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**SMRT CAPITAL PTE. LTD'S S\$150,000,000 NOTE ISSUANCE ATTRACTS
STRONG INVESTOR DEMAND**

SMRT Corporation Ltd ("SMRT") today announced the debut issue of S\$150 million 5-year 2.42 per cent. Fixed Rate Notes (the "Notes") expected to be issued on 7 October 2009 by its wholly-owned subsidiary, SMRT Capital Pte. Ltd. ("SMRT Cap"). The Notes are issued under SMRT Cap's S\$1,000,000,000 Multicurrency Guaranteed Medium Term Note Programme (the "Programme") guaranteed by SMRT, which was established on 15 September 2009. The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited ("HSBC") acted as sole lead manager and bookrunner of the Notes and sole arranger of the Programme. The Programme has been rated AAA by Standard & Poor's Rating Services, a division of McGraw-Hill Companies Inc.

SMRT guarantees the servicing of the Notes, which are expected to mature on 7 October 2014.

The net proceeds arising from the issue of the Notes, after the deduction of issue expenses, will be used to finance the general corporate funding requirements of SMRT and its subsidiaries.

The issue of the Notes represents SMRT Cap's debut visit to the bond markets and is the first bond issue from the SMRT group since December 2006. Strong interest from bond investors resulted in the orderbook being more than two times oversubscribed and closed within half an hour of the launch of the Notes. The deal was priced on 16 September 2009 at approximately 10 basis points above the 5-year Singapore-dollar Swap Offer Rate, the tightest 5-year pricing for a Singapore domiciled corporate since

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Ms Lim Cheng Cheng, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer for SMRT Corporation, said, "We are very pleased with the keen investor response for our issue. This issue helps us re-establish SMRT's presence in the Singapore-dollar bond markets in a very positive manner."

Mr. Amit Gupta, Managing Director and Head of Global Markets for HSBC in Singapore, said, "We are privileged and honoured to have brought a premium institution like SMRT to the Singapore-dollar bond market. By leveraging on HSBC's strong capital markets platform and local knowledge, we were able to execute a broadly distributed transaction for SMRT Capital at the tightest 5-year pricing level achieved in the Singapore-dollar bond market since January 2007."

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SMRT Corporation Ltd

SMRT Corporation Ltd is Singapore's premier multi-modal transport service provider offering integrated island-wide transport services. It delivers safe, reliable and friendly travel for commuters through its comprehensive network of 58 Mass Rapid Transit stations, 14 Light Rail stations, as well as a fleet of over 2,600 taxis and 930 buses. In addition, SMRT leverages on its experience and unique strengths to offer maintenance consultancy and project management services for railway systems, as well as commercial and advertising space within its transport infrastructure.

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