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Dear Sir,

Sub: Unaudited Financial Results for the Quarter and nine months ended 31st December 2020.

Ref : BSE- Scrip Code – 507442 (BSE) – NSE- DHARSUGAR.

In accordance with Regulation 33 read with the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, the following items were discussed and approved in the Meeting of the Board of Directors held on 13th February 2021.

1. Unaudited Financial Results for the Quarter and nine months ended 31st December 2020 along with segment wise report.
2. Auditors Limited Review Report.

The Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company commenced at 11.30 a.m. and concluded at 1.00 p.m.

This above Result is also available at the website of the Company (www.dharanisugars.in) and at the websites of the Stock Exchanges where the equity shares of the Company are listed: BSE Limited (www.bseindia.com) and National Stock Exchange of India Limited (www.nseindia.com).

This is for your information and record.

Thanking You,

**Yours faithfully,
for Dharani Sugars and Chemicals Limited**


E P Sakthivel
Company Secretary

Encl.: as above

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Statement of standalone unaudited financial results for the quarter and nine months ended Dec 31, 2020 under Ind AS

(Rs in Lakhs)

S.No	Particulars	Quarter ended			Nine Months ended		Year ended
		Dec 31, 2020 (Unaudited)	Sep 30, 2020 (Unaudited)	Dec 31, 2019 (Unaudited)	Dec 31, 2020 (Unaudited)	Dec 31, 2019 (Unaudited)	March 31, 2020 (Audited)
	Income from Operations						
1	(a) Net Sales/ Revenue from operations	16.01	659.50	343.60	3,085.76	10,779.61	10,996.75
2	(b) Other Income (Net)	4.21	562.47	4.75	576.15	32.95	43.17
3	Total Income (1+2)	20.22	1221.97	348.35	3,661.91	10,812.56	11,039.92
4	Expenses						
	(a) Cost of materials consumed	1.35	237.80	35.68	2,372.00	6,377.63	6,597.74
	(b) Changes in inventories of finished goods, work in progress and stock in trade	11.40	233.86	261.44	88.72	1,842.36	1,808.49
	(c) Employees benefits expense	335.37	355.67	529.31	1,059.36	1,653.95	2,161.73
	(d) Finance Cost	1.52	1.57	2.55	4.49	2,163.58	215.40
	(e) Depreciation and amortisation expense	585.00	614.22	561.36	1,754.98	1,684.07	2,245.52
	(f) Other expenses	192.48	369.36	1592.90	811.94	3,944.28	4,816.70
	Total Expenses	1,127.13	1812.48	2983.24	6,091.50	17,665.87	17,845.58
5	Profit/ (Loss) before exceptional items and tax (3-4)	(1,106.91)	(590.51)	(2,634.89)	(2,429.59)	(6,853.31)	(6,805.66)
6	Exceptional items	-	-	-	-	-	3,477.86
7	Profit/ (Loss) before tax (5+6)	(1,106.91)	(590.51)	(2,634.89)	(2,429.59)	(6,853.31)	(3,327.80)
8	Tax expense						
	Current tax	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Current tax for earlier years	-	-	-	-	-	-
	MAT credit reversal	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Deferred tax Asset/(Liability)	-	-	-	-	-	339.68
	Total tax expenses	-	-	-	-	-	339.68
9	Profit/ (Loss) for the period from continuing operations (7-8)	(1,106.91)	(590.51)	(2,634.89)	(2,429.59)	(6,853.31)	(2,988.12)
10	Profit/ (Loss) from discontinued operations	-	-	-	-	-	-
11	Tax expense of discontinued operations	-	-	-	-	-	-
12	Profit/ (Loss) from discontinued operations (after tax) (10-11)	-	-	-	-	-	-
13	Profit/ (Loss) for the period (11+12)	(1,106.91)	(590.51)	(2,634.89)	(2,429.59)	(6,853.31)	(2,988.12)
14	Other comprehensive income, net of income tax						
	(a) (i) Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss	(4.12)	(8.24)	13.64	(20.60)	40.90	(32.95)
	(ii) Income tax relating to the above items	-	-	-	-	-	-
	(b) (i) Items that will be reclassified to profit or loss	-	-	-	-	-	-
	(ii) Income tax relating to the above items	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Total other comprehensive income, net of income tax	(4.12)	(8.24)	13.64	(20.60)	40.90	(32.95)
15	Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the period (13+14)	(1,111.03)	(598.75)	(2,621.25)	(2,450.19)	(6,812.41)	(3,021.07)
16	Paid-up equity share capital	3320.00	3320.00	3320.00	3,320.00	3,320.00	3,320.00
	Face value per share (Rs)	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
17	Earning per share (Rs) (not annualised)						
	- Basic	(3.33)	(1.78)	(7.94)	(7.32)	(20.64)	(9.00)
	- Diluted	(3.33)	(1.78)	(7.94)	(7.32)	(20.64)	(9.00)

