

ADDENDUM III



**PROSPECTUS
FOR TREASURY BILLS
FOR THE PERIOD
DECEMBER 2019 – NOVEMBER 2020**

**BY THE GOVERNMENT OF
ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES**

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1.0 GENERAL INFORMATION

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- Date of Publication:** 23rd September 2020
- Purpose of Issue:** To modify the auction date of the Treasury Bill to be auctioned on the 19th
October 2020 to a new auction date of 28th October 2020
- Amount of Issue:** 91 Day Treasury Bill - \$28.0 million
- Legislative Authority:** The Treasury Bill Act Chapter 444

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ABSTRACT

The purpose of this Addendum is to modify the date of Treasury Bill VCB190121 to be auctioned on October 19th 2020. The new auction date would be 28th October 2020 with a treasury bill symbol of VCB280121.

2.0. INFORMATION ON THE SECURITIES

The Government of St. Vincent and the Grenadines (GOSVG) proposes to auction a Treasury Bill in the amount of \$28.0 million on the 28th October, 2020 as follows:

Table 1: SVG's Prospectus Treasury Bill Schedule 2019-2020 with Proposed Treasury Bond

Trading Symbol	Instrument ID	Issue	Amount	Interest Rate Ceiling	Tenor	Auction Date	Settlement Date	Maturity date
VCG071226	VCB071226	Treasury Bond	\$30.0M	6.75%	7 Years	December 16, 2019	December 17, 2019	December 17, 2026
VCB200320	VCB200320	Treasury Bill	\$28.0 M	4.82%	91 Days	December 19, 2019	December 20, 2019	March 20, 2020
VCB220420	VCB220420	Treasury Bill	\$28.0 M	4.82%	91 Days	January 21, 2020	January 22, 2020	April 22, 2020
VCB190520	VCB190520	Treasury Bill	\$28.0 M	4.82%	91 Days	February 17, 2020	February 18, 2020	May 19, 2020
VCB230620	VCB230620	Treasury Bill	\$28.0 M	4.82%	91 Days	March 23, 2020	March 24, 2020	June 23, 2020
VCB240720	VCB240720	Treasury Bill	\$28.0 M	4.82%	91 Days	April 23, 2020	April 24, 2020	July 24, 2020
VCB210820	VCB210820	Treasury Bill	\$28.0 M	4.82%	91 Days	May 21, 2020	May 22, 2020	August 21, 2020
VCB240920	VCB240920	Treasury Bill	\$28.0 M	4.82%	91 Days	June 24, 2020	June 25, 2020	September 24, 2020
VCB261020	VCB231020	Treasury Bill	\$28.0 M	4.82%	91 Days	July 24, 2020	July 27, 2020	October 26, 2020
VCB241120	VCB241120	Treasury Bill	\$28.0 M	4.82%	91 Days	August 24, 2020	August 25, 2020	November 24, 2020
VCB291220	VCB291220	Treasury Bill	\$28.0 M	4.82%	91 Days	September 28, 2020	September 29, 2020	December 29, 2020
VCB280121	VCB280121	Treasury Bill	\$28.0 M	4.82%	91 Days	October 28, 2020	October 29, 2020	January 28, 2021
VCB250221	VCB250221	Treasury Bill	\$28.0 M	4.82%	91 Days	November 25, 2020	November 26, 2020	February 25, 2021

- a. The bidding period(s) will start at 9:00 am and end at 12:00 noon on auction days.
- b. Each investor is allowed one (1) bid with the option of increasing the amount being tendered for until the close of the bidding period or reducing the interest rate.
- c. The minimum bid quantity is \$5,000.00.

- d. The bid multiplier will be set at \$1,000.00.
- e. The date of issue for each auction is equivalent to the stated settlement date of that auction.
- f. The maximum yield on treasury bills will be 4.82 percent
- g. The price of the issue will be determined by a Uniform Competitive Price Auction.
- h. Payment of principal and interest on Treasury Bills will be made at maturity for each bill
- i. Yields will not be subject to any tax, duty or levy of the participating Governments of the Eastern Caribbean Currency Union (ECCU).
- j. Investors can participate in the issue through the services of any of the Licensed Intermediaries who are members of the Eastern Caribbean Securities Exchange.
- k. In 2020 Moody's Investor Services maintained the Government of St. Vincent and the Grenadines outlook at stable and affirmed the rating of B3.
- l. The Treasury Bills will be issued on the Regional Government Securities Market (RGSM) and listed on the Eastern Caribbean Securities Exchange (ECSE).

