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#### Annexure-A

#### DRAFT CIRCULAR

#### SEBI/HO/DDHS/DDHS-PoD-1/P/CIR/2025/\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_, 2025

To,

Issuers who have listed and/ or propose to list Non-convertible Securities (NCS), NCRPS;

Registered Infrastructure Investment Trusts (InvITs) and Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs) having listed and/ or proposing to list its units;

Recognised Stock Exchanges;

**Registered Depositories;** 

Recognised Clearing Corporation;

Registered Credit Rating Agencies, Debenture Trustees, Merchant Bankers, Registrars to an Issue and Share Transfer Agents and Bankers to an Issue, Stock Brokers, Depository Participants

Madam/ Sir,

# Subject: Review of provisions pertaining to Electronic Book Provider (EBP) platform

 Chapter VI – "Electronic Book Provider platform", Chapter VII – "Standardization of timelines for listing of securities issued on a private placement basis" and Chapter XV – "Reporting of primary issuances" of the Master circular no. SEBI/HO/DDHS/PoD1/P/CIR/2024/54 dated May 22, 2024 (hereinafter referred as "Master circular") prescribes provisions related to "Electronic Book Provider" platform. SESI भारतीय प्रतिभूति और विनिमय बोर्ड Securities and Exchange Board of India

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 In order to increase the efficacy of the platform, SEBI had set up a working group. Based on the recommendations of the working group the certain amendments are proposed to be carried out to the following clauses of the abovementioned Chapter VI, Chapter VII and Chapter XV of the Master circular dated May 22, 2024 as below:

S. No.	Proposed amendments	Existing provision of the Master circular	Revised provision
1.	Making EBP mandatory for all private placement issues of the	(1) Clause 2.1 of Chapter VI of SEBI master circular dated May 22, 2024:	<ul> <li>(1) Clause 2.1 of Chapter VI of SEBI master circular dated May 22, 2024 shall be amended as under:</li> </ul>
	issue size above Rs. 20 crore.	2. The following issues of securities shall be made through the EBP platform:	<ol> <li>The following issues of securities shall be made through the EBP platform:</li> </ol>
		2.1.A private placement of debt securities and NCRPS as per the provisions of SEBI NCS Regulations, 2021, if it is:	2.1.A private placement of debt securities and NCRPS as per the provisions of SEBI NCS Regulations, 2021, if it is:
		<ul> <li>i. a single issue, inclusive of green shoe option, if any, of Rs. 50 crore or more;</li> <li>ii. a shelf issue, consisting of multiple tranches, which cumulatively amounts to Rs. 50 crore or more, in a financial year; and</li> <li>iii. a subsequent issue, where aggregate of all previous issues by an issuer in a financial year equals or exceeds Rs. 50 crore.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>i. a single issue, inclusive of green shoe option, if any, of Rs. 20 crore or more;</li> <li>ii. a shelf issue, consisting of multiple tranches, which cumulatively amounts to Rs. 20 crore or more, in a financial year; and</li> <li>iii. a subsequent issue, where aggregate of all previous issues by an issuer in a financial year equals or exceeds Rs. 20 crore.</li> </ul>
		(2) Clause 4 of Chapter VI of SEBI master circular dated May 22, 2024:	<ul> <li>(2) Clause 4 of Chapter VI of SEBI master circular dated May 22, 2024 may be amended as under:</li> </ul>
		4. Issuers of debt securities and NCRPS on private placement basis of issue size less than Rs. 50 crore may also choose to access	<ol> <li>Issuers of debt securities and NCRPS on private placement basis of issue size less than Rs. 20 crore may also choose to access</li> </ol>



