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Renewal of Swiss Master Repurchase Agreement (Multilateral Version)

Dear Sir/Madam

Within the framework of its monetary policy instruments, the Swiss National Bank may conclude repo transactions to conduct open market operations and as part of its standing facilities. The current ‘Swiss Master Repurchase Agreement (Multilateral Version)’, referred to hereinafter as ‘the Master Agreement’, serves as the contractual basis, along with the SNB’s Terms of Business, the relevant instruction sheets and any specific contractual agreements.

The version of the Master Agreement currently in use dates from 1999 and has been revised by SIX Repo Ltd in consultation with market participants and the SNB. This comprehensive revision was necessary in order to take account of changes in the legal and regulatory framework as well as market developments. The new version of the Master Agreement will replace the current version as of 2 August 2025.

It is important that all market participants sign the new version of the Master Agreement by that date in order to avoid market fragmentation and the associated negative impact on the functioning of the repo market.

The SNB supports the initiative and will sign the new Master Agreement. As of 2 August 2025, the SNB intends to conclude repo transactions, both in its open market operations and as part of its standing facilities, under the new version of the Master Agreement.¹ Consequently, in the case of repo transactions for monetary policy purposes, the SNB’s counterparties must have signed the new version of the Master Agreement by the time it enters into force.

The SNB will align the ‘Guidelines of the Swiss National Bank on monetary policy instruments’ and the ‘Instruction sheet on collateral eligible for SNB repos’ with the new

¹ This also applies to foreign currency repo transactions as part of the regular US dollar auctions.

provision in the Master Agreement on the exclusion of own securities (cf. excerpts in appendices 1 and 2). These amendments will take effect on 2 August 2025.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

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Appendix 1: Amendment to the monetary policy guidelines

Section 3, para. 4

The SNB does not accept (i) own securities of a counterparty, (ii) securities of an issuer which has a significant holding in the counterparty or in which the counterparty has a significant holding and (iii) securities of an issuer in which the same person has a significant holding as in the counterparty. For these purposes, ‘significant holding’ means a direct or indirect holding of at least 20% of the capital or votes. The exclusions under (ii) and (iii) do not apply to issues of the Swiss Confederation nor to issues of the mortgage bond bank of the Swiss mortgage institutions (Pfandbriefbank schweizerischer Hypothekarinstitute AG) or to the mortgage bond institute of the Swiss cantonal banks (Pfandbriefzentrale der schweizerischen Kantonalbanken AG). Failure to comply with this rule may cause the SNB to temporarily exclude the counterparty from all of its monetary policy operations.

Appendix 2: Amendment to the instruction sheet on collateral eligible for SNB repos

Section 5: Exclusion of own securities

The SNB does not accept (i) own securities of a counterparty, (ii) securities of an issuer which has a significant holding in the counterparty or in which the counterparty has a significant holding (e.g. subsidiaries) and (iii) securities of an issuer in which the same person has a significant holding as in the counterparty (e.g. fellow enterprises). For these purposes, ‘significant holding’ means a direct or indirect holding of at least 20% of the capital or votes. The exclusions under (ii) and (iii) do not apply to securities of the Swiss Confederation or to securities of the mortgage bond bank of the Swiss mortgage institutions (Pfandbriefbank schweizerischer Hypothekarinstitute AG) or the mortgage bond institute of the Swiss cantonal banks (Pfandbriefzentrale der schweizerischen Kantonalbanken AG). Failure to comply with this rule may cause the SNB to temporarily exclude the counterparty from all of its monetary policy operations.

Section 6: Debt certificates issued by the SNB

Debt certificates issued by the SNB are included in the list of collateral eligible for SNB repos irrespective of the criteria set out in this instruction sheet. They are eligible for repo transactions with the SNB and may be delivered as part of such transactions either by a counterparty or by the SNB. This provision takes precedence over any clauses relating to the delivery of own securities in the applicable Master Agreement (e.g. section 17.1 ‘Swiss Master Repurchase Agreement’, 2025 Version) that may provide otherwise. By entering into repo transactions with the SNB, the counterparty consents to this provision. Debt certificates issued by the SNB may also be delivered to the ‘Custody Cover Account SNB’ at SIS to provide cover for limits granted under the liquidity-shortage financing facility.