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BANK OF JAMAICA INTEREST RATES

Effective 25 February 2013, the interest rate payable on the Bank of Jamaica's 30-day Certificates of Deposit will be reduced by 50 basis points to 5.75 per cent per annum.

The revision to the Bank's policy rate is in a context of generally weak economic conditions and the recent approval of revenue measures for FY2013/14 aimed at further strengthening fiscal consolidation. These factors will have a dampening effect on inflationary impulses.

The Bank's policy action is consistent with the reduction in the interest rate on Government securities consequent on the National Debt Exchange which settled on 22 February.

These actions have occurred against the background of a staff level agreement between the Government and the International Monetary Fund on a medium-term economic programme.