

**SECRETARIAL AUDIT REPORT**  
**(for the financial year ended March 31, 2017)**

*[Pursuant to Section 204(1) of the Companies Act, 2013 and Rule 9 of the Companies (Appointment and Remuneration of Managerial Personnel) Rules, 2014]*

To  
The Members  
**EIH Associated Hotels Limited**  
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We have conducted the Secretarial Audit of the compliance of applicable statutory provisions and the adherence to good corporate practices by “**EIH Associated Hotels Limited**” (hereinafter called the “**Company**”). Secretarial Audit was conducted in a manner that provided us a reasonable basis for evaluating the corporate conducts/statutory compliances and expressing our opinion thereon.

Based on our verification of the Company’s books, papers, minute books, forms and returns filed and other records maintained by the Company and also the information provided by the Company, its officers, agents and authorized representatives, during the conduct of Secretarial Audit, we hereby report that in our opinion, the Company has, during the audit period covering the financial year ended March 31, 2017, complied with the statutory provisions listed hereunder and also that the Company has proper Board processes and compliance mechanism in place to the extent, in the manner and subject to the reporting made hereinafter.

We have examined the books, papers, minute books, forms and returns filed and other records maintained by the Company for the financial year ended March 31, 2017, according to the provisions of:

- i) The Companies Act, 2013 (the Act) and the rules made there under read with notifications, exemptions and clarifications thereto;
- ii) The Securities Contracts (Regulation) Act, 1956 (SCRA) and the Rules made there under;
- iii) The Depositories Act, 1996 and the Regulations and Bye-laws framed there under.
- iv) Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 (FEMA) and the Rules and Regulations made there under, to the extent applicable to Foreign Direct Investment, Overseas Direct Investment and External Commercial Borrowings;
- v) The following Regulations and Guidelines prescribed under the Securities and Exchange Board of India Act, 1992 (SEBI Act):
  - (a) The SEBI (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeovers) Regulations, 2011, as amended from time to time.



- (b) The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 2015, as amended from time to time.
  - (c) The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Issue of Capital and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2009, as amended from time to time. However, the Company has not raised any money from the public.
  - (d) The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Share Based Employee Benefit) Regulations, 2014. However, the regulations are not applicable to the Company during the audit period since the Company does not have any such scheme in operation.
  - (e) The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Issue and Listing of Debt Securities) 2008, as amended from time to time. However, the regulations are not applicable to the Company during the audit period since the Company has not raised any money through debt securities from the public.
  - (f) The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Delisting of Equity Shares) Regulations, 2009, as amended from time to time. However, the regulations are not applicable to the Company during the audit period since the Company has not got its securities delisted.
  - (g) The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Buyback of Securities) Regulations, 1998, as amended from time to time. However, the regulations are not applicable to the Company during the audit period since the Company has not bought back any of its securities.
- vi) Other significant laws specifically applicable to the Company, including:
- (a) Tourism Policy of Government of India and Classification of Hotels.
  - (b) Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 and Rules made there under.
  - (c) The Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 and Rules made there under.
  - (d) The Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and Rules made there under.
  - (e) Hazardous Material (Management, Handling and Trans-boundary Movement) Rules, 2008
  - (f) Phonographic and Performance License.
  - (g) Indian Explosives Act, 1884 and Rules made there under.
  - (h) The Static and Mobile Pressure Vessels (Unfired) Rules, 1981
  - (i) The Apprentices Act, 1961 and Rules made there under.

We have also examined compliance with the applicable clauses of the following:

- (i) Secretarial Standards issued by the Institute of Company Secretaries of India.
- (ii) Listing Agreements entered into by the Company with The National Stock Exchange of India and BSE Ltd, during the audit period.
- (iii) The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.

During the period under review, the Company has generally complied with the provisions of the Act, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, etc. mentioned above.



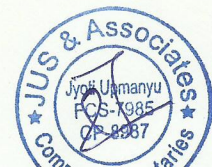
We further report that:

1. The Board of Directors of the Company is duly constituted with proper balance of Executive Directors, Non-Executive Directors, Independent Directors and Woman Director in terms of Companies Act, 2013 and Regulation 17 of The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The changes in the composition of the Board of Directors that took place during the period under review were carried out in compliance with the provisions of the Act.
2. Adequate notice has been given to all directors to schedule the Board Meetings during the financial year under review; agenda and detailed notes on agenda were sent properly before the scheduled meeting; and a system exists for seeking and obtaining further information and clarifications on the agenda items before the meeting and for meaningful participation at the meeting.
3. All the decisions are carried out unanimously. None of the members of the Board have expressed dissenting views on any of the agenda items during the financial year under review.
4. The Board approved temporary closure of Trident Hotel at Jaipur for the purpose of renovation. The Hotel will remain closed for one year from 1st April 2018 and is expected to re-open by 31st March 2019.

We further report that there are adequate systems and processes in the Company, commensurate with the size and operations of the company, to monitor and ensure compliance with applicable laws, rules, regulations and guidelines.

For the purpose of examining adequacy of compliances with other applicable laws including industry/sector specific laws, under both Central and State legislations, reliance has been placed on the Compliance Certificate issued by the Company Secretary at each Board meeting, based on the reports received by the Company from its hotels, as part of the Company's Compliance Management and Reporting System. Based on the aforesaid internal compliance certificates, we are of the opinion that the Company has generally complied with the following:

- i) Deposit of Provident Fund, Employee State Insurance, Employee Deposit Linked Insurance and other employee related statutory dues.
- ii) Applicable stipulations pertaining to the Payment of Wages Act, Minimum Wages Act, Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) Act and other related legislations.
- iii) Deposit of taxes relating to Income Tax, Value Added Tax, Central Sales Tax, Luxury Tax, Expenditure Tax, Professional Tax and other applicable taxes including Tax deducted at source. However, cases of disputed tax liabilities of substantial amount are brought up at each Board meeting and appropriate action is taken and recorded in the minutes of meetings. Such cases form part of the Contingent Liabilities in the 'Notes to Accounts' forming an integral part of the Financial Statement for the year under review and brief of the same has also been disclosed in the Independent Auditors' Report.



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- iv) Applicable state and central laws pertaining to the operations of the Company, including those relating to Environment, Apprentices, Food Safety & Standards and Performance License. However, notices received from the statutory authorities, if any, are reported as part of Board process for compliance reporting and appropriate action is taken from time to time.

For **JUS & Associates**  
Company Secretaries



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Place: New Delhi  
Date: May 29, 2017