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TO ALL BANKS AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

RE: LOCATION OF PRIMARY AND SECONDARY DATA CENTRES

As you might be aware there are banks in Tanzania which have been maintaining their Primary Data Centres and Secondary Data Centres i.e. Data Recovery Sites outside Tanzania. Bank of Tanzania has assessed risks associated with such arrangement and its implication as a Regulator and Supervisor of the banking business in Tanzania, and observed that such arrangement impair the ability of the Bank to effectively supervise banks, particularly on the ability to access data for both good and bad times and provided limited opportunity for the Bank to test facilities available in the Primary and Secondary Data Centres.

In view of the above, the Bank has therefore decided that all banking institutions are required to maintain either the Primary Data Centre or Secondary Data Centre in Tanzania. Accordingly, all banks and financial institutions whose both of their Primary Data Centre and Data Recovery Sites are located outside the country are hereby given a period of two (2) years from the date of this Circular to relocate one of them in the country and thereafter comply with Circular requirement.

Therefore, all banking institutions that have their Primary Data Centres and Secondary Data Centres located outside Tanzania are required to conduct assessment of their situations and decide which Data Centre will be relocated to Tanzania and inform the Bank within one month from the date of this Circular.

Yours faithfully,

BANK OF TANZANIA

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