# APPLICABLE PRICING SUPPLEMENT (GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS) DATED 14 MARCH 2024



#### **Standard Bank Group Limited**

(Incorporated with limited liability under Registration Number 1969/017128/06 in the Republic of South Africa)

# Issue of ZAR1,512,000,000 Unsecured Floating Rate Tier 2 Notes due 20 March 2034 Under its ZAR50,000,000,000 Domestic Medium Term Note Programme

This document constitutes the Applicable Pricing Supplement relating to the issue of Notes described herein. The terms and conditions set forth in the section of the Programme Memorandum dated 8 December 2022 (the "Programme Memorandum"), as updated and amended from time to time, headed "General Terms and Conditions" (the "General Terms and Conditions") apply to the issue of Notes described herein. Terms used herein shall be deemed to be defined as such for the purposes of the General Terms and Conditions. This Applicable Pricing Supplement must be read in conjunction with such Programme Memorandum. To the extent that there is any conflict or inconsistency between the contents of this Applicable Pricing Supplement and the Programme Memorandum, the provisions of this Applicable Pricing Supplement shall prevail.

### DESCRIPTION OF THE NOTES

1.	Issuer		Standard Bank Group Limited
2.	Debt Officer		Arno Daehnke, Chief Finance and Value Management Officer of Standard Bank Group Limited
3.	Status of the Notes		Tier 2
			Unsecured
4.	(a)	Series Number	1
	(b)	Tranche Number	1
5.	Aggregate Nominal Amount		
	(a)	Series	ZAR1,512,000,000
	(b)	Tranche	ZAR1,512,000,000
6.	Redemption/Payment Basis		Not Applicable
7.	Type of Notes		Floating Rate Notes
8.	Interest Payment Basis		Floating Rate
9.	Form of Notes		Registered Notes
10.	Automatic/Optional Conversion from one Interest/Payment Basis to another		Not Applicable
11.	Issue Date/Settlement Date		19 March 2024
12.	Business Centre		Johannesburg
13.	Additional Business Centre		Not Applicable
14.	Specified Denomination		ZAR1,000,000
15.	Calculation Amount		ZAR1,000,000
16.	Issue Price		100%
17.	Interest Commencement Date		19 March 2024

18. Maturity Date 20 March 2034 unless redeemed on any Optional Redemption Date

19. Maturity Period Tier 2 Notes are issued with such minimum maturities as

may be required from time to time by the applicable Capital Rules and accordingly Notes will have a minimum Maturity

Period of 5 years

20. Specified Currency ZAR

21. Applicable Business Day Convention Following Business Day

22. Calculation Agent The Standard Bank of South Africa Limited

23. Paying Agent The Standard Bank of South Africa Limited

24. Transfer Agent The Standard Bank of South Africa Limited

25. Settlement Agent The Standard Bank of South Africa Limited

Specified office of the Calculation Agent, 30 Baker Street, Rosebank, 2196
 Paying Agent, Transfer Agent and

Settlement Agent

27. Final Redemption Amount Aggregate Nominal Amount

PARTLY PAID NOTES

INSTALMENT NOTES

Not Applicable

FIXED RATE NOTES

Not Applicable

#### FLOATING RATE NOTES

# Applicable

28. (a) Interest Payment Date(s)

Each of 20 March, 20 June, 20 September and 20 December in each year until the Maturity Date, with the first Interest Payment Date being 20 June 2024 or, if such day is not a Business Day, the Business Day on which interest will be paid as determined in accordance with the applicable Business Day Convention (as specified in this Applicable

Pricing Supplement)

(b) Interest Period(s) Each period commencing on (and including) an Interest

Payment Date and ending on (but excluding) the following Interest Payment Date; provided that the first Interest Period will commence on (and include) the Interest Commencement Date (being 19 March 2024) and the last Interest Period will commence on 20 December 2033 and end on (but exclude) the Maturity Date (unless the Notes are redeemed on any Optional Redemption Date), each Interest Payment Date as adjusted in accordance with the

Applicable Business Day Convention

(c) Definitions of Business Day (if different from that set out in Condition 1 (Interpretation)

