



Press Release

Awards conferred on the occasion of the Republic Day

Port Louis, 13 March 2009 – SBM is proud to inform that its late Chief Executive, Mr. Chaitlall Guinness, has been awarded Commander Of The Order Of The Star And Key Of The Indian Ocean (**C.S.K.**) for Meritorious Service while Mr. Jairaj Sonoo, Divisional Leader – Retail Banking, has been awarded Member Of The Order Of The Star And Key Of The Indian Ocean (**M.S.K.**) for his contribution to the banking sector.

“The SBM Group congratulates the Guinness family and Mr. Jairaj Sonoo for their well deserved respective awards which makes us proud and would like to put on record our appreciation for their long standing contribution to the Group. These awards are also an honour for the banking and financial services fraternity at large”, commented Rajah Ramdaursingh, Chairman SBM Group.