

22<sup>nd</sup> May 2024

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Dear Madam/ Sir,

#### Sