## REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA NATIONAL TREASURY TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF ISSUE AS AMENDED

# **REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

# FIXED RATE RETAIL SAVINGS BOND

(Maturing 2-years, 3-years and 5-years from the Settlement Date)

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## **GOVERNMENT ISSUE**

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## **TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF ISSUE**

The Government of the Republic of South Arica, represented by the National Treasury acting through its Asset and Liability Management Division, intends to amend the current series of the Fixed Rate RSA Retail Savings Bonds, as outlined in the Terms and Conditions of Issue more fully set out below:

#### 1. **DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION**

In these Terms and Conditions, unless inconsistent with or otherwise indicated by the context, the following expressions shall have the following meanings, and cognate expressions shall have corresponding meanings:

Application Form	the application form to be completed by a	
	Purchaser wishing to acquire RSA Retail Savings	
	Bonds in the manner contemplated by these Terms	
	and Conditions, which form shall be completed in	
	accordance with the Terms and Conditions of	
	Purchase;	
"Asset and Liability	the division within the National Treasury	
Management Division"	responsible inter alia the management and	
	administration of the Retail Savings Bonds;	

"Bank Guaranteed a bank issued cheque, an own 'cheque' endorsedCheque" by a bank guaranteeing an amount specified, or a personal guaranteed cheque, as the case may be;

"Banking Day" any day other than a Sunday or public holiday officially recognised as such in the Republic, being days on which banks are generally open for business in the Republic;

- "Books Closed Date" in relation to an Interest Payment Date, 1 (one) calendar month preceding the Interest Payment Date;
- "Business Day" any day other than a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday officially recognised as such in the Republic;
- "Capital Amount" the initial amount invested by an Investor in 1 (one) of the RSA Retail Savings Bonds within the RSA Retail Savings Bond Series. Where an Investor has invested in more than 1 (one) RSA Retail Savings Bond, the "Capital Amount" shall mean the amount invested in respect of each RSA Retail Savings Bond;
- "Capital Balance" the amount accrued by and owing to an Investor in relation to his investment in an RSA Retail Savings Bond, being the Capital Amount plus all Interest capitalized, less any Early Withdrawals and the Penalty.
- "Coupon" and "Coupon the interest earned on an RSA Retail Savings Payment" Bond;
- "Coupon Payment Date: 31 March and 30 September in each year, as well as the Maturity Date if the Maturity Date does not fall on 31 March or 30 September, as the case may be, being the date on which the Interest on the RSA Retail Savings Bond shall be paid by the Issuer to the Registered Holder in accordance with these Terms and Conditions;
- "Coupon Rate" the fixed rate payable to a Registered Holder from the Settlement Date until the Early Withdrawal Date or the Maturity Date, as the case may be, which rate shall be the Prevailing Interest Rate on the Settlement Date, and shall be fixed from the Settlement Date until the Early Withdrawal Date or the Maturity Date, as the case may be;

- "Designated Bank" the nominated bank of the National Treasury at which a Purchaser must make payment of the Capital Amount after receipt of notice from the National Treasury requiring same, which notice shall set out the Investor Number;
- "Designated Bank the nominated bank account of the Registered Account"
  Holder in the Republic, wherein all payments due by the Issuer to the Registered Holder in accordance with these Terms and Conditions shall be made, and in respect of a minor the parent's nominated bank account until the minor reaches the age of 18 years and where such a minor has not obtained a legal majority status prior to the age of 18 years;
- "Early Withdrawal" the withdrawal by an Investor of a portion of or the entire Capital Balance of any RSA Retail Savings Bond held by him prior to the Maturity Date, in accordance with the provisions of clause 13 below;
- "Early Withdrawalthe amount of the Early Withdrawal, being a portionAmount"of or the entire Capital Balance less the Penalty;
- "Early Withdrawal Date" the date on which the Early Withdrawal Amount is paid by the Issuer to the Investor;

"Executor" the executor of the estate of a deceased Registered Holder;

- "First Coupon Payment the date on which Interest is first paid to the Registered Holder, being the Coupon Payment Date immediately following the Settlement Date, unless the Settlement Date occurs after the Book Closed Date, in which case the First Interest Payment Date shall be on the first Coupon Payment Date falling after the Books Closed Date;
- "Final Issue Date" the last date on which the Issuer shall make the RSA Retail Savings Bonds available for purchase, which date will be determined by the Issuer in its sole and absolute discretion, and Published or

made available in such other manner as the Issuer may determine;

