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भारत संचार निगम लिमिटेड  
(भारत सरकार का उपक्रम)  
**BHARAT SANCHAR NIGAM LIMITED**  
(A Govt. of India Enterprise)

Dated: 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2023

To

The Manager  
Corporate Relationship Department,  
Bombay Stock Exchange Limited,  
Phiroze Jeejeebhoy Towers,  
Dalal Street,  
Mumbai-400001

**BSE Scrip Code- 960039 & 974458**

**Sub: Disclosure under Regulation 51 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.**

Dear Sir,

Pursuant to Regulation 51 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 (*as amended*) ("LODR"), we hereby submit the NOC/ Observation letter No. DCS/ AMAL/TL/IP/3000/2023-24 dated 11.12.2023 regarding the scheme of Arrangement for Amalgamation of Bharat Broadband Network Limited (BBNL) into and with Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited.

We request you to kindly take the same on record.

Thanking You  
Yours faithfully  
For BHARAT SANCHAR NIGAM LIMITED

  
(J.P. CHOWDHARY)  
Company Secretary & GM (L)

To,

The Company Secretary,  
**Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited**  
Bharat Sanchar Bhavan, H. C. Mathur Lane,  
Janpath, New Delhi - 110001

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Sub: Observation Letter regarding the Scheme of Arrangement for Amalgamation of Bharat Broadband Network Limited into and with Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited**

We are in receipt of the Scheme of Arrangement for Amalgamation of Bharat Broadband Network Limited into and with Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited 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 December 04, 2023, has inter alia given the following comment(s) on the Scheme of Arrangement:

- A. "The entities involved in the proposed scheme shall not provide any misstatement or furnish false information with regard to disclosures to be made in the draft scheme of amalgamation as per Chapter XII of the Operational Circular, for listing obligations and disclosure requirements for Non-Convertible Securities, Securitized Debt Instrument and/ or Commercial Paper."
- B. "The entities involved in the scheme are 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."
- C. "Company shall ensure that additional information, if any, submitted by the Listed Entity, after filing the Scheme with the Stock Exchange, from the date of receipt of this letter, is displayed on the websites of the Listed Entity and the Stock Exchange."
- D. "The Listed Entity involved in the proposed scheme shall disclose the No-Objection letter of the Stock Exchange on its website within 24 hours of receiving the same."
- E. "Company shall ensure to disclose all details of ongoing adjudication & recovery proceedings, prosecution initiated and all other enforcement action taken, if any, against the Resultant Company, its promoters and directors are disclosed in the scheme filed before Hon'ble NCLT."
- F. "The Resultant Company shall ensure that the "Scheme" shall be acted upon subject to the entities complying with the relevant clause mentioned in the scheme document."
- G. "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."
- H. "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."

- I. "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."

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 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 already introduced an online system of serving such Notice along with the relevant documents of the proposed schemes through the BSE Listing Centre.

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

Yours faithfully,

  
Manu Thomas  
Additional General Manager

  
Tanmayi Lele  
Assistant Manager