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To: ALL MEMBERS OF FMDQ OTC SECURITIES EXCHANGE

From: MARKET REGULATION GROUP

APPROVAL OF FMDQ SHORT-TERM BONDS REGISTRATION PROCESS AND LISTING RULES

1. This Market Bulletin serves to notify all Members of FMDQ OTC Securities Exchange (“**FMDQ**” or the “**OTC Exchange**”) and the investing public that the Securities and Exchange Commission (“**SEC**” or the “**Commission**”) has approved the FMDQ Short-Term Bonds Registration Process and Listing Rules (the “**Rules**”).
2. Short-Term Bonds (“**STBs**”) are debt instruments issued for tenors of between one (1) year and three (3) years for the purpose of raising short-term capital. The Rules were developed in furtherance of FMDQ’s mandate to foster innovation in the Nigerian financial markets and drive growth and development through effective market regulation and governance.
3. As a consequence of its approval of the Rules, the Commission has also approved FMDQ’s proposal to serve as the platform through which the primary due diligence for all STB issuances shall be conducted. The Rules therefore serve as a guide to issuers, STB sponsors and the investing public on this novel and innovative governance structure for STB issuances and outline the procedure for registration of prospective STBs.
4. The Rules also outline the requirements for registration and subsequent listing of STBs on the FMDQ platform. These include the following, *inter alia*:
 - Eligibility criteria for STB issuers
 - Documentation and disclosure requirements
 - Conditions for registration (methods of issuance, features of STBs, minimum capital and rating requirements, book building guidelines as well as private placement Rules, amongst other things)
 - Listing and post-listing compliance requirements
5. The Rules shall be read in conjunction with all relevant and applicable laws and regulation relating to the issuance and listing of bonds in Nigeria and shall serve as a specific reference point for STBs.
6. The Rules shall take effect **immediately**.

Click [here](#) to view FMDQ Short-Term Bonds Registration Process and Listing Rules.

Please be guided accordingly.

Should you have any questions about this Market Bulletin, please do not hesitate to contact the Market Regulation Group at mrg@fmdqotc.com.