

INVESTOR ALERT: FIRSTMAUBANKLIMITED & FREE ZONE OF MAURITIUS

It has come to the attention of the Financial Services Commission, Mauritius (the "FSC") that an entity under the name of **FIRSTMAUBANK LIMITED** is **FALSELY** claiming to hold a "Banking (Full Service) Licence" with licence number MB695124, purportedly issued by the FSC on 24 October 2020.

It is observed that a <u>logo</u> of a certain Free Zone of Mauritius appears on the licence of **FIRSTMAUBANK LIMITED**.

The FSC hereby informs the public that its range of licences does not include 'Banking (Full Service) Licence' as purported in the fraudulent licence.

The public is also informed that **FIRSTMAUBANK LIMITED** or any other individuals/representatives or promoter groups operating under **this name is not and have not**, at any point in time, been licensed and regulated by the FSC.

The attention of the public is further drawn to the investor alerts issued against Free Zone of Mauritius by the FSC on <u>16 July 2019</u> and <u>18 September 2019</u> respectively and the <u>scam alert</u> issued by the Bank of Mauritius.

The FSC therefore urges the public to exercise caution when dealing with **FIRSTMAUBANK LIMITED**, Free Zone of Mauritius and any other associated individuals and/or entities allegedly claiming to be licensed/authorised/registered with the FSC.

The public is encouraged to consult the Register of Licensees available on the FSC website for persons/entities duly licensed/authorised/registered under the relevant



Acts on the following link: <u>https://www.fscmauritius.org/en/being-supervised/register-</u><u>of-licensees</u> and/or to contact the FSC on <u>fscmauritius@intnet.mu</u>.

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About the FSC

The FSC is the integrated regulator for the non-banking financial services sector and global business.

The vision of the FSC is to be an internationally recognised Financial Supervisor committed to the sustained development of Mauritius as a sound and competitive Financial Services Centre.

In carrying out its mission, the FSC aims to promote the development, fairness, efficiency and transparency of financial institutions and capital markets in Mauritius; suppress crime and malpractices so as to provide protection to members of the public investing in non-banking financial products; and ensure the soundness and stability of the financial system in Mauritius.

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