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**Joint venture between Prudential and BSN in Malaysia awarded new takaful licence**

Prudential Holdings, part of Prudential plc, and Bank Simpanan Nasional (BSN) have been awarded a takaful licence by Bank Negara Malaysia. The new licence is one of four granted by Bank Negara, bringing the total number of companies offering Islamic insurance to nine.

Mark Norbom, Chief Executive of Prudential Corporation Asia said:

"We would like to thank Bank Negara for awarding us the takaful licence which allows the joint venture to sell takaful products. We are very excited about the opportunity to develop products that would have strong appeal to Muslim Malays who make up 60% of the population. We are also delighted to be in partnership with BSN, a well-known and well respected financial institution."

Encik Tajuddin b Atan General Manager/ Chief Executive Officer of BSN said:

"The two shareholders complement each other and the joint venture will immediately benefit from Prudential's existing distribution of more than 7,000 agents as well as BSN's nationwide network of 391 branches. We are confident that the joint venture will meet the ambition of the Government to accelerate the availability of takaful products and bring insurance to Malays residing in the cities as well as in the rural areas."

The new joint venture is expected to be operational in about four to six months.

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Prudential plc is a leading international financial services group, providing retail financial services and fund management in its chosen markets: the United Kingdom, the United States, Asia and continental Europe.

Prudential has been writing life insurance in the United Kingdom for over 150 years and has had the largest long-term fund in the United Kingdom for over a century. Today, Prudential has over 16 million customers worldwide and over £214 billion (as of 30 June 2005) of funds under management.

In the United Kingdom Prudential is a leading life and pensions provider offering a range of retail financial products. M&G is Prudential's UK & European Fund Manager, with around £126 billion of funds under management. Jackson National Life, acquired by Prudential in 1986, is a leading provider of long-term savings and retirement products to retail and institutional customers throughout the United States. Egg plc, in which Prudential has a 78 per cent shareholding, provides banking, insurance and investment products through its internet site [www.egg.com](http://www.egg.com).

Prudential is the leading European-based life insurer in Asia with operations in 12 countries.

**About Bank Simpanan Nasional (BSN)**

BSN, or National Savings Bank, was incorporated on 1st December 1974 under the Ministry of Finance. With its incorporation, BSN has taken over all the duties and responsibilities of the Post Office Savings Bank.

BSN's mission is to encourage savings, investments and smart financial management among Malaysians to increase their quality of life. BSN has grown into more than 5,100 employees, 391 branches and 616 automatic teller machine (ATM) nationwide.

It has embarked on a number of key initiatives to catalyse transformation, stay competitive and be an entity which is able to create sustainable value. BSN is continuously enhancing its services as well as expanding its range of products for the benefit of its customers. BSN's main products include Personal Financing, Home Loan, Premium Saving Certificate (SSP), Islamic Banking Scheme, Giro Savings Account, BSN Matrix and Matrix-i Debit Card as well as VISA and Mastercard credit card.

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