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### **CPF witnesses 139% jump in fourth-quarter earnings and foresees continued growth**

*The nation , February 22, 2020*

Charoen Pokphand Foods PCL (CPF) posted Bt140,794 million in sale revenue in the fourth quarter of 2019, a 2% decrease from the same period a year earlier. The revenue however would have increased by 9% year on year, but for the Thai baht appreciation and the enforcement of new accounting standards. Of total, sale revenue generated by overseas businesses accounted for 67% and the balance was generated by business units in Thailand.

Mr. Prasit Boondoungprasert, Chief Executive Officer of CPF, said that in the quarter, the Company's net profit jumped 139% to Bt4,010 million from the corresponding period a year earlier, thanks mainly to the impressive performance of overseas businesses particularly that in Vietnam.

He noted that CPF witnessed a number of challenges in 2019 chiefly the fluctuation in foreign exchange rates and the African Swine Flu which led to a drop in pork supply. However, the annualised net profit increased by 19% on year to Bt18,456 million, thanks to the improvement in overseas operations in several countries particularly Vietnam which showed extraordinary performance in the fourth quarter.

Mr. Prasit said CPF expected the performance to remain rosy in 2020 due to pork shortages particularly in China and Vietnam, which would raise prices above the 2019 level. CPF maintains its strategy to expand business in potential markets, so as to raise the revenue contribution by overseas businesses to 80% of total in the next 5 years. CPF adopts 3 approaches to drive the strategy: raising the supply chain's value through innovations; adaptation to digital transformation; and creating added value to all stakeholders with best practices in sustainable development.

The Board of Directors at the meeting on 20 February 2020 resolved to pay the dividend of Bt0.70 per share for the 2019 performance. As the interim dividend of Bt0.30 was paid to shareholders on 12 September 2019, the remaining Bt0.40 will come from after-tax earnings as dividend recipients are subjected to withholding tax under the criteria and conditions specified in the Revenue Code. Individual dividend recipients are not entitled to tax credit under the Revenue Code's Section 47 (2). The Board of Directors accordingly set the XD date on 28 April 2020 and the dividend will be payable on 19 May 2020.

## **CPF receives RobecoSAM's Silver Class Sustainability Award**

*Manager, February 4, 2020*

Charoen Pokphand Foods PLC (CPF) announced that it has received SAM Silver Class Sustainability Award in Food Products Category and is included in the Sustainability Year Book 2020, reflecting global recognition for its sustainability-related practices.

Mr. Wuthichai Sithipreedanant, senior vice president for corporate social responsibility and sustainable development, said: "With commitment to follow the three sustainability pillars: "Food Security, Self-Sufficient Society and Balance of Nature", CPF realizes the significance of pushing forward business-related sustainability issues for a better future. We are supporting the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals particularly those related to human rights, renewable energy promotion, reduction of packaging that is harmful to the environment, waste management, as well as sustainable and efficient production through innovations. Everything culminates in sustainable operations. Meanwhile, social and environmental factors also matter for sustainability and cannot be ignored. CPF thus promotes sustainability through ESG (environmental, social and governance) principles in all countries we operate in. We also carry out impact valuation of our "Contract Farming-Pig Business" Project to identify, assess and determine the project's contribution in monetary terms, on top of contribution in terms of products and profits."

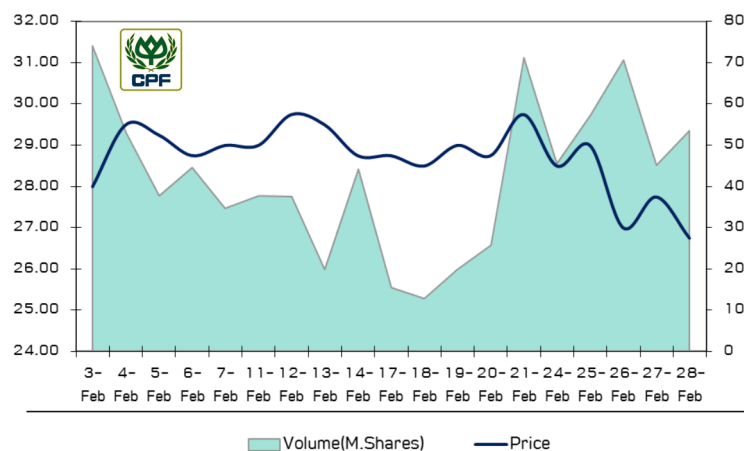
"For such impact valuation, CPF adopts international practices like the Natural Capital Protocol and Social Capital Protocol of World Business Council on Sustainable Development (WBCSD). It helps us better understand social and environmental impacts in monetary terms and supports further improvement of the project for a better quality of life for community and society, while reducing negative impacts on natural resources and the environment in the long term," Mr. Wuthichai added.

CPF won SAM Bronze Class Sustainability Award in 2018. SAM classifies its medal in 3 Sustainability Award categories: Gold Class (for companies whose score is within 1% of the top-performing company's score in their industry); Silver Class (whose score is within 1-5% of the top-performing company's score in their industry); and Bronze Class (whose score is within 5-10% of the top-performing company's score in their industry).

RobecoSAM is an investment specialist focused exclusively on sustainability investing. Together with Dow Jones Sustainability Indices (DJSI), it ranks companies in 61 industries with outstanding sustainability performance. In 2019, 4710 companies were assessed in the SAM Corporate Sustainability Assessment (CSA). Late 2019, SAM became a part of S&P Global after the latter's acquisition of ESG Ratings Business from RobecoSAM.

## Price Performances: CPF

Price (Baht) Volume (Mil. shares)



February 2020	
<b>Highest Price</b>	<b>29.75</b>
<b>Lowest Price</b>	<b>25.75</b>
<b>Closed Price</b>	<b>26.75</b>
<b>Average Volume/Day (Shares)</b>	<b>42,160,300</b>

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