- "Government" the Government of the Republic;
- "Government Bond Yield the bond yield curve that links the rates of return of Curve" the various Government bonds listed on JSE over the terms of such listed bonds;
- "Income Tax Act" the Income Tax Act No. 58 of 1962, as amended;

"Investor" a person who has invested in a RSA Retail Savings Bond and whose name appears on the Register as such, and the term "Registered Holder" shall bear a corresponding meaning;

- "Investor Number" the number provided by the Issuer to each Purchaser upon acceptance of an Application Form;
- "Issuer" the Government, represented by the National Treasury acting through the Asset and Liability Management Division;

"Issue Date" the date on which the Fixed Rate RSA Retail Savings Bonds, as amended, shall be available for purchase,

- "JSE"(Johannesburg means the JSE Limited (registration number 205/022939/06), a licensed financial exchange in terms of the Securities Services Act or any exchange which operates as a successor exchange of the JSE ;
- "Maturity Date" the date on which the Capital Balance becomes due for repayment by the Issuer, being:
  - 2 (two) years after Settlement Date, in respect of any 2-year RSA Retail Savings Bond;
  - 3 (three) years after Settlement Date, in respect of any 3-year RSA Retail Savings Bond; and
  - 5 (five) years after Settlement Date, in respect

of any 5-year RSA Retail Savings Bond.

	The terms " <b>Maturity</b> " and "Mature" shall have a corresponding meaning;
"Minister"	the Minister of Finance of the Republic;
"National Treasury"	the National Treasury of the Republic, established in terms of Section 5 of the PFMA;
"National Treasury Bank Account"	the bank account held by the National Treasury with the Designated Bank;
"PFMA"	the Public Finance Management Act, (1999) Act No. 1 of 1999, as amended;
"Payment Instruction"	a written instruction received by the Issuer from a Registered Holder, setting out the Designated Bank Account;
"Penalty"	the penalty deducted by the Issuer from the Capital Balance in the event of Early Withdrawal.
"Pensioners Bond"	the Retail Savings Bonds contemplated by clause 8.3 below. For the avoidance of doubt, such bonds have the same features as the Fixed Rate RSA Retail Savings Bonds, save <i>inter alia</i> that Investors 60 (sixty) years and older shall be entitled to an option to receive their Interest on a monthly basis;
"Portfolio"	the total amount invested by an Investor in the Retail Savings Bonds, being the sum of the Capital Amounts invested in the relevant RSA Retail Savings Bonds Series;
"Prevailing Interest Rate"	the Interest Rate Published from time-to-time by the Issuer with respect to the 2-year, 3-year and 5-year RSA Retail Savings Bonds, which Interest Rate shall be applicable on the Settlement Date;
"Published"	publication by the Issuer in newspapers in the Republic and on the RSA Retail Savings Bond website from time-to-time;

"Purchaser"	a potential investor in RSA Retail Savings Bonds;
"Register"	a compilation of Registered Holders maintained by the Issuer;
"Registered Holder"	an owner of an RSA Retail Savings Bond, whose name appears on the Register as such;
"Republic"	the Republic of South Africa;
"Restart"	An option that allows an investor to start over their investment at the prevailing rate at the time of the Restart;
"RSA Retail Savings Bonds"	A bond developed by the Government, to enable an investor to invest;
"RSA Retail Savings Bond Series"	the 2-year, 3-year and 5-year RSA Retail Savings Bonds, as the case may be;
"Settlement Date"	the date on which payment for an RSA Retail Savings Bond is received by the Issuer from an Investor, subject to compliance with the Terms and Conditions of Purchase;
"Statement"	the statement contemplated by clause 16 below;
"2-year Fixed RSA Rate Retail Savings Bond"	a fixed rate retail savings bond maturing 2 (two) years from Settlement Date, issued by the Issuer on the Issue Date and available for purchase until the Final Issue Date, subject to these Terms and Conditions set out therein;
"3-year Fixed Rate RSA Retail Savings Bond"	a fixed rate retail savings bond maturing 3 (three) years from Settlement Date, issued by the Issuer on the Issue Date and available for purchase until the Final Issue Date, subject to these Terms and Conditions set out therein;
"5-year Fixed RSA Rate Retail Savings Bond"	a fixed rate retail savings bond maturing 5 (five) years from Settlement Date, issued by the Issuer on the Issue Date and available for purchase until the Final Issue Date, subject to these Terms and

