



**GOVERNMENT OF SAINT LUCIA  
P R O S P E C T U S**

**180-Day Treasury Bill – EC\$15.0 Million (10)**

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## **ABSTRACT**

### **Reason for Addendum:**

**To increase the issue size of the following government instrument from EC\$10.0 Million (10) to EC\$15.0 Million (10):**

<b>Auction Date</b>	<b>Issue Date</b>	<b>Instrument Type</b>	<b>Issue Amount</b>	<b>Maximum Rate (%)</b>	<b>Maturity Date</b>	<b>Trading Symbol</b>
August 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2020	August 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2020	180-day T-Bill	EC\$10.0M (10)	4.00%	February 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 2021	LCB030221

The Revised Treasury Bill Amendment Act 2003, Chapter 15.33, Sub-section 3(1), authorizes the Minister for Finance to borrow monies for public uses of the state by the issue of treasury bills.

The GOSL has been publicly rated by the Caribbean Information and Credit Rating Services Ltd. (CariCRIS). In June 2020, CariCRIS lowered the assigned ratings of several debt programmes of the Government of Saint Lucia (GOSL) by one notch to CariBBB- (Foreign Currency and Local Currency Ratings). The ratings on Saint Lucia continue to reflect: (1) its monetary and exchange rate stability underpinned by membership in a quasi-currency board arrangement, (2) a relatively diversified economic base, and (3) the sovereign's sound financial sector. These rating strengths are tempered by: (1) the worsened fiscal position and significantly increased GOSL's indebtedness brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic, and (2) international reserves are being put under pressure with the severe loss of tourism earnings. According to CariCRIS the assigned ratings indicates that the level of credit worthiness of the obligator in relation to other obligations in the Caribbean is adequate.

Bidding for each EC Dollar issue will commence at 9:00 a.m. and will close at 12:00 noon on each auction day and 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. for each US Dollar issue subsequent to which a competitive uniform price auction will be run at 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon respectively.

The interest and principal repayments are a direct charge to the Consolidated Fund.

### **I. GENERAL INFORMATION**

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Purpose of Issues: The Securities will be issued to provide budget support for the fiscal year 2020/2021 and to finance the re-issuance of maturing instruments.

Amount of Issue: **180 Day Treasury Bill – EC\$15.0M (10)**

Legislative Authority: The Revised Treasury bill Amendment Act 2003, Chapter 15.33 Sub-section 3(1).

Intermediaries: A complete list of Licensed Intermediaries who are members of the Eastern Caribbean Securities Exchange is available in Appendix I

Taxation: Yields will not be subject to any tax, duty or levy by the Participating Governments of the Eastern Caribbean Currency Union (ECCU). The countries are Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica, Grenada, Montserrat, Saint Lucia, St Kitts and Nevis and St Vincent and the Grenadines.

Placement of Bids: Investors will participate in the auction through the services of current licensed intermediaries who are members of the Eastern Caribbean Securities Exchange.

Minimum Bid: EC\$5,000

Bid Multiplier: EC\$1,000

Bids per Investor: Each investor is allowed one (1) bid with the option of increasing the amount being tendered for until the close of the bidding period.

Licensed Intermediaries: The current list of licensed intermediaries is as follows:

- St. Kitts Nevis Anguilla National Bank Ltd.
- Bank of Nevis Ltd.
- Bank of Saint Lucia
- Bank of St Vincent and the Grenadines Ltd.
- First Citizens Investment Services Ltd - Saint Lucia
- Grenada Co-operative Bank Limited

Currency: All currency references are in Eastern Caribbean Dollars unless otherwise stated.

## II. INFORMATION ABOUT THE ISSUE

### **Government of Saint Lucia 180-Day Treasury Bill**

GOSL proposes to auction EC\$15.0 million in Treasury Bills on the Regional Government Securities Market (RGSM) on August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020. The 180-day Treasury Bill will be listed on the Eastern Caribbean Securities Exchange Ltd (ECSE). **In the event of an over-subscription, the GOSL reserves the right to increase the issue size by an additional EC\$10.0 million.**

**Size of Issue:** EC\$15.0 million Eastern Caribbean Dollars

**Maximum bid price:** 4.00 percent

**Tenor:** 180 Days

**Trading Symbol:** **LCB030221**

**Auction Date:** August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Settlement Date:** August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Maturity Date:** February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021

**ALL OTHER INFORMATION IN THIS PROSPECTUS REMAINS THE SAME**