Not Applicable

(d) Interest Rate(s) 3 month ZAR- JIBAR-SAFEX plus the Margin

(e) Minimum Interest Rate Not Applicable
 (f) Maximum Interest Rate Not Applicable
 (g) Day Count Fraction Actual/365

	(h)	Other terms relating to the method of calculating interest (e.g. rounding up provision, if different from Condition 6.2 (Interest on Floating Rate Notes and Indexed Notes))	Not Applicable		
29.	Manner in which the Interest Rate is to be determined		Screen Rate Determination		
30.	Margin		180 basis points		
31.	If ISDA Determination:				
	(a)	Floating Rate	Not Applicable		
	(b)	Floating Rate Option	Not Applicable		
	(c)	Designated Maturity	Not Applicable		
	(d)	Reset Date(s)	Not Applicable		
32.	If Screen Rate Determination:				
	(a)	Reference Rate (including relevant period by reference to which the Interest Rate is to be calculated)	3 month ZAR- JIBAR-SAFEX		
	(b)	Interest Determination Date(s)	Each of 20 March, 20 June, 20 September and 20 December in each year from the Issue Date to the Maturity Date, with the first Interest Determination Date being 14 March 2024 (unless the Notes are redeemed on any Optional Redemption Date)		
	(c)	Relevant Screen Page	Reuters page SAFEY MNY MKT code 0#SFXMM: or any successor page		
	(d)	Relevant Time	11h00		
	(e)	Reference Banks	The Standard Bank of South Africa Limited, FirstRand Bank Limited, Nedbank Limited, Absa Bank Limited and Investec Bank Limited, and each of their successors		
33.	If Interest Rate to be calculated otherwise than by reference to 32 or 33 above				
	(a)	Margin	Not Applicable		
	(b)	Minimum Interest Rate	Not Applicable		
	(c)	Maximum Interest Rate	Not Applicable		
	(d)	Business Day Convention	Not Applicable		
	(e)	Day Count Fraction	Not Applicable		
	(f)	Default Rate	Not Applicable		
	(g)	Fall back provisions, rounding provisions and any other terms relating to the method of calculating interest for Floating Rate Notes	Not Applicable		
34.	If different from the Calculation Agent, agent responsible for calculating amount of principal and interest		Not Applicable		

Not Applicable

MIXED RATE NOTES

ZERO COUPON NOTES	Not Applicable
INDEXED NOTES	Not Applicable
EXCHANGEABLE NOTES	Not Applicable
OTHER NOTES	Not Applicable

#### PROVISIONS REGARDING REDEMPTION/MATURITY

35. Redemption at the Option of the Issuer Applicable (Call Option):

If applicable:

(a) Optional Redemption Date(s) 20 March 2029, and each Interest Payment Date thereafter (Call)

(b) Optional Redemption Amount(s)
(Call) and method, if any, of calculation of such amount(s)

100% of Aggregate Nominal Amount

(c) Minimum period of notice (if different from Condition 8.3 (Redemption at the option of the issuer (Call Option))

Not Applicable

(d) If redeemable in part:

Not Applicable
Not Applicable

Minimum Redemption Amount(s)

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Higher Redemption Amount(s)

Not Applicable

(e) Other terms applicable on Redemption

Not Applicable

36. Redemption at the option of the Noteholders of Senior Notes (Put Option):

Not Applicable

If applicable:

(a) Optional Redemption Date(s) (Put)

Not Applicable

(b) Optional Redemption Amount(s)
(Put) and method, if any, of calculation of such amount(s)

Not Applicable

(c) Minimum period of notice (if different to Condition 8.4 (Redemption at the option of Noteholders of Senior Notes (Put Option))

Not Applicable

(d) If redeemable in part:

Minimum Redemption Amount(s)

Not Applicable

Higher Redemption Amount(s)

Not Applicable

(e) Other terms applicable or Redemption

Not Applicable

(f) Attach pro forma Put Notice(s)

Not Applicable

37. Early Redemption Amount(s) payable on redemption pursuant to the provisions of Conditions 8.2 (Redemption for Tax Reasons or Change in Law), Condition 8.5 (Redemption following the occurrence of a

100% of the Aggregate Nominal Amount

Capital Disqualification Event) or Condition 12 (Events of Default) and/or the method of calculating same (if required or if different from that set out in Condition 8.9 (Early Redemption Amounts)