Notes:

- The above results for the quarter and nine months ended December 31, 2020 as reviewed and recommended by the audit committee of the Board, has been approved by the Board of Directors at its meeting held on February 13, 2021. The Statutory auditors of the Company have issued a modified opinion on the unaudited results.
- The statement has been prepared in accordance with the Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules, 2015 (Ind AS) prescribed under section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013 and other recognised accounting practices and policies to the extent applicable.
- The format for audited quarterly results as prescribed in SEBI's Circular CIR/CFD/CMD/15/2015 dated November 30, 2015 has been modified to comply with the requirements of SEBI's circular dated July 5 2016, Ind AS and Schedule III (Part II) to the Companies Act, 2013, which are applicable to companies that are required to comply with Ind AS.
- The Company has made detailed assessment of its liquidity position for the next year and the recoverability and carrying value of its assets comprising property, plant and equipment, investments and trade receivables. Based on current indicators of future economic conditions, the Company expects to recover the carrying amount of these assets. The situation is changing rapidly giving rise to inherent uncertainty around the extent and timing of the potential future impact of the Covid-19 which may be different from that estimated as at the date of approval of the financial results. The Company will continue to closely monitor any material changes arising of future economic conditions and impact on its business.
- The Company's net worth is negative and the borrowings from banks and other financial institutions have been classified by the lenders as non-performing assets. All the banks and other financial institutions have also issued notice calling back the loans. The Company approached the consortium of bankers for an One Time Settlement (OTS)/ restructuring which is under negotiation. The Company is confident of a turnaround, if the OTS/ restructuring has been approved by the banks and financial institutions.

It may also be noted that the poor performance of the Company is mainly due to low availability of sugarcane for crushing as planting areas are being continuously reduced due to continuous draught and the general slowdown in sugar industry due to factors like failure of monsoon, varietal degeneration, reduced recovery, decline in area under cultivation and the resultant reduction in capacity utilisation of sugar mills. This being a general industry issue, a formal representation was made by the South Indian Sugar Mills Association (SISMA), in which the Company is a member, to the Hon'ble Prime Minister and the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu for announcing revival packages for the sugar industry. SISMA expects that its demands will be considered by the Central and State Governments favourably.



In the meeting with the Hon'ble Union Finance Minister, SISMA has submitted a request for restructuring of loans to sugar mills considering the status of Sugar industry in Tamilnadu. Pursuant to the directions of the Hon'ble Union Finance Minister, the Ministry of Finance had organised a joint meeting of the senior officers of Reserve Bank of India (RBI), Ministry of Finance, Food Ministry, Tamilnadu State Government, Farmers' Associations and SISMA. The meeting was held on September 24, 2019 and deliberated on the supportive measures including restructuring of accounts required for the revival of sugar units in Tamilnadu. SISMA has also sent a letter to the State Level Bankers Committee (SLBC) and requested to keep in abeyance the recovery proceedings initiated against sugar units in Tamilnadu, including proceeding before the SARFAESI, Hon'ble National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) and Debt Recovery Tribunal (DRT), considering the discussions arising out of the above meeting. The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamilnadu has also communicated with the Hon'ble Union Finance Minister requesting to direct the bankers to restructure of loans given to the sugar industry and not to take any harsh measures under SARFAESI, Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code and DRT vide D.O letter dated October 24, 2019 and press release No.725 dated October 26, 2019, until the sugar sector is revived.

