



**General Announcement**

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Contents : Esso Malaysia Berhad (EMB) refers to the article entitled "Esso to sell RM150m Islamic paper" that appeared at page 40 of the 'Business Times' section of The New Straits Times (NST) (Wednesday January 7, 2009). The article stated Reuters as its source.

With reference to the said article, EMB wishes to clarify as follows:

1. On April 19, 2004, EMB announced to Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad a RM300 million 7-year Islamic Commercial Papers Programme (ICP). The issuance of the "... RM150 million worth of Islamic commercial paper on Friday...", stated in the January 7, 2009 article refers to the re-bid of 2 existing tranches under EMB's current RM300 million ICP. The issuance of the re-bid tranches of the Islamic commercial papers, which will have a 60 day maturity, is planned for Friday, January 9, 2009. Other than this RM300 million ICP (announced in 2004), EMB has not entered into any new or additional Islamic Commercial Paper programme.

2. The article that appeared in the NST today was not provided by EMB to NST or Reuters.

This clarification is dated January 7, 2009