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Sub: Quarterly report for the first quarter (Q1) ended June 30, 2022

Dear Sir/ Madam.

Pursuant to Regulation 30 and other applicable provisions of Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, we are enclosing the quarterly report being released by the Company w.r.t. the audited financial results for the first quarter (Q1) ended June 30, 2022.

Kindly take the same on record.

Thanking you,

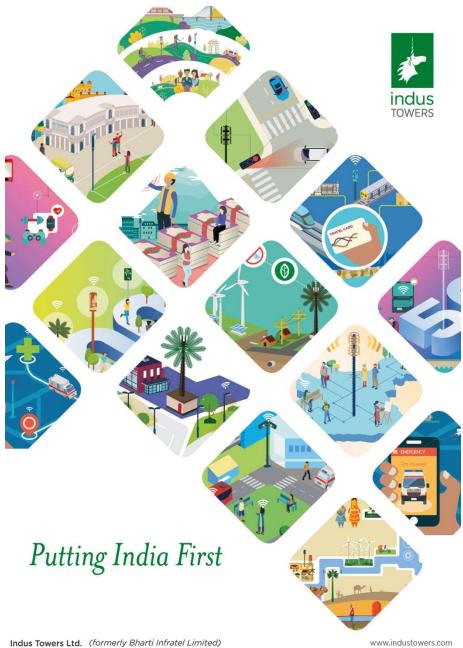
Yours faithfully, For Indus Towers Limited (formerly Bharti Infratel Limited)

Samridhi Rodhe **Company Secretary** 

Encl: As above



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The financial statements included in this quarterly report fairly present in all material respects the financial position, results of operations, cash flow of the Company as of and for the periods presented in this report.

#### **Supplemental Disclosures**

Safe Harbor: - Some information in this report may contain forward-looking statements. We have based these forward-looking statements on our current beliefs, expectations and intentions as to facts, actions and events that will or may occur in the future. Such statements generally are identified by forward-looking words such as "believe," "plan," "anticipate," "continue," "estimate," "expect," "may," "will" or other similar words.

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**General Risk**: - Investment in equity and equity related securities involves a degree of risk and investors should not invest any funds in this Company without necessary diligence and relying on their own examination of Indus Towers Limited; along with the equity investment risk which doesn't guarantee capital protection.

Use of Certain Non GAAP measures: - This result announcement contains certain information on the Company's results of operations and cash flows that have been derived from amounts calculated in accordance with Indian Accounting Standards (IND AS) i.e. Non-GAAP measures. They should not be viewed in isolation as alternatives to the equivalent IND AS measures and should be read in conjunction with the equivalent IND AS measures.

# Further, disclosures are also provided under "Use of Non – GAAP financial information" on page 24

**Others:** In this report, the term "Indus Towers" or "Indus" or "the Company" refers to Indus Towers Limited (formerly Bharti Infratel Limited).

With effect from January 2015, Indus Towers Employees Welfare Trust (formerly Bharti Infratel Employees Welfare Trust) (incorporated for allotment of shares to employees as part of Employee Stock Option Plan) has been included as part of the Company. With effect from September 2015, Smartx Services Ltd. (incorporated on September 21, 2015 as a wholly owned subsidiary) has been included as a part of the Company.

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#### Section A

#### Consolidated Results

The Company has adopted Indian Accounting Standards (IND AS) w.e.f. April 1, 2016 with transition date being April 1, 2015 in accordance with the requirements under Section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013. Accordingly, the consolidated financial statements under IND AS includes the subsidiary 'Smartx Services Limited' and the controlled trust "Indus Tower Employee Welfare Trust" (formerly Bharti Infratel Employees Welfare Trust) and share of Joint Venture "Erstwhile Indus Towers Limited (ceased to exist and merged into the company w.e.f. November 19, 2020)" on the basis of Equity method of consolidation.

Section A includes Proforma unaudited consolidated financial results ('Proforma results') prepared assuming merger was effective from April 1, 2018 and hence, considered the effect of merger since then as per pooling of interest method in accordance with Appendix C of Ind AS 103. The consideration given to the shareholders, cancellation of Investment of Infratel in erstwhile Indus and recording of assets, liabilities and reserves at carrying value of erstwhile Indus has been considered in these results for all the periods presented. Hence, the results include the combined operation of Infratel and erstwhile Indus on line by line basis and line by line consolidation for its subsidiary and the controlled trust.

# INDUS TOWERS - PERFORMANCE AT A GLANCE<sup>3</sup>

Particulars	UNITS	Fi	ıll Year End	ed <sup>2</sup>		Q	uarter Ende	ed²	
		2020	2021 <sup>5</sup>	2022	Jun 2021	Sep 2021	Dec 2021	Mar 2022	Jun 2022
Consolidated Operating Highlights									
Total Towers <sup>6</sup>	Nos	1,69,002	1,79,225	1,85,447	1,80,997	1,83,462	1,84,748	1,85,447	1,86,474
Total Co-locations <sup>6&amp;7</sup>	Nos	3,11,111	3,22,438	3,35,791	3,25,355	3,32,551	3,35,106	3,35,791	3,36,382
Average Sharing factor	Times	1.85	1.82	1.80	1.80	1.81	1.81	1.81	1.81
Closing Sharing factor	Times	1.84	1.80	1.81	1.80	1.81	1.81	1.81	1.80
Sharing Revenue per Tower per month	Rs	78,855	78,345	80,467	77,939	77,807	79,609	85,445	75,688
Sharing Revenue per Sharing Operator per month	Rs	41,647	42,357	44,264	42,730	42,807	43,904	47,148	41,879
Financials Financials									
Revenue <sup>1</sup>	Rs Mn	2,55,624	2,56,729	2,77,172	67,970	68,765	69,274	71,163	68,973
EBITDA <sup>1</sup>	Rs Mn	1,27,239	1,32,575	1,49,429	35,285	36,405	37,041	40,698	23,222
EBIT <sup>1</sup>	Rs Mn	73,158	77,575	95,755	21,969	23,072	23,743	26,971	9,226
Finance Cost (Net)	Rs Mn	11,953	14,021	14,973	3,768	3,665	3,793	3,747	3,720
Profit before Tax	Rs Mn	63,982	66,537	84,307	18,770	20,334	20,889	24,314	6,431
Profit after Tax	Rs Mn	50,270	49,751	63,731	14,153	15,585	15,708	18,285	4,773
Capex	Rs Mn	31,764	35,868	29,287	7,530	8,302	7,107	6,348	7,601
-of Which Maintenance & General Corporate Capex	Rs Mn	7,848	7,181	7,987	2,328	1,851	2,226	1,582	2,274
Operating Free Cash Flow <sup>1</sup>	Rs Mn	70,653	71,240	91,620	20,409	21,089	22,786	27,336	8,069
Adjusted Fund From Operations(AFFO) <sup>1</sup>	Rs Mn	94,570	99,927	1,12,920	25,611	27,540	27,667	32,102	13,396
Free Cash Flow	Rs Mn	27,900	47,952	30,160	2,618	4,110	1,112	22,320	5,509
Total Capital Employed	Rs Mn	3,48,855	3,51,671	3,92,442	3,64,887	3,76,839	3,94,780	3,92,442	3,89,517
Net Debt / (Net Cash) with Lease Liabilities	Rs Mn	1,71,774	1,92,901	1,70,937	1,92,250	1,88,818	1,91,351	1,70,937	1,93,226
Net Debt / (Net Cash) without Lease Liabilities	Rs Mn	42,499	58,782	28,545	56,063	51,823	50,788	28,545	52,630
Shareholder's Equity	Rs Mn	1,77,081	1,58,770	2,21,505	1,72,637	1,88,021	2,03,429	2,21,505	1,96,291
Key Ratios									
EBITDA Margin <sup>1</sup>	%	49.8%	51.6%	53.9%	51.9%	52.9%	53.5%	57.2%	33.7%
EBIT Margin <sup>1</sup>	%	28.6%	30.2%	34.5%	32.3%	33.6%	34.3%	37.9%	13.4%
Net Profit Margin <sup>1</sup>	%	19.7%	19.4%	23.0%	20.8%	22.7%	22.7%	25.7%	6.9%
Net Debt / (Net Cash) with Lease Liabilities to EBITDA (LTM) <sup>3</sup>	Times	1.35	1.46	1.14	1.41	1.33	1.34	1.14	1.41
Interest Coverage ratio (LTM) <sup>3</sup>	Times	10.64	9.46	9.98	9.37	9.49	9.62	9.98	9.20
Return on Capital Employed Pre Tax (LTM) <sup>3</sup>	%	21.9%	22.1%	25.7%	22.9%	23.8%	24.5%	25.7%	22.0%
Return on Shareholder's Equity Pre Tax (LTM) <sup>3</sup>	%	37.6%	39.6%	44.34%	40.5%	40.9%	39.3%	44.3%	39.0%
Return on Shareholder's Equity Post tax (LTM) <sup>3</sup>	%	29.6%	29.6%	33.52%	30.4%	30.9%	29.8%	33.5%	29.5%
Valuation Indicators									
Market Capitalization <sup>4</sup>	Rs Bn	431	660	598	643	832	669	598	564
Enterprise Value <sup>4</sup>	Rs Bn	603	853	769	835	1021	861	769	757
EV/EBITDA <sup>384</sup>	Times	4.74	6.44	5.15	6.11	7.19	6.02	5.15	5.51
EPS (Diluted) <sup>4</sup>	Rs	18.65	18.46	23.66	5.25	5.79	5.83	6.79	1.77
PE Ratio <sup>4</sup>	Times	8.58	13.27	9.39	12.20	14.60	11.32	9.39	10.36

<sup>1.</sup> Revenue, EBITDA, EBIT, Operating free cash flow and Adjusted Fund from Operations (AFFO) are excluding other income. Further, EBITDA, EBIT and Net profit margins have been computed on revenue excluding other income.

2. Previous periods' figures have been regrouped/ rearranged wherever necessary to conform to current period classifications.

7. Total colocations excludes Lean products, net additions thereof during the quarter aggregates to 1,021 (Previous Quarter 600).

<sup>3.</sup> With the adoption of Ind AS 116 definition for Financial KPIs – 'Operating Free Cash Flow' and 'Adjusted Fund From Operations'; Key Ratios – 'Net Debt / (Net Cash) with Lease Liabilities to EBITDA', 'Interest Coverage Ratio', 'Return on Capital Employed Pre Tax', 'Return on Shareholder's Equity Pre Tax / Post Tax' and Valuation Indicators – 'EV/EBITDA' have been revised. Refer Section 11- Glossary for previous and revised definitions.

<sup>4.</sup> Valuation Indicators for periods prior to quarter ending December 31, 2020 are revised based on current outstanding share capital to make the data comparable.

<sup>5.</sup> The impact on account of alignment of accounting practices and estimates for the Company of Rs 123 million (net of tax) which has been charged to Consolidated Statement of Profit and Loss for the quarter ended December 31, 2020.

<sup>6.</sup> Reporting of towers & colocations has been changed from notice basis to actual exit basis w.e.f. 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021. During the consolidation phase of the telecom industry, Indus had adopted a conservative approach in December 2018 of reporting exits basis notices received vis-à-vis the earlier method of reporting basis actual exits. Now with the stabilization in the industry and reducing trend of exits, Indus has moved back to the earlier approach of reporting churn based on actual exits to represent actual colocations billed. This has resulted in one-time addition of 3,630 colocations in closing base for the quarter ended September 30, 2021.

#### AN OVERVIEW

#### 2.1 Industry Overview

The Indian telecommunications industry is one of the most competitive globally. The focus of Indian operators in the last ten years or so has been to affordable develop an mass market telecommunications service model which allows for service availability across India's urban and rural areas at affordable prices. A strong focus on optimization of operational expenses through the outsourcing of noncore areas, process innovation, cost-to-serve alignment and strategic partnerships has also resulted in steady growth of the tower industry. It is more economical for operators to lease towers from tower companies rather than build them for captive use.

Infrastructure sharing is effective in optimizing the utilization of available resources and helps to bring down the cost of providing telecommunications services. With the reduction in overall tariffs and restrictions placed by various local regulatory bodies on the installation of telecom towers, infrastructure sharing amongst service providers has become the norm in the Indian telecommunications industry in the last decade.

Tower companies provide the entire range of tower infrastructure that is required by wireless telecommunications service providers to offer mobile telephony services to their subscribers. Tower infrastructure refers to equipment such as towers, shelters, power regulation equipment, battery banks, diesel generator sets (DG sets), air conditioners, fire extinguishers and a security cabin, required at a site where such towers are installed.

Traditionally, tower companies provided two types of towers – Ground Based Towers (GBTs) and Roof Top Towers (RTTs). Space limitations on each site and overall limited availability of land for tower installation have expanded the traditional tower products to Ground Based Mast (GBMs) that occupy less space relative to GBTs and RTTs.

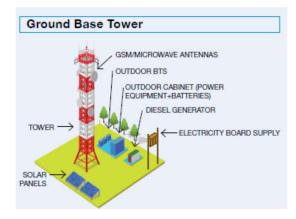
Apart from the above traditional products, tower companies are now also providing innovative solutions like smart poles, microsites, fiberized connectivity, feather sites, small cells etc. This is keeping in mind the demands of technologies such as 4G currently and technologies such as 5G, etc. in the future. These newer products are expected to not only provide high

coverage and capacity within a limited area, but also enhance aesthetic look of the city.

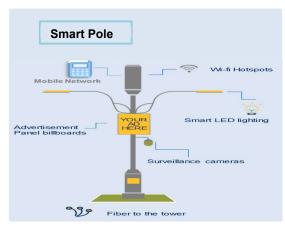
There are two kinds of infrastructure that constitute a telecom tower:

- Active Infrastructure: Radio antenna, BTS/cell site, cables, Fibre POP's etc. that are owned and supplied by telecom operators
- Tower Infrastructure: Steel tower, shelter room, DG set, power regulation equipment, battery bank, security cabin etc. that supports active infrastructure. These are owned by tower companies.

Telecommunication sector is playing a pioneer role in fulfilling Government mission of Digital India and will also have an enabling role in India's journey to Digital Economy and Industry 4.0. Infrastructure Providers (IP1) has empowered the Telecommunication Service Providers (TSPs) by providing affordable shareable passive infrastructure. The TSPs leverage the shareable passive infrastructure not only to quickly rollout out their network but also enjoyed the benefit of cost efficiency which enables to provide affordable services to consumers. In the India Digital Economy and Industry 4.0 enablement, it is visualized that Infrastructure Provider has a more contributing role to play. This can happen when the Infrastructure providers start providing active network sharing along with passive infrastructure. 5G network will require large transmission capacities and more number of sites as 5G network is planned in 3.6 GHz, higher band and millimeter wave. This will call for huge investment by TSPs and may become a barrier for Pan India deployment and affordable services. IP1 can play an effective role by providing shared Transport Network and shared RAN (Radio Access Network). This will facilitate TSPs to focus on the core networks and its core businesses and leverage operational efficiency of IP1 in active network sharing. BEREC (Body of European Regulators for Electronics Communications) report conveys that active sharing has the potential to reduce the Capex by 33-35% and Opex by 25-33%. IP1 can provide active network sharing and extend the sharing efficiency to active infrastructure as well. Government of India has acknowledged the critical role played by IP1 for the success of Telecom sector and intends IP1 to play an enhanced role in the times to come as captured in National Digital Communication Policy 2018 (NDCP 2018) with proper regulatory frame-work by Department of Telecommunication (DoT).









Average specifications for these are summarized in the following table:

Particulars	GBT	RTT	GBM	Smart Pole	Feather Site
Space Requirement (Sq.ft)	2,500 - 4,000	300- 1000	100 - 500	50-100	80-150
Height (m)	30-50	6-21	24- 40	12	3-9
Occupancy Capacity (Colocations)	2-4	2-4	1-3	1-2	1-2

#### 2.2 Company Overview

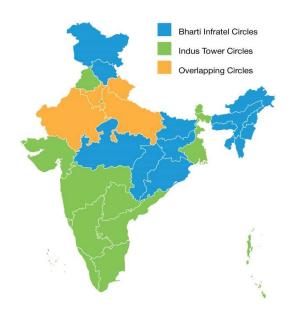
Indus Towers Limited (formerly Bharti Infratel Limited) is a provider of tower and related infrastructure sharing services.

Indus Towers has been formed following the amalgamation of erstwhile Indus Towers which was operating in 15 telecom circles with pre-merger Bharti Infratel which was operating in 11 telecom circles. Erstwhile Indus Towers was established as a joint venture in 2007, originally between Bharti Airtel, Vodafone India and Idea Cellular. The holdings underwent few changes over the years and as on 30th September 2020, Bharti Infratel, Vodafone Group Plc and Vodafone Idea held shareholding interest of 42%, 42% and 11.15% respectively in Indus. The balance 4.85% was held by P5 Asia Holding Investments (Mauritius) Limited (Providence).

Following the merger, Indus Towers is one of the largest tower infrastructure providers in the country and globally. The business of Indus Towers is to acquire, build, own, operate and maintain tower and related infrastructure. Indus provides access to their towers primarily to wireless telecommunications service providers on a shared basis, under long-term contracts. Indus Towers caters to all wireless telecommunication service providers in India.

Indus has a nationwide presence with operations in all 22 telecommunications Circles in India. As of June 30, 2022, Indus owned and operated 186,474 towers with 336,382 co-locations with an average sharing factor of 1.81.

