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All RBI Regulated Entities

Dear Sirs

Government Securities Transactions – T+1 Settlement

Please refer to paragraph 74 of the Annual Policy Statement for the year 2005-06 dated April 28, 2005 wherein it was proposed that the settlement system for transactions in Government Securities would be standardised to T+1 basis.

- 2. The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) on Money, Government Securities and Forex Markets had earlier discussed and advised migration to a uniform system of T+1 settlement for all outright secondary market transactions in Government Securities. Standardising the settlement period to T+1 would provide participants more processing time for transactions and hence will help better funds management as well as risk management.
- 3. Accordingly, it has now been decided to adopt a standardised settlement on T+1 basis of all <u>outright</u> secondary market transactions in Government Securities effective May 24, 2005.
- 4. In the case of repo transactions in Government Securities, however, market participants will have the choice of settling the first leg on either T+0 basis or T+1 basis, as per their requirements.

Yours faithfully

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