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June 29, 2021

To BSE Limited Phiroze Jeejeebhoy Towers, Dalal Street, Fort, Mumbai – 400 001

Sub: Annual Secretarial Compliance Report pursuant to Regulation 24A of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.

Ref: Scrip Code No. 533149

Dear Sir,

Pursuant to Regulation 24A of Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulation, 2015, read with SEBI Circular No. CIR/CFD/CMD1/27/2019 dated February 8, 2019, please find enclosed herewith Annual Secretarial Compliance Report of the Company for the financial year ended March 31, 2021, issued by M/s. Uma Lodha & Co., Practicing Company Secretaries.

Request you to kindly take the same on your record.

Thanking you. Yours faithfully, For Essar Securities Limited

Rachana H Trivedi Company Secretary & Compliance Officer

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To,

The Board of Directors, ESSAR SECURITIES LIMITED New No. 77/56, C. P. Ramaswamy Road, Abhiramapuram, Chennai, 600018.

Sir/ Madam,

#### Annual Secretarial Compliance Report for the Financial Year 2020-21

We have been engaged by Essar Securities Limited (hereinafter referred to as 'the Company') bearing CIN: L65990TN2005PLC071791 whose equity shares are listed on BSE Limited (Symbol: ESSARSEC) to conduct an audit in terms of Regulation 24A of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 as amended, read with SEBI's Circular No. CIR/CFD/CMD1/27/2019 dated 08th February 2019 and to issue the Annual Secretarial Compliance Report thereon.

It is the responsibility of the management of the Company to maintain records, devise proper systems to ensure compliance with provisions of all applicable SEBI Regulations and circulars/ guidelines issued there under from time to time and to ensure that the systems are adequate and are operating effectively.

Our responsibility is to verify compliances by the Company with provisions of all applicable SEBI Regulations and circulars/ guidelines issued there under from time to time and issue a report thereon.

Our audit was conducted in accordance with Guidance Note on Annual Secretarial Compliance Report issued by the Institute of Company Secretaries of India and in a manner which involved such examinations and verifications as considered necessary and adequate for the said purpose.

Due to restricted movement amid COVID-19 pandemic, my basis of examination for issuing Secretarial Compliance Report for the financial year 2020-21 was only restricted to the information/documents/Confirmations/Records provided by the Company in the electronic mode and could not be verified from the original records. The management has confirmed that the records submitted to me are the true and correct.

Annual Secretarial Compliance Report is enclosed.

Place: Mumbai Date: 28/06/2021

For UMA LODHA & CO. (Practising Company Secretaries) FCS No. 5363 C.P. No. 2593 Uma Nipun Lodha Lodha Date: 2021.06.28 16:47:51 +05'30' UMA LODHA PROPRIETOR UDIN: F005363C000529590

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#### ANNUAL SECRETARIAL COMPLIANCE REPORT OF M/S ESSAR SECURITIES LIMITED FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31,2021

To, Board of Directors, Essar Securities Limited

#### I, Mrs. Uma Lodha, Company Secretary in Practice, proprietor of M/s Uma Lodha & Co. have examined:

(a) all the documents and records made available to us and explanation provided by **M/s Essar Securities Limited** ("the Company"),

(b) the filings/ submissions made by the Company to the stock exchanges,

(c) website of the Company,

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

for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 ("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:-

- Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.
- Securities and Exchange Board of India (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeovers) Regulations, 2011.
- Securities and Exchange Board of India (Depositories and Participants) Regulation,2018

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• Securities and Exchange Board of India (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 2015;

- Securities and Exchange Board of India (Issue of Capital and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2018; (*Not Applicable during the Review Period*)
- Securities and Exchange Board of India (Buyback of Securities) Regulations, 2018; (*Not Applicable during the Review Period*)
- Securities and Exchange Board of India (Share Based Employee Benefits) Regulations, 2014; (*Not Applicable during the Review Period*)
- Securities and Exchange Board of India (Issue and Listing of Debt Securities) Regulations, 2008; (*Not Applicable during the Review Period*)
- Securities and Exchange Board of India (Issue and Listing of Non-Convertible and Redeemable Preference Shares) Regulations,2013; (*Not Applicable during the Review Period*)
- and clause 6(A) and 6 (B) of SEBI circular CIR/ CFD/ CMD1/ 114/ 2019 dated 18th October 2019 on Resignation of statutory auditors from listed entities and their material subsidiaries; (*Not Applicable during the Review Period*)

and circulars/ guidelines issued thereunder; and based on the above examination, I hereby report that, during the Review Period:

