

27th May 2023

The Manager – Listing Department,
National Stock Exchange of India Limited,
“Exchange Plaza”, 5th Floor,
Plot No. C/1, G Block,
Bandra-Kurla Complex,
Bandra (East), Mumbai – 400 051.

Symbol: VERTOZ

Series: EQ

Subject: Submission of Annual Secretarial Compliance Report for the Financial Year ended March 31 2023

In compliance with SEBI Circular No. CIR/CFD/CMD1/27/2019 dated February 8, 2019, please find enclosed the copy of Annual Secretarial Compliance Report dated May 26, 2023 for the Financial Year ended March 31, 2023 issued by U. Hegde & Associates, Company Secretaries and Secretarial Auditor of the Company.

Kindly take the same on your records.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

For Vertoz Advertising Limited

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Company Secretary & Compliance Officer



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COMPANY SECRETARIES

Secretarial Compliance Report of Vertoz Advertising Limited for the financial year ended March 31, 2023

[Under Regulation 24A of Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 read with the relevant Circular(s) issued by SEBI / Exchanges from time to time]]

I have conducted the review of the compliance of the applicable statutory provisions and the adherence to good corporate practices by **Vertoz Advertising Limited** having **Corporate Identification Number (CIN)- L74120MH2012PLC226823** and whose equity shares are listed at National Stock Exchange of India Limited (hereinafter referred as 'the listed entity'), having its Registered Office at 602, Avior, Nirmal Galaxy L.B.S. Marg, Opp. Johnson & Johnson, Mulund (W), Mumbai ,400080 . Secretarial Review was conducted in a manner that provided me a reasonable basis for evaluating the corporate conducts/statutory compliances and expressing my opinion thereon. Based on my verification of the listed entity's books, papers, minutes books, forms and returns filed and other records maintained by the listed entity and also the information provided by the listed entity, its officers, agents and authorized representatives during the conduct of Secretarial Review, I hereby report that in our opinion, the Listed entity has, during the review period covering the financial year ended on March 31, 2023, complied with the statutory provisions listed hereunder and also that the Listed entity has proper Board processes and compliance mechanism in place to the extent, in the manner and subject to the reporting made hereinafter

I have examined:

- (a) all the documents and records made available to us and explanation provided by Vertoz Advertising Limited ("the listed entity"),
- (b) the filings/ submissions made by the listed entity to the stock exchanges,
- (c) website of the listed entity,
- (d) any other document/ filing, as may be relevant, which has been relied upon to make this certification,

For the year ended March 31, 2023 ("Review Period") in respect of compliance with the provisions of:

- (a) The Securities and Exchange Board of India Act, 1992 ("SEBI Act") and the Regulations, circulars, guidelines issued thereunder; and
- (b) the Securities Contracts (Regulation) Act, 1956 ("SCRA"), rules made thereunder and the Regulations, circulars, guidelines issued thereunder by the Securities and Exchange Board of India ("SEBI");

The specific Regulations, whose provisions and the circulars/guidelines issued thereunder, have been examined, include:

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

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- (b) Securities and Exchange Board of India (Issue of Capital and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2018;
- (c) Securities and Exchange Board of India (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeovers) Regulations, 2011;
- (d) Securities and Exchange Board of India (Buyback of Securities) Regulations, 2018; **(Not Applicable to the listed entity during the Review Period)**
- (e) Securities and Exchange Board of India (Share Based Employee Benefits and Sweat Equity) Regulations, 2021; **(Not Applicable to the listed entity during the Review Period)**
- (f) Securities and Exchange Board of India (Issue and Listing of Non-Convertible Securities) Regulations, 2021; **(Not Applicable to the listed entity during the Review Period)**
- (g) Securities and Exchange Board of India (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 2015;
and circulars/guidelines issued thereunder;
and based on the above examination , I hereby report that, during the Review Period :

I (a) The listed entity has complied with the provisions of the above Regulations and circulars/ guidelines issued thereunder, except in respect of matters specified below:

Sr. No	Compliance Requirement (Regulations/ circulars / guidelines including specific clause)	Regulation /Circular No	Deviations	Action Taken by	Type of Action	Details of Violation	Fine Amount	Observations/ Remarks of PCS	Management Response	Remarks
Not Applicable										

(b)The listed entity has taken the following actions to comply with the observations made in previous reports