SISMA representatives again met the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu to express the further distress faced by the sugar industry coupled with the Covid'19 and accumulating dues from TANGEDCO. Based on the representations, the Government of Tamilnadu ordered for release of outstanding TANGEDCO dues to the sugar mills by granting subsidy and advance subsidy for 2020-21 to TANGEDCO. This is expected to give a reasonable relief to the sugar mills to manage the working capital requirements.

SISMA made another representation to the Hon'ble Union Finance Minister vide its letter No.GS7/ 43/ 2020 dated July 21, 2020 highlighting the fact that out of 25 private sugar mills in the State of Tamil Nadu, 12 mills remain closed during the current season leading to widespread job losses while the banks have initiated aggressive recovery measures by referring the accounts of the above mills to Hon'ble NCLT/ DRT. SISMA requested to implement support measures like restructuring of debts availed from banks/ financial institutions/ sugar development funds, keeping in abeyance the recovery proceedings initiated against financially stressed mills before NCLT/ DRT till such a revival package is implemented, extending soft loans under credit guarantee scheme, direct subsidy to cane farmers towards FRP payment for the portion of FRP which has become unaffordable to the mills due to low sugar recovery, advising banks to liberally disburse crop loans to farmers etc. SISMA expects that considering the possibility of rural community job losses, loss of livelihood of the rural population and the massive adverse impact on the rural economy, the Union Finance Ministry will implement the revival packages as requested in the immediate near future.

- 6 Despite the above matters relating to industry issues requiring policy decisions at various levels and submissions being under consideration by the Central and State Governments to revive the sugar units in Tamilnadu, Bank of India has filed an insolvency petition with Hon'ble NCLT for corporate insolvency resolution process on August 14, 2019. The Company has replied stating that the entire sugar industry in Tamilnadu is passing through a distressing period and that the Bank has failed to adhere to the Prudential Framework for Resolution of Stressed Assets and that the bank has ignored the consortium arrangement and independently proceeded for recovery of its portion of debt. Bank of India has also sent, in parallel, an intimation letter for scheme of One Time Settlement (BOI OTS 2019) dated October 31, 2019 received by the Company on November 8, 2019. The Company replied to Bank of India offering an OTS proposal vide letter dated December 17, 2019 and January 21, 2020 and the same is under negotiation. During the hearings held on February 10, 2020 and March 3, 2020, Bank of India informed the Hon'ble NCLT about the OTS proposal submitted by the company along with the initial deposit as per the OTS proposal and sought time for its decision to review the OTS proposal. Accordingly, the Hon'ble NCLT posted the case for further hearing. The next hearing is postponed to February 15, 2021. Another bank has invoked the guarantee given by the Company for the farmers' loan and issued notice to the Company to repay the entire guaranteed amount.

The Company has received summons dated October 1, 2020 from the Debt Recovery Tribunal, Chennai based on an application filed by another bank for recovery of dues. The Tribunal has posted the hearing for November 25, 2020 for filing the return submission and personal appearance by the Company and also imposed a restriction on the Company not to sell any of its secured assets and properties. The Company is in the process of responding to the above summons.

On November 6, 2020, Indian Renewable Energy Development Authority (IREDA) has filed an insolvency petition with Hon'ble NCLT for corporate insolvency resolution process which is yet to be admitted.

On January 27, 2021, the leader of the consortium banks has issued possession notice of all immovable properties belonging to the Company under the SARFAESI Act, 2002. The Company contemplating to file a stay petition against the above notice.

Considering the fact that all the banks/ financial institutions have declared the loans are non-performing asset (NPA) and issued recall notices, the Company stopped providing interest on the outstanding borrowings from banks and financial institutions, not restated the foreign currency loans and also reversed the interest provided during the earlier quarters/ years in respect of periods after the NPA date. In the opinion of the management, in view of the one-time settlement/ restructuring of the loans sought by the Company, there will be no further interest liability on the Company from the NPA date.

Pending resolution of the above uncertainties, which is depended upon future events, the company has prepared the financial statements on a going concern basis and has not considered any impairment in the carrying value of non-financial and financial assets. This is a matter of qualification by the auditors.

