



PRESS COMMUNIQUE

ISSUE OF TREASURY NOTES

It will be recalled that, during the fiscal year 2004-05, the Bank of Mauritius acting as agent for Government, issued 3 Year Treasury Notes with interest payable at maturity.

2. Pursuant to section 24G of the Loans Act and section 16 of the Bank of Mauritius Act, the Bank of Mauritius is pleased to announce that holders of those 3 Year Treasury Notes with interest payable at maturity may now convert in part or the full amount of their holdings into 2, 3 and 4 Year Treasury Notes with interest payable semi-annually. The 2, 3 and 4 Year Treasury Notes will bear interest at the rate of 8.00, 8.15 and 8.35 per cent per annum respectively.

3. The aforementioned conversion into 2, 3 and 4 Year Treasury Notes with interest payable semi-annually will be effected on Friday 9 June 2006. Applications to that effect should be made on prescribed forms obtainable at the Bank of Mauritius or on its web site <http://bom.intnet.mu>. Applications should be addressed to the Assistant Director – Financial Markets and deposited at the counter of the Bank of Mauritius, Sir William Newton Street, Port Louis, at latest by 10.00 a.m on Wednesday 7 June 2006.

4. Applications from individuals and non-financial institutions should be made through banks offering these services or licensed stockbrokers within the same time limit.

5. The Bank of Mauritius reserves the right to accept or reject any application either in full or in part, without assigning any reason in respect thereof.

6. Applicants will be informed whether their applications have been accepted or otherwise on Wednesday 7 June 2006.

7. Interest on the Treasury Notes will be paid on a semi-annual basis by the Bank during the currency of the Treasury Notes to the bank account of the registered holder(s) or any other person authorised by the holder(s), through the Mauritius Automated Clearing and Settlement System. Interest on Treasury Notes will accrue as from the date of issue on the nominal amount subscribed and will cease on the date of their maturity. The Treasury Notes to be issued from the conversion will be redeemed at par by the Bank of Mauritius on the date of their maturity.

8. The Treasury Notes may be freely traded and are transferable from one investor to another in multiples of Rs100,000. The Treasury Notes will be issued in book-entry form and records will be kept at the Bank of Mauritius.

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