#### Government of Pakistan Revenue Division Federal Board of Revenue \*\*\*\*\*

Islamabad, the 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2023.

## Notification

(Income Tax)

**S.R.O. 229(I)/2023.-** The following draft of certain further amendments in the Income Tax Rules, 2002, which the Federal Board of Revenue proposes to make in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 237 of the Income Tax Ordinance, 2001 (XLIX of 2001), read with section 181E of the Ordinance, is hereby published for information of all persons likely to be affected thereby and, as required under sub-section (3) of the said section, notice is hereby given that objections or suggestions thereon, if any, may for the consideration of the Federal Board of Revenue be sent within seven days of publication of the draft notification in the official Gazette. Any objection or suggestion which may be received of the said draft, before the expiry of the aforesaid period, shall be taken into considered by the Federal Board of Revenue, namely: –

#### **Draft Amendments**

In the aforesaid Rules, after Chapter XIII, the following new Chapter XIIIA shall be added, namely: –

### **"Chapter XIIIA**

### **Record of Beneficial Owners**

**83A.** Application of Chapter. - (1) The rules in this chapter shall be applicable for the purposes of section 181E of Income Tax Ordinance, 2001 providing for record of beneficial owners.

(2) Every company and AOP on its initial registration with FBR, shall electronically furnish the particulars of its beneficial owners to the Board as prescribed in Form (BOF-01) of Part IXA of the First Schedule to these rules through Board's online system.

(3) Every company and AOP already registered with FBR, shall electronically furnish the particulars of its beneficial owners to the Board on or before December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023, as prescribed in Form (BOF-01) of Part IXA of the First Schedule to these rules through Board's online system.

(4) The record of the beneficial owners shall be updated whenever there is a change in any of the particulars of the beneficial owner as stipulated in Form (BOF-01) of Part IXA of the First Schedule of these rules, within 30 days from the date when the change occurs.

(5) In case of non-profit organization as defined under section 2(36) of the Income Tax Ordinance, 2001, the settlor, trustee, founder, promoter, beneficiary, class of beneficiary, as the case may be, will be the beneficial owners of the non-profit organization:

Provided that where the beneficiary or class of beneficiary of the nonprofit organization is general public, the beneficiary or class of beneficiary of such non-profit organization shall be exempted from the requirement of providing information of beneficial owners under this rule.

(6) In case there is no change in the beneficial owners of the Company or AOP throughout a particular tax year, the Company or AOP as the case may, shall furnish a "Certificate of Confirmation for Beneficial Owner" to this effect as prescribed (BOF-02) under Part IXA of the First Schedule to these rules through Board's online system along with the Income Tax return to be filed for that tax year.

**83B.** Definitions. – (1) "Board" means Federal Board of Revenue as defined in section 2(8) of Income Tax Ordinance, 2001;

(2) "Chain of ownerships" means all the legal entities and the legal arrangements through which the ownership rights (shareholdings) of a company or AOP are ultimately held by the natural person;

(3) "Contractual association" means the legal tie or contractual tie of two or more legal entities and/or legal arrangements to undertake joint investments and/or joint ventures;

(4) "Direct means" means (i) exercise of control by natural person including exercise of ultimate control over a company or AOP through direct ownership i.e. without having ownership of intervening legal person or persons between the natural persons and the company or AOP, as the case may be, or (ii) exercise of control through direct voting rights;

(5) "Indirect means" means exercise of control through means other than the direct means, and includes but not limited to means of control through (i) chain of ownerships, (ii) joint control arrangement, (iii) indirect voting rights, (iv) contractual associations, (v) personal and/or family connections, (vi) senior managerial position;

(6) "Joint control arrangement" means a situation where two or more natural and/or legal persons, each having ownership or voting rights of less than twenty-five percent, but their aggregate ownership or voting rights is twenty-five percent or more in a company or AOP and exercise or may exercise control over that company or AOP for being associates to each other in terms of section 85 of the Income Tax Ordinance, 2001.

(7) "ultimate effective control" means a situation in which ownership or control is ultimately exercised through direct and/or indirect means.

