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Standard Chartered Bank Employees Clean Up Port Dickson beach

Kuala Lumpur, Friday, 6 June 2008 – In support of World Environment Day, Standard Chartered Bank Malaysia made a long-term commitment to conserve Port Dickson (PD) beach through its Adopt-a-beach programme.

Through the adopt-a-beach programme, Standard Chartered employees pledged to clean up the beach stretch in PD, set up recycling bins and conduct half-yearly waste audits. The pilot project covered over 1 hectare of Cahaya Island, the 3rd mile of Port Dickson beach. About 40 Standard Chartered employees volunteered for this effort.

Nirukt Sapru, Country Head Origination & Client Coverage, Standard Chartered Bank Malaysia Berhad said,

“We want to build a sustainable business in markets in which we operate. Through the Adopt-a-beach programme, we are able to help protect the environment and deepen our contribution to the community. In cleaning up PD beach, we are minimizing the environmental impact in this popular picnic area and play a part in protecting Malaysia’s rich ecological diversity.

“Apart from cleaning up the waste along the beach site, we will be setting up the recycling bins at the beach to increase public awareness on discarding their waste more appropriately. To monitor the progress of the

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programme and ensure improvement, our employee will be conducting waste audit every half year.”

In collaboration with the Jabatan Majlis Perbandaran Port Dickson and Malaysia Nature Society (MNS), the Adopt-a-beach programme is part of the bank's World Environment campaign, Green Up - Our Future.

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Standard Chartered – leading the way in Asia, Africa and the Middle East

Standard Chartered PLC, listed on both the London Stock Exchange and the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, ranks among the top 25 companies in the FTSE-100 by market capitalisation. The London-headquartered group has operated for over 150 years in some of the world's most dynamic markets, leading the way in Asia, Africa and the Middle East. Its income and the number of employees have more than doubled over the last five years primarily as a result of organic growth and supplemented by acquisitions.

Standard Chartered aspires to be the best international bank in its markets through leading by example to be the right partner for its stakeholders. The group now employs 73,000 people, representing 115 nationalities, in more than 1,700 branches and outlets located in over 70 countries. The bank derives more than 90 per cent of its operating income and profits from Asia, Africa and the Middle East, with balanced income derived from both Wholesale and Consumer Banking.

The group is committed to building a sustainable business over the long term and is trusted worldwide for upholding high standards of corporate governance, social responsibility, environmental protection and employee diversity. For more information, please visit: www.standardchartered.com

Standard Chartered in Malaysia

Standard Chartered Bank Malaysia Berhad, a member of the Standard Chartered Group was established in Malaysia in 1875 and locally incorporated on 1 July 1994. As Malaysia's first bank, Standard Chartered leads the way through product innovation, consistent and strong growth performance and sustainability initiatives. It provides a comprehensive range of financial products and services including retail, Islamic and wholesale banking for individuals, small and medium-sized enterprises, corporate and institutions through its network of 37 branches across Malaysia.

In 2001, Standard Chartered established one of two of its global shared service centres in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia to provide IT support and processing services to the Bank's operations in 15 countries – the first bank in Malaysia to do so. It now houses the biggest software development company in the country, International Software Centre Malaysia (ISCM). The other global shared service centre is located in Chennai, India.

Apart from its shared service centres, the Group has also established a wholly owned subsidiary company, Price Solutions Sdn. Bhd. to promote and market Standard Chartered's financial products in Malaysia.

Standard Chartered employs more than 5,000 employees in its Malaysian operations.