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Dear Sir(s),

**SUB: AXIS BANK LISTS ASIA'S FIRST CERTIFIED GREEN BOND ON LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE**

**REF: REGULATION 30 READ WITH PARA B OF SCHEDULE III OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE BOARD OF INDIA (LISTING OBLIGATIONS AND DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS) REGULATIONS, 2015**

Please find attached herewith the Press Release relating to "Axis Bank lists Asia's first certified Green Bond on London Stock Exchange".

You are requested to take note of above and arrange to bring it to the notice of all concerned.

Thanking You.

Yours sincerely,  
**For Axis Bank Limited**

  
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**Company Secretary**

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## Axis Bank lists Asia's first certified Green Bond on London Stock Exchange

- Axis Bank CEO, Shikha Sharma, opens trading in London today and lists USD 500 million Certified Climate Bond in London
- First certified green bond on the international markets from an Asian issuer & first green bond for Axis Bank
- Axis Bank lists entire USD 5 billion MTN programme on London Stock Exchange
- Enhances London Stock Exchange's position as leading international listing venue for green finance

**Mumbai, June 6, 2016:** Axis Bank, India's leading private sector capital markets bank, today opens trade at London to celebrate the bank's landmark issuance of Asia's first internationally listed certified green bond on London Stock Exchange. The bond, certified by the Climate Bonds Standards Board, raised USD 500 million.

It is the first green bond for Axis Bank within its USD 5 billion Medium Term Note (MTN) programme, which has additionally listed its entire MTN programme in London. The proceeds of the bond will be invested in green energy, transportation and infrastructure projects, reinforcing India's commitment to produce 175,000 MW of renewable power by 2022.

To celebrate the listing, Nikhil Rathi, CEO, London Stock Exchange plc & Director of International Development, London Stock Exchange Group welcomed, Alok Sharma MP, Prime Minister's Infrastructure Envoy to the UK and Shikha Sharma, Managing Director & CEO of Axis Bank to open trading in London this morning.

### **Shikha Sharma, Managing Director & CEO of Axis Bank:**

"We, at Axis Bank, have always demonstrated our commitment to fostering a green and sustainable environment through our various initiatives. In addition to putting in place 'sustainable lending' practices on the lending side, Axis has also taken measures at its corporate office and branches to promote a green footprint. To further progress on this journey, Axis Bank launched and successfully completed the first certified Green Bond issue, the issue we are pleased to list on the London Stock Exchange today. The encouraging response to this issue is reflective of the keenness of global investors to promote and support a sustainable environment and also acknowledge Axis's credibility in this space. The ease of the listing process and breadth of investors seen in this bond issuance demonstrates the role London Stock Exchange can play in supporting India's financing needs."

### **Nikhil Rathi, CEO, London Stock Exchange plc & Director of International Development, London Stock Exchange Group:**

"Axis Bank is a long standing and distinguished equity issuer on London Stock Exchange, and has been an instrumental partner in the IFC's masala bond programme devoted to developing infrastructure in India. It is therefore no surprise that Axis Bank is taking a global leadership role today, with the successful issuance of the first internationally listed certified green bond from India.



We are honoured to welcome this landmark issuance, which builds on the far-reaching announcements made during Prime Minister Modi's visit strengthening financial ties between the UK and India.

"London Stock Exchange is a world leader in green bond listings, home to international green finance from India and China. In partnership with the UK Government, we remain committed to building London as the premier centre for green bond issuance and green finance and look forward to further collaboration with Axis Bank, as it continues to strengthen its presence in the UK and globally."

London Stock Exchange has a strong track record of supporting green issuance on its markets. London welcomed the first green bond ever issued by a Chinese financial institution last year. Agricultural Bank of China issued RMB and dollar green bonds with a total value of USD 1 billion on London Stock Exchange in October 2015. This followed the launch in July 2015 of a range of new segments on London Stock Exchange's fixed income markets, designed to support the new global demand for green bonds.

To date, there are 31 green bonds on London Stock Exchange, including those denominated in Rupees and Renminbi, which have raised over USD 7 billion. In 2016 alone, 6 new green bonds have raised over USD 2 billion.

Axis Bank's green bond follows the listing of the first Rupee denominated bond on London Stock Exchange, issued by International Finance Corporation, in 2014. The proceeds of the USD 163 million equivalent Masala bond were invested into Axis Bank's infrastructure bonds.

**For further information:**

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**Notes to editors:**

**About Axis Bank**

Axis Bank is the third largest private sector bank in India. Axis Bank offers the entire spectrum of services to customer segments covering Large and Mid-Corporates, SME, Agriculture and Retail Businesses.

With its 2,904 domestic branches (including extension counters) and 12,743 ATMs across the country, as on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016, the network of Axis Bank spreads across 1,855 cities and towns, enabling the Bank to reach out to a large cross-section of customers with an array of products and services. The Bank also has nine overseas offices with branches at Singapore,



Hong Kong, Dubai (at the DIFC), Shanghai and Colombo; representative offices at Dubai, Abu Dhabi and Dhaka and an overseas subsidiary at London, UK.

The Bank's website [www.axisbank.com](http://www.axisbank.com) offers comprehensive details about its products and services.

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