BENARES HOTELS LIMITED

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November 6, 2019

BSE Limited,
Corporate Relationship Department,
1st Floor, New Trading Ring,
Rotunda Building,
Dalal Street, Fort,
Mumbai – 400 001
Scrip Code: 509438

SUB: OUTCOME OF THE BOARD MEETING

Re: Unaudited Financial Results for the period/half year ended September 30, 2019 and Limited Review Report

Dear Sir,

We refer to our letter dated October 14, 2019. A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company was held earlier today, at which the Board inter-alia, considered and took on record the Un-audited (Reviewed) Financial Results along with the Limited Review Report thereon for the quarter ended September 30, 2019.

The meeting commenced at 3.00 p.m. and concluded at 6.05 p.m.

Please find enclosed the copy of the said unaudited financial results of the Company along with the Limited Review Report, being forwarded to you in terms of EBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.

The said results shall be published in English and vernacular newspapers as required.

You are requested to kindly take the same on record.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

for Benare s Hotels Ltd.

Vanika Mahajan

Company Secretary

Encl. a/a

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PKF SRIDHAR & SANTHANAM LLP

Chartered Accountants

Independent Auditor's Review Report on Review of Interim Financial Results

To the Board of Directors of Benares Hotels Limited

We have reviewed the unaudited financial results of Benares Hotels Limited (the "Company") for the quarter and half year ended September 30th, 2019, which are included in the accompanying 'Statement of Financial Results for the quarter and half year ended September 30th, 2019 together with the notes thereon (the "Statement"). The Statement which has been initialed by us for identification, has been prepared by the Company pursuant to Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, as amended ("Listing Obligations").

Management Responsibility

This Statement which is the responsibility of the Company's Management and approved by the Board of Directors, has been prepared in accordance with the recognition and measurement principles laid down in the Indian Accounting Standard 34 "Interim Financial Reporting" ("Ind AS 34"), prescribed under section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with relevant rules issued thereunder and other accounting principles generally accepted in India.

Auditors Responsibility

Our responsibility is to issue a report on the Statement based on our review.

We conducted our review of the Statement in accordance with the Standard on Review Engagement (SRE) 2410 'Review of Interim Financial Information performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity', issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India. This standard requires that we plan and perform the review to obtain moderate assurance as to whether the Statement is free of material misstatement. A review is limited primarily to inquiries of Company personnel and analytical procedures applied to financial data and thus provides less assurance than an audit. We have not performed an audit and accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion.

Conclusion

Based on our review conducted as above, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the accompanying Statement prepared in accordance with the aforesaid Indian Accounting Standards and other accounting principles generally accepted in India, has not disclosed the information required to be disclosed in terms of Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, including the manner in which it is to be disclosed, or that it contains any material misstatement.

For PKF Sridhar & Santhanam LLP

Chartered Accountants

Firm Registration No.003990S/S200018

R. Suriyanarayanan

Partner
Membership No: 201402

UDIN: 19201402 AAAA D 116827

Date: 06th November 2019

Place: Mumbai

BENARES HOTELS LIMITED

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND HALF YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2019

Figures in ₹ Lakhs

		Quarter Ended			Half year ended Year Ended		
	Particulars	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited
		Sep 30, 2019	Jun 30, 2019	Sep 30, 2018	Sep 30, 2019	Sep 30, 2018	Mar 31, 2019
1	Income from Operations	1,121.58	1,178.12	967.97	2,299.70	1,963.59	5,967.65
2	Other Income	0.85	5.55	4.36	6.40	43.25	71.15
3	Total Income	1,122.43	1,183.67	972.33	2,306.10	2,006.84	6,038.80
4	Expenses						
	a. Cost of Materials Consumed	121.87	129.42	111.09	251.29	226.08	588.47
	b. Employee Benefits Expense	288.18	278.62	255.35	566.80	510.03	1,059.78
	c. Operating Fee	62.53	67.60	49.96	130.13	104.59	413.99
	d. Fuel, Power and Light	124.79	135.46	142.02	260.25	270.03	519.25
	e. Depreciation and Amortisation Expense	149.66	142.96	119.91	292.62	246.36	522.88
	f. Finance Costs	27.09	22.09	11.19	49.18	22.33	75.80
	g. Other Expenditure	339.89	353.35	262.89	693.24	571.75	1,640.91
	Total Expenses	1,114.01	1,129.50	952.41	2,243.51	1,951.17	4,821.08
5	Profit/ (Loss) before Exceptional Items	8.42	54.17	19.92	62.59	55.67	1,217.72
	Exceptional items		8		353	E	
6	Profit/ (Loss) before tax	8.42	54.17	19.92	62.59	55.67	1,217.72
	Tax Expense						
	Income Tax	0.06	13.72	3.79	13.78	11.15	271.54
	Deferred Tax	(56.69)	2.65	1.96	(54.04)	4.19	73.89
7	Tax Expense	(56.63)	16.37	5.75	(40.26)	15.34	345.43
8	Profit/ (Loss) after tax from continuing operations	65.05	37.80	14.17	102.85	40.33	872.29
9	Other Comprehensive Income/ (loss) (Net of tax)						
	Items that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit and loss			-			
	Remeasurement of defined benefit obligation	-		2.32	::	2.32	2.95
	Less :-income tax expense	1	2	0.49	34	0.49	0.82
	Other Comprehensive income for the period, net of tax	Ē	> 8	1.83	•	1.83	2.13
	Total Comprehensive Income						
	(Comprising Profit/ (Loss) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax))	65.05	37.80	16.00	102.85	42.16	874.42
	Paid-up Equity Share Capital (Face value per share - ₹ 10 each) Other Equity (excluding Revaluation Reserves) Earnings Per Share	130.00	130.00	130.00	130.00	130.00	130.00 7,040.24
	(Face value - ₹ 10 each) Basic and Diluted (in ₹) (* not annualised) See accompanying notes to the financial results	* 5.00	* 2.91	* 1.09	* 7.91	* 3.10	67.10



