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All Banks Addis Ababa

Dear Sirs,

Enclosed please find revised directives on interest rates (Directives No.

NBE/INT/12/2017).

Sincerely yours,

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# INTEREST RATE DIRECTIVES NO. NBE/INT/12/2017

Pursuant to the provision of the National Bank of Ethiopia Establishment (as Amended) Proclamation No. 591/2008 article 5(4) and article 27(2), the National Bank of Ethiopia has hereby issued these interest rate directives as follows:

#### 1. **Deposit Interest Rates**

### Percent Per Annum

1.1 Demand Deposit

To be freely determined by each bank

1.2 Minimum Interest rates on Saving and Time Deposits

7.0

- 1.3 The Board of Directors of each bank shall set in writing demand deposit rates as provided under sub-article 1.1 of these directives; and savings and time deposit interest rates not less than the minimum rate stipulated in sub-article 1.2 of these directives.
- 1.4 The deposit rates set by the Board of Directors of each bank under sub-article 1.3 of these directives shall be non-discriminatory among the same category of depositors and shall be based upon explicit and clear criteria to be set in writing.
- 1.5 The deposit interest rate set by the Board of Directors of any bank under sub-article 1.3 and the criteria upon which they are based, as well as any subsequent changes and the criteria upon which the changes are based shall be submitted to the National Bank of Ethiopia within five working days.
- 1.6 Deposit interest rates provided by sub-article 1.2 or set by the Board of Directors of any bank under sub-article 1.3 of these directives shall not be applicable to time deposits held by banks prior to the effective date of these directives.



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### **Lending Interest Rates**

- 2.1 Lending rate on Loans and Advances
- Lending rate on loans and rediscount facilities granted by the National Bank of Ethiopia to Commercial Banks and Other **Financial Institutions**

### Percent Per Annum

To be freely determined by each banks

To be determined by the National Bank of Ethiopia from time to time

banks Negotiable between the Inter-bank lending rate concerned

- Unless there is sufficient cause to do so, banks are prohibited from using the form 2.4 of ownership of a bank as lending criterion in inter-bank lending.
- The Board of Directors of each bank shall set in writing lending rates as provided 2.5 under sub-article 2.1 of these directives.
- The lending rates set by the Board of Directors of each bank under sub-article 2.5 2.6 of these directives shall be based upon explicit and clear criteria to be set in writing.
- The lending interest rates set by the Board of Directors of any bank under sub-2.7 article 2.5 and the criteria upon which they are based, as well as any subsequent changes and the criteria upon which the changes are based shall be submitted to the National Bank of Ethiopia within five working days.
- Unless the loan contract provides to the contrary, lending interest rates provided by 2.8 sub-article 2.1 shall not be applicable to loans and advances granted prior to the effective date of these directives.

#### Repeal 3.

All interest rate directives hitherto issued by the National Bank of Ethiopia are hereby repealed and replaced by these directives.

#### 4. **Effective Date**

These directives shall be effective as of the 11th day of October 2017.

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