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27th May 2020

To

Corporate Relationship Department
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**SUB: OUTCOME OF BOARD MEETING – Intimation of Audited Financial results
for the quarter and year**

The Board of Directors of the Company at the meeting held today, inter-alia, considered and Approved the Audited Financial Statements and Results as per IND-AS for the Quarter and Year ended 31st March 2020 along with the Report of Statutory Auditors.

The following documents are enclosed:

1. Standalone Audited Financial Results for the Quarter and Year ended 31st March 2020 along with the Report of Statutory Auditors
2. Consolidated Audited Financial Results for the Quarter and Year ended 31st March 2020 along with the Report of Statutory Auditors
3. Press release of the said Results.
4. Note on Business impact of Covid

We confirm that the Statutory Auditors of the Company have issued the Reports on the standalone and consolidated audited financial results of the Company for the year ended 31st March,2020, with unmodified opinion.

The meeting commenced at 1 PM and Concluded at 11.55 PM

For **The Waterbase Limited**



R Achuthan

Company Secretary and Compliance Officer

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THE WATERBASE LIMITED

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STATEMENT OF STANDALONE FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2020

(Rs. in Lakhs)

S.No.	Particulars	Quarter ended			Year Ended	
		Mar 31, 2020	Dec 31, 2019	Mar 31, 2019	Mar 31, 2020	Mar 31, 2019
		Unaudited (Refer note d)	Unaudited	Unaudited (Refer note d)	Audited	Audited
I	Revenue from operations	4,740.09	6,219.87	5,115.52	32,243.22	36,548.24
II	Other income	40.01	24.56	137.78	237.22	617.73
III	Total income (I+II)	4,780.10	6,244.43	5,253.30	32,480.44	37,165.97
IV	Expenses					
	Cost of materials consumed	3,473.05	3,772.10	5,615.26	20,343.62	24,957.64
	Purchases of stock-in-trade	71.11	66.12	62.53	220.31	933.28
	Changes in inventories of finished goods, work-in-progress, stock-in-trade & Biological assets	(340.76)	714.34	(2,531.26)	2,139.19	(1,158.34)
	Employee benefits expense	552.98	547.09	559.60	2,112.37	2,109.88
	Finance costs	41.73	57.63	66.42	262.02	328.21
	Depreciation and amortisation expenses	166.06	174.59	174.02	714.19	692.79
	Other expenses	1,154.87	811.48	1,087.93	4,200.15	4,569.68
	Total expenses	5,119.04	6,143.35	5,034.50	29,991.85	32,433.14
V	Profit / (loss) before tax (III-IV)	(338.94)	101.08	218.80	2,488.59	4,732.83
VI	Tax expense:					
	(a) Current tax	(33.30)	53.61	225.19	728.07	1,861.75
	(b) Deferred tax	(55.93)	(25.73)	(151.55)	(93.36)	(213.66)
	Total tax expense	(89.23)	27.88	73.64	634.71	1,648.09
VII	Profit / (loss) for the period (V-VI)	(249.71)	73.20	145.16	1,853.88	3,084.74
VIII	Other comprehensive income					
	(a) Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss	(32.94)	2.68	(8.68)	(24.89)	10.73
	(b) Income tax relating to items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss	8.28	(0.67)	3.03	6.26	(3.75)
IX	Total comprehensive income / (loss) for the period (VII+VIII)	(274.37)	75.21	139.51	1,835.25	3,091.72
X	Paid-up equity share capital (Face value: Rs. 10 per share)	4,142.68	4,142.68	4,142.68	4,142.68	4,142.68
XI	Other equity	-	-	-	14,245.77	13,162.35
XII	Earnings per equity share (of Rs. 10 each) - not annualised (in Rs.):					
	(a) Basic	(0.60)	0.18	0.35	4.48	7.45
	(b) Diluted	(0.60)	0.18	0.35	4.48	7.45

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STATEMENT OF STANDALONE ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT MARCH 31, 2020

(Rs. in Lakhs)

