

April 22, 2021

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Dalal Street, Mumbai-400001 Bandra (E), Mumbai-400051

#### Ref: <u>Indus Towers Limited (534816/ INDUSTOWER)</u>

### Sub: Financial results for the fourth quarter (Q4) and financial year ended March 31, 2021

Dear Sir/ Madam,

In compliance with Regulation 30 and 33 of Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, we are enclosing the following for the fourth quarter (Q4) and financial year ended March 31, 2021:

- Audited consolidated financial results as per Ind-AS;
- Audited standalone financial results as per Ind-AS;
- Auditor's reports on the aforesaid financial results along with Declaration on Auditor's Reports with unmodified opinion pursuant to SEBI Circular No. CIR/CFD/CMD/56/2016 dated May 27, 2016.

The above financial results have been reviewed by the Audit & Risk Management Committee in its meeting held today i.e., April 22, 2021 and based on its recommendation, approved by the Board of Directors in its meeting held today i.e., April 22, 2021. The Board Meeting commenced at 03:00 p.m. (IST) and concluded at 05:15 p.m (IST).

Kindly take the same on record.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

For Indus Towers Limited (formerly Bharti Infratel Limited)

Samridhi Rodhe Company Secretary

Encl: As above





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# Sub: Declaration of Unmodified Audit Report pursuant to Regulations 33(3)(d) of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015

I, Vikas Poddar, Chief Financial Officer of Indus Towers Limited (formerly Bharti Infratel Limited) having its registered office at 901, Park Centra, Sector-30, NH-8, Gurugram, Haryana-122001 hereby declare that Deloitte Haskins & Sells LLP, Statutory Auditors of the Company, have issued an Audit Report with unmodified opinion on Audited Financial Results of the Company (Standalone and Consolidated) for the quarter and financial year ended March 31, 2021.

This declaration is given pursuant to regulation 33(3)(d) of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 as amended and Circular no. CIR/CFD/CMD/56/2016 dated May 27, 2016.

Kindly take this declaration on record.

Thanking You, Sincerely Yours,

For Indus Towers Limited (formerly Bharti Infratel Limited)

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON AUDIT OF QUARTERLY AND ANNUAL CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL RESULTS

TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF INDUS TOWERS LIMITED (FORMERLY BHARTI INFRATEL LIMITED)

#### Opinion

We have audited the Consolidated Financial Results for the quarter and year ended March 31, 2021 included in the accompanying "Statement of Consolidated Audited Financial Results for the quarter and year ended March 31, 2021" of INDUS TOWERS LIMITED (FORMERLY BHARTI INFRATEL LIMITED) ("the Parent") and its subsidiary (the Parent and its subsidiary together referred to as "the Group"), and its share of the net profit after tax and total comprehensive income of its erstwhile joint venture (ceased to exist and merged into the Parent Company w.e.f. November 19, 2020), ("the Statement") being submitted by the Parent pursuant to the requirements of Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, as amended ("the Listing Regulations").

In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us and based on the consideration of the audit report of the other auditor on separate financial statements of the erstwhile joint venture referred to in Other Matters section below, the Consolidated Financial Results for the quarter and year ended March 31, 2021:

- (i) includes the results of the following entities:
  - Indus Towers Limited ("ITL") (Parent Name of the Company has been changed from Bharti Infratel Limited to Indus Towers Limited w.e.f. December 10, 2020)
  - b. Smartx Services Limited (100% subsidiary of ITL)
  - Indus Towers Limited (erstwhile Joint Venture of ITL Ceased to exist and merged into the Parent company w.e.f. November 19, 2020. Refer note 5 to the consolidated financial results)
  - Indus Towers Employee's Welfare Trust (formerly Bharti Infratel Employee's Welfare Trust)
- (ii) is presented in accordance with the requirements of Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, as amended; and
- (iii) gives a true and fair view in conformity with the recognition and measurement principles laid down in the Indian Accounting Standards and other accounting principles generally accepted in India of the consolidated net profit and consolidated total comprehensive income and other financial information of the Group and its erstwhile joint venture for the quarter and year ended March 31, 2021.

#### **Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with the Standards on Auditing ("SAs") specified under Section 143(10) of the Companies Act, 2013 ("the Act"). Our responsibilities under those Standards are further described in Auditor's Responsibilities for audit of the Consolidated Financial Results for the quarter and year ended March 31, 2021 section below. We are independent of the Group and its erstwhile joint venture in accordance with the Code of Ethics issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India ("ICAI") together with the ethical requirements that are relevant

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to our audit of the Consolidated Financial Results for the year ended March 31, 2021 under the provisions of the Act and the Rules thereunder, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the ICAI's Code of Ethics. We believe that the audit evidence obtained by us and the audit evidence obtained by the other auditor in terms of their report referred to in Other Matters section below, is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

#### **Emphasis of Matter**

#### Material uncertainty arising out of certain developments and its consequential impact on business operations

We draw your attention to Note 11 of the consolidated financial results, which describes the effect on business operations and financial position of the Group on account of the one of the largest customer's ability to continue as going concern. The Customer's assumption of going concern is essentially dependent on successful negotiations with lenders and its ability to generate the cash flow from its operations that it needs to settle/refinance its liabilities and guarantees as they fall due. The Board of Directors of the customer, at their meeting held on 4 September 2020 have approved the fund-raising plan of up to Rs.250,000 million.

Our opinion is not modified in respect of above matter.

#### Management's Responsibilities for the Statement

This Statement, which includes the Consolidated Financial Results is the responsibility of the Parent's Board of Directors and has been approved by them for the issuance. The Statement has been compiled from the related audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2021. This responsibility includes the preparation and presentation of the Consolidated Financial Results for the quarter and year ended March 31, 2021 that give a true and fair view of the consolidated net profit and consolidated other comprehensive income and other financial information of the Group including its erstwhile joint venture in accordance with the recognition and measurement principles laid down in the Indian Accounting Standards ("Ind AS"), prescribed under Section 133 of the Act, read with relevant rules issued thereunder and other accounting principles generally accepted in India and in compliance with Regulation 33 of the Listing Regulations.

The respective Board of Directors of the companies included in the Group and of its erstwhile joint venture are responsible for maintenance of adequate accounting records in accordance with the provisions of the Act for safeguarding the assets of the Group and its erstwhile joint venture and for preventing and detecting frauds and other irregularities; selection and application of appropriate accounting policies; making judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and the design, implementation and maintenance of adequate internal financial controls, that were operating effectively for ensuring the accuracy and completeness of the accounting records, relevant to the preparation and presentation of the respective financial results that give a true and fair view and are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, which have been used for the purpose of preparation of this Consolidated Financial Results by the Directors of the Parent, as aforesaid.

In preparing the Consolidated Financial Results, the respective Board of Directors of the companies included in the Group and of its erstwhile joint venture are responsible for assessing the ability of the respective entities to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the respective Board of Directors either intends to liquidate their respective entities or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

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The respective Board of Directors of the companies included in the Group and of its erstwhile joint venture entity are responsible for overseeing the financial reporting process of the Group and of its erstwhile joint venture.

Auditor's Responsibilities for audit of the Consolidated Financial Results for the quarter and year ended March 31, 2021

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Consolidated Financial Results for the quarter and year ended March 31, 2021 as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with SAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this Consolidated Financial Results.

As part of an audit in accordance with SAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the Consolidated Financial Results, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal financial controls relevant to the audit in order to design
  audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of
  expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of such controls.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the Board of Directors.
- Evaluate the appropriateness and reasonableness of disclosures made by the Board of Directors in terms of the requirements specified under Regulation 33 of the Listing Regulations.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Board of Directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the Group and its erstwhile joint venture to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the Consolidated Financial Results or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Group and its erstwhile joint venture to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the Consolidated Financial Results, including the disclosures, and whether the Consolidated Financial Results represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Perform procedures in accordance with the circular issued by the SEBI under Regulation 33(8) of the Listing Regulations to the extent applicable.
- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the Standalone Financial Information of
  the entities within the Group and its erstwhile joint venture to express an opinion on the
  Consolidated Financial Results. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and
  performance of the audit of financial information of such entities included in the Consolidated
  Financial Results of which we are the independent auditors. For the other entity included in
  the Annual Consolidated Financial Results, which have been audited by the other auditor, such

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other auditor remain responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the audit carried out by them. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

Materiality is the magnitude of misstatements in the Consolidated Financial Results that, individually or in aggregate, makes it probable that the economic decisions of a reasonably knowledgeable user of the Consolidated Financial Results may be influenced. We consider quantitative materiality and qualitative factors in (i) planning the scope of our audit work and in evaluating the results of our work; and (ii) to evaluate the effect of any identified misstatements in the Consolidated Financial Results.

We communicate with those charged with governance of the Parent and such other entities included in the Consolidated Financial Results of which we are the independent auditors regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide those charged with governance with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

We also performed procedures in accordance with the circular issued by the SEBI under Regulation 33(8) of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, as amended, to the extent applicable.

#### Other Matters

- The Statement includes the results for the Quarter ended March 31, 2021 being the balancing
  figure between audited figures in respect of the full financial year and the audited year to date
  figures up to the third quarter of the current financial year. Our report on the Statement is not
  modified in respect of this matter.
- The consolidated financial results includes the Group's share of profit after tax of Rs.8,663 millions and total comprehensive income of Rs.8,656 millions for the period April 01, 2020 to November 18, 2020, as considered in the Statement, in respect of erstwhile joint venture whose financial statements have not been audited by us. These financial statements have been audited, by other auditor whose report have been furnished to us by the Management and our opinion on the Statement, in so far as it relates to the amounts and disclosures included in respect of the erstwhile joint venture, is based solely on the report of the other auditor and the procedures performed by us as stated under Auditor's Responsibilities section above. Our report on the Statement is not modified in respect of the above matter with respect to our reliance on the work done and the report of the other auditor.

For **DELOITTE HASKINS & SELLS LLP** 

Chartered Accountants

Firm's Registration No. 117366W/W-100018

Vijay Agarwal

Partner

Membership No.094468 UDIN: 21094468AAAADF2602

Place: Gurugram Date: April 22, 2021

## Indus Towers Limited (formerly Bharti Infratel Limited) (CIN: L64201HR2006PLC073821)

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Statement of Audited Consolidated Ind AS financial results for the quarter and year ended March 31, 2021

(In Rs. Million except per share data)

	Quarter ended (In Rs. Million except per sl				
Particulars	March 31, 2021 (refer note 5 & 14)	December 31, 2020 (refer note 5 & 14)	March 31, 2020	March 31, 2021 (refer note 5 & 14)	March 31, 2020
	Audited	Audited	Audited	Audited	Audited
Income					
Revenue from operations	64,918	40,607	16,821	139,543	67,430
Other income	773	809	386	1,969	1,287
Total income	65,691	41,416	17,207	141,512	68,717
Expenses					
Power and fuel	23,745	15,353	5,866	51,536	23,672
Employee benefit expenses	1,774	1,674	796	5,126	2,935
Repairs and maintenance	3,719	2,210	707	7,246	2,503
Other expenses	1,556	543	806	3,036	2,144
Total expenses	30,794	19,780	8,175	66,944	31,254
-	34,897	21,636	9,032	74,568	37,463
Profit before depreciation and amortisation, finance costs, finance income, charity and donation, share of profit of joint venture and tax	54,077	21,050	7,002	14,000	31,403
Depreciation and amortization expense	13,670	10,015	3,562	29,913	13,217
Less: adjusted with general reserve in accordance with the scheme of arrangement	(348)	(883)	(99)	(1,429)	(402)
1	13,322	9,132	3,463	28,484	12,815
Finance costs	4,105	2,851	1,020	8,364	3,350
Finance income	(488)	(521)	(863)	(1,992)	(3,370)
Charity and donation	1	553	12	806	598
Profit before share of profit of joint venture and tax	17,957	9,621	5,400	38,906	24,070
Share of profit of joint venture (refer note 5)	-	2,761	2,445	8,663	13,805
Profit before tax	17,957	12,382	7,845	47,569	37,875
Income tax expense :	4,320	2,591	1,350	9,779	4,888
Current tax	4,159	2,645	1,364	9,852	5,806
Deferred tax	161	(54)	(14)	(73)	(918)
Profit after tax	13,637	9,791	6,495	37,790	32,987
Other comprehensive income (OCI)					
Items that will not be re-classified to profit and loss					
Remeasurement of the gain/ (loss) of defined benefit plans (net of tax)	23	(2)	(5)	20	(12)
Share of profit/(loss) in OCI of joint venture		(2)	5	(7)	(9)
Items that will be re-classified to profit and loss					
Fair value changes on financial assets through OCI (net of tax)	-		•	(4)	(98)
Other comprehensive income for the period/year (net of tax)	23	(4)	-	13	(119)
Total comprehensive income for the period/year (net of tax)	13,660	9,787	6,495	37,803	32,868
Paid-up equity share capital (Face value Rs. 10 each)	26,949	26,949	18,496	26,949	18,496
Other equity	131,821	166,553	116,927	131,821	116,927
Earnings per share (nominal value of share Rs. 10 each)		1011	2.513	10.016	18.010
Basic	5,061	4.941	3,513	17.516	17.840
iluted	5.060	4.941	3.512	17,515	17,839

#### Notes to accounts

1. The above financial results for the quarter and year ended March 31, 2021 have been reviewed by the Audit & Risk Management Committee in its meeting held on April 22, 2021 and approved by the Board of Directors in its meeting held on April 22, 2021.

- 2. The above financial results are extracted from the audited consolidated financial statements of the Company, which has been prepared in accordance with Indian Accounting Standard ('Ind AS') as prescribed under section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with relevant rules issued there under and the other accounting principles generally accepted in India. The consolidated financial results represent results of the Company, its subsidiary 'Smartx Services Limited', its controlled trust 'Indus Towers Employees Welfare Trust (formerly Bharti Infratel Employees Welfare Trust)' and its share in Joint Venture Company 'erstwhile Indus Towers Limited' (ceased to exist and merged into the Company w.e.f. November 19, 2020) prepared as per Ind AS 110 on Consolidated Financial Statements, Ind AS 111 on Joint Arrangements and Ind AS 28 on Investment in Associates and Joint Venture.
- 3. Statement of Assets and Liabilities are as follows:

		Asa	t
	Particulars	March 31, 2021 (refer note 5 & 14)	March 31, 2020
		Audited	Audited
A Assets			
Non-current asse	ts		
Property, plan	t and equipment	215,819	50,702
Right of use as	sset	102,110	16,319
Capital work-i	n-progress	2,736	545
Intangible asse	ets	73	120
Investment in	oint venture	=:	57,318
Financial asset	s		
Investment			17,002
Other financ	ial assets	10,533	1,450
Income tax as	sets (net)	7,282	757
Deferred tax a	ssets (net)		1,331
Other non - cu	rrent assets	14,586	2,482
		353,139	148,026
Current assets			
Financial asset	s	I I	
Investment		22,714	37,381
Trade receiv	ables	38,285	3,672
Cash and cas	sh equivalents	145	1,452
Other bank b	palance	-	18
Other financ	ial assets	29,559	4,466
Other current a	ssets	5,595	2,524
		96,298	49,513
Total assets		449,437	197,539
B Equity and liability	ties	10	
Equity			
Equity share ca	poital	26,949	18,496
Other equity		131,821	116,927
1		158,770	135,423
Non-current liabi	lities		
Financial liabil	ities		
Borrowings		15,051	-
Lease liabilit	ies	112,327	19,674
Other finance	ial liabilities	5,236	635
Provisions		15,666	3,023
Deferred tax li	abilites	703	· ·
Other non - cui		2,178	521
		151,161	23,853
Current liabilities			
Financial liabil	ities		
Borrowings		54,652	24,184
Trade payabl	le		
	anding dues of micro enterprises and small	374	189
enterprises		3/4	189
	anding dues to creditors other than micro	32,214	7,883
	and small enterprises	21.702	2.414
Lease liabilit		21,792	2,414
Other financi		23,234	2,306
Other current li	abilities	5,441	978
Provisions		481	200
Current tax liab	pilities (net)	1,318	109
		139,506	38,263
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Total Liabilities		290,667	62,116
		449,437	197,539
Total equity and			

#### 4. Statement of Cash Flows:

	Year en	ded	
Particulars	March 31, 2021 (refer note 5 & 14)	March 31, 2020	
	Audited	Audited	
Cash flows from operating activities			
Profit before taxation	47,569	37,875	
to the first of th	47,309	37,07.	
Adjustments for	28 484	12.01	
Depreciation and amortization expense	28,484	12,81:	
Finance income	(1,992)	(3,370	
Finance costs	8,364	3,350	
Share of profit of joint venture	(8,663)	(13,80	
Gain on disposal of property, plant & equipment	(823)	(384	
Provision for doubtful debts and advances	(461)	68	
Revenue equalisation	(2,074)	(1,29	
Others	(1,237)	(1,879	
Operating profit before changes in assets and liabilities	69,167	33,986	
Changes in other financial assets	(3,129)	336	
Changes in other non current and current assets	(1,069)	610	
Changes in trade receivables	24,251	(1,873	
Changes in other financial liabilities	(111)	(2,281	
Changes in provisions	(193)	77	
Changes in other non current and current liabilities	(3,396)	(983	
Changes in trade payables	79	(1,256	
Cash generated from operations	85,599	28,616	
Income tax paid (net of refunds)	(10,788)	(5,465	
Net cash flow from operating activities (A)	74,811	23,151	
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of property, plant & equipment	(21,184)	(8,298	
Proceeds from sale of property, plant & equipment	1,666	1,010	
Investment in mutual funds	(98,329)	(80,162	
Proceeds from sale of mutual funds	131,268	64,078	
Proceeds from sale of government securities	-	9,467	
Redemption of certificate of deposits, Commercial paper and bonds	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	2,938	
Investment/(proceeds) from bank deposits (net)	(42)	(7	
Proceeds from exercise of stock options	6		
Interest received	392	852	
Dividend received	4,200		
Net cash flow from /(used in) investing activities (B)	17,977	(10,122	
Cash flows from financing activities	140.640	22.052	
Proceeds from borrowings	149,640	23,853	
Repayment of borrowings	(133,325)	-	
Sale/Purchase of treasury shares (net)	78	(39	
Payment made to Vodafone Idea Ltd. pursuant to merger of erstwhile Indus Towers  Limited with the Company (refer note 5)	(37,642)	-	
Stamp duty on issue of shares pursuant to merger of erstwhile Indus Towers Limited with the Company (refer note 5)	(8)	-	
	(50 954)	(25.70)	
Dividend paid	(59,854)	(25,701	
Tax on dividend paid	**	(5,285	
Interest paid	(1,450)	(1,300	
Repayment of lease liabilities (including interest)	(11,207)	(3,382	
Net cash flow (used in) financing activities (C)	(93,768)	(11,854	
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents during the year (A+B+C)	(980)	1,175	
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	1,121	(54	
Cash and cash equivalents pursuant to merger of erstwhile Indus Towers Limited with the	2	2	
Company (refer note 5)			
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	143	1,121	

#### 5. Merger of 'erstwhile Indus Towers Limited' with 'the Company'

The Joint Venture of the Company i.e. erstwhile Indus Towers Limited ('erstwhile Indus') has merged into the Company on November 19, 2020 (being the effective date of merger). This has resulted in formation of a joint arrangement between the promoter groups i.e. Bharti Airtel Group and Vodafone Group. Further, the name of the Company has been changed from Bharti Infratel Limited to Indus Towers Limited w.e.f. December 10, 2020. Accordingly, the financial results for the periods ended after effective date of merger includes financial results of the operations of erstwhile Indus w.e.f November 19, 2020.

The Company has adopted 'Pooling of interest' method. Accordingly, all the assets, liabilities and reserves of erstwhile Indus have been recorded at their carrying amounts and in the form in which they appeared in the financial statements as at the date of merger and their identity have been preserved in the books of the Company. The financial information in the financial statement and results in respect of prior periods on account of merger are not restated as the business combination was not involving entities under common control.

On the effective date of merger, the Company has combined assets, liabilities and components of other equity of the erstwhile Indus on line by line basis. Further, the Company has recognised impact of alignment of accounting practices and estimates through General Reserve and Statement of profit and loss for the year ended March 31, 2021.

In compliance with the Scheme, 845,328,704 equity shares of the Company were issued to the shareholders of erstwhile Indus which have been recorded at face value of Rs. 10 per equity share and Rs. 37,642 Mn (inclusive of 41 Mn paid after effective date of merger) was paid to Vodafone Idea Limited (in lieu of cash option exercised for its shareholding of 11.15% in erstwhile Indus) by the Company. The difference between share capital of erstwhile Indus of Rs. 1 Mn and shares issued by the Company of Rs. 8,453 Mn and cash paid of Rs. 37,642 Mn to the shareholders of the erstwhile Indus have resulted into debit balance of Merger Capital Reserve.

The investment of the Group in Joint Venture (erstwhile Indus) of Rs. 61,338 Mn has been cancelled by debiting the General Reserve to the extent available i.e. Rs. 58,033 Mn in the books of the Company. Further, earlier recognised gain of Rs. 382 Mn and deferred tax liability of Rs. 116 Mn on such investment have been reversed and the balance amount of investment in joint venture i.e. Rs. 2,807 Mn has been debited to the Merger Capital Reserve.

The net effect of above adjustments resulted in an increase in the total equity of the Group by Rs. 38,727 Mn. The above effect is based on special purpose Ind AS financial statements of erstwhile Indus as at November 18, 2020 which has been reviewed by the Audit & Risk Management Committee in its meeting held on January 12, 2021 and approved by the Board of Directors in its meeting held on January 12, 2021.

- 6. Indus Towers Employee's Welfare Trust (formerly Bharti Infratel Employee's Welfare Trust) [a trust set up for administration of Employee Stock Option Plan ('ESOP') of the Company] had acquired 1,652,000 equity shares of the Company from the open market at an average price of Rs. 377.72 per share in financial year of its incorporation i.e. FY 2014-15. During the year ended March 31, 2021, Trust has acquired 107,170 shares at a price of Rs. 235.76 per share and sold 497,532 shares at a price of Rs. 207.25 per share and 159,141 equity shares of Rs. 10 each and 43,384 equity shares of Rs. 109.67 each have been transferred to employees upon exercise of stock options. As of March 31, 2021, the Trust holds 145,090 shares (of Face Value of Rs.10 each) (March 31, 2020 737,977 shares) of the Company.
- 7. The disclosure requirements pursuant to regulation 52(4) of SEBI (LODR) Regulation, 2015 in respect of outstanding Commercial Papers as on March 31, 2021 have been disclosed in standalone financial results of the Company for the quarter and year ended March 31, 2021.
- 8. The Board of Directors had declared following dividends during the year ended March 31, 2021, which have been paid subsequently.

Dividend w.r.t. financial year	Interim / final dividend	Date of board meeting in which dividend is declared	Rate of dividend per equity share of Rs. 10 each (in Rs.)	Total dividend amount (Rs. in Mn)
2019-20	3rd Interim	23-April-20	4.10	7,583
2020-21	1st Interim	27-July-20	2.30	4,254
2020-21	2nd Interim	28-January-21	17.82	48,023

9. The audited Standalone results of the Company are available on the Company's website <a href="www.industowers.com">www.industowers.com</a> and on the Stock Exchanges websites <a href="www.nseindia.com">www.nseindia.com</a> and <a href="www.nseindia.com">www.bseindia.com</a>. Key numbers of Standalone Financial Results of the Company are as under:

(In Rs. Million)

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S.No	Particulars	March 31, 2021 (refer note 5 & 14)	December 31, 2020 (refer note 5 & 14)	March 31, 2020	March 31, 2021 (refer note 5 & 14)	March 31, 2020
1	Revenue from operations	64,908	40,598	16,811	139,508	67,383
2	Profit before tax	17,967	9,634	5,415	43,160	24,122
3	Profit after tax	13,648	7,043	4,064	33,382	17,466

10. For the period ended September 30, 2020, the consolidated segment information has been prepared in line with the review of operating results by the chief operating decision maker (CODM) which includes review of the results of the joint venture on proportionate consolidation basis. The results of the joint venture which were hitherto consolidated and/or accounted under proportionate consolidation method under the previous GAAP but had now been accounted for under equity method of accounting under Ind AS. The Company considered joint venture as an "Operating Segment" as defined under Ind AS 108 based on review by CODM and accordingly presented segment information for two segments i.e. Infratel (including subsidiaries) and Indus (proportionate share).

Pursuant to the merger, the Joint venture entity has been merged into the Company w.e.f. November 19, 2020 and become part of the Company. Since, the Group is engaged in the business of establishing, operating and maintaining wireless communication towers and this is the only activity performed and there are no components of the Group that may be identified as a reportable segment. Further, as the Group does not operate in more than one geographical segment, the relevant disclosures as per Ind AS 108, "Operating Segments" are not applicable to the Group on a consolidation basis,

11. A large customer of the Company accounts for substantial part of net sales for the period ended March 31, 2021 and also constitutes a significant part of trade receivables outstanding as at March 31, 2021.

The said customer in its declared results for the quarter and nine months period ended December 31, 2020, had expressed its ability to continue as going concern to be dependent on successful negotiations with lenders and its ability to generate the cash flow from operations that it needs to settle/ refinance its liabilities and guarantees as they fall due. The said customer in the meeting held on September 4, 2020 has approved the fund-raising plan up to Rs 250,000 Mn.

By virtue of Indus-Infratel merger, the said customer agreed that the payment of outstanding dues under the MSAs would be settled partly by way of upfront payment which has been received on November 19, 2020 and partly by way of payment in 4 equal instalments along with interest @ 6% per annum, out of which all instalments have been received during the year ended March 31, 2021. Furthermore, the said customer made an interest bearing (6% per annum) prepayment of Rs 24,000 Mn to the Company towards its future obligations under MSA. The company has been adjusting the prepayment of Rs.24,000 Mn towards undisputed dues and amounts falling due after subsequent dispute.

