

May 30, 2024

National Stock Exchange of India Limited

Exchange Plaza, Plot no. C/1, G Block, Bandra- Kurla Complex, Bandra (E),

Mumbai - 400 051

BSE Limited
Phiroze Jeeje

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Dalal Street,

Mumbai- 400 001

Scrip Code : 532794

NSE Symbol: ZEEMEDIA

Subject: Annual Secretarial Compliance Report for the Financial Year 2023-24

Dear Sir/Madam,

Pursuant to Regulation 24A of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, please find enclosed the Annual Secretarial Compliance Report for the Company for the Financial Year 2023-24, issued by Mrs. Neelam Gupta, a Practicing Company Secretary (holding FCS - 3135), proprietor of Neelam Gupta & Associates.

You are requested to kindly take the above on record.

Thanking You, Yours truly,

For Zee Media Corporation Limited

Ranjit Srivastava

Company Secretary & Compliance Officer

Membership No.: A18577

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Encl. As above

Zee Media Corporation Limited

## **NEELAM GUPTA & ASSOCIATES**

COMPANY SECRETARIES

## SECRETARIAL COMPLIANCE REPORT OF ZEE MEDIA CORPORATION LIMITED FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH, 2024

We, Neelam Gupta & Associates, Company Secretaries have conducted the review of the compliances of the applicable statutory provisions and the adherence to good corporate practices by ZEE MEDIA CORPORATION LIMITED having CIN: L92100MH1999PLC121506 (hereinafter called "the listed entity"), having its Registered Office at 135, Continental Building, 2nd Floor, Dr. Annie Besant Road, Worli, Mumbai, Mumbai, Maharashtra, India, 400018. The 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, Neelam Gupta & 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 year ended March 31, 2024 ("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:-

Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015;

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- (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 (Share Based Employee Benefits and Sweat Equity) Regulations, 2021; (Not Applicable)
- (e) The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Depositories and Participants) Regulations, 2018;
- (f) Securities and Exchange Board of India (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 2015
- (g) Securities and Exchange Board of India (Issue and Listing of Non-Convertible Securities) Regulations, 2021; (Not Applicable)
- (h) Securities and Exchange Board of India (Buyback of Securities) Regulations, 2018; (Not Applicable)

and circulars/ guidelines issued thereunder;

And based on the above examination, I hereby report that, during the Review Period the compliance status of the listed entity is appended as below:

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:-

Remarks	
Management Response	
Observations/ Remarks of the Practicing Company Secretary	
Fine	
Details of Violation	11
Type of Action	Zii
Action Taken by	
Deviations	
Regulation/ Deviations Circular No.	
Compliance Requirement (Regulations/ circulars / guidelines including specific clause)	
Sr.	

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

Remarks						
Management	Response					
Observations/	Remarks of the	Practicing	Company	Secretary		
Fine	Amount					
Details of	Violation					
Type of	Action					
Action	Taken	by				
Deviations						
Regulation/	Circular No.				,	
Compliance	Requirement	(Regulations/	circulars/	guidelines	including	specific clause)
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All matters reported in previous reports were closed within previous year or earlier and hence, no further actions were required.

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II. I/we 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/NA)	Observations/ Remarks of the Practicing Company Secretary
1.	Secretarial Standards:  The compliances of the listed entity are in accordance with the applicable Secretarial Standards (SS) issued by the Institute of Company Secretaries India (ICSI)	Yes	None
2.	<ul> <li>Adoption and timely updation of the Policies:</li> <li>All applicable policies under SEBI Regulations are adopted with the approval of board of directors of the listed entities</li> <li>All the policies are in conformity with SEBI Regulations and have been reviewed &amp; updated on time, as per the regulations/circulars/ guidelines issued by SEBI</li> </ul>	Yes Yes	None
3.	<ul> <li>Maintenance and disclosures on Website:</li> <li>The Listed entity is maintaining a functional website</li> <li>Timely dissemination of the documents/ information under a separate section on the website</li> <li>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</li> </ul>	Yes Yes	None
4.	Disqualification of Director:  None of the Director(s) of the Company is/are disqualified under Section 164 of Companies Act, 2013 as confirmed by the listed entity.	Yes	None

5.	Details related to Subsidiaries of listed entities have been examined w.r.t.:  (a) Identification of material subsidiary companies  (b) Disclosure requirement of material as well as other subsidiaries	Yes Yes	Company has two unlisted material subsidiaries - "Zee Akaash News Private Limited" and "Indiadotcom Digital Private Limited"
6.	Preservation of Documents:  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.	Yes	None
7.	Performance Evaluation: 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.	Yes	None
8.	Related Party Transactions:  (a) The listed entity has obtained prior approval of Audit Committee for all related party transactions; or  (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.	Not	None
9.	Disclosure of events or information: 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.	Yes	None*
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	Regulation 3(5) &3(6) SEBI (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 2015.	Yes	None
11.	Actions taken by SEBI or Stock Exchange(s), if any:  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.	Yes	None
12.	Resignation of statutory auditors from listed entities and their material subsidiaries: In case of resignation of statutory auditor from the listed entity or any of its material subsidiaries during the financial year, the listed entity and / or its material subsidiary(ies) has / have complied with paragraph 6.1 and 6.2 of section V-D of chapter V of the Master Circular on compliance with the provisions of the LODR Regulations by listed entities.	Not applicable	None
13.	Additional Non-compliances, if any:  No additional non-compliance observed for any SEBI regulation/circular/guidance note etc.	Yes#	None

<sup>\*</sup> Clarification(s) sought by stock exchange(s) on various filings/ announcements from time to time were duly replied by the Company.

<sup># 13,50,00,000</sup> Warrants were allotted by the Company on January 05, 2022 and these were convertible on or before July 05, 2023 under Regulation 162(1) read with 169(3) of Securities and Exchange Board of India (Issue of Capital and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2018 which provides that the tenure of convertible securities shall not exceed eighteen months from the date of their allotment. However, the Company was informed by the Warrants Holder that Hon'ble Debt Recovery Tribunal has directed the Warrant holder to maintain status quo with respect to the said Warrants till further order. Basis the communication received from the Warrant Holder, the Company filed requisite application with SEBI under Regulation 300 of the SEBI (Issue of Capital and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2018 for seeking exemption from strict enforcement of Regulation 162(1) read with 169(3) in view of directions of Hon'ble Debt Recovery Tribunal ('DRT') order dated January 18, 2023. On the Exemption application filed by the Company, SEBI vide its letter dated August 24, 2023 noted that Hon'ble DRT has reaffirmed

its direction to maintain status quo with respect to Warrants and the matter is still pending before Hon'ble DRT. SEBI has stated in its letter dated August 24, 2023 that 'advised that ZMCL may seek exemption from SEBI post final order of Hon'ble DRT. ZMCL is further advised to abide by the directions of Hon'ble DRT.'

## 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 report 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.

For Neelam Gupta and Associates

Neelam Gupta

**Practicing Company Secretary** 

FCS : 3135 CP : 6950 PR No.: 747/2020

UDIN: F003135F000486101

Place: New Delhi Date: May 30, 2024