

OUR REF: EP SL/RD548/2710

27 October 2016

To,
The General Manager,
Department of Corporate Affairs,
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Dear Sirs,

Sub: Disclosure under Regulation 31(2) of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeovers) Regulations 2011 (the "SEBI Takeover Regulations")

This is to inform you that we have sold 124,362,408 equity shares of Rs. 10 in Essar Shipping Limited (ESL), representing 60.09% of the paid-up equity share capital of ESL, to Essar Africa Steel Holdings Limited by way of inter-se transfer. This constitutes disclosure by Promoter(s) to the stock exchange and to the Target Company for encumbrance of shares in terms of Regulation of 31(2) of the SEBI Takeover Regulations 2011. The details are set out in the Annexure hereto, in the format prescribed under Regulation 31(2) of the SEBI Takeover Regulations 2011.

Yours faithfully,

For and on behalf
Essar Ports & Shipping Limited

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "W. S. J.", written over a horizontal line.

Authorised Signatory

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Format for disclosure by the Promoter(s) to the stock exchanges and to the Target Company for encumbrance of shares / invocation of encumbrance/ release of encumbrance, in terms of Regulation 31(2) of SEBI (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeovers) Regulations, 2011

Name of the Target Company(TC)	Essar Shipping Limited												
Names of the Stock Exchanges where the shares of the target company are listed	National Stock Exchange Of India Limited, and BSE Limited												
Date of reporting	27th October, 2016												
Name of the promoter or PAC on whose shares encumbrance has been created/released/invoked	Essar Ports & Shipping Limited												
Details of the creation/invocation/release of encumbrance: -													
Name of the Promoter(s) or PACs with him ^(**)	Promoter holding in the target company (1)			Promoter holding already encumbered (2)			Details of events pertaining to encumbrance (3)				Post event holding of encumbered shares(creation [(2)+(3)]/ release [(2)+(3)]/ invocation [(2)+(3)]		
	No of Shares	% of Total Share Capital	% w.r.t Diluted Share Capital (*)	No of Shares	% of Total Share Capital	Type of Event (creation / release / invocation)	Date of Creation / invocation release of encumbrance	Type of encumbrance (pledge / lien/ non disposal undertaking/others)	No of Shares	% of total share capital		Name of the entity in whose favour shares encumbered	
Essar Ports & Shipping Limited	124,36,2408	60.09%	37.71%	-	-	Release	21st October, 2016	Non Disposal Undertaking	124,36,2408	60.09%	IDBI Trusteeship Services Limited	124,36,2408	60.09%

For Essar Ports & Shipping Limited

Signature:



Date: 27th October, 2016