

# NOTICE OF EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

In the Matters of Scheme of Amalgamation of NIB Bank Limited with and into MCB Bank Limited by way of Amalgamation/Merger of NIB Bank Limited with and into MCB Bank Limited through a Share Swap Arrangement under Section 48 of the Banking Companies Ordinance, 1962 and Others

Notice is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting ("EOGM") of the Members of MCB Bank Limited ("MCB Bank" or "MCB") will be held on Monday, January 23, 2017, at 11:00 AM at Pearl-Continental Hotel, Shahrah-e-Quaid-e-Azam, Lahore to transact the following business:

# **Ordinary Business:**

To confirm the minutes of the 68<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of MCB Bank held on March 29, 2016.

# Special Business:

 To consider and if thought fit, approve the Scheme of Amalgamation for the amalgamation of NIB Bank Limited ("NIB Bank" or "NIB") with and into MCB Bank, pursuant to Section 48 of the Banking Companies Ordinance, 1962, and pass the following Special Resolutions with or without modifications:

"RESOLVED THAT subject to all regulatory approvals required, including approval of the State Bank of Pakistan and the Competition Commission of Pakistan, NIB Bank Limited be and is hereby approved to be amalgamated with and into MCB Bank Limited in accordance with the Scheme of Amalgamation to be sanctioned by the State Bank of Pakistan (the 'Amalgamation')."

"FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Scheme of Amalgamation under the provisions of Section 48 of the Banking Companies Ordinance, 1962, as circulated to the Members of MCB Bank Limited be and is hereby approved, subject to any modification which may be carried out as per the requirements of the State Bank of Pakistan and/or for the purposes of rectifying any error, clarification or elaboration."

"FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Committee of the MCB Board comprising Mian Umer Mansha, Mr. Ahmad Alman Aslam and Mr. Muhammad Ali Zeb ('the Committee'), be and is hereby authorized to take all steps necessary, ancillary and incidental to the Amalgamation including but not limited to (a) make such modifications and alternations to the Scheme of Amalgamation as may be deemed expedient; (b) take all necessary steps and do all acts, things and deeds, as may be required by the law, for the purpose of the approval of the Scheme of Amalgamation; (c) submit the Scheme of Amalgamation to the State Bank of Pakistan for sanction; (d) execute and deliver affidavits, affirmations, petitions and/or other documents as may be required in respect of the Amalgamation; (e) appoint consultant, attorney, advocates, pleaders and counsels in respect of the Amalgamation; (f) make such alterations and modifications in the Scheme of Amalgamation as the State Bank of Pakistan may require; (g) take such other steps and execute such other documents as may be necessary or expedient for the purpose of giving effect to the spirit and intent of the above resolutions; and (h) generally to submit all such documents as may be required by the State Bank of Pakistan in relation to the Amalgamation, executing all such certificates, applications, notices, reports, letters and any other document or instrument including any amendments or substitutions to any of the foregoing as may be required in respect of the Amalgamation or any action incidental thereto.

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"FURTHER RESOLVED THAT any two (2) of the Committee members shall jointly sign any and all documents, authorization and application authorized therein."

3. To consider and pass the following Ordinary Resolution as recommended by the Board of Directors for the transmission of the Annual Audited Accounts through CD/DVD/USB instead of hard copies thereof.

"RESOLVED THAT the transmission/circulation of Annual Balance Sheet, Profit & Loss Account, Auditors' Report and Directors' Reports etc. ('Annual Audited Accounts') of MCB Bank Limited to its members through CD/DVD/USB instead of hard copies thereof at their registered addresses, as per the requirements of Notification No. SRO 470(I)/2016, dated May 31, 2016, issued by the Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan ('SECP') be and is hereby approved."