Indus Towers has ongoing Master Services Agreements (MSAs) with its customers. The MSAs are long-term contracts which set out the terms on which access is provided to the Company's towers, with all service providers being offered substantially the same terms and receiving equal treatment at towers where they have installed their active infrastructure. Under the MSAs, Indus enters into service contracts in respect of individual towers. The MSAs and service contracts govern Indus' relationship with its customers, the services provided, and the applicable charges and incorporate annual escalation clauses in respect of the applicable charges. This provides stability to the Company's business and provides visibility with regard to future revenues.



#### **History of Erstwhile Indus Towers**

In order to capitalize on the opportunities for tower sharing in the Indian telecommunications market. Bharti Airtel, Vodafone India and Idea Cellular agreed to establish Indus Towers as an independently managed joint venture that provides non-discriminatory shared tower services all to wireless telecommunications service providers. In furtherance of this joint venture, the parties also agreed to contribute certain identified towers to Indus Towers and to use the services of Indus Towers in the first instance for any new rollout of telecommunications towers or co-locations in 15 telecommunications circles. In this context, erstwhile Indus Towers was incorporated in November 2007 and Bharti Airtel, Bharti Infratel, Vodafone India (certain of its subsidiaries), Idea Cellular and Idea Cellular Infrastructure entered into the Indus Share Holders Agreement (SHA) to govern their relationship with respect to Indus Towers and its day-to-day operations and the Framework Agreement, which set out among other things, the basis on which towers were to be contributed to Indus Towers by the respective parties. In accordance with the Framework Agreement, Bharti Infratel, Vodafone Group Plc and Vodafone Idea held a 42%, 42% and 16% shareholding interest in Indus Towers, respectively. During the quarter ended March 2017, Aditya Birla Telecom transferred 4.85% of its stake in Indus Towers to P5 Asia Holding Investment (Mauritius) Limited. As on 30th September 2020, Bharti Infratel, Vodafone India and Vodafone Idea held shareholding interest of 42%, 42% and 11.15% respectively in Indus Towers.

The Indus SHA provided that Indus could not carry on business in the 7 telecommunications circles in which pre-merger Bharti Infratel operated in, exclusive of Indus Towers. Similarly, subject to certain exceptions, the joint venture partners were not permitted to, among other things (a) compete with the business of Indus

Towers in the 15 specified telecommunications Circles that Indus operated in, (b) develop, construct or acquire any tower the 15 specified in telecommunications Circles that Indus Towers operated in and (c) directly or indirectly procure orders from or do business with any entity that has been a customer of Indus Towers during the previous two-year period in competition with the business of Indus in the 15 specified telecommunications Circles that Indus Towers operated in. On the basis of the relationship as described above, pre-merger Bharti Infratel and erstwhile Indus Towers did not compete with each other in any telecommunications Circle, they did not have any conflicts of interest in this regard and were able to work closely with each other and benefit from the synergies generated by the nationwide coverage and large scale of their operations.

# Merger of erstwhile Indus Towers with pre-merger Bharti Infratel

On April 25, 2018, Indus Towers Limited (formerly Bharti Infratel Limited) ('the Company or Transferee Company') and its Joint Venture Company erstwhile Indus Towers Limited ('erstwhile Indus or Transferor Company') and their respective shareholders and creditors entered into a scheme of amalgamation and arrangement (under section 230 to 232 and other applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013) ('Scheme') to create a pan-India tower company operating across all 22 telecom service areas. Since then, the Scheme has received requisite regulatory approvals including approval from National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT), Chandigarh vide its order dated May 31, 2019 read with its order dated October 22, 2020.

The Company had filed certified copy of the NCLT order with the Registrar of Companies on November 19, 2020 to make the Scheme effective (Effective Date). Upon the Scheme becoming effective, the Transferor Company stood dissolved without being wound-up and amalgamated into the Company on a going concern basis.

Vodafone Idea had elected to receive cash pursuant to the right available to certain shareholders as per the Scheme. Pursuant to the same, Vodafone Idea received cash consideration of Rs. 37,642 (inclusive of 41 Mn paid after effective date of merger) million for its 11.15% shareholding in erstwhile Indus Towers. The said transaction was executed and completed on November 19, 2020.

For their 42% and 4.85% shareholding in erstwhile Indus Towers, Vodafone Group Plc. (through its indirect wholly owned subsidiaries) and P5 Asia Holding Investments (Mauritius) Limited (Providence) were allotted 757,821,804 and 87,506,900 equity shares aggregating to 28.12% and 3.25% respectively in the post-issue share capital of the Company. Accordingly, the paid-up equity share capital of the Company stands increased to Rs.26,949,369,500

divided into 2,694,936,950 Equity Shares of Rs.10/each fully paid-up. Bharti Airtel along with its wholly owned subsidiary Nettle Infrastructure Investments Limited held 36.73% in the post-issue share capital of the Company following the above allotment consequently, the company cease to be subsidiary of Bharti Airtel Limited. On December 2, 2020 and December 28, 2020, Bharti Airtel through Nettle Infrastructure Investments Limited acquired additional ~4.94% and ~0.06% through the open market, taking its holding to 41.73% in the Company.

Upon implementation of the Scheme and allotment of shares to indirect wholly owned subsidiaries of Vodafone Group Plc., in addition to existing promoters (representing Bharti Airtel Limited along with its wholly owned subsidiary Nettle Infrastructure Investments Limited), the aforesaid indirect wholly owned subsidiaries of Vodafone Group Plc. have also been classified as promoters of the Company.

During the quarter ended June 30, 2022, the shareholding of Bharti group promoters has undergone a change. Bharti Airtel Limited along with its wholly owned subsidiary Nettle Infrastructure Investments Limited held 47.76% shares and Vodafone Group Plc. through its indirect wholly owned subsidiary companies remained holding 21.05% shares in the Company.

Together, the promoters owned 68.81% of the Company as on June 30, 2022.

Please visit our website for more disclosures pertaining to the Scheme of Amalgamation.

#### Future visibility on revenues & cash flows

Indus Towers has assured future revenues and cash flows because of the following key competitive strengths:

- A leading telecommunications infrastructure operator in India, with large scale, nationwide operations in an industry which creates some entry barriers.
- Extensive presence in all telecommunications Circles with strong growth potential as data consumption and data users/devices continue to increase.
- Long term contracts with leading wireless telecommunications service providers in India, providing visibility on future revenues.
- The estimated weighted average remaining life of service contracts entered into with telecommunications service providers, as on June 30, 2022 is 6.03 Years.
- Comprehensive deployment and operational experience supported by well-developed processes, systems and IT infrastructure.

#### Alternate Energy and Energy Conservation Measures

We believe that a healthy environment is a prerequisite for progress, contributing to the well-being of society, our people and our business, and serving as the foundation for a sustainable and strong economy. In line with the vision of being known for Environmental Friendliness, the Company continues to deploy people, ideas and capital to help find effective solutions to environmental issues.

The Company has initiated various programs like getting out of air-conditioners, Shut DG, Green sites/ZEN, energy efficacy enhancement programs which are primarily based on ideas aimed at minimizing energy dependency and thereby, carbon footprint reduction. These programs promote (a) improving energy efficiency of tower infrastructure equipment, (b) use of renewable/alternate energy resources, and (c) reduction of equipment load on tower infrastructure equipment.

Some of the key initiatives taken so far are:

- Solar & RESCO Sites: As of June 30, 2022, we operate ~1,486 solar-powered & Solar RESCO sites across the network on a consolidated basis, which helps in reducing noise and emissions from DG sets and also in reducing dependency on diesel, thereby contributing towards better energy security. We have partnered with Renewable Energy Service Companies in our efforts towards powering our towers using solar energy along with community power development, in rural areas of select states of the country.
- Adoption of high efficiency power system as a part of standard configuration for new tower deployment to ensure effective utilization of grid power supply on the towers.
- Focus remains unbated towards enhancing electrification for all our sites.
- Continued usage of advanced storage helps to sustain our ZEN vision.
- Comprehensive program to ensure zero diesel consumption at our tower sites. As of June 30, 2022, we operate ~68,453 green towers across our network.
- Other green alternatives like fuel cell, wind turbines, gas gensets keep on getting evaluated and added to the portfolio.
- Conversion of Indoor sites to Outdoor or getting out of air conditioner helps in overall reduction in energy demand as well as supports energy initiative execution.
- We have installed Solar at Non EB sites in tough terrains of Leh – Solar roof of our country, thereby

reducing carbon emissions as well as reducing our Opex costs.

We believe that these renewable energy initiatives, energy efficiency measures and load optimization methods will continue to have long-term benefits to our business, securing us against rising power and fuel costs as well as reducing the environmental impact of our operations.

For Operating highlights and details refer Page no. 12.

#### **FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

The financial highlights are prepared from audited consolidated financial results represent results of 'the Group' which comprises of the Company, its subsidiary 'Smartx Services Limited' and its controlled trust 'Indus Towers Employees Welfare Trust' prepared as per Ind AS 110 on Consolidated Financial Statements, Ind AS 111 on Joint Arrangements and Ind AS 28 on Investment in Associates and Joint Venture.

Detailed financial statements, analysis & other related information is attached to this report (Page 19). Also, kindly refer to section 7.3 – use of Non GAAP financial information (Page 24) and Glossary (Page 55) for detailed definitions.

#### 3.1. Summarized Consolidated Statement of Operations

#### Amount in Rs mn, except ratios

	(	Quarter Ended	
Particulars	Jun-22	Jun-21	Y-on-Y
			Growth
Revenue <sup>1</sup>	68,973	67,970	1.5%
EBITDA <sup>1</sup>	23,222	35,285	-34.2%
EBITDA Margin	33.7%	51.9%	
EBIT <sup>1</sup>	9,226	21,969	-58.0%
Other Income	925	569	62.6%
Finance cost (Net)	3,720	3,768	-1.3%
Profit before tax	6,431	18,770	-65.7%
Income Tax Expense	1,658	4,617	-64.1%
Profit after Tax	4,773	14,153	-66.3%
Capex	7,601	7,530	0.9%
Operating Free Cash Flow <sup>1</sup>	8,069	20,409	-60.5%
Adjusted Fund From Operations (AFFO) <sup>1</sup>	13,396	25,611	-47.7%
Free Cash Flow	5,509	2,618	110%
Cumulative Investments	5,79,032	5,72,816	1.1%

<sup>1.</sup> Revenue, EBITDA, EBIT, Operating free cash flow and Adjusted Fund from Operations (AFFO) are excluding other income.

#### 3.2. Summarized Statement of Consolidated Financial Position

Particulars	As at	As at
i articulars	Jun 30, 2022	Mar 31, 2022
Shareholder's Fund		
Share capital	26,949	26,949
Other Equity	1,69,342	1,94,556
Total Equity	1,96,291	2,21,505
Liabilities		
Non-current liabilities	1,60,599	1,69,902
Current liabilities	98,041	88,269
Total liabilities	2,58,640	2,58,171
Total Equity and liabilities	4,54,931	4,79,676
Assets		
Non-current assets	3,56,872	3,56,563
Current assets	98,059	1,23,113
Total assets	4,54,931	4,79,676

#### **OPERATING HIGHLIGHTS**

The financial figures are based on audited consolidated financial results represent results of 'the Group' which comprises of the Company, its subsidiary 'Smartx Services Limited' and its controlled trust 'Indus Towers Employees Welfare Trust' prepared as per Ind AS 110 on Consolidated Financial Statements, Ind AS 111 on Joint Arrangements and Ind AS 28 on Investment in Associates and Joint Venture.

#### 4.1 Tower and Related Infrastructure Services

Parameters	Unit	Jun 30, 2022	Mar 31, 2022	Q-on-Q Growth	Jun 30, 2021	Y-on-Y Growth
Total Towers <sup>1</sup>	Nos	1,86,474	1,85,447	1,027	1,80,997	5,477
Total Co-locations 182	Nos	3,36,382	3,35,791	591	3,25,355	11,027
Key Indicators						
Average Sharing Factor	Times	1.81	1.81		1.80	
Closing Sharing Factor	Times	1.80	1.81		1.80	
Sharing Revenue per Tower p.m	Rs	75,688	85,445	-11.4%	77,939	-2.9%
Sharing Revenue per Sharing Operator p.m	Rs	41,879	47,148	-11.2%	42,730	-2.0%

<sup>1</sup> Reporting of towers & colocations has been changed from notice basis to actual exit basis w.e.f. 1st July 2021. During the consolidation phase of the telecom industry, Indus had adopted a conservative approach in December 2018 of reporting exits basis notices received vis-à-vis the earlier method of reporting basis actual exits. Now with the stabilization in the industry and reducing trend of exits, Indus has moved back to the earlier approach of reporting churn based on actual exits to represent actual colocations billed. This has resulted in one-time addition of 3,630 colocations in closing base for the quarter ended September 30, 2021.

#### 4.2 Human Resource Analysis

Parameters	Unit	Jun 30,	Mar 31,	Q-on-Q	Jun 30,	Y-on-Y
raiailleteis	Offic	2022	2022	Growth	2021	Growth
Total On Roll Employees	Nos	3,218	3,248	(30)	3,353	(135)
Number of Towers per Employee	Nos	58	57	1.8%	54	7.4%
Personnel Cost per Employee per month	Rs	1,89,092	2,10,113	-10.0%	1,83,664	3.0%
Revenue per Employee per month	Rs	71,11,352	72,61,901	-2.1%	66,68,629	6.6%

#### 4.3 Residual Lease Period and Future Minimum Lease Receivable

Parameters	Unit	Jun 30, 2022
Average Residual Service Contract Period	Yrs.	6.03
Minimum Lease Payment Receivable	Rs. Mn	9,18,973

<sup>2</sup> Total colocations excludes Lean products, net additions thereof during the quarter aggregates to 1,021 (Previous Quarter 600).

#### MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

#### 5.1 Key Industry Developments

#### 1. Telecom Sector Overview

As on 30th May 2022, the total wireless subscriber base stood at 1,145.5 Mn of which 624.5 Mn subscribers were in urban areas and 521.0 Mn subscribers were in rural areas. In terms of access service providers, private sector (Bharti Airtel, Reliance Jio, Vodafone Idea) accounted for 89.87% of the market share compared to 10.13% of PSUs (MTNL, BSNL).

The quarter gone by saw an important development in the telecom sector in the form of the launch of a centralized portal 'Gati Shakti Sanchar' to facilitate 'Right of Way' ("RoW") permissions and approvals. The portal is expected to significantly lower the time taken to obtain clearances to lay relevant telecom infrastructure. It allows real-time tracking of applications, which is expected to enhance transparency of the entire process. With 5G rollouts around the corner, this initiative is expected to aid the speedy creation of 5G ready infrastructure across the country.

#### 2. 5G Update

In mid-June, the Union Cabinet approved the 5G spectrum auction proposal and scheduled the auction from July 26, 2022. The cabinet approved most of the recommendations made by TRAI and allowed enterprises to obtain spectrum from the DoT directly to set up private networks. The recently concluded auctions saw active interest from all participants, with the acquisition of a total of 51,226 MHz of spectrum across bands, out of a total of 72,098 MHz put up for auction. The bulk of the purchases were in the spectrum bands allocated for 5G, with players acquiring 5,490 MHz pan-India spectrum in the 3,300 MHz band and 45,350 MHz in the 26 GHz band. The acquisition of 5G spectrum coupled with the Government's encouraging stance should support a rapid rollout of 5G services in the country.

Globally, 5G subscriptions grew by 70 million in the March quarter to 620 million. Total 5G subscriptions are expected to reach 4.4 billion by the end of 2027. In India, 5G is expected to account for almost 40 per cent of overall mobile subscriptions (estimated to be around 500 million) by 2027. (Source: Ericsson Mobility Report)

#### 3. Customer Updates

#### **Bharti Airtel**

**5G Trials**: Bharti Airtel in conjunction with telecom network software provider Mavenir, conducted India's first open radio access network (Open RAN) based 5G network validation on 3500 MHz band test spectrum allocated by the Department of Telecom (DoT). The trials were conducted in the cities of Chandigarh and Mohali, and speeds of over 1 Gbps were validated with the equipment deployed and configured in non-standalone (NSA) mode, using commercially available 5G mobile devices.

#### Reliance Jio

Drones to monitor towers: Jio is using drones to run a pilot around tower surveillance and upkeep as part of its plans to use the technology to survey sites and plan the next wave of tower rollouts for its upcoming 5G network deployments. It is leveraging its stake in drone maker Asteria Aerospace to test use cases for tower maintenance via drones to drive time and cost efficiencies. During the pilot, drones will be used to check the health of towers and Jio's assets deployed on them.

Trials between 4G Volte and 5G VoNR: After trialing advanced 5G services and scenarios, Jio trialed the seamless interoperability between its existing 4G voice and video capable devices with enhanced 5G voice and video devices using its core 5G network. Jio is also looking to offer 5G as a service to enterprises with its 5G solution – Jio 5G Hyperlite stack – built using indigenous 5G technology, besides developing a 5G network slicing Platform (NSP) which will enable it to offer Network Slicing as a service.

#### Vodafone Idea (VIL)

Govt stake in VIL: In May 2022, VIL said that the telecom department had computed the net present value (NPV) on the interest on spectrum and adjusted gross revenue (AGR) on deferred statutory dues at Rs 16,133.1 crores, which is similar to the Company's estimate of Rs 16,000 Crs. Post conversion of interest into equity, the Government shareholding is expected to be ~33% while the Promoters will hold ~50% on combined basis, compared to 74.99% now.

VIL 5G trials: In May 2022, VIL achieved a peak download speed of 5.92 Gbps in partnership with Ericsson during a 5G trial in Pune. VIL achieved this speed on a single-test device using a combination of mid-band and high-band (millimeter-wave or mm wave) 5G trial spectrum using Ericsson equipment which included NR-DC (New Radio-Dual Connectivity) software. With 5G Standalone NR-DC software, VIL is expected to deliver latency-sensitive and high-performing applications such as AR/VR and 8k video streaming among others.

