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AMENDMENTS TO GUIDELINES FOR PREFERENTIAL ISSUE AND INSTITUTIONAL PLACEMENT OF UNITS BY A LISTED REIT

DPs are advised to refer to SEBI Circular no. **SEBI/HO/DDHS/DDHS_Div3/P/CIR/2022/0116** dated **August 26, 2022**, regarding: Amendments to guidelines for preferential issue and institutional placement of units by a listed REIT [refer **Annexure**].

DPs are advised to take note of the same.

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SEBI/HO/DDHS/DDHS_Div3/P/CIR/2022/0116

August 26, 2022

To

All Real Estate Investment Trusts (“REITs”)
All Parties to REITs
All Recognised Stock Exchanges
All Depositories
All Merchant Bankers

Madam/Sir

Sub: Amendments to guidelines for preferential issue and institutional placement of units by a listed REIT

1. SEBI issued circular SEBI/HO/DDHS/DDHS/CIR/P/2019/142 dated November 27, 2019 providing guidelines for preferential issue and institutional placement of units by listed REITs (“Guidelines”). The guidelines were subsequently revised vide circulars SEBI/HO/DDHS/DDHS/CIR/P/2020/35 dated March 13, 2020 and SEBI/HO/DDHS/DDHS/CIR/P/2020/184 dated September 28, 2020.
2. The said guidelines for preferential issue and institutional placement of units by listed REITs stand modified as under:
 - I. Clause 3.5 of the SEBI circular dated November 27, 2019 (as amended), is modified as under:

“3.5. Post allotment, the REIT shall make an application for listing of the units to the stock exchange(s) and the units shall be listed within two working days from the date of allotment:



Provided that where the REIT fails to list the units within the specified time, the monies received shall be refunded through verifiable means within four working days from the date of the allotment, and if any such money is not repaid within such time after the issuer becomes liable to repay it, the REIT, the manager of the REIT and its director or partner who is an officer in default shall, on and from the expiry of the fourth working day, be jointly and severally liable to repay that money with interest at the rate of fifteen percent per annum.

- II. Sub-paragraph (A) of paragraph 2 of Annexure-I of the SEBI circular dated November 27, 2019 (as amended), is modified as under:

“A. Pricing of frequently traded units

2.1 Where the units of the REIT are frequently traded, the price of units to be allotted pursuant to the preferential issue shall not be less than higher of the following:

2.1.1. the 90 trading days’ volume weighted average price of the related units quoted on the recognised stock exchange preceding the relevant date; or

2.1.2. the 10 trading days’ volume weighted average prices of the related units quoted on a recognised stock exchange preceding the relevant date.

2.2. A preferential issue of units to “institutional investors” not exceeding five in number, shall be made at a price not less than the 10 trading days’ volume weighted average prices of the related units quoted on a recognised stock exchange preceding the relevant date.

Explanation:

a) “Relevant date” for the purpose of clauses related to preferential issue of units shall be the date thirty days prior to the date on which the meeting of unitholders is held to consider the preferential issue. Where the relevant date



falls on a weekend or a holiday, the day preceding the weekend or the holiday will be reckoned to be the relevant date.

b) "Relevant stock exchange" shall mean the recognised stock exchange in which the units of the REIT are listed and in which the highest trading volume in respect of the units of the REIT has been recorded during the preceding 90 trading days prior to the relevant date.

c) "Frequently traded units" for purposes of these guidelines shall mean the units of the REIT, in which the traded turnover on any recognised stock exchange during the 240 trading days preceding the relevant date, is at least ten percent of the total number of issued and outstanding units of such class of units of the issuer:

Provided that where the number of issued and outstanding units of a particular class of units of the issuer is not identical throughout such period, the weighted average number of total units of such class of the issuer shall represent the total number of units."

III. Clause 4.1 of paragraph 4 of the SEBI circular dated November 27, 2019 (as amended), is modified as under and the explanation stands deleted:

"4.1 Preferential issue of units shall not be made to any person who has sold or transferred any units of the issuer during the 90 trading days preceding the relevant date. Further, where any person belonging to the sponsor(s) or Sponsor group(s) has sold/transferred their units of the issuer during the 90 days preceding the relevant date, all sponsors and members of sponsor group(s) shall be ineligible for allotment of units on a preferential basis.

Provided that this restriction on preferential issue of units shall not apply to a sponsor(s) or member of the sponsor group, in case any asset is being acquired by the REIT from that sponsor(s) and/or or member of sponsor group(s), and preferential issue of units is being made to that sponsor and/or member of the sponsor group, as full consideration for the acquisition of such asset."



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Securities and Exchange Board of India

3. This circular is being issued in exercise of powers conferred under Section 11(1) of the Securities and Exchange Board of India Act, 1992 and Regulation 33 of the REIT Regulations. This circular is issued with the approval of the competent authority.

4. This Circular is available on the website of the Securities and Exchange Board of India at www.sebi.gov.in under the category "Legal" and under the drop down "Circulars".

Yours faithfully,

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