#### PRICING SUPPLEMENT

28 February 2018

# **CLIFFORD CAPITAL PTE. LTD.**

# Issue of U.S.\$300,000,000 3.38 per cent. Notes due 2028 **Guaranteed by THE GOVERNMENT OF SINGAPORE** under the U.S.\$1,350,000,000 **Euro Medium Term Note Programme**

Terms used herein shall be deemed to be defined as such for the purposes of the Conditions set forth in the Offering Circular dated 12 May 2017, as revised, supplemented or amended from time to time by the Issuer (the Offering Circular). This document constitutes the Pricing Supplement of the Notes described herein and must be read in conjunction with the Offering Circular. Full information on the Issuer, the Guarantor and the offer of the Notes is only available on the basis of the combination of this Pricing Supplement (including Annex 1 to this Pricing Supplement) and the Offering Circular.

Where interest, discount income, prepayment fee, redemption premium or break cost is derived from any of the Notes by any person who (i) is not resident in Singapore and (ii) carries on any operations in Singapore through a permanent establishment in Singapore, the tax exemption available for qualifying debt securities (subject to certain conditions) under the Income Tax Act, Chapter 134 of Singapore (the Income Tax Act), shall not apply if such person acquires such Notes using the funds and profits of such person's operations through a permanent establishment in Singapore. Any person whose interest, discount income, prepayment fee, redemption premium or break cost derived from the Notes is not exempt from tax (including for the reasons described above) shall include such income in a return of income made under the Income Tax Act.

1.	(a)	Issuer:	Clifford Capital Pte. Ltd.
	(b)	Guarantor:	The Government of Singapore
2.	(a)	Series Number:	012
	(b)	Tranche Number:	001
3.	Specified Currency or Currencies:		U.S. dollar
4.	Aggreg	Aggregate Nominal Amount:	
	(a)	Series:	U.S.\$300,000,000
	(b)	Tranche:	U.S.\$300,000,000
5.	Issue Price:		100 per cent. of the Aggregate Nominal Amount
6.	(a)	Specified Denominations:	U.S.\$200,000 and integral multiples of U.S.\$1,000 in excess thereof
	(b)	Calculation Amount:	U.S.\$1,000

7. Issue Date: 7 March 2018 (a) (b) Interest Commencement Date: Issue Date 8. Maturity Date: 7 March 2028 9. Interest Basis: 3.38 per cent. Fixed Rate (further particulars specified below) 10. Redemption/Payment Basis: Redemption at par 11. Change of Interest Basis or Not Applicable Redemption/Payment Basis: 12. Put/Call Options: Not Applicable 13. (a) Status of the Notes: Senior (b) Status of the Guarantee: Senior 14. SGX-ST Listing: 15. Method of distribution: Syndicated PROVISIONS RELATING TO INTEREST (IF ANY) PAYABLE Applicable 16. **Fixed Rate Note Provisions** (a) Rate(s) of Interest: 3.38 per cent. per annum payable semi-annually in arrear on each Interest Payment Date (b) Interest Payment Date(s): 7 March and 7 September in each year up to and including the Maturity Date Fixed Coupon Amount(s): (c) Not Applicable (Applicable to Notes in definitive form.) (d) Broken Amount(s): Not Applicable (Applicable to Notes in definitive form.) (e) Day Count Fraction: 30/360 (unadjusted) Other terms relating to the method of (f) None calculating interest for Fixed Rate Notes: 17. Floating Rate Note Provisions Not Applicable 18. Zero Coupon Note Provisions Not Applicable 19. **Index Linked Interest Note Provisions** Not Applicable

