# **Pricing Supplement**

DATE: 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021

# **MERIDIAN CRV LIMITED**

(a public company incorporated under the laws of Mauritius under the number 181398 GBC)

Issue of up to USD30 000 000,00 (thirty million US Dollars)

Fixed Rate Secured Notes Due 2024

# UNDER THE USD 100 000 000,00 (ONE HUNDRED MILLION US DOLLARS)

# MULTI-CURRENCY NOTE PROGRAMME

LEC NUMBER: LEC/P/07-1/2021

This document constitutes the Applicable Pricing Supplement relating to the issue of the Series of Notes described herein. Terms used herein shall be deemed to be defined as such for the purposes of the Terms and Conditions set out in the Listing Particulars dated 03 September 2021 and bearing the reference LEC/P/07-1/2021. The Notes described in this Pricing Supplement are subject to the Terms and Conditions in the Listing Particulars and this Pricing Supplement must be read in conjunction with such Listing Particulars. To the extent that there is any conflict or inconsistency between the contents of this Pricing Supplement and the Listing Particulars, the provisions of this Pricing Supplement shall prevail.

Applications will be considered only from persons to whom this Pricing Supplement has been sent by, or on behalf of, Meridian CRV Limited. Only such persons have the right to apply for the Notes hereunder in terms of this Pricing Supplement and, therefore, such persons may not sell, transfer, cede, assign or renounce the right in favour of any other person. This Pricing Supplement will be published on the Stock Exchange of Mauritius Ltd.'s (SEM) website.

De	Description of the Notes	
1.	Issuer	Meridian CRV Limited
2.	Noteholder	Investec Bank (Mauritius) Limited
3.	Tranche Number	01

4.	Specified Currency	United States Dollar ('USD')
5.	Aggregate Nominal Amount	USD30 000 000,00 (thirty million US Dollars)
6.	Tranche 1	USD30 000 000,00 (thirty million US Dollars)
7.	Status of the Notes	Senior secured Notes
8.	Issue Date	01 October 2021
9.	Specified Denomination of Notes	USD 10,000
10.	Issue Price	100% per cent of the Aggregate Nominal Amount
11.	Security of the Notes	<ol> <li>A Bank Account Pledge Agreement between the Issuer and the Noteholder in favour of the Noteholder (the "Bank Account Pledge Agreement"); and</li> <li>A Corporate Guarantee from Meridian Consolidated Investments Limited, a private company incorporated under the laws of Mauritius with company registration number C109299 C1/GBL.</li> </ol>
12.	Final Redemption Amount	USD 30 000 000,00 (thirty million US Dollars)
13.	Form of Notes	The Notes will be issued in dematerialized form and accordingly no certificates will be issued
14.	Record Date	Not Applicable

Closing Date	30 September 2021
Notification of Allotment	The Noteholder will be notified (i) by delivery in person (ii) by a nationally recognized next day courier service, (iii) by registered mail or (iv) by electronic mail of its allotment by no later than 01 October 2021
Method of Sale	Private Placement pursuant to a Subscription Agreement dated 30 September 2021 between the Issuer and the Noteholder (the "Subscription Agreement")
Use of proceeds	The proceeds of notes will be loaned to the Group Holding Company which will then be used for general corporate purposes, CAPEX and refinancing of existing debt.
	The interest rate applicable on the loan will be 6%.
Listing	The Notes will be listed on the Official List of the SEM subject to the regulatory approval of the SEM.
First day of Listing	The listing is expected to be on the 05 October 2021 and a further communique shall be released by the Company.  It is not expected that an active secondary market will develop in the notes on the Official Market.
ovisions relating to Intere	est Payable
Fixed Rate Note Provisions	
(a) Fixed Rate of Interest	6% per annum
(b) Broken Amount(s)	The first and last interest payments will be calculated as below: Fixed coupon rate*Actual/360 (Fixed)
(c) Fixed Rate Note Margin	Not Applicable
(d) Fixed Coupon Rate	Nominal Amount * Fixed Rate of Interest
	Notification of Allotment  Method of Sale  Use of proceeds  Listing  First day of Listing  Povisions relating to Interest  Fixed Rate Note Provisions  (a) Fixed Rate of Interest  (b) Broken Amount(s)  (c) Fixed Rate Note Margin

(e)	Day Count Fraction	Actual / 360 (Fixed)
(f)	Interest Commencement Date	01 October 2021
(g)	Interest Determination Date	The period during which the register is closed, being ten (10) Business Days prior to each Interest Payment Date each year until the Redemption Date or such other periods as the Issuer may decide.
(h)	Minimum Interest Rate	Not Applicable
(i)	Maximum Interest Rate	Not Applicable
(j)	Interest Payment Dates	Quarterly payment in arrears, on 31 December, 31 March, 30 June and 30 September each year
(k)	Maturity Date	01 October 2024
(1)	Default Rate	200 basis points + Fixed Interest Rate
ovisio	ons regarding Redem	ption
Issu	er's Early Redemption	Not Applicable
	•	Not Applicable
		<b>Mandatory Prepayment (Illegality):</b> The Issuer must repay the Note in full:
		<ol> <li>If it becomes unlawful for the Noteholder or the Issuer comply with any of their obligations under the Subscription Agreement;</li> </ol>
Neu	стриот	<ol> <li>Any change of shareholding of the Issuer, unless otherwise agreed by the Noteholder; or</li> </ol>
	(f) (g) (h) (i) (i) (si) Issue Red Other	(f) Interest Commencement Date  (g) Interest Determination Date  (h) Minimum Interest Rate  (i) Maximum Interest Rate  (j) Interest Payment Dates  (k) Maturity Date

There is a sale of the whole or greater part of the business of the issuer.