Additionally, the payment obligations of the said customer are secured through a share pledge agreement whereby, subject to terms of the agreement, the Company has created a primary pledge over 190,657,769 shares held in the Company by one of the promoters who is also the promoter of the said customer.

In addition, the Company will have a secondary pledge, subject to the terms and conditions agreed between the parties, over the above promoter's remaining shares in the Company and the corporate guarantee by such promoter which can get triggered in certain situations and events in the manner agreed between the parties up to a maximum of Rs. 42,500 Mn. Pursuant to such security and the guarantee by the promoter group of such customer, uncertainty in regard of recovery of trade receivables for the next one year has been mitigated. Basis the security package, The Company has recognized contractual exit charges as and when it gets due.

However, the loss of the significant customer or the failure to attract new customers could have an adverse effect on the business, results of operations and financial condition of the Group.

12. The Code on Social Security, 2020 ('code') relating to employee benefits during employment and post-employment benefits received Presidential assent in September 2020. The Code has been published in the Gazette of India. However, the date on which the Code will come into effect has not been notified. The Ministry of Labour and Employment has released draft rules for the Code on Social Security, 2020 on November 13, 2020, and has invited the suggestions from stakeholders. The Group will assess the impact of the Code when it comes into effect and will record any related impact in the period the Code becomes effective.

- 13. The Ministry of Home Affairs vide order No.40-3/2020 dated 24.03.2020 notified telecommunication services among the essential services which continued to operate during lock down in the crisis situation of COVID-19, which has been declared as pandemic by World Health Organisation. The passive infrastructure as well as active telecom operations of the Group's customers is covered under essential services which are actively engaged in fulfilling the surge in demand arising out of the choice exercised by almost all industries to conduct their operations remotely. Hence, the telecom industry is among the businesses that are least impacted due to COVID-19. The Group believes that thus far, there is no significant impact of COVID-19 pandemic on the financial position and performance of the Group. Further, the Group is not expecting any significant changes in estimates as of now as the Group is running its business and operations as usual without any major disruptions.
- 14. The financial results for the quarter and year ended March 31, 2021, the Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at March 31, 2021 and the Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended March 31, 2021 are not comparable to previous year/periods due to the facts mentioned in note 5 above. Previous year/periods figures have been regrouped/ rearranged wherever necessary to conform to the current year/period grouping.
- 15. The financial results for the quarter ended March 31, 2021 and March 31, 2020 are balancing figures between the audited results for the year ended March 31, 2021 and March 31, 2020 respectively and the audited nine months period ended December 31, 2020 and December 31, 2019, respectively.

For Indus Towers Limited (formerly Bharti Infratel Limited)

**Bimal Dayal** 

Managing Director and CEO

Place: Gurugram

Date: April 22, 2021

"The Company", wherever stated stands for Indus Towers Limited (formerly Bharti Infratel Limited). For more details on the financial results, please visit our website <a href="https://www.industowers.com">www.industowers.com</a>

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON AUDIT OF QUARTERLY AND ANNUAL STANDALONE FINANCIAL RESULTS

TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF INDUS TOWERS LIMITED (FORMERLY BHARTI INFRATEL LIMITED)

#### Opinion

We have audited the Standalone Financial Results for the quarter and year ended March 31, 2021 ("Standalone Financial Results") included in the accompanying "Statement of Standalone Audited Financial Results for the Quarter and Year Ended March 31, 2021" of INDUS TOWERS LIMITED (FORMERLY BHARTI INFRATEL LIMITED) ("the Company"), ("the Statement"), being submitted by the Company pursuant to the requirements of Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, as amended ("the Listing Regulations").

In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us, the Standalone Financial Results for the guarter and year ended March 31, 2021:

- is presented in accordance with the requirements of Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, as amended; and
- ii. gives a true and fair view in conformity with the recognition and measurement principles laid down in the Indian Accounting Standards and other accounting principles generally accepted in India of the net profit and total comprehensive income and other financial information of the Company for the quarter and year then ended.

#### **Basis for Opinion**

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We conducted our audit in accordance with the Standards on Auditing ("SAs") specified under Section 143(10) of the Companies Act, 2013 ("the Act"). Our responsibilities under those Standards are further described in Auditor's Responsibilities for Audit of the Standalone Financial Results for the quarter and year ended March 31, 2021 section of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the Code of Ethics issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India ("the ICAI") together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the Standalone Financial Results for the year ended March 31, 2021 under the provisions of the Act and the Rules thereunder, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the ICAI's Code of Ethics. We believe that the audit evidence obtained by us is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Regd. Office; Indiabut's Finance Centre, Tower 3, 27" - 37" floor, Senapsti Bapat Marg, Cipharetone Road (West), Mumba. - 400 013, Materiatoria India (LLP Identification No. A48-8737).

#### **Emphasis of Matter**

Material uncertainty arising out of certain developments and its consequential impact on business operations

We draw your attention to note 11 of the standalone financial results, which describes the effect on business operations and financial position of the Company on account of the one of the largest customer's ability to continue as going concern. The Customer's assumption of going concern is essentially dependent on successful negotiations with lenders and its ability to generate the cash flow from its operations that it needs to settle/refinance its liabilities and guarantees as they fall due. The Board of Directors of the customer, at their meeting held on 4 September 2020 have approved the fund-raising plan of up to Rs 250,000 million.

Our opinion is not modified in respect of above matter.

#### Management's Responsibilities for the Statement

This Statement, which includes the Standalone Financial Results is the responsibility of the Company's Board of Directors, and has been approved by them for the issuance. The Statement has been compiled from the related audited standalone financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2021. This responsibility includes the preparation and presentation of the Standalone Financial Results for the quarter and year ended March 31, 2021 that give a true and fair view of the net profit and other comprehensive income and other financial information in accordance with the recognition and measurement principles laid down in the Indian Accounting Standards prescribed under Section 133 of the Act read with relevant rules issued thereunder and other accounting principles generally accepted in India and in compliance with Regulation 33 of the Listing Regulations. This responsibility also includes maintenance of adequate accounting records in accordance with the provisions of the Act for safeguarding the assets of the Company and for preventing and detecting frauds and other irregularities; selection and application of appropriate accounting policies; making judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and the design, implementation and maintenance of adequate internal financial controls that were operating effectively for ensuring the accuracy and completeness of the accounting records, relevant to the preparation and presentation of the Standalone Financial Results that give a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the Standalone Financial Results, the Board of Directors are responsible for assessing the Company's ability, to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Board of Directors either intends to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Board of Directors are also responsible for overseeing the financial reporting process of the Company.

Auditor's Responsibilities for audit of the Standalone Financial Results for the quarter and year ended March 31, 2021

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Standalone Financial Results for the quarter and year ended March 31, 2021 as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with SAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this Standalone Financial Results.

As part of an audit in accordance with SAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the Standalone Financial Results, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal financial controls relevant to the audit in order to design audit
  procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an
  opinion on the effectiveness of the such controls.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policles used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the Board of Directors.
- Evaluate the appropriateness and reasonableness of disclosures made by the Board of Directors in terms of the requirements specified under Regulation 33 of the Listing Regulations.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Board of Directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the Company to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the Statement or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the Standalone Financial Results, including the disclosures, and whether the Standalone Financial Results represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the Standalone Financial Results of the Company to express an opinion on the Standalone Financial Results.

Materiality is the magnitude of misstatements in the Standalone Financial Results that, individually or in aggregate, makes it probable that the economic decisions of a reasonably knowledgeable user of the Standalone Financial Results may be influenced. We consider quantitative materiality and qualitative factors in (i) planning the scope of our audit work and in evaluating the results of our work; and (ii) to evaluate the effect of any identified misstatements in the Standalone Financial Results.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide those charged with governance with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

#### Other Matter

The Statement includes the results for the Quarter ended March 31, 2021 being the balancing figure between audited figures in respect of the full financial year and the audited year to date figures up to the third quarter of the current financial year. Our opinion on the Statement is not modified in respect of this matter.

For DELOITTE HASKINS & SELLS LLP

Chartered Accountants

Firm's Registration No. 117366W/W-100018

⊮ijay Agarwal

Partner

Membership No.094468

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Place: Gurugram Date: April 22, 2021

## Indus Towers Limited (formerly Bharti Infratel Limited) (CIN: L64201HR2006PLC073821)

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Statement of Audited Standalone Ind AS financial results for the quarter and year ended March 31, 2021

(In Rs. Million except per share data)

	Quarter ended			Year ended	
Particulars	March 31, 2021 (refer note 5 & 14)	December 31, 2020 (refer note 5 & 14)	March 31, 2020	March 31, 2021 (refer note 5 & 14)	March 31, 2020
	Audited	Audited	Audited	Audited	Audited
Income					
Revenue from operations	64.908	40,598	16.811	139.508	67,383
Other income	772	809	386	6,168	1.287
Total income	65,680	41,407	17,197	145,676	68,670
Expenses					
Power and fuel	23,743	15,352	5,865	51,529	23,664
Employee benefit expenses	1.774	1,674	796	5,126	2,935
Repairs and maintenance	3,719	2,210	707	7.246	2,503
Other expenses	1,551	541	803	3,021	2,111
Total expenses	30,787	19,777	8,171	66,922	31,213
	50,107	27117	5,111	00/25	01,210
Profit before depreciation and amortization, finance cost, finance income, charity and donation and tax	34,893	21,630	9,026	78,754	37,457
Depreciation and amortization expense	13,657	10,001	3,546	29,858	13,176
Less: adjusted with General Reserve in accordance with the scheme of arrangement	(348)	(883)	(99)	(1.429)	(402)
acos, adjusted with constant reasons in accordance with the sortene of a range ment	13,309	9,118	3,447	28,429	12,774
Finance costs	4,104	2,846	1,015	8.351	3,333
Finance income	(488)	(521)	(863)	(1,992)	(3,370)
Charity and donation	(400)	553	12	806	598
Profit before tax	17,967	9,634	5,415	43,160	24,122
F	4310	2501	1.161	0.770	(15)
Income tax expense:	4,319	2,591	1,351	9,778	6,656
Current tax	4,158	2,645	1,364	9,850	5,805
Deferred tax	161	(54)	(13)	(72)	851
Profit after tax	13,648	7,043	4,064	33,382	17,466
Other comprehensive income ('OC1')					
Items that will not be re-classified to profit and loss					
Remeasurements gains/(loss) of defined benefit plans (net of tax)	23	(2)	(5)	20	(12)
Items that will be re-classified to profit and loss					
Fair value changes on financial assets through OCI (net of tax)		2	- 20		(98)
Other comprehensive income for the period/year, net of tax	23	(2)	(5)	20	(110)
Total comprehensive income for the period/year, net of tax	13,671	7,041	4,059	33,402	17,356
Paid-up equity share capital (Face value Rs. 10 each)	26,949	26,949	18,496	26,949	18,496
Other equity	132,024	166.752	120,313	132.024	120,313
Earnings per share (nominal value of share Rs. 10 each )					
Basic	5.064	3.554	2.197	15.472	9.443
Diluted	5.064	3.554	2.197	15.472	9.443

#### Notes to accounts

The above financial results for the quarter and year ended March 31, 2021 have been reviewed by the Audit & Risk Management Committee in its meeting held on April 22, 2021 and approved by the Board of Directors in its meeting held on April 22, 2021.

- 2. The above financial results are extracted from the audited standalone financial statements of the Company which have been prepared in accordance with Indian Accounting Standards as prescribed under Section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013, read with relevant rules issued thereunder and the other accounting principles generally accepted in India.
- 3. Statement of Assets and Liabilities are as follows:

As at			t
	Particulars	March 31, 2021 (refer note 5 & 14)	March 31, 2020
_		Audited	Audited
A	Assets		
A	Non-current assets		
	Property, plant and equipment	215,672	50,53
	Right of use assets	101,978	16,16
	Capital work-in-progress	2,711	53
	Intangible assets	51	9
	Investment in joint venture	- 1	60,41
	Financial assets		
ı	Investment	150	17,12
- 1	Other financial assets	10,718	1,63
	Income tax assets (net)	7,279	74
	Deferred tax assets (net)	22	1,32
	Other non - current assets	14,583	2,48
		353,142	151,04
Ų	Current assets		
	Financial assets		
	Investment	22,714	37,38
	Trade receivables	38,285	3,66
	Cash and cash equivalents	130	1,45
	Other bank balance	21	1
	Other financial assets	29,591	4,48
	Other current assets	5,605	2,67
		96,325	49,67
		50,020	42,07
	Total assets	449,467	200,72
	Tourist and Calculation	1	
- 1	Equity and liabilities		
-1	Equity		.01.00
-	Equity share capital	26,949	18,49
١	Other equity	132,024	120,31
-1		158,973	138,80
- 1	Non-current liabilities		
1	Financial liabilities	1	
ı	Borrowings	15,051	3
1	Lease liabilities	112,189	19,51
1	Other financial liabilities	5,236	63
1	Provisions	15,666	3,02
1	Deferred tax liabilities (net)	711	-
١	Other non - current liabilities	2,178	52
١		151,031	23,69
١	Current liabilities		
١	Financial liabilities	1	
١	Borrowings	54,652	24,18
١	Trade payables	34,032	24,10
١	Total outstanding dues of micro enterprises and	1	
١	small enterprises	373	18
ı	Total outstanding dues to creditors other than	72 202	7.04
١	micro enterprises and small enterprises	32,202	7,86
1	Lease liabilities	21,769	2,38
	Other financial liabilities	23,232	2,30
1	Other current liabilities	5,436	97
-	Provisions	481	20
1	Current Tax liabilities (net)	1,318	10
1	A North Co.	139,463	38,21
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	Total liabilities	290,494	61,91
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	Total equity and liabilities	449,467	200,72
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#### 4. Statement of Cash Flows:

	Year en	ded	
Particulars	March 31, 2021 (refer note 5 & 14)	March 31, 2020	
	Audited	Audited	
Cash flows from operating activities	42.450		
Profit before taxation	43,160	24,12	
Adjustments for		Arthur Edition	
Depreciation and amortization expense	28,429	12,77	
Finance income	(1,992)	(3,37	
Finance costs	8,351	3,33	
Dividend income	(4,200)	(1 <del>4</del> )	
Gain on disposal of property, plant & equipment	(823)	(38	
Provision for doubtful debts and advances	(456)	68	
Revenue equalisation	(2,073)	(1,29	
Others	(1,237)	(1,87	
Operating profit before changes in assets and liabilities	69,159	33,98	
Changes in other financial assets	(3,145)	32	
Changes in other non current and current assets	(1,064)	57	
Changes in trade receivables	24,241	(1,92	
Changes in other financial liabilities	(112)	(2,28	
Changes in provisions	(193)	79	
Changes in other non current and current liabilities	(3,399)	(982	
Changes in trade payables	81	(1,265	
Cash generated from operations	85,568	28,505	
Income tax paid (net of refunds)	(10,795)	(5,45.	
Net cash flow from operating activities (A)	74,773	23,052	
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of property, plant & equipment	(21,169)	(8,280	
Proceeds from sale of property, plant & equipment	1,666	1,008	
Investment in mutual funds	(98,329)	(80,162	
Proceeds from sale of mutual funds	131,268	64,078	
Proceeds from sale of government securities	-	9,467	
Redemption of certificate of deposits, Commercial paper and bonds		2,938	
Investment/(proceeds) from bank deposits (net)	(42)	2,750	
Loan repaid by trust	108	13	
Loan given to trust			
	(25)		
Proceeds from exercise of stock options	6		
Interest received	392	852	
Dividend received	4,200	244	
Investment in Subsidary	(30)	(90	
Loan given to subsidiary	(3)	102	
let cash flow from /(used in) investing activities (B)	18,042	(10,087	
Cash flows from financing activities			
Proceeds from borrowings	149,640	23,853	
Repayment of borrowings	(133,325)		
Payment made to Vodafone Idea Ltd, pursuant to merger of erstwhile Indus Towers Limited with the Company (refer note 5)	(37,642)		
Stamp duty on issue of shares pursuant to merger of erstwhile Indus Towers Limited with	(8)		
the Company (refer note 5)	(50.860)	(05 70)	
Dividend paid	(59,860)	(25,709	
Tax on dividend paid	-	(5,285	
Interest paid	(1,450)	(1,300	
Repayment of lease liabilities (including interest)	(11,163)	(3,350	
let cash flow (used in) financing activities (C)	(93,808)	(11,79)	
et increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents during the year (A+B+C)	(993)	1,174	
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	1,119	(55	
ash and cash equivalents pursuant to merger of erstwhile Indus Towers Limited with the			
company (refer note 5)	2	.00	
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	128	1,119	

#### 5. Merger of 'erstwhile Indus Towers Limited' with 'the Company'

The Joint Venture of the Company i.e. erstwhile Indus Towers Limited ('erstwhile Indus') has merged into the Company on November 19, 2020 (being the effective date of merger). This has resulted in formation of a joint arrangement between the promoter groups i.e. Bharti Airtel Group and Vodafone Group. Further, the name of the Company has been changed from Bharti Infratel Limited to Indus Towers Limited w.e.f. December 10, 2020. Accordingly, the financial results for the periods ended after effective date of merger includes financial results of the operations of erstwhile Indus w.e.f November 19, 2020.

The Company has adopted 'Pooling of interest' method. Accordingly, all the assets, liabilities and reserves of erstwhile Indus have been recorded at their carrying amounts and in the form in which they appeared in the financial statements as at the date of merger and their identity have been preserved in the books of the Company. The financial information in the financial statement and results in respect of prior periods on account of merger are not restated as the business combination was not involving entities under common control.

On the effective date of merger, the Company has combined assets, liabilities and components of other equity of the erstwhile Indus on line by line basis. Further, the Company has recognised impact of alignment of accounting practices and estimates through General Reserve and Statement of profit and loss for the year ended March 31, 2021.

In compliance with the Scheme, 845,328,704 equity shares of the Company were issued to the shareholders of erstwhile Indus which have been recorded at face value of Rs. 10 per equity share and Rs. 37,642 Mn (inclusive of 41 Mn paid after effective date of merger) was paid to Vodafone Idea Limited (in lieu of cash option exercised for its shareholding of 11.15% in erstwhile Indus) by the Company. The difference between share capital of erstwhile Indus of Rs. 1 Mn and shares issued by the Company of Rs. 8,453 Mn and cash paid of Rs. 37,642 Mn to the shareholders of the erstwhile Indus have been debited to the Merger Capital Reserve.

The investment of the Company in Joint Venture (erstwhile Indus) of Rs. 60,419 Mn has been cancelled by debiting the General Reserve to the extent available i.e. Rs. 58,033 Mn in the books of the Company. Further, earlier recognised gain of Rs. 382 Mn and deferred tax liability of Rs. 116 Mn on such investment have been reversed and the balance amount of investment in joint venture i.e. Rs. 1,888 Mn has been debited to the Merger Capital Reserve.

The net effect of above adjustments resulted in an increase in the total equity of the Company by Rs. 39,646 Mn. The above effect is based on special purpose Ind AS financial statements of erstwhile Indus as at November 18, 2020 which has been reviewed by the Audit & Risk Management Committee in its meeting held on January 12, 2021 and approved by the Board of Directors in its meeting held on January 12, 2021.

- 6. Indus Towers Employee's Welfare Trust (formerly Bharti Infratel Employee's Welfare Trust) [a trust set up for administration of Employee Stock Option Plan ('ESOP') of the Company] had acquired 1,652,000 equity shares of the Company from the open market at an average price of Rs. 377.72 per share in financial year of its incorporation i.e. FY 2014-15. During the year ended March 31, 2021, Trust has acquired 107,170 shares at a price of Rs. 235.76 per share and sold 497,532 shares at a price of Rs. 207.25 per share and 159,141 equity shares of Rs. 10 each and 43,384 equity shares of Rs. 109.67 each have been transferred to employees upon exercise of stock options. As of March 31, 2021, the Trust holds 145,090 shares (of Face Value of Rs. 10 each) (March 31, 2020 737,977 shares) of the Company.
- 7. The Company was set-up with the object of, inter alia, establishing, operating and maintaining wireless communication towers. This is the only activity performed and is thus also the main source of risks and returns. The Company's segments as reviewed by the Chief Operating Decision Maker (CODM) does not result into identification of different ways / sources into which they see the performance of the Company. Accordingly, the Company has a single reportable segment. Further, as the Company does not operate in more than one geographical segment, hence, the relevant disclosures as per Ind AS 108 operating segments are not applicable to the Company on a standalone basis.
- 8. The Code on Social Security, 2020 ('code') relating to employee benefits during employment and post-employment benefits received Presidential assent in September 2020. The Code has been published in the Gazette of India. However, the date on which the Code will come into effect has not been notified. The Ministry of Labour and Employment has released draft rules for the Code on Social Security, 2020 on November 13, 2020, and has invited the suggestions from stakeholders. The Company will assess the impact of the Code when it comes into effect and will record any related impact in the period the Code becomes effective.

9. The Board of Directors had declared following dividends during the year ended March 31, 2021, which have been paid subsequently.

Dividend w.r.t. financial year	Interim / final dividend		Rate of dividend per equity share of Rs. 10 each (in Rs.)	
2019-20	3rd Interim	23-April-20	4.10	7,583
2020-21	1st Interim	27-July-20	2.30	4,254
2020-21	2nd Interim	28-January-21	17.82	48,023

10. Pursuant to regulation 52(4) of SEBI (LODR) Regulation, 2015 in respect of outstanding Commercial Papers as on March 31, 2021, details of the Company on standalone basis are as follows:

Particulars	As at / for the year ended March 31, 2021
Debt-equity ratio (no. of times)	0.51
Interest service coverage ratio (no. of times)	30.12
Debt service coverage ratio (no. of times)	8.47
Net worth (Rs. Mn)	130,458
Net profit after tax (Rs. Mn)	33,382
Basic and diluted earnings per share (EPS) (Rs. per share)	15.472
Capital redemption reserve (Rs. Mn)	471
Credit rating	A1+ by ICRA and CRISIL

Formulae for calculation are as follows:

- Debt-equity ratio: Debt-equity ratio is computed by dividing the Gross borrowings (i.e. long-term borrowings including current maturities of long-term borrowings and short term borrowings excluding lease liabilities) by total equity.
- Interest service coverage ratio: Interest service coverage ratio is computed by dividing Profit before depreciation and amortization, finance cost, finance income, charity and donation and tax excluding other income by interest on borrowings (excluding interest on lease liabilities).
- Debt service coverage ratio: Debt service coverage ratio is computed by dividing Profit before depreciation and amortization, finance cost, finance income, charity and donation and tax excluding other income by interest on borrowings (excluding interest on lease liabilities) and repayments of long-term borrowings.
- Net worth is as per section 2(57) of Companies Act, 2013.

#### Details of Commercial Papers with due dates are as follows:

		Torned amount	Amount outstanding as	Repayme	nt dates
ISIN	Issue Date	Issued amount (Rs. in Mn)	on March 31, 2021 (Rs. in Mn)	Due before the quarter ended March 31, 2021*	Due after the quarter ended March 31, 2021
INE121J14036	01-Feb-21	3,300		29-Mar-21	-
INE121J14044	01-Feb-21	3,000	3,000	t.	28-Apr-21
INE121J14051	01-Feb-21	6,000	6,000		30-Apr-21
INE121J14069	01-Feb-21	3,700	3,700		26-Apr-21
INE121J14077	01-Feb-21	7,000		08-Mar-21	
INE121J14085	01-Feb-21	5,000	5,000	•	03-May-21

<sup>\*</sup> The Commercial papers have been repaid on or before their respective due dates.

11. A large customer of the Company accounts for substantial part of net sales for the period ended March 31, 2021 and also constitutes a significant part of trade receivables outstanding as at March 31, 2021.

The said customer in its declared results for the quarter and nine months period ended December 31, 2020, had expressed its ability to continue as going concern to be dependent on successful negotiations with lenders and its ability to generate the cash flow from operations that it needs to settle/ refinance its liabilities and guarantees as they fall due. The said customer in the meeting held on September 4, 2020 has approved the fund-raising plan up to Rs 250,000 Mn.

By virtue of Indus-Infratel merger, the said customer agreed that the payment of outstanding dues under the MSAs would be settled partly by way of upfront payment which has been received on November 19, 2020 and partly by way of payment in 4 equal instalments along with interest @ 6% per annum, out of which all instalments have been received during the year ended March 31, 2021. Furthermore, the said customer made an interest bearing (6% per annum) prepayment of Rs 24,000 Mn to the Company towards its future obligations under MSA. The company has been adjusting the prepayment of Rs.24,000 Mn towards undisputed dues and amounts falling due after subsequent dispute.

Additionally, the payment obligations of the said customer are secured through a share pledge agreement whereby, subject to terms of the agreement, the Company has created a primary pledge over 190,657,769 shares held in the Company by one of the promoters who is also the promoter of the said customer.

In addition, the Company will have a secondary pledge, subject to the terms and conditions agreed between the parties, over the above promoter's remaining shares in the Company and the corporate guarantee by such promoter which can get triggered in certain situations and events in the manner agreed between the parties up to a maximum of Rs. 42,500 Mn. Pursuant to such security and the guarantee by the promoter group of such customer, uncertainty in regard of recovery of trade receivables for the next one year has been mitigated. Basis the security package, The Company has recognized contractual exit charges as and when it gets due.

However, the loss of the significant customer or the failure to attract new customers could have an adverse effect on the business, results of operations and financial condition of the Company.

- 12. The Ministry of home affairs vide order No.40-3/2020 dated 24.03.2020 notified telecommunication services among the essential services which continued to operate during lock down in the crisis situation of COVID-19, which has been declared as pandemic by World Health Organization. The passive infrastructures as well as active telecom operations of the Company's customers are covered under essential services which are actively engaged in fulfilling the surge in demand arising out of the choice exercised by almost all industries to conduct their operations remotely. Hence, the telecom industry is among the businesses that are least impacted due to COVID-19. The Company believes that thus far, there is no significant impact of COVID-19 pandemic on the financial position and performance of the Company. Further, the Company is not expecting any significant change in estimates as of now as the Company is running its business and operations as usual without any major disruptions.
- 13. The initial disclosure in compliance with SEBI Circular No. SEBI/HO/DDHS/CIR/P/2018/144 dated November 26, 2018 is annexed to the results.
- 14. The financial results for the quarter and year ended March 31, 2021, the Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at March 31, 2021 and the Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended March 31, 2021 are not comparable to previous year/periods due to the facts mentioned in note 5 above. Previous year/periods figures have been regrouped/ rearranged wherever necessary to conform to the current year/period grouping.