Not Applicable PROVISIONS RELATING TO REDEMPTION 21. Not Applicable Issuer Call: 22. Investor Put: Not Applicable 23. U.S.\$1,000 per Calculation Amount Final Redemption Amount: 24. U.S.\$1,000 per Calculation Amount Early Redemption Amount payable on redemption for taxation reasons or on event of default and/or the method of calculating the same (if required or if different from that set out in Condition 6.5): **GENERAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO THE NOTES** 25. Form of Notes: S Registered Global Note Regulation (U.S.\$300,000,000 nominal amount) registered in the name of a nominee for a common depositary for Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg 26. Governing law of the Notes: **English Law** 27. Additional Financial Centre(s) or other special Not Applicable provisions relating to Payment Days: 28. Talons for future Coupons or Receipts to be Not Applicable attached to Definitive Bearer Notes (and dates on which such Talons mature): 29. Details relating to Partly Paid Notes: amount Not Applicable of each payment comprising the Issue Price and date on which each payment is to be made and consequences of failure to pay, including any right of the Issuer to forfeit the Notes and interest due on late payment: 30. Details relating to Instalment Notes: Instalment Amount(s): Not Applicable (a) Instalment Date(s): Not Applicable (b) 31. Redenomination applicable: Redenomination not applicable

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Other terms:

**Dual Currency Interest Note Provisions** 

Not Applicable

#### **DISTRIBUTION**

33. (a) If syndicated, names of Managers: Citigroup Global Markets Singapore Pte. Ltd.

DBS Bank Ltd.

Standard Chartered Bank

The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking

Corporation Limited

(b) Date of Subscription Agreement: 28 February 2018

(c) Stabilising Manager(s) (if any): The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking

Corporation Limited

34. If non-syndicated, name of relevant Dealer: Not Applicable

35. U.S. Selling Restrictions: Reg. S Compliance Category 2; TEFRA not

applicable

36. Additional selling restrictions: Not Applicable

### **OPERATIONAL INFORMATION**

37. ISIN Code: XS1787595666

38. Common Code: 178759566

39. Any clearing system(s) other than Euroclear

and Clearstream, Luxembourg:

None

40. Delivery: Delivery against payment

41. Names and addresses of additional Paying

Agent(s) (if any):

Not Applicable

42. Registrar: The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation

Limited

43. Rating: AAA by Standard & Poor's Rating Services

## LISTING APPLICATION

This Pricing Supplement comprises the final terms required for issue and admission to trading on the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited of the Notes described herein pursuant to the U.S.\$1,350,000,000 Euro Medium Term Note Programme of Clifford Capital Pte. Ltd.

MiFID II Product Governance / Professional Investors and ECPs only Target Market - The target market for the Notes is eligible counterparties and professional clients only, each as defined in Directive 2014/65/EU (as amended, MiFID II); and all channels for distribution of the Notes to eligible counterparties and

professional clients are appropriate. Any person subsequently offering, selling or recommending the Notes (a **distributor**) should take into consideration such target market assessment in respect of the Notes (by either adopting or refining the target market assessment) and determining appropriate distribution channels.

# **RESPONSIBILITY**

The Issuer accepts responsibility for the information contained in this Pricing Supplement.

Signed on behalf of

CLIFFORD CAPITAL PTE. LTD.:

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Duly authorised

#### ANNEX 1

The risk factor headed "Singapore taxation risk" appearing from pages 21 to 22 of the Offering Circular shall be deleted in its entirety and substituted with the following:

## "Singapore taxation risk

The Notes to be issued from time to time under the Programme during the period from the date of this Offering Circular to 31 December 2018 are intended to be "qualifying debt securities" for the purposes of the Income Tax Act, Chapter 134 of Singapore, subject to the fulfilment of certain conditions more particularly described in the section "Taxation".

However, there is no assurance that the Notes will continue to enjoy the tax concessions in connection therewith should the relevant tax laws be amended or revoked at any time.

It was announced in the Singapore Budget Statement 2018 that the qualifying debt securities scheme will be extended until 31 December 2023, subject to details to be announced by the Monetary Authority of Singapore."