Sr. No	Compliance Requirement (Regulations/ circulars / guidelines including specific clause)	Regulation /Circular No	Deviations	Action Taken by	Type of Action	Details of Violation	Fine Amount	Observations/Remarks of PCS	Management Response	Remarks
1	Every Promoter, Member of the Promoter Group, Designated Person and Director of every Company shall disclose to the Company the number of such Securities acquired or disposed of	Reg 7(2) (a) of SEBI PIT Regulations, 2015	One of the Independent Director had traded in the Securities of the Company whose value was exceeding Rs.10 lacs the disclosure	NSE	Advisory Letter	Disclosure was submitted to the Company under the said regulation beyond the prescribed time limit of 2	Nil	The Company had submitted the required disclosures to Stock Exchange as required under Regulation 7(2)(b)	The Company will ensure the Compliance with the applicable SEBI Regulations	

	within two trading days of such transaction if the value of the Securities traded, whether in one transaction or a series of transactions over any calendar quarter, aggregates to a traded value in excess of ten lakh rupees or such other value as may be specified;		was submitted to the Company under the said regulation beyond the prescribed time limit of 2 trading days with delay of 105 days.			trading days with delay of 105 days.		within two trading days of receipt of disclosure	
2	The Company is required to adopt Code of Conduct to Regulate, Monitor and Report Trading by Designated Persons. The Company has said code of conduct in place to regulate, monitor and report Trading by Designated Persons	Regulation 9 of SEBI (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 2015 requires	Dealing by the Designated Persons and Employee during the closure of trading window	-	-	Employees and one of the Independent Director of the Company were involved in dealing in Shares of the Company at the time when Trading Window was closed	As informed and explanation provided to me, the Company had issued Warning Letter as well levied monetary penalty to such Independent Director and same has been disclosed to the Stock Exchange. Based on the information and explanation provided to me, since the employees had violated the Code of Conduct for first	The Company has issued Warning Letter and also levied monetary penalty to such Independent Director and same has been disclosed to the Stock Exchange since the employees had violated the Code of Conduct for first time and value of Securities traded by such employees were insignificant, the Company has issued warning letters to erring employees. Disclosure of the action taken against the said employees has been disclosed	

								time and value of Securities traded by such employees were insignificant, the Company has issued warning letters to erring employees. Disclosure of the action taken against the said employees has been disclosed to the Stock Exchange.	to the Stock Exchange.

II. Compliances related to resignation of statutory auditors from listed entities and their material subsidiaries as per SEBI Circular CIR/CFD/CMD1/114/2019 dated 18th October, 2019:

Sr. No	Particulars	Compliance Status (Yes/No/ NA)	Observations /Remarks by PCS
1	Compliances with the following conditions while appointing/re-appointing an auditor		
	i. If the auditor has resigned within 45 days from the end of a quarter of a financial year, the auditor before such resignation, has issued the limited review/ audit report for such quarter; or	NA	As per the verification and confirmation provided to us by the Company, there is no change in the auditor during the period under review.
	ii. If the auditor has resigned after 45 days from the end of a quarter of a financial year, the auditor before such resignation, has issued the limited review/ audit report for such quarter as well as the next quarter; or	NA	
	iii. If the auditor has signed the limited review/ audit report for the first three quarters of a financial year, the auditor before such resignation has issued the limited review/ audit report for the last	NA	

	quarter of such financial year as well as the audit report for such financial year.		
2.	Other conditions relating to resignation of statutory auditor		
	<p>i. Reporting of concerns by Auditor with respect to the listed entity/its material subsidiary to the Audit Committee:</p> <p>a. In case of any concern with the management of the listed entity/material subsidiary such as non-availability of information / non-cooperation by the management which has hampered the audit process, the auditor has approached the Chairman of the Audit Committee of the listed entity and the Audit Committee shall receive such concern directly and immediately without specifically waiting for the quarterly Audit Committee meetings.</p> <p>b. In case the auditor proposes to resign, all concerns with respect to the proposed resignation, along with relevant documents has been brought to the notice of the Audit Committee. In cases where the proposed resignation is due to non-receipt of information / explanation from the company, the auditor has informed the Audit Committee the details of information / explanation sought and not provided by the management, as applicable.</p> <p>c. The Audit Committee / Board of Directors, as the case may be, deliberated on the matter on receipt of such information from the auditor relating to the proposal to resign as mentioned above and communicate its views to the management and the auditor.</p> <p>ii. Disclaimer in case of non-receipt of information: The auditor has provided an appropriate disclaimer in its audit report, which is in accordance with the Standards of Auditing as specified by ICAI / NFRA, in case where the listed entity/ its material subsidiary has not provided information as required by the auditor.</p>	<p>NA</p> <p>NA</p> <p>NA</p> <p>NA</p> <p>NA</p>	<p>As per the verification and confirmation provided to us by the Company, there is no change in the auditor during the period under review.</p>
3	The listed entity / its material subsidiary has obtained information from the Auditor upon resignation, in the format as specified in Annexure- A in SEBI Circular CIR/CFD/CMD1/114/2019 dated 18th October, 2019.	NA	As per the verification and confirmation provided to us by the Company, there is no change in the auditor during the period under review.

