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Dear Sir/Madam,

Treatment of Right-of-Use (ROU) Asset for Regulatory Capital Purposes

Please refer to:

- a) Paragraphs 5.1.25 and 107.2 of the <u>Master Direction Reserve Bank of India</u>
 (Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC) Scale Based Regulation) Directions,

 2023 (definition of Owned Fund and Common Equity Tier 1 (CET 1) capital)
- b) Paragraph 4.1.28 of the <u>Master Direction Non-Banking Financial Company Housing Finance Company (HFC) (Reserve Bank) Directions, 2021</u> (*definition of Owned Fund*)
- c) Paragraph 3.(1)(xxii) of the <u>Core Investment Companies (Reserve Bank)</u>

 <u>Directions, 2016</u> (*definition of Owned Fund*)
- d) Paragraph 3(a)(xxv) of the Mortgage Guarantee Companies (Reserve Bank)

 Directions, 2016 (definition of Owned Fund)
- e) Paragraph 3.1(xi) of the <u>Master Direction Reserve Bank of India (Asset Reconstruction Companies) Directions, 2024</u> (definition of Owned Fund)
- f) Paragraph 3(iv) of the <u>Master Direction Standalone Primary Dealers (Reserve</u>
 Bank) <u>Directions</u>, 2016 (definition of Tier 1 capital)

The instructions cited above require deducting the book value of intangible assets while calculating Owned Fund/ CET 1 capital/ Tier 1 capital.

2. In terms of Indian Accounting Standard (Ind AS) 116 - Leases, most leases will be reflected on a lessee's balance sheet as an obligation to make lease payments (a liability) and a related ROU asset (an asset). We have received references from various NBFCs (in their capacity as lessees) on the treatment of ROU assets for calculation of regulatory capital/ Owned Fund.

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3. In this regard, it is clarified that regulated entities shall not be required to deduct an ROU asset (created in terms of Ind AS 116-Leases) from Owned Fund/ CET 1 capital/ Tier 1 capital (as the case may be), provided the underlying asset being taken on lease is a tangible asset. The ROU asset shall be risk-weighted at 100 per cent, consistent with the risk weight applied historically to the owned tangible assets.

4. The above revisions/changes have been incorporated in the respective Master Directions, as <u>detailed</u> in Annexure 1 to Annexure to 6 below.

Applicability

5. This circular is applicable, with immediate effect, to all NBFCs (including HFCs) and Asset Reconstruction Companies implementing Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules, 2015.

Yours faithfully,

(Usha Janakiraman) Chief General Manager-in-Charge

<u>Master Direction - Reserve Bank of India (Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC) – Scale Based Regulation) Directions, 2023</u>

Extant paragraph	Amended paragraph	
5.1.25 "Owned Fund" means aggregate of	5.1.25 "Owned Fund" means aggregate of	
(i) paid up equity capital,	(i) paid up equity capital,	
(ii) preference shares which are	(ii) preference shares which are	
compulsorily convertible into equity,	compulsorily convertible into equity,	
(iii) free reserves,	(iii) free reserves,	
(iv) balance in share premium account and	(iv) balance in share premium account and	
(v) capital reserves representing surplus	(v) capital reserves representing surplus	
arising out of sale proceeds of asset,	arising out of sale proceeds of asset,	
excluding reserves created by revaluation of	excluding reserves created by revaluation of	
asset;	asset;	
as reduced by	as reduced by	
(vi) accumulated loss balance,	(vi) accumulated loss balance,	
(vii) book value of intangible assets and	(vii) book value of intangible assets and	
(viii) deferred revenue expenditure, if any.	(viii) deferred revenue expenditure, if any.	
	NBFCs shall not be required to deduct a	
	Right-of-Use (ROU) asset (created in terms	
	of Ind AS 116-Leases) from Owned Fund,	
	provided the underlying asset being taken	
	on lease is a tangible asset.	
107.2	107.2	
(ix) The following regulatory	(ix) The following regulatory	
adjustments/deductions shall be applied in	adjustments/deductions shall be applied in	
the calculation of CET 1 capital [i.e., to be	the calculation of CET 1 capital [i.e., to be	
deducted from the sum of items (i) to (viii)]:	deducted from the sum of items (i) to (viii)]:	
(a) Goodwill and other intangible assets:	(a) Goodwill and other intangible assets:	
(i) Goodwill and all other intangible assets	(i) Goodwill and all other intangible assets	
should be deducted from CET 1 capital.	should be deducted from CET 1 capital.	
(ii) The full amount of the intangible assets is	(ii) The full amount of the intangible assets is	
to be deducted net of any associated	to be deducted net of any associated	
deferred tax liabilities which would be	deferred tax liabilities which would be	
extinguished if the intangible assets become	extinguished if the intangible assets become	

Extant paragraph Amended paragraph impaired or derecognized under the relevant impaired or derecognized under the relevant accounting standards. For this purpose, the accounting standards. For this purpose, the definition of intangible assets would be in definition of intangible assets would be in accordance with the relevant accounting accordance with the relevant accounting standards. Losses in the current period and standards. Losses in the current period and those brought forward from previous periods those brought forward from previous periods should also be deducted from CET 1 capital, should also be deducted from CET 1 capital, if not already deducted. if not already deducted. NBFCs shall not be required to deduct an ROU asset (created in terms of Ind AS 116-Leases) from CET 1 capital, provided the underlying asset being taken on lease is a tangible asset. 84. Treatment to On-Balance Sheet 84. Treatment to On-Balance Sheet Assets for Capital Ratio Assets for Capital Ratio Sr. Weighted risk Percentage Sr. Weighted risk Percentage no assets - Onno assets - On-Weight Weight balance Sheet balance Sheet items items Other Assets Other Assets (5) (5)100 Others (including 100 (d) Others (to be (d) specified) ROU assets)

<u>Master Direction - Non-Banking Financial Company - Housing Finance Company</u> (Reserve Bank) <u>Directions</u>, 2021

Extant paragraph				Amended paragraph				
4.1.28 "Owned Fund" means paid up equity				4.1.28 "Owned Fund" means paid up equity				
capital, preference shares which are			1	capita	l, p	reference shares	which are	
comp	ulsor	ily convertible into	equity, free	1	comp	ulsor	ily convertible into	equity, free
reserv	/es	including balance	in share		reserves including balance in share			
premi	um	account and capit	al reserves		premium account and capital reserves			
representing surplus arising out of sale				representing surplus arising out of sale				
proceeds of asset, excluding reserves				proceeds of asset, excluding reserves				
created by revaluation of asset, as reduced			(created by revaluation of asset, as reduced				
by accumulated loss balance, book value of				by accumulated loss balance, book value of				
intangible assets and deferred revenue			ļi	intangible assets and deferred revenue				
exper	expenditure, if any.		1	expenditure, if any.				
					HFCs shall not be required to deduct a			
					Right-of-Use (ROU) asset (created in terms			
				!	of Ind AS 116-Leases) from Owned Fund,			
					provided the underlying asset being taken			
				!	on lease is a tangible asset.			
On balance sheet assets:			1	On balance sheet assets:				
6.2		1	6.2					
Sr.		Weighted risk	%		Sr.		Weighted risk	%
no		assets - On-	Weight		no		assets - On-	Weight
		balance Sheet	-				balance Sheet	
		items					items	
(6)		Other Assets			(6)		Other Assets	
	(d)	Others (to be	100			(d)	Others (including	100
		specified)					ROU assets)	

Master Direction - Core Investment Companies (Reserve Bank) Directions, 2016

Extant paragraph

3.(1)(xxii) "owned funds" means paid up equity capital, preference shares which are compulsorily convertible into equity, free reserves, balance in share premium account and capital reserves representing surplus arising out of sale proceeds of asset, excluding reserves created by revaluation of asset, as reduced by accumulated loss balance, book value of intangible assets and deferred revenue expenditure, if any;

Amended paragraph

3.(1)(xxii) "owned funds" means paid up equity capital, preference shares which are compulsorily convertible into equity, free reserves, balance in share premium account and capital reserves representing surplus arising out of sale proceeds of asset, excluding reserves created by revaluation of asset, as reduced by accumulated loss balance, book value of intangible assets and deferred revenue expenditure, if any;

NBFCs shall not be required to deduct a Rightof-Use (ROU) asset (created in terms of Ind AS 116-Leases) from Owned Fund, provided the underlying asset being taken on lease is a tangible asset.