4. To transact any other business with the permission of the Chair.

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By Order of the Board

FIDA ALI MIRZA
Company Secretary

January 02, 2017 Lahore



- A Statement under Section 160(1)(b) of the Companies Ordinance, 1984, explaining its effect, and a copy of the Scheme of Amalgamation are being sent along with Notice of EOGM to shareholders/members of MCB Bank and other persons entitled to receive Notice of EOGM.
- 2. Copy of the Scheme of Amalgamation, Statement under Section 160(1)(b) of the Companies Ordinance, 1984, latest annual/quarterly accounts, Memorandum and Articles of Association, requisite approvals and any other related information/documents may also be inspected/procured, free of charge, during the business hours on any working day at the Registered Office of MCB Bank from the date of publication of this notice till the conclusion of the EOGM by the shareholders/members of MCB Bank and other persons entitled to attend the meeting.
- Notice of EOGM along with the Statement under Section 160 (1)(b) of the Companies Ordinance, 1984, pertaining
  to Special Business, the Scheme of Amalgamation, latest annual/quarterly accounts, have also been placed on
  website of MCB Bank.
- 4. The Shares Transfer Books of MCB Bank will remain closed from January 16, 2017 to January 23, 2017 (both days inclusive). Transfers received at the Bank's Share Registrar and Transfer Agent's Office, at the below mentioned address, at the close of business hours on January 13, 2017 will be treated as being in time for the purpose to attend, speak and vote at EOGM.
- 5. A member entitled to attend and vote at this meeting is entitled to appoint another member as a proxy to attend and vote on his/her behalf. A corporate entity, being a member, may appoint as its proxy any of its official or any other person whether a member of MCB Bank or not.
- 6. The instrument appointing a proxy and the power of attorney or other authority (if any) under which it is signed, or a notarized certified copy of the power of attorney or authority in order to be effective must be deposited at the Share Registrar and Transfer Agent Office of MCB Bank not less than 48 hours before the time for holding the meeting, and must be duly stamped, signed and witnessed.
- 7. Members are requested to immediately notify the change, if any, in their registered addresses to the Share Registrar and Transfer Agent of MCB Bank.
- 8. Central Depository Company of Pakistan ("CDC") Accountholders will further have to follow the under mentioned guidelines as laid down by Circular No. 01, dated January 26, 2000, issued by the Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan:

## For Attending the Meeting:

- In case of individuals, the accountholder or sub-accountholder and/or the person whose securities are in group
  account and their registration details are uploaded as per the Regulations, shall authenticate his identity by showing
  his original Computerized National Identity Card ("CNIC") or original passport at the time of attending the meeting.
- ii. In case of corporate entity, the Board of Directors' resolution/power of attorney with specimen signature of the nominee shall be produced (unless it has been provided earlier) at the time of the meeting.

# For Appointing of Proxies:

- In case of individuals, the accountholder or sub-accountholder and/or the person whose securities are in group
  account and their registration details are uploaded as per the CDC Regulations, shall submit the proxy form as per
  the above requirement.
- ii. The proxy form shall be witnessed by the two persons whose names, addresses and CNIC numbers shall be mentioned on the form.
- iii. Attested copy of CNIC or the passport of the beneficial owners and the proxy shall be furnished with the proxy form.
- iv. The proxy shall produce his/her original CNIC or passport at the time of the meeting.
- In case of corporate entity, the Board of Directors resolution/power of attorney with specimen signature shall be submitted along with proxy form of the Bank.

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# Statement under Section 160 (1)(b) of the Companies Ordinance, 1984 pertaining to Special Business

This Statement as required under Section 160(1)(b) of the Companies Ordinance, 1984, sets out the material facts pertaining to the Special Business to be transacted at the Extraordinary General Meeting of MCB Bank to be held on January 23, 2017.

# Agenda No. 2 **Scheme of Amalgamation:**

MCB Bank Limited ("MCB Bank") has obtained the approval of its Board of Directors to proceed with the Amalgamation in accordance with the provisions of Section 48 of the Banking Companies Ordinance, 1962, as a result of which the entire undertaking of NIB Bank Limited ("NIB Bank") including all properties, assets, receivables, liabilities and all other rights and obligations of NIB Bank shall stand amalgamated and merged with and into MCB Bank.

The Amalgamation shall be effected by way of a Scheme of Amalgamation in accordance with the provisions of Section 48 of the Banking Companies Ordinance, 1962, which is required to be approved by the Shareholders of MCB Bank through two-third (2/3<sup>rd</sup>) majority votes, present either in person or by proxy at EOGM and sanctioned by the State Bank of

Pursuant to the Scheme of Amalgamation, every person who stands registered as the holder of any ordinary share of NIB Bank on the Effective Date (as defined under the Scheme of Amalgamation) shall be entitled to receive One (1) new ordinary share of MCB Bank for every 140.043 ordinary shares of NIB Bank held by the shareholder of NIB Bank.

None of the Directors of MCB Bank has any personal interest in the aforesaid Special Resolutions except in their capacity as Shareholders or Directors of MCB Bank.

