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CITIBANK NA JOINING THE PANEL OF PRIMARY DEALERS

The National Treasury is once again pleased to announce an additional bank to the Panel of Primary Dealers in RSA government bonds - CITIBANK NA has been appointed to the Panel and will begin its duties as a *Primary Dealer on Wednesday 10th July 2002.*

CITIBANK has an established record in the international capital markets and its appointment as a member of the Panel of Primary Dealers will add value to an already well functioning market making panel which has contributed immensely in enhancing liquidity of government bonds. While CITIBANK has established itself in international capital markets, the application had to go through stringent qualifying criteria. This is in pursuit of appointing only financial and technically sound banks in the interest of an efficiently functioning domestic capital market, and of ensuring that the market making operations of primary dealers do not impose prudential and systemic risks to the financial markets.

Like other primary dealership applications, CITIBANK's application was forwarded to the Registrar of Banks at the SARB in order to conduct due diligence in terms of section 7 of the Banks Act, 1990 (Act No.94 of 1990). The due diligence, as stated in other appointments, focussed primarily on corporate governance, expertise, capital adequacy and IT systems operations.

After due consideration of the content of the due diligence report compiled by independent auditors, the Registrar of Banks advised the National Treasury to appoint CITIBANK as a member of the Panel of Primary Dealers.

The National Treasury welcomes CITIBANK to the Panel.

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