# **PRESS RELEASE**

For the period ended June 30, 2017

# MPHC DECLARES NET PROFIT OF QR 469 MILLION FOR THE FIRST HALF OF 2017

- Profits marginally lower by 4% on previous year.
- Performance significantly exceeds the group's budget.
- Strong liquidity position with closing cash of QR 876
  million held by the company as at 30 June, 2017 after
  distribution of previous years' dividends of QR 717
  million.
- Tax refund of QR 43 million booked for the period ended 30 June 2017.

**DOHA, QATAR, 6/8/2017** - Mesaieed Petrochemical Holding Company ("MPHC" or "the group"; QE: MPHC), a subsidiary of Qatar Petroleum and one of the region's premier diversified petrochemical conglomerates with interests in the production of olefins, polyolefins, alpha olefins and chlor-alkali products, announced its financial results for the six month period ended June 30, 2017, with a net profit of QR 468.6 million.

# **Financial Results**

MPHC reported a net profit of QR 468.6 million for the six month period ended June 30, 2017 with earnings per share of QR 0.37 and profit marginally down by 4% on the first half of 2016. Reduced sales volumes on periodic turnaround in some of the group companies' plants is offset by the increase in selling prices. The financial performance significantly exceeded the group's budget expectations.

The group's profit for the period was also aided by recognition of a tax refund of approximately QR 42.8 million for the period. The group continued to benefit from the supply of competitively priced ethane feedstock and fuel gas under long-term supply agreements. This contracting arrangement is an important value driver for the group's profitability in a challenging market condition.

The closing cash position after the first six months of operations and after distribution of previous years' dividends of QR 716.5 million, was a robust QR 876.3 million as at June 30, 2017. The total assets at June 30, 2017 was QR 14.1 billion, compared to QR 14.4 billion as at 31 December 2016.

The group is closely monitoring the effect of the blockade and is amending the flow of operations and activities when deemed necessary.

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Mesaieed Petrochemical Holding Company's accounting year follows the calendar year. No adjustment has been made for leap years. Where applicable, all values refer to Mesaieed Petrochemical Holding Company's share. Values expressed in QR billions and percentages have been rounded to 1 decimal point. All other values have been rounded to the nearest whole number. Values expressed in US \$'s have been translated at the rate of US \$1 = QR3.64.

#### **DEFINITIONS**

Cash Realisation Ratio: Cash Flow From Operations / Net Profit x 100 • Debt to Equity: (Current Debt + Long-Term Debt) / Equity x 100 • Dividend Yield: Total Cash Dividend / Closing Market Capitalisation x 100 • EDC: Ethylene Dichloride • EPS: Earnings per Share (Net Profit / Number of Ordinary Shares outstanding at the year end) • EBITDA: Earnings Before Interest, Tax, Depreciation and Amortisation • Free Cash Flow: Cash Flow From Operations - Total CAPEX • HCL: Hydrochloric Acid • HDPE: High Density Polyethylene • NAO: Normal Alpha Olefins • NaOH: Caustic Soda • MT / PA: Metric Tons Per Annum • Payout Ratio: Total Cash Dividend / Net Profit x 100 • P/E: Price to Earnings (Closing market capitalisation / Net Profit) • Utilisation: Production Volume / Rated Capacity x 100 • VCM: Vinyl Chloride Monomer

### **ABOUT MPHC**

Mesaieed Petrochemical Holding Company Q.S.C. ("MPHC") was incorporated as a Qatari joint stock company on May 29, 2013 with an agreed effective date for the transfer of Qatar Petroleum's previous shareholding in the joint ventures of September 1, 2013. The registered office is located at P.O. Box 3212, Doha, State of Qatar. The main activity of MPHC is to act as a holding company: (i) Q-Chem is currently owned by MPHC (49%), Chevron Phillips Chemical International Qatar Holdings L.L.C. ("CPCIQH") (49%) and QP (2%), and has one wholly-owned subsidiary, Q-Chem Distribution Company Limited, (ii) Q-Chem II is currently owned by MPHC (49%), CPCIQH (49%) and QP (2%), and has one wholly-owned subsidiary, Q-Chem II Distribution Company Limited, and an effective ownership interest of 53.85% in a joint venture, Ras Laffan Olefins Company Limited, which supplies ethylene to Q-Chem II; and (iii) QVC, which was incorporated in 1997 as a joint venture, and is currently owned by MPHC (55.2%), Qapco (31.9%) and QP (12.9%).

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