**Phase 3 Economic Relief Measures**

To provide relief for the people and to maintain stability of the domestic economy and its financial system, the Royal Thai Government has approved Phase 3 of a series of financial and fiscal relief measures. The measures approved by the Thai cabinet on April 7, 2020 are as follows:

**1. Additional funds for healthcare and economic relief measures**

Allocation of additional funds of 1 trillion Baht (approx. 31 billion USD), by executive decree through the Ministry of Finance, for healthcare and economic measures in response to the COVID-19 outbreak: (1) 600,000 million Baht for health-related plans and economic relief for farmers and business operators and (2) 400,000 million Baht for economic measures of developing the local economy and infrastructure that would help improve productivity and strengthen domestic economy.

**2. Economic and financial system stabilization measures**

2.1 An executive decree to authorize the Bank of Thailand (BOT) to issue soft loan to help businesses;

(1) Allocation of 500,000 million Baht (approx. 15 billion USD) for commercial banks and specialized financial institutions to provide soft loans at 2% annual interest rate for SMEs, with a credit line of no more than 500 million Baht each.

(2) The commercial banks and the specialized financial institutions will give SMEs, with a credit line not exceeding 100 million Baht each, a six-month debt moratorium on both principal and interest.

2.2 The executive decree, through the Bank of Thailand (BOT), is aimed at cushioning the corporate bond market by setting up a Corporate Bond Liquidity Stabilization Fund (BSF) of 400,000 million Baht (approx. 12 billion USD), in which the BOT can buy corporate bonds to keep liquidity flowing.

**3. Other measures**

3.1 The extension of deposit protection deadline at the level of 5 million Baht per customer from 10 August 2020 to 10 August 2021.

3.2 Low interest loans for non-banks.

3.3 Temporary reduction of the deposit contribution rate paid by financial institutions to the Financial Institutions Development Fund, through the Bank of Thailand, from 0.46% per year to 0.23% per year.

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