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Dalal Street, Mumbai – 400 001

National Stock Exchange of India Limited Exchange Plaza, C-1, Block G, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra, Mumbai - 400 051

Scrip Code: 543532 Trading symbol: ETHOSLTD

ISIN : INEO4TZ01018

Subject : Report of the Monitoring Agency with respect to utilization of proceeds of the Initial

Public Offering of Ethos Limited for the quarter ended September 30, 2024

Dear Sir/Ma'am

Greetings from Ethos.

Pursuant to Regulation 41(4) of Securities and Exchange Board of India (Issue of Capital and Disclosure Requirement) Regulations, 2018 and Regulation 32 (6) of Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, we are enclosing herewith the Monitoring Agency Report with respect to utilization of proceeds of the Initial Public Offering of the Company for the quarter ended September 30, 2024 issued by CRISIL Ratings Limited, Monitoring Agency.

We would request you to please take the same in your records and oblige.

Thanking you

Yours truly For **Ethos Limited** 

Anil Kumar Company Secretary and Compliance Officer Membership no. F8023

Encl.: as above



# Monitoring Agency Report for Ethos Limited for the quarter ended September 30, 2024



# CRL/MAR/ETHOSLO/2022-25/1128

November 08, 2024

**To Ethos Limited**Plot no. 3, Sector- III, Parwanoo,
Himachal Pradesh - 173220

Dear Sir,

Monitoring Agency Report for the quarter ended September 30, 2024 - in relation to the Initial Public Offer ("IPO") of Ethos Limited ("the Company")

Pursuant to Regulation 41 of SEBI (Issue of Capital and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2018 ("ICDR Regulations") and Monitoring Agency Agreement dated April 21, 2022, entered with the Company, we enclose herewith the Monitoring Agency Report, issued by CRISIL Ratings Limited, as per Schedule XI of the SEBI ICDR Regulations towards utilization of IPO proceeds for the quarter ended September 30, 2024.

Request you to kindly take the same on records.

Thanking you,

For and on behalf of CRISIL Ratings Limited

**Sushant Sarode** 

Director, Ratings (LCG)



# Report of the Monitoring Agency (MA)

Name of the issuer: Ethos Limited

For quarter ended: September 30, 2024

Name of the Monitoring Agency: CRISIL Ratings Limited

(a) Deviation from the objects: Not applicable

(b) Range of Deviation: Not applicable

### **Declaration:**

We declare that this report provides an objective view of the utilization of the issue proceeds in relation to the objects of the issue based on the information provided by the Issuer and information obtained from sources believed by it to be accurate and reliable. The MA does not perform an audit and undertakes no independent verification of any information/certifications/statements it receives. This Report is not intended to create any legally binding obligations on the MA which accepts no responsibility, whatsoever, for loss or damage from the use of the said information. The views and opinions expressed herein do not constitute the opinion of MA to deal in any security of the Issuer in any manner whatsoever. Nothing mentioned in this report is intended to or should be construed as creating a fiduciary relationship between the MA and any issuer or between the agency and any user of this report. The MA and its affiliates also do not act as an expert as defined under Section 2(38) of the Companies Act, 2013.

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We have submitted the report herewith in line with the format prescribed by SEBI, capturing our comments, where applicable. There are certain sections of the report under the title "Comments of the Board of Directors", that shall be captured by the Issuer's Management / Audit Committee of the Board of Directors subsequent to the MA submitting their report to the issuer and before dissemination of the report through stock exchanges. These sections have not been reviewed by the MA, and the MA takes no responsibility for such comments of the issuer's Management/Board.

