

FERMENTA BIOTECH LIMITED

POLICY FOR DETERMINATION OF MATERIALITY OF ANY EVENT / INFORMATION

[Pursuant to Regulation 30 of Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015]

(With effect from October 17, 2019, name of the Company has been changed from DIL Limited to Fermenta Biotech Limited. Reprinted with new name after October 17, 2019.)

Amended at the Board Meeting dated August 11, 2023



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1. Introduction:

Pursuant to the provisions of Clause (ii) of sub-regulation (4) of Regulation 30 of Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 as may be re-enacted or amended from time to time (Listing Regulations), the Company's Board of Directors has formulated and adopted this policy with regard to determination of materiality of events or information which are required to be disclosed to the Stock Exchanges ('Policy').

2. Effective Date:

The Policy is effective from December 01, 2015.

3. Definitions:

- i. "Act" means Companies Act, 2013 and rules framed there under.
- ii. "Company" means Fermenta Biotech Limited (CIN: L99999MH1951PLC008485).
- iii. "Listing Regulations" means Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.

4. Purpose of the Policy

The purpose of this Policy is to determine materiality of events and information based on criteria specified under clause (i) of sub-regulation (4) of Regulation 30 of the Listing Regulations and to ensure that the Company shall make disclosure of events / information specified in para A and B of Part A of Schedule III of the Listing Regulations to the Stock Exchanges.

***5 Categories of Disclosure of Events/Information as per Regulation 30 of the Listing Regulations**

- (a) The Events/Information that are required to be disclosed by the Company may be divided in the following categories:
 - (i) Events which shall be disclosed **without any application** of the guidelines for materiality, as specified in sub-regulation (4) of Regulation 30, as set out under Schedule III, Part A, Para A. The list of such events is enclosed as **Annexure - I**.
 - (ii) Events which shall be disclosed **upon application** of the guidelines for materiality, as referred in sub-regulation (4) of Regulation 30, as set out under Schedule III, Part A, Para B. The list of such events is enclosed as **Annexure - II**.

Annexure I and Annexure II shall stand automatically amended in accordance with any amendment in Listing Regulations.

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6. Criteria for determination of materiality of events or information:

The criteria for determination of materiality of events or information are:

- (a) the omission of an event or information, which is likely to result in discontinuity or alteration of event or information already available publicly; or
- (b) the omission of an event or information is likely to result in significant market reaction if the said omission came to light at a later date; or
- * (c) the omission of an event or information, whose value or the expected impact in terms of value, exceeds the lower of the following:
 - (1) 2% of turnover, as per the last audited consolidated financial statements of the Company;
 - (2) 2% of net worth, as per the last audited consolidated financial statements of the Company, except in case the arithmetic value of the net worth is negative;
 - (3) 5% of the average of absolute value of profit or loss after tax, as per the last three audited consolidated financial statements of the Company;

With respect to (c)(3) above, it is clarified that the average of absolute value of profit or loss is required to be considered by disregarding the 'sign' (positive or negative) that denotes such value as the said value / figure is required only for determining the threshold for 'materiality' of the event and not for any commercial consideration. Example is given as under:

(Amount in Rs. crore)	Profit/loss after tax	Absolute value of profit/loss after tax	Average of absolute value of profit/loss after tax for the 3 years
FY 2020-21	(20)	20	$(20+50+20) / 3 = 30$
FY 2021-22	50	50	
FY 2022-23	(20)	20	

- (c) In case where the criteria specified in sub-clauses (a), (b) and (c) is not applicable, an event or information may be treated as being material if in the opinion of the board of directors of the Company, the event or information is considered material.
- (d) Any other criteria as may be specified under the Listing Regulations from time to time and/or approved by the Board of Directors of the Company.

***7. Timelines for Disclosure:**

Company shall first disclose to the stock exchange(s) all events or information which are material in terms of the provisions of Regulation 30 as soon as reasonably possible and in any case not later than the following:

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- (i) **30 (thirty) minutes** from the closure of the meeting of the board of directors in which the decision pertaining to the event or information has been taken;
- (ii) **12 (twelve) hours** from the occurrence of the event or information, in case the event or information is emanating from within the Company;
- (iii) **24 (twenty-four) hours** from the occurrence of the event or information, in case the event or information is not emanating from within the Company;

Provided that disclosure with respect to events for which timelines have been specified in Part A of Schedule III shall be made within such timelines.

