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Certificate of Eligibility as Secretarial Auditor

To The Board of Directors, Varun Beverages Limited F-2/7 Okhla Indl.Area Phase I, New Delhi, Delhi-110020

Dear Sir(s),

Sub: Proposed Appointment as Secretarial Auditor for a term of upto 5 (Five) Consecutive Years to hold office from the conclusion of 30th (Thirtieth) Annual General Meeting ('AGM') till the conclusion of 35th (Thirty Fifth) AGM of the Company to be held in the Year 2030 ('Term')

We thank you for your communication dated 28th January, 2025 seeking our consent to act as the Secretarial Auditor of **Varun Beverages Limited** ("the Company") for the aforesaid term. We give our consent for being appointed as Secretarial Auditor of the Company.

We hereby confirm that:

- We are eligible for appointment and not disqualified for appointment as per the Company Secretaries Act, 1980 and rules and regulations made thereunder and ICSI Auditing Standards;
- 2. The proposed appointment is within the limits, if any laid down by ICSI;
- 3. We do not have any substantial conflict of interest in terms of ICSI Auditing Standard on Audit Engagement (CSAS 1);
- 4. We do not have any conflict of interest in terms of ICSI Auditing Standard on Audit Engagement (CSAS 1).



We also hereby confirm that we meet the eligibity criteria and are not disqualified for being appointed as Secretarial Auditor in terms of Regulation 24A (1A) of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 read with SEBI Circular No. SEBI/HO/CFD/CFD-PoD-2/CIR/P/2024/185 dated December 31, 2024.

Thanking you,
For Sanjay Grover & Associates
Company Secretaries

Firm Registration No.: P2001DE052900

30th January, 2025 New Delhi Neeraj Arbra Partner CP No. 16186

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To
The Board of Directors
Varun Beverages Limited
(CIN: L74899DL1995PLC069839)
F-2/7, Okhla Industrial Area,

Phase I, New Delhi- 110020

<u>Secretarial Auditors' Certificate</u> on implementation of Employees Stock Option Scheme in accordance with the provisions of Securities and Exchange Board of India (Share Based Employee Benefits and Sweat Equity) Regulations, 2021 and resolution(s) passed by the shareholders in the general meeting of the Company.

- Securities and Exchange Board of India (Share Based Employee Benefits and Sweat Equity) Regulations, 2021 ('ESOP Regulations, 2021') was notified effective from August 13, 2021.
- 2. As per Regulation 13 of ESOP Regulations, 2021 "in the case of every company which has passed a Resolution for the scheme(s) under these Regulations, the Board of Directors shall at each annual general meeting place before the shareholders a certificate from the Secretarial Auditors of the Company that the scheme(s) has been implemented in accordance with these regulations and in accordance with the Resolution of the Company in the general meeting".
- 3. Varun Beverages Limited ('the Company') has approached us, being Secretarial Auditors of the Company, to issue this certificate as required under Regulation 13 of ESOP Regulations, 2021 to be placed at the ensuing 30th Annual General Meeting ('AGM') to be held on April 03, 2025 that its Employees Stock Option Scheme, 2016 has been implemented in accordance with the ESOP Regulations, 2021 and in accordance with the Resolution(s) of the Company.
- 4. The Board of Directors of the Company in their meeting held on April 27, 2016 adopted 'the Employees Stock Option Scheme 2016' (hereinafter referred to as the 'ESOS- 2016') which was further approved by the Members by passing of Special Resolution at their Extra-Ordinary General Meeting held on April 27, 2016 and subsequently ratified by passing of special resolution at their AGM held on April 17, 2017. Further, Members of the Company at their 27th AGM held on April 7, 2022 also approved certain modifications in the ESOS-2016 to align with ESOP Regulations 2021.

Management's Responsibility



The preparation and maintenance of all accounting and other records is solely the responsibility of the Management of the Company. This responsibility includes

the design, implementation and maintenance of internal controls that are reasonable in the circumstances.

6. The Management is also responsible for ensuring that the Company complies with the requirements of the ESOP Regulations, 2021 and the Resolution(s) passed in the general meeting of the Company and for providing all the relevant information to the shareholders of the Company and the Stock Exchanges.

Auditor's Responsibility

7. It is our responsibility to obtain reasonable assurance and form an opinion as to whether the ESOS-2016 has been implemented in all material respects during the financial year ended December 31, 2024, in accordance with the prevailing ESOP Regulations, 2021 and the Resolution(s) passed in the general meeting of the Company.

Opinion

8. Based on our examination and the information and explanations given to us, we are of the opinion that the Scheme namely 'Employees Stock Option Scheme-2016' has been implemented in all material respects during the financial year ended December 31, 2024 in accordance with the prevailing ESOP Regulations, 2021 and the Resolution(s) passed in the general meeting of the Company.

Restriction on Use

9. This certificate is addressed to and provided to the Board of Directors of the Company solely for the purpose of placing before the shareholders of the Company at the forthcoming AGM pursuant to the requirements of the ESOP Regulations, 2021. It should not be used by any other person or for any other purpose. Accordingly, we do not accept or assume any liability or any duty of care for any other purpose or to any other person to whom this certificate is shown or into whose hands it may come without our prior consent in writing.

For Sanjay Grover & Associates Company Secretaries Firm Registration No. P2001DE052900

Peer Review Certificate No.: 6311/2024

Partner

CP No.:22944/ Mem. No. F4019 UDIN: F004019F003904597

New Delhi February 10, 2025