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**Media Release**

**SPH REIT successfully secures refinancing of S\$280 million in a five-year loan**

**29 April 2020** – SPH REIT Management Pte. Ltd., in its capacity as the manager of SPH REIT (the “Manager”) announced today that it has secured the refinancing of an existing loan of S\$280 million due in July 2020, for a new term of five years from Oversea-Chinese Banking Corporation Limited (OCBC).

In line with SPH REIT’s prudent capital management strategy, the 5 year tenure will continue to ensure that the debt maturity profile is well staggered, without major concentration of debts maturing in any single year. This will help to maintain a healthy balance sheet for SPH REIT with the gearing remaining at approximately 29.3%, with no other refinancing required until June 2021. Portfolio weighted average debt term to maturity expected to increase from 2.2 years to 3 years

Mr Benjamin Kuah, SPH REIT's Chief Financial Officer and Head of Investor Relations, said: “This refinancing is an integral and proactive part of our ongoing efforts to manage our capital structure. In anticipation of the challenges posed by the prolonged Covid-19 situation, we believe that this will provide us with greater capital management flexibility to safeguard the interests of our investors. I would like to thank all stakeholders involved in making this transaction a success.”

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## **ABOUT SPH REIT**

SPH REIT is a Singapore-based real estate investment trust established principally to invest in a portfolio of income-producing real estate primarily for retail purposes in Asia Pacific, as well as real estate-related assets.

SPH REIT has a portfolio of five assets in Singapore and Australia.

Its portfolio of properties in Singapore comprises a 99-year leasehold interest in Paragon, a 99-year leasehold interest in The Clementi Mall and a 99-year leasehold interest in The Rail Mall. These Singapore properties have an aggregate net lettable area of approximately 960,000 sq. ft.

In Australia, SPH REIT owns an 85% stake in Figtree Grove Shopping Centre, a freehold sub-regional shopping centre in Wollongong, New South Wales, Australia. SPH REIT also owns a 50% stake in Westfield Marion Shopping Centre, the largest regional shopping centre in Adelaide, South Australia. Both Australian properties have an aggregate gross lettable area of approximately 1.7 million sq. ft.

Visit SPH REIT's website at [www.sphreit.com.sg](http://www.sphreit.com.sg) for more details.

## **ABOUT THE REIT MANAGER: SPH REIT MANAGEMENT PTE. LTD.**

SPH REIT is managed by SPH REIT Management Pte. Ltd., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Singapore Press Holdings Limited. The Manager's key objective for SPH REIT is to provide Unitholders with regular and stable distributions, and sustainable long-term growth in DPU and NAV per Unit, while maintaining an appropriate capital structure.

## **ABOUT SPONSOR: SINGAPORE PRESS HOLDINGS LTD**

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SPH's core business is in the publishing of newspapers, magazines and books in both print and digital editions. It also owns other digital products, online classifieds, radio stations and outdoor media.

On the property front, SPH owns approximately 65% in SPH REIT whose portfolio comprises three properties in Singapore, namely Paragon, The Clementi Mall and The Rail Mall. In Australia, SPH REIT holds an 85% stake in Figtree Grove Shopping Centre and a 50% stake in Westfield Marion Shopping Centre.

SPH also owns and operates The Seletar Mall and is developing an integrated development consisting of The Woodleigh Residences and The Woodleigh Mall. It also owns a portfolio of Purpose-Built Student Accommodation (PBSA) in the United Kingdom and Germany.

It is in the aged care sector in Singapore and Japan, and owns Orange Valley, one of Singapore's largest nursing homes.

SPH runs a regional events arm. It also invested in the education business.

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