15. The financial results for the quarter ended March 31, 2021 and March 31, 2020 are balancing figures between the audited results for the year ended March 31, 2021 and March 31, 2020 respectively and the audited nine months period ended December 31, 2020 and December 31, 2019, respectively.

For Indus Towers Limited (formerly Bharti Infratel Limited)

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Bimal Dayal Managing Director and CEO

Place: Gurugram

Date: April 22, 2021

"The Company", wherever stated stands for Indus Towers Limited (formerly Bharti Infratel Limited)
For more details on the financial results, please visit our website www.industowers.com



April 21, 2021

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Ref: Indus Towers Limited (534816/ INDUSTOWER)

<u>Sub: Initial Disclosure under SEBI Circular No. SEBI/HO/DDHS/CIR/P/2018/144 dated November 26, 2018 ("SEBI Circular") for the financial year ended March 31, 2021</u>

Dear Sir/ Madam,

With reference to the aforesaid SEBI Circular pertaining to Fund raising by issuance of Debt Securities by Large Entities, please find enclosed initial disclosure in the format prescribed in Annexure A of the SEBI Circular, for the financial year ended March 31, 2021.

Kindly take the above information on record.

Thanking you, Yours faithfully,

For Indus Towers Limited (formerly Bharti Infratel Limited)

Samridhi Rodhe Company Secretary

Encl: As above



### Annexure A

#### Initial Disclosure to be made by an entity identified as a Large Corporate

S. No.	Particulars	Details
1,	Name of the Company	Indus Towers Limited (formerly Bharti Infratel
		Limited)
2.	CIN	L64201HR2006PLC073821
3.	Outstanding borrowing of company as on	Rs. 2,701 Crore
	March 31, 2021 (in Rs. Cr)	
4.	Highest Credit Rating During the previous FY	CRISIL AA+/ Stable
	along with name of the Credit Rating Agency	
5.	Name of Stock Exchange in which the fine shall	BSE Limited
	be paid, in case of shortfall in the required	
	borrowing under the framework	

We confirm that we are a Large Corporate as per the applicability criteria given under the SEBI circular SEBI/HO/DDHS/CIR/P/2018/144 dated November 26, 2018.

For Indus Towers Limited (formerly Bharti Infratel Limited)

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Sub: Press Release w.r.t. audited financial results for the fourth quarter (Q4) and financial year ended March 31, 2021

Dear Sir/ Madam,

Pursuant to Regulation 30 of Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, we are enclosing the press release being issued by the Company with regard to the audited financial results of the Company for the fourth quarter (Q4) and financial year ended March 31, 2021.

Kindly take the same on record.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully, For Indus Towers Limited (formerly Bharti Infratel Limited)

Samridhi Rodhe Company Secretary

Encl: As above



#### **Indus Towers Limited**

(Formerly Bharti Infratel Limited)

Indus Towers announces Consolidated results for the fourth quarter and full year ended March 31, 2021

Consolidated Revenues for the year at Rs. 25,673 Crore, up 0.4% Y-o-Y

Consolidated EBITDA for the year at Rs. 13,257 Crore, up 4.2% Y-o-Y

Consolidated Profit after Tax for the year at Rs. 4,975 Crore, down 1% Y-o-Y

Consolidated Operating Free Cash Flows for the year at Rs. 7,124 Crore, up 1% Y-o-Y

#### Highlights for the fourth quarter ended March 31, 2021

- Total Tower base of 179,225 with closing sharing factor of 1.80
- Consolidated Revenues at Rs. 6,492 Crore, up 3% Y-o-Y
- Consolidated EBITDA at Rs. 3,413 Crore, up 17% Y-o-Y
- Consolidated Profit after tax at Rs. 1,364 Crore, up 38% Y-o-Y
- Operating Free Cash Flows at Rs. 1,494 Crore, up 2% Y-o-Y

#### Highlights for the full year ended March 31, 2021

- Consolidated Revenues at Rs. 25,673 Crore, up 0.4% Y-o-Y
- Consolidated EBITDA at Rs.13,257 Crore, up 4.2% Y-o-Y
- Consolidated Profit after tax at Rs. 4,975 Crore, down 1% Y-o-Y
- Operating Free Cash Flows at Rs. 7,124 Crore, up 1% Y-o-Y

**Gurugram, Haryana, India, April 22, 2021:** Indus Towers Limited (Formerly Bharti Infratel Limited) ("Indus Towers" or "the Company") today announced its *audited Consolidated* results for the fourth quarter and full year ended March 31, 2021. Following the merger between Bharti Infratel Limited and Indus Towers, effective November 19, 2020, the results filed under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, are not comparable with the results disclosed prior to the effective date. Hence the Company has given proforma unaudited consolidated results (see note). The Consolidated revenue for the quarter was Rs.6,492 Crore, up 3% Y-o-Y. Consolidated EBITDA was at Rs.3,413 Crore, up 17% Y-o-Y and representing an operating margin of 52.6%. The net profit for the quarter was Rs.1,364 Crore, up 38% Y-o-Y. The Operating Free Cash Flow was at Rs. 1,494 Crore up 2% Y-o-Y. The Return on Equity Pre Tax increased to 39.6% as against 37.6% (Return on Equity Post Tax remained flat at 29.6%) on Y-o-Y basis. The Return on Capital Employed Pre Tax was 22.1% against 21.9% respectively on Y-o-Y basis.

# Bimal Dayal, Managing Director and CEO, Indus Towers Limited (Formerly Bharti Infratel Limited), said:

"FY'2021 was a landmark year for the company. During the year, we completed the merger between Bharti Infratel and erstwhile Indus Towers. On the operational front we continued our strong momentum in 4Q'21 and delivered the highest ever annual gross tower additions. In the backdrop of the pandemic we continue to work closely with our customers to ensure seamless connectivity across the country. With the ongoing digital transformation across sectors, we see new opportunities for shared infrastructure providers like Indus Towers to usher in their next phase of growth".



## <u>Summary of the Consolidated Statement of Income – Represents Proforma Consolidated Statement of Income as per IND AS.</u>

(Amount in Rs. Crore, except ratios)

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	Quarter Ended				
Particulars	Mar-21	Mar-20	Y-on-Y Growth		
Revenue <sup>1</sup>	6,492	6,306	3%		
EBITDA <sup>1</sup>	3,413	2,906	17%		
EBIT <sup>1</sup>	2,080	1,508	38%		
Profit before Tax	1,796	1,316	36%		
Profit after Tax	1,364	986	38%		
Operating Free Cash Flow <sup>1&amp;2</sup>	1,494	1,467	2%		
Adjusted Fund From Operations(AFFO) <sup>1&amp;3</sup>	2,564	2,154	19%		

- 1. Revenue, EBITDA, EBIT, Operating free cash flow and Adjusted Fund from Operations (AFFO) are excluding other income.
- 2. Operating Free Cash Flow is a non IND AS measure and is defined as EBITDA adjusted for capex and repayment of lease liabilities.
- 3. Adjusted Free Cash Flow is a non IND AS measure and is defined as EBITDA adjusted for Maintenance and General Corporate capex and repayment of lease liabilities.

Parameters	Unit	Mar 31, 2021	Dec 31, 2020	Q-on-Q Growth	Mar 31, 2020	Y-on-Y Growth
Total Towers	Nos	179,225	175,510	3,715	169,002	10,223
Total Co-locations <sup>1</sup>	Nos	322,438	318,310	4,128	311,111	11,327
Key Indicators						
Average Sharing Factor	Times	1.81	1.82		1.85	
Closing Sharing Factor	Times	1.80	1.81		1.84	
Sharing Revenue per Tower p.m.	Rs	77,825	82,732	-5.9%	77,706	0.2%
Sharing Revenue per Sharing Operator p.m.	Rs	42,477	44,845	-5.3%	41,373	2.7%

<sup>1.</sup> The Company during the quarter has reported co-locations reduction of 896 basis exit notices received. However as at March 31, 2021, there are cumulative 4,711 co-locations for which though the exit notices have been received but actual exits have not happened.

Note: Proforma unaudited consolidated financial results ('Proforma results') prepared assuming merger was effective from April 1, 2018 and hence, considered the effect of merger since then as per pooling of interest method in accordance to Appendix C of Ind AS 103. The consideration given to the shareholders, cancellation of Investment of Infratel in erstwhile Indus and recording of assets, liabilities and reserves at carrying value of erstwhile Indus has been considered in these results for all the periods presented. Hence, the results include the combined operation of Infratel and erstwhile Indus on line by line basis and line by line consolidation for its subsidiary and the controlled trust.

#### **About Indus Towers Limited (formerly Bharti Infratel Limited)**

Indus Towers Limited (formerly Bharti Infratel Limited) is India's leading provider passive telecom infrastructure and it deploys, owns and manages telecom towers and communication structures, for various mobile operators. The Company's portfolio of over 1,79,000 telecom towers, makes it one of the largest tower infrastructure providers in the country with presence in all 22 telecom circles. Indus Towers caters to all wireless telecommunication service providers in India. The Company has been the industry pioneer in adopting green energy initiatives for its operations. For further details visit <a href="https://www.industowers.com">www.industowers.com</a>

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April 22, 2021

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Sub: Quarterly report for the fourth quarter (Q4) and financial year ended March 31, 2021

Dear Sir/ Madam,

Pursuant to Regulation 30 and other applicable provisions of Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, we are enclosing the quarterly report being released by the Company w.r.t. the audited financial results for the fourth quarter (Q4) and financial year ended March 31, 2021.

Kindly take the same on record.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully, For Indus Towers Limited (formerly Bharti Infratel Limited)

Samridhi Rodhe Company Secretary

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#### **Indus Towers Limited**

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April 22, 2021

The financial statements included in this quarterly report fairly present in all material respects the financial position, results of operations, cash flow of the Company as of and for the periods presented in this report.

#### **Supplemental Disclosures**

Safe Harbor: - Some information in this report may contain forward-looking statements. We have based these forward-looking statements on our current beliefs, expectations and intentions as to facts, actions and events that will or may occur in the future. Such statements generally are identified by forward-looking words such as "believe," "plan," "anticipate," "continue," "estimate," "expect," "may," "will" or other similar words.

A forward-looking statement may include a statement of the assumptions or basis underlying the forward-looking statement. We have chosen these assumptions or basis in good faith, and we believe that they are reasonable in all material respects. However, we caution you that forward-looking statements and assumed facts or bases almost always vary from actual results, and the differences between the results implied by the forwardlooking statements and assumed facts or bases and actual results can be material, depending on the circumstances. You should also keep in mind that any forward-looking statement made by us in this report or elsewhere speaks only as of the date on which we made it. New risks and uncertainties come up from time to time, and it is impossible for us to predict these events or how they may affect us. We have no duty to, and do not intend to, update or revise the forward-looking statements in this report after the date hereof. In light of these risks and uncertainties, any forward-looking statement made in this report or elsewhere may or may not occur and has to be understood and read along with this supplemental disclosure.

**General Risk:** - Investment in equity and equity related securities involves a degree of risk and investors should not invest any funds in this Company without necessary diligence and relying on their own examination of Indus Towers Limited; along with the equity investment risk which doesn't guarantee capital protection.

Use of Certain Non GAAP measures: - This result announcement contains certain information on the Company's results of operations and cash flows that have been derived from amounts calculated in accordance with Indian Accounting Standards (IND AS) i.e. Non-GAAP measures. They should not be viewed in isolation as alternatives to the equivalent IND AS measures and should be read in conjunction with the equivalent IND AS measures.

## Further, disclosures are also provided under "Use of Non – GAAP financial information" on page 23

**Others:** In this report, the term "Indus Towers" or "Indus" or "the Company" refers to Indus Towers Limited (formerly Bharti Infratel Limited).

With effect from January 2015, Indus Towers Employees Welfare Trust (formerly Bharti Infratel Employees Welfare Trust) (incorporated for allotment of shares to employees as part of Employee Stock Option Plan) has been included as part of the Company. With effect from September 2015, Smartx Services Ltd. (incorporated on September 21, 2015 as a wholly owned subsidiary) has been included as a part of the Company.

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### Section A

#### Consolidated Results

The Company has adopted Indian Accounting Standards (IND AS) w.e.f. April 1, 2016 with transition date being April 1, 2015 in accordance with the requirements under Section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013. Accordingly, the consolidated financial statements under IND AS includes the subsidiary 'Smartx Services Limited' and the controlled trust "Indus Tower Employee Welfare Trust" (formerly Bharti Infratel Employees Welfare Trust) and share of Joint Venture "Erstwhile Indus Towers Limited" on the basis of Equity method of consolidation.

In the past, we have been presenting our Proforma audited consolidated financial results as per proportionate consolidation method based on segment information in the audited consolidated financial statement of IND AS and underlying information.

Section A includes Proforma unaudited consolidated financial results ('Proforma results') prepared assuming merger was effective from April 1, 2018 and hence, considered the effect of merger since then as per pooling of interest method in accordance to Appendix C of Ind AS 103. The consideration given to the shareholders, cancellation of Investment of Infratel in erstwhile Indus and recording of assets, liabilities and reserves at carrying value of erstwhile Indus has been considered in these results for all the periods presented. Hence, the results include the combined operation of Infratel and erstwhile Indus on line by line basis and line by line consolidation for its subsidiary and the controlled trust.

#### Section-1

## INDUS TOWERS - PERFORMANCE AT A GLANCE<sup>3</sup>

Particulars	UNITS	Full Year Ended <sup>2</sup>			Quarter Ended <sup>2</sup>				
i di tiodidi 3		2019 <sup>3</sup>	2020	2021	Mar 2020	Jun 2020	Sep 2020	Dec 2020 <sup>5</sup>	Mar 2021
Consolidated Operating Highlights									
Total Towers	Nos	163,934	169,002	179,225	169,002	169,630	172,094	175,510	179,225
Total Co-locations	Nos	305,824	311,111	322,438	311,111	310,627	314,106	318,310	322,438
Average Sharing factor	Times	2.06	1.85	1.82	1.85	1.84	1.83	1.82	1.81
Closing Sharing factor	Times	1.87	1.84	1.80	1.84	1.83	1.83	1.81	1.80
Sharing Revenue per Tower per month	Rs	75,740	78,855	78,345	77,706	76,715	78,379	82,732	77,825
Sharing Revenue per Sharing Operator per month	Rs	36,150	41,647	42,357	41,373	41,016	42,186	44,845	42,477
<u>Financials</u>									
Revenue <sup>1</sup>	Rs Mn	252,929	255,624	256,729	63,063	60,859	63,591	67,361	64,918
EBITDA <sup>1</sup>	Rs Mn	100,902	127,239	132,575	29,055	31,187	31,179	36,080	34,129
EBIT <sup>1</sup>	Rs Mn	61,704	73,158	77,575	15,083	17,899	17,649	21,222	20,805
Finance Cost (Net)	Rs Mn	1,619	11,953	14,021	2,760	3,205	3,297	3,900	3,619
Profit before Tax	Rs Mn	62,652	63,982	66,537	13,163	15,033	15,168	18,378	17,958
Profit after Tax	Rs Mn	40,720	50,270	49,751	9,864	11,206	11,307	13,600	13,638
Capex	Rs Mn	30,107	31,764	35,868	8,559	3,292	8,743	10,935	12,898
of Which Maintenance & General Corporate Capex	Rs Mn	6,814	7,848	7,181	1,683	1,130	1,930	1,920	2,201
Operating Free Cash Flow <sup>1</sup>	Rs Mn	70,119	70,653	71,240	14,669	21,200	16,341	18,756	14,944
Adjusted Fund From Operations(AFFO) <sup>1</sup>	Rs Mn	94,088	94,570	99,927	21,545	23,362	23,153	27,771	25,641
Total Capital Employed	Rs Mn	222,389	348,855	351,671	348,855	346,647	353,303	335,470	351,671
Net Debt / (Net Cash) with Lease Liabilities	Rs Mn	42,242	171,774	192,901	171,774	172,144	172,263	141,971	192,901
Net Debt / (Net Cash) without Lease Liabilities	Rs Mn	42,242	42,499	58,782	42,499	43,705	42,914	10,798	58,782
Shareholder's Equity	Rs Mn	180,147	177,081	158,770	177,081	174,503	181,040	193,499	158,770
Key Ratios									
EBITDA Margin <sup>1</sup>	%	39.9%	49.8%	51.6%	46.1%	51.2%	49.0%	53.6%	52.6%
EBIT Margin <sup>1</sup>	%	24.4%	28.6%	30.2%	23.9%	29.4%	27.8%	31.5%	32.0%
Net Profit Margin <sup>1</sup>	%	16.1%	19.7%	19.4%	15.6%	18.4%	17.8%	20.2%	21.0%
Net Debt / (Net Cash) with Lease Liabilities to EBITDA (LTM) <sup>3</sup>	Times	0.42	1.35	1.46	1.35	1.37	1.39	1.11	1.46
Interest Coverage ratio (LTM) <sup>3</sup>	Times	15.38	10.64	9.46	10.64	10.44	10.13	9.69	9.46
Return on Capital Employed Pre Tax (LTM) 386	%	27.9%	21.9%	22.1%	21.9%	21.1%	20.6%	21.3%	22.1%
Return on Shareholder's Equity Pre Tax (LTM) 386	%	32.0%	37.6%	39.6%	37.6%	37.7%	35.7%	34.2%	39.6%
Return on Shareholder's Equity Post tax (LTM) <sup>386</sup>	%	20.8%	29.6%	29.6%	29.6%	30.7%	26.7%	25.5%	29.6%
Valuation Indicators									
Market Capitalization <sup>4</sup>	Rs Bn	845	431	660	431	597	472	620	660
Enterprise Value <sup>4</sup>	Rs Bn	887	603	853	603	769	645	762	853
EV/EBITDA <sup>384</sup>	Times	8.79	4.74	6.44	4.74	6.14	5.19	5.97	6.44
EPS (Diluted) <sup>4</sup>	Rs	15.11	18.65	18.46	3.66	4.16	4.20	5.05	5.06
PE Ratio <sup>4</sup>	Times	20.74	8.58	13.27	8.58	11.77	10.34	13.48	13.27

<sup>1.</sup> Revenue, EBITDA, EBIT, Operating free cash flow and Adjusted Fund from Operations (AFFO) are excluding other income. Further, EBITDA, EBIT and Net margins have been computed on revenue excluding other income.

2. Previous periods' figures have been regrouped/ rearranged wherever necessary to conform to current period classifications.

<sup>3.</sup> Effective April 1, 2019, the Company adopted Ind AS116 "Leases". The result for the quarter ended June 30, 2019 onwards includes the impact of Ind AS116 hence are not comparable with the past period results for FY 2019. With the adoption of Ind AS 116 definition for Financial KPIs – 'Operating Free Cash Flow' and 'Adjusted Fund From Operations'; Key Ratios – 'Net Debt / (Net Cash) with Lease Liabilities to EBITDA', 'Interest Coverage Ratio', 'Return on Capital Employed Pre Tax', 'Return on Shareholder's Equity Pre Tax / Post Tax' and Valuation Indicators – 'EV/EBITDA' have been revised. Refer Section 11- Glossary for previous and revised definitions.

4. Valuation Indicators for periods prior to quarter ending December 31, 2020 are revised based on current outstanding share capital to make the data comparable.

<sup>5.</sup> The impact on account of alignment of accounting practices and estimates for the Company of Rs 123 million (net of tax) which has been charged to Consolidated Statement of Profit and Loss and General Reserve for the quarter ended December 31, 2020.

<sup>6.</sup> Return on Capital Employed Pre Tax' and 'Return on Shareholder's Equity Pre Tax / Post Tax' have been revised to conform definition. Refer Section 11- Glossary for

### Section 2

#### AN OVERVIEW

#### 2.1 Industry Overview

The Indian telecommunications industry is one of the most competitive globally. The focus of Indian operators in the last ten years or so has been to affordable develop an mass telecommunications service model which allows for service availability across India's urban and rural areas at affordable prices. A strong focus on optimization of operational expenses through the outsourcing of noncore areas, process innovation, cost-to-serve alignment and strategic partnerships has also resulted in steady growth of the tower industry. It is more economical for operators to lease towers from tower companies rather than build them for captive use.

Infrastructure sharing is effective in optimizing the utilization of available resources and helps to bring down the cost of providing telecommunications services. With the reduction in overall tariffs and restrictions placed by various local regulatory bodies on the installation of telecom towers, infrastructure sharing amongst service providers has become the norm in the Indian telecommunications industry in the last decade.

Tower companies provide the entire range of tower infrastructure that is required by wireless telecommunications service providers to offer mobile telephony services to their subscribers. Tower infrastructure refers to equipment such as towers, shelters, power regulation equipment, battery banks, diesel generator sets (DG sets), air conditioners, fire extinguishers and a security cabin, required at a site where such towers are installed.

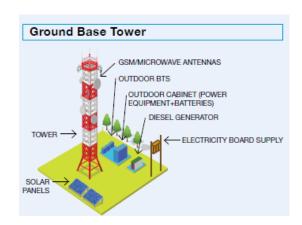
Traditionally, tower companies provided two types of towers – Ground Based Towers (GBTs) and Roof Top Towers (RTTs). Space limitations on each site and overall limited availability of land for tower installation have expanded the traditional tower products to Ground Based Mast (GBMs) that occupy less space relative to GBTs and RTTs.

Apart from the above traditional products, tower companies are now also providing innovative solutions like smart poles, microsites, fiberized connectivity, etc. This is keeping in mind the demands of technologies such as 4G currently and technologies such as 5G, etc. in the future. These newer products are expected to not only provide high coverage and capacity within a limited area, but also enhance aesthetic look of the city. There are two kinds of infrastructure that constitute a telecom tower:

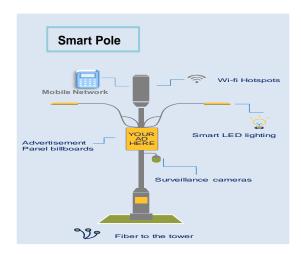
- Active Infrastructure: Radio antenna, BTS/cell site, cables etc. that are owned and supplied by telecom operators
- Tower Infrastructure: Steel tower, shelter room, DG set, power regulation equipment, battery bank, security

cabin etc. that supports active infrastructure. These are owned by tower companies.

Telecommunication sector is playing a pioneer role in fulfilling Government mission of Digital India and will also have an enabling role in India's journey to Digital Economy and Industry 4.0. Infrastructure Providers (IP1) has empowered the Telecommunication Service Providers (TSPs) by providing affordable shareable passive infrastructure. The TSPs leverage the shareable passive infrastructure not only to quickly rollout out their network but also enjoyed the benefit of cost efficiency which enables to provide affordable services to consumers. In the India Digital Economy and Industry 4.0 enablement, it is visualized that Infrastructure Provider has a more contributing role to play. This can happen when the Infrastructure providers start providing active network sharing along with passive infrastructure. 5G network will require large transmission capacities and more number of sites as 5G network is planned in 3.6 GHz, higher band and millimeter wave. This will call for huge investment by TSPs and may become a barrier for Pan India deployment and affordable services. IP1 can play an effective role by providing shared Transport Network and shared RAN (Radio Access Network). This will facilitate TSPs to focus on the core networks and its core businesses and leverage operational efficiency of IP1 in active network sharing. BEREC (Body of European Regulators for Electronics Communications) report conveys that active sharing has the potential to reduce the Capex by 33-35% and Opex by 25-33%. IP1 can provide active network sharing and extend the sharing efficiency to active infrastructure as well. Government of India has acknowledged the critical role played by IP1 for the success of Telecom sector and intends IP1 to play an enhanced role in the times to come as captured in National Digital Communication Policy 2018 (NDCP 2018) with proper regulatory frame-work by Department of Telecommunication (DoT).









Average specifications for these are summarized in the following table:

Particulars	GBT	RTT	GBM	Smart Pole
Space Requirement (Sq.ft)	2,500 - 4,000	300- 1000	100 - 500	50- 100
Height (m)	30-50	6-21	24-40	12
Occupancy Capacity (Colocations)	2-4	2-4	1-3	1-2

#### 2.2 Company Overview

Indus Towers Limited (formerly Bharti Infratel Limited) is a provider of tower and related infrastructure sharing services.

Indus Towers has been formed following the amalgamation of erstwhile Indus Towers which was operating in 15 telecom circles with pre-merger Bharti Infratel which was operating in 11 telecom circles. Erstwhile Indus Towers was established as a joint venture in 2007, originally between Bharti Airtel, Vodafone India and Idea Cellular. The holdings underwent few changes over the years and as on 30th September 2020, Bharti Infratel, Vodafone Group Plc and Vodafone Idea held shareholding interest of 42%, 42% and 11.15% respectively in Indus. The balance 4.85% was held by P5 Asia Holding Investments (Mauritius) Limited (Providence).

Following the merger, Indus Towers is one of the largest tower infrastructure providers in the country and globally. The business of Indus Towers is to acquire, build, own, operate and maintain tower and related infrastructure. Indus provides access to their towers primarily to wireless telecommunications service providers on a shared basis, under long-term contracts. Indus Towers caters to all wireless telecommunication service providers in India.

Indus has a nationwide presence with operations in all 22 telecommunications Circles in India. As of March 31, 2021, Indus owned and operated 179,225 towers with 322,438 co-locations with an average sharing factor of 1.82.

Indus Towers has ongoing Master Services Agreements (MSAs) with its customers. The MSAs are long-term contracts which set out the terms on which access is provided to the Company's towers, with all service providers being offered substantially the same terms and receiving equal treatment at towers where they have installed their active infrastructure. Under the MSAs, Indus enters into service contracts in respect of individual towers. The MSAs and service contracts govern Indus' relationship with its customers, the services provided, and the applicable charges and incorporate annual escalation clauses in respect of the applicable charges. This provides stability to the

Company's business and provides visibility with regard to future revenues.