#### 5.2 Key Company updates

# 1. Change in Master Service Agreement (MSA) with a customer

As informed by the Company earlier, a significant part of co-locations of large customers of the Company were due for renewal. The Company had made a disclosure regarding the renewal framework agreed with one of the major customers in its 'Quarterly Report on the results for the last quarter and full year ended March 31, 2022' filed with the Stock Exchanges on May 5, 2022. We wish to report that the renewal framework has also been agreed with the other major customer on similar terms.

Both the customers have agreed to renew the colocations for a period of 10 years thereby assuring long term commitment and revenue for the Company, while retaining the option of exiting up to 9% sites without exit penalty.

As part of the framework, the Company has extended competitive prices and terms to the customers on the renewed portfolio considering the dynamic industry scenario. While the revised pricing is likely to result in marginal reduction in revenue for the Company w.e.f. April 2022 on a like to like basis, we believe that the agreed framework has a positive outcome for the Company as well as the customers and is in the long-term business interest of the Company.

In view of demand arising from the upcoming launch of 5G services, we expect that the reduction in revenue as above shall get offset by incremental revenue from future rollouts by the customers for their network expansion.

#### 2. Update on Pledge

During the quarter ended March 31, 2022, the Security Arrangement provided by Vodafone Group Plc. ("Vodafone Promoter Group") was modified, inter-alia, to allow them to dispose of all the Primary Pledged Shares and use the proceeds thereof to participate in issue of new shares by Vodafone Idea Limited (VIL) which would be further utilised by VIL exclusively for repaying the outstanding dues with the Company.

In addition to the disclosure made in the last quarter, on July 25, 2022, Vodafone Promoter Group infused the residual sale proceeds equivalent to Rs.4,362.10 Mn in Vodafone Idea Limited (VIL) and the same has been utilized by VIL towards repayment of its outstanding dues with the Company.

Further the Company has also received monthly committed amounts from VIL till the date agreed i.e. July 15, 2022.

The Company, subject to the terms and conditions agreed between the parties, has a secondary pledge over Vodafone Group's remaining shares held in the Company and a corporate guarantee provided by them which could be triggered in certain situations and events in the manner agreed between the parties. This is however not adequate to cover the total outstanding of VIL.

#### 3. Update on Key Managerial Personnel

The Board in its meeting held on July 27, 2022 took note of the resignation of Mr. Bimal Dayal, MD & CEO. The effective date of his resignation is under discussion.

#### 4. Change in Promoter's Holdings

During the quarter, the shareholding of Bharti group promoters has undergone a change. As on June 30, 2022, Bharti Airtel Limited along with its wholly owned subsidiary Nettle Infrastructure Investments Limited held 47.76% shares and Vodafone Group Plc. through its indirect wholly owned subsidiary companies held 21.05% shares in the Company.

#### 5. Awards & Recognitions

**Gallup Exceptional Workplace Award 2022 –** Indus Towers won the Gallup Exceptional Workplace Award 2022 for the 9<sup>th</sup> consecutive year.

#### 5.3 Results of Operations

The financial results are prepared from audited consolidated financial results represent results of 'the Group' which comprises of the Company, its subsidiary 'Smartx Services Limited' and its controlled trust 'Indus Towers Employees Welfare Trust' prepared as per Ind AS 110 on Consolidated Financial Statements, Ind AS 111 on Joint Arrangements and Ind AS 28 on Investment in Associates and Joint Venture.

#### Key Highlights - For the quarter ended June 30, 2022

- Revenues at Rs 68,973 Mn
- EBITDA at Rs 23,222 Mn
- Profit after tax at Rs 4,773 Mn
- Operating Free Cash Flow (OFCF) at Rs 8,069 Mn

#### 5.3.1 Financial & Operational Performance

#### **Indus Towers Limited**

#### Quarter Ended June 30, 2022

#### **Tower and Co-Location base & additions**

As of June 30 2022, Indus owned and operated 186,474 towers with 336,382 co-locations in 22 telecommunications Circles in India.

During the quarter, net co-locations increased by 591. Exits during the quarter were 733. Total colocations excludes Lean products, net additions thereof during the quarter aggregates to 1,021 (Previous Quarter 600).

For the quarter ended June 30, 2022, Indus had average sharing factor of 1.81 per tower.

#### Revenues<sup>1</sup> from Operations

Our revenue comprises of primarily revenues from colocations and their energy billings.

Our revenue from operations for the quarter ended June 30, 2022 was Rs 68,973 million, up by 1.5% on Y-o-Y basis.

Revenue from Operations includes exit charges amounting to Rs. 287 million recognized in financials for the quarter ended June 30, 2022 and Rs 1,824 million for the quarter ended June 30, 2021 as per accounting policy.

#### **Operating Expenses**

Our total expenses for the quarter ended June 30, 2022 were Rs 45,751 million, or 66.3% of our revenues from operations. The largest component of our expense during this period was power and fuel, amounting to Rs 26,915 million. The other key expenses incurred by us during the quarter ended June 30, 2022 were repair & maintenance (operations and maintenance costs of the network) of Rs 3,368 million, other expenses of Rs. 13,634 million (incl Provision for Doubtful Debts of Rs.12,326 million) and employee benefits expenses of Rs 1,834 million.

#### EBITDA<sup>1</sup>, EBIT<sup>1</sup> & Finance Cost

For the quarter ended June 30, 2022, company had an EBITDA of Rs 23,222 million, down by 34.2% on Y-o-Y basis & EBITDA margin of 33.7%.

During the quarter ended June 30, 2022, the company had depreciation and amortization expenses of Rs 13,393 million or 19.4% of our revenues.

The resultant EBIT for the quarter ended June 30, 2022 was Rs 9,226 million, down by 58% on Y-o-Y basis.

The net finance cost for the quarter ended June 30, 2022 was Rs 3,720 million, or 5.4% of our revenues down by 1.3% on Y-o-Y basis.

#### Profit before Tax (PBT)

Our profit before tax for the quarter ended June 30, 2022 was Rs 6,431 million, or 9.3% of our revenues down by 65.7% on Y-o-Y basis.

#### Profit after Tax (PAT)

The net income for the quarter ended June 30, 2022 was Rs 4,773 million, or 6.9% of our revenues, down by 66.3% on Y-o-Y basis.

Our total tax expense (net of tax effect on long term capital gains / loss) for the quarter ended June 30, 2022 was Rs 1,658 million, or 2.4% of our consolidated revenues.

# Capital Expenditure, Operating Free Cash Flow<sup>1</sup>, Adjusted Fund from Operations (AFFO) <sup>1</sup> & Free Cash Flow

For the quarter ended June, 2022, the company incurred capital expenditure of Rs 7,601 million. The Operating free cash flow during the quarter was Rs 8,069 million down by 60.5% on Y-o-Y basis.

The Adjusted Fund from Operations (AFFO) during the quarter was Rs 13,396 million down by 47.7% on Y-o-Y basis.

Free Cash Flow during the quarter was Rs.5,509 million.

 Revenue, EBITDA, EBIT, operating free cash flow & AFFO are excluding other income.

#### **Return on Capital Employed (ROCE)**

ROCE as at the period ended June 30, 2022 stands at 22.0%.

#### 5.4 Indus Towers Three Line Graph

The Company tracks its performance on a three-line graph.

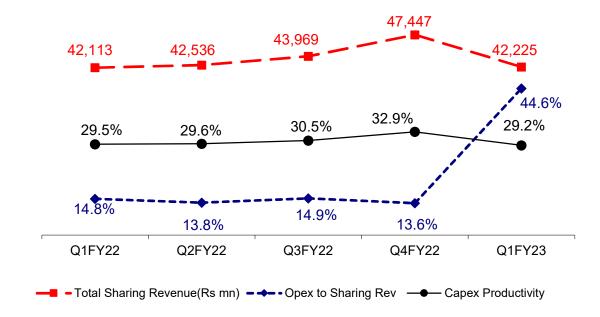
The parameters considered for the three-line graph are:

- Total Sharing revenue i.e. total revenue excluding energy reimbursements accrued during the respective period
- Opex Productivity is calculated as operating expenses other than power and fuel expense divided by total sharing revenues for the respective period.

This ratio depicts the operational efficiencies in the Company.

 Capex Productivity – this is computed by dividing sharing revenue accrued for the quarter (annualized) by average gross cumulative investments (gross fixed assets and capital work in progress) as at the end of respective period. This ratio depicts the asset productivity of the Company.

Given below are the graphs for the last five quarters of the Company:



# **STOCK MARKET HIGHLIGHTS**

# 6.1 General Information

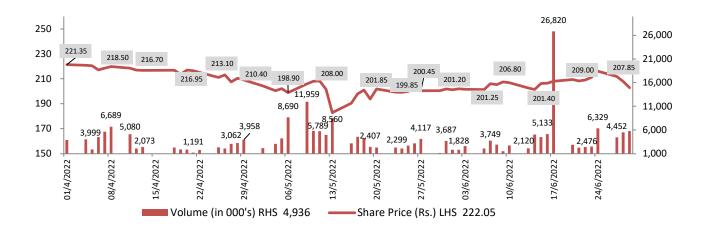
Shareholding and Financial Data	Unit	Quarter Ended Jun 30, 2022
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Bloomberg/Reuters		INDUSTOW IN/INUS.NS
No. of Shares Outstanding (30/06/22) Closing Market Price - NSE (30/06/22)	Mn Nos Rs /Share	2,694.94 209.10
Combined Volume (NSE & BSE) (01/04/22 - 30/06/22) Combined Value (NSE & BSE) (01/04/22 - 30/06/22)	Nos in Mn/day Rs bn /day	4.32 0.89
Market Capitalization	Rs bn	564
Book Value Per Equity Share	Rs /share	72.84
Market Price/Book Value	Times	2.87
Enterprise Value	Rs bn	757
PE Ratio	Times	10.36
Enterprise Value/ EBITDA	Times	5.51

#### 6.2 Summarized Shareholding pattern as of June 30, 2022

Category	Number of Shares	%
Promoter & Promoter Group	1,85,43,93,799	68.81%
Public Shareholding		
Institutions	79,72,77,318	29.58%
Non-Institutions	4,27,45,496	1.59%
Sub-Total	84,00,22,814	31.17%
Non-promoter Non-public shareholding		
(Held by Indus Towers Employees Welfare Trust (formerly		
Bharti Infratel Employee's Welfare Trust)	5,20,337	0.02%
Total	2,69,49,36,950	100%

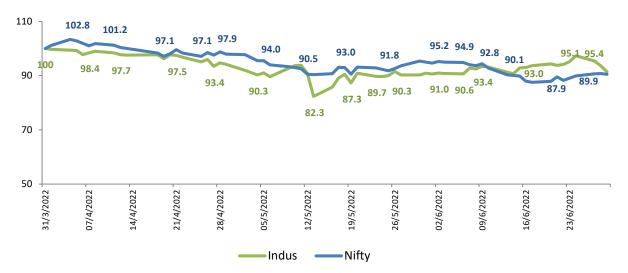
#### 6.3 Indus Towers daily stock price (NSE) and volume (NSE) movement

#### Volume and Share Price Data (April 01, 2022 - June 30, 2022)



#### 6.4 Comparison of Indus Towers with Nifty

#### Nifty Comparison with Indus Tower (April 01, 2022 - June 30, 2022)



Nifty and Indus Towers Stock price rebased to 100.

# **DETAILED FINANCIAL AND RELATED INFORMATION**

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#### 7.1 Financial Statements

#### 7.1.1 Statement of Profit and Loss

Amount in Rs mn, except ratios

		Quarter Ende	d
Particulars	Jun-22	Jun-21	Y-on-Y growth
Income			
Revenue from Operations	68,973	67,970	1%
Other income	925	569	63%
	69,898	68,539	2%
Expenses			
Power and fuel	26,915	26,463	2%
Employee expenses	1,834	1,872	-2%
Repairs and maintenance	3,368	3,300	2%
Other expenses	13,634	1,050	1198%
	45,751	32,685	40%
Profit before depreciation and amortization,			
finance cost, finance income, charity and donation,	24,147	35,854	-33%
exceptional items and tax			
Finance Costs	3,914	4,111	-5%
Finance Income	(194)	(343)	-43%
Charity and Donation	603	118	411%
Depreciation and Amortization Expense	13,756	13,418	3%
Less: adjusted with general reserve in accordance with the Scheme	(363)	(220)	65%
Profit before exceptional items and tax	6,431	18,770	-66%
Profit before tax	6,431	18,770	-66%
Income Tax expense			
Current tax	4,592	4,956	-7%
Deferred tax	(2,934)	(339)	-765%
Total income tax expense	1,658	4,617	-64%
Profit for the period	4,773	14,153	-66%
Other comprehensive income/(loss)		_	
Total comprehensive income for the period, net of tax	4 772	44 452	-66%
Total comprehensive income for the period, het of tax	4,773	14,153	-00%
Earnings per equity share			
(nominal value of share Rs 10 each)			
Basic (Rs.)	1.77	5.25	-66%
Diluted (Rs.)	1.77	5.25	-66%

#### 7.1.2 Statement of Balance Sheet

Amount in Rs mr			
Particulars		at	
	Jun 30, 2022	Mar 31, 202	
ssets			
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	2,07,002	2,08,699	
Right of Use Assets	1,07,428	1,09,210	
Capital work-in-progress	1,739	1,787	
Intangible assets	328	352	
Financial Assets			
Other Financial Assets	11,288	11,012	
Income Tax Assets (net)	6,845	6,844	
Deferred tax assets (net)	2,015	-	
Other non - Current assets	20,227	18,659	
	3,56,872	3,56,563	
Current assets			
Financial assets			
Investments	2,786	16,521	
Trade receivables	62,496	70,586	
Cash and cash equivalents	901	9,802	
Other Financial assets	29,425	23,755	
Other Current Assets	2,451	2,449	
	98,059	1,23,113	
otal assets	4,54,931	4,79,676	
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Equity			
Equity Share capital	26,949	26,949	
Other Equity	1,69,342	1,94,556	
	1,96,291	2,21,505	
Non-current liabilities			
Financial Liabilities			
Lease Liabilities	1,19,216	1,20,877	
Other Financial Liabilities	3,996	5,708	
Borrowings	18,260	23,739	
Provisions	17,583	17,198	
Deferred tax liability (Net)	-	918	
Other non - Current liabilities	1,544	1,462	
	1,60,599	1,69,902	
Current liabilities			
Financial Liabilities			
Borrowings	38,057	31,129	
Trade and Other payables	22,462	21,293	
Lease Liabilities	21,380	21,515	
Other financial liabilities	9,535	6,510	
Other Current Liabilities	4,711	5,163	
Provisions	540	535	
Current Tax Liabilities (Net)	1,356	2,124	
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otal liabilities	2,58,640	2,58,171	
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Particulars	Quarter	
	Jun-22	Jun-21
Cash flows from operating activities		
Profit before taxation	6,431	18,770
Adjustments for		
Depreciation and amortization expense	13,393	13,198
Finance income	(194)	(343)
Finance costs	3,914	4,111
Profit on sale of property, plant and equipment	(775)	(404)
Provision for doubtful debts and advances (net)	12,332	(116)
Revenue equalisation	(1,818)	(984)
Others	(132)	(183)
Operating profit before changes in assets and liabilities	33,151	34,049
Changes in other assets / financial assets	(6,065)	(1,148)
Changes in other non current and current assets	239	1,576
Changes in trade receivables	(4,236)	(14,259)
Changes in other financial liabilities	9	218
Changes in provisions	(3)	20
Changes in other non current and current liabilities	(281)	(62)
Changes in trade payables	1,223	2,717
Cash generated from operations	24,037	23,111
Income tax paid (net of refunds)	(5,361)	(3,526)
Net cash flow from operating activities (A)	18,676	19,585
Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase of property, plant & equipment	(6,405)	(9,561)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant & equipment	1,263	645
Investment in mutual funds	(59,407)	(16,119)
Proceeds from sale of mutual funds	73,138	20,271
Proceeds from bank deposits (net)	(3)	(3)
Interest received	308	268
Net cash flow from /(used in) investing activities (B)	8,894	(4,499)
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Cash flows from financing activities		
Amount on account of sale/purchase of treasury shares (net)	_	(83)
Proceeds from / (Repayment) of borrowings (Net)	1,500	(5,841)
Dividend paid	(29,638)	-
Interest Paid	(781)	(973)
Repayment of lease liabilities (including interest)	(7,552)	(7,346)
Net cash flow used in financing activities (C)	(36,471)	(14,243)
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Net increase in cash and cash equivalents during the period (A+B+C)	(8,901)	843
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	9,802	143
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	901	986
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Components of cash and cash equivalents		
Cash and cash equivalents		
Balances with banks		
- on current accounts	881	868
- Deposits with original maturity of less than three months	20	118
Total cash and cash equivalents	901	986
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#### 7.2 Schedules to Financial Statements

#### 7.2.1 Schedule of Revenue from Operations

#### Amount in Rs mn

Particulars	Quarter Ended	
	Jun-22	Jun-21
Sharing revenue	42,225	42,113
Energy reimburs ements	26,748	25,857
Revenue	68,973	67,970

# 7.2.2 Schedule of Operating Expenses

#### Amount in Rs mn

Particulars	Quarte	Quarter Ended	
	Jun-22	Jun-21	
Power and fuel	26,915	26,463	
Employee expenses	1,834	1,872	
Repairs and maintenance	3,368	3,300	
Other expenses	13,634	1,050	
Expenses	45,751	32,685	

#### 7.2.3 Schedule of Depreciation & Amortization

#### Amount in Rs mn

Particulars	Quarter Ended	
i articulais	Jun-22	Jun-21
Depreciation of tangible assets	8,451	8,551
Amortization of intangible assets	40	60
Depreciation without ROU assets	8,491	8,611
Add: Depreciation on ROU assets	4,902	4,587
Depreciation and Amortization	13,393	13,198

# 7.2.4 Schedule of Finance Cost (Net)

#### Amount in Rs mn

Particulars	Quarter Ended	
randana	Jun-22	Jun-21
Finance Income	(194)	(343)
Finance Cost	1,269	1,381
Finance cost (Net) without lease obligation	1,075	1,038
Add: Interest on lease obligation	2,645	2,730
Finance cost (Net)	3,720	3,768

### 7.2.5 Schedule of Tax Expenses (Net)

Particulars	Quarter Ended	
i ai ilculais	Jun-22	Jun-21
Current tax	4,592	4,956
Deferred tax	(2,934)	(339)
Income Tax Expenses	1,658	4,617

#### 7.2.6 Schedule of Cumulative Investments

Particulars	As at	As at
	Jun 30, 2022	Mar 31, 2022
Property, plant and equipment(Gross)	5,73,999	5,71,647
Less: Accumlated Depreciation	3,66,997	3,62,948
Property, plant and equipment(Net)	2,07,002	2,08,699
Intangible assets(Gross)	3,294	3,279
Less: Accumlated Amortization	2,966	2,927
Intangible assets(Net)	328	352
Capital work-in-progress	1,739	1,787
Cumlative Investments	5,79,032	5,76,713

#### 7.3 Use of Non - GAAP Financial Information

In presenting and discussing the Company's reported financial position, operating results and cash flows, certain information is derived from amounts calculated in accordance with IND AS, but this information is a Non-GAAP measure. Such Non-GAAP measures should not be viewed in isolation as alternatives to the equivalent IND AS measures.

