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STERLING FINANCIAL HOLDINGS COMPANY PLC - PUBLICATION OF THE AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024 AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

Sterling Financial Holdings Company Plc (the Company) wishes to notify Nigerian Exchange Limited (NGX), its shareholders, and the investing public of the delay in the filing of its Audited Financial Statements (AFS) for the year ended 31st December 2024 and by extension, its Unaudited Financial Statements for the period ended 31st March 2025.

The delays in finalizing the Group accounts, is due to one of its subsidiaries, Sterling Bank Ltd, being in the final stages of concluding its year-end audit with its External Auditors.

To this end, the Company will publish its 2024 AFS and Unaudited Financial Statements for the period ended 31st March 2025 on or before 28th June 2025, upon receipt of the requisite approvals.

In continuing compliance with the post-listing requirements of NGX, the previously announced closed period which commenced on 1st January 2025 will continue until 24 hours after the Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2024 and Unaudited Financial Statements for the period ended 31st March 2025 are released on the floor of NGX.

Consequently, Directors and other insiders of Sterling Financial Holdings Company Plc are restricted from dealing in the securities of the Company during the closed period.

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