**83C.** Record of beneficial owner(s). - (1) The beneficial owner who exercise ultimate effective control over a company or AOP through direct ownership rights (through shareholding) of twenty-five percent or more, shall provide the following particulars or information.

- (a) Name of beneficial owner;
- (b) Father's name/Spouse's name;
- (c) Date of Birth;
- (d) Nationality of beneficial owner(s);
- (e) CNIC/NICOP/NTN/Passport number or Foreign National Identity number of beneficial owner;
- (f) Percentage of shareholding or ownership interest held by the beneficial owner;
- (g) Date of acquisition of ownership interest; and
- (h) Residential and Commercial address of the beneficial owner.

(2) The beneficial owner who exercise ultimate effective control over the company or AOP through ownership rights of twenty-five percent or more through chain of ownerships, shall provide the following particulars and information, namely: –

- (a) Name of beneficial owner;
- (b) Father's name or Spouse's name;
- (c) Date of Birth;
- (d) Nationality of beneficial owner;
- (e) CNIC, NICOP, NTN, Passport number or Foreign National Identity number of beneficial owner;
- (f) Particulars of legal owner i.e. all legal entities or/and arrangements through which the company or AOP is indirectly owned by the beneficial owner, –

- (i) name of the legal owner(s);
- (ii) type of legal owner involved in chain of ownership in Joint Stock Company, Limited Liability Company, Foundation, Trusts etc.;
- (iii) country of incorporation or registration of legal owner;
- (iv) incorporation or registration details of the legal owner i.e.
   incorporation or registration number, date of incorporation or registration, and name of incorporating or registering authority; and
- (v) registered address of the legal owner;
- (g) Percentage of shareholding or ownership interest held by the beneficial owner;
- (h) Date of acquisition of ownership interest; and
- (i) Residential and Commercial addresses of the beneficial owner.

(3) The beneficial owner who exercise ultimate effective control over the company or AOP through joint ownership arrangement, shall provide the following particulars, namely: -

- (a) Name of beneficial owner;
- (b) Father's name or Spouse's name;
- (c) Date of Birth;
- (d) Nationality of beneficial owners;
- (e) CNIC, NICOP, NTN, Passport number or Foreign National Identity number of beneficial owners;
- (f) Nature of relationship between the beneficial owners involved in joint control arrangement. [For example, Mr. X who holds x percentage of ownership interests in M/s ABC company or AOP is

the spouse of Ms. Y who holds y percentage of ownership interest in M/s ABC company or AOP].

- (i) Relatives;
- (ii) Friends;
- (iii) Other associates; (Please specify)
- (g) percentage of shareholding or ownership interest of each beneficial owner involved in joint control arrangement;
- (h) date of acquisition of ownership interest by each beneficial owner;
   and
- (i) residential and commercial addresses of the beneficial owners.

(4) The beneficial owner who exercise ultimate effective control over the company or AOP through direct voting rights, shall provide the following particulars.

- (a) Name of beneficial owner;
- (b) Father's name/Spouse's name;
- (c) Date of Birth;
- (d) Nationality of beneficial owner;
- (e) CNIC, NICOP, NTN, Passport number or Foreign National Identity number of beneficial owner;
- (f) Details of voting rights that provide the effective control to the beneficial owner;
- (g) Percentage of voting rights held by the beneficial owner;
- (h) Residential and Commercial addresses of the beneficial owners.

(5) The beneficial owner who exercise ultimate effective control over the company or AOP through indirect voting rights shall provide the following particulars and information, namely: -

- (a) Name of beneficial owner;
- (b) Father's name/Spouse's name;
- (c) Date of Birth;
- (d) Nationality of beneficial owner;
- (e) CNIC, NICOP, NTN, Passport number or Foreign National Identity number of beneficial owner;
- (f) Nature and details of the contract which provides effective control over the company or AOP to the contracting parties of the contract. Copy of the contract shall be provided to the Board;
- (g) Residential and Commercial addresses of the beneficial owner.

