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Re: The Sale of Government Savings Bonds Fiscal Year 2005-2006 totaling 30,000 Million Baht

The Ministry of Finance (MOF), the Bank of Thailand (BOT), and Kasikornbank Public Company Limited signed an agreement for the sale of savings bonds (fiscal year 2005-2006) totaling 30,000 million baht. The savings bonds will be issued by the MOF, in accordance with the Emergency Decree Empowering the Ministry of Finance to Borrow Money and Manage the Borrowed Money for the Financial Institutions Development Fund, Phase 2, B.E. 2545, with the BOT serving as the registrar and Kasikornbank Plc. as the selling agent.

Tenor of savings bonds: 5-year and 7-year maturities, each of which will be sold in alternate month (one issue each month) in the total of twelve issues, with the 7-year maturity being the first issue (see details in the annex).

Coupon rate: the MOF will announce the coupon rate two working days in advance of the subscription period for each issue via Kasikornbank Plc. branches and the websites of the MOF, the BOT and Kasikornbank Plc.

Selling price: 10,000 baht/unit (one subscription form per person, per issue only) up to the maximum of 500,000 baht.

Eligible buyers: individuals of Thai nationality or those with Thai residency permits, foundations, the Thai Red Cross Society, and the National Council on Social Welfare of Thailand.

Selling bonds prior to maturity date: although these savings bonds do not have a buy-back feature, bond holders may, after 1 year starting from the first subscription date of each issue, sell the bonds to commercial banks as well as other financial institutions and individuals, at mutually agreed prices.

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Annex: Information regarding the sale of Government Savings Bonds: Fiscal Year 2005-2006