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Boonthavorn Ceramic 2000 Co. Ltd. makes its debut in the Thai bond market, backed by KASIKORNBANK and CGIF through a landmark co-guarantee structure.

Boonthavorn Ceramic 2000 Co. Ltd's issuance of THB 2 billion AA+ rated 5-year bonds in Thailand is CGIF's first co-guarantee transaction with a commercial bank.

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The Credit Guarantee and Investment Facility ("CGIF") is pleased to announce its first co-guarantee transaction. CGIF guaranteed 50% of Boonthavorn Ceramic 2000 Co. Ltd.'s ("Boonthavorn") THB 2 billion 5-year bonds, with the remaining 50% guaranteed KASIKORNBANK Public Company Limited ("KBank"). This transaction establishes market-accepted terms for CGIF's co-guarantees in Thailand, paving the way for other CGIF co-guarantee transactions in the country in the future and setting the precedent for CGIF's co-guarantee terms in the other ASEAN bond markets.

The majority of the outstanding corporate bonds in Thailand as at year-end 2017 were rated A- or better, which highlights a bias in the Thai bond market. While some unrated or lower-rated companies have tapped the Thai bond market with guarantees provided by Thai local banks, a larger guarantee capacity is needed to support many more potential issuers in this segment. With this new co-guarantee structure, CGIF aims to contribute to the expansion of the guaranteed bond market as well as greater collaboration with Thai banks as co-guarantors to support a wider range of issuers.

"Boonthavorn aims to fulfil its vision and strategic growth plan through various business platforms. As such, we always explore new financial instruments to support our financial position. With CGIF and KBank co-guarantee and AA+ rated bond, Boonthavorn can add liquidity to its business, access to institutional investors, and raise long term fund. Boonthavorn is delighted to partner with CGIF and KBank in developing a new dimension of financing solutions to Thai investors." said **Mr. Sittisak Tayanuwat, Vice President of Boonthavorn Ceramic 2000 Co. Ltd**

"CGIF's guarantee operations is already recognised as a form of blended finance – acting as a catalyst to encourage private investors to support new bond issuers. This 'blended guarantee' transaction takes the concept of blended finance, one step further. As such, we are grateful to Boonthavorn and KBank for this remarkable opportunity." said **Kiyoshi Nishimura, Chief Executive Officer of CGIF.**

"KBank acted as a Sole Lead Arranger and Sole Bookrunner for this transaction. We are excited to collaborate with CGIF on our co-guarantee bond issue and bring innovation into the market. This transaction demonstrates the positive development of the local bond market, with participation from reputable and well-recognised investors." said **Mr. Ronnarit Virachanang, Head – Debt Capital Market, KASIKORNBANK Public Company Limited**

About CGIF

CGIF is a multilateral facility established by the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (“ASEAN”) members, China, Japan, Korea (“ASEAN+3”) and Asian Development Bank (“ADB”). It is established as a trust fund of ADB with paid-in capital of USD859.2 million from its Contributors. As a key component of the Asian Bond Markets Initiative, CGIF was established to develop and strengthen local currency and regional bond markets in the ASEAN+3 region. CGIF commenced its guarantee operations on 1 May 2012 and seeks to provide credit enhancements, mainly in local currencies, issued by credit worthy ASEAN+3-domiciled bond issuers.

About Boonthavorn Ceramic 2000 Co., Ltd.

Boonthavorn is a leading and large-scale home decorating retailer company in Thailand which distributes ceramic tiles, sanitary products, kitchen products, home furniture, lighting and DIY products. It operates the most reputable, longest legacy and the biggest branch (in terms of sales volume) of the Boonthavorn Group.

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