Particulars	As at Mar 31, 2020	As at Mar 31, 2019
I. ASSETS		
1 Non-current assets		
(a) Property, plant and equipment	6,873.97	7,152.14
(b) Right of Use asset	3.15	-
(c) Capital work in progress	62.70	85.70
(d) Intangible assets	124.82	144.28
(e) Financial assets		
(i) Investments in subsidiaries	5.50	-
(ii) Other financial assets	1.00	19.34
(f) Deferred tax asset (net)	115.39	14.32
(g) Non-current tax asset (net)	85.96	50.90
(h) Other assets	255.82	249.25
Total non-current assets	7,528.31	7,715.93
2 Current assets		
(a) Biological assets	21.79	43.75
(b) Inventories	6,241.41	8,862.38
(c) Financial assets		
(i) Trade receivables	7,439.35	7,298.60
(ii) Cash and cash equivalents	1,549.57	89.85
(iii) Other balances with bank	723.66	601.35
(iv) Other financial assets	10.56	33.98
(d) Other assets	293.19	239.47
Total current assets	16,279.53	17,169.38
TOTAL ASSETS	23,807.84	24,885.31
II. EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		
1 Equity		
(a) Equity share capital	4,142.68	4,142.68
(b) Other equity	14,245.77	13,162.35
Total Equity	18,388.45	17,305.03
2 Non-current liabilities		
(a) Financial liabilities		
(i) Borrowings	526.73	821.55
(ii) Other financial liabilities	179.46	-
(b) Provisions	268.28	228.92
(c) Other liabilities	17.47	-
Total non-current liabilities	991.94	1,050.47
3 Current liabilities		
(a) Financial Liabilities		
(i) Borrowings	418.35	989.95
(ii) Trade payables		
(i) total outstanding dues of micro enterprises and small enterprises	17.39	7.77
(ii) total outstanding dues of creditors other than micro enterprises and small enterprises	2,025.72	2,646.42
(iii) Lease Liability	3.92	-
(iv) Other financial liabilities	1,805.11	2,583.24
(b) Provisions	35.30	166.27
(c) Other liabilities	121.66	136.16
Total current liabilities	4,427.45	6,529.81
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	23,807.84	24,885.31

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STATEMENT OF STANDALONE CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2020

(Rs. in Lakhs)

Particulars	For the year ended Mar 31, 2020		For the year ended Mar 31, 2019	
A. CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES				
Profit Before Tax		2,488.59		4,732.83
<i>Adjustments for:</i>				
Depreciation and amortisation expenses	695.31		692.79	
Depreciation on Right of Use asset	18.88		-	
Loss on sale of property, plant and equipment	-		3.61	
Deferred corporate guarantee charges	-		(12.38)	
Finance costs	260.49		328.21	
Finance cost on Lease liability	1.53		-	
Interest income	(49.20)		(129.32)	
Bad Debts written off	0.47		6.94	
Provisions for bad and doubtful debts and advances	540.72		546.16	
Inventory written off	11.70		0.61	
Provision for Inventory	19.88		8.43	
Loss on fair valuation of biological assets	-		9.46	
Dividend income from investment	(25.54)		(20.46)	
Unrealised foreign exchange loss	5.77		20.41	
Liability no longer required written back	(6.86)		(78.78)	
Bad debts recovery	(153.82)		-	
		1,319.33		1,375.68
Operating profit before working capital changes		3,807.92		6,108.51
Changes in working capital:				
<i>Adjustments for (increase) / decrease in operating assets:</i>				
Inventories	2,589.39		(586.37)	
Trade receivables	(533.89)		1,149.82	
Biological assets	21.96		(53.21)	
Other assets (non-current and current)	(73.84)		(25.80)	
Other financial assets (non-current and current)	0.25		8.72	
<i>Adjustments for (decrease) / increase in operating liabilities:</i>				
Trade payables	(611.11)		(2,402.38)	
Other financial liabilities (non-current and current)	52.73		(581.96)	
Other liabilities (non-current and current)	9.84		(47.94)	
Provisions (non-current and current)	(116.50)		162.59	
		1,338.83		(2,376.53)
Cash generated from operations		5,146.75		3,731.98
Net income taxes paid		(763.11)		(1,754.40)
NET CASH GENERATED FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES (A)		4,383.64		1,977.58
B. CASH FLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:				
Capital expenditure on property, plant and equipment and intangible assets including capital advances	(359.45)		(1,039.04)	
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	-		4.96	
Purchase of Investments in Subsidiary	(5.50)		-	
Purchase of Mutual Funds	(9,925.00)		(8,500.00)	
Proceeds from sale of Mutual Funds	9,925.00		8,500.00	
Net (investment) / proceeds from fixed deposits	(103.97)		81.58	
Interest received on deposits and others	72.37		116.32	
Dividend received	25.54		20.46	
		(371.01)		(815.72)
NET CASH USED IN INVESTING ACTIVITIES (B)		(371.01)		(815.72)
C. CASH FLOW FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:				
Proceeds from non-current borrowings from Banks	-		436.57	
Repayment of non-current borrowings from Banks	(947.91)		(689.50)	
Proceeds from WCDL	2,000.00		2,000.00	
Repayment of WCDL	(2,000.00)		(2,000.00)	
Finance costs	(260.49)		(316.32)	
Dividend paid (including dividend distribution tax)	(749.13)		(749.13)	
Payment for Lease liability	(23.78)		-	
		(1,981.31)		(1,318.38)
NET CASH USED IN FINANCING ACTIVITIES (C)		(1,981.31)		(1,318.38)
NET INCREASE / (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS (A + B + C)		2,031.32		(156.52)
Cash and cash equivalents as at Apr 01		(900.10)		(743.58)
Cash and cash equivalents as at Mar 31		1,131.22		(900.10)
Net Increase / (Decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		2,031.32		(156.52)

