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Notice on Extension of Pre-approved Principal Payment Holiday Scheme for Corporate Customer

In order to provide relief for eligible corporate customers affected by the outbreak of COVID-19, the Bank will extend the “Pre-approved Principal Payment Holiday Scheme” (“the Scheme”) and that a 6-month deferment on principal repayments of all bilateral loans will be offered, except for the repayments of trade loans which will be deferred by 90 days.

The deferment is only applicable to application that has been approved under or new application for the Scheme. Relevant terms and conditions are as follows:

- Eligible corporate customers having an annual sales turnover of HK\$800 million or less, with no outstanding loan payments overdue for more than 30 days as at 1 Nov 2022, and are not in the process of ceasing operations or declaring bankruptcy or liquidation are eligible to apply for the Scheme.
- All principal repayments of bilateral loans drawn before 1 Nov 2022 due from eligible customers within 9 months from the extension date (i.e. the due date of principal repayment falls between 1 Nov 2022 and 31 Jul 2023) can apply for the Scheme. Principal payments of bilateral loans (including revolving facilities) will generally be deferred by 6 months, whereas repayments 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 loans which have been extended for 540 days or above cumulatively since first being drawn down (or trade loans which have been extended for 270 days or above cumulatively since first being drawn down), the Bank will adopt a prudent assessment to the customer and may consider not to provide the extension.

Besides, customers may opt to repay 20% or 50% of the original principal repayment amount within 12 months or 24 months respectively.

For questions relating to the Scheme or if you are interested in applying for the Scheme, please call our designated customer service hotline (service hours: Monday – Friday, 9am – 6pm):

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

Note:

1. Syndicated loans, loans financing the purchase of shares and other financial assets are not covered by the Scheme.
2. The above offers are subject to 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!