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Press Release

COVID-19 Update: Distribution and Deferment of Dividend for 2019

The Maldives Islamic Bank PLC. (the “Bank”) has received written formal orders by the Maldives Monetary Authority (“MMA”) on the distribution of dividend for the year 2019, as a prudent measure due to the current poor economic outlook resulting from COVID-19. This order requires the Bank to defer the distribution of dividend for the year 2019 for all shareholders of the Bank, with the exception of shareholders who are individual persons (i.e. Public Shareholders as defined in the Bank’s Articles of Association). The Bank notes that similar orders and requests on dividend distribution have been issued by central banks in other jurisdictions as a response to the current and potential impact of COVID-19 on the economy.

The Bank wishes to assure its investors that dividend distribution to our shareholders remains a priority, a majority of which constitutes the Bank’s long-standing customers. Simultaneously, the Board of Directors also acknowledges the material impact and unprecedented challenges caused by COVID-19 on the Maldivian economy and, in particular, our customers. While the Bank remains strongly capitalised and funded, we recognise that the Bank has an important role in supporting the Maldivian economy during this time of uncertainty. The Bank remains fully committed to supporting its customers and society during this crisis, and working with the authorities towards economic recovery.

Therefore, in the above context, and in line with the MMA’s formal order, the Board of Directors of the Bank has recommended to distribute dividend to all shareholders who are individual persons (i.e. Public Shareholders as defined in the Bank’s Articles of Association) in 2020, and to distribute the dividend declared in the 2020 Annual General Meeting for all remaining shareholders of the Bank (i.e. Institutional Shareholders as defined in the Bank’s Articles of Association) in 2021, upon obtaining the MMA’s further approval.

The dividend recommended by the Board of Directors of the Bank and published through the Bank’s Press Release No. CS-PR-2020/001 (dated 17th March 2020) will be payable to all



shareholders of the Bank registered as at the Book Closure Date of 05th July 2020, subject to declaration of dividend by the shareholders at the Annual General Meeting.

The final dividend will be declared by the shareholders through an Ordinary Resolution at the Annual General Meeting scheduled to be held in July 2020.

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