In case of Illegality, the Noteholder may:

- a) promptly notify the Issuer upon becoming aware of such an event ("Illegality Notice"); and
- b) irrespective of the service of an Illegality Notice, the Issuer shall repay all of the Facility Outstandings together with Break Costs (if any) on the later of the following:
  - i. the date specified in the Illegality Notice; or
  - ii. last day of any applicable grace period permitted by applicable law.

Mandatory Prepayment (Sanctions): If any member of the Group is or becomes a Sanctioned Entity, participates in any manner in any Sanctioned Transaction or is found by a Sanctions Authority to have acted in breach of any Sanctions then the Issuer shall promptly notify the Noteholder of the same (any such notice, a "Sanctions Notice") and the Noteholder may, irrespective of the service of Sanctions Notice, without prejudice to any other rights or remedies which may be available to it at law or otherwise, declare the Facility Outstandings to be immediately due and payable together with Break Costs, whereupon they shall become immediately due and payable.

# Mandatory prepayment: Exit

For the purpose of this clause:

- a) "acting in concert" means, in respect of any person, a group of persons who, pursuant to an agreement or understanding (whether formal or informal), actively co-operate to obtain or consolidate control of that person.
- b) "Control" means, in relation to any person:
  - (i) the power (whether by way of ownership of shares, proxy, contract, agency or otherwise) to:
  - (A) cast, or control the casting of, more than 50% (fifty percent) of the maximum number of votes that might be cast at a general meeting of that person;
  - (B) the holding beneficially and legally of more than 50% (fifty percent) of the issued share capital of that person (excluding any part of that issued share capital that carries no right to participate beyond a specified amount in a distribution of either profits or capital);
  - (C) appoint or remove all, or the majority, of the directors or other equivalent officers of that person; or
  - (D) give directions with respect to the operating and financial policies of that person with which the directors or other equivalent officers of that person are obliged to comply; and/or
  - (ii) the holding (beneficially or legally) of 50% (fifty percent) or more of the issued share capital of that person (excluding any part of that issued share capital that carries no right to participate beyond a specified amount in a distribution of either profits or capital).

		c) "Control Event" means:
		(i) any person or group of persons acting in concert gains direct or indirect Control of any Obligor; or
		(ii) there is a change in the legal or beneficial shareholdings o any Obligor;
		d) "the whole or a greater part" means, at any time and from time to time, assets or businesses of the members of the Group which in aggregate, directly or indirectly, contribute:
		(i) 25% (twenty five percent) or more of total assets (as determined in accordance with IFRS); and/or
		<ul><li>(ii) assets which generate 25% (twenty five percent) or more o consolidated EBITDA (as determined in accordance with IFRS) o the Group,</li></ul>
		in each case of the Group, as determined by reference to the Guarantor's most recent set of (i) annual audited consolidated financial statements; or (ii) consolidated management accounts delivered to the Noteholder under this Pricing Supplement.
		e) If, at any time a Control Event occurs and/or a disposal of the whole or a greater part of the business or assets of any membe of the Group occurs, then the Issuer shall promptly notify the Noteholder of the same (any such notice, a "Control Notice") and the Noteholder may, irrespective of the service of a Control Notice, declare the Facility Outstandings to be immediately due and payable, whereupon all such amounts shall become immediately due and payable.
25.	Attach pro forma put notices	Not Applicable
Di	stribution	
26.	Provisions regarding distribution	Not Applicable
27.	Method of distribution	Not Applicable
Ge	eneral	
28.	Additional selling restrictions	Not Applicable

29.	Financial Centre(s) or other provisions relating to payment dates:	Not Applicable
30.	Settlement procedures and settlement instructions	By electronic funds transfer in immediately available funds
		Beneficiary Bank: Citibank NA, New York
		Bank Address: 701 East 60th Street North, Sioux Falls, SD 57104, USA
31.	Details of bank account(s) to which payments are to	Beneficiary name: Investec Bank (Mauritius) Limited (Swift code: IVESMUMU)
	be made in respect of the Notes Settlement	Beneficiary account number: <b>36151986</b>
	Procedures and Settlement	Swift Code: CITIUS33
	Instructions	ABA Code: <b>021000089</b>
		For further credit: [*****************************
		Reference: Meridian CRV Limited
32.	ISIN Number	[************]
33.	Business Centre(s)	[************]
Ad	ditional Information	
34.	Specify Agents(s), if different from Listing Particulars.	Not applicable.
35.	Registrar and Transfer Agent	Mauritius Bank Commercial Limited, or any successor Registrar and Transfer Agent acceptable to the Noteholder
36.	Arranger	Safyr Capital Partners Ltd of 11th Floor Bramer House, Cybercity, Ebene, 72201 Ebene, Mauritius
37.	Books Closed Period:	Not Applicable
38.	Last Day to Register:	Not Applicable

39.	Additional Business Centre:	Not Applicable
40.	Offer opens:	Not Applicable
41.	Offer closes:	Not Applicable
42.	Allotment date:	The Noteholder will be notified by email or telephone of its allotment by no later than 01 October 2021.
43.	Announcement date:	01 October 2021.
44.	Payment date:	Payment must be received by the Issuer by 30 September 2021.
45.	Issue Date:	The Notes will be issued to the Registrar and Transfer Agent by the 01 October 2021.
46.	Delivery date:	The Registrar and Transfer Agent will make the Notes available for delivery or dispatch to Investec against cleared funds within 15 days of the Issue Date.

