



UNITED OVERSEAS BANK LIMITED

(Incorporated in the Republic of Singapore)

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Joint Venture with Infrastructure Leasing & Financial Services Limited

Singapore, 6 January 2006 - United Overseas Bank Limited ("UOB") is pleased to announce that its 70%-owned subsidiary, UOB Global Capital LLC ("UOBGC") has formed a 51%:49% investment management company with Infrastructure Leasing & Financial Services Limited ("IL&FS") of Mumbai India. UOBGC will take the majority stake and both parties will have equal representation on the board of directors. Incorporated in Mauritius, the investment management company is named "UOB IL & FS Management Limited" ("UOB ILFS Management"). Taking into account operational and business needs, UOB ILFS Management will have an initial paid-up capital of US\$10000, with UOBGC's equity participation amounting to 51% thereof. The shareholders will be subscribing for their respective shareholding in UOB ILFS Management for cash at par. UOB ILFS Management will be treated as a subsidiary of UOB.

UOB ILFS Management has been set up to manage an Indian, Absolute Return Equity Fund called "UOB IL & FS India Opportunities Fund Limited" ("India Fund"). The India Fund will be constituted as a limited company in Mauritius and its primary investment objective is the attainment of absolute investment returns. The India Fund will invest in common stocks, preferred stocks, convertible preferred obligations, debt instruments, cash equivalents, traded derivative contracts and any other instruments in the India markets.

Mr Terence Ong, Senior Executive Vice President of UOB, had this to say of the joint venture, "India and the opportunities afforded by that market are areas of increasing interest for the UOB Group. The joint venture with IL&FS will allow us to work together with a highly-regarded and accomplished Indian Institution to further develop and enhance our activities in India."

Mr. Ravi Parthasarathy, Chairman and Managing Director of IL&FS said, "We welcome the opportunity to join forces with UOB, a recognized, leading Asian Banking and financial services group. The Joint Venture will bring the expertise of both institutions together to afford investor access to the opportunities offered by the Indian financial markets."

About United Overseas Bank Limited

Founded in 1935, UOB has charted steady growth over the years to establish itself as a leading bank in Singapore. Today, UOB has a network of 497 offices in 18 countries and territories in Asia-Pacific, Western Europe and North America. It has 62 branches in Singapore and more than 400 offices in Australia, Brunei, Canada, China, France, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, United Kingdom, USA and Vietnam.

UOB provides a wide range of financial services including personal financial services, private banking, trust services, commercial and corporate banking, corporate finance, capital market activities, treasury services, futures broking, asset management, venture capital management, general insurance and life assurance. It also offers stockbroking services through its associate, UOB-Kay Hian Holdings.

Through other subsidiaries and associates, UOB also has diversified interests in travel, leasing, property development and management, hotel operations and general trading.

UOB is rated among the world's top banks by Moody's Investors Service, receiving B for Bank Financial Strength, and Aa3 and Prime-1 for long-term and short-term deposits respectively.

About UOBGC

UOBGC is the global asset management affiliate of the UOB Group. With offices in New York, Paris and Singapore, UOBGC is mandated to create, introduce distribute and manage investment products in all asset classes, to clients outside Asia. Through relationships with asset managers worldwide, UOBGC seeks to help meet the global asset needs of UOB's customers in Singapore and Asia.

About Infrastructure Leasing & Financial Services Limited

IL&FS commenced operations in 1988 as a joint venture between three premier institutions. It has since broadened its shareholder base to include other Indian and International Institutions.

IL&FS is involved in two key business areas: infrastructure projects and financial services. IL&FS is now a premier institution in the commercialization of infrastructure projects with a full range of services spanning project sponsorship, project development, advisory services and project management including financial structuring and fund raising.

In the area of financial services, IL&FS has evolved into a niche Investment Bank with focus on structured finance and syndication. IL&FS also has a premier position in the distribution business and in the asset management business through its subsidiaries.

Vivien Chan
Group Secretary