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NOTICE OF EXTENDED FILING DATE TO LISTED ENTITIES

The attention of The Exchange has been drawn to some challenges being experienced by listed entities in meeting their regulatory (structured/periodic) filing obligations with The Exchange. Some of these challenges include, *inter alia*, the change of date of the general elections which impacted on the meeting calendars of some Boards, while entities with primary regulators have to obtain prior approvals before their financial statements are released to the public.

While we believe that the timely disclosure of financial information is critical to stakeholders in the capital market, particularly the investing public, the challenges which the listed entities are facing are germane.

Consequently, in view of the extenuating circumstances, The Exchange has decided to grant all listed entities a grace period of thirty (30) days from the due date of the required financial periodic submissions, commencing with companies whose year end is December 2014.

During this period The Exchange will not apply the tag Below Listing Standard (BLS) beside the names of entities on the X-Compliance Report which is published on its website and will also forbear from imposing any financial penalties pursuant to the provisions of Section 30.3 of the Amended Listings Rules during the grace period.

For further guidance, please visit The Exchange's website: <http://www.nse.com.ng/Issuers-section/corporate-disclosures/regulatory-filing-calendar> or contact the Listings Regulation team via electronic mail at lr@nse.com.ng.

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