### **History of Erstwhile Indus Towers**

In order to capitalize on the opportunities for tower sharing in the Indian telecommunications market, Bharti Airtel, Vodafone India and Idea Cellular agreed to establish Indus Towers as an independently managed joint venture that provides non-discriminatory tower services all shared to wireless telecommunications service providers. In furtherance of this joint venture, the parties also agreed to contribute certain identified towers to Indus Towers and to use the services of Indus Towers in the first instance for any new rollout of telecommunications towers or co-locations in 15 telecommunications circles. In this context, erstwhile Indus Towers was incorporated in November 2007 and Bharti Airtel, Bharti Infratel, Vodafone India (certain of its subsidiaries), Idea Cellular and Idea Cellular Infrastructure entered into the Indus Share Holders Agreement (SHA) to govern their relationship with respect to Indus Towers and its day-to-day operations and the Framework Agreement, which set out among other things, the basis on which towers were to be contributed to Indus Towers by the respective parties. In accordance with the Framework Agreement, Bharti Infratel, Vodafone Group Plc and Vodafone Idea held a 42%, 42% and 16% shareholding interest in Indus Towers, respectively. During the guarter ended March 2017, Aditya Birla Telecom transferred 4.85% of its stake in Indus Towers to P5 Asia Holding Investment (Mauritius) Limited. As on 30th September 2020, Bharti Infratel, Vodafone India and Vodafone Idea held shareholding interest of 42%, 42% and 11.15% respectively in Indus Towers.

The Indus SHA provided that Indus could not carry on business in the 7 telecommunications circles in which pre-merger Bharti Infratel operated in, exclusive of Indus Towers. Similarly, subject to certain exceptions, the joint venture partners were not permitted to, among

other things (a) compete with the business of Indus Towers in the 15 specified telecommunications Circles that Indus operated in, (b) develop, construct or tower the 15 specified acquire any in telecommunications Circles that Indus Towers operated in and (c) directly or indirectly procure orders from or do business with any entity that has been a customer of Indus Towers during the previous two-year period in competition with the business of Indus in the 15 specified telecommunications Circles that Indus Towers operated in. On the basis of the relationship as described above, pre-merger Bharti Infratel and erstwhile Indus Towers did not compete with each other in any telecommunications Circle, they did not have any conflicts of interest in this regard and were able to work closely with each other and benefit from the synergies generated by the nationwide coverage and large scale of their operations.

# Merger of erstwhile Indus Towers with pre-merger Bharti Infratel

On April 25, 2018, Indus Towers Limited (formerly Bharti Infratel Limited) ('the Company or Transferee Company') and its Joint Venture Company erstwhile Indus Towers Limited ('erstwhile Indus or Transferor Company') and their respective shareholders and creditors entered into a scheme of amalgamation and arrangement (under section 230 to 232 and other applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013) ('Scheme') to create a pan-India tower company operating across all 22 telecom service areas. Since then, the Scheme has received requisite regulatory approvals including approval from National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT), Chandigarh vide its order dated May 31, 2019 read with its order dated October 22, 2020.

The Company had filed certified copy of the NCLT order with the Registrar of Companies on November 19, 2020 to make the Scheme effective (Effective Date). Upon the Scheme becoming effective, the Transferor Company stood dissolved without being wound-up and amalgamated into the Company on a going concern basis.

Vodafone Idea had elected to receive cash pursuant to the right available to certain shareholders as per the Scheme. Pursuant to the same, Vodafone Idea received cash consideration of Rs. 37,642 (inclusive of 41 Mn paid after effective date of merger) million for its 11.15% shareholding in erstwhile Indus Towers. The said transaction was executed and completed on November 19, 2020.

For their 42% and 4.85% shareholding in erstwhile Indus Towers, Vodafone Group Plc. (through its indirect wholly owned subsidiaries) and P5 Asia Holding Investments (Mauritius) Limited (Providence) were allotted 757,821,804 and 87,506,900 equity shares aggregating to 28.12% and 3.25% respectively in the post-issue share capital of the Company. Accordingly, the paid-up equity share capital of the

Company stands increased to Rs.26,949,369,500 divided into 2,694,936,950 Equity Shares of Rs.10/each fully paid-up. Bharti Airtel along with its wholly owned subsidiary Nettle Infrastructure Investments Limited held 36.73% in the post-issue share capital of the Company following the above allotment consequently, the company cease to be subsidiary of Bharti Airtel Limited. On December 2, 2020 and December 28, 2020, Bharti Airtel through Nettle Infrastructure Investments Limited acquired additional ~4.94% and ~0.06% through the open market, taking its holding to 41.73% in the Company.

Upon implementation of the Scheme and allotment of shares to indirect wholly owned subsidiaries of Vodafone Group Plc., in addition to existing promoters (representing Bharti Airtel Limited along with its wholly owned subsidiary Nettle Infrastructure Investments Limited), the aforesaid indirect wholly owned subsidiaries of Vodafone Group Plc. have also been classified as promoters of the Company. Together, the promoters owned 69.85% of the Company as on March 31, 2021.

Please visit our website for more disclosures pertaining to the Scheme of Amalgamation.

### Future visibility on revenues & cash flows

Indus Towers has assured future revenues and cash flows because of the following key competitive strengths:

- A leading telecommunications infrastructure operator in India, with large scale, nationwide operations in an industry which creates some entry barriers.
- Extensive presence in all telecommunications Circles with strong growth potential as data consumption and data users/devices continue to increase.
- Long term contracts with leading wireless telecommunications service providers in India, providing visibility on future revenues.
- The estimated weighted average remaining life of service contracts entered into with telecommunications service providers, as on March 31, 2021 is 3.92 Years.
- Comprehensive deployment and operational experience supported by well-developed processes, systems and IT infrastructure.

# Alternate Energy and Energy Conservation Measures

We believe that a healthy environment is a prerequisite for progress, contributing to the well-being of society, our people and our business, and serving as the foundation for a sustainable and strong economy. In line with the vision of being known for Environmental Friendliness, the Company continues to deploy people, ideas and capital to help find effective solutions to environmental issues.

The Company has initiated various programs like getting out of air-conditioners, Shut DG, Green sites/ZEN, energy efficacy enhancement programs which are primarily based on ideas aimed at minimizing energy dependency and thereby, carbon footprint reduction. These programs promote (a) improving energy efficiency of tower infrastructure equipment, (b) use of renewable/alternate energy resources, and (c) reduction of equipment load on tower infrastructure equipment.

Some of the key initiatives taken so far are:

Solar Sites: As of March 31, 2021, we operate ~ 2,937 solar-powered sites across the network on a consolidated basis, which helps in reducing noise and emissions from DG sets and also in reducing dependency on diesel, thereby contributing towards better energy security.

Further, we are partnering with Renewable Energy Service Companies in our efforts towards powering our towers using renewable energy along with community power development, in rural areas.

- Adoption of high efficiency power system as a part of standard configuration for new tower deployment to ensure effective utilization of grid power supply on the towers.
- Focus remains unbated towards enhancing electrification for all our sites.
- Continued usage of advanced storage helps to sustain our ZEN vision.
- Comprehensive program to ensure zero diesel consumption at our tower sites. As of March 31, 2021 we operate ~74,353 green towers across our network.
- Other green alternatives like fuel cell, wind turbines, gas gensets keep on getting evaluated and added to the portfolio.
- Conversion of Indoor sites to Outdoor or getting out of air conditioner helps in overall reduction in energy demand as well as supports energy initiative execution.

We believe that these renewable energy initiatives, energy efficiency measures and load optimization methods will continue to have long-term benefits to our business, securing us against rising power and fuel costs as well as reducing the environmental impact of our operations.

For Operating highlights and details refer Page no. 11.

# **PROFORMA FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

Proforma unaudited consolidated financial results ('Proforma results') prepared assuming merger was effective from April 1, 2018 and hence, considered the effect of merger since then as per pooling of interest method in accordance to Appendix C of Ind AS 103. The consideration given to the shareholders, cancellation of Investment of Infratel in erstwhile Indus and recording of assets, liabilities and reserves at carrying value of erstwhile Indus has been considered in these results for all the periods presented. Hence, the results include the combined operation of Infratel and erstwhile Indus on line by line basis and line by line consolidation for its subsidiary and the controlled trust.

Detailed financial statements, analysis & other related information is attached to this report (Page 18). Also, kindly refer to section 7.3 – use of Non GAAP financial information (Page 23) and Glossary (Page 57) for detailed definitions.

### 3.1. Summarized Statement of Operations

Amount in Rs mn, except ratios

	Quarter Ended			F	Full Year Ended			
Particulars	Mar-21	Mar-20	Y-on-Y Growth	Mar-21	Mar-20	Y-on-Y Growth		
Revenue <sup>1</sup>	64,918	63,063	2.9%	256,729	255,624	0.4%		
EBITDA <sup>1</sup>	34,129	29,055	17.5%	132,575	127,239	4.2%		
EBITDA Margin	52.6%	46.1%		51.6%	49.8%			
EBIT <sup>1</sup>	20,805	15,083	37.9%	77,575	73,158	6.0%		
Other Income	772	840	-8.1%	2,983	2,777	7.4%		
Finance cost (Net)	3,619	2,760	31.1%	14,021	11,953	17.3%		
Profit before tax	17,958	13,163	36.4%	66,537	63,982	4.0%		
Income Tax Expense	4,320	3,299	30.9%	16,786	13,712	22.4%		
Profit after Tax	13,638	9,864	38.3%	49,751	50,270	-1.0%		
Capex	12,898	8,559	50.7%	35,868	31,764	12.9%		
Operating Free Cash Flow <sup>1</sup>	14,944	14,669	1.9%	71,240	70,653	0.8%		
Adjusted Fund From Operations (AFFO) <sup>1</sup>	25,641	21,545	19.0%	99,927	94,570	5.7%		
Cumulative Investments	568,352	548,063	3.7%	568,352	548,063	3.7%		

<sup>1.</sup> Revenue, EBITDA, EBIT, Operating free cash flow and Adjusted Fund from Operations (AFFO) are excluding other income.

### 3.2. Summarized Statement of Consolidated Financial Position

Particulars	As at	As at
i aiticulais	Mar 31, 2021	Mar 31, 2020
Shareholder's Fund		
Share capital	26,949	26,949
Other Equity	131,821	150,132
Total Equity	158,770	177,081
Liabilities		
Non-current liabilities	151,161	156,895
Current liabilities	139,506	129,115
Total liabilities	290,667	286,010
Total Equity and liabilities	449,437	463,091
Assets		
Non-current assets	353,139	367,515
Current assets	,	,
Current assets	96,298	95,576
Total assets	449,437	463,091

# **OPERATING HIGHLIGHTS**

The consolidated financial figures are based on proforma unaudited financial results prepared as per line by line consolidation method based on unaudited consolidated financial statements of IND AS and underlying information.

### 4.1 Tower and Related Infrastructure Services

Parameters	Unit	Mar 31, 2021	Dec 31, 2020	Q-on-Q Growth	Mar 31, 2020	Y-on-Y Growth
Total Towers	Nos	179,225	175,510	3,715	169,002	10,223
Total Co-locations <sup>1</sup>	Nos	322,438	318,310	4,128	311,111	11,327
Key Indicators						
Average Sharing Factor	Times	1.81	1.82		1.85	
Closing Sharing Factor	Times	1.80	1.81		1.84	
Sharing Revenue per Tower p.m	Rs	77,825	82,732	-5.9%	77,706	0.2%
Sharing Revenue per Sharing Operator p.m	Rs	42,477	44,845	-5.3%	41,373	2.7%

<sup>1.</sup> The Company during the quarter has reported co-locations reduction of 896 basis exit notices received. However as at March 31, 2021, there are cumulative 4,711 co-locations for which though the exit notices have been received but actual exits have not happened.

### 4.2 Human Resource Analysis

Parameters	Unit	Mar 31,	Dec 31,	Q-on-Q	Mar 31,	Y-on-Y
	Unit	2021	2020	Growth	2020	Growth
Total On Roll Employees	Nos	3,442	3,525	(83)	3,650	(208)
Number of Towers per Employee	Nos	52	50	4.0%	46	13.0%
Personnel Cost per Employee per month	Rs	169,753	210,043	-19.2%	164,854	3.0%
Revenue per Employee per month	Rs	6,211,952	6,310,755	-1.6%	5,788,517	7.3%

# 4.3 Residual Lease Period and Future Minimum Lease Receivable

Parameters	Unit	Mar 31, 2021
Average Residual Service Contract Period	Yrs.	3.92
Minimum Lease Payment Receivable	Rs. Mn	613,631

# MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

### 5.1 Key Industry Developments

### 1. Covid-19 and Impact

The Ministry of Home Affairs vide order No.40-3/2020 dated 24.03.2020 notified telecommunication services among the essential services which continued to operate during lock down in the crisis situation of COVID-19, which has been declared as pandemic by World Health Organisation. The passive infrastructure as well as active telecom operations of the Company's customers are covered under essential services which are actively engaged in fulfilling the surge in demand arising out of the choice exercised by almost all industries to conduct their operations remotely. Hence, the telecom industry is among the businesses that are least impacted due to COVID-19. The Company believes that thus far, there is no significant impact of COVID-19 pandemic on the financial position and performance of the Company. Further, the Company is not expecting any significant changes in estimates as of now as the Company is running its business and operations as usual without any major disruptions.

# 2. Enhancement of Scope of Infrastructure Providers – I (IP-1) Registration.

TRAI issued its recommendations dated March 12, 2020 on "Enhancement of Scope of Infrastructure Providers Category - I (IP-1) Registration". DoT through its letter dated November 18, 2020 sought few clarifications. TRAI in its response dated January 11, 2021 to DoT has reiterated that that for achieving the objectives of the Connect India mission of the NDCP-2018, "Encourage and facilitate sharing of active infrastructure by enhancing the scope of Infrastructure Providers (IP) and promoting and incentivizing deployment of common sharable, passive as well as active, infrastructure" is an important strategy; and an early decision of the Government on these recommendations (dated March 12, 2020) would enable implementation of this strategy envisaged in the policy.

#### 3. Spectrum Auction

On January 6, 2021, the DoT invited applications for a total quantity of 2308.80 MHz across frequencies in the 700 MHz, 800 MHz, 900 MHz, 1800 MHz, 2100 MHz, 2300 MHz and 2500 MHz bands for a period of twenty years. On March 2, 2021, the DoT announced successful completion

of the auction, with the value of the spectrum for which there were winning bids at Rs 77,815 crores and informed that bidding took place for spectrum in 800 MHz, 900 MHz, 1800 MHz, 2100 MHz and 2300 MHz bands. The total quantity of spectrum for which right to use has been acquired in these bands is 855.60 MHz. The participants did not bid in 700 MHz and 2500 MHz bands.

Bharti Airtel acquired 355.45 MHz spectrum across Sub GHz, mid band and 2300 MHz bands for a total consideration of Rs 18,699 crores while Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd ("RJIO") purchased 488.35 MHz spectrum in all 22 circles across India in in the 800 MHz, 1800 MHz and 2300 MHz bands for Rs 57,123 crores. Vodafone Idea Ltd. acquired 11.80 MHz spectrum for 1,993 crores.

# 4. Spectrum trading agreement between Bharti Airtel and RJIO

On April 6, 2021, Bharti announced an agreement with RJIO to transfer the 'Right to Use' of its 800 MHz spectrum in Andhra Pradesh (3.75 MHz), Delhi (1.25 MHz) and Mumbai (2.50 MHz). The agreement is subject to statutory approvals.

Through this agreement, Airtel will receive a consideration of Rs 1,038 crores from RJIO for the proposed transfer. In addition, RJIO will assume future liabilities of Rs 459 crores relating to the spectrum.

#### 5. Bharti Airtel Update

# Airtel and Qualcomm to collaborate for 5G in India

Bharti Airtel and Qualcomm Technologies, Inc. have announced their collaboration for accelerating 5G in India. Recently, Airtel has recently demonstrated 5G over a LIVE commercial network in the city of Hyderabad. Through Airtel's network vendors and device partners, Airtel will utilize the Qualcomm® 5G RAN Platforms to roll-out virtualized and Open RAN-based 5G networks.

# Bharti Airtel to acquire 20% stake in Bharti Telemedia from Warburg Pincus

Bharti Airtel to acquire Warburg Pincus affiliate's 20% equity stake in its DTH arm Bharti Telemedia for a total consideration of ~ INR 31,260 million which will be discharged primarily via issuance of ~36.47 million equity shares of Airtel at a price of

INR 600 per share; and up to INR 10,378 million in cash

### 5.2 Key Company updates

### 1. Pledge Creation

Pursuant to the Share Pledge Agreement between the parties, during the quarter, a primary pledge has been created by the Company through Axis Trustees Services Limited over 190,657,769 shares out of the total 204,448,241 shares held in the Company by Euro Pacific Securities Limited (one of the promoters of the Company), to secure the payment obligations of Vodafone Idea Limited under the MSAs.

### 2. Credit rating

The Company has been assigned long-term rating of ICRA AA+ with a Stable outlook (outlook on long-term rating has been revised from Negative to Stable) and short-term rating of [ICRA]A1+ by ICRA Ltd. Also, Commercial Paper rating is maintained at the highest end of the rating scale at ICRA A1+.

CRISIL rated their Long-Term Rating of the Company to CRISIL AA+ with a Stable outlook

(Removed from rating watch with Negative Implications & Rating reaffirmed), Short Term Rating were maintained at the highest end of the rating scale at CRISIL A1+, Bond rating at CRISIL AA+ (Removed from rating watch with Negative Implications & Rating reaffirmed) and for Commercial Paper CRISIL A1+ (Reaffirmed).

### 3. Awards and Recognitions

### **Gallup Exceptional Workplace Award 2021**

Indus Towers won the renowned "Gallup Exceptional Workplace Award 2021" for the eight consecutive year and is one of the 39 winners across the globe.

# ICICI Lombard & CNBC India Risk Management Award 2021

Indus Towers won the "ICICI Lombard & CNBC India Risk Management Award 2021" under "Risk governance category".

### 5.3 Results of Operations

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### Key Highlights - For the quarter ended March 31, 2021

- Revenues at Rs 64,918 Mn
- EBITDA at Rs 34,129 Mn
- Profit before tax at Rs 17.958 Mn
- Operating Free Cash Flow (OFCF) at Rs 14,944 Mn
- Adjusted Fund from Operations (AFFO) at Rs 25,641 Mn

### 5.3.1 Financial & Operational Performance

### **Indus Towers Limited**

# Quarter Ended March 31, 2021

### **Tower and Co-Location base & additions**

As of March 31, 2021, Indus owned and operated 179,225 towers with 322,438 co-locations in 22 telecommunications Circles in India.

During the quarter, net co-locations increased by 4,128. Gross exits during the quarter were 896. There are cumulative 4,711 co-locations for which though the exit notices have been received but actual exits have not happened.

For the quarter ended March 31, 2021, Indus had average sharing factor of 1.81 per tower.

### Revenues<sup>1</sup> from Operations

Our revenue comprises of primarily revenues from colocations and their energy billings.

Our revenue from operations for the quarter ended March 31, 2021 was Rs 64,918 million, up by 2.9% on Y-o-Y basis.

Revenue from Operations includes exit charges amounting to Rs 1,816 million recognized in financials for the quarter ended March 31, 2021 and Rs 1,759 million for the quarter ended March 31, 2020 as per accounting policy.

## **Operating Expenses**

Our total expenses for the quarter ended March 31, 2021 were Rs 30,789 million, or 47.4% of our revenues from operations. The largest component of our expense during this period was power and fuel, amounting to Rs 23,745 million. The other key expenses incurred by us during the quarter ended

March 31, 2021 were repair & maintenance (operations and maintenance costs of the network) of Rs 3,719 million and employee benefits expenses of Rs 1,774 million.

### EBITDA<sup>1</sup>, EBIT<sup>1</sup> & Finance Cost

For the quarter ended March 31, 2021, company had an EBITDA of Rs 34,129 million, up by 17.5% on Y-o-Y basis & EBITDA margin of 52.6%.

During the quarter ended March 31, 2021, the company had depreciation and amortization expenses of Rs 13,323 million or 20.5% of our revenues.

The resultant EBIT for the quarter ended March 31, 2021 was Rs 20,805 million, up by 37.9% on Y-o-Y basis.

The net finance cost for the quarter ended March 31, 2021 was Rs 3,619 million, or 5.6% of our revenues up by 31.1% on Y-o-Y basis.

### Profit before Tax (PBT)

Our profit before tax for the quarter ended March 31, 2021 was Rs 17,958 million, or 27.7% of our revenues up by 36.4% on Y-o-Y basis.

### Profit after Tax (PAT)

The net income for the quarter ended March 31, 2021 was Rs 13,638 million, or 21% of our revenues, up by 38.3% on Y-o-Y basis.

Our total tax expense (net of tax effect on long term capital gains / loss) for the quarter ended March 31, 2021 was Rs 4,320 million, or 6.7% of our consolidated revenues.

# Capital Expenditure, Operating Free Cash Flow<sup>1</sup> & Adjusted Fund from Operations (AFFO) <sup>1</sup>

For the quarter ended March 31, 2021, the company incurred capital expenditure of Rs 12,898 million. The Operating free cash flow during the quarter was Rs 14,944 million up by 1.9% on Y-o-Y basis.

The Adjusted Fund from Operations (AFFO) during the quarter was Rs 25,641 million up by 19.0% on Y-o-Y basis.

 Revenue, EBITDA, EBIT, operating free cash flow & AFFO are excluding other income.

### **Return on Capital Employed (ROCE)**

ROCE as at the period ended March 31, 2021 stands at 22.1%.

### 5.4 Indus Towers Three Line Graph

The Company tracks its performance on a three-line graph.

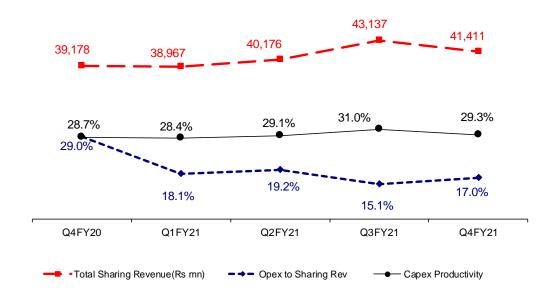
The parameters considered for the three-line graph are:

- Total Sharing revenue i.e. total revenue excluding energy reimbursements accrued during the respective period
- Opex Productivity is calculated as operating expenses other than power and fuel expense divided by total sharing revenues for the respective period.

This ratio depicts the operational efficiencies in the Company.

3. Capex Productivity – this is computed by dividing sharing revenue accrued for the quarter (annualized) by average gross cumulative investments (gross fixed assets and capital work in progress) as at the end of respective period. This ratio depicts the asset productivity of the Company.

Given below are the graphs for the last five quarters of the Company:



# **STOCK MARKET HIGHLIGHTS**

# 6.1 General Information

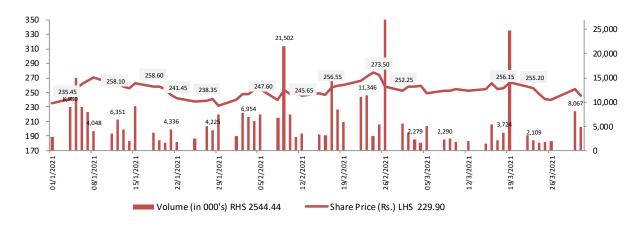
Shareholding and Financial Data	Unit	Quarter Ended Mar 31, 2021
Codes/Exchanges		534816/BSE INDUSTOWER/NSE
Bloomberg/Reuters		INDUSTOW IN/INUS.NS
No. of Shares Outstanding (31/03/21) Closing Market Price - NSE (31/03/21)	Mn Nos Rs /Share	2,694.94 245.00
Combined Volume (NSE & BSE) (01/01/21 - 31/03/21) Combined Value (NSE & BSE) (01/01/21 - 31/03/21)	Nos in Mn/day Rs bn /day	6.88 1.76
Market Capitalization	Rs bn	660
Book Value Per Equity Share	Rs /share	58.91
Market Price/Book Value	Times	4.16
Enterprise Value	Rs bn	853
PE Ratio	Times	13.27
Enterprise Value/ EBITDA	Times	6.44

# 6.2 Summarized Shareholding pattern as of March 31, 2021

Category	Number of Shares	%
Promoter & Promoter Group		
Indian	1,124,527,726	41.73%
Foreign	757,821,804	28.12%
Sub-Total	1,882,349,530	69.85%
Public Shareholding		
Institutions	795,326,852	29.51%
Non-Institutions	17,115,478	0.64%
Sub-Total	812,442,330	30.15%
Non-promoter Non-public shareholding		
Indian (Held by Indus Towers Employees Welfare Trust (formerly Bharti Infratel Employee's Welfare Trust)	145,090	0.01%
Foreign	-	-
Sub-Total	145,090	0.01%
Total	2,694,936,950	100%

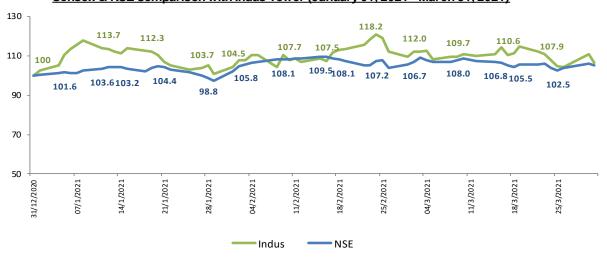
# 6.3 Indus Towers daily stock price (NSE) and volume (BSE & NSE Combined) movement

### Volume and Share Price Data (January 01, 2021 - March 31, 2021)



### 6.4 Comparison of Indus Towers with Nifty

# Sensex & NSE Comparison with Indus Tower (January 01, 2021 - March 31, 2021)



Nifty and Indus Towers Stock price rebased to 100.

