

# SECURITIES NOTE

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## **1. RISK FACTORS**

The following description of risk factors is not exhaustive, but rather an expression of the most significant risks the Issuer has been able to identify relating to investments in the Bills. The potential investor should read the section on risk factors in conjunction with the other sections of this Securities Note, and all public announcements by the Issuer before making a decision to invest in the Bills. Additional risks and uncertainties that do not currently exist, that are not presently considered material, or of which the Issuer is unaware may also impair the business and operations of the Issuer, and therefore the investment in the Bills. These risks and uncertainties could have a material adverse impact on the Issuer and its ability to fulfil its obligations under the terms of the Bills.

Investments in the Bills may not be suitable for all investors. Therefore, based on their own independent review and such professional advice as they deem appropriate under the circumstances, investors should consider closely the risk of investing in the Bills before deciding whether to carry out such investment.

### **1.1 Market Risk**

Market risk is risk that is common to all securities of the same class (stocks, bills, options). With fixed-income securities, such as bills, the most important market risk is interest rate risk. Interest rate risk refers to the risk of fluctuation in the market value of bills due to interest rate movements. Higher interest rates result in lower bill values and vice versa. Interest rate risk is higher for bills with longer maturities/duration.

During the last several months, interest rates have been increasing in Iceland. However, no statement can be made regarding whether that trend will continue or reverse in the future. Investors are reminded that fluctuations in the interest rate level can affect the market value of the Bills.

### **1.2 Credit Risk**

Credit risk refers primarily to the risk involved with debt investments such as bills. Credit risk is essentially the risk that the principal will not be repaid by the issuer. If the issuer fails to repay the principal, the issuer will default on the bills. For most debt instruments, investors must assess the credit quality of the issuer and decide whether the extra yield offered compared to the relevant treasury bill (or equivalent benchmark) is sufficiently attractive.

### **1.3 Active Public Market**

An application has been made to admit the Bills to trading on the regulated market of OMX. However, there can be no assurance that an active public market for the Bills will develop. Straumur quotes the bills daily on the Icelandic Stock Exchange, which increases their liquidity. Nevertheless before investing in the Bills, investors should consider the degree of liquidity they need from the securities in which they invest.

### **1.4 Legal and Regulatory Risk**

The creation of the Bills is based on Icelandic law in force as of the date of this Securities Note. The Icelandic Parliament, Althingi (<http://www.althingi.is>), might amend the law or change its administrative practices, or a judicial decision might be made that could adversely affect the Issuer's position. While it is not anticipated that this will happen, no assurance can be given relating to the impact that such a change might have.

## **2. NOTICE TO INVESTORS**

In making an investment decision, potential investors should consider carefully the merits and risks of an investment in the Bills. The terms and conditions of the Bills, which are described in Chapter 5, should be carefully reviewed before any investment decision is made. As with any investment in securities, there are risks associated with investment in the Bills.

This Securities Note has been prepared to provide clear and thorough information on the Bills but does not purport to provide an exhaustive description of the Issuer. Potential investors are encouraged, among other things, to study carefully the Issuer's Registration Document, issued 1 March 2007 and consider all announcements and communications from the Issuer that are available on the OMX news webpage:

<http://www.omxgroup.com/nordicexchange/marketnews/companynotices/>

This Securities Note has been prepared in accordance with chapter IV in the act No. 33/2003 on Securities Transactions. The admission to trading will proceed pursuant to Icelandic law and regulations. Directive 2003/71/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4th November 2003 has been incorporated into Icelandic law. OMX has scrutinised and approved this Securities Note, which is published in English only, based on its authority under an agreement between it and the Icelandic Financial Supervisory Authority regarding the review and approval of prospectuses.

## **3. PERSONS RESPONSIBLE**

Straumur-Burdaras Investment Bank hf., in its capacity as the Issuer and Manager, Icelandic ID-No.701086-1399, registered office at Borgartún 25, 105 Reykjavík, Iceland, hereby declares that, having taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case, the information contained in this prospectus is, to the best of its knowledge, in accordance with the facts and contains no omission likely to affect its import.

