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Dear Sir/Madam,

Sub.: Clarification on media reports – Bandhan Bank ('Bank')

Pursuant to the applicable provisions of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, the Bank would like to clarify the information/news published in some media reports on the audit of Credit Guarantee Fund for Micro Units ('CGFMU') claim made by the Bank. We would like to present the following clarification.

One of the published articles has major inaccuracies and the Bank has written to the concerned media house about the misleading information presented in the article.

We wish to reiterate the following facts.

The Bank has taken insurance of the portfolio of Rs. 20,800 Crore under the CGFMU scheme and disbursed over Rs. 1,950 Crore under the Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme ('ECLGS') in FY 2020-21. The maximum eligible amount a bank can claim under the CGFMU insurance is 15% of the total insured amount.

So far, the Bank has claimed and received an amount of Rs. 917 Crore from the National Credit Guarantee Trustee Company Limited ('NCGTC') in December, 2022. The Bank made an additional claim of Rs. 1,296 Crore in the second quarter of FY24. The total claimed amount so far is much lower than the maximum eligible amount.

It may also be noted that nearly 85% of the funds disbursed have been repaid by customers.

The residual non-performing portfolio carries a provision of around 88%.

Furthermore, the Bank continues its recovery process from these accounts and has already recovered more than 20% of the claimed and received amount of Rs. 917 Crore from the underlying customers.

NCGTC had conducted an initial sample audit through an independent agency after the 2nd claim. The NCGTC has made certain observations based on the sample audit and the Bank has provided clarifications for the same. Subsequently, NCGTC decided to commission a detailed audit of the claims.

We reiterate that the audit has been initiated by NCGTC which is the implementing agency of these schemes and not by the regulator.

The Bank is fully cooperating with the audit agency and is confident that its claims from CGFMU will be settled favourably.

You are requested to take note of the above.

This disclosure is being simultaneously uploaded on the Bank's website at www.bandhanbank.com.

Thanking you.

Yours faithfully,

for **Bandhan Bank Limited**

Indranil Banerjee
Company Secretary