



Announcement

Shareholders say no to Marfin

Nicosia, 25 May 2007

The Board of Directors of Bank of Cyprus convened today in a scheduled meeting and apart from the items which were on its scheduled agenda, it also reviewed the public statements by Marfin Popular Bank about the withdrawal of the resolution that Marfin requested to be submitted to the Annual General Meeting of the shareholders of Bank of Cyprus to take place on 6 June 2007.

To this point in time, the Board of Directors of Bank of Cyprus has had no formal notification about the intentions of Marfin Popular Bank. As a result, the Board of Directors of Bank of Cyprus will examine the matter when and if it is formally notified by Marfin Popular Bank.

The Board of Directors also noted the important decision of the Commission for the Protection of Competition to take the matter of concentration created by the acquisition of 8% of the share capital of Bank of Cyprus by Marfin Popular Bank to a full investigation, in accordance with the procedures stipulated in the relevant Law.

The Board of Directors expressed its pleasure regarding the support it is receiving by the large number of shareholders of Bank of Cyprus, institutional investors and the Church (as a shareholder of the Bank) regarding the Group's strategic choices. This support seems to have forced the Managing Director of Marfin Popular Bank to change stance on the matter. The Board considers that the continuation of this support is important in order to give an end to the current condition of insecurity and disorientation of the banking system.

Concluding, the Board has expressed its satisfaction about the continuing interest in the course of Bank of Cyprus shown by Archbishop Chrysostomos.

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 283 branches, of which 144 operate in Cyprus, 121 in Greece, 6 in the United Kingdom, 11 in Australia and 1 in the Channel Islands. Soon, the first branch of the Bank in Romania will start operations. Bank of Cyprus also has representation in the United States of America, Canada, South Africa and Russia. The Bank of Cyprus Group employs 6.351 staff worldwide.

At 31 March 2007, the Group's Total Assets reached C£15,22 bn (€26,21 bn) and the Shareholders' Funds were C£961 mn (€1,66 bn). 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