

Foreign Exchange Developments

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(I) EXIM BANK LINE OF CREDIT TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF GHANA

Exim Bank of India has extended a line of credit upto USD 27 million to the Government of the Republic of Ghana for financing export of goods and services to Ghana for projects in agriculture, rural electrification, transportation and communication which are eligible for export under the Foreign Trade Policy of Government of India.

(II) ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING GUIDELINES FOR AUTHORISED MONEY CHANGERS (AMCs)

In view of the increased concerns regarding money laundering activities and to prevent AMCs from being

misused for such activities, Reserve Bank has brought out detailed Anti-Money Laundering (AML) guidelines to enable AMCs to put in place the policy framework and systems for prevention of money laundering while undertaking money exchange transactions. All AMCs will formulate suitable policies and procedures for the Anti-Money Laundering (AML) measures which would include (i) Customer Identification Procedure – “Know your Customer” norms, (ii) Recognition, handling and disclosure of suspicious transactions, (iii) Appointment of Money Laundering Reporting Officer (MLRO), (iv) Staff Training, (v) Maintenance of records, and (vi) Audit of transactions in accordance with the guidelines issued. The AML policy framework and measures should be formulated and put in place before March 31, 2006 with the approval of the Board of Directors of the AMC.