The Current List of Licensed Intermediaries are:

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

3.0 GOVERNMENT FISCAL OPERATIONS

Preliminary data as at June 30, 2020 indicated that the Central Government fiscal operations deteriorated when compared to the same period in 2019. Current Revenue decreased marginally by 0.1 percent to \$282.84 million, while Current Expenditure increased by 4.0 percent to \$307.19 million. Consequently, the current deficit went from \$12.03 million in 2019 to \$24.35 million in 2020. The Overall Balance also worsened, moving from a deficit of \$14.63 million in 2019 to a deficit of \$51.69 million in 2020 mainly on account of increased capital spending.

Table 2: Summary of fiscal operations for the June 30, 2020

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	%
	2020	2020	2019	CHANGE
	\$ M	\$ M	\$ M	
Current Revenue	307.14	282.84	283.25	(0.1)
of which:				
Taxes on Income & Profits	74.48	66.70	65.28	2.2
Taxes on Property	15.29	11.22	11.46	(2.1)
Taxes on Goods & Services	94.08	96.99	87.91	10.3
Taxes on International Trade	80.46	68.84	75.68	(9.0)
Sale of Goods & Services	35.09	28.63	31.00	(7.7)
Current Expenditure	327.27	307.19	295.28	4.0
of which:				
Compensation Employees	163.65	158.77	151.08	5.1
Use of Goods & Services	40.42	37.41	32.65	14.6
Interest Payments	32.65	25.23	25.89	(2.5)
Transfers	90.55	85.78	85.66	0.1
Current Balance	(20.13)	(24.35)	(12.03)	(102.4)
Primary Balance (net CCF)	(19.57)	(26.43)	11.25	(335.1)
Capital Expenditure	45.49	42.10	16.22	159.5
Of which:				
Capitalisation of Contingency Fund (CCF)	6.43	7.01	6.02	16.5
Capital Revenue	13.40	7.75	7.60	1.9
Overall Balance (net CCF)	(52.22)	(51.69)	(14.63)	(253.2)

Source: Ministry of Finance, ERPU

Receipts from Taxes on Income and Profits increased by 2.2 percent to \$66.70 million due to higher collections from Personal Income Tax and Corporate Income Tax. The increase in Personal Income Tax of 5.9 percent is partially reflective of the 2.0 percent salary enhancement received by public servants for 2020 while the greater collection from Corporate Income Tax was mainly on account of the improved profitability of some companies during the tax period. Non-Resident (Withholding) tax receipts declined by 29.4 percent. This was related to a reduction in the number of audits conducted during the period.

As at 30th June, 2020, Taxes on Goods and Services which totalled \$96.99 million, increased by 10.3 percent. This resulted mainly from improved receipts from Excise Duty on Imports (72.9 percent), largely related to payments received in 2020 which were related to 2019 imports. Greater amounts were also collected from VAT on domestic transactions, Motor Vehicle Licences, Merchant Shipping International Fees and Interest Levy. The increase in revenue from Taxes on

Goods and Services was however moderated by lower takings from Telecomm Broadcast Licence, Yacht Licence and Insurance Premium Tax during the period.

Revenue from International Trade Taxes fell by 9.0 percent, to \$68.84 million. Under this rubric, revenue collection from all major subcomponents decreased; VAT receipts dropped by 8.6 percent, Import Duty decreased by 9.5 percent and Vehicle Surtax fell by 11.4 percent. The decline in revenue from Vehicle Surtax reflects a fall in vehicle imports during the period while the fall in revenue from VAT and Import Duty reflects the 5.9 percent fall-off in imports during the period.