Signature:

Name and designation of the Authorized Signatory: Sushant Sarode

Designation of Authorized person/Signing Authority: Director, Ratings (LCG)



1) Issuer Details:

Name of the issuer: Ethos Limited

Names of the promoter: a. Yashovardhan Saboo

b. KDDL Limited and

c. Mahen Distribution Limited

**Industry/sector to which it belongs:** Retailer – watches/watch accessories

2) Issue Details

Issue Period: Wednesday, May 18, 2022, to Friday, May 20, 2022

Type of issue (public/rights): Initial Public Offer (IPO)

**Type of specified securities:** Equity Shares

IPO Grading, if any: NA

**Issue size:** Upto Rs 40,226.00 lakh

Issue size comprises of fresh issuance - gross proceeds of Rs 37,500.00 lakh (net proceeds of Rs 33,968.39 lakh\*) and an offer for

sale of Rs 2,726.00 lakh

# 3) Details of the arrangement made to ensure the monitoring of issue proceeds:

Particulars Reply cert by		Source of information/ certifications considered by Monitoring Agency for preparation of report	Comments of the Monitoring Agency	Comments of the Board of Directors
Whether all utilization is as per the disclosures in the Offer Document?	Yes	Management undertaking, Peer reviewed Independent Chartered Accountant Certificate^, Prospectus, Bank Statements, FD receipts, Postal Ballot Notice	Utilization is in line with the the offer document dated May 25, 2024 and SH resolution dated March 21, 2024.	No comments
Whether shareholder approval has been obtained in case of material deviations from expenditures disclosed in the Offer Document?	Yes**	Management undertaking, Peer reviewed Independent Chartered Accountant Certificate^, Postal Ballot Notice, Prospectus	Shareholder's approval was obtained during the quarter ended March 31, 2024, for alteration in object no. 3 for revised locations and for	No comments

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<sup>\*</sup>CRISIL Ratings shall be monitoring the net proceeds (refer note 1)



Particulars	Reply	Source of information/ certifications considered by Monitoring Agency for preparation of report	Comments of the Monitoring Agency	Comments of the Board of Directors
			extending the time period for utilizing the remaining issue proceeds for object no. 3 and 4.	
Whether the means of finance for the disclosed objects of the issue has changed?	No		No Comments	No comments
Is there any major deviation observed over the earlier monitoring agency reports?	No		No Comments	No comments
Whether all Government/statutory approvals related to the object(s) have been obtained?	NA	Management	No Comments	No comments
Whether all arrangements pertaining to technical assistance/collaboration are in operation?	NA	undertaking, Peer Reviewed Independent Chartered Accountant Certificate^	No Comments	No comments
Are there any favorable events improving the viability of these object(s)?	No	Accountant Certificate	No Comments	No comments
Are there any unfavorable events affecting the viability of the object(s)?	No		No Comments	No comments
Is there any other relevant information that may materially affect the decision making of the investors?	No		No Comments	No comments

*NA represents Not Applicable* 

^Certificate dated October 22, 2024, issued by M/s Sultaniya Umesh & Company (Firms' Registration No. 326973E), Peer reviewed independent chartered accountant.

<sup>\*\*</sup>As per the management undertaking submitted, the unutilized amounts lying under Object 3 – 'Financing the establishment of new stores and renovation of the certain existing stores' and Object 4 - 'Financing the upgradation of ERP' shall be utilized within 18 months from the date of obtaining shareholder's approval through Notice issued for Postal Ballot dated January 18, 2024. The shareholders have accorded their approval on March 21, 2024. The said proposal was recommended by the Audit Committee and the Board of Directors of the Company vide meetings held on January 18, 2024. The list of revised locations for deploying the unutilized amounts lying under Object 3, formed an integral part of the agenda papers tabled at such meetings.