The Issuer shall procure and ensure, for each Relevant Period, that the Group, on a consolidated basis, maintains:

- (a) Leverage Ratio: a Leverage Ratio of no greater than of 6.40:1;
- (b) Debt Service Cover Ratio: a Debt Service Cover Ratio of at least 1.10:1;
- (c) Current Ratio: a Current Ratio of at least 1.10:1.00; and
- (d) NAV: a NAV of at least USD52 000 000,00 (fifty two million US Dollars) (or its equivalent in any other currency or currencies).
- (e) Total Debt: a Total Debt of no more than USD242 000 000,00 (two hundred and forty two million US Dollars) (or its equivalent in any other currency or currencies).

## For this section:

"**Borrowings**" means, in relation to the Group for each Relevant Period, the aggregate outstanding principal, capital or nominal amount (and any fixed or minimum premium payable on prepayment or redemption) of any indebtedness of members of the Group for or in respect of:

# 47. Financial Condition

- (a) moneys borrowed and debit balances at banks or other financial institutions;
- (b) any acceptances under any acceptance credit or bill discount facility (or dematerialised equivalent);
- (c) any note purchase facility or the issue of bonds, notes, debentures, loan stock or any similar instrument;
- (d) any Finance Lease;
- receivables sold or discounted (other than any receivables to the extent they are sold on a non-recourse basis and meet any requirements for de-recognition under IFRS);
- (f) any counter-indemnity obligation in respect of a guarantee, bond, standby or documentary letter of credit or any other instrument issued by a bank or financial institution in respect of an underlying liability of an entity which is not a member of the Group which liability would fall within one of the other paragraphs of this definition;
- (g) any amount raised by the issue of shares which are redeemable (other than at the option of the Issuer) before the Termination Date or are otherwise classified as borrowings under IFRS;
- (h) any amount of any liability under an advance or deferred purchase agreement if (i) one of the primary reasons behind

the entry into the agreement is to raise finance or to finance the acquisition or construction of the asset or service in question or (ii) the agreement is in respect of the supply of assets or services and payment is due more than 90 days after the date of supply;

- (i) any amount raised under any other transaction (including any forward sale or purchase agreement, sale and sale back or sale and leaseback agreement) having the commercial effect of a borrowing or otherwise classified as borrowings under IFRS;
- (j) any other amount owed on account of another form, type or category of Financial Indebtedness; and
- (k) (without double counting) the amount of any liability in respect of any guarantee or indemnity for any of the items referred to in the preceding paragraphs.

"Capital Expenditure" means, in relation to the Group for each Relevant Period, any expenditure or obligation in respect of expenditure (other than expenditure or obligations in respect of the acquisition of a company, business or undertaking (or any interest in the same) which, in accordance with IFRS, is treated as capital expenditure).

"Cash" means cash denominated in US Dollars, Euro, Pound Sterling in hand or at bank and (in the latter case) credited to a bank account in the name of a member of the Group and to which a member of the Group is alone (or together with other members of the Group) beneficially entitled and for so long as:

- (a) that cash is repayable on demand;
- (b) repayment of that cash is not contingent on the prior discharge of any other indebtedness of any member of the Group or of any other person whatsoever or on the satisfaction of any other condition;
- (c) there is no Security over that cash (save in favour of the Noteholder under the Transaction Documents); and
- (d) the cash is freely and immediately available to be applied in repayment or prepayment of the Facility Outstandings.

# "Cash Equivalent Investments" means:

(a) any investment in marketable debt obligations issued or guaranteed by the government of the United States of America, the United Kingdom, or by an instrumentality or agency of any of them having an equivalent credit rating, maturing within one year after the relevant date of calculation and not convertible or exchangeable to any other security;

- (b) commercial paper not convertible or exchangeable to any other security:
  - (i) for which a recognised trading market exists;
  - (ii) issued by an issuer incorporated in the United States of America or the United Kingdom;
  - (iii) which matures within one year after the relevant date of calculation; and
  - (iv) which has a credit rating of either A-1 or higher by Standard & Poor's Rating Services or F1 or higher by Fitch Ratings Ltd or P-1 or higher by Moody's Investors Service Limited, or, if no rating is available in respect of the commercial paper, the issuer of which has, in respect of its long-term unsecured and non-credit enhanced debt obligations, an equivalent rating; or
- (c) any other debt security approved by the Noteholder,

in each case, denominated US Dollars, Euro, Pound Sterling or any other currency approved by the Noteholder and to which any member of the Group is alone (or together with other members of the Group beneficially entitled at that time and which is not issued or guaranteed by any member of the Group or subject to any Security (other than Security arising under the Transaction Documents).

"Consolidated Current Assets" means, in relation to the Group for each Relevant Period, the aggregate consolidated amount of all assets of members of the Group realisable in the ordinary course of business within 12 months of such day which would be shown (in accordance with IFRS at that time) as current assets on a consolidated balance sheet of the Guarantor.

"Consolidated Current Liabilities" means, in relation to the Group for each Relevant Period, the aggregate consolidated amount of all liabilities of members of the Group payable within 12 months of such date which would be shown (in accordance with IFRS at that time) as current liabilities on a consolidated balance sheet of the Guarantor.

