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Ref: BL/SE/2022

Date: 26th May, 2022

The Secretary,
National Stock Exchange of India Ltd.
Exchange Plaza, C-1, Block G
Bandra Kurla Complex
Bandra (E),
Mumbai – 400 051

The Secretary, BSE Ltd. Phiroze Jeejeebhoy Towers Dalal Street Mumbai- 400001

Company Code: **BALMLAWRIE** Company Code: **523319** 

Dear Sir,

Sub: Annual Secretarial Compliance Report for the Financial Year ended on 31st March, 2022

Pursuant to Regulation 24A of Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) (Listing Obligations & Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 read with SEBI Circular bearing reference no. CIR/CFD/CMD1/27/2019 dated 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2019, the Annual Secretarial Compliance Report dated 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2022 on Balmer Lawrie & Co. Ltd. for the Financial Year ended on 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2022 issued by Ms. Sumana Subhash Mitra, ACS – A43291, Partner at M/s. T. Chatterjee & Associates, (FRN: P2007WB067100) Practicing Company Secretaries is attached as Annexure-1.

Request you to take the above information on record and acknowledge the receipt.

Thanking You,

Yours faithfully,

For Balmer Lawrie & Co. Ltd.

Kaustav Sen Compliance Officer

Enclosed: As above

## T. Chatterjee & Associates

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## SECRETARIAL COMPLIANCE REPORT OF

## Balmer Lawrie & Co. Ltd.

For the year ended 31st March, 2022

[Pursuant to Regulation 24A of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 (as amended)]

To Balmer Lawrie & Co. Ltd. 21, N.S. Road Kolkata- 700001

We have examined:

- (a) all the documents and records made available to us and explanation provided by Balmer Lawrie & Co. Ltd., (CIN: L15492WB1924GOI004835) having its Registered office at 21, Netaji Subhas Road, Kolkata 700 001, listed on BSE, Scrip Code- 523319 and the National Stock Exchange of India Ltd., Scrip Code BALMLAWRIE (hereinafter referred as "the listed entity")
- (b) the filings/ submissions made by the listed entity to the stock exchanges,
- (c) website of the listed entity,
- (d) books, papers, minute books, reports, statements, returns, forms, intimations and documents filed with the stock exchange(s) on the electronic platform or with the Registrar of Companies/RD/MCA through MCA21 portal and other records maintained by the listed entity and electronics record of the official portal of the Stock Exchange(s)

for the year ended 31-03-2022 (herein after referred as the "Review Period") in respect of compliance with the provisions, to the extent applicable to the listed entity of:

- (i) the Securities and Exchange Board of India Act, 1992 (as amended) ("SEBI Act") and the Regulations, Circulars, Guidelines issued thereunder; and
- (ii) the Securities Contracts (Regulation) Act, 1956 ("SCRA") (as amended), rules made thereunder and the Regulations, Circulars, Guidelines issued thereunder by the Securities and Exchange Board of India ("SEBI");

The specific Regulations, as amended, whose provisions and the Circulars / Guidelines issued thereunder, have been examined to the extent applicable to the listed entity, include: -

a. The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations & Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015;

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- b. The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Issue of Capital and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2018; (not applicable to the listed entity during review period);
- c. The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeovers) Regulations, 2011; (not applicable to the listed entity during review period);
- d. The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Buyback of Securities) Regulations 2018; (not applicable to the listed entity during review period);
- e. The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Share Based Employee Benefits) Regulations, 2014. (not applicable to the listed entity during review period);
- f. The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Issue and Listing of Debt Securities) Regulations, 2008 (upto 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2021) (not applicable to the listed entity during review period);
- g. The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Issue and Listing of Non-Convertible and Redeemable Preference Shares) Regulations, 2013 (upto 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2021) (not applicable to the listed entity during review period);
- h. The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Issue and Listing of Non-Convertible Securities) Regulations, 2021 (with effect from 16<sup>th</sup> August, 2021)- (not applicable to the listed entity during review period);
- i. The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 2015; and
- j. The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Depositories and Participants) Regulations, 2018,
  - and circulars/guidelines issued thereunder,



and based on the above examination, we hereby report that, during the Review Period:

(a) The listed entity has complied with the provisions of the above Regulations and circulars/guidelines issued there under, except the matter specified below:

Sr.	Compliance Requirement	Deviations	Observations/
No.	(Regulations/ circulars/ guidelines including specific clause)		Remarks of the Practicing Company Secretary
1	Clause (a) of Sub Regulation (1) of Regulation 17 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015	The Board did not comprise of an Independent Woman Director during the period 01-04-2021 to 25-11-2021 and a Woman Director during the period 26-07-2021 to 05-08-2021	The Company being a Government Company, the Composition of the Board of Directors is dependent on the direction of the Administrative Ministry and thus, the non-compliance was beyond the control of the Company.
2	Clause (b) of Sub-Regulation 1 of Regulation 17 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015	The number of Independent Director on the Board was below the prescribed limit during the period 24-07-2021 to 25-07-2021 and 06-08-2021 to 25-11-2021	The Company being a Government Company, the Composition of the Board of Directors is dependent on the direction of the Administrative Ministry and thus, the non-compliance was beyond the control of the Company.

(b) The listed entity has maintained proper records under the provisions of the above Regulations and circulars/ guidelines issued there under in so far as it appears from our examination of those records.



(c) The followings are the details of actions taken against the listed entity/ its promoters/material subsidiaries/directors either by SEBI or by Stock Exchanges (including under the Standard Operating Procedures issued by SEBI through various circulars) under the aforesaid Acts/ Regulations and circulars/ guidelines issued there under:

Sr.	Action	Details of	Details of action taken	Observations/ remarks
No.	Taken	violation	e.g. fines, warning letter,	of the Practicing
	By	0	debarment, etc.	Company Secretary, if
1	DCE	Non	The DCE and the Notional	The listed entity has
1	BSE	Non-	The BSE and the National	The listed entity has applied for waiver of such
	Limited	compliance of	Stock Exchange of India had imposed Fines on the	
	and the			fines as the listed entity is
	National	Regulation 17 (1) of	Company during the period under review for	a Government Company and the appointment of
	Stock	SEBI	such non-compliance of	Directors is dependent on
	Exchange	(LODR)	Regulation 17 (1) of SEBI	the Central Government,
	of India	Regulations,	(LODR) Regulations,	Ministry of Petroleum and
	Limited	2015	2015.	Natural Gas. (Being the
		2010	20101	Administrative Ministry)
				Hence, compliance of the
				same is not within the
				control of the Company.
				The reply to the
			*	representation made to
			2	BSE Limited and the
				National Stock Exchange
				of India Limited is
				awaited. Further, as per the
				policy for exemption of
				fines levied as per the
				provisions of SEBI SOP
	7			Circular, para 3, non-
				compliance arising out of
				inability of Company to
				comply on account of any appointment to BOD/KMP
				due to pending approval
				from the Govt. (Ministry),
				is included in indicative
				list of events which may be
				considered by SEBI for
				granting waiver or
				reduction of fine levied
				under SOP for compliance
				with LODR.

(d) The listed entity has taken the following actions to comply with the observations

made in previous reports:

No. In F	Observations of the Practicing Company Secretary n the previous reports	Observations made in the secretarial compliance report for the year ended 31st March, 2021 (The years are to be mentioned)	Actions taken by the listed entity, if any	Comments of the Practicing Company Secretary on the actions taken by the listed entity
1	-	The Company does not have one Woman Independent Director on its Board, however, it being a government Company, the deviation is for reasons beyond its control.	The listed entity has applied for waiver of such fines as the listed entity is a Government Company and the appointment of Directors is dependent on the Central Government, Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas. (Being the Administrative Ministry). Representations were made to the administrative ministry for appointment of adequate numbers of Directors.  The listed entity has appointed the requisite number of Independent Woman Director on the Board with effect from 26-11-2021.	The Company is following directions as given by the Administrative Ministry for appointment of directors.

Place: Kolkata

Date: 25-05-2022

For T. Chatterjee & Associates Practicing Company Secretaries FRN No. - P2007WB067100

Sumana Subhash Mitra – Partner

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