



Announcement

RESIGNATION OF Mr VASSILIS ROLOGIS FROM HIS POSITION AS CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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The Bank of Cyprus Group announces that the Chairman of the Board of Directors Mr. Vassilis Rologis has today sent a letter to the Board of Directors with which he announces his decision to resign from his position as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Bank of Cyprus Group.

His letter of resignation will be put before the Board of Directors at their next meeting which is scheduled for next Thursday, 7 September.

Founded in 1899, the Bank of Cyprus Group is the leading Cypriot banking and financial services group. In 1991, the Group established its first branch in Greece where it has been expanding rapidly since 1999. It has an established banking presence in the United Kingdom and in 2001 it expanded to Australia through a wholly owned subsidiary bank. In addition to retail and commercial banking, the Group's activities include finance, factoring, investment banking, brokerage, fund management, life and general insurance. The Group currently operates through a total of 279 branches, of which 147 operate in Cyprus, 115 in Greece, six in the United Kingdom, ten in Australia and one in the Channel Islands. Bank of Cyprus also has representation in the United States of America, Canada, South Africa, Russia and Romania. The Bank of Cyprus Group employs 6.100 staff worldwide.

At 30 June 2006, the Group's Total Assets reached C£13,22bn (€23,00bn) and the Group's Shareholders' Funds were C£818mn (€1,42bn). The Bank of Cyprus shares are listed on the Cyprus and Athens Stock Exchanges. Additional information can be found at the Group's website www.bankofcyprus.com