

#### USFB/CS/SE/2024-25/27

Date: May 20, 2024

To,

**National Stock Exchange of India Limited** 

Listing Department Exchange Plaza, C-1, Block G, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (E) Mumbai – 400 051

Symbol: UJJIVANSFB

**BSE Limited** 

Listing Compliance P.J. Tower, Dalal Street, Fort, Mumbai – 400 001

Scrip Code: 542904

Dear Sir/Madam,

Sub: Submission of Annual Secretarial Compliance Report for the Financial Year ended March 31, 2024

We hereby inform you that pursuant to Regulation 24A of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 and SEBI circular CIR/CFD/CMU1/27/2019 dated February 08, 2019, the Bank has obtained Annual Secretarial Compliance Report from Mr. K. Jayachandran, Practicing Company Secretary, for the financial year ended March 31, 2024.

A copy of the same is enclosed herewith.

We request you to take note of the above.

Thanking You,

Yours faithfully,

For ULLIVAN SMALL FINANCE BANK LIMITED

Sanjeev Barnwal Company Secretary & Head of Regulatory Framework

Encl: as mentioned above

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#### SECRETARIAL COMPLIANCE REPORT

of

#### UJJIVAN SMALL FINANCE BANK LIMITED

For the year ended March 31, 2024

(Pursuant Regulation 24A of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015)

I have conducted the review of the compliance of the applicable statutory provisions and the adherence to good corporate practices by UJJIVAN SMALL FINANCE BANK LIMITED (CIN: L65110KA2016PLC142162) (hereinafter referred as "the listed entity"/"the Bank"/"the Company"), having its Registered Office at Grape Garden, No. 27, 3rd "A" Cross, 18th Main, 6th Block, Koramangala, Bengaluru – 560095, Karnataka Secretarial Review was conducted in a manner that provided me a reasonable basis for evaluating the corporate conducts/statutory compliances and to provide my observations thereon.

Based on my verification of the listed entity's books, papers, minutes books, forms and returns filed and other records maintained by the listed entity and also the information provided by the listed entity, its officers, agents and authorized representatives during the conduct of Secretarial Review, I hereby report that the listed entity has, during the review period covering the financial year ended on March 31, 2024 complied with the statutory provisions listed hereunder in the manner and subject to the reporting made hereinafter:

#### I, K. Jayachandran, Company Secretary in Practice have examined:

- (a) all the documents and records made available to me and explanation provided by UJJIVAN SMALL FINANCE BANK LIMITED (CIN: L65110KA2016PLC142162),
- (b) the filings/ submissions made by the listed entity to the stock exchanges,
- (c) the website of the listed entity,

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

for the year ended **March 31, 2024** ("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:-

- (a) The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Issue of Capital and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2018;
- (b) The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 2015;
- (c) The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Share Based Employee Benefits and Sweat Equity) Regulations, 2021;
- (d) The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Issue and Listing of Non-Convertible Securities) Regulations, 2021 (Not applicable to listed entity during the review period);
- (e) The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Registrars to an Issue and Share Transfer Agents) Regulations, 1993 regarding the Companies Act and dealing with client;
- (f) The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeovers) Regulations, 2011;

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- (g) The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015;
- (h) The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Delisting of Equity Shares) Regulations, 2021 (Not applicable to the listed entity during the review period); and
- (i) The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Buyback of Securities), Regulations, 2018 (Not applicable to the listed entity during the review period).

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

I. (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:-

Sr.	Complian	Regulat	Deviati	Action	Туре	Detail	Fine	Observat	Mana	Rema
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	specific									
	clause)									
1.	Nil	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

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

Sr.	Complian	Regulat	Deviati	Action	Туре	Details	Fine	Observati	Man	Rema
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	guidelines including specific clause)									
1.	Nil	NA								

II. Compliances related to resignation of statutory auditors from listed entities and their material subsidiaries as per SEBI Circular CIR/CFD/CMD1/114/2019 dated 18th October, 2019:

Sr.		Particulars	Compliance	Observations/			
No.			Status (Yes/No/	Remarks by			
			NA)	PCS*			
1.	Compliances with the following conditions while appointing/re-appointing an						
1,	audi	itor:					
	i.	If the auditor has resigned within 45 days	NA				
		from the end of a quarter of a financial year,					
		the auditor before such resignation, has					
		issued the limited review/audit report for					
		such quarter; or					
				There was no			
	ii.	If the auditor has resigned after 45 days from	NA	appointment or			
		the end of a quarter of a financial year, the		re-appointment			
		auditor before such resignation, has issued		or resignation of			
		the limited review/audit report for such		the Statutory			
		quarter as well as the next quarter; or		Auditors during			
				the Review			
	iii.	If the auditor has signed the limited review/	NA	Period.			
		audit report for the first three quarters of a					
		financial year, the auditor before such					
		resignation, has issued the limited review/					
		audit report for the last quarter of such					
		financial year as well as the audit report for					
		such financial year.					
2.	Oth	er conditions relating to resignation of statutor	y auditor:				

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i. Reporting of concerns by Auditor with		
respect to the listed entity/its material		
subsidiary to the Audit Committee:		
a. In case of any concern with the management	NA	
of the listed entity/material subsidiary		
such as non-availability of information/		
non-cooperation by the management		
which has hampered the audit process, the		
auditor has approached the Chairman of		
the Audit Committee of the listed entity and		
the Audit Committee shall receive such		
concern directly and immediately without		
specifically waiting for the quarterly Audit		
Committee meetings.		
		There was not
<b>b.</b> In case the auditor proposes to resign, all	NA	such instance
concerns with respect to the proposed		during the
resignation, along with relevant documents		review period.
has been brought to the notice of the Audit		
Committee. In cases where the proposed		
resignation is due to non-receipt of		
information / explanation from the Bank/the		
Company, the auditor has informed the Audit		
Committee the details of information/		
explanation sought and not provided by the		
management, as applicable.		
The Audit Committee / Peared of Directors as	NA	
c. The Audit Committee / Board of Directors, as	11/11	
the case may be, deliberated on the matter on		
receipt of such information from the auditor		
relating to the proposal to resign as		
mentioned above and communicate its views		
to the management and the auditor.		
ii. Disclaimer in case of non-receipt of information:		

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	The auditor has provided an appropriate disclaimer in its audit report, which is in accordance with the Standards of Auditing as specified by ICAI / NFRA, in case where the listed entity/ its material subsidiary has not provided information as required by the auditor.	NA	
3.	The listed entity / its material subsidiary has obtained information from the Auditor upon resignation, in the format as specified in Annexure-A in SEBI Circular CIR/CFD/CMD1/114/2019 dated 18th October, 2019.	NA	There was no resignation of the Statutory Auditors during the Review Period.

- III. During the period under review, there were three instances of violation of the "Code of Conduct for Prevention of Insider Trading of Ujjivan Small Finance Bank Limited" ("Code"), wherein the designated Persons (DP) inadvertently carried on trading of Shares of the listed entity during the trading window closure period, which resulted in violation of the Code and para 4 of Schedule B of Regulations 9(1) of the SEBI (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 2015. The listed entity has obtained explanations from the designated Persons, cautioned and warned them through a written letter not to repeat such violation in future and has given necessary instructions to them. Such an instance of violation was brought to the notice of the Audit Committee and also timely reported to the concerned authorities in terms of applicable provisions the SEBI Insider Trading Regulations and circulars issued thereunder. (The aforesaid instances occurred prior to the implementation of freezing of PAN of Designated Persons which for the Bank started w.e.f. October 01, 2023.)
- IV. I hereby report, that, during the review period the compliances status of the listed entity is appended as below:-

Sr.	Particulars	Compliance	Observations/Remarks
No.		Status	
		Yes/No/NA	
1.	Secretarial Standard:		

