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February 19, 2023

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Sub: <u>Intimation under Regulation 51 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements)</u> Regulations, 2015 ("SEBI Listing Regulations")

Dear Sir/Madam,

- 1. With reference to the above, this disclosure is being made pursuant to Para B of Schedule III under Regulation 51(2) of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015" issued by the Securities and Exchange Board of India.
- 2. We may inform you that the Administrator of Srei Equipment Finance Limited ("the Company"), appointed under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 ("the Code"), to carry out the duties under Code, obtained assistance from a reputed professional agency, BDO India LLP (BDO or Transaction Auditor) to conduct investigation of the affairs of the Company in respect of transactions qualified under sections 43to51, and sections 65 and 66 of the Code.
- 3. Accordingly, the Administrator of the Company received a report from the professional agency appointed as the transaction auditor, indicating that there are certain transactions which are fraudulent in nature, as per Section 66 of the Code. Basis the investigation and observations of the transaction auditor, the Administrator has filed an application in respect of disbursements made to Contemporary News private Limited ("CNPL") before the Kolkata bench of the National Company Law Tribunal ("NCLT") under Section 60(5) and Section 66 of the Code on February 16, 2023 against CNPL, M/s. Kanoria Foundation, Mr. Hari Prasad Kanoria, Mr. Hemant Kanoria, Mr. Sunil Kanoria and Mr. Sujit Kanoria ("Application"). It is to be noted that the this is a filing based on the report submitted by the transaction auditor and further filings may be undertaken, in due course.
- 4. In accordance with Clause 6.1 of the Circular, please find below the relevant information regarding the concerned transactions:
 - (a) **Nature of the fraud:** The Application *inter alia* impugns certain loan disbursements made to CNPL by the Company under the erstwhile management, which is subject to adjudication by the NCLT.

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- (b) **Estimated impact on the listed entity**: As per the transaction auditor report shared with the Administrator, the monetary impact of the above transactions covered under the Application amounts to:
 - i. INR 8 Crores, being the gross outstanding including principal and interest recoverable from the customer, on account of the suspect disbursement of loans.
 - ii. INR 6.25 Crores towards the balance/ outstanding interest fee refundable security deposit and to pay interest on this sum at the rate of 18% per annum from October 1, 2021 till payment and/or realization.

Thus, the total impact of the transaction (excluding interest payment calculations) amounts to approximately INR 14.25 Crores.

- (c) **Time of occurrence**: As per the report prepared by the transaction auditor, the concerned transactions occurred during Financial Year 2017—2018 to 2022 -2023.
- (d) **Person(s) involved**: The Application has been filed against CNPL, M/s. Kanoria Foundation, Mr. Hari Prasad Kanoria, Mr. Hemant Kanoria, Mr. Sunil Kanoria and Mr. Sujit Kanoria and the same is subject to adjudication by the NCLT.
- (e) **Estimate amount involved**: The preliminary estimation included in the Application places the monetary impact of the concerned transactions at approximately INR 14.25 Crores, on account of the gross outstanding including principal and interest recoverable from the customer, subject to the adjudication by the NCLT.
- (f) **Reporting to authorities**: The Application has been filed before the NCLT under Section 60(5) and Section 66 of the Code on February 17, 2023.
- 5. All relevant details regarding these proceedings have been included in the application filed before the National Company Law Tribunal, Kolkata and is presently pending consideration.

Kindly take the above on record and acknowledge receipt.

Thanking you, Yours faithfully,

For Srei Equipment Finance Limited

Sumit Kumar Surana Company Secretary ACS 19243

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