

CAGAMAS WINS AWARD AT THE 8TH ANNUAL ALPHA SOUTHEAST ASIA DEAL & SOLUTION AWARDS 2014



Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 10 February 2015 – Cagamas Berhad (Cagamas), the National Mortgage Corporation of Malaysia has been awarded the *Best Foreign Currency Bond Deal of the Year in Southeast Asia* in recognition of its CNY1.5 billion (US\$ 244 million) Offshore RMB Bond at the 8th Annual Alpha Southeast Asia Deal & Solution Awards 2014 ceremony on 29 January in Kuala Lumpur.

The *Best Foreign Currency Bond Deal of the Year in Southeast Asia* award was presented by Mr Siddiq Bazarwala, Publisher, Alpha Southeast Asia to Mr. Chung Chee Leong, President/Chief Executive Officer, who accepted the award on behalf of Cagamas.

Mr. Chung said, “We are extremely proud to receive the award for our debut Offshore Renminbi issuance. It is a milestone for Cagamas and adds to our list of landmark bond issuances. The overwhelming investors response received underscore the international investors’ confidence in Malaysian corporate investment grade issues that offer strong value proposition for international investors to achieve greater diversification in their credit portfolio”.

The issuance, which carries the market name ‘Tiger Emas Bond’, was conferred the ‘Emas’ status by Bank Negara Malaysia (BNM) at a ceremony held in January 2015. The issuance, done through its wholly-owned subsidiary, Cagamas Global P.L.C., was the first conventional and largest Chinese Renminbi (RMB) bond by a Malaysian issuer with a three (3)-year CNY 1.5 billion offering at a fixed coupon rate of 3.70% p.a. (“RMB Bond”). Proceeds from the issuance was used to purchase mortgage loans from the financial system.

The 8th Annual Alpha Southeast Asia Deal & Solution Awards 2014 is organised by Alpha Southeast Asia, a monthly institutional magazine which publishes monthly reports on wealth management, equity strategy, macroeconomic outlook, cash management, trade financing, local currency bond markets and Islamic finance in Southeast Asia.

About Cagamas

Cagamas Berhad (Cagamas), the National Mortgage Corporation of Malaysia, 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 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 debt securities in the market. Since incorporation in 1986, Cagamas has cumulatively issued RM272.1 billion of conventional bonds and Sukuk.

Cagamas' debt securities continue to be assigned the highest ratings of AAA and P1 by RAM Rating Services Berhad and AAA/AAA_{ID} and MARC-1/MARC-1_{ID} 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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