



Announcement

CAPITAL STRENGTHENING PLAN:

SUPPLEMENTARY PROSPECTUS APPROVAL AND TIMEPLAN IN RELATION TO THE RIGHTS ISSUE AND TENDER OFFER FOR VOLUNTARY EXCHANGE OF CONVERTIBLE ENHANCED CAPITAL SECURITIES VIA THE ISSUE OF MANDATORY CONVERTIBLE NOTES

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At 31 December 2011, the Group's Total Assets amounted to €37,84 bn and the Shareholders' Funds were €2,70 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.



Bank of Cyprus Public Company Ltd (the “Bank”) announces to the investing public that on 9 March 2012 the Cyprus Securities and Exchange Commission approved a Supplementary Prospectus that is related to the Prospectus of the Company dated 12 January 2012 for the Bank’s share capital increase in the form of a Rights Issue and a tender offer for voluntary exchange of Convertible Enhanced Capital Securities (CECS) via the issue of Mandatory Convertible Notes (MCN), according to the Capital Strengthening Plan announced on 3 November 2011.

The Supplementary Prospectus, as approved by the Cyprus Securities and Exchange Commission, will be available without charge:

- In electronic form as from 13 March 2012 at:
 - the Bank of Cyprus’ website www.bankofcyprus.com (select Investor Relations/ Prospectuses),
 - the website of the Lead Manager of the Issue, The Cyprus Investment and Securities Corporation Ltd (CISCO), www.cisco-online.com.cy,
 - the website of the Cyprus Stock Exchange, www.cse.com.cy,
 - the website of the Athens Exchange, www.athex.gr and
 - the website of the Cyprus Securities and Exchange Commission, www.cysec.gov.cy

A. TIMEPLAN IN RELATION TO THE RIGHTS ISSUE

RIGHTS TRADING PERIOD ON THE CSE AND ATHEX

23 February – 12 March 2012 (inclusive)

SUBSCRIPTION PERIOD FOR RIGHTS HOLDERS

23 February – 19 March 2012 (inclusive)

- The **Subscription Period** for the Rights for shareholders and holders of Eligible Securities registered on the Central Depository/Registry of the CSE and the DSS of the Hellenic Exchanges has been set from **23 February until 19 March 2012**. The Final Subscription Date is Monday, 19 March 2012.
- The subscription for New Shares will take place during the Subscription Period as follows:
 - In Cyprus
 - all Bank of Cyprus branches
 - In Greece:
 - all Bank of Cyprus branches, or
 - through the Operators of the holders’ DSS Securities Accounts (brokerage firm or custodian) (other than the Hellenic Exchanges) with the submission of the relevant documents, provided that such Operator consents to this.

B. TIMEPLAN IN RELATION TO THE TENDER OFFER FOR VOLUNTARY EXCHANGE OF CONVERTIBLE ENHANCED CAPITAL SECURITIES WITH MANDATORY CONVERTIBLE NOTES

ACCEPTANCE PERIOD OF THE VOLUNTARY TENDER EXCHANGE OFFER

23 February – 19 March 2012 (inclusive)

ISSUE DATE OF MCN

20 March 2012

DATE OF REDEMPTION OF MCN WITH NEW SHARES

27 March 2012

- The **Acceptance Period of the Voluntary Tender Exchange Offer** has been set from 23 February and will last until 19 March 2012. Last date of Acceptance Period of Voluntary Tender Exchange Offer is **Monday 19 March 2012**.
- The acceptance of Voluntary Offer for exchange will take place during the above mentioned period as follows:
 - In Cyprus
 - all Bank of Cyprus branches
 - In Greece:
 - all Bank of Cyprus branches, or
 - through the Operators of the holders' DSS Securities Accounts (brokerage firm or custodian) (other than the Hellenic Exchanges) with the submission of the relevant documents, provided that such Operator consents to this.

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