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28th July, 2023

Corporate Relationship Department BSE Limited 1st Floor, New Trading Ring, Rotunda Building, P.J. Towers, Dalal Street, Fort, Mumbai- 400 001 Scrip Code: 973788/954744/954925

Dear Sirs,

Sub: Communication to Debenture holders on deduction of tax at source on payment of interest

In terms of the provisions of the Income Tax Act, 1961, as amended by the Finance Act, 2023, with effect from 1st April, 2023, interest paid on Debentures issued by the Company shall be taxable in the hands of the Debenture holders.

In this regard, please find enclosed herewith a copy of the communication regarding deduction of tax at source on interest payable which has been sent to the Debenture holders of the Company.

This communication along with the Annexures is also available on the website of the Company at <u>www.birlacorporation.com</u>.

The communication was sent to the debenture holders today at 05:13 p.m.

This is for your information and record.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully, For **BIRLA CORPORATION LIMITED**

(MANOJ KUMAR MEHTA) Company Secretary & Legal Head

Encl: As above



Dated: 28th July, 2023

Dear Debenture holder(s),

We hope this communique finds you and your family safe and in good health.

This refers to the investment made by you in Rated, Listed, Secured, Redeemable Non-Convertible Debentures (NCD) issued by the Company. Interest on the same will be payable to those Debenture holders whose name appears in the list of NCD holders as on the record date.

Finance Act, 2023 has amended Section 193 of the Income Tax Act, 1961 ('the Act') wherein the Tax Deducted at Source (TDS) on interest on securities payable to resident debenture holders, to withdraw the exemption from TDS on interest on listed securities. Therefore, with effect from April 1, 2023, the Company will be required to deduct TDS @10% on the interest payable on Debentures issued by the Company to resident Debenture holders which are listed on the Stock Exchanges.

As understand, even after the aforesaid provision became effective from 1 April 2023, there are multiple investors who would continue to be eligible for TDS exemption (i.e. 0% TDS). This communication summarizes various categories of Debenture holders along with required documents to be provided as per Column C below for availing exemption from TDS:

Sl. No.	Class of Investors	RelevantSectionwhichgrantsTDSexemption	Certified /Self certified copy of documents to be taken on record from Investors
	Α	В	С
1	Resident Individual and HUF	Clause (v) of Proviso to Section 193 read with Section 197A (However total income should not exceed maximum amount which is not chargeable to tax)	 No deduction of taxes in the following cases If interest income to a resident Individual and HUF during FY 2023-24 does not exceed INR 5,000/ Submitting declaration in Form No. 15G (applicable to Individual and HUF) / Form 15H (applicable to an Individual who is 60 years or more), fulfilling all the required eligibility conditions. In case non-furnishing of PAN / Invalid PAN / PAN not linked with Aadhaar, the rate of deduction of tax shall be 20% (Section 206AA).

Resident Debenture holders:

2	Life insurance Corporation of India, General Insurance Corporation of India, Any 4 companies formed by virtue of schemes framed u/s. 16(1) of General Insurance business (Nationalisation) Act 1972. Any company in which GIC and aforesaid companies have full beneficial interest.	Clause (vi), (vii) & (viii) of Proviso to Section 193	Copy of Registration certificate/ Exemption Certificate under Income Tax. Copy of Shareholding pattern. (wherever applicable).
	Any Insurer (like SBI Life Insurance, Max Life Insurance etc.)		
3	Government,RBIandCorporationestablishedunderCentral / StateActwhoseincomeisexempt from tax	Section 196(i),(ii) and (iii)	Copy of the Registration and/or exemption Certificate and declaration that their income is exempt from tax with applicable provisions.
4	Mutual Funds	Section 196(iv) read with Section 10(23D)	Copy of Registration certificate issued by SEBI (under SEBI Act 1992 (15 of 1992) or regulation made thereunder and declaration that their income is exempt u/s 10(23D).
5	Where the income of debenture holder is unconditionally exempt u/s. 10 of the Act and debenture holder is not required to file a return of income u/s. 139 of the Act	In terms of CBDT Circular No. 18/2017. (copy enclosed).	Copy of Registration and/or Exemption certificate issued by relevant statutory authorities and income-tax authorities respectively and Declaration from the holder that their income is exempt u/s 10.
6	Other entity (Firm, Companies, Banks, NBFC etc.)	Sec. 197	Copy of Order u/s. 197 (exemption/lower deduction certificate) and Declaration that they fall within the relevant income-tax section and eligible for income-tax exemption on their income alongwith copy of PAN.

For Non Resident Debenture holders TDS rates are as under:

Class of Investors	TDS rates	Documents to be taken on record from Investors
Α	В	С
Any non-resident debenture holder /Foreign Institutional Investors (FII)/ Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPI) under section 195/196D	20% (plus applicable surcharge and cess) or Tax Treaty rate whichever is lower	 C Non-resident debenture holders / FII / FPI may opt for tax rate under Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement ("Tax Treaty"). The Tax Treaty rate shall be applied for tax deduction at source on submission of following documents to the Company: Copy of the PAN Card, if any, allotted by the Indian authorities. Self-attested copy of Tax Residency Certificate (TRC) valid as on the record date obtained from the tax authorities of the country of which the debenture holder is resident. Electronically generated Form 10F from the Income Tax Portal, Government of India Login Page for non-resident possessing PAN and in case of non-resident possessing PAN & not required to have a PAN, a hard copy of duly executed Form 10F along with a declaration (format can be downloaded from the link given at the end of the communication) that the debenture holder is not required to have a PAN as per the provisions of the Act read along with Rules needs to be submitted. Self-declaration from Non-resident for the current financial year, primarily covering the following: (Format can be downloaded from the link given at the end of the communication) Non-resident is eligible to claim the benefit of respective tax treaty. Non-resident is eligible to claim the benefit of respective tax treaty. Interest income is not attributable/effectively connected to any Permanent Establishment (PE) or Fixed Base in India or any business connection in terms of section 9(1) of the Act.