# Agenda No. 3

# Transmission of Annual Audited Accounts through CD/DVD/USB:

The Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan ("SECP") through its Notification No. SRO 470 (I)/2016, dated May 31, 2016, has allowed companies to transmit/circulate the Annual Balance Sheet, Profit & Loss Account, Auditors' Report and Directors' Reports etc. ("Annual Audited Accounts") to its members through CD/DVD/USB at their registered addresses instead of transmitting the said accounts in hard copies.

A shareholder may request to the Company Secretary or Share Registrar and Transfer Agent of MCB Bank to provide hard copy of Annual Audited Accounts and the same will be provided at shareholder's registered addresses, free of cost, within one week of the demand. In this regard, a 'Standard Request Form' containing postal and email address of the Company Secretary/Share Registrar and Transfer Agent has been placed on website of MCB Bank for shareholders to communicate the need of hard copies of the Annul Audited Accounts instead of sending the same through CD/DVD/USB. A shareholder may also prefer to receive hard copies for all future Annual Audited Accounts.

None of the Directors of MCB Bank has any personal interest in the aforesaid Special Business except in their capacity as Shareholders or Directors of MCB Bank.





# Attention of Shareholders is drawn towards Circulars/Notifications:

The following Circulars/Notifications require special attention of shareholders of MCB Bank.

#### Withholding of Payment of Dividend - CNIC Requirement:

SECP has made it mandatory for listed companies to mention, in the case of Individuals, Computerized National Identity Card ("CNIC"), National Identity Card for Overseas Pakistanis ("NICOP") or Passport number and in the case of Corporate Entity, National Tax Number ("NTN") of the shareholders or their authorized persons, on dividend warrants and in the absence of such information payment of dividend will be withheld. Therefore, shareholders who have not yet provided such information are once again requested to provide the same to the Share Registrar and Transfer Agent of MCB Bank at the below mentioned address, enabling them to comply with the SECP directives.

# 2. Payment of Cash Dividend Electronically (e-Dividend Mechanism):

SECP through its Notification No. 8(4)SM/CDC 2008, dated April 05, 2013, has advised that the shareholders who have provided bank mandate, should be paid dividend by transferring directly to their respective bank accounts (e-dividend mechanism); therefore, the registered shareholders of the Bank, who have not yet provided us dividend mandate are requested to provide the details of their bank account including title of account, account number, bank name, branch name & code and address, in order to credit their cash dividends, as and when declared, directly to their respective bank accounts. This information is to be provided to: (i) in case of book-entry securities in Central Depository System ("CDS"), to CDS Participants; and (ii) in case of physical securities to our Share Registrar and Transfer Agent at below mentioned address. The Bank encourages the shareholders to take dividend mandate option for instant credit of dividends, eliminating the chances of dividend warrants getting lost in the post, undelivered or delivered at the wrong address etc.

3. Circulation of Annual Audited Financial Statements and Notice of AGM to Members through E-mail;

SECP through its Notification No. SRO 787 (I)/2014, dated September 08, 2014, has allowed companies to circulate Annual Audited Financial Statements along with Notice of Annual General Meeting ("AGM") to its members through email. The shareholders who desire to receive Annual Audited Financial Statements and Notice of AGM through email are requested to fill the requisite form titled 'Standard Request Form' placed on the website of the Bank and dispatch it to Bank's Share Registrar and Transfer Agent at below mentioned address. In case any member, subsequently, requests for hard copy of Annual Audited Financial Statements, the same shall be provided free of cost within seven days of receipt of such request.

# 4. <u>Deduction of Withholding Tax on the Amount of Dividend:</u>

The Government of Pakistan through Finance Act, 2016, has made amendment in Section 150 of the Income Tax Ordinance, 2001, whereby, withholding tax on dividends has been enhanced as follows:

For Filers of Income Tax Returns:

12.5%

For Non-Filers of Income Tax Returns:

20.0%

In case of joint-shareholders, tax is to be deducted as per ratio of their respective share in the ownership.

Federal Board of Revenue ("FBR") has provided the Active Tax-Payer List ("ATL"), for identification on the basis of NTN/CNIC number; hence, in case of non-availability of valid NTN/CNIC number with the Bank's Share Registrar and Transfer Agent, the shareholder will be treated as 'Non-Filer' and accordingly tax at the rate of 20% would be deducted. Therefore, shareholders who have not yet provided such information are requested to ensure that their valid NTN/CNIC number is available with the Share Registrar and Transfer Agent of the Bank. Shareholders having CDC Accounts are required to provide their valid NTN/CNIC number to their respective participants.





