### **EEPCO Millennium Bond**

Features of the Bond

\* **Bond type** : Corporate Bond

\* Issuer of the bond : Ethiopian Electric Power Corporation( EEPCO)

\* **Agent:** Commercial Bank of Ethiopia (CBE)

\* Name of the bond: EEPCO Millennium Bond

\* Currency: USD, Pound Sterling, Euro and other convertible currencies

\* **Eligibility**: Non-resident Ethiopians and Foreign Nationals of Ethiopian origin only

\* Minimum bond issued: USD 500

\* Maturity: 5, 7 and 10 years

\* **Payment of bond:** At maturity

\* Payment of interest: Annually

\* **Guarantor:** Government guaranteed bond

\* **Additional Benefit**: The bond can be used as a collateral for loans in local currency.

\* **Income Tax:** Interest income earned from the bond is free from any income tax.

Means of Purchase: The buyer can effect payment via

#### 1. SWIFT transfer

\* Up on payment via SWIFT transfer, the Bank will send the bond certificate to the buyer or keep the certificate under the Bank's custody upon consent of the buyer.

# 2. Diaspora Foreign Currency Account

A\* prospective bond buyer can instruct CBE or other domestic banks to debit his/her Diaspora Foreign Currency

### 3. Cash

\* Ethiopian Diaspora can purchase the bond from CBE in foreign currency. In this case, it is mandatory for the buyer to present a foreign currency declaration form.

#### **Interest Rates and Payments**

\* The interest rates are 4%, 4.5 % and 5% for 5, 7 and 10 years maturity periods respectively.

\* Interest on the bonds will be paid annually and the bond holder can either receive interest payments in foreign currency or in Birr at the prevailing exchange rate.

### The interest earned can be:

- collected in Birr in person or through power of attorney holders,
- deposited in foreign currency or birr account,
- transferred abroad.
- used to repurchase additional bonds, or
- used as payment for import commitments

## Transferability:

\* The Bond can be transferred to a second party upon the consent of the bond holder and fulfillment of the required documents.

## Upon maturity, the bond holder can:

- \* receive the face value of the bond in foreign currency,
- \* purchase another bond with the same face value,
- \* effect local payments,
- \* deposit in foreign currency or birr account, or
- \* pay for import commitments.

SWIFT Addresses:..... CBETETAA

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