

Thomas Murray Market Flash

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Money Market Dematerialisation Process - Update

Further to our previous newsflash, the first dematerialised money market securities have been issued and settled electronically under the Dematerialised Money Market Settlement System (MMSS). The entire South African market, including the South African Reserve Bank, is expected to be live on the new system by 22 February 2010.

The official announcement can be accessed here.

CSD Risk Impact

Strate (South Africa)

CSD Rating: AA-

CSD Flash Impact: Positive

Impacted Risk Type: Financial Risk

Current Rating = A+ Flash Impact = Positive

Impacted Risk Type: Operational Risk

Current Rating = AA-Flash Impact = Positive

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Market Information Impact

South Africa

This information affects the data contained in the Settlement and Safekeeping/Post Settlement sections of the Securities Market Information Service.

Infrastructure Risk Ratings Impact

South Africa

Market Rating: AA-

Market Flash Impact: Positive

Impacted Risk Type: Financial Risk

Current Rating = A Flash Impact = Positive

Impacted Risk Type: Operational Risk

Current Rating = A+ Flash Impact = Positive

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