## Deduction of Withholding Tax on Joint Account Holder(s):

The Joint Account Holders whose shareholding details as to Principal Shareholder have not yet been determined for deduction of withholding tax on the upcoming dividend of the Bank, are requested to please furnish to the Bank's Share Registrar and Transfer Agent, at below mentioned address, the shareholding details of yourself as Principal Shareholder and your Joint Holder(s) in the following manner, enabling the Bank to compute withholding tax of each shareholder accordingly:

CDC Account No./	Name of Principal	Shareholding	CNIC No.	Signature
Folio No.	Shareholder/Joint Holders	Proportion	(copy attached)	

Kindly note that in case of non-receipt of the information each Account Holder will be assumed to hold equal proportion of shares and the deduction will be made accordingly.

# Requirement of Valid Tax Exemption Certificate for Claim of Exemption U/S 150 of the Income Tax Ordinance, 2001;

Please be advised that in wake of recent judgments of respective courts of law, the exemption certificate u/s 159 of the Income Tax Ordinance, 2001, is mandatory to claim tax exemption u/s 150. Accordingly, the Bank may not be awarding exemption on the basis of Clause 47B of Part IV of Second Schedule to the Income Tax Ordinance, 2001. However, if an entity has filed a petition against the FBR, in any relevant court, a certified true copy of the Stay Order of honorable court along with all latest court proceedings (if any) would be required in lieu of valid tax exemption certificate, for non-deduction of withholding tax. In case of non-availability of valid tax exemption, deduction of tax under relevant sections shall be made accordingly.

## 7. Deposit of Physical Shares into CDC Account:

The Shareholders having physical shareholding may open CDC sub-account with any of the brokers or Investor Account directly with CDC to place their physical shares into script-less form, this will facilitate them in many ways including safe custody and sale of shares, any time they want, as the trading of physical shares is not permitted as per existing regulations of the Stock Exchange.

#### 8. Merger of Different Folios into One Folio:

As per record, some of the shareholders are maintaining more than one folio under the same particulars. Carrying two different folios may be a hassle for the shareholders to reconcile and receive different benefits in the shape of dividends/ bonus. In order to provide better services and convenience, such shareholders are requested to send requests to the Bank's Share Registrar and Transfer Agent at the below mentioned address to merge their folios into one folio.

 While sending the copy of NTN/CNIC/NICOP number, shareholders are requested to quote their respective Folio/CDC Account Numbers for identification purpose.

M/s THK Associates (Pvt) Ltd, Share Registrar and Transfer Agent-MCB Bank Limited Second Floor, State Life Building-3, Dr. Ziauddin Ahmed Road, Karachi-75530, UAN +92 (21) 111-000-322,Fax: +92 (21) 3 56 555 95.

Email: secretariat@thk.com.pk





# Scheme of Amalgamation of NIB Bank Limited with and into MCB Bank Limited

Under Section 48 of the Banking Companies Ordinance, 1962 (LVII of 1962) of Pakistan:

# 1. RECITAL:

1.1 This Scheme of Amalgamation may be called the "NIB and MCB Amalgamation Scheme 2016" (the "NIB – MCB Scheme") in terms of which the entire undertaking at NIB Bank Limited shall stand merged and amalgamated into MCB Bank Limited.

#### 2. DEFINITIONS:

- 2.1 In this NIB MCB Scheme:
- 2.2.1 "Amalgamation" is defined in Section 4 of the NIB-MCB Scheme;
- 2.2.2 "Effective Date" means 31 March 2017 or such other time and date as may be jointly requested by NIB and MCB and approved by the State Bank;
- 2.2.3 "MCB" means MCB Bank Limited, a banking company incorporated under the laws of Pakistan and having its registered office at MCB Building, 15 Main Gulberg, Jail Road, Lahore, Pakistan;
- 2.2.4 "MCB Shares" mean 73,569,197 new shares of MCB of the face value of PKR 10 (Pak Rupees ten only) each to be issued and allotted to the shareholders of NIB as registered on the Effective Date by MCB at the face value of PKR 10 (Pak Rupees ten only) each by way of and in consideration of the amalgamation pursuant to this NIB MCB Scheme;
- 2.2.5 "NIB" means NIB Bank Limited, a banking company incorporated under the laws of Pakistan having its registered office at PNSC Building, M.T. Khan Road, Karachi, Pakistan;
- 2.2.6 "Ordinance" means the Banking Companies Ordinance, 1962 (LVII of 1962) of Pakistan;
- 2.2.7 "PKR" means Pakistani Rupees, the lawful currency of Pakistan from time to time;
- 2.2.8 "State Bank" means the State Bank of Pakistan established under the State Bank of Pakistan Act, 1956; and
- 2.2.9 "Tax" means (a) taxes on income, profits and gains and (b) all other direct and indirect taxes, impositions, duties, charges, withholdings, contributions and levies in the nature of taxation.

