

## PROSPECTUS

## **GOVERNMENT OF MAURITIUS BONDS**

Pursuant to section 8 of the Loans Act and section 57 of the Bank of Mauritius Act 2004, the Bank of Mauritius, acting as agent for Government, is pleased to announce the issue on Friday 25 May 2007, through an auction to be held on Wednesday 23 May 2007, of the under-mentioned Government of Mauritius Bonds for a total nominal amount of Rs1,395.2 million:

- (i) 11.25% Seven-Year Government of Mauritius Bonds 2014
- (ii) 11.50% Thirteen-Year Government of Mauritius Bonds 2020
- (iii) 11.75% Twenty-Year Government of Mauritius Bonds 2027

2. Bids for the issue of the above-mentioned Bonds will be received by the Bank on a **yield basis** quoted to two decimal places, in multiples of Rs100,000.-, on Tender Forms which are obtainable at the seat of the Bank of Mauritius or on the Bank's website which is <u>http://bom.intnet.mu</u>. Bidders may submit multiple tenders, one for each bid yield and for each Bond. The aggregate amount of bids that may be submitted by any bidder should not exceed the tender amount of Rs1,395.2 million. All Tender Forms must bear the official stamp of the institution having submitted the bid.

3. Applications from individuals and non-financial institutions should be made through banks offering these services or licensed stockbrokers.

Individuals will have the option to register the Bonds in their names singly or jointly with another individual. Minors must, however, be represented by a guardian.

4. The completed Tender Form for the above issue should be placed in a sealed envelope marked "Tender for Government of Mauritius Bonds 2014 or 2020 or 2027", as the case may be, and should be deposited in the tender box at the Banking Hall of the Bank of Mauritius, Sir William Newton Street, Port Louis, before 10.00 a.m. on Wednesday 23 May 2007. The results of the auction will be announced on the same day and successful tenderers will be required to collect their letter of acceptance from the Bank. Settlement for accepted bids should be effected at latest by 11.00 a.m. on Friday 25 May 2007. Settlement may be made through the Mauritius Automated Clearing and Settlement System and bidders may contact their banks for this purpose.

5. Successful tenderers will be allowed to redeem, prior to maturity, any holdings they may have in Government of Mauritius Treasury Bills/Bank of Mauritius Bills with the Bank of Mauritius for the purpose of investing in the Government of Mauritius Bonds. No penalty fee will be charged for the early redemption.

6. The Bonds in respect thereof will be issued dated 25 May 2007 and will mature and be redeemed at par by the Bank of Mauritius on 25 May 2014, 25 May 2020 and 25 May 2027, as the case may be.

7. Interest at the rate of 11.25 per cent per annum on the Bond mentioned at (i) above, 11.50 per cent per annum on the Bond mentioned at (ii) above, and 11.75 per cent per annum on the Bond mentioned at (iii) above, will be paid half-yearly on 25 May and 25 November by the Bank during the currency of the Bonds to the bank account of the registered bondholder(s) or any other person authorised by the bondholder(s), through the Mauritius Automated Clearing and Settlement System. Interest will accrue on the Bonds as from 25 May 2007 on the nominal amount subscribed and will cease on the date of their maturity.

8. Certificates for the Government of Mauritius Bonds will be issued by the Bank.

9. An annual contribution of 10.0 per cent of the total nominal amount of Bonds issued will be made by the Government to the Consolidated Sinking Fund, which is managed by the Bank.

10. Registers of holdings and transfers for the Bonds will be kept at the Bank of Mauritius. The Bonds will be transferable in multiples of Rs100,000.-

BANK OF MAURITIUS

14 May 2007