

April 7, 2017

## STATEMENT ON LATE FILING OF AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

We refer to the above.

This is to inform our esteemed shareholders and other stakeholders of a delay by Fidelity Bank Plc to release/publish its Audited Financial Statements for the 2016 financial year by March 31, 2017 as required by extant Rules of The Nigerian Stock Exchange.

The delay was premised on the need for approval of our 2016 Audited Financial Statements by our regulators. The approval of The Nigerian Stock Exchange and the Securities and Exchange Commission for delayed release of the Audited Financial Statements was sought.

The Audited Financial Statements was subsequently filed on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of April 2017.

SIGNED

Ezinwa Unuigboje

**Company Secretary**