The section "Taxation" appearing from pages 111 to 115 of the Offering Circular shall be deleted in its entirety and substituted with the following:

#### "TAXATION

The statements below are general in nature and are based on certain aspects of current tax laws in Singapore and administrative guidelines and circulars issued by the MAS in force as at the date of this Offering Circular and are subject to any changes in such laws, administrative guidelines or circulars, or the interpretation of those laws, guidelines or circulars, occurring after such date, which changes could be made on a retroactive basis. These laws, guidelines and circulars are also subject to various interpretations and the relevant tax authorities or the courts could later disagree with the explanations or conclusions set out below. Neither these statements nor any other statements in this Offering Circular are intended or are to be regarded as advice on the tax position of any holder of the Notes or of any person acquiring, selling or otherwise dealing with the Notes or on any tax implications arising from the acquisition, sale or other dealings in respect of the Notes. The statements made herein do not purport to be a comprehensive or exhaustive description of all the tax considerations that may be relevant to a decision to subscribe for, purchase, own or dispose of the Notes and do not purport to deal with the tax consequences applicable to all categories of investors, some of which (such as dealers in securities or financial institutions in Singapore which have been granted the relevant Financial Sector Incentive(s)) may be subject to special rules or tax rates. Prospective holders of the Notes are advised to consult their own tax advisers as to the Singapore or other tax consequences of the acquisition, ownership of or disposal of the Notes, including, in particular, the effect of any foreign, state or local tax laws to which they are subject. It is emphasised that none of the Issuer, the Guarantor and any other persons involved in the Programme accepts responsibility for any tax effects or liabilities resulting from the subscription for, purchase, holding or disposal of the Notes.

# 1. Interest and Other Payments

Subject to the following paragraphs, under Section 12(6) of the Income Tax Act, Chapter 134 of Singapore (ITA), the following payments are deemed to be derived from Singapore:

(a) any interest, commission, fee or any other payment in connection with any loan or indebtedness or with any arrangement, management, guarantee, or service relating to any loan or indebtedness which is (i)

borne, directly or indirectly, by a person resident in Singapore or a permanent establishment in Singapore (except in respect of any business carried on outside Singapore through a permanent establishment outside Singapore or any immovable property situated outside Singapore) or (ii) deductible against any income accruing in or derived from Singapore; or

(b) any income derived from loans where the funds provided by such loans are brought into or used in Singapore.

Such payments, where made to a person not known to the paying party to be a resident in Singapore for tax purposes, are generally subject to withholding tax in Singapore. The rate at which tax is to be withheld for such payments (other than those subject to the 15 per cent. final withholding tax described below) to non-resident persons (other than non-resident individuals) is currently 17 per cent. The applicable rate for non-resident individuals is currently 22 per cent. However, if the payment is derived by a person not resident in Singapore otherwise than from any trade, business, profession or vocation carried on or exercised by such person in Singapore and is not effectively connected with any permanent establishment in Singapore of that person, the payment is subject to a final withholding tax of 15 per cent. The rate of 15 per cent. may be reduced by applicable tax treaties.

However, certain Singapore-sourced investment income derived by individuals from financial instruments is exempt from tax, including:

- (a) interest from debt securities derived on or after 1 January 2004;
- (b) discount income (not including discount income arising from secondary trading) from debt securities derived on or after 17 February 2006; and
- (c) prepayment fee, redemption premium and break cost from debt securities derived on or after 15 February 2007,

except where such income is derived through a partnership in Singapore or is derived from the carrying on of a trade, business or profession.

In addition, as the Programme as a whole was arranged by DBS Bank Ltd. and Standard Chartered Bank, Singapore Branch, each of which was a Financial Sector Incentive (Bond Market) Company (as defined in the ITA) at that time, any tranche of the Notes (**Relevant Notes**) issued as debt securities under the Programme during the period from the date of this Offering Circular to 31 December 2018 would be qualifying debt securities (**QDS**) for the purposes of the ITA, to which the following treatment shall apply:

subject to certain prescribed conditions having been fulfilled (including the furnishing by the Issuer, or such other person as the MAS may direct, to the MAS of a return on debt securities for the Relevant Notes in the prescribed format within such period as the MAS may specify and such other particulars in connection with the Relevant Notes as the MAS may require, and the inclusion by the Issuer in all offering documents relating to the Relevant Notes of a statement to the effect that where interest, discount income, prepayment fee, redemption premium or break cost from the Relevant Notes is derived by a person who is not resident in Singapore and who carries on any operation in Singapore through a permanent establishment in Singapore, the tax exemption for qualifying debt securities shall not apply if the non-resident person acquires the Relevant Notes using the funds and profits of such person's operations through the Singapore permanent establishment), interest, discount income (not including discount income arising from secondary trading), prepayment fee, redemption premium and break cost (collectively, the Qualifying Income) from the Relevant Notes paid by the Issuer and derived by a holder who is not resident in Singapore and who (aa) does not have any permanent establishment in Singapore or (bb) carries on any operation in Singapore through a permanent establishment in Singapore but the funds used by that person to acquire the Relevant Notes are not obtained from such person's operation through a permanent establishment in Singapore, are exempt from Singapore tax;

