

press release

Stanford Asia Holding Company receives USD 300 million Senior Secured Financing Facility

UAE, 25 September, 2013 – Stanford Asia Holding Company ("SAHC") is pleased to announce the signing of a USD 300 million 5 year syndicated facility.

Emirates NBD Bank PJSC, Mubadala GE Capital PJSC, Noor Islamic Bank PJSC and Standard Chartered Bank were mandated as Joint Underwriters, Initial Mandated Lead Arrangers and Bookrunners on the facility.

The facility closed oversubscribed with Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank PJSC, Barwa Bank Doha Qatar and Mashreqbank psc joining as Mandated Lead Arrangers.

Standard Chartered Bank acted as Facility and Investment Agent.

The purpose of the facility was to refinance existing debt.

SAHC, a company incorporated in Cayman Island is a 100% owned subsidiary of Stanford Marine Group ("SMG" or the "Group"); which is in turn owned (indirectly) by The Abraaj Group (51%), a leading investor operating in the growth markets of Asia, MENA, Turkey and Central Asia, Sub-Saharan Africa and Latin America, and Waha Capital PJSC (49%), an Abu Dhabi based listed diversified investments holding company.

SMG serves the Oil and Gas industry and focuses on the offshore marine sector. SMG is mainly focused on owning, chartering, managing Offshore Support Vessels (OSVs) since 1997 through Stanford Marine (offshore marine division) as well as shipbuilding and repair through Grandweld (ship building / ship repair division).

--- Ends ---

For further information please contact:

Ramy Lawand Senior Regional Manager, Corporate Affairs T: +971 4 508 2564 M: +971 56 675 9894 E-mail: <u>Ramy.Lawand@sc.com</u>

Note to Editors:

Standard Chartered - leading the way in Asia, Africa and the Middle East

Standard Chartered is a leading international banking group. It has operated for over 150 years in some of the world's most dynamic markets and earns around 90 per cent of its income and profits in Asia, Africa and the Middle East.

This geographic focus and commitment to developing deep relationships with clients and customers has driven the Bank's growth in recent years. Standard Chartered PLC is listed on the London and Hong Kong stock exchanges as well as the Bombay and National Stock Exchanges in India.

With 1,700 offices in 70 markets, the Group offers exciting and challenging international career opportunities to over 88,000 staff. It is committed to building a sustainable business over the long term and upholding high standards of corporate governance, social responsibility, environmental protection and employee diversity. Standard Chartered's heritage and values are expressed in its brand promise, 'Here for good'.

For further information please visit www.standardchartered.com. Follow Standard Chartered at www.facebook.com/standardchartereduae and on Twitter @StanChartMENAP