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Secretarial Compliance Report of Paul Merchants Limited
for the year ended 31st March, 2023

We have conducted the review of the compliance of the applicable statutory provisions and the adherence to good corporate practices by Paul Merchants Limited (hereinafter referred as 'the listed entity'), having its Registered Office at DSM 335, 336, 337, 3rd Floor, DLF Tower, 15, Shivaji Marg, Najafgarh Road, New Delhi - 110015. Secretarial Review was conducted in a manner that provided us a reasonable basis for evaluating the corporate conducts/ statutory compliances and expressing our opinion thereon.

Based on our verification of the listed entity's books, papers, minutes books, forms and returns filed and other records maintained by the listed entity and also the information provided by the listed entity, its officers, agents and authorized representatives during the conduct of Secretarial Review, we hereby report that in our opinion, the listed entity has, during the review period covering the financial year ended on March 31, 2023, complied with the statutory provisions listed hereunder and also that the listed entity has proper Board processes and compliance mechanism in place to the extent, in the manner and subject to the reporting made hereinafter:

I, Kanwaljit Singh Thanewal, Company Secretary, have examined:

- (a) all the documents and records made available to us and explanation provided by Paul Merchants Limited ("the listed entity"),
- (b) the filings/ submissions made by the listed entity to the stock exchanges,
- (c) website of the listed entity,
- (d) any other document/ filing, as may be relevant, which has been relied upon to make this report,

for the year ended March 31, 2023 ("Review Period") in respect of compliance with the provisions of



- (a) the Securities and Exchange Board of India Act, 1992 (“SEBI Act”) and the Regulations, circulars, guidelines issued thereunder; and
 (b) the Securities Contracts (Regulation) Act, 1956 (“SCRA”), rules made thereunder and the Regulations, circulars, guidelines issued thereunder by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (“SEBI”);

The specific Regulations, whose provisions and the circulars/ guidelines issued thereunder, have been examined, include:-

- a) Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015;
 b) The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Issue of Capital and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2018- Not Applicable to the company during the review period.
 c) The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeovers) Regulations, 2011.
 d) The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Buyback of Securities) Regulations, 2018: Not Applicable as there was no instance of Buy-Back during the review period.
 e) The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Share Based Employee Benefits and Sweat Equity) Regulations, 2021- Not Applicable to the company during the review period.
 f) Securities and Exchange Board of India (Issue and Listing of Non- Convertible Securities) Regulations, 2021: Not applicable during the review period.
 g) The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 2015.

and circulars/ guidelines issued thereunder;

and based on the above examination, I hereby report that, during the review period:

- I. (a) The listed entity has complied with the provisions of the above Regulations and circulars/ guidelines issued thereunder, except in respect of matters specified below:

Sr. No.	Compliance Requirement (Regulations/ circulars/ guidelines including specific clause)	Regulation/ Circular No.	Deviations	Action Taken by	Type of Action	Details of Violation	Fine Amount	Observations/ Remarks of the Practicing Company Secretary	Management Response	Remarks
1.	Non-compliance with disclosure of	23(9)	Delay of one day in filing of disclosure	BSE India	Penalty imposed	The company has made delay of	Rs. 17,700/-	Delay of one day in the filing of Statement of Related Party	The company has duly paid the fine imposed by BSE. Further, the	Nil



	related party transaction on consolidated basis					one day in the filing of Statement of Related Party Transactions for the half year ended 31.03.2022.	Transactions for the half year ended 31.03.2022.	<p>Company has also filed an application for waiver of fine with the Fine Waiver Committee of BSE Limited <i>inter alia</i> on below grounds: -</p> <p>1. The SEBI LODR (6th Amendment) Regulations, which mandated filing of Statement of Related Party Transactions in terms of regulation 23(9) was effective from 01.04.2022, whereas the Statement in question was filed by the Company in respect of transactions pertaining to the period prior to 01.04.2022. The position had been made more clear by BSE vide its</p>
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										<p>Regulations as specifically referring to publication of the Financial Results in Newspapers and as such, there is no reason to interpret the word 'publication' to refer to Board Meeting date.</p> <p>3. Language of Sub regulation 6 of Regulation 23 also makes it clear when it reads as "The provisions of this regulation shall be applicable to all prospective transactions".</p> <p>The appeal filed by the Company is still pending with BSE Ltd.</p>	
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(b) The listed entity has taken the following actions to comply with the observations made in previous reports:

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NOT APPLICABLE										

II. Compliances related to resignation of statutory auditors from listed entities and their material subsidiaries as per SEBI Circular CIR/CFD/CMD1/114/2019 dated 18th October, 2019:

Sr. No.	Particulars	Compliance Status (Yes/ No/ N.A)	Observations/ Remarks by PCS
1.	Compliance with the following conditions while appointing/ re-appointing an auditor		
	i. If the auditor has resigned within 45 days from the end of a quarter of a financial year, the auditor before such resignation, has issued the limited review/ audit report for such quarter; or ii. If the auditor has resigned after 45 days from the end of a quarter of a financial year, the auditor before such resignation, has issued the limited review/ audit report for such quarter as well as the next quarter; or iii. If the auditor has signed the limited review/ audit report for the first three quarters of a financial year, the auditor before such resignation, has issued the limited review/ audit report for the last quarter of such financial year as well as the audit report for such financial year.	N.A.	There was no instance of resignation of Statutory Auditor during the Review Period.
2.	Other conditions relating to resignation of statutory auditor		
	i. Reporting of concerns by Auditor with respect to the listed entity/its material subsidiary to the Audit Committee:	N.A.	There were no such instances during the



