



Announcement

Mr ELEFThERIOS IOANNOY IS THE NEW CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Nicosia, 7 September 2006

At its meeting held today, the Board of Directors of Bank of Cyprus unanimously appointed Mr Eleftherios Ioannou as Chairman.

Following his election at the position of Chairman, Mr Ioannou thanked the exiting Chairman Mr Vassilis G. Rologis, the Vice-Chairman Mr Andreas Artemis, the other members of the Board of Directors, the Group Chief Executive Officer Mr Andreas Eliades and the Management team for their work to date.

He also assured them that he will work with them for the further progress of the Bank of Cyprus Group and the interest of the shareholders, customers and employees.

Mr Eleftherios Ioannou was born in 1933. He obtained the qualification of the Chartered Institute of Bankers of London (ACIB). He has wide experience in banking and he has served in top managerial positions at commercial banks and at the Central Bank of Cyprus. He commenced his commercial banking career at Bank of Cyprus. From 1990 until May 2000 he held the position of Managing Director of Alpha Bank Ltd. He was the Chairman of Alpha Bank Romania from 2000 to 2004.

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