

Bangladesh Bank Head Office Dhaka

Sustainable Finance Department

SFD Circular Letter Number: 1

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Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer All Scheduled Banks and Finance Companies in Bangladesh

Dear Sir,

Guidelines on Environmental and Social Risk Management (ESRM) for Banks and Finance Companies in Bangladesh

Please refer to SFD Circular No.3, dated June 26, 2022, which included an Environmental and Social Due Diligence (ESDD) Risk Assessment Tool as an attachment.

- 2. The ESDD Risk Assessment Tool has been significantly upgraded and enhanced to align with global best practices to ensure more comprehensive, reliable, and effective risk assessment (attached).
- 3. This circular letter is being issued under the authority conferred by Section 45 of the Bank Companies Act, 1991 (as amended up to 2023), and Section 41(2) of the Finance Company Act, 2023.
- 4. This circular takes effect immediately.

Attachment: AnnexureA

Yours Faithfully,

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