38. Optional Redemption for Subordinated Notes upon a Change in Law

Applicable

39. Substitution and Variation for Tier 2 Notes

**Applicable** 

40. Substitution and Variation for Tier 2 Notes upon a Change in Law

Applicable

41. Option to dis-apply Non-viability Loss Absorption Condition for Tier 2 Notes pursuant to Condition 5.5 (Disapplication of Non-Viability Loss Absorption

Applicable

42. Date for payment of Early Redemption Amount(s) payable on redemption pursuant to the provisions of Condition 12 (*Events of Default*)

Date specified in the announcement published by the Issuer on SENS, in accordance with the timetable set out in paragraph 3 of Schedule 4, Form A5 of the Debt Listings Requirements, which date will be on or before the day which is five Business Days after that date of receipt by the Issuer of the notice referred to in Condition 12 (Events of Default)

#### **GENERAL**

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(a)

43. Material Changes

As at the date of this Applicable Pricing Supplement, there has been no material change in the financial or trading position of the Issuer and its Subsidiaries since the date of the Issuer's latest audited annual financial statements, dated 31 December 2023. As at the date of this Applicable Pricing Supplement, there has been no involvement by KPMG Incorporated and Pricewaterhouse Coopers, the auditors of the Issuer, in making the aforementioned statement.

44. Other terms or special conditions

Notes qualify as Tier 2 Capital under the Banks Act

45. Board approval for issuance of Notes obtained

Yes

46. Additional selling restrictions

International Securities Identification Number (ISIN)

Not Applicable ZAG000203779

(b) Stock Code

SST204

48. (a) Financial Exchange

JSE Limited

(b) Relevant sub-market of the Financial Exchange

Interest Rate Market

(c) Clearing System

Strate Proprietary Limited

49. If syndicated, names of managers

Not Applicable

50. Receipts attached? If yes, number of Receipts attached

No

51. Coupons attached? If yes, number of Coupons attached

No

52. Credit Rating assigned to the Issuer

Fitch:

Issuer Local: Long term BB-

Issuer Foreign: Short term B

Long term BB-

Issuer National: Short term F1+(zaf)

Long term AA+(zaf)

Moody's:

Issuer Rating Local: Long term Ba2
Issuer Rating Foreign: Long Term Ba2

53. Date of issue of Credit Rating and date of next review

On 19 January 2024, Fitch affirmed the sovereign rating of the Republic of South Africa (RSA) at BB- for the long-term foreign and local currency ratings respectively and the outlook remains stable. On 22 September 2023, Fitch affirmed the long-term Issuer Default Ratings for Standard Bank Group (SBG) and The Standard Bank of South Africa Limited (SBSA) and the outlook remains stable. Review expected annually with the next review anticipated in December 2024.

On 29 November 2023, Moody's affirmed RSA's sovereign rating at Ba2 but revised the outlook on the long-term local and foreign currency issuer ratings to stable from negative. On 06 March 2024, Moody's ungraded the Ba3 long-term Deposit Rating of SBSA to Ba2 and the Ba3 long term Issuer Rating of SBG to Ba2, and set the outlook for both entities as stable. Review expected annually with the next review anticipated in March 2025.

54. Stripping of Receipts and/or Coupons prohibited as provided in Condition 14.4 (*Prohibition on Stripping*)?

Not Applicable

55. Governing law (if the laws of South Africa are not applicable)

Not Applicable

56. Other Banking Jurisdiction

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57. Last Day to Register, which shall mean that the "books closed period" (during which the Register will be closed) will be from each Last Day to Register to the applicable Payment Day until the date of redemption

Not Applicable

17h00 on 09 March, 09 June, 09 September, and 09 December of each year commencing on 09 June, in each year until the Maturity Date, or if such day is not a Business Day, the Business Day before each Books Closed Period until the Maturity Date

58. Books Closed Period

The Register will be closed from 10 March to 19 March, 10 June to 19 June, 10 September to 19 September and from 10 December to 19 December (all dates inclusive) in each year until the Maturity Date, or if such day is not a Business Day, the immediately preceding day that is a Business Day

59. Stabilisation Manager (if any)

Not Applicable

60. Method of distribution

**Dutch Auction** 

61. Authorised amount of the Programme

ZAR50,000,000,000

62. Total Notes in issue (including current issue)

ZAR37,108,000,000. The Issuer confirms that aggregate Nominal Amount of all Notes Outstanding under this Programme is within the Programme Amount.