"Current Assets" means, in relation to the Group for each Relevant Period, the aggregate (on a consolidated basis) of all inventory, work in progress, trade and other receivables of each member of the Group including prepayments in relation to operating items and sundry debtors (but excluding Cash and Cash Equivalent Investments) expected to be realised within twelve months from the date of computation but **excluding** amounts in respect of:

- (a) receivables in relation to tax;
- (b) Exceptional Items and other non-operating items;
- (c) insurance claims; and

- (d) any interest owing to any member of the Group.
- "Current Liabilities" means, in relation to the Group for each Relevant Period, the aggregate (on a consolidated basis) of all liabilities (including trade creditors, accruals and provisions) of each member of the Group expected to be settled within twelve months from the date of computation but **excluding** amounts in respect of:
- (a) liabilities for Borrowings and Finance Charges;
- (b) liabilities for tax;
- (c) Exceptional Items and other non-operating items;
- (d) insurance claims; and
- (e) liabilities in relation to dividends declared but not paid by a member of the Group in favour of a person which is not a member of the Group.

"Current Ratio" means, in relation to the Group for each Relevant Period, the ratio of Consolidated Current Assets to Consolidated Current Liabilities.

"**Debt Service**" means, in relation to the Group for each Relevant Period, the aggregate of all scheduled principal instalments and interest payments under the Transaction Documents and the Notes.

"**Debt Service Cover Ratio**" means, in relation to the Group for each Relevant Period, the ratio of Free Cash Flow to Debt Service.

**"EBITDA"** means, in relation to the Group for each Relevant Period, the consolidated operating profit of the Group before taxation (excluding the results from discontinued operations):

- (a) before deducting any interest, commission, fees, discounts, prepayment fees, premiums or charges and other finance payments whether paid, payable or capitalised by any member of the Group (calculated on a consolidated basis) in respect of that Relevant Period;
- (b) **excluding** any Exceptional Items;
- (c) before taking into account any gain or loss arising from an upward or downward revaluation of any other asset (other than trading stock);
- (d) **before taking into account** any profits or losses on the sale of any asset (other than trading stock);
- (e) **before deducting** amortisation of any goodwill or any intangible assets;
- (f) **before deducting** any depreciation on fixed assets; and

(g) **before taking into account** the proceeds of any business interruption or similar insurance,

in each case, to the extent added, deducted or taken into account, as the case may be, for the purposes of determining operating profits of the Group before taxation and unless otherwise agreed in writing at the discretion of the Noteholder.

"Exceptional Items" means any material items of an unusual or non-recurring nature which represent gains or losses including those arising on:

- (a) the restructuring of the activities of an entity and reversals of any provisions for the cost of restructuring;
- (b) disposals, revaluations, write downs or impairment of noncurrent assets or any reversal of any write down or impairment; and
- (c) disposals of assets associated with discontinued operations.

"Finance Charges" means, in relation to the Group for each Relevant Period, the aggregate amount of the accrued interest, commission, fees, discounts, prepayment fees, premiums or charges and other finance payments in respect of Borrowings paid or payable by any member of the Group (calculated on a consolidated basis) in cash in respect of that Relevant Period:

- (a) **including** any upfront fees or costs;
- (b) **including** the interest (but not the capital) element of payments in respect of Finance Leases;
- (c) including any commission, fees, discounts and other finance payments payable by (and deducting any such amounts payable to) any member of the Group under any interest rate hedging arrangement; and
- (d) taking no account of any unrealised gains or losses on any derivative or other financial instruments.

together with the amount of any cash dividends or Distributions paid or made by the Guarantor in respect of that Relevant Period and so that no amount shall be added (or deducted) more than once.

"Finance Lease" means any lease or hire purchase contract, a liability under which would, in accordance with IFRS, be treated as a balance sheet liability (other than a lease or hire purchase contract which would, in accordance with IFRS as applied to the Original Financial Statements have been treated as an operating lease).

**"Financial Quarter Period"** means each financial quarter period of the Group.

"Financial Year" means the annual accounting period of the Group ending on 31 March every year.

"Free Cash Flow" means, in relation to the Group for each Relevant Period, EBITDA for that Relevant Period after:

- (a) deducting any amount of Tax on profits, gains or income paid or payable by any member of the Group for that Relevant Period;
- (b) deducting the costs of any acquisitions by any member of the Group for that Relevant Period except to the extent funded by Borrowings;
- (c) deducting the amount of any Capital Expenditure actually made in cash during that Relevant Period by any member of the Group except to the extent funded by Borrowings; or (ii) the proceeds of equity subscriptions for ordinary shares in a Group member or shareholder debt subordinated in right and payment to the Facility Outstandings, in the case of both (i) and (ii) raised solely for the purposes of such Capital Expenditure;
- (d) adding the amount of any decrease (and deducting the amount of any increase) in Working Capital for that Relevant Period,

and so that no amount shall be added (or deducted) more than once.

"Leverage Ratio" means, in relation to the Group for each Relevant Period, the ratio of Total Debt as at the last day of that Relevant Period to EBITDA in respect of that Relevant Period.

"NAV" means Tangible Net Worth.

"Relevant Period" means, for the Group, each period of twelve months, ending on or about the last day of the Financial Year of the Group and each period of twelve months ending on or about the last day of each Financial Quarter Period of the Group.

"Shareholder Subordinated Debt" means, in relation to the Group for each Relevant Period, any Borrowings owed by a member of the Group to any person holding (directly or indirectly) an ownership interest in any of the share capital of any member of Group where:

- (a) no amount is scheduled to become due and payable prior to the date falling three months after the Termination Date; and
- (b) the liabilities of any member of the Group in respect of such Borrowings are subordinated to the liabilities of the Issuer to the Noteholder under the Transaction Documents on terms acceptable to the Noteholder; and
- (c) the Issuer has provided to the Noteholder, not less than 15 days prior to the incurrence by any member of the Group of such Borrowings, details of the purpose toward which the proceeds will be applied.

"Tangible Net Worth" means, in relation to the Group for each Relevant Period, the aggregate of: (a) the amount paid up or credited as paid up on the issued share capital of the Guarantor as shown in the Guarantor's consolidated financial statements; and (b) the aggregate amount of the consolidated reserves (including retained earnings) of the Group as shown in the Guarantor's consolidated financial statements, but adjusted by: (i) **adding** any credit balance on the profit and loss account of the Guarantor (to the extent not included in paragraph (b) above) or, as the case may be, deducting any debit balance on the profit and loss account of the Guarantor as shown in the Guarantor's consolidated financial statements; and (ii) **deducting** any dividend or other Distribution declared, recommended or made by the Guarantor out of profits earned up to and including the date of the last balance sheet of the Guarantor to the extent that such Distributions are not provided for in the latest balance sheet of the Guarantor as shown in the Guarantor's consolidated financial statements. "Total Debt" means, in relation to the Group for each Relevant Period, the aggregate amount of all obligations of members of the Group for or in respect of Borrowings at that time but: (a) **excluding** any such obligations to any other member of the Group; and (b) including, in the case of Finance Leases only, their capitalised value, so that no amount shall be included or excluded more than once. "Working Capital" means, on any date, Current Assets less Current Liabilities. Each of the events or circumstances set out below is an Event of Default: 1. Non-payment: An Obligor does not pay on the due date any **Events of Default** 48. amount payable pursuant to a Transaction Document at the place and in the currency in which it is expressed to be payable. 2. Financial Covenants: A Financial Covenant is breached.

- 3. Other Obligations. An Obligor does not comply with any provision of, or any of its obligations under any Transaction Document to which it is party (save for a Financial Covenant or the payment of any amount) provided that no Event of Default under this clause will occur if the failure to comply is capable of remedy and is remedied within 10 (ten) Business Days of the earlier of (i) the Noteholder giving notice to the Issuer of the failure to comply and (ii) any Obligor becoming aware of the failure to comply.
- 4. Misrepresentation: Any representation or statement made or deemed to be made by an Obligor in the Transaction Documents or any other document delivered by or on behalf of the Issuer under or in connection with any Transaction Document is or proves to have been incorrect or misleading in any material respect when made or deemed to be made.

#### 5. Cross Default

- (a) Any Financial Indebtedness of any member of the Group is not paid when due nor within any applicable grace period;
- (b) any Financial Indebtedness of any member of the Group is declared to be or otherwise becomes due and payable prior to its specified maturity as a result of an event of default (however described);
- (c) any commitment for any Financial Indebtedness of any member of the Group is cancelled or suspended by a creditor as a result of an event of default (however described); or
- (d) any creditor of any member of the Group becomes entitled to declare any Financial Indebtedness of any member of the Group due and payable prior to its specified maturity as a result of an event of default (however described).
- 6. Credit events: Any member of the Group is or is deemed by any authority or legislation to be unable or admits inability to pay its debts as they fall due, suspends making payments on any of its debts or, by reason of actual or anticipated financial difficulties, commences negotiations with one or more of its creditors with a view to rescheduling any of its Financial Indebtedness. The value of the assets of any member of the Group is less than its liabilities (taking into account contingent and prospective liabilities). A moratorium is declared in respect of any Financial Indebtedness of any member of the Group.
- 7. **Insolvency**: Any corporate action, legal proceedings or other procedure or step is taken in relation to:
  - a) the suspension of payments, a moratorium of any indebtedness, bankruptcy, liquidation, insolvency, bankruptcy, administration (or analogous process) or reorganisation (by way of voluntary arrangement, scheme of arrangement or otherwise) of any member of the Group;

- b) a composition, compromise, assignment or arrangement with any creditor of any member of the Group;
- the appointment of a liquidator, receiver, administrative receiver, administrator, trustee, trustee in bankruptcy, compulsory manager or other similar officer in respect of any of any member of the Group's assets; or
- d) enforcement of any Security over any assets of any member of the Group; or
- e) or any analogous procedure or step is taken in any jurisdiction (save for any winding-up petition which is frivolous or vexatious and is discharged, stayed or dismissed within 21 days of commencement.
- 8. **Unlawful**: It is or becomes unlawful for an Obligor to perform any of its obligations under the Transaction Documents.
- 9. **Cessation of validity**: Any obligation or obligations of an Obligor under the Transaction Documents are not or cease to be legal, valid, binding or enforceable.
- 10. Authorisations: Any Authorisation necessary for the conduct of the business, trade or ordinary activities of any member of the Group as carried out as of the date of this Applicable Pricing Supplement is revoked, lapses, ceases to be in full force and effect or is amended with the result that it can no longer lawfully conduct its business, trade or carry on its ordinary activities.
- 11. **Suspension of business**: Any member of the Group suspends or ceases to carry on (or threatens to suspend or cease to carry on) all or a material part of its business.
- 12. **Court orders**: Any member of the Group fails to comply with or pay by the required time any sum due from it under any final judgment or any final order made or given by a court or arbitral tribunal or other arbitral body, in each case of competent jurisdiction (and where for the purposes of this clause, "**final**" means that the judgment or order is not subject to further appeal).
- 13. **Audit Qualification**: The auditors of an Obligor qualify the audited annual financial statements of that Obligor.
- 14. **Repudiation:** An Obligor repudiates a Transaction Document or evidences an intention to repudiate a Transaction Document.
- 15. **Security Deposit:** The credit balance of the Bank Account is at any time less than the Security Deposit.
- 16. **Material Adverse Effect:** In the opinion of the Noteholder, a Material Adverse Effect has occurred.