Sr. No	Compliance Requirement (Regulations/ circulars / guidelines including specific clause)	Deviations	Observations/ Remarks of the Practicing Company Secretary
1.	Regulation 7(3) of SEBI LODR, 2015- The listed entity shall submit a compliance certificate to the exchange, within 1 month of end of each half of the financial year	The listed entity has filed Compliance certificate for the half year ended 31/03/2021 on 28 <sup>th</sup> June, 2021 i.e. after delay of almost 2 months.	As per the representations made by the listed entity, there is delay in submission of Compliance certificate under Regulation 7(3) of SEBI LODR, 2015 for the half year ended 31/03/2021 due to the Covid 19 pandemic and non- availability of data from the Company's Registrar of Share Transfer agent.

(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:-

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2.	Regulation 17(1)(a) of SEBI LODR, 2015- BOD shall have an optimum combination of executive and Non Executive Director (NED) with at least one woman Director and not less than 50% of the BOD shall comprise of NED's.	There was No Executive Director on the Board during the year under review.	The listed entity has done the necessary follow ups with their Registrar of Share Transfer agent and filed the same on 28 <sup>th</sup> June, 2021. The Listed entity is yet to appoint any Executive Director on the Board.	
3.	Regulation 18 of SEBI LODR, 2015- Quorum for an audit committee meeting shall either be two members or one third of the members of the audit committee, whichever is greater, with at least two independent directors	At the Audit committee meeting held on June 29, 2020, only one independent Director was present instead of the requirement of presence of two Independent Directors.	At the Audit committee meeting held on June 29, 2020, only one independent Director was present instead of the requirement of presence of two Independent Directors. Henceforth, the Company should ensure compliance with regulatory requirement.	
4.	Regulation 18(1)(d) and 20 of SEBI LODR,2015 The chairperson of the audit committee and Stakeholder Relationship Committee shall be present at Annual general meeting to answer shareholder queries.	Mr. Somashekhar B. Malagi, Director and Chairman of Audit Committee and Stakeholders Relationship Committee was not present at the Annual general meeting held on 18/12/2020.	As per the representations made by the listed entity, due to covid 19 pandemic, Mr. Somashekhar B Malagi, Chairman of Audit Committee and Stakeholders Relationship Committee could not attend the Annual general meeting held on 18/12/2020 due to medical emergency.	
5.	Regulation 33 (1)(d) of SEBI LODR, 2015- The listed entity shall ensure that the limited review or audit reports submitted to the stock exchange(s) on a quarterly or annual basis are to be given only by an auditor who has subjected himself to the peer review process of Institute of Chartered Accountants of India and holds a valid certificate issued by the	M/s. D K S K & Company Chartered Accountant of the Company does not hold a valid certificate issued by the Peer Review Board of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India.	Henceforth, the Company should ensure compliance with regulatory requirement	

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	Peer Review Board of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India.		
6.	Regulation 17(8) and 33 (2)(a) of SEBI (LODR),2015 - The quarterly financial results submitted shall be approved by the board of directors: Provided that while placing the financial results before the board of directors, the chief executive officer and chief financial officer of the listed entity shall certify that the financial results do not contain any false or misleading statement or figures and do not omit any material fact which may make the statements or figures contained therein misleading. Also, as per Regulation 17(8), No compliance certificate was provided to the board of directors as specified in Part B of Schedule II.	No CEO or CFO was appointed during the year. Therefore, the Financial Results were not certified by the chief executive officer and chief financial officer of the Company. Also, as per Regulation 17(8), No compliance certificate was provided to the board of directors as specified in Part B of Schedule II.	Henceforth, the Company should ensure compliance with regulatory requirement
7.	Schedule B of PIT Regulation, 2015 Closure of Trading window - Trading restriction period shall be made applicable from the end of every quarter till 48 hours after the declaration of financial results.	For declaration of results for December, 2020, trading window was closed from 08th January, 2021 instead of 1 <sup>st</sup> January, 2021.	Henceforth, the Company should ensure timely compliance with regulatory requirement
8.		The Company did not make any disclosure to stock exchange(s) under this regulation and the contact details of such personnel are yet to be disclosed to the stock exchange(s) as required in regulation.	Henceforth, the Company should ensure timely compliance with regulatory requirement

