

## DCS/AMAL/TL/IP/2741/2023-24

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To,

The Company Secretary, **L&T FINANCE LIMITED** 15th Floor, PS Srijan Tech Park,

15th Floor, PS Srijan Tech Park, Plot No.52 DN, Sector – V, Salt Lake City, Kolkata, Parganas North West Bengal – 700091 The Company Secretary, **L&T INFRA CREDIT LIMITED**Plot No.177, CTS No. 6970, 6971, Vidyanagari Marg, CST Road,

Kalina, Santacruz (East), Mumbai Maharashtra– 400098 The Company Secretary, L&T FINANCE HOLDINGS LIMITED Brindavan, Plot No.177, CTS Road, Kalina, Santacruz (East), Mumbai Maharashtra 400098

Dear Sir/Madam,

Sub: Observation Letter regarding the Scheme of Amalgamation by way of merger by Absorption Among L&T Finance Limited ("LTFL"), L&T Infra Credit Limited ("LTICL"), L&T Mutual Fund Trustee Limited ("LTMFTL") And L&T Finance Holdings Limited ("LTFHL")

We are in receipt of the Scheme of Amalgamation by way of merger by Absorption Among L&T Finance Limited ("LTFL"), L&T Infra Credit Limited ("LTICL"), L&T Mutual Fund Trustee Limited ("LTMFTL") And L&T Finance Holdings Limited ("LTFHL") filed by L&T Finance Limited , L&T Infra Credit Limited , And L&T Finance Holdings Limited respectively as required under SEBI Master circular no. SEBI/HO/CFD/DIL1/CIR/ P/2021/665 dated November 23, 2021 along with SEBI circular no. SEBI/HO/DDHS/DDHS-RACPOD1/P/CIR/2022/156 dated November 17, 2022 and Regulation 94(2) SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015; SEBI vide its letter dated April 26, 2023, has inter alia given the following comment(s) on the Scheme of Amalgamation:

- a) "Company shall ensure to disclose all details of ongoing adjudication & recovery proceedings, prosecution initiated and all other enforcement action taken, if any, against the Company, its promoters and directors, before Hon'ble NCLT and Shareholders, while seeking approval of the scheme."
- b) "Company shall ensure that additional information and undertakings, if any, submitted by the Company, after filing the scheme with the Stock Exchange, from the date of receipt of this letter, is displayed on the websites of the Listed Company and the Stock Exchanges."
- c) "Company shall ensure compliance with the SEBI Circulars issued from time to time."
- d) "The entities involved in the scheme shall duly comply with various provisions of the Circular and ensure that all the liabilities of Transferor Companies are transferred to the Transferee Company."
- e) "Company is advised that the information pertaining to all the Unlisted Companies involved, if any, in the Scheme shall be included in the format specified for abridged prospectus as provided in Part E of Schedule VI of the ICDR Regulations, 2018, in the explanatory statement or notice or proposal accompanying resolution to be passed, which is sent to the shareholders for seeking approval."
- f) "Company shall ensure that the financials in the scheme including financials considered for valuation report are not for period more than 6 months old."
- g) "Company is advised that the details of the proposed scheme under consideration as provided by the Companies to the Stock Exchange shall be prominently disclosed in the notice sent to the Shareholders."
- h) "Company is advised to disclose the Details of assets and liabilities of Transferor Companies transferred to Transferee Company, Details of assets and liabilities of Transferee Company pre and post amalgamation and Rationale of the scheme and impact on shareholders, as a part of explanatory statement or notice or proposal accompanying resolution to be passed to be forwarded by the company to the shareholders while seeking approval u/s 230 to 232 of the Companies Act 2013."







