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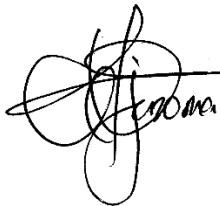
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UPDATE ON THE PROPOSED MERGER WITH ACCESS BANK PLC

Diamond Bank Plc (“the Bank”) is pleased to announce that the Bank has received the final approval of both the Central Bank of Nigeria and the Securities and Exchange Commission to the proposed Scheme of Merger (“the Scheme”) between the Bank and Access Bank Plc.

The Scheme is subject to judicial sanction of the Federal High Court.

We will provide further update to the market upon receipt of the court sanction of the Scheme.



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