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To,
The Company Secretary,
Utkarsh Small Finance Bank Limited
Utkarsh Tower, NH - 31 (Airport Road),
Sehmalpur, Kazi Sarai, Harhua,
Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh, 221105

Sub: Scheme of amalgamation of Utkarsh CoreInvest Limited with Utkarsh Small Finance Bank Limited their respective shareholders.

We refer to your application for scheme of amalgamation Utkarsh CoreInvest Limited ("Transferor Company") with Utkarsh Small Finance Bank Limited ("Transferee Company") their respective shareholders under section 230 to 232 of the Companies Act, 2013 and other applicable provisions of the Companies Act 2013 and rules made thereunder filed with the Exchange under Regulation 37 and Regulation 59A of SEBI LODR Regulations, 2015, read with SEBI Master circular no. SEBI/HO/CFD/POD-2/P/CIR/2023/93 dated June 20, 2023, and Reg. 94(2) of SEBI LODR Regulations, 2015.

In this regard, SEBI vide its Letter dated July 03, 2025, has inter alia given the following comment(s) on the said scheme of Arrangement:

1. "The proposed composite Scheme of Amalgamation and Arrangement shall be in compliance with the provisions of Regulation 11 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015."
2. "The Entity shall disclose all details of ongoing adjudication & recovery proceedings, prosecution initiated and all other enforcement action taken, if any, against the Company, its promoters and directors, before Hon'ble NCLT and shareholders, while seeking approval of the scheme."
3. "The Entity shall ensure that additional information, if any, submitted by the Company after filing the scheme with the stock exchange, from the date of receipt of this letter, is displayed on the websites of the listed company and the stock exchanges."
4. "The Entities shall ensure compliance with the SEBI circulars issued from time to time. The entities involved in the Scheme shall duly comply with various provisions of the Circular and ensure that all the liabilities of Transferor Company are transferred to the Transferee Company."
5. "The entity is advised that the applicant that the information pertaining to all the Unlisted Companies involved, if any, in the scheme shall be included in the format specified for abridged prospectus as provided in Part E of Schedule VI of the ICDR Regulations, 2018, in the explanatory statement or notice or proposal accompanying resolution to be passed, which is sent to the shareholders for seeking approval."
6. "The Entity shall ensure that the financials in the scheme including financials considered for valuation report are not for period more than 6 months old."
7. "The entity is advised that the details of the proposed scheme under consideration as provided by the Company to the Stock Exchange shall be prominently disclosed in the notice sent to the Shareholders."
8. "The entity is advised that the proposed equity shares to be issued in terms of the "Scheme" shall mandatorily be in demat form only."

9. "The entity is advised that the "Scheme" shall be acted upon subject to the applicant complying with the relevant clauses mentioned in the scheme document."
10. "No changes to the draft scheme except those mandated by the regulators/ authorities / tribunals shall be made without specific written consent of SEBI."
11. "The entities are advised that the observations of SEBI/Stock exchanges shall be incorporated in the petition to be filed before NCLT and the company is obliged to bring the observations to the notice of NCLT."
12. "The entities are advised that the "Scheme" shall be acted upon subject to the companies involved in the scheme of arrangement complying with the Para 10 (a) & (b) of Part I of SEBI Master Circular issued on June 20, 2023 and relevant clauses mentioned in the scheme document."
13. Both the entities are advised to disclose the following as a part of explanatory statement or notice or proposal accompanying resolution to be passed to be forwarded by the company to the shareholders while seeking approval u/s 230 to 232 of the Companies Act 2013 —
 - i. Need and rationale of the scheme, synergies of business of the companies involved in the scheme, impact of the scheme on the shareholders and cost benefit analysis of the scheme.
 - ii. Details of Registered Valuer issuing Valuation Report and Merchant Banker issuing Fairness opinion, Summary of methods considered for arriving at the Share-Swap Ratio and Rationale for using above methods.
 - iii. Latest financials of UCL and USFBL not older than 6 months from the date of NOC of Stock Exchange should be updated on the Website and same also to be disclosed in the explanatory statement.
 - iv. Pre and Post scheme shareholding of UCL and USFBL as on the date of notice of Shareholders meeting along with rationale for changes, if any, occurred between filing of Draft Scheme to Notice to shareholders.
 - v. Value of Assets and liabilities of UCL that are being transferred to Transferee Company and post-merger balance sheet of USFBL.
 - vi. Details of potential benefits and risks associated with the merger, including integration challenges, market conditions and financial uncertainties.
 - vii. Disclose the impact on reserves of USFBL pursuant to the scheme of arrangement along with quantitative details showing the impact of both pre & post the scheme of arrangement and statement that the same is in accordance with applicable accounting standards and other applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013. Disclose the approval requirement of shareholders under the Companies Act, 2013 and other relevant details.
14. It is to be noted that the petitions are filed by the company before NCLT after processing and communication of comments/observations on draft scheme by SEBI/stock exchange. Hence, the company is not required to send notice for representation as mandated under section 230(5) of Companies Act, 2013 to SEBI again for its comments / observations / representations.
15. The entities involved in the proposed scheme shall not provide any mis-statement or furnish false information with regard to disclosures to be made in the draft scheme of amalgamation as per provisions of Chapter XII of the Operational Circular'.

