

**CAGAMAS ISSUANCES SURPASS RM1.8 BILLION FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST**

**Kuala Lumpur, 23 August 2019** – Cagamas Berhad (“Cagamas” or “the Company”), the National Mortgage Corporation of Malaysia, announced its combined issuance of RM605 million comprising RM300 million 3-month Conventional Commercial Papers (CCP) and RM305 million 3-month Islamic Commercial Papers (ICP). Proceeds from the issuances will be used to fund the purchase of housing loans and Islamic home financing from the domestic financial system.

“We are pleased with the successful conclusion of both CCP and ICP as it represents the Company’s fourth and fifth issuance respectively for the month of August. This brings the total issuance for this month alone to RM 1.8 billion, which is the highest to-date in 2019,” said President/Chief Executive Officer, Datuk Chung Chee Leong.

Despite substantial uncertainty arising from global growth rate forecasts evidenced by a series of monetary policy easing within the region, both Conventional and Islamic short term papers secured competitive pricing referenced at 15 basis points below the 3-month onshore Kuala Lumpur Interbank Offered Rate.

“The issuances were fully subscribed by financial institutions which continue to seek for short-term high-grade investment assets domestically,” added Datuk Chung.

The conclusion of the deal brings the Company’s year-to-date issuance to RM5.6 billion. 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.

## **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 RM322.6 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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