

PRESS RELEASE

RE.: SEBI CIRCULAR ON 'SHELL COMPANIES'

This is further to the earlier Press Release issued by the Company yesterday, i.e. on August 10, 2017, (enclosed herewith) in relation to the Signet Industries Limited (hereinafter referred to as "the Company") being included in the list of 'Suspected Shell Companies' by SEBI.

Besides various measures taken by the Company including obtaining endorsements from Statutory Auditors, Practising Company Secretary, Bankers to the Company etc., the Company approached the Hon'ble Securities Appellant Tribunal (SAT) this morning and sought urgent hearing on the matter in interest of our stakeholders.

The Company is pleased to inform that Hon'ble SAT admitted the matter and conducted hearing a short while ago. After hearing the Company's plea, SAT has granted relief to the Company putting stay on the SEBI Communication on 'Suspected Shell Companies' and directing Stock Exchanges to permit trading of Company's Equity Shares forthwith in regular category.

We hope trading of the Equity Shares shall resume on immediate basis in the regular category.

We once again thank all our stakeholders for their continuing support and extending co-operation to the Company.

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On August 07th 2017, Securities and Exchange Board of India vide circular bearing reference no. SEBI/HO/ISD/OW/P/2017/18183 declared 331 listed companies as 'Shell Companies' as identified by Ministry of Corporate Affairs. The market regulator has also asked the stock exchanges to keep the Equity Shares of such 'Shell Companies' in the stage VI of the graded surveillance measures (GSM) with immediate effect and to verify credentials and fundamentals of these companies listed on their trading platform. Accordingly, trading of equity shares of the Companies named in the list has been restricted on account of GSM. As a matter of utter surprise and shock to us, the name of Signet Industries Limited is mentioned at Sr. No. 209 in the list of declared 'Shell Companies'.

At the outset, Signet Industries Limited, a 32 year old Company, is engaged in the business of manufacturing of Micro Irrigation and Infrastructure pipe lines, having an annual turnover of Rs. 1000 Crores approximately and profit before tax is Rs. 24 Crores. Further, we have paid more than Rs. 200 Crores towards Central / State Taxes in the last 3 years. Equity Shares of the Company have been actively traded and the Company has market capitalisation of Rs. 328 Crores approximately with over 11,000 public shareholders as on date.

Our Company is not a company which can by any stretch of imagination be termed as a 'Shell Company'. The Company is committed to maintain the highest standards of corporate governance and has always adhered to desired rules and regulations.

In the interest of our Company and our stakeholders including shareholders, the Company has taken up the matter strongly with Exchanges / authorities. The Company has since obtained statutory auditor's certificate dated August 09, 2017 verifying and conforming compliance with relevant statutory provisions and also endorsing the financial position of the Company. Additionally, all the Bankers to the Company, viz UCO Bank, Dena Bank, Indian Overseas Bank, Punjab National Bank and Union Bank have re-endorsed the credit worthiness and good standing of the Company.

Though not necessary, some of these measures have been taken by the management proactively with a view to provide explicit comfort to our stakeholders. We thank all our stakeholders for their continuing support to the Company and do appeal to authorities to take rectificatory action and restore the Company's Equity Shares in regular trading category immediately.

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