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Axiata Appoints Senior Independent Non-Executive Director As Interim Chairman

Kuala Lumpur, 23 August 2018 – Axiata Group Berhad (Axiata or the Group) announced the appointment of its Senior Independent Non-Executive Director, Tan Sri Ghazzali Sheikh Abdul Khalid as interim Chairman of the Group effective today.

For over ten years, Tan Sri Ghazzali has served on the Board of Axiata as Independent Non-Executive Director. He is currently Chairman of the Group's two South Asian subsidiaries, Robi Axiata Limited in Bangladesh and Ncell Private Limited in Nepal. He is also currently serving as Chairman of the Axiata Foundation, an independent organisation set up to administer and govern the Axiata Young Talent Programme - the Group's flagship corporate responsibility programme with a commitment of RM100 million over ten years and a focus on developing talent and nurturing future CEOs.

With an illustrious career spanning almost 40 years in the diplomatic services, Tan Sri Ghazzali is a notable and highly respected retired Malaysian diplomat. In March 1999, he reached the pinnacle of his profession when he was appointed Ambassador of Malaysia to the United States of America.

Prior to his posting to Washington, D.C., he served as Deputy Secretary-General at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Malaysia. Over the years, his overseas appointments have included postings to Austria, Germany, Hong Kong, Thailand, UK, Zimbabwe and the Permanent Mission of Malaysia to the United Nations in New York, USA. Tan Sri Ghazzali's last position prior to his retirement in September 2010 was as Ambassador-at-large of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Malaysia to which he was appointed in 2006.



Commenting on the Board's decision to appoint an interim Chairman to provide leadership and ensure smooth running of the Board administration, Tan Sri Jamaludin Ibrahim, President & Group Chief Executive Officer of Axiata said, "Tan Sri Ghazzali is a pioneer member of the Board since March 2008. Over the last ten years, his unrelenting dedication to his duties as an independent non-executive director representing the interests of minority shareholders ensured the Group always upheld the highest levels of governance and transparencies. At the same time, the Group has also benefited from his broad corporate and international experience in executing his role as Chairman at Robi and Ncell, two of our strong performing mobile operations.

"We are delighted to have him to step into the role as interim Chairman to ensure smooth succession and continuity at Board level."

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About Axiata

Axiata is one of the leading telecommunications groups in Asia with approximately 350 million customers and with a presence in 11 countries. In pursuit of its vision to be the New Generation Digital Champion by 2021, the Group has transformed itself from a holding entity with a portfolio of pure-play mobile assets into a Triple Core Strategy driven business with the focus on Digital Telco, Digital Businesses and Infrastructure.

Within ASEAN and South Asia, Axiata has controlling stakes in market-leading mobile and fixed operators in the region including 'Celcom' in Malaysia, 'XL' in Indonesia, 'Dialog' in Sri Lanka, 'Robi' in Bangladesh, 'Smart' in Cambodia and 'Ncell' in Nepal. The Group also holds strategic interests in 'Idea' in India and 'M1' in Singapore. Axiata is in the cusp of transforming its mobile operations into Digital Telcos through digitisation and convergence.

'edotco', the Group's infrastructure company, operates in six countries to deliver telecommunications infrastructure services, amassing approximately 27,500 towers. Presently the 12th largest independent tower companies globally, it aims to be one of the top regional telecommunications tower companies and is committed to responsible and sustainable business operations.

Axiata Digital and Axiata Business Services are the digital businesses arms of the Group. Together, these businesses are focused on capturing the rapid growth in digital financial services ('Boost'), digital advertising ('ada'), enterprise solutions/IoT ('Xpand') and platform services ('APIgate') with user access to global markets.

As a committed and long-term investor, Axiata provides employment to 25,000 people within its operations. In line with its sustainability goals, the Group actively supports and drives young talent development; disaster response and recovery; as well as green initiatives. Axiata's broader goal Advancing Asia pieces together the best in the region in terms of innovation, connectivity and talent.

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