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Gold^{Plus} status for UOB Plaza's green air system

Singapore, 16 May 2013 – Improving the energy efficiency of one of Singapore's tallest buildings has won United Overseas Bank (UOB) the Building and Construction Authority's (BCA) Green Mark Gold^{Plus} Award for Existing Non-Residential Buildings.

The BCA gave UOB the award for the design of its new air conditioning and mechanical ventilation system at UOB Plaza 1. The new green air system will save 6,250,000 kilowatt-hours of energy each year at the 66-storey office tower. This is equivalent to the power consumption of more than 1,100 five-room HDB flats over the same period¹.

Mr Khoo Kah Nan, Executive Director of Property and General Services at UOB, said that as a major property owner and employer in the financial district, the Bank recognises its responsibility to protect the environment and the well-being of its people.

"The complete overhaul of an air conditioning and ventilation system in a tower the size of UOB Plaza 1 is a major undertaking but one that is essential to reducing our carbon footprint," Mr Khoo said.

While upgrading works to reduce energy usage have been implemented progressively since UOB Plaza 1 was built 20 years ago, the retrofitting will set new energy efficiency standards for UOB. The energy saved with the new system will amount to annual savings of \$1.6 million which will be channelled into upgrading other UOB properties.

The installation of the new air conditioning and mechanical ventilation system at UOB Plaza 1 will be completed by the end of next year.

The BCA Green Mark Award is given to organisations that incorporate internationally recognised best practices in environmental design and performance. Recipients must meet the required standards in the

¹ Based on the average annual electricity consumption of a 5-room flat from April 2012-March 2013 (Source: Singapore Power)

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management of energy efficiency, water efficiency and indoor air quality, environmental protection and green innovation.

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United Overseas Bank Limited (UOB) is a leading bank in Asia with a global network of more than 500 offices in 19 countries and territories in Asia Pacific, Western Europe and North America. Since its incorporation in 1935, UOB has grown organically through a series of strategic acquisitions. Today it operates in Asia through its branches and representative offices as well as banking subsidiaries in China, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand.

UOB plays an active role in the community, focusing on the arts, education and children. For three decades UOB has organised the prestigious UOB Painting Of The Year Competition and Exhibition. In recognition of its contributions to the arts, UOB was conferred the National Arts Council's Distinguished Patron of the Arts Award for the eighth consecutive year in 2012. UOB also encourages its employees across the region to be involved in its regular volunteer activities. This includes the annual UOB Heartbeat Run which is held in Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand and mainland China.

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