

The following news release was issued on 11 April 2011 by The Saudi British Bank (SABB), a 40 per cent indirectly held associate of HSBC Holdings plc.

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THE SAUDI BRITISH BANK FIRST QUARTER 2011 RESULTS

- Net profit of SAR751m (US\$200m) for the quarter ended 31 March 2011 – an increase of SAR130m (US\$34m), or 20.9%, compared with SAR621m (US\$166m) for the same period in 2010.
- Operating income of SAR1,220m (US\$325m) for the quarter ended 31 March 2011 – an increase of SAR15m (US\$4m), or 1.2%, compared with SAR1,205m (US\$321m) for the same period in 2010.
- Customer deposits of SAR96.9bn (US\$25.8bn) at 31 March 2011 – an increase of SAR6.9bn (US\$1.8bn), or 7.7%, compared with SAR90.0bn (US\$24bn) at 31 March 2010.
- Loans and advances to customers of SAR76.2bn (US\$20.3bn) at 31 March 2011 – an increase of SAR0.5bn (US\$0.1bn), or 0.7%, from SAR75.7bn (US\$20.2bn) at 31 March 2010.
- The bank's investment portfolio totalled SAR24.5bn (US\$6.5bn) at 31 March 2011, an increase of 9.4% compared with SAR22.4bn (US\$6.0bn) at 31 March 2010.
- Total assets were SAR126.0bn (US\$33.6bn) at 31 March 2011, compared with SAR120.5bn (US\$32.1bn) at 31 March 2010, an increase of 4.6% or SAR5.5bn (US\$1.5bn).
- Earnings per share of SAR1.00 (US\$0.27) for the quarter ended 31 March 2011 – an increase of 20.5% from SAR0.83 (US\$0.22) for the same period in 2010.

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Commentary

The Saudi British Bank (SABB) recorded a net profit of SAR751m (US\$200m) for the quarter ended 31 March 2011. This is an increase of SAR130m (US\$34m) or 20.9% as compared with the same period in 2010 and SAR354m (US\$94m) or 89.2% as compared with the three months ended 31 December 2010.

Sheikh Khaled Olayan, Chairman of SABB, said: "SABB's diversified operating income streams, cost containment measures and ongoing drive to book quality business has enabled the bank to report strong profits for the quarter ended 31 March 2011. We are committed to supporting our customers and seeking new opportunities for business growth.

"We thank our customers for their continued support and our staff for their commitment and contribution to the bank's success."

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