



UNITED OVERSEAS BANK LIMITED

(Incorporated in the Republic of Singapore)

Company Registration No. 193500026Z

ACQUISITION OF ADDITIONAL SHARES IN P.T. BANK BUANA INDONESIA TBK

Singapore, 15 July 2005 - United Overseas Bank Limited ("UOB") wishes to announce that its wholly-owned subsidiary, UOB International Investment Pte Ltd ("UOBII"), has entered into a Heads of Agreement with P.T. Sari Dasa Karsa for the acquisition (the "Acquisition") of 1,729,872,821 of the issued common shares (the "Sale Shares") in P.T. Bank Buana Indonesia Tbk ("Bank Buana"). The completion of the Acquisition is conditional upon certain matters, including the execution of a definitive sale and purchase agreement and obtaining regulatory consents.

UOBII currently owns 23% of the issued common shares in Bank Buana. After completion of the Acquisition, its shareholding will increase to 53% and Bank Buana will become a subsidiary of UOBII. Upon completion of the Acquisition, UOBII will conduct a tender offer for the rest of the shares in Bank Buana in compliance with the applicable laws and regulations.

The total consideration for the Sale Shares is Rupiah 1,650,000,000,000 (approximately S\$285 million), which is 2.59 times the unaudited book value of Bank Buana as at 30 June 2005. The Acquisition is not expected to have a material impact on earnings or the net tangible assets of UOB for the current financial year. UOB intends to fund the Acquisition using internal resources.

The Acquisition, which would further strengthen UOB's Southeast Asia platform, is in line with UOB's long-term vision to build a premier regional bank.

Mr Wee Ee Cheong, Deputy Chairman of UOB, said "Bank Buana is one of the oldest and best-run banks in Indonesia. The increased investment reflects our confidence in Bank Buana and the long-term potential of the Indonesian economy."

Mr Siang Hadi Widjaja, representing the selling shareholder, said "UOB's increased investment in Bank Buana will allow the bank to further benefit from the resources and expertise of the UOB Group and we are confident that with UOB's guidance, Bank Buana will further grow from strength to strength."

Merrill Lynch is the financial advisor to UOB on the Acquisition.

Mrs Vivien Chan
Company Secretary

About Bank Buana

Bank Buana was established in 1956 as a Private National Bank. Since July 2000, Bank Buana has been listed on the Jakarta and Surabaya Stock Exchange. Bank Buana operates from its headquarters in Jakarta through a network of almost 200 offices and hundreds of its own ATMs with over 3,000 ALTO joint ATMs nationwide. As of 30 June 2005, Bank Buana has Total Assets of IDR15,356 billion (USD1,567 million)¹ and Shareholders Equity of IDR2,124 billion (USD217 million)¹. The Return on Average Equity (ROE) and Return on Average Assets (ROA) stood at 23.73%² and 3.97%² respectively. Bank Buana is rated an "A" class bank by the Indonesian Central Bank, obtained an "A-" Corporate Rating from both international and national rating agency, Fitch Rating and Pefindo.

Bank Buana	As of and for the year ended 31 December 2004	As of and for the 6 months ended 30 June 2005
<i>Balance Sheet (IDR billion)</i>		
Total Assets	16,354	15,356
Total Gross Loans	7,857	9,424
Total Customer Deposits	13,420	12,364
Shareholders Equity	1,902	2,124
 <i>Key Ratios</i>		
Total CAR	22.12%	20.33%
Net Interest Margin	6.19%	6.68%
NPL (nett)	1.50%	1.88%
ROE	17.75%	23.73%
ROA	2.66%	3.97%
 <i>P&L (IDR billion)</i>		
Net Interest Income	874	465
Non Interest Income	87	90
Operating Expense	552	263
Net Profit Before Tax	413	307
EPS (IDR) ^{2 3}	57	82

Source: Bank Buana 2004 Annual Report, Unaudited 30 June 2005 Financial Report
More information about Bank Buana can be found on its website at
www.bankbuana.com.

¹ USD-IDR exchange rate: IDR9,800 = 1 USD

² Annualised

³ June 2005 EPS (IDR) number is calculated based on net profit after tax of Rp215bn, which assumes a 30% tax rate

About United Overseas Bank

Founded in 1935, United Overseas Bank Limited (UOB) has charted steady growth over the years to establish itself as a leading bank in Singapore. UOB provides a wide range of financial services through its global network of 385 offices in 18 countries and territories in Asia-Pacific, Western Europe and North America. It has 61 branches in Singapore and more than 300 offices in Australia, Brunei, Canada, China, France, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, United Kingdom, USA and Vietnam.

UOB's wide range of financial services include 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