Conditions set out therein;

**"Terms and Conditions"** the terms and conditions of issue of the RSA Retail Savings Bonds set out herein, including all annexures and/or schedules thereto, as may be amended from time-to-time in the sole and absolute discretion of the Issuer, which amendments shall become binding on the effective date thereof;

"Terms and Conditions of the terms and conditions of purchase applicable to Purchase" the Application Form, which must be complied with by a Purchaser in order to successfully acquire RSA Retail Savings Bonds in accordance with these Terms and Conditions; and

"User Manual" the user manual provided to a Purchaser together with the Terms and Conditions, setting out the general features of the RSA Retails Savings Bonds, which user manual shall be read together with these Terms and Conditions. The user manual shall not constitute a binding legal document.

## 2. ISSUER

The RSA Retail Savings Bonds are issued by the Issuer, by virtue of the Minister being empowered to borrow, on behalf of the Government, in terms of Section 66 (2) (a) of the PFMA.

#### 3. PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES OF THE ISSUE

- 3.1. The purpose of the Issue is to raise funds to be utilised for the general purposes of the Government.
- 3.2. The main objectives of the issue inter alia are the following:
  - 3.2.1. to target a different source of funding
  - 3.2.2. to diversify the financial instruments on offer to the market; and
  - 3.2.3. to create awareness amongst the general public of the importance to save;

## 4. ISSUE DATE AND AUTHORISED PURCHASERS

- 4.1. The RSA Retail Savings Bonds shall be made available on the Issue Date.
- 4.2. Only South African citizens and permanent residents of the Republic who are in possession of a valid South African identity document, and who hold bank accounts with financial institutions in the Republic, shall be entitled to acquire RSA Retail Savings Bonds in terms hereof.

## 5. SPECIAL PURCHASE CONDITIONS

The minimum Capital Amount that may be invested at any time is an amount equal to R1, 000.00 (one thousand Rand) in respect of each RSA Retail Savings Bond, with a maximum amount of R5, 000,000.00 (Five million Rand) for a Portfolio.

## 6. STATUS OF THE RSA RETAIL SAVINGS BONDS

RSA Retail Savings Bonds constitute direct, unconditional and unsecured obligations of the Issuer to the Registered Holder and will at all times rank *pari passu* among themselves and at least *pari passu* with all other present or future unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of the Issuer for monies borrowed from others.

## 7. COUPON RATE

Interest shall be calculated on the Capital Balance, in respect of the First Coupon Payment Date, from Settlement Date until the First Coupon Payment Date, on the basis of actual days over a 365 (three hundred and sixty five) day year. Thereafter, Interest shall be calculated on the Capital Balance from the First Coupon Payment Date and subsequent Coupon Payment Dates to the next Coupon Payment Date.

#### 8. COUPON PAYMENTS

- 8.1. Subject to the provisions of clause 8.3 below, the Capital Balance on each of the RSA Retail Savings Bonds shall bear Interest at the Coupon Rate, as shall be payable on the Coupon Payment Dates.
- 8.2. Further, subject to the provisions of clause 8.3 below, Registered Holders shall be entitled to reinvest the Interest, at the Coupon Rate, on application in the Application Form, in which case Interest will be capitalized on the Coupon Payment Dates.
- 8.3. In the case of Pensioners Bonds, Investors 60 (sixty) years and older shall, on application under the Application Form, be entitled to request that their Interest be paid out to them on a monthly basis, in which case Interest will be paid out to them on said basis. However, there shall be no option to capitalize the Interest with Pensioners Bonds, in the manner contemplated by clause 8.2 above.
- 8.4. Interest in respect of an RSA Retail Savings Bonds shall be paid semi-annually, on the First Coupon Payment Date and subsequent Coupon Payment Dates until the Early Withdrawal Date or the Maturity Date, as the case may be, to Registered Holders as at the Books Closed Date, unless the Registered Holder has elected to have the Interest reinvested in terms of clause 8.2 above.
- 8.5. If the Coupon Payment Date does not fall on a Banking Day, payment will be effected on the next Banking Day following the Coupon Payment Date, without any additional Interest.
- 8.6. Interest payable in respect of Early Withdrawal Amounts shall be calculated and paid on the Early Withdrawal Date, such Interest being calculated from the previous Coupon Payment Date (or Settlement Date if the First Coupon Payment Date has not yet occurred by Early Withdrawal Date) to the Early Withdrawal Date. The Penalty shall be deducted from the Early Withdrawal Amount.
- 8.7. Interest shall be paid in the currency of the Republic by means of electronic funds transfer into the Designated Bank Account.
- 8.8. Interest shall cease to accrue on the RSA Retail Savings Bonds from the Maturity Date, or any Early Withdrawal Amounts from Early Withdrawal Date, as the case may be.

