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**OVERSEA-CHINESE BANKING CORPORATION LIMITED**

(Incorporated in Singapore)

(Company Registration Number: 193200032W)

**PROPOSED BONUS CASH DIVIDEND AND RIGHTS ISSUE  
NOTICE OF BOOKS CLOSURE AND IMPORTANT EVENTS**

**1. NOTICE OF BOOKS CLOSURE**

1.1 **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Transfer Books and the Register of Members of Oversea-Chinese Banking Corporation Limited ("**OCBC Bank**") will be closed at 5.00 p.m. on 17 June 2005 ("**Books Closure Date**") up to and including 21 June 2005 (both dates inclusive), for the purpose of:

- (1) determining the entitlements of stockholders of OCBC Bank ("**Stockholders**") to the proposed bonus dividend ("**Bonus Dividend**") of S\$1.25 less tax of 20% (or S\$1.00 net) per Stock Unit (as defined below); and
- (2) determining the provisional allotments of Rights Shares (as defined below) to Stockholders who are eligible to participate in the Rights Issue ("**Entitled Stockholders**"), which comprise Entitled Depositors and Entitled Scripholders (both as defined below), on the basis of one Rights Share for every five Stock Units (as defined below) held in the capital of OCBC Bank, fractional entitlements to be disregarded.

1.2 Stockholders whose Stock Units are registered in the name of The Central Depository (Pte) Limited ("**CDP**") and whose securities accounts with CDP are credited with Stock Units as at 5.00 p.m. on the Books Closure Date ("**Depositors**") will be provisionally allotted Rights Shares entitlements on the basis of the number of Stock Units standing to the credit of their securities accounts with CDP as at 5.00 p.m. on the Books Closure Date. To be "**Entitled Depositors**", Depositors must have registered addresses with CDP in Singapore as at the Books Closure Date or who have, at least five Market Days (a "**Market Day**" being a day on which the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited ("**SGX-ST**") is open for trading in securities) prior to the Books Closure Date, provided CDP with addresses in Singapore for the service of notices and documents.

- 1.3 A Stockholder (being a Depositor) whose securities account with CDP is credited with Stock Units having a registered address outside Singapore, may provide CDP, at 4 Shenton Way #02-01 SGX Centre 2 Singapore 068807, with a registered address in Singapore no later than 5.00 p.m. on 10 June 2005, being five Market Days prior to the Books Closure Date.
- 1.4 Stockholders whose names are entered in the Register of Members will be provisionally allotted Rights Shares entitlements on the basis of the number of Stock Units held by them as at 5.00 p.m. on the Books Closure Date. Duly completed and stamped transfers (in respect of Stock Units not registered in the name of CDP) together with all relevant documents of title received up to 5.00 p.m. on the Books Closure Date by OCBC Bank's Share Registrar, M & C Services Private Limited ("**OCBC Bank's Share Registrar**") at 138 Robinson Road, #17-00, The Corporate Office, Singapore 068906, will be registered to determine the provisional Rights Shares entitlements of the transferee (a "**Scripholder**", which term shall include a person who is registered as a holder of Stock Units and whose share certificates are not deposited with CDP) under the Rights Issue. To be "**Entitled Scripholders**", Scripholders must have registered addresses with OCBC Bank in Singapore as at the Books Closure Date or who have, at least five Market Days prior to the Books Closure Date, provided OCBC Bank's Share Registrar with addresses in Singapore for the service of notices and documents.
- 1.5 A Stockholder (whose Stock Units are not registered in the name of CDP) having a registered address outside Singapore may provide OCBC Bank's Share Registrar with an address in Singapore for the service of notices and documents not later than 5.00 p.m. on 10 June 2005, being five Market Days prior to the Books Closure Date.
- 1.6 For the purpose of this Announcement, "**Rights Shares**" refers to new ordinary shares of par value S\$1.00 each in the capital of OCBC Bank to be allotted and issued by OCBC Bank pursuant to the proposed renounceable non-underwritten rights issue ("**Rights Issue**") which was announced by OCBC Bank on 11 May 2005 and "**Stock Units**" refers to ordinary stock units of S\$1.00 each in the capital of OCBC Bank into which issued and fully paid ordinary shares of par value S\$1.00 each are converted.

