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National Stock Exchange of India Ltd., Exchange Plaza, 5th Floor, Plot No.C/1, G Block, Bandra-Kurla Complex, Bandra (E), Mumbai – 400 051. SCRIP CODE: SOUTHBANK	BSE Ltd. Department of Corporate Services (Listing), First Floor, New Trading Wing, Rotunda Building, P J Towers, Dalal Street, Fort, Mumbai – 400 001. SCRIP CODE: 532218
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Dear Madam/Sir,

Sub: Intimation under Regulation 30 & 51 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 - Credit Ratings

This is to inform that, India Ratings and Research Pvt Ltd, vide their communication dated October 18, 2023, has discontinued and withdrawn the outstanding voluntary issuer rating disclosure (IND A+) of The South Indian Bank Ltd, in line with Regulatory requirements (SEBI Master Circular for Credit Rating Agencies dated 03 July 2023). All outstanding instrument ratings of the Bank remains unaffected and this action should not be construed as a change to the credit profile of the Bank. A copy of Press release issued by India Ratings and Research Pvt Ltd is enclosed.

You are requested to kindly take the above intimation on record in terms of Regulations 30 & 51 of SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015.

The aforesaid information is also being hosted on the website of the Bank www.southindianbank.com

Kindly take the same in your records.

Yours faithfully,

(JIMMY MATHEW)
COMPANY SECRETARY

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India Ratings Discontinues Voluntary Issuer Rating Disclosure due to Regulatory Requirements; All Outstanding Instrument Rating Remain Unaffected for The South Indian Bank Limited

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India Ratings and Research (Ind-Ra) has discontinued voluntary disclosure of issuer ratings in its rating action commentaries (RACs), due to the regulatory requirement. It may be noted that all outstanding instrument ratings remain unaffected and this action should not be construed as a change to the credit profile.

An issuer rating “indicates the degree of safety of the issuer or the rated entity with regard to timely servicing of all its debt obligations.” An issuer rating helps investors understand the relative vulnerability to default at an issuer level as it is not influenced by instrument-specific features such as credit enhancement or subordination. This makes it comparable across industry groups and also provides a perspective to issuers that the credit profile has factored in the entire debt obligations of the issuer. Ind-Ra’s corporates and financial institutions rating methodologies involve determining an issuer rating first and then assigning instrument ratings, by factoring in instrument-specific characteristics. Ind-Ra had been disclosing Issuer Ratings, wherever applicable, in its RACs along with instrument ratings as a global best credit rating disclosure practice.

The Securities & Exchange Board of India (SEBI) had introduced a specific 'Issuer Ratings' rating scale, which is available in the **Master Circular for Credit Rating Agencies dated 3 July 2023 at section 5.3, page 12**. With a specific rating scale for issuer rating now being available, Ind-Ra will no longer be able to maintain the voluntary issuer rating disclosure without an agreement for specifically assigning issuer rating. Hence, in line with SEBI’s guidelines on assigning credit ratings, Ind-Ra has decided to discontinue issuer rating disclosures. It should be noted that Ind-Ra will continue to offer issuer ratings as a rating service on SEBI specified issuer rating scale, in line with the extant guidelines.

Following the revision in assigning issuer rating practice, the outstanding voluntary issuer rating disclosure of The South Indian Bank at IND A+ stands withdrawn. Ind-Ra again wishes to highlight that all outstanding instrument ratings remain unaffected and the rating action on issuer ratings should not be construed as a change to the credit

profile. Please refer to the following link for the last published rating action commentaries which contains a list of outstanding ratings and key rating drivers, among other details: **Clickhere**

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