

SECRETARIAL COMPLIANCE REPORT OF CNI RESEARCH LIMITED
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2023

*[Pursuant to Regulation 24A of the Securities and Exchange Board of India
(Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015]*

I, Mayur M More, Proprietor, M/s. Mayur More & Associates, Companies Secretaries, Mumbai have conducted the review of the compliance of the applicable statutory provisions and the adherence to good corporate practices by **CNI Research Limited** (hereinafter referred as 'the listed entity'), having its Registered Office at A-120 Gokul Arcade Sahar Road, Vile Parle East, Mumbai – 400 057, Maharashtra, India. Secretarial Review was conducted in a manner that provided me a reasonable basis for evaluating the corporate conducts / statutory compliances and to provide my observations thereon.

Based on my verification of the listed entity's books, papers, minutes books, forms and returns filed and other records maintained by the listed entity and also the information provided by the listed entity, its officers, agents and authorized representatives during the conduct of Secretarial Review, I, hereby report that the listed entity has, during the review period covering the financial year ended on **31st March, 2023** complied with the statutory provisions listed hereunder in the manner and subject to the reporting made hereinafter:

I, CS Mayur M More, Proprietor, M/s. Mayur More & Associates, Company Secretaries, Mumbai have examined:

- (a) all the documents and records made available to me and explanation provided CNI Research Limited ("the listed entity");
- (b) the filings / submissions made by the listed entity to the Stock Exchanges viz. the BSE Ltd. (Scrip Code: 512018);
- (c) website of the listed entity viz. www.cniresearchltd.com ;

(d) any other document / filing, as may be relevant, which has been relied upon to make this certification,

for the financial year ended 31st March, 2023 (“Review Period”) in respect of compliance with the provisions of:

- (a) the Securities and Exchange Board of India Act, 1992 (“SEBI Act”) and the Regulations, circulars, guidelines issued thereunder; and
- (b) the Securities Contracts (Regulation) Act, 1956 (“SCRA”), rules made thereunder and the Regulations, circulars, guidelines issued thereunder by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (“SEBI”).

The specific Regulations, whose provisions and the circulars / guidelines issued thereunder, have been examined, include: -

- (a) Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 (“Listing Regulations”);
- (b) Securities and Exchange Board of India (Issue of Capital and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2018 (not applicable during the review period);
- (c) Securities and Exchange Board of India (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeovers) Regulations, 2011;
- (d) Securities and Exchange Board of India (Buyback of Securities) Regulations, 2018 (not applicable during the review period);
- (e) Securities and Exchange Board of India (Share Based Employee Benefits and Sweat Equity) Regulations, 2021 (not applicable during the review period);
- (f) Securities and Exchange Board of India (Issue and Listing of Non-Convertible Securities) Regulations, 2021 (not applicable during the review period);
- (g) Securities and Exchange Board of India (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 2015;
- (h) Securities and Exchange Board of India (Issue and Listing of Debt Securities) Regulations, 2008 (not applicable during the review period);

- (i) Securities and Exchange Board of India (Depository Participants) Regulations, 2018;
- (j) Securities and Exchange Board of India (Registrars to an Issue and Share Transfer Agents) Regulations, 1993 regarding the Companies Act, 2013 and dealing with client; and
- (k) The Depositories Act, 1996 and the Regulations and bye-laws framed thereunder;
- (l) Securities and Exchange Board of India (Research Analyst) Regulations, 2014;
- (m)(k) Securities and Exchange Board of India (Registrars to an Issue and Share Transfer Agents) Regulations, 1993;
- (n) (l) Securities Contracts (Regulation) Rules, 1957; and circulars/ guidelines issued thereunder;
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and based on the above examination, I hereby report that, during the review period:

