

Standard Chartered Bank Uganda Limited

During the quarter ended December 31, 2024, the Capital Markets Authority (the Authority) observed that the entity in question submitted its quarterly return on January 16, 2025. This submission was in breach of Regulation 6(1) of the Capital Markets Authority (Accounting and Financial Requirements) Regulations, 2022, which requires approved persons to submit Management Accounts by the fifteenth day of the month following the end of each quarter.

In response to this non-compliance, the Authority issued a directive through a letter dated February 5, 2025, requesting the entity to provide a written explanation by February 14, 2025. The response was to include the cause of the delay and the corrective measures being implemented to ensure future compliance.

Through a letter dated February 12, 2025, the entity acknowledged the breach and attributed the delay to an unsuccessful email transmission. After reviewing the explanation, the Authority, by letter dated March 27, 2025, imposed a fine of one hundred currency points—equivalent to Uganda Shillings Two Million (UGX 2,000,000)—in accordance with Regulation 8 of the aforementioned Regulations. The regulation provides that a person who contravenes or fails to comply with any provision is liable to a fine of one hundred currency points, and, in the case of a continuing contravention, an additional twenty currency points for each day of default.

On April 4, 2025, the entity submitted an appeal against the Authority's decision, citing its longstanding record of compliance and the prompt implementation of measures to prevent recurrence. Following a comprehensive review, the Authority, on May 9, 2025, informed the entity of its decision to reconsider the earlier ruling. The review took into account several mitigating factors, including the entity's prompt acknowledgment of the breach, its full cooperation during the process, the absence of wilful or reckless misconduct, and its overall commendable compliance history.