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BENARES HOTELS LIMITED STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT SEPTEMBER 30, 2019

Figures in ₹ Lakhs As at As at As at Mar 31, 2019 Sep 30, 2018 **Particulars** Sep 30, 2019 Unaudited Unaudited Audited **ASSETS NON-CURRENT ASSETS** 8,042.03 7,085.16 8,070.72 Property, Plant and Equipment 128.49 Right to Use Assets 619.36 684.11 132.19 Capital work-in-progress 81.27 84.69 73.94 Intangible Assets 7,853.96 8,871.15 8.276.85 Financial Assets: 26.22 21.21 Other non-current financial assets 25.29 376.10 309.22 201.61 Advance income tax (net) Other Non-current Assets 91.95 131.17 120.84 9,364.49 8.315.56 8.625.52 **CURRENT ASSETS** Inventories 107.53 138.40 128.23 **Financial Assets:** Trade and other receivables 234.95 307.51 434.91 Cash and Cash Equivalents 60.94 118.05 112.02 Other Balances with Banks 57.44 151.19 178.22 Other financial assets 72.93 74.48 128.48 Other Current Assets 86.96 133.25 52.44 620.75 922.88 1,034.30 **TOTAL ASSETS** 9,985.24 9,238.44 9,659.82 **EQUITY AND LIABILITIES EQUITY** 130.00 **Equity Share capital** 130.00 130.00 6.755.41 6,207.98 7,040.24 Other Equity **Total Equity** 6,885.41 6,337.98 7,170.24 LIABILITIES Non-current Liabilities Financial Liabilities: Lease Liabilities 345.08 40.40 35.94 Employee benefit obligations 46.58 535.66 578.00 648.52 Deferred Tax Liabilities (net) 927.32 618.40 684.46 **Current Liabilities** Financial Liabilities: 1,200.00 500.00 1,000.00 Borrowings Trade Payables 1.93 - Due to Micro and Small Enterprises 5.00 2.52 416.04 454.59 689.30 - Due to Others 504.45 347.95 485.95 Other financial Liabilities 8.63 6.46 20.51 Employee benefit obligations Other current liabilities 238.39 270.54 107.43 1,805.12 2,172.51 2,282.06 **TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES** 9,238.44 9,659.82

