



## MEDIA RELEASE

### PHISHING ALERT BY OCBC BANK

Singapore, 11 July 2006 – It has come to our attention that an email, containing hyperlink <http://www.ocbc.st/internet-banking/>, requesting its recipients to perform an Internet Banking account verification by entering their access code and PIN, is in circulation. It was stated in the email that this exercise is part of our Bank's verification exercise.

OCBC Bank would like to clarify that we are not the originator of this email. We have no affiliation whatsoever with the abovementioned hyperlink and it is not our standard practice to conduct random security verification checks on customers. Neither is our Bank's practice to send emails to customers requesting them to provide their passwords, PIN or confidential information via hyperlinks, redirection links within an email or on a third party website.

As the fraudulent site is hosted in China, we have enlisted the help of China Computer Emergency Response Team in shutting it down. Both the Monetary Authority of Singapore and Singapore Computer Emergency Response Team have been informed.

OCBC Bank's official website can be found at [www.ocbc.com](http://www.ocbc.com).

We would like to remind our customers to ensure that they are connected to a legitimate OCBC Bank website before keying in any confidential personal data and should avoid accessing their Internet Banking accounts through hyperlinks embedded in emails. More information on precautionary measures against cyber fraud can be found in the Security and Privacy section of OCBC Bank's Internet Banking web pages.

Customers who have queries on this matter should call OCBC Bank at 1800 363 3333. Business Banking customers can also call our Commercial Service Centre at 1800 538 1111.

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## About OCBC Bank

Singapore's longest established local bank, OCBC Bank, currently has assets of S\$134 billion and a network of over 310 branches and representative offices in 15 countries and territories including Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, Vietnam, China, Hong Kong SAR, Brunei, Japan, Australia, UK and USA. This network includes more than 200 branches and offices in Indonesia operated by OCBC Bank's subsidiary, PT Bank NISP. OCBC Bank and its banking subsidiaries offer a wide range of specialist financial services, from consumer, corporate, investment, private and transaction banking to global treasury and stockbroking services to meet the needs of its customers across communities.

OCBC Bank's insurance subsidiary, Great Eastern Holdings, is the largest insurance group in Singapore and Malaysia, in terms of assets and market share, and its asset management subsidiary, Lion Capital Management, is one of the largest asset management companies in Southeast Asia.

In 2005, OCBC Bank was named *Global Finance* magazine's Best Trade Finance Bank and *FinanceAsia*'s Best Bond House. Additional information may be found at [www.ocbc.com](http://www.ocbc.com).