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Alm. Brand A/S – Interim report for the first quarter of 2012

- **Alm. Brand posted a profit of DKK 167 million before losses and writedowns. After losses and writedowns, the profit was DKK 82 million.**

It is positive that the overall group is again generating a profit, although the reported profit was still not satisfactory.

- **The group's non-life insurance activities delivered a very strong performance, posting a higher-than-expected profit of DKK 164 million.**

The combined ratio was 88.9, of which the expense ratio represented 15.7.

As a result of the strong performance, the full-year profit guidance for the group's non-life insurance activities is lifted by DKK 75 million.

- **Banking activities performed in line with expectations, but the financial results nevertheless remained unsatisfactory. Before losses and writedowns, Alm. Brand Bank posted a loss of DKK 5 million. After losses and writedowns, the bank posted a loss of DKK 90 million.**
- **The group's life insurance activities reported a satisfactory profit of DKK 19 million. Pension contributions increased by 25%.**

A satisfactory investment return drove up the bonus rate to 6.0%.

- **The guidance for the full-year profit is lifted by DKK 75 million to a profit of DKK 525 million before losses and writedowns.**

"We are very pleased to report an overall consolidated profit for Alm. Brand A/S," said Søren Boe Mortensen, CEO, emphasising "also after losses and writedowns in the bank". He continued: "It is also very pleasing that the strong, stable performance of our non-life insurance operations allows us to lift our full-year guidance to a profit of DKK 525 million before writedowns. This is definitely a satisfactory step forward for us."

"That being said, let there be no doubt that, although the bank has improved its financial performance, the operating profit has yet to reach a satisfactory level and writedowns are still too high. We still have quite a lot of work ahead of us," Søren Boe Mortensen underlined.

Other highlights

- The underlying combined ratio of the non-life insurance company developed favourably, ending Q1 2012 at 81.8, against 84.4 in the same period of last year.

Premiums rose by 2.3%, compared with slight negative growth in Q1 2011.

- The performance of the group's life insurance activities produced stable and good expense and risk results and a good investment return.

The increase of 25% was driven in particular by a large number of customers transferring to Alm. Brand Liv og Pension and taking their existing pensions with them.

- The bank's costs fell by 2.5% relative to the year-earlier period.

The bank's performance was favourably impacted by declining costs and by capital gains on equities but adversely affected by a low interest margin, among other things due to high funding costs and losses and writedowns.

Please direct any questions regarding this announcement to Søren Boe Mortensen, Chief Executive, on tel. +45 35 47 79 07 or Susanne Bilstoft, Head of Information and Investor Relations, on tel. +45 35 47 76 61.

Alm. Brand A/S will host a webcast and teleconference on Wednesday, 16 May 2012 at 10.00 a.m.

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Yours sincerely,

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The interim report is attached in pdf-format.