

# SOMA TEXTILES & INDUSTRIES LTD.

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25th May, 2023

The Secretary,	The Corporate Relationship Dept.,
National Stock Exchange of India Ltd,	BSE Limited,
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Dear Sir/Ma'am,

### Re: <u>SEBI Circular No. CIR/CFD/CMD1/27/2019 dated 8th February, 2019 – Annual</u> Secretarial Compliance Report for the year ended 31st March, 2023

With reference to the above circular and in compliance with the new Regulation 24A of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, as amended up to date, we are submitting herewith the Annual Secretarial Compliance. Report of the Company, for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2023, issued by M/s. Drolia & Co. (Proprietor Pravin Kumar Drolia), Practicing Company Secretaries and Secretarial Auditor of the Company, as per the framework provided in the aforesaid circular.

Kindly take the above information on your record.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully, For Soma Textiles & Industries Ltd.

Reena Prasad Digitally signed by Reena Prasad Date: 2023.05.25 18:39:25

(Reena Prasad) Company Secretary & Compliance Officer M.No.- A53284

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## <u>Annual Secretarial Compliance Report (ASCR) of SOMA TEXTILES AND INDUSTRIES LTD</u> (CIN: L51909WB1940PLC010070) for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March,2023

#### (Pursuant to Regulation 24A of SEBI (LODR) 2015 )

I have conducted the review of the compliance of the applicable statutory provisions and the adherence to good corporate practices by **SOMA TEXTILES AND INDUSTRIES LTD** (hereinafter referred as 'the listed entity'), having its Registered Office at 2, Red Cross Place, Kolkata 700001.Secretarial review was conducted in a manner that provided me a reasonable basis for evaluating the corporate conducts/statutory compliances and expressing my opinion thereon.

Based on my 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, I hereby report that in my opinion, the listed entity has, during the review period covering the financial year ended on March 31, 2023, 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:

I have examined:

- (a) all the documents and records made available to us and explanation provided by the above mentioned 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 31/03/2023 ("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"); and

The specific regulations, whose provisions and the circulars/ guidelines issued thereunder and applicable to the above listed entity, have been examined digitally, include: -

- (a) The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015;
- (b) The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeovers) Regulations, 2021 as amended ;
- (c) The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 2015;
- (d) The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Depositories and Participants) Regulations, 2018; and other regulations as applicable and circulars/ guidelines issued thereunder.

The following Regulations and Guidelines prescribed under the Securities and Exchange Board of India Act, 1992 ('SEBI Act') are not applicable to the Company for the financial year ended 31-03-2023, as the Company has not undertaken any activities under the said Regulations and circulars/ guidelines issued thereunder:

- (a) The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Share Based Employee Benefits and Sweat Equity) Regulations, 2021;
- (b) The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Delisting of Equity Shares) Regulations, 2021; as amended till date
- (c) The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Buyback of Securities) Regulations, 2018
- (e) The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Issue of Capital and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2018;
- (f) The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Issue and listing of Non-Convertible Securities) Regulations, 2021

I hereby further 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 by PCS*
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),as notified by the Central Government under section 118(10) of the Companies Act, 2013 and mandatorily applicable.	Yes	
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	

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3.	Maintenance and disclosures on Website:		
	• The Listed entity is maintaining a functional website	Yes	
	• Timely dissemination of the documents/ information under a separate section on the website	Yes	
	• 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	Yes	
4.	Disqualification of Director:		
	None of the Director(s) of the Company is/ are disqualified under Section 164 of Companies Act, 2013as confirmed by the listed entity.	Yes	

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Sr. No.	Particulars	Compliance Status (Yes/No/NA)	Observations/ Remarks by PCS*
5.	Details related to Subsidiaries of listed entities have been examined w.r.t.:	NA	
	(a) Identification of material subsidiary companies		
	(b) Disclosure requirement of material as well as other subsidiaries		
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	
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	
8.	Related Party Transactions:		
	(a) The listed entity has obtained prior approval of Audit Committee for all related party transactions; or	Yes	
	(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.	NA	
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	
10.	Prohibition of Insider Trading:		
	The listed entity is in compliance with Regulation 3(5) & 3(6) SEBI (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 2015.	Yes	

