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## RE: Intimation under Regulation 30 read with Schedule III to the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.

# Subject: Press Release: HFCL receives approval as 'Trusted Source' from National Security Council Secretariat (NSCS).

Dear Sir(s) / Madam,

We are pleased to announce to all our stakeholders that HFCL Limited has received approval as '**Trusted Source**' from National Security Council Secretariat (NSCS), for all Indian Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) for sourcing their telecom active network products and infrastructure and has become one of the few companies to have received the 'trusted sources' approval in the Country.

We are also enclosing a Press Release in this connection.

We request to take the above information on your records and disseminate the same on your respective websites.

Thanking you.

Yours faithfully, For HFCL Limited 11 (Manoj Baid)

Senior Vice-President (Corporate) & Company Secretary

Encl.: Press Release.

### HFCL receives approval as 'Trusted Source' from National Security Council Secretariat (NSCS)

#### New Delhi, December 27, 2021

HFCL Limited (HFCL), a leading innovation led telecom enterprise has been recognized as the **'Trusted Source'** by National Security Council Secretariat (Trusted Telecom Cell), a part of National Security Council who advises the Prime Minister's Office on matters of national security and strategic interest. With this approval, HFCL has become the **'Trusted Source'** for all Indian Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) for sourcing their telecom active network products and infrastructure and has become one of the few companies to have received the **'trusted sources'** approval in the Country.

The Government launched Trusted Telecom Portal in June 2021 under the Cyber Wing of the NSCS to bring enhanced supervision and effective control over nationwide telecom networks. The development has come following the Government's efforts to ensure security of telecom networks, especially with fifth generation (5G) service on the anvil. To address the perineal problem of increase in cyberattacks, intelligence gathering, which comes, laced with the growth in data consumption, the Government of India announced the directives which mandated the Indian TSPs to connect their networks only on those new devices designated as **'Trusted Products'** from **'Trusted Sources'**. Trusted Products are products whose critical components and the products themselves are sourced from Trusted Sources.

Over the last three decades, HFCL has been serving the telecom sector with its innovative, customized products and solutions. In the last few years, HFCL has emerged as an OEM of various wireless products including Wi-Fi, Point-to-point Radios in various frequency bands, L2 and L3 switches. These "Made in India" products have already been deployed in India and number of countries abroad. HFCL with its recent foray in development of 5G transport and radio products based on open RAN standards, intends to address the ever-growing need for ubiquitous and affordable data connectivity. Backed by strong innovation and R&D capabilities, HFCL is working to expand its portfolio of telecom products and supply its next generation products not only to Indian TSPs but also to global telecom players.

**HFCL's Promoter & Managing Director, Mr. Mahendra Nahata said,** "We are delighted to receive the approval as a 'trusted source' from NSCS and are fully committed to continue serving our TSP partners with our wide range of products and services. The development will lead to cement HFCL's position further in the Telecom sector thereby amplifying the growth opportunities for HFCL. Our inclusion in the select list as one of the trusted source is a distinguished achievement and reinforces our commitment to delivering Make in India world-class products/solutions and contribute to further accelerating our Hon'ble PM's vision of an Atmanirbhar Bharat with greater zeal.

### About HFCL Limited:

HFCL Limited is a leading technology enterprise engaged in manufacturing of high-end Transmission and Access Equipment, Optical Fiber, Optical Fiber Cables (OFC) and is specialized in setting up modern communication network for Telecom Service Providers, Railways and Defence.

The Company has state-of-the-art Optical Fiber and Optical Fiber Cable manufacturing plants at Hyderabad, Optical Fiber Cable manufacturing plant in Goa and in its subsidiary i.e. HTL Limited at Chennai along with FRP and ARP Rod manufacturing plant in its subsidiary at Hosur.

The Company's in-house Centre for Excellence in Research located at Gurgaon & Bengaluru along with invested R&D Houses and other collaborators at different locations in India and abroad, innovate futuristic range of technology products and solutions. Some of the newly developed products through R&D are Wi-Fi Systems, Unlicensed Band Radios, Switches, Electronic Fuses, Electro optic devices, and Video Management Systems. There is a suite of products under development, which include Software Defined Radios, Routers, PON, 5G Transport and Radio products, Wi-Fi 6 access points, Point-to-multipoint Radios and Ground Surveillance Radars among others.

Visit www.hfcl.com for more information.

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