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S. No.	Proposed amendments	Existing provision of the Master circular	Revised provision
		the EBP platform for such issuances.	the EBP platform for such issuances.
2.	Extending products on the EBP to	Currently there is no specific regulatory provision	Insert clause 2.4 in Chapter VI of SEBI master circular dated May 22, 2024 as under:
	INVITs and REITs		For private placement of units of InvITs and REITs above Rs 1000 crore, issuer has to access the EBP platform for such issuances.
3.	should be regulatory provision SEBI master of		May22, 2024 may be revised as
		In order to ensure operational uniformity across various EBP platforms, the bidding on the EBP platform shall take place between 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. only, on the working days of the recognized stock exchanges.	In order to ensure operational uniformity across various EBP platforms, the bidding on the EBP platform shall take place between 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. only, on the working days of the recognized stock exchanges, except on bank holiday.
4.	Increase in Anchor portion		(1) Clause 8.1.2 of Chapter VI of SEBI master circular dated May 22,2024 shall be revised as under:
		The quantum of allocation(s) to the anchor investor(s) shall be at the discretion of the issuer, subject to total allocation to the anchor(s) not exceeding 30% of the base issue size.	The quantum of allocation(s) to the anchor investor(s) shall be at the discretion of the issuer, subject to total allocation to the anchor(s) not exceeding the base issue size, as per thresholds mentioned below:
			InstrumentAnchor PortionRating(%) of base size
			AAA/Not exceedingAA+/AA-30%



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S. No.	Proposed amendments	Existing provision of the Master circular	Revised provision		
			A+/A-	Not exceeding 40%	
			Others	Not exceeding 50%	
		(2) Clause 8.1.4 of Chapter VI of SEBI master circular dated May 22,2024:	• • • • •	naximum 30%)" shall om the Clause 8.1.4	
		If the issuer opts for anchor portion, the same shall be suitably disclosed in the placement memorandum and the term sheet, along with the relevant quantum (maximum 30%).			
5.	Confirmation of participation by Anchor	Clause 8.1.5 of Chapter VI of SEBI master circular dated May 22, 2024:	-		
		Issuer shall disclose details of the anchor investor(s) and the corresponding quantum allocated, to the EBP, along with the Placement Memorandum and the term sheet.	anchor inve correspondin allocated, to the Placemen the term sh investors confirmation of their partic Amount not	the EBP, along with nt Memorandum and neet. Such anchor shall provide on the EBP platform cipation by T-1 day. confirmed by any shall be added back	
6.	Prescribe a uniform format for	Currently there is no defined format for disclosure. Clause 12.2 of SEBI master	Clause 12.2 circular dated amended as	d May 22,2024 to be	
	disclosure of information post bidding	circular dated May 22,2024: EBPs shall ensure that all details regarding the issuance is updated on its website.	details regard	n	

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S. No.	Proposed amendments	Existing provision of the Master circular	Revised provision
7.	Rationalising Green Shoe	5	SEBI master circular dated May
	portion in issue	22, 2024: Details of size of the issue and green shoe portion, if any.	<ul><li>22, 2024 shall stand amended as under:</li><li>Details of size of the issue and green shoe portion, if any.</li></ul>
		Provided that the green shoe portion shall not exceed five times the base issue size	Provided that the green shoe portion shall not exceed three times the base issue size
8.	Reduction in timeline for EBP Set up	Table 1 under Clause 3 of Chapter VII of SEBI master circular dated May 22, 2024:	Table 1 under Clause 3 of Chapter VII of SEBI master circular dated May 22, 2024 shall be amended as under:
		Category: In-principle approval	Category: In-principle approval
		Timeline (working day):Prior toT-2/T-5(EBP);Prior to T (Non-EBP)	Timeline (working day):