(6) The beneficial owner who exercise ultimate effective control over the company or AOP through contractual associations, shall provide the following particulars and information, namely: -

- (a) Name of beneficial owner;
- (b) Father's name/Spouse's name;
- (c) Date of Birth;
- (d) Nationality of beneficial owner;
- (e) CNIC, NICOP. NTN, Passport number or Foreign National Identity number of beneficial owner;
- (f) Nature and details of the personal/family connection which provides effective control to the beneficial owner; [For example, Mr. X (the beneficial owner) has influence over the company or AOP for being associated to Mr. Y (company's managing director)];
- (g) Residential and Commercial addresses of the beneficial owner.

(7) The beneficial owner who exercise ultimate effective control over the company or AOP through personal or through family connections with the

owners/directors/management of the company or AOP shall provide the following particulars/information.

- (a) Name of beneficial owner;
- (b) Father's name/Spouse's name;
- (c) Date of Birth;
- (d) Nationality of beneficial owner;
- (e) CNIC, NICOP, NTN, Passport number or Foreign National Identity number of beneficial owner;
- (f) Nature and details of the personal/family connection which provides effective control to the beneficial owner [e.g. Mr. X (the beneficial owner) has influence over the company or AOP for being associated to Mr. Y (company's managing director)]; and
- (g) Residential and Commercial addresses of the beneficial owner.

(8) The beneficial owner who exercise ultimate effective control over the company or AOP through senior managerial position and/or other indirect means shall provide the following particulars/information.

- (a) Name of beneficial owner;
- (b) Father's name/Spouse's name;
- (c) Date of Birth;
- (d) Nationality of beneficial owner;
- (e) CNIC, NICOP, NTN, Passport number or Foreign National Identity number of beneficial owner;
- (f) Managerial position held by senior managing officer and the nature of control he exercises in the company or AOP. [For example, Mr. X the CEO of the company holds the power of appointing or removing the Directors of the company];

- (g) Date of acquisition of senior management position in the company or AOP; and
- (h) Residential and Commercial addresses of the beneficial owner.

**83D.** The Cascading Process for recording of beneficial ownership information. – (1) This rule represents a cascading process which entails three Tests. Rule 83C (1), 83C (2), 83C (3), 83C (4) and 83C (5) shall collectively represent Test 1. Rule 83C (6) and 83C (7) shall collectively represent Test 2 and Rule 83C (8) shall represent Test 3 of the cascading process.

(2) The 3 Tests of the cascading process shall be applied in succession when a previous test has been applied but has not resulted in the identification of all beneficial owner i.e. Test 2 shall only be applied in case if there is doubt as to whether a person with controlling ownership interest is a beneficial owner, or where no beneficial owner has been identified as a consequence of application of Test 1. Similarly, Test 3 shall only be applied in case the information about all beneficial owners are not recorded or captured by application of Test 1 and Test 2.

**83E.** Retention of records of beneficial owner(s). -(1) Every company or AOP shall retain the records of all beneficial owners for a period of ten years from the date when the beneficial owners of that company or AOP, as the case may be, cease to be the beneficial owner of that company or AOP.

(2) Board shall retain the records of beneficial owners of all companies and AOPs registered with the Board for a period of fifteen years from the date when that company or AOP ceases to be registered with FBR.