8. On balance sheet assets

Weighted risk assets - On-Balance Sheet items	Percentage weight
(v) Other assets	
(d) Others (to be specified)	100

8. On balance sheet assets

Weighted risk assets - On-Balance Sheet items	Percentage weight
(v) Other assets	
(d) Others (including ROU assets)	100

Weight

% Age

100

ROU

Sheet Items

(including

Other Assets

Others

(d)

Master Directions - Mortgage Guarantee Companies (Reserve Bank) Directions, 2016

Amended paragraph **Extant paragraph** 3(a)(xxv) "owned fund" means paid up 3(a)(xxv) "owned fund" means paid up equity equity capital, free reserves including capital, free reserves including contingency contingency reserves maintained as per reserves maintained as per paragraph 18 of the paragraph 18 of the Guidelines Guidelines on Registration and Operations of Registration and Operations of Mortgage Mortgage Guarantee Company, balance in Guarantee Company, balance in share share premium account and capital reserves premium account and capital reserves representing surplus arising out of sale proceeds representing surplus arising out of sale of asset, excluding reserves created by proceeds of asset, excluding reserves revaluation of asset, as reduced by accumulated created by revaluation of asset, as reduced loss balance, book value of intangible assets by accumulated loss balance, book value of and deferred revenue expenditure, if any; intangible assets and deferred revenue NBFCs shall not be required to deduct a Rightexpenditure, if any; of-Use (ROU) asset (created in terms of Ind AS 116-Leases) from Owned Fund, provided the underlying asset being taken on lease is a tangible asset. 9. Capital Adequacy 9. Capital Adequacy On balance sheet assets On balance sheet assets Risk Risk Items of Assets - On-Items of Assets - On-Balance

Weight

% Age

100

Balance Sheet Items

(vi) Other Assets

(d) Others

<u>Master Direction – Reserve Bank of India (Asset Reconstruction Companies)</u> <u>Directions, 2024</u>

	Extant paragraph	Amended paragraph			
	ki) "Owned fund" means the aggregate	3.1 (xi) "Owned fund" means the aggregate			
of a	. paid up equity capital;	of a. paid up equity capital;			
b		b. paid up preference capital, to the			
	extent it is compulsorily convertible	extent it is compulsorily convertible			
	into equity capital;	into equity capital;			
C.	free reserves (excluding revaluation	c. free reserves (excluding revaluation			
	reserve);	reserve);			
d	credit balance in profit and loss	d. credit balance in profit and loss			
	account;	account;			
as re	duced by-	as reduced by-			
е	. the debit balance on the profit and	e. the debit balance on the profit and			
	loss account;	loss account;			
f.	miscellaneous expenditure (to the	f. miscellaneous expenditure (to the			
	extent not written off or adjusted);	extent not written off or adjusted);			
g	book value of intangible assets;	g. book value of intangible assets;			
h	. under/ short provision against NPA/	h. under/ short provision against NPA/			
	diminution in value of investments;	diminution in value of investments;			
i.	over recognition of income, if any;	i. over recognition of income, if any;			
	and	and			
j.	other deductions required on account	j. other deductions required on account			
	of the items qualified by the auditors	of the items qualified by the auditors			
	in their report on the financial	in their report on the financial			
	statements.	statements.			
		NBFCs shall not be required to deduct a			
		Right-of-Use (ROU) asset (created in terms of			
		Ind AS 116-Leases) from Owned Fund,			
		provided the underlying asset being taken on			
		lease is a tangible asset.			
18. C	apital adequacy ratio: On-balance sheet Risk	18. Capital adequacy ratio: On-balance sheet Risk			
	items weight(%)	items weight(%)			
	(iv) All other assets 100	(iv) All other assets (including ROU asset)			

Master Direction - Standalone Primary Dealers (Reserve Bank) Directions, 2016

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Extant paragrap	h	Amended paragraph		
3(iv) Tier-I capital means pa	aid-up capital,	3(iv) Tier-I capital means paid-up capital,		
statutory reserves and other	disclosed free	statutory reserves and other disclosed free		
reserves. Investment in subsid	diaries (where	reserves. Investment in subsidiaries (where		
applicable), intangible asset	ts, losses in	applicable), intangible assets*, losses in		
current accounting period,	deferred tax	current accounting period, deferred tax		
asset and losses brought	forward from	asset and losses brought forward from		
previous accounting perio	ods will be	previous accounting periods will be		
deducted from the Tier-I capital.		deducted from the Tier-I capital.		
		NBFCs shall not be required to deduct a		
		Right-of-Use (ROU) asset (created in terms		
		of Ind AS 116-Leases) from Owned Fund,		
		provided the underlying asset being taken		
		on lease is a tangible asset.		
Annex II		Annex II		
Capital Adequacy for Credit Risk		Capital Adequacy for Credit Risk		
Risk weights for calculation of CRAR		Risk weights for calculation of CRAR		
1. On-Balance Sheet Assets		1. On-Balance Sheet Assets		
Nature of asset/item	Percentage	Nature of asset/item Percentage		
	weight	weight		
(vi) Other assets		(vi) Other assets		
(d) Others (to be	X	(d) Others (ROU 100		
specified and risk		assets)		
weight indicated				
as per counter				

party)