



Burgan Bank Group reports KD 50.6 million net profits for 2011

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Kuwait – 18 February 2012: Burgan Bank Group announced today significantly improved financial results for the year ended December 31st, 2011. The group posted KD 50.6 million net profit, 10 times increase from the same period of 2010 reported at KD 4.7 Million. Results reflect a successful turnaround process that delivered a robust financial year. The bank has restored its pre-crisis profitability levels, and its regional subsidiaries have also recorded profits and continue to be on a growth trajectory. The Board of Directors recommended a payout of 10 fils as a cash dividend and 5% as bonus shares subject to the approval of the annual general assembly meeting.

Burgan Bank Group's operating profits grew 15% from last year to reach KD 102 Million, in 2010, Operating profits reported at KD 89 Million excluding a one time consolidation gain of KD 11 million. Earnings per share stood at 35.3 fils compared to 3.4 fils for the same period in 2010.

The consolidated financials include the results of the bank's operations in Kuwait, as well as its subsidiaries, namely, Bank of Baghdad, Gulf Bank Algeria, Tunis International Bank, and Jordan Kuwait Bank, in which Burgan Bank has a majority stake.

Mr. Majed Essa Al Ajeel, Chairman of Burgan Bank said: “The group’s performance during 2011 reflects the prudent approach we have been adopting as well as our focus on strategic goals. We have been able to build up a total of KD 16 million in provisions, and realizing the positive returns of the well-executed corporate strategy. The results reiterate our foremost commitment to our shareholders as well as our customers, and we are optimistic that we will continue achieving sound results.”

“On behalf of the board, I take this opportunity to thank the executive management team and staff led by Mr. Eduardo Eguren, Chief Executive Officer of Burgan Bank, for their continuous hard work and delivery of strong results. I also take this opportunity to express our gratitude towards our customers and shareholders for their continued confidence in our capabilities,” added Mr. Al Ajeel.