

May 29, 2023

To
Listing / Compliance Department
BSE Limited
Phiroze Jeejeebhoy Towers,
Dalal Street, Mumbai - 400001

Scrip Code: 543210

To
Listing / Compliance Department
National Stock Exchange of India Limited
"Exchange Plaza", Plot No. C/1, G Block,
Bandra - Kurla Complex, Bandra (E),
Mumbai - 400051
Symbol: AARTISURF

Dear Sir/ Madam,

Sub: Annual Secretarial Compliance Report for the
financial year ended March 31, 2023

Ref: Regulation 24A of SEBI (LODR) Regulations,
2015

Please find enclosed herewith the Annual Secretarial Compliance Report of the Company issued by Sunil M. Dedhia & Co., Company Secretaries in Practice, for the financial year ended March 31, 2023.

Kindly take the same on your record.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

FOR AARTI SURFACTANTS LIMITED

PRIYANKA CHAURASIA
COMPANY SECRETARY & COMPLIANCE OFFICER
ICSI M. NO. A44258

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To,

Aarti Surfactants Limited
801, 801/23, GIDC Estate,
Phase III, Vapi, Dist. Valsad,
Gujarat 396195

Secretarial Compliance Report of Aarti Surfactants Limited
(CIN: L24100GJ2018PLC102891) for the financial year ended March 31, 2023

I, Sunil M. Dedhia, Practising Company Secretary, have conducted the review of the compliance of the applicable statutory provisions and the adherence to good corporate practices by Aarti Surfactants Limited (hereinafter also referred as "the Listed Entity"), having its Registered Office at 801, 801/23, GIDC Estate, Phase III, Vapi, Dist. Valsad, Gujarat 396195. Secretarial Review was conducted in a manner that provided me a reasonable basis for evaluating the corporate conducts/statutory compliances and to provide my observations thereon.

Based on my verification of the Listed Entity's books, papers, minutes books, forms and returns filed and other records maintained by the Listed Entity and also the information provided by the Listed Entity, its officers, agents and authorized representatives during the conduct of Secretarial Review, I hereby report that the Listed Entity has, during the review period covering the financial year ended on March 31, 2023 complied with the statutory provisions listed hereunder in the manner and subject to the reporting made hereinafter:

I, Sunil M. Dedhia, Practising Company Secretary, have examined:

- (a) all the documents and records made available to me and explanation provided by **Aarti Surfactants Limited**,
- (b) the filings/ submissions made by the listed entity to the stock exchanges,
- (c) website of the listed entity,
- (d) any other document / filing, as may be relevant, which has been relied upon to make this certification,

for the year ended 31st March, 2023 ("Review Period") in respect of compliance with the provisions of:

- (a) the Securities and Exchange Board of India Act, 1992 ("SEBI Act") and the Regulations, circulars, guidelines issued thereunder; and
- (b) the Securities Contracts (Regulation) Act, 1956 ("SCRA"), rules made thereunder and the Regulations, circulars, guidelines issued thereunder by the Securities and Exchange Board of India ("SEBI");

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The specific Regulations, whose provisions and the circulars/ guidelines issued thereunder, have been examined, include:-

- (a) Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015;
- (b) Securities and Exchange Board of India (Issue of Capital and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2018;
- (c) Securities and Exchange Board of India (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeovers) Regulations, 2011;
- (d) Securities and Exchange Board of India (Buyback of Securities) Regulations, 2018, **which were not applicable during the Review Period;**
- (e) Securities and Exchange Board of India (Share Based Employee Benefits and Sweat Equity) Regulations, 2021, **which were not applicable during the Review Period;**
- (f) Securities and Exchange Board of India (Issue and Listing of Non-Convertible Securities) Regulations, 2021, to the extent applicable;
- (g) Securities and Exchange Board of India (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 2015;
- (h) Securities and Exchange Board of India (Depositories and Participants) Regulations, 2018;
- (i) Securities and Exchange Board of India (Issue and Listing of Non-Convertible and Redeemable Preference Shares) Regulations, 2013 to the extent applicable to the Company read with SEBI Circular No. CIR/ IMD/DF/50/2017 dated May 26, 2017;

and circulars/ guidelines issued thereunder;

and based on the above examination, I hereby report that, during the Review Period:

- I. (a) (**) The Listed Entity has complied with the provisions of the above Regulations and circulars/ guidelines issued thereunder, except in respect of matters specified below:

Sr. No.	Compliance Requirement (Regulations/ circulars/ guidelines including specific clause)	Regulation/ Circular No.	Deviations	Action taken by	Type of Action	Details of Violation	Fine Amount	Observations/ Remarks of the Practicing Company Secretary	Management Response	Remarks
Not Applicable during the Review Period										

