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KBank on Globally Renowned DJSI – the first and only Thai bank in Thailand and ASEAN for the second consecutive year

KASIKORNBANK is doing a good job maintaining their global sustainability standards. Being the first and only Thai bank in Thailand, as well as ASEAN, KBank has been selected as a member of the Dow Jones Sustainability Index (DJSI) family for 2017, in both the DJSI World and Emerging Markets Indices for the second year running. This achievement reflects that KBank's sustainable development standards are internationally recognized.

Mr. Banthoon Lamsam, KBank Chairman of the Board, has stated that KBank was named a member of both the Dow Jones Sustainability Indices (DJSI) for 2017 – an internationally acclaimed benchmark index for businesses with sustainable development practices. KBank is the first and only Thai bank in Thailand, as well as ASEAN, to be selected for both the DJSI World and Emerging Markets indices for two successive years.

The fact that KBank has been named as a part of the DJSI members in 2017 is sufficient proof of KBank's success. It shows that the vision of the KBank Board of Directors, executives and employees – with clear, common goals toward the formulation of strategies – make KBank a “bank of sustainability”. Guided by those strategies, their operations are undertaken to tangibly achieve goals, leading to the creation of an efficient organizational structure and culture that emphasizes sustainable development in three dimensions, being: an economy wherein stable and satisfactory growth is key; a society where the quality of life is the main focus for achieving a sustainable well-being for both KBank employees and surrounding communities; and, an environment where work is undertaken to maintain a sustainable balance in the use of natural resources, and the environment is conserved for coming generations.

Before reaching this most recent success, KBank was selected out of more than 3,000 listed companies globally as leaders in sustainability, based on KBank's disclosures showing outstanding performance in sustainable development.

Within the global banking industry, a total of more than 200 leading banks worldwide participated in 2017's assessment, with only 10 percent of those achieving the highest scores being selected. KBank is one of the 28 leading banks that has been included in the DJSI World Index, and one of only 14 banks that has been included in DJSI Emerging Markets Index. It is the second consecutive year that KBank has been included in both categories, reflecting that KBank operations – aimed at creating a balance in the economy, society and environment per sustainable development standards for all stake holders – is recognized internationally.

DJSI is a family of indices that assess corporate sustainability practices in economic, social and environmental terms. Widely regarded in international business circles, the DJSI is used by management funds worldwide as a reference for decisions toward investments into sustainability-driven companies, and by the Index's virtue, affords confidence that all DJSI-certified companies will produce positive and sustainable returns for investors. Listed companies in international markets all typically want to be ranked high in each DJSI category, but only a few can achieve such standards. DJSI evaluates performance in each segment on an annual basis. Their selection criteria are not based on a minimum score, but rather on a comparison of sustainability performance between individual companies within the same category that have generally improved every year. Therefore, each company on these indices has to demonstrate superior sustainability performance to even be considered. Each year, the selection results are announced around September.



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Mr. Banthoon added that, to achieve these global standards, KBank takes into consideration the economic, social and environmental impacts of all KBank business undertakings to ensure that their sustainable guidelines shine through in all operations. More importantly, KBank sustainability standards are maintained and constantly upgraded by instilling KBank's employees with a common consciousness toward the value of sustainability in KBank's "Green DNA" principles embraced throughout their operations to achieve sustainable growth. For the ultimate benefit of all stakeholders, KBank strives to become a "bank of sustainability" regionally and globally, thus contributing to national development, as well as being in line with international standards.

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