Subject 1 Regulation 33 of Listing Regulations : Audited Financial Results for 2019

1. Audited Financial Results 2019

The Board of Directors at their meeting today:

a) approved the audited financial results for the year ended 31st December, 2019. Enclosed are the audited financial results along with the Report of the Auditors thereon and the declaration in respect of Audit Reports with unmodified opinion for the Financial Year ended on 31st December, 2019. The audited financial results shall be published in newspapers as required. Also, find enclosed Press Release relating to the results. The above are being uploaded on the Company’s website

b) approved the Financial Statements of the Company for the year 2019 including Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 2019 and Statement of Profit and Loss and the Cash Flow Statement for the year ended on that date.

2. Final Dividend recommended

The Board of Directors recommended final dividend for the year 2019 of Rs. 61/- (Rupees Sixty One only) per equity shares of Rs. 10/- each.

3. Annual General Meeting and Book Closure

At the Board Meeting today, the Board of Directors also approved the convening of 61st Annual General Meeting of the Company on Friday, 8th May, 2020 (‘61st AGM’).

The Register of Members and Share Transfer Books of the Company shall remain closed from 18th May 2020 to 19th May, 2020 (both days inclusive) for the purpose of Annual Closing and determining entitlement of the members to the final dividend for 2019. The final dividend, if approved by the shareholders at 61st AGM, shall be paid on and from 28th May 2020. Intimation of Annual Book Closure is enclosed. Copies of the printed Annual Report and Notice of the 61st AGM shall be sent in due course. The same shall also be uploaded on the Company’s website.

The Board of Directors also, on the recommendation of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee, recommended to the shareholders for approval re-appointment of Mr Suresh Narayanan as a Whole-time Director, designated as ‘Managing Director’ with effect from 1st August, 2020 for another term of five years and appointment of Mr. David McDaniel, as Whole-time Director, designated as “Executive Director – Finance & Control and Chief Financial Officer” with effect from 1st March, 2020, for a term of five years, subject to requisite approvals.
The meeting of the Board of Directors commenced at 15:30 hours and concluded at 17.45 hours.

Thanking you,

Yours truly,

NESTLÉ INDIA LIMITED

B. MURLI
DIRECTOR - LEGAL & COMPANY SECRETARY

Encl.: as above
Press Release

Nestlé House, Gurugram, 13th February 2020

Nestlé India Continues to Deliver Broad Based Growth

Nestlé India – Full Year, 2019

- Total Sales of INR 12,295 Crore
- Domestic Sales Growth at 10.9%.
- Profit from Operations at 21.0% of Sales
- Net Profit of INR 1,969 Crore
- Enables contribution to exchequer of INR 3,580 Crore
- Net Cash generated from Operating Activities at INR 2,234 Crore
- Earnings Per Share of INR 204.28
- Final Dividend recommended INR 61.00 per equity share
- Total Dividend including final dividend INR 342.00 per equity share (includes special interim dividend of INR 180.00 per equity share out of the accumulated profits of previous years)

The Board of Directors of Nestlé India met today at Nestlé House and approved the results for the full year 2019. Commenting on the results, Mr. Suresh Narayanan, Chairman and Managing Director, Nestlé India said, “I am pleased to share that we have delivered broad based volume and mixed growth. This is a trend we have demonstrated consistently in recent years. MAGGI Noodles, KITKAT, Nestlé MUNCH, CEREGROW, MAGGI Masala -ae- Magic, NESCAFE RTD and NANGROW delivered strong performances during the year.

We continued to bring consumer relevant innovations and new launches like KITKAT DESSERT DELIGHT Rich Chocolate Fudge, MAGGI Fusian Range and MILO Cocoa-Malt Beverage Mix which have witnessed encouraging response. The trend of higher commodity prices witnessed in recent quarters is likely to continue in the near future.

As we enter the new decade, my team and I stay fully committed towards plastic waste management. Our determination and initiatives to make a difference has already shown significant results and many of our key brands like MAGGI Noodles, NESCAFÉ and KITKAT have become plastic neutral in the year 2019. This reinforces our belief in sustaining our business progress while addressing environmental challenges.”

Highlights for the quarter and year ended 31 December 2019:

1. Total Sales and Domestic Sales for the year increased by 9.6% and 10.9% respectively. Domestic Sales growth is broad based largely driven by volume & mix. Export Sales decreased by 9.9% due to lower exports of coffee to Turkey.

2. Total Sales for the quarter increased by 8.8%. Domestic Sales increased by 10.0% through a combination of volume & mix. Export Sales dropped by 9.7% due to lower exports of coffee to Turkey.

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3. Tax Expense (including revaluation of deferred tax assets & liabilities) from 1 April 2019 to 31 December 2019 has been computed at the rates introduced by the Taxation Laws (Amendment) Ordinance, 2019 dated 20 September 2019. Accordingly, 'Net Profit after Tax' and 'Earnings per share' for both the quarter and year have been positively influenced by the lower tax rates.

Dividend:

The Board of Directors have recommended a final dividend of INR 61.00 per equity share amounting to INR 5,881.4 million for the year 2019. The total dividend for 2019 aggregates to INR 342 per equity share which includes first interim dividend of INR 23.00 per equity share paid on 15 May, 2019; second interim dividend of INR 23.00 per equity share for 2019 out of current year profits and a special interim dividend of INR 180/- per equity share out of accumulated profits of previous years both paid together on 23 August, 2019; and the third interim dividend INR 55.00 per equity share paid on 20 December, 2019. The final dividend is subject to approval by the shareholders at the ensuing Annual General Meeting of the Company and therefore has not been recognised as a liability in the balance sheet on 31 December 2019, in line with Ind AS 10 'Events after the Reporting Period'.

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