A summary of Non - GAAP measures included in this report are shown below

# 7.3.1 Reconciliation of Non- GAAP financial information to the information as per audited consolidated financial statements in 7.1 & 7.2 above

#### a) Reconciliation of Total Income to Revenue

#### Amount in Rs mn

Particulars	Quarter Ended
	Jun-22
Total Income to Revenue	
Total Income as per IND AS	69,898
Less: Other Income	925
Revenue	68,973

#### b) Reconciliation of EBITDA (Including Other Income) to EBITDA

#### Amount in Rs mn

Particulars	Quarter Ended
	Jun-22
EBITDA (Including Other Income) to EBITDA	
EBITDA (Incl. Other Income) as per IND AS	24,147
Less: Other Income	925
EBITDA	23,222

#### c) Reconciliation of EBIT (Including Other Income) to EBIT

#### Amount in Rs mn

Particulars	Quarter Ended
	Jun-22
EBIT (Including Other Income) to EBIT	
EBIT (Incl. Other Income) as per IND AS	10,151
Less: Other Income	925
EBIT	9,226

#### d) Derivation of Operating Free Cash Flow from EBITDA

Particulars	Quarter Ended
i dilloulais	Jun-22
EBITDA to Operating Free Cash Flow	
EBITDA	23,222
Less: Repayment of Lease Liabilities	7,552
Adjusted EBITDA	15,670
Less: Capex	7,601
Operating Free Cash Flow	8,069

# e) Derivation of Adjusted Fund From Operations (AFFO) from Adjusted EBITDA

Amount in Rs mn

Particulars	Quarter Ended
	Jun-22
Adjusted EBITDA to Adjusted Fund From Operations	
Adjusted EBITDA	15,670
Less: Maintenance & General Corporate Capex	2,274
Adjusted Fund From Operations(AFFO)	13,396

# f) Calculation of Net Debt / (Net Cash) with and without Lease Liabilities

Amount in Rs mn

Particulars	As at Jun 30, 2022
Total Debt (Long Term and Short Term Borrowings)	1,96,913
Less: Cash and Cash Equivalents & Current and non- current Investments	3,687
Net Debt / (Net Cash) with Lease Liabilities	1,93,226
Less: Lease Obligation	1,40,596
Net Debt / (Net Cash) without Lease Liabilities	52,630

# g) Calculation of Capital Employed

Particulars	As at
i anuculais	Jun 30, 2022
Shareholder's Equity	1,96,291
Add:Net Debt / (Net Cash) with Lease Liabilities	1,93,226
Capital Employed	3,89,517

#### **TRENDS AND RATIOS**

The financial figures are prepared from audited consolidated financial results represent results of 'the Group' which comprises of the Company, its subsidiary 'Smartx Services Limited' and its controlled trust 'Indus Towers Employees Welfare Trust' prepared as per Ind AS 110 on Consolidated Financial Statements, Ind AS 111 on Joint Arrangements and Ind AS 28 on Investment in Associates and Joint Venture.

#### 8.1 Based on Statement of Operations

Amount in Rs mn

Parameters		For the Quarter Ended						
1 didifficions	Jun-22	Mar-22	Dec-21	Sep-21	Jun-21			
Revenue <sup>1</sup>	68,973	71,163	69,274	68,765	67,970			
Energy Cost	26,915	24,008	25,676	26,511	26,463			
Other Operating Expenses	18,836	6,457	6,557	5,849	6,222			
EBITDA <sup>1</sup>	23,222	40,698	37,041	36,405	35,285			
EBITDA / Total revenues <sup>2</sup>	33.7%	57.2%	53.5%	52.9%	51.9%			
EBIT <sup>1</sup>	9,226	26,971	23,743	23,072	21,969			
Other Income	925	1,090	939	927	569			
Finance cost (Net)	3,720	3,747	3,793	3,665	3,768			
Profit before tax	6,431	24,314	20,889	20,334	18,770			
Income Tax Expense	1,658	6,029	5,181	4,749	4,617			
Profit after Tax	4,773	18,285	15,708	15,585	14,153			
Capex	7,601	6,348	7,107	8,302	7,530			
Operating Free Cash Flow <sup>1</sup>	8,069	27,336	22,786	21,089	20,409			
Adjusted Fund From Operations(AFFO) <sup>1</sup>	13,396	32,102	27,667	27,540	25,611			
Free Cash Flow	5,509	22,320	1,112	4,110	2,618			
Cumulative Investments	5,79,032	5,76,713	5,77,606	5,75,689	5,72,816			

	Jun-22	Mar-22	Dec-21	Sep-21	Jun-21
As a % of Revenue <sup>2</sup>					
Energy Cost	39.0%	33.7%	37.1%	38.6%	38.9%
Other Operating Expenses	27.3%	9.1%	9.5%	8.5%	9.2%
EBITDA	33.7%	57.2%	53.5%	52.9%	51.9%
Profit before tax	9.3%	34.2%	30.2%	29.6%	27.6%
Profit after tax	6.9%	25.7%	22.7%	22.7%	20.8%

<sup>1.</sup> Revenue, EBITDA, EBIT, Operating free cash flow & AFFO are excluding other income.

<sup>2.</sup> Previous periods' figures have been regrouped/ rearranged wherever necessary to conform to current period classifications.

# 8.1.1 Consolidated Statement of Operations

	Amount in Rs mn  Quarter Ended						
Particulars	Jun 2022	Mar 2022	Dec 2021	Sep 2021	Jun 2021		
Income	00.070	74.400	00.074	00.705	07.070		
Revenue from Operations Other income	68,973	71,163 1.090	69,274	68,765	67,970		
Other income	925 <b>69,898</b>	72,253	939 <b>70,213</b>	927 <b>69,692</b>	569 <b>68,53</b> 9		
	65,656	12,253	70,213	09,092	00,558		
Expenses							
Power and fuel	26,915	24,008	25,676	26,511	26,463		
Employee expenses	1,834	2,059	1,943	1,848	1,87		
Repairs and maintenance	3,368	3,441	3,386	3,340	3,30		
Other expenses	13,634	957	1,228	661	1,05		
	45,751	30,465	32,233	32,360	32,68		
Profit before depreciation and amortization,							
finance cost, finance income, charity and donation,	24,147	41,788	37,980	37,332	35,85		
exceptional items and tax	,	,	21,222	,	,		
Depreciation and amortization expense	13,393	13,649	13,244	13,161	13,19		
Finance costs	3,914	3,985	3,979	3,958	4,11		
Finance Income	(194)	(238)	(186)	(293)	(34		
Charity and donation	603	78	54	172	11		
	17,716	17,474	17,091	16,998	17,08		
Profit before tax	6,431	24,314	20,889	20,334	18,77		
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Income Tax expense							
Current tax	4,592	5,703	4,982	4,732	4,95		
Deferred tax	(2,934)	326	199	17	(33		
Total income tax expense	1,658	6,029	5,181	4,749	4,61		
Profit for the period	4,773	18,285	15,708	15,585	14,15		
Other comprehensive income/(loss)	-	21	-	15	-		
Total Comprehensive Income	4,773	18,306	15,708	15,600	14,15		
Earnings per equity share (nominal value of share							
Rs 10 each)							
,	4 77	6.79	5.83	5.79	5.2		
Basic	1.77	0.79	5.05	3.13	0.2		

# 8.1.2 Consolidated Balance sheet

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Particulars	Jun 2022	Mar 2022	AS at Dec 2021	Sep 2021	As at Jun 2021	
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ASSETS						
Non-current assets						
Property, plant and equipment	2,07,002	2,08,699	2,11,291	2,13,248	2,14,396	
Right of use asset	1,07,428	1,09,210	1,08,046	1,04,820	1,04,249	
Capital work-in-progress	1,739	1,787	2,347	2,512	2,512	
Intangible assets	328	352	375	434	149	
Financial Assets						
Investments	-	-	-	-	-	
Other Financial Assets	11,288	11,012	10,921	10,790	10,616	
Income Tax Assets (net)	6,845	6,844	6,865	7,087	7,268	
Deferred tax Assets (Net)	2,015	-	-	-	-	
Other non - Current assets	20,227	18,659	17,056	16,254	15,326	
	3,56,872	3,56,563	3,56,901	3,55,145	3,54,516	
Current assets						
Financial assets						
Investments	2,786	16,521	3,786	6,475	18,698	
Trade receivables	62,496	70,586	73,511	57,512	52,683	
Cash and cash equivalents	901	9,802	96	1,346	986	
Other Bank Balance	-	-	-	· -	-	
Other Financial Assets	29,425	23,755	35,665	36,408	30,497	
Other Current Assets	2,451	2,449	2,055	2,813	4,368	
	98,059	1,23,113	1,15,113	1,04,554	1,07,232	
Total assets	4,54,931	4,79,676	4,72,014	4,59,699	4,61,748	
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES						
Equity						
Equity Share Capital	26,949	26,949	26,949	26,949	26,949	
Other Equity	1,69,342	1,94,556	1,76,480	1,61,072	1,45,688	
Equity attributable to equity holders of the parent	1,96,291	2,21,505	2,03,429	1,88,021	1,72,637	
Non-current liabilities						
Financial Liabilities						
Lease Liabilities	1,19,216	1,20,877	1,17,938	1,14,895	1,14,106	
Other Financial Liabilities	3,996	5,708	5,580	5,457	5,333	
Borrowings	18,260	23,739	21,717	20,737	19,131	
Provisions	17,583	17,198	16,654	16,334	15,984	
Deferred tax liability	- 17,000	918	584	385	363	
Other non - Current liabilities	1,544	1,462	1,557	1,686	2,035	
Outer horr - Guiterit habilities	1,60,599	1,69,902	1,64,030	1,59,494	1,56,952	
Current liabilities	1,00,399	1,05,302	1,04,030	1,55,454	1,50,952	
Financial Liabilities						
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Trade payables	22,462	21,293	33,878	33,859	35,216	
Borrowings	38,057	31,129	32,953	38,907	56,616	
Lease Liabilities	21,380	21,515	22,625	22,100	22,081	
Other Financial Liabilities	9,535	6,510	7,989	8,832	9,609	
Other Current Liabilities	4,711	5,163	5,231	5,711	5,408	
Provisions	540	535	518	509	495	
Current Tax Liabilities (Net)	1,356	2,124	1,361	2,266	2,734	
	98,041	88,269	1,04,555	1,12,184	1,32,159	
Total aguity and liabilities	4.54.024	4.70.676	4.72.044	4 50 000	4 64 740	
Total equity and liabilities	4,54,931	4,79,676	4,72,014	4,59,699	4,61,748	

#### 8.2 Based on Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

Amount in Rs mn, except ratios

Parameters	As at					
	Jun-22	Mar-22	Dec-21	Sep-21	Jun-21	
Shareholder's Equity	1,96,291	2,21,505	2,03,429	1,88,021	1,72,637	
Net Debt / (Net Cash) with Lease Liabilities	1,93,226	1,70,937	1,91,351	1,88,818	1,92,250	
Capital Employed = Shareholder's Equity + Net Debt / (Net Cash) with Lease Liabilities	3,89,517	3,92,442	3,94,780	3,76,839	3,64,887	

Parameters	Jun-22	Mar-22	Dec-21	Sep-21	Jun-21
Return on Capital Employed Pre Tax (LTM)	22.0%	25.7%	24.5%	23.8%	22.9%
Return on Shareholder's Equity Pre Tax (LTM)	39.0%	44.3%	39.3%	40.9%	40.5%
Return on Shareholder's Equity Post tax (LTM)	29.5%	33.5%	29.8%	30.9%	30.4%
Net Debt / (Net Cash) with Lease Liabilities to EBITDA (LTM)	1.41	1.14	1.34	1.33	1.41
Asset Turnover ratio <sup>1</sup>	47.7%	49.3%	48.1%	47.9%	47.6%
Interest Coverage ratio (times) (LTM)	9.20	9.98	9.62	9.49	9.37
Net debt / (Net Cash) to Funded Equity (Times)	0.98	0.77	0.94	1.00	1.11
Per share data (for the period)					
Earnings Per Share - Basic (in Rs)	1.77	1.77	5.83	5.79	5.25
Earnings Per Share - Diluted (in Rs)	1.77	1.77	5.83	5.79	5.25
Book Value Per Equity Share (in Rs)	72.8	82.2	75.5	69.8	64.1
Market Capitalization (Rs. bn)	564	598	669	832	643
Enterprise Value (Rs. bn)	757	769	861	1,021	835

<sup>1.</sup> Refer Section 11- Glossary for revised definition.

#### 8.3 Operational Performance

Parameters	Unit	Jun 2022	Mar 2022	Dec 2021	Sep 2021	Jun 2021
Total Towers <sup>1</sup>	Nos	1,86,474	1,85,447	1,84,748	1,83,462	1,80,997
Total Co-locations 182	Nos	3,36,382	3,35,791	3,35,106	3,32,551	3,25,355
Key Indicators:						
Average sharing factor	Times	1.81	1.81	1.81	1.81	1.80
Closing sharing factor	Times	1.80	1.81	1.81	1.81	1.80
Sharing revenue per tower per month	Rs	75,688	85,445	79,609	77,807	77,939
Sharing revenue per sharing operator per month	Rs	41,879	47,148	43,904	42,807	42,730

<sup>1.</sup> Reporting of towers & colocations has been changed from notice basis to actual exit basis w.e.f. 1st July 2021. During the consolidation phase of the telecom industry, Indus had adopted a conservative approach in December 2018 of reporting exits basis notices received vis-à-vis the earlier method of reporting basis actual exits. Now with the stabilization in the industry and reducing trend of exits, Indus has moved back to the earlier approach of reporting churn based on actual exits to represent actual colocations billed. This has resulted in one-time addition of 3,630 colocations in closing base for the quarter ended September 30, 2021.

#### 8.4 Human Resource Analysis

Parameters	Unit	Jun 2022	Mar 2022	Dec 2021	Sep 2021	Jun 2021
Total on roll employees	Nos	3,218	3,248	3,285	3,271	3,353
Number of towers per employee	Nos	58	57	56	56	54
Personnel cost per employee per month	Rs	1,89,092	2,10,113	1,97,580	1,85,990	1,83,664
Gross revenue per employee per month	Rs	71,11,352	72,61,901	70,44,336	69,20,793	66,68,629

# 8.5 Revenue From Operations

Particulars	Quarter Ended						
	Jun 2022	Mar 2022	Dec 2021	Sep 2021	Jun 2021		
Sharing Revenue	42,225	47,447	43,969	42,536	42,113		
Energy reimburs ements	26,748	23,716	25,305	26,229	25,857		
Total revenues	68,973	71,163	69,274	68,765	67,970		

<sup>2</sup> Total colocations excludes Lean products, net additions thereof during the quarter aggregates to 1,021 (Previous Quarter 600).

