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November 5, 2020

The Secretary
BSE Limited
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Sub.: Outcome of the Meeting of the Board of Directors of Novartis India Limited ("the Company") held on November 5, 2020

Ref.: 1. Regulation 30 (read with Schedule III – Part A), 33 and other applicable provisions of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements)
Regulations, 2015 ("SEBI Listing Regulations")

2. Scrip Code: 500672

Dear Sir/ Madam,

Kindly note that the Board of Directors of the Company has in its meeting held today i.e. on Thursday, November 5, 2020 ("said meeting"), *inter alia* considered and approved the Unaudited Financial Results of the Company for the quarter and half year ended on September 30, 2020.

In terms of the applicable provisions of SEBI Listing Regulations, please find enclosed herewith:

- a. the Unaudited Financial Results; and
- b. Limited Review Report dated November 5, 2020, issued by the Statutory Auditors of the Company with respect to the Unaudited Financial Results and taken on record by the Board of Directors of the Company, as **Annexure 1**.

Further, pursuant to the recommendation of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee and Audit Committee, Board of Directors of the Company at its meeting held today approved the appointment of Ms. Bhavna Gupta as the Internal Auditor of the Company w.e.f. November 5, 2020, brief profile of Ms. Gupta is enclosed as **Annexure 2**.

The said Meeting commenced at 11:45 a.m. and concluded at 2:00 p.m.

The above is for your information and the same is also available on the Company's website i.e. www.novartis.in

Thanking you

Yours sincerely,

For Novartis India Limited

Trivikram Guda

Company Secretary & Compliance Officer

₹ in million STATEMENT OF UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND HALF YEAR ENDED 30.09.2020						(* in million)	
Sr. No.	Particulars	3 months ended 30.09.2020 (Unaudited)	3 months ended 30.06.2020 (Unaudited)	3 months ended 30.09.2019 (Unaudited)	6 months ended 30.09.2020 (Unaudited)	6 months ended 30.09.2019 (Unaudited)	Year ended 31.03.2020 (Audited)
1.	Revenue from Operations	958.3	924.6	1,177.8	1,882.9	2,270.9	4,382.5
	Other Income	56.0	69.6	100.1	125.6	209.0	361.4
	Total Income	1,014.3	994.2	1,277.9	2,008.5	2,479.9	4,743.9
2.	Expenses						
	(a) Purchases of Stock-in-Trade	349.9	427.1	774.2	777.0	1,157.6	1,804.9
	(b) Changes in Inventories of Stock-in-Trade	17.3	(73.7)	(180.0)	(56.4)	(49.0)	18.3
	(c) Employee Benefits Expense	252.1	299.3	271.7	551.4	574.2	1,138.7
	(d) Finance Costs	16.6	16.8	16.8	33.4	28.4	63.9
	(e) Depreciation and Amortisation Expense	31.0	30.6	31.4	61.6	63.6	131.4
	(f) Other Expenses	236.9	230.0	339.8	466.9	668.0	1,300.3
	Total Expenses	903.8	930.1	1,253.9	1,833.9	2,442.8	4,457.5
3. 4.	Profit before tax Tax Expense	110.5	64.1	24.0	174.6	37.1	286.4
4.	Current Tax [Refer Note 7]	42.9	22.6	8.3	65.5	14.0	152.2
	Deferred Tax [Refer Note 9]	(7.6)		67.9	(10.0)		33.4
	Total Tax Expense	35.3	20.2	76.2	55.5	81.4	185.6
5.	Profit/(loss) for the period / year	75.2	43.9	(52.2)	119.1	(44.3)	100.8
6.	Other Comprehensive Income - Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss	-	-	(26.9)	-	(26.9)	(197.3
	Remeasurements of the defined benefit plans	-		(36.0)		(36.0)	(263.7
	Income tax relating to these items	-		9.1		9.1	66.4
7.	Total Comprehensive Income / (Loss) for the period / year	75.2	43.9	(79.1)	119.1	(71.2)	(96.5
8.	Paid-up Equity Share Capital (Face Value ₹ 5 each)	123.4	123.4	123.4	123.4	123.4	123.4
9.	Other Equity						7,083.9
10.	Earnings Per Share (In ₹) (Basic & Diluted)- (of ₹ 5 each) (*not annualised)	3.05*	1.78*	(2.11)*	4.83*	(1.79)*	4.08