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(b) The Listed Entity has taken the following actions to comply with the observations made in previous reports:

Sr. No.	Compliance Requirement (Regulations/circulars/guidelines including specific clause)	Regulation/Circular No.	Deviations	Action taken by	Type of Action	Details of Violation	Fine Amount	Observations/Remarks of the Practicing Company Secretary	Management Response	Remarks
1	SEBI Circular No. CFD/DIL3/CIR/2017/21 dated March 10, 2017 as amended by SEBI Circular No. CFD/DIL3/CIR/2018/2 dated June 3, 2018 read with SEBI Circular No. CIR/IMD/DF/50/2017 dated May 26, 2017 which inter alia require steps for listing of specified securities are completed and trading in securities commences within sixty days of receipt of the order of the Hon'ble High Court/NCLT, simultaneously on all the Stock Exchanges where the equity shares of the listed entity are/were listed.	SEBI Circular No. CFD/DIL3/CIR/2017/21 dated March 10, 2017 as amended by SEBI Circular No. CFD/DIL3/CIR/2018/2 dated June 3, 2018 read with SEBI Circular No. CIR/IMD/DF/50/2017 dated May 26, 2017	Listing of and trading in Redeemable Preference Shares (RPS) allotted on August 20, 2019 pursuant to Composite Scheme of Arrangement (Scheme) after the period of sixty days.	NA	NA	NA	NA	BSE Limited and NSEIL, both, have granted listing and trading approvals effective 23.11.2022 based on submissions made by the Listed Entity and compliance of conditions specified by the Exchanges for listing of the said RPS.	SEBI has granted relaxation from applicability of Rule 19(2)(b) of the Securities Contracts (Regulation) Rules 1957 subject to complying with certain conditions. Based on SEBI approval, BSE has granted in-principle approval for listing of the said RPS on April 06, 2022. The approval from NSE was pending as the company could not get the prescribed credit rating. The Company submitted clarifications to NSE in respect of difficulty in getting the prescribed credit rating, as it was a newly incorporated with no past credit record. Based on the Company's response, NSE vide letter dated August 30, 2022 has granted in-principle approval for listing of RPS. Further, Both, the Exchanges have granted listing and trading approvals effective 23.11.2022	Nil

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II. Compliances related to resignation of statutory auditors from Listed Entity and their material subsidiaries as per SEBI Circular CIR/CFD/CMD1/114/2019 dated 18th October, 2019:

Sr. No.	Particulars	Compliance Status (Yes/No/NA)	Observations /Remarks by PCS
1.	Compliances with the following conditions while appointing/re-appointing an auditor		
	i. If the auditor has resigned within 45 days from the end of a quarter of a financial year, the auditor before such resignation, has issued the limited review/ audit report for such quarter; or	NA	During the period under review, there is no change in the Statutory Auditors.
	ii. If the auditor has resigned after 45 days from the end of a quarter of a financial year, the auditor before such resignation, has issued the limited review/ audit report for such quarter as well as the next quarter; or	NA	
	iii. If the auditor has signed the limited review/ audit report for the first three quarters of a financial year, the auditor before such resignation, has issued the limited review/ audit report for the last quarter of such financial year as well as the audit report for such financial year.	NA	
2.	Other conditions relating to resignation of statutory auditor		
	<p>i. Reporting of concerns by Auditor with respect to the Listed Entity /its material subsidiary to the Audit Committee:</p> <p>a. In case of any concern with the management of the listed entity/material subsidiary such as non-availability of information / non-cooperation by the management which has hampered the audit process, the auditor has approached the Chairman of the Audit Committee of the listed entity and the Audit Committee shall receive such concern directly and immediately without specifically waiting for the quarterly Audit Committee meetings.</p>	NA	During the period under review, there is no change in the Statutory Auditors of the Company.

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	<p>b. In case the auditor proposes to resign, all concerns with respect to the proposed resignation, along with relevant documents has been brought to the notice of the Audit Committee. In cases where the proposed resignation is due to non-receipt of information / explanation from the company, the auditor has informed the Audit Committee the details of information / explanation sought and not provided by the management, as applicable.</p> <p>c. The Audit Committee / Board of Directors, as the case may be, deliberated on the matter on receipt of such information from the auditor relating to the proposal to resign as mentioned above and communicate its views to the management and the auditor.</p>	NA	During the period under review, there is no change in the Statutory Auditors of the Company.
	<p>ii. Disclaimer in case of non-receipt of information:</p> <p>The auditor has provided an appropriate disclaimer in its audit report, which is in accordance with the Standards of Auditing as specified by ICAI / NFRA, in case where the listed entity/ its material subsidiary has not provided information as required by the auditor.</p>	NA	During the period under review, there is no change in the Statutory Auditors of the Company.
3.	The Listed Entity / its material subsidiary has obtained information from the Auditor upon resignation, in the format as specified in Annexure- A in SEBI Circular CIR/CFD/CMD1/114/2019 dated 18th October, 2019.	NA	During the period under review, there is no change in the Statutory Auditors of the Company.