Reykjavík, 29 June 2007

On behalf of Straumur-Burdaras Investment Bank hf.,

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Svanhildur Nanna Vigfúsdóttir  
Managing Director - Treasury

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Managing Director - Legal Department

#### **4. REFERENCES AND GLOSSARY OF TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS**

References to the “Issuer”, “STRB”, “the Bank” and “the Company” in this Securities Note shall be construed as referring to Straumur-Burdaras Investment Bank hf., Icelandic ID-No. 701086-1399, and its subsidiaries and affiliates, unless otherwise clear from the context.

References to “OMX” in this Securities Note shall be construed as referring to the OMX Nordic Exchange Iceland hf., former Kauphöll Íslands hf. — Icelandic ID-No. 681298-2829, unless otherwise clear from the context. References to the “admission to trading” and the “admission to trading on a regulated market” in this Securities Note shall be construed as referring to the admission to trading on the bill market of the Iceland Stock Exchange, unless otherwise clear from the context.

References to “ISD” in this Securities Note shall be construed as referring to the Icelandic Securities Depository — i.e., to Verðbréfaskráning Íslands hf. — Icelandic ID-No. 500797-3209, Laugavegur 182, 105 Reykjavik, Iceland, unless otherwise clear from the context.

References to the “Bills” in this Securities Note shall be construed as referring to the Bills of Exchange issue of maximum ISK 50,000,000,000 which is described in this Securities Note, unless otherwise clear from the context.

5 Information Concerning the Securities

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<b>Symbol:</b>	STRB 07 1001 STRB 08 0101 STRB 08 0401 STRB 08 0701
<b>Bill type:</b>	Bullet
<b>ISIN-code:</b>	STRB 07 1001: IS0000014967 STRB 08 0101: IS0000014959 STRB 08 0401: IS0000014942 STRB 08 0701: IS0000014934
<b>Size limit:</b>	ISK 50,000,000,000 – The whole amount for the Bills altogether can not exceed ISK 50,000,000,000.-
<b>Issued:</b>	STRB 07 1001: ISK 3,000,000,000 – STRB 08 0101: ISK 3,000,000,000 – STRB 08 0401: ISK 3,000,000,000 – STRB 08 0701: ISK 3,000,000,000 –
<b>Denomination:</b>	ISK 5,000,000 –
<b>Date of issue:</b>	29 June 2007
<b>Date of listing:</b>	2 July 2007
<b>Maturity date:</b>	STRB 07 1001: 1.10.2007 STRB 08 0101: 1.1.2008 STRB 08 0401: 1.4.2008 STRB 08 0701: 1.7.2008 Repayment is made on the aforementioned maturity dates. It is not permitted to bring forward the repayment of the Bills.
<b>Nominal interest:</b>	The Bills bear no interest.
<b>Day count fraction:</b>	Actual/360.
<b>Method of payment:</b>	All amounts payable under the Bills will be paid to the relevant financial institution where the registered owner has his/her VS account.
<b>Indication of yield:</b>	STRB 07 1001: Approximately 14,86% STRB 08 0101: Approximately 14,59% STRB 08 0401: Approximately 14,28% STRB 08 0701: Approximately 13,99%
<b>Benefits:</b>	No benefits are attached to the Bills.
<b>First interest date:</b>	N/A
<b>First interest payment date:</b>	N/A
<b>Currency:</b>	ISK

