

**Press Release**  
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## **BOLIVIA PUNCTUALLY PAYS PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON SOVEREIGN BONDS ISSUED IN 2013**

The Central Bank of Bolivia (BCB) communicates to the general public that, making use of its attributions and in compliance with Laws N° 1670 and N° 1503, it proceeded to the timely payment of the last installment for \$189 million (principal plus interest) to the holders of the sovereign bonds issued in 2013, maturing this August 22, 2023.

This final payment implies the settlement of debts owed by the country to private creditors for US\$500 million, approved by Law No. 317 of December 11, 2012, demonstrating the economy's capacity to comply with the obligations contracted in the international capital markets.

It is worth noting that August is the month with the highest scheduled debt service in 2023, including payments for \$293 million.

This payment, honored within the established terms, denies the opinions of analysts that questioned the country's capacity to comply with its international obligations, and the hasty pessimistic forecasts of risk rating agencies that lowered the country's credit rating.

In this context, Bolivia punctually and timely complies with the payment of its external credit obligations with the private sector, conclusively paying the debt contracted in 2013, backed by a solid and growing economy, with payment capacity and that honors its international commitments, demonstrating that Bolivia is a stable and creditworthy country.

*The BCB is committed to Bolivia's stability and economic and social development.*