

STATE BANK OF PAKISTAN

SBP Banking Services Corporation (Bank) Currency Management Department

CMD Circular No. 4

June 30, 2020

The President / CEO All Commercial Banks

<u>WITHDRAWAL OF Rs. 40,000/- DENOMINATION NATIONAL PRIZE BONDS</u> FROM CIRCULATION

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please refer to this department Circular No. CMD/GSSAD/PBU/PB-1/87525/2019 dated June 24, 2019 read with Circular letter No. CMD/GSSAD/PBU/PB-1/39123/2020 dated March 31, 2020 on the captioned subject.

- 2. In this connection, we would like to inform that the Finance Division, Government of Pakistan vide Notification No. F.16(3)GS-I/2014-797 dated June 30, 2020 (copy enclosed) has extended the last date for conversion / replacement / encashment of cited Prize Bonds till **December 31, 2020**.
- 3. In view of the above, commercial banks are advised to accept requests for conversion / redemption of Rs. 40,000/- NPBs till December 31, 2020. It is reiterated that Cash payments against encashment of these bonds is NOT allowed. However, the bond holder(s) shall have the following options for replacement / redemption:
 - a. Conversion of Premium Prize Bonds (Registered)
 - b. Replacement with Special Savings Certificate (SSC) / Defence Savings Certificate (DSC)
 - c. Encashment at Face Value into Bank Account only.
- 4. Further, the head offices of commercial banks shall solicit details of prize bonds physically held by each Branch / Regional Office as on December 31, 2020 and report a consolidated Bank wide position to CMD SBP BSC on the prescribed format at Annexure A via email at CMD.HOKPB@sbp.org.pk latest by January 2, 2021. NIL report is also required in case no prize bonds are held by a bank.
- 5. Other instructions in this regard shall remain unchanged.



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- 6. Kindly disseminate necessary instructions down the line to all branches and concerned officials for information and strict compliance.
- 7. Queries on the subject may please be referred to CMD SBP BSC at the aforementioned email address.

Sincerely,

-sd/-

(Aurang Zeb)

Joint Director

Enclosed: (As above)