



# BANK OF MAURITIUS

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## PRESS COMMUNIQUE

### Over the Counter Sale of Government of Mauritius Treasury Bills/Treasury Notes by the Bank of Mauritius

Effective Tuesday 24 July 2007, the Bank of Mauritius will sell, over the counter, Government of Mauritius Treasury Bills and Treasury Notes. The maturities and prices of Treasury Bills and Treasury Notes available for sale every week will be communicated in the press and on the Bank's website.

#### 2. Eligible Purchasers

The Treasury Bills and Treasury Notes will be offered for sale to individuals on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 9.30 a.m. and 3.30 p.m. in multiples of Rs100,000 up to **a cumulative maximum of Rs2 million per single investor**. Individuals will have the option to register the Treasury Bills/Treasury Notes in the name of:

- (i) a single adult; or
- (ii) two adults jointly, repayable to them jointly or to either or to survivor; or
- (iii) a minor by a guardian

#### 3. Application and Payment for Treasury Bills/Treasury Notes

Application forms for the purchase of Treasury Bills/Treasury Notes are available at the seat of the Bank of Mauritius or on the Bank's website.

Payment of the cost price of Treasury Bills/Treasury Notes purchased should be effected through the Mauritius Automated Clearing and Settlement System (MACSS) at latest by 11.00 a.m. on the day following the offer for sale date. Investors will have to contact their banks for this purpose. Maturity proceeds of the Treasury Bills/Treasury Notes will also be paid through the MACSS.

On receipt of payment of the cost price, the Treasury Bills/Treasury Notes will be issued in book-entry form and a statement of account will be issued to the investor(s). Any subsequent change in the accounts will be notified to the holders.

#### **4. Interest Rate and Interest Payment on Treasury Notes**

The Treasury Notes will bear interest at the coupon rate effective at the time of issue. Interest will be paid on a semi-annual basis by the Bank of Mauritius during the currency of the Treasury Notes to the bank account of the registered holder(s) or any person authorised by the holder(s), through MACSS. Interest will accrue on the nominal amount of Treasury Notes purchased and will cease on the date of their maturity.

#### **5. Marketability, Registers of Treasury Bills/Treasury Notes and Transfers**

- [a] The Treasury Bills/Treasury Notes may be freely traded on the Stock Exchange of Mauritius and/or with Primary Dealers.
- [b] The Treasury Bills/Treasury Notes may be redeemed prior to maturity at the Bank of Mauritius.
- [c] The Treasury Bills/Treasury Notes may be transferred in multiples of Rs100,000. Buyers and sellers will be required to notify the Bank of Mauritius for the purpose of registering transfers.
- [d] Registers of holdings and transfers of Treasury Bills/Treasury Notes will be kept at the Bank of Mauritius.

#### **6. Redemption**

The Treasury Bills/Treasury Notes will be redeemed at par on their respective maturity dates.

#### **7. Income Tax**

Interest receivable on investment in Government securities (Treasury Bills, Treasury Notes) is subject to payment of tax in accordance with the provisions of the Income Tax Regulations 2006.

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