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Ref.No.TMB.SE.173/2024-25

24.01.2025

The Manager,
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Bandra (East), Mumbai - 400 051.

The Manager,
Bombay Stock Exchange limited,
Phiroze Jeejeebhoy Towers,
Dalal Street,
Mumbai – 400 001.

Ref: Symbol: TMB / Scrip Code: 543596

Dear Sir / Madam,

Sub: Clarification / Confirmation on news item appearing in “Media/Publication”

Ref: NSE Letter- Ref No: NSE/CM/Surveillance/15180 dated 23.01.2025 & BSE Mail dt.23.01.2025

This is with reference to your letter/email seeking clarification, in terms of provisions of Regulation 30 of SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015, on the media report, “**The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed a penalty of Rs.1.31 crore on Tamilnad Mercantile Bank for failing to comply with regulatory requirements**” on smallnews.in – January 23, 2025. We hereby submit our response as follows:

- a) **Whether such negotiations/events were taking place? If so, you are advised to provide the said information along with the sequence of events in chronological order from the start of negotiations/events till date.**

Response – No such event has taken place now and we have not received any correspondences from RBI about any such penalty.

However, RBI had Imposed a monetary penalty amounting to Rs.1,31,80,000/- (Rupees One Crore Thirty-One Lakh Eighty Thousand Only) on the Bank, in exercise of powers vested in RBI conferred under the provisions of Section 47A (1) (c) read with Section 46 (4) (i) of the Banking Regulations Act, 1949 on **March 19, 2024**. The same was intimated to Stock Exchanges on the same day. Copy of the intimation is enclosed for your ready reference.

- b) **Whether you/company are aware of any information that has not been announced to the Exchanges which could explain the movement in the trading, if any? Further, you are advised to provide the said information and the reasons for not disclosing the same to the Exchange earlier as required under regulation 30 of the SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015.**

Response – No. We are not aware of any information on this news item and we have not received any correspondences from RBI in this regard. There has not been any visible movement in the trading of our Bank’s shares today. Since there is no truth behind this news item, we have not disclosed the same to the exchanges. Further we wish to point out certain anomalies in the news item as under;

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- 1) The news item states that “(formerly known as Indian Mercantile Bank)”, whereas our Bank was formerly known as “Nadar Bank Limited”
- 2) The news item quotes our Bank as a “Chennai-based private-sector bank”, whereas our Bank is a “Thoothukudi / Tuticorin-based” bank
- 3) The news item quotes our Bank as part of the “MSN & Associates group”, whereas our Bank is not part of any group
- 4) The news item states that our Bank has a market capitalization of over “Rs. 11,000 crores”, whereas our Bank’s market capitalization is around “Rs. 7,000 crores” bank

c) The material impact of this article on the Company.

Response – Nil.

Since there is no truth behind this news item, there will be no material impact on our Bank.

Based on the above facts we strongly deny this news item, as they are absolutely false and baseless.

We request you to take note of this clarification.

Yours faithfully,

For Tamilnad Mercantile Bank Limited



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19.03.2024

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Sub: Intimation under Regulation 30 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 – Monetary Penalty imposed by the Reserve Bank of India

We wish to inform you that the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) vide its letter dated March 19, 2024, imposed a monetary penalty amounting to Rs.1,31,80,000/- (Rupees One Crore thirty one lakh eighty thousand only) on the Bank, for non-compliance with certain directions issued by RBI.

Based on the supervisory findings, emanated from the statutory inspections for Supervisory Evaluation (ISE) for the Financial Year 2022, the following charges against the bank were found, which warrant imposition of monetary penalty. The bank (i) failed to benchmark the interest rate on certain floating rate loans to MSMEs to an external benchmark lending rate; (ii) adopted multiple benchmarks within the same loan category; (iii) failed to price certain floating rate loans with reference to actual benchmark rate applicable to those loans and (iv) wrongly reported external rating of certain borrowers to CRILC. The press release issued by RBI is attached herewith.