63. Rights of cancellation

64. Responsibility statement

65. Commercial Paper Regulations

66. Use of proceeds

The Notes will be delivered to investors on the Issue Date through the settlement system of the Central Depository, provided that:

- (i) no event occurs prior to the settlement process being finalised on the Issue Date which the Dealers (in their sole discretion) consider to be a *force majeure* event; or
- (ii) no event occurs which the Dealers (in their sole discretion) consider may prejudice the issue, the Issuer, the Notes or the Dealers,

# (each, a "Withdrawal Event").

If the Issuer decides to terminate this transaction due to the occurrence of a Withdrawal Event, this transaction shall terminate and no party hereto shall have any claim against any other party as a result of such termination. In such event, the Notes, if listed, will immediately be de-listed.

The Issuer certifies that, to the best of its knowledge and belief, there are no facts that have been omitted which would make any statement false or misleading and that all reasonable enquiries to ascertain such facts have been made, as well as that the Programme Memorandum as read together with this Applicable Pricing Supplement contains all information required by Applicable Laws and the Debt Listings Requirements. The Issuer accepts full responsibility for the accuracy of the information contained in the Programme Memorandum as read together with the annual financial statements and this Applicable Pricing Supplement and the annual reports and any amendments or any supplements to the aforementioned documents, except as otherwise stated therein or herein.

The JSE takes no responsibility for the contents of the information contained in the Programme Memorandum as read together with this Applicable Pricing Supplement, the annual financial statements and the annual report of the Issuer and any amendments or any supplements to the aforementioned documents. The JSE makes representation as to the accuracy or completeness of the Programme Memorandum, Applicable Pricing Supplement and any amendments or any supplements to the aforementioned documents and expressly disclaims any liability for any loss arising from or in reliance upon the whole or any part of the aforementioned documents. The JSE's approval of the registration of the Programme Memorandum and listing of the Notes is not to be taken in any way as an indication of the merits or the Issuer or of any of the Notes and that, to the extent permitted by law, the JSE will not be liable for any claim whatsoever and the Issuer further confirms that the authorised amount of the Programme of ZAR50,000,000,000 has not been exceeded.

Applicable – see Annexure "A" to this Applicable Pricing Supplement

The Notes are intended to be issued as a Green Bond.

# Sustainable Finance Framework

Standard Bank Group ("SB Group") initially established a

Sustainable Bond Framework (the Framework) in February 2020 for the issuance of Green, Social and Sustainable Bonds. SBG updated the Framework and issued a Sustainable Finance Framework in October 2023 (the **Updated Framework**) that replaces the 2020 Framework. The Updated Framework addresses, in line with ICMA Principles and Guidelines, the following: (i) Use of Proceeds, (ii) Pure Play, (iii) Refinancing, (iv) Process for Selection and Evaluation of Eligible Assets, (v) Management and Tracking of Proceeds, (vi) Allocation and Impact Reporting and (vii) External Review. The Updated Framework describes the process for allocation of eligible projects/assets to underpin both loan and bond fund raising initiatives and sets out the criteria and process for the identification and evaluation of eligible projects or activities that would satisfy the criteria to enable a Tranche of Notes to be categorised as Green, Social and/or Sustainable Bonds. The Updated Framework is available on the SB Group's website: Framework.

#### Assurance

In connection with the Updated Framework and in compliance with paragraphs 3.15 and 3.16 of the Debt Listings Requirements, the SB Group appointed a sustainability specialist, Sustainalytics B.V. ("Sustainalytics"), to evaluate the Updated Framework and to issue a second party opinion confirming that the Updated Framework is credible, impactful and is aligned with the ICMA Principles and Guidelines (the "Sustainalytics Second Party Opinion").

Sustainalytics contact details are: De Entrée 35-37, 1101 BH Amsterdam (+31) 20 205 0067, https://www.sustainalytics.com/, Shreeya Garg (Amsterdam) shreeya.garg@morningstar.com The Sustainalytics Second Party Opinion is available on the SB Group's website: SPO.

