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FSC Mauritius issues the Financial Services (Peer to Peer Lending) Rules 2020

The Financial Services Commission, Mauritius ("FSC") is issuing the <u>Financial Services</u> (Peer to Peer Lending) Rules 2020 (the 'P2P Lending Rules') with the objective of fostering innovation and furthering access to finance in Mauritius.

The P2P Lending Rules provide for a sound and efficient regulatory environment to support the offer and execution of Peer to Peer ("P2P") Lending for the benefit of stakeholders in the non-bank financial services sector of Mauritius. Under these Rules, a Peer to Peer operator will facilitate access to finance by matching borrowers and lenders on its online platform.

According to the Chief Executive, Mr. Dhanesswurnath Thakoor, " the P2P lending Rules is part of the broader spectrum that the FSC is working on for consolidating the regulatory framework for Fintech in Mauritius. Operators in the non-bank financial services sector can now leverage on P2P networks for offering equivalent and sound alternatives to promote access to credit and raise capital".

The <u>Financial Services (Consolidated Licensing and Fees) Rules 2008</u> have also been amended to cater for this licence.

The relevant <u>Application Form</u> and <u>Licensing Criteria</u> for the conduct of this new business activity are published on the website of the FSC.



About the FSC:

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

The vision of the Commission 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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