AUCTION OF NEW BENCHMARK FIVE-YEAR GOVERNMENT OF MAURITIUS BONDS

05 November 2019

Pursuant to the issuance plan dated 24 July 2019 and in accordance with section 5 of the Public Debt Management Act 2008 and section 57 of the Bank of Mauritius Act 2004, the Bank of Mauritius is pleased to announce the auction of a New Benchmark Five-Year Government of Mauritius Bonds maturing on **14 November 2024** through an auction to be held on **Tuesday 12 November 2019,** for a nominal amount of Rs1,800 million for settlement on **Thursday 14 November 2019.**

2. The Bank will receive bids from Primary Dealers for this auction on the same day, i.e. **Tuesday 12 November 2019,** on a **yield basis** quoted to two decimal places, in multiples of Rs100,000. Primary Dealers may submit, for their own account up to a maximum of **five bids**, one for each bid yield, which, however, should not exceed the tender amount in the aggregate.

3. Primary Dealers may submit their bids **before 10.00 a.m. on Tuesday 12 November 2019**. Bids received after the prescribed time and date will not be considered.

4. In the event of oversubscription of the Bonds, the Bank may accept a higher amount than the amount put on tender.

5. The results of the auction will be announced on the same day. Successful bidders will be required to effect payment of the cost price of the Bonds through the Mauritius Automated Clearing and Settlement System (MACSS) at latest by **11.00 a.m. on Thursday 14 November 2019.** Payment of maturity proceeds and interests accruing on the Bonds by the Bank will also be made through the MACSS.

6. The coupon rate for this auction will be set equal to or higher than the lowest accepted yield of the auction to be held on **Tuesday 12 November 2019.** Bidders whose accepted bids carry yields lower than the coupon rate will be required to pay a premium (over and above the face or nominal value). Successful bidders will in any case receive the yield that they specified in their bids.

7. The Bonds will be issued dated **14 November 2019** and will mature and be redeemed at par by the Bank of Mauritius on **14 November 2024**. The Bank may, at its discretion, allow the Bonds to be redeemed or converted into other instruments at market rates prior to maturity.

8. Interest on these Bonds will be paid half-yearly on 14 May and 14 November by the Bank during the currency of the Bonds to the bank account of the Primary Dealers. Interest will accrue on the Bonds as from 14 November 2019 on the nominal amount allotted and will cease on the date of their maturity.

9. The Bonds will be issued in Book-Entry form and records will be kept at the Bank of Mauritius. The Bonds may be freely traded and are transferable from one investor to another in multiples of Rs50,000.

10. The Bank of Mauritius reserves the right to accept or reject any bid either in full or in part, without assigning any reason in respect thereof.