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UOB RADANASIN BANK'S UNAUDITED RESULTS FOR THE YEAR 2002

Singapore, 29 January 2003 - UOB Radanasin Bank recently filed its unaudited results for the year 2002 with the Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET) in which the Bank reported a net loss of B194 million, a B475 million improvement from the year before. The year-on-year improvement was a result of significantly higher income from a 24% increase in customer loans (to B26 billion) and higher fee based income.

Barring unforeseen events, and assuming reasonable economic growth in the Thai economy, the Bank should continue to make good progress in its franchise growth and be able to record a profit in 2003, the first time since United Overseas Bank took over the Bank.

At this point in time, the Bank has no plans to seek re-trading of its shares on the SET. However, given favourable conditions and outlook, as well as the approval of the Board, the Bank would consider such an opportunity, the earliest of which is not expected to be before 2004.