# 8.6 Operating Expenses

Amount in Rs mn

Particulars	Quarter Ended						
i ai ticulai s	Jun 2022	Mar 2022	Dec 2021	Sep 2021	Jun 2021		
Power & fuel	26,915	24,008	25,676	26,511	26,463		
Employee benefit expenses	1,834	2,059	1,943	1,848	1,872		
Repair and maintenance expenses	3,368	3,441	3,386	3,340	3,300		
Other expenses	13,634	957	1,228	661	1,050		
Total expenses	45,751	30,465	32,233	32,360	32,685		

# 8.7 Depreciation and Amortization

Amount in Rs mn

Particulars	Quarter Ended						
i ai ticulai s	Jun 2022	Mar 2022	Dec 2021	Sep 2021	Jun 2021		
Depreciation on tangible assets	8,451	8,598	8,468	8,531	8,551		
Amortization on intangible assets	40	46	53	67	60		
Depreciation without ROU assets	8,491	8,644	8,521	8,598	8,611		
Add: Depreciation on ROU assets	4,902	5,005	4,723	4,563	4,587		
Depreciation and amortization	13,393	13,649	13,244	13,161	13,198		

#### 8.8 Finance Cost

Amount in Rs mn

Particulars	Quarter Ended						
i articulars	Jun 2022	Mar 2022	Dec 2021	Sep 2021	Jun 2021		
Finance Income	194	238	186	293	343		
Finance Cost	1,269	1,265	1,210	1,255	1,381		
Finance cost (Net) without lease obligation	1,075	1,027	1,024	962	1,038		
Add: Interest on lease obligation	2,645	2,720	2,769	2,703	2,730		
Finance Cost (Net)	3,720	3,747	3,793	3,665	3,768		

#### 8.9 Schedule of Net Debt

Amount in Rs mn

Particulars	As at						
i articulars	Jun 2022	Mar 2022	Dec 2021	Dec 2021 Sep 2021			
Total Debt with Lease Liabilities	1,96,913	1,97,260	1,95,233	1,96,639	2,11,934		
Less: Cash and Cash Equivalents & Current and non-current Investments	3,687	26,323	3,882	7,821	19,684		
Net debt	1,93,226	1,70,937	1,91,351	1,88,818	1,92,250		

# 8.10 Energy Cost Analysis

Particulars		For the Quarter Ended					
r di tiodidi o	Unit	Jun 2022	022 Mar 2022 Dec 2021 Sep 2021 J				
Energy Cost Indicators							
Energy Cost Per Tower per month	Rs	48,245	43,235	46,488	48,494	48,975	
Energy Cost Per Colocation per month	Rs	26,695	23,857	25,638	26,680	26,851	

# 8.11 Other Than Energy Cost Analysis

Particulars	For the Quarter Ended					
r articulars	Unit	Jun 2022	Jun 2021			
Other Than Energy Cost						
Cost Per Tower per month	Rs	33,763	11,628	11,872	10,699	11,515
Cost per Colocation per month	Rs	18,682	6,416	6,547	5,886	6,313

# 8.12 Revenue and Operating Cost Composition

Parameters		For the Quarter Ended					
i arameters	Unit	Jun 2022	Mar 2022	Dec 2021	Sep 2021	Jun 2021	
Revenue Composition					_		
Sharing Revenue	%	61%	67%	63%	62%	62%	
Energyreimbursements	%	39%	33%	37%	38%	38%	
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	
Opex Composition							
Power and fuel	%	59%	79%	80%	82%	81%	
Employee benefits expenses	%	4%	7%	6%	6%	6%	
Repair and maintenance expenses	%	7%	11%	11%	10%	10%	
Other expenses	%	30%	3%	4%	2%	3%	
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	

# Section B

# Standalone and Consolidated IND AS Financial Statements

The consolidated financial results represent results of the Company, its subsidiary 'Smartx Services Limited', its controlled trust 'Indus Towers Employees Welfare Trust (formerly Bharti Infratel Employees Welfare Trust)' and its share in Joint Venture Company 'erstwhile Indus Towers Limited' (ceased to exist and merged into the Company w.e.f. November 19, 2020).

This section contains the extracts from Audited Standalone and Consolidated Financial Statements prepared in accordance with IND AS Accounting Principles.

# **FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

9.1 Extracts from Standalone and Consolidated Audited Financial Statements prepared in accordance with IND AS Accounting Principles

#### 9.1.1 Standalone Statement of Profit & Loss for the quarter ended June 30, 2022

Amount in Rs mn, except ratios

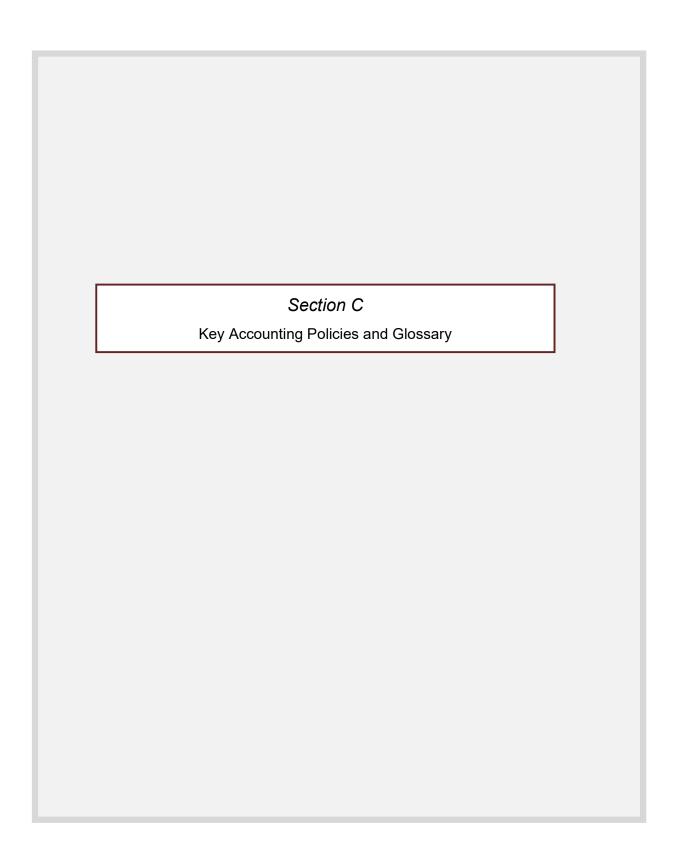
Quarter Ended				
Particulars	Jun-22	Jun-21	Y-on-Y growth	
	Juli-22	Juli-2 i	1-011-1 growth	
Income				
Revenue from Operations	68,973	67,956	1%	
Other income	925	569	63%	
	69,898	68,525	2%	
Expenses				
Power and fuel	26,915	26,461	2%	
Employee expenses	1,834	1,872	-2%	
Repairs and maintenance	3,367	3,300	2%	
Other expenses	13,629	1,041	1209%	
	45,745	32,674	40%	
Profit before depreciation and amortization, finance				
cost, finance income, charity and donation,	24,153	35,851	-33%	
exceptional items and tax				
Figure Coats	2.044	4.400	E0/	
Finance Costs	3,914	4,108	-5% -43%	
Finance Income	(194) 603	(343) 118	411%	
Charity and Donation			3%	
Depreciation and Amortization Expense	13,750	13,403	3%	
Less: adjusted with general reserve in accordance with the Scheme	(363)	(220)	65%	
with the Scheme				
Profit before tax	6,443	18,785	-66%	
Income Tax expense				
Current tax	4,592	4,956	-7%	
Deferred tax	(2,938)	(339)	767%	
Total income tax expense	1,654	4,617	-64%	
Profit for the period	4,789	14,168	-66%	
Other comprehensive income/(loss)	_	_		
Other comprehensive income/(ioss)		_		
Total comprehensive income for the period, net of tax	4,789	14,168	-66%	
Total comprehensive income for the period, her or tax	4,700	17,100	-00 /0	
Familian and military framework and the Paris				
Earnings per equity share (nominal value of share Rs				
10 each)	1 70	F 26	669/	
Basic (Rs.)	1.78	5.26 5.26	-66% -66%	
Diluted (Rs.)	1.78	5.26	-00%	

#### 9.1.2 Consolidated Statement of Profit & Loss for the quarter ended June 30, 2022

The consolidated financial results represent results of the Company, its subsidiary 'Smartx Services Limited', its controlled trust 'Indus Towers Employees Welfare Trust (formerly Bharti Infratel Employees Welfare Trust)' and its share in Joint Venture Company 'erstwhile Indus Towers Limited' (ceased to exist and merged into the Company w.e.f. November 19, 2020).

Amount in Rs mn, except ratios

Amount in Rs mn, except re						
Particulars		Quarter Ende	d			
i dillouidis	Jun-22	Jun-21	Y-on-Y growth			
Income						
Revenue from Operations	68,973	67,970	1%			
Other income	925	569	63%			
	69,898	68,539	2%			
Expenses						
Power and fuel	26,915	26,463	2%			
Employee expenses	1,834	1,872	-2%			
Repairs and maintenance	3,368	3,300	2%			
Other expenses	13,634	1,050	1198%			
	45,751	32,685	40%			
Profit before depreciation and amortization, finance						
cost, finance income, charity and donation,	24,147	35,854	-33%			
exceptional items and tax						
Finance Costs	3,914	4,111	-5%			
Finance Income	(194)	(343)	-43%			
Charity and Donation	603	118	411%			
Depreciation and Amortization Expense	13,756	13,418	3%			
Less: adjusted with general reserve in accordance			0.50/			
with the Scheme	(363)	(220)	65%			
Profit before share of profit of joint venture and tax	6,431	18,770	-66%			
Share of profit of joint venture	0,431	10,770	-00 /6			
Chare of profit of joint venture		_				
Profit before tax	6,431	18,770	-66%			
Income Tax expense						
Current tax	4,592	4,956	-7%			
Deferred tax	(2,934)	(339)	765%			
Total income tax expense	1,658	4,617	-64%			
Profit for the period	4,773	14,153	-66%			
Other comprehensive income/(loss)	-	_				
Total comprehensive income for the period, net of tax	4,773	14,153	-66%			
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Earnings per equity share (nominal value of share Rs						
10 each)						
Basic (Rs.)	1.77	5.25	-66%			
Basic (Rs.)						



#### Section 10

# Basis of Preparation and Key Accounting Policies as per IND AS

### 1. Corporate information

Indus Towers Limited (formerly Bharti Infratel Limited) ('the Company' or 'Indus') was incorporated on November 30, 2006 with the object of, inter-alia, setting up, operating and maintaining wireless communication towers. The Company received the certificate of commencement of business on April 10, 2007 from the Registrar of Companies. The Company is publicly traded on National Stock Exchange of India (NSE) and BSE Limited. The Registered office of the Company is situated at Building No. 10, Tower A, 4th Floor, DLF Cyber City, Gurugram-122002, Haryana w.e.f. August 6, 2021.

The Company, together with its wholly owned subsidiary 'Smartx Services Limited' and controlled trust 'Indus Towers Employees Welfare Trust' (formerly Bharti Infratel Employees Welfare Trust) is hereinafter referred to as "the Group".

The Scheme of amalgamation and arrangement between the Company and erstwhile Indus Towers Limited (a joint venture company) became effective on November 19, 2020. Upon implementation of the Scheme, the Joint venture company (i.e. erstwhile Indus Towers Limited) merged into the Company on a going concern basis. Further, the name of the Company was changed from Bharti Infratel Limited to Indus Towers Limited w.e.f. December 10, 2020 vide Certificate of Incorporation pursuant to change of name issued by Registrar of Companies.

Upon implementation of the Scheme and allotment of shares to indirect wholly owned subsidiaries of Vodafone Group Plc., in addition to existing promoters (representing Bharti Airtel Limited along with its wholly owned subsidiary Nettle Infrastructure Investments Limited), the aforesaid indirect wholly owned subsidiaries of Vodafone Group Plc. have also been classified as promoters of the Company. During the quarter, the shareholding of Bharti group promoters has undergone a change. As on June 30, 2022, Bharti Airtel Limited along with its wholly owned subsidiary Nettle Infrastructure Investments Limited held 47.76% shares and Vodafone Group Plc. through its indirect wholly owned subsidiary companies remained holding 21.05% shares in the Company.

The interim condensed consolidated financial statements are approved for issuance by the Company's Board of Directors on August 02, 2022.

### 2. a) Statement of Compliance

The interim condensed consolidated financial statements ("financial statements") have been prepared to comply in all material aspects with the (Ind AS 34 'Interim Financial Reporting') notified under section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013, read with relevant rules issued thereunder and other relevant provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 (the Act) as amended from time to time.

#### b) Basis of preparation

The interim condensed consolidated financial statements do not include all the information and disclosures that would otherwise be required in a full set of financial statements and should be read in conjunction with the Group's Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2022. However, selected explanatory notes are included to explain events and transactions that are significant for the understanding of the Group's financial position and performance.

The financial statements have been prepared under historical cost convention on accrual and going concern basis, except for the certain financial instruments which have been measured at fair value as required by relevant Ind ASs.

Accounting policies have been consistently applied except where a newly issued accounting standard is initially adopted or a revision to an existing accounting standard requires a change in the accounting policy hitherto in use.

All the amounts included in the financial statements are reported in millions of Indian Rupees ('Rupees' or 'Rs.') and are rounded to the nearest million (Mn) except per share data and unless stated otherwise.

### c) Basis of Consolidation

The Consolidated financial statements comprise the financial statements of the Company, its subsidiary and its directly Controlled Trust which are as follows:

Entity	ountry of acorporation	Principal Service	Relationship	Shareholding as at June 30, 2022	Shareholding as at March 31, 2022
Smartx Services Limited* In	dia	Optical Fibre Service	Subsidiary	100%	100%
<b>Details of Controlled Trust</b>					
Name of Trust		Country of Incorporation	<u> </u>		
Indus Towers Employees Welfare Trust* Infratel Employees Welfare Trust)	(formerly Bharti	India	_		

<sup>\*</sup>Refer note 1

### **Accounting for Subsidiary:**

A subsidiary is an entity controlled by the Group. Control exists when the parent has power over the entity, is exposed, or has rights to variable returns from its involvement with the entity and has the ability to affect those returns by using its power over entity. Power is demonstrated through existing rights that give the ability to direct relevant activities, those which significantly affect the entity's returns.

Subsidiary is fully consolidated from the date on which Group obtains control over the subsidiary and ceases when the Group loses control of the subsidiary. Assets, liabilities, income and expenses of a subsidiary acquired or disposed of during the period are included in the consolidated financial statements from the date the Group gains control until the date the Group ceases to control the subsidiary. Where necessary, adjustments are made to the financial statements of subsidiaries to bring their accounting policies and accounting period in line with those used by the Group. All intra-group transactions, balances, income and expenses and cash flows are eliminated on consolidation.

The Group consolidates its directly controlled trust on the line by line consolidation basis and according to principles of Ind AS 110. Consolidated Financial Statements.

### 3. Merger of 'erstwhile Indus Towers Limited' with 'the Company'

On April 25, 2018, Indus Towers Limited (formerly Bharti Infratel Limited) ('the Company' or 'Transferee Company') and its Joint Venture Company erstwhile Indus Towers Limited ('erstwhile Indus' or 'Transferor Company') and their respective shareholders and creditors entered into a scheme of amalgamation and arrangement (under section 230 to 232 and other applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013) ('Scheme') to create a pan-India tower company operating across all 22 telecom service areas. The Company had received requisite regulatory approvals and the merger become effective on November 19, 2020 (i.e. the effective date of merger) on filing the certified copy of the NCLT order with the Registrar of Companies. Upon the Scheme becoming effective the erstwhile Indus stood dissolved without being wound-up.

As a result of above scheme, Bharti Airtel group through its subsidiary i.e Bharti Infratel Limited and Vodafone group through its joint venture i.e. erstwhile Indus Towers Limited contributed assets and liabilities to the merged entity i.e Bharti Infratel Limited and have become promoters of the Company. Furthermore, the name of the Company has been changed from Bharti Infratel Limited to Indus Towers Limited w.e.f. December 10, 2020.

In compliance with the Scheme, 845,328,704 equity shares of the Company were issued to the shareholders of erstwhile Indus which have been recorded at face value of Rs. 10 per equity share and Rs. 37,642 Mn was paid to Vodafone Idea Limited (in lieu of cash option exercised for its shareholding of 11.15% in erstwhile Indus) by the

Company. The stamp duty paid on issue of shares amounting to Rs. 8 Mn has been debited to Securities Premium Account.

As per Indian Accounting Standards as prescribed under section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013, no specific accounting guidance is given in case of formation of such arrangement, hence, the Company had an option to either account for such business combination using 'Pooling of interest' method or adopt the 'fair value' method. The merger of erstwhile Indus with the Company has been accounted as per 'Pooling of interest' method and accordingly, all the assets, liabilities and reserves of erstwhile Indus have been recorded at their carrying amounts and the identity of the reserves (of the transferor) shall be preserved and appear in the financial statements of the transferor.

On the date of Scheme becoming effective, the Company has combined assets, liabilities and components of other equity of the erstwhile Indus on line by line basis. Furthermore, the Company has recognised impact of alignment of accounting practices and estimates of Rs. 589 Mn through General Reserve and Rs. 123 Mn (net of tax) through the Statement of profit and loss for the year ended March 31, 2021.

Upon the merger becoming effective, the investment in Joint Venture (erstwhile Indus) has been cancelled by debiting the General Reserve to the extent available (i.e. Rs. 58,033 Mn) in the books of the Transferee Company, which was created out of the "BAL Scheme" (refer Note 11(a) for details of BAL scheme). Further, earlier recognised gain of Rs. 382 Mn and deferred tax liability of Rs. 116 Mn have been reversed and the balance amount of investment in joint venture i.e. Rs. 1,888 Mn has been debited to the merger Capital Reserve on account of cancellation of such investment.

In addition to above, difference between share capital of erstwhile Indus of Rs. 1 Mn and shares issued by the Company of Rs. 8,453 Mn and cash paid of Rs. 37,642 Mn to the shareholders of the erstwhile Indus have resulted into debit balance of Merger Capital Reserve.

# 4. Significant accounting policies, judgements, estimates and assumptions

### 4.1. Significant accounting policies

# a) Property, Plant and Equipment

Property, plant and equipment including Capital work in progress is stated at cost, except assets acquired under Schemes of Arrangement, which are stated at fair values as per the Schemes, net of accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses, if any. Such cost includes the cost of replacing part of the Property, plant and equipment and borrowing costs for long term construction projects if the recognition criteria are met. When significant parts of property, plant and equipment are required to be replaced in intervals, the Group recognizes such parts as separate component of assets with specific useful lives and provides depreciation over their useful life. Subsequent costs are included in the asset's carrying amount or recognized as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the entity and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. The carrying amount of the replaced part is derecognized. All other repair and maintenance costs are recognised in the Consolidated Statement of Profit and Loss as incurred.

