



**GOVERNMENT OF SAINT LUCIA  
P R O S P E C T U S**

**8-Year Treasury Bond - EC\$16.0 Million**

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## ABSTRACT

Reasons for Addendum:

**To reserve the right to increase the issue size of LCG080932 by an additional EC\$5.0 million in the event of an over-subscription.**

BONDS and NOTES						
Auction Date	Issue Date	Instrument Type	Issue Amount	Maximum Rate (%)	Maturity Date	Trading Symbol
September 6, 2024	September 9, 2024	8-year bond	16,000,000.00	7.00%	September 9, 2032	LCG080932

The Bonds and Notes fall under the authority of the Public Debt Management Act No. 22 of 2023 Section 32 (1). The Minister of Finance considers it necessary to raise funds on the RGSM or through a private placement at a maximum rate of 7.50%.

In October 2023, the Caribbean Information and Credit Rating Services Ltd. (CariCRIS) reaffirmed the ratings of CariBBB- (Foreign and Local Currency Ratings) on its regional rating scale for the several rated debt issues of the GOSL. Saint Lucia's ratings continue to reflect: (1) its monetary and exchange rate stability underpinned by membership in a quasi-currency board arrangement, (2) sound financial sector despite COVID-19 challenges, (3) economic activity is increasing, although dependent on buoyancy tourism, and (4) consistent growth in GDP is expected in coming years. Tempering these ratings are: (1) fiscal performance can fluctuate in the current high inflationary environment, (2) debt to GDP is projected to remain above target of 60% over the medium term, requiring a twinned strategy of fiscal consolidation and GDP growth to accelerate declines below the target, and (3) rising and persistent crime can derail political focus and can be disruptive to fiscal and investment planning. CariCRIS assigned ratings indicate that the level of creditworthiness of the obligator concerning other obligations in the Caribbean is adequate.

Bidding for each EC Dollar issue will commence at 9:00 a.m. and will close at 12:00 noon on each auction day and 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. for each US Dollar issue subsequent to which a competitive uniform price auction will be run at 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon respectively.

The interest and principal repayments are a direct charge to the Consolidated Fund.

### I. GENERAL INFORMATION

Issuer: The Government of the Saint Lucia (GOSL)

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Purpose of Issues: The Securities will be issued to finance the 2024/25 budget and the re-issuance of maturing instruments.

Amount of Issue: **8-year Treasury Bond – EC\$16.0M**

Legislative Authority: Public Debt Management Act No.22 of 2023, Chapter 24, 32 & 36

Taxation: Yields will not be subject to any tax, duty or levy by the Participating Governments of the Eastern Caribbean Currency Union (ECCU). The countries are Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica, Grenada, Montserrat, Saint Lucia, St Kitts and Nevis and St Vincent and the Grenadines.

Placement of Bids: Investors will participate in the auction through the services of current licensed intermediaries who are members of the Eastern Caribbean Securities Exchange.

Minimum Bid: EC\$5,000

Bid Multiplier: EC\$1,000

Bids per Investor: Each investor is allowed one (1) bid with the option of increasing the amount being tendered for until the close of the bidding period.

Licensed Intermediaries: The current list of licensed intermediaries is as follows:

- St. Kitts Nevis Anguilla National Bank Ltd.
- Bank of Nevis Ltd.
- Bank of Saint Lucia Ltd.
- Bank of St Vincent and the Grenadines Ltd.
- First Citizens Investment Services Ltd - Saint Lucia
- Grenada Co-operative Bank Limited

Currency: All currency references are in Eastern Caribbean Dollars unless otherwise stated.

## II. INFORMATION ABOUT THE ISSUE

### **Government of Saint Lucia EC\$16.00M 8-year Bond**

The GOSL proposes to auction EC\$16.00 million in Government bonds on the RGSM, then listing on the ECSE with an option **to increase the issue size of LCG080932 by an additional EC\$5.0 million in the event of an over-subscription.**

Size of Issue: EC\$16.00 million

Maximum bid price: 7.00 percent

Tenor: 8 Years

Trading Symbol: LCG080932

Issue Date: 9th September 2024

Maturity Date: 9th September 2032

Interest payment: Interest is payable semi-annually, every 9th March and 9th September, beginning 9th March 2025.

Principal Payment: The principal is due at maturity.

**ALL OTHER INFORMATION IN THIS PROSPECTUS REMAINS THE SAME**