

The following news release was issued today by The Saudi British Bank (SABB), a 40% indirectly held associate of HSBC Holdings plc.

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THE SAUDI BRITISH BANK YEAR END 2011 RESULTS

- Net profit of SAR2,888m (US\$770m) for the year ended 31 December 2011, an increase of SAR1,005m (US\$268m), or 53.4%, compared with SAR1,883m (US\$502m) for the same period in 2010.
- Operating income of SAR4,899m (US\$1,306m) for the year ended 31 December 2011, an increase of SAR60m (US\$16m), or 1.2%, compared with SAR4,839m (US\$1,290m) for the same period in 2010.
- Customer deposits of SAR105.6bn (US\$28.2bn) at 31 December 2011, an increase of SAR10.9bn (US\$2.9bn), or 11.5%, compared with SAR94.7bn (US\$25.3bn) at 31 December 2010.
- Loans and advances to customers of SAR84.8bn (US\$22.6bn) at 31 December 2011, an increase of SAR10.6bn (US\$2.8bn), or 14.3%, from SAR74.2bn (US\$19.8bn) at 31 December 2010.
- The bank's investment portfolio totalled SAR22.2bn (US\$5.9bn) at 31 December 2011, a decrease of SAR2.8bn (US\$0.8bn), or 11.2%, compared with SAR25bn (US\$6.7bn) at 31 December 2010.
- Total assets were SAR138.7bn (US\$37bn) at 31 December 2011, an increase of 10.6% or SAR13.3bn (US\$3.6bn), compared with SAR125.4bn (US\$33.4bn) at 31 December 2010.
- Earnings per share of SAR3.85 (US\$1.03) for the year ended 31 December 2011, an increase of 53.4% from SAR2.51 (US\$0.67) for the same period in 2010.

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Commentary

SABB recorded a net profit of SAR2,888m (US\$770m) for the year ended 31 December 2011. This is an increase of SAR1,005m (US\$268m) or 53.4% as compared with the same period in 2010.

Sheikh Khaled Olayan, Chairman of SABB, said: “SABB has achieved strong profit growth with its robust and diversified operating income streams and cost containment measures. SABB has steadily grown its balance sheet during the year with its ongoing drive to book quality business and continues to take a prudent view on provisioning. 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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