



BANK OF MAURITIUS

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COMMUNIQUÉ

The Bank of Mauritius cautions the public against scams to which its name is being associated

It has come to the knowledge of the Bank of Mauritius (Bank) that the logo of the Bank and the photograph of a member of the Monetary Policy Committee purported to be the Governor of the Bank are currently being associated with correspondences allegedly issued by Mr Rundheersing Bheenick, Governor of the Bank of Mauritius, with a view to deceiving members of the public.

Recipients are informed therein that a huge sum of money would be transferred to their bank accounts after obtention and presentation, within 48 hours, of certain clearance certificates from international organisations, failing which those funds would be placed into Mauritius Fund security Vaults as an abandoned Fund or illegitimate Fund. A specimen of such a letter is provided hereunder.

The Bank cautions the public against sending money or disclosing bank account details to any person who claims to represent the Bank and/or its officials or to have a banking relationship with the Bank. Financial loss and identity theft could result from the transfer of money or personal information to the issuers of such fraudulent correspondence. If members of the public feel that they have been scammed, the Bank strongly recommends that they report the matter to the Police.

The Bank is endeavouring to raise public awareness on the risks associated with such illegal financial schemes by providing, on its website, information on those schemes, and accordingly encourages the public to bring to its attention any information and suspect communication.

The Bank brings to the attention of the public that it cannot be held responsible if its name, logo and address are misused in schemes intended to defraud the public.

Should any member of the public have any doubts about the authenticity of an email, letter or telephone communication purportedly from, for, or on behalf of the Bank and/or its officials, please call on **202 3802** or send an email on helpdesk@bom.mu before taking any further action.

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(Released at 14.30 hours)



ATTENTION FUND BENEFICIARY]

It came to our notice on Saturday 6Th of April 2013 that Transfer of SUM OF \$172500USD was been transferred from your Humble Bank; Bank Of Africa Cotonou Benin Republic to one of the residence of our Country Mauritius.

Due to the new law given to us by International Monetary Fund which concludes on the February 13Th 2013 Article IV Consultation with Mauritius, we must make verify and make sure that any Fund above the sum of \$5000Usd entering into Mauritius must bear a CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE from International Monetary Fund and Drug Free Certificate from these two parties before the Fund will reflect in the Owners Provided Bank Account. In this case we did not receive such Documents/Certificate from the two above mentioned Authorities which signifies that your Fund is genuine and purpose of the Transfer is also real.

We therefore revert back to] and Bank of Africa Cotonou Benin Republic to present these Certificates to us within 48Hours or the Fund will be pushed into Mauritius Fund security Vaults as an abandoned Fund or illegitimate Fund.

and Bank Of Africa Cotonou Benin Republic you are hereby advice to apply for the Certificate from the proper Authorities, failure to abide by these rules and regulations, the Transfer of the Fund must be stopped with immediate effect and the beneficiary will be traced through his personal information's.

We anticipate your co-operation and regret any inconvenience this might cause you, The Transfer will be approved to be carried out if the Beneficiary of the Fund obtain the Certificate.

Yours Faithfully,
Rundheersing Bheernick

