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Dear Madam,

**Sub: Clarification regarding the use of digital signatures w.r.t. authentication/certification of filing /submission made to stock exchanges under the SEBI LODR due to the COVID – 19 pandemic**

The SEBI after considering the gravity of the conditions prevailing in the country due to COVID 19 pandemic has provided various relaxations from compliance with the provisions of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements), Regulations, 2015 and extended the due dates vide its Circular nos. SEBI/HO/CFD/CMD1/CIR/P/2020/38 dated March 19, 2020, SEBI/HO/CFD/CMD1/CIR/P/2020/48 dated March 26, 2020, SEBI/HO/CFD/CMD1/CIR/P/2020/63 dated April 17, 2020 and other Circulars.

The SEBI vide its Circular no. SEBI/HO/CFD/CMD1/CIR/P/2020/63 dated April 17, 2020 has also clarified that authentication/certification of any filing/submission made to stock exchanges under the SEBI LODR may be done using digital signature certifications until June 30, 2020.

We wish to draw your kind attention that the due to COVID -19 pandemic and the precautionary measures for its curtailment being prescribed in the country, still there are many operational challenges being faced by the Company Secretaries while carrying out certification and authenticating the documents in the physical form.

Accordingly, we request your good-self to kindly consider issuing further clarification regarding the use of digital signatures w.r.t. authentication/certification of any filing/submission made to stock exchanges under the SEBI LODR until October 31, 2020.

We shall be pleased to provide any further information in this regard on hearing from your goodself.

Thanking you

Yours faithfully



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