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Lagos, Nigeria

## FILING OF THE GROUP'S 2021 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

We refer to the NGX Regulations Limited's Circular NGXREG/LRD/CIR01/22/01/21 referencing the Securities and Exchange Commission's ('the Commission') announcement dated January 19, 2022 mandating public companies to elect one of the following filing options:

- a) File fourth quarter Unaudited Financial Statements within 30 days after the quarter and Annual Audited Financial Statements within 90 days after the Financial Year End; or
- b) Not file the fourth quarter Unaudited Financial Statements but file the Annual Audited Financial Statements within 60 days after the Financial Year End.

We are pleased to inform the investing public and the Nigerian Exchange Limited that upon consideration of the options availed by the Commission, the Bank has elected to file its 2021 Annual Audited Financial Statements within 60 days after the 2021 Financial Year End.

The Bank will release the 2021 Audited Financial Statements to the investing public upon approval of the Central Bank of Nigeria.

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