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MALTA FINANCIAL SERVICES AUTHORITY

Circular regarding the EU Capital Requirements Directive ('CRD')

10th January 2007

This Circular is being addressed to Investment Services Licence Holders subject to financial resources requirements in terms of the MFSA's Investment Services Guidelines, with a copy to their auditors for information.

The MFSA invites comments by not later than the 24^{th} January, 2007 on the draft New Automated Financial Return, which Return shall be included as the New Appendix II of the Investment Services Guidelines (to be renamed 'Rules'). Interested parties are to send their comments in writing addressed to the Director – Securities Unit.

N.B. It is planned that the New Automated Financial Return will be adopted on the 31st January 2007. Licence Holders will be expected to start using the New Automated Financial Return for financial reporting to MFSA due (ie. having a reporting deadline) on or after 31st March, 2007. For a detailed explanation of the planned applicability timeframes of the new Rules, please refer to the explanation and the table provided in our circular of the 6th December 2006.

This is MFSA's **3rd Circular** on CRD. The **1st Circular** on this subject, issued on the 21st August 2006, had the purpose of drawing Licence Holders' attention to the upcoming implementation of the CRD and the MFSA's plans in this regard. The **2nd Circular**, issued on the **27th December 2006**, served as the **1st Consultation** document to the industry outlining the proposed amendments to the Investment Services Guidelines which will provide for the transposition of this EU Directive. The purpose of this **3rd Circular** on CRD is that of:

[a] providing the industry with a copy [attached] of the New Automated Financial Return for consideration and testing. As indicated above, the consultation period will end on the 24th January 2007; and

[b] inviting Licence Holders and their Auditors to a presentation on the rules transposing the CRD and the New Automated Financial Return [invitation attached].

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