# **DETAILED PROFORMA FINANCIAL AND RELATED INFORMATION**

Proforma unaudited consolidated financial results ('Proforma results') prepared assuming merger was effective from April 1, 2018 and hence, considered the effect of merger since then as per pooling of interest method in accordance to Appendix C of Ind AS 103. The consideration given to the shareholders, cancellation of Investment of Infratel in erstwhile Indus and recording of assets, liabilities and reserves at carrying value of erstwhile Indus has been considered in these results for all the periods presented. Hence, the results include the combined operation of Infratel and erstwhile Indus on line by line basis and line by line consolidation for its subsidiary and the controlled trust.

### 7.1 Proforma Financial Statements

### 7.1.1 Statement of Profit and Loss

Amount in	Rs mn.	, except ratio	s
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Dortionlare		Quarter Ended			Full Year Ended		
Particulars	Mar-21	Mar-20	Y-on-Y growth	Mar-21	Mar-20	Y-on-Y growth	
Income							
Revenue from Operations	64,918	63,063	3%	256,729	255,624	0.4%	
Other income	772	840	-8%	2,983	2,777	7%	
Guidi inidding	65,690	63,903	3%	259,712	258,401	1%	
Expenses	,	,		,	, .		
Power and fuel	23,745	22,649	5%	95,831	96,737	-1%	
Employee expenses	1,774	1,796	-1%	7,681	7,028	9%	
Repairs and maintenance	3,719	3,622	3%	14,438	13,519	7%	
Other expenses	1,551	5,941	-74%	6,204	11,101	-44%	
	30,789	34,008	-9%	124,154	128,385	-3%	
Profit before depreciation and amortization,							
finance cost, finance income, charity and	34,901	29,895	17%	135,558	130,016	4%	
donation, exceptional items and tax							
Finance Costs	4,106	3,797	8%	16,392	15,952	3%	
Finance Income	(487)	(1,037)	53%	(2,371)	(3,999)	41%	
Charity and Donation	1	519	-100%	1,606	1,371	17%	
Depreciation and Amortization Expense	13,672	13,985	-2%	55,862	55,513	1%	
Less: adjusted with general reserve in	(349)	(532)	34%	(2,468)	(2,803)	12%	
accordance with the Scheme	(349)	(332)	34%	(2,400)	(2,003)	1270	
Profit before exceptional items and tax	17,958	13,163	36%	66,537	63,982	4%	
Tront before exceptional items and tax	17,550	13,103	30 /0	00,557	03,302	470	
Profit before tax	17,958	13,163	36%	66,537	63,982	4.0%	
Income Tax expense	Í			Í	·		
Current tax	4,159	3,943	5%	16,879	16,157	4%	
Deferred tax	161	(644)	125%	(93)	(2,445)	96%	
Total income tax expense	4,320	3,299	31%	16,786	13,712	22%	
Profit for the period	13,638	9,864	38%	49,751	50,270	-1%	
Other comprehensive income/(loss)	24	7	243%	4	(132)	103%	
Total comprehensive income for the year, net of					` ′		
tax	13,662	9,871	38%	49,755	50,138	-1%	
Earnings per equity share (nominal value of share Rs 10 each)							
Basic (Rs.)	5.06	3.66	38%	18.46	18.65	-1%	
Diluted (Rs.)	5.06	3.66	38%	18.46	18.65	-1%	
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# 7.1.2 Statement of Balance Sheet

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Particulars		
Acceto	Mar 31, 2021	Mar 31, 2020 <sup>1</sup>
Assets		
Non assument access		
Non-current assets	045.040	240 244
Property, plant and equipment	215,819	219,211
Right of Use Assets	102,110	99,603
Capital work-in-progress	2,736	2,928
Intangible assets	73	363
Financial Assets		47.000
Investments	-	17,002
Other Financial Assets	10,533	10,816
Income Tax Assets (net)	7,282	6,669
Deferred tax assets (net)		
Other non - Current assets	14,586	10,923
_	353,139	367,515
Current assets		
Financial assets		
Investments	22,714	22,380
Trade receivables	38,285	34,529
Cash and cash equivalents	145	2,807
Other Bank Balance	-	18
Other Financial assets	29,559	32,205
Other Current Assets	5,595	3,637
	96,298	95,576
Total assets	449,437	463,091
Equity and Liabilities		
Equity		
Equity Share capital	26,949	26,949
Other Equity	131,821	150,132
Equity attributable to equity holders of the parent	158,770	177,081
Non-current liabilities		
Financial Liabilities		
Lease Liabilities	112,327	109,407
Other Financial Liabilities	5,236	5,165
Borrowings	15,051	24,267
Provisions	15,666	14,175
Deferred tax liability	703	795
Other non - Current liabilities	2,178	3,086
	151,161	156,895
Current liabilities		
Financial Liabilities		
Borrowings	54,652	52,105
Trade and Other payables	32,588	33,454
Lease Liabilities	21,792	19,868
Other financial liabilities	23,234	17,935
Other Current Liabilities	5,441	5,005
Provisions	481	639
Current Tax Liabilities (Net)	1,318	109
	139,506	129,115
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Total liabilities	290,667	286,010
Total equity and liabilities	449,437	463,091
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<sup>1.</sup>In March 31, 2020 VIL pay-out of Rs 37,601 million is assumed to be funded partially through investments and partially through loan proceeds.

# 7.1.3 Cash Flow Statement

		Amount in Rs m As at		
Particulars	Mar-21	Mar-20		
ash flows from operating activities				
Profit before taxation	66,537	63,98		
djustments for				
Depreciation and amortization expense	53,394	52,71		
Finance income	(2,371)			
Finance costs	16,392	15,95		
(Gain)/loss on disposal of property, plant & equipment	(1,633)			
Provision for doubtful trade receivables	335	4,29		
Revenue equalisation	(4,055)			
·				
Others	(1,577)	(61		
perating profit before changes in assets and liabilities	127,022	125,78		
Changes in other assets / financial assets	2,357	(4,84		
Changes in other non current and current assets	(1,579)	1,52		
Changes in trade receivables	(3,448)	(14,02		
Changes in other financial liabilities	(773)	(5,53		
Changes in provisions	(49)	,		
Changes in other non current and current liabilities	169	36		
Changes in trade payables and financial liabilities	148	1,30		
Cash generated from operations	123,846	104,72		
Income tax paid (net of refunds)	(16,283)	(19,76		
et cash flow from operating activities (A)	107,563	84,95		
ash flows from investing activities	(-,)			
Purchase of property, plant & equipment	(34,586)	,		
Proceeds from sale of property, plant & equipment	3,079	2,71		
Investment in mutual funds	(156,427)	(80,16		
Proceeds from sale of mutual funds	174,389	64,12		
Proceeds from sale of government securities	-	9,46		
Redemption of certificate of deposits, Commercial paper and bonds	-	2,93		
Proceeds from bank deposits (net)	186	3		
Proceeds from exercise of stock options	6			
Interest received	673	1,27		
et cash flow from /(used in) investing activities (B)	(12,680)	(31,08		
ash flows from financing activities				
Proceeds from borrowings	230,959	38,00		
Amount on account of sale/purchase of treasury shares (net)	78	(3		
Repayment of borrowings	(230,182)	(35,62		
Cash paid to Vodafone Idea Ltd. pursuant to merger of erstwhile Indus	(200,102)	(00,02		
Towers Limited with the Company	(41)			
• •	(65,654)	(20.00		
Dividend paid	, , ,	(30,98		
Interest Paid	(3,310)	(4,69		
Repayment of lease liabilities (including interest)	(25,467)	(24,82		
et cash flow used in financing activities (C)	(93,617)	(58,16		
et increase in cash and cash equivalents during the year (A+B+C)	1,266	(4,29		
ash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	(1,123)	3,17		
ash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	143	(1,12		
annual of each and each aminute it				
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		3		
- Deposits with original maturity of less than three months	1	2,72		
- Bank overdraft	(2)	(3,93		
components of cash and cash equivalents cash and cash equivalents cash and cash equivalents Balances with banks - on current accounts - Deposits with original maturity of less than three months	144	(1		

Total cash and cash equivalents

1. In March 31, 2020 VIL pay-out of Rs 37,601 million is assumed to be funded partially through investments and partially through loan proceeds.

# 7.2 Schedules to Financial Statements

# 7.2.1 Schedule of Revenue from Operations

### Amount in Rs mn

	Quarte	r Ended	Full Year Ended		
Particulars					
	Mar-21	Mar-20	Mar-21	Mar-20	
Sharing revenue	41,411	39,178	163,691	157,522	
Energy reimburs ements	23,507	23,885	93,038	98,102	
Revenue	64,918	63,063	256,729	255,624	

# 7.2.2 Schedule of Operating Expenses

### Amount in Rs mn

Particulars	Quarter Ended		Full Year Ended	
Failiculais	Mar-21	Mar-20	Mar-21	Mar-20
Power and fuel	23,745	22,649	95,831	96,737
Employee expenses	1,774	1,796	7,681	7,028
Repairs and maintenance	3,719	3,622	14,438	13,519
Other expenses	1,551	5,941	6,204	11,101
Expenses	30,789	34,008	124,154	128,385

# 7.2.3 Schedule of Depreciation & Amortization

# Amount in Rs mn

Particulars	Quarter Ended		Full Year Ended	
i aiticulais	Mar-21	Mar-20	Mar-21	Mar-20
Depreciation of tangible assets	8,760	9,155	35,489	35,243
Amortization of intangible assets	5	69	328	320
Depreciation without ROU assets	8,765	9,224	35,817	35,563
Add: Depreciation on ROU assets	4,558	4,229	17,577	17,147
Depreciation and Amortization	13,323	13,453	53,394	52,710

# 7.2.4 Schedule of Finance Cost (Net)

Particulars	Quarter Ended		Full Year Ended	
Tartiodiais	Mar-21	Mar-20	Mar-21	Mar-20
Finance Income	(487)	(1,037)	(2,371)	(3,999)
Finance Cost	1,457	1,517	5,998	6,393
Finance cost (Net) without lease obligation	970	480	3,627	2,394
Add: Interest on lease obligation	2,649	2,280	10,394	9,559
Finance cost (Net)	3,619	2,760	14,021	11,953

# 7.2.5 Schedule of Tax Expenses (Net)

# Amount in Rs mn

Particulars	Quarter Ended		Full Year Ended	
i aiticulais	Mar-21	Mar-20	Mar-21	Mar-20
Current tax	4,159	3,943	16,879	16,157
Deferred tax	161	(644)	(93)	(2,445)
Income Tax Expenses	4,320	3,299	16,786	13,712

# 7.2.6 Schedule of Cumulative Investments

Particulars	As at	As at
i aiticulais	Mar 31, 2021	Mar 31, 2020
Property, plant and equipment(Gross)	562,842	542,391
Less: Accumlated Depreciation	347,023	323,180
Property, plant and equipment(Net)	215,819	219,211
Intangible assets(Gross)	2,774	2,744
Less: Accumlated Amortization	2,701	2,381
Intangible assets(Net)	73	363
Capital work-in-progress	2,736	2,928
Cumlative Investments	568,352	548,063

### 7.3 Use of Non - GAAP Financial Information

In presenting and discussing the Company's reported financial position, operating results and cash flows, certain information is derived from amounts calculated in accordance with IND AS, but this information is a Non-GAAP measure. Such Non-GAAP measures should not be viewed in isolation as alternatives to the equivalent IND AS measures.

A summary of Non – GAAP measures included in this report are shown below

# 7.3.1 Reconciliation of Non- GAAP financial information to the information as per proforma unaudited consolidated financial statements in 7.1 & 7.2 above

### a) Reconciliation of Total Income to Revenue

Amount in Rs mn

Particulars	Quarter Ended	Full Year Ended
Failiculais	Mar-21	Mar-21
Total Income to Revenue		
Total Income as per IND AS	65,690	259,712
Less: Other Income	772	2,983
Revenue	64,918	256,729

### b) Reconciliation of EBITDA (Including Other Income) to EBITDA

Amount in Rs mn

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Particulars	Quarter Ended	Full Year Ended
	Mar-21	Mar-21
EBITDA (Including Other Income) to EBITDA		
EBITDA (Incl. Other Income) as per IND AS	34,901	135,558
Less: Other Income	772	2,983
EBITDA	34,129	132,575

### c) Reconciliation of EBIT (Including Other Income) to EBIT

Amount in Rs mn

Particulars	Quarter Ended	Full Year Ended
i aiticulais	Mar-21	Mar-21
EBIT (Including Other Income) to EBIT		
EBIT (Incl. Other Income) as per IND AS	21,577	80,558
Less: Other Income	772	2,983
EBIT	20,805	77,575

# d) Derivation of Operating Free Cash Flow from EBITDA

Particulars	Quarter Ended	Full Year Ended
i atticulars	Mar-21	Mar-21
EBITDA to Operating Free Cash Flow		
EBITDA	34,129	132,575
Less: Repayment of Lease Liabilities	6,287	25,467
Adjusted EBITDA	27,842	107,108
Less: Capex	12,898	35,868
Operating Free Cash Flow	14,944	71,240

# e) Derivation of Adjusted Fund From Operations (AFFO) from Adjusted EBITDA

Amount in Rs mn

Particulars	Quarter Ended	Full Year Ended
randalaid	Mar-21	Mar-21
Adjusted EBITDA to Adjusted Fund From Operations		
Adjusted EBITDA	27,842	107,108
Less: Maintenance & General Corporate Capex	2,201	7,181
Adjusted Fund From Operations(AFFO)	25,641	99,927

# f) Calculation of Net Debt / (Net Cash) with and without Lease Liabilities

Amount in Rs mn

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Particulars	As at	As at
	Mar 31, 2021	March 31, 2020 <sup>1</sup>
Total Debt (Long Term and Short Term Borrowings)	215,760	213,981
Less: Cash and Cash Equivalents & Current and non- current Investments (including fixed deposits)	22,859	42,207
Net Debt / (Net Cash) with Lease Liabilities	192,901	171,774
Less: Lease Obligation	134,119	129,275
Net Debt / (Net Cash) without Lease Liabilities	58,782	42,499

<sup>1.</sup> In March 31, 2020 VIL pay-out of Rs 37,601 million is assumed to be funded partially through investments and partially through loan proceeds.

# g) Calculation of Capital Employed

Particulars	As at Mar 31, 2021	As at March 31, 2020 <sup>1</sup>
Shareholder's Equity	158,770	177,081
Add:Net Debt / (Net Cash) with Lease Liabilities	192,901	171,774
Capital Employed	351,671	348,855

<sup>1.</sup>In March 31, 2020 VIL pay-out of Rs 37,601 million is assumed to be funded partially through investments and partially through loan proceeds.

### TRENDS AND RATIOS

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### 8.1 Based on Statement of Operations

Parameters		For the Quarter Ended							
i didilicicis	Mar-21	Dec-20	Sep-20	Jun-20	Mar-20				
Revenue <sup>1</sup>	64,918	67,361	63,591	60,859	63,063				
Energy Cost	23,745	24,786	24,679	22,621	22,649				
Other Operating Expenses	7,044	6,495	7,733	7,051	11,359				
EBITDA <sup>1</sup>	34,129	36,080	31,179	31,187	29,055				
EBITDA / Total revenues <sup>2</sup>	52.6%	53.6%	49.0%	51.2%	46.1%				
EBIT <sup>1</sup>	20,805	21,222	17,649	17,899	15,083				
Other Income	772	1,056	816	339	840				
Finance cost (Net)	3,619	3,900	3,297	3,205	2,760				
Profit before tax	17,958	18,378	15,168	15,033	13,163				
Income Tax Expense	4,320	4,778	3,861	3,827	3,299				
Profit after Tax	13,638	13,600	11,307	11,206	9,864				
Capex	12,898	10,935	8,743	3,292	8,559				
Operating Free Cash Flow <sup>1</sup>	14,944	18,756	16,341	21,200	14,669				
Adjusted Fund From Operations (AFFO) <sup>1</sup>	25,641	27,771	23,153	23,362	21,545				
Cumulative Investments	568,352	560,304	552,914	550,025	548,063				

	Mar-21	Dec-20	Sep-20	Jun-20	Mar-20
As a % of Revenue <sup>2</sup>					
EnergyCost	36.6%	36.8%	38.8%	37.2%	35.9%
Other Operating Expenses	10.9%	9.6%	12.2%	11.6%	18.0%
EBITDA	52.6%	53.6%	49.0%	51.2%	46.1%
Profit before tax	27.7%	27.3%	23.9%	24.7%	20.9%
Profit after tax	21.0%	20.2%	17.8%	18.4%	15.6%

<sup>1.</sup> Revenue, EBITDA, EBIT, Operating free cash flow & AFFO are excluding other income.

<sup>2.</sup> Previous periods' figures have been regrouped/ rearranged wherever necessary to conform to current period classifications.

# 8.1.1 Consolidated Proforma Statement of Operations

Quarter Ended						
Particulars	Mar 2021	Dec 2020	Sep 2020	Jun 2020	Mar 2020	
Income						
Revenue from Operations	64,918	67,361	63,591	60,859	63,0	
Other income	772	1,056	816	339	8	
	65,690	68,417	64,407	61,198	63,9	
Expenses						
Power and fuel	23,745	24,786	24,679	22,621	22,6	
Employee expenses	1,774	2,242	1,844	1,821	1,7	
Repairs and maintenance	3,719	3,793	3,805	3,121	3,6	
Other expenses	1,551	460	2,084	2,109	5,9	
	30,789	31,281	32,412	29,672	34,0	
Profit before depreciation and amortization,						
finance cost, finance income, charity and donation,	34,901	37,136	31,995	31,526	29,8	
exceptional items and tax	,	•	ŕ	•	ĺ	
Depresiation and amountaction sympass	40.000	44.202	42.000	40 604	40	
Depreciation and amortization expense Finance costs	13,323	14,302	13,088	12,681	13,4	
Finance costs Finance Income	4,106	4,504	3,746	4,036	3,7	
	(487)	(604)	(449) 442	(831)	(1,0	
Charity and donation	16,943	556 <b>18,758</b>	16,827	607 <b>16,493</b>	16,7	
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Profit before exceptional items and tax	17,958	18,378	15,168	15,033	13,	
Exceptional Items		-	-	-		
Profit before tax	17,958	18,378	15,168	15,033	13,	
Income Tax expense						
Current tax	4,159	4,076	4,065	4,579	3,9	
Deferred tax	161	702	(204)	(752)	(6	
Total income tax expense	4,320	4,778	3,861	3,827	3,	
Profit for the period	13,638	13,600	11,307	11,206	9,8	
Other comprehensive income/(loss)	10,000	(6)	(3)	(11)	-,-	
Total Comprehensive Income	13,638	13,594	11,304	11,195	9,8	
Earnings per equity share (nominal value of share						
Rs 10 each)						
Basic	5.06	5.05	4.20	4.16	3	
Diluted	5.06	5.05	4.20	4.16	3	
Direct	5.00	5.05	4.20	4.10		

### 8.1.2 Consolidated Proforma Balance sheet

Amount in Rs	i IIIII
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Particulars	As at Mar 2021	As at Dec 2020	As at Sep 2020¹	As at Jun 2020¹	As at Mar 2020 <sup>1</sup>		
	IVIAI ZUZI	Dec 2020	3ep 2020	Juli 2020	IVIAI 2020		
ASSETS							
Non-current assets							
Property, plant and equipment	215,819	212,906	212,756	213,492	219,211		
Right of use asset	102,110	100,037	98,749	98,548	99,603		
Capital work-in-progress	2,736	2,373	2,695	2,976	2,928		
Intangible assets	73	87	237	303	363		
Financial Assets							
Investments	-	-	17,330	17,192	17,002		
Other Financial Assets	10,533	10,481	10,599	10,509	10,816		
Income Tax Assets (net)	7,282	7,784	7,687	7,660	6,669		
Deferred tax Assets (Net)	-	-	166	-	-		
Other non - Current assets	14,586	13,642	12,912	12,019	10,923		
	353,139	347,310	363,131	362,699	367,515		
Current assets							
Financial assets							
Investments	22,714	30,692	735	12,146	22,380		
Trade receivables	38,285	42,985	47,724	41,222	34,529		
Cash and cash equivalents	145	257	4,813	819	2,807		
Other Bank Balance	-	30	16	11	18		
Other Financial Assets	29,559	30,150	28,824	28,318	32,205		
Other Current Assets	5,595	8,100	3,583	3,539	3,637		
	96,298	112,214	85,695	86,055	95,576		
Total assets	449,437	459,524	448,826	448,754	463,091		
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EQUITY AND LIABILITIES							
Equity							
Equity Share Capital	26,949	26,949	26,949	26,949	26,949		
Other Equity	131,821	166,550	154,091	147,554	150,132		
Equity attributable to equity holders of the parent	158,770	193,499	181,040	174,503	177,081		
Non-current liabilities							
Financial Liabilities							
Lease Liabilities	112,327	110,128	108,779	108,464	109,407		
Other Financial Liabilities	5,236	5,148	5,382	5,268	5,165		
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Borrowings	15,051	9,679	32,282	29,253	24,267		
Provisions	15,666	15,213	14,813	14,474	14,175		
Deferred tax liability	703	534	-	39	795		
Other non - Current liabilities	2,178	2,478	2,693	2,878	3,086		
	151,161	143,180	163,949	160,376	156,895		
Current liabilities							
Financial Liabilities							
Trade payables	32,588	34,101	33,397	34,428	33,454		
Borrowings	54,652	22,748	23,259	34,620	52,105		
Lease Liabilities	21,792	21,045	20,570	19,975	19,868		
Other Financial Liabilities	23,234	19,750	17,979	17,131	17,935		
Other Current Liabilities	5,441	23,528	6,636	5,539	5,005		
Provisions	481	795	774	700	639		
Current Tax Liabilities (Net)	1,318	878	1,222	1,482	109		
	139,506	122,845	103,837	113,875	129,115		
Total equity and liabilities	449,437	459,524	448,826	448,754	463,091		
rotar equity and nabilities	443,431	+33,324	+40,020	++0,134	403,091		

<sup>1.</sup> In Sep 2020, Jun 2020, Mar 2020 and Dec 2019, VIL pay-out of Rs 37,601 million is assumed to be funded partially through investments and partially through loan proceeds.

2. Previous periods' figures have been regrouped/ rearranged wherever necessary to conform to current period's classifications.

# 8.2 Based on Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

Parameters	As at						
T diameters	Mar-21	Dec-20	Sep-20	Jun-20	Mar-20		
Shareholder's Equity	158,770	193,499	181,040	174,503	177,081		
Net Debt / (Net Cash) with Lease Liabilities	192,901	141,971	172,263	172,144	171,774		
Capital Employed = Shareholder's Equity + Net Debt / (Net Cash) with Lease Liabilities	351,671	335,470	353,303	346,647	348,855		

Parameters	Mar-21	Dec-20	Sep-20	Jun-20	Mar-20
Return on Capital Employed Pre Tax (LTM)	22.1%	21.3%	20.6%	21.1%	21.9%
Return on Shareholder's Equity Pre Tax (LTM)	39.6%	34.2%	35.7%	37.7%	37.6%
Return on Shareholder's Equity Post tax (LTM)	29.6%	25.5%	26.7%	30.7%	29.6%
Net Debt / (Net Cash) with Lease Liabilities to EBITDA (LTM)	1.46	1.11	1.39	1.37	1.35
Asset Turnover ratio <sup>1</sup>	46.0%	48.4%	46.1%	44.3%	46.0%
Interest Coverage ratio (times) (LTM)	9.46	9.69	10.13	10.44	10.64
Net debt / (Net Cash) with to Funded Equity (Times)	1.21	0.73	0.95	0.99	0.97
Per share data (for the period)					
Earnings Per Share - Basic (in Rs) <sup>2</sup>	5.06	5.05	4.20	4.16	3.66
Earnings Per Share - Diluted (in Rs) <sup>2</sup>	5.06	5.05	4.20	4.16	3.66
Book Value Per Equity Share (in Rs) <sup>2</sup>	58.9	71.8	67.2	64.8	65.7
Market Capitalization (Rs. bn) <sup>2</sup>	660	620	472	597	431
Enterprise Value (Rs. bn) <sup>2</sup>	853	762	645	769	603

Refer Section 11- Glossary for revised definition.
 Valuation Indicators for periods prior to quarter ending December 31, 2020 are revised based on current outstanding share capital to make the data comparable

# 8.3 Operational Performance

Parameters	Unit	Mar 2021	Dec 2020	Sep 2020	Jun 2020	Mar 2020
Total Tow ers	Nos	179,225	175,510	172,094	169,630	169,002
Total Co-locations	Nos	322,438	318,310	314,106	310,627	311,111
Key Indicators:						
Average sharing factor	Times	1.81	1.82	1.83	1.84	1.85
Closing sharing factor	Times	1.80	1.81	1.83	1.83	1.84
Sharing revenue per tow er per month	Rs	77,825	82,732	78,379	76,715	77,706
Sharing revenue per sharing operator per month	Rs	42,477	44,845	42,186	41,016	41,373

<sup>1.</sup> The Company during the quarter has reported co-locations reduction of 896 basis exit notices received. However as at March 31, 2021, there are cumulative 4,711 co-locations for which though the exit notices have been received but actual exits have not happened.