<b>Market making:</b>	STRB will act as market maker for the Bills on the OMX. Each day the Bank will submit bids and asks for a minimum of ISK 50 million at nominal value and renew accepted bids and asks within 30 minutes. If the total amount of trades has exceeded ISK 200 million at nominal value in the course of the day, the bank reserves the right to stop submitting bid and asks until the next day. The bid-ask spread shall not be more than 0.15%.
<b>Priority:</b>	The Bills constitute direct, unconditional, unsubordinated and unsecured obligations of the Issuer and rank pari passu among themselves and equally with all other unsecured obligations (other than subordinated obligations, if any) of the Issuer, from time to time outstanding.
<b>Default interests:</b>	In the event of non-payment, the Issuer shall pay penalty interest as determined by the Central Bank of Iceland, cf. Article 6, Paragraph 1 of Act no. 38/2001. An exception to this rule is when the payment date of the Bills falls on a date when banking institutions in Iceland are closed and the debtor makes the payments on the next day on which banking institutions are open. In such instances, penalty interest shall not apply.
<b>Restrictions on transfer:</b>	There are no restrictions on transferring the Bills.
<b>Depository agent:</b>	Icelandic Securities Depository hf.
<b>Calculation Agent:</b>	Straumur-Burðarás Investment Bank hf. Borgartún 25 105 Reykjavík Iceland
<b>Lapse:</b>	According to Article 4 of the Act No.14/1905 on the Limitations of Liabilities and Other Claims, the right to payment of the principal interests lapses after ten years. The right to payment of interests and all other claims arising from the Bonds lapse after four years according to Article 3 in the same Act.
<b>Taxation:</b>	All payments in respect of the Bills, by the Issuer will be made without withholding or deduction for or on account of any present or future taxes or duties of whatever nature imposed or levied by or on behalf of any tax jurisdiction unless such withholding or deduction is required by law according to Act no. 94/1996. In such event, the Issuer will not pay any additional amounts in respect of amounts withheld pursuant to such withholding or deduction.
<b>Stamp duty:</b>	The Issuer's Bills are exempt from stamp duty in Iceland.
<b>Disputes:</b>	The governing law is Icelandic law. Any dispute shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the District Court of Reykjavík. Legal action regarding the Bills may be initiated in accordance with Section 17 of the Act on Civil Procedure, no. 91/1991 (Lög um meðferð einkamála).
<b>Authorisation:</b>	According to STRB Rules on Signatures dated 23 April 2004 as amended, the Bank shall be obliged in all cases by signatures of two employees holding class A Power of Attorney. The Bank's CEO and Managing Directors hold class A Power of Attorney.

## **6. REGISTRATION WITH THE ISD AND ADMISSION TO TRADING**

The Bills are discount instruments issued electronically at the ISD according to act no. 131/1997. The Bills are registered there under the name of the relevant Bill holder or his/her nominee. The Bills are all in the same class, and the ticker symbol on OMX is STRB 07 1001, STRB 08 0101, STRB 08 0401, STRB 08 0701.

Application has been made to OMX for admission to trading on its regulated market, which is an EU-regulated market within the meaning of Directive 2004/39/EC. The Bills were admitted to trading on 2 July 2007. The Issuer published a Registration Document on 1 March 2007.

## **7. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

### **7.1 Sale of the Bills**

The Bills are sold to institutional investors in the primary market and can be traded in the secondary market during the lifetime of the Bills.

### **7.2 Rating**

Fitch Ratings has assigned STRB's ratings of long-term BBB-, short-term F3, individual C/D and support 3. The rating outlook is stable.

### **7.3 Aligned Interests**

There are no interests, including conflicting interests, which are material to the Issue.

### **7.4 Expenses Related to the Issue and Registration**

The expenses related to the listing of the Bills according to OMX fee structure is ISK 1.800.000. The cost at the ISD is ISK 240.000.

### **7.5 New Developments**

STRB announced the results for the first three months of 2007 on the 26th of April.

KPMG hf., Id. No. 590975-0449, Borgartún 27, 105 Reykjavík reviewed the results without reservations.

The main conclusions are following:

- After-tax profit for the first quarter 2007 totalled EUR 69.16 million.
- Net income from operations amounted to EUR 92.52 million.
- Return on equity (ROE) was 4.6%.
- The cost-income ratio was 13.2%.
- Net commission income amounted to EUR 30.29 million.
- Net interest income was EUR 11.16 million.
- The Bank's total assets were EUR 5,191.56 million at the end of the first quarter.
- The Bank's CAD ratio was 32.8%, with a Tier 1 capital ratio of 30.3%.
- STRB's loan portfolio increased from EUR 1,352.07 million at the beginning of 2007 to EUR 1,706.90 million at the end of the first quarter.
- The ratio of interest-bearing assets in the Balance Sheet has risen by four percentage points from the year 2006: from 59% to 63%.

Benedikt Gíslason, MD of Proprietary Trading resigned and left STRB in May 2007.

STRB has acquired the majority in eQ Corporation, a Finnish bank specialising in brokerage, asset management, and corporate finance. The acquisition value on a fully diluted basis is EUR 260 million.

William Fall, former President International of Bank of America, has joined STRB as CEO as of June 2007.

### **7.6 Document for display**

For the lifetime of this Securities Note, STRB results for the first three months of 2007, can be viewed on the Issuers webpage: [www.straumur.net](http://www.straumur.net).