- 7 During June, 2020 quarter, the Hon'ble National Company Law Tribunal, Chennai Bench vide its order dated May 5, 2020 admitted a corporate insolvency resolution process (CIRP) and approved the appointment of an interim resolution professional, in one of the investee companies. The investment was classified as fair value through profit and loss as per Ind AS and the carrying amount of investments as at September 30, 2020 is Rs. 1,455.53 Lakhs. In the opinion of the management, the major part of the assets of the investee company comprises of land and commercial buildings (including a well-known brand name in the hotel industry), whose liquidation value is much higher than the total dues to its financial and operating creditors. Accordingly, the Company will be able to recover the entire carrying value of the investments, even in the aforesaid CIRP conditions. Based on the above estimate, no adjustment has been made in the fair value of such investment. This is a matter of qualification by the auditors.

- 8 Exceptional items presented in the above financial results for the year ended March 31, 2020 represent reversal of interest on loans from banks and financial institutions post NPA date, as more fully explained in note 6 above.


- 9 Sugar Industry being seasonal in nature, the Quarterly results cannot be taken as an indicator of the full year's working results



10 The Company has organised the business into three segments viz. Sugar, Distillery and Power. This reporting complies with the Ind AS segment reporting

Particulars	Quarter ended			Nine Months ended		(Rs.in Lakhs)
	Dec 31, 2020 (Unaudited)	Sep 30, 2020 (Unaudited)	Dec 31, 2019 (Unaudited)	Dec 31, 2020 (Unaudited)	Dec 31, 2019 (Unaudited)	Year ended March 31, 2020 (Audited)
Segment Revenue						
(a) Sugar	13.42	600.51	89.99	3022.21	7431.32	7,596.02
(b) Distillery	2.59	58.99	265.82	63.55	4572.14	4,657.52
(c) Power	-	-	(11.83)	-	95.02	335.36
(d) Unallocated	4.21	562.47	4.75	576.15	32.95	43.17
Total	20.22	1221.97	348.73	3661.91	12131.43	12,632.07
Less: Inter Segment Revenue	-	-	0.37	-	1318.87	1,592.15
Revenue from operations (Net)	20.22	1221.97	348.36	3661.91	10812.56	11,039.92
Segment Results						
Profit (+) / Loss (-) before tax and finance cost						
(a) Sugar	(775.90)	(852.87)	(700.70)	(2,006.53)	(3,256.48)	(1,367.47)
(b) Distillery	(225.49)	(189.37)	(540.41)	(665.48)	386.82	272.12
(c) Power	(108.21)	(109.17)	(1,395.98)	(329.24)	(1,853.02)	(1,720.54)
(d) Unallocated	4.21	562.47	4.75	576.15	32.95	43.17
Total	(1,105.39)	(588.94)	(2,632.34)	(2,425.10)	(4,689.73)	(2,772.72)
Add/ Less : Finance Cost	1.52	1.57	2.55	4.49	2,163.58	215.40
Profit/ (Loss) from continuing operations	(1,106.91)	(590.51)	(2,634.89)	(2,429.59)	(6,853.31)	(2,988.12)
Profit/ (Loss) from discontinuing operations	-	-	-	-	-	-
Profit/ (Loss) Before Tax	(1,106.91)	(590.51)	(2,634.89)	(2,429.59)	(6,853.31)	(2,988.12)
Segment Assets						
(a) Sugar	33,450.25	34,520.02	37,867.78	33,450.25	37,867.78	36,458.53
(b) Distillery	12,923.78	12,934.40	13,269.86	12,923.78	13,269.86	12,560.57
(c) Power	11,264.59	11,264.59	11,108.21	11,264.59	11,108.21	11,118.31
(d) Other unallocable corporate assets	118.76	118.76	119.57	118.76	119.57	116.90
Total assets	57,757.37	58,837.77	62,365.42	57,757.37	62,365.42	60,254.31
Segment Liabilities						
(a) Sugar	53,273.23	53,247.28	59,149.96	53,273.23	59,149.96	53,329.94
(b) Distillery	4,823.26	4,821.19	4,897.66	4,823.26	4,897.66	4,819.87
(c) Power	11,035.12	11,032.48	11,033.14	11,035.12	11,033.14	11,028.52
(d) Other unallocable corporate liabilities	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total liabilities	69,131.61	69,100.95	75,080.76	69,131.61	75,080.76	69,178.33
Capital Employed (Segment assets-Segment liabilities)						
(a) Sugar	(19,822.98)	(18,727.26)	(21,282.18)	(19,822.98)	(21,282.18)	(16,871.41)
Add loans	22,989.02	22,921.42	23,174.43	22,989.02	23,174.43	22,922.87
Capital Employed Sugar segment	3,166.03	4,194.16	1,892.25	3,166.03	1,892.25	6,051.46
(b) Distillery	8,100.52	8,113.21	8,372.20	8,100.52	8,372.20	7,740.70
Add loans	3,243.80	3,243.80	3,243.79	3,243.80	3,243.79	3,243.79
Capital Employed Distillery segment	11,344.32	11,357.01	11,615.99	11,344.32	11,615.99	10,984.49
(c) Power	229.47	232.11	75.07	229.47	75.07	89.79
Add loans	7,375.55	7,375.55	7,375.56	7,375.55	7,375.56	7,375.56
Capital Employed power segment	7,605.02	7,607.66	7,450.63	7,605.02	7,450.63	7,465.35
Total capital employed in segments	22,115.37	23,158.83	20,958.87	22,115.37	20,958.87	24,501.30
Add:- loans						
Other unallocable corporate assets less Corporate liabilities	118.76	118.76	119.57	118.76	119.57	116.90
Total Capital Employed	22,234.13	23,277.59	21,078.44	22,234.13	21,078.44	24,618.20

