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12nd August 2024

To, The Listing Compliance Monitoring Team,
BSE Limited, (Formerly Bombay Stock Exchange Ltd.),
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Dear Sir/s,

Sub : Disclosure of reasons for non-submission of financial results for the Quarter ended June, 2024 (Q1FY2024-25) within the due date in respect of The Mysore Paper Mills Ltd., Bengaluru [Code : 502405] ;

1. Following are the reasons for the delay in Uploading of Un-audited financial (Provisional) Results for the Quarter ended June, 2024 (Q1FY2024-25) on the portal of BSE, before the due date being 15th August 2024. In this connection, we write to submit, as informed earlier on multiple occasions, that the 80th Annual General Meeting of the Company for the FY 2014-15 itself was held on 29th Dec. 2021 in virtual mode and the related (80th) Annual Report was also filed with the BSE soon after the said AGM.

2. It is pertinent to mention here, that M/s. MNS & Co., Bengaluru, the Statutory Auditors appointed by the Office of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG), New Delhi after completion of the Statutory Audit of draft Annual Accounts of the Company for the FY 2014-15 had earlier termed the Company (MPM) `as not an ongoing concern` which was apart from the status of a `Sick` Company as was declared by BIFR in case No. 601/2012. In view of their said assumptions over the issue of `Going Concern or Not`, the said Statutory Auditors finally had not signed the Annual Accounts earlier for the said FY (2014-15) and had demanded a `Letter` to be issued by the Govt. of Karnataka, being a major stakeholder.

3. After great deal of deliberations, it was only during the end of the, 2021, the draft accounts of the said FY were signed by them (Statutory Auditors) with a disclaimer `Not an ongoing Concern` and thereafter the supplementary audit by the office CAG was got done and the related AGM for the said FY was also held only on 29th December, 2021. In view of this, there have been several accounting difficulties in getting the accounts prepared for the subsequent financial years without getting the certified opening balance by the new auditors.

4. With the signing of the Annual Accounts for the said FY i.e., 2014-15 and conduct of the related AGM by end of 2021, the finalization of the Annual Accounts have now been taken up through an external financial consultants M/s. Manian & Rao, Bengaluru for the subsequent years 2015-16 ; 2016-17 and 2017-18 and M/s. Vasana & Sampath, the Statutory Auditors appointed by the office of the CAG for the said 3 years have also started simultaneous auditing for the said 3 years from few months back. It is proposed to submit the audited annual accounts to the office of the CAG for the said 3 years, *at once*, for their supplementary audit and clearance and to hold the AGMs for all the said 3 years in one go as expeditiously as possible and take up the arrears of annual accounts of further years thereafter. The aforesaid reasons for the delay were beyond the control of the Company and are well within the knowledge of the Office of CAG and they have also directed the Company to take up the simultaneous audit for the aforesaid 3 years, to begin with, which is currently under progress in view of the said special circumstances. Further, the Company has stopped its operational activities since 2015-16 due to losses incurred by the Company over the successive years since 2009 and formally closed its operations during October, 2021 in accordance with the approval accorded by the Competent Authority of the Govt. of Karnataka. The Company's operations are however restricted to its forest plantation activities from 2017 onwards.

5. Further, Company (mpm) was to submit the Quarterly Un-audited Financial (provisional) Results of the 1st Quarter (April - June) ended 30.06.2024 (of FY 2024-25) to the BSE within the prescribed time limit. However, in view of the sudden demise of earlier Chief Finance Officer (CFO) of the Company due to Covid-19 during first wave and consequential disruptions post the pandemic and non-filling up of the post of CFO since then and for the reasons stated in the foregoing paragraphs, the Company has not been able to get the quarterly financial results prepared in time. However, the said provisional Un-audited Financial (provisional) results for the said quarter ended June, 2024 is under preparation through an external agency (as aforesaid) viz., M/s. Manian & Rao, Chartered Accountants & Financial Consultants who have also served as Statutory Auditors of the Company in the past.

6. In the light of aforesaid valid reasons and special circumstances, the company would not be in a position to upload the financial results for the quarter ended June, 2024 to the BSE within the timelimit and shall comply with the requirement, as expeditiously as possible, for the previous quarter (Q1FY2024-25) soon after the Un-audited financial (Provisional) results are ready and approved by the Board of Directors, at its upcoming meeting being convened for the purpose shortly.

*Thanking you,
Yours faithfully,
For The Mysore Paper Mills Ltd.,*

MOHAN D KULKARNI
COMPANY SECRETARY