



Announcement

INTRODUCTION FOR TRADING OF NEW SHARES WHICH HAVE RESULTED FROM THE EXERCISE OF SHARE OPTIONS

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On Tuesday, 24 October 2006, 406.147 new ordinary shares of Bank of Cyprus Public Company Ltd ("the Bank") will be introduced for trading on the Cyprus Stock Exchange and the Athens Exchange resulting from the recent increase in the share capital by £203.073,50 (€352.130). The new shares to be introduced have resulted from the exercise of 406.147 Share Options on 30 September 2006 by 608 beneficiaries (staff of the Bank of Cyprus Group) at the exercise price of C£3,26 (€5,67) per new share, according to the 19 April 2000 resolution of the Bank's Extraordinary General Meeting and the 19 January 2001 resolution of the Bank's Board of Directors.

After the above increase, the Bank's share capital amounts to C£274.970.237,00 divided into 549.940.474 ordinary shares, of a nominal value of C£0,50 (€0,8423) each.

The listing of the new shares has been approved by the Boards of Directors of the Cyprus Stock Exchange and the Athens Exchange at their meeting on 12 October 2006 and 19 October 2006 respectively.

As of 24 October 2006, the opening price of the Bank's shares on the Athens Exchange will be adjusted according to the Regulation of the Athens Exchange. As of the same date, the new shares will be credited in the Dematerialised Securities System ("DSS") accounts of the beneficiaries who have elected to have their shares registered on the DSS.

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