# 8.4 Human Resource Analysis

Parameters	Unit	Mar 2021	Dec 2020	Sep 2020	Jun 2020	Mar 2020
Total on roll employees	Nos	3,442	3,525	3,591	3,645	3,650
Number of towers per employee	Nos	52	50	48	47	46
Personnel cost per employee per month	Rs	169,753	210,043	169,891	166,415	164,854
Gross revenue per employee per month	Rs	6,211,952	6,310,755	5,858,762	5,561,709	5,788,517

# 8.5 Revenue From Operations

Amount in Rs mn

Particulars	Quarter Ended							
Fai ticulai S	Mar 2021	Dec 2020	Sep 2020	June 2020	Mar 2020			
Sharing Revenue	41,411	43,137	40,176	38,967	39,178			
Energy reimbursements	23,507	24,224	23,415	21,892	23,885			
Total revenues	64,918	67,361	63,591	60,859	63,063			

# 8.6 Operating Expenses

Amount in Rs mn

Particulars	Quarter Ended							
Fai ticulai S	Mar 2021	Dec 2020	Sep 2020	June 2020	Mar 2020			
Pow er & fuel	23,745	24,786	24,679	22,621	22,649			
Employee benefit expenses	1,774	2,242	1,844	1,821	1,796			
Repair and maintenance expenses	3,719	3,793	3,805	3,121	3,622			
Other expenses	1,551	460	2,084	2,109	5,941			
Total expenses	30,789	31,281	32,412	29,672	34,008			

# 8.7 Depreciation and Amortization

Amount in Rs mn

Post!sulana	Quarter Ended							
Particulars	Mar 2021	Dec 2020	Sep 2020	June 2020	Mar 2020			
Depreciation on tangible assets	8,760	9,737	8,713	8,279	9,155			
Amortization on intangible assets	5	182	71	70	69			
Depreciation without ROU assets	8,765	9,919	8,784	8,349	9,224			
Add: Depreciation on ROU assets	4,558	4,383	4,304	4,332	4,229			
Depreciation and amortization	13,323	14,302	13,088	12,681	13,453			

### 8.8 Finance Cost

Particulars	Quarter Ended						
rai ticulai S	Mar 2021	Dec 2020	Sep 2020	June 2020	Mar 2020		
Finance Income	487	604	449	831	1,037		
Finance Cost	1,457	1,903	1,194	1,444	1,517		
Finance cost (Net) without	970	1,299	745	613	480		
Add: Interest on lease obligation	2,649	2,601	2,552	2,592	2,280		
Finance Cost (Net)	3,619	3,900	3,297	3,205	2,760		

### 8.9 Schedule of Net Debt

Amount in Rs mn

Particulars	As at							
Fai ticulai S	Mar 2021	Dec 2020	Sep 2020	June 2020	Mar 2020			
Total Debt with Lease Liabilities	215,760	172,950	195,157	202,312	213,981			
Less: Cash and Cash Equivalents & Current and non- current Investments (including fixed deposits)	22,859	30,979	22,894	30,168	42,207			
Net debt	192,901	141,971	172,263	172,144	171,774			

<sup>1.</sup>VIL pay-out of Rs 37,601 million is assumed to be funded partially through investments and partially through loan proceeds.

# 8.10 Energy Cost Analysis

Particulars		For the Quarter Ended					
	Unit	Mar-21	Dec-20	Sep-20	Jun-20	Mar-20	
Energy Cost Indicators							
Energy Cost Per Tower per month	Rs	44,625	47,537	48,146	44,534	44,922	
Energy Cost Per Colocation per month	Rs	24,356	25,767	25,914	23,811	23,918	

# 8.11 Other Than Energy Cost Analysis

Particulars		For the Quarter Ended					
r ai tioulai o	Unit	Mar-21	Dec-20	Sep-20	Jun-20	Mar-20	
Other Than Energy Cost							
Cost Per Tow er per month	Rs	13,238	12,457	15,086	13,881	22,530	
Cost per Colocation per month	Rs	7,225	6,752	8,120	7,422	11,995	

# 8.12 Revenue and Operating Cost Composition

Parameters		For the Quarter Ended						
i di dilleter s	Unit	Mar-21	Dec-20	Sep-20	Jun-20	Mar-20		
Revenue Composition								
Sharing Revenue	%	64%	64%	63%	64%	62%		
Energy reimbursements	%	36%	36%	37%	36%	38%		
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%		
Opex Composition								
Pow er and fuel	%	77%	79%	76%	76%	67%		
Employee benefits expenses	%	6%	7%	6%	6%	5%		
Repair and maintenance expenses	%	12%	12%	12%	11%	11%		
Other expenses	%	5%	1%	6%	7%	17%		
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%		

# Section B

Standalone and Consolidated IND AS Financial Statements

The consolidated financial results represent results of the Company, its subsidiary 'Smartx Services Limited', its controlled trust 'Indus Towers Employees Welfare Trust (formerly Bharti Infratel Employees Welfare Trust)' and its share in Joint Venture Company 'erstwhile Indus Towers Limited' (ceased to exist and merged into the Company w.e.f. November 19, 2020).

This section contains the extracts from Audited Standalone and Consolidated Financial Statements prepared in accordance with IND AS Accounting Principles.

# **FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

- 9.1 Extracts from Standalone and Consolidated Audited Financial Statements prepared in accordance with IND AS Accounting Principles
- 9.1.1 Standalone Statement of Profit & Loss for the period ended March 31, 2021

Amount in Rs mn, except ratios

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Particulars		Quarter End			Full year Er	
	Mar-21	Mar-20	Y-on-Y growth	Mar-21	Mar-20	Y-on-Y growth
Income						
Revenue from Operations	64,908	16,811	286%	139,508	67,383	107.0%
Otherincome	772	386	100%	6,168	1,287	379%
	65,680	17,197	282%	145,676	68,670	112%
Expenses						
Power and fuel	23,743	5,865	305%	51,529	23,664	118%
Employee expenses	1,774	796	123%	5,126	2,935	75%
Repairs and maintenance	3,719	707	426%	7,246	2,503	189%
Other expenses	1,551	803	93%	3,021	2,111	43%
	30,787	8,171	277%	66,922	31,213	114%
Profit before depreciation and amortization, finance						
cost, finance income, charity and donation,	34,893	9,026	287%	78,754	37,457	110%
exceptional items and tax						
Finance Costs	4.104	1.015	304%	8,351	3,333	151%
Finance Income	(488)	(863)	43%	(1,992)	(3,370)	41%
Charity and Donation	1	12	-92%	806	598	35%
Depreciation and Amortization Expense	13,657	3,546	285%	29,858	13,176	127%
Less: adjusted with general reserve in	,	· '			,	
accordance with the Scheme	(348)	(99)	-253%	(1,429)	(402)	-255%
Profit before tax	17,967	5,415	232%	43,160	24,122	78.9%
Income Tax expense						
Current tax	4,158	1,364	205%	9,850	5,805	70%
Deferred tax	161	(13)	1338%	(72)	851	-108%
Total income tax expense	4,319	1,351	220%	9,778	6,656	47%
Profit for the period	13,648	4,064	236%	33,382	17,466	91%
Other comprehensive income/(loss)	23	(5)	560%	20	(110)	118%
	13,671	4,059	237%	33,402	17,356	92%
Total comprehensive income for the year, net of tax	10,011	1,000		00,.02	,555	
Earnings per equity share (nominal value of share						
Rs 10 each)						
Basic (Rs.)	5.06	2.20	131%	15.47	9.44	64%
Diluted (Rs.)	5.06	2.20	131%	15.47	9.44	64%

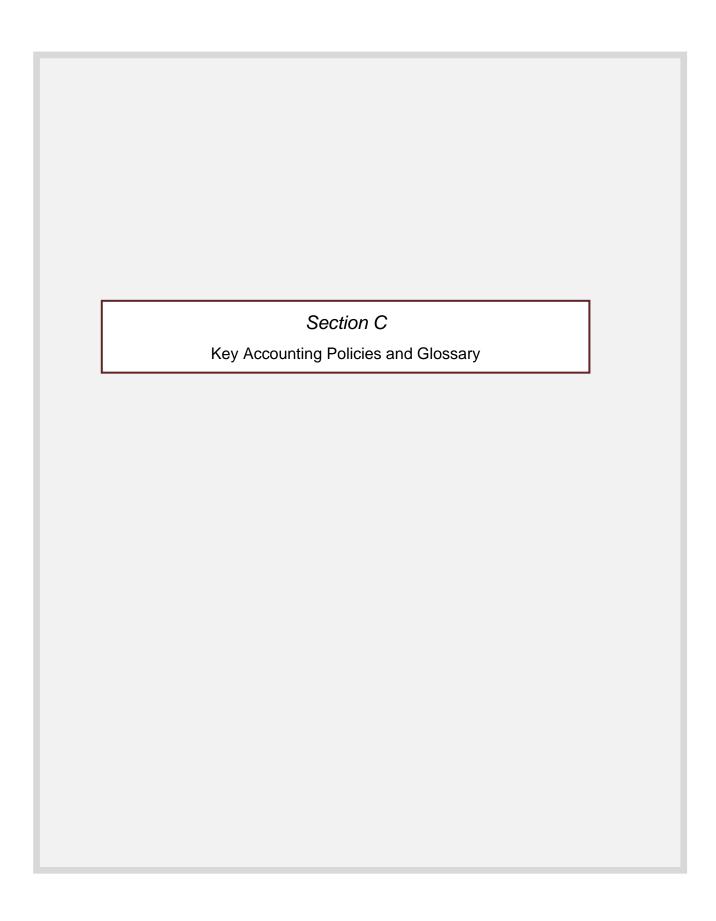
<sup>1.</sup> The results for the quarter and full year ended March 31, 2021 are not comparable with the previous periods.

# 9.1.2 Consolidated Statement of Profit & Loss for the period ended March 31, 2021

The consolidated financial results represent results of the Company, its subsidiary 'Smartx Services Limited', its controlled trust 'Indus Towers Employees Welfare Trust (formerly Bharti Infratel Employees Welfare Trust)' and its share in Joint Venture Company 'erstwhile Indus Towers Limited' (ceased to exist and merged into the Company w.e.f. November 19, 2020).

Particulars	Quarter Ended			Full year Ended		
Particulars	Mar-21	Mar-20	Y-on-Y growth	Mar-21	Mar-20	Y-on-Y growt
Income						
Revenue from Operations	64,918	16,821	286%	139,543	67,430	106.9%
Other income	772	386	100%	1,969	1,287	53%
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Expenses	,	,		,		
Power and fuel	23,745	5,866	305%	51,536	23,672	118%
Employee expenses	1,774	796	123%	5,126	2,935	75%
Repairs and maintenance	3,719	707	426%	7,246	2,503	189%
Other expenses	1,551	806	92%	3,036	2,144	42%
·	30,789	8,175	277%	66,944	31,254	114%
Profit before depreciation and amortization, finance						
cost, finance income, charity and donation,	34,901	9,032	286%	74,568	37,463	99%
exceptional items and tax						
Finance Costs	4,106	1,020	303%	8,364	3,350	150%
Finance Income	(487)	(863)	44%	(1,992)	(3,370)	41%
Charity and Donation	1	12	-92%	806	598	35%
Depreciation and Amortization Expense	13,672	3,562	284%	29,913	13,217	126%
Less: adjusted with general reserve in	,	· ·		,		
accordance with the Scheme	(349)	(99)	-253%	(1,429)	(402)	-255%
described with the deficience						
Profit before share of profit of joint venture and tax	17,958	5,400	233%	38,906	24,070	62%
Share of profit of joint venture	0	2,445	-100%	8,663	13,805	-37%
Profit before tax	17,958	7,845	129%	47,569	37,875	25.6%
Income Tax expense						
Current tax	4,159	1,364	205%	9,852	5,806	70%
Deferred tax	161	(14)	1250%	(73)	(918)	92%
Total income tax expense	4,320	1,350	220%	9,779	4,888	100%
Profit for the period	13,638	6,495	110%	37,790	32,987	15%
Other comprehensive income/(loss)	24	-		13	(119)	111%
Total comprehensive income for the year, net of tax	13,662	6,495	110%	37,803	32,868	15%
Earnings per equity share (nominal value of share						
Rs 10 each)						
Basic (Rs.)	5.06	3.51	44%	17.52	17.84	-2%
Diluted (Rs.)	5.06	3.51	44%	17.52	17.84	-2%

<sup>1.</sup> The results for the quarter and full year ended March 31, 2021 are not comparable with the previous periods.



### Basis of Preparation and Key Accounting Policies as per IND AS

### 1. Corporate information

Indus Towers Limited (formerly Bharti Infratel Limited) ('the Company' or 'Indus') was incorporated on November 30, 2006 with the object of, inter-alia, setting up, operating and maintaining wireless communication towers. The Company received the certificate of commencement of business on April 10, 2007 from the Registrar of Companies. The Company is publicly traded on National Stock Exchange of India (NSE) and BSE Limited. The Registered office of the Company is situated at 901, Park Centra, Sector-30 NH-8, Gurugram Haryana-122001.

The Company, together with its wholly owned subsidiary (Smartx Services Limited), controlled trust (Indus Towers Employees Welfare Trust (formerly Bharti Infratel Employees Welfare Trust)) and joint venture (erstwhile Indus Towers Limited) is hereinafter referred to as "the Group".

The Scheme of amalgamation and arrangement between the Company and erstwhile Indus Towers Limited (a joint venture company) became effective on November 19, 2020. Upon implementation of the Scheme, the Joint venture company (i.e. erstwhile Indus Towers Limited) merged into the Company on a going concern basis. Further, the name of the Company was changed from Bharti Infratel Limited to Indus Towers Limited w.e.f. December 10, 2020 vide fresh certificate of incorporation issued by Registrar of Companies.

Upon implementation of the Scheme and allotment of shares to indirect wholly owned subsidiaries of Vodafone Group Plc., in addition to existing promoters (representing Bharti Airtel Limited along with its wholly owned subsidiary Nettle Infrastructure Investments Limited), the aforesaid indirect wholly owned subsidiaries of Vodafone Group Plc. have also been classified as promoters of the Company. Bharti Airtel Limited along with its wholly owned subsidiary holds 41.73% shares and Vodafone Group Plc. through its indirect wholly owned subsidiary companies holds 28.12% shares in the Company as on March 31, 2021.

The Consolidated financial statements are approved for issuance by the Company's Board of Directors on April 22, 2021.

## 2. a) Statement of Compliance

These Consolidated financial statements ("financial statements") have been prepared to comply in all material aspects with the Indian Accounting Standards (Ind AS) notified under section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013, read together with Rule 3 of the Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules, 2015 and other relevant provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 (the Act) as amended from time to time.

### b) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under historical cost convention on accrual and going concern basis, except for the certain financial instruments which have been measured at fair value as required by relevant Ind ASs.

Accounting policies have been consistently applied except where a newly issued accounting standard is initially adopted or a revision to an existing accounting standard requires a change in the accounting policy hitherto in use.

All the amounts included in the financial statements are reported in millions of Indian Rupees ('Rupees' or 'Rs.') and are rounded to the nearest million (Mn) except per share data and unless stated otherwise.

### c) Basis of Consolidation

The Consolidated financial statements comprise the financial statements of the Group, its subsidiary, erstwhile joint venture and its directly Controlled Trust which are as follows:

Entity	Country of Incorporation	Principal Service	Relationship	Shareholding as at December 31, 2020	Shareholding as at March 31, 2020
Erstwhile Indus Towers Limited*	India	Passive Infrastructure Services	Joint Venture	-	42%
Smartx Services Limited*	India	Optical Fibre Service	Subsidiary	100%	100%

#### **Details of Controlled Trust**

Name of Trust	Country of Incorporation
Indus Towers Employees Welfare Trust*	
(formerly Bharti Infratel Employees Welfare	India
Trust)	

<sup>\*</sup>Refer note 1

### **Accounting for Subsidiary:**

A subsidiary is an entity controlled by the Group. Control exists when the parent has power over the entity, is exposed, or has rights to variable returns from its involvement with the entity and has the ability to affect those returns by using its power over entity. Power is demonstrated through existing rights that give the ability to direct relevant activities, those which significantly affect the entity's returns.

Subsidiary is fully consolidated from the date on which Group obtains control over the subsidiary and ceases when the Group loses control of the subsidiary. Assets, liabilities, income and expenses of a subsidiary acquired or disposed of during the period are included in the consolidated financial statements from the date the Group gains control until the date the Group ceases to control the subsidiary. Where necessary, adjustments are made to the financial statements of subsidiaries to bring their accounting policies and accounting period in line with those used by the Group. All intra-group transactions, balances, income and expenses and cash flows are eliminated on consolidation.

The Group consolidates its directly controlled trust on the line by line consolidation basis and according to principles of Ind AS 110, Consolidated Financial Statements.

### **Interest in Joint Venture**

A joint venture is a type of joint arrangement whereby the parties that have joint control of the arrangement have rights to the net assets of the joint venture. Joint control is the contractually agreed sharing of control of an arrangement, which exists only when decisions about the relevant activities require unanimous consent of the parties sharing control.

The joint venture is accounted for from the date on which Group obtains joint control over joint venture. The Group's investments in its joint venture are accounted for using the equity method. Under the equity method, investments in joint venture are carried in the consolidated Balance sheet at cost as adjusted for post-acquisition changes in the Group's share of the net assets of the joint venture, less any impairment in the value of the investments. Where necessary, adjustments are made to bring the accounting policies in line with those of the Group. Additional losses are provided for, and a liability is recognized, only to the extent that the Group has incurred legal or constructive obligation or made payments on behalf of the joint venture. The Group shall discontinue the use of the equity method from the date when its investment ceases to be a joint venture.

### 3. Merger of 'erstwhile Indus Towers Limited' with 'the Company'

On April 25, 2018, Indus Towers Limited (formerly Bharti Infratel Limited) ('the Company or Transferee Company') and its Joint Venture Company erstwhile Indus Towers Limited ('erstwhile Indus or Transferor Company') and their respective shareholders and creditors entered into a scheme of amalgamation and arrangement (under section 230 to 232 and other applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013) ('Scheme') to create a pan-India tower company operating across all 22 telecom service areas. The Scheme has received requisite approvals from Competition Commission of India, Securities Exchange Board of India through BSE Limited and National Stock Exchange of India Limited and FDI approval from Department of Telecommunications (DoT). The Company has also received approval from National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT), Chandigarh on May 31, 2019 read with the order dated October 22, 2020. Furthermore, the Company has filed the certified copy of the NCLT order with the Registrar of Companies on November 19, 2020 i.e. the effective date of merger. Upon the Scheme becoming effective the erstwhile Indus stood dissolved without being wound-up.

As a result of above scheme, Bharti Airtel group through its subsidiary i.e Bharti Infratel Limited and Vodafone group through its joint venture i.e. erstwhile Indus Towers Limited contributed assets and liabilities to form a Joint arrangement in the name of Bharti Infratel Limited. Furthermore, the name of the Company has been changed from Bharti Infratel Limited to Indus Towers Limited w.e.f. December 10, 2020.

In compliance with the Scheme, 845,328,704 equity shares of the Company were issued to the shareholders of erstwhile Indus which has been recorded at face value of Rs.10 per equity share and Rs. 37,642 Mn (inclusive of 41 Mn paid after effective date of merger) was paid to Vodafone Idea Limited (in lieu of cash option exercised for its shareholding of 11.15% in erstwhile Indus) by the Company. The stamp duty paid on issue of shares amounting to Rs. 8 Mn has been debited to Securities Premium Account.

As per Indian Accounting Standards as prescribed under section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013, no specific accounting guidance is given in case of formation of a joint arrangement, hence, the Company had an option to either account for such business combination using 'Pooling of interest' method or adopt the 'fair value' method. The Company has adopted 'Pooling of interest' method. Accordingly, all the assets, liabilities and reserves of erstwhile Indus have been recorded at their carrying amounts and in the form in which they appeared in the financial statements as at the date of merger. The financial information in the financial statement in respect of prior periods are not restated as the business combination was not involving entities under common control.

On the date of Scheme becoming effective, the Company has combined assets, liabilities and components of other equity of the erstwhile Indus on line by line basis. Furthermore, the Company has recognised impact of alignment of accounting practices and estimates of Rs. 589 Mn through General Reserve and Rs. 123 Mn (net of tax) through the Statement of profit and loss for the year ended March 31, 2021.

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(A) The carrying balances of the erstwhile Indus which have been added to the respective line items in the Balance Sheet of the Company are as under :

Particulars	Amount as on the effective date of merger
Assets	
Non current assets	
Property, plant and equipment	164,884
Right of use assets	82,228
Capital work-in-progress	2,429
Intangible assets	109
Financial assets	
Other financial assets	9,166
Income tax assets (net)	9,431
Other non-current assets	7,062
Current assets	275,309
Financial assets	
Trade receivables	57,917
Cash and cash equivalents	2
Other financial assets	22,044
Other current assets	1,970
	81,933
Total assets	357,242
Tomity and liabilities	
Equity and liabilities	
Equity  Equity	1
Equity share capital	146.042
Other equity	146,043 146,044
Liabilities	
Non-current liabilities	
Financial liabilities	
Borrowings	9,101
Lease liabilities	89,007
Other financial liabilities	4,758
Provisions	11,812
Deferred tax liabilities (net)	2,216
Other non-current liabilities	1,970
Current liabilities	118,864
Financial liabilities	
Borrowings	22,416
Trade payables	22,410
Total outstanding dues of micro enterprises and small enterprises	98
Total outstanding dues of creditors other than micro enterprises and small enterprises	25,173
Lease liabilities	17,765
Other financial liabilities	16,306
Other current liabilities	7,972
Provisions Provisions	552
Current tax liabilities (net)	2,052
Current tax natimities (net)	92,334
Total liabilities	211,198
Total equity and liabilities	357,242

## B) The impact on other equity on the effective date of merger is as follows:

		Reserve an		Other		
Particulars	Capital Reserve	General Reserve	Merger Capital Reserve	Retained Earnings	Comprehensive Income	Total Equity
Reserve of erstwhile Indus	4,536	73,257	-	68,366	(116)	146,043
Investment of the Company into erstwhile Indus*	-	(58,033)	(2,807)	(382)	-	(61,222)
Cash paid to Vodafone Idea Limited (in lieu of cash option exercised for its shareholding of 11.15% in erstwhile Indus) by the Company	-	-	(37,642)	-	-	(37,642)
Share of profit/(loss) in OCI of erstwhile Indus (Joint Venture) transferred to retained earnings	-	-	-	(48)	48	-
Share capital of erstwhile Indus less share capital issued by the Company	-	-	(8,452)	-	-	(8,452)
Total	4,536	15,224	(48,901)	67,936	(68)	38,727

\* During the year ended March 31, 2014, under the Scheme of Arrangement ('Indus Scheme') under Section 391 to 394 of the Companies Act, 1956 for transfer of all assets and liabilities, as defined in Indus scheme, from Bharti Infratel Ventures Limited (BIVL), erstwhile wholly owned subsidiary Company, to erstwhile Indus was approved by the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi vide order dated April 18, 2013 and filed with the Registrar of Companies on June 11, 2013 with appointed date April 1, 2009 i.e. effective date of Indus Scheme and accordingly, effective June 11, 2013, the erstwhile subsidiary Company has ceased to exist and had become part of erstwhile Indus. The Company was carrying investment in BIVL at Rs. 59,921 Mn. Pursuant to Indus Scheme, the Company has additionally got 504 shares in erstwhile Indus in lieu of transfer of its investment in BIVL to erstwhile Indus and recorded these additional shares at their fair value of Rs. 60,419 Mn in accordance with the scheme. The resultant gain of Rs. 382 Mn (net of taxes Rs. 116 Mn) has been disclosed as adjustment to carry forward balance of the Statement of Profit and Loss as at April 1, 2009.

The merger of erstwhile Indus with the Company has been accounted as per 'Pooling of interest' method according to which the identity of the reserves (of the transferor) shall be preserved and shall appear in the financial statements of the transferee in the same form in which they appeared in the financial statements of the transferor. Consequently, all the reserves of the transferor (erstwhile Indus) has been recorded at their respective book values and their identity has been preserved.

Upon the merger becoming effective, the investment in Joint Venture (erstwhile Indus) has been cancelled by debiting the General Reserve to the extent available (i.e. Rs. 58,033 Mn) in the books of the Transferee Company, which was created out of the "BAL Scheme" (refer Note 46(a) for details of BAL scheme). There is no restriction for making adjustment to the reserves in the books of the transferee, and in accordance with the BAL scheme, such "General Reserve shall constitute free reserve available for all purposes of the Company and to be utilised by the Company at its own discretion as it considers proper including in particular for off-setting any additional depreciation that may be charged by the Company". Further, earlier recognised gain of Rs. 382 Mn and deferred tax liability of Rs. 116 Mn have been reversed and the balance amount of investment in joint venture i.e. Rs. 2,807 Mn has been debited to the merger Capital Reserve on account of cancellation of such investment.

In addition to above, difference between share capital of erstwhile Indus of Rs. 1 Mn and shares issued by the Company of Rs. 8,453 Mn and cash paid of Rs. 37,642 Mn to the shareholders of the erstwhile Indus have resulted into debit balance of Merger Capital Reserve.

### 4. Significant accounting policies, judgements, estimates and assumptions

# 4.1. Significant accounting policies

### a) Property, Plant and Equipment

Property, plant and equipment including Capital work in progress is stated at cost, except assets acquired under Schemes of Arrangement, which are stated at fair values as per the Schemes, net of accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses, if any. Such cost includes the cost of replacing part of the Property, plant and equipment and borrowing costs for long term construction projects if the recognition criteria are met. When significant parts of property, plant and equipment are required to be replaced in intervals, the Group recognizes such parts as separate component of assets with specific useful lives and provides depreciation over their useful life. Subsequent costs are included in the asset's carrying amount or recognized as a separate asset, as

appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the entity and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. The carrying amount of the replaced part is derecognized. All other repair and maintenance costs are recognised in the Consolidated Statement of Profit and Loss as incurred.

The present value of the expected cost for the decommissioning of the asset after its use is included in the cost of the respective asset if the recognition criteria for a provision are met. Refer note 4 regarding significant accounting judgements, estimates and assumptions and provisions for further information about the recorded decommissioning provision.

An item of property, plant and equipment and any significant part initially recognised is derecognised upon disposal or when no future economic benefits are expected from its use or disposal. Any gain or loss arising on derecognition of the asset (calculated as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset) is recognised in the Consolidated Statement of Profit and Loss when the asset is derecognised.

Assets are depreciated to the residual values on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives. Estimated useful lives of the assets are as follows:

Particulars	Useful lives
Office Equipment	2 years / 5 years
Computer	3 years
Vehicles	5 years
Furniture and Fixtures	5 years
Plant and Machinery	3 to 20 Years
Leasehold Improvement	Period of Lease or useful life whichever is less

The existing useful lives and residual value of tangible assets are different from the useful lives as prescribed under Part C of Schedule II to the Companies Act, 2013 and the Group believes that this is the best estimate on the basis of technical evaluation and actual usage period.