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S. No.	Proposed amendments	Existing provision of the Master circular	Revised provision
			Prior to T-2/ T-3 (EBP); Prior to T (Non-EBP)
9.	Reduction in Settlement time	<ul> <li>(1) Sub-clause 5.3.8 of Clause 5.3 of Chapter VI of SEBI master circular dated May 22, 2024:</li> <li>5.3. The Placement Memorandum and the term sheet, inter-alia, discloses the following:</li> <li>5.3.8. Settlement cycle i.e. T+1 or T+2 day.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>(1) Sub-clause 5.3.8 of Clause 5.3 of Chapter VI of SEBI master circular dated May 22, 2024 shall stand amended as under:</li> <li>5.3. The Placement Memorandum and the term sheet, inter-alia, discloses the following:</li> <li>5.3.8. Settlement cycle i.e. T+1.</li> </ul>
		(2) Table 1 under Clause 3 of Chapter VII of SEBI master circular dated May 22, 2024: <b>Category</b> – Settlement	(2) Table 1 under Clause 3 of Chapter VII of SEBI master circular dated May 22, 2024 shall be amended as under:
		Timeline (working day):	Category – Settlement
		On or before T+1/ T+2 (as per	Timeline (working day):
		settlement cycle chosen by the Issuer) (EBP);	On or before T+1 (EBP);
		On or before T+2 (Non-EBP);	On or before T+2 (Non-EBP)
		(3) Clause 9.2 of Chapter VI of SEBI master circular dated May 22, 2024 inter alia reads as:	(3) Clause 9.2 of Chapter VI of SEBI master circular dated May 22, 2024 shall stand revised as:
		"The process of pay-in of funds by investors and pay-out to issuer can be done on either T+1 or T+2 day, where T day is the issue day, and the same shall be disclosed by the issuer in the PM."	"The process of pay-in of funds by investors and pay-out to issuer has to be done on T+1 day, where T day is the issue day, and the same shall be disclosed by the issuer in the PM."
10.	Reduction in Listing time	Table 1 under Clause 3 of Chapter VII of SEBI master circular dated May 22, 2024:	Table 1 under Clause 3 of Chapter VII of SEBI master circular dated May 22, 2024 shall be amended as under:
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S. No.	Proposed amendments	Existing provision of the Master circular	Revised provision
		Timeline (working day):	Timeline (working day): On or
		On or before T+3;	before T+2
11.	Mandating Open bidding for issue sizes above	Clause 5.3.5 of Chapter VI of SEBI master circular dated May 22, 2024:	Clause 5.3.5 of Chapter VI of SEBI master circular dated May 22, 2024 shall stand amended as under:
	Rs. 1000 crore	5.3. The Placement Memorandum and the term sheet, inter-alia, discloses the following:	5.3.5. Manner of bidding in the issue i.e. open bidding or closed bidding.
		 5.3.5. Manner of bidding in the issue i.e. open bidding or closed bidding.	Provided that open bidding shall be mandatory for issue with size more than Rs. 1000 crore.
12.	Basis of allotment – Remove 'time' from 'price time priority' and 'yield time priority'	Clause 7.11 of Chapter VI of SEBI master circular dated May 22, 2024: 7.11. Allotment and settlement amount for the bidders shall be based on the following: 7.11.1. <u>Coupon specified by</u> <u>issuer</u> : All bids shall be arranged as per 'price time priority'. a. In case of 'uniform yield allotment', allotment and settlement value shall be based on the cut-off price determined in the bidding process. b. In case of 'multiple yield allotment', allotment and settlement value shall be based on the price quoted by each bidder/ allottee in the bidding process. 7.11.2. <u>Coupon discovered</u> <u>during bidding:</u> All bids shall be	[Note: Suitable provisions will be added post public feedback]



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S. No.	Proposed amendments	Existing provision of the Master circular	Revised provision
		arranged as per 'yield time priority'.	
		a. In case of 'uniform yield allotment', allotment and settlement value shall be based on the face value.	
		b. In case of 'multiple yield allotment', allotment and settlement value shall be based on the price adjusted as per the coupon/ spread quoted by each bidder/ allottee in the bidding process.	
		7.11.3. If two or more bids have the same coupon/ price/ spread and time, then allotment shall be done on 'pro-rata' basis.	

- 3. The provisions of this circular shall be applicable on and from XXX, 2025.
- 4. The Circular is issued in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 11(1) of the Securities and Exchange Board of India Act, 1992 read with Regulation 55 (1) of the SEBI (Issue and Listing of Non-convertible Securities) Regulations, 2021 to protect the interest of investors in securities and to promote the development of, and to regulate the securities market.
- 5. This Circular is available at www.sebi.gov.in under the link "Legal Circulars".

