

**OCBC BANK OFFERING SIX NEW STRUCTURED WARRANTS**

*Bank issues third round of structured warrants following encouraging take up of maiden issuances last year*

Kuala Lumpur, 21 March 2012 – OCBC Bank (Malaysia) Berhad is introducing six new structured warrants featuring a diverse group of industries ranging from construction, financial services, gaming, plantation and rubber players following encouraging response to its earlier equity derivative products.



Mr Ng Seow Pang, Head of Global Treasury, OCBC Bank (Malaysia) Berhad

According to its Head of Global Treasury Mr Ng Seow Pang the Bank will be making six issuances of cash-settled European Call Warrants, set to be listed on 22 March, on Supermax Corporation Berhad (SUPERMX), IJM Corp Bhd (IJM), Kuala Lumpur Kepong Berhad (KLK), Malaysia Building Society Berhad (MBSB), MMC Corporation Berhad (MMCCORP) and Multi-Purpose Holdings Berhad (MPHB) with tenures of about eight months and issue sizes of up to 50 million each.

“OCBC Bank is positive about the equity market in general given the strong start to 2012. The FBMKLCI, however, lags key regional markets and we expect it to catch up with its peers in the region soon.

“As one of the active equity derivatives players in the market, we aim to continue to offer alternative investments to the public, in this instance structured warrants. They provide investors who are bullish about these names to consider them as viable alternative leveraged investment options. We are looking forward to good take up, especially given the increase in investors’ appetite for more sophisticated products,” he said.

The issue price for each has been set at RM0.15.

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