#### RESERVE BANK OF INDIA (FOREIGN EXCHANGE DEPARTMENT) CENTRAL OFFICE MUMBAI

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### Foreign Exchange Management (Borrowing or Lending in Foreign Exchange) (Second Amendment) Regulations, 2012

In exercise of the powers conferred by clause (d) of sub-section (3) of Section 6, and sub section (2) of Section 47 of the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 (42 of 1999), the Reserve Bank of India hereby makes the following amendments in the Foreign Exchange Management (Borrowing or Lending in Foreign Exchange) Regulations, 2000(Notification No.FEMA.3/2000-RB dated May 3, 2000), namely:-

# 1. Short title and commencement :

(a) These Regulations may be called the Foreign Exchange Management (Borrowing or Lending in Foreign Exchange) (SecondAmendment) Regulations, 2012.

(b) They shall come into force from the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

# 2. Amendment of the Regulations :

In the Foreign Exchange Management (Borrowing or Lending in Foreign Exchange) Regulations, 2000 (Notification No.FEMA.3/2000-RB dated May 3, 2000) (hereinafter referred to as 'the principal regulations')

(A) In Schedule I, after para (2), the following shall be added, namely:-

"(3) Foreign currency borrowings by successful bidders of 2G spectrum reauction

(i) The successful bidders can avail of foreign currency borrowing in the nature of bridge finance for the purpose of making upfront payment towards spectrum allocation and refinance the same by making fresh borrowing in foreign exchange in accordance with the Act or the Rules and Regulations made thereunder in accordance with this Schedule, subject to satisfying the terms and conditions as may be specified by the Reserve Bank, from time to time in this regard. (ii) Provisions of sub-paragraph (v) of paragraph 1 shall not apply to the foreign currency borrowing in the nature of bridge finance made under para 3(i).

(iii) The restriction of repayment of Rupee loans as specified in clause (B) in sub-paragraph
(iv) of paragraph 1 shall not apply to the foreign currency borrowing availed of for refinancing domestic borrowings for making upfront payment towards spectrum allocation.

(iv) Such foreign currency borrowings can also be availed of from the ultimate parent company subject to satisfying the terms and conditions as may be specified by the Reserve Bank, from time to time in this regard."

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#### Foot Note:

The Principal Regulations were published in the Official Gazette vide No. G.S.R. No.386 (E) dated May 5, 2000 in Part II, Section 3, sub-section (i) and subsequently amended vide:

ii. No. G.S.R.674 (E) dated August 25,2000 No. G.S.R.476 (E) dated July 8,2002 iii. No. G.S.R.854 (E) dated December 31,2002 iv. No. G.S.R.531 (E) dated July 9,2003 v. No. G.S.R.533 (E) dated July 9,2003 vi. No. G.S.R.208 (E) dated March 23,2004 vii. No. G.S.R.825 (E) dated December 22,2004 viii. No. G.S.R.60 (E) dated February 9,2005 ix. No. G.S.R.739 (E) dated December 22,2005 х. xi. No. G.S.R.663 (E) dated October 16,2007 No. G.S.R.61 (E) dated January 30,2009 xii. No. G.S.R.547(E) dated July 27, 2009 xiii. xiv. No. G.S.R. 836(E) dated November 23, 2009 No. G.S.R.No.610 (E) dated August 03, 2012 XV.

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