Bank of Cyprus Group

Announcement

Transfer of UK operations to Bank of Cyprus UK Limited

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Bank of Cyprus Public Company Ltd announces that its proposal to transfer its banking business in the United Kingdom, currently carried out through its branch Bank of Cyprus UK, to a banking subsidiary has been agreed in principle by the Financial Services Authority (FSA) of the United Kingdom.

The transfer of business to the subsidiary, Bank of Cyprus UK Ltd, is expected to be completed by mid July 2012, subject to final approval from FSA and court approval.

Bank of Cyprus UK has been operating in the United Kingdom since 1955 and is a branch of Bank of Cyprus Public Company Limited.

Bank of Cyprus UK Limited will be regulated by the FSA.

Founded in 1899, the Bank of Cyprus Group is the leading Cypriot banking and financial services group. In addition to retail and commercial banking, the Group's activities include finance, factoring, investment banking, brokerage, fund management, private banking, life and general insurance. The Group currently operates through a total of 573 branches, of which 194 operate in Russia, 187 in Greece, 135 in Cyprus, 42 in Ukraine, 10 in Romania, 4 in the United Kingdom and 1 in the Channel Islands. Bank of Cyprus also has 6 representative offices in Russia, Romania, Ukraine, Serbia and South Africa. The Bank of Cyprus Group employs 11.175 staff worldwide.

At 31 March 2012, the Group's Total Assets amounted to €38,66 bn and the Shareholders' Funds were €2,85 bn. The Bank of Cyprus shares are listed on the Cyprus and Athens Stock Exchanges. Additional information can be found on the Group's website www.bankofcyprus.com.