#### 9. DETERMINATION OF THE CAPITAL BALANCE

The Issuer's indebtedness to an Investor, at any time, in respect of the RSA Retail Savings Bonds shall be the Capital Balance determined in accordance with these Terms and Conditions.

#### 10. **REPAYMENT OF THE CAPITAL BALANCE**

The Issuer shall, on the Maturity Date, pay the Capital Balance to the Registered Holders, unless an application for reinvestment of the Capital Balance has been received by the Issuer in accordance with the provisions of clause 11 below. Payment shall be made in accordance with the provisions of clause 14 below.

#### 11. OPTION TO RESTART INVESTMENT

- 11.1. A Registered Holder shall be entitled to restart their investment at the prevailing interest rate of the restart date if:
  - 11.1.1The investment is a **Fixed Rate RSA Retail Savings Bond**, and is active for a period of twelve months or longer.
  - 11.1.2The Restart option is only valid for the Fixed Rate RSA Retail Savings Bond and not the Inflation Linked RSA Retail Savings Bond.
  - 11.1.3The investor agrees that this is not a withdrawal of their investment(s) from the RSA Retail Savings Bonds. The prevailing Terms and Conditions of Issue and the Terms and Conditions of Purchase of the RSA Retail Savings Bonds shall apply.
  - 11.1.4No merging of investments shall be permitted, i.e., if an investor has three active investments, they cannot opt to have all three Restarted into a single RSA Retail Savings Bond investment.
  - 11.1.5No penalty or charges shall be incurred by the Investor for applying for the Restart option.
- 11.2. The settlement date for the new RSA Retail Savings Bond shall commence on the 1<sup>st</sup> (first) Business Day following the Restart Date ("the New Settlement Date").
- 11.3. The Coupon Rate for the new RSA Retail Savings Bond shall be the Prevailing Coupon Rate on the New Settlement Date.
- 11.4 These Terms and Conditions shall apply to such reinvestment amount

#### 12. OPTION TO REINVEST / ROLLOVER THE CAPITAL BALANCE

- 12.1. A Registered Holder shall be entitled to reinvest the Capital Balance on the Maturity Date into a new RSA Retail Savings Bond, by providing written notice thereof to the Issuer no less than 15 (fifteen) Business Days prior to the Maturity Date, on the prescribed form provided by the Issuer to the Registered Holder 30 (thirty) days prior to the Maturity Date.
- 12.2. A Registered Holder shall, in the written notice contemplated by clause 12.1 above, stipulate the RSA Retail Savings Bond Series in which the Capital Balance is to be reinvested.
- 12.3. The settlement date for the new RSA Retail Savings Bond shall commence on the Maturity Date ("**the New Settlement Date**").
- 12.4. The Coupon Rate for the new Retail Savings Bond shall be the Prevailing Coupon Rate on the New Settlement Date.
- 12.5. These Terms and Conditions shall apply to such reinvestment amount.

#### 13. EARLY WITHDRAWAL

- 13.1. A Registered Holder shall be entitled to withdraw a portion of or the Capital Amount invested prior to the Maturity Date, subject to the following conditions:
  - 13.1.1. subject to the provisions of clause 13.5 below, the 1<sup>st</sup> (first) such
    Early Withdrawal shall only be made after 12 (twelve) months from
    the Settlement Date;
  - 13.1.2. A Penalty shall be levied on the Early Withdrawal Amount;
  - 13.1.3. Where the Investor withdraws a portion of the investment, the Capital Balance remaining in respect of any Retail Savings Bond after the Early Withdrawal and Penalty payment must be at least R1,000.00 (one thousand Rand).
- 13.2. A Registered Holder shall not be entitled to repayment of the Retail Savings Bonds prior to the Maturity Date, otherwise than as provided for in clause 13.1 above.
- 13.3. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in these Terms and Conditions, no Early Withdrawal in respect of any Retail Savings Bond shall be made, except in accordance with the provisions of this clause13.1 above
- 13.4. Subject to the provisions of clause 13.1 no limitation is placed by the Issuer on the number of withdrawals by an an Investor prior to Maturity Date.
- 13.5. An Investor shall only be allowed to withdraw early during the 1<sup>st</sup> (first) year under extraordinary circumstances. If the Early Withdrawal request is approved

in the circumstances, the Capital Amount invested will be repaid minus all Interest earned within the first year until the date of such withdrawal.

