

National Stock Exchange Of India Limited

Ref: NSE/LIST/35780_I

September 15, 2023

The Company Secretary
Sterlite Technologies Limited
Godrej Millennium, 4th Floor,
9 Koregaon Road,
Pune - 411001

Kind Attn.: Mr. Amit Deshpande

Dear Sir,

Sub: Observation Letter for Draft scheme of arrangement between Sterlite Technologies Limited and STL Networks Limited and their respective shareholders and creditors.

We are in receipt for Draft Scheme of Arrangement between Sterlite Technologies Limited and STL Networks Limited and their respective shareholders and creditors vide application dated May 26, 2023.

Based on our letter reference no. NSE/LIST/35780 dated July 13, 2023, submitted to SEBI pursuant to SEBI Master circular no. SEBI/HO/CFD/POD-2/P/CIR/2023/93 dated June 20, 2023 and Regulation 94(2) of SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015, SEBI vide its letter dated September 14, 2023 has inter alia given the following comment(s) on the draft scheme of Arrangement:

- a. *Company shall ensure to disclose all details of ongoing adjudication & recovery proceedings, prosecution initiated, and all other enforcement action taken, if any, against the Company, its promoters, and directors, before Hon'ble NCLT and shareholders, while seeking approval of the Scheme.*
- b. *Company shall ensure that additional information, if any, submitted by the Company after filing the Scheme with the stock exchange, from the date of receipt of this letter, is displayed on the websites of the listed Company and the stock Exchanges.*
- c. *The entities involved in the scheme shall duly comply with various provisions of the Circular and ensure that all the liabilities of Transferor Company are transferred to the Transferee Company.*
- d. *Company shall ensure that information pertaining to all the unlisted Companies involved in the scheme, shall be included in the format specified for abridged prospectus as provided in Part E of Schedule VI of the ICDR Regulations, 2018, in the explanatory statement or notice or proposal accompanying resolution to be passed, which is sent to the shareholders for seeking approval.*
- e. *Company shall ensure that the financials in the scheme including financials considered for valuation report are not for period more than 6 months old.*
- f. *Company shall ensure that the details of the proposed Scheme under consideration as provided by the Company to the Stock Exchange shall be prominently disclosed in the notice sent to the Shareholders.*

- g. *Companies shall disclose the following as a part of explanatory statement or notice or proposal accompanying resolution to be passed to be forwarded by the company to the shareholders while seeking approval u/s 230 to 232 of the Companies Act 2013.*
- *Details of Assets & Liabilities of Demerged Company, pre and post demerger.*
 - *Details of Assets & Liabilities of Resulting Company, pre and post demerger.*
 - *Pre and post demerger net worth of Demerged Company and Resulting Company.*
 - *Impact of scheme on revenue generating capacity of Demerged Company.*
 - *Need of the demerger, Rationale of the scheme, Synergies of business of the entities involved in the scheme, Impact of the Scheme on the shareholders and cost benefit analysis of the scheme.*
 - *The pre and post scheme shareholding of the members of promoter and promoter group (individual).*
- h. *Company shall ensure that the proposed equity shares to be issued in terms of the “scheme” shall mandatorily be in demat form only.*
- i. *Company shall ensure that the “Scheme” shall be acted upon subject to the applicant complying with the relevant clauses mentioned in the scheme document.*
- j. *Company shall ensure that no changes to the draft scheme except those mandated by the regulators/authorities/tribunals shall be made without specific written consent of SEBI.*
- k. *Company shall ensure that the observations of SEBI/Stock Exchanges shall be incorporated in the petition to be filed before NCLT and the Company is obliged to bring the observations to the notice of NCLT.*
- l. *Company shall ensure that all the applicable provisions of the Companies Act,2013, rules and regulations issued thereunder including obtaining the consent from the creditors for the proposed scheme.*
- m. *It is noted that the petitions are filed by the Company before NCLT after processing and communication of comments/observations on draft scheme by SEBI/stock exchange. Hence, the company is not required to send notice for representation as mandated under section 230(5) of Companies Act,2013 to SEBI again for its comments/observations/representations.*
- n. *The proposed scheme of arrangement shall be in compliance with the provisions of Regulation 11 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulation, 2015.*
- o. *Company shall not provide any misstatement or furnish false information with regard to disclosure to be made in draft scheme of amalgamation as per Chapter XII of Operational circular 1.*
- p. *Company shall ensure that entities involved in the proposed scheme shall not make any changes in the draft scheme subsequent to filing the draft scheme with SEBI by the Stock Exchanges, except those mandated by the regulators/authorities/tribunal.*

