

04<sup>th</sup> March, 2021

To,

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**Sub: Submission of Newspaper Advertisement under Reg. 47 of SEBI (Listing Obligations & Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015**

Dear Sirs,

With reference to the captioned subject and in terms of Regulation 47 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, read with Rule 20 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2020 as amended please find extract of the Newspaper Advertisement published in the Business Standard Hindi as well as English edition on 04<sup>th</sup> March, 2021 for giving Notice of the Extra Ordinary General Meeting of the Company to be held on Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2021, at 1:00 p.m. (IST) through Video Conferencing / Other Audio Visual Means only along with the Remote e-voting information and book closure. An extract of the aforesaid advertisement is enclosed for your reference.

Kindly take the above on record.

Thanking you,

For SPML Infra Limited

*Swati Agarwal*

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# Covaxin 81% effective, works against UK variant: Bharat Bio

Interim analysis of phase 3 trial a boost for indigenous vax

SOHINI DAS  
Mumbai, 3 March

Covaxin has shown an interim efficacy of 81 per cent in its phase 3 clinical trial, Bharat Biotech said on Wednesday, a big boost for the indigenous Covid-19 vaccine which is already in use. Covaxin, stable at 2-8 degrees Celsius, has also shown efficacy against the UK strain.

The AstraZeneca-Oxford vaccine has shown a 62 per cent efficacy with two full doses, and 90 per cent efficacy in one half and one full dose regimen. Russian vaccine Sputnik V has a 91.6 per cent efficacy in interim analysis data from 19,866 volunteers.

Covaxin, co-developed by ICMR and Bharat Biotech, had been approved by the drug regulator in clinical trial mode in January. The phase 3 studies over 25,800 subjects were underway at the time.

The approval had created a public furor and some doubt among the medical community. The government machinery had to spring into action, with



President Ram Nath Kovind receives the first dose of vaccine during the second phase of inoculation

the director general of ICMR saying data generated in phase two serves as a surrogate for efficacy. The ICMR said in a statement on Wednesday: "The bench-to-bedside journey of the completely indigenous vaccine in less than eight months' time showcases the immense strength of Atmanirbhar Bharat to fight the odds and stand tall in the global public health community. It is also a testament to India's emergence as a global vaccine superpower."

Meanwhile, Bharat Biotech

is gearing up to produce 40 million doses a month.

### Interim efficacy

The candidate has shown efficacy of 80.6 per cent in a phase 3 covering participants between 18-98 years of age. This included 2,433 people over the age of 60 and 4,500 people with comorbidities. Bharat Biotech CMD Krishna Ella has earlier said they can re-engineer their product in 15 days for other mutant strains once they have the isolated strain.

## You can now get a jab at hospitals 24x7

AGENCIES  
3 March

The government has lifted the time restriction on receiving Covid-19 vaccine jabs so as to increase the pace of immunisation, Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan said on Wednesday.

"The government has lifted the time restriction to increase the speed of vaccination. People can now get vaccinated 24x7 according to their convenience. Prime Minister Narendra Modi understands the value of health as well as the time of citizens," Vardhan tweeted. Union Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan told a press conference on Tuesday that the timeline of vaccinating the beneficiaries from 9 am to 5 pm has been done away with.

"Co-WIN 2.0 does not provide 9 am-5 pm vaccina-

tion sessions... If a hospital has the capacity, the system permits it to do vaccination even after 5 pm in consultation with the state government," he said.

### Infosys, Accenture to cover vaccination costs

Infosys and Accenture said on Wednesday they would cover vaccination costs for their employees in India, as the country expands its massive vaccination drive.

"Infosys is looking at partnering with health care providers to vaccinate employees and their immediate families as eligible," Chief Operating Officer Pravin Rao said in an emailed statement. For Accenture, costs for employees and dependents who are eligible and choose to receive the vaccination will be covered, the company said.

## Supply challenges for auto-disable syringe needle pvt hospitals

SOHINI DAS & ISHITA AYAN DUTT  
Mumbai/Kolkata, 3 March

Supply challenges for auto-disable (AD) syringes in the private market may derail the vaccination drive for private hospital networks. After the Centre allowed private hospitals to actively take part in the vaccination for senior citizens and those above 45 years with comorbidities, the demand for AD syringes has gone up. This round of the national immunisation drive has already seen a better turnout and private hospitals are finding it difficult to source AD syringes.