16. **"The listed entity(ies) involved in the proposed scheme shall include information pertaining to the unlisted entity, if any, in the format specified for abridged prospectus as provided in Part B of Schedule I of the SEBI (Issue and Listing of Non-Convertible Securities) Regulations, 2021, in the notice or proposal to be sent to the holders of NCDs/ NCRPS while seeking approval for the scheme. The accuracy and adequacy of such disclosures shall be certified by the SEBI registered Merchant Banker after following the due diligence process."**
17. **"The listed entity(ies) involved in the proposed scheme shall disclose the No-Objection letter of the Stock Exchange(s) on its website within 24 hours of receiving the same."**
18. **"The entities involved in the proposed scheme shall ensure that to comply with the applicable/relevant provisions of the Companies Act, 2013, SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 including obtaining the consent from the creditors for the proposed scheme and Covenants of the Debenture Trust Deeds entered with the Debenture Trustee(s) any other relevant regulations and circulars."**

Accordingly, based on aforesaid comment offered by SEBI, the company is hereby advised:

- i. To provide additional information, if any, (as stated above) along with various documents to the Exchange for further dissemination on Exchange website.
- ii. To ensure that additional information, if any, (as stated aforesaid) along with various documents are disseminated on their (company) website.
- iii. To duly comply with various provisions of the circulars.

In light of the above, we hereby advise that we have no adverse observations with limited reference to those matters having a bearing on listing/de-listing/continuous listing requirements within the provisions of Listing Agreement, so as to enable the company to file the scheme with Hon'ble NCLT.

Please note that the submission of documents / information, in accordance with the circular to SEBI / Exchange should not any way be deemed or construed that the same has been cleared or approved by SEBI / Exchange. SEBI / Exchange does not take any responsibility either for the financial soundness of any scheme or for the correctness of the statements made or opinions expressed in the document submitted.

Further, where applicable in the explanatory statement of the notice to be sent by the company to the shareholders, while seeking approval of the scheme, it shall disclose information about unlisted company involved in the format prescribed for abridged prospectus as specified in the Master circular no. SEBI/HO/CFD/POD-2/P/CIR/2023/93 dated June 20, 2023.

Kindly note that as required under Regulation 37 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, the validity of this Observation Letter shall be six months from the date of this Letter, within which the scheme shall be submitted to the NCLT.

The Exchange reserves its right to withdraw its 'No adverse observation' at any stage if the information submitted to the Exchange is found to be incomplete / incorrect / misleading / false or for any contravention of Rules, Bye-laws and Regulations of the Exchange, Listing Agreement, Guidelines/Regulations issued by statutory authorities.

Please note that the aforesaid observations does not preclude the Company from complying with any other requirements.

Further, it may be noted that with reference to Section 230 (5) of the Companies Act, 2013 (Act), read with Rule 8 of Companies (Compromises, Arrangements and Amalgamations) Rules 2016 (Company Rules) and Section 66 of the Act read with Rule 3 of the Company Rules wherein pursuant to an Order passed by the Hon'ble National Company Law Tribunal, a Notice of the proposed scheme of compromise or arrangement filed under sections 230-232 or Section 66 of the Companies Act 2013 as



the case may be is required to be served upon the Exchange seeking representations or objections if any.

In this regard, with a view to have a better transparency in processing the aforesaid notices served upon the Exchange, the Exchange has already introduced an online system of serving such Notice along with the relevant documents of the proposed schemes through the BSE Listing Centre.

Any service of notice under Section 230 (5) or Section 66 of the Companies Act 2013 seeking Exchange's representations or objections if any, would be accepted and processed through the Listing Centre only and no physical filings would be accepted. You may please refer to circular dated February 26, 2019 issued to the company.

Yours faithfully,



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Deputy Manager