

## CAGAMAS CONCLUDES PRICING OF CONVENTIONAL AND ISLAMIC COMMERCIAL PAPERS AMIDST ECONOMIC SLOWDOWN

**Kuala Lumpur, 24 February 2020 –** Cagamas Berhad ("Cagamas" or "the Company"), the National Mortgage Corporation of Malaysia, announced its combined issuances of RM605 million comprising RM300 million 3-month Conventional Commercial Papers (CCPs) and RM305 million 3-month Islamic Commercial Papers (ICPs). Proceeds from the issuances will be used to fund the purchase of housing loans and Islamic home financing from the domestic financial system.

"Market uncertainties amidst a challenging global economy and slower momentum in domestic activities, exacerbated by the recent Covid-19 outbreak saw investors shifting investments into haven assets. Expectations of monetary policy easing by the market coupled with the pending announcement of economic stimulus package by the Government also provided support for the Company's fund-raising exercise", said President/Chief Executive Officer, Datuk Chung Chee Leong.

"Due to strong demand from the market, the Company had successfully priced its combined issuances at a competitive pricing level of 15 bps below the corresponding 3-month Kuala Lumpur Interbank Offered Rate (KLIBOR) benchmark rate or equivalent to 2.94% on the pricing date. The pricing of the CCPs and ICPs also represented 26 bps and 29 bps over the respective Malaysian Treasury Bills and Malaysian Islamic Treasury Bills", added Datuk Chung.

The conclusion of the deals represent the Company's second issuance exercise this year which brings the Company's year-to-date issuance to RM805 million.

The papers, which will be redeemed at their full nominal value upon maturity, are unsecured obligations of the Company, ranking pari passu among themselves and with all other existing unsecured obligations of the Company.

Cagamas National Mortgage Corporation of Malaysia

**About Cagamas** 

Cagamas Berhad (Cagamas), the National Mortgage Corporation of Malaysia, was

established in 1986 to promote the broader spread of home ownership and growth of the

secondary mortgage market in Malaysia. It issues corporate bonds and sukuk to finance

the purchase of housing loans from financial institutions and non-financial institutions.

The provision of liquidity to financial institutions at a reasonable cost to the primary

lenders of housing loans encourages further expansion of financing for houses at an

affordable cost.

The Cagamas model is well regarded by the World Bank as the most successful

secondary mortgage liquidity facility. Cagamas is the second largest issuer of debt

instruments after the Government of Malaysia and the largest issuer of AAA corporate

bonds and sukuk in the market. Since incorporation in 1986, Cagamas has cumulatively

issued circa RM328.7 billion worth of corporate bonds and Sukuk.

Cagamas' corporate bonds and sukuk continue to be assigned the highest ratings of

AAA/Stable/P1 by RAM Rating Services Berhad and AAA/MARC-1 and AAA<sub>IS</sub>/MARC-1<sub>IS</sub>

by Malaysian Rating Corporation Berhad, denoting its strong credit quality. Cagamas is

also well regarded internationally and has been assigned local and foreign currency

long-term issuer ratings of A3 by Moody's Investors Service Inc. that are in line with

Malaysian sovereign ratings.

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