L.N. 132 of 1998

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

## Directive by the Minister of Finance and Commerce for the Conversion into Lm10,000,000 7.2% Malta Government (Conversion) Stock 2008 (First Issue) from Lm10,000,000 6% Malta Government Stock 1998 (Fifth 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 Lm10,000,000 6% Malta Government Stock 1998 (V) due for repayment on the 10th June, 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 Lm10,000,000 6% Malta Government Stock 1998 (V) a new 7.2% Malta Government (Conversion) Stock 2008 (I) 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 (V) shall open on Wednesday, 3rd June, 1998 at 8.30 a.m. and shall close at 12.00 noon on Monday, 8th June, 1998.

(b) Any remaining balance of the 7.2% Malta Government (Conversion) Stock 2008 (I) not taken up by the present holders of the 6% Malta Government Stock 1998 (V) will be allotted to the Central Bank of Malta for market making purposes.

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 Lm10,000,000.

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 (V) will be transferred to the Sinking Fund 7.2% Malta Government (Conversion)

Stock 2008 (I) established for the purpose of redeeming the Stock. A further half-yearly appropriation of not less than Lm100,000 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 first six months of the year 1999.

Rate of interest and dates of payment.

**5.** Interest at the rate of Lm3.60 for every Lm100 Stock shall be payable in arrear half-yearly on the 10th December and the 10th of June of every year during the currency of the Stock. The first payment covering the period from the 11th June, 1998 to the 10th December, 1998 shall be made on the 10th day of December, 1998.

Redemption of Stock.

**6.** The Stock shall be redeemed at par on the 10th June, 2008.