Notes

1. Statement of Assets and Liabilities

		As at	(₹ in million)	
	Particulars		As at 31.03.202	
		30.09.2020 (Unaudited)	(Audited)	
A	Assets	(Gilladdited)	(Auditeu	
	Non-Current Assets	1	1	
	Property, Plant and Equipment	104.3	119	
	Right-of-Use Assets	601.6	642	
	Financial Assets	001.0	042	
	(i) Loans	3.0	,	
	(ii) Other Financial Assets	46.8	43	
	Deferred Tax Assets			
	Income Tax Assets (Net)	257.4	247	
	Other Non-Current Assets	1,407.0	1,276	
	otter non current Asses	314.7	311	
		2,734.8	2,645	
	Current Assets		l	
	Inventories [Refer Note 6]	643.1		
	Financial Assets	043.1	586	
	(i) Trade Receivables	240.7		
	(ii) Cash and Cash Equivalents	248.7	376	
	(iii) Bank Balances other than (ii) above	338.5	791	
	(iv) Loans	4,791.3	5,027	
	(v) Other Financial Assets	0.6		
	Other Current Assets	618.9	510	
	outer current Assets	904.7	827	
		7,545.8	8,121	
	Assets held for sale	1.2	10	
	TOTAL ASSETS	10,290.8	10,776	
		10,290.0	10,776.	
3	Equity and Liabilities			
	Equity			
	Equity Share Capital	123.4	123	
	Other Equity	6,963.2	7,083	
		7,086.6	7,207.	
	Liabilities	.,	7,207	
	Non-Current Liabilities			
	Financial Liabilities	1		
	(i) Lease Liabilities	535.5	564	
	(ii) Other Financial Liabilities	14.8	17	
	Provisions	685.9	659	
		1,236.2	1,241.	
	Current Liabilities	1,230.2	1,241.	
	Financial Liabilities	1		
	(I) Trade Payables			
	 total outstanding dues of micro enterprises and small enterprises 	7.5	7	
	 total outstanding dues of creditors other than micro enterprises and small enterprises 	529.0	718	
	(ii) Lease Liabilities	126.8	18	
	(iii) Other Financial Liabilities	972.9		
	Other Current Liabilities	69.7	1,106	
	Provisions	175.4	105	
	Current Tax Liabilities (Net)		185	
		86.7	86	
		1,968.0	2,327.	
	TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			

2 Statement of Condensed Cash Flows:

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Parti	culars	Half year ended 30.09.2020 (Unaudited)	Half year ended 30.09.2019 (Unaudited)
A. A. Ca	sh flow from operating activities		
Profit	before tax	174.6	37.1
	ating profit before working capital changes ash (used in)/ generated from operating activities	151.1 (494.4)	(52.7 366.4
B. Ca	sh flow from/(used in) investing activities	346.5	(298.0
C. Ca	sh flow used in financing activities	(304.8)	(352.2
Net D	ecrease in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(452.7)	(283.8
Cash	and Cash Equivalents - At the begining of the year	791.2	877.6
Cash	and Cash Equivalents - At the end of the year	338.5	593.8

- This Statement has been reviewed by the Audit Committee at its meeting held on 05.11.2020 and approved at the meeting of the Board of Directors held on that date and has been subjected to limited review by the statutory auditors of the Company.
- This Statement has been prepared in accordance with the recognition and measurement principles laid down in the Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules, 2015 (as amended) (Ind AS), prescribed under Section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013, and other recognised accounting practices and policies, to the extent applicable.
- 5. The Company has a single business segment namely 'Pharmaceuticals Business',
- Consequent to notices received during the quarter 30.09.2018 from Drugs Licensing Authority, Daman by the supplier of a product, the Company has suspended sale of the relevant product. The Company had, based on the Stock Statements received from significant portion of its stockists, arrived at stock position and accordingly made provision for accelerated sales returns and stock, relating thereto. As at 30.09.2020, the provision carried in the books in this respect aggregate to ₹ 40.2 million (as at 31st March, 2020 to ₹ 41.9 million).
- 7. Current tax for the full year ended 31.03.2020 includes provision in respect of earlier years of ₹ 32.5 million.
- The Company has considered the possible effects that may result from the pandemic relating to COVID-19 on the carrying amounts of inventories, receivables and other assets. In assessing the recoverability of the assets, the Company has considered internal and external sources of information, available as at the date of approval of these financial results, including subsequent recoverles, credit risk profile, macroeconomic forecasts, latest selling prices of products, orders on hand, margins etc. Based on the above assessment, the Company is of the view that the carrying amounts of the assets will be realised. The impact of COVID-19 on the Company's financial results may be different from that estimated as at the date of approval of these financial results.

