



**Top Glove Corporation Bhd**

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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE FIRST QUARTER ENDED NOVEMBER 30, 2010 (Q1FY2011)

**Klang, Dec 15, 2010** – Top Glove Corporation Bhd (Top Glove) today announced sales revenue of RM491.5 million and profit after tax of RM36.1 million for the first quarter (1st September to 30 November 2010) of the financial year ending August 31, 2011.

The 3 months to 30 Nov 2010 has been a challenging quarter for the Group due to headwinds such as persistently high latex prices and the continued weakening of the US dollar coupled with the time lag in passing on the higher costs to its customers, which have affected the Group's profit margins. Average latex prices rose by 57% from RM4.58 per kg in 1Q2010 to RM7.20 per kg in 1Q2011 while the average US dollar weakened against the ringgit by 9.3% (RM3.43 in 1Q2010 versus RM3.11 in 1Q2011).

In addition, demand for rubber gloves, which has been normalizing coupled with the excess capacity situation, have also impacted the industry. At the same time, customers kept their inventory level at a minimum level due to high selling prices of latex gloves, which reflected the increasing cost of latex prices.

Top Glove will continue to share some of these higher costs with its customers, even though there will be a time lag for the higher cost to be passed down to them.

The Group is also dedicating more production lines to produce nitrile gloves, which command better margins and not subjected to the volatility in latex prices.

Nevertheless, this adverse situation will possibly lead to further consolidation among the industry players and Top Glove is in a good position to further enlarge its business when the opportunities arise.

Top Glove's balance sheet position was further strengthened with a net cash position of RM342.9 million.

“The first quarter just ended proved to be a challenging one for Top Glove. Although volatility in commodity prices, in particular, latex prices and the weakening US dollar will continue to impact the industry, we are optimistic that Top Glove will sustain its profitability,” said Top Glove chairman Tan Sri Dato Sri Lim Wee Chai.

Tan Sri Lim added that the Group was committed to strengthening its leadership position within the rubber glove industry through continued focus on enhancing its quality through research and development, innovation, manufacturing process reengineering, efficient cost reduction and running its business with honesty, integrity and transparency.

“We believe that although demand for gloves has slowed down as it started to normalize, this is only be in the short term as demand is expected to pick up over the longer term especially from the healthcare sector and emerging markets,” Tan Sri Lim concluded.

Please refer to attached file for additional information on Top Glove's performance.

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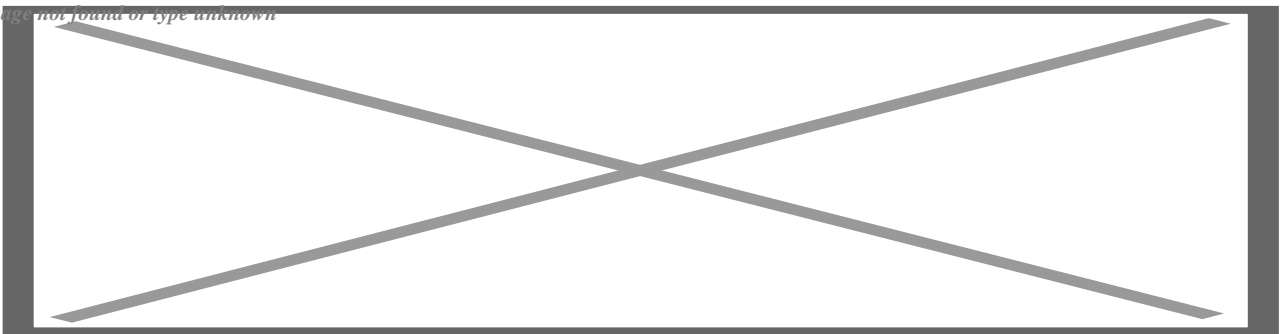
**About Top Glove Corporation Berhad:**

Top Glove Corporation Berhad was listed on the Second Board of the Kuala Lumpur Stock Exchange in 2001 and was transferred to the Main Board on May 16, 2002. The company is one of the component stocks of the FTSE Bursa Malaysia (“FBM”) Mid 70 Index, FBM Top 100 Index and FBM Emas Index.

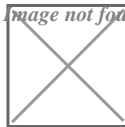
Top Glove is currently the world’s largest rubber glove manufacturer with good and established corporate culture and business direction of consistently producing top quality gloves at efficient low cost. Top Glove has more than 900 customers worldwide and exports to more than 180 countries.

***Summary of key information :***

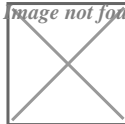
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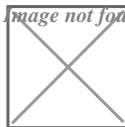
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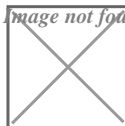
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