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NEWS RELEASE

WILMAR SET TO BE ASIA'S LEADING AGRIBUSINESS GROUP THROUGH US$4.3 BILLION PLANNED MERGER AND RESTRUCTURING

- **Proposed merger with Kuok Group's palm plantation, edible oils, grains and related businesses**
- **Restructuring exercise to acquire parent company Wilmar Holdings' edible oils, grains and related businesses, including interests held by ADM**
- **To be amongst the largest listed companies on SGX-ST with a potential market capitalization of US$7.0 billion**

Singapore, 14 December 2006 – Wilmar International Limited ("Wilmar" or "the Company"), one of Asia's largest integrated agribusiness groups, today announced plans to merge with the Kuok Group's palm plantation, edible oils, grains and related businesses in a deal worth up to US$2.7 billion (S$4.1 billion). In a separate transaction, Wilmar will also acquire the edible oils, grains and related businesses of its parent company, Wilmar Holdings Pte Ltd ("WHPL"), including interests held by Archer Daniels Midland Asia Pacific and its subsidiaries ("ADM") in these businesses for US$1.6 billion (S$2.5 billion).

Upon completion of the merger and restructuring, Wilmar will become Asia's leading agribusiness group. The merged entity will have a significant presence in the processing and merchandising of palm and laurics oil in Malaysia and Indonesia. In China, one of the world's fastest growing economies, it will have a major presence in the processing and merchandising of agriculture products.

The merged entity will have a potential market capitalization of US$7.0 billion (based on Wilmar's market price of S$1.71 as at 13 December 2006), an estimated combined revenue of approximately US$12.0 billion and estimated earnings of approximately US$300 million for the nine months ended 30 September 2006.

CIMB-GK Securities Pte. Ltd. and CIMB Investment Bank Bhd (collectively "CIMB") have been appointed the financial advisors in respect of the proposed transactions.

Proposed Merger with Kuok Group's Palm Plantation, Edible Oils, Grains and Related Businesses

The palm plantation, edible oils, grains and related businesses of the Kuok Group are held by PPB Oil Palms Berhad ("PPBOP"), PGEO Group Sdn Bhd ("PGEO") and Kuok Oils and Grains Pte Ltd ("KOG").

Wilmar has offered to acquire PPBOP through a conditional voluntary takeover offer (the "Conditional VGO") on the basis of 2.3 Wilmar shares for each PPBOP share. Based on Wilmar's last transacted price S$1.71 per share and the current exchange rate of S$1.00 : RM 2.30, this works out to RM9.046 cash per PPBOP share. PPBOP is a company listed on Bursa Malaysia with a market capitalization of approximately RM4.0 billion as at 13 December 2006 and is primarily engaged in oil palm cultivation and milling.

Wilmar is exploring with CIMB for a possible arrangement to allow shareholders of PPBOP to receive cash in respect of their PPBOP shares at a price to be determined and announced. This will provide shareholders of PPBOP with the opportunity to receive cash for their PPBOP shares as opposed to Wilmar shares.

Wilmar has made an offer to Kuok (Singapore) Limited, Harpole Resources Limited and Greenacres Limited to acquire their aggregate interests of 72% in KOG through the issue of 785.9 million new Wilmar shares. Wilmar has also made an offer to acquire all 28.0% of KOG and 65.8% of PGEO held by FFM Berhad, also a member of the Kuok Group, through the issue of new shares. KOG is Kuok Group's flagship company responsible for the business of processing and international trading of oils & grains products while PGEO is a major palm and lauric oils refiner and exporter in Malaysia. The merger will have a positive impact on the net tangible assets and net earnings of Wilmar.

Restructuring exercise to acquire WHPL's Edible Oils, Grains and Related Businesses, including interests held by ADM

In a separate transaction, Wilmar will also acquire the edible oils, grains and related businesses of its parent company, WHPL as well as interests held by ADM in these businesses through the issuance of 1,022.5 million and 427.2 million new Wilmar shares respectively. This effectively values the assets at US$1.6 billion (S$2.5 billion).

WHPL and its joint ventures with ADM are mainly engaged in the business of processing, branding and distribution of a wide range of edible oils, oilseeds and grains. Its principal operations are located primarily in China, India, Ukraine and Africa. It has established brands and an extensive distribution network in China and India.

The restructuring will have a positive impact on the net tangible assets and net earnings of Wilmar.

