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## **Karambunai Corp Bhd's group of companies ("KCB") receives the ISO 14001:2004 Environmental Management System ("EMS") certification**

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Tuesday, 27 October 2009: Karambunai Corp Bhd ("KCB") is pleased to announce that its flagship hotel and golf course, i.e. Nexus Resort Karambunai ("NRK"), the Villas & Suites at Nexus Resort Karambunai ("VSNRK") and Nexus Golf Resort Karambunai ("NGRK") had received the ISO 14001:2004 certification (Environmental Management System) from Bureau Veritas ("BV"). BV is the world's leading Certification Service Provider that is recognized by more than 30 national and international accreditation bodies and serves more than 280,000 customers worldwide.

The certification is part of KCB's social responsibility effort whereby the Group had identified environmental protection as one of its key themes. As an established resort and golf course operator, the Group has always maintained an 'environmental-friendly' approach for its hotel operations including minimizing wastage, maximize the use of energy-saving device, proper disposal of waste materials, recycling of used materials and adopting environmental best practices wherever possible.

The ISO 14001:2004 is a part of a series of international standards applicable to any organizations in relation to environmental management system. A system of this kind enables an organization to develop an environmental policy, establish objectives and processes to achieve the policy commitments, take action as needed to improve its performance and demonstrate conformity of the system to the requirements of the ISO 14001:2004 standards. The overall aim of the ISO 14001:2004 is to support environmental protection and prevention of pollution in balance with socio-economic needs.

In a ceremony held at the VSNRK to celebrate the occasion, KCB's Chief Executive Officer, Datuk Robin Loh said,

“By becoming ISO 14001:2004 certified, we are making a strong commitment to our various stakeholders that our business operations focuses on environmental protection, sustainability, quality in its services and facilities, health & safety, and social responsibility”.

With over a year of preparation, the Group had formed a special ISO team (comprising of Steering Committee, Environment Management Representative, Document Controller, Chemical Control Team, Waste Management Team, Safety & Health Committee, Training & Communication and Legal Team) to lead the Group’s organization towards the certification. The entire process includes reviewing the impact of its operations on the environment, detailed inspections, cross audits amongst its group of companies, documentation updates and compliance with the ISO standards, information collation and analysis, new working systems and practices.

Datuk Robin Loh said that with the ISO 14001:2004 certification, the Group is expected to garner better market opportunities as the certification is an indication that its hotel and golf course conforms to internationally set environmental standards in every aspect of its operations. With an increasing awareness of environmental concerns amongst the public, guests for its hotel and golf course would be pleased to know that Nexus’ hotel and golf course facilities are truly environmentally-friendly.

The Group has already set a blueprint for its environmental efforts including the maintenance of the ISO 14001:2004 standards (which goes through an annual re-certification audit to ensure strict conformance and full commitment to set standards), setting up of a wildlife fund, turtle sanctuary in Karambunai peninsular and a series of other activities to support the Group’s social responsibility theme for environmental protection.

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## **Background:**

Karambunai Corporation Berhad (“KCB”) and its group of companies is a leading tourism player in Sabah, Malaysia with its world-class property popularly known as Karambunai in Kota Kinabalu, Sabah Borneo. KCB owns and operates Nexus Resort Karambunai, a multi-award winning 5-star resort located in Karambunai which attracts many visitors from all over the world. The Group also owns and operates the international championship 18-hole golf course, Nexus Golf Resort Karambunai, designed by world-renowned golf architect, Ronald Fream.

The Group’s latest development in Karambunai, Sabah, i.e. Nexus Residence Karambunai (“NRK”), features up-market beachfront resort villas and will comprise approximately 2,000 units when completed. Its first phase, the Dillenia precinct which comprises of 243 units, is partially completed and the units whereby the owners has a leaseback arrangement with the Group is currently operating as the premium hotel room product called “Villas & Suites at Nexus Resort Karambunai”.

The KCB has a collective landbank of over 3,000 acres, spread across Kota Kinabalu and Klang Valley. KCB is also involved in property and resort development, construction activities, golf club operations and management, travel and tour agency as well as trading of wood products.

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PHOTO CAPTIONS:

Photo 1: All Three Recipients

The recipients of the ISO 14001:2004 Certificate ... Peter Sprenger, Group GM of Nexus Resort & Spa Karambunai (2<sup>nd</sup> left), Vivien Quek, Acting Club Manager, Nexus Golf Resort Karambunai (3<sup>rd</sup> left) and Arif Billah, Resident Manager of Villas & Suites Nexus Resort Karambunai (2<sup>nd</sup> right). At extreme left is Quah Beng Chuang, the Certification Manager of Bureau Veritas Certification Sdn Bhd and at right is Datuk Robin Loh, CEO of Karambunai Corp Berhad.



Photo 2: Group Photograph of All Staff

Key personnel of the 3 KCB entities who were involved in the ISO certification exercise with Datuk Robin Loh, CEO of Karambunai Corp Berhad (seated centre in lounge suit) and Quah Beng Chuang (seated in jacket) of Bureau Veritas Certification Sdn Bhd.



Photo 3: Sprenger of NRSK Receiving

Receiving the ISO 14001:2004 from Quah Beng Chuang, Certification Manager of Bureau Veritas Certification Sdn Bhd (left) on behalf of the Nexus Resort & Spa Karambunai is its Group GM, Peter Sprenger witnessed by Datuk Robin Loh, CEO of Karambunai Corp Berhad (extreme right).



Photo 4: Arif of VSNRK Receiving

Receiving the ISO 14001:2004 from Quah Beng Chuang, Certification Manager of Bureau Veritas Certification Sdn Bhd (left) on behalf of the Villas & Suites Nexus Resort Karambunai is its Resident Manager, Arif Billah, witnessed by Datuk Robin Loh, CEO of Karambunai Corp Berhad (extreme right).



Photo 5: Vivien of NGRK Receiving

Receiving the ISO 14001:2004 from Quah Beng Chuang, Certification Manager of Bureau Veritas Certification Sdn Bhd (left) on behalf of the Nexus Golf Resort Karambunai is its Acting Club Manager, Vivien Quek witnessed by Datuk Robin Loh, CEO of Karambunai Corp Berhad.

