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The Chairman & Managing Director State Bank of India & Associate Banks & 17 Nationalized Banks

UTI Bank Ltd., ICICI Bank Ltd., HDFC Bank Ltd., IDBI Bank Ltd., & Stock Holding Corporation of India Ltd.

Dear Sir,

8% Savings (Taxable) Bond, 2003 - Charitable Institution

In continuation of our Circular No.CO.DT.13.01.299/H-3836/2002-03 dated April 3, 2003, we advise that Government of India vide their Notification No.F.4(10)W&M/2003 dated 10th August 2004 (copy enclosed) has notified that clause (iii) of paragraph 2 is to be substituted as follows:

- (iii) "Charitable Institution' to mean, -
 - (a) a company registered under Section 25 of the Indian Companies Act, 1956; or
 - (b) an institution which has obtained a certificate of registration as a 'Charitable Institution' in accordance with a law in force; or
 - (c) any institution which has obtained a certificate from an Income Tax Authority for the purpose of Section 80G of the Income Tax Act, 1961; or
 - (d) any institution notified by the Central Government under clauses (ii) or (iii) of Sub-Section (1) of Section 35 of Income Tax Act, 1961."
- 2. The other terms and conditions of the issue of Bonds shall remain unchanged.
- 3. You may please arrange to bring the above contents immediately to the notice of the designated branches of bank/corporation handling 8% Savings (Taxable) Bond 2003 business.

Yours faithfully,

(B. B. Sangma) General Manager

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