Revenue from Sales of Goods and Services grossed \$28.63 million. This represents a 7.7 percent reduction on the amount collected in 2019 as all major subcategories saw reductions in revenue. Collections from International Financial Services, CIPO Registration Fees, Driver's Licence fees and Customs Service Charges declined by 3.5 percent, 24.0 percent, 8.8 percent and 4.9 percent, respectively. The decline in revenue from sales of Goods and Services reflects the slowdown in business activity during the period.

Capital inflows as at June 30, 2020 amounted to \$7.75 million, up 1.9 percent from the amount collected in the corresponding period in 2019. However, this was due to an amount of \$0.62 million recorded as other Capital receipts. Meanwhile, revenue from Grants and Sales of Lands went down by 6.3 percent and 4.5 percent, respectively.

As at June 30, 2020, Current Expenditure amounted to \$307.19 million. This figure represents an increase of 4.0 percent when compared to the amount spent during the same period in 2019. Payment of Wages and Salaries amounted to \$151.92 million and the Employer's Social Security Contribution to \$6.85 million, these were responsible for the overall 5.1 percent increase in Compensation of Employees. The 2.0 percent salary enhancement paid to public servants from January 2020 would have contributed to the increased spending on Wages & Salaries. Changes in increments and allowances also contributed to the growth in Wages and Salaries; outlays on transfers increased by 0.1 percent to \$85.78 million mainly based on higher amounts expended on Social Assistance (18.0 percent) while pension benefits declined by 7.4 percent, moderating the increase of transfers.

Preliminary data indicates that Capital Expenditure for the period amounted to \$42.10 million, up from the \$16.23 million recorded for the same period in 2019. The larger items of capital expenditure included the Road Rehabilitation and Repair Programme (\$4.0 million) and the Diamond Hotel Project (\$4.5 million). Other significant spending was recorded for the first phase of the Diamond Sporting Facility and on the Support for Education and Training Programme (SET).

4.0 PUBLIC DEBT AS AT JUNE 2020

Total public debt¹ as at the end of June 2020 stood at \$1.75 billion or 76.8 percent of GDP². Central Government total debt amounted to \$1.59 billion or 69.7 percent of GDP while Government Guaranteed debt amounted to \$162.4 million or 7.1 percent of GDP. Central Government debt comprised 90.7 percent of total debt while the remaining 9.3 percent was debt owed by Public Corporations and guaranteed by the government (Government Guaranteed debt).

Total public external debt stock totalled \$1.203 billion or 52.8 percent of GDP. This represented an increase of 13.1 percent over \$1.064 billion for same period 2019. The Central Government's portion of the external debt represented 88.8 percent of total external debt; an increase of 20.1 percent. The remaining 11.2 percent represented external Public Corporation debt. This component decreased by 23.0 percent.

Total domestic debt for the period stood at \$547.5 million or 24.0 percent of GDP. This represented a decrease in total domestic debt of 14.1 percent when compared to same period 2019. Of the total domestic debt \$520.0 million or 95.0 percent was held by Central Government while the remaining 5.0 percent was held by the Public Corporations, these amounts represented 22.8 percent and 1.2 percent of GDP respectively.

During the first half of the year, a total of \$53.2 million in private placement securities was raised with tenors ranging from three (3) to ten (10) years and interest rates between 2.5 percent to 7.25 percent. In addition to the planned securities being issued to fund the yearly Public Sector Investment Programme, some \$16.650 million out of the total \$53.2 million represented Covid-19 bonds which issued to target some relief spending in areas of the economy that was impacted by

¹ Total Public Debt includes central government, government guarantee and private debt.

² Preliminary Gross Domestic Product (GDP) for 2020 is 2279.0

the pandemic. Treasury Bills issued during this period were issued as scheduled as stated in the GOSVG Treasury Bill Prospectus for the period 2019-2020.

Total loan disbursements for the first half of the year amounted to \$87.4 million of which external disbursements constituted 77.1 percent, from traditional sources such as multilateral creditors, CDB and IDA. The remaining disbursements came from domestic short-term borrowing at commercial rates from Bank of St. Vincent.

