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Sub: Annual Secretarial Compliance Report for the financial year ended March 31, 2024

Dear Sirs,

Pursuant to Regulation 24A of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, we enclose herewith the Annual Secretarial Compliance Report for the financial year ended March 31, 2024, duly issued by M/s Chandrasekaran Associates, Practicing Company Secretaries.

You are requested to take the same on record.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,
For **Network18 Media & Investments Limited**

Ratnesh Rukhariyar
Group Company Secretary

Encl.: As above

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**SECRETARIAL COMPLIANCE REPORT OF NETWORK18 MEDIA & INVESTMENTS
LIMITED FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2024**

To,
The Board of Directors
Network18 Media & Investments Limited
First Floor, Empire Complex,
414- Senapati Bapat Marg,
Lower Parel, Mumbai – 400013

We have conducted the review of the compliance of the applicable statutory provisions and the adherence to good corporate practices by **Network18 Media & Investments Limited** (hereinafter referred as 'the listed entity/Company'), having its Registered Office at First Floor, Empire Complex, 414- Senapati Bapat Marg, Lower Parel, Mumbai – 400013. 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, 2024, 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.

We, Chandrasekaran Associates, Company Secretaries have examined:

- (a) all the documents and records made available to us and explanation provided by 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 certification,

for the financial year ended on March 31, 2024 ("**Review Period**") in respect of compliance with the applicable 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 ("SEBI (LODR) Regulations 2015");
- (b) Securities and Exchange Board of India (Issue of Capital and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2018;



- (c) Securities and Exchange Board of India (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeovers) Regulations, 2011;
- (d) Securities and Exchange Board of India (Buyback of Securities) Regulations, 2018; **Not Applicable during the Review Period;**
- (e) Securities and Exchange Board of India (Share Based Employee Benefits and Sweat Equity) Regulations, 2021; **Not Applicable during the Review Period;**
- (f) Securities and Exchange Board of India (Issue and Listing of Non- Convertible Securities) Regulations, 2021;
- (g) Securities and Exchange Board of India (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 2015;
- (h) The Depositories Act, 1996 and the Regulations and Bye-laws framed thereunder to the extent of Regulation 76 of Securities and Exchange Board of India (Depositories and Participants) Regulations, 2018;
- (i) Securities and Exchange Board of India (Investor Protection and Education Fund) Regulations, 2009; **Not Applicable during the Review Period**
- (j) Securities and Exchange Board of India (Debenture Trustee) Regulations, 1993 (in relation to obligations of Issuer Company): **Not Applicable during the Review Period**

We have examined the compliance of the above regulations and circulars & guidelines issued thereunder as applicable during the review period and based on confirmation received from management of the Company as and whenever required and affirm that:

S. No.	Particulars	Compliance Status (Yes/No/NA)	Observations/Remarks by PCS
1.	<p><u>Secretarial Standard</u></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	
2.	<p><u>Adoption and timely updation of the Policies:</u></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 entity. • 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	



<p>3.</p>	<p><u>Maintenance and disclosures on Website:</u></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. 	<p>Yes</p>	
<p>4.</p>	<p><u>Disqualification of Director:</u></p> <p>None of the Directors of the Company are disqualified under Section 164 of Companies Act, 2013 as confirmed by the listed entity.</p>	<p>Yes</p>	
<p>5.</p>	<p><u>Details related to Subsidiaries of listed entity:</u></p> <p>a) Identification of material subsidiary companies</p> <p>b) Requirements with respect to disclosure of material as well as other subsidiaries</p>	<p>Yes</p>	
<p>6.</p>	<p><u>Preservation of Documents:</u></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>	<p>Yes</p>	
<p>7.</p>	<p><u>Performance Evaluation:</u></p> <p>The listed entity has conducted performance evaluation of the Board, Independent Directors and the Committees at the start of every financial year as prescribed in SEBI LODR Regulations, 2015.</p>	<p>Yes</p>	



