L.N. 221 of 1998

LOCAL LOANS (REGISTERED STOCK AND SECURITIES) ORDINANCE, (CAP. 161)

Directive by the Minister of Finance and Commerce for the Conversion into Lm17,600,000 6.15% Malta Government (Conversion) Stock 2001 (Fifth Issue) from Lm17,600,000 6% Malta Government Stock 1998 (Sixth Issue)

IN exercise of the powers conferred by sections 4(1)(a) of the Local Loans (Registered Stock and Securities) Ordinance, Cap. 161, the Minister of Finance and Commerce has declared the Lm17,600,000 6% Malta Government Stock 1998 (VI) due for repayment on the 30th September, 1998, to be convertible into Malta Government Stock to be issued under the provisions of the Ordinance.

The Minister has also authorised in terms of sections 31 (b) and 32 of the same Ordinance that, for the conversion of the Lm17,600,000 6% Malta Government Stock 1998 (VI) a new 6.15% Malta Government (Conversion) Stock 2001 (V) be created and issued as follows:

Mode of issuing Stock.

1. (a) The Stock shall be issued at the price of Lm100 per cent and shall be allotted by application in multiples of Lm100. Applications for the allotment of Stock by the present holders of the 6% Malta Government Stock 1998 (VI) shall open on Tuesday, 22nd September, 1998 at 8.00 a.m. and shall close at 12.00 noon on Friday, 25th September, 1998.

(b) Any remaining balance of the 6.15% Malta Government (Conversion) Stock 2001 (V) not taken up by the present holders of the 6% Malta Government Stock 1998 (VI) will be allotted to the Bank of Valletta plc. at Lm99.9064 per Lm100 nominal Stock and the remaining Lm0.0936 per Lm100 nominal Stock will be met out of the Sinking Fund.

Trading on the Malta Stock Exchange, Cap. 345.

2. An application for the Stock to be put on the official list and trading on the Malta Stock Exchange will be made in terms of the Malta Stock Exchange Act, when the Stock has been allotted.

Sum of money to be raised.

3. The sum of money to be raised by the Stock shall be Lm17,600,000.

Rate of contribution to Sinking Fund.

4. On closing date the balance standing to the credit of the Sinking Fund of 6% Malta Government Stock 1998 (VI) will be transferred to the Sinking Fund 6.15% Malta Government (Conversion) Stock 2001 (V) established for the purpose of redeeming the Stock. A further half-yearly appropriation of not less than Lm176,000 out of the General Revenue and Assets of the Government of Malta shall be made as a contribution to this same Sinking Fund. The first contribution shall be made during the latter six months of the year 1999.

Rate of interest and dates of payment.

5. Interest at the rate of Lm3.075 for every Lm100 Stock shall be payable in arrear half-yearly on the 19th May and the 19th of November of every year during the currency of the Stock. The first pro rata payment covering the period from the 1st October, 1998 to the 19th May, 1999 shall be made on the 19th day of May, 1999.

Redemption of Stock.

6. The Stock shall be redeemed at par on the 19th November, 2001.