#### **Independent Sustainability Advisor**

Sustainalytics is an independent sustainability advisor for the purposes of paragraphs 3.15 and 3.16 of the Debt Listings Requirements. The Sustainalytics Second Party Opinion constitutes the report of an independent sustainability advisor on the Framework contemplated by paragraphs 3.15, 3.16 and 4.22 of the Debt Listings Requirements.

Sustainalytics is a leading independent ESG and corporate governance research, ratings and analytics firm that supports investors around the world with the development and implementation of responsible investment strategies. Sustainalytics provides second-party opinions on green and sustainable bond frameworks to issuers, including multinational corporations, financial institutions and governments. Sustainalytics is certified by the Climate Bonds Standard Board as a verifier organization and supports various stakeholders in the development and verification of their frameworks.

Sustainalytics is, as required by the Debt Listings Requirements, an entity that has sufficient financial and market-specific expertise to perform the assessments stipulated by the Debt Listings Requirements, such expertise is demonstrated by:

- affiliation with relevant and widely recognised industry bodies; and
- significant and appropriate previous experience in providing external reviews on sustainability instruments,

in each case, as more fully set out in the Sustainalytics Second Party Opinion.

#### Use of Proceeds - Green Bond

The Issuer intends to allocate an amount of funding equivalent to the net proceeds of this Tranche of Notes to finance and/or refinance, in whole or in part, on a portfolio basis, assets that qualify under the Green Bond Principle Categories set out in Section 2.1.1 (*Investment Categories and Eligibility Criteria*) of the Updated Framework, with a focus on renewable energy assets.

# **Management of Proceeds**

The Issuer will track the receipt and use of the net proceeds of this Tranche of Notes via its internal reporting systems as more fully set out in Section 2.5 (*Management of Proceeds*) of the Updated Framework.

# Impact Measurement and Reporting and External Review

The SB Group will, in alignment with market practice, prepare and publish annual allocation and impact reporting with respect to Notes issued under the Updated Framework (the "Annual Impact and Allocation Report") as more fully set out in section 2.6 (*Impact Measurement and Reporting*) and 2.7 (*External Review*) of the Updated Framework.

The SB Group will request an annual limited assurance report of the allocation of the proceeds of a Green Bond, Social Bond and Sustainable Bond to eligible assets as contemplated by the Updated Framework, to be provided by its external auditor.

The Annual Impact and Allocation Report and related assurance report will be included in the SB Group's annual Sustainability Disclosures Report and be available on the SB Group's website: <u>Standard Bank Group investor relations</u>.

The Issuer will publish a SENS announcement stating when its suite of annual reporting (which includes the Annual Impact and Allocation Report) will be made available on the SB Group's website.

#### **Incorporation by Reference**

The Updated Framework and the Sustainalytics Second Party Opinion is incorporated by reference into this Applicable Pricing Supplement.

Notwithstanding the incorporation by reference of the Updated Framework and the Sustainalytics Second Party Opinion into this Applicable Pricing Supplement, the attention of investors in the Notes is drawn to the risk factor headed "In respect of any Notes issued as Green Bonds, Social Bonds or Sustainable Bonds, there can be no assurance that such use of proceeds will be suitable for the investment criteria of an investor" set out in the document entitled "Risk Factor & Other Disclosures Schedule relating to the Standard Bank Group Limited ZAR50,000,000,000 Domestic Medium Term Note Programme" which is dated 20 December 2023 and which is available on the SB Group's website: Disclosures.

Not Applicable

#### 67. Other provisions

Application is hereby made to list this issue of Notes on 19 March 2024. The Programme was registered with the JSE on 8 December 2022.

**SIGNED** at Rosebank, Johannesburg on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024.

For and on behalf of

# STANDARD BANK GROUP LIMITED

**Issuer** 

Name: Jan Brits

Capacity: Authorised Signatory
Who warrants his/her authority hereto

SIGNED at Rosebank, Johannesburg on this 14th day of March 2024.