***8. Persons Authorised for determining the materiality under Para B of Part A of Schedule III of the Listing Regulations:**

Key Managerial Personnel along with their details (as required under the provisions of Regulation 30(5) of Listing Regulations) who have been authorised by the Board of Directors under this Policy for the purpose of determining materiality of an event or information and for making disclosures to stock exchanges under Regulation 30 of Listing Regulations are as under ("**Authorised Persons**"):

Sr. No.	Name of KMP	Designation	Contact Details
1	Mr. Prashant Nagre	Managing Director	022-67980888 info@fermentabiotech.com
2	Mr. Srikant Sharma	Company Secretary & Compliance Officer	022-67980888 info@fermentabiotech.com
3	Mr. Sumesh Gandhi	Chief Financial Officer	022-67980888 info@fermentabiotech.com

Any change in KMPs or their details, as may be approved by the Board of Directors, shall automatically be incorporated in this Policy.

***9. Procedure for Disclosure of information under this Policy:**

- (a) In order to ensure that the Company complies with the disclosure obligations under Regulations 30 of Listing Regulations, all functional heads shall be apprised of the Policy. Functional heads shall further apprise their respective department members about the Policy and may set standard operating procedures, wherever felt necessary.
- (b) Upon happening of an event that is covered under Regulations 30 of Listing Regulations including an event as stated in Annexure I or Annexure II, the concerned functional head shall immediately report to the Authorised Persons about such event along with all necessary information related to such event which he/she is aware of.
- (c) In case any functional head is not in a position to determine whether the event that has happened or is about to happen may fall within the scope of Regulations 30 of Listing Regulations or not, he/she should satisfy himself/herself after immediately consulting with the Authorised Persons.

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- (d) On receipt of information from functional head by Authorised Persons, the Authorised Persons shall review and assess the same with respect to its accuracy and materiality of event or information in terms of this Policy and Listing Regulations. Accordingly, further decision regarding disclosure of event or information shall be taken by Authorised Persons.
- (e) It is not necessary that all Authorised Persons shall unanimously take the decision as stated above. Depending on the situation, any of the Authorised Persons can take a call as to applicability of disclosure requirements under this Policy and Listing Regulations. Necessary assistance of the Company Secretary shall be taken as and when necessary.
- (f) Where Authorised Persons are not certain about materiality of event/information, they may refer the matter for the external legal advice.

***10. Website:**

- (i) The Policy shall be disclosed on the website of the Company.
- (ii) The contact details of the Authorised Persons shall be disclosed to the stock exchange(s) and, through this Policy, on the Company's website.
- (iii) The Company shall disclose on its website all such events or information which has been disclosed to stock exchange(s) under this Policy, and such disclosures shall be hosted on the website of the Company for a minimum period of five years and thereafter as per the archival policy of the Company or such other time period as may be statutorily stipulated.

***11. Material developments regarding the event or information already disclosed:**

The Company shall, with respect to disclosures referred to in Regulation 30, make disclosures updating material developments on a regular basis, till such time the event is resolved/closed, with relevant explanations.

***12. Amendment**

Any change in the Policy shall be approved by the Board of Directors of the Company. The Board of Directors shall have the right to withdraw and / or amend any part of this Policy or the entire Policy, at any time, as it deems fit, or from time to time, and the decision of the Board in this respect shall be final and binding. Notwithstanding above, any amendment to Listing Regulations shall automatically be covered in this Policy and, in such case, the Company Secretary, without requiring the Board's approval, is authorised to make necessary alterations to the Policy provided that the amended Policy shall be placed before the Board for its noting and ratification or further amendments, if any.

In the event of any conflict between the provisions of this Policy and the Listing Regulations, the provisions of such Listing Regulations shall prevail over this Policy.

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For FERMENTA BIOTECH LIMITED



SANJAY BUCH

CHAIRMAN



Enclosure:

- Annexure I;
- Annexure II.