Notes :

- a) There is only one reportable segment namely Manufacture & Sale of Shrimp aquaculture products as envisaged in Ind AS - 108 on 'Operating Segments' and information pertaining to segment is not applicable for the Company. This is consistent with the internal reporting to the chief operating decision makers.
- b) In view of the seasonal nature of Aquaculture Industry, the financial results of the quarter are not indicative of full year performance.
- c) The financial results including the balance sheet and statement of cash flow were reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors of the Company at its meeting held on May 27, 2020.
- d) The figures for the quarter ended March 31, 2020 and March 31, 2019 are the balancing figures between the audited figures in respect of full financial year and the published year-to-date figures up to the 3rd quarter of the current financial year and previous financial year respectively.
- e) The Company has acquired stake in Saatatya Vistaar Oorja Bengaluru Private Limited with an investment of Rs. 5.50 lakhs during the current quarter and year ended March 31, 2020, consequently Saatatya Vistaar Oorja Bengaluru Private Limited has become the subsidiary of the Company.
- f) Effective April 01, 2019, the Company has adopted Ind AS 116 – Leases and applied the revised standard to all lease contracts existing on April 01, 2019, using the modified retrospective method, with the cumulative adjustments to retained earnings, on the date of initial application. Accordingly, comparatives for the year ended March 31, 2019 have not been restated.
- g) During the quarter ended September 30, 2019, the Company has exercised the option of availing the lower tax rate as per the tax regime announced under section 115BAA of the Income Tax Act, 1961. Accordingly, (a) the provision for current and deferred tax has been determined at the rate of 25.17% and (b) the deferred tax assets and deferred tax liabilities as on April 01, 2019 have been restated at the rate of 25.17%. As a result, the current tax expenses for the quarter and year ended March 31, 2020 is (higher) / lower by Rs. (59.56) Lakhs and Rs. 291.50 Lakhs respectively and deferred tax expense for the quarter and year ended March 31, 2020 is (lower) / higher by Rs. (37.41) Lakhs and Rs. 46.26 Lakhs respectively.
- h) The Company continues to manufacture and supply Shrimp aquaculture products, being considered as essential items, in the current unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic. The outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic and the resulting lockdown across the world has affected the Company's operations for the quarter / year ended March 31, 2020. Accordingly, the Company has considered the possible effects that may result from the pandemic on the carrying amounts of property, plant and equipment, investments, inventories, receivables and other current assets. The Company has evaluated its liquidity position, recoverability of such assets and based on current estimates expects the carrying amount of these assets will be recovered. The Company has estimated its liabilities in line with the current situation. The Company has considered internal and external information upto the date of approval of these standalone financial results. The impact of COVID-19 on the Company's financial results may differ from that estimated as at the date of approval of these financial results. The Company will continue to closely monitor any material changes to future economic conditions. The impact on our future business would depend on future developments that cannot be reliably predicted at this stage.
- i) During the previous year ended March 31, 2019, the Company had received insurance claims amounting to Rs. 354.51 Lakhs which had been included in Other Income.
- j) During the year ended March 31, 2019, the Company had commenced its Hatchery Operations in October, 2018.
- k) Figures of the previous quarters / periods have been regrouped / rearranged wherever considered necessary to enable comparability of the current year's position of financial results with that of the relative previous year's position.
- l) This Statement is as per Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.

Place: New Delhi
Date: May 27, 2020

By order of the Board

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON AUDIT OF ANNUAL STANDALONE FINANCIAL RESULTS AND REVIEW OF QUARTERLY FINANCIAL RESULTS

TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE WATERBASE LIMITED

Opinion and Conclusion

We have (a) audited the Standalone Financial Results for the year ended March 31, 2020 and (b) reviewed the Standalone Financial Results for the quarter ended March 31, 2020, (refer 'Other Matters' section below) which were subject to limited review by us, both included in the accompanying "Statement of Standalone Financial Results for the Quarter and Year Ended March 31, 2020 of **THE WATERBASE LIMITED** ("the Company"), being submitted by the Company pursuant to the requirements of Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, as amended ("the Listing Regulations").

(a) Opinion on Annual Financial Results

In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us, the Standalone Financial Results for the year ended March 31, 2020:

- i. is presented in accordance with the requirements of Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, as amended; and
- ii. gives a true and fair view in conformity with the recognition and measurement principles laid down in the Indian Accounting Standards and other accounting principles generally accepted in India of the net profit and total comprehensive income and other financial information of the Company for the year then ended.

(b) Conclusion on Unaudited Standalone Financial Results for the quarter ended March 31, 2020

With respect to the Standalone Financial Results for the quarter ended March 31, 2020, based on our review conducted as stated in paragraph (b) of Auditor's Responsibilities section below, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the Standalone Financial Results for the quarter ended March 31, 2020, prepared in accordance with the recognition and measurement principles laid down in the Indian Accounting Standards and other accounting principles generally accepted in India, has not disclosed the information required to be disclosed in terms of Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, as amended, including the manner in which it is to be disclosed, or that it contains any material misstatement.

