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MAURITIUS BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS 2014

This is a brief summary about some of the measures announced by the Vice Prime Minister and Minister of Finance of the Republic of Mauritius (“Mauritius”), Xavier Luc Duval in his Budget Speech 2014, dated 08 November 2013. Only some of the measures that may be of interest to an international audience have been highlighted in this summary. These measures have not yet been adopted by the Parliament of Mauritius. Once this takes place, we shall bring a further update to your attention. You are strongly recommended to seek specific advice before acting on any information contained herein.

The relevant measures announced in the Budget 2014 are, amongst others, as follows:

Global Business Sector

1. The setting up of a Joint Committee to provide recommendations on the better integration of the global business sector with domestic sector
2. Adherence to the Multilateral Convention on Mutual Administrative Assistance in tax matters developed by the Council of Europe and the OECD
3. Special fund of Rs 50M targeted for the promotion of financial services in Africa
4. Amending the Financial Services Act to provide greater flexibility for global business companies to deal with residents
5. Stringent measures to strengthen the regulatory framework by setting up a Serious Fraud Office and Coordination Committee to combat crime
6. Real estate under the Integrated Resort Scheme/Real Estate Scheme in Mauritius is now a recognised investment asset class that a GBL1 company may hold in Mauritius.
7. Amending the Investment Promotion Act to include investment in Initial Public Offerings as a qualifying business activity for the granting of permanent residence in Mauritius
8. Introducing a new bill on ‘Captive Insurance’
9. Allowing the Mauritius Financial Services Commission to investigate all breach of laws, even by non-licensed persons or entities

Expected Key Economic Indicators

1. GDP Growth rate- between 3.8% and 4% for 2014
2. Inflation rate- 5% in 2014, stood at 3.6% in 2013
3. Budget deficit-3.2% of GDP in 2014
4. Public sector debt-54% of GDP in 2014



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