

# GOVERNMENT OF SAINT LUCIA PROSPECTUS

5-Year Treasury Note – EC\$20.0 Million (5)

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# ABSTRACT Reason for Addendum:

## To include the issue of a new instrument:

Auction Date	Issue Date	Instrument Type	Issue Amount	Maximum Rate (%)	Maturity Date	Trading Symbol
August 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2020	August 21st , 2020	5-Year Note	EC\$20.0M (5)	6.00%	August 21st , 2025	LCN210825

The Bonds and Notes will be issued under the authority of the National Savings Development Bonds Act (Amendment) Section 3, Cap. 15.25, and by a resolution of Parliament No. 110 of June 2020. The Minister for finance considers it necessary to raise on the Regional Government Securities Market or through private placement at a maximum rate of 6.80%, the amount of EC\$215.0 Million for financing the 2020/2021 budget and the amount of EC\$380.0 Million for refinancing existing debt.

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

Issuer: The Government of the Saint Lucia (GOSL)

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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: 5-Year Treasury Note - EC\$20.0M (5)

Legislative Authority: The National Savings and Development Bonds (Amendment

Act) Chapter 15.25 of 2005 and by resolution of June 2020.

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 5-Year 6% EC\$20M (5) Treasury Note

GOSL proposes to auction EC\$20.0 million in Treasury Notes on the Regional Government Securities Market (RGSM) on August 20th, 2020. The 5-Year Treasury Note 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\$5.0 million.

**Size of Issue:** EC\$20.0 million Eastern Caribbean Dollars

**Maximum bid price**: 6.00 percent

**Tenor:** 5-Year

Trading Symbol: LCN210825

Auction Date: August 20th, 2020

Settlement Date: August 21st, 2020

Maturity Date: August 21st, 2025

**Interest Dates:** every February 21st and August 21st

## ALL OTHER INFORMATION IN THIS PROSPECTUS REMAINS THE SAME