



PRESS RELEASE

CHASE BANK (KENYA) LIMITED (IN RECEIVERSHIP)

Central Bank of Kenya (CBK) and Kenya Deposit Insurance Corporation (KDIC) announce the receipt and acceptance of a Binding Offer from SBM Holdings Limited (SBM) with respect to Chase Bank (Kenya) Limited (In Receivership) (CBLR).

The Binding Offer, accepted on 4 January 2018, includes the acquisition of certain assets and matched liabilities from CBLR. This Binding Offer is similar to the [Non-Binding Offer](#) that was discussed with depositors on October 6, 2017. The offer still needs to be executed and operationalised, and it is expected that this transaction will *inter alia* ensure the transfer of 75 percent of the value of deposits currently under moratorium and the transfer of staff and branches of the existing CBLR operations. Non-moratorium depositors will continue to have full unrestricted access to their funds.

CBK and KDIC plan to meet CBLR depositors on Wednesday, 10th and Thursday, 11th January 2018.

SBM is a leading financial services group and the second largest company listed on the Stock Exchange of Mauritius, with a growing international presence currently extending to Madagascar, India and Kenya, where SBM acquired Fidelity Bank in May 2017. SBM has a market capitalisation of approximately \$600 million, with the Government of Mauritius as a significant shareholder, and total assets in excess of \$4 billion. SBM provides all services of a universal bank within a diversified business model. Lines of business include, *inter alia*: Retail, SME and Corporate Banking.

Through this acquisition, and combined with its other operations in Kenya, SBM will bring its experience and expertise from Mauritius and other markets, to further enhance competitiveness and the resilience of Kenya's banking sector.

CBK and KDIC assess that SBM's Binding Offer represents a viable proposal for the substantial resolution of CBLR, for the benefit of depositors and the strengthening of the Kenyan financial sector. It is expected that the transaction will be concluded upon the execution and operationalisation of the Binding Offer.

CBK and KDIC reiterate their commitment in keeping with their respective mandates and in accordance with the Laws of Kenya, to protect the interest of depositors, creditors, and the wider public interest.

CENTRAL BANK OF KENYA

KENYA DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

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