

8 October 2008

**CIRCULAR BM 1047**

**To:**  
**All Licensed Banks**  
**Operating in the Sultanate of Oman**

After Compliments,

Sub: **Lending Ratio**

1. Attention of Licensed Banks is invited to Circular BM 1039 dated 11 June 2008 on the above subject.
2. As you are aware, in terms of the above-referred Circular, the lending ratio would stand reduced to 82.5% with effect from **1<sup>st</sup> November 2008**. In view of the current market conditions, it has since been decided to temporarily suspend the above requirement, till further notice. In other words, banks are required to operate within the lending ratio of 85% as is presently applicable.
3. Banks are advised to note the above for prompt compliance noting that all other instructions on the subject remain unchanged (Article 1 of Regulation BM/44/7/98 is being suitably amended).

Best Regards,

**Hamood Sangour Al Zadjali**  
**The Executive President**