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Dear Sir/ Madam,

Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) sector – Restructuring of Advances

Please refer to the <u>circular DBR.No.BP.BC.18/21.04.048/2018-19 dated January 1, 2019</u>. It has been decided to extend the one-time restructuring of MSME advances permitted in terms of the aforesaid circular. Accordingly, a one-time restructuring of existing loans to MSMEs classified as 'standard' without a downgrade in the asset classification is permitted, subject to the following conditions:

- i. The aggregate exposure, including non-fund based facilities, of banks and NBFCs to the borrower does not exceed ₹25 crore as on January 1, 2020.
- ii. The borrower's account was in default but was a 'standard asset' as on January1, 2020 and continues to be classified as a 'standard asset' till the date of implementation of the restructuring.
- iii. The restructuring of the borrower account is implemented on or before December 31, 2020.
- iv. The borrowing entity is GST-registered on the date of implementation of the restructuring. However, this condition will not apply to MSMEs that are exempt from GST-registration. This shall be determined on the basis of exemption limit obtaining as on January 1, 2020.
- 2. It is clarified that accounts which have already been restructured in terms of the <u>circular dated January 1, 2019</u> shall be ineligible for restructuring under this circular.

3. All other instructions specified in the <u>circular dated January 1, 2019</u> shall be applicable.

Yours faithfully,

(Saurav Sinha) Chief General Manager-in-Charge