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## **Notice of Extension of Pre-approved Principal Payment Holiday Scheme for Corporate Customers**

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In order to provide relief to our eligible corporate customers affected by the outbreak of COVID-19, we are pleased to inform you that the extension of “Pre-approved Principal Payment Holiday Scheme” (“the Scheme”) will be provided by the Bank, in that a 6-month deferment of loan principal payments of all bilateral loans with us will be offered, except for repayments of trade loans, which should be deferred by 90 days.

The deferment applies whether or not a loan has been on a principal payment holiday, with specific parameters as follows:

- Eligible corporate customers that have an annual sales turnover of HK\$800 million or less, that have no outstanding loan payments overdue for more than 30 days as at 1 November 2020, and are not in the process of ceasing operations or declaring bankruptcy or liquidation, are eligible for the Scheme.
- All principal payments of bilateral loans drawn before 1st November 2020 due from eligible customers within 6 months from the extension date (due date of principal payment falling between 1 Nov 2020 and 30 Apr 2021) can apply the Scheme. Principal payments of bilateral loans (including revolving facilities) will generally be deferred by 6 months, whereas payments of trade facilities will be deferred by 90 days.
- Since trade facilities are typically self-liquidating in nature, we may require such loans to be settled when the underlying payment has been received by the borrower during the extended deferment period.

For questions relating to the Scheme or if you are interested in applying the Scheme, please call our hotline (service hour: Mon – Fri 9am – 6pm):

- Retail Banking Group: (852) 2566 8181 (Press 6 after language selection)
- Institutional Banking Group: (852) 2806 5086

Note:

1. Syndicated loans and loans financing the purchase of shares and other financial assets are not covered by Scheme.
2. The above offers are subject to the relevant terms and conditions. In case of any dispute, the decision of the bank shall be final.

To borrow or not to borrow? Borrow only if you can repay!