The present value of the expected cost for the decommissioning of the asset after its use is included in the cost of the respective asset if the recognition criteria for a provision are met. Refer note 4.2 regarding significant accounting judgements, estimates and assumptions and provisions for further information about the recorded decommissioning provision.

An item of property, plant and equipment and any significant part initially recognised is derecognised upon disposal or when no future economic benefits are expected from its use or disposal. Any gain or loss arising on derecognition of the asset (calculated as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset) is recognised in the Consolidated Statement of Profit and Loss when the asset is derecognised.

Assets are depreciated to the residual values on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives. Estimated useful lives of the assets are as follows:

Hooful lives

Particulars	Userui lives
Office Equipment	2 years / 5 years
Computer	3 years
Vehicles	5 years
Furniture and Fixtures	5 years
Plant and Machinery	3 to 20 Years
Leasehold Improvement	Period of Lease or useful life whichever is less

The existing useful lives and residual value of tangible assets are different from the useful lives as prescribed under Part C of Schedule II to the Companies Act, 2013 and the Group believes that this is the best estimate on the basis of technical evaluation and actual usage period.

The existing residual values of tangible assets are different from 5% as prescribed under Part C of Schedule II to the Companies Act, 2013 and the Group believes that this is the best estimate on the basis of actual realization.

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed at each financial year end or whenever there are indicators for impairment, and adjusted prospectively.

On transition to Ind AS, the Group has elected to continue with the carrying value of all its property, plant and equipment (including assets acquired under Schemes of Arrangement) except with an adjustment in decommissioning cost recognised as at April 1, 2015 measured as per the previous GAAP and use that carrying value as the cost of the property, plant and equipment.

### b) Intangible Assets

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Intangible assets are recognized when the entity controls the asset, it is probable that future economic benefits attributed to the asset will flow to the entity and the cost of the asset can be reliably measured.

At initial recognition, the separately acquired intangible assets are recognised at cost. Intangible assets with finite useful lives are carried at cost less accumulated amortisation and accumulated impairment losses, if any.

Intangible assets are amortised over the useful economic life and assessed for impairment whenever there is an indication that the intangible asset may be impaired. The amortisation period and the amortisation method for an intangible asset are reviewed at least at the end of each financial year. Changes in the expected useful life or the expected pattern of consumption of future economic benefits embodied in the asset are considered to modify the amortisation period or method, as appropriate, and are treated as changes in accounting estimates. The amortisation expense on intangible assets is recognised in the Consolidated Statement of Profit and Loss unless such expenditure forms part of carrying value of another asset.

Software is capitalized at the amounts paid to acquire the respective license for use and is amortised over the period of license, generally not exceeding three years. Acquired telecom license is initially recognised at cost and subsequently measured at cost less accumulated amortisation and impairment losses, if any. Amortisation is recognised over the unexpired period of license.

Gains or losses arising from derecognition of an intangible asset are measured as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset and are recognised in the Consolidated Statement of Profit and Loss when the asset is derecognised.

#### c) Impairment of non-financial assets

The Group assesses, at each reporting date, whether there is an indication that an asset may be impaired. If any indication exists, or when annual impairment testing for an asset is required, the Group estimates the asset's recoverable amount. An asset's recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's or cash-generating unit's (CGU) fair value less costs of disposal and its value in use. Recoverable amount is determined for an individual asset, unless the asset does not generate cash inflows that are largely independent of those from other assets or group of assets. When the carrying amount of an asset or CGU exceeds its recoverable amount, the asset is considered impaired and is written down to its recoverable amount.

In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset. In determining fair value less costs of disposal, recent market transactions are taken into account. If no such transactions can be identified, an appropriate valuation model is used. Impairment losses, if any, are recognized in Consolidated Statement of Profit and Loss as a component of depreciation and amortisation expense.

A previously recognised impairment loss is reversed only if there has been a change in the assumptions used to determine the asset's recoverable amount since the last impairment loss was recognised. The reversal is limited to the extent the carrying amount of the asset does not exceed its recoverable amount, nor exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined, net of depreciation or amortisation, had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset in prior years. Such reversal is recognized in the Consolidated Statement of Profit and Loss when the asset is carried at the revalued amount, in which case the reverse is treated as a revaluation increase.

### d) Current versus non-current classification

The Group presents assets and liabilities in the balance sheet based on current/ non-current classification. An asset is treated as current when it is:

- · Expected to be realised or intended to be sold or consumed in normal operating cycle
- Held primarily for the purpose of trading
- · Expected to be realised within twelve months after the reporting period, or
- Cash or cash equivalent unless restricted from being exchanged or used to settle a liability for at least twelve
  months after the reporting period

Current assets include the current portion of non-current assets. All other assets are classified as non-current.

A liability is current when:

- · It is expected to be settled in normal operating cycle
- It is held primarily for the purpose of trading
- It is due to be settled within twelve months after the reporting period, or
- There is no unconditional right to defer the settlement of the liability for at least twelve months after the reporting period.

Current liabilities include the current portion of long-term liabilities. The Group classifies all other liabilities as non-current

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are classified as non-current assets and liabilities.

The operating cycle is the time between the acquisition of assets for processing and their realisation in cash and cash equivalents. The Group has identified twelve months as its operating cycle.

# e) Leases

The company assesses whether a contract contains a lease, at inception of a contract. A contract is, or contains, a lease if the contract conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset for a period of time in exchange for

consideration. To assess whether a contract conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset, the Company assesses whether: (i) the contract involves the use of an identified asset (ii) the Company has substantially all of the economic benefits from use of the asset through the period of the lease and (iii) the Company has the right to direct the use of the asset

# Group as a Lessee

The Group recognizes right-of-use asset (ROU) representing its right to use the underlying asset for the lease term and a corresponding lease liability at the lease commencement date. The cost of the right-of-use asset measured at inception shall comprise of the amount of the initial measurement of the lease liability adjusted for any lease payments made at or before the commencement date less any lease incentives received, plus any initial direct costs incurred. The right-of-use assets is subsequently measured at cost less any accumulated depreciation, accumulated impairment losses, if any and adjusted for any remeasurement of the lease liability. The right-of-use asset is depreciated from the commencement date on a straight-line basis over the shorter of the lease term and useful life of the underlying asset. Right-of-use assets are tested for impairment whenever there is any indication that their carrying amounts may not be recoverable. Impairment loss, if any, is recognised in the consolidated statement of profit and loss.

The Group measures the lease liability at the present value of the lease payments that are not paid at the commencement date of the lease. The lease payments are discounted using the interest rate implicit in the lease, if that rate can be readily determined. If that rate cannot be readily determined, the Group uses incremental borrowing rate. For leases with reasonably similar characteristics, the Group may adopt the incremental borrowing rate for the entire portfolio of leases as a whole. The lease payments shall include fixed payments, variable lease payments, residual value guarantees, exercise price of a purchase option where the Group is reasonably certain to exercise that option and payments of penalties for terminating the lease, if the lease term reflects the lessee exercising an option to terminate the lease. The lease liability is subsequently remeasured by increasing the carrying amount to reflect interest on the lease liability, reducing the carrying amount to reflect the lease payments made and remeasuring the carrying amount to reflect any reassessment or lease modifications or to reflect revised in-substance fixed lease payments.

The Group recognises the amount of the re-measurement of lease liability as an adjustment to the right-of-use asset. Where the carrying amount of the right-of-use asset is reduced to zero and there is a further reduction in the measurement of the lease liability, the Group recognizes any remaining amount of the re-measurement in the consolidated statement of profit and loss.

The Group may elect not to apply the requirements of Ind AS 116 to leases for which the underlying asset is of low value. The lease payments associated with these leases are recognized as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

The Group has opted to recognize the asset retirement obligation liability as part of the cost of an item of property, plant and equipment in accordance with Ind AS 16.

# Group as a Lessor

At the inception date, leases are classified as a finance lease or an operating lease. Leases are classified as finance leases when substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership transfer from the Group to the lessee. Amounts due from lessees under finance leases are recorded as receivables at the Groups net investment in the leases. Finance lease income is allocated to accounting periods so as to reflect a constant periodic rate of return on the net investment outstanding in respect of the lease.

Leases where the Group does not transfer substantially all the risks and rewards incidental to ownership of the asset are classified as operating leases. Lease rentals under operating leases are recognized as income on a straight-line basis over the lease term. Contingent rents are recognized as revenue in the period in which they are earned.

# f) Share-based payments

The Group issues equity-settled and cash-settled share-based options to certain employees. These are measured at fair value on the date of grant.

The fair value determined at the grant date of the equity-settled share-based options is expensed over the vesting period, based on the Group's estimate of the shares that will eventually vest.

The fair value determined on the grant date of the cash settled share based options is expensed over the vesting period, based on the Group's estimate of the shares that will eventually vest. At the end of each reporting period, until the liability is settled, and at the date of settlement, the fair value of the liability is recognized, with any changes in fair value pertaining to the vested period recognized immediately in Consolidated Statement of Profit and Loss.

At the vesting date, the Group's estimate of the shares expected to vest is revised to equal the number of equity shares that ultimately vest.

Fair value is measured using Black-Scholes framework and is recognized as an expense, together with a corresponding increase in equity/liability as appropriate, over the period in which the options vest using the graded vesting method. The expected life used in the model is adjusted, based on management's best estimate, for the effects of non-transferability, exercise restrictions and behavioral considerations. The expected volatility and forfeiture assumptions are based on historical information.

Where the terms of share-based payments are modified, the minimum expense recognized is the expense as if the terms had not been modified, if the original terms of the award are met. An additional expense is recognized for any modification that increases the total fair value of the share-based payment transaction, or is otherwise beneficial to the employee as measured at the date of modification.

Where an equity-settled award is cancelled, it is treated as if it is vested on the date of cancellation, and any expense not yet recognized for the award is recognized immediately. This includes any award where non-vesting conditions within the control of either the entity or the employee are not met. However, if a new award is substituted for the cancelled award, and designated as a replacement award on the date that it is granted, the cancelled and new awards are treated as if they were a modification of the original award, as described in the previous paragraph.

The dilutive effect of outstanding options if any is reflected as additional share dilution in the computation of diluted earnings per share.

#### g) Cash and Cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents in the consolidated balance sheet comprise cash at banks and in hand and short-term deposits with an original maturity of three months or less, which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value. Bank overdrafts that are repayable on demand and form an integral part of the Groups cash management are included as a component of cash and cash equivalents for the purpose of the consolidated Statement of Cash Flows.

### h) Treasury shares

The Group has formed Indus Towers Employees Welfare Trust (formerly Bharti Infratel Employees Welfare Trust), for administration of ESOP Schemes of the Group. The Trust bought shares of the Group from the market, for giving shares to employees. The Group treats Trust as its extension and shares held by Trust are treated as treasury shares.

Own equity instruments ("treasury shares") which are reacquired through Indus Towers Employees Welfare Trust (formerly Bharti Infratel Employees Welfare Trust) are recognized at cost and deducted from equity. No gain or loss is recognized in the Consolidated Statement of Profit and Loss on the purchase, sale, issue or cancellation of the Group own equity instruments. Any difference between the carrying amount and the consideration, if reissued, is recognized in the general reserve and gain or loss, if sold, is recognised in treasury shares. Share options exercised during the reporting period are satisfied with treasury shares.

#### i) Financial Instruments

A financial instrument is any contract that gives rise to a financial asset of one entity and a financial liability or equity instrument of another entity.

### **Financial Assets**

### **Initial Recognition and Measurement**

All financial assets are recognized initially at fair value plus, in the case of financial assets not recorded at fair value through profit or loss, transaction costs that are attributable to the acquisition of the financial asset.

#### **Subsequent Measurement**

For purposes of subsequent measurement, financial assets are classified in four categories:

- Debt instruments at amortised cost
- Debt instruments at fair value through other comprehensive income (FVTOCI)
- Debt instruments, derivatives and equity instruments at fair value through Profit or Loss (FVTPL)
- Equity instruments measured at fair value through other comprehensive income (FVTOCI)

### **Debt Instruments at Amortised Cost**

This category applies to the Group's trade receivables, unbilled revenue, security deposits.

A 'debt instrument' is measured at the amortised cost if both the following conditions are met:

- The asset is held within a business model whose objective is to hold assets for collecting contractual cash flows and
- Contractual terms of the asset give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest (SPPI) on the principal amount outstanding

After initial measurement, such financial assets are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate (EIR) method. Amortised cost is calculated by taking into account any discount or premium on acquisition and fees or costs that are an integral part of the EIR. The EIR amortisation is included in finance income in the Consolidated Statement of Profit and Loss. The losses arising from impairment are recognised in the Consolidated Statement of Profit and Loss.

### Debt instrument at fair value through other comprehensive income (FVTOCI)

A 'debt instrument' is classified at FVTOCI if both of the following criteria are met:

- a) The objective of the business model is achieved both by collecting contractual cash flows and selling the financial assets, and
- b) The asset's contractual cash flows represent solely payment of principal and interest (SPPI).

Debt instruments included within the FVTOCI category are measured initially as well as at each reporting date at fair value. Fair value movements are recognized in the other comprehensive income (OCI). However, the Group recognizes interest income, impairment losses and reversals in the Consolidated Statement of Profit and Loss. On derecognition of the asset, cumulative gain or loss previously recognised in OCI is reclassified from the equity to the Consolidated Statement of Profit and Loss.

Interest earned whilst holding FVTOCI debt instrument is reported as interest income.

The Group has classified Investment in tax free bonds within this category.

### Debt instrument at fair value through Profit or Loss (FVTPL)

FVTPL is a residual category for debt instruments. Any debt instrument, which does not meet the criteria for categorization at amortized cost or at FVTOCI, is classified at FVTPL.

Debt instruments included within the FVTPL category are measured at fair value with all changes recognized in the Consolidated Statement of Profit and Loss. This category applies to the Group investment in government securities, mutual funds, taxable bonds and non-convertible debentures.

In addition, the Group may elect to designate a debt instrument, which otherwise meets amortized cost or FVTOCI criteria, as at FVTPL. However, such election is allowed only if doing so reduces or eliminates a measurement or recognition inconsistency (referred to as 'accounting mismatch'). The Group has not designated any debt instrument as FVTPL.

#### **Equity investments**

All equity investments in scope of Ind AS 109, "Financial Instruments" are measured at fair value. Equity instruments which are held for trading and contingent consideration recognised by an acquirer in a business combination, if any to which Ind AS 103, Business combinations applies are classified as at fair value through Profit or loss. Further, there is no such equity investments measured at Fair value through profit or loss or fair value through other comprehensive income in the Group.

### De-recognition

A financial asset (or, where applicable, a part of a financial asset) is primarily derecognised (i.e. removed from the Group's balance sheet) when:

- The contractual rights to receive cash flows from the asset have expired, or
- The Group has transferred its contractual rights to receive cash flows from the financial asset or has assumed an obligation to pay the received cash flows in full without material delay to a third party under a 'pass-through' arrangement; and either (a) the Group has transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset, or (b) the Group has neither transferred nor retained substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset, but has transferred control of the asset.

# **Impairment of Financial Assets**

In accordance with Ind AS 109, Financial instruments the Group applies expected credit loss (ECL) model for measurement and recognition of impairment loss on the Financial assets that are debt instruments and are initially measured at fair value with subsequent measurement at amortised cost e.g. Trade receivables, unbilled revenue etc.

The Group follows 'simplified approach' for recognition of impairment loss allowance for trade receivables.

The application of simplified approach does not require the Group to track changes in credit risk. Rather, it recognises impairment loss allowance based on lifetime ECLs at each reporting date, right from its initial recognition.

For recognition of impairment loss on other financial assets and risk exposure, the Group determines whether there has been a significant increase in the credit risk since initial recognition. If credit risk has not increased significantly, twelve month ECL is used to provide for impairment loss. However, if credit risk has increased significantly, lifetime ECL is used. If, in the subsequent period, credit quality of the instrument improves such that there is no longer a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition, then the entity reverts to recognising impairment loss allowance based on a twelve month ECL.

ECL is the difference between all contractual cash flows that are due to the Group in accordance with the contract and all the cash flows that the entity expects to receive (i.e., all cash shortfalls), discounted at the original EIR.

### **Financial Liabilities**

## **Initial Recognition and Measurement**

Financial liabilities are classified, at initial recognition, as financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss, loans and borrowings or payables, as appropriate

All financial liabilities are recognised initially at fair value and, in the case of loans and borrowings and payables, net of directly attributable transaction costs. The Group's financial liabilities include borrowings, trade and other payables, security deposits, lease liabilities etc.

#### Subsequent measurement

The measurement of financial liabilities depends on their classification, as described below:

#### Financial liabilities at fair value through Profit and Loss (FVTPL)

Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss include financial liabilities held for trading and financial liabilities designated upon initial recognition as at fair value through profit or loss. Financial liabilities are classified as held for trading if they are incurred for the purpose of repurchasing in the near term.

Financial liabilities designated upon initial recognition at fair value through profit or loss are designated as such at the initial date of recognition, and only if the criteria in Ind AS 109, Financial instruments are satisfied. For liabilities designated as FVTPL, fair value gains/ losses attributable to changes in own credit risks are recognized in Other Comprehensive Income. These gains/ loss are not subsequently transferred to the Consolidated Statement of Profit and Loss. However, the Group may transfer the cumulative gain or loss within equity. All other changes in fair value of such liability are recognised in the Consolidated Statement of Profit and Loss.

