



BANK OF MAURITIUS

Public Notice

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PHISHING ATTEMPT THROUGH FAKE WEBSITES

The Bank of Mauritius (Bank) informs the public and the financial community that an entity named Commercial Exchange Bank (CEXB) is claiming to be a Mauritius-based bank and is, *inter alia*, soliciting deposits through its website at **www.cexba.com**.

The Bank cautions the public and the financial community that CEXB is not one of its licensees. The website is clearly an attempt at defrauding individuals who may be lured by the benefits allegedly offered by CEXB.

CEXB claims that it is the only private offshore bank operating in Mauritius and has its registered office at 2nd Floor Balgobin Court, Corderie Street, Port-Louis, Republic of Mauritius. CEXB further states that it is regulated by the Mauritius Supervisory Financial Commission and that its SWIFT Code is MCBLMUMU. In an attempt to give even more weight to the above claims, CEXB is linked to a fraudulent replica of the Bank of Mauritius website at **bom-mu.com**. The fake website contains a forged list of licensees which includes the CEXB name and logo, portraying it as a licensee.

This phishing attempt has been duly reported to the Police today. The Bank has issued today on its website a Public Notice labelled '[Unauthorised banking activities - Commercial Exchange Bank](#)' accessible at http://www.bom.mu/pdf/communique/PN_03062016.pdf.

The Bank brings to the attention of the public that a list of duly licensed financial institutions is available on its website on <https://www.bom.mu>. In case members of the public require any clarification or additional information, they may send their queries to communications@bom.mu.

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