Yours faithfully,

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#### Annexure-B

#### Illustration - EBP - Allotment Basis

#### **Issue Parameters:**

Base Issue Size: Rs 1000 Cr

Issuance Category: Coupon specified by Issuer

Bidding Window: 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM

Bidding Parameters: Amount (Rs Cr) and Price

#### **Bid Book**

Bidder	Bid Amount (Rs Cr)	Bid Price	Timestamp
Bidder A	300	100	10:02:10
Bidder B	100	100.05	10:11:15
Bidder C	150	100.05	10:12:10
Bidder D	400	100.04	10:15:00
Bidder E	500	99.99	10:32:10
Bidder C	150	100.03	10:12:10
Bidder F	300	100	10:45:00
Bidder G	200	99.98	10:51:10
Bidder B	100	100.04	10:55:12

#### Depth

Bidder	Bid Amount (Rs Cr)	Bid Price	Cumulative Amount (Rs Cr)
Bidder B	100	100.05	100
Bidder C	150	100.05	250
Bidder D	400	100.04	350
Bidder B	100	100.04	750
Bidder C	150	100.03	900
Bidder A	300	100	1200
Bidder F	300	100	1500
Bidder E	500	99.99	2000
Bidder G	200	99.98	2200

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Cut-off price - 100

#### Proposed Allotment Basis – Price Priority Basis

#### **Uniform Yield Allotment**

#### **Existing Allocation (Price-time priority basis)**

Bidder	Bid Amount (Rs Cr)	Bid Price	Timestamp	Allocation Amount (Rs Cr)	Allocation price
Bidder B	100	100.05	10:11:15	100	100
Bidder C	150	100.05	10:12:10	150	100
Bidder D	400	100.04	10:15:00	400	100
Bidder B	100	100.04	10:55:12	100	100
Bidder C	150	100.03	10:12:10	150	100
Bidder A	300	100	10:02:10	100	100
Bidder F	300	100	10:45:00	-	
Bidder E	500	99.99	10:32:10	-	
Bidder G	200	99.98	10:51:10	-	

#### Case 1.a – Proportionate allotment at Cut-off in Uniform Yield Allotment

Allotment

Bidder	Bid Amount (Rs Cr)	Bid Price	Timestamp	Allocation Amount (Rs Cr)	Allotment price
Bidder B	100	100.05	10:11:15	100	100
Bidder C	150	100.05	10:12:10	150	100
Bidder D	400	100.04	10:15:00	400	100
Bidder B	100	100.04	10:55:12	100	100
Bidder C	150	100.03	10:12:10	150	100
Bidder A	300	100	10:02:10	50	100
Bidder F	300	100	10:45:00	50	100
Bidder E	500	99.99	10:32:10	-	
Bidder G	200	99.98	10:51:10	-	

# Case 1.b – Proportionate allotment at and above Cut-off in Uniform Yield Allotment

Allotment

Bidder	Bid Amount (Rs Cr)	Bid Price	Timestamp	Allocation Amount (Rs Cr)	Allotment price
Bidder B	100	100.05	10:11:15	66.67	100
Bidder C	150	100.05	10:12:10	100	100
Bidder D	400	100.04	10:15:00	266.67	100

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Bidder B	100	100.04	10:55:12	66.67	100
Bidder C	150	100.03	10:12:10	100	100
Bidder A	300	100	10:02:10	200	100
Bidder F	300	100	10:45:00	200	100
Bidder E	500	99.99	10:32:10	-	
Bidder G	200	99.98	10:51:10	-	

#### **Multiple Yield Allotment**

#### **Existing Allocation (Price-time priority basis)**

Bidder	Bid Amount (Rs Cr)	Bid Price	Timestamp	Allocation Amount (Rs Cr)	Allocation price
Bidder B	100	100.05	10:11:15	100	100.05
Bidder C	150	100.05	10:12:10	150	100.05
Bidder D	400	100.04	10:15:00	400	100.04
Bidder B	100	100.04	10:55:12	100	100.04
Bidder C	150	100.03	10:12:10	150	100.03
Bidder A	300	100	10:02:10	100	100
Bidder F	300	100	10:45:00	-	-
Bidder E	500	99.99	10:32:10	-	-
Bidder G	200	99.98	10:51:10	-	-