# **Financial Liabilities at Amortised Cost**

This category includes security deposit received, trade payables etc. After initial recognition, such liabilities are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the EIR method. Gains and losses are recognised in the consolidated Statement of Profit and Loss when the liabilities are derecognised as well as through the EIR amortisation process. Amortised cost is calculated by taking into account any discount or premium on acquisition and fees or costs that are an integral part of the EIR. The EIR amortisation is included as finance costs in the Consolidated Statement of Profit and Loss.

## De-recognition

A financial liability is derecognised when the obligation under the liability is discharged or cancelled or expires. When an existing financial liability is replaced by another from the same lender on substantially different terms or the terms of an existing liability are substantially modified, such an exchange or modification is treated as the derecognition of the original liability and the recognition of a new liability. The difference in the respective carrying amounts is recognised in the Consolidated Statement of Profit and Loss.

### **Reclassification of Financial Assets**

The Group determines classification of financial assets and liabilities on initial recognition. After initial recognition, no reclassification is made for financial assets which are equity instruments and financial liabilities. For financial assets which are debt instruments, a reclassification is made only if there is a change in the business model for managing those assets. Changes to the business model are expected to be infrequent. The Group's senior management determines change in the business model as a result of external or internal changes which are significant to the Group's operations. Such changes are evident to external parties. A change in the business model occurs when the Group either begins or ceases to perform an activity that is significant to its operations. If the Group reclassifies financial assets, it applies the reclassification prospectively from the reclassification date which is the first day of the immediately next reporting period following the change in business model. The Group does not restate any previously recognised gains, losses (including impairment gains or losses) or interest

#### Offsetting of Financial Instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are offset and the net amount is reported in the consolidated balance sheet if there is a currently enforceable legal right to offset the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis, to realise the assets and settle the liabilities simultaneously.

### j) Revenue Recognition

The Group earns revenue primarily from rental services by leasing of passive infrastructure and energy revenue by the provision of energy for operation of sites.

Revenue is recognized when the Group satisfies the performance obligation by transferring the promised services to the customers. Services are considered performed when the customer obtains control, whereby the customer gets the ability to direct the use of such services and substantially obtains all benefits from the services. When there is uncertainty as to measurement or ultimate collectability, revenue recognition is postponed until such uncertainty is resolved.

In order to determine, if it is acting as principal or as an agent, the entity shall determine whether the nature of its promise is a performance obligation to provide the specified services itself (i.e. the entity is a principal) or to arrange for those services to be provided by the other party (i.e. the entity is an agent) for all its revenue arrangements.

#### Service revenue

Service revenue includes rental revenue for use of sites and energy revenue for the provision of energy for operation of sites.

Rental revenue is recognized as and when services are rendered on a monthly basis as per the contractual terms prescribed under master service agreement entered with customer. The Group has ascertained that the lease payments received are straight lined over the period of the contract.

Exit Charges on site exit and equipment de-loading is recognised when uncertainty relating to such exit and deloading is resolved and it is probable that a significant reversal relating to recoverability of these charges will not occur.

Interest on delayed payment from operators is recognized as income when uncertainty relating to amount receivable is resolved and it is probable that a significant reversal relating to this amount will not occur.

Energy revenue is recognized over the period on a monthly basis upon satisfaction of performance obligation as per contracts with the customers. The transaction price is the consideration received from customers based on prices agreed as per the contract with the customers. The determination of standalone selling prices is not required as the transaction prices are stated in the contract based on the identified performance obligation.

Unbilled revenue represents revenues recognized for the services rendered for the period falling after the last invoice raised to customer till the period end. These are billed in subsequent periods based on the prices specified in the master service agreement with the customers, whereas invoicing in excess of revenues are classified as unearned revenues. The Group collects GST on behalf of the government and therefore, it is not an economic benefit flowing to the Group, hence it is excluded from revenue.

# Use of significant judgements in revenue recognition

The Group's contracts with customers include promises to transfer services to a customer which are energy and rentals. Rentals are not covered within the scope of Ind AS 115, hence identification of distinct performance obligation within Ind AS 115 do not involve significant judgement.

Judgement is required to determine the transaction price for the contract. The transaction price could be either a fixed amount of customer consideration or variable consideration with elements such as discounts, service level credits, waivers etc. The estimated amount of variable consideration is adjusted in the transaction price only to the extent that it is highly probable that a significant reversal in the amount of cumulative revenue recognised will not occur and is reassessed at the end of each reporting period.

In evaluating whether a significant revenue reversal will not occur, the Group considers the likelihood and magnitude of the revenue reversal and evaluates factors which results in constraints such as historical experience

of the Group with a particular type of contract, and the regulatory environment in which the customers operates which results in uncertainty which is less likely to be resolved in near future.

The Group provides volume discount to its customers based on slab defined in the revenue contracts. Contract also contains clause on Service Level Penalty/ rewards in case the Group is not able to maintain uptime level mentioned in the agreement. These discount/penalties are called variable consideration.

There is no additional impact of variable consideration as per Ind AS 115 since maximum discount is already being given to customer and the same is deducted from revenue.

There is no additional impact of SLA penalty as the Group already estimates SLA penalty amount and the same is provided for at each month end. The SLA penalty is presented as net off with revenue in the Statement of profit and loss.

Determination of standalone selling price does not involve significant judgement for the Group. The Group exercises judgement in determining whether the performance obligation is satisfied at a point in time or over a period of time. The Group considers the indicators on how customer consumes benefits as services are rendered in making the evaluation. Contract fulfillment costs are generally expensed as incurred. The assessment of this criteria requires the application of judgement, in particular when considering if costs generate or enhance resources to be used to satisfy future performance obligations and whether costs are expected to be recovered.

#### **Dividend Income**

Dividend Income is recognized when the right to receive payment is established, which is generally on the date when shareholders approve the dividend in case of final dividend and approval by Board of Directors in case of interim dividend.

#### k) Finance income

Finance income comprises interest income on funds invested and changes in the fair value of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss, and that are recognised in the Consolidated Statement of Profit and Loss. Interest income is recognised as it accrues in the Consolidated Statement of Profit and Loss, using the effective interest rate (EIR) which is the rate that exactly discounts the estimated future cash receipts through the expected life of the financial instrument or a shorter period, where appropriate, to the net carrying amount of the financial asset.

Finance income does not include dividend income, interest on income tax refund etc. which is included in other income.

## I) Other Income

Other income includes dividend income, interest on income tax refund, gain on sale of property, plant and equipment etc. Any gain or loss arising on derecognition of property, plant and equipment is calculated as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset.

## m) Finance Cost

Finance costs comprise Borrowing cost, interest expense on lease obligations, accretion of interest on site restoration obligation and security deposits received.

## n) Income Taxes

The income tax expense comprises of current and deferred income tax. Income tax is recognised in the statement of profit and loss, except to the extent that it relates to items recognised in the other comprehensive income or directly in equity, in which case the related income tax is also recognised accordingly.

#### **Current tax**

The current tax is calculated on the basis of the tax rates, laws and regulations, which have been enacted or substantively enacted as at the reporting date. The payment made in excess / (shortfall) of the Group's income tax obligation for the period are recognised in the balance sheet as current income tax assets / liabilities. Any interest, related to accrued liabilities for potential tax assessments are not included in Income tax charge or (credit), but are

rather recognised within finance costs. The management periodically evaluates positions taken in the tax returns with respect to situations in which applicable tax regulations are subject to interpretation and establishes provisions where appropriate.

The tax expense on dividends are linked directly to past transactions or events that generated distributable profits than to distribution to owners, Therefore, The Group shall recognise the income tax on dividends in profit or loss, other comprehensive income or equity according to where the entity originally recognised those past transactions or events.

#### Deferred tax

Deferred tax is recognised, using the balance sheet approach, on temporary differences arising between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying values in the financial statements. However, deferred tax is not recognised if it arises from initial recognition of an asset or liability in a transaction other than a business combination that at the time of the transaction affects neither accounting nor taxable profit or loss.

Deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profit will be available against which the temporary differences can be utilised. The unrecognised deferred tax assets / carrying amount of deferred tax assets are reviewed at each reporting date for recoverability and adjusted appropriately.

Deferred tax is determined using tax rates (and laws) that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting date and are expected to apply when the related deferred income tax asset is realised or the deferred income tax liability is settled.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are off-set against each other and the resultant net amount is presented in the balance sheet, if and only when, (a) the Group currently has a legally enforceable right to set-off the current income tax assets and liabilities, and (b) when it relates to income tax levied by the same taxation authority.

### o) Dividend Payments

Final dividend is recognized, when it is approved by the shareholders and the distribution is no longer at the discretion of the Group. However, Interim dividends are recorded as a liability on the date of declaration by the Company's Board of Directors.

#### p) Retirement and other employee benefits

Short term employee benefits are recognised in the period during which the services have been rendered. All employee benefits expected to be settled wholly within twelve months of rendering the service are classified as short-term employee benefits. When an employee has rendered service to the Group during an accounting period, the Group recognises the undiscounted amount of short-term employee benefits expected to be paid in exchange for that service as an expense unless another Ind AS requires or permits the inclusion of the benefits in the cost of an asset. Benefits such as salaries, wages and short-term compensated absences and bonus etc. are recognised in Statement of Profit and Loss in the period in which the employee renders the related service. A liability is recognised for the amount expected to be paid after deducting any amount already paid under short-term cash bonus or profit-sharing plans if the Group has a present legal or constructive obligation to pay this amount as a result of past service provided by the employee, and the obligation can be estimated reliably.

The Group post-employment benefits include defined benefit plan and defined contribution plans. The Group also provides other benefits in the form of deferred compensation and compensated absences.

A defined contribution plan is a post-employment benefit plan under which an entity pays fixed contributions to a statutory authority and will have no legal or constructive obligation to pay further amounts. The Group contributions to defined contribution plans are recognized in the Consolidated Statement of Profit and Loss when the related services have been rendered. The Group has no further obligations under these plans beyond its periodic contributions.

A defined benefit plan is a post-employment benefit plan other than a defined contribution plan. Under the defined benefit retirement plan, the Group provides retirement obligation in the form of Gratuity. Under the plan, a lump

sum payment is made to eligible employees (including contractual employees as per their terms of contract) at retirement or termination of employment based on respective employee salary and years of experience with the Group.

The cost of providing benefits under this plan is determined on the basis of actuarial valuation carried out half yearly by an independent qualified actuary using the projected unit credit method. Actuarial gains and losses are recognised in full in the period in which they occur in other comprehensive income forming part of the Statement of Profit and Loss.

The obligation towards the said benefit is recognised in the consolidated balance sheet as the difference between the fair value of the plan assets and the present value of the plan liabilities. Scheme liabilities are calculated using the projected unit credit method and applying the principal actuarial assumptions as at the date of consolidated Balance Sheet. Plan assets are assets that are held by a long-term employee benefit fund or qualifying insurance policies.

All expenses excluding remeasurements of the net defined benefit liability (asset), in respect of defined benefit plans are recognized in the profit or loss as incurred. Remeasurements, comprising actuarial gains and losses and the return on the plan assets (excluding amounts included in net interest on the net defined benefit liability (asset)), are recognized immediately in the consolidated Balance Sheet with a corresponding debit or credit through other comprehensive income in the period in which they occur. Remeasurements are not reclassified to profit or loss in subsequent periods.

The Group provides other benefits in the form of compensated absences and long term service awards. The employees of the Group are entitled to compensated absences based on the unavailed leave balance. The Group records liability based on actuarial valuation computed under projected unit credit method. Actuarial gains / losses are immediately taken to the Statement of Profit and Loss and are not deferred. The Group presents the entire leave encashment liability as a current liability in the balance sheet, since the Group does not have an unconditional right to defer its settlement for more than 12 months after the reporting date.

Under the long term service award plan, a lump sum payment is made to an employee on completion of specified years of service. The Group records the liability based on actuarial valuation computed under projected unit credit method. Actuarial gains / losses are immediately taken to the Consolidated Statement of Profit and Loss and are not deferred. The amount charged to the Statement of Profit and Loss in respect of these plans is included within operating costs

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#### a) Provision

# (i) General

Provisions are recognised when the Group has a present obligation (legal or constructive) as a result of a past event, it is probable that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation.

When the Group expects some or all of a provision to be reimbursed, the reimbursement is recognised as a separate asset, but only when the reimbursement is virtually certain. The expense relating to a provision is presented in the Consolidated Statement of Profit and Loss, net of any reimbursement.

If the effect of the time value of money is material, provisions are discounted using a current pre-tax rate that reflects, when appropriate, the risks specific to the liability. When discounting is used, the increase in the provision due to the passage of time (i.e., unwinding of discount) is recognised as a finance cost.

Provisions are reviewed at the end of each reporting period and adjusted to reflect the current best estimate. If it is no longer probable that an outflow of resources would be required to settle the obligation, the provision is reversed.

### (ii) Contingent assets/liabilities

Contingent assets are not recognised. However, when realisation of income is virtually certain, then the related asset is no longer a contingent asset, and is recognised as an asset.

Contingent liabilities are disclosed in notes to accounts when there is a possible obligation arising from past events, the existence of which will be confirmed only by the occurrence or non-occurrence of one or more uncertain future events not wholly within the control of the Group or a present obligation that arises from past events where it is either not probable that an outflow of resources will be required to settle or a reliable estimate of the amount cannot be made

#### (iii) Asset Retirement Obligations

Asset retirement obligations (ARO) are provided for those operating lease arrangements where the Group has a binding obligation at the end of the lease period to restore the leased premises in a condition similar to inception of lease.

Asset retirement obligation are provided at the present value of expected costs to settle the obligation using estimated cash flows and are recognized as part of the cost of the particular asset. The cash flows are discounted at a current pre-tax rate that reflects the risks specific to the site restoration obligation. The unwinding of the discount is expensed as incurred and recognized in the Consolidated Statement of Profit and Loss as a finance cost. The estimated future costs of decommissioning are reviewed annually and adjusted as appropriate. Changes in the estimated future costs or in the discount rate applied are added to or deducted from the cost of the asset.

### r) Earnings Per Share (EPS)

Basic EPS is calculated by dividing the profit for the period attributable to the ordinary equity shareholders of the. Company by the weighted average number of Equity shares outstanding during the period excluding shares purchased by the Group and held as treasury shares.

Diluted EPS is calculated by dividing the profit attributable to ordinary equity shareholders of the Company by the weighted average number of Equity shares outstanding during the period excluding shares purchased by the Group and held as treasury shares plus the weighted average number of Equity shares that would be issued on conversion of all the dilutive potential Equity shares into Equity shares.

### s) Fair Value Measurement

The Group measures financial instruments at fair value at each reporting date. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The fair value measurement is based on the presumption that the transaction to sell the asset or transfer the liability takes place either:

- In the principal market for the asset or liability
- In the absence of a principal market, in the most advantageous market for the asset or liability

The principal or the most advantageous market must be accessible by the Group.

The fair value of an asset or a liability is measured using the assumptions that market participants would use when pricing the asset or liability, assuming that market participants act in their economic best interest.

A fair value measurement of a non-financial asset takes into account a market participant's ability to generate economic benefits by using the asset in its highest and best use or by selling it to another market participant that would use the asset in its highest and best use.

The Group uses valuation techniques that are appropriate in the circumstances and for which sufficient data are available to measure fair value, maximising the use of relevant observable inputs and minimising the use of unobservable inputs.

All assets and liabilities for which fair value is measured or disclosed in the financial statements are categorised within the fair value hierarchy, described as follows, based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement as a whole:

- Level 1: Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.
- Level 2: Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (i.e. as prices) or indirectly (i.e. derived from prices)
- Level 3: Inputs for the assets or liabilities that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs)

For assets and liabilities that are recognised in the financial statements on a recurring basis, the Group determines whether transfers have occurred between levels in the hierarchy by re-assessing categorisation (based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement as a whole) at the end of each reporting period.

For the purpose of fair value disclosures, the Group has determined classes of assets and liabilities on the basis of the nature, characteristics and risks of the asset or liability and the level of the fair value hierarchy as explained above.

This note summarises accounting policy for fair value measurements. Other fair value related disclosures are given in the relevant notes.

## t) Foreign Currency

### Functional and presentation currency

The Group financial statements are presented in Indian Rupees ('INR' or 'Rs.), which is also the Group's functional currency. Presentation currency is the currency in which the financial statement of the group is presented. Functional currency is the currency of the primary economic environment in which an entity operates and is normally the currency in which the entity primarily generates and expends cash. All the financial information presented in Indian Rupees (INR) has been rounded to the nearest of million rupees, except where otherwise stated.

# Transactions and Balances

Transactions in foreign currencies are initially recorded by the Group at the functional currency spot rates at the date the transaction first qualifies for recognition.

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the functional currency spot rates of exchange at the reporting date. Differences arising on settlement or translation of monetary items are recognised in the Consolidated Statement of Profit and Loss.

Non-monetary items that are measured in terms of historical cost in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rates at the dates of the initial transactions. Non-monetary items measured at fair value in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rates at the date when the fair value is determined. The gain or loss arising on translation of nonmonetary items measured at fair value is treated in line with the recognition of the gain or loss on the change in fair value of the item (i.e., translation differences on items whose fair value gain or loss is recognised in OCI or profit or loss are also recognised in OCI or profit or loss, respectively)

# u) Share capital

## **Ordinary shares**

Ordinary shares are classified as equity. Incremental costs directly attributable to the issue of ordinary shares and share options are recognised as a deduction from equity, net of any tax effects.

#### v) Non-GAAP measure of financial performance

Profit before depreciation and amortization, finance cost, finance income, charity and donation, share of profit of joint venture and tax is an important measure of financial performance relevant to the users of financial statements and stakeholders of the Group. Hence, the Group presents the same as an additional line item on the face of the Statement of Profit and Loss considering such presentation is relevant for understanding of the Group's financial position and performance.