The proposed merger and restructuring exercise are subject to several conditions, including the approval of Wilmar's shareholders and the approval of SGX-ST on the listing of new Wilmar shares.

Shareholdings and Mandatory General Offer

Upon completion of the merger and restructuring and assuming full acceptance of the Conditional VGO, WHPL will own 48.5% while the Kuok Group will own approximately 31.0% of Wilmar. ADM will own a direct stake of 6.7% in Wilmar. This is in addition to its indirect stake of 9.5% in Wilmar through its 19.6% shareholding in WHPL presently.

The Kuok Group intends to seek a dispensation under Rule 14 of the Singapore Code on Takeovers and Mergers from the Securities Industry Council for any mandatory take-over offer pursuant to the Code.

Depending on the level of acceptance of the Conditional VGO, in the event that the Company's free float falls below 10%, it intends to undertake a compliance placement to satisfy the requisite free float requirements of the SGX-ST.

Rationale of the Transactions

The proposed merger and restructuring exercise would enable the merged entity to derive significant synergistic benefits to tap on the growth potential in the palm business as well as the consumption of agricultural products in China.

Chairman and CEO of Wilmar, Mr Kuok Khoon Hong said: "Following the merger, Wilmar will have very strong processing and merchandising capabilities for palm oil in both Malaysia and Indonesia. This will place us on a stronger footing to achieve our goal of becoming a leading global processor and merchandiser of palm oil as well as enhance our ability to sustain any adverse conditions. Palm oil will become a major global commodity in the future given the massive expansion in oil palm acreage.

With the favourable outlook for palm oil prices due to the growing demand for food and energy, we are expanding our plantation acreage. The additional landbank and expertise from PPBOP will enable us to expand our plantation more aggressively to become one of the largest plantation owners in the future.

In China, our combined operations will encompass a wide range of agricultural commodities with strong involvement in oilseeds crushing, edible oils refining, specialty fats, oleochemicals manufacturing and consumer pack merchandising. Because of China's huge population, high economic growth and low per capita consumption, China will become a large market for quality agricultural products in the future. With the solid base created from the merged entity and the strategic partnership with ADM, a global leader in agricultural commodity, Wilmar is well-positioned to be a dominant processor and merchandiser of agricultural products in China."

Said Mr Chye KH Kuok, Executive Director Kuok Group: "The merger is a strategic fit and will create substantial synergies and benefits in sourcing, production, logistics and marketing for the merged entity. The merged entity will be more competitive particularly in the soft oil (non-palm) and grains business."

About Wilmar International Limited ("Wilmar")

Wilmar, listed on the Singapore Exchange, is one of Asia's largest integrated agribusiness groups and one of Asia's largest palm oil refiners and crushers of palm kernel and copra. It has established an integrated agribusiness model that captures the entire value chain of the palm oil business, from origination to the end customer; that is, from the cultivation and sourcing of palm fruits and crude palm oil to the milling, crushing, refining and processing of a wide range of palm and lauric oils, to the merchandising, transportation and distribution of these products.

Wilmar owns 18 refining plants with a total capacity of 5.4 million metric tonnes per annum. It is also a sizeable oil palm plantation owner with a total landbank of 210,000 hectares in Indonesia, of which approximately 64,700 hectares are planted at end September 2006. It also plans to be a leader in the palm biodiesel industry with a total capacity of 1,050,000 metric tonnes per annum, to be completed in 2007.

Headquartered in Singapore, the Group's operations are strategically located in Indonesia and Malaysia, the major edible oil producing countries in Asia. The large scale of these strategically located integrated plants allows Wilmar to enjoy significant operational synergies and cost efficiencies. Its products are exported to more than 30 countries, including China, India, Indonesia, countries in the North and South Americas, Europe, Asia, Africa and the Middle East.

For the financial year ended 31 December 2005 and the nine months ended 30 September 2006, the consolidated net profit after taxation and minority interests of Wilmar Group were US$58.0 million and US$68.3 million respectively. As at 30 September 2006, the consolidated net tangible assets of the Wilmar Group was US$473.4 million.

About PPB Oil Palms Berhad (“PPBOP”)

PPBOP, listed on the Main Board of Bursa Malaysia Securities, is engaged in oil palm cultivation and milling of fresh fruit bunches (“FFB”). PPBOP is also engaged in the production of elite clonal plantlets.

