

## Cagamas makes debut in Singapore bond market

KUALA LUMPUR: Cagamas Bhd, the national mortgage corporation of Malaysia will issue its inaugural Singapore dollar (SGD) denominated bonds under a US\$2.5 billion (RM9.52 billion) Conventional Multi-currency Medium Term Notes (EMTN) programme.

The SGD denominated paper, with a maturity of 3 years, will be issued through its wholly-owned subsidiary, Cagamas Global P.L.C. and be fully and unconditionally guaranteed by Cagamas.

"The company's investor engagements and reverse enquiry initiatives generated interest from a number of Singapore dollar investors for its papers and led to the conclusion of this deal at attractive pricing," said president/CEO Chung Chee Leong.

Carrying an issue rating of A3 by Moody's Investor Service, the 3-year SGD issuance was competitively closed at a spread of 50 bps over the corresponding Singapore's Swap Offer Rates.

Domestically, the Cagamas concluded its RM115 million CMTN, which will be issued via its existing RM40 billion Islamic and Conventional Medium Term Notes Programme.

Proceeds from the issuance will be used to fund purchases of loans from the financial system.

"Demand for Cagamas' papers remained strong as evidenced by a commendable bid-to-cover ratio of 4.2