***Annexure I.**

Events which shall be disclosed without any application of the guidelines for materiality as specified in sub-regulation (4) of regulation (30) of Listing Regulations

(Reproduced from Schedule III of Listing Regulations)

1. Acquisition(s) (including agreement to acquire), Scheme of Arrangement (amalgamation, merger, demerger or restructuring), sale or disposal of any unit(s), division(s), whole or substantially the whole of the undertaking(s) or subsidiary of the Company, sale of stake in associate company of the listed entity or any other restructuring.

Explanation (1) - For the purpose of this sub-paragraph, the word 'acquisition' shall mean-

- (i) acquiring control, whether directly or indirectly; or
- (ii) acquiring or agreement to acquire shares or voting rights in a company, whether existing or to be incorporated, whether directly or indirectly, such that -
 - (a) the listed entity holds shares or voting rights aggregating to five per cent or more of the shares or voting rights in the said company; or
 - (b) there has been a change in holding from the last disclosure made under sub-clause (a) of clause (ii) of the Explanation to this sub-paragraph and such change exceeds two per cent of the total shareholding or voting rights in the said company; or
 - (c) the cost of acquisition or the price at which the shares are acquired exceeds the threshold specified in sub-clause (c) of clause (i) of sub-regulation (4) of regulation 30.

Explanation (2) - For the purpose of this sub-paragraph, "sale or disposal of subsidiary" and "sale of stake in associate company" shall include-

- (i) an agreement to sell or sale of shares or voting rights in a company such that the company ceases to be a wholly owned subsidiary, a subsidiary or an associate company of the listed entity; or
- (ii) an agreement to sell or sale of shares or voting rights in a subsidiary or associate company such that the amount of the sale exceeds the threshold specified in sub-clause (c) of clause (i) of sub-regulation (4) of regulation 30.

Explanation (3)- For the purpose of this sub-paragraph, "undertaking" and "substantially the whole of the undertaking" shall have the same meaning as given under section 180 of the Companies Act, 2013.

2. Issuance or forfeiture of securities, split or consolidation of shares, buyback of securities, any restriction on transferability of securities or alteration in terms or structure of existing securities including forfeiture, reissue of forfeited securities, alteration of calls, redemption of securities etc.
3. New Rating(s) or Revision in Rating(s).
4. Outcome of Meetings of the board of directors: The listed entity shall disclose to the Exchange(s), within 30 minutes of the closure of the meeting, held to consider the following:



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- a) dividends and/or cash bonuses recommended or declared or the decision to pass any dividend and the date on which dividend shall be paid/dispatched;
- b) any cancellation of dividend with reasons thereof;
- c) the decision on buyback of securities;
- d) the decision with respect to fund raising proposed to be undertaken
- e) increase in capital by issue of bonus shares through capitalization including the date on which such bonus shares shall be credited/dispatched;
- f) reissue of forfeited shares or securities, or the issue of shares or securities held in reserve for future issue or the creation in any form or manner of new shares or securities or any other rights, privileges or benefits to subscribe to;
- g) short particulars of any other alterations of capital, including calls;
- h) financial results;
- i) decision on voluntary delisting by the listed entity from stock exchange(s):

Provided that in case of board meetings being held for more than one day, the financial results shall be disclosed within thirty minutes of end of the meeting for the day on which it has been considered.

5. Agreements (viz. shareholder agreement(s), joint venture agreement(s), family settlement agreement(s) (to the extent that it impacts management and control of the listed entity), agreement(s)/treaty(ies)/contract(s) with media companies) which are binding and not in normal course of business, revision(s) or amendment(s) and termination(s) thereof.

(5A) Agreements entered into by the shareholders, promoters, promoter group entities, related parties, directors, key managerial personnel, employees of the listed entity or of its holding, subsidiary or associate company, among themselves or with the listed entity or with a third party, solely or jointly, which, either directly or indirectly or potentially or whose purpose and effect is to, impact the management or control of the listed entity or impose any restriction or create any liability upon the listed entity, shall be disclosed to the Stock Exchanges, including disclosure of any rescission, amendment or alteration of such agreements thereto, whether or not the listed entity is a party to such agreements:

Provided that such agreements entered into by a listed entity in the normal course of business shall not be required to be disclosed unless they, either directly or indirectly or potentially or whose purpose and effect is to, impact the management or control of the listed entity or they are required to be disclosed in terms of any other provisions of these regulations.