AD 0.5-ml syringes are designed in a way that they cannot pull in more than 0.5 ml. Vaccinators have been trained with AD syringes, which is why private hospitals are insisting on this.

"Since this is a vaccine, the dosage should be perfect. The syringe used for inoculation is a specially-designed one, which has a locking mechanism to prevent extraction of more than 0.5 ml of the vaccine. This syringe is provided by a handful of manufacturers supplying only to the government. There is a shortage of AD syringes," said Rupak Barua, group chief executive officer and director, AMRI Hospitals.

So far, the syringes were being supplied by the state government. These would have to be replaced later by the private hospital.

"On Tuesday, we were informed that the government would not be able to supply further and we would have to procure from the market. We are trying to procure from the market, but the availability is patchy. If it doesn't improve, then vaccinations will drop. We now have stock for one to two days and are trying to procure whatever we get from the market," said Barua.

### SUPPLY-DEMAND SNAPSHOT



- Annual demand for AD syringes: >200-300 million for national immunisation
- In 2021, additional 500-million demand estimated
- Annual demand for disposable syringes: >4 billion syringes and 5 billion needles
- GoI placed orders for 580 million AD syringes
- Industry estimates GoI is carrying buffer stock of few hundred million syringes

For front-line and health workers, the syringes were supplied by the government.

Typically, AD syringes are used by the Government of India (GoI) for the national immunisation programme and the private vaccine market usually uses disposable syringes. Industry sources revealed the health ministry is of the opinion that private hospitals can continue to use disposable syringes for Covid. In some states where the state governments can supply AD syringes to hospitals when they buy the vaccine, it will be done.

In Mumbai, for example, hospitals await clarity on whether they can buy the syringes from the civic authorities. Joy Chakraborty, chief operating officer of city-based Hinduja Hospital said it has started making enquiries about AD syringes about a week back and has secured some samples. In case these

specific syringes are not available, it would await instructions from the epidemiology cell of the civic body.

Some hospital networks like Manipal Group have decided to use tuberculin syringes (which also help to draw an exact amount of dose) for the Covid-19 vaccination drive. They are bearing the cost themselves.

### Why is there a crisis?

The GoI has placed huge orders for AD syringes with manufacturers like Hindustan Syringes & Medical Devices (HMD) who make the DispoVan brand of syringes, and others.

It had placed orders for 230 million syringes earlier, which are to be delivered by April. Now it has placed another order for 350 million syringes, which has to be delivered by September.

Moreover, there is demand from global non-profit organisations like the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) for both Covid and routine immunisation.

According to a document that the manufacturers have shared with the government, India roughly has an annual capacity to make 1.08-billion 0.5-ml AD syringes per annum between key players HMD (720 million), Iscon Surgical (180 million), and Becton, Dickinson and Company (180 million). The three manufacturers are planning to increase this to 1.42 billion (HMD up to 1 billion; Iscon will ramp up to 240 million) by mid-2021.

Rajiv Nath, chairman and managing director of HMD, said it has already ramped up capacities to 800 million pieces per annum and will take it up to 1.2 billion syringes per annum by the April-June quarter of 2021-22.

## PM, ministers pick 'Made in India' vax over AstraZeneca

REUTERS  
New Delhi, 3 March

Ministers and officials were following Prime Minister Narendra Modi lead by opting on Tuesday for an Indian-made Covid-19 vaccine approved without late-stage efficacy data, instead of the AstraZeneca one.

The country's health, foreign and law ministers, and state governors, all flocked to Twitter to express support for the much-criticised

Bharat Biotech's Covaxin vaccine, after it was administered to Modi on Monday.

"Made-in-India vaccines are 100 per cent safe," Health Minister Harsh Vardhan said after being inoculated with Covaxin.

Many state officials and doctors have refused to take Covaxin before its effectiveness could be proved. Bharat Biotech says it has completed the late-stage trial and results will be out this month.

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**Notice of Book Closure**

Notice is hereby given that the Register of Bondholders in respect of the Bonds from the under-mentioned series shall remain closed on the following dates for the purpose of payment of interest.

