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SOCIETE GENERALE SECURITIES SERVICES EXTENDS SOUTH AFRICAN CUSTODY HUB TO MAURITIUS

Societe Generale Securities Services (SGSS) has extended its South African custody hub to Mauritius by becoming the first remote participant to receive approval from the Mauritius Financial Services Commission (FSC) to provide comprehensive custody services in the country.

These services will be provided in Mauritius through SGSS' custody hub in Johannesburg, backed by dedicated teams with extensive experience and expertise in the 11 African markets in which SGSS is present.

SGSS' pan-African integrated custody platform has been successfully connected to Mauritius' Central Depository & Settlement Co. Ltd (CDS), the result of close cooperation between SGSS and the Mauritius regulatory authorities to amend local legislation and allow a remote custodian to participate in the market. This initiative enables SGSS to offer domestic and international investors in Mauritius first-class services that are fully compliant with international industry standards.

SGSS offers a full range of securities services in South Africa to a broad client-base of asset managers, global custodians, investment banks and broker dealers. The overall offering in the country now includes both local and global custody, clearing and settlement services across all asset classes, as well as securities lending and treasury solutions.

Extending its custody hub to Mauritius underlines SGSS' continued commitment to sub-Saharan Africa and represents a further step in its strategy to expand its wider presence across Africa, a continent which is undergoing rapid growth, and to provide domestic and international clients with reliable and quality products and services for their operations and development.

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Societe Generale has been playing a vital role in the economy for 150 years. With more than 148,000 employees, based in 76 countries, we accompany 32 million clients throughout the world on a daily basis. Societe Generale's teams offer advice and services to individual, corporate and institutional customers in three core businesses:

- **Retail banking in France** with the Societe Generale branch network, Credit du Nord and Boursorama, offering a comprehensive range of multichannel financial services on the leading edge of digital innovation;
- **International retail banking, financial services and insurance** with a presence in emerging economies and leading specialised businesses;
- **Corporate and investment banking, private banking, asset management and securities services**, with recognised expertise, top international rankings and integrated solutions.

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Societe Generale: 150 years

In 2014, Societe Generale Group celebrates its 150th anniversary with a focus on entrepreneurial spirit, innovation and team spirit. Founded by a group of industrialists and financiers, the bank's very name illustrated their ambition: "Société Générale pour favoriser le développement du commerce et de l'industrie en France" ("**Societe Generale to support the development of trade and industry in France**"), as written into the Imperial decree signed by Napoléon III on 4 May 1864.

Societe Generale has always served economic development, contributing to the financing of infrastructures that symbolised the modern world and of leading French groups. Societe Generale was among the first French banks to open branches in London and in Russia in the 1870s, before expanding into the Maghreb, New York and Africa and to set up operations in Central European countries.

Societe Generale has always been at the cutting edge of financial innovation, and takes strength from its origins to assert its banking vision for the future, reinvent its businesses to serve its clients and become the reference bank of the 21st century.

Societe Generale Securities Services (SGSS)

Present in 28 locations worldwide with around 4,000 employees, SGSS provides financial institutions and brokers, asset managers and insurers, and businesses with a full range of securities services adapted to the latest financial market and regulatory trends: clearing services, custody and trustee services, retail custody services, liquidity management, fund administration and asset servicing, fund distribution and global issuer services.

SGSS is ranked among the top 10 worldwide global custodians and the 2nd largest in Europe with EUR 3,810* billion of assets under custody. SGSS provides custody & trustee services for 3,485* funds and the valuation of 4,118* funds, representing assets under administration of EUR 546* billion. SGSS also ranks among the European leaders in stock option management.

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