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PRESS STATEMENT

OASIS DONATES R5 MILLION TOWARDS HAITI RELIEF EFFORTS

Cape Town 29 January 2010 – Oasis has announced a donation of R5 million to the victims of the disaster in Haiti. This generous contribution will be made on behalf of investors in the Oasis Crescent ethical range of investment products that donate the interest and other Shari'ah excluded income-in terms of Shari'ah investment principles-to charity via Oasis Crescent Trust Fund.

The decision to support the Haiti disaster victims was made after the Oasis Crescent Trust Fund responded to a call for various organisations and Governments to provide assistance to aid in the plight of the Haitian people. The Department of International Relations and Cooperation will be providing assistance with the distribution of these funds to ensure that they reach those who need it most.

Representing the Department of International Relations and Cooperation (DIRCO), Ambassador Nozipho Mxakato-Diseko, the Deputy Director General of the Americas conveyed government's appreciation in ensuring that South Africa's collective response is effective. "We appreciate all the valuable work done by aid agencies in the country. A tragedy like the one that befell the people of Haiti requires the collective efforts of all South Africans. Government stands ready to guide a coordinated approach through the National Disaster Management Centre and also to ensure that different agencies get to find each other. We are grateful to OASIS Crescent Fund Trust for rising to the call. We wish to make a special appeal to all South Africans to rally to this collective effort and open their hearts, because South Africans are a caring people. Let us do our best to donate in kind all we can, be it foodstuffs, medicines, tents, etc, because as we speak, at least 3 million Haitians need to be fed daily, for the next six months. On behalf of the DIRCO, I wish to take this opportunity to really thank Oasis Crescent Fund Trust for this generous and compassionate gesture."

Oasis Crescent Fund trustee, Shaheen Ebrahim says, "The earthquake in Haiti is one of the most serious humanitarian disasters that has occurred in decades, and as South Africans, we would like to reach out to the Haitian people to display our compassion and sympathy for those who have been affected by this tragedy" he added, "Whilst our corporate social responsibility and charitable activities are primarily directed towards benefiting South Africans, Oasis has always been willing to assist people in need where ever they be. We have provided assistance in the past to many others affected by

international disasters such as the South-East Asia Tsunami in 2004, the Mozambique floods in 2002, and the war in Kosovo in 1999.”

“The world has been rocked by the horrific disaster that has occurred in Haiti. The sheer scale of the devastation and the loss of human life is immense. It is at times like these that we are reminded of our common humanity and the fragility of human life, and also the generosity and strength of the human spirit. I would like to thank Oasis for showing us all what real giving is,” says the Mayor of Cape Town Alderman Dan Plato.

To date, the donations of the registered charitable trust, Oasis Crescent Fund Trust, have been directed towards healthcare, education, disaster relief, and sport development initiatives. Other contributions include R1 million to the Beit-ul-Aman Home for the Aged, as well as donations made to Groote Schuur, Khayelitsha and Red Cross Children’s Hospitals, various educational institutions, and other charities that distribute food and other essential items to those who have suffered as a result of a disaster.

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Oasis Group Holdings

Oasis Crescent is a subsidiary of Group Holdings which was formed in 1997. The core business of Oasis is Asset Management, and the Company believes that its most important asset – and that of the country – are its people. Oasis Group Holdings is a signatory to the Principles for Responsible Investment Initiative (PRI) an investor initiative in partnership with UNEP finance Initiative and the UN Global Compact. In 2005 Oasis Group Holdings committed R5 million over five years to the preservation of the ancient Timbaktu manuscripts in Mali. The Oasis Group itself has always been empowered – in the conventional and legal sense – since its formation. It continues to be majority black-owned, managed and staffed and meets -and often exceeds- all the conventional BEE codes and guidelines.

Oasis Crescent Fund Trust

Over the last two financial years, the Oasis Crescent Fund Trust has donated R11 Million Rand to worthy causes specifically in the areas of Healthcare, Social Development, Disaster Relief, and Education. Oasis supports all the national and provincial initiatives in support of eradicating the social and economic disparities in South Africa. Major donations include:

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1999: Disaster Relief for Cyclone Ravaged Cape Flats

2000: Disaster Relief contribution for the Muslim Association of Red Cross Hospitals during the war in Kosovo.

2001: Disaster relief recovery plan for the cold and rainy Western and Southern Cape Winters. Since 2001 this has occurred on an annual basis.

2002: Recovery programme for the Flood Victims in Mozambique.

2003: Contribution towards the Girls and Boys Town education model to ensure implementation of teaching standards and learner development initiatives across schools in South Africa. This has occurred on an annual and ongoing basis since 2003.

2003: The Crescent Fund Trust brought relief to the inadequate and rudimentary Dermatology Unit of the Red Cross Children's Hospital, by fully equipping it and funding a full time healthcare worker to operate the unit

2004: A much needed donation was made to the victims of the Asian Tsunami Disaster of December 26th 2004, following the devastating earthquake and tsunami that ravaged regions of South-East Asia.

2004: The Crescent Fund Trust funded the building of a dormitory for the students of the As-Salaam Educational Institute in the rural town of Braemar, Kwa Zulu Natal.

2005: Oasis responded to the emergency relief operation of the drought stricken town of Piketberg where many farmers and communities were affected by the lack of produce within the region for the season.

2006: Oasis contributed computers to Maryland Literacy Centre

2006: Gift of the Givers Foundation for their many disaster relief operations.

2007: Hospice Palliative Care Association to enable additional recovery units to be established for patients. Oasis also donated portable x-ray machines to Khayalitsha Site B Clinic.

2008: Oasis opens the Crescent Fund Trust Laser Unit at Groote Schuur Hospital. The unit is home to the first publicly available laser machine and hair removal unit in South Africa.

2008: Oasis contribution of more than R1 million to several organizations namely Al Imdaad, Waquf Ul Wafikun, Islamic Peace University, the Gift of the Givers and Sultan Bahu, to ensure the implementation of significant recovery and education plans for their communities.

2009: In response to the old age home Beit ul Aman, that faced closure due to funding shortages, Oasis made a R1 million rand donation to ensure the continuity of the health and care services offered by the home.
