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Siyapatha Finance

(Finance Company of Sampath Bank Group)

EXTERNAL
REF. NO: COMSEC/17/2026

18th May 2026

Ms. Nilupa Perera,
Chief Regulatory Officer,
Colombo Stock Exchange,
04-01 West Block,
World Trade Centre,
Echelon Square,
Colombo 01.

Dear Madam,

**SIYAPATHA FINANCE PLC
APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS**

In accordance with Sections 8 and 9.10.2 of the Listing Rules of the Colombo Stock Exchange (CSE), it is hereby disclosed that the Board of Directors of the Company, at its meeting held on 31st March 2026, upon the recommendation of the Board Nominations and Governance Committee, approved the appointment of Mr. Widanalage Deshal Praveen de Mel and Ms. Nishani Eranga De Zoysa as Independent Non-Executive Directors, subject to the approval of the Director of the Department of Supervision of Non-Bank Financial Institutions of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka.

The Company has now received the requisite approval from the Central Bank of Sri Lanka (CBSL) by letter dated 18th May 2026. Accordingly, Mr. W. D. P. de Mel and Ms. N. E. de Zoysa have been appointed as Independent Non-Executive Directors of the Company with effect from 18th May 2026, being the date of receipt of the approval of the CBSL.

Brief profiles of Mr. W. D. P. de Mel and Ms. N. E. De Zoysa are annexed hereto in terms of Rule 9.10.2(i) of the Listing Rules of the CSE.

Furthermore, in terms of Rule 7.8(b) of the Listing Rules of the CSE, it is hereby disclosed that Mr. W. D. P. de Mel and Ms. N. E. De Zoysa do not hold any relevant interest in the shares of the Company as at the date of this announcement.

Yours faithfully,
SIYAPATHA FINANCE PLC


Arosha Berugoda
COMPANY SECRETARY

ANNEXURE

Brief profile of Mr. W. D. P. de Mel

Mr. Deshal de Mel is a distinguished Sri Lankan economist and corporate professional with extensive experience in economic policy, financial markets, and corporate governance.

He has served as an Independent Non-Executive Director of Sampath Bank PLC, including in the capacity of Senior Independent Director, contributing to the Bank's strategic direction and governance oversight.

Mr. de Mel has held several key positions in both the public and private sectors. He served as an Economic Advisor to the Ministry of Finance, where he was closely involved in macroeconomic policy formulation and reform initiatives. He has also been a Commissioner of the Securities and Exchange Commission of Sri Lanka, providing regulatory oversight to the capital market.

In the corporate sector, he has served on the Boards of leading institutions, including at present Capital Alliance PLC and Fairfirst Insurance Ltd and previously Janashakthi Insurance PLC. He has also held senior roles within the Hayleys Group, contributing to economic analysis and business strategy.

He holds a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Philosophy, Politics and Economics from the University of Oxford and a Master of Science in International Political Economy from the London School of Economics and Political Science.

Mr. de Mel was recognised as a Young Global Leader by the World Economic Forum.

Brief profile of Ms. N. E. De Zoysa

Ms. Nishani De Zoysa is a seasoned banking professional with over 30 years of experience in Corporate Banking, Project Finance, and Development Finance. She served at DFCC Bank PLC from July 2003 to November 2024, most recently as Assistant Vice President – Corporate Banking, where she managed large corporate portfolios with full P&L and risk responsibility, and structured complex financing solutions including syndicated and project finance transactions.

She has extensive experience in stakeholder engagement across government, state-owned enterprises, and leading corporates, as well as in credit risk management and portfolio governance. Prior to DFCC, she held several roles at Seylan Bank PLC, gaining broad exposure to corporate and retail banking operations.

Ms. De Zoysa holds an MBA from the University of Colombo (Merit), and is an Associate Member of CIMA (UK) and the Institute of Bankers of Sri Lanka. She also holds a Postgraduate Diploma in Marketing from CIM (UK).