

Press release – MIC publishes its first annual report for the period ended 30 June 2021

(Port-Louis, 4 January 2022) - As a Private Limited Company, the Mauritius Investment Corporation Ltd (MIC) operates under the Companies Act 2001 and owns and manages a portfolio of Rs81 billion. The company has published, on 31 December 2021, its Inaugural Annual Report for the period ended 30 June 2021. The financial results of the MIC point to a profit of Rs58 million before changes in fair value of financial assets.

The financial assets in MIC's portfolio include investments in secured redeemable convertible bonds of systemically large, important and viable companies in Mauritius. According to International Accounting Standards (IFRS9), these financial assets have to be valued at fair value as at end of the financial year. The valuation was carried out using a scenario-based valuation model, which estimated a decrease of Rs596 million in the carrying value of the bonds. The inputs and data used to estimate the fair value of the financial assets were as at 30 June 2021.

The MIC was set up in June 2020, amidst a context marked by uncertainty over the duration and depth of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. It has contributed to mitigate contagion of economic downturn to the banking sector, besides supporting the stability and soundness of the financial system of the country. Also geared towards the future, the MIC is a strategic accelerator and invests to enhance the nation's wealth through participation in key strategic assets through three portfolios namely: Future Generations, Infrastructure, and Equity Participation.

The MIC received 109 requests for investments over the period ended 30 June 2021. 40 of these requests were approved for an aggregate amount of Rs24.9 billion. The number of persons directly employed by the Investee entities were 23,870 as at 30 June 2021.

The amount disbursed to 16 entities over the same period stood at Rs6.7 billion and the MIC has acquired 100% in Mon Trésor Smart City Ltd for an amount of Rs2.4 billion. On a sectoral basis, an amount of Rs5.9 billion was disbursed to the Accommodation and food services sector; Agricultural sector, Rs2.4 billion; and Manufacturing sector, Rs0.8 billion.

The MIC stands ready to accompany the country in a quest for higher economic prosperity and diversifying the economic base. To that effect, the MIC will develop and deepen its investment reach across new sectors and asset classes.

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About the MIC

The mission of the Mauritius Investment Corporation Ltd (MIC) is to support and accelerate the economic development of Mauritius. It aims to sustain the long- term prosperity of Mauritius by prudently growing its capital through a disciplined investment process.

The objectives of the Company are, amongst others, to –

- (a) support and accelerate the economic development of Mauritius and build a savings base for the citizens of Mauritius;
- (b) assist systemically large, important and viable corporations or companies incorporated in Mauritius which are financially distressed as a result of COVID-19 pandemic;
- (c) invest the assets under its management to secure key basic necessities; and support higher long-term growth;
- (d) establish three portfolios namely: Future Generations, Infrastructure, and Equity Participation; and
- (e) hold financial assets.