#### Case 2 – Proportionate allotment at Cut-off in Multiple Yield Allotment

Bidder	Bid Amount (Rs Cr)	Bid Price	Timestamp	Allocation Amount (Rs Cr)	Allotment price
Bidder B	100	100.05	10:11:15	100	100.05
Bidder C	150	100.05	10:12:10	150	100.05
Bidder D	400	100.04	10:15:00	400	100.04
Bidder B	100	100.04	10:55:12	100	100.04
Bidder C	150	100.03	10:12:10	150	100.03
Bidder A	300	100	10:02:10	50	100
Bidder F	300	100	10:45:00	50	100
Bidder E	500	99.99	10:32:10	-	
Bidder G	200	99.98	10:51:10	-	

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To,

Issuers who have listed Non-convertible Securities, Securitised Debt Instruments, Municipal Debt Securities and Commercial Paper; Recognised Stock Exchanges and Clearing Corporations; Registered Depositories; Stock Brokers and Depository Participants

Madam/ Sir,

#### Subject: Review of provisions pertaining to Request for Quote (RFQ) Platform.

### I. <u>Simplification of the operational process relating to yield to price</u> <u>computation on the Request for Quote (RFQ) Platform</u>

- Chapter XXII of the SEBI Master Circular for issue and listing of Non-convertible Securities, Securitised Debt Instruments, Security Receipts, Municipal Debt Securities and Commercial Paper dated May 22, 2024 (NCS Master Circular) stipulates provisions for trade execution and settlement of trades in listed Nonconvertible Securities, Securitized Debt Instruments, Municipal Debt Securities and Commercial Paper on the RFQ platform of the Stock Exchanges.
- 2. Based on the recommendations of the working group formed for the purpose of review of RFQ platform, the following has been decided:
  - 2.1. Chapter III of the NCS Master Circular stipulates provisions regarding day count convention, disclosure of cash flows and other disclosures in the offer document. Clause 2 and 3 of the said chapter provides as under:

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(2) For the purpose of standardization, if the coupon/dividend payment date of the non- convertible securities falls on a Sunday or a holiday, the coupon payment shall be made on the next working day. However, the dates of the future payments would continue to be as per the schedule originally stipulated in the offer document.

(3) If the maturity date of the debt securities, falls on a Sunday or a holiday, the redemption proceeds shall be paid on the previous working day.

- 2.2. Clause 3.3.34 of Schedule I of the SEBI (Issue and Listing of Non-Convertible Securities) Regulations, 2021 requires issuer to disclose cash flow with date of interest/dividend/ redemption payment as per day count convention in the offer document.
- 2.3. It is gathered from the Stock Exchanges that during the process of yield to price calculation in case of G-sec, interest and redemption payment dates are not adjusted as per the holidays and back-end calculations can be easily done using the excel price function. The same poses challenges in case of non-convertible securities due to change in payment dates considering the day count convention.

Example of holiday adjustment in case of half yearly interest payment for a 5-year bond in case of G-sec and Corporate Bond				
Existing Practice		Proposed		
Corporate Bond	G-sec	Corporate Bond		
Tue-02-Jan-24	Tue-02-Jan-24	Tue-02-Jan-24		
Tue-02-Jul-24	Tue-02-Jul-24	Tue-02-Jul-24		
Thu-02-Jan-25	Thu-02-Jan-25	Thu-02-Jan-25		
Wed-02-Jul-25	Wed-02-Jul-25	Wed-02-Jul-25		
Fri-02-Jan-26	Fri-02-Jan-26	Fri-02-Jan-26		
Thu-02-Jul-26	Thu-02-Jul-26	Thu-02-Jul-26		
Mon-04-Jan-27	Sat-02-Jan-27	Sat-02-Jan-27		
Fri-02-Jul-27	Fri-02-Jul-27	Fri-02-Jul-27		
Mon-03-Jan-27	Sun-02-Jan-28	Sun-02-Jan-28		
Mon-03-Jul-28	Sun-02-Jul-28	Sun-02-Jul-28		
Tue-02-Jan-29	Tue-02-Jan-29	Tue-02-Jan-29		

