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The Issuance of the Bank of Thailand Savings Bonds

Today, Ms. Atchana Waiquamdee, Deputy Governor (Monetary Stability), Bank of Thailand (BOT) signed the Memorandum of Understanding Regarding the Sale of the Bank of Thailand Savings Bonds, B.E. 2551, Issue 1 with nine banks which will act as selling agents, namely, Bangkok Bank PCL., Krung Thai Bank PCL., Kasikorn Bank PCL., Citibank N.A., BankThai PCL., Siam Commercial Bank PCL., Siam City Bank PCL., United Overseas Bank (Thai) PCL., and Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited. These BOT Savings Bonds have 4-year and 7-year maturities, with a total issuance of 50,000 million baht.

The BOT will announce the coupon rates for these bonds on 15 February 2008, based on 4-year and 7-year government bond yields plus spread of no more than 15 percent of the yield. The issue date for the BOT Savings Bonds will be 27 February 2008. Bondholders will receive fixed interest payments semi-annually, on 27 February and 27 August of every year until maturity, and full notional amount upon maturity.

The BOT first issued BOT Savings Bonds in September 2007, aiming to expand the BOT bonds' investor base into savers while simultaneously helping to absorb money market liquidity to ensure that it is at the appropriate level. To continue with these objectives, the BOT will thus issue BOT Savings Bonds again this February. Eligible buyers include individuals, co-operatives and non-profit public organizations. These bonds provide a low risk and high return investment alternative for long-term savers who prefer receiving regular interest income.

Those interested in purchasing the BOT Savings Bonds may request a prospectus and subscription form at the nine aforementioned selling agents from 11 February onwards, and can subscribe through the selling agents between 18 and 26 February 2008. Further information can be obtained by contacting the BOT's Deposits and Debt Instruments Department at Tel. 0-2356-7899 or by visiting the BOT website at www.bot.or.th

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