During the half year ended 30th September 2020, the Company was able to ensure uninterrupted supply of pharma products. The offices of the Company were open to operate under the guidelines issued by the local authorities with the option of sales employees to work on the field subject to compliance with the guidelines issued and trainings conducted, while all other associates have the option to work from home on digital platforms provided by the Company with need based working from office premises taking into consideration the safety of the associates. The impact assessment of COVID-19 is a continuing process given the uncertainties associated with its nature and duration. The Company will continue to monitor any material changes to future economic conditions.

- During the quarter and half year ended 30.09.2019, the company had elected to exercise the option permitted under section 115BAA of Income-tax Act, 1961 as introduced by Taxation Laws (Amendment) Ordinance, 2019. The Company has accordingly recognised Provision for Income tax since the quarter ended 30th September, 2019 basis the rate prescribed in the said section. The Company had, during the quarter ended 30th September, 2019, also re-measured its net Deferred tax Assets basis the aforesaid amendment, impacting the total tax expense for the quarter and half year ended 30th September, 2019 and for the year order 31th March 2020.
- The Code on Social Security, 2020 ('Code') received Presidential assent on 28 September 2020. However, the date on which the code will come into effect has not yet been notified. Impact, if any, of the change will be assessed and accounted for in the period of notification of the relevant provisions.

By Order of the Epard

Sanjay Murdeshwar Vice Chairman and Managing Director DIN:01481811 Mumbai, November 05, 2020

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REVIEW REPORT ON REVIEW OF INTERIM FINANCIAL RESULTS

TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF NOVARTIS INDIA LIMITED

- We have reviewed the accompanying Statement of Unaudited Financial Results of Novartis India Limited ("the Company"), for the quarter and six months ended September 30, 2020 ("the Statement"), being submitted by the Company pursuant to the requirement of Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, as amended.
- 2. This Statement, which is the responsibility of the Company's Management and approved by the Company's Board of Directors, has been prepared in accordance with the recognition and measurement principles laid down in the Indian Accounting Standard 34 "Interim Financial Reporting" ("Ind AS 34"), prescribed under Section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with relevant rules issued thereunder and other accounting principles generally accepted in India. Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the Statement based on our review.
- 3. We conducted our review of the Statement in accordance with the Standard on Review Engagements (SRE) 2410 'Review of Interim Financial Information Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity', issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI). A review of interim financial information consists of making inquiries, primarily of the Company's personnel responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with Standards on Auditing specified under Section 143(10) of the Companies Act, 2013 and consequently does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion.
- 4. Based on our review conducted as stated in paragraph 3 above, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the accompanying Statement, prepared in accordance with the recognition and measurement principles laid down in the aforesaid Indian Accounting Standard and other accounting principles generally accepted in India, has not disclosed the information required to be disclosed in terms of Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, as amended, including the manner in which it is to be disclosed, or that it contains any material misstatement.

For DELOITTE HASKINS & SELLS LLP
Chartered Accountants
(Firm's Positive tion No. 117766W/W 100010)

(Firm's Registration No. 117366W/W-100018)

Rakesh N. Sharma

Partner

(Membership No. 102042) (UDIN: 20102042AAAACV6427)

Place: MUMBAI

Date: November 05, 2020

PROFILE

BHAVNA GUPTA

Ms. Bhavna Gupta is a qualified Chartered Accountant with a Bachelor's degree in Commerce with 14 years of post-qualification experience in various areas of finance and compliance.

She is currently the Senior ERC Manager at Novartis, reporting to Country Head - ERC. In her current role Bhavna is a compliance partner for multiple franchise and functions. Recently, she has also been involved in a global project in Basel on Third party Anti-bribery Risk Management.

Her key skills include sound working knowledge of compliance, risk management, training and monitoring/ independent assessments.

Her past experience includes working for companies like Astra Zeneca Pharma India Ltd, Johnson & Johnson Medical India and ICICI Bank Ltd. in various leadership roles of finance, audit, compliance, controller and business partnering. She is passionate about continuous learning and creating value.
