bank Berhad are also the underwriters of this listing. In addition, ZJ Advisory Sdn Bhd acts as the financial advisor for the IPO.

Going forward, Perwaja plans to increase its production capacity of DRI and semi-finished long steel products, by upgrading its DRI reactors and re-commissioning its three existing electric arc furnaces, thus increasing the Group's annual production capacity of DRI and semi-finished long steel products to 1.8 million tonnes and 2.6 million tonnes respectively.

The Group also plans to expand its product range via the development of new steel grades, in addition to introducing novel products, such as semi-finished flat steel products.

About Perwaja Holdings Berhad

Perwaja Holdings Berhad is a leading upstream producer of primary steel products in Malaysia. The Group manufactures and supplies direct reduced iron (DRI) and semi-finished long steel products like beam-blanks & blooms. Amongst its range of products, the Group also produces billets. Its production facilities are located in Kemaman, Terengganu, which has to date a DRI production capacity of 1.5 million metric tonnes and a billet, beam-blanks and blooms production capacity of 1.3 million metric tonnes. Today, Perwaja's products are used mainly in the manufacturing, construction and infrastructure industries.

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