

**PARTICIPATING ORGANISATIONS' CIRCULAR**

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No : R/R 6 OF 2007

**STAMP DUTY ON CONTRACT NOTES IN RELATION TO SALE OR PURCHASE OF  
DEBENTURES LISTED ON BURSA MALAYSIA SECURITIES BERHAD**

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We refer to the above matter and our letter dated 12 October 2000 (Ref : KLSE/MSL/CML/0271/00).

We have been informed by the Securities Commission (“**SC**”) that the Stamp Duty (Exemption)(No. 23) Order 2000 does NOT apply to contract notes issued in relation to the sale or purchase of debentures listed on Bursa Securities where such debentures have been approved by the SC pursuant to Section 32 of the Securities Commission Act 1993 (“**Debentures**”). This is based on a clarification issued by the Ministry of Finance to the SC recently.

The Association of Stockbroking Companies Malaysia has informed us that its members require time to prepare their back office systems for the imposition of stamp duty on contract notes issued in relation to the sale or purchase of Debentures and it was proposed that the collection of the stamp duty be implemented with effect from 10 May 2007. In this respect, we have written to the Ministry of Finance requesting that Participating Organisations be allowed to effect the collection of the stamp duty with effect from 10 May 2007.

Accordingly, Participating Organisations are required to ensure that stamp duty is collected on contract notes issued in relation to the sale or purchase of Debentures entered into with effect from 10 May 2007 unless directed otherwise by the Ministry of Finance.

In relation to the stamp duty on contract notes issued in relation to the sale or purchase of Debentures entered into prior to 10 May 2007, the SC will revert to us once they have received a clear direction from the Ministry of Finance in respect of the same.

Kindly ensure that the imposition of stamp duty on contract notes issued in relation to the sale or purchase of Debentures is brought to the notice of your clients.

For further information or any enquiries on the above, kindly contact :-

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