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Capital Market Development Authority
MTCC Tower, 4th Floor
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Male', Republic of Maldives



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ANNOUNCEMENT

Invitation for interested parties to apply for License of Credit Rating Agencies in the Maldives

The Capital Market Development Authority would like to invite interested parties to apply for the License of Credit Rating Agencies. Credit Rating Agencies operating in the Maldives are required to hold a license from the Authority.

I. Application information required by the Credit Rating Agencies:

a) Name, address and telephone number(s) of the company
b) Date and place of incorporation
c) Names and addresses of directors
d) Details of joint venture of technical collaboration agreement with an internationally recognized credit rating agency and a copy of such an agreement and documentary evidence in respect thereof.
e) Proposed rating methodology and scale of rating
f) Whether any director has been convicted of fraud or breach of trust.
g) Whether any director has been adjudicated as insolvent or has suspended payment or compounded with creditors
h) Names and addresses of senior management officers
i) Whether any officer or employee has been convicted of fraud or breach of trust
j) Whether any senior management officer has been adjudicated as insolvent or has suspended payment or has compounded with creditors
k) Previous experience of the directors in the credit rating field
l) Previous experience of senior management officers
m) Copy of license of Credit Rating Agency from an IOSCO recognized regulatory body
n) A copy of the Memorandum and the Articles of Association or other form of charter of the Rating Company is enclosed
o) Declarations as per section 32 of the Maldives Securities Act 2/2006

II. Important licensing conditions set by the Authority require credit rating agencies to:

- Comply with the IOSCO Code of Conduct;
- Annually lodge with CMDA an IOSCO Code Annual Compliance Report;

- c) Disclose procedures, fee structure, methodologies and assumptions for ratings;
- d) Have in place arrangements to monitor and regularly review credit ratings;
- e) Review ratings affected by material changes to rating methodologies within six months;
- f) Have in place training program for credit analysts ;
- g) Refrain from 'notching' credit ratings for an anti-competitive purpose; and
- h) Consent to information sharing between CMDA and IOSCO member regulators.

III. Queries related to the Announcement and Submission of Applications

- a) All the queries related to this announcement shall be submitted via email to mail@cnda.gov.mv;
- b) All the Applications for the registration of Credit Rating Agencies shall be addressed to the Authority in the following manner;

Application for Registration of Credit Rating Agency
Capital Market Development Authority
4th Floor, MTCC Tower
Boduthakurufaanu Magu
Male', Republic of Maldives.

IV. Timeline

- a) Opening for Applications: 24th June 2010;
- b) Closing of Applications: 29th July 2010;
- c) Decision on Application: 45 days within receipt of complete Applications.

V. Commencement of Rating Services in the Maldives

- a) Applicants should be able to commence Rating Services in the Maldives within 30 days following the grant of License

VI. General Instructions to Applicants

- a) Complete Applications are to be submitted with the Application Processing Fee of Rf. 10,000 (Maldivian Rufiyaa Ten Thousand) by the date listed above;
- b) Additional information or clarification of any of the instructions or information contained herein may be obtained from the Capital Market Development Authority as listed above;
- c) Please refer to the Maldives Securities Act (2/2006) and Regulations from <http://www.cnda.gov.mv/laws-and-regulations/laws-and-regulations/> .

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