

Date: May 29, 2024

To.

The General Manager,

DCS- CRD

Bombay Stock Exchange Limited.,

P J Towers, Dalal Street,

Mumbai- 400001

**Scrip Code: 511605** 

To.

The General Manager,

National Stock Exchange of India Limited.,

Exchange Plaza 5th Floor,

Plot No. C/1, G- Block, Bandra Kurla

Complex, Bandra (E), Mumbai - 400051

**NSE Symbol-ARIHANTCAP** 

Sub: Annual Secretarial Compliance Report for the financial year ended March 31, 2024

Dear Sir/Madam,

Pursuant to the Regulation 24A of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 and SEBI Circular CIR/CFD/CMD1/27/2019 dated February 08, 2019, please find attached copy of Annual Secretarial Compliance Report duly issued by Ms. I Javeri, Practicing Company Secretary (ACS No.: 2209), for the Financial Year ended March 31, 2024.

This is for your information and record.

Thanking You,

For Arihant Capital Markets Limited

Mahesh Pancholi (Company Secretary) M. No. F-7143

#### ARIHANT CAPITAL MARKETS LIMITED (CIN: L67120MP1992PLC007182)

# Ms. I. Javeri Practicing Company Secretary

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### SECRETARIAL COMPLIANCE REPORT OF ARIHANT CAPITAL MARKETS LIMITED FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH, 2024

I have conducted the review of the compliance of the applicable statutory provisions and the adherence to good corporate practices by **Arihant Capital Markets Limited** (hereinafter referred as "the listed entity"), having its Registered Office at 6, Lad Colony, Y.N. Road, Indore – 452001, Madhya Pradesh, India. Secretarial Review was conducted in a manner that provided me a reasonable basis for evaluating the corporate conducts / statutory compliances and expressing my opinion thereon.

Based on my verification of the listed entity's minutes books, forms and returns filed and other relevant records maintained by the listed entity and also the information provided by the listed entity, its officers and authorized representatives during the conduct of Secretarial Review, I hereby report that in my opinion, the listed entity has, during the review period covering the financial year ended on 31st March, 2024, prima facie complied with the statutory provisions listed hereunder and also that the listed entity has proper Board processes and compliance mechanism in place to the extent, in the manner and subject to the reporting made hereinafter:

#### I, I. Javeri, Practicing Company Secretary, have examined:

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

### for the financial year ended 31st March, 2024 ("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");

### The specific Regulations, whose provisions and the Circulars / Guidelines issued thereunder, have been examined, include:-

- (a) The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015;
- (b) The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Issue of Capital and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2018 (Not Applicable during the review period);
- (c) The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeovers) Regulations, 2011;
- (d) The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Buyback of Securities) Regulations, 2018 (Not applicable during the review period);
- (e) The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Share Based Employee Benefits and Sweat Equity) Regulations, 2021 (Not applicable during the review period);
- (f) The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Issue and Listing of Non-Convertible Securities) Regulations, 2021;
- (g) The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 2015;
- (h) The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Depositories and Participants) Regulations, 2018;
- (i) The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Registrars to an Issue and Share Transfer Agents) Regulations, 1993 regarding the Companies Act and dealing with client - (Not applicable during the review period);

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

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

Sr.	Compliance	Regulati	Deviations	Action	Type of	Details	of	Fine	Observations /	Management Response	Remar
No.	Requirement	on /		Taken	Action	Violation		Amoun	Remarks of the		ks
	(Regulations /	Circular		by				t	Practicing		
	circulars /	No.							Company		
	guidelines								Secretary		
	including specific			-							
	clause)										
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I. (b) (\*\*) The listed entity has taken the following actions to comply with the observations made in previous reports:

Sr.	Compliance	Regulati	Deviations	Action	Type of	Details of	Fine	Observations /	Management Response	Remar
No.	Requirement	on /		Taken	Action	Violation	Amoun	Remarks of the		ks
	(Regulations /	Circular		by			t	Practicing		
	circulars /	No.						Company		
	guidelines					:		Secretary		
1	including specific					e <sup>2</sup>				
	clause)	1,100	2-3-3-							
1.	Structural Digital	Regulati	The Company	BSE	Audit	The Company	-	The Company	The Company has maintained	The
	Database as per	on 3(5)	has maintained			has maintained		has maintained	the Structural Digital Database	Compa
	the Regulation	& 3(6) of	the Structural			the Structural		the Structural	internally with proper lock in	ny has
	3(5) & 3(6) of	the SEBI	Digital			Digital Database		Digital Database	till they installed the software	underg
	the SEBI	(Prohibi	Database			internally with		internally with	in February, 2023.	one
	(Prohibition of	tion of	internally with			proper lock in till		proper lock in till		BSE
	Insider Trading)	Insider	proper lock in			they installed the		they installed the		audit
	Regulations,	Trading)	till they			software in		software in		in this
	2015	Regulati	installed the			February, 2023.		February, 2023.		regard

		ons, 2015	software in February, 2023.							and hence The Compa ny is in Prima facie Compli ance with the same.
2.	Submission of data in the weekly monitoring of clients' funds as per NSE Circular No. NSE/INSP/3327 6 dated 27-09-2016	NSE Circular No. NSE/INS P/33276 dated 27-09- 2016	Incorrect data submitted in the weekly monitoring of clients' funds	SEBI / NSE	Imposed Penalty	The Company has submitted incorrect data towards weekly monitoring of clients' funds in 2 areas as of 26-03-2021 and in 1 area as of 29-10-2021.	Rs. 1,00,0 00/- excludi ng GST	The Company has submitted incorrect data towards weekly monitoring of clients' funds in 2 areas as of 26-03-2021 and in 1 area as of 29-10-2021.	The reporting variations are primarily due to inclusions or non-inclusions of certain items.	Appeal in SAT
3.	Funding of clients' transaction as per NSE Circular No. NSE/INSP/3518 4 dated 23-06-2017	NSE Circular No. NSE/INS P/35184 dated 23-06- 2017	Funding of clients' transaction beyond T+2+5 days	SEBI / NSE	Imposed Penalty	The Company has funded the clients' Transaction beyond T+2+5 days in 13 out of 50 instances (26% of the total sample instances)	Rs. 50,000 /- excludi ng GST	The Company has funded the clients' Transaction beyond T+2+5 days in 13 out of 50 instances (26% of the total sample instances)	The observed 13 instances pertaining to 12 clients refer to clients who opted for margin funding facility due to non-classification of MTF trades. This is evident from the fact that adequate stocks were available against the said debits. Since the ntent was brought to its notice by	Appeal in SAT

4	Margin collection & reporting as per NSE Circular No. NSE/INSP/4519 1 dated 31-07- 2020	NSE Circular No. NSE/INS P/45191 dated 31-07- 2020	Passing on penalty levied on short collection of upfront margins to clients	SEBI / NSE	Issued Warning Letter	involving Rs. 7.75 crores.  The Company has passed on short margin reporting to clients in 10 instances pertaining to 10 clients involving Rs. 34,294/-	N.A.	involving Rs. 7.75 crores.  The Company has passed on short margin reporting to clients in 10 instances pertaining to 10 clients involving Rs. 34,294/-	the clients later, it was not possible to re-classify the same into MTF.  a. In 1 instance, the shortfall in margin was due to non-payment of additional upfront margin requirement on the existing open position. It provided copy of the client ledger showing increase in the margin without new position.  b. In 2 instances, the margin penalties of Rs.25,386/- in F&O segment and Rs. 3,862/- in CD segment were charged to the clients as the clients' cheques bounced, resulting in margin shortfall. It provided the copy of the bank statements and client ledgers.  c. In the remaining 9 instances, post-inspection,	No Penalt y- Advise d Issued
								1. JAVER	it credited the penalty charged to the clients.  d. It established a process to	