For and on behalf of the Board



Dr Palani G Periasamy

Executive Chairman

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Place: Chennai -34

Date : February 13, 2021

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Limited Review Report on the Standalone Unaudited Financial Results for the quarter and nine months ended December 31, 2020 of M/s Dharani Sugars and Chemicals Limited Pursuant to the Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015

The Board of Directors
Dharani Sugars and Chemicals Limited
Chennai

1. We have reviewed the unaudited financial results of Dharani Sugars & Chemicals Limited (the "Company") for the quarter and nine months ended December 31, 2020 which are included in the accompanying 'Statement of Standalone Unaudited Financial Results for the quarter and nine months ended December 31, 2020' together with the notes thereon (the "Statement"). The Statement has been prepared by the Company's management pursuant to Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 (the "Listing Regulations, 2015"), as amended, which has been initialled by us for identification purposes. The Statement is the responsibility of the Company's Management and has been prepared in accordance with the recognition and measurement principles laid down in Indian Accounting Standard (Ind AS) 34, "Interim Financial Reporting" prescribed under Section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013 and other accounting principles generally accepted in India.

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the Statement based on our review.

2. We have conducted our review 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. This Standard requires that we plan and perform the review to obtain moderate assurance as to whether the Statement is free of material misstatement.
3. A review is limited primarily to inquiries of company personnel and analytical procedures applied to financial data and thus provides less assurance than an audit. We have not performed an audit and accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion.
4. We draw attention to the following matters:
 - a) Note 5 to the Statement regarding the fact that the all the banks and financial institutions have classified the borrowings of the Company as non-performing assets. All the banks and financial institutions have also issued notice calling back the loans. Considering the above, as morefully explained in Note 6 to the Statement, the Company (a) stopped providing interest on the outstanding borrowings from banks and financial institutions and (b) not restated the foreign currency loans after the NPA date. In the opinion of the management, in view of the one-time settlement/ restructuring of the loans sought by the Company, there will be no further interest liability on the Company from the NPA date.



In the absence of any specific confirmation of balances received from the banks/ financial institutions, we are unable to comment on the appropriateness of the aforesaid reversal of interest and its impact on the financial results is not presently determinable.

