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CAGAMAS CELEBRATES 25TH ANNIVERSARY

Kuala Lumpur, 3 November, 2012 - The Cagamas group of companies, the national mortgage corporation, recently celebrated its 25th anniversary with a dinner at the Hilton Kuala Lumpur. The celebration was graced by guest of honour, Tan Sri Dato' Sri Dr. Zeti Akhtar Aziz, Governor of Bank Negara Malaysia.

In conjunction with the anniversary dinner, the Cagamas 25th Anniversary logo was launched by the Governor followed by the unveiling of the company's corporate video entitled "The Cagamas Story". Featured in the video, the Governor paid tribute to Cagamas as an integral part of the financial infrastructure which played an important role in the promotion of home ownership and the development of the capital market in Malaysia. She added that Cagamas would need to continue to evolve with this changing financial landscape to support Malaysia's economic transformation. "Based on its track record of not only being dynamic but also having the discipline to safeguard soundness, there is every reason for us to expect Cagamas to realise this potential", said Tan Sri Dr. Zeti.

In his welcoming address, Datoq Ooi Sang Kuang, Chairman of Cagamas Holdings, conveyed that Cagamas has successfully delivered on its twin mission as a secondary mortgage liquidity facility to financial institutions in the promotion of the broader spread of house ownership and support the development and growth of the secondary mortgage market in Malaysia. He added "Millions of Malaysians were able to own their dream homes, partly because the enabling competitive refinancing activities of Cagamas which facilitated financial institutions to expand their long term portfolio of housing mortgages. Today, the activities of Cagamas have been expanded to enhance credit risk management of financial institutions and refinancing of other classes of assets."

Cagamas' contribution to the depth of the Malaysian capital market is reflected in the cumulative issuance of RM264 billion corporate debt securities across benchmark tenures on the yield curve. Cagamas remains today one of the largest issuers of corporate debt securities in Malaysia. As at end September 2012, Cagamas bonds accounted for 23% of all outstanding AAA corporate debt securities. Cagamas is glad to have played an important contributory role in the development of a vibrant corporate debt securities market in Malaysia.

Datoq Ooi further added that Cagamas has been committed and supportive of Bank Negara Malaysia's aspiration in positioning Malaysia as the International Centre for Islamic finance by introducing a new range of products in tandem with the market's demand for high quality AAA Private Debt Securities (PDS) Sukuk. Over a 25-year period, Cagamas has established itself as the largest, as well as the leading issuer of private debt securities in Malaysia. Cagamas plays a critical role in the Malaysian financial market landscape, providing tools for capital and risk management.

Cagamas is proud to have contributed to the advancement, growth, depth and diversity of Islamic finance in Malaysia. As at end September 2012, Cagamas remained solidly in its pole position as the largest issuer of PDS Sukuk in the Private Debt Securities (PDS) segment in Malaysia with an aggregate issuance of RM28 billion (since 1994) and accounting for 17% of outstanding AAA PDS Sukuk.

The Cagamas group of companies declared an additional special dividend of 25 cents per share less income tax to its shareholders in conjunction with the anniversary. Moving forward, Datoq Ooi reiterated that Cagamas will continue to work to strengthen its foundations for a sustainable future and be an active party to Malaysia's economic, financial and social development.

Guests at the 25th anniversary dinner included Cagamas Berhad's Board of Directors, Chairmen, Chief Executives Officers and investors from the local financial community.



About Cagamas

Cagamas Berhad (Cagamas), the National Mortgage Corporation, was established in 1986 to promote the broader spread of house ownership and growth of the secondary mortgage market in Malaysia. It issues debt securities to finance the purchase of housing loans and other consumer receivables from financial institutions, selected corporations and the Government. The provision of liquidity at a reasonable cost to the primary lenders of housing loans encourages further financing of 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 largest issuer of AAA debt securities accounting for 23% of outstanding AAA corporate debt securities. Since commencing operations in 1987, Cagamas has cumulatively issued RM264 billion of Conventional and Islamic debt securities.

Cagamas debt securities continue to be assigned the highest ratings of AAA and P1 by RAM Rating Services Berhad and AAA/AAAID and MARC-1/MARC-1ID by Malaysian Rating Corporation Berhad, denoting its strong credit quality.

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