This penalty has been imposed in exercise of powers vested with RBI, conferred under the provisions of Section 47A (1) (c) read with Section 46 (4) (i) of the Banking Regulations Act, 1949.

The Bank has already initiated / taken corrective measures, as necessary, to align the operations / procedures in line with the stipulations of the RBI.

The requisite disclosure as required as per the requirements of Regulation 30 read with Schedule III - Para A (20) of Part A of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 (as applicable) and SEBI Circular Ref. No. SEBI/HO/CFD/CFD-PoD-1/P/CIR/2023/123 dated July 13, 2023 is enclosed herewith.

Kindly take the information on record.

Yours faithfully,

For Tamilnad Mercantile Bank Limited

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**Information as required under Regulation 30 - Para A (20) of Part A of Schedule III of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations 2015**

S.No.	Particulars	Description
1	Name of the authority	Adjudication Committee of Executive Directors of the Reserve Bank of India.
2	Nature and details of the action(s) taken, initiated or order(s) passed	Imposed a monetary penalty amounting to Rs.1,31,80,000/- (Rupees One Crore thirty one lakh eighty thousand only) on the Bank, in exercise of powers vested in RBI conferred under the provisions of Section 47A (1) (c) read with Section 46 (4) (i) of the Banking Regulations Act, 1949, for non-compliance with certain directions issued by RBI.
3	Date of receipt of direction or order, including any ad-interim or interim orders, or any other communication from the authority	March 19, 2024
4	Details of the violation(s) / contravention(s) committed or alleged to be committed	Based on the supervisory findings, emanated from the statutory inspections for Supervisory Evaluation (ISE) for the Financial Year 2022, the following charges against the bank were found, which warrant imposition of monetary penalty. The bank (i) failed to benchmark the interest rate on certain floating rate loans to MSMEs to an external benchmark lending rate; (ii) adopted multiple benchmarks within the same loan category; (iii) failed to price certain floating rate loans with reference to actual benchmark rate applicable to those loans and (iv) wrongly reported external rating of certain borrowers to CRILC.
5	Impact on financial, operation or other activities of the listed entity, quantifiable in monetary terms to the extent possible.	Rs.1,31,80,000/- (Rupees One Crore thirty one lakh eighty thousand only)



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March 19, 2024

RBI imposes monetary penalty on Tamilnad Mercantile Bank Limited

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has, by an order dated March 13, 2024 imposed a monetary penalty of ₹1,31,80,000/- (Rupees One crore thirty one lakh eighty thousand only) on Tamilnad Mercantile Bank Limited (the bank) for non-compliance with certain directions issued by RBI on '[Interest Rate on Advances](#)' and 'Central Repository of Information on Large Credits (CRILC) - Revision in Reporting'. This penalty has been imposed in exercise of powers vested in RBI conferred under the provisions of section 47 A (1) (c) read with section 46 (4) (i) of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949.

The Statutory Inspection for Supervisory Evaluation (ISE) of the bank was conducted by RBI with reference to its financial position as on March 31, 2022 (ISE 2022). Based on supervisory findings of non-compliance with RBI directions/statutory provisions and related correspondence in that regard, a notice was issued to the bank advising it to show cause as to why penalty should not be imposed on it for its failure to comply with the directions. After considering the bank's reply to the notice, oral submissions made during the personal hearing and examination of additional submissions made by it, RBI found *inter alia* that the following charges against the bank were sustained warranting imposition of monetary penalty. The bank (i) failed to benchmark the interest rate on certain floating rate loans to MSMEs to an external benchmark lending rate; (ii) adopted multiple benchmarks within the same loan category; (iii) failed to price certain floating rate loans with reference to actual benchmark rate applicable to those loans and (iv) wrongly reported external rating of certain borrowers to CRILC.

The action is based on deficiencies in regulatory compliance and is not intended to pronounce upon the validity of any transactions or agreement entered into by the bank with its customers. Further, imposition of monetary penalty is without prejudice to any other action that may be initiated by RBI against the bank.

Press Release: 2023-2024/2071

(Yogesh Dayal)
Chief General Manager