2.4. An illustration is given below for ease of reference:

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- 2.5. When G-Sec is priced, interest payment dates are not adjusted as per holidays (for eg: 02 Jan and 02 July half yearly payment dates remain same throughout the tenor of bonds despite holidays falling on those dates) and calculations can be done using excel 'price' function. In case of corporate bond, due to changes in payment dates, (for e.g.: 02 Jan and 02 July half yearly payment dates may get adjusted to 01st Jan or 31st Dec due to holidays) excel 'price' function doesn't work appropriately as it works for G-Sec and thus complicates the yield to price conversion for investors.
- 2.6. Thus, in order to simplify the process of yield to price computation for nonconvertible securities, cash flow dates regarding payment of interest/ dividend/ redemption for the securities traded on RFQ platform for the purpose for yield to price computation shall not be adjusted for day count convention <u>i.e. shall</u> <u>be based on the due date of payment as per the cash flow schedule and not</u> <u>as per the date of payment.</u>
- 2.7. Accordingly, the following clause will be inserted as clause 9 in the said Chapter XXII of NCS Master Circular:
  - (9) Yield to Price computation

In order to simplify the process of yield to price computation for nonconvertible securities, cash flow dates regarding payment of interest/ dividend/ redemption for the securities traded on RFQ platform for the purpose for yield to price computation shall not be adjusted for day count convention i.e. shall be based on the due date of payment as per the cash flow schedule and not as per the date of payment."

### II. <u>Disclosure of cash flow regarding payment of interest/ dividend/ redemption</u> in the centralized corporate bond database.

1. Clause 3.3.34 of Schedule I of the SEBI (Issue and Listing of Non-Convertible Securities) Regulations, 2021 requires Issuer to disclose cash flow with date of

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with date of interest/dividend/ redemption payment as per day count convention in the offer document.

- 2. Chapter XIV of the SEBI Master Circular for issue and listing of Non-convertible Securities, Securitised Debt Instruments, Security Receipts, Municipal Debt Securities and Commercial Paper dated May 22, 2024 ("NCS Master Circular") requires issuers to submit and update certain information in the centralized database at the time of activation of the ISIN and post listing of securities. Presently, the information regarding the cash flow schedule is not captured in the centralized bond database.
- 3. In order to have comprehensive information regarding corporate bonds at one place, it has been decided that Issuer shall submit the information relating to cash flow schedule regarding payment of payment of interest/ dividend/ redemption in the centralized corporate bond database at the time of activation of ISIN in the following format:

Sr. No.	Particulars	Due Date	Payment date as per
			day count convention
1	Payment of interest/	XXX	XX
	dividend/ redemption		

4. Accordingly, the following paragraph shall be inserted as paragraph "57" in Annex-XIV-A of NCS Master Circular.

"Cash flow schedule regarding payment of payment of interest/ dividend/ redemption in the centralized corporate bond database at the time of activation of ISIN in the following format:

Sr. No.	Particulars	Due Date	Payment date as per
			day count convention
1	Payment of interest/	XXX	XX
	dividend/ redemption		

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In case of any change in the information pertaining to cash flow regarding interest/ dividend/ redemption during the tenure of the securities, the same shall be updated within one working day in the centralized corporate bond database."

- III. The aforesaid disclosure requirement shall be applicable for prospective issuances of debt securities and for the residual maturity of the ISINs that are already listed.
- IV. This circular shall come into force with immediate effect.
- V. The Stock Exchange(s)are directed to bring the provisions of this circular to the notice of the market participants and also disseminate the same on their websites and make necessary amendments to the relevant bye-laws, rules and regulations for the implementation of the above directions in coordination with one another to achieve uniformity in approach.
- VI. The Circular is issued in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 11(1) of the Securities and Exchange Board of India Act, 1992 read with Regulation 55 (1) of the SEBI (Issue and Listing of Non-convertible Securities) Regulations, 2021 to protect the interest of investors in securities and to promote the development of, and to regulate the securities market.
- VII. This Circular is available at www.sebi.gov.inunder the link "Legal $\rightarrow$ Circulars".

Yours faithfully,

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