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Circular No: 35/03/016/007/004

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To: CEOs of All Participating Institutions

Outright Auctions under Open Market Operations

With effect from 06 September 2019, both Treasury bills and Treasury bonds will be accepted for outright auctions (sales/purchases) conducted by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka (CBSL) under Open Market Operations (OMOs).

Accordingly, the Section 83.0 of the Circular No. 35/03/016/007/001 on Consolidated Operating Instructions (COI) on Market Operations dated 26 October 2016 is amended as follows with effect from 06 September 2019.

83.0

(a) Auction announcement under Treasury bills

The CBSL shall announce the decision to conduct an outright auction by 09:30 hours on the auction day or one business day in advance to the auction date. The announcement shall include the type of auction on offer (outright sale or purchase), amount offered (the face value of the securities), maturity date, days to maturity, auction date and settlement date. The settlement date for outright transactions will be the following business day.

(b) Auction announcement under Treasury bonds

The CBSL shall announce the decision to conduct outright auction at least three working days prior to the auction date. The announcement shall include the type of auction on offer (outright sale or purchase), amount offered (the face value of the securities), maturity date, days to maturity, auction date and settlement date. The settlement date for outright transactions will be the following business day.

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