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MAPLETREELOG ASSIGNED 'Baa1' FIRST-TIME RATING BY MOODY'S

Singapore, 14 March 2006 – The Board of Directors of Mapletree Logistics Trust Management Ltd. ("MLTM"), manager of Mapletree Logistics Trust ("MapletreeLog"), is pleased to announce that MapletreeLog has been assigned a first-time corporate family rating of 'Baa1' with a 'Stable'

rating outlook by Moody's Investors Service ("Moody's").

Mr. Chua Tiow Chye, Chief Executive Officer of MLTM, said, "We are very pleased with Moody's corporate rating for MapletreeLog and believe the rating reflects the trust's good quality and well-located logistics properties, diverse tenant mix and long lease terms. The positive rating by Moody's also validates our ongoing initiatives to grow MapletreeLog's portfolio through

yield-accretive acquisitions, proactive asset management and optimal capital management."

"The credit rating also provides a number of benefits to MapletreeLog. Up until now, the trust has relied solely on bank borrowings. With an established credit rating, MapletreeLog can now tap on a broader suite of debt instruments to minimise funding costs and/or improve the overall efficiency of

our debt funding," Mr Chua added.

Under the revised Property Fund Guidelines issued by the Monetary Authority of Singapore on 20 October 2005, a REIT can now increase its aggregate leverage limit to 60% of the value of its deposited property, provided it obtains and publishes a credit rating from a major rating agency.

Prior to the change, aggregate gearing ratio was capped at 35% of a REIT's total asset value.

The higher leverage limit is especially beneficial to a cross border REIT like MapletreeLog; it gives the trust greater operational flexibility to optimise the debt funding of its overseas acquisitions to enjoy greater tax and hedging benefits.

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Mr Chua added: "In trying to optimise MapletreeLog's leverage, we view debt as a tool to improve operational flexibility and efficiency rather than a means to financial engineering. We envisage a target average leverage ratio of between 40% to 45% once MapletreeLog reaches a steady state when the trust's assets have reached a reasonable size of between S\$1.5 billion to S\$2.0 billion. However, this will not preclude us from raising the leverage ratio up to 60% for short periods to clinch strategic and opportunistic acquisitions that are accretive," said Mr Chua.

Although MapletreeLog has been listed for less than a year and has a short operating track record, Moody's 'Baa1' rating for the trust has put it on par with its peer, ProLogis - a more established US-based REIT with a substantially bigger portfolio of logistics assets.

In a separate press release issued by Moody's, the rating agency noted that MapletreeLog's properties are well maintained and enjoy close proximity to key industrial belts, airports, seaports, and other transportation nodes. Moody's also noted positively the trust's strong lease expiry profile and good tenant quality.

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About MapletreeLog (www.mapletreelogisticstrust.com)

MapletreeLog, the first Asia-focused logistics REIT in Singapore, was listed on the SGX-ST main board on 28 July 2005. Its principal strategy is to invest in a diversified portfolio of income-producing logistics real estate and real estate-related assets. It has a portfolio of 18 logistics assets in Singapore valued at S\$461.8 million (as at 31 December 2005). MapletreeLog is managed by Mapletree Logistics Trust Management Ltd., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Mapletree Investments Pte Ltd.



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