

## Rating Action: Moody's assigns definitive Baa3 rating to Mapletree Logistics Trust's perpetual securities

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Singapore, March 19, 2012 -- Moody's Investors Service has today assigned a definitive Baa3 rating to the perpetual securities issued by HSBC Institutional Trust Services (Singapore) Limited (in its capacity as Trustee of Mapletree Logistics Trust ("MLT")).

## **RATINGS RATIONALE**

Moody's has removed the provisional (P) status of the rating assigned to the perpetual securities on 7th March 2012. Moody's rating rationale was set out in a press release issued on the same date. The final issue size is SGD350 million and the perpetual distribution rate is set at 5.375% per annum.

On 12th March 2012, MLT announced the potential acquisition of seven warehouse facilities in Japan with a value of approximately JPY17.5 billion (~SGD292 million). A portion of the issue proceeds will be used to fund this and other potential acquisitions.

The principal methodology used in this rating was Moody's Approach for REITs and Other Commercial Property Firms published in July 2010. Please see the Credit Policy page on www.moodys.com for a copy of this methodology.

Listed in July 2005, MLT is an Asian-focused logistics property S-REIT, with a portfolio of 98 properties offering a lettable area of 2.6 million sq.m. and valued at SGD\$3.7 billion (as of December 31, 2011). Its sponsor, Mapletree Investments Pte. Ltd. holds a 40.5% stake in MLT. The Trust's financial year end has changed and the current year comprising of five quarters, will close on 31st March 2012.

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