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All Non-Banking Financial Companies (excluding Primary Dealers)

Madam/ Sir,

Lending against security of single product – Gold jewellery

Please refer to paragraph 27 of <u>Master Direction – Non-Banking Financial Company – Systemically Important Non-Deposit taking Company and Deposit taking Company (Reserve Bank) Directions, 2016; and paragraph 27 of <u>Master Direction – Non-Banking Financial Company – Non-Systemically Important Non-Deposit taking Company</u> (Reserve Bank) Directions, 2016.</u>

- 2. On a review, it has been decided that NBFCs can pool gold jewellery from different branches in a district and auction it at any location within the district, subject to meeting the following conditions:
  - a) The first auction has failed
  - b) The NBFC shall ensure that all other requirements of the extant directions regarding auction (prior notice, reserve price, arms-length relationship, disclosures, etc.) are met.
- 3. Non-adherence to the above conditions will attract strict enforcement action. The aforementioned Master Directions are being modified accordingly.

Yours faithfully,

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