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Revised Gross Direct Investment Flows¹ for 2014 and Preliminary data for the year 2015 and first quarter 2016

The Bank is today releasing the revised gross direct investment flows for the year 2014 as well as preliminary estimates for the year 2015 and for the first quarter of 2016 by sector of activity and by country of origin/destination.

1. Gross Direct Investment Flows: 2014 (Revised)

The gross direct investment flows, both in Mauritius and abroad, for 2014 are being revised to reflect the inclusion of related data culled from the Foreign Assets and Liabilities Survey² (FALS) 2015. The results of the survey have enabled the capture of transactions between residents and nonresidents relating to equity, intra-company loans between affiliated entities and changes in retained earnings positions.

Gross direct investment flows in Mauritius have been revised to Rs18,497 million, from the preliminary estimate of Rs14,151 million. The results of the FALS showed that retained earnings of domestic entities due to nonresident shareholders totalled Rs2,337 million in 2014. In addition, domestic entities received loans from non-resident affiliated entities for an amount of Rs1,876 million.

The '*Real estate activities*' sector attracted the largest share of direct investment (Rs6,177 million) with the bulk being channelled to the IRS/RES projects (Rs4,038 million). '*Accommodation and food service activities*' was the second largest recipient of direct investment flows to the tune of Rs5,986 million. The main source countries were France (Rs3,811 million), United States (Rs1,732 million) and South Africa (Rs1,530 million).

Gross direct investment flows abroad from Mauritius have been revised to Rs6,013 million, from the preliminary estimate of Rs3,480 million. The results of the FALS indicated that the retained earnings of residents in nonresident entities amounted to Rs93 million in 2014. In addition, loans extended by residents to non-resident affiliated entities totalled Rs1,895 million.

The two major sectors of investment were '*Accommodation and food service activities*' (Rs1,446 million) and '*Information and communication*' (Rs1,165 million). The main countries of destination were France (Rs714 million), Madagascar (Rs483 million) and Kenya (Rs344 million).

¹ Excluding global business sector flows.

² The FALS, which is conducted on an annual basis, captures transactions between residents and nonresidents for the purposes of compiling external sector statistics.

Table 1 details the impact of the inclusion of the results of FALS2015 on gross direct investment flows.

Table 1: Gross Direct Investment Flows for 2014, Rs million

	Previously Released Data	Revised Data
Direct Investment, Gross Inflows	14,151	18,497
<i>o/w Equity</i>	<i>14,151</i>	<i>14,284</i>
<i>o/w Retained Earnings</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>2,337</i>
<i>o/w Shareholders' Loan</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>1,876</i>
Direct Investment, Gross Outflows	3,480	6,013
<i>o/w Equity¹</i>	<i>3,480</i>	<i>4,025</i>
<i>o/w Retained Earnings</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>93</i>
<i>o/w Shareholders' Loan</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>1,895</i>

2. Gross Direct Investment Flows: 2015 (Preliminary Estimates³)

Preliminary estimates for gross direct investment flows for the year 2015 are also being released for the first time today. The data for the year 2015 will be revised in 2017 in the wake of the finalisation of the results of the FALS2016 that has already been launched.

Gross direct investment flows in Mauritius totalled Rs9,627 million in 2015 with '*Real estate activities*' being the major beneficiary (Rs8,120 million), driven by IRS/RES projects (Rs6,842 million). Most of the direct investment originated from France (Rs3,555 million) followed by South Africa (Rs1,411 million).

Gross direct investment flows abroad totalled Rs2,410 million in 2015 and were essentially channelled to '*Financial and insurance activities*' (Rs1,131 million) and '*Human health and social work activities*' (Rs583 million). The main investment destination country was Mozambique (Rs660 million).

3. Gross Direct Investment Flows: 2016Q1 (Preliminary Estimates³)

Gross investment flows in Mauritius for the first quarter of 2016 have been estimated at Rs3,016 million. Most of the inflows were channelled to '*Real estate activities*' (Rs2,391 million), of which direct investment in IRS/RES projects amounted to Rs1,871 million. The inflows came from three major countries, namely, France (Rs926 million), United Arab Emirates (Rs565 million) and South Africa (Rs559 million). Residents' direct investment flows abroad totalled Rs885 million, of which Rs674 million were directed to the '*Manufacturing*' sector. The bulk of the direct investment flows were channelled to France (Rs680 million).

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³ Excluding FALS.