## PRACTICE DIRECTION (NO. 2 of 2022) PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(8) OF THE COMPANIES ACT 2001

## **Sending of Annual Report and Financial Statements**

This Practice Direction is issued pursuant to Section 12(8) of the Companies Act 2001 and supersedes Practice Direction No. 1 of 2019.

- 1. Companies are reminded that, in accordance with Section 219 and 220 of the Companies Act 2001, a copy of the annual report or the financial statements must be sent to shareholders not less than 14 days before the date of the annual meeting.
- 2. The copy of the annual report mentioned above may be in any electronic version and may be sent by any electronic means.
- 3. In case, the shareholder waives his rights to receive a copy of the annual report, the following procedures should be strictly complied with:
  - i. The company shall seek the consent in writing of every shareholder not to receive any copy of the annual report.
  - ii. The consent not to receive any copy of the annual report must be signed by the shareholder. The consent shall remain in force unless revoked by him.
  - iii. The consent to seek the approval of the shareholder and the consent not to receive the annual report may be sent by any electronic means.
  - iv. In case no consent is received at all, the company may elect not to send a copy of the annual report to the shareholder until such time that the shareholder makes a request to receive a copy.
- 4. Financial statements which are required to be sent to the shareholders may be in any readable electronic format.
- 5. Notwithstanding the above, the shareholder shall retain his right to receive a copy of the annual report or the financial statements at any time upon request within three working days.
- 6. The company secretary shall henceforth maintain a record of all such correspondences.

Dated this 21 December 2022

Registrar of Companies, One Cathedral Square Building, Jules Koenig Street Port Louis