

OCBC SECURITIES IS FIRST LOCAL BROKERAGE TO OFFER SAME-DAY TRADING FOR SHARE FINANCING

*Fast approval lets retail investors make the most of
trading opportunities in the stock market*

Singapore, 4 October 2006 – OCBC Securities (“OSPL”) has become the first local brokerage to give customers trading access on the same day they apply for share financing, so that they can better capture opportunities in a fast-moving stock market.

Besides giving the fastest approval in the market¹, OSPL also offers the largest list of shares across Singapore, Malaysia and Hong Kong, numbering over 1,000, which customers can pledge as collateral to gear up for further trading.

Mr Hui Yew Ping, OSPL’s Managing Director, said: “Time is of the essence when it comes to entering or exiting the stock market. By the time people wait that few days for their share financing applications to be approved, a trading opportunity could be lost. OSPL set out to address the frustration that comes from sitting on the sidelines as the market moves, and we are excited our same-day trading access can achieve this for our customers.”

He added: “By providing the widest list of marginable shares, OSPL is well placed to help our customers unlock the value of shares, which may simply be left idling in their accounts.”

First launched in May 2000, OCBC Share Financing will be re-launched on 8 October with these new and enhanced features. OSPL’s push to set this new industry standard is part of on-going efforts to come up with attractive alternative solutions for its customers’ investment needs.

With OCBC Share Financing, customers can get up to two-and-a-half times their share capital if they pledge shares from their Central Depository Account to an OSPL account. They can also multiply their cash capital by up to three-and-a-half times to buy shares.

¹ Clients can start trading on the same day for applications submitted on or before 2pm. For applications submitted after 2pm, clients can trade on the morning of the next trading day.

Recognising that trading can be risky for the uninitiated, OSPL will invite those who sign on for share financing to specially-tailored seminars aimed at improving their trading skills and knowledge.

Mr Hui explained: "The inherent risk from trading is real, especially when one buys on rumours or market speculation, which is why we have been steering our customers towards making well-informed trading decisions. Share financing, wielded with proper understanding, is a powerful tool for people to use to maximise profit from the market."

About OCBC Securities

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We are one of the leading stock and futures broking firms in Singapore providing full brokerage services for equities and derivatives trading. State of the art technology is employed to deliver speedy multi-market electronic execution of trades for our customers. Our user-friendly and highly interactive internet trading platform ("IOCBC") makes us the preferred choice amongst our competitors.

OCBC Securities offers a wide array of superior products and services to our customers. We are constantly looking at our product-offerings which range from broking to wealth management products.

Our customer base consists of both individual and institutional investors. They include foreign banks, financial institutions, public-listed corporation, professional traders, as well as retail and high net worth individuals.
