



# CENTRAL BANK OF NIGERIA

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**BSD/GBB/CON/FBN/01/028**

The Chairman  
First Bank of Nigeria Limited  
Samuel Asabia House  
Marina  
Lagos.

Dear Madam,

## **RE: AUDITED IFRS ACCOUNTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020**

Your letter dated March 30, 2021 on the above subject refers.

We are concerned that the bank has not complied with regulatory directives to divest its interest in Honey Well Flour Mills despite several reminders.

We further noted that after 4 years the bank is yet to perfect its lien on the shares of Mr. Oba Otudeko in FBN Holdco which collateralized the restructured credit facilities for Honey Well Flour Mills contrary to the conditions precedent for the restructuring of the company's credit facility.

Given the bank's failure to perfect the pledge and satisfy condition for regulatory approval, the restructuring has thus been invalidated and the credit facilities now payable immediately.

Consequently, the company is required to fully repay its obligations to the bank within **48 hours** failing which the CBN will take appropriate regulatory measures against the insider borrower and the bank.

Furthermore, the Bank notes the untenable delay in resolving the long outstanding divestment from Bharti Airtel Nigeria Ltd in line with extant regulations of the CBN.

Accordingly, you are required to divest the equity investments in all non-permissible entities such as Honey Well Flour Mills and Bharti Airtel Nigeria Ltd within **90 days**.

Please you are to forward evidence of compliance in accordance with the timelines above to the Director of Banking Supervision.

Yours faithfully,



**HARUNA B. MUSTAFA**  
**DIRECTOR OF BANKING SUPERVISION**

**cc:**

**All Board members**  
**Major shareholders**