



The Landsbanki Freezing Order 2008

General Licence – Custodian (L6)

HM Treasury has been asked by a number of financial institutions to grant a licence relating to funds held in the name of Landsbanki Islands hf. (“the Bank”) where it has been established that the beneficial owners are a third party i.e. a person other than the Bank, any successor entity to the Bank, or the Authorities and Government of Iceland, but only in their capacity as owner or controller of the activities of the Bank or any successor entity to the Bank.

The Treasury has granted the attached Licence L6 on the condition that before funds are transferred under the licence, financial institutions must establish that the third party is the beneficial owner of the funds, for example by obtaining written confirmation and documentary evidence to this effect from the Bank.

For the avoidance of doubt, Licence L6 also relates to any funds held by financial institutions in the name of NBI hf. where the third party is the beneficial owner of the funds and the funds were previously held in the name of the Bank.

Copies of previous Notices and Licences related to the Landsbanki Freezing Order 2008 are available from the Financial Sanctions pages of the Treasury website:

http://www.hm-treasury.gov.uk/fin_sanctions_index.htm

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HM TREASURY

LANDSBANKI ISLANDS HF
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1. This licence is granted under Article 6 of The Landsbanki Freezing Order 2008 ("the Order").
2. The prohibitions in Article 4 of the Order are disapplied to the extent required to allow the permitted activity.
3. This licence does not operate to exclude or override the provisions of insolvency law or other regulatory requirements.

Definitions

4. In this licence
 - "the Bank" means Landsbanki Islands hf, a public limited company incorporated under the law of Iceland;
 - "the Bank's group" means:
 - the Bank;
 - any successor entity to the Bank; and
 - the Authorities and Government of Iceland, but only in their capacity as owner or controller of the activities of the Bank or any successor entity to the Bank;
 - "financial institutions" includes (and is not limited to) banks, investment firms, operators of payment and settlement systems, clearing houses, investment exchanges, market makers and custodians of funds;
 - "NBI" means NBI hf a public limited company incorporated under the law of Iceland;
 - "the third party" means a person other than any part of the Bank's group.
5. The definitions in Article 2 of the Order apply for the purposes of this licence.

Permitted activities

6. Financial institutions are permitted to transfer to a third party or in accordance with the instructions of the third party (*which may include transfers to the Bank or NBI*) any funds it holds in the name of the Bank where the third party is the beneficial owner of the funds.
7. Financial institutions are permitted to transfer to a third party or in accordance with the instructions of the third party (*which may include transfers to the Bank or NBI*) any funds it holds in the name of NBI where the third party is the beneficial owner of the funds and the funds were previously held in the name of the Bank.
8. It is a condition of this licence that before it transfers funds under this licence, the financial institution must establish that the third party is the beneficial owner of the funds, for example by obtaining written confirmation and documentary evidence to this effect from the Bank or NBI.
9. This licence may be varied or revoked at any time.