

## PAUL MERCHANTS

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### SUBJECT:- INTIMATION UNDER REGULATION 30 OF SEBI (LISTING OBLIGATIONS & DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS) REGULATIONS, 2015 – REVISION IN CREDIT RATING ASSIGNED TO THE COMPANY

### **SCRIP CODE: - 539113**

Respected Sir/Madam,

Pursuant to Regulation 30 read over with Para A (3) of Part A of Schedule III of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 and para A(3) of Annexure I to the SEBI Circular No. CIR/CFD/CMD/4/2015 dated September 9, 2015, this is to inform you that in terms of recent developments, the rating Agency M/s Infomerics Valuation and Rating Pvt. Ltd has reaffirmed the credit rating assigned to the Company with revision in outlook on 02-06-2023. The details of reaffirmed ratings for borrowings of the company with revised outlook, as intimated by the said rating agency are as below:-

S.no	Instrument/Facility	Amount (INR Crore)	Current Rating Assigned	Rating Action
1	Fund based Long Term Bank Facilities – Working capital facilities	19.75 (increased from 8.00)	IVR A Negative; (IVR A with negative Outlook)	Reaffirmed with revision in outlook
2	Short term Bank Facility – Bank Guarantee	2.00	IVR A1;	Reaffirmed



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The reason for revision in outlook as conveyed by the said Agency are as under:-

"The reaffirmation of ratings to the Bank loan facilities of Paul Merchants Limited (PML) continues to derive strength from the extensive experience of the promoters in the industry, comfortable capital structure and consistent growth in the foreign exchange division. The rating is however constrained by low profit margins and susceptibility of business volumes to external factors and volatility in foreign exchange markets.

The rating placed on "Credit watch with developing implications" in April 2022 was on account of the search and seizure operations conducted by the Enforcement Directorate. PML expected closure in its favour, as per the explanation and justification given by them. The revision in outlook to negative and removal from watch necessarily factors in the elongated timeframe on the resolution of the said outcome of the event and given that the event continues to be evolving, any adverse outcome can materially impact the company's overall performance."

As the Company is not satisfied with the rationale given by the Rating Agency for revision in outlook, the Company will file its appeal with the Agency in due course.

Kindly take the same on your records.

Thanking You

Yours faithfully,

For PAUL MERCHANTS LIMITED

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