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OCBC BANK ANNOUNCES THE APPOINTMENT OF MR PRAMUKTI SURJAUDAJA TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Singapore, 3 September, 2004 – Oversea-Chinese Banking Corporation Limited ("OCBC Bank") today announces the appointment of Mr Pramukti Surjaudaja as a non-executive director on the Board. The appointment will take effect on 1 November 2004.

Mr Pramukti Surjaudaja, 42, is President Director and Chief Executive Officer of P.T Bank NISP Tbk ("Bank NISP"), an associate company of OCBC Bank. Bank NISP has a network of 145 branches and offices and 4,000 shared ATMs across Indonesia. Mr Pramukti Surjaudaja has been with Bank NISP for 17 years and was a Commisioner of Bank OCBC–NISP from 1997 to 2000.

Commenting on the appointment, Dr Cheong Choong Kong, Chairman of OCBC Bank, said "Mr Pramukti Surjaudaja is a very experienced banker and a valuable addition to the OCBC Board."

About OCBC Bank

OCBC Bank is a Singapore-based financial services group with assets of S\$118 billion and operations in 14 countries and territories including Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, China, Hong Kong SAR, Japan, Australia, UK and USA, and has more than 110 branches and representative offices around the world. It offers a range of specialist financial services including consumer, corporate, investment, private and transaction banking, global treasury, asset management and stockbroking services to its customers. OCBC Bank's subsidiary, Great Eastern Holdings, is the largest insurance group in both Singapore and Malaysia in terms of assets and market share. Additional information may be found at www.ocbc.com.

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