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III. I hereby report that, during the Review Period, the compliance status of the Listed Entity is appended as below:

Sr. No.	Particulars	Compliance Status (Yes/No/NA)	Observations /Remarks by PCS*
1.	Secretarial Standards: The compliances of the Listed Entity are in accordance with the applicable Secretarial Standards (SS) issued by the Institute of Company Secretaries India (ICSI), as notified by the Central Government under section 118(10) of the Companies Act, 2013 and mandatorily applicable.	Yes	
2.	Adoption and timely updation of the Policies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All applicable policies under SEBI Regulations are adopted with the approval of board of directors of the Listed Entity • All the policies are in conformity with SEBI Regulations and have been reviewed & updated on time, as per the regulations/circulars/guidelines issued by SEBI 	Yes	
3.	Maintenance and disclosures on Website: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Listed Entity is maintaining a functional website • Timely dissemination of the documents/ information under a separate section on the website • Web-links provided in annual corporate governance reports under Regulation 27(2) are accurate and specific which re-directs to the relevant document(s)/ section of the website 	Yes	
4.	Disqualification of Director: None of the Director(s) of the Listed Entity is/are disqualified under Section 164 of Companies Act, 2013 as confirmed by the Listed Entity.	Yes	

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5.	Details related to Subsidiaries of Listed Entity have been examined w.r.t.: (a) Identification of material subsidiary companies (b) Disclosure requirement of material as well as other subsidiaries	Yes	
6.	Preservation of Documents: The Listed Entity is preserving and maintaining records as prescribed under SEBI Regulations and disposal of records as per Policy of Preservation of Documents and Archival policy prescribed under SEBI LODR Regulations, 2015.	Yes	
7.	Performance Evaluation: The Listed Entity has conducted performance evaluation of the Board, Independent Directors and the Committees at the start of every financial year/during the financial year as prescribed in SEBI Regulations.	Yes	
8.	Related Party Transactions: (a) The Listed Entity has obtained prior approval of Audit Committee for all related party transactions; or	Yes	
	(b) The Listed Entity has provided detailed reasons along with confirmation whether the transactions were subsequently approved/ ratified/ rejected by the Audit Committee, in case no prior approval has been obtained.	NA	The Company has obtained prior approval of Audit Committee for all related party transactions.
9.	Disclosure of events or information: The Listed Entity has provided all the required disclosure(s) under Regulation 30 along with Schedule III of SEBI LODR Regulations, 2015 within the time limits prescribed thereunder.	Yes	
10.	Prohibition of Insider Trading: The Listed Entity is in compliance with Regulation 3(5) & 3(6) SEBI (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 2015.	Yes	

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11.	Actions taken by SEBI or Stock Exchange(s), if any: No action(s) has been taken against the Listed Entity / its promoters/ directors/ subsidiaries either by SEBI or by Stock Exchanges (including under the Standard Operating Procedures issued by SEBI through various circulars) under SEBI Regulations and circulars/ guidelines issued thereunder except as provided under separate paragraph herein (**).	No	No Actions taken against the Listed Entity/ its promoters/directors/ subsidiaries either by SEBI or by Stock Exchanges (including under the Standard Operating Procedures issued by SEBI through various circulars) under SEBI Regulations and circulars/ guidelines issued thereunder
12.	Additional Non-compliances, if any: No additional non-compliance observed for any SEBI regulation/circular/guidance note etc.	No	No additional non-compliance observed for all SEBI regulation/ circular / guidance note etc.

Assumptions & Limitation of scope and Review:

1. Compliance of the applicable laws and ensuring the authenticity of documents and information furnished, are the responsibilities of the management of the Listed Entity.
2. Our responsibility is to certify based upon our examination of relevant documents and information. This is neither an audit nor an expression of opinion.
3. I have not verified the correctness and appropriateness of financial Records and Books of Accounts of the Listed Entity.
4. This Report is solely for the intended purpose of compliance in terms of Regulation 24A (2) of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 and is neither an assurance as to the future viability of the Listed Entity nor of the efficacy or effectiveness with which the management has conducted the affairs of the Listed Entity.

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CS Sunil M. Dedhia

(Peer Review Certificate No. 867/2020)

Proprietor, Sunil M. Dedhia & Co.

Company Secretaries

FCS No: 3483 C.P. No. 2031

UDIN: F003483E000408547

Mumbai, Dated May 29, 2023