		17. <b>Ownership:</b> The Guarantor cease to hold, legally and beneficially, directly, 100% (one hundred percent) of the issued shares in the stated capital of the Issuer, and/or (ii) is unable to cast 100% (one hundred percent) of the votes that might be cast at a general meeting of the Issuer.
		18. Acceleration
		On and at any time after the occurrence of an Event of Default the Noteholder may (without prejudice to any other rights which it may have under applicable law) by notice to the Issuer:
		<ul> <li>a) declare that all or part of the Notes and all other Facility Outstandings be immediately due and payable, whereupon they shall become immediately due and payable;</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>b) declare that all or part of the Notes and all other Facility Outstandings be payable on demand, whereupon they shall immediately become payable on demand by the Noteholder; and/or</li> </ul>
		c) exercise any or all of its rights, remedies, powers or discretions under the Transaction Documents.
49.	Permitted distribution	The Issuer and the Guarantor shall not without the prior consent of the Noteholder (consent not to be unreasonably withheld) make, declare or pay any Distribution other than a Permitted Distribution
50.	General indemnity	The Issuer will, within 7 (seven) Business Days after a demand, indemnify the Noteholder against any loss which it may have suffered as a result of (i) the Issue Date not occurring after the fulfilment of the Conditions Precedent (other than by reason of wilful default or gross negligence by the Noteholder alone); (ii) the occurrence of a Default; or (iii) any other breach of the Transaction Documents by the Issuer. In this clause "loss" means a proven loss or expense of any kind certified as such by the Noteholder, or any losses arising as a result of funding the Issue Price or re-employing deposits which are no longer required for such funding
51.	Currency indemnity	If any sum due from the Issuer under the Transaction Documents ("Sum"), or any order, judgment or award given or made in relation to a Sum, has to be converted from the currency ("First Currency") in which that Sum is payable into another currency ("Second Currency") for the purpose of (i) making or filing a claim or proof against the Issuer; or (ii) obtaining or enforcing an order, judgment or award in relation to any litigation or arbitration proceedings, then in either case the Issuer will as an independent obligation, within 7 (seven) Business Days of demand, indemnify the Noteholder against any cost, loss or liability arising out of or as a result of the conversion including any discrepancy between (a) the rate of exchange used to convert that Sum from the First Currency into the Second Currency and (b) the rate or rates of exchange available to that person at the time of its receipt of that Sum. The Issuer waives any right it may have in any jurisdiction to pay any amount under the Transaction Documents

		in a currency or currency unit other than that in which it is expressed to be payable.
52.	Environmental Indemnity	The Issuer indemnifies the Noteholder against any proven loss or incurred by it (except to the extent caused by its gross negligence or wilful misconduct) which arises (i) by virtue of any actual breach of any Environmental Law by any member of the Group; or (ii) in connection with any claim, proceeding, formal notice or investigation by any person in respect of any Environmental Law which relates to the assets of any member of the Group or the operation of all or part of the business of any member of the Group.
53.	Unwinding costs	If the Noteholder incurs any proven and cost, expense or loss as a result of the Issuer prepaying any Facility Outstandings otherwise than on the due dates therefor (including, without limitation, on account of prepayments, early redemptions (under any circumstance) or due to acceleration action), then the Issuer shall immediately pay to the Noteholder on the basis of an indemnity and on first written demand the amount that Noteholder from time to time notifies to the Issuer as being the amount of those costs, expenses and losses incurred. For these purposes "costs, expenses or losses" include (i) Break Costs; and/or (ii) any premium, penalty, fee or expense incurred to liquidate or obtain third party deposits, borrowings, hedges or swaps in order to make, maintain, fund or hedge all or any part of the Issue Price paid for the Notes or prepayment (or early redemption) of the Notes, or any payment of all or part of the Notes upon acceleration.
54.	Exceptions to the Listing Particulars	(a) Condition 20 of the Listing Particulars shall be disregarded.
D	efinitions	
	"Authorisations"	means an authorisation, consent, approval, resolution, licence, permit, exemption, filing, notarisation, lodgement or registration.
	"Bank Account"	means the bank account pledged under and as described in the Bank Account Pledge Agreement.

