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AHP Represents Government of Indonesia in Record-Breaking Sukuk

Assegaf Hamzah & Partners is proud to have represented Perusahaan Penerbit SBSN Indonesia III ("PPSI-III"), a legal entity established by the Government of Indonesia for the purpose of issuing Shari'a compliant securities in foreign currencies in the international markets, in the Republic of Indonesia's recent, record-breaking USD 2.5 billion Wakala Sukuk.

The transaction is noteworthy for being the largest ever Asian USD Sukuk transaction, the largest ever USD Sukuk issued by Indonesia, and the first ever dual-tranche US Dollar Sukuk issued by Indonesia.

The Wakala Sukuk, which consists of USD 750 million 5-year and USD 1.75 billion 10-year Reg. S/144A Trust Certificates due in 2021 and 2026, respectively, was listed on the Singapore Stock Exchange on March 30 and on the NASDAQ Dubai on March 31.

The underlying assets for the Wakala Sukuk consist of (i) state-owned assets including land and buildings (51%), and (ii) project assets which are under construction or to be constructed (49%).

Ranked as a top-tier firm in Capital Markets by leading international legal directories Chambers Asia Pacific and Legal 500 Asia Pacific, AHP has been involved in many of the Republic of Indonesia's sukuk and conventional bond issuances down the years.

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ASEAN Economic Community Portal

With the launch of the ASEAN Economic Community ("**AEC**") in December 2015, businesses looking to tap the opportunities presented by the integrated markets of the AEC can now get help a click away. Rajah & Tann Asia, United Overseas Bank and RSM Chio Lim Stone Forest, have teamed up to launch "Business in ASEAN", a portal that provides companies with a single platform that helps businesses navigate the complexities of setting up operations in ASEAN.

By tapping into the professional knowledge and resources of the three organisations through this portal, small- and medium-sized enterprises across the 10-member economic grouping can equip themselves with the tools and know-how to navigate ASEAN's business landscape. Of particular interest to businesses is the "Ask a Question" feature of the portal which enables companies to pose questions to the three organisations which have an extensive network in the region. The portal can be accessed at http://www.businessinasean.com/.

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