Explanation: For the purpose of this clause, the term "directly or indirectly" includes agreements creating obligation on the parties to such agreements to ensure that listed entity shall or shall not act in a particular manner.

Fraud or defaults by a listed entity, its promoter, director, key managerial personnel, senior management or subsidiary or arrest of key managerial personnel, senior management, promoter or director of the listed entity, whether occurred within India or abroad:

For the purpose of this sub-paragraph:



- (i) 'Fraud' shall include fraud as defined under Regulation 2(1)(c) of Securities and Exchange Board of India (Prohibition of Fraudulent and Unfair Trade Practices relating to Securities Market) Regulations, 2003.
- (ii) 'Default' shall mean non-payment of the interest or principal amount in full on the date when the debt has become due and payable.

Explanation 1- In case of revolving facilities like cash credit, an entity would be considered to be in 'default' if the outstanding balance remains continuously in excess of the sanctioned limit or drawing power, whichever is lower, for more than thirty days.

Explanation 2- Default by a promoter, director, key managerial personnel, senior management, subsidiary shall mean default which has or may have an impact on the listed entity.

- 7. Change in directors, key managerial personnel (Managing Director, Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer , Company Secretary etc.), senior management, Auditor and Compliance Officer.

(7A) In case of resignation of the auditor of the listed entity, detailed reasons for resignation of auditor, as given by the said auditor, shall be disclosed by the listed entities to the stock exchanges as soon as possible but not later than twenty four hours of receipt of such reasons from the auditor.

(7B) Resignation of independent director including reasons for resignation: In case of resignation of an independent director of the listed entity, within seven days from the date of resignation, the following disclosures shall be made to the stock exchanges by the listed entities:

i. The letter of resignation along with] detailed reasons for the resignation as given by the said director.

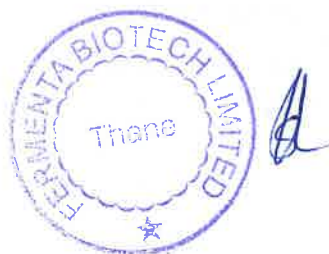
(ia). Names of listed entities in which the resigning director holds directorships, indicating the category of directorship and membership of board committees, if any.

ii. The independent director shall, along with the detailed reasons, also provide a confirmation that there is no other material reasons other than those provided.

iii. The confirmation as provided by the independent director above shall also be disclosed by the listed entities to the stock exchanges along with the disclosures as specified in sub-clause (i) and (ii) above.

(7C) In case of resignation of key managerial personnel, senior management, Compliance Officer or director other than an independent director; the letter of resignation along with detailed reasons for the resignation as given by the key managerial personnel, senior management, Compliance Officer or director shall be disclosed to the stock exchanges by the listed entities within seven days from the date that such resignation comes into effect.

(7D) In case the Managing Director or Chief Executive Officer of the listed entity was indisposed or unavailable to fulfil the requirements of the role in a regular manner for more than forty five days in any rolling period of ninety days, the same along with the reasons for such indisposition or unavailability, shall be disclosed to the stock exchange(s).



8. Appointment or discontinuation of share transfer agent.
9. Resolution plan/ Restructuring in relation to loans/borrowings from banks/financial institutions including the following details:
 - (i) Decision to initiate resolution of loans/borrowings;
 - (ii) Signing of Inter-Creditors Agreement (ICA) by lenders;
 - (iii) Finalization of Resolution Plan;
 - (iv) Implementation of Resolution Plan;
 - (v) Salient features, not involving commercial secrets, of the resolution/ restructuring plan as decided by lenders.
10. One time settlement with a bank.
11. Winding-up petition filed by any party / creditors.
12. Issuance of Notices, call letters, resolutions and circulars sent to shareholders, debenture holders or creditors or any class of them or advertised in the media by the listed entity.
13. Proceedings of Annual and extraordinary general meetings of the listed entity.
14. Amendments to memorandum and articles of association of listed entity, in brief.
- 15 (a) Schedule of analysts or institutional investors meet at least two working days in advance (excluding the date of the intimation and the date of the meet) and presentations made by the listed entity to analysts or institutional investors.

