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CENTRAL FINANCE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETES SECURITISATION TRANSACTION FOR RS. 500 MILLION

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Central Finance Ltd (CFC), one of Sri Lanka's leading leasing companies, and SL A+ rated organisation, successfully completed a private offering of Rs. 500 million through the securitisation of their finance lease receivables.

The transaction was structured through two tranches, thereby accessing a larger investor base with an appetite for innovative financings. Previously, the Organisation funded their portfolio mainly through the mobilization of their public deposit base of over Rs. 9 bln. However, with a portfolio historically showing very good performance with stable delinquency and low default rates, securitisation afforded the organisation a method to lower its cost of funding through raising additional funds by converting its finance lease receivables into new, liquid, negotiable instruments.

This transaction was arranged by Investec Capital (Pvt.) Limited (Investec). Deutsche Bank AG. Colombo Branch was appointed as Trustee and F J & G De Saram acted as the legal advisors.

Incorporated in 1957, CFL is a public listed company with a network of 30 branches serves every province in the country. CFL is a diversified organisation with numerous subsidiaries, associate companies and shareholdings in businesses ranging from investment portfolio management, to the manufacture of building materials, to health care provision, to television broadcasting, to internet services, and banking.

Investec Capital Limited, a boutique investment banking institution – is a provider of integrated capital markets and advisory solutions to clients. Since its inception, just six months ago, the Company continues to trail blaze creating new and unique solutions for the Sri Lankan capital market.