Basis for Opinion on the Audited Standalone Financial Results for the year ended March 31, 2020

We conducted our audit in accordance with the Standards on Auditing ("SAs") specified under Section 143(10) of the Companies Act, 2013 ("the Act"). Our responsibilities under those Standards are further described in paragraph (a) of Auditor's Responsibilities section below. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the Code of Ethics issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India ("the ICAI") together with the ethical requirements

that are relevant to our audit of the Standalone Financial Results for the year ended March 31, 2020 under the provisions of the Act and the Rules thereunder, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the ICAI's Code of Ethics. We believe that the audit evidence obtained by us is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Management's Responsibilities for the Statement

This Statement which includes the Standalone Financial Results is the responsibility of the Company's Board of Directors and has been approved by them for the issuance. The Standalone Financial Results for the year ended March 31, 2020 has been compiled from the related audited standalone financial statements. This responsibility includes the preparation and presentation of the Standalone Financial Results for the quarter and year ended March 31, 2020 that give a true and fair view of the net profit and other comprehensive income and other financial information in accordance with the recognition and measurement principles laid down in the Indian Accounting Standards prescribed under Section 133 of the Act read with relevant rules issued thereunder and other accounting principles generally accepted in India and in compliance with Regulation 33 of the Listing Regulations. This responsibility also includes maintenance of adequate accounting records in accordance with the provisions of the Act for safeguarding the assets of the Company and for preventing and detecting frauds and other irregularities; selection and application of appropriate accounting policies; making judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and the design, implementation and maintenance of adequate internal financial controls that were operating effectively for ensuring the accuracy and completeness of the accounting records, relevant to the preparation and presentation of the Standalone Financial Results that give a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the Standalone Financial Results, the Board of Directors are responsible for assessing the Company's ability, to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Board of Directors either intends to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Board of Directors are also responsible for overseeing the financial reporting process of the Company.

Auditor's Responsibilities

(a) Audit of the Standalone Financial Results for the year ended March 31, 2020

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Standalone Financial Results for the year ended March 31, 2020 as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with SAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this Standalone Financial Results.

As part of an audit in accordance with SAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

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- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the Annual Standalone Financial Results, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the Board of Directors.
- Evaluate the appropriateness and reasonableness of disclosures made by the Board of Directors in terms of the requirements specified under Regulation 33 of the Listing Regulations.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Board of Directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the Company to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the Statement or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the Annual Standalone Financial Results, including the disclosures, and whether the Annual Standalone Financial Results represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the Annual Standalone Financial Results of the Company to express an opinion on the Annual Standalone Financial Results.

Materiality is the magnitude of misstatements in the Annual Standalone Financial Results that, individually or in aggregate, makes it probable that the economic decisions of a reasonably knowledgeable user of the Annual Standalone Financial Results may be influenced. We consider quantitative materiality and qualitative factors in (i) planning the scope of our audit work and in evaluating the results of our work; and (ii) to evaluate the effect of any identified misstatements in the Annual Standalone Financial Results.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide those charged with governance with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

(b) Review of the Standalone Financial Results for the quarter ended March 31, 2020

We conducted our review of the Standalone Financial Results for the quarter ended March 31, 2020 in accordance with the Standard on Review Engagements ("SRE") 2410 'Review

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of Interim Financial Information Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity', issued by the ICAI. A review of interim financial information consists of making inquiries, primarily of the Company's personnel responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with SAs specified under section 143(10) of the Act and consequently does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion.

Other Matters

- Due to COVID-19 related lock-down, we were not able to participate in the physical verification of inventory at the year end. Consequently, we have performed alternative procedures to audit the existence of inventory as per the guidance provided in SA 501 "Audit Evidence - Specific Considerations for Selected Items" and have obtained sufficient appropriate audit evidence to issue our unmodified opinion on these Standalone Financial Results. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.
- As stated in Note d of the Statement, the figures for the corresponding quarter ended March 31, 2019 are the balancing figures between the annual audited figures for the year then ended and the year to date figures for the 9 months period ended December 31, 2018. We have not issued a separate limited review report on the results and figures for the quarter ended March 31, 2019. Our report on the Statement is not modified in respect of this matter.
- The Statement includes the results for the Quarter ended Month 31, 2020 being the balancing figure between audited figures in respect of the full financial year and the published year to date figures up to the third quarter of the current financial year which were subject to limited review by us. Our report on the Statement is not modified in respect of this matter.