Explanation: For the purpose of this clause 'meet' shall mean group meetings or group conference calls conducted physically or through digital means.

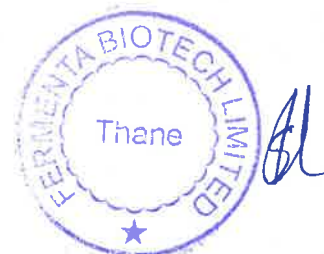
- (b) Audio or video recordings and transcripts of post earnings/quarterly calls, by whatever name called, conducted physically or through digital means, simultaneously with submission to the recognized stock exchange(s), in the following manner:
 - (i) the presentation and the audio/video recordings shall be promptly made available on the website and in any case, before the next trading day or within twenty-four hours from the conclusion of such calls, whichever is earlier;
 - (ii) the transcripts of such calls shall be made available on the website within five working days of the conclusion of such calls;

The requirement for disclosure(s) of audio/video recordings and transcript shall be voluntary with effect from April 01, 2021 and mandatory with effect from April 01, 2022.;

16. The following events in relation to the corporate insolvency resolution process (CIRP) of a listed corporate debtor under the Insolvency Code:
 - a) Filing of application by the corporate applicant for initiation of CIRP, also specifying the amount of default;
 - b) Filing of application by financial creditors for initiation of CIRP against the corporate debtor, also specifying the amount of default;



- c) Admission of application by the Tribunal, along with amount of default or rejection or withdrawal, as applicable ;
- d) Public announcement made pursuant to order passed by the Tribunal under section 13 of Insolvency Code;
- e) List of creditors as required to be displayed by the corporate debtor under regulation 13(2)(c) of the IBBI (Insolvency Resolution Process for Corporate Persons) Regulations, 2016;
- f) Appointment/ Replacement of the Resolution Professional;
- g) Prior or post-facto intimation of the meetings of Committee of Creditors;
- h) Brief particulars of invitation of resolution plans under section 25(2)(h) of Insolvency Code in the Form specified under regulation 36A(5) of the IBBI (Insolvency Resolution Process for Corporate Persons) Regulations, 2016;
- i) Number of resolution plans received by Resolution Professional;
- j) Filing of resolution plan with the Tribunal;
- k) Approval of resolution plan by the Tribunal or rejection, if applicable;
- l) Specific features and details of the resolution plan as approved by the Adjudicating Authority under the Insolvency Code, not involving commercial secrets, including details such as:
 - (i) Pre and Post net-worth of the company;
 - (ii) Details of assets of the company post CIRP;
 - (iii) Details of securities continuing to be imposed on the companies' assets;
 - (iv) Other material liabilities imposed on the company;
 - (v) Detailed pre and post shareholding pattern assuming 100% conversion of convertible securities;
 - (vi) Details of funds infused in the company, creditors paid-off;
 - (vii) Additional liability on the incoming investors due to the transaction, source of such funding etc.;
 - (viii) Impact on the investor – revised P/E, RONW ratios etc.;
 - (ix) Names of the new promoters, key managerial personnel, if any and their past experience in the business or employment. In case where promoters are companies, history of such company and names of natural persons in control;
 - (x) Brief description of business strategy.]
- m) Any other material information not involving commercial secrets.}
- n) Proposed steps to be taken by the incoming investor/acquirer for achieving the MPS;
- o) Quarterly disclosure of the status of achieving the MPS;



- p) The details as to the delisting plans, if any approved in the resolution plan.]
17. Initiation of Forensic audit: In case of initiation of forensic audit, (by whatever name called), the following disclosures shall be made to the stock exchanges by listed entities:
- a) The fact of initiation of forensic audit along-with name of entity initiating the audit and reasons for the same, if available;
 - b) Final forensic audit report (other than for forensic audit initiated by regulatory / enforcement agencies) on receipt by the listed entity along with comments of the management, if any.]
18. Announcement or communication through social media intermediaries or mainstream media by directors, promoters, key managerial personnel or senior management of a listed entity, in relation to any event or information which is material for the listed entity in terms of regulation 30 of these regulations and is not already made available in the public domain by the listed entity.

