

RIGHT TO APPLY FOR OR DISSENT FROM CONVERSION.

7. The holder of any existing securities to which this Order applies may make application to the local authority in writing for the conversion of such securities into new securities in accordance with this Order. Every application under this clause shall be accompanied by the securities to which it relates.

8. If the holder of any existing securities to which this Order applies does not, within the time and in the manner provided by this Order, signify his dissent from the conversion of such securities into new securities, the existing securities shall be converted into new securities in the same manner as if application had been made under the last preceding clause.

9. Dissent from the conversion of any existing securities may be signified—

(a) At any time before the expiration of fourteen days from the date of conversion ;

or

(b) If the holder of the securities (or, where the holder is a trustee, any person whose consent would, but for this Order, be required for conversion) is during the whole of the time between the date of the publication of this Order in the *Gazette* and the expiration of the period referred to in the last preceding paragraph absent from New Zealand, at any time before the expiration of three months from the date of conversion ; or

(c) In the case of any particular holder, within such further time as the local authority may, on account of special circumstances, in its discretion allow.

10. The dissent of the holder of any existing securities from the conversion of those securities into new securities shall be signified in writing, and shall be deemed to be signified when such writing is received by the local authority or by any person authorized by the local authority to receive it.

SURRENDER OF CONVERTED SECURITIES, AND PAYMENT OF INTEREST THEREON.

11. The holder of any existing securities converted into new securities (whether the conversion is on application or after failure to dissent) shall not be entitled to demand payment of any interest payable on the existing securities, or to receive the new securities or any interest thereon, until he has surrendered the existing securities to the local authority.

12. Subject to the provisions of the last preceding clause, the interest on the outstanding principal represented by any such existing securities for the period ending on the date of conversion shall be payable not later than one month from the date of conversion.

NEW SECURITIES.

13. (1) New securities shall be issued in the form of debentures in the form numbered (2) in the Second Schedule hereto.

(2) Every new debenture shall be for a sum of five pounds, twenty-five pounds, fifty pounds, one hundred pounds, or any sum in excess of one hundred pounds.

(3) All new debentures shall be numbered consecutively, and as between the holders thereof shall rank equally.

(4) Every new debenture shall state on its face the fact that the holder has no claim in respect thereof upon the Government or public revenues of New Zealand.

(5) Every new debenture shall be signed by the Chairman, countersigned by the Treasurer or some other officer appointed by the local authority for the purpose, and sealed with the common seal of the local authority.

14. As the existing securities to which this Order applies bear interest at a rate which, as reduced in accordance with Part I of the Act, does not exceed the rate of interest payable on the new securities, the holders of such existing securities shall on the conversion thereof be entitled to receive new securities for the same aggregate amount of principal as is secured by the existing securities, without premium.

INTEREST AND COUPONS.

15. (1) The rate of interest payable on new securities shall be four and one-quarter per centum per annum.

(2) The interest on new securities shall be payable half-yearly on days corresponding to the maturity dates of the securities.

16. (1) Separate coupons for each amount of interest payable on any debenture, in the form numbered (3) in the Second Schedule hereto, and numbered consecutively for each debenture, shall be attached thereto.

(2) The signatures to coupons may be made by facsimiles thereof in lithograph or otherwise.

MATURITY DATES.

17. (1) Every new security shall be redeemable at par on such one of the maturity dates set out in the Third Schedule hereto as is specified in that behalf in the security.

(2) The local authority shall so fix the respective maturity dates of the new securities that the aggregate amount of principal secured by the new securities maturing on each of such dates shall, if practicable, be a multiple of one hundred pounds, and, subject thereto, shall, as nearly as may be, bear the same proportion to the aggregate amount of principal secured by all the new securities as the sum set opposite that date in the Third Schedule hereto bears to the total amount specified in that Schedule.

(3) Subject to the foregoing provisions of this clause and to the express wish of any holder who desires to have the maturity date of his securities postponed, the maturity dates of the new securities shall as nearly as practicable be in the same chronological order as the maturity dates of the existing securities in conversion of which they are respectively issued.

PLACE FOR PAYMENT OF PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST.

18. The principal and interest in respect of new securities shall be payable in New Zealand.

SINKING FUND FOR NEW SECURITIES.

19. (1) In order to provide funds for the repayment of the new securities the local authority shall forthwith make provision for the creation, pursuant to a resolution of the local authority, of a sinking fund, of which the Public Trustee shall be the Commissioner.

(2) For such purpose the local authority shall permanently appropriate and shall pay to the Commissioner of the sinking fund on each of the maturity dates specified in the Third Schedule hereto, a contribution of eight hundred and sixty-five pounds, increased