- I. (a) The listed entity has complied with the provisions of the above Regulations and circulars / guidelines issued thereunder, except in respect of matters specified below::; and

| Sr. No. | Compliance Requirement (Regulations/ circulars/ guidelines including specific clause) | Regulation / Circular No. | Deviations | Action Taken by | Type of Action (Advisory/ Clarification/ Fine/Show Cause Notice/ Warning, etc.) | Details of violation | Fine Amount | Observations/ Remarks of the Practicing Company Secretary | Management Response | Remarks |
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| --NOT APPLICABLE-- | | | | | | | | | | |

(b) The listed entity has taken the actions to comply with the observations made in previous reports:

| Sr. No. | Compliance Requirement (Regulations/circulars/guidelines including specific clause) | Regulation/Circular No. | Deviations | Action Taken by | Type of Action (Advisor y/ Clarification/ Fine/Show Cause Notice/ Warning, etc.) | Details of Violation | Fine Amount | Observations/ Remarks of the Practicing Company Secretary | Management Response | Remarks |
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| --NOT APPLICABLE-- | | | | | | | | | | |

II. Compliances related to appointment / re-appointment / resignation of statutory auditors from listed entity and its material subsidiaries as per SEBI Circular CIR/CFD/CMD1/114/2019 dated 18th October, 2019:

| Sr. No. | Particulars | Compliance Status (Yes / No / NA) | Observations / Remarks |
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| 1. | Compliances with the following conditions while appointing / re-appointing an auditor | | |
| | i. If the auditor has resigned within 45 days from the end of a quarter of a financial year, the auditor before such resignation, has issued the limited review / audit report for such quarter; or | N.A. | No such events |
| | ii. If the auditor has resigned after 45 days from the end of a quarter of a financial year, the auditor before such resignation, has issued the limited review / audit report for such quarter as | N.A. | |

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| | <p>well as the next quarter; or</p> <p>iii. If the auditor has signed the limited review / audit report for the first three quarters of a financial year, the auditor before such resignation, has issued the limited review / audit report for the last quarter of such financial year as well as the audit report for such financial year.</p> | N.A. | |
| 2. Other conditions relating to resignation of statutory auditor | | | |
| | <p>i. Reporting of concerns by Auditor with respect to the listed entity / its material subsidiary to the Audit Committee:</p> <p>a. In case of any concern with the management of the listed entity / material subsidiary such as non-availability of information / non-cooperation by the management which has hampered the audit process, the auditor has approached the Chairman of the Audit Committee of the listed entity and the Audit Committee shall receive such concern directly and immediately without specifically waiting for the quarterly Audit Committee meetings.</p> <p>b. In case the auditor proposes to resign, all concerns with respect to the proposed resignation, along with relevant documents has been brought to the notice of the Audit Committee. In cases where the proposed</p> | <p>N.A.</p> <p>N.A.</p> | <p>Auditor has not resigned during the review period.</p> |

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| | <p>resignation is due to non-receipt of information / explanation from the company, the auditor has informed the Audit Committee the details of information / explanation sought and not provided by the management, as applicable.</p> | | |
| | <p>c. The Audit Committee / Board of Directors, as the case may be, deliberated on the matter on receipt of such information from the auditor relating to the proposal to resign as mentioned above and communicate its views to the management and the auditor.</p> <p>ii. Disclaimer in case of non-receipt of information:</p> <p>The auditor has provided an appropriate disclaimer in its audit report, which is in accordance with the Standards of Auditing as specified by ICAI / NFRA, in case where the listed entity / its material subsidiary has not provided information as required by the auditor.</p> | <p>N.A.</p> <p>N.A.</p> | <p>Auditor has not resigned during the review period.</p> |
| 3. | <p>The listed entity / its material subsidiary has obtained information from the Auditor upon resignation, in the format as specified in Annexure-A in SEBI Circular CIR/CFD/CMD1/114/2019 dated 18th October, 2019.</p> | <p>N.A.</p> | <p>Auditor has not resigned during the review period.</p> |