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>	Yes	
	<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>	Not Applicable	There was no related party transaction which was subsequently approved / ratified / rejected by the Audit Committee.
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	
10.	<p>Prohibition of Insider Trading:</p> <p>The listed entity is in compliance with Regulation 3(5) & 3(6) of SEBI (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 2015.</p>	Yes	
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, if any.</p>	Yes	<p>No Actions 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 in case of one of the subsidiaries as mentioned below:</p> <p>On September 29, 2023, TV18 Broadcast Limited ("TV18"), a listed subsidiary of the Company, received advisory letters from BSE and NSE for non-disclosure of certain events pertaining to transaction of its subsidiary Viacom18 Media Private Limited with</p>



			Reliance, Bodhi Tree Systems and Paramount Global. Vide the said advisory letters TV18 was advised to be careful in future and ensure that it files relevant information in compliance with the Regulations not only in letter but in spirit.
12.	Additional Non-compliances, if any: No additional non-compliance observed for any SEBI regulation/circular/guidance note etc.	Yes	No non-compliance observed for all SEBI regulation/circular/guidance note etc.

Compliances related to resignation of statutory auditors from listed entities and their material subsidiaries as per SEBI Circular CIR/CFD/CMD1/114/2019 dated October 18, 2019, which has been replaced by SEBI Master circular dated July 11, 2023:

Sr. No.	Particulars	Compliance Status (Yes/No/NA)	Observations/Remarks by PCS*
1.	Compliances 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.	Not Applicable	There was no such instance during the Review Period.



2.	Other conditions relating to resignation of statutory auditor
	<p>i. Reporting of concerns by Auditor with respect to the listed entity/its material subsidiary to the Audit Committee:</p> <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 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:</p> <p>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>

Not Applicable

There was no such instance during the 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.	Not Applicable	There was no such instance during the Review Period.
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(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.	Com-pliance Requirement (Regulations/ circulars/ guide- lines including specific clause)	Regu-lation/ Circula r No.	Deviati ons	Acti on Taken by	Type of Action(A dvisory/ fine/ clarificati on/ Show cause notice/ Warning letter etc.)	Detail s of Vio- lation	Fine Amou nt	Obser- vation s/ Re- marks of the Prac- ticing Compa ny Sec- retary	Man- age- ment Re- spon- se	Re- mar ks
NIL										

(b) The listed entity has taken the following actions to comply with the observations made in previous reports:

Sr. No.	Observations / Remarks of the Practicing Company Secretary in the previous reports	Observations made in the secretarial compliance report for the year ended March 31, 2023	Compliance Requirement (Regulations/ circulars/ guidelines including specific clause)	Details of violation / deviations and actions taken / penalty imposed, if any, on the listed entity	Remedial actions, if any, taken by the listed entity	Comments of the PCS on the actions taken by the listed entity
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



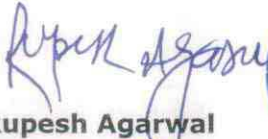
of Accounts of the listed entity.

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.
5. This Report is limited to the Statutory Compliances on laws/ regulations / guidelines listed in our report which have been complied by the Company up to the date of this Report pertaining to financial year ended March' 2024.
6. The compliance of the provisions of Corporate and other applicable laws, rules, regulations, standards is the responsibility of management. Our examination was limited to the verification of procedures on random test basis.
7. We have followed the audit practices and processes as were appropriate to obtain reasonable assurance about the correctness of the contents of the secretarial records. The verification was done on the random test basis to ensure that correct facts are reflected in secretarial records. We believe that the processes and practices, we followed provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

**For Chandrasekaran Associates
Company Secretaries**

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Peer Review Certificate No: 4186/2023



Rupesh Agarwal

Managing Partner

Membership No. A16302

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UDIN: A016302F000103664

Date: 18.04.2024

Place: Delhi