Explanation – “social media intermediaries” shall have the same meaning as defined under the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021.

19. Action(s) initiated or orders passed by any regulatory, statutory, enforcement authority or judicial body against the listed entity or its directors, key managerial personnel, senior management, promoter or subsidiary, in relation to the listed entity, in respect of the following:
- (a) search or seizure; or
 - (b) re-opening of accounts under section 130 of the Companies Act, 2013; or
 - (c) investigation under the provisions of Chapter XIV of the Companies Act, 2013;
- along with the following details pertaining to the actions(s) initiated, taken or orders passed:
- i. name of the authority;
 - ii. nature and details of the action(s) taken, initiated or order(s) passed;
 - iii. date of receipt of direction or order, including any ad-interim or interim orders, or any other communication from the authority;
 - iv. details of the violation(s)/contravention(s) committed or alleged to be committed;
 - v. impact on financial, operation or other activities of the listed entity, quantifiable in monetary terms to the extent possible.
20. Action(s) taken or orders passed by any regulatory, statutory, enforcement authority or judicial body against the listed entity or its directors, key managerial personnel, senior management, promoter or subsidiary, in relation to the listed entity, in respect of the following:
- (a) suspension;
 - (b) imposition of fine or penalty;
 - (c) settlement of proceedings;



- (d) debarment;
- (e) disqualification;
- (f) closure of operations;
- (g) sanctions imposed;
- (h) warning or caution; or
- (i) any other similar action(s) by whatever name called;

along with the following details pertaining to the actions(s) initiated, taken or orders passed:

- i. name of the authority;
- ii. nature and details of the action(s) taken, initiated or order(s) passed;
- iii. date of receipt of direction or order, including any ad-interim or interim orders, or any other communication from the authority;
- iv. details of the violation(s)/contravention(s) committed or alleged to be committed;
- v. impact on financial, operation or other activities of the listed entity, quantifiable in monetary terms to the extent possible.

21. Voluntary revision of financial statements or the report of the board of directors of the listed entity under section 131 of the Companies Act, 2013.]

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***Annexure II**

Events which shall be disclosed upon application of the guidelines for materiality referred sub-regulation (4) of Regulation (30) of Listing Regulations:

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1. Commencement or any postponement in the date of commencement of commercial production or commercial operations of any unit/division.
2. Any of the following events pertaining to the listed entity:
 - (a) arrangements for strategic, technical, manufacturing, or marketing tie-up; or
 - (b) adoption of new line(s) of business; or
 - (c) closure of operation of any unit, division or subsidiary (in entirety or in piecemeal).]
3. Capacity addition or product launch.
4. Awarding, bagging/ receiving, amendment or termination of awarded/bagged orders/contracts not in the normal course of business.
5. Agreements (viz. loan agreement(s) or any other agreement(s) which are binding and not in normal course of business) and revision(s) or amendment(s) or termination(s) thereof.
6. Disruption of operations of any one or more units or division of the listed entity due to natural calamity (earthquake, flood, fire etc.), force majeure or events such as strikes, lockouts etc.
7. Effect(s) arising out of change in the regulatory framework applicable to the listed entity.
8. Pendency of any litigation(s) or dispute(s) or the outcome thereof which may have an impact on the listed entity.
9. Frauds or defaults by employees of the listed entity which has or may have an impact on the listed entity.
10. Options to purchase securities including any ESOP/ESPS Scheme.
11. Giving of guarantees or indemnity or becoming a surety, by whatever named called, for any third party.
12. Granting, withdrawal, surrender, cancellation or suspension of key licenses or regulatory approvals.
13. Delay or default in the payment of fines, penalties, dues, etc. to any regulatory, statutory, enforcement or judicial authority.
- C. Any other information/event viz. major development that is likely to affect business, e.g. emergence of new technologies, expiry of patents, any change of accounting policy that may have a significant impact on the accounts, etc. and brief details thereof and any other information which is exclusively known to the listed entity which may be necessary to enable the holders of securities of the listed entity to appraise its position and to avoid the establishment of a false market in such securities.



D. Without prejudice to the generality of para (A), (B) and (C) above, the listed entity may make disclosures of event/information as specified by the Board from time to time.

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