

Renaissance gets nod for bond issue, buyback

DUBAI

RENAISSANCE SERVICES shareholders have approved plans for the company to buy back mandatory convertible bonds issued in 2012 and issue perpetual bonds, the firm said on Tuesday.

Shareholders endorsed the repurchase of 43.2 million rials (\$112.2 million) worth of mandatory convertible bonds, the company said in a bourse statement, adding that the buy-back was conditional on financing being available.

They also approved issuance of perpetual bonds worth up to \$200 million, which would be issued by a foreign subsidiary wholly owned by Renaissance and denominated either in U.S. dollars or rials, the company said. The bonds may be conventional or sukuk.

Last month, the firm said it planned to issue perpetual notes to finance the repurchase of the convertible bonds and picked three banks to arrange the issue.

Renaissance had earlier Standard Chartered Bank as Sole Structuring Advisor, and National Bank of Oman, Bank Sohar, and Standard Chartered Bank as Joint Lead Managers to arrange investor discussions.

The company had received its board's approved a scheme for the buy-back of the mandatory convertible bonds (MCBs) issued by the company in July 2012.

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