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ISSUANCE OF ISLAMIC PRIVATE DEBT SECURITIES PROGRAMMES BY GAS MALAYSIA

Kuala Lumpur, 12 August 2004 - Gas Malaysia Sdn Bhd is pleased to announce its RM700 million nominal value Islamic Private Debt Securities (IPDS) Issuance Programmes comprising:

• A RM200 million Al-Murabahah Commercial Papers/Medium Term Notes (CP/MTN) Programme; and

• A RM500 million Al-Murabahah Medium Term Notes (MTN) Programme.

This is the first fund-raising exercise via IPDS for Gas Malaysia and the proceeds from the issuance will be used to part finance the construction and expansion of its natural gas pipelines as well as for working capital requirements. This will allow Gas Malaysia to diversify its sources of financing, allowing direct access to end investors.

The tenure for the CP/MTN Programme will be for up to 7 years from the date of first issuance, while the tenure for the MTN will be up to 10 years from the date of first issuance.

Malaysian Rating Corporation Berhad has assigned a short-term rating of MARC-1ID to the Commercial Papers and a long term rating of AA+ID to the Medium Term Notes.

The Joint Lead Arrangers for the Programmes are Aseambankers Malaysia Berhad, Bank Muamalat Malaysia Berhad and HSBC Bank Malaysia Berhad.

About Gas Malaysia Sdn Bhd

Gas Malaysia is joint-venture company established by MMC-Shapadu Holdings (55%), Tokyo Gas-Mitsui & Co. Holdings (25%) and PETRONAS (20%).

Gas Malaysia was incorporated in May 1992 to promote, construct and operate the Natural Gas Distribution System in Peninsular Malaysia. Our mission is to provide the cleanest, safest, most cost- effective and most reliable energy solutions to the nation.

Gas Malaysia supplies natural gas to a wide range of industries, including the chemical, glass, basic metal, rubber and non-metallic material industries. As at June 2004, it has a network of over 900 kilometers in pipelines, which leads to over 32 communities and enables supply to key industrial areas.

The new gas tariff announced in March 2003 has positioned natural gas as the most affordable and attractive energy solution. The fixed gas price system has eliminated the volatility of energy pricing. Natural gas is currently between 38% to 63% cheaper than other alternative fuels. With the potential savings in sight, Gas Malaysia is expecting a sharp increase in the demand for natural gas.

Gas Malaysia's commitment to its customers is also reflected through the provision of 24-hour Operations & Maintenance support and service. The company has always ensured that its energy solutions are safe and stable for its customers.

Gas Malaysia is in the forefront of developing and delivering innovative value-added energy solutions for the convenience and competitiveness of its customers. Gas Malaysia has positioned itself to provide *Total Energy Solutions for the 21st Century*, providing a wide range of products and services to cater to the needs of Malaysians, today and tomorrow.