

Lagos, Nigeria**November 12, 2018****RECENT RUMOUR ON BUSINESS COMBINATION WITH DIAMOND BANK PLC**

Our attention has been draw to a newspaper report relating to Access Bank Plc ('the Bank') being engaged in merger and acquisition talks with Diamond Bank Plc.

We wish to notify the Nigerian Stock Exchange and the general public that the Bank has not entered into any such discussions with Diamond Bank or any other institution. As a publicly quoted company built on best practice, the Bank is fully cognisant of its disclosure obligations in respect of any such corporate action and will always discharge its obligations in the most professional manner.

Consequently, any statement regarding any such corporate action that is not issued by the Bank should be disregarded.



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