

Bank of Zambia OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY GOVERNOR - OPERATIONS

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To

All Heads of Commercial Banks

LIMIT ON PARTICIPATION OF NON-RESIDENT INVESTORS IN THE PRIMARY MARKET FOR GOVERNMENT SECURITIES

Reference is made to the above subject.

As part of the overall debt sustainability efforts, the Bank of Zambia wishes to announce that, with immediate effect and until further notice, primary issuances of Government securities to non-resident participants as a group shall be limited to no more than five (5) percent of the planned total annual issuances. This limit will be applied on the cost and not face value.

Please note that this measure will not affect secondary market trading. It means that secondary market trading of Government securities by non-residents will continue as per the current practice.

In view of this measure, all custodians and commercial banks are hereby directed to submit, as received, all bids on behalf of non-resident investors directly to the Bank of Zambia. The Bank will then apply the limit taking account of the performance of the previous and current auctions.

The bids shall be submitted by 10:00 hours on the day of the auction.

Custodians and commercial banks are advised to bring the above information to the attention of their respective clients.

Please contact the Government Securities Unit on telephone number, +211399399 or email, government.securities@boz.zm, for any clarifications.

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