

## PROSPECTUS

## MAURITIUS DEVELOPMENT LOAN STOCKS

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 19 May 2006, through an auction to be held on Wednesday 17 May 2006, of the under-mentioned Mauritius Development Loan Stocks for a total nominal amount of Rs600 million:

- (i) 9.00% Mauritius Development Loan Stock 2014
- (ii) 9.25% Mauritius Development Loan Stock 2018
- 2. Bids for the issue of the above-mentioned Stocks 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 Stock. 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 Stocks 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 Mauritius Development Loan Stock 2014 or 2018", 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 17 May 2006. 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 19 May 2006. Settlement for accepted bids 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 Mauritius Development Loan Stocks. No penalty fee will be charged for the early redemption.

- 6. The Stocks in respect thereof will be issued dated 19 May 2006 and will mature and be redeemed at par by the Bank of Mauritius on 19 May 2014 and 19 May 2018, as the case may be.
- 7. Interest at the rate of 9.00 per cent per annum on the Stock mentioned at (i) above and 9.25 per cent per annum on the Stock mentioned at (ii) above, will be paid half-yearly on 19 May and 19 November by the Bank during the currency of the Stocks to the bank account of the registered stockholder(s) or any other person authorised by the stockholder(s), through the Mauritius Automated Clearing and Settlement System. Interest will accrue on the Stocks as from 19 May 2006 on the nominal amount subscribed and will cease on the date of their maturity.
- 8. Stock Certificates will be issued by the Bank.
- 9. An annual contribution of 10.0 per cent of the total nominal amount of Stocks 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 Stocks will be kept at the Bank of Mauritius. The Stocks will be transferable in multiples of Rs100,000.-

## BANK OF MAURITIUS

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