									ensure that the margin	
									penalty is not passed on to	
									client for reasons which	
									are not attributable to the	
									clients.	
5	Business of	Rule	Engagement as	SEBI /	Imposed	The Company is	Rs.	The Company is	Prior to the Exchange	Appeal
	members of a	8(3)(f)	a principal in a	NSE	Penalty	engaged as a	5,00,0	engaged as a	Circular No.	in SAT
	stock exchange	of	business other			principal in a	00/-	principal in a	NSE/COMP/50957 dated	
	as per Rule	Securitie	than securities			business other	excludi	business other	07-01-2022, there was no	
	8(3)(f) of	s	involving			than securities	ng GST	than securities	express clarification on	
	Securities	Contract	personal			involving		involving	what will be considered as	
1	Contracts	s	financial			personal		personal	securities involving	
	(Regulation)	(Regulat	liability			financial liability		financial liability	personal liability either in	
	Rules, 1957	ion)				by extending		by extending	Rule 5 (b) of Chapter III of	
		Rules,				loans to 2 related		loans to 2 related	NSEIL Rules or Rule 8 (1) (f)	
		1957				entities to the		entities to the	and Rule 8 (3) (f) of SCRR or	
						extent of Rs.		extent of Rs.	SEBI Circular No.	
					· a ·	13.07 crores and		13.07 crores and	SMD/POLICY/Cir-6/dated	
						investing in 4		investing in 4	07-05-1997. The restriction	
						subsidiary		subsidiary	of lending or investment in	
						companies to the		companies to the	related or group entities is	
						extent of Rs. 7.11		extent of Rs. 7.11	expressly provided	
						crores.		crores.	for the first time in	
						5			Exchange Circular No.	
									NSE/COMP/50957 dated	
									07-01-2022, enumerating	
									the illustrative list of	
			20"						activities that shall	
1									be construed as non-	
									compliance of Rule 8 (1) (f)	
1									and Rule 8 (3) (f) of SCRR.	
	1								On receipt of said Circular,	
7 .	- 1								the Company immediately	

									recalled the loans and	
									liquidated or transferred its	
					1				investments.	
									Further, the Company was	
									under processing to Sell/	
		1							Transfer / otherwise	
									disposed off Three	
									Subsidiaries Companies i.e.	
									Arihant Institute of	
									Financial Education Private	
									Limited, Arihant Insurance	
								J.	Broking Services Limited	
								*	and Arihant Financial	1
									Services Limited.	
									Services Limited.	
									During the review period,	
									the Company has also sold	
									the investment in Arihant	
									Lifespace Infra Developers	
									Limited.	
						T (1)	01	As per SEBI's	The Company proposed to	Penalt
6	Clause A(2) of	Clause	Failing to file	SEBI	Issued	Failing to file	Settle	•	settle the proceedings	y Paid-
	Code of Conduct	A(2) of	suspicious		Show	suspicious	ment	01401,	initiated against it, without	Closed
	as specified in	Code of	transaction		Cause	transaction	Amoun	Company failed		Closed
	Schedule II of the	Conduct	reports to		Notice	reports to	t RS.	to file suspicious	admitting or denying the	
	SEBI (Stock	as	Financial			Financial	17,50,	transaction	findings of facts and	
	Brokers)	specified	Intelligence			Intelligence Unit-	000/-	reports to	conclusions of law and filed	
	Regulations,	in	Unit- India			India regarding		Financial	a settlement application	
	1992 read with	Schedule	regarding			certain		Intelligence Unit-	with the SEBI in terms of the	
	regulation 9(f) of	II of the	certain			discrepancies		India regarding	provisions of the SEBI	
	the SEBI (Stock	SEBI	discrepancies			noted by the		certain	(Settlement Proceedings)	
	Brokers)	(Stock	noted by the			applicant in the		discrepancies	Regulations, 2018.	
	Regulations,	Brokers)	applicant in			Know Your		noted by the		