# 4) Details of object(s) to be monitored:

i. Cost of the object(s):

1. 203	t of the object(s):	Source of	Original			Commen	ts of the Boa	rd of Directors
Sr. No.	Item Head	information/ certifications considered by MA for preparation of report	cost (as per the Offer Document) (Rs in lakh)	Revised Cost (Rs in lakh)	Comments of the MA	Reason of Cost revision	Proposed financing option	Particulars of firm arrangements made
1	Repayment or pre-payment, in full or in part, of all or certain borrowings availed by the	Independent Chartered Accountant Certificate^, Management undertaking,	2,989.09	NA	No Revision		No comme	ents
2	Company Funding working capital requirements of the Company	Prospectus	23,496.22	NA	No Revision	No comments		
3	Financing the establishment of new stores and renovation of certain existing stores	Independent Chartered	3,327.28	NA	No Revision		No comme	ents
4	Financing the upgradation of enterprise resource planning software	Accountant Certificate^, Management undertaking, Prospectus, Bank	198.01	NA	No Revision	No comments		ents
5	General Corporate Purposes (GCP)#	Statements	3,609.87	3,958.35	There was no revision in the cost during the reported quarter. However, refer note 1 for further details	No comments		ents

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Note 1: The actual cost incurred by the Company towards offer related expenses is lower against the estimated cost disclosed in the final offer document. Hence, the surplus proceeds available from offer expenses is added to GCP during the quarter ended September 30, 2022, and March 31, 2023, in following manner:

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 $<sup>^{*}</sup>$ The amount utilised for general corporate purposes does not exceed 25% (Rs 9,375 lakh) of the Gross Proceeds from the fresh Issue.



Particulars	Amount (Rs in
	lakh)
Net proceeds as per prospectus	33,620.47
Add: Surplus from offer expenses added to GCP during the quarter ended September 30, 2022	347.92
Revised Net Proceeds as at the quarter ended September 30, 2022	33,968.39
Add: Surplus from offer expenses added to GCP during the quarter ended March 31, 2023	0.56
Revised Net Proceeds	33,968.95
Revised GCP	3,958.35

# ii. Progress in the object(s):

		Source of information/certifications	as		Amount utilized (Rs in lakh)					nts of the Directors
Sr. No.	Item Head#	by Monitoring Agency for preparation of report	proposed in the Offer Document (Rs in lakh)	As at beginning of the quarter	During the quarter	At the end of the quarter	Total unutilized amount (Rs in lakh)	Agency		Proposed course of action
1	Repayment or pre- payment, in full or in part, of all or certain borrowings availed by the Company	Independent Chartered Accountant	2,989.09	2,989.09	-	2,989.09	-	Entire amount was utilized during the quarter ended December 31, 2022	No coi	mments
2	Funding working capital requirements of the Company	undertaking, Prospectus, Bank Statement	23,496.22	23,496.22	-	23,496.22	-	Entire amount has been utilized for this object during the quarter ended March 31, 2024.	No con	mments



		Source of information / certifications	Amount as		ount utiliz Rs in lakh					nts of the Directors
Sr. No.	Item Head#	by  Monitoring  Agency for preparation	onsidered proposed in the lonitoring Offer Document		During the quarter	At the end of the quarter	Total unutilized amount (Rs in lakh)	Agonesi		Proposed course of action
3	Financing the establishment of new stores and renovation of certain existing stores	Accountant	3,327.28	752.60	368.03	1120.63	2,206.65	Proceeds were utilized for establishment of a new store according to the list of revised locations for deploying the unutilized amounts lying under Object 3 as was recommended by the Audit Committee and the Board of Directors of the Company vide meetings held on January 18, 2024.	No co	mments
4	Financing the Upgradation of enterprise resource planning software		198.01	177.23	20.78	198.01	-	Proceeds were utilized for licensing new ERP, setting up development operations and purchasing tools for development operations.	No coi	mments



		Source of information / Amount certifications as Amount utilized (Rs in lakh)					nts of the Directors			
Sr. No.	Item Head#	considered by Monitoring Agency for preparation of report	proposed in the Offer Document (Rs in lakh)	As at beginning of the quarter	During the quarter	At the end of the quarter	Total unutilized amount (Rs in lakh)	Agency	Reasons	Proposed course of action
5	GCP	Independent Chartered Accountant Certificate^, Management Undertaking, Prospectus	3,958.35*	3,958.35	-	3,958.35	-	Entire amount has been utilized for this object during the quarter ended March 31, 2024.	No coi	mments
	Total**		33,968.95	31,306.11	67.38	31,373.49	2,206.65			

<sup>^</sup>Certificate dated October 22, 2024, issued by M/s Sultaniya Umesh & Company (Firms' Registration No. 326973E), Peer reviewed independent chartered accountant.

