

BCFC AGM approves 25% cash dividends

The Annual General Meeting of Bahrain Commercial Facilities Company BSC (trading code: BCFC) held on the company's headquarter Tuesday 29th March 2022, have approved a cash dividend of 25 fils per share (25% of paid-up capital). The Group has reported a net profit of BD 6.2 million for the year ended 31 December 2021 compared to a net loss of BD 4.3 million last year. This results in a basic and diluted earnings per share of 31 Fils (2020: (21) Fils). The Group registered a total comprehensive income of BD 9.5 million compared to a comprehensive loss of BD 8.0 million achieved during the same period last year. The Company has achieved a net interest income of BD 20.2 million, 14% below the same period last year (2020: BD 23.5 million). The Company has achieved a total operating income of BD 32.7 million which is 3% behind last year (2020: BD 33.8 million).

On this occasion, Mr. Abdulrahman Fakhro, the Chairman of the Board expressed his appreciation for the Group results. He stated that the annual financial results in the context of prevailing challenging economic environment is remarkable. The Group has taken many proactive steps to safeguard the shareholders interest and long-term growth of their investments. The Company shall continue to support its loyal customer base through products and services tailored to their needs.

Commenting on the yearend results, Mr. Abdulla Bukhawa, the Chief Executive Officer, stated that, "Our customers' needs are evolving, and the Company will adapt by introducing products and services to address the aspirations of a new generation of customers, as well as enhance the experience of our existing customers. The Company enjoys a strong equity base and shall continue to look for opportunities to further diversify its revenue streams and increase shareholders' value.

In 2021, Bahrain Credit achieved a net profit of BD 4.4 million (2020: net loss of BD 3.6 million). The company has practiced extreme caution in extending new credits and selective in its underwriting policies to adapt to the difficult market conditions. Total new loans worth BD 18 million (2020: BD 28 million) were advanced during the year. The company's net interest income stands at BD 20.2 million, 14% behind last year (2020: BD 23.5 million). Despite the reduction in the loan portfolio size, the company has continued to take allowances on loans and advances to customers.

National Motor Company has reported a net profit of BD 1.7 million (2020: Net loss of BD 0.4 million). Due to strong internal controls, efficient processes and forward-looking planning, the company has achieved exceptional results in an unprecedented automotive market disrupted by short supplies of cars due to semiconductor chip shortages and supply chain disruptions. The company's aftersales department also continued to perform well thanks to its customer relationship centric polices and processes.

Tasheelat Automotive Company reported a net loss of BD 197 thousand in the current year compared to a net loss of BD 587 thousand in 2020. During the year the company has significantly improved its performance. With a growing customer base looking for affordable, feature-rich and efficient cars, the company's offerings from Chinese OEM's have started to show positive results in the Group's long-term strategy. The company shall continue to develop this important venture to retain and improve its market share.

Tasheelat Car Leasing Company reported a net profit of BD 75 thousand (2020: net loss of BD 27 thousand). The gradual opening of Bahrain borders for visitors has slowly improved the demand for the car rentals. The company continued to work on enhancing effectiveness of its fleet, quality of its customer servicing and efficiency of operations.

Tasheelat Insurance Services Company achieved a net profit of BD 151 thousand (2020: BD 171 thousand). The company is working with insurance companies to expand its customer reach and product portfolio through its digital initiatives.

Tasheelat Real Estate Services Company has registered a net profit of BD 57 thousand (2020: BD 93 thousand). The reduction in the occupancy and average rental prices have impacted the company's income from investment properties. The management is working towards balancing the rental yield with healthy occupancy rates.

BCFC Group remained in a healthy liquidity position and currently operates at a leverage of 1.3 multiples with total shareholder's equity of BD 135 million, 7% higher than last year (2020: BD 126 million). The Group's total assets at 31st December 2021 stands at BD 311 million, which is 13% lower than BD 356 million last year. During the year the Company has repaid BD 49 million in loans and reduced its liabilities. The Group has a well-defined and staggered maturity profile with no concentration of maturities.