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Dear Sir/Madam,

Sub: Intimation to Debenture holders regarding TDS on Interest

Enclosing herewith an intimation given to the NCD holders regarding the applicability of TDS on the interest / redemption proceeds.

Thank You,

For Muthoot Finance Limited

Rajesh A Company Secretary ICSI Membership No. FCS 7106

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April 10, 2023

Dear Debenture Holder,

Sub: Communication regarding Tax Deduction at Source (TDS) on Payment of Interest on Listed Debentures to Resident Indians under Section 193 of the Income tax Act 1961. (Tax deduction Account Number [TAN] of Muthoot Finance Ltd : CHNT00811G)

As per the amended Section 193 of the Income Tax Act 1961, payment of Interest on listed debentures will attract Tax Deduction at Source (TDS) from 1st April 2023. Finance Act 2023 has removed the exemption from Tax Deduction at Source on Interest on Listed Securities, which was available under Clause (ix) of Section 193 of the Act, with effect from 1st April 2023. Accordingly, the Company would be required to deduct Tax at Source at the prescribed rates under section 193 of the Income tax Act on the interest payments made from 1st April 2023. Net interest amount after deducting the applicable TDS will be credited to the bank account of the investors monthly / annual / on maturity interest payments dates.

This communication summarizes the applicable TDS provisions in accordance with the amended provisions of the Income Tax Act, 1961 and the documents to be submitted by the investors for claiming exemption from TDS if any applicable to them for various categories as given below. These documents should be submitted at least one month before the payment of interest or redemption for the Company to take the same into consideration for deduction of tax at source.

Sl. No.	Particulars	Rate	Documents Required
1	Individual / Hindu undivided family, who is resident in India, if the amount of such interest in aggregate paid or likely to be paid during the Financial year does not exceed Rs.5,000/	Nil	Nil
2	Debenture holder with valid PAN whose interest in aggregate paid or likely to be paid during the Financial year does exceed Rs.5,000/	10%	Nil

3	Debenture holder without PAN / Invalid PAN	20%	Nil
4	Debenture holder submitting valid Form 15G (F.Y/ P.Y 2023-24, A.Y 2024-25, Year ending 31.03.2024)	Nil	Declaration in Form 15G for persons other than a Company or Firm (ie. Individuals. HUF, Association Of Persons, Trust etc.) with Nil tax liability for the year and estimated total income for the year not exceeding the maximum amount which is not chargeable to income tax, which is Rs.3 Lakhs for the F.Y 2023-24 under the default scheme under Section 115BAC(1A). For claiming exemptions, the said form can be submitted onlineby clicking on the following link: <u>https://web.linkintime.co.in/BONDSformreg/BO</u> NDS-submission-of-form-15g-15h.html
5	Debenture holder submitting valid Form 15H (For Senior Citizens having 60 years and above) (F.Y/ P.Y 2023-24, A.Y 2024-25, Year ending 31.03.2024)	Nil	Declaration in Form 15H for Senior Citizen having age 60 years and above, with Nil tax liability for the year and estimated taxable income for the year not exceeding the maximum amount on which tax is not payable (considering also the rebate u/s.87A) which is Rs.7 lakhs for the F.Y 2023-24 under the default scheme under Section 115BAC(1A). For claiming exemptions, the said form can be submitted onlineby clicking on the following link: https://web.linkintime.co.in/BONDSformreg/BO NDS-submission-of-form-15g-15h.html
6	Debenture holder submitting order under Section 197of the Income Tax Act, 1961.	Rate provided in the order.	Lower/NIL tax deduction certificate for the FY
7	An Insurance Company exempted under Section 193 of the Income Tax Act, 1961	10% / NIL, (if documents are filed)	Documentary evidence that the company is eligible for exemption from deduction of tax u/s.193 of the Act along with Self-attested PAN. The required documents can be submitted online by clicking on the following link: <u>https://web.linkintime.co.in/BONDSformreg/BO</u> <u>NDS-submission-of-form-15g-15h.html</u>

