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TO: ALL AUTHORISED DEALERS AND GENERAL PUBLIC

2013 HAJJ OPERATIONS:
PURCHASE OF PILGRIMS TRAVELLING ALLOWANCE (PTA)

Authorised Dealers and the general public are hereby notified of the following arrangements for 2013 Hajj operations:

1. The Federal Government has approved for intending pilgrims, a concessionary exchange rate of **₦146.00** to the US Dollar for amount of Pilgrims Travelling Allowance (PTA) between US\$750.00 and US\$1,000.00.
2. For pilgrims buying PTA above the US\$1,000.00, the difference shall be bought at the prevailing Naira exchange rate to the US Dollar on the day of the purchase.
3. No commission shall be charged by the banks for the sale of PTA between the approved US\$750.00 and US\$1,000.00.
4. The Central Bank of Nigeria will commence the issuance of PTA to the designated banks from Monday 9th September, 2013 at the CBN Branches in Lagos and Abuja. The accounts of the respective banks shall be debited as soon as the funds are disbursed.
5. Each designated bank is required to sell to the CBN the unutilised PTA not later than two (2) weeks from the date of the last inward flight to Nigeria from Jeddah, Saudi Arabia upon reconciliation of the transactions with the CBN and the accounts of the banks shall be credited promptly.
6. The approved schedule showing the distribution of the pilgrims expected to perform the 2013 Hajj and the designated banks that will handle the sales of the PTA to the pilgrims in each State of the Federation, the Federal Capital Territory (FCT), National Assembly, the Armed Forces and the National Hajj Commission is stated below for guidance.

S/N	STATE	2013 ALLOCATION	NAMES OF BANKS
1	ABIA	95	Union Bank Plc, Umuahia
2	ADAMAWA	1,894	Zenith Bank Plc Yola
3	AKWA IBOM	80	UBA Plc Uyo
4	ANAMBRA	80	Fidelity Bank Awka
5	BAUCHI	2,906	FCMB Bauchi
6	BAYELSA	94	UBA Plc Yenogoa
7	BENUE	412	Unity Bank Plc New Bridge Road Makurdi
8	BORNO	2,391	UBA Plc Maiduguri
9	CROSS RIVER	80	First Bank Plc Calabar
10	DELTA	117	Union Bank Asaba
11	EBONYI	117	Union Bank Ogoja Rd. Abakaliki
12	EDO	272	Unity Bank New Lagos Rd. Benin
13	EKITI	244	Ecobank Ajilosun Ado-Ekiti
14	ENUGU	88	UBA Enugu Main
15	FCT	2,471	Unity Bank Plc Gwagwalada
16	GOMBE	2,022	Unity Bank Plc Gombe
17	IMO	80	UBA Plc Douglas Road Owerri
18	JIGAWA	2,584	Sterling Bank Dutse Branch
19	KADUNA	5,629	Unity Bank Yakubu Gowon Way Kaduna
20	KANO	5,676	Unity Bank Plc Sani Abacha Way Kano
21	KATSINA	4,418	Keystone (2,400) & UBA (2,018)
22	KEBBI	4,103	Zenith Bank (2,103) & Unity Bank (2,000)
23	KOGI	691	Unity Bank Plc, Murtala M. Way Lokoja
24	KWARA	1,905	Unity Bank (1,405) & First Bank (500)

25	LAGOS	3,097	Union Bank Oregun, Lagos
26	NASARAWA	1,773	FCMB (773), Unity Bank (500) & Skye (500)
27	NIGER	3,249	Skye Bank (1,159), Unity Bank (1,100) & UBA (990)
28	OGUN	1,217	FCMB Abeokuta
29	ONDO	317	Unity Bank Oba Adesida Road Akure
30	OSUN	855	Sterling Bank Plc Osogbo
31	OYO	1,271	First Bank (951) & FCMB (320)
32	PLATEAU	1,300	FCMB (800) & Diamond (500)
33	RIVER	360	Zenith Bank Azikiwe Rd P/Harcourt
34	SOKOTO	5,178	UBA (2,500) & Unity Bank (2,678)
35	TARABA	1,349	Zenith Bank (749) & Unity Bank (600)
36	YOBE	2,316	Unity Bank Plc
37	ZAMFARA	4,088	Skye Bank Gusau
38	ARMED FORCES	400	Unity Bank Broad Street, Lagos
39	National Assembly	230	Zenith Bank Maitama
40	Hajj Comm. H/quarters	551	Keystone Bank CBD Abuja
	TOTAL	66,000	

Please ensure compliance accordingly.


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