

24 May 2023

Department of Corporate Services
BSE Limited
1st floor, New Trading Ring
Rotunda Building, P J Towers
Dalal Street, Fort
Mumbai - 400 001
Scrip Code: 500710

The Listing Department
National Stock Exchange of India Ltd.
Exchange Plaza, 5th floor,
Bandra-Kurla Complex
Bandra (E)
Mumbai – 400 051
Symbol: AKZOINDIA

Subject: Submission of Annual Secretarial Compliance Report under Regulation 24A of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) (Amendment) Regulations, 2015 for the financial year ended 31 March 2023.

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find attached herewith Annual Secretarial Compliance Report under Regulation 24A of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) (Amendment) Regulations, 2015 for the financial year ended 31 March 2023 issued by M/s A K Labh & Co, Practicing Company Secretaries, Secretarial Auditor of the Company.

This is for your information and records

Yours Faithfully,
For **Akzo Nobel India Limited**

Harshi Rastogi
Company Secretary
Membership#A13642

Encl: as above

**Secretarial Compliance Report of Akzo Nobel India Limited**
for the financial year ended 31.03.2023

We have conducted the review of the compliance of the applicable statutory provisions and the adherence to good corporate practices by *Akzo Nobel India Limited* (hereinafter referred as 'the listed entity'), having its Registered Office at Geetanjali Apartment, 1st Floor, 8-B, Middleton Street, Kolkata – 700071, West Bengal. 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, 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 :

We, A. K. LABH & Co., *Company Secretaries*, have examined :

- all the documents and records made available to us and explanation provided by *Akzo Nobel India Limited* ("the listed entity"),
- the filings/ submissions made by the listed entity to the stock exchanges,
- website of the listed entity,
- 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 :

- the Securities and Exchange Board of India Act, 1992 ("SEBI Act") and the Regulations, circulars, guidelines issued thereunder; and



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- (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 :-

- (a) Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015;
- (b) Securities and Exchange Board of India (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeovers) Regulations, 2011;
- (c) Securities and Exchange Board of India (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 2015;
- (d) Securities and Exchange Board of India (Registrars to an Issue and Share Transfer Agents) Regulations, 1993 regarding the Companies Act, 2013 and dealing with client, and circulars/ guidelines issued thereunder;

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 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.	<p>Adoption and timely updation of the Policies :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All applicable policies under SEBI Regulations are adopted with the approval of Board of Directors of the listed entity. All the policies are in conformity with SEBI Regulations and have been reviewed & updated on time, as per the regulations / circulars / guidelines issued by SEBI. 	Yes Yes	
3.	<p>Maintenance and disclosures on Website :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The listed entity is maintaining a functional website. Timely dissemination of the documents / information under a separate section on the website. 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 No Yes	Delay in uploading of transcript of earnings call held on 04.11.2022.
4.	<p>Disqualification of Director :</p> <p>None of the Director(s) of the Company is/ are disqualified under Section 164 of Companies Act, 2013 as confirmed by the listed entity.</p>	Yes	



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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.	N.A. N.A.	The Company has a subsidiary which is not material.
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	





11.	Actions taken by SEBI or Stock Exchanges, 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.	Yes	
12.	Additional Non-compliances, if any : No additional non-compliance observed for any SEBI regulation/circular/guidance note etc.	Yes	

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	Compliance Status (Yes/No/ NA)	Observations/ Remarks by PCS
1.	Compliances with the following conditions while appointing/re-appointing an auditor		



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	<p>i. If the auditor has resigned within 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;</p> <p>or</p> <p>ii. 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</p> <p>iii. 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 last quarter of such financial year as well as the audit report for such financial year.</p>	<p>N.A.</p> <p>N.A.</p> <p>N.A.</p>	<p>No such case was reported during the financial year under report.</p> <p>No such case was reported during the financial year under report.</p> <p>No such case was reported during the financial year under report.</p>
2.	Other conditions relating to resignation of statutory auditor		
	<p>i. Reporting of concerns by Auditor with respect to the listed entity/its material subsidiary to the Audit Committee :</p>	<p>N.A.</p>	<p>No such case was reported during the financial year under report.</p>



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| | <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> | | |
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	<p>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.</p> <p>ii. Disclaimer in case of non-receipt of information :</p> <p>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.</p>		
3.	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.	N.A.	No such case was reported during the financial year under report.



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- (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 :

Sl. No.	Compliance Requirement (Regulations/ circulars/ guidelines including specific clause)	Regulation/ Circular No.	Deviations	Action Taken By	Type of Action (Advisory/ Clarification/ Fine/ Show Cause Notice / Warning, etc.)	Details of Violation	Fine Amount	Observations / Remarks of the Practising Company Secretary	Management Response	Remarks
1	SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015 - Transcript of earnings call to be uploaded on Company's website with simultaneous submission of the same to the stock exchange within five working days of the conclusion of such calls.	Regulation 46	Delay in submission of transcript of earnings call	-	-	Delay in submission of transcript of earnings call held on 04.11.2022	-	There has been delay in submission of transcript of Earnings Call held on 04.11.2022. However, the same was submitted on 16.11.2022.	The transcript submission was delayed as the vendor could not deliver a decipherable transcript within the agreed timeline despite best efforts put in by the Company. The Company has thereafter replaced the vendor to ensure such delays do not recur.	-



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

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-	-	-	NIL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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 certify 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.

Signature:

Place : Kolkata

Dated : 23.05.2023

Name of the Practising Company Secretary : CS Atul Kumar Labh

FCS No. : 4848

CP No. : 3238

UIN : S1999WB026800

PRCN : 1038/2020

UDIN : F004848E000353207