PPBOP currently owns a total land bank of 363,405 hectares of which 22% is in East Malaysia and 78% is in Indonesia. Of this, 96,114 hectares are planted. It also owns 10 palm oil mills with a total processing capacity of approximately 2.3 million tonnes of FFB per annum.

For the financial year ended 31 December 2005 and the nine months ended 30 September 2006, the consolidated net profit of PPBOP were approximately US$36.9 million and US$30.9 million respectively. As at 30 September 2006, the consolidated net tangible assets of the PPBOP Group was approximately US$364.1 million.

About PGEO Group Sdn Bhd (“PGEO”)

PGEO is a major edible oils refiner and exporter in Malaysia. PGEO operates refineries in 6 locations with a combined production capacity close to 4.7 million metric tonnes per annum. About 90% of the Group’s production is exported to China, EU countries, India, Korea, Japan, USA, Middle East, and Russia whilst the balance is sold locally in Malaysia.

PGEO Group’s activities are vertically integrated from the conversion of crude oils into refined oil products to the production of shortening and hydrogenated products, cocoa butter replacers and other specialty fats which are marketed in bulk, drums and consumer packs.

PGEO is 65.8% owned by FFM Berhad, which is in turn 100% owned by PPB Group Berhad, a company listed on the Main Board of Bursa Malaysia Securities.

For the financial year ended 31 December 2005 and the nine months ended 30 September 2006, the consolidated net profit after taxation and minority interests of the PGEO Group were approximately US$24.8 million and US$24.8 million respectively. As at 30 September 2006, the consolidated net tangible assets of the PGEO Group was US$171.1 million.

About Kuok Oils & Grains Pte Ltd ("KOG")

KOG is Kuok Group's flagship company responsible for the business of processing and international trading of oils & grains products. KOG's oils and grains processing facilities are located in China, Malaysia, Indonesia, Vietnam, New Zealand, Netherlands and Germany.

Over the years, KOG has invested in over 20 enterprises in the coastal port cities as well as inland cities in China, and formed a comprehensive nation-wide network of processing plants of which Shenzhen, Shanghai and Tianjin are major processing centres. The three key areas of KOG's business in China are consumer packs oil, specialty fats and oleochemicals.

KOG Group is the leading edible oil consumer packs manufacturer and distributor where its Arawana brand is the leading brand in China. The Arawana brand is the official cooking oil supplier to the Beijing Olympics 2008.

For specialty fats, KOG is one of the largest producers in China with a distribution network that covers 150 cities in China, and sales volume in 2005 was 240,000MT, accounting for a substantial share of China's specialty fats market.

For the financial year ended 31 December 2005 and the nine months ended 30 September 2006, the consolidated net profit after taxation and minority interests of the KOG Group were approximately US$15.1 million and US$62.6 million respectively. As at 30 September 2006, the consolidated net tangible assets of the KOG Group was US$293.3 million.

About Wilmar Holdings Private Limited ("WHPL")

WHPL is the holding company of Wilmar, with an effective stake of 81.9%. Apart from Wilmar, WHPL's edible oils, grains and related businesses comprise the origination, processing, branding and distribution of edible oils, oilseeds and grains. It is one of Asia's leading processors of oilseed and edible oils and also one of the leading importers of edible oils into East and South Africa.

The majority of the products manufactured a WHPL's China operations are sold in China's domestic market to wholesalers, distributors, industrial users and retailers. WHPL has more than 10 joint venture manufacturing facilities and more than 20 sales and marketing offices. WHPL's joint venture operations sell its edible oils in bulk as well as in branded consumer packs. WHPL is also a major exporter of soya bean meal from China, mainly to Japan where it has a marketing office.

The majority of the products produced at WHPL's India joint venture operations are sold in the India's domestic market. WHPL's joint venture company in India has more than 20 sales and marketing offices in major cities. The edible oils are sold directly to wholesalers, distributors, industrial users and retailers. WHPL's joint venture partners in India are Adani Exports Group, one of India's largest private trading houses, and the Acalpo Group, a leading local importer, based in the east coast of India.

For the financial year ended 31 December 2005 and the nine months ended 30 September 2006, the consolidated net profit after taxation and minority interests of WHPL (excluding Wilmar) were approximately US$11.1 million and US$116.6 million respectively. As at 30 September 2006, the consolidated net tangible assets of WHPL (excluding Wilmar) was US$814.8 million.

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