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The Chief Operating Officer Colombo Stock Exchange 04-01 West Block World Trade Centre COLOMBO 1

Dear Sir,



HATTON NATIONAL BANK PLC CORPORATE DISCLOSURE RE: APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

We are pleased to announce that at a Meeting of the Board of Directors held today, Mr Dinesh Weerakkody, Non-Executive/Independent Director of Hatton National Bank PLC (HNB), was appointed the Chairman of the Board of Directors of Hatton National Bank PLC, with effect from 26th May 2018 on the retirement of the incumbent Chairman Mr Rienzie Arseculeratne P.C. on 25th May 2018 having reached the age of 70 years.

Mr Dinesh Weerakkody joined the Board of HNB PLC on 29th June 2017 as a non-independent/non-executive Director. On the recommendation of the Board Nomination Committee, the Board has now confirmed Mr Weerakkody as an independent/non-executive Director in a re-assessment of his fitness and propriety to continue in office as a Director of a licensed commercial Bank.

Mr Weerakkody holds 2,050 shares (non-voting) in the capital of HNB PLC.

A resume of Mr Weerakkody is given in the Annexure.

The above disclosure conforms to the Rules of the CSE Re. "Corporate Disclosure" (Rule 8)/"Disclosures relating to Directors" [Rule 7.10.3 (d)].

Yours faithfully,

Thushari Ranaweera (Mrs)

DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER (LEGAL)/BOARD SECRETARY

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Cc: Mr Rienzie Arseculeratne, Chairman - Hatton National Bank PLC

Mr Jonathan Alles, MD/CEO - Hatton National Bank PLC

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Profiles

Mr Dinesh Weerakkody is the Chairman of the National Human Resource Development Council of Sri Lanka and Cornucopia Sri Lanka. He holds several honorary Advisory roles in the current government.

He was also the Chairman of the government appointed Committee to review the Banking Sector and NBFI consolidation and the Committee appointed to review the Budgetary Allocation for Education. He is a former Chairman of the Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC and the Employees' Trust Fund Board of Sri Lanka. He was also a Director of DFCC Bank.

He currently serves in a number of private sector and MNC boards and Chairs / Member of the Audit Committee and the Remuneration Committee in several of those companies. He is the Chairman of the International Chamber of Commerce Srl Lanka and a Council Member of the Employers Federation of Ceylon and the Institute of Directors of Srl Lanka. He is a member of the CIMA Asia Pacific Industry Advisory Body.

He is an Advanced Diploma holder in Business Administration from (ABE UK), a Fellow Member of both the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (UK) and the Certified Management Accountants (Sri Lanka), Professional Member of the Singapore Human Resource Institute and holds an MBA from the University of Leicester, UK. He was conferred an honorary membership by the Institute of Personnel Management of Sri Lanka for his contribution to HR. Mr Weerakkody has received extensive Leadership, Economic and Finance, HR, and Management training in the UK, USA, France, Japan, Singapore and India.

He is the recipient of a Jaycees Ten Outstanding Young Persons Award in 1999 and an International Associations of Lions Clubs National Achievers Award in 2008 for the advancement of good governance in the public sector.

Mr Weerakkody has published widely on Economics, Banking and Finance, HR, Leadership, Management, International Relations and development issues. He is an author of six books and is a regular business speaker / commentator