## 14. **PAYMENTS**

- 14.1. All amounts payable by the Issuer to a Registered Holder in accordance with these Terms and Conditions shall be paid:
  - 14.1.1. free from set-off or deduction, except in the event that the Penalty is applicable, in which case the Penalty shall be deducted from payment of the Early Withdrawal Amount;
  - 14.1.2. in the Republic;
  - 14.1.3. in the currency of the Republic; and
  - 14.1.4. by means of electronic funds transfer into the Designated Bank Account within the Republic.
- 14.2. If any day for payment of the Capital Balance, any Early Withdrawal Amount or Interest in respect of any RSA Retail Savings Bond, as the case may be, does not fall on a Banking Day, the Registered Holder shall not be entitled to payment until the next Banking Day following such day and, in the circumstances, shall not be entitled to any Interest or other sums in respect of postponed payment.
- 14.3. All payments in terms hereof shall be subject to all fiscal or other laws and regulations applicable thereto in the Republic.

#### 15. **LIABILITY FOR WITHHOLDING TAX**

All payments in respect of the RSA Retail Savings Bond shall be made without withholding or deductions for, or on account of taxes imposed or levied by, or on behalf of, the Republic, or any authority in, or of, the Republic having power to tax, unless such withholding or deductions of taxes is required by law. In that event, the Issuer will pay such taxes on behalf of the Registered Holder as may be necessary and the net amount will be payable to the Registered Holder after the withholding or deduction of taxes.

## 16. **STATEMENTS**

- 16.1. The Issuer shall prepare and provide the Registered Holder with a Statement in respect of Retail Bonds as follows:
  - 16.1.1. within 14 (fourteen) Business Days of the Settlement Date;
  - 16.1.2. within 14 (fourteen) Business Days of receipt of each Interest Payment Date; and

- 16.1.3. within 14 (fourteen) Business Days of receipt of a written request for a Statement by the Registered Holder to the Issuer. For the avoidance of doubt, Registered Holders shall be entitled to submit such requests at any time.
- 16.2. Each Statement will set out the following particulars:
  - 16.2.1. personal particulars of the Registered Holder;
  - 16.2.2. the nature of the RSA Retail Savings Bond invested in, the Capital Amount invested in each Retail Savings Bond and the Capital Balance of each Retail Savings Bond;
  - 16.2.3. the Interest Rate payable on each RSA Retail Savings Bond held;
  - 16.2.4. the Settlement Date in respect of each RSA Retail Savings Bond;
  - 16.2.5. the Maturity Date in respect of each RSA Retail Savings Bond; and
  - 16.2.6. particulars of the Designated Bank Account.

### 17. **REGISTER OF REGISTERED HOLDERS**

- 17.1. The Issuer shall procure that a Register is maintained in accordance with the provisions of this clause17.
- 17.2. The Register shall:
  - 17.2.1. be maintained at the office of the Issuer;
  - 17.2.2. contain the names, addresses and Designated Bank Accounts numbers of the Registered Holders;
  - 17.2.3. indicate the total Capital Amount of the Retail Savings Bonds represented by it;
  - 17.2.4. reflect the dates upon which each of the Registered Holders were Registered as such;
  - 17.2.5. specify the Investor Numbers of the Retail Savings Bonds and the Settlement Dates thereof; and
  - 17.2.6. be closed from each Books Closed Date until the next Interest Payment Date.
  - 17.3. The Issuer shall, upon receipt of written notice from a Registered Holder, alter the Register in respect of any change of address or

Designated Bank Account particulars of the Registered Holder, as the case may be.