For and on behalf of

STANDARD BANK GROUP LIMITED

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Issuer

Name: Mare Hearn

Capacity: Authorised Signatory
Who warrants his/her authority hereto

# ANNEXURE "A" TO THE APPLICABLE PRICING SUPPLEMENT COMMERCIAL PAPER REGULATIONS

### Disclosure requirements in terms of paragraph 3(5) of the Commercial Paper Regulations

The information required to be disclosed in terms of paragraph 3(5) of the Commercial Paper Regulations is set out in this Annexure "A" (except where such information is disclosed in the Programme Memorandum and/or the Applicable Pricing Supplement):

1. **Issuer and Ultimate Borrower** (paragraph 3(5)(a) of the Commercial Paper Regulations)

The Issuer of the relevant Tranche of Notes is Standard Bank Group Limited (incorporated with limited liability under registration number 1969/017128/06 in South Africa).

The "ultimate borrower" is The Standard Bank of South Africa Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Issuer.

2. **Going concern** (paragraph 3(5)(b) of the Commercial Paper Regulations)

The Issuer is a going concern and can in all circumstances be reasonably expected to meet its commitments, thereby reflecting the adequacy of the liquidity and solvency of the Issuer.

3. **Auditor** (paragraph 3(5)(c) of the Commercial Paper Regulations)

The auditors of the Issuer as at the Issue Date are KPMG Incorporated and Pricewaterhouse Coopers Incorporated.

KPMG Incorporated and Pricewaterhouse Coopers Incorporated have acted as the auditors of the Issuer's latest audited financial statements.

- 4. **Total amount of Commercial Paper** (paragraph 3(5)(d) of the Commercial Paper Regulations)
  - (a) The Issuer has, prior to the Issue Date, issued "commercial paper" (as defined in the Commercial Paper Regulations) in an aggregate principal amount of ZAR37,108,000,000.
  - (b) As at Issue Date, to the best of the Issuer's knowledge and belief, the Issuer estimates that it will issue "commercial paper" (as defined in the Commercial Paper Regulations) in an aggregate amount of ZAR2,500,000,000.00 during the Issuer's current financial year (excluding this Tranche of Notes).
- 5. **Other information** (paragraph 3(5)(e) of the Commercial Paper Regulations)

All information that may reasonably be necessary to enable the investor to ascertain the nature of the financial and commercial risk of its investment in this Tranche of Notes is contained in the Programme Memorandum and the Applicable Pricing Supplement.

6. **Material adverse change** (paragraph 3(5)(f) of the Commercial Paper Regulations)

Save as disclosed in the Programme Memorandum and as set out below, there has been no material adverse change in the Issuer's financial position since the date of the Issuer's last audited financial statements.

7. **Listing** (paragraph 3(5)(g) of the Commercial Paper Regulations)

This Tranche of Notes will be listed on the Interest Rate Market of the JSE.

8. **Use of proceeds** (paragraph 3(5)(h) of the Commercial Paper Regulations)

The Notes are intended to be issued as Green Bonds as more fully described in item 66 of the Applicable Pricing Supplement. The proceeds of the issue of this Tranche of Notes will be used by the Issuer to provide a downstream Tier 2 loan to The Standard Bank of South Africa Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Issuer, who shall be the "*ultimate borrower*" for the purposes of clause 3(2) of the Commercial Paper Regulations.

9. **Security** (paragraph 3(5)(i) of the Commercial Paper Regulations)

This Tranche of Notes is unsecured.

# 10. **Auditor's confirmation** (paragraph 3(5)(j) of the Commercial Paper Regulations)

KPMG Incorporated, being one of the Issuer's auditors as at the Issue Date, have confirmed in writing that nothing has come to their attention which causes them to believe that the issue of this Tranche of Notes under the Programme, pursuant to the Programme Memorandum (as read with the Applicable Pricing Supplement) will not comply in all material respects with the provisions of the Commercial Paper Regulations.

### 11. **Audited financial statements** (paragraphs 3(5)(j)(i) and (j)(ii) of the Commercial Paper Regulations)

Where, in relation to the issue and placing of this Tranche of Notes, the Programme Memorandum and/or the Applicable Pricing Supplement is distributed and/or made available for inspection in South Africa, a copy of the Issuer's latest audited annual financial statements will at all times separately accompany (either by electronic delivery or by physical delivery) the Programme Memorandum and/or the Applicable Pricing Supplement, as required by the Commercial Paper Regulations.