

# press release

# Standard Chartered Bank Ghana Limited releases Third Quarter 2017 Results

**01 November 2017 - Accra**: Standard Chartered Bank Ghana Limited, comments on third quarter results for the period ending September 2017.

The Bank continues to make good progress on its strategy, delivering a strong financial performance in the period under review.

## **Performance Highlights**

- Operating income increased by 6 per cent to GH¢490 million from GH¢464million recorded in September 2016, indicating stable business performance.
- Operating expenses was up by 28 per cent to GH¢177.6million compared to prior year of GH¢138.5 million.
- The Bank posted a loan impairment recovery of GH\$\psi\$18.1.million as of 30th September 2017 compared to an impairment charge of GH\$\psi\$61.5million same period 2016.
- The cumulative effect of the above resulted in profit before tax of GH¢331million, representing a 25 per cent growth compared to prior year of GH¢264million.
- Capital adequacy ratio for the period is 28.27 per cent compared to 21.59 per cent in prior year.
- Average return on equity was 29.67 per cent compared to prior year 29.75 per cent
- Earnings per share for the period increased by 24 per cent from GH¢1.61 to GH¢2.00

The macro-economic environment has seen relative stability coupled with robust GDP growth during the period under review.

Chief Financial Officer, Kweku Nimfah - Essuman, said, "We have a strong underlying business and we will continue to stick to our strategy of sustaining a diversified balance sheet which remains, structurally liquid and conservatively positioned".

Commenting on the results Chief Executive Officer, Mansa Nettey said, "Our results continue to trend upwards as we create shareholder value. Our focus for the rest of the year is to deliver on our strategic priorities whiles investing in the right systems and platforms to drive growth".

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