	<p>a. In case of any concern with the management of the listed entity/ material subsidiary such as non-availability of information / non-cooperation by the management which has hampered the audit process, the auditor has approached the Chairman of the Audit Committee of the listed entity and the Audit Committee shall receive such concern directly and immediately without specifically waiting for the quarterly Audit Committee meetings.</p> <p>b. In case the auditor proposes to resign, all concerns with respect to the proposed resignation, along with relevant documents has been brought to the notice of the Audit Committee. In cases where the proposed resignation is due to non-receipt of information / explanation from the company, the auditor has informed the Audit Committee the details of information / explanation sought and not provided by the management, as applicable.</p> <p>c. The Audit Committee / Board of Directors, as the case may be, deliberated on the matter on receipt of such information from the auditor relating to the proposal to resign as mentioned above and communicate its views to the management and the auditor.</p> <p>ii. Disclaimer in case of non-receipt of information: The auditor has provided an appropriate disclaimer in its audit report, which is in accordance with the Standards of Auditing as specified by ICAI / NFRA, in case where the listed entity/ its material subsidiary has not provided information as required by the auditor.</p>		Review Period.
3.	The listed entity / its material subsidiary has obtained information from the Auditor upon resignation, in the format as specified in Annexure- A in SEBI Circular CIR/ CFD/CMD1/114/2019 dated 18th October, 2019.	N.A.	There was no instance of resignation of Statutory Auditor during the Review Period.

III. I hereby report that, during the Review Period the compliance Status of the listed entity is appended as below:

Sr. No.	Particulars	Compliance Status (Yes/ No/ N.A)	Observations/ Remarks by PCS
1.	<p>Secretarial Standards:</p> <p>The compliances of the listed entity are in accordance with the applicable Secretarial Standards (SS) issued by the Institute of Company Secretaries India (ICSI), as notified by the Central Government under section 118(10) of the Companies Act, 2013 and mandatorily applicable.</p>	Yes	Nil



2.	<p>Adoption and timely updation of the Policies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All applicable policies under SEBI Regulations are adopted with the approval of board of directors of the listed entities All the policies are in conformity with SEBI Regulations and have been reviewed & updated on time, as per the regulations/ circulars/ guidelines issued by SEBI. 	Yes	Nil
3.	<p>Maintenance and disclosures on Website:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Listed entity is maintaining a functional website Timely dissemination of the documents/ information under a separate section on the website Web-links provided in annual corporate governance reports under Regulation 27(2) are accurate and specific which re- directs to the relevant document(s)/ section of the website. 	Yes	Nil
4.	<p>Disqualification of Director:</p> <p>None of the Director(s) of the Company are disqualified under Section 164 of Companies Act, 2013 as confirmed by the listed entity.</p>	Yes	Nil
5.	<p>Details related to Subsidiaries of listed entities have been examined w.r.t.:</p> <p>a. Identification of material subsidiary companies; b. Disclosure requirement of material as well as other subsidiaries</p>	Yes	Nil
6.	<p>Preservation of Documents:</p> <p>The listed entity is preserving and maintaining records as prescribed under SEBI Regulations and disposal of records as per Policy of Preservation of Documents and Archival policy prescribed under SEBI LODR Regulations, 2015.</p>	Yes	Nil
7.	<p>Performance Evaluation:</p> <p>The listed entity has conducted performance evaluation of the Board, Independent Directors and the Committees at the start of every financial year/during the financial year as prescribed in SEBI Regulations.</p>	Yes	Nil



8.	<p>Related Party Transactions:</p> <p>(a) The listed entity has obtained prior approval of Audit Committee for all related party transactions; or</p> <p>(b) The listed entity has provided detailed reasons along with confirmation whether the transactions were subsequently approved/ ratified/ rejected by the Audit Committee, in case no prior approval has been obtained.</p>	Yes	Nil
9.	<p>Disclosure of events or information:</p> <p>The listed entity has provided all the required disclosure(s) under Regulation 30 along with Schedule III of SEBI LODR Regulations, 2015 within the time limits prescribed thereunder.</p>	Yes	Nil
10.	<p>Prohibition of Insider Trading:</p> <p>The listed entity is in compliance with Regulation 3(5) & 3(6) SEBI (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 2015.</p>	Yes	Nil
11.	<p>Actions taken by SEBI or Stock Exchange(s), if any:</p> <p>No action(s) has been taken against the listed entity/ its promoters/ directors/ subsidiaries either by SEBI or by Stock Exchanges (including under the Standard Operating Procedures issued by SEBI through various circulars) under SEBI Regulations and circulars/ guidelines issued thereunder except as provided under separate paragraph herein.</p>	Yes	Nil
12.	<p>Additional Non-compliances, if any:</p> <p>No additional non-compliance observed for any SEBI regulation/ circular/ guidance note etc.</p>	Yes	Nil



Assumptions & Limitation of scope and Review:

1. Compliance of the applicable laws and ensuring the authenticity of documents and information furnished, are the responsibilities of the management of the listed entity.
2. Our responsibility is to certify based upon our examination of relevant documents and information. This is neither an audit nor an expression of opinion.
3. We have not verified the correctness and appropriateness of financial Records and Books of Accounts of the listed entity.
4. This Report is solely for the intended purpose of compliance in terms of Regulation 24A (2) of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 and is neither an assurance as to the future viability of the listed entity nor of the efficacy or effectiveness with which the management has conducted the affairs of the listed entity.

Place: Chandigarh

Date: 25.05.2023

UDIN: F005901E000379989



Kanwaljit Singh Thanwwal

Company Secretary

FCS No.: 5901

C P No.: 5870

Peer Review Cert No. 2319/2022