III. I hereby report that, during the review period the compliance status of the listed entity is appended as below:

| Sr. No. | Particulars | Compliance Status (Yes / No / NA) | Observations / Remarks by PCS |
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| 1. | Secretarial Standards: The compliances of the listed entity are in accordance with the applicable Secretarial Standards (SS) issued by the Institute of Company Secretaries India (ICSI), as notified by the Central Government under Section 118(10) of the Companies Act, 2013 and mandatorily applicable. | Yes | - |
| 2. | Adoption and timely updation of the Policies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All applicable policies under SEBI Regulations are adopted with the approval of board of directors of the listed entity • All the policies are in conformity with SEBI Regulations and have been reviewed & updated on time, as per the regulations / circulars / guidelines issued by the SEBI | Yes Yes | - - |
| 3. | Maintenance and disclosures on Website: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Listed entity is maintaining a functional website • Timely dissemination of the documents/ information under a separate section on the website | Yes Yes | - - |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Web-links provided in annual corporate governance reports under Regulation 27(2) are accurate and specific which re-directs to the relevant document(s) / section of the website | Yes | - |
| 4. | Disqualification of Director: None of the director(s) of the Company is / are disqualified under Section 164 of Companies Act, 2013 as confirmed by the listed entity. | Yes | - |
| 5. | Details related to Subsidiaries of listed entity have been examined w.r.t.: (a) Identification of material subsidiary companies (b) Disclosure requirement of material as well as other subsidiaries. | NA NA | The Co doesn't have any Subsidiary company during the period under review. |
| 6. | Preservation of Documents: The listed entity is preserving and maintaining records as prescribed under SEBI Regulations and disposal of records as per Policy of Preservation of Documents and Archival policy prescribed under the Listing Regulations. | Yes | - |
| 7. | Performance Evaluation: The listed entity has conducted performance evaluation of the Board, Independent Directors and the Committees at the start of every financial year / during the financial year as | Yes | - |

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| | prescribed in the SEBI Regulations. | | |
| 8. | <p>Related Party Transactions:</p> <p>(a) The listed entity has obtained prior approval of Audit Committee for all related party transactions; or</p> <p>(b) The listed entity has provided detailed reasons along with confirmation whether the transactions were subsequently approved / ratified / rejected by the Audit Committee, in case no prior approval has been obtained.</p> | <p>Yes</p> <p>N.A.</p> | Please refer point no 8 (a) |
| 9. | <p>Disclosure of events or information:</p> <p>The listed entity has provided all the required disclosure(s) under Regulation 30 along with Schedule III of the Listing Regulations within the time limits prescribed thereunder.</p> | Yes | - |
| 10. | <p>Prohibition of Insider Trading:</p> <p>The listed entity is in compliance with Regulation 3(5) & 3(6) of the SEBI (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 2015.</p> | Yes | - |
| 11. | <p>Actions taken by SEBI or Stock Exchange(s), if any:</p> <p>No action(s) has been taken against the listed entity / its promoters / directors / subsidiaries either by SEBI or by Stock Exchanges (including under the Standard Operating Procedures issued by SEBI through various circulars) under SEBI Regulations and circulars / guidelines issued thereunder.</p> | Yes | |

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| 12. | Additional Non-compliances, if any: | N.A. | No additional non-compliance observed of any SEBI regulations / circulars / guidance notes etc. during the review period. |
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Assumptions & Limitation of scope and Review:

1. Compliance of the applicable laws and ensuring the authenticity of documents and information furnished, are the responsibilities of the management of the listed entity.
2. Our responsibility is to report based upon our examination of relevant documents and information. This is neither an audit nor an expression of opinion.
3. We have not verified the correctness and appropriateness of financial Records and Books of Accounts of the listed entity.
4. This Report is solely for the intended purpose of compliance in terms of Regulation 24A (2) of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 and is neither an assurance as to the future viability of the listed entity nor of the efficacy or effectiveness with which the management has conducted the affairs of the listed entity.

**For Mayur More & Associates
Company Secretaries**



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mayur More", written over a horizontal line.

**CS Mayur M More
Proprietor**

M. No. ACS 35249; C. P. No. 13104

Peer Review No. 2584/2022

UDIN: A035249E000418269

Place: Mumbai

Date: 30th May, 2023