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2019

Particulars	For the Half Year ended Sep 30, 2019 Unaudited	For the Half Year ended Sep 30, 2018 Unaudited	Figures in ₹ Lakhs For the Year ended Mar 31, 2019 Audited
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Net Profit Before Tax	62.59	55.67	1217.72
Adjustments For :			
Depreciation and Amortisation	291.11	246.36	522.88
Depreciation on Right to Use Assets	1.52	-	= 1
(Gain)/ Loss on sale of assets	33.49	(29.16)	(29.16)
Finance Cost	31.93	22.33	75.80
Interest on lease liability	17.25	æ	#
Interest Income	(4.70)	(9.66)	(25.17)
Provision for doubtful debts		7	4.31
Provision for Employee Benefits	-	2.32	2.95
	370.60	232.19	551.61
Cash Operating Profit before working capital changes Adjustments For:	433.19	287.86	1,769.33
Trade Receivables	199.96	100.48	(31.22)
Inventories	20.70	(13.63)	(3.46)
Non Current- Other Financial Asset	0.94	(2.25)	(7.27)
Other non-current assets	34.75	10.45	(15.98)
Current-Other Financial Assets	53.53	45.52	(12.34)
Other current assets	(34.52)	(11.07)	69.74
Trade Payables	(277.42)	(150.34)	83.77
Current liabilities- Other Financial Liabilities	144.38	97.60	(17.28)
Other Liabilities & Provisions	(1.23)	(4.54)	5.06
Total Changes in working capital (increase)/decrease in operating assets	141.09	72.22	71.02
Cash Generated from Operating Activities	574.28	360.08	1,840.35
Direct Taxes Paid	(188.27)	(114.73)	(267.01)
Net Cash From Operating Activities (A)	386.01	245.35	1,573.34
Cash Flow From Investing Activities			
Purchase of Fixed Assets	(846.21)	(1,105.25)	(1,675.56)
Proceeds from Sale of Fixed Assets	` 50.07 [°]	36.37	36.37
Interest Received	6.71	5.43	24.79
Bank Balances not considered as Cash and Cash Equivalents	120.78	7.06	(19.97)
Net Cash Used In Investing Activities (B)	(668.65)	(1,056.39)	(1,634.37)
Cash Flow From Financing Activities			
Payment of lease liabilities	(6.38)		
Proceeds from other short-term borrowings	500.00	700.00	77/3
Interest Paid	(26.98)	(17.32)	(73.36)
Dividend Paid (Including tax on dividend)	(235.08)	(235.10)	(235.10)
Net Cash From/ (Used) In Financing Activities (C)	231.56	447.58	(308.46)
Net Increase/ (Decrease) in Cash and cash equivalents (A + B + C)	(51.08)	(363.46)	(369.49)
Opening balance of Cash and cash equivalents	112.02	481.51	481.51
Closing balance of Cash and cash equivalents	60.94	118.05	112.02
Net Increase/ (Decrease) in Cash and cash equivalents	(51.08)	(363.46)	(369.49)

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Notes:

- These results were reviewed by the Audit Committee of the Board on November 06, 2019 and subsequently approved by the Board of Directors at its meeting held on November 06, 2019. The results have been reviewed by the Statutory Auditors of the Company.
- 2. In view of the seasonality of the sector, the financial results for the quarter and half year ended September 30, 2019 are not indicative of the full year's expected performance.
- 3. These financial results for the quarter and half year ended September 30, 2019 and corresponding period of the previous year have been prepared in accordance with the recognition and measurement principles as laid down in the Ind AS 34 Interim Financial Reporting prescribed under Section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with the relevant rules i.e. Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rule, 2015 and the other accounting practices & policies generally accepted in India.
- 4. Net Sales / Income from operations for the quarter ended September 30, 2019 is higher by 15.87% and half year ended September 30, 2019, is higher by 17.12% over the corresponding period of the previous year.
- 5. Effective April 1, 2019, the Company has adopted Ind AS 116 "Leases" and applied to lease contracts existing on April 1, 2019 by electing the Modified Retrospective option (Para C5(b) of the Application Guidance of this Standard) and has taken the cumulative adjustment to retained earnings, on the date of initial application. Accordingly, comparatives for the year ended March 31, 2019 have not been retrospectively adjusted. On transition, the adoption of the new standard resulted in recognition of Right-of-Use asset (ROU) of INR 130.00 lakhs and a lease liability of INR 341.43 lakhs. The cumulative effect of applying the standard resulted in adjusting retained earnings net of taxes of INR 152.61 lakhs (including the impact of deferred tax created of INR 58.82 lakhs) as at April 1, 2019.

In the Statement of Profit and Loss account for the current quarter, the nature of expenses in respect of operating leases has changed from lease rent to depreciation cost for the right-to-use asset and finance cost for interest accrued on lease liability. The figures for the quarter and half year (with and without the impact of the new Lease Standard) for comparative purposes only is as under:

In INR Lakhs

Particulars	Half Year ended September 2019 (After adoption of Ind AS 116)	Half Year ended September 2019 (Before adoption of Ind AS 116)	Half Year ended September 2018 (without adjustment for Ind AS 116)
Expenses			
Finance Costs	49.18	31.93	22.33
Depreciation Expense	292.62	291.11	246.36
Other Operating and General Expenses	1,901.71	1,915.31	1,682.48
Total Expenses	2,243.51	2,238.35	1,951.17
Profit/(Loss) Before tax	62.59	67.75	55.67

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- 6. The Company has elected to exercise the option permitted under Section 115BAA of the Income -Tax Act, 1961 as introduced by the Taxation Laws (Amendment) Ordinance, 2019. Accordingly, the Company has recognized Provision for Income Tax for the six months ended September 30, 2019 and re-measured its Deferred Tax Liability basis the rate prescribed in the said Section. The full impact of this change has been recognized in the statement of Profit & Loss during the quarter.
- 7. Disclosure of segment wise information is not applicable as Hoteliering is the Company's only business segment.

For BENARES HOTELS LIMITED

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DR. ANANT NARAIN SINGH

CHAIRMAN (DIN: 00114728)

Dated: November 06, 2019

Place: Mumbai

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