The 2nd Quarter disbursements represented 22.6 percent of the total loan disbursements. During this quarter all disbursements received were from the CDB and IDA. There was no domestic loan disbursement.

4.2 DEBT SERVICING AS AT JUNE 30, 2020

Total Central Government Debt servicing at the end of 2nd quarter totalled \$44.3 million or 32.6 percent of current revenue, external and domestic debt servicing represented 32.9 percent and 67.1 percent respectively of the total debt servicing; and 10.7 percent and 21.9 percent of current revenue respectively as well. There was no allocations made to the Sinking Fund during the quarter.

**Table 3: Comparative Summary of Central Government Debt Servicing
2020**

	QTR 2	QTR 1	Change
	\$M	\$M	%
Central Government Debt Servicing	44.28	48.18	-8.09
External	14.58	25.42	-42.65
Interest	3.81	5.72	-33.43
Amortization	10.77	19.70	-45.33
Domestic	29.70	22.76	30.51
Interest	7.92	7.78	1.85
Amortization	21.78	14.98	45.39
Sinking Fund Contributions	0.00	4.33	-100.00
Current Revenue	135.72	147.12	-7.75
Total Central Govt Debt Servicing/Revenue (%)	32.63%	32.75%	-0.37

Source: CDIMU, Ministry of Finance

APPENDIX 1: SUMMARY OF TOTAL PUBLIC DEBT

	20-Jun	19-Jun	18-Jun	Jun-18/Jan-19	Dec-17/Dec-18
Domestic Debt	\$M	\$M	\$M	% Change	% Change
<i>Central Government</i>					
Bonds & Notes	291.372	289.6	241.6	0.6	19.9
Loans	98.809	98.3	105.9	0.5	-7.2
Overdraft	55.036	56	47.9	-1.7	16.9
Accounts Payable	32.805	88.9	45.1	-63.1	97.1
Insurance Deposits	22.643	22.6	22.7	0.2	-0.4
Treasury Bills	19.314	10.7	9.1	80.5	17.6
Total Dom Central Govt	<u>519.979</u>	<u>566.1</u>	<u>472.4</u>	<u>-8.1</u>	<u>19.8</u>
<i>Public Corporations</i>					
Loans	26.055	69.8	73	-62.7	-4.4
Overdraft	1.503	1.4	1	7.4	40.0
Total Dom Public Corps	<u>27.558</u>	<u>71.2</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>-61.3</u>	<u>-3.8</u>
Total Domestic Debt	<u>547.537</u>	<u>637.2</u>	<u>546.4</u>	<u>-14.1</u>	<u>16.6</u>
<i>External Debt</i>					
<i>Central Government</i>					
Bonds and Notes	141.498	121.7	77.3	16.3	57.4
Treasury Bills	64.7	72.8	71.2	-11.1	2.2
Loans	862.453	695	774.6	24.1	-10.3
Total Ext Central Govt	<u>1068.651</u>	<u>889.5</u>	<u>923.1</u>	<u>20.1</u>	<u>-3.6</u>
<i>Public Corporations</i>					
Loans	134.8	175	181	-23.0	-3.3
Total Ext Public Corps	<u>134.8</u>	<u>175</u>	<u>181</u>	<u>-23.0</u>	<u>-3.3</u>
Total External Debt	<u>1203.451</u>	<u>1064.5</u>	<u>1104.1</u>	<u>13.1</u>	<u>-3.6</u>
Total Public Debt	<u>1750.988</u>	<u>1701.7</u>	<u>1650.4</u>	<u>2.9</u>	<u>3.1</u>
Total Central Government	<u>1588.63</u>	<u>1455.6</u>	<u>1395.5</u>	<u>9.1</u>	<u>4.3</u>
Total Public Corporation	<u>162.358</u>	<u>246.2</u>	<u>255</u>	<u>-34.1</u>	<u>-3.5</u>
Preliminary 2020 GDP is 2279.0					

Source: CIDMU, Ministry of Finance

APPENDIX 2: LIST OF LICENSED ECSE MEMBER BROKER DEALERS

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