Sr. No.	PARTICULARS OF THE BOND ISSUE	ISIN No.	BOOK CLOSURE (BC)	DATE OF PAYMENT
1	9.80% BOI Tier II Series - X	INE084A08037	16.03.2021 to 31.03.2021	03/04/2021
2	9.80% BOI Tier II Series - XI	INE084A08045	16.03.2021 to 31.03.2021	03/04/2021
3	8.52% BOI Tier II Series - XII	INE084A08060	16.03.2021 to 31.03.2021	03/04/2021
4	8.57% BOI Tier II Series XIII	INE084A08094	16.03.2021 to 31.03.2021	03/04/2021
5	8.00% BOI Tier II Series XIV	INE084A08110	16.03.2021 to 31.03.2021	03/04/2021
6	9.04% BOI Additional Tier I Series VI	INE084A08136	16.03.2021 to 31.03.2021	03/04/2021

\*The date of payment has been fixed on 03.04.2020 as 01.04.2020 & 02.04.2020 are non-business days in Mumbai.  
Place : Mumbai  
Date : 03-03-2021

COMPANY SECRETARY

**MCX METAL & ENERGY**  
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Multi Commodity Exchange of India Limited

Exchange Square, CTS No. 255, Suren Road, Chakala, Andheri (East), Mumbai - 400 093.

**NOTICE**

This is in with reference to the notice published on July 20, 2020 on page no. 7 of the Business Standard with regards to the application of surrender of membership of **Vinod Shares Limited** Member of MCX having Member ID - 56400 and SEBI Registration No. INZ000175235.

The said member has requested for withdrawal of its Surrender of Membership application with MCX.

In view of the above, **Vinod Shares Limited** will continue to be the member of the Exchange. We request the clients / constituents to make note of the same.

For Multi Commodity Exchange of India Ltd.  
Place: Mumbai  
Date: March 03, 2021

Authorised Signatory - Membership Department

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**Notice Of The Extra Ordinary General Meeting, Remote E-voting Information And Book Closure**

NOTICE is hereby given that the Extra Ordinary General Meeting (EGM) of the Company will be held on Thursday, the 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2021 at 01:00 P.M. through Video Conference ("VC") / Other Audio-Visual Means ("OAVM") to transact the business, as set out in the Notice of the EGM.

Pursuant to the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) Circular no. 20/2020 dated 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2020 read with Circular no. 14/2020 dated 8<sup>th</sup> April, 2020, Circular no. 17/2020 dated 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2020, Circular no. 20/2020 dated 05<sup>th</sup> May, 2020, Circular no. 22/2020 dated 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2020, Circular no. 33/2020 dated 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2020 and Circular no. 39/2020 dated 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2020 (collectively referred to as "MCA Circulars") and SEBI Circular No. SEBI/HO/CFD/CMD1/CIR/P/2020/79 dated 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2020, Companies are permitted to hold Extra Ordinary General Meeting ("EGM") through Video Conference/Other Audio-Visual Means, without the physical presence of the Members at a common venue.

In compliance with aforementioned Circulars, the EGM of the Company will be held on Thursday, the 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2021 at 01:00 P.M. through Video Conference ("VC") / Other Audio-Visual Means ("OAVM"). Further, electronic copies of Notice of EGM have been sent on Wednesday, 03<sup>rd</sup> March, 2021 to all the Members, whose email ids are registered with the Company / Depository Participant.

The Notice of the EGM of the Company is available and can be downloaded from the Company's website www.spml.co.in, and on Stock Exchange's website, National Stock Exchange of India and BSE Limited at www.nseindia.com and www.bseindia.com respectively.

Members holding shares either in physical form or in dematerialized form, as on the cut-off date i.e. Thursday, the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2021 may cast their vote electronically on the business as set out in the Notice of EGM through electronic voting system of National Securities Depository Limited (remote e-voting). All the Members are hereby informed that:

- The business, as set out in the Notice of EGM, may be transacted through remote e-voting or e-voting system at the EGM;
- The Register of Members and Share Transfer Books of the Company will remain closed from Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2021 to Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2021 (both days inclusive) for the purpose of EGM;
- The remote e-voting shall commence on Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2021 (9:00 A.M. IST) and end on Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2021 (5:00 P.M. IST);
- The cut-off date for determining the eligibility to vote by remote e-voting or e-voting system at the EGM shall be Thursday, the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2021;
- Any person who acquires shares of the Company and become a Member of the Company after dispatch of the Notice of EGM and holding shares as of cut-off date i.e. Thursday, the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2021 may obtain the login ID and password by sending a request at evoting@nsdl.co.in or cs@spml.co.in. However, if a person is already registered with NSDL for e-voting then the existing user ID and password can be used for casting the vote;
- Members may note that:
  - The remote e-voting module shall be disabled by NSDL after 5:00 P.M. IST on 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2021 and once the vote on a resolution is cast by the Member, the Member shall not be allowed to change it subsequently;
  - The facility of joining the EGM through VC/OAVM shall open 30 minutes before the time scheduled for the EGM and will be available for Members on first come and first serve basis.
  - The facility for voting electronically will be made available during the EGM;
  - The Members who have cast their vote by remote e-voting prior to the EGM may also attend the EGM but shall not be entitled to cast their vote again and
  - A person whose name is recorded in the Register of Members or in the Register of Beneficial Owners maintained by the depositories as on the cut-off date only shall be entitled to avail the facility of remote e-voting or e-voting at the EGM;
- The detailed procedure and instruction for remote e-voting and e-voting during the EGM are given in the Notice of the Extra Ordinary General Meeting;
- In case of queries relating to remote e-voting / e-voting, Members may refer to Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) and e-voting user manual for Shareholders available at the downloads section of NSDL or contact at toll free no. 1800-222-990 or send a request to www.evoting.nsdl.com. In case of any grievances / queries relating to conduct of AGM through VC / OAVM/e-voting, please contact Ms. Pallavi Mhatre, Manager, NSDL, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, 'A' Wing, Trade World, Kamala Mills Compound, Senapati Bapat Marg, Lower Parel, Mumbai-400013, email: evoting@nsdl.co.in/pallavi@nsdl.co.in, Tel: 91 22 4994545/11800-222-990

For SPML Infra Limited  
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Swati Agarwal  
(Company Secretary)

Date: 03.03.2021  
Place: Kolkata

## HDFC cuts home loan rate by 5 bps

The revised rate of 6.75% comes into effect today

ABHIJIT LELE & RAGHAVENDRA KAMATH  
Mumbai, 3 March

Following in the wake of State Bank of India (SBI) and Kotak Mahindra Bank, Housing Development Finance Corporation (HDFC) too announced a cut in its retail prime lending rate (RPLR) by five basis points (bps). The revised rate is 6.75 per cent for customers with high credit scores.

The revision will come into effect from Thursday, and the change is expected to benefit existing retail home loan customers, HDFC said in a statement. HDFC's adjustable rate home loans are benchmarked to the RPLR.

On Monday, SBI slashed interest rate on home loans by 10 bps under a limited period offer till the end of the month. The revised rates will start from 6.70 per cent and will be linked to CIBIL credit scores.

Kotak Mahindra Bank, too, reduced its home loan interest rates by a 10 bps to 6.65 per cent. This is a special rate applicable till March 31 and is the lowest in the market.

Keki Mistry, HDFC's vice-chairman and chief executive officer, said the



### WHAT'S ON OFFER

	Lowest interest rate (%)	Parameters
Kotak Mahindra Bank	6.65	Credit score linked
SBI	6.70	CIBIL score-800
HDFC	6.75	Credit score linked
ICIC Bank	6.80	-
LIC Housing Finance	6.90	CIBIL score-700

Source: Company releases and website

company has passed the benefit of reduction in costs of funds to customers. However, executives with housing finance companies said there were the followers in the competition driven by interest rate. The liability structure of HFCs is different and cost of funds are high. HFCs work on efficiency and quality of service to have edge in business.

About future trajectory of interest rates, Mistry told a news outlet that he did not see much downside for rates going forward. Rates have declined over the past eight-nine months, and will bottom out by the end of this month, he said.

The Reserve Bank of India has maintained status quo on the key policy rate (repo rate), and interest rates are not expected to either rise or fall in the near term, executives at SBI said.

The interest rate reduction has helped to enhance demand for homes and financing. Kamal Khetan, CMD, Sunteck Realty, said: "Since the second

week of February, we are seeing very good uptick due to rate cuts. We believe this will continue in the coming months. We are seeing exceptional growth in affordable housing." Many factors, apart from interest rates, have also played a part in boosting demand across segments like the reduction in stamp duty.

