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NSE Scrip Symbol: BLS	BSE Scrip Code: 540073	MSE Scrip Symbol: BLS

**Subject: Press Release**

Dear Sir / Madam,

Pursuant to Regulation 30 read with Schedule III of Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations 2015, please find enclosed a Press Release dated October 16, 2023 with respect to BLS International wins another Schengen Global Visa Outsourcing Contract for Slovakia.

You are requested to take the same on your records.

**For BLS International Services Limited**

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**Dharak A. Mehta**  
**Company Secretary and Compliance Officer**  
**ICSI Membership No.: FCS 12878**

Encl: as above

## **BLS International Wins Another Schengen Global Visa Outsourcing Contract for Slovakia**

**New Delhi, 16 October 2023**, BLS International Services Ltd, a global leader in outsourcing services for governments and diplomatic missions, has signed an exclusive global visa outsourcing contract for Slovakia in 18 countries with more than 54 offices. According to industry data, 2.64 million tourists visited Slovakia in 2021, and this number is expected to increase in line with travel trends.

BLS International's extensive experience in providing exceptional visa services has earned them the privilege of working with the Schengen member countries. With this new contract, BLS International will be entrusted with the responsibility of not only offering Tourist visa services and Business visa services but also national visa services, all with the aim of facilitating seamless travel and immigration procedures.

**"Mr. Shikhar Aggarwal, Joint Managing Director of BLS International Services Ltd.**, said, *"We extend our sincere appreciation to the Slovakia government for entrusting BLS International as their visa outsourcing partner. This collaboration reflects our steadfast commitment to excellence and unwavering dedication to delivering efficient, secure visa services. Aligned with the core Schengen principles, we are eager to enhance the visa application experience for all, setting new industry benchmarks through innovation and customer-centric solutions. As Slovakia emerges as an enticing and fascinating new tourism destination, significantly contributing to the growth of the travel industry, we are keen to play our part. This endeavor harmonizes perfectly with our core values of excellence, efficiency, and security."*

Notably, this achievement marks a significant addition to BLS International's portfolio of Schengen countries. The company already collaborates with Schengen member states such as Hungary, Portugal, Poland, Spain, Germany and Italy, offering a wide range of visa and consular services. Slovakia's inclusion in this elite group further solidifies BLS International's position as a trusted partner for governments and visa applicants alike.

### **About BLS International:**

BLS International Services Ltd. is a trusted global tech-enabled services partner for governments and citizens, having an impeccable reputation for setting benchmarks in the domain of visa, passport, consular, citizen, e-governance, attestation, biometric, e-visa and retail services since 2005.

The company is recognized as “India’s Most Valuable Companies” by Business Today Magazine, “Best under a Billion’ Company” by Forbes Asia, and ranked among “Fortune India’s Next 500 companies”. The company works with over 46 client governments including Diplomatic Missions, Embassies and consulates, and leverages technology and processes that ensure data security. The Company now has an extensive network of more than 50,000 centers globally with a robust strength of over 60,000 employees and associates that provide consular, biometrics, and citizen services. BLS has processed over 220 million applications to date globally.

BLS International is certified with as CMMI DEV L5 V2.0 & SVC L5 V2.0, ISO 9001:2015 for Quality Management Systems, ISO 27001:2013 for Information Security Management Systems, ISO 14001:2015 for Environmental Management Systems, and more. BLS International is the only listed company in this domain with operations.