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Dear Madam,

**Kind Attn. Ms. Usha Sharma, Deputy General Manager**

**Sub: Rumour Verification – December 29, 2015 – Srei Infrastructure Finance Ltd.**

Please refer to your letter dated December 29, 2015 seeking clarification on the news item which appeared in the “CNBC” dated December 29, 2015, captioned “SREI Infra likely to buy BNP Paribas stake in Equipment Financing Business”.

Please note that a Board Meeting was scheduled today i.e December 29, 2015, the date of which was intimated to the Stock Exchanges on December 22, 2015.

With reference to your query in abovementioned letter, please find enclosed herewith the press release and the disclosure under Regulation 30 of Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 made by the Company to the Stock Exchanges earlier today.

Trust this clarifies.

Thanking you.

Yours faithfully,  
For **Srei Infrastructure Finance Limited**

**Sandeep Lakhotia**  
**Company Secretary**  
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**Srei Infrastructure Finance Limited**

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Dear Sir,

**Sub: BNP Paribas Lease Group acquires shares in SREI against its stake in SEFL**

Please find enclosed a copy of Media release titled "BNP Paribas Lease Group acquires shares in SREI against its stake in SEFL" to be issued by the Company for your information and record.

Thanking you.

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For **Srei Infrastructure Finance Limited**

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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **BNP Paribas Lease Group acquires shares in SREI against its stake in SEFL**

**Kolkata, December 29, 2015:** Srei Infrastructure Finance Limited (SREI) has been engaged in the business of infrastructure project and infrastructure equipment financing since 1989. In 2008, SREI demerged its infrastructure equipment financing business into a 50:50 Joint Venture Company, Srei Equipment Finance Limited (SEFL), with BNP Paribas Lease Group, a 100% subsidiary of the BNP Paribas Group. Over the last seven years, the partnership between both the organisations has strengthened and the business has grown multi-fold.

The recent IIP numbers show that there is an upsurge in certain verticals of infrastructure sector. SREI believes that the coming years will bring opportunities for the infrastructure sector. SREI's focus as a holistic infrastructure institution has brought substantial synergies across all verticals in this sector, thereby expanding business opportunities.

In this context BNP Paribas Lease Group believes it would be beneficial to become shareholders in SREI, the parent listed company, to take advantage of opportunities in the broader infrastructure sector in India.. BNP Paribas Lease Group therefore proposes to acquire 2,51,54,317 equity shares of SREI representing 5% of the total paid-up equity share capital and in lieu thereof, transfer/sell its entire shareholding of 2,98,30,000 equity shares in SEFL representing 50% of the total paid-up equity share capital to SREI. SREI would benefit from having BNP Paribas Lease Group, a subsidiary of BNP Paribas S.A., as a shareholder, in addition to regaining 100% shareholding in SEFL, which creates value for its shareholders by enabling 100% consolidation of the infrastructure equipment finance business and its profits into SREI.



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BNP Paribas Lease Group shall sell its entire 50% shareholding in SEFL to SREI at a price which will be in accordance with the RBI pricing guidelines and for a consideration equal to the total consideration which BPLG will pay for acquiring 5% equity shares of SREI at a price being the higher of:

- (a) the average of the weekly high and low of the volume weighted average price of the equity shares of SREI during the 26 (twenty six) weeks preceding the closing date of the acquisition; and
- (b) the average of the weekly high and low of the volume weighted average price of the equity shares of SREI during the 2 (two) weeks preceding the closing date of the acquisition, in each case computed in accordance with the SEBI (Issue of Capital and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2009.

The contemplated move in this regard would be subject to customary closing conditions and regulatory approvals.

#### **About Srei Equipment Finance Limited (SEFL)**

SEFL has emerged as one of the major equipment financiers in India. SEFL is a 50:50 joint venture between Srei Infrastructure Finance Limited ("SIFL") and BNP Paribas Lease Group ("BPLG"). The company enjoys a Pan-India presence with offices in 89 locations. SEFL has an experienced management team having significant expertise in the financial services sector.

The total Asset Under Management (AUM) of SEFL stood at Rs 19,362 crores as on September 30, 2015. The company reported Profit After Tax (PAT) at Rs 27.62 crores for the quarter ended September 30, 2015.

#### **About Srei Infrastructure Finance Limited (SREI)**

SREI is one of India's largest private sector integrated infrastructure institutions, constantly and consistently delivering innovative solutions in the infrastructure sector. The company has been playing a significant role in nation-building for two-and-a-half decades, both in urban and rural India. Srei's businesses include Infrastructure Project Finance, Advisory and Development, Infrastructure Equipment Finance, Alternative Investment Funds, Capital Market and Insurance Broking. Srei, headquartered in Kolkata, has a network of 86 branches and has also replicated its business model overseas.

The total consolidated Asset Under Management (AUM) of SREI stood at Rs. 36,236 crores as on September 30, 2015. The consolidated Profit After Tax (PAT) stood at Rs. 34.82 crores for the half year ended September 30, 2015.