The existing residual values of tangible assets are different from 5% as prescribed under Part C of Schedule II to the Companies Act, 2013 and the Group believes that this is the best estimate on the basis of actual realization.

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed at each financial year end or whenever there are indicators for impairment, and adjusted prospectively.

On transition to Ind AS, the Group has elected to continue with the carrying value of all its property, plant and equipment (including assets acquired under Schemes of Arrangement) except with an adjustment in decommissioning cost recognised as at April 1, 2015 measured as per the previous GAAP and use that carrying value as the cost of the property, plant and equipment.

### b) Intangible Assets

Intangible assets are recognized when the entity controls the asset, it is probable that future economic benefits attributed to the asset will flow to the entity and the cost of the asset can be reliably measured.

At initial recognition, the separately acquired intangible assets are recognised at cost. Intangible assets with finite useful lives are carried at cost less accumulated amortisation and accumulated impairment losses, if any.

Intangible assets are amortised over the useful economic life and assessed for impairment whenever there is an indication that the intangible asset may be impaired. The amortisation period and the amortisation method for an intangible asset are reviewed at least at the end of each financial year. Changes in the expected useful life or the expected pattern of consumption of future economic benefits embodied in the asset are considered to modify the

amortisation period or method, as appropriate, and are treated as changes in accounting estimates. The amortisation expense on intangible assets is recognised in the Consolidated Statement of Profit and Loss unless such expenditure forms part of carrying value of another asset.

Software is capitalized at the amounts paid to acquire the respective license for use and is amortised over the period of license, generally not exceeding three years. Acquired telecom license is initially recognised at cost and subsequently measured at cost less accumulated amortisation and impairment losses, if any. Amortisation is recognised over the unexpired period of license.

Gains or losses arising from derecognition of an intangible asset are measured as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset and are recognised in the Consolidated Statement of Profit and Loss when the asset is derecognised.

### c) Impairment of non-financial assets

The Group assesses, at each reporting date, whether there is an indication that an asset may be impaired. If any indication exists, or when annual impairment testing for an asset is required, the Group estimates the asset's recoverable amount. An asset's recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's or cash-generating unit's (CGU) fair value less costs of disposal and its value in use. Recoverable amount is determined for an individual asset, unless the asset does not generate cash inflows that are largely independent of those from other assets or group of assets. When the carrying amount of an asset or CGU exceeds its recoverable amount, the asset is considered impaired and is written down to its recoverable amount.

In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset. In determining fair value less costs of disposal, recent market transactions are taken into account. If no such transactions can be identified, an appropriate valuation model is used. Impairment losses, if any, are recognized in Consolidated Statement of Profit and Loss as a component of depreciation and amortisation expense.

A previously recognised impairment loss is reversed only if there has been a change in the assumptions used to determine the asset's recoverable amount since the last impairment loss was recognised. The reversal is limited to the extent the carrying amount of the asset does not exceed its recoverable amount, nor exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined, net of depreciation or amortisation, had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset in prior years. Such reversal is recognized in the Consolidated Statement of Profit and Loss when the asset is carried at the revalued amount, in which case the reverse is treated as a revaluation increase.

### d) Current versus non-current classification

The Group presents assets and liabilities in the balance sheet based on current/ non-current classification. An asset is treated as current when it is:

- Expected to be realised or intended to be sold or consumed in normal operating cycle
- Held primarily for the purpose of trading
- Expected to be realised within twelve months after the reporting period, or
- Cash or cash equivalent unless restricted from being exchanged or used to settle a liability for at least twelve months after the reporting period

Current assets include the current portion of non-current assets. All other assets are classified as non-current.

A liability is current when:

- It is expected to be settled in normal operating cycle
- It is held primarily for the purpose of trading
- · It is due to be settled within twelve months after the reporting period, or
- There is no unconditional right to defer the settlement of the liability for at least twelve months after the reporting period.

Current liabilities include the current portion of long-term liabilities. The Group classifies all other liabilities as non-current.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are classified as non-current assets and liabilities.

The operating cycle is the time between the acquisition of assets for processing and their realisation in cash and cash equivalents. The Group has identified twelve months as its operating cycle.

### e) Leases

The company assesses whether a contract contains a lease, at inception of a contract. A contract is, or contains, a lease if the contract conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset for a period of time in exchange for consideration. To assess whether a contract conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset, the Company assesses whether: (i) the contract involves the use of an identified asset (ii) the Company has substantially all of the economic benefits from use of the asset through the period of the lease and (iii) the Company has the right to direct the use of the asset.

### Group as a Lessee

The Group recognizes right-of-use asset (ROU) representing its right to use the underlying asset for the lease term and a corresponding lease liability at the lease commencement date. The cost of the right-of-use asset measured at inception shall comprise of the amount of the initial measurement of the lease liability adjusted for any lease payments made at or before the commencement date less any lease incentives received, plus any initial direct costs incurred. The right-of-use assets is subsequently measured at cost less any accumulated depreciation, accumulated impairment losses, if any and adjusted for any remeasurement of the lease liability. The right-of-use asset is depreciated from the commencement date on a straight-line basis over the shorter of the lease term and useful life of the underlying asset. Right-of-use assets are tested for impairment whenever there is any indication that their carrying amounts may not be recoverable. Impairment loss, if any, is recognised in the consolidated statement of profit and loss.

The Group measures the lease liability at the present value of the lease payments that are not paid at the commencement date of the lease. The lease payments are discounted using the interest rate implicit in the lease, if that rate can be readily determined. If that rate cannot be readily determined, the Group uses incremental borrowing rate. For leases with reasonably similar characteristics, the Group may adopt the incremental borrowing rate for the entire portfolio of leases as a whole. The lease payments shall include fixed payments, variable lease payments, residual value guarantees, exercise price of a purchase option where the Group is reasonably certain to exercise that option and payments of penalties for terminating the lease, if the lease term reflects the lessee exercising an option to terminate the lease. The lease liability is subsequently remeasured by increasing the carrying amount to reflect interest on the lease liability, reducing the carrying amount to reflect the lease payments made and remeasuring the carrying amount to reflect any reassessment or lease modifications or to reflect revised in-substance fixed lease payments.

The Group recognises the amount of the re-measurement of lease liability as an adjustment to the right-of-use asset. Where the carrying amount of the right-of-use asset is reduced to zero and there is a further reduction in the measurement of the lease liability, the Group recognizes any remaining amount of the re-measurement in the consolidated statement of profit and loss.

The Group may elect not to apply the requirements of Ind AS 116 to leases for which the underlying asset is of low value. The lease payments associated with these leases are recognized as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

The Group has opted to recognize the asset retirement obligation liability as part of the cost of an item of property, plant and equipment in accordance with Ind AS 16.

# Group as a Lessor

At the inception date, leases are classified as a finance lease or an operating lease. Leases are classified as finance leases when substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership transfer from the Group to the lessee. Amounts due from lessees under finance leases are recorded as receivables at the Groups net investment in the leases. Finance lease income is allocated to accounting periods so as to reflect a constant periodic rate of return on the net investment outstanding in respect of the lease.

Leases where the Group does not transfer substantially all the risks and rewards incidental to ownership of the asset are classified as operating leases. Lease rentals under operating leases are recognized as income on a straight-line basis over the lease term. Contingent rents are recognized as revenue in the period in which they are earned.

As a lessor, in accordance with Ind AS 116 the Group has created Revenue equalisation reserve (RER) for fixed escalation clauses present in non-cancellable lease agreements with the customers on prospective basis effective April 1, 2019.

### f) Share-based payments

The Group issues equity-settled and cash-settled share-based options to certain employees. These are measured at fair value on the date of grant.

The fair value determined at the grant date of the equity-settled share-based options is expensed over the vesting period, based on the Group's estimate of the shares that will eventually vest.

The fair value determined on the grant date of the cash settled share based options is expensed over the vesting period, based on the Group's estimate of the shares that will eventually vest. At the end of each reporting period, until the liability is settled, and at the date of settlement, the fair value of the liability is recognized, with any changes in fair value pertaining to the vested period recognized immediately in Consolidated Statement of Profit and Loss.

At the vesting date, the Group's estimate of the shares expected to vest is revised to equal the number of equity shares that ultimately vest.

Fair value is measured using Black-Scholes framework and is recognized as an expense, together with a corresponding increase in equity/ liability as appropriate, over the period in which the options vest using the graded vesting method. The expected life used in the model is adjusted, based on management's best estimate, for the effects of non-transferability, exercise restrictions and behavioral considerations. The expected volatility and forfeiture assumptions are based on historical information.

Where the terms of share-based payments are modified, the minimum expense recognized is the expense as if the terms had not been modified, if the original terms of the award are met. An additional expense is recognized for any modification that increases the total fair value of the share-based payment transaction, or is otherwise beneficial to the employee as measured at the date of modification.

Where an equity-settled award is cancelled, it is treated as if it is vested on the date of cancellation, and any expense not yet recognized for the award is recognized immediately. This includes any award where non-vesting conditions within the control of either the entity or the employee are not met. However, if a new award is substituted for the cancelled award, and designated as a replacement award on the date that it is granted, the cancelled and new awards are treated as if they were a modification of the original award, as described in the previous paragraph.

The dilutive effect of outstanding options if any is reflected as additional share dilution in the computation of diluted earnings per share.

## g) Cash and Cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents in the consolidated balance sheet comprise cash at banks and in hand and short-term deposits with an original maturity of three months or less, which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value. Bank overdrafts that are repayable on demand and form an integral part of the Groups cash management are included as a component of cash and cash equivalents for the purpose of the consolidated Statement of Cash Flows.

### h) Treasury shares

The Group has formed Indus Towers Employees Welfare Trust (formerly Bharti Infratel Employees Welfare Trust), for administration of ESOP Schemes of the Group. The Trust bought shares of the Group from the market, for

giving shares to employees. The Group treats Trust as its extension and shares held by Trust are treated as treasury shares.

Own equity instruments ("treasury shares") which are reacquired through Indus Towers Employees Welfare Trust (formerly Bharti Infratel Employees Welfare Trust) are recognized at cost and deducted from equity. No gain or loss is recognized in the Consolidated Statement of Profit and Loss on the purchase, sale, issue or cancellation of the Group own equity instruments. Any difference between the carrying amount and the consideration, if reissued, is recognized in the general reserve and gain or loss, if sold, is recognised in treasury shares. Share options exercised during the reporting period are satisfied with treasury shares.

#### i) Financial Instruments

A financial instrument is any contract that gives rise to a financial asset of one entity and a financial liability or equity instrument of another entity.

#### **Financial Assets**

# **Initial Recognition and Measurement**

All financial assets are recognized initially at fair value plus, in the case of financial assets not recorded at fair value through profit or loss, transaction costs that are attributable to the acquisition of the financial asset.

## **Subsequent Measurement**

For purposes of subsequent measurement, financial assets are classified in four categories:

- Debt instruments at amortised cost
- Debt instruments at fair value through other comprehensive income (FVTOCI)
- Debt instruments, derivatives and equity instruments at fair value through Profit or Loss (FVTPL)
- Equity instruments measured at fair value through other comprehensive income (FVTOCI)

#### **Debt Instruments at Amortised Cost**

This category applies to the Group's trade receivables, unbilled revenue, security deposits.

A 'debt instrument' is measured at the amortised cost if both the following conditions are met:

- a) The asset is held within a business model whose objective is to hold assets for collecting contractual cash flows and
- b) Contractual terms of the asset give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest (SPPI) on the principal amount outstanding

After initial measurement, such financial assets are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate (EIR) method. Amortised cost is calculated by taking into account any discount or premium on acquisition and fees or costs that are an integral part of the EIR. The EIR amortisation is included in finance income in the Consolidated Statement of Profit and Loss. The losses arising from impairment are recognised in the Consolidated Statement of Profit and Loss.

## Debt instrument at fair value through other comprehensive income (FVTOCI)

A 'debt instrument' is classified at FVTOCI if both of the following criteria are met:

- a) The objective of the business model is achieved both by collecting contractual cash flows and selling the financial assets, and
- b) The asset's contractual cash flows represent solely payment of principal and interest (SPPI).

Debt instruments included within the FVTOCI category are measured initially as well as at each reporting date at fair value. Fair value movements are recognized in the other comprehensive income (OCI). However, the Group recognizes interest income, impairment losses and reversals in the Consolidated Statement of Profit and Loss. On derecognition of the asset, cumulative gain or loss previously recognised in OCI is reclassified from the equity to the Consolidated Statement of Profit and Loss.

Interest earned whilst holding FVTOCI debt instrument is reported as interest income.

The Group has classified Investment in tax free bonds within this category.

# Debt instrument at fair value through Profit or Loss (FVTPL)

FVTPL is a residual category for debt instruments. Any debt instrument, which does not meet the criteria for categorization at amortized cost or at FVTOCI, is classified at FVTPL.

Debt instruments included within the FVTPL category are measured at fair value with all changes recognized in the Consolidated Statement of Profit and Loss. This category applies to the Group investment in government securities, mutual funds, taxable bonds and non-convertible debentures.

In addition, the Group may elect to designate a debt instrument, which otherwise meets amortized cost or FVTOCI criteria, as at FVTPL. However, such election is allowed only if doing so reduces or eliminates a measurement or recognition inconsistency (referred to as 'accounting mismatch'). The Group has not designated any debt instrument as FVTPL.

## **Equity investments**

All equity investments in scope of Ind AS 109, "Financial Instruments" are measured at fair value. Equity instruments which are held for trading and contingent consideration recognised by an acquirer in a business combination, if any to which Ind AS 103, Business combinations applies are classified as at fair value through Profit or loss. Further, there is no such equity investments measured at Fair value through profit or loss or fair value through other comprehensive income in the Group.

# **De-recognition**

A financial asset (or, where applicable, a part of a financial asset) is primarily derecognised (i.e. removed from the Group's balance sheet) when:

- The contractual rights to receive cash flows from the asset have expired, or
- The Group has transferred its contractual rights to receive cash flows from the financial asset or has assumed
  an obligation to pay the received cash flows in full without material delay to a third party under a 'pass-through'
  arrangement; and either (a) the Group has transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset, or
  (b) the Group has neither transferred nor retained substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset, but has
  transferred control of the asset.

## Impairment of Financial Assets

In accordance with Ind AS 109, Financial instruments the Group applies expected credit loss (ECL) model for measurement and recognition of impairment loss on the Financial assets that are debt instruments and are initially measured at fair value with subsequent measurement at amortised cost e.g. Trade receivables, unbilled revenue etc.

The Group follows 'simplified approach' for recognition of impairment loss allowance for trade receivables.

The application of simplified approach does not require the Group to track changes in credit risk. Rather, it recognises impairment loss allowance based on lifetime ECLs at each reporting date, right from its initial recognition.

For recognition of impairment loss on other financial assets and risk exposure, the Group determines whether there has been a significant increase in the credit risk since initial recognition. If credit risk has not increased significantly, twelve month ECL is used to provide for impairment loss. However, if credit risk has increased significantly, lifetime ECL is used. If, in the subsequent period, credit quality of the instrument improves such that there is no longer a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition, then the entity reverts to recognising impairment loss allowance based on a twelve month ECL.

ECL is the difference between all contractual cash flows that are due to the Group in accordance with the contract and all the cash flows that the entity expects to receive (i.e., all cash shortfalls), discounted at the original EIR.

#### **Financial Liabilities**

# **Initial Recognition and Measurement**

Financial liabilities are classified, at initial recognition, as financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss, loans and borrowings or payables, as appropriate

All financial liabilities are recognised initially at fair value and, in the case of loans and borrowings and payables, net of directly attributable transaction costs. The Group's financial liabilities include borrowing, trade and other payables, security deposits, lease liabilities etc.

## Subsequent measurement

The measurement of financial liabilities depends on their classification, as described below:

## Financial liabilities at fair value through Profit and Loss (FVTPL)

Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss include financial liabilities held for trading and financial liabilities designated upon initial recognition as at fair value through profit or loss. Financial liabilities are classified as held for trading if they are incurred for the purpose of repurchasing in the near term.

Financial liabilities designated upon initial recognition at fair value through profit or loss are designated as such at the initial date of recognition, and only if the criteria in Ind AS 109, Financial instruments are satisfied. For liabilities designated as FVTPL, fair value gains/ losses attributable to changes in own credit risks are recognized in Other Comprehensive Income. These gains/ loss are not subsequently transferred to the Consolidated Statement of Profit and Loss. However, the Group may transfer the cumulative gain or loss within equity. All other changes in fair value of such liability are recognised in the Consolidated Statement of Profit and Loss.

## **Financial Liabilities at Amortised Cost**

This category includes security deposit received, trade payables etc. After initial recognition, such liabilities are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the EIR method. Gains and losses are recognised in the consolidated Statement of Profit and Loss when the liabilities are derecognised as well as through the EIR amortisation process. Amortised cost is calculated by taking into account any discount or premium on acquisition and fees or costs that are an integral part of the EIR. The EIR amortisation is included as finance costs in the Consolidated Statement of Profit and Loss.

#### **De-recognition**

A financial liability is derecognised when the obligation under the liability is discharged or cancelled or expires. When an existing financial liability is replaced by another from the same lender on substantially different terms or the terms of an existing liability are substantially modified, such an exchange or modification is treated as the derecognition of the original liability and the recognition of a new liability. The difference in the respective carrying amounts is recognised in the Consolidated Statement of Profit and Loss.

## **Reclassification of Financial Assets**

The Group determines classification of financial assets and liabilities on initial recognition. After initial recognition, no reclassification is made for financial assets which are equity instruments and financial liabilities. For financial assets which are debt instruments, a reclassification is made only if there is a change in the business model for managing those assets. Changes to the business model are expected to be infrequent. The Group's senior management determines change in the business model as a result of external or internal changes which are significant to the Group's operations. Such changes are evident to external parties. A change in the business model occurs when the Group either begins or ceases to perform an activity that is significant to its operations. If the Group reclassifies financial assets, it applies the reclassification prospectively from the reclassification date which is the first day of the immediately next reporting period following the change in business model. The Group does not restate any previously recognised gains, losses (including impairment gains or losses) or interest.

# Offsetting of Financial Instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are offset and the net amount is reported in the consolidated balance sheet if there is a currently enforceable legal right to offset the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis, to realise the assets and settle the liabilities simultaneously.

## j) Revenue Recognition

The Group earns revenue primarily from rental services by leasing of passive infrastructure and energy revenue by the provision of energy for operation of sites.

Revenue is recognized when the Group satisfies the performance obligation by transferring the promised services to the customers. Services are considered performed when the customer obtains control, whereby the customer gets the ability to direct the use of such services and substantially obtains all benefits from the services. When there is uncertainty as to measurement or ultimate collectability, revenue recognition is postponed until such uncertainty is resolved.

In order to determine, if it is acting as principal or as an agent, the entity shall determine whether the nature of its promise is a performance obligation to provide the specified services itself (i.e. the entity is a principal) or to arrange for those services to be provided by the other party (i.e. the entity is an agent) for all its revenue arrangements.

#### Service revenue

Service revenue includes rental revenue for use of sites and energy revenue for the provision of energy for operation of sites.

Rental revenue is recognized as and when services are rendered on a monthly basis as per the contractual terms prescribed under master service agreement entered with customer. The Group has ascertained that the lease payments received are straight lined over the period of the contract.

Exit Charges on site exit and equipment de-loading is recognised when uncertainty relating to such exit and de-loading is resolved and it is probable that a significant reversal relating to recoverability of these charges will not occur.

Interest on delayed payment from operators is recognized as income when uncertainty relating to amount receivable is resolved and it is probable that a significant reversal relating to this amount will not occur.

Energy revenue is recognized over the period on a monthly basis upon satisfaction of performance obligation as per contracts with the customers. The transaction price is the consideration received from customers based on prices agreed as per the contract with the customers. The determination of standalone selling prices is not required as the transaction prices are stated in the contract based on the identified performance obligation.

Unbilled revenue represents revenues recognised for the services rendered for the period falling after the last invoice raised to customer till the period end. These are billed in subsequent periods based on the prices specified in the master service agreement with the customers, whereas invoicing in excess of revenues are classified as unearned revenues. The Group collects GST on behalf of the government and therefore, it is not an economic benefit flowing to the Group, hence it is excluded from revenue.

## Use of significant judgements in revenue recognition

The Group's contracts with customers include promises to transfer services to a customer which are energy and rentals. Rentals are not covered within the scope of Ind AS 115, hence identification of distinct performance obligation within Ind AS 115 do not involve significant judgement.

Judgement is required to determine the transaction price for the contract. The transaction price could be either a fixed amount of customer consideration or variable consideration with elements such as discounts, service level credits, waivers etc. The estimated amount of variable consideration is adjusted in the transaction price only to the extent that it is highly probable that a significant reversal in the amount of cumulative revenue recognised will not occur and is reassessed at the end of each reporting period.

In evaluating whether a significant revenue reversal will not occur, the Group considers the likelihood and magnitude of the revenue reversal and evaluates factors which results in constraints such as historical experience of the Group with a particular type of contract, and the regulatory environment in which the customers operates which results in uncertainty which is less likely to be resolved in near future.

The Group provides volume discount to its customers based on slab defined in the revenue contracts. Contract also contains clause on Service Level Penalty/ rewards in case the Group is not able to maintain uptime level mentioned in the agreement. These discount/penalties are called variable consideration.

There is no additional impact of variable consideration as per Ind AS 115 since maximum discount is already being given to customer and the same is deducted from revenue.

There is no additional impact of SLA penalty as the Group already estimates SLA penalty amount and the same is provided for at each month end. The SLA penalty is presented as net off with revenue in the Statement of profit and loss.

Determination of standalone selling price does not involve significant judgement for the Group. The Group exercises judgement in determining whether the performance obligation is satisfied at a point in time or over a period of time. The Group considers the indicators on how customer consumes benefits as services are rendered in making the evaluation. Contract fulfillment costs are generally expensed as incurred. The assessment of this criteria requires the application of judgement, in particular when considering if costs generate or enhance resources to be used to satisfy future performance obligations and whether costs are expected to be recovered.

# **Dividend Income**

Dividend Income is recognized when the right to receive payment is established, which is generally on the date when shareholders approve the dividend in case of final dividend and approval by Board of Directors in case of interim dividend.

# k) Finance income

Finance income comprises interest income on funds invested and changes in the fair value of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss, and that are recognised in the Consolidated Statement of Profit and Loss. Interest income is recognised as it accrues in the Consolidated Statement of Profit and Loss, using the effective interest rate (EIR) which is the rate that exactly discounts the estimated future cash receipts through the expected life of the financial instrument or a shorter period, where appropriate, to the net carrying amount of the financial asset.

Finance income does not include dividend income, interest on income tax refund etc. which is included in other income.

## I) Other Income

Other income includes dividend income, interest on income tax refund, gain on sale of property, plant and equipment etc. Any gain or loss arising on derecognition of property, plant and equipment is calculated as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset.

#### m) Finance Cost

Finance costs comprise Borrowing cost, interest expense on lease obligations, accretion of interest on site restoration obligation and security deposits received.

#### n) Income Taxes

The income tax expense comprises of current and deferred income tax. Income tax is recognised in the statement of profit and loss, except to the extent that it relates to items recognised in the other comprehensive income or directly in equity, in which case the related income tax is also recognised accordingly.

#### **Current tax**

The current tax is calculated on the basis of the tax rates, laws and regulations, which have been enacted or substantively enacted as at the reporting date. The payment made in excess / (shortfall) of the Group's income tax obligation for the period are recognised in the balance sheet as current income tax assets / liabilities. Any interest, related to accrued liabilities for potential tax assessments are not included in Income tax charge or (credit), but are rather recognised within finance costs. The management periodically evaluates positions taken in the tax returns with respect to situations in which applicable tax regulations are subject to interpretation and establishes provisions where appropriate.

The tax expense on dividends are linked directly to past transactions or events that generated distributable profits than to distribution to owners, Therefore, The Group shall recognise the income tax on dividends in profit or loss, other comprehensive income or equity according to where the entity originally recognised those past transactions or events.

#### **Deferred tax**

Deferred tax is recognised, using the balance sheet approach, on temporary differences arising between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying values in the financial statements. However, deferred tax is not recognised if it arises from initial recognition of an asset or liability in a transaction other than a business combination that at the time of the transaction affects neither accounting nor taxable profit or loss.

Deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profit will be available against which the temporary differences can be utilised. The unrecognised deferred tax assets / carrying amount of deferred tax assets are reviewed at each reporting date for recoverability and adjusted appropriately.

Deferred tax is determined using tax rates (and laws) that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting date and are expected to apply when the related deferred income tax asset is realised or the deferred income tax liability is settled.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are off-set against each other and the resultant net amount is presented in the balance sheet, if and only when, (a) the Group currently has a legally enforceable right to set-off the current income tax assets and liabilities, and (b) when it relates to income tax levied by the same taxation authority.

# o) Dividend Payments

Final dividend is recognized, when it is approved by the shareholders and the distribution is no longer at the discretion of the Group. However, Interim dividends are recorded as a liability on the date of declaration by the Company's Board of Directors.

#### p) Retirement and other employee benefits

Short term employee benefits are recognised in the period during which the services have been rendered. All employee benefits expected to be settled wholly within twelve months of rendering the service are classified as short-term employee benefits. When an employee has rendered service to the Group during an accounting period, the Group recognises the undiscounted amount of short-term employee benefits expected to be paid in exchange

for that service as an expense unless another Ind AS requires or permits the inclusion of the benefits in the cost of an asset. Benefits such as salaries, wages and short-term compensated absences and bonus etc. are recognised in Statement of Profit and Loss in the period in which the employee renders the related service. A liability is recognised for the amount expected to be paid after deducting any amount already paid under short-term cash bonus or profit-sharing plans if the Group has a present legal or constructive obligation to pay this amount as a result of past service provided by the employee, and the obligation can be estimated reliably.

