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NOTIFICATION TO THE TRADE

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Trading of Out Lots on the Smart Auction System

The Steering Committee of the CTTA, comprising of all Stake Holders, in consultation with OKLO (Pvt) Ltd has developed a feature to sell Out Lots on the System for transparency, accountability and traceability. Accordingly, the trading of such Out Lots commenced from Sale No 20. Awareness sessions on the process were held for the Stakeholders. Video clips too were shared with the Users, so that all Users familiarize themselves, (as an additional tool) in understanding, how the trading of Out Lots on the Smart Auction System will be undertaken.

However, it is observed that some Users in Buyer Companies are yet to fully familiarize themselves with the process. For ease of understanding, detailed below are the steps to be followed in contracting Out Lots on the system.

- 1. The Selling Broker will communicate with the potential Buyers of Out Lots and **NEGOTIATE AND AGREE on a price of a particular lot WITH A BUYER**. This shall form the <u>contractual obligation</u>.
- 2. Based on the agreed price by the Buyer to purchase the said lot, the Broker will upload the Counter Offer (i.e. agreed purchase price of the lot) on to the Smart Auction System in a <u>timely manner</u>.
- 3. An email will be generated by the Smart Auction System, to the Buyer in confirmation detailing lot number, sale price and other relevant details etc.

- 4. The Buyer is obliged to confirm the purchase by responding to the email which shall be received by the Selling Broker.
- 5. Trading of Out Lots will be permitted up to 9 pm on the 2nd Day of an auction.
- 6. As the purchase of an Out Lot has been agreed by the Buyer and the purchase price thereof, the Buyer is obligated to confirm the purchase on the system.
- 7. The Sale of Out Lot outside the system shall henceforth be suspended. (Effective Sale No 24)
- 8. Accordingly, the Brokers have been advised not to offer Out Lots for sale, outside the system, henceforth.
- 9. The CTTA shall monitor the trading of Out Lots on the platform weekly.

It is in the interest of all Stakeholders to ensure that Out Lots are traded on the system so that there shall be transparency and accountability, and a "level playing field" to all.

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