

Date: May 25, 2020

To, **BSE Limited,**PJ Towers, Dalal Street,
Mumbai- 400 001
INDIA

BSE Scrip Code: 500159

<u>Subject:</u> Disclosure of Material Impact of Covid-19 Pandemic under Regulation 30 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulation, 2015

Dear Sir,

Pursuant to SEBI Circular No. *SEBI/HO/CFD/CMD1/CIR/P/2020/84* dated May 20, 2020 and Regulation 30 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulation, 2015, please find the enclosed disclosure of the material impact of Covid-19 pandemic on the Company.

Due to unavailability of full resource, we hereby submit this disclosure without signature (Sd/-).

Kindly take the same on record.

Thanking you.

For, Metroglobal Limited

Sd/-

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Company Secretary & Compliance Officer

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# IMPACT OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC ON THE BUSINESS

The outbreak of Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic globally and in India is causing significant disturbance and slowdown of economic activity. In many countries, businesses are being forced to cease or limit their operations for long or indefinite period of time. Measures taken to contain the spread of the virus, including travel bans, quarantines, social distancing, and closures of non-essential services have triggered significant disruptions to businesses worldwide, resulting in an economic slowdown.

Businesses for most of the company have had a severe negative impact all over the world including adverse impact on businesses in India resulting into a massive slowdown to the economy. In the present situation, it is difficult to ascertain the overall impact of the outbreak. The pandemic is significantly impacting business operation of the Company, by way of supply chain disruption, unavailability of personnel, closure / lock down of operating facilities etc. The lockdown, lots of restrictions and unexpected variables shall adversely result in to the operations and future growth plans of the Company.

## • ABILITY TO MAINTAIN OPERATIONS

In full compliance to the guidelines/instructions issued by Central/state Governments all over India to prevent spread of COVID-19, as responsible corporate citizen and in order to ensure the safety and well-being of employees, workers and all stakeholders, the Company had decided to temporarily close its offices and places of operations. The Company implemented Working from Home for all the employees working at the offices, wherever possible. The Company has also filed the Covid-19 return with the ROC, Maharashtra.

#### SCHEDULE FOR RESTARTING OPERATIONS

The Company has resumed partial operations with limited employees with effect from May 20, 2020 ensuring strict compliance to the guidelines issued by the MHA and also in compliance with conditions stipulated by local district and/or Government authorities. The remaining employees are continuing to work from home. The Company is also utilising video conferencing facilities to conduct meetings and discussions.

#### • STEPS TAKEN FOR SMOOTH FUNCTIONING OF OPERATIONS:

The Management has decided to give flexible working hours to its employees both working at offices and the ones working from home. The employees are ensuring proper reporting of the tasks on a daily basis. The employees are given full flexibility to use Company resources to ensure smooth operations at their end.

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## • ESTIMATION OF FUTURE IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON OPERATIONS:

The future impact of Covid-19 on operations is unknown, however; the Company intends to adopt more digital technologies for ensuring that work doesn't impact in case of any future possible lockdowns, etc... The Company intends to evaluate and invest in technologies and equipment which will allow the employees and the Company to work uninterrupted even in such times of adversity. The Company is also considering to incorporate more digital mediums to conduct meetings and follow the norms of social distancing, a key essential in this fight. The Company will also focus in maintaining and upgrading sanitation at all places of operation and also creating awareness amongst employees, workers and all stakeholders of the Company.

#### • DETAILS ON IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON LISTED ENTITY:

<u>Capital & Financial Resources:</u> The Company utilises its own funds and does not have any major borrowings, hence there is very limited to almost no impact in terms of capital and financial resources of the Company.

<u>Profitability:</u> The business of the Company is significantly impacted due to the lockdown, which has resulted in to no sales during the lockdown period. Simultaneously, the Company continued to incur fixed expenses like salaries, rent, other fixed expenses, etc... which would significantly impact the profitability of the Company. The Company had invested its funds into various financial instruments like equities, mutual funds, etc... The impact of this pandemic is well known on the financial markets and has resulted in a decline in the Company's portfolio and profitability as well.

<u>Liquidity Position:</u> The Company has adequate reserves and networth which is one of its' biggest strengths. This would possibly bring in a lot of business opportunities in future.

Ability to service debt and other financial arrangements: The Company does not have any major debt obligations and hence this would not impact the Company.

<u>Internal Financial Reporting and Control:</u> The management is constantly striving in ensuring an effective internal financial reporting and control measure. Systems are established to ensure the validity of the transactions and safe guarding of the assets.

<u>Supply Chain:</u> There are a lot of states which are still under lockdown and hence inter-state and intra-state supplies are affected. This has caused a significant impact in getting timely supplies from the Company's suppliers and resultantly affecting the business operations of the Company.

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<u>Demand for its products/services</u>: The Company is mainly engaged in the business of trading of chemicals, textiles, metals, minerals and ores. Since there are a lot of uncertainties with regards to the impact of this pandemic, the demand and supply situation is presently unclear and we will have a clearer picture in times to come. Also, with regards to the Real Estate development business, it is very likely that the overall demand will remain sluggish for a period of at least six to twelve months.

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