- (ii) subject to certain conditions having been fulfilled (including the furnishing by the Issuer, or such other person as the MAS may direct, to the MAS of a return on debt securities for the Relevant Notes in the prescribed format within such period as the MAS may specify and such other particulars in connection with the Relevant Notes as the MAS may require), Qualifying Income from the Relevant Notes paid by the Issuer and derived by any company or body of persons (as defined in the ITA) in Singapore is subject to income tax at a concessionary rate of 10 per cent. (except for holders of the relevant Financial Sector Incentive(s) who may be taxed at different rates); and
- (iii) subject to:
- (aa) the Issuer including in all offering documents relating to the Relevant Notes a statement to the effect that any person whose interest, discount income, prepayment fee, redemption premium or break cost derived from the Relevant Notes is not exempt from tax shall include such income in a return of income made under the ITA; and
- (bb) the furnishing by the Issuer, or such other person as the MAS may direct, to the MAS of a return on debt securities for the Relevant Notes in the prescribed format within such period as MAS may specify and such other particulars in connection with the Relevant Notes as the MAS may require,

payments of Qualifying Income derived from the Relevant Notes are not subject to withholding of tax by the Issuer.

Notwithstanding the foregoing:

- (A) if during the primary launch of any tranche of Relevant Notes, the Relevant Notes of such tranche are issued to fewer than four persons and 50 per cent. or more of the issue of such Relevant Notes is beneficially held or funded, directly or indirectly, by related parties of the Issuer, such Relevant Notes would not qualify as QDS; and
- (B) even though a particular tranche of Relevant Notes are QDS, if, at any time during the tenure of such tranche of Relevant Notes, 50 per cent. or more of such Relevant Notes which are outstanding at any time during the life of their issue is beneficially held or funded, directly or indirectly, by any related party(ies) of the Issuer, Qualifying Income derived from such Relevant Notes held by:
- (I) any related party of the Issuer; or
- (II) any other person where the funds used by such person to acquire such Relevant Notes are obtained, directly or indirectly, from any related party of the Issuer,

shall not be eligible for the tax exemption or concessionary rate of tax as described above.

The term **related party**, in relation to a person, means any other person who, directly or indirectly, controls that person, or is controlled, directly or indirectly, by that person, or where he and that other person, directly or indirectly, are under the control of a common person.

The terms **prepayment fee**, **redemption premium** and **break cost** are defined in the ITA as follows:

"prepayment fee", in relation to debt securities and qualifying debt securities, means any fee payable by the issuer of the securities on the early redemption of the securities, the amount of which is determined by the terms of the issuance of the securities:

"redemption premium", in relation to debt securities and qualifying debt securities, means any premium payable by the issuer of the securities on the redemption of the securities upon their maturity; and

"break cost", in relation to debt securities and qualifying debt securities, means any fee payable by the issuer of the securities on the early redemption of the securities, the amount of which is determined by any loss or liability incurred by the holder of the securities in connection with such redemption.

References to "prepayment fee", "redemption premium" and "break cost" in this Singapore tax disclosure have the same meaning as defined in the ITA.

Where interest, discount income, prepayment fee, redemption premium or break cost (i.e. the Qualifying Income) is derived from any of the Relevant Notes by any person who is not resident in Singapore and who carries on any operations in Singapore through a permanent establishment in Singapore, the tax exemption available for QDS under the ITA (as mentioned above) shall not apply if such person acquires such Relevant Notes using the funds and profits of such person's operations through a permanent establishment in Singapore. Any person whose interest, discount income, prepayment fee, redemption premium or break cost (i.e. the Qualifying Income) derived from the Relevant Notes is not exempt from tax is required to include such income in a return of income made under the ITA.