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Sr. No.	Particulars	Compliance Status Yes/No/NA	Observations/Remarks
	The compliances of the listed entity are in accordance with the applicable Secretarial Standards (SS) issued by the Institute of Company Secretaries India (ICSI).	Yes	
2.	Adoption and timely updation of the Policies:		
	• All applicable policies under SEBI Regulations are adopted with the approval of board of directors of the listed entity.	Yes	
	• All the policies are in conformity with SEBI Regulations and has been reviewed & timely updated as per the regulations/circulars/guidelines issued by SEBI.	Yes	
3.	Maintenance and disclosures on Website:		
	• The Listed entity is maintaining a functional website.	Yes	
		Yes	

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Sr. No.	Particulars	Compliance Status Yes/No/NA	Observations/Remarks
	<ul> <li>Timely dissemination of the documents/ information under a separate section on the website.</li> <li>Web-links provided in annual corporate governance reports under Regulation 27(2) are accurate and specific which redirects to the relevant document(s)/ section of the website.</li> </ul>	Yes	
4.	Disqualification of Director:  None of the Directors of the Bank/the Company are disqualified under Section 164 of Companies Act, 2013.	Yes	
5.	Details related to Subsidiaries of listed entities have been examined w.r.t.:  (a) Identification of material subsidiary companies.  (b) Requirements with respect to disclosure of material as well as other subsidiaries.	NA NA	The listed entity did not have any Subsidiary Company during the Review Period.
6.	Preservation of Documents:		

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Sr. No.	Particulars	Compliance Status Yes/No/NA	Observations/Remarks
	The listed entity is preserving and maintaining records as prescribed under SEBI Regulations and disposal of records as per Policy of Preservation of Documents and Archival policy prescribed under SEBI LODR Regulations, 2015.	Yes	
7.	Performance Evaluation:  The listed entity has conducted performance evaluation of the Board, Independent Directors and the Committees at the start of every financial year as prescribed in SEBI Regulations.	Yes	The listed entity has conducted performance evaluation of the Board, Independent Directors and the Committees once in a year as per the SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015 and the Companies Act, 2013.

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Sr. No.	Particulars	Compliance Status Yes/No/NA	Observations/Remarks
8.	Related Party Transactions:		
	(a) The listed entity has obtained prior approval of Audit Committee for all Related party transactions.	Yes	
	(b) In case no prior approval obtained, the listed entity shall provide detailed reasons along with confirmation whether the transactions were subsequently approved/ ratified/rejected by the Audit committee.	Yes	
9.	Disclosure of events or information:		
	The listed entity has provided all the required disclosure(s) under Regulation 30 along with Schedule III of SEBI LODR Regulations, 2015 within the time limits prescribed thereunder.	Yes	
10.	Prohibition of Insider Trading:		
	The listed entity is in compliance with Regulation 3(5) & 3(6) SEBI (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 2015.	Yes	

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Sr. No.	Particulars  Actions taken by SEBI or Stock  Exchange(s), if any:	Compliance Status Yes/No/NA	Observations/Remarks
	No Actions taken against the listed entity/ its promoters/ directors/subsidiaries either by SEBI or by Stock Exchanges (including under the Standard Operating Procedures issued by SEBI through various circulars) under SEBI Regulations and circulars/ guidelines issued thereunder.	Yes	
12.	Additional Non-compliances, if any:  No any additional non-compliance observed for all SEBI regulations/circulars/ guidance notes etc.	Yes	

#### Assumptions and Limitation of Scope and Review:

- 1. Compliance of the applicable laws and ensuring the authenticity of documents and information furnished, are the responsibilities of the management of the listed entity.
- 2. Our responsibility is to report based upon our examination of relevant documents and information. This is neither an audit nor an expression of opinion.

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- 3. We have not verified the correctness and appropriateness of financial Records and Books of Accounts of the listed entity.
- 4. This Report is solely for the intended purpose of compliance in terms of Regulation 24A (2) of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 and is neither an assurance as to the future viability of the listed entity nor of the efficacy or effectiveness with which the management has conducted the affairs of the listed entity.

Date: 18/05/2024 Place: Bengaluru KUNJITHAPADH Digitally signed by AM KUNJITHAPADHAM JAYACHANDRAN JAYACHANDRAN Date: 2024,05.18 N 14:34:31 +05'30'

K. Jayachandran Company Secretary

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