## Form BOF-01

### **Record of Beneficial Owner**

## prescribed under section 181E of Income Tax Ordinance, 2001

<b>RECORDS OF BENEFICIAL OWNER(S)</b>			
Cascading Tests	Sr. No	8.	Information to be Obtained
and Application		Beneficial Owner(s)	
Test 1	1	Particulars of	Name of beneficial owner
The test aims at		beneficial owner(s)	Father's name/Spouse's name
identifying,		who exercise(s)	Date of Birth
obtaining and		ultimate effective	Nationality of beneficial owner(s)
verifying the		control over the	CNIC/NICOP/NTN/Passport
particulars of the		company or AOP	number(s)/ Foreign National Identity
beneficial owner(s)		through direct	number of beneficial owner(s)
who exercise(s)		ownership rights	Percentage of shareholding/ownership
ultimate effective		(shareholding) of	interest held by the beneficial owner(s)
control over the		twenty-five percent or	Date of acquisition of ownership
company or AOP		more.	interest
through			Residential and Commercial addresses
direct/indirect			of the beneficial owner.
ownership and	2	Particulars of the	Name of beneficial owner
voting rights.		beneficial owner(s)	Father's name/Spouse's name
		who exercise ultimate	Date of Birth
		effective control over	Nationality of beneficial owner(s)
		the company or AOP	CNIC/NICOP/NTN/Passport
		through ownership	number(s)/Foreign National Identity
		rights of twenty-five	number of beneficial owner(s)

	norcont	or	moro	Particulars of all legal owner(s) i.e. all
	percent	or	more	
	through	chain	of	legal entity(ies) or/and arrangement(s)
	ownerships	S.		through which the company or AOP is
				indirectly owned by the beneficial
				owner(s).
				i. Name(s) of the legal owner(s)
				ii. Type of legal owner(s) involved in
				chain of ownership (e.g. Joint
				Stock Company, Limited Liability
				Company, Foundation, Trusts etc.)
				iii. Country of
				Registration/Incorporation of legal
				owner(s)
				iv. Incorporation/Registration
				detail(s) of the legal owner(s) i.e.
				Incorporation number, date of
				incorporation and name of
				registering authority.
				v. Registered addresses of the legal
				owner(s)
				Percentage of shareholding/ownership
				-
				interest held by the beneficial owner(s)
				Date of acquisition of ownership
				interest
				Residential and Commercial addresses
				of the beneficial owner.
3				Name of beneficial owner

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	Particulars of the	Father's name/Spouse's name
	beneficial owner(s)	Date of Birth
	who exercise ultimate	Nationality of beneficial owner(s)
	effective control over	CNIC/NICOP/NTN/Passport
	the company or AOP	number(s)/Foreign National Identity
	through joint	number of beneficial owner(s)
	ownership	Details/nature of relationship between
	arrangements.	the beneficial owners involved in joint
		control arrangement.
		• Relatives [For example, Mr. X who
		holds x percentage of ownership
		interests in M/s ABC
		company/AOP is the spouse of Ms.
		Y who holds y percentage of
		ownership interest in the same
		company/AOP].
		<ul> <li>Friends</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Other associates (Please specify)</li> </ul>
		Percentage of shareholding/ownership
		interest of each beneficial owner
		involved in joint control arrangement
		Date of acquisition of ownership
		interest by each beneficial owner
		Residential and Commercial addresses
		of the beneficial owner(s).
4	Particulars of the	Name of beneficial owner
	beneficial owner(s)	Father's name/Spouse's name

Test 2	1		Name of beneficial owner
			of the beneficial owner.
			Residential and Commercial addresses
			held by the beneficial owner(s)
			Percentage of indirect voting rights
			owner(s).
			provide control to the beneficial
			Details of indirect voting rights that
		rights.	number of beneficial owner(s)
		through indirect voting	number(s)/Foreign National Identity
		the company or AOP	CNIC/NICOP/NTN/Passport
		effective control over	Nationality of beneficial owner(s)
		who exercise ultimate	Date of Birth
		beneficial owner(s)	Father's name/Spouse's name
	5	Particulars of the	Name of beneficial owner
			of the beneficial owner.
			Residential and Commercial addresses
			by the beneficial owner(s)
			Percentage of direct voting rights held
			owner(s).
			provide control to the beneficial
			Details of direct voting rights that
		rights.	number of beneficial owner(s)
		through direct voting	number(s)/Foreign National Identity
		the company or AOP	CNIC/NICOP/NTN/Passport
		effective control over	Nationality of beneficial owner(s)
		who exercise ultimate	Date of Birth