# 3. OPERATIVE DATE AND DATE OF COMING INTO FORCE OF SCHEME:

3.1 The NIB-MCB Scheme shall become operative and binding on the date jointly notified to SBP by MCB and NIB, provided that the NIB-MCB Scheme shall lapse and be of no legal effect unless the SBP is so notified within thirty (30) calendar days of the date on which the SBP passes an order sanctioning the NIB-MCB Scheme in terms of Section 48 of the Ordinance. Subject to the foregoing, the NIB-MCB Scheme shall be deemed to have come into force as of the Effective Date.

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#### 4. AMALGAMATION:

- 4.1 The entire undertaking of NIB including all the property, assets and liabilities and all the rights and obligations of NIB as at the Effective Date shall, without any further act, action or deed and notwithstanding the terms of any contract or other document or any rule of law, stand amalgamated with and vest in MCB and as a consequence thereof NIB shall stand amalgamated and vested with and into MCB.
- 4.2 Without prejudice to the generality of Clause 4.1 (Amalgamation) above, the entire undertaking of NIB shall include (without limitation):
- 4.2.1 All rights, benefits and powers including those arising from or relating to any and all agreements, contracts, security and financing documents, guarantees, letters of credit, negotiable instruments, security interests (including without limitation mortgages, charges, promissory notes, liens, rights of combination or set-off, pledges, indemnities, hypothecations and other security for the payment or discharge of any liability and arrangements whereby NIB is named as a loss payee or other beneficiary under an insurance policy of a third party) executed by or in favour of NIB and rights, benefits and powers in respect of any leases, loans, advances, finances and/or other banking and credit facilities provided by NIB, the right to rely on representations, rights of estoppels, powers, authorities, privileges, licenses, permits, authorizations, and other permissions whatsoever of NIB subsisting as at the Effective Date;
- 4.2.2 All properties and assets, movable or immovable of whatsoever nature and all deposits, cash balances, reserves, revenue balances, investments, statutory or other deposits with the State Bank and all title, rights or interest in or arising out of such property as may belong to or be in the possession (physical or constructive) of NIB as at the Effective Date:
- 4.2.3 All books of account and documents of NIB as at the Effective Date; and
- 4.2.4 All debts, borrowings, liabilities, commitments and other obligations of NIB as at the Effective Date.
- 4.3 The terms of this NIB MCB Scheme shall be binding on both NIB and MCB, the shareholders of NIB, the shareholders of MCB, the customers, creditors and depositors of both MCB and NIB and on any other person having any right, obligation, claim or liability in relation to MCB and / or NIB.

## 5. CONSIDERATION:

- 5.1 As consideration for the Amalgamation, every person who, on the Effective Date, stands registered as the holder of any share of NIB shall be entitled to receive one (1) new MCB Share for every 140.043 shares of NIB held by him.
- 5.2 Fractional shares shall not be issued. All fractions less than a share shall be consolidated into whole shares which shall be allotted to the secretary of MCB upon trust to sell such shares and to pay the net sale proceeds realized (less the expenses of the sale) to the registered holders of ordinary shares of NIB who are entitled to fractions in proportion to their respective fractional entitlements.
- 5.3 At least fourteen (14) days' notice shall be given to the shareholders of NIB prior to the Effective Date, on which Effective Date the registered holders of the ordinary shares of NIB are to be determined for entitlement to ordinary shares of MCB. The allotment of the MCB Shares shall be made within five (5) days from the Effective Date. The share certificates for such MCB Shares shall be made ready for delivery as soon as practicable thereafter and notices of their readiness for their delivery shall be given to the shareholders of NIB in the manner provided in its Articles of Association. Share certificates not collected within the time specified in any such notice shall be sent by post in prepaid envelopes addressed to the persons entitled thereto at their

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respective registered addresses. In the case of joint shareholders, share certificates may be delivered to or may be sent to the address of that one of the joint holders whose name appears first in respect of such joint holding. MCB shall not be responsible for loss of the share certificate in such transmission. Alternatively, such MCB Shares may be allotted through the Central Depository System (as established and defined under the Central Depositories Act, 1997) of the Central Depository Company of Pakistan Limited (the "CDC") in accordance with the rules and regulations of the CDC.

