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## Press Release

### **pbb Deutsche Pfandbriefbank arranges a €30 million "Schuldschein" loan for the Syndicat des Transports d'Ile-de-France**

**Munich/Paris, 13 October 2015** – pbb Deutsche Pfandbriefbank, the public investment finance specialist, has arranged a medium-term loan of €30 million for the Syndicat des Transports d'Ile-de-France (*STIF*). This loan is structured as a so called "Schuldschein" to support distribution of the loan to institutional investors. A "Schuldschein" is a loan agreement under German law, comprising elements of a plain vanilla loan and a bond.

STIF is the public authority that organizes and controls the Paris public transportation network, it finances investments related to this sector. Between 2015 and 2025 STIF plans to improve public transport within the Ile-de-France region by investing €9 billion in the acquisition of new and renovation of existing rolling stock. It will also improve and extend the existing infrastructure. The loan provided to STIF on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2015 will partly finance this program.

**Jean Christophe**, Head of Public Investment Finance and General Manager of the French branch of pbb Deutsche Pfandbriefbank, said: "pbb is pleased to count the STIF among its new clients and to participate in the financing of its ambitious 2015-2025 development plan for the improvement of transport services in the Ile-de-France region. We observe a strong demand from institutional investors for infrastructure investments and intend to distribute this loan: we have therefore chosen the structure of a "Schuldschein" to make this a marketable security".

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