# **\*Brief description of objects:**

Object of the Issue	Description of objects as per the offer document filed by the issuer
Repayment or pre-payment, in full or in part, of all or certain borrowings availed by the Company	The Company has entered into various financing arrangements from time to time, with various lenders and includes inter alia term loans and working capital facilities. Repayment/ pre-payment of these borrowings will help reduce issuer's outstanding indebtedness and debt servicing costs as a cash outflow on account of debt payment would be reduced and enable utilisation of issuer's accruals for further investment in its business growth and expansion.
Funding working capital requirements of the Company	Issuer is engaged in the business of operating a chain of luxury watch boutiques. As a part of business, Issuer is required to buy watches, pay lease rent for the stores Issuer is operating in. With the expansion of business in both product segment and geographical segment (increase in new store), requires more inventory for the stores. All these factors may result in increase in the quantum of working capital requirements.
Financing the establishment of new stores and renovation of certain existing stores *	Issuer currently operates 50 stores in 17 different cities in India and plans to add 13 new stores to its portfolio and renovation of 6 existing stores.
Financing the upgradation of enterprise resource planning software	Issuer intends to upgrade ERP software in its stores.

<sup>\*</sup>Refer '4(i) – Cost of the object' note for GCP of the report above.

<sup>\*\*</sup> All the figures are rounded off to the second decimal.



GCP  The general corporate purposes for which the issuer proposes to utilise Net Proceed include investments in subsidiary of the Company, other capital expenditur requirements including for refurbishment, working capital requirements, meeting exigencies and expenses incurred by issuer in the ordinary course of business, as may be applicable.
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<sup>\*</sup>Refer '3 – Details of the arrangement made to ensure the monitoring of issue proceeds' note for change in description of objects.

# iii. Deployment of unutilised IPO proceeds^:

S. No.	Type of investment and name of the entity invested in	Amount invested (Rs in lakh)	Maturity Date	Return on Investment (%)	Earnings (Rs in lakh)	Market Value as at the end of quarter (Rs in lakh)*
1	FD – SBI - 43084635693	200.00	21-10-24	3.50%	0.17	200.17
2	FD – SBI - 43155168377	1,000.00	13-10-24	5.25%	4.73	1004.73
3	FD – SBI - 43155173240	1,000.00	13-10-24	5.25%	4.73	1004.73
4	SBI Monitoring Agency account	6.65	NA	NA	NA	6.65
	Total	2,206.65			9.63	2,216.28

<sup>\*</sup>The market value of Fixed deposits includes the interest accrued.

# iv. Delay in implementation of the object(s)^ -

	Comple	tion Date		<b>Comments of the Board of Directors</b>					
	As per the		Delay (no.		Proposed course of				
Object(s)	Offer	Actual		Reason of delay	Action				
	Document	Actual	months)						
Not Applicable									

<sup>^</sup>On the basis of management undertaking and Certificate dated October 22, 2024, issued by M/s Sultaniya Umesh & Company (Firms' Registration No. 326973E), Peer reviewed independent chartered accountant.

### 5) Details of utilization of proceeds stated as General Corporate Purpose (GCP) amount in the offer document:

Not applicable on the basis of the management undertaking and Certificate dated October 22, 2024, issued by M/s Sultaniya Umesh & Company (Firms' Registration No. 326973E), Peer reviewed independent chartered accountant.

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