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To, Hon'ble Shri Devendra Fadnavis Chief Minister Government of Maharashtra

Mantralaya

Mumbai 400 032

Sub.: Permitting Parking of the Surplus Money lying in the RERA Escrow Account

Respected Sir,

The implementation of RERA is one of the most laudable reforms implemented by the Government which has helped all the stakeholders tremendously, especially the consumers. One of the most consumer friendly feature of this reform was the mandatory escrow account where 70% of all sale proceeds was to be deposited.

Sir, we all know that the cost of borrowing today has sky rocketed, and is anywhere from 15% to 30% today. There are times, when huge amount of money keeps lying in the RERA account and the developer is not in a position to utilise this money. Such a situation could be an outcome of delayed project approvals or otherwise which inadvertently delay construction activity thereby creating a mismatch between the stage of construction work and the liquidity which is there in the RERA escrow account. This untapped source of capital can otherwise be put to highly productive use, well within the RERA framework.

As such it is CREDAI-MCHI's request, that you please permit the Developers to invest this money into the following categories:

- 1. PSU Banks, or any other banks fixed deposits;
- 2. Liquid Mutual Funds, which are rated above a benchmark level as may be prescribed by various rating agencies like Crisil High Rated
- 3. Debt Funds, Corporate Funds, Government Securities, etc

This investment of the parked unutilised money for the time being would provide some returns to the developer and bring a marginal relief to the cost of capital to the developer.

In order to safeguard the consumer rights and interest, and to remain within the ambit RERA, this money can be marked as lien to the lender to give that comfort to the lender & still remain as part of the total Escrow cash flows. In fact, if it is agreeable to the authorities in principal, then banks could in fact create Escrow deposit FD's, an

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instrument with maturity periods of kind of only 7 days or 15 days. At the end of the day, while the liquidity remains intact, the funds could be made available on the respective escrow accounts within a day itself, as and when a need arises.

Sir, we very strongly believe that creating this bridge capital utilisation would only be a win-win for the authorities, financiers and developers. Given the intent of such a proposal, we are sure you would provide a favourable consideration.

Looking forward to your positive feedback.

Your sincerely, For CREDAI-MCHI

Nayan A. Shah

President

Bandish Ajmera Hon. Secretary

Sanjiv Chaudhary MRICS Chief Operating Officer

CC:

To,

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The Hon'ble Chairperson

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