- b) Note 7 to the Statement which explains that the Hon'ble National Company Law Tribunal, Chennai Bench vide its order dated May 5, 2020 admitted a corporate insolvency resolution process (CIRP) and approved the appointment of a resolution professional, in one of the investee companies. The carrying amount of investments as at December 31 2020 is Rs. 1,455.53 Lakhs. In the opinion of the management, the major part of the assets of the investee company comprises of land and commercial buildings (including a well-known brand name in the hotel industry), whose liquidation value is much higher than the total dues to its financial and operating creditors. Accordingly, in the opinion of the management, the Company will be able to recover the entire carrying value of the investments, even in the aforesaid CIRP conditions. Based on the above estimate made, no adjustment has been considered by the management against the carrying value of such investment.

In the absence of a comprehensive external valuation/ appraisal report of the resolution professional of the investee company supporting the management's estimate of possible full recovery of the carrying value of the investments, we are unable to comment on the appropriateness of not making any provision for the possible decrease in fair value of the aforesaid investment.

- c) As morefully described in the Material Uncertainty Relating to Going Concern in paragraph 5 below, there is a significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern which may require a consequential adjustment in the carrying value of the financial and non-financial assets of the Company. We are unable to comment on the appropriateness of preparing the Statement on a going concern assumption and the impact, if any, arising out of the above matter is not presently determinable.
- d) Our opinion is modified in respect of matters referred in clauses 4 (a) to 4 (c) above have also been qualified in our limited review reports of our earlier quarters/ audit opinion of the earlier year.

5. Material uncertainty relating to Going Concern

We draw attention to the following

- (a) The Company's net worth is negative and it continues to incur huge losses in its operations. We understand from the management that the poor performance of the Company is mainly due to low availability of sugarcane for crushing as planting areas are being continuously reduced due to continuous drought and the general slowdown in sugar industry due to factors like failure of monsoon, varietal degeneration, reduced recovery, decline in area under cultivation and the resultant reduction in capacity utilisation of sugar mills. This being a general industry issue, a formal representation was made by the South Indian Sugar Mills Association (SISMA), in which the Company is a member, to the Hon'ble Prime Minister and the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu for announcing revival packages for the sugar industry. SISMA expects that its demands will be considered by the Central and State Governments favourably.
- (b) We were informed that
- i. In the meeting with the Hon'ble Union Finance Minister, SISMA has submitted a request for restructuring of loans to sugar mills considering the status of Sugar industry in Tamilnadu. Pursuant to the directions of the Hon'ble Union Finance Minister, the Ministry of Finance had organised a joint meeting of the senior officers of Reserve Bank of India (RBI), Ministry of Finance, Food Ministry, Tamilnadu State Government, Farmers' Associations and SISMA. The meeting was held on September 24, 2019 and deliberated on the supportive measures including restructuring of accounts required for the revival of sugar units in Tamilnadu;