- i) "Company is advised that the proposed Equity Shares to be issued in terms of the 'Scheme' shall mandatorily be in demat form only."
- j) "Company shall ensure that the 'Scheme' shall be acted upon subject to the applicant complying with the relevant clauses mentioned in the scheme document."
- k) "Company to ensure that no changes to the draft Scheme except those mandated by the regulators/ authorities / tribunals shall be made without specific written consent of SEBI."
- "Company is advised that the observations of SEBI/Stock Exchanges shall be incorporated in the petition to be filed before Hon'ble NCLT and the Company obliged to bring the observations to the notice of Hon'ble NCLT."
- m) "Company is advised to comply with all the applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013, rules and regulations issued thereunder including obtaining the consent from the creditors for the proposed scheme."
- n) "It is to be noted that the petitions are filed by the Company before Hon'ble NCLT after processing and communication of comments/observations on draft Scheme by SEBI/Stock Exchange. Hence, the Company is not required to send notice for representation as mandated under section 230(5) of Companies Act, 2013 to SEBI again for its comments/observations/representations."
- o) "The proposed scheme of amalgamation shall be in compliance with the provisions of Regulation 11 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015."
- p) "LTFHL, LTFL and LTICL are NBFCs registered with Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and thus regulated by RBI. These entities shall approach the jurisdictional NCLT under Sections 230 - 232 of the Act in respect of the Scheme only upon receipt of the requisite approval of the RBI, as per applicable regulations."
- q) "The entities involved in the proposed scheme shall not provide any misstatement or furnish false information with regard to disclosure to be made in the draft scheme of amalgamation as per Chapter XII of Operational Circular."
- r) "The entities involved in the proposed scheme shall not make any changes in the draft scheme subsequent to filing the draft scheme with SEBI by the Stock Exchanges, except those mandated by the regulators/ authorities/ tribunal."
- s) "The listed entities involved in the proposed scheme shall include information pertaining to the unlisted entity in the format specified for abridged prospectus as provided in Part B of Schedule I of the SEBI (Issue and Listing of Non-Convertible Securities) Regulations, 2021, in the notice or proposal to be sent to the holders of NCDs/ NCRPS while seeking approval for the scheme. The accuracy and adequacy of such disclosures shall be certified by the SEBI registered merchant banker after following the due diligence process."
- "The listed entities involved in the proposed scheme shall disclose the No-Objection letter of the Stock Exchange(s) on its website within 24 hours of receiving the same."
- u) "Company shall ensure that the entities involved in the proposed scheme have compiled with the relevant provisions of the Companies Act, 2013, SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 and Covenants of the Debenture Trust Deeds entered with the Debenture Trustee(s) any other relevant regulations and circulars





Accordingly, based on aforesaid comment offered by SEBI, the company is hereby advised:

- i. To provide additional information, if any, (as stated above) along with various documents to the Exchange for further dissemination on Exchange website.
- ii. To ensure that additional information, if any, (as stated aforesaid) along with various documents are disseminated on their (company) website.
- iii. To duly comply with various provisions of the circulars.

In light of the above, we hereby advise that we have no adverse observations with limited reference to those matters having a bearing on listing/de-listing/continuous listing requirements within the provisions of Listing Agreement, so as to enable the company to file the scheme with Hon'ble NCLT.

Further, where applicable in the explanatory statement of the notice to be sent by the company to the shareholders, while seeking approval of the scheme, it shall disclose information about unlisted company involved in the format prescribed for abridged prospectus as specified in the circular dated March 10, 2017.

Kindly note that as required under Regulation 37 and 59A of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, the validity of this Observation Letter shall be six months from the date of this Letter, within which the scheme shall be submitted to the NCLT.

The Exchange reserves its right to withdraw its 'No adverse observation' at any stage if the information submitted to the Exchange is found to be incomplete / incorrect / misleading / false or for any contravention of Rules, Bye-laws and Regulations of the Exchange, Listing Agreement, Guidelines/Regulations issued by statutory authorities.

Please note that the aforesaid observations does not preclude the Company from complying with any other requirements.

Further, it may be noted that with reference to Section 230 (5) of the Companies Act, 2013 (Act), read with Rule 8 of Companies (Compromises, Arrangements and Amalgamations) Rules 2016 (Company Rules) and Section 66 of the Act read with Rule 3 of the Company Rules wherein pursuant to an Order passed by the Hon'ble National Company Law Tribunal, a Notice of the proposed scheme of compromise or arrangement filed under sections 230-232 or Section 66 of the Companies Act 2013 as the case may be is required to be served upon the Exchange seeking representations or objections if any.

In this regard, with a view to have a better transparency in processing the aforesaid notices served upon the Exchange, the Exchange has <u>already introduced an online system of serving such Notice along with the relevant documents of the proposed schemes through the BSE Listing Centre.</u>

Any service of notice under Section 230 (5) or Section 66 of the Companies Act 2013 seeking Exchange's representations or objections if any, <u>would be accepted and processed through the Listing Centre only and no physical filings would be accepted.</u> You may please refer to circular dated February 26, 2019 issued to the company.

Yours faithfully

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**Assistant Manager** 