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also disclosed to the stock	
exchange(s) and as well as on	
the listed entity's website	

Since our responsibility is to verify compliances by the Company with provisions of all applicable SEBI Regulations and circulars/guidelines issued there under from time to time, we would like to suggest that the listed entity should ensure timely compliance with regulatory requirement which are as follows:

- 1. Would suggest adding details of Stakeholder committee meetings in the Corporate Governance Report which is required to be filed every quarter.
- 2. Would suggest submitting within 30 days from the date of publication of its standalone and consolidated financial results for the half year, disclosures of related party transactions on a consolidated basis to the stock exchanges and publish the same on its website even if there are no related Party Transactions as per Guidance Note on disclosure of Related Party Transactions Notice No.20210401-37 dated 01 Apr 2021,
- 3. It has been noticed that there has been delay in filing few compliances as prescribed under the LODR regulations and SEBI (DP) Regulations 2015 by few days. As discussed with management, the delay was due to the existing pandemic, lockdown and non-receipt of data from the Company's Registrar and Transfer Agent (RTA). The Company has been advised to be careful regarding the timelines henceforth.

(b) The listed entity has maintained proper records under the provisions of the above Regulations and circulars/ guidelines issued thereunder insofar as it appears from my/our examination of those records.

(c) The following are the details of actions taken against the listed entity/ its promoters/ Directors/ material subsidiaries either by SEBI or by Stock Exchanges (including under the Standard Operating Procedures issued by SEBI through various circulars) under the aforesaid Acts/ Regulations and circulars/ guidelines issued thereunder: NIL

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

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Sr. No.	Observations made in the secretarial compliance report for the year ended 2020	Observations made in the secretarial compliance report for the year ended prior to the FY 2019-20	Actions taken by the listed entity, if any	Comments of the Practicing Company Secretary on the actions taken by the listed entity
1.	<b>17(1)(a) of SEBI</b> <b>LODR,2015-</b> There was No Executive Director on the Board during the year.	Same observations were made in the secretarial compliance report for the year ended 2019	The company is yet to take any actions on the same.	Would advise to comply with the necessary regulations.
2.	17(8)ofSEBI(LODR),2015andReg.33(2)(a)ofSEBI(LODR)2015-NoCEOOrCFOwasappointed during the year.Therefore,theFinancialResultswerenotcertifiedbythechiefexecutiveofficerandchieffinancialofficer of the Company.Also,asperRegulation17(8),Nocompliancecertificatewasprovided totheboardtheboardSchedule II.	Same observations were made in the secretarial compliance report for the year ended 2019	The Company has appointed Mr. Girish Sathe as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Company and Mr. Kapil Purohit as the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of the Company on 28/05/2019 who subsequently resigned on 13 <sup>th</sup> August, 2019. After that there is no Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Company or Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of the Company was appointed.	Would advise to comply with the necessary regulations.

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3	As required in Regulation 18(1)(d) and 20 of SEBI LODR, 2015- Mr. Somashekhar Basavaraj Malagi, Chairperson of ACM	Nil		Would advise to comply with the necessary regulations.
	and SRC was not present at the Annual General Meeting held on 27/09/2019 due to medical emergency.			
4	As required in Regulation 33 of SEBI LODR, 2015- M/s. D K S K & Company Chartered Accountant of the Company does not hold a valid certificate issued by the Peer Review Board of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India.	Nil	The company is yet to take any actions on the same.	with the necessary

Place: Mumbai Date: 28/06/2021

#### For UMA LODHA & CO.

(Practising Company Secretaries) Uma Nipun Lodha Lodha Lodha Lodha UMA LODHA (Proprietor) FCS No. 5363 C.P. No. 2593 UDIN: F005363C000529590