8	Mutual Fund specified under clause (23D) of Section 10, exempted under Section 196 of the Income Tax Act,1961 Any person for, or on behalf of, the New Pension System Trust referred to in Section 10(44) [sub-section 1E to Section 197A] Category I or a Category II Alternative Investment Fund [registered with SEBI as per Section 115UB] as per notification 51/2015.	10% / NIL, (if documents are filed)	Documentary evidence that the entity is eligible for exemption from deduction under Section 196 / 197A / 115UB / Notification, along with Self- attested PAN. The required documents can be submitted online by clicking on the following link: <u>https://web.linkintime.co.in/BONDSformreg/BO</u> <u>NDS-submission-of-form-15g-15h.html</u>
9	Section 206AB - Special provision for deduction of tax at source at higher rate.	20%	A person who has not furnished the return of income for the last financial year for which the time limit for furnishing the return u/s.139(1) has expired and the aggregate of tax deducted at source and tax collected at source in his case is rupees fifty thousand or more in the said financial year.
10	Other Resident who is exempted from TDS provisions through any circular / notification issued by CBDT.	Nil	Self-attested copy of documentary evidence supporting the exemption along with self-attested copy of PAN card should be uploaded. Please click on the following: <u>https://web.linkintime.co.in/BONDSformreg/BO</u> <u>NDS-submission-of-form-15g-15h.html</u>

Other Instructions:

- 1. Investors may note that submission of Form No.15G /15H cannot be made by persons having tax liability on their total income for the year. Before submitting the Forms, read the instructions at the end of such Forms carefully. Any persons submitting false declaration shall be liable to prosecution under section 277 of the Income tax Act 1961, which may extend to rigorous imprisonment up to seven years and with fine.
- **2.** There is no change in the TDS provisions on interest payment to Non-resident debenture holders. Form No.15G/15H etc., are not applicable to Non-residents.
- 3. Considering the large number of debenture holders and the liability on the part of the company to allot a Unique Identification Number to each Forms received, Form 15G / 15H will be accepted by the Company only through the link given above. Form submitted through any other mode will not be accepted. Copies of the duly completed and signed documents are required to be submitted by uploading on the link.
- 4. Investors holding debentures under multiple NCD series / accounts under different status / category and single PAN, may note that, higher of the tax as applicable to the status in which debentures held

under a PAN will be considered on their entire holding in different accounts.

- 5. Investors may note that in case the tax on said interest is deducted at a higher rate in absence of timely receipt, or insufficiency/incomplete/incorrectness of the aforementioned details/documents from you, an option is available to you to file the return of income as per Income Tax Act, 1961 and claim an appropriate refund, if eligible. No claim shall lie against the Company for such taxes deducted. No refund will be made by the Company once tax is deducted.
- 6. The Company will arrange to email a soft copy of the TDS certificate at the debenture holders registered email ID on quarterly basis. You will also be able to see the credit of TDS in your Form 26AS after the prescribed dates on quarterly basis, which can be downloaded from the I.T e-filing account at https://www.incometax.gov.in
- 7. The above communication on TDS sets out the provisions of the law in a summary only and does not purport to be a complete analysis or listing of all potential tax consequences. Investors should consult with their own tax advisors for the tax provisions that may be applicable to them.
- **8.** In the event of any income tax demand (including interest, penalty, etc.) arising from any misrepresentation, inaccuracy or omission of information provided / to be provided by the investor(s), such investor(s) will be responsible to indemnify the Company and provide the Company with all information / documents and co-operation in any appellate proceedings.
- 9. Investors, in their own interest should submit fresh Form 15G / 15H for the increase in estimated interest income due to the additional holding if any during the year even if they have submitted these forms earlier.

Disclaimer: This Communication shall not be treated as an advice from the Company or the Registrar on taxability of your income. For such matters investors should obtain the tax advice from a tax professional.

We seek your co-operation in the matter.

Warm regards,

For Muthoot Finance Limited

Sd/-Rajesh A Company Secretary