Sr. No.	Particulars	Compliance Status (Yes/No/NA)	Observations/ Remarks by PCS*
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 (**).	No (As per details mentioned below)	
12.	Additional Non-compliances, if any: No additional non-compliance observed for any SEBI	No	
	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 18th October, 2019:

Sr. No.	Particulars	Particulars Compliance Status (Yes/No/ NA)						
1.	Compliances with the following conditions while appo	Compliances with the following conditions while appointing/re-appointing an auditor						
	a).If the auditor has resigned within 45 days from the end of a quarter of a financial year, the auditorbefore such resignation, has issued the limited review/ audit report for such quarter; or	NA						
	b)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	NA						
	c)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 lastquarter of such financial year as well as the auditreport for such financial year.	NA						
2.	Other conditions relating to resignation of statutory at	uditor	I					
	i. Reporting of concerns by Auditor with respect to the listed entity/its material subsidiary to the AuditCommittee:	NA						

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Sr. No.	Particulars	Compliance Status (Yes/No/ NA)	Observations/ Remarks by PCS*		
	<ul> <li>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.</li> </ul>	NA			
	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.	NA			
	c. The Audit Committee / Board of Directors, as the case may be, 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.	NA			
	ii. Disclaimer in case of non-receipt of information: 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.	NA			
	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.	NA			

(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	Regu- lation/	Deviations	Action Taken	Type of Action		Fine Amount	Obser- vations/		Re- marks
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1. The Company violate the provisions of section 12A (a), (b) & (c) of SEBI Act 1992 read with Regulations 3(a), (b), (c) and (d) and 4(1) of PFUTP Regulations 2003 and Section 23E of the SCRA in respect of issue of Global Depository Receipts (GDR) of 17.2975 million US Dollar on 20/10/2006 in this regard SEBI has passed two orders one for debarring the Company, its directors and its authorized representative from accessing the securities market for a specified period of 3 years and 2 years respectively through SEBI Order dated February 8, 2021 and through another SEBI Order dated August 30, 2021 wherein penalties have been imposed upon the Company, its director and its authorized representative.

An appeal was filed against above order before The SECURITIES APPELLATE TRIBUNAL MUMBAI (SAT) by the Aggrieved parties. During the financial year under review SAT has given their order dated 22.02.2023 wherein SAT has reduced debarment to the period undergone for the Company, debarment of its directors has not been reduced and confirmed the above period of 2 years for debarment and penalty of Rs. 5 lakh imposed by AO in the circumstances on its directors is also just and proper, however SAT has setaside the debarment for its authorized representative and penalties thereof.

Further SAT has affirmed the penalty of Rs. 20 lakh imposed against the Company, Soma Textiles and Industries Limited and the penalty of Rs. 5 lakh under Section 23E of the SCRA is set aside. (b) The listed entity has taken the following actions to comply with the observations made in previous reports:

Sr.	Com-	Regu-	Deviations	Action	Type of	Details	Fine	Ob-	Man-	Re-
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NOT	NOT APPLICABLE DURING THE YEAR UNDWER REVIEW									

#### 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.My responsibility is to certify based upon our examination of relevant documents and information. This is neither an audit nor an expression of opinion.

3. I 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 PRAVIN COMPANY DROLIA, (Company Secretary in whole time practice)

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Digitally signed by PRAVIN KUMAR DROLIA Date: 2023.05.25 12:06:42 +05'30'

(Pravin Kumar Drolia) Proprietor. FCS: 2366, CP: 1362

Date: 25/05/2023 Place: Kolkata UDIN: F002366E000374562 Peer review no: 1928/2022