5.4 The ordinary shares of MCB issued and allotted to the shareholders of NIB shall, in all respect, rank pari passu with the existing ordinary shares of MCB and shall be entitled to all dividends declared after the Effective Date.

## 6. MCB'S OBLIGATIONS:

As of and after the Effective Date, MCB shall undertake, pay, satisfy, discharge, perform and fulfil all the debts, liabilities, contracts, engagements, commitments and obligations whatsoever of NIB recorded as at the Effective Date, and all agreements, contracts, deeds, bonds, powers of attorney, grants of legal representation, guarantees, letters of credit, negotiable instruments, other recorded instruments of whatever kind subsisting or having effect as at the Effective Date, to which NIB is a party, shall have the same force and effect against MCB as they had against NIB before the Effective Date, and may be enforced or acted upon as fully and effectually as if, instead of NIB, MCB had been a party thereto or as if the same had been issued by or in favor of MCB.

#### 7. EMPLOYEES:

All employees of NIB (other than its Chief Executive Officer, whose contract shall be deemed to have been terminated at or before Completion) at the Effective Date shall become the employees of MCB upon such terms and conditions of service as are commensurate with those of its existing employees and in accordance with the employment policies and schemes of MCB/ MCB's subsidiary, which employees shall continue to be engaged or employed by MCB for a period of at least twelve (12) months from the Effective Date (unless required to be terminated earlier for cause or expiry of their term of services). After the expiry of the aforesaid twelve (12) months period, MCB shall be at liberty to decide on the continuity or otherwise of the said employees.

#### 8. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS:

- 8.1 All Tax assessments, suits, appeals and other legal proceedings (including arbitration proceedings) of whatsoever nature by or against NIB and which shall be current or pending as at the Effective Date in or before any court, tribunal or other authority shall be continued, prosecuted and enforced by or against MCB, and the same shall not abate, be discontinued or be in any way prejudicially affected by the provisions of this NIB- MCB Scheme and any judgment, order or award obtained by or against NIB and not fully satisfied before the Effective Date shall, to the extent enforceable, be enforceable by or against MCB and any rights of action enforceable by, or available to NIB, shall become enforceable by or available to MCB.
- 8.2 All books and other documents which would have been evidence in respect of any matter, for or against NIB shall be admissible in evidence in respect of the same matter for or against MCB.
- 8.3 Whereby virtue of the NIB-MCB Scheme any claim or liability of NIB becomes a claim or liability of MCB, MCB shall have the same rights, claims, powers and remedies (and in particular the same rights, claims and powers as to taking or resisting legal proceedings or making or resisting applications to any authority) for ascertaining, perfecting or enforcing that claim or liability as if it had at all times been a claim or liability of

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MCB, and any legal proceedings or application to any authority by or against the NIB may be continued by or against MCB.

#### 9. BANKING AND BRANCH LICENCES:

- 9.1 With effect from the Effective Date, the banking license issued by the State Bank to NIB shall stand cancelled.
- 9.2 Further, on the Effective Date all the branches of NIB shall become the branches of MCB and the branch licenses issued to NIB shall be deemed to have been issued to MCB.
- 9.3 MCB may shift/merge/close such branches of NIB as deemed necessary in terms of the branch licensing policy of the State Bank.

## 10. AMENDMENT AND MODIFICATION:

10.1 No amendment or modification of the NIB-MCB Scheme shall be binding unless requested jointly by MCB and NIB and approved by the State Bank.

#### 11. GOVERNING LAW:

11.1 This NIB - MCB Scheme shall be governed by and be construed in accordance with the substantive and procedural laws of Pakistan.

## 12. STATE BANK OF PAKISTAN'S DIRECTIONS:

12.1 For the purposes of giving effect to the objects of this NIB - MCB Scheme and for removing any lacuna, doubt or ambiguity contained in this NIB - MCB Scheme, the State Bank may issue directions, either generally or specially, to MCB and NIB and such directions shall be final and binding on them.

## 13. HEADINGS:

13.1 Section headings are not to be considered part of this NIB - MCB Scheme, but solely for convenience of reference, and shall not affect the meaning or interpretation of this NIB - MCB Scheme or any of its provisions.

# 14. SEVERABILITY:

14.1 If any provision of the NIB - MCB Scheme is found to be unlawful and unenforceable by a competent court of law, then to the fullest extent possible all of the remaining provisions of the NIB - MCB Scheme shall remain in full force and effect.