- 17.4. Except as provided for in these Terms and Conditions or as required by law, the Issuer:
  - 17.4.1. will only recognize a person as the owner of an RSA Retail Savings Bond where the Retail Savings Bond is registered in that person's name in the Register; and
  - 17.4.2. will not be bound to enter into the Register, the fact that a Registered Holder may be holding a Retail Bond in trust or as agent or mandatory for any third party, and, in the circumstances, the Issuer shall have no responsibility whatsoever to any such third party.

## 18. TRANSFER OF RETAIL SAVINGS BONDS

- 18.1. RSA Retail Savings Bonds shall not be transferable and may not be sold or redeemed by the Investor, except in accordance with the provisions of clauses 12 and 13 above.
- 18.2. Registered Holders shall not be entitled to encumber or transfer any of their rights in the Retail Savings Bonds to any third parties; save that transfer to a third party shall be permitted in the event of the death of the Registered Holder and in accordance with the provisions of clause 19 below.

## 19. **DEATH OF A REGISTERED HOLDER**

- 19.1. For the purposes of this clause 19, the Maturity Date shall be deemed to fall on the date on which the Issuer settles (pays) the full amount outstanding and that is due to the investor, wherefore the Issuer was notified of the death of the Registered Holder, by way of receipt of a valid Death Certificate a Letter of Authority or a Letter of Executorship and the relevant deceased estate bank details. In the event of the death of a Registered Holder prior to the Maturity Date, the Capital Balance on his Retail Savings Bond shall be repaid in full to the estate of the Registered Holder, at the request of the Executor.
- 19.2. Notwithstanding the provisions of clause 19.1.above, a letter of executorship issued by the Master of the High Court or a Magistrate of a Regional Court of the Republic shall be required before the National Treasury may register the RSA Retail Savings Bond in the name of the deceased estate and pay out any funds.
- 19.3. Until such time as payment is made into the estate of the deceased Registered Holder estate, interest on the investment will continue to accrue

until the maturity date as agreed herein.

#### 20. TITLE TO RSA RETAIL SAVINGS BONDS

The Issuer shall be entitled to assume, for all purposes, that the person reflected in the Register as the holder of any Retail Savings Bond is the true owner of the relevant Retail Savings Bonds.

#### 21. REPURCHASE OF RSA RETAIL SAVINGS BONDS

The Issuer shall not be entitled to repurchase any of the RSA Retail Savings Bonds at any time prior to the Maturity Date.

#### 22. GOVERNING LAW

The validity of these Terms and Conditions, their interpretation, the respective rights and obligations of the Investor and the Issuer in relation to the Retail Savings Bonds, and all other matters arising in any way out of these Terms and Conditions, shall be determined in accordance with the laws of the Republic.

### 23. AUTHORISATION

The Minister is authorised to borrow on behalf of the Government, and therefore to issue the Retail Savings Bonds, in terms of Section 66(2)(a) of the PFMA. In terms of Section 73 of the PFMA, the repayment of the Capital Amount and the Interest thereon shall be a direct charge against the National Revenue Fund and shall be deemed to have been appropriated by law.

#### 24. DOMICILIUM OF ISSUER

The name and address of the Issuer is as follows:

The National Treasury Asset and Liability Management Division 12<sup>th</sup> Floor, 240 Madiba Street, Cnr Madiba and Thabo Sehume Street, Pretoria.

#### 25. **PFMA**

In terms of section 75 of the PFMA, the Issuer shall not be responsible for the fulfilment of any obligation resulting from an lien, whether expressed, implied or construed, which is held over a Retail Savings Bond, notwithstanding whether the Issuer was notified of such lien or not.

#### 26. GENERAL

- 26.1. Upon acquisition of RSA Retail Savings Bonds in the manner contemplated by these Terms and Conditions, the Terms and Conditions shall constitute a binding agreement between the Investor and the Issuer.
- 26.2. These Terms and Conditions shall be read together with the User Manual.
- 26.3. This document contains the entire terms and conditions between the Investor and the Issuer concerning the subject matter recorded herein, and neither of them shall be bound by undertakings, representations, warranties, promises or the like not recorded in these Terms and Conditions.
- 26.4. No alteration, cancellation, variation of or addition to these Terms and Conditions shall be of any force or effect unless reduced to writing and signed by the Issuer or its duly authorized representative.
- 26.5. No indulgence, leniency or extension of time which either the Investor or the Issuer ("**the Grantor**") may grant or show to the other shall in any way prejudice the Grantor or preclude the Grantor from exercising any of its rights under the Terms and Conditions in the future.