Press Release

Tabreed calls Ordinary General Assembly to propose bonds buyback

The proposed buyback of 28% of the mandatory convertible bonds held by Mubadala will save Tabreed over AED 30 million annually

6th May, 2015 - Abu Dhabi, UAE: National Central Cooling Company PJSC ('Tabreed'), the Abu Dhabi–based regional district cooling utility company, today announced its intention to hold an Ordinary General Assembly ('OGA') to present to shareholders a proposal to buy back 28% of the mandatory convertible bonds ('MCB') currently held by Mubadala.

In the proposal, Tabreed will seek shareholders' approval to buy back 854 million MCB at a cost of AED 1 billion. The MCB were issued to Mubadala as part of Tabreed's 2011 recapitalization program.

The buyback will be financed through a new loan which Tabreed secured during its 2014 refinancing, and which has a lower cost of servicing than the MCB.

Jasim Husain Thabet, Chief Executive Officer of Tabreed, said: "Since the 2011 recapitalization program, Tabreed has strengthened its operational and financial performance significantly which has yielded substantial improvements to our credit profile. As a result, we are now in a position to access attractive debt financing to replace bonds issued during the recapitalization. This replacement will result in a saving of over AED 30 million annually. Taken together with the debt refinancing completed at the end of 2014, combined savings will amount to over AED 40 million per year.

"In pursuing this proposal, Tabreed has applied the highest standards of corporate governance and best practices to protect shareholders' rights."

HSBC, retained by Tabreed's Board of Directors as an external expert to assess the proposal, has deemed it to be fair from a financial standpoint. Mubadala, as the bondholder, will abstain from voting at the OGA.

Shareholders will have the opportunity to discuss the buyback proposal with the company's senior executive team and board members at the OGA, and then vote on whether to accept it or not.

The date and time of the OGA will be announced soon. For further details on this proposal, please visit the investor relations page on Tabreed's website: www.tabreed.ae/investor-relations.

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About National Central Cooling Company PJSC (Tabreed)

Tabreed is an Abu Dhabi-based utility company that provides energy-efficient, cost-effective and environmentally-friendlier year-round district cooling solutions in the GCC. Founded in 1998, and listed on the Dubai Financial Market, Tabreed's cooling infrastructure is an integral part of the region's growth. The company now delivers 950,000 RT to major residential, commercial, government and private projects. Tabreed has 61 plants in the United Arab Emirates, three plants in Qatar, two in Saudi Arabia, two in Oman and one in Bahrain.

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