NDB Share History

In January 1979, the predecessor of National Development Bank PLC ("NDB" or "Bank") was set up by National Development Bank of Sri Lanka Act No 2 of 1979 as "National Development Bank of Sri Lanka", as a wholly state-owned institution.

Following a change of ownership structure in 1993 where NDB was privatized and listed on the Colombo Stock Exchange, 61% of the share capital of the Bank was transferred to private ownership. In 1997, the Bank was privatized further by the early conversion of the convertible debentures held by the Government and the disposal of the resulting shares. This reduced the Government’s direct shareholding to 12.2%. During this period, shares amounting to 2.56% were purchased by the Bank for the Employee Share Option Scheme. In April 2000, the Bank issued a further 17,916,667 shares in the ratio of 1:2 as Bonus Shares thereby increasing its total issued share capital to 53,750,000 shares.

As a part of its long term plans in 2001, NDB incorporated a commercial bank under the Companies Act No 2 of 1982 under the name "NDB Bank Limited" ("NBL") to take over the business and operations of ABN Amro NV Colombo Branch ("ABN Amro").

In 2005, pursuant to the provisions of the National Development Bank of Sri Lanka (Consequential Provisions) Act No. 1 of 2005 a company by the name of 'National Development Bank Ltd.' was incorporated for the purposes of taking over the business of National Development Bank of Sri Lanka. Accordingly, on 15 June 2005, the National Development Bank Ltd. was incorporated and with effect from that date the National Development Bank of Sri Lanka Act No. 2 of 1979 was repealed save and except for certain provisions contained therein.

On 29 July 2005, NDB acquired the business and operations of NBL and converted from a Licensed Specialed Bank to a Licensed Commercial Bank. In view of this, the shareholders of NBL were issued with shares of NDB at the ratio of 1 NDB share for every 5.6 shares of NBL held by them. This resulted in the increase of the issued capital of NDB to 54,570,257 shares. In order to facilitate this transition, on the date of such acquisition, the Central Bank of Sri Lanka granted a commercial banking license to NDB whilst withdrawing the specialized banking license that was held by it.

In 2006, the Bank approved a bonus share issue at the ratio of 1 new share for every 2 shares held by the shareholders and accordingly, the capital of the Bank was further increased by another 27,285,128 shares.

In July 2010, as per the Equity Linked Compensation Plan (ELCP) of the Bank, 245,566 ordinary shares were issued. In April 2011, the Bank subdivided its existing ordinary shares amounting to 82,100,951 in the proportion of one ordinary share for every ordinary share in issue resulting in 164,201,902 ordinary shares in issue.

In July 2013, 491,132 ordinary shares were issued on account of eligible employees of the Bank to the trustee of the ELCP approved by the Board of Directors and shareholders in March 2010.

Further during the period of January 2014 to December 2014 a total number of 400,888 shares were issued to eligible employees of the Bank as per the ELCP of the Bank. As at 31 December 2014 the Bank had 165,093,922 shares in issue.

The stated capital of the Bank as at 31st December 2014 was LKR 1,225,161,546.78. The shares of the Bank are continuously quoted on the Colombo Stock Exchange since 1993.

Pursuant to the introduction of the new Companies Act No.07 of 2007 the Bank was re-registered and is accorded with No PQ.27 as the new registration number and the name of the Bank was changed from National Development Bank Limited to National Development Bank PLC.