It was announced in the Singapore Budget Statement 2018 that the QDS Scheme will be extended until 31 December 2023, subject to details to be announced by the MAS.

Under the Qualifying Debt Securities Plus Scheme (QDS Plus Scheme), subject to certain conditions having been fulfilled (including the furnishing by the issuer, or such other person as the MAS may direct, to the MAS of a return on debt securities in respect of the QDS in the prescribed format within such period as the MAS may specify and such other particulars in connection with the QDS as the MAS may require), income tax exemption is granted on Qualifying Income derived by any investor from QDS (excluding Singapore Government Securities) which:

- (a) are issued during the period from 16 February 2008 to 31 December 2018;
- (b) have an original maturity of not less than 10 years;
- (c) cannot have their tenure shortened to less than 10 years from the date of their issue, except where -
- (i) the shortening of the tenure is a result of any early termination pursuant to certain specified early termination clauses which the issuer included in any offering document for such QDS; and
- (ii) the QDS do not contain any call, put, conversion, exchange or similar option that can be triggered at specified dates or at specified prices which have been priced into the value of the QDS at the time of their issue; and
- (d) cannot be re-opened with a resulting tenure of less than 10 years to the original maturity date.

However, even if a particular tranche of the Relevant Notes are QDS which qualify under the QDS Plus Scheme, if, at any time during the tenure of such tranche of Relevant Notes, 50 per cent. or more of such Relevant Notes which are outstanding at any time during the life of their issue is beneficially held or funded, directly or indirectly, by any related party(ies) of the Issuer, Qualifying Income from such Relevant Notes derived by:

- (aa) any related party of the Issuer; or
- (bb) any other person where the funds used by such person to acquire such Relevant Notes are obtained, directly or indirectly, from any related party of the Issuer,

shall not be eligible for the tax exemption under the QDS Plus Scheme as described above.

It was announced in the Singapore Budget Statement 2018 that the QDS Plus Scheme will be allowed to lapse after 31 December 2018, but debt securities with tenures of at least 10 years which are issued on or before 31 December 2018 can continue to enjoy the tax concessions under the QDS Plus Scheme if the conditions of such scheme as set out above are satisfied.

# 2. Capital Gains

Any gains considered to be in the nature of capital made from the sale of the Notes will not be taxable in Singapore. However, any gains derived by any person from the sale of the Notes which are gains from any trade, business, profession or vocation carried on by that person, if accruing in or derived from Singapore, may be taxable as such gains are considered revenue in nature.

Holders of the Notes who apply or are required to apply Singapore Financial Reporting Standard (**FRS**) 39 or FRS 109 may for Singapore income tax purposes, be required to recognise gains or losses (not being gains or losses in the nature of capital) on the Notes, irrespective of disposal, in accordance with FRS 39 or FRS 109. Please see the section below on "Adoption of FRS 39 and FRS 109 for Singapore Income Tax Purposes".

## 3. Adoption of FRS 39 and FRS 109 for Singapore Income Tax Purposes

Section 34A of the ITA provides for the tax treatment for financial instruments in accordance with FRS 39 (subject to certain exceptions and "opt-out" provisions) to taxpayers who are required to comply with FRS 39 for financial reporting purposes. The Inland Revenue Authority of Singapore has also issued a circular entitled "Income Tax Implications Arising from the Adoption of FRS 39 — Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement".

FRS 109 is mandatorily effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2018, replacing FRS 39. Section 34AA of the ITA requires taxpayers who comply or who are required to comply with FRS 109 for financial reporting purposes to calculate their profit, loss or expense for Singapore income tax purposes in respect of financial instruments in accordance with FRS 109, subject to certain exceptions. The Inland Revenue Authority of Singapore has also issued a circular entitled "Income Tax: Income Tax Treatment Arising from Adoption of FRS 109 – Financial Instruments".

Holders of the Notes who may be subject to the tax treatment under Sections 34A or 34AA of the ITA should consult their own accounting and tax advisers regarding the Singapore income tax consequences of their acquisition, holding or disposal of the Notes.

## 4. Estate Duty

Singapore estate duty has been abolished with respect to all deaths occurring on or after 15 February 2008."