

## **Announcement**

## Release of nine-month time deposits

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The Board of Directors of Bank of Cyprus Public Company Ltd ("Bank" or "Group"), in a meeting today, has decided the release of the nine-month time deposits that were blocked as per the decrees relating to the recapitalisation of the Bank in July 2013 and mature on 30 April 2014.

The Bank has consulted with the Ministry of Finance and the Central Bank of Cyprus regarding the release of the nine-month time deposits.

As part of its ongoing gradual progress and in order to normalize the maturity profile of its deposit base in Cyprus, the Bank has proceeded with the release of the nine-month time deposits as follows:

- one third of nine-month time deposits is immediately released and becomes available in clients' current accounts:
- one third of nine-month time deposits is converted into a three-month time deposit maturing and automatically released at 31 July 2014;
- one third of nine-month time deposits is converted into a six-month time deposit maturing and automatically released at 31 October 2014.

It is noted that the released funds will be subject to the general restrictive measures currently applicable in the Cypriot banking system.

The Bank's improving liquidity position and its specific and deliberate actions to enhance its liquidity through deleveraging are the decisive reasons for the release of the deposits. Furthermore, the release of the deposits reflects the Bank's prudent liquidity management and takes into account the improvement in the economic environment. Through its decision, the Bank's management recognizes the improving trust and confidence towards the Bank by its customers and, in tandem, meets the expectations of the general public in Cyprus for supporting the recovery of the economy as a whole.

## **Group Profile**

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