	1992 and	Regulati	the Know Your		Customer	applicant in the	The High Powered Advisory	
	provisions of	ons,	Customer		documents of its	Know Your	Committee in its Meeting	
	Clauses 1.2 and	1992	documents of		clients.	Customer	held on 22-02-2023,	
	1.3 of Code of	read	its clients.		cheme.	documents of its	considered the settlement	
	Conduct as	with	its chems.			clients.	terms proposed and	
	specified in	regulatio					recommended that the case	
	Schedule III of	n 9(f) of					may be settled upon	
	the SEBI	the SEBI					payment of Rs. 17,50,000/	
	(Intermediaries)	(Stock						
- 4	Regulations,	Brokers)		A			The Company has paid the	
	2008 read with	Regulati		,			settlement amount and the	
	regulation 16 of	ons,					SEBI vide Settlement Order	
	the SEBI	1992					dated 26-04-2023, disposed	
	(Intermediaries)	and					of the case.	
	Regulations,	provisio						
	2008 for failing	ns of						
	to file suspicious	Clauses						
	transaction	1.2 and						
	reports to	1.3 of						
	Financial	Code of						
	Intelligence Unit-	Conduct						
	India regarding	as						
	certain	specified					`	
	discrepancies	in						
	noted by the	Contract of the second						
	applicant in the	III of the						
	Know Your	SEBI						
11	Customer	(Interme						
	documents of its	diaries) Regulati						
	clients.							
		ons, 2008						
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Regulati				
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## II. I hereby report that, during the Review Period the compliance status of the Listed Entity with the following requirements:

	:∌\	Compliance	Observations
Sr.	D	Compliance status (Yes	/ Remarks
No.	Particulars		by PCS
		/ No / NA)	by PC3
1	Secretarial Standard:		
	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	N.A.
2	Adoption and timely updation of the Policies:		
	All applicable policies under SEBI Regulations are adopted with the approval of board of directors of the listed entities.	Yes	N.A.
	<ul> <li>All the policies are in conformity with SEBI Regulations and have been reviewed &amp; timely updated as per the regulations / circulars / guidelines issued by SEBI.</li> </ul>	Yes	N.A.
3	Maintenance and disclosures on Website:		
	The Listed entity is maintaining a functional website.	Yes	N.A.
	<ul> <li>Timely dissemination of the documents / information under a separate section on the website.</li> </ul>	Yes	N.A.
	<ul> <li>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.</li> </ul>	Yes	N.A.
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4.	Disqualification of Director:		
4	None of the Directors of the Company are disqualified under Section 164 of Companies Act, 2013 as confirmed by listed entity.	Yes	N.A.
5	Details related to Subsidiaries of listed entities have been examined w.r.t.:  (a) Identification of material subsidiary Companies.  (b) Requirements with respect to disclosure of material as well as other subsidiaries.	N.A. N.A.	The Company does not have any material subsidiary Company.
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	N.A.
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	N.A.
8	Related Party Transactions:	A 1 20 A	,
	(a) The listed entity has obtained prior approval of Audit Committee for all related party transactions; or	Yes	N.A.
	(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.	N.A.	N.A.



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	Provided in separate paragraph herein (##)
10	Prohibition of Insider Trading:  The listed entity is in compliance with Regulation 3(5) & 3(6) SEBI (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 2015.	No	The Company is in Prima facie Compliance.
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	Provided in separate paragraph herein (**)
12	Resignation of statutory auditors from the listed entity or its material subsidiaries:  In case of resignation of statutory auditor from the listed entity or any of its material subsidiaries during the financial year, the listed entity and / or its material subsidiary(ies) has / have complied with paragraph 6.1 and 6.2 of section V-D of chapter V of the Master Circular on compliance with the provisions of the LODR Regulations by listed entities.	N.A.	N.A.
12	Additional Non-compliances, if any:  No additional non-compliance observed for any SEBI regulation / circular / guidance note etc.	No	Provided in separate paragraph herein (**)



## Mrs. Anita Surendra Gandhi's designation has been changed From Whole Time Director to Director during the review period.

#### Assumptions & Limitation of scope and Review:

- 1. The 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. My responsibility is to certify based upon my 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.

Date: 27th May, 2024

Place: Mumbai

Ms. I. Javeri

Practicing Company Secretary ACS No.: 2209 / COP No.: 7245

Peer Review Cert. No.: 2922/2023

UDIN: A002209F000458852