	means the aggregate of:
"Break Costs"	<ul> <li>(a) the amount (if any) by which (i) the interest which the Noteholder would have received for the period from the date of receipt of all or any part of its participation in a Note to the Termination Date, had the principal amount received been paid on the Termination Date; exceeds (ii) the amount which the Noteholder would be able to obtain by placing an amount equal to the principal amount on deposit with itself for a period starting on the Business Day following receipt or recovery and ending on the Termination Date; and</li> <li>(b) any premium, penalty, fee or expense suffered or incurred by</li> </ul>
	the Noteholder to liquidate or obtain third party deposits, borrowings, hedges or swaps in order to make, maintain, fund or hedge all or any part of the Issue Price.
"Compliance Certificate"	means a certificate provided by the Issuer and the Guarantor (as applicable) which shall amongst other things, set out (in reasonable detail) computations as to compliance with the Financial Covenants, and shall be signed by two directors of the Issuer and the Guarantor (as applicable) and, when delivered with the annual audited financial statements of the Issuer or the Guarantor (as applicable), shall be reported on by the Issuer's or Guarantor's auditors in the form agreed by the Issuer and the Noteholder.
"Conditions"	means the terms and conditions of the Notes set out in the Listing Particulars, and " <b>Condition</b> " shall be construed accordingly.
"Corporate Guarantee"	means the corporate guarantee dated on or about the date of the Subscription Agreement between the Guarantor and the Noteholder, all on the terms set out therein.
"Distribution"	means in relation to a distribution by the Guarantor to one or more shareholders or Affiliates, any payment made in accordance with any applicable law (whether in cash or in specie) by way of interest or principal (whether in respect of an intercompany, shareholder loan or otherwise), dividend, fee, royalty or other distribution or payment whatsoever (including, without limitation, by way of the repurchase of any shares or the repayment of any shareholder loans or any debentures) by or on behalf of the Issuer or for the account of any shareholder, and Affiliate or any person that directly or indirectly controls or is controlled by such shareholder (provided further that a "Distribution" shall always include, in addition to the foregoing, (a) the direct or indirect transfer of money or property, other than its own shares, to or for the benefit of the shareholder; or (b) the incurring of a debt to or for the benefit of the shareholder, in relation to shares held by that shareholder, and whether by means of a purchase of property, the redemption or other acquisition of shares, a distribution of indebtedness, or by some other means).

"Financial Covenants"	means the financial conditions set out in sections 48 and 50 of this APS, and shall be calculated in accordance with IFRS and tested by the Noteholder by reference to each of the financial statements delivered by the Issuer as well as the Guarantor (as applicable) and/or each Compliance Certificate delivered.
"Financial Indebtedness"	means indebtedness of any person in respect of (a) money borrowed and debit balances at banks; (b) any debt instrument or transaction which has the commercial or economic effect of a borrowing; (c) acceptance credit facilities; (d) receivables sold or discounted otherwise than on a non-recourse basis; (e) deferred payments for assets or services acquired (but not ordinary trade credit); (f) any liability in respect of Finance Leases; (g) a counter-indemnity in respect of a guarantee or indemnity given by a financial institution; (h) any derivate transaction entered into in connection with protection against or benefit from fluctuation in any rate or price (and, when calculating the value of any derivate transaction, only the marked to market value will be taken into account); and (i) any amount of any liability under an advance or deferred purchase agreement (j) guarantees or indemnities of indebtedness of any person falling within any of the foregoing described items, types or categories of indebtedness.
"Facility Outstandings"	means, at any time, the aggregate of all amounts of principal on account of the Notes, accrued interest, default interest fees and all other amounts of whatsoever nature outstanding to the Noteholder under the Transaction Documents.
"Group"	means the Guarantor and its Subsidiaries for the time being.
"IFRS"	means international accounting standards within the meaning of the IAS Regulation 1606/2002 to the extent applicable to the relevant financial statements.
"Material Adverse Effect"	means the occurrence or circumstances which is likely to or which is in the opinion of the Bond Holder likely to have a material adverse effect on (i) the business, operations, property, condition (financial or otherwise) or prospects of any Obligor; (ii) the ability of the Issuer to perform their payment obligations under any Transaction Document; (iii) the validity or enforceability of, or the effectiveness of any Transaction Document; or (vi) the validity, enforceability of, effectiveness or ranking of any security granted or purporting to be granted under any Transaction Document, or the rights or remedies of the Issuer under any of the Transaction Documents.
"Obligor"	means the Issuer or the Guarantor.

## means:

# (a) a payment of Dividends made by the Guarantor after 1 January 2023 to one or more of its shareholders provided that, both at the time of the paying of the Distribution and immediately thereafter (i) no Default has occurred and is continuing; and (ii) the Guarantor has provided evidence to Noteholder (in a form and substance satisfactory to the Noteholder) that it has sufficient liquidity, ability, means and capacity to pay all amounts on account of principal and interest as shall fall due for payment under the Transaction Documents on the Termination Date, and that, accounting for the payment of the Distribution in question, there shall be no breach of any Financial Undertaking for the next 12 (month) period commencing from the beginning of the next following Financial Quarter Period of the Group; and

# "Permitted Distribution"

(b) a Distribution (other than the payment of Dividends by the Guarantor) made by the Guarantor or Meridian Commodities to one or more of its shareholders (including payments on account of Shareholder Loans) provided that, both at the time of the paying of the Distribution and immediately thereafter (i) no Default has occurred and is continuing; and (ii) the Guarantor has provided evidence to Noteholder (in a form and substance satisfactory to the Noteholder) that, accounting for the payment of the Distribution in question, there shall be no breach of any Financial Undertaking for the next 12 (month) period commencing from the beginning of the next following Financial Quarter Period of the Group.