Niranjan Hiranandani, chairman of Hiranandani Communities, said lower rates, reduction in stamp duty and the pandemic have prompted people to buy larger homes.

Saloni Narayan, deputy managing director (retail business) at SBI, said a combination of factors — low rates, builders taking steps to clear inventory, and state governments reducing stamp duty — have ensured that this is the ideal time for taking a home loan.

**BANKS CUT HOME LOAN RATES: STICK TO TOP HFCs, SUGGEST ANALYSTS** P11,1

## HDFC to raise up to ₹5,000 cr via debentures

Mortgage lender HDFC on Wednesday said it will raise up to ₹5,000 crore by issuing non convertible debentures (NCDs) on a private placement basis.

The issue will open on March 5, 2021 and close the same day, HDFC said in a regulatory filing.

The base size of the issue of secured redeemable NCDs is ₹2,000 crore with an option to retain over-subscription up to ₹3,000 crore, it added. P11

## Bank of Baroda mops up ₹4.5k cr through QIP

State-owned Bank of Baroda has raised ₹4,500 crore equity capital through qualified institutional placement (QIP).

The capital raising committee of the board on Wednesday approved the issue and allotment of 550,795,593 equity shares to eligible qualified institutional buyers at issue price of ₹81.70 per share against the floor price of ₹85.98 apiece, aggregating to ₹44,999,999,948.10, the bank said in a regulatory filing. The issue was open from February 25 to March 2. P11

## Extreme weather puts ₹6.2-trn bank debt at risk

ARCHANA CHAUDHARY  
3 March

An increase in extreme weather events such as floods, droughts and cyclones risk souring debt worth more than ₹6.19 trillion (\$84 billion) at the country's biggest financial institutions.

That's according to leading nonprofit environmental disclosure platform CDP. State Bank of India, the country's largest lender, HDFC Bank, IndusInd Bank, and Axis Bank are among the institutions that reported climate risks to CDP in 2020, it said in its annual report released Wednesday.

The banks flagged exposure to environmentally sensitive businesses including cement, coal, oil and power. They also listed the effects of cyclones and floods on loan repayments in farming and related sectors. Lenders accounted for 87 per cent of the total risk, valued at about \$97 billion, across 67 top Indian companies that responded to CDP. "Climate is the biggest risk to businesses in the long



run. Financial institutions are beginning to understand it," said Damandeep Singh, New Delhi-based director of CDP India. "As investors look at funding companies based on environmental, social and governance disclosures, we've seen many more companies report climate change risk." The potential harm to agriculture echoes concerns raised by India's central bank about the impact of climate change on farming, a sector that employs more than half of its

citizens. At the same time, the world's third-biggest emitter of greenhouse gases is relying on coal to help drive its post-COVID recovery. CDP, which gathered the data on behalf of 515 investors with \$106 trillion in assets, said it received responses from 220 small and large Indian companies.

State Bank of India, which is facing concerns from shareholders and investors over its proposal to help fund the controversial Carmichael coal mine in northern Australia, valued its total climate risk at ₹3.83 trillion. The bank said it may "indirectly face reputational risks, should it be involved in lending to environmentally sensitive projects which may have significant public opposition." SBI didn't respond to a request seeking comment.

The second-highest risk was flagged by HDFC Bank, which estimated it had ₹1.79 trillion of assets in danger — a 24 per cent increase from 2019. It said its calculations took into account compensation it would have to pay to employees in case of

flooding and its exposure to farming, cement, coal, oil and power.

Smaller private banks IndusInd, Axis and Yes reported lowered climate change risk compared to last year at ₹46,600 crore, ₹7,500 crore and ₹2,000 crore respectively, citing more diversified portfolios.

India was second in the Asia Pacific and sixth globally among CDP's ranking of countries whose companies committed to science-based targets for net-zero carbon emissions, the report showed. More than 50 Indian companies said they are preparing for future policy and regulatory changes by voluntarily committing to cutting their carbon footprint. Increased investor pressure and stronger disclosure norms are compelling companies to address climate concerns. Almost all of companies reported board-level oversight of climate-related issues, while some 84 per cent said climate-related risks and opportunities led them to alter plans for products and services. BLOOMBERG