The Group post-employment benefits include defined benefit plan and defined contribution plans. The Group also provides other benefits in the form of deferred compensation and compensated absences.

A defined contribution plan is a post-employment benefit plan under which an entity pays fixed contributions to a statutory authority and will have no legal or constructive obligation to pay further amounts. The Group contributions to defined contribution plans are recognized in the Consolidated Statement of Profit and Loss when the related services have been rendered. The Group has no further obligations under these plans beyond its periodic contributions.

A defined benefit plan is a post-employment benefit plan other than a defined contribution plan. Under the defined benefit retirement plan, the Group provides retirement obligation in the form of Gratuity. Under the plan, a lump sum payment is made to eligible employees at retirement or termination of employment based on respective employee salary and years of experience with the Group.

The cost of providing benefits under this plan is determined on the basis of actuarial valuation carried out quarterly as at the reporting date by an independent qualified actuary using the projected unit credit method. Actuarial gains and losses are recognised in full in the period in which they occur in other comprehensive income forming part of the Consolidated Statement of Profit and Loss.

The obligation towards the said benefit is recognised in the consolidated balance sheet as the difference between the fair value of the plan assets and the present value of the plan liabilities. Scheme liabilities are calculated using the projected unit credit method and applying the principal actuarial assumptions as at the date of consolidated Balance Sheet. Plan assets are assets that are held by a long-term employee benefit fund or qualifying insurance policies.

All expenses excluding remeasurements of the net defined benefit liability (asset), in respect of defined benefit plans are recognized in the profit or loss as incurred. Remeasurements, comprising actuarial gains and losses and the return on the plan assets (excluding amounts included in net interest on the net defined benefit liability (asset)), are recognized immediately in the consolidated Balance Sheet with a corresponding debit or credit through other comprehensive income in the period in which they occur. Remeasurements are not reclassified to profit or loss in subsequent periods.

The Group provides other benefits in the form of compensated absences and long term service awards. The employees of the Group are entitled to compensated absences based on the unavailed leave balance. The Group records liability based on actuarial valuation computed under projected unit credit method. Actuarial gains / losses are immediately taken to the Statement of Profit and Loss and are not deferred. The Group presents the entire leave encashment liability as a current liability in the balance sheet, since the Group does not have an unconditional right to defer its settlement for more than 12 months after the reporting date.

Under the long term service award plan, a lump sum payment is made to an employee on completion of specified years of service. The Group records the liability based on actuarial valuation computed under projected unit credit method. Actuarial gains / losses are immediately taken to the Consolidated Statement of Profit and Loss and are not deferred. The amount charged to the Statement of Profit and Loss in respect of these plans is included within operating costs

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## q) Provision

#### (i) General

Provisions are recognised when the Group has a present obligation (legal or constructive) as a result of a past event, it is probable that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation.

When the Group expects some or all of a provision to be reimbursed, the reimbursement is recognised as a separate asset, but only when the reimbursement is virtually certain. The expense relating to a provision is presented in the Consolidated Statement of Profit and Loss, net of any reimbursement.

If the effect of the time value of money is material, provisions are discounted using a current pre-tax rate that reflects, when appropriate, the risks specific to the liability. When discounting is used, the increase in the provision due to the passage of time (i.e., unwinding of discount) is recognised as a finance cost.

Provisions are reviewed at the end of each reporting period and adjusted to reflect the current best estimate. If it is no longer probable that an outflow of resources would be required to settle the obligation, the provision is reversed.

## (ii) Contingent assets/liabilities

Contingent assets are not recognised. However, when realisation of income is virtually certain, then the related asset is no longer a contingent asset, and is recognised as an asset.

Contingent liabilities are disclosed in notes to accounts when there is a possible obligation arising from past events, the existence of which will be confirmed only by the occurrence or non-occurrence of one or more uncertain future events not wholly within the control of the Group or a present obligation that arises from past events where it is either not probable that an outflow of resources will be required to settle or a reliable estimate of the amount cannot be made.

# (iii) Asset Retirement Obligations

Asset retirement obligations (ARO) are provided for those operating lease arrangements where the Group has a binding obligation at the end of the lease period to restore the leased premises in a condition similar to inception of lease.

Asset retirement obligation are provided at the present value of expected costs to settle the obligation using estimated cash flows and are recognized as part of the cost of the particular asset. The cash flows are discounted at a current pre-tax rate that reflects the risks specific to the site restoration obligation. The unwinding of the discount is expensed as incurred and recognized in the Consolidated Statement of Profit and Loss as a finance cost. The estimated future costs of decommissioning are reviewed annually and adjusted as appropriate. Changes in the estimated future costs or in the discount rate applied are added to or deducted from the cost of the asset.

# r) Earnings Per Share (EPS)

Basic EPS is calculated by dividing the profit for the period attributable to the ordinary equity shareholders of the. Company by the weighted average number of Equity shares outstanding during the period excluding shares purchased by the Group and held as treasury shares.

Diluted EPS is calculated by dividing the profit attributable to ordinary equity shareholders of the Company by the weighted average number of Equity shares outstanding during the period excluding shares purchased by the Group and held as treasury shares plus the weighted average number of Equity shares that would be issued on conversion of all the dilutive potential Equity shares into Equity shares.

## s) Fair Value Measurement

The Group measures financial instruments at fair value at each reporting date. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The fair value measurement is based on the presumption that the transaction to sell the asset or transfer the liability takes place either:

- In the principal market for the asset or liability
- In the absence of a principal market, in the most advantageous market for the asset or liability

The principal or the most advantageous market must be accessible by the Group.

The fair value of an asset or a liability is measured using the assumptions that market participants would use when pricing the asset or liability, assuming that market participants act in their economic best interest.

A fair value measurement of a non-financial asset takes into account a market participant's ability to generate economic benefits by using the asset in its highest and best use or by selling it to another market participant that would use the asset in its highest and best use.

The Group uses valuation techniques that are appropriate in the circumstances and for which sufficient data are available to measure fair value, maximising the use of relevant observable inputs and minimising the use of unobservable inputs.

All assets and liabilities for which fair value is measured or disclosed in the financial statements are categorised within the fair value hierarchy, described as follows, based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement as a whole:

- Level 1: Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.
- Level 2: Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (i.e. as prices) or indirectly (i.e. derived from prices)
- Level 3: Inputs for the assets or liabilities that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs)

For assets and liabilities that are recognised in the financial statements on a recurring basis, the Group determines whether transfers have occurred between levels in the hierarchy by re-assessing categorisation (based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement as a whole) at the end of each reporting period.

For the purpose of fair value disclosures, the Group has determined classes of assets and liabilities on the basis of the nature, characteristics and risks of the asset or liability and the level of the fair value hierarchy as explained above.

This note summarises accounting policy for fair value measurements. Other fair value related disclosures are given in the relevant notes.

## t) Foreign Currency

#### **Functional and presentation currency**

The Group financial statements are presented in Indian Rupees ('INR' or 'Rs.), which is also the Group's functional currency. Presentation currency is the currency in which the financial statement of the group is presented. Functional currency is the currency of the primary economic environment in which an entity operates and is normally the currency in which the entity primarily generates and expends cash. All the financial information presented in Indian Rupees (INR) has been rounded to the nearest of million rupees, except where otherwise stated.

#### **Transactions and Balances**

Transactions in foreign currencies are initially recorded by the Group at the functional currency spot rates at the date the transaction first qualifies for recognition.

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the functional currency spot rates of exchange at the reporting date. Differences arising on settlement or translation of monetary items are recognised in the Consolidated Statement of Profit and Loss.

Non-monetary items that are measured in terms of historical cost in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rates at the dates of the initial transactions. Non-monetary items measured at fair value in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rates at the date when the fair value is determined. The gain or loss arising on translation of nonmonetary items measured at fair value is treated in line with the recognition of the gain or loss on the change in fair value of the item (i.e., translation differences on items whose fair value gain or loss is recognised in OCI or profit or loss are also recognised in OCI or profit or loss, respectively.

#### u) Share capital

# **Ordinary shares**

Ordinary shares are classified as equity. Incremental costs directly attributable to the issue of ordinary shares and share options are recognised as a deduction from equity, net of any tax effects.

# v) Non-GAAP measure of financial performance

Profit before depreciation and amortization, finance cost, finance income, charity and donation and tax is an important measure of financial performance relevant to the users of financial statements and stakeholders of the Group. Hence, the Group presents the same as an additional line item on the face of the Statement of Profit and Loss considering such presentation is relevant for understanding of the Group's financial position and performance.

## 4.2. Significant accounting judgements, estimates and assumptions

The preparation of the Group financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of revenues, expenses, assets and liabilities, and the accompanying disclosures, and he disclosure of contingent liabilities. Uncertainty about these assumptions and estimates could result in outcomes that require a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets or liabilities affected in future periods.

# **Judgements**

In the process of applying the Group's accounting policies, management has made the following judgements, which have the most significant effect on the amounts recognised in the consolidated financial statements:

# a) Leases

## Group as lessor

The Group has assessed that its master service agreement ("MSA") with operators contains lease of its tower sites and plant and equipment and has determined, based on evaluation of the terms and conditions of the arrangements such as various lessees sharing the same tower sites with specific area, the fair value of the asset and all the significant risks and rewards of ownership of these properties retained by the Group, that such contracts are in the nature of operating lease and has accounted for as such.

Lease rentals under operating leases are recognised as income on straight line basis over the lease term.

## **Group as lessee**

The Group determines the lease term as the non-cancellable period of a lease, together with both periods covered by an option to extend the lease if the Group is reasonably certain to exercise that option; and periods covered by an option to terminate the lease if the Group is reasonably certain not to exercise that option. In assessing whether the Group is reasonably certain to exercise an option to extend a lease, or not to exercise an option to terminate a lease, it considers all relevant facts and circumstances that create an economic incentive for the Group to exercise the option to extend the lease, or not to exercise the option to terminate the lease. The Group evaluates if an arrangement qualifies to be a lease as per the requirements of Ind AS 116. Identification of a lease requires significant judgment. The Group uses significant judgment in assessing the lease term (including anticipated renewals) and the applicable discount rate. The discount rate is generally based on the incremental borrowing rate calculated as the weighted average rate specific to the portfolio of leases with similar characteristics.

## **Estimates and assumptions**

The key assumptions concerning the future and other key sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date, that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year, are described below. The Group has based its assumptions and estimates on parameters available when the financial statements were prepared. Existing circumstances and assumptions about future developments, however, may change due to market changes or circumstances arising that are beyond the control of the Group. Such changes are reflected in the assumptions when they occur.

#### (b) Impairment of non-financial assets

The carrying amounts of the Group non-financial assets, other than deferred tax assets, are reviewed at the end of each reporting period to determine whether there is any indication of impairment. If any such indication exists, then the asset's recoverable amount is estimated.

The recoverable amount of an asset or cash-generating unit ('CGU') is the greater of its value in use and its fair value less costs to sell. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset or CGU. For the purpose of impairment testing, assets that cannot be tested individually are Grouped together into the smallest Group of assets that generates cash inflows from continuing use that are largely independent of the cash inflows of other assets or Groups of assets ('CGU').

The Group's corporate assets do not generate separate cash inflows. If there is an indication that a corporate asset may be impaired, then the recoverable amount is determined for the CGU to which the corporate asset belongs.

An impairment loss is recognized, if the carrying amount of an asset or its cash-generating unit exceeds its estimated recoverable amount and is recognised in the Consolidated Statement of Profit and Loss. Impairment losses recognised in respect of cash-generating units are allocated first to reduce the carrying amount of goodwill, if any, allocated to the units and then to reduce the carrying amounts of the other assets in the unit (Group of units) on a pro rata basis.

Impairment losses recognised in prior periods are assessed at end of each reporting period for any indications that the loss has decreased or no longer exists. An impairment loss is reversed if there has been a change in the estimates used to determine the recoverable amount. An impairment loss is reversed only to the extent that the asset's carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined, net of depreciation or amortisation, if no impairment loss had been recognised. Such reversal is recognized in the consolidated statement of profit and loss except when the asset is carried at revalued amount, the reversal is treated as a revaluation increase.

# (c) Property, plant and equipment

Refer Note 4.1(a) for the estimated useful life of Property, plant and equipment.

Property, plant and equipment also represent a significant proportion of the asset base of the Group. Therefore, the estimates and assumptions made to determine their carrying value and related depreciation are critical to the Group's financial position and performance.

The charge in respect of periodic depreciation is derived after determining an estimate of an asset's expected useful life and the expected residual value at the end of its life. Increasing an asset's expected life or its residual value would result in a reduced depreciation charge in the Consolidated Statement of Profit and Loss.

The useful lives and residual values of Group assets are determined by management at the time the asset is acquired and reviewed periodically. The lives are based on historical experience with similar assets as well as anticipation of future events which may impact their life, such as changes in technology.

During the year ended March 31, 2021, the Company has revised the useful life of civil work included in Plant and machinery from 15 years to 20 years with effect from December 1, 2020. Set out below is impact of such change on future period depreciation:

Particulars	Year ended March 31, 2021	Year ended March 31, 2022
Decrease in Depreciation	405	1043

Further, the Company has also reassessed useful life from 15 years to 20 years and estimate of dismantling obligation for Asset retirement obligation w.e.f. December 1, 2020 and has taken the credit of Rs. 184 Mn in the Statement of Profit and Loss.

#### (d) Allowance of doubtful trade receivables

The expected credit loss is mainly based on the ageing of the receivable balances and historical experience. Based on the industry practices and the business environment in which the entity operates, management considers that the trade receivables are provided if the payment are more than 180 days past due from related parties and 90 days past due from other customers. The receivables are assessed on an individual basis or grouped into homogeneous groups and assessed for impairment collectively, depending on their significance. Moreover, trade receivables are written off on a case-to-case basis if deemed not to be collectible on the assessment of the underlying facts and circumstances.

## (e) Asset Retirement obligation

The Group uses various leased premises to install its tower assets. A provision is recognised for the cost to be incurred for the restoration of these premises at the end of the lease period, which is estimated based on actual quotes, which are reasonable and appropriate under these circumstances. It is expected that these provisions will be utilised at the end of the lease period of the respective sites as per respective lease agreements.

#### (f) Share based payment

The Group initially measures the cost of cash-settled transactions with employees using a binomial model to determine the fair value of the liability incurred. Estimating fair value for share-based payment transactions requires determination of the most appropriate valuation model, which is dependent on the terms and conditions of the grant. This estimate also requires determination of the most appropriate inputs to the valuation model including the expected life of the share option, volatility and dividend yield and making assumptions about them. For cash-settled share-based payment transactions, the liability needs to be remeasured at the end of each reporting period up to the date of settlement, with any changes in fair value recognised in the Profit and Loss. This requires a reassessment of the estimates used at the end of each reporting period.

## (g) Fair value measurement of financial instruments

When the fair values of financial assets and financial liabilities recorded in the Balance Sheet cannot be measured based on quoted prices in active markets, their fair value is measured using valuation techniques including the discounted cash flow model. The inputs to these models are taken from observable markets where possible, but where this is not feasible, a degree of judgement is required in establishing fair values. Judgements include

considerations of inputs such as liquidity risk, credit risk volatility and discount rates. Changes in assumptions about these factors could affect the reported fair value of financial instruments.		
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# Section 11

# **GLOSSARY**

#### 12.1 Company Related Terms

22 Circles Represents the 22 telecommunications circles of Andhra Pradesh, Delhi, Gujarat, Karnataka, Kerala, Kolkata, Maharashtra

& Goa, Mumbai, Punjab, Tamil Nadu (including Chennai), West Bengal, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh, Orissa, Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Assam, North East states, Haryana, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh (East) and Uttar

Pradesh (West).

Adjusted EBITDA It is defined as EBITDA as mentioned above, adjusted for Repayment of Lease liabilities.

Adjusted Fund from Operations (AFFO)

It is not an IND AS measure and is defined as EBITDA adjusted for Maintenance and General Corporate Capex and Non Cash IND AS measures, i.e., operating lease revenue/expense on security deposit received/paid till March 31, 2019. From the period ended June 30, 2019 onwards it is defined as Adjusted EBITDA less Maintenance and General Corporate Capex

for the period.

Asset Turnover Asset Turnover is defined as total revenues (revenues (annualized for 12 months), divided by average cumulative

investments. Average cumulative investments are calculated by considering average of opening and closing assets of the

relevant period.

Average Colocations

Average co-locations are derived by computing the average of the Opening and Closing co-locations at the end of relevant

period.

Average Sharing Factor Average Sharing factor is calculated as the average of the opening and closing number of co-locations divided by average

of the opening and closing number of towers for the relevant period.

Average Towers Average towers are derived by computing the average of the opening and closing towers at the end of relevant period.

Bn Billion

Book Value Per Equity Share

Total shareholder's equity as at the end of the relevant period divided by outstanding equity shares as at the end of the

relevant period.

Capex It includes investment in gross fixed assets and capital work in progress for the relevant period.

Capital Employed Capital Employed is defined as sum of equity attributable to equity shareholders and net debt / (net cash) with lease

liabilities.

Circle(s) 22 service areas that the Indian telecommunications market has been segregated into

Closing Sharing Factor

Closing Sharing factor is calculated as the closing number of co-locations divided by closing number of towers as at the

end of relevant period.

Co-location is the total number of sharing operators at a tower, and where there is a single operator at a tower; 'co-location'

refers to that single operator. Co-locations as referred to are revenue-generating co-locations (except such co-locations

where exit notices have been received).

CSR Corporate Social Responsibility

Cumulative Investments Cumulative Investments comprises of gross fixed assets net of retirements/ disposals (including Capital Work In Progress).

Earnings Per Share (EPS)-Basic

It is computed by dividing net profit or loss attributable for the period to equity shareholders by the weighted average number

of equity shares outstanding during the period.

Earnings Per Share (EPS)- Diluted

Diluted earnings per share is calculated by adjusting net profit or loss for the period attributable to equity shareholders and the weighted average number of shares outstanding during the period for the effects of all dilutive potential equity shares.

EBIT Earnings before interest, taxation excluding other income for the relevant period.

EBIT (Including Other Income)

Earnings before interest, taxation including other income for the relevant period.

**EBITDA** 

Earnings before interest, taxation, depreciation and amortization excluding other income for the relevant period. It is defined as operating income and does not include depreciation and amortization expense, finance cost (net), tax expense and charity & donation.

EBITDA (Including Other Income)

Earnings before interest, taxation, depreciation and amortization and charity and donation including other income for the relevant period.

Enterprise Value (EV)

Calculated as sum of Market Capitalization plus Net Debt / (Net Cash) with lease liabilities as at the end of the relevant period.

EV / EBITDA (times)

Except for period from April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020, it is computed by dividing Enterprise Value as at the end of the relevant period ('EV') by EBITDA for the preceding (last) 12 months from the end of the relevant period. For the financial year ended March 31 2020, it is computed by dividing Enterprise Value as at the end of the relevant period (EV) by annualized EBITDA for the end of the relevant period.

Future Minimum Lease Payment Receivable The Company has entered into long term non-cancellable agreements to provide infrastructure services to telecom operators. Future Minimum Lease Payment Receivable represents minimum amounts receivable in future under the above long term non-cancellable agreements.

Finance Cost (Net)

Calculated as Finance Cost less Finance Income

GAAP

Generally Accepted Accounting Principle

**IGAAP** 

Indian Generally Accepted Accounting Principle

IND AS

Indian Accounting Standards

Intangibles

Comprises of acquisition cost of software.

Interest Coverage Ratio (LTM) For the full year ended March 31, 2018 and March 31, 2019, it is computed by dividing EBITDA for the preceding (last) 12 months from the end of relevant period by finance cost for the preceding (last) 12 months. For the financial year ended March 31, 2020, it is computed by dividing year till date EBITDA by year till date finance cost (net) for that relevant period. From the period ended June 30, 2020, it is computed by dividing EBITDA for the preceding (last) 12 months from the end of relevant period by finance cost (net) for the preceding (last) 12 months.

IRU Indefeasible right to use

LTM Last Twelve months

Market Capitalization Number of cuurent issued and outstanding shares multiplied by closing market price (NSE) as at end of the period.

Mn Million

MSA Master Service Agreement

Maintenance & General Corporate Capex Represents the capital expenditure undertaken by the company for general maintenance, upkeep and replacement of equipments installed at the Towers which is undertaken on the end of their useful life as well as General Corporate related capital expenditure such as on office/ facilities and information technology.

NA Not ascertainable

Net Debt / (Net Cash) with Lease Liabilities It is not an IND AS measure and is defined as the sum of long-term, short-term borrowings and current maturities of long-term borrowings, current and non-current lease liabilities minus cash and cash equivalents, current and non-current investments, and other bank balances as at

the end of the relevant period.

Net Debt / (Net Cash) without Lease Liabilities It is not an IND AS measure and is defined as the sum of ong-term, short-term borrowings and current maturities of long-term borrowings, minus cash and cash equivalents, current and non-current investments, and other bank balances as at the end of the relevant period.

Net Debt / (Net Cash) with Lease Liabilities to EBITDA Except for period from April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020, it is computed by dividing net debt / (net cash) with lease liabilities as at the end of the relevant period by EBITDA for preceding (last) 12 months from the end of the relevant period. For the financial year ended March 31 2020, it is computed by dividing net debt / (net cash) with lease liabilities as at the end of the relevant period by annualized EBITDA of year till date period.

Net Debt / (Net Cash) to Funded Equity Ratio

It is computed by dividing net debt / (net cash) with lease liabilities as at the end of the relevant period by Equity attributable to equity shareholders as at the end of the relevant period.

Operating Free Cash flow

It is not an IND AS measure and is defined as EBITDA adjusted for Capex and Non Cash IND AS measures, i.e., operating lease revenue/expense on security deposit received/paid till March 31, 2019. From the period ended June 30, 2019 onwards it is defined as Adjusted EBITDA less Capex for the period.

PE Ratio

Price to Earnings ratio is calculated as closing market price (NSE) as at the end of relevant period, divided by diluted annual earnings per share. Annual Diluted Earnings per share is calculated by adding the preceding last four quarters diluted Earnings per share.

Return On Capital Employed (ROCE) Pre Tax (LTM) Except for period from April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020, it is computed by dividing sum of EBIT for the preceding (last) 12 months from the end of the relevant period by average (of opening and closing) capital employed during the relevant periods. For the financial year ended March 31 2020, ROCE is computed by dividing the annualized EBIT of year till date period by average of opening capital employed as on April 1, 2019 including opening Ind AS 116 adjustments and closing that of relevant period ended.

Return On Equity (ROE) Pre Tax (LTM) Except for period from April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020, it is computed by dividing sum of Profit before tax for the preceding (last) 12 months from the end of the relevant period by average (of opening and closing) equity shareholders' funds during the relevant periods. For the financial year ended March 31 2020, it is computed by dividing annualized Profit before tax of year till date period by average of opening equity shareholders' funds as on April 1, 2019 including opening Ind AS 116 adjustments and closing that of relevant period ended.

Return On Equity (ROE) Post Tax-(LTM)

Except for period from April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020, it is computed by dividing sum of Profit after tax for the preceding (last) 12 months from the end of the relevant period by average (of opening and closing) equity shareholders' funds during the relevant periods. For the financial year ended March 31 2020, it is computed by dividing annualized Profit after tax of year till date period by average of opening equity shareholders' funds as on April 1, 2019 including opening Ind AS 116 adjustments and closing that of relevant period ended.

Revenue per Employee per month It is computed by dividing the Total Revenues (net of inter-segment eliminations) by the average number of on – roll employees in the business unit and number of months in the relevant period.

Revenue Equalization It represents the effect of fixed escalations (as per the terms of service agreements with customers) recognized on straight line basis over the fixed, non-cancellable term of the agreement, as applicable.

Right of use Asset

An asset that represents a lessee's right to use an underlying asset for the lease term. This is calculated on the inception of the lease term basis the present value of lease payments over the lease term.

ROC Registrar of Companies

SHA Shareholders Agreement

Sharing Operator A party granted access to a tower and who has installed active infrastructure at the tower

Sharing Revenue 
It represents total revenue excluding energy reimbursements accrued during the relevant period.

Sharing revenue per Sharing Operator per month Is calculated on the basis of sharing revenues accrued during the relevant period divided by the average number of colocations for the period (including such co-locations for which exit notices have been received, but actual exits have not yet happened as at period end), determined on the basis of opening and closing number of co-locations for the relevant period.

Sharing revenue per Tower per month

Is calculated on the basis of sharing revenues accrued during the relevant period divided by the average number of towers for the period, determined on the basis of opening and closing number of towers for the relevant period.

Smartx Services Ltd

Towers Infrastructure located at a site which is permitted by applicable law to be shared, including, but not limited to, the tower, shelter, diesel generator sets and other alternate energy sources, battery banks, air conditioners and electrical works. Towers as referred to are revenue generating towers

Tower and Related Infrastru

Infrastructure

Infrastructure Located at site which is permitted by applicable law to be shared, including, but not limited to, the tower, shelter, diesel generator sets and other alternate energy sources, battery banks, air conditioners and electrical works

# 12.2 Regulatory Terms

DoT Department of Telecommunications

IP-1 Infrastructure Provider Category 1

NSE National Stock Exchange

SEBI Securities and Exchange Board of India

CCI Competition Commission of India

TRAI Telecom Regulatory Authority of India

# 12.3 Others (Industry) Terms

BTS Base Transceiver Station

CII Confederation of Indian Industry

DG Diesel Generator

EMF Electro Magnetic Field

FCU Free Cooling Units

FDI Foreign Direct Investment

GBT Ground Based Towers

IBS In-building Solutions

IPMS Integrated Power Management Systems

OFC Optical Fiber Cable

PAN Presence Across Nation

PPC Plug and Play Cabinet

RET Renewable Energy Technology

RTT Roof Top Towers

TAIPA Tower and Infrastructure Providers Association

TSP Telecom Service Provider

Wi-Fi Wireless Fidelity

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