# "Permitted Financial Indebtedness"

means Financial Indebtedness incurred or maintained by the Group (i) pursuant to the issuance by the Issuer of further Notes under the Programme provided that the sum total of the principal amount of all such Notes does not, when aggregated with the Notes acquired by the Noteholder pursuant to this Subscription Agreement, exceed USD100 000 000,00 (one hundred million United States Dollars); (ii) under the Transaction Documents; (iii) under a Shareholder Loan provided that the repayment thereof is subordinated in right and payment to the repayment of the Facility Outstandings under the Subordination Agreement; (iv) otherwise incurred or maintained with the prior written consent of the Noteholder; (v) accurately and fairly disclosed to the Noteholder in writing by the Issuer as part of the Conditions Precedent; and (vi) pursuant to the borrowing, replacement or renewal of African local currency facilities made available to members of the Group, provided that the aggregate principal sum of the foregoing sub-paragraphs (i) - (vi) (inclusive) does not at any time exceed USD242 000 000,00 (two hundred and forty two million US Dollars) (or the equivalent thereof in any other currency or currencies).

"Permitted Security"	means, in relation to the Group, (i) Security granted under the Transaction Documents; (ii) any lien arising by operation of law and in the ordinary course of trading and not as a result of any default or omission by any member of the Group; (iii) any Security arising under any retention of title, hire purchase or conditional sale arrangement or arrangements having similar effect in respect of goods supplied to a member of the Group in the ordinary course of trading and on the supplier's standard or usual terms and not arising as a result of any default or omission by any member of the Group; (iv) any other Security granted with the prior written consent of the Noteholder; (vii) each Security interest accurately disclosed to the Noteholder in writing by the Issuer as part of the Conditions Precedent (provided that the principal sum of the Financial Indebtedness which it secured does not increase without the consent of the Noteholder); and (viii) in relation to each member of the Group other than each Obligor, the granting of Security over any asset by that member of the Group, provided that that the aggregate secured sums of the foregoing security interests listed in sub-paragraphs (i) – (viii) (inclusive) does not at any time exceed USD242 000 000,00 (two hundred and forty two million US Dollars) (or the equivalent thereof in any other currency or currencies).
"Sanctioned Transaction"	means the use of the proceeds of any Note for the purpose of financing or any way in connection with military arms, prohibited narcotics, terrorist activities or in support of any person which intends to use the proceeds for any such activities, or providing any credit, directly or indirectly, to (a) a Sanctioned Entity; (b) any other person or entity, if the Issuer has actual knowledge that the person or entity proposes to use the proceeds of any Note for the purpose of financing or providing any credit, directly or indirectly, to a Sanctioned Entity, in each case to the extent that to do so is prohibited by, or would cause any breach of, Sanctions.
"Sanctions"	means trade, economic or financial sanctions, laws, regulations, embargoes or restrictive measures imposed, administered or enforced from time to time by any Sanctions Authority.
"Sanctions Authority"	means the United Nations, the European Union; the Council of Europe (founded under the Treaty of London, 1946); the government of the United States of America; the government of the United Kingdom; the government of the Republic of France, and in each case any of their governmental authorities, including, without limitation, the Office of Foreign Assets Control for the US Department of Treasury (OFAC), the US Department of Commerce, the US State Department or the US Department of the Treasury, Her Majesty's Treasury (HMT) and the French Ministry of Finance (MINEFI).
"Security"	means any charge, assignment, mortgage, pledge, hypothecation, lien, right of set-off, retention of title provision, trust or flawed asset arrangement (for the purpose of, or which has the effect of, granting security) or any other security interest of any kind whatsoever, or any agreement, whether conditional or otherwise, to create any of the same, or any agreement to sell or otherwise dispose of any asset on terms whereby such asset is or may be leased to or be acquired or re-acquired.

"Security Deposit"	means USD4 050 000,00 (four million and fifty thousand US Dollars).
"Security Documents"	means the Bank Account Pledge Agreement between the Issuer and the Noteholder.
"Subordination Agreement"	means the subordination agreement dated on or about the date of this Subscription Agreement between the Guarantor, Meridian Commodities, the Noteholder and Subordinated Shareholders, all on the terms set out therein.
"Subsidiary"	means, with respect to any person, any entity over 50% (fifty percent) of whose capital is owned, directly or indirectly, by that person, or for which that person may nominate or appoint a majority of the members of the board of directors or persons performing similar functions, which is otherwise effectively controlled by that person or which person's or entity's financial results are consolidated in the consolidated financial statements of such person as required by IFRS.
"Transaction Documents"	means the Listing Particulars, this Pricing Supplement, the Subscription Agreement, each Compliance Certificate, the Registrar and Transfer Agency Agreement, the Corporate Guarantee, the Subordination Agreement and the Security Documents.

# **STATEMENTS**

The Issuer is an SPV and has not traded, and the Parent is a holding company, whose only material assets are shares in, and shareholder loan claims against, subsidiaries.

# RESPONSIBILITY

The Issuer accepts responsibility for the information contained in this Pricing Supplement which, when read together with the Listing Particulars and any supplementary Listing Particulars referred to above, contains all information that is material in the context of the issue of the Notes. The Issuer certifies that, to the best of its knowledge and belief, there are no facts that have been omitted from the Listing Particulars which would make any statement false or misleading; that all reasonable enquiries to ascertain such facts have been made; and that the Listing Particulars contains all information required by any applicable laws and in relation to any Series of Notes listed on the Official List of the Stock Exchange of Mauritius. The Issuer accepts full responsibility for the information contained in the Listing Particulars, the Pricing Supplements and the annual financial report and any amendments to the annual financial report or any supplements from time to time, except as otherwise stated therein.

SIGNED by MERIDIAN CRV LIM	ITED
acting by Authorised Signatorie	es
Authorised Signatory:	
Authorised Signatory:	