Test 2 aims at	Particulars of the	Father's name/Spouse's name
Identifying,	beneficial owner(s)	Date of Birth
obtaining and	who exercise ultimate	Nationality of beneficial owner(s)
verifying the	effective control over	CNIC/NICOP/NTN/Passport
particulars of the	the company or AOP	number(s)/Foreign National Identity
beneficial owner(s)	through contractual	number of beneficial owner(s)
who exercise(s)	associations.	Nature and details of the contract which
ultimate effective		provides effective control of the
control over the		company or AOP to the contracting
company or AOP		parties/ beneficial owner.
through		Residential and Commercial addresses
contractual		of the beneficial owner(s)
associations and	2 Particulars of the	Name of beneficial owner
personal and/or	beneficial owner(s)	Father's name/Spouse's name
family connections	who exercise ultimate	Date of Birth
with the owners /	effective control over	Nationality of beneficial owner(s)
directors/	the company or AOP	CNIC/NICOP/NTN/Passport
management of the	through personal	number(s)/Foreign National Identity
company or AOP.	and/or family	number of beneficial owner(s)
	connections with the	Nature and details of the
If there is doubt	management/owners/di	personal/family connection which
under Test 1 as to	rectors of the company	provides effective control to the
whether a person	or AOP.	beneficial owner [e.g. Mr. X (the
with direct/		beneficial owner) has influence over
indirect/joint		the company or AOP for being
ownership interest		associated to Mr. Y (company's
or direct/indirect		managing director)].

voting rights is a	Resi	dential and Commercial addresses
beneficial owner,	of th	e beneficial owner.
or where no natural		
person exerts		
control through		
ownership interests		
and voting rights,		
then the particulars		
of a natural		
person(s)		
exercising control		
over company or		
AOP through		
means of control		
other than		
ownership and		
voting rights, are		
obtained by		
application of Test		
2.		
<u>Test 3</u>	Particulars of the Nam	ne of beneficial owner
Test 3 aims at	beneficial owner(s) Fath	ner's name/Spouse's name
Identifying,	who exercise ultimate Date	e of Birth
obtaining and	effective control over Nati	ionality of beneficial owner(s)
verifying the	the company or AOP CNI	C/NICOP/NTN/Passport
particulars of	through senior num	ber(s)/Foreign National Identit
beneficial owner(s)	managerial positions num	ber of beneficial owner(s)

who exercise(s)	(e.g. senior managing	Position held by senior managing
ultimate effective		officer and the nature of control he/she
control through	power to appoint and	exercises in the company or AOP. [For
senior managerial	remove majority of	example, Mr. X the CEO of the
position(s).	directors or control	company holds the power of appointing
	over the affairs of the	or removing the Directors of the
Where no natural	company) and other	company].
person is identified	indirect means of	
under Test 1 and	control.	L L
Test 2 above,	control.	management position in the company
reasonable		or AOP
		Residential and Commercial addresses
measures shall be		of the beneficial owner.
taken to verify the		
identity of the		
relevant natural		
person(s) who		
holds(s) senior		
managerial		
position(s) in the		
company or AOP.		

**Note:** It is important to note that the above 3 Tests represents a cascading process, to be used in succession when a previous step has been taken but has not resulted in the identification of all Beneficial Owner(s).

# <u>Certificate of Confirmation in respect of Beneficial Owner</u> prescribed under Rule 83A(6) of Income Tax Rules, 2002.

- This is to certify that the particulars of the Beneficial owners in respect to M/s
   (Name of the Company/AOP/Trust/NPO) holding NTN \_\_\_\_\_
   provided to FBR under Section 181E of Income Tax Ordinance, 2001 were
   updated latest on \_\_\_\_\_ (Day/Month/Year) in accordance with the rules
   prescribed under Chapter XIIIA of Income Tax Rules, 2002.
- 2. This is to further certify that the particulars of the Beneficial Owners in respect of M/s \_\_\_\_\_ (Name of the Company/AOP/Trust/NPO) holding NTN \_\_\_\_\_ updated latest on \_\_\_\_\_ (Day/Month/Year) remained unchanged for tax year \_\_\_\_\_.

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Secretary (Income Tax Budget)

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