## **2. ELECTION OPTION**

- 2.1 An Entitled Depositor who wishes to accept Rights Shares which are provisionally allotted to him and/or apply for excess Rights Shares may:
- (a) use all or part of his Bonus Dividend (to the extent that it is sufficient) to accept Rights Shares which are provisionally allotted to him (including any Rights Shares comprised in his provisional allotments on the basis of his stockholdings as at 5.00 p.m. on the Books Closure Date and any provisional allotments of Rights Shares which he may have purchased on a nil-paid basis on the SGX-ST); and/or

- (b) use all or part of his Bonus Dividend (to the extent that it is sufficient) to make payment for any excess Rights Shares application.
- 2.2 An Entitled Scripholder who wishes to accept Rights Shares which are provisionally allotted to him may use all or part of his Bonus Dividend to accept Rights Shares which are provisionally allotted to him on the basis of his stockholdings as at 5.00 p.m. on the Books Closure Date. However, an Entitled Scripholder will not be able to use any part of his Bonus Dividend to make payment for any excess Rights Shares application. A renounee of an Entitled Scripholder, even if such renounee is also an Entitled Scripholder who has Stock Units as at 5.00 p.m. on the Books Closure Date and is entitled to his Bonus Dividend in respect of such Stock Units, will also not be able to use any of such Bonus Dividend to accept the Rights Shares that have been renounced to him.
- 2.3 Full details on the terms and conditions applicable to the subscription of the Rights Shares and the procedures for acceptance of the provisional allotment of Rights Shares and/or applying for excess Rights Shares using the Bonus Dividend will be set out in the Offer Information Statement relating to the Rights Issue.
- 2.4 A Stockholder (whose Stock Units are not registered with CDP) who wishes to use any part of his Bonus Dividend to make payment for any excess Rights Shares should deposit with CDP his share certificates together with the duly executed instruments of transfer in favour of CDP not later than 7 June 2005, which is eight Market Days prior to the Books Closure Date so as to enable CDP to credit his securities account with CDP with his Stock Units as at 5.00 p.m. on the Books Closure Date.

### 3. INDICATIVE TIME-TABLE

An indicative timetable of the Rights Issue is set out below and changes to the indicative dates (if any) will be announced by way of SGXNET announcements released on the SGX-ST:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
15 June 2005 from 9.00 a.m.	: Stock Units trade on an ex-rights and ex-entitlement to Bonus Dividend bases
17 June 2005 at 5.00 p.m.	: Books Closure Date
22 June 2005	: Despatch of Offer Information Statement and forms to Entitled Stockholders
22 June 2005 from 9.00 a.m.	: Commencement of Rights Issue and trading of "nil-paid" rights
30 June 2005 at 4.45 p.m.	: Last date and time for splitting rights (for Entitled Scripholders)
30 June 2005 at 5.00 p.m.	: Trading of "nil-paid" rights ceases

- 6 July 2005 at 4.45 p.m. (9.30 p.m. for electronic applications) : Last date and time for acceptance of and payment for Rights Shares
- 6 July 2005 at 4.45 p.m. : Last date and time for renunciation of and payment for Rights Shares (for Entitled Scripholders)
- 6 July 2005 at 4.45 p.m. (9.30 p.m. for electronic applications) : Last date and time for application and payment for excess Rights Shares
- 18 July 2005 : Expected date of issuance of Rights Shares
- 19 July 2005 : Expected date for commencement of trading of Rights Shares
- 19 July 2005 : Expected date of payment of Bonus Dividend (in respect of Stockholders who have not elected to apply the Bonus Dividend in full towards the subscription of the Rights Shares)

Issued by  
**OVERSEA-CHINESE BANKING CORPORATION LIMITED**

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