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DIRECTIVE NOTICE No. 3

(In exercise of section 30 of Moneylenders Act 2018)

Excluded Moneylenders

The Reserve Bank is hereby issuing Directive No. 3 that supersedes Directive No. 2 issued on the 22nd November 2021 that the following entities are **exempted** from the Moneylenders Act:

- 1. Any Body corporate, incorporated or empowered by an Act to lend in accordance with that Act;
- 2. Banks licensed under the Banking Act;
- 3. Microfinance Institutions licensed under the Microfinance Institutions Act;
- 4. Retirement Funds;
- 5. Credit Unions;
- 6. Cooperative Societies;
- 7. Credit Institutions; and
- 8. International Financial Institutions and development partners (e.g. Asian Development Bank, World Bank, International Financial Corporation, Japan International Corporation Association, International Monetary Fund, European Union etc.)
- 9. Any person who
 - a. lends money solely to employees as a benefit of employment;
 - b. lends money solely to
 - i. corporations;
 - ii. limited liability partnerships;
 - iii. trustees for the purposes of business trusts;
- 10. Non-Profit Organisations that lend to their members only (e.g. Churches, Charity Organisations, Alumni Associations etc.)
- 11. Other entities as established by the Reserve Bank through directives.

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