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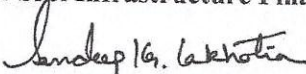
Dear Sir,

**Sub: Disclosure pursuant to SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015**

Pursuant to Regulation 30 of Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, we are enclosing herewith details of a proposed transaction pursuant to the Share Purchase Agreement dated December 29, 2015 executed between Srei Infrastructure Finance Limited, BNP Paribas Lease Group, Srei Equipment Finance Limited, Srei Growth Trust, Mr. Hemant Kanoria and Mr. Sunil Kanoria for your records.

Thanking You,

Yours Faithfully,  
For **Srei Infrastructure Finance Limited**

  
**Sandeep Lakhota**  
**Company Secretary**  
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## **Details of the Transaction**

### **Background of the parties and percentage of shareholding and/or number of shares acquired:**

Srei Equipment Finance Limited (“SEFL”) is a joint venture between Srei Infrastructure Finance Limited (“SREI”) and BNP Paribas Lease Group (“BPLG”), in which each of SREI and BPLG holds 50% of the total paid-up equity share capital on a fully-diluted basis.

Srei Growth Trust (“Seller”), a trust established under the Indian Trusts Act, 1882, of which SREI is the 100% beneficiary, owns 4,86,00,000 equity shares of SREI, comprising 9.66% of the total paid-up equity share capital of SREI on a fully-diluted basis (“SREI Shares”).

### *Transaction:*

SREI, BPLG, SEFL the Seller, Mr. Hemant Kanoria and Mr. Sunil Kanoria have entered into a share purchase agreement (“SPA”) whereby BPLG has agreed to (i) acquire 2,51,54,317 equity shares of SREI representing 5% of the total paid-up equity share capital from the Seller (“First Transfer”), and (ii) in lieu thereof, sell its entire shareholding of 2,9830,000 equity shares of SEFL representing 50% of the total paid-up equity share capital to SREI (“Second Transfer”), in accordance with applicable laws (collectively, the First Transfer and Second Transfer are hereinafter referred to as the “Transaction”).

Pursuant to the terms and conditions of the SPA, the consideration received by SREI as a result of the First Transfer shall be utilized for the acquisition of the additional stake in SEFL in terms of the Second Transfer. Consequently, as a result of the consummation of the Second Transfer, 100% of the total paid-up equity share capital of SEFL shall be held by SREI. The pricing guidelines of the Reserve Bank of India (“RBI”) and the Securities and Exchange Board of India, as applicable, would be fully complied with in respect of the Transaction.

### **Objects and Effects of the Transaction:**

In order to take advantage of the emerging opportunities in the infrastructure sector in India, BPLG desires to become a shareholder in SREI. This would enable BPLG to gain exposure to and take advantage of the larger infrastructure play in the country. Further, SREI would benefit by having BPLG, a subsidiary of BNP Paribas S.A., as a shareholder, coupled with the dual advantage of SREI holding 100% shareholding in SEFL. This would enable SREI to consolidate 100% of the financial results of the infrastructure equipment finance business.

### **Industry to which the entity being acquired belongs :**

Business of asset-based financing for equipment such as construction equipment, transportation, materials handling, agricultural equipment, medical systems, information technology, and office equipment and renewable energy systems such as solar heaters.

### **Related Party Transaction:**

The Transaction is not a Related Party Transaction under the Companies Act, 2013 or the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.





Mr. Hemant Kanoria and Mr. Sunil Kanoria, promoters of SREI are interested to the extent of their shareholding and directorship in SREI and SEFL.

**Cost of Acquisition and Nature of Consideration:**

BPLG shall sell its entire shareholding in SEFL to SREI for a consideration equal to the total consideration which BPLG will pay for acquiring 2,51,54,317 equity shares of SREI representing 5% of the total paid-up equity share capital from the Seller at a price being the higher of:

- (a) the average of the weekly high and low of the volume weighted average price of the equity shares of SREI during the 26 (twenty six) weeks preceding the closing date of the acquisition as contemplated under the SPA; *and*
- (b) the average of the weekly high and low of the volume weighted average price of the equity shares of SREI during the 2 (two) weeks preceding the closing date of the acquisition as contemplated under the SPA, in each case computed in accordance with the SEBI (Issue of Capital and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2009.

The consideration payable by SREI to BPLG for the Second Transfer shall be compliant with the RBI pricing norms.

**Regulatory Approvals:**

The Transaction is subject to the receipt of RBI approval, lender consents as may be applicable and other customary conditions applicable to the transactions of a similar nature.

**Brief Background about the entity being acquired:**

SEFL is a non-banking finance company registered with the RBI. SEFL has emerged as one the major equipment financiers in India. SEFL is a 50:50 joint venture between SREI and BPLG and SEFL enjoys a pan-India presence with offices in 89 locations. SEFL has an experienced management team having significant expertise in the financial services sector.

The total asset under management of SEFL stood at Rs 18,747 crore as on September 30, 2015. SEFL reported profit after tax at Rs 27.62 crores for the quarter ended September 30, 2015, up from Rs 22.85 crores in the previous quarter. The gross NPA for the quarter ended September 30, 2015 stood at 4.43%, down from 4.94% a quarter earlier.

**Indicative time period for Completion of Acquisition:**

The Transaction is expected to be consummated by March 31, 2016, subject to obtaining the approval of the RBI as mentioned above and the satisfaction of customary conditions precedent applicable to transactions of a similar nature.