For **Deloitte Haskins & Sells LLP**
Chartered Accountants
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Kolkata, May 27, 2020

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(e) Goodwill on consolidation	-
(f) Other financial assets	1.00
(g) Deferred tax assets (net)	115.39
(h) Non-current tax assets (net)	85.96
(i) Other assets	255.82
Total non-current assets	7,522.81
2 Current assets	
(a) Biological assets	21.79
(b) Inventories	6,241.41
(c) Financial assets	
(i) Trade receivables	7,439.35
(ii) Cash and cash equivalents	1,550.35
(iii) Other balances with bank	723.66
(iv) Other financial assets	10.56
(d) Other assets	293.43
Total current assets	16,280.55
TOTAL ASSETS	23,803.36
II. EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	
1 Equity	
(a) Equity share capital	4,142.68
(b) Other equity	14,240.95
Total equity	18,383.63
2 Non-current liabilities	
(a) Financial liabilities	
(i) Borrowings	526.73
(ii) Other financial liabilities	179.46
(b) Provisions	268.28
(c) Other liabilities	17.47
Total non-current liabilities	991.94
3 Current liabilities	
(a) Financial Liabilities	
(i) Borrowings	418.35
(ii) Trade payables	17.39
(i) total outstanding dues of micro enterprises and small enterprises	
(ii) total outstanding dues of creditors other than micro enterprises and small enterprises	2,026.06
(iii) Lease Liability	3.92
(iv) Other financial liabilities	1,805.11
(b) Provisions	35.30
(c) Other liabilities	121.66
Total current liabilities	4,427.79
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	23,803.36

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STATEMENT OF CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2020

(Rs. in Lakhs)

Particulars	For the year ended Mar 31, 2020	
A. CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Profit Before Tax		2,483.77
<i>Adjustments for:</i>		
Depreciation and amortisation expenses	695.31	
Depreciation on Right of Use asset	18.88	
Impairment of goodwill	4.70	
Finance costs	260.49	
Finance cost on Lease liability	1.53	
Interest income	(49.20)	
Bad Debts written off	0.47	
Provisions for bad and doubtful debts and advances	540.72	
Inventory written off	11.70	
Provision for Inventory	19.88	
Dividend income from investment	(25.54)	
Unrealised foreign exchange loss	5.77	
Liability no longer required written back	(6.86)	
Bad debts recovery	(153.82)	
		1,324.03
Operating profit before working capital changes		3,807.80
Changes in working capital:		
<i>Adjustments for (increase) / decrease in operating assets:</i>		
Inventories	2,589.39	
Trade receivables	(533.89)	
Biological assets	21.96	
Other assets (non-current and current)	(74.08)	
Other financial assets (non-current and current)	0.25	
<i>Adjustments for (decrease) / increase in operating liabilities:</i>		
Trade payables	(610.75)	
Other financial liabilities (non-current and current)	52.73	
Other liabilities (non-current and current)	9.84	
Provisions (non-current and current)	(116.50)	
		1,338.95
Cash generated from operations		5,146.75
Net income taxes paid		(763.11)
NET CASH GENERATED FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES (A)		4,383.64
B. CASH FLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Capital expenditure on property, plant and equipment and intangible assets including capital advances	(359.45)	
Purchase of investment in subsidiary	(5.50)	
Purchase of Mutual Funds	(9925.00)	
Proceeds from sale of Mutual Funds	9,925.00	
Net investments from fixed deposits	(103.97)	
Interest received on deposits and others	72.37	
Dividend received	25.54	
		(371.01)
NET CASH USED IN INVESTING ACTIVITIES (B)		(371.01)
C. CASH FLOW FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Repayment of non-current borrowings from Banks	(947.91)	
Proceeds from WCDL	2,000.00	
Repayment of WCDL	(2000.00)	
Finance costs	(260.49)	
Dividend paid (including dividend distribution tax)	(749.13)	
Payment for Lease liability	(23.78)	
		(1,981.31)
NET CASH USED IN FINANCING ACTIVITIES (C)		(1,981.31)
NET INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS (A + B + C)		2,031.32
Cash and cash equivalents as at Apr 01, 2019		(900.10)
Adjustment of cash and cash equivalent on acquisition of Subsidiary		0.78
Cash and cash equivalents as at Mar 31, 2020		1,132.00
Net Increase in cash and cash equivalents		2,031.32

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON AUDIT OF ANNUAL CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL RESULTS AND REVIEW OF QUARTERLY FINANCIAL RESULTS

TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE WATERBASE LIMITED

Opinion and Conclusion

We have (a) audited the Consolidated Financial Results for the year ended March 31, 2020 and (b) reviewed the Consolidated Financial Results for the quarter ended March 31, 2020 (refer 'Other Matters' section below), which were subject to limited review by us, both included in the accompanying "Statement of Consolidated Financial Results for the Quarter and Year Ended March 31, 2020 of **The WATERBASE LIMITED** ("the Parent") and its subsidiary (the Parent and its subsidiary together referred to as "the Group") ("the Statement") being submitted by the Parent pursuant to the requirements of Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, as amended ("the Listing Regulations").

(a) Opinion on Annual Consolidated Financial Results

In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us, the Consolidated Financial Results for the year ended March 31, 2020:

- (i) includes the results of the following entities:
The Waterbase limited – Parent Company; and
Saatatya Vistaar Oorja Bengaluru Private Limited – Subsidiary Company
- (ii) is presented in accordance with the requirements of Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, as amended; and
- (iii) gives a true and fair view in conformity with the recognition and measurement principles laid down in the Indian Accounting Standards and other accounting principles generally accepted in India of the consolidated net profit and consolidated total comprehensive income and other financial information of the Group for the year ended March 31, 2020.

(b) Conclusion on Unaudited Consolidated Financial Results for the quarter ended March 31, 2020

With respect to the Consolidated Financial Results for the quarter ended March 31, 2020, based on our review conducted and procedures performed as stated in paragraph (b) of Auditor's Responsibilities section below, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the Consolidated Financial Results for the quarter ended March 31, 2020, prepared in accordance with the recognition and measurement principles laid down in the Indian Accounting Standards and other accounting principles generally accepted in India, has not disclosed the information required to be disclosed in terms of Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, as amended, including the manner in which it is to be disclosed, or that it contains any material misstatement.

Basis for Opinion on the Audited Consolidated Financial Results for the year ended March 31, 2020

We conducted our audit in accordance with the Standards on Auditing ("SAs") specified under Section 143(10) of the Companies Act, 2013 ("the Act"). Our responsibilities under those Standards are further described in paragraph (a) of Auditor's Responsibilities section below. We are independent of the Group in accordance with the Code of Ethics issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India ("ICAI") together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the Consolidated Financial Results for the year ended March 31, 2020 under the provisions of the Act and the Rules thereunder, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the ICAI's Code of Ethics. We believe that the audit evidence obtained by us is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Management's Responsibilities for the Statement

This Statement, which includes the Consolidated Financial Results is the responsibility of the Parent's Board of Directors and has been approved by them for the issuance. The Consolidated Financial Results for the year ended March 31, 2020, has been compiled from the related audited consolidated financial statements. This responsibility includes the preparation and presentation of the Consolidated Financial Results for the quarter and year ended March 31, 2020 that give a true and fair view of the consolidated net profit and consolidated other comprehensive income and other financial information of the Group in accordance with the recognition and measurement principles laid down in the Indian Accounting Standards, prescribed under Section 133 of the Act, read with relevant rules issued thereunder and other accounting principles generally accepted in India and in compliance with Regulation 33 of the Listing Regulations.

The respective Board of Directors of the companies included in the Group are responsible for maintenance of adequate accounting records in accordance with the provisions of the Act for safeguarding the assets of the Group and for preventing and detecting frauds and other irregularities; selection and application of appropriate accounting policies; making judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and the design, implementation and maintenance of adequate internal financial controls, that were operating effectively for ensuring the accuracy and completeness of the accounting records, relevant to the preparation and presentation of the respective financial results that give a true and fair view and are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, which have been used for the purpose of preparation of this Consolidated Financial Results by the Directors of the Parent, as aforesaid.

In preparing the Consolidated Financial Results, the respective Board of Directors of the companies included in the Group are responsible for assessing the ability of the respective entities to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the respective Board of Directors either intends to liquidate their respective entities or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

The respective Board of Directors of the companies included in the Group are responsible for overseeing the financial reporting process of the Group.

Auditor's Responsibilities

(a) Audit of the Consolidated Financial Results for the year ended March 31, 2020

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Consolidated Financial Results for the year ended March 31, 2020 as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with SAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this Consolidated Financial Results.

As part of an audit in accordance with SAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the Annual Consolidated Financial Results, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of such controls.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the Board of Directors.
- Evaluate the appropriateness and reasonableness of disclosures made by the Board of Directors in terms of the requirements specified under Regulation 33 of the Listing Regulations.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Board of Directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the Group and its associates and joint ventures to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the Consolidated Financial Results or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Group and its associates and joint ventures to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the Annual Consolidated Financial Results, including the disclosures, and whether the Annual Consolidated Financial Results represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the Annual Standalone Financial Results of entities within the Group to express an opinion on the Annual Consolidated Financial Results. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the audit of financial information of such entities included in the Annual Consolidated Financial Results of which we are the independent auditors. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

Materiality is the magnitude of misstatements in the Annual Consolidated Financial Results that, individually or in aggregate, makes it probable that the economic decisions of a reasonably knowledgeable user of the Annual Consolidated Financial Results may be influenced. We consider quantitative materiality and qualitative factors in (i) planning the scope of our audit work and in evaluating the results of our work; and (ii) to evaluate the effect of any identified misstatements in the Annual Consolidated Financial Results.

We communicate with those charged with governance of the Parent and such other entities included in the Consolidated Financial Results of which we are the independent auditors regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide those charged with governance with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

(b) Review of the Consolidated Financial Results for the quarter ended March 31, 2020

We conducted our review of the Consolidated Financial Results for the quarter ended March 31, 2020 in accordance with the Standard on Review Engagements (SRE) 2410 'Review of Interim Financial Information Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity', issued by the ICAI. A review of interim financial information consists of making inquiries, primarily of the Company's personnel responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with SA specified under section 143(10) of the Act and consequently does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion.

The Statement includes the results of the entities as listed under paragraph (a)(i) of Opinion and Conclusion section above.

Other Matters

- Due to COVID-19 related lock-down, we were not able to participate in the physical verification of inventory of the Parent Company at the year end. Consequently, we have performed alternative procedures to audit the existence of inventory as per the guidance provided in SA 501 "Audit Evidence - Specific Considerations for Selected Items" and have obtained sufficient appropriate audit evidence to issue our unmodified opinion on these Consolidated Financial Results. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.
- Attention is drawn to Note (d) to the Statement which states that the consolidated quarterly financial results are submitted for the first time pursuant to the mandatory requirement for the consolidated financial results pertaining to the financial year ended March 31, 2020. Our report is not modified in respect of this matter.
- The consolidated financial results includes the unaudited financial statements of one subsidiary, whose financial statements reflect total assets of Rs. 1.01 Lakhs as at March 31, 2020 and total revenues of Rs. NIL and Rs. NIL for the quarter and year ended March

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31, 2020 respectively, total net loss after tax of Rs 0.12 Lakhs and Rs. 0.12 Lakhs for the quarter and year ended March 31, 2020 respectively and total comprehensive loss of Rs. 0.12 Lakhs and Rs. 0.12 Lakhs for the quarter and year ended March 31, 2020 respectively and net cash flows (net) of Rs. NIL for the year ended March 31, 2020, as considered in the Statement. These financial statements are unaudited and have been furnished to us by the Management and our opinion and conclusion on the Statement, in so far as it relates to the amounts and disclosures included in respect of this subsidiary, is based solely on such unaudited financial statements. In our opinion and according to the information and explanations given to us by the Board of Directors, these financial statements are not material to the Group.

Our report on the Statement is not modified in respect of the above matter with respect to our reliance on the financial statements certified by the Board of the Directors.

For **Deloitte Haskins & Sells LLP**
Chartered Accountants
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Kolkata, May 27, 2020



FY20 - INVESTOR COMMUNICATION

The Waterbase Limited announces FY20 Results

Covid-19 curtails progress of first crop in Farming Season 2020

- *Farmcare Products business maintains growth momentum – set to widen product portfolio further*
- *Hatchery business delivers a positive start in its first full year of operations*

Financial Highlights – Q4 & FY20 (Standalone)

FY20

- Income from operations stood at Rs. 322 crore
- PBT of Rs. 24.9 crore
- PAT stood at Rs. 18.5 crore

Q4FY20

- Income from operations stood at Rs. 47 crore
- PBT of Rs. (3.4) crore
- PAT of Rs. (2.5) crore

Chennai, May 27, 2020: The Waterbase Ltd. (TWL), pioneer in the Indian Aquaculture Industry with integrated offerings of hatcheries, shrimp feed and farmcare products supported by shrimp processing capacities has announced its financial results for the quarter and year ended March 31, 2020.

CEO's message

Commenting on the results, Mr. Ramakanth V. Akula, CEO said, "FY20 was a mixed year where we were able to make significant progress in ancillary businesses of farmcare products and hatchery. Lower revenues and elevated raw material prices through most of the fiscal have led to compressed profitability.

To improve our receivables in FY 20, we implemented a stringent credit policy which impacted feed sales during the year. However, this initiative will aid in improving our liquidity and cash flow position in the coming years. The growth in farmcare products remained robust, the hatchery business has delivered a

buoyant start and the good response from customers clearly indicates the need to scale up appropriately to achieve the strategic imperatives of enhancing yields and traceability.

We witnessed disruption in our core feed business due to the COVID-19 pandemic and its fallout in the month of March 2020. Following the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, the subsequent lockdown and the restrictions placed on movement of people and material, both domestically and internationally, there have been unprecedented disruptions. The end use of shrimp is primarily for exports and the restrictions caused an immediate reaction throughout the value chain. Faced with falling realisations, farmers who had cultivated shrimp before the lockdown have moved swiftly to monetize the harvest thereby reducing demand for later stage feed. Others who were yet to begin shrimp farming have deferred their plans.

While the business environment is undoubtedly challenging, we believe our robust financial position with negligible net debt provides us a buffer for uncertainties ahead. With a wider distribution network and growing ancillary revenue streams, our business is better positioned than earlier and we look forward to the business returning to normalcy post taming the Virus."

Key Development –

Acquisition of Saatatya Vistaar Oorja Bengaluru Private Limited

- The Board of Directors approved the purchase of 100% shares of M/s. Saatatya Vistaar Oorja Bengaluru Private Limited, making it a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company. The cost of acquisition was Rs. 5,50,000.
- The rationale behind the acquisition is to explore certain business opportunities in the value chain.

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Over the last two decades, the Company has played a key role in spreading scientific shrimp farming in India and has provided training and support in farming techniques to several thousands of farmers across the Country. The Company's R&D efforts are focused on enhancing the quality and efficiency of feeds to meet differing farming requirements of aqua culturists.

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Note on COVID-19 Business Impact

The World Health Organisation announced a global health emergency due to a new strain of coronavirus (“COVID-19”) and classified this outbreak as a pandemic in March 2020 following which the Government of India announced a countrywide lockdown from March 24, 2020.

The Company’s operations and plants continued to function as they were eligible for exemption granted under the Disaster Management Act. However, all operations were scaled down as the Company is taking precautionary measures for its raw material procurement and logistics, production, warehousing and distribution by ensuring safety of its manpower and is observing the recommendations of the authorities by strictly adhering to measures like social distancing, temperature testing and sanitization in addition to regular practice of use of masks and gloves by workers at all of its facilities.

During this quarter, we had witnessed steady demand for our products till mid-March 2020. Following the lockdown and the accompanying uncertainty we continued to ensure uninterrupted supplies to our dealer and distributor network and through them to the end consumers. However, due to disruption in logistics, sales were affected in the last fortnight of March 2020. Majority of shrimp produced in farms around the country is exported, with the stalled movement of international shipments, there was a chain reaction causing fall in price of shrimps realized by farmers. In the backdrop of falling realisations and high level of uncertainty, a majority of shrimp farmers decided to undertake early harvesting of shrimp to de-risk themselves and ensure predictable and early monetization of their output. Other customers who had yet to commence farming have deferred their activities and are awaiting lifting of lockdown and return to normalcy for the larger ecosystem before recommencing these activities. In the Hatchery business, in keeping with safety and bio-security protocols, the live animals (PL) had to be culled after certain number of days due to the reduction in demand.

Further, the Company has undertaken the following measures during these unprecedented times:

- Extension of credit period to loyal customers
- Timely payment of salaries to its employees
- Honouring payment obligations to Vendors and Banks
- Focusing on cost-rationalization and reduction of overheads to conserve its cash resources
- Imparting e-learning and training programs for employees to enhance employee knowledge, efficiency and effectiveness.

The company is having negligible net-debt and sufficient cash reserves to tide over the current situation. Both at the company and channel levels, sufficient inventory of Finished Goods has been maintained to meet demand pursuant to easing of lockdown conditions.

Since a large proportion of shrimp is exported, the shifts in demand in international markets are likely to have a prolonged impact on the industry in India. USA, the largest market for shrimp exports from India, witnesses around 70% of consumption of the product in the out of home segment and primarily through Food Services segment (Hotels, Restaurants, Caterers, etc.). This channel has been most adversely impacted by the CoVID-19 pandemic. There has been partial resumption of this consumption with restaurants opting for takeaway and home delivery services but this is only a fraction of the pre-lockdown volumes. Further, it is estimated that several small and mid-sized restaurants will close permanently while larger size chains will undoubtedly downsize their operations. The silver lining is that consumption in retail has increased sharply. Ready to cook and ready to eat products have gained traction and are currently having higher velocity .

In Europe, the impact is more severely felt due to the ageing population and it is expected that shutdowns will be more prolonged resulting in demand remaining subdued for longer. China, which is witnessing return to normalization is a beacon of hope for the shrimp exporters. However, the Chinese consumers have a preference for smaller sized shrimps and Chinese importers, realizing that other markets are subdued presently, are reducing the realisations being offered.

There has been impact on the supply side too during this lockdown. Congestions at the port, lack of cold storage infrastructure and non-availability of containers impacted movement of goods. Hatcheries have been unable to import brooders from US, thereby causing a shortage of seeds for farmers. The situation is now easing out with resumption of cargo services. With reverse migration, labour availability may pose a challenge for the industry across farms, feed plants and processing plants. Realisations at the farm gate have been volatile and there is fear about sustainability of current prices.

While the impact of Covid-19 in the near term cannot be reliably predicted at this stage, the long term prospects for the industry remain intact. With increased awareness of food safety and traceability, industry participants which adhere to global best practices are poised to gain market share in the long run.

We are operating with shorter planning cycles, stepping up agility and building resilience in the supply chain. Since the situation is highly dynamic, our teams are continuing to manage our business prudently, while assessing various scenarios for business recovery.

We would like to thank the Board of Directors, Promoters of our Company, who are extending their wholehearted and full support, encouragement and guidance in our efforts to deal with this unprecedented situation.

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