### 4.2 Significant accounting judgements, estimates and assumptions

The preparation of the Group financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of revenues, expenses, assets and liabilities, and the accompanying disclosures, and the disclosure of contingent liabilities. Uncertainty about these assumptions and estimates could result in outcomes that require a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets or liabilities affected in future periods.

### **Judgements**

In the process of applying the Group's accounting policies, management has made the following judgements, which have the most significant effect on the amounts recognised in the consolidated financial statements:

### a) Leases

### Group as lessor

The Group has assessed that its master service agreement ("MSA") with operators contains lease of its tower sites and plant and equipment and has determined, based on evaluation of the terms and conditions of the arrangements such as various lessees sharing the same tower sites with specific area, the fair value of the asset and all the significant risks and rewards of ownership of these properties retained by the Group, that such contracts are in the nature of operating lease and has accounted for as such.

Lease rentals under operating leases are recognised as income on straight line basis over the lease term.

#### Group as lessee

The Group determines the lease term as the non-cancellable period of a lease, together with both periods covered by an option to extend the lease if the Group is reasonably certain to exercise that option; and periods covered by an option to terminate the lease if the Group is reasonably certain not to exercise that option. In assessing whether the Group is reasonably certain to exercise an option to extend a lease, or not to exercise an option to terminate a lease, it considers all relevant facts and circumstances that create an economic incentive for the Group to exercise the option to extend the lease, or not to exercise the option to terminate the lease. The Group evaluates if an arrangement qualifies to be a lease as per the requirements of Ind AS 116. Identification of a lease requires significant judgment. The Group uses significant judgment in assessing the lease term (including anticipated renewals) and the applicable discount rate. The discount rate is generally based on the incremental borrowing rate calculated as the weighted average rate specific to the portfolio of leases with similar characteristics.

### **Estimates and assumptions**

The key assumptions concerning the future and other key sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date, that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year, are described below. The Group has based its assumptions and estimates on parameters available when the financial statements were prepared. Existing circumstances and assumptions about future developments, however, may change due to market changes or circumstances arising that are beyond the control of the Group. Such changes are reflected in the assumptions when they occur.

### (b) Impairment of non-financial assets

The carrying amounts of the Group non-financial assets, other than deferred tax assets, are reviewed at the end of each reporting period to determine whether there is any indication of impairment. If any such indication exists,

then the asset's recoverable amount is estimated.

The recoverable amount of an asset or cash-generating unit ('CGU') is the greater of its value in use and its fair value less costs to sell. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset or CGU. For the purpose of impairment testing, assets that cannot be tested individually are Grouped together into the smallest Group of assets that generates cash inflows from continuing use that are largely independent of the cash inflows of other assets or Groups of assets ('CGU').

The Group's corporate assets do not generate separate cash inflows. If there is an indication that a corporate asset may be impaired, then the recoverable amount is determined for the CGU to which the corporate asset belongs.

An impairment loss is recognized, if the carrying amount of an asset or its cash-generating unit exceeds its estimated recoverable amount and is recognised in the Consolidated Statement of Profit and Loss. Impairment losses recognised in respect of cash-generating units are allocated first to reduce the carrying amount of goodwill, if any, allocated to the units and then to reduce the carrying amounts of the other assets in the unit (Group of units) on a pro rata basis.

Impairment losses recognised in prior periods are assessed at end of each reporting period for any indications that the loss has decreased or no longer exists. An impairment loss is reversed if there has been a change in the estimates used to determine the recoverable amount. An impairment loss is reversed only to the extent that the asset's carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined, net of depreciation or amortisation, if no impairment loss had been recognised. Such reversal is recognized in the consolidated statement of profit and loss except when the asset is carried at revalued amount, the reversal is treated as a revaluation increase.

### (c) Property, plant and equipment

Refer Note 4.1(a) for the estimated useful life of Property, plant and equipment.

Property, plant and equipment also represent a significant proportion of the asset base of the Group. Therefore, the estimates and assumptions made to determine their carrying value and related depreciation are critical to the Group's financial position and performance.

The charge in respect of periodic depreciation is derived after determining an estimate of an asset's expected useful life and the expected residual value at the end of its life. Increasing an asset's expected life or its residual value would result in a reduced depreciation charge in the Consolidated Statement of Profit and Loss.

The useful lives and residual values of Group assets are determined by management at the time the asset is acquired and reviewed periodically. The lives are based on historical experience with similar assets as well as anticipation of future events which may impact their life, such as changes in technology.

#### (d) Allowance of doubtful trade receivables

The expected credit loss is mainly based on the ageing of the receivable balances and historical experience. Based on the industry practices and the business environment in which the entity operates, management considers that the trade receivables are provided if the payment are more than 180/60 days past due from related parties and 90 days past due from other customers. The receivables are assessed on an individual basis or grouped into homogeneous groups and assessed for impairment collectively, depending on their significance. Moreover, trade receivables are written off on a case-to-case basis if deemed not to be collectible on the assessment of the underlying facts and circumstances.

During the quarter ended June 30, 2022, the Group has revised the expected credit loss policy in case of one of the Customer of the Group from 90 days past due to 60 days past due and has taken the additional impact of Rs. 9,547 Mn in the Statement of Profit and Loss for the quarter ended June 30, 2022.

### (e) Asset Retirement obligation

The Group uses various leased premises to install its tower assets. A provision is recognised for the cost to be incurred for the restoration of these premises at the end of the lease period, which is estimated based on actual quotes, which are reasonable and appropriate under these circumstances. It is expected that these provisions will be utilised at the end of the lease period of the respective sites as per respective lease agreements.

# (f) Share based payment

The Group initially measures the cost of cash-settled transactions with employees using a binomial model to determine the fair value of the liability incurred. Estimating fair value for share-based payment transactions requires determination of the most appropriate valuation model, which is dependent on the terms and conditions of the grant. This estimate also requires determination of the most appropriate inputs to the valuation model including the expected life of the share option, volatility and dividend yield and making assumptions about them. For cash-settled share-based payment transactions, the liability needs to be remeasured at the end of each reporting period up to the date of settlement, with any changes in fair value recognised in the Profit and Loss. This requires a reassessment of the estimates used at the end of each reporting period.

# (g) Fair value measurement of financial instrument

When the fair values of financial assets and financial liabilities recorded in the Balance Sheet cannot be measured based on quoted prices in active markets, their fair value is measured using valuation techniques including the discounted cash flow model. The inputs to these models are taken from observable markets where possible, but where this is not feasible, a degree of judgement is required in establishing fair values. Judgements include considerations of inputs such as liquidity risk, credit risk volatility and discount rates. Changes in assumptions about these factors could affect the reported fair value of financial instruments.

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# Section 11

# GLOSSARY

## 11.1 Company Related Terms

22 Circles Represents the 22 telecommunications circles of Andhra Pradesh, Delhi, Gujarat, Karnataka, Kerala, Kolkata, Maharashtra

& Goa, Mumbai, Punjab, Tamil Nadu (including Chennai), West Bengal, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh, Orissa, Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Assam, North East states, Haryana, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh (East) and Uttar

Pradesh (West).

Adjusted EBITDA It is defined as EBITDA as mentioned above, adjusted for Repayment of Lease liabilities.

Adjusted Fund from Operations (AFFO)

It is not an IND AS measure and is defined as EBITDA adjusted for Maintenance and General Corporate Capex and Non Cash IND AS measures, i.e., operating lease revenue/expense on security deposit received/paid till March 31, 2019. From the period ended June 30, 2019 onwards it is defined as Adjusted EBITDA less Maintenance and General Corporate Capex

for the period.

Asset Turnover Asset Turnover is defined as total revenues (revenues (annualized for 12 months), divided by average cumulative

investments. Average cumulative investments are calculated by considering average of opening and closing assets of the

relevant period.

Average Colocations

Average co-locations are derived by computing the average of the Opening and Closing co-locations at the end of relevant

period.

Average Sharing Factor

Average Sharing factor is calculated as the average of the opening and closing number of co-locations divided by average

of the opening and closing number of towers for the relevant period.

Average Towers Average towers are derived by computing the average of the opening and closing towers at the end of relevant period.

Bn Billion

Book Value Per **Equity Share** 

Total shareholder's equity as at the end of the relevant period divided by outstanding equity shares as at the end of the

relevant period.

Capex It includes investment in gross fixed assets and capital work in progress for the relevant period.

Capital Employed Capital Employed is defined as sum of equity attributable to equity shareholders and net debt / (net cash) with lease

liabilities.

Circle(s) 22 service areas that the Indian telecommunications market has been segregated into.

Closing Sharing Factor

Closing Sharing factor is calculated as the closing number of co-locations divided by closing number of towers as at the

end of relevant period.

Co-locations Co-location is the total number of sharing operators at a tower, and where there is a single operator at a tower; 'co-location'

refers to that single operator. Co-locations as referred to are revenue-generating co-locations

CSR Corporate Social Responsibility

Cumulative Investments Cumulative Investments comprises of gross fixed assets net of retirements/ disposals (including Capital Work In Progress).

Earnings Per Share (EPS)-Basic

It is computed by dividing net profit or loss attributable for the period to equity shareholders by the weighted average number of equity shares outstanding during the period.

Earnings Per Share (EPS)- Diluted

Diluted earnings per share is calculated by adjusting net profit or loss for the period attributable to equity shareholders and the weighted average number of shares outstanding during the period for the effects of all dilutive potential equity shares.

**EBIT** Earnings before interest, taxation excluding other income for the relevant period.

EBIT (Including Other Income)

Earnings before interest, taxation including other income for the relevant period.

**EBITDA** 

Earnings before interest, taxation, depreciation and amortization excluding other income for the relevant period. It is defined as operating income and does not include depreciation and amortization expense, finance cost (net), tax expense and charity & donation.

EBITDA (Including Other Income)

Earnings before interest, taxation, depreciation and amortization and charity and donation including other income for the relevant period.

Enterprise Value (EV)

Calculated as sum of Market Capitalization plus Net Debt / (Net Cash) with lease liabilities as at the end of the relevant period

EV / EBITDA (times)

Except for period from April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020, it is computed by dividing Enterprise Value as at the end of the relevant period ('EV') by EBITDA for the preceding (last) 12 months from the end of the relevant period. For the financial year ended March 31 2020, it is computed by dividing Enterprise Value as at the end of the relevant period (EV) by annualized EBITDA for the end of the relevant period.

Future Minimum Lease Payment Receivable The Company has entered into long term non-cancellable agreements to provide infrastructure services to telecom operators. Future Minimum Lease Payment Receivable represents minimum amounts receivable in future under the above long term non-cancellable agreements.

Finance Cost (Net)

Calculated as Finance Cost less Finance Income

Free Cash Flow

Calculated as Cash Flow from operations less tax payments, less net tangible capital expenditure, less net intangible capital expenditure, plus net proceeds from asset sales, less repayment of lease liabilities (incl interest) and less net interest.

GAAP Generally Accepted Accounting Principle

IGAAP Indian Generally Accepted Accounting Principle

IND AS Indian Accounting Standards

Intangibles Comprises of acquisition cost of software.

Interest Coverage Ratio (LTM)

For the full year ended March 31, 2018 and March 31, 2019, it is computed by dividing EBITDA for the preceding (last) 12 months from the end of relevant period by finance cost for the preceding (last) 12 months. For the financial year ended March 31, 2020, it is computed by dividing year till date EBITDA by year till date finance cost (net) for that relevant period. From the period ended June 30, 2020, it is computed by dividing EBITDA for the preceding (last) 12 months from the end of relevant period by finance cost (net) for the preceding (last) 12 months.

IRU Indefeasible right to use
LTM Last Twelve months

Lean Represents feather sites.

Market Capitalization Number of current issued and outstanding shares multiplied by closing market price (NSE) as at end of the period.

Mn Million

MSA Master Service Agreement

Maintenance & General Corporate Capex Represents the capital expenditure undertaken by the company for general maintenance, upkeep and replacement of equipments installed at the Towers which is undertaken on the end of their useful life as well as General Corporate related capital expenditure such as on office/ facilities and information technology.

NA Not ascertainable

Net Debt / (Net Cash) with Lease Liabilities It is not an IND AS measure and is defined as the sum of long-term, short-term borrowings and current maturities of long-term borrowings, current and non-current lease liabilities minus cash and cash equivalents, current and non-current investments, and other bank balances as at the end of the relevant period.

Net Debt / (Net Cash) without Lease Liabilities It is not an IND AS measure and is defined as the sum of long-term, short-term borrowings and current maturities of long-term borrowings, minus cash and cash equivalents, current and non-current investments, and other bank balances as at the end of the relevant period.

Net Debt / (Net Cash) with Lease Liabilities to EBITDA Except for period from April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020, it is computed by dividing net debt / (net cash) with lease liabilities as at the end of the relevant period by EBITDA for preceding (last) 12 months from the end of the relevant period. For the

financial year ended March 31 2020, it is computed by dividing net debt / (net cash) with lease liabilities as at the end of the relevant period by annualized EBITDA of year till date period.

Net Debt / (Net Cash) to Funded Equity Ratio It is computed by dividing net debt / (net cash) with lease liabilities as at the end of the relevant period by Equity attributable to equity shareholders as at the end of the relevant period.

Operating Free Cash flow

It is not an IND AS measure and is defined as EBITDA adjusted for Capex and Non Cash IND AS measures, i.e., operating lease revenue/expense on security deposit received/paid till March 31, 2019. From the period ended June 30, 2019 onwards it is defined as Adjusted EBITDA less Capex for the period.

PE Ratio

Price to Earnings ratio is calculated as closing market price (NSE) as at the end of relevant period, divided by diluted annual earnings per share. Annual Diluted Earnings per share is calculated by adding the preceding last four quarters diluted Earnings per share.

Return On Capital Employed (ROCE) Pre Tax (LTM) Except for period from April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020, it is computed by dividing sum of EBIT for the preceding (last) 12 months from the end of the relevant period by average (of opening and closing) capital employed during the relevant periods. For the financial year ended March 31 2020, ROCE is computed by dividing the annualized EBIT of year till date period by average of opening capital employed as on April 1, 2019 including opening Ind AS 116 adjustments and closing that of relevant period ended.

Return On Equity (ROE) Pre Tax (LTM)

Except for period from April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020, it is computed by dividing sum of Profit before tax for the preceding (last) 12 months from the end of the relevant period by average (of opening and closing) equity shareholders' funds during the relevant periods. For the financial year ended March 31 2020, it is computed by dividing annualized Profit before tax of year till date period by average of opening equity shareholders' funds as on April 1, 2019 including opening Ind AS 116 adjustments and closing that of relevant period ended.

Return On Equity (ROE) Post Tax-(LTM)

Except for period from April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020, it is computed by dividing sum of Profit after tax for the preceding (last) 12 months from the end of the relevant period by average (of opening and closing) equity shareholders' funds during the relevant periods. For the financial year ended March 31 2020, it is computed by dividing annualized Profit after tax of year till date period by average of opening equity shareholders' funds as on April 1, 2019 including opening Ind AS 116 adjustments and closing that of relevant period ended.

Revenue per Employee per month It is computed by dividing the Total Revenues (net of inter-segment eliminations) by the average number of on – roll employees in the business unit and number of months in the relevant period.

Revenue Equalization It represents the effect of fixed escalations (as per the terms of service agreements with customers) recognized on straight line basis over the fixed, non-cancellable term of the agreement, as applicable.

Right of use Asset

An asset that represents a lessee's right to use an underlying asset for the lease term. This is calculated on the inception of the lease term basis the present value of lease payments over the lease term.

ROC Registrar of Companies

SHA Shareholders Agreement

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Sharing Operator A party granted access to a tower and who has installed active infrastructure at the tower

Sharing Revenue It represents total revenue excluding energy reimbursements accrued during the relevant period.

Sharing revenue per Sharing Operator per month Is calculated on the basis of sharing revenues accrued during the relevant period divided by the average number of colocations for the period (including such co-locations for which exit notices have been received, but actual exits have not yet happened as at period end), determined on the basis of opening and closing number of co-locations for the relevant period.

Sharing revenue per Tower per month

Is calculated on the basis of sharing revenues accrued during the relevant period divided by the average number of towers for the period, determined on the basis of opening and closing number of towers for the relevant period.

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Towers Infrastructure located at a site which is permitted by applicable law to be shared, including, but not limited to, the tower, shelter, diesel generator sets and other alternate energy sources, battery banks, air conditioners and electrical works. Towers as referred to are revenue generating towers

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Tower and Related Infrastructure

Infrastructure Located at site which is permitted by applicable law to be shared, including, but not limited to, the tower, shelter, diesel generator sets and other alternate energy sources, battery banks, air conditioners and electrical works

# 11.2 Regulatory Terms

DoT Department of Telecommunications

IP-1 Infrastructure Provider Category 1

NSE National Stock Exchange

SEBI Securities and Exchange Board of India

CCI Competition Commission of India

TRAI Telecom Regulatory Authority of India

# 11.3 Others (Industry) Terms

BTS Base Transceiver Station

CII Confederation of Indian Industry

DG Diesel Generator

EMF Electro Magnetic Field

FCU Free Cooling Units

FDI Foreign Direct Investment

GBT Ground Based Towers

IBS In-building Solutions

IPMS Integrated Power Management Systems

OFC Optical Fiber Cable

PAN Presence Across Nation

PPC Plug and Play Cabinet

RET Renewable Energy Technology

RTT Roof Top Towers

TAIPA Tower and Infrastructure Providers Association

TSP Telecom Service Provider

Wi-Fi Wireless Fidelity

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