- ii. SISMA has also sent a letter to the State Level Bankers Committee (SLBC) and requested to keep in abeyance the recovery proceedings initiated against sugar units in Tamilnadu, including proceeding before the SARFAESI, Hon'ble National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) and Debt Recovery Tribunal (DRT), considering the discussions arising out of the above meeting;
- iii. The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamilnadu has also sent a communication to the Hon'ble Union Finance Minister requesting to direct the bankers to restructure of loans given to the sugar industry and not to take any harsh measures under SARFAESI, Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code and DRT vide D.O letter dated October 24, 2019 and press release No.725 dated October 26, 2019, until the sugar sector is revived;
- iv. SISMA has written on January 28, 2020, to The Joint Secretary - Sugar, Department of Food and PD, seeking rescheduling of SDF loans availed by TN Sugar Mills;
- v. On a petition filed by the Company and others, the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on April 2, 2019 declared the RBI circular dated February 12, 2018, as "ultra-vires, Section 35AA of the Banking Regulation Act". Further, the Company has submitted a resolution plan to the consortium of banks for restructuring the loans. The resolution plan was rejected by the consortium of banks in the Joint Lender's Meeting held on May 22, 2019;
- vi. The Company has then submitted an OTS proposal for consideration of the consortium of the lenders, which is under negotiation and a decision is yet to be taken by the lenders;
- vii. SISMA representatives again met the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu to express the further distress faced by the sugar industry coupled with Covid'19 and accumulating dues from TANGEDCO. Based on the representations, the Government of Tamilnadu ordered for release of outstanding TANGEDCO dues to the sugar mills by granting subsidy and advance subsidy for 2020-21 to TANGEDCO. This is expected to give a reasonable relief to the sugar mills to manage the working capital requirements;
- viii. SISMA has made another representation to the Hon'ble Union Finance Minister vide its letter No.GS7/ 43/ 2020 dated July 21, 2020 highlighting the fact that out of 25 private sugar mills in the State of Tamil Nadu, 12 mills remain closed during the current season leading to widespread job losses while the banks have initiated aggressive recovery measures by referring the accounts of the above mills to Hon'ble NCLT/ DRT. SISMA requested to implement support measures like restructuring of debts availed from banks/ financial institutions/ sugar development funds, keeping in abeyance the recovery proceedings initiated against financially stressed mills before NCLT/ DRT till such a revival package is implemented, extending soft loans under credit guarantee scheme, direct subsidy to cane farmers towards FRP payment for the portion of FRP which has become unaffordable to the mills due to low sugar recovery, advising banks to liberally disburse crop loans to farmers etc. SISMA expects that considering the possibility of rural community job losses, loss of livelihood of the rural population and the massive adverse impact on the rural economy, the Union Finance Ministry will implement the revival packages as requested in the immediate near future;
- ix. Despite the above matters relating to industry issues requiring policy decisions at various levels and submissions being under consideration by the Central and State Governments to revive the sugar units in Tamilnadu, one of the bankers has filed an insolvency petition with Hon'ble NCLT for corporate insolvency resolution process on August 14, 2019. The Company has replied stating that the entire sugar Industry in Tamilnadu is passing through a distressing period and that the Bank has failed to adhere to the Prudential Framework for Resolution of Stressed Assets and that the bank has ignored the consortium arrangement and independently proceeded for recovery of its portion of debt. The said Bank has also sent, in parallel, an intimation letter for scheme of One Time Settlement (BOI OTS 2019) dated October 31, 2019 received by the Company on November 8, 2019. The Company replied to the Bank offering an OTS proposal vide letter dated December 17, 2019 and



January 21, 2020 and the same is under negotiation. During the hearings held on February 10, 2020 and March 3, 2020, the said Bank informed the Hon'ble NCLT about the OTS proposal submitted by the Company along with the initial deposit as per the OTS proposal and sought time for its decision to review the OTS proposal. Accordingly, the Hon'ble NCLT posted the case for further hearing on various dates. The next hearing will be held on February 15, 2021;

- x. Another bank has invoked the guarantee given by the Company for the farmers' loan and issued notice to the Company to repay the entire guaranteed amount;
- xi. Company has received summons dated October 1, 2020 from the Debt Recovery Tribunal, Chennai based on an application filed by another bank for recovery of dues. The Tribunal has posted the hearing for November 25, 2020 for filing the return submission and personal appearance by the Company and also imposed a restriction on the Company not to sell any of its secured assets and properties. The Company is in the process of responding to the above summons;
- xii. On November 6, 2020, another financial creditor has filed an insolvency petition with Hon'ble NCLT for corporate insolvency resolution process which is yet to be admitted; and
- xiii. During the quarter, the leader of the consortium banks has issued possession notice of all immovable properties belonging to the Company under the SARFAESI Act, 2002. The Company contemplating to file a stay petition against the above notice.

The above factors cast a significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. Pending resolution of the above uncertainties, the Company has prepared the aforesaid Statement on a going concern basis. This is qualified by us as morefully explained in Paragraph 4 above. This has also been qualified in our limited review reports of our earlier quarters/ audit opinion of the earlier year.

- 6. Based on our review conducted as above, except for matters stated in Paragraph 4 above, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the Statement has not been prepared in all material respects in accordance with Ind AS and other recognised accounting practices and policies, and has not disclosed the information required to be disclosed in terms of Regulation 33 of the Listing Regulations, 2015 as amended from time to time, read with SEBI Circular No. CIR/ CFD/ CMD1/ 80/ 2019 dated July 19, 2019 which has been initialled by us for identification purposes including the manner in which it is to be disclosed, or that it contains any material misstatement.

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