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The Chief Executives of all State and Central Co-operative Banks

Dear Sir,

Know Your Customer (KYC) norms / Anti-Money Laundering (AML) standards/Combating of Financing of Terrorism (CFT)/Obligation of banks under PMLA, 2002

Please refer to our circulars RPCD.AML.BC.No.80/07.40.00/ 2004-05 dated February 18, 2005 and RPCD.CO.RF.AML.BC.No.51/07.40.00/2007-08 dated February 28, 2008 on Know Your Customer (KYC) norms /Anti-Money Laundering (AML) standards/Combating of Financing of Terrorism (CFT)/Obligation of banks under PMLA, 2002.

2. In terms of Paragraph 2 vi of the Guidelines on 'Know Your Customer' Norms and Anti Money Laundering Measures enclosed to our circular RPCD.AML.BC.No.80/07.40.00/ 2004-05 dated February 18, 2005 banks are required to apply enhanced due diligence measures on higher risk customers. Some illustrative examples of customers requiring higher due diligence have also been given in the paragraph under reference. It is further advised that in view of the risks involved in cash intensive businesses, accounts of bullion dealers (including sub-dealers) & jewellers should also be categorised by banks as 'high risk' requiring enhanced due diligence.

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3. Accordingly, in terms of paragraph 4 of the Guidelines on 'Know Your

Customer' Norms and Anti Money Laundering Measures enclosed to our circular

RPCD.AML.BC.No.80/07.40.00/ 2004-05 dated February 18, 2005, banks are

also required to subject these 'high risk accounts ' to intensified transaction

monitoring. High risk associated with such accounts should be taken into

account by banks to identify suspicious transactions for filing Suspicious

Transaction Reports (STRs) to FIU-IND.

4. These guidelines are issued under Section 35A of the Banking Regulation

Act, 1949 (As applicable to Co-operative Societies) read with Rule 7 of

Prevention of Money-laundering (Maintenance of Records of the Nature and

Value of Transactions, the Procedure and Manner of Maintaining and Time for

Furnishing Information and Verification and Maintenance of Records of the

Identity of the Clients of the Banking Companies, Financial Institutions and

Intermediaries) Rules, 2005. Any contravention thereof or non-compliance shall

attract penalties under the relevant Act/Rules.

Yours faithfully,

(B.P.Vijayendra)

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