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COMMUNIQUE TO DEPOSITORY PARTICIPANTS

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NON-CHARGING OF AMC IN DEMAT ACCOUNTS CONSISTING OF ILLIQUID, SUSPENDED OR DELISTED SECURITIES

DPs are advised to note that Several representations are received from Beneficial Owner (BO)s holding securities that are illiquid, suspended for trading, or delisted, and therefore do not carry any economic value. Such BO/s are unable to close their demat accounts due to the continued presence of these securities, which has resulted in the levy of Annual Maintenance Charges (AMC).

If the BO/s has submitted a closure request and having securities balances such demat accounts are placed under the status "To be closed." It has been now decided that if such "To be closed" accounts have only securities balances that are illiquid, suspended for trading, or delisted, such demat accounts shall be exempted from payment of AMC. Further, Depository Participants (DPs) will not be required to send transactions or holding statements to the BO/s for such accounts.

It is clarified that if, at a later stage, if the securities in these accounts become liquid or if the BO/s wishes to retain them, the BO/s may be advised to open a new demat account and transfer the securities from "To be closed" account to new demat account. Once the transfer is completed and the "To Be Closed" account status will change to Closed.

However, the said option shall not be available under the following circumstances:

- a) The demat account of the BO/s is frozen due to regulatory requirements, for example, deficiency in KYC, order passed by any statutory authority, etc.
- b) The BO/s is debarred from entering into securities market due to any statutory order.
- c) The promoter/person acting in concert of the company, whose securities are illiquid, as such facility can be misused by promoter/PACs for exiting the company.
- d) The securities are marked as 'pledged' or 'hold' or 'encumbered' in the depository system.
- e) The company is under insolvency or liquidation process under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016.
- f) Certain dues are outstanding by BO/s towards the Depository Participant.

To prevent potential misuse of this facility, it shall be applicable strictly to accounts that contain **only** illiquid, suspended, or delisted securities. DPs must carry out due verification of the status of securities before processing such requests.



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In order to assist the DPs, CDSL will provide the list of such “To be closed” demat accounts having **only** illiquid, suspended, or delisted securities on monthly basis as per the list received from Stock Exchange/s. The date of sharing the said list and manner of sharing will be shared separately.

DPs are advised to take note of the same and ensure compliance.

Queries regarding this communiqué may be addressed to: CDSL – Helpdesk Emails may be sent to: dprtasupport@cdslindia.com and connect through our **IVR Number 022-62343333**.

For and on behalf of

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