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## COMMUNIQUÉ TO DEPOSITORY PARTICIPANTS

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### CLARIFICATION ON KNOW YOUR CLIENT (KYC) PROCESS AND USE OF TECHNOLOGY FOR KYC

DPs are advised to refer to communicate no. CDSL/OPS/DP/POLCY/2021/518 dated November 17, 2021 regarding SEBI Circular no. **SEBI/HO/MIRSD/DOP/CIR/P/2020/73** dated April 24, 2020 on **Clarification on Know Your Client (KYC) Process and Use of Technology for KYC**.

Based on the requests / suggestions received from depositories and market participants on the above-mentioned circular, SEBI vide its email dated February 04, 2022 has clarified as under:

1. With respect to Para 3 (c) of the stated circular which mentions use of Aadhaar e-Sign mechanism, it is now further clarified that any document, except for the documents mentioned in the First Schedule of the IT Act 2000, may be authenticated by an investor by way of electronic/digital signature including Aadhaar eSign. Therefore, the process of performing KYC can be completed by using electronic/digital signature including Aadhaar eSign. In case of non-individual clients, intermediaries may take caution and satisfy themselves regarding the genuineness of the authorization and identity of the authorized signatories.
2. With regard to requirement of geo-tagging in India mentioned at para 5 of the stated SEBI circular dated April 24, 2020, it is reiterated that while completing the investor's KYC through KYC app of the intermediary, the Registered Intermediary (RI) shall continue to ensure the requirement of geo-tagging with the investor's physical location in India as per SEBI guidelines till further clarification is issued in the matter.

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

Queries regarding this communiqué may be addressed to **CDSL – Helpdesk**: on telephone numbers (022) 2305-8624, 2305-8639, 2305-8642, 2305-8663, 2305-8640, 2300-2041 or 2300-2033. Emails may be sent to: [helpdesk@cdslindia.com](mailto:helpdesk@cdslindia.com).

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