		TDS shall be deducted at 20% (plus applicable surcharge and cess) if any of the above-mentioned documents are not provided / found to be not valid.
		The Company is not obligated to automatically apply the Tax Treaty rates at the time of tax deduction/withholding on interest amount amounts. Application of Tax Treaty rate shall depend upon the completeness and satisfactory review by the Company, of the documents submitted by the non- resident debenture holders. Further, in terms of CBDT Circular 3/2022, benefit of 'Most Favoured Nation' Clause, if available, in any respective Tax Treaty shall not be considered for the purpose of determining the withholding amount.
Debenture holder	Rate provided in the	Lower/NIL withholding tax certificate obtained from
Submitting Order under	Order	Income Tax authorities, along with self-attested copy
section 195(3)/197 of the		of PAN card.
Act		

Note: It is recommended that debenture holders should independently satisfy their eligibility to claim DTAA benefit including meeting of all conditions laid down by DTAA.

Debenture holders who are exempted from TDS provisions through any circular or notification may provide documentary evidence in relation to the same, to enable the Company in applying the appropriate TDS on interest payment to such debenture holder.

Please note that in case of investors identified as **specified person** as per Section 206AB (non-filers of IT Return w.e.f. July, 2021) mandates tax deduction at higher rate of following:

- Twice the rate specified in the relevant provision of the Act; or –
- Twice the rate or rates in force; or –
- At the rate of 5%, Whichever is higher will be applicable.

Specified person means a person who satisfies both the following conditions:

- a. He has not furnished the return of income for the assessment year relevant to the previous year (whose return filing date u/s. 139(1) has expired) immediately preceding the financial year in which tax is required to be deducted/collected.
- b. Aggregate of TDS and TCS is Rs. 50,000 or more in that previous year.

Note: Specified person does not include a non-resident who does not have a permanent establishment in India for which a declaration is required to be provided.

Further, in case PAN is not furnished /found to be invalid/ not linked with Aadhaar (as the case may be), the rate of deduction of tax shall be 20% in terms of Section 206AA.

In cases where section 206AA and 206AB are applicable, the tax shall be deducted at the higher of the two rates prescribed in these two Sections.

Further, in compliance to National Securities Depository Limited Circular dated 5th May, 2023, the Resident Non-Individual Members such as Insurance Companies, Mutual Funds, Alternative Investment Fund (AIF) and other domestic Financial Institutions established in India and Non-Resident Non-Individual Members such as Foreign Portfolio Investors can also submit the relevant forms, declarations

and documents as aforesaid through their respective custodians who are registered with NSDL for tax services, on or before below mentioned timelines.

In terms of Rule 37BA of the Income Tax Rules, 1962, if interest income on which tax has been deducted at source is assessable in the hands of a person other than the deductee, then such deductee should send a duly singed declaration with details of actual beneficial in excel sheet as per Annexure-A (Formats can be downloaded from the link given at the end of the communication) to <u>dtds@birlacorp.com</u> in the manner prescribed in the said Rules. Declaration should be filed within 7 (seven) days of record date for the purpose of payment of interest. Declaration filed after the said period would not be entertained by Company

Kindly note that the aforementioned documents are required to be mailed to the Company at <u>dtds@birlacorp.com</u> and/or to Company's RTA at their email id: <u>mcssta@rediffmail.com</u> within cutoff date i.e., 7 (seven) days from the respective record date failing which tax may be deducted at higher rates. No communication on the tax determination/deduction shall be considered cut-off date. The Company reserves the right to reject the documents in case of any discrepancy or if the documents are found to be incomplete. On deduction of tax there would still be an option available with you to file the return of income and claim an appropriate refund, if eligible, but no claim shall lie against the Company for such tax deducted.

Debenture holders holding debentures in Demat mode are requested to update their PAN, Bank Account details, Mobile Number, E-mail ID, Address, Residential status, Category, Nomination and other details with their relevant depositories through their Depository Participants.

In the event of any income tax demand (including interest, penalty, etc.) arising from any misrepresentation, inaccuracy or omission of information provided by the Debenture holders, the debenture holders will be responsible to indemnify the Company and also, provide the Company with all information / documents and co-operation in any tax proceedings.

We seek your cooperation in this regard.

Yours Sincerely, For **Birla Corporation Limited** Sd/-**Manoj Kumar Mehta Company Secretary & Legal Head**

<u>Click here</u> to download – Form 15G <u>Click here</u> to download – Form 15H <u>Click here</u> to download - Self declaration <u>Click here</u> to download – Form 10F <u>Click here</u> to download – No PAN Declaration <u>Click here</u> to download - Format under Rule 37BA <u>Click here</u> to download – Annexure-A Rule 37BA <u>Click here</u> to download – Circular 18/2017

Note: Please mention DP ID/ Client ID in all future communication.

Disclaimer: This Communication is not exhaustive and does not purport to be a complete analysis or listing of all potential tax consequences in the matter of interest payment. Debenture holders should consult their tax advisors for requisite action to be taken by them.

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