## Corporate Bond Stabilization Fund (BSF): Policies and Operating Guidelines



## Liquidity Support Mechanism

## BOT

## Eligible firm needs at least 50\% of the funding from other sources

Invest in BSF units

## BSF

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& \text { Short term liquidity } \\
& \text { (up to } 270 \text { days) } \\
& \text { through bonds } \\
& \text { issued to BSF }
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## Governance Structure

## Steering Committee: SC



## BSF Firm Eligibility

## Eligible Firms

Registered and operating in Thailand except:

State-owned enterprises
Financial institutions and companies under the same financial group

Financial Status
Experiencing temporary liquidity shortageViable post COVID-19
Have future financing plan
Obtain a letter of intention from the main debtor, stating that it will provide financial support to the firm throughout the duration of BSF liquidity provision

## Credit Rating

Issuer rating must be investment grade at least 1 month prior to application
In case more than one credit rating is available, the lowest rating will be used

## Maturing Bonds

Issued before 19 April 2020 (date of BSF establishment) and maturing before 31 Dec 2021

Offered to the public
Do not include private placement bonds

## Secure at least $50 \%$ of the funding from other sources

## Funding must be obtained from 2 sources

| 1. Bond Market | 2. Bank (at least 20\%) |
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| (at least 20\%) | Obtain new loans or |
| Issue new bonds | investment in bonds |
| ( $\geq 1$ year maturity) | from financial institutions |
| to investors, not including |  |
| financial |  |
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Firms may put in own funding (owners, shareholders and holding company), if funding from the two sources are not made up to $50 \%$ of the maturing bonds

## Apply for BSF Liquidity Provision

## Liquidity Provision Mechanism of the BSF

## Mechanism

No more than $\mathbf{5 0 \%}$ of the value of maturing bonds

BSF provides liquidity through the purchase of new bonds with the following characteristics:

- Tenor of no more than 270 days
- Investment grade issue rating*
- Senior plain vanilla and non-Subordinated bonds
- If the new bond issued to investors is a secured bond, BSF must receive at minimum collateral that is of an equivalent quality and amount

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## Pricing

## Base rate

The higher rate of the two funding sources


## Facility premium*

$1 \%$ annually for $30 \%$ of the maturing bond$2 \%$ annually for the amount exceeding 30\%* If the firms pay back BSF before maturity, the facility premium will be prorated accordingly


## DOs and DON'Ts

 for firms receiving BSF liquidity
## DOs

Use funding from BSF to pay off existing maturing bonds only

Funds to pay off maturing bonds from all sources must be deposited in the Escrow account

Submits long-term financing and repayment plans to the IC


## DON'Ts

Reduce capital except for clearing accumulated loss and increasing capital
Purchase treasury stocks
Repay debt prematurely
Lend to board members and shareholders
Pay bonuses to board members or the top
two executives
Pay dividends except for payments announced before April 29, 2020.
$\star$ Pledge assets as of BSF issuance date as collateral for other loans throughout the duration of BSF liquidity provision

## Risk Management Framework of the BSF

## Investment

- Proportion of bond investment to BSF fund size (400 billion baht)
- Not exceeding 3\% of BSF fund size for each issuer
- Not exceeding 10\% of BSF fund size for each business conglomerate
- Invest in bonds not exceeding 10 \% of total financial liabilities of the firm
- BSF manages its liquidity by investing in savings account or other securities such as government bills and bonds, as stipulated by the IC



## Governance and Operations

- SC and IC members must disclose any relations to all firms issuing corporate bonds and a Code of Conduct was issued for committee members to prevent conflict of interests
- The IC submits monthly performace report to the Steering Committee
- The Asset Management Company reports monthly performance on its website (on the first business day of each month)



## Timeline of the BSF's operations


*Supporting documents must be submitted within 15 days after application date
Remark: The BSF will be operational no more than 5 years in accordance with the Emergency Decree


[^0]:    * If the bonds fall below investment grade after the BSF has invested, the BSF can continue holding them until maturity