III. We hereby report that, during the review period the compliance status of the listed entity is appended as below:

Sr. No	Particulars	Compliance Status (Yes/No/ NA)	Observations/ Remarks by PCS
1	<p><u>Secretarial Standards:</u> The compliances of the listed entity are in accordance with the applicable Secretarial Standards (SS) issued by the Institute of Company Secretaries India (ICSI) as notified by the Central Government under section 118(10) of the Companies Act, 2013 and mandatorily applicable.</p>	Yes	
2	<p><u>Adoption and timely updation of the Policies:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •All applicable policies under SEBI Regulations are adopted with the approval of Board of Directors of the listed entity. •All the policies are in conformity with SEBI Regulations and have been reviewed & updated as per the regulations/ circulars/ guidelines issued by SEBI. </p>	Yes	
3	<p><u>Maintenance and disclosures on Website:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The Listed entity is maintaining a functional website. •Timely dissemination of the documents/ information under a separate section on the website •Web-links provided in the annual corporate governance reports under Regulation 27(2) are accurate and specific which re-directs to the relevant document(s)/ section of the website. </p>	Yes	
4	<p><u>Disqualification of Director:</u> None of the Director(s) of the Company are disqualified under Section 164 of Companies Act, 2013.</p>	Yes	
5	<p><u>To examine details related to Subsidiaries of listed entities:</u> a. Identification of material subsidiary companies. b. Requirements with respect to disclosure of material as well as other subsidiaries.</p>	Yes Yes	
6	<p><u>Preservation of Documents:</u> The listed entity is preserving and maintaining records as prescribed under SEBI Regulations and disposal of records as per Policy of Preservation of Documents and Archival policy prescribed under SEBI LODR Regulations, 2015.</p>	Yes	
7	<p><u>Performance Evaluation:</u> The listed entity has conducted performance evaluation of the Board, Independent Directors</p>	Yes	

	and the Committees during the financial year as prescribed in SEBI Regulations.		
8	<p><u>Related Party Transactions:</u></p> <p>a. The listed entity has obtained prior approval of Audit Committee for all Related party transactions.</p> <p>b. In case no prior approval obtained, the listed entity shall provide detailed reasons along with confirmation whether the transactions were subsequently approved/ratified/rejected by the Audit committee.</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>NA</p>	The listed entity has obtained prior approval of Audit Committee for all Related party transactions
9	<p><u>Disclosure of events or information:</u></p> <p>The listed entity has provided all the required disclosure(s) under Regulation 30 along with Schedule III of SEBI LODR Regulations, 2015 within the time limits prescribed thereunder</p>	Yes	
10	<p><u>Prohibition of Insider Trading:</u></p> <p>The listed entity is in compliance with Regulation 3(5) & 3(6) SEBI (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 2015.</p>	Yes	
11	<p><u>Actions taken by SEBI or Stock Exchange(s), if any:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actions taken against the listed entity/ its promoters/ directors/ subsidiaries either by SEBI or by Stock Exchanges (including under the Standard Operating Procedures issued by SEBI through various circulars) under SEBI Regulations and circulars/ guidelines issued thereunder 	Yes	Advisory Letter issued by NSE as detailed in point I (b)- “The listed entity has taken the following actions to comply with the observations made in previous reports”.
12	<p><u>Additional Non-compliances, if any:</u></p> <p>Any additional non-compliance observed for all SEBI regulation/circular/guidance note etc.</p>	Not Applicable	As per the verification and confirmation provided to us by the Company, there is no additional non-compliance observed for any SEBI regulation /circular/guidance note, etc.

Assumptions & Limitation of scope and Review:

1. Compliance of the applicable laws and ensuring the authenticity of documents and information furnished, are the responsibilities of the management of the listed entity.
2. My responsibility is to report based upon our examination of relevant documents and information. This is neither an audit nor an expression of opinion.
3. I have not verified the correctness and appropriateness of financial Records and Books of Accounts of the listed entity.
4. This Report is solely for the intended purpose of compliance in terms of Regulation 24A (2) of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 and is neither an assurance as to the future viability of the listed entity nor of the efficacy or effectiveness with which the management has conducted the affairs of the listed entity.

FOR U. HEGDE & ASSOCIATES, Company Secretaries

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