

January 5, 2024

**BSE Limited** 

Phiroze Jeejeebhoy Towers, Dalal Street, Fort, Mumbai 400 001

**Scrip Code:** 543940

Dear Sirs,

## **National Stock Exchange of India Limited**

Exchange Plaza,

Plot No. C/1, G Block, Bandra-Kurla Complex,

Bandra (East), Mumbai 400 051

Trading Symbol: JIOFIN

Sub: Your letter dated January 5, 2024, seeking clarification/confirmation on the news item "Jio Financial, BlackRock file papers with SEBI for MF business" appearing in https://www.thehindubusinessline.com

With reference to the above, we wish to inform you that Jio Financial Services Ltd (the Company) along with Blackrock had in a joint press release dated July 26, 2023, announced that the Company and BlackRock have agreed to form a Joint Venture to enter India's Asset Management Industry. Accordingly, the Company and Blackrock made an application to Securities and Exchange Board of India on October 19, 2023, seeking approval for Jio Financial Services Ltd and Blackrock Financial Management, Inc to act as co-sponsors of a Mutual Fund.

Further, please note that the Company, being an unlisted entity on July 26, 2023, submitted the aforesaid joint press release dated July 26, 2023 to BSE Limited and National Stock Exchange of India Limited (copy of the intimation attached) on the same day through its then parent, Reliance Industries Limited.

Thanking you, Yours faithfully,

For Jio Financial Services Limited

V Mohana Group Company Secretary and Compliance Officer



Mumbai 400 051

July 26, 2023

**BSE Limited** 

Phiroze Jeejeebhoy Towers, Dalal Street, Mumbai 400 001

Scrip Code: 500325 Trading Symbol: RELIANCE

Dear Sirs,

Sub: Press Release by Jio Financial Services Limited

Please find enclosed intimation from Jio Financial Services Limited ("JFSL") made to the Company on the press release titled "Jio Financial Services and BlackRock Agree to Form Joint Venture to Enter India's Asset Management Industry".

Kindly take the same on record.

Yours faithfully,

For Reliance Industries Limited

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Savithri Parekh
Company Secretary and Compliance Officer

Encl.: As above.

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Singapore 068804

**National Stock Exchange of India Limited** 

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



July 26, 2023

Reliance Industries Limited 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Maker Chambers IV, 222, Nariman Point Mumbai 400 021

Dear Sirs,

Sub: Press Release

Please find attached a press release by the Company, titled "Jio Financial Services and BlackRock agree to form Joint Venture to enter India's Asset Management Industry." We request you to forward this disclosure to BSE Limited and National Stock Exchange of India Limited.

The transaction does not fall within related party transactions and none of the Company's promoter / promoter group / group companies have any interest in the transaction.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

For Jio Financial Services Limited

V. Mohana

**Company Secretary and Compliance Officer** 



# BlackRock.



## **Press Release**

## Jio Financial Services and BlackRock Agree to Form Joint Venture to Enter India's Asset Management Industry

- Jio BlackRock combines Jio Financial Services' knowledge and resources and BlackRock's scale and investment expertise to deliver affordable, innovative investment solutions to millions of investors in India.
- Partnership aims to transform India's asset management industry through a digital-first offering and democratise access to investment solutions for investors in India.

**Global/APAC/Mumbai, July 26, 2023 – Jio Financial Services Limited (JFS)** and **BlackRock** [NYSE: BLK] today announced an agreement to form Jio BlackRock, a 50:50 joint venture that combines the respective strengths and trusted brands of BlackRock and JFS to deliver tech-enabled access to affordable, innovative investment solutions for millions of investors in India.

Jio BlackRock brings BlackRock's deep expertise and talent in investment management, risk management, product excellence, access to technology, operations, scale, and intellectual capital around markets, while JFS contributes local market knowledge, digital infrastructure capabilities and robust execution capabilities. Together, the partnership will introduce a new player to the India market with a unique combination of scope, scale, and resources. JFS and BlackRock are targeting initial investment of US\$150 million each in the joint venture.

**Rachel Lord, Chair & Head of APAC, BlackRock**, said: "India represents an enormously important opportunity. The convergence of rising affluence, favourable demographics, and digital transformation across industries is reshaping the market in incredible ways.

We are very excited to be partnering with JFS to revolutionise India's asset management industry and transform financial futures. Jio BlackRock will place the combined strength and scale of both of our companies in the hands of millions of investors in India."

Speaking on this transaction, **Mr Hitesh Sethia, President and CEO, JFS**, said: "This is an exciting partnership between JFS and BlackRock, one of the largest and most respected asset management companies globally. The partnership will leverage BlackRock's deep expertise in investment and risk management along with the technology capability and deep market expertise of JFS to drive digital delivery of products.

Jio BlackRock will be a truly transformational, customer centric and digital-first enterprise with the vision to democratise access to financial investment solutions and deliver financial well-being to the doorstep of every Indian."

The joint venture will launch operations post receipt of regulatory and statutory approvals. The company will have its own management team.

## About BlackRock

BlackRock's purpose is to help more and more people experience financial well-being. As a fiduciary to investors and a leading provider of financial technology, we help millions of people build savings that serve them throughout their lives by making investing easier and more affordable. For additional information on BlackRock, please visit www.blackrock.com/corporate.

#### About BlackRock India

BlackRock India is at the very heart of our global operating platform, enabling us to innovate our business to benefit clients. Over the past 17 years, our India platform has grown to over 2,400 employees across offices in Mumbai, Gurgaon, and Bangalore powering our global network by employing talents across investments, alternatives, operations, analytics and modelling, and corporate functions.

## **About Jio Financial Services Limited**

Jio Financial Services Limited (JFS) through its operating subsidiaries and joint ventures will offer broad range of financial services solutions addressing the needs of both consumers and merchants. JFS will use technology as a key enabler to reach customers directly.

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