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### **BPI successfully prices US\$400 million 5-Year Reg S Senior Unsecured Notes Offering**

On Tuesday, March 19, 2024, Bank of the Philippine Islands (“BPI”) successfully tapped the international capital markets with a public USD bond issuance for the first time since 2019, with its offering of US\$400 million 5-year Reg S senior unsecured notes (“Notes”).

The Notes were issued under BPI’s US\$3 billion Medium Term Notes Programme, and the net proceeds will be used for refinancing and general corporate purposes.

The 5-year Notes were priced at U.S. Treasury spread of T+105 basis points (bps) with a coupon of 5.25%, representing the tightest ever spread on a 5-year bond from a non-sovereign Philippine issuer, adding another milestone to BPI’s long list of achievements.

The Notes are rated Baa2 by Moody’s. \*

The transaction is expected to settle on March 26, 2024.

BPI announced the transaction mandate on Monday, March 18, 2024 and conducted a comprehensive investor marketing exercise involving a global investor call and a series of meetings covering investors across Hong Kong, Singapore, and London. After receiving positive investor feedback, BPI proceeded to launch the transaction bookbuilding on Tuesday, March 19, 2024, with an Initial Pricing Guidance (“IPG”) of T+140 bps area. Orderbooks saw strong momentum throughout the day, despite a week rife with global central bank policy meetings, with the final books standing at over US\$1.3 billion, as the Notes were 3.3 times oversubscribed. This allowed 35 bps of pricing compression from IPG to final pricing, even as the issue size was increased from the original indications of US\$300 million, to accommodate the strong oversubscription levels.

In terms of geographic allocation, the Notes were distributed 81% to Asia and 19% to EMEA / Offshore U.S. accounts. The Notes were distributed to high quality fixed income accounts: 51% to Fund Managers, 29% to Banks, 17% to Private Banks and Financial Institutions, and 3% to Insurance.

BPI Capital was the Sole Global Coordinator, while J.P. Morgan, Mizuho, Standard Chartered Bank and UBS were the Joint Lead Managers for the transaction.

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