- q. *Company shall ensure that entities involved in the proposed scheme shall include information pertaining to the unlisted entity in the format specified for abridged prospectus as provided in Part B of Schedule I of the SEBI (Issue and Listing of Non- Convertible Securities)2021, in the notice or proposal to be sent to the holders of NCDs/NCRPs while seeking approval for the scheme. The accuracy and adequacy of such disclosures shall be certified by the SEBI registered merchant banker after following the due diligence process.*
- r. *Company shall ensure that the entities involved in the proposed scheme shall disclose the No-objection letter of the Stock Exchange(s) on its website within 24 hours of receiving the same.*
- s. *Company shall ensure that the entities involved in the proposed scheme have complied with the relevant provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosures Requirements) Regulations,2015 and Covenants of the Debenture Trustee Deeds entered with the Debenture Trustees any other relevant regulations and circulars.*

Based on the draft scheme and other documents submitted by the Company, including undertaking given in terms of Regulation 11 of SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015, we hereby convey our “No objection” in terms of Regulation 94A of SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015, so as to enable the Company to file the draft scheme with NCLT.

The Company should also fulfil the Exchange’s criteria for listing of such company and also comply with other applicable statutory requirements. However, the listing of shares of STL Networks Limited is at the discretion of the Exchange.

The listing of STL Networks Limited pursuant to the Scheme of Arrangement shall be subject to SEBI approval & Company satisfying the following conditions:

1. To submit the Information Memorandum containing all the information about STL Networks Limited and its group companies in line with the disclosure requirements applicable for public issues with National Stock Exchange of India Limited (“NSE”) for making the same available to the public through website of the companies. The following lines must be inserted as a disclaimer clause in the Information Memorandum:

“The approval given by the NSE should not in any manner be deemed or construed that the Scheme has been approved by NSE; and/ or NSE does not in any manner warrant, certify or endorse the correctness or completeness of the details provided for the unlisted Company; does not in any manner take any responsibility for the financial or other soundness of the STL Networks Limited, its promoters, its management etc.”
2. To publish an advertisement in the newspapers containing all the information STL Networks Limited in line with the details required as per SEBI Circular No. SEBI/HO/CFD/POD-2/P/CIR/2023/93 dated June 20,2023. The advertisement should draw a specific reference to the aforesaid Information Memorandum available on the website of the company as well as NSE.

3. To disclose all the material information about STL Networks Limited to NSE on continuous basis to make the same public, in addition to the requirements, if any, specified in SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015 for disclosures about the subsidiaries.
4. The following provision shall be incorporated in the scheme:
 - a. “The shares allotted pursuant to the Scheme shall remain frozen in the depositories system till listing/trading permission is given by the designated stock exchange.”
 - b. “There shall be no change in the shareholding pattern or control in STL Networks Limited between the record date and the listing which may affect the status of this approval.”

However, the Exchange reserves its rights to raise objections at any stage if the information submitted to the Exchange is found to be incomplete/ incorrect/ misleading/ false or for any contravention of Rules, Bye-laws and Regulations of the Exchange, Listing Regulations, Guidelines/ Regulations issued by statutory authorities.

The validity of this “Observation Letter” shall be six months from September 15, 2023, within which the Scheme shall be submitted to NCLT.

Kindly note, this Exchange letter should not be construed as approval under any other Act /Regulation/rule/bye laws (except as referred above) for which the Company may be required to obtain approval from other department(s) of the Exchange. The Company is requested to separately take up matter with the concerned departments for approval, if any.

Please note that the submission of documents/information, in accordance with the Circular to SEBI and National Stock Exchange of India (NSE), should not in any way be deemed or construed that the same has been cleared or approved by SEBI and NSE. SEBI and NSE does not take any responsibility either for the financial soundness of any scheme or for the correctness of the statements made or opinions expressed in the documents submitted.

The Company shall ensure filing of compliance status report stating the compliance with each point of Observation Letter on draft scheme of arrangement on the following path: NEAPS > Issue > Scheme of arrangement > Reg 37 of SEBI LODR, 2015> Seeking Observation letter to Compliance Status.

Yours faithfully,
For National Stock Exchange of India Limited

Dipti Chinchkhede
Senior Manager

P.S. Checklist for all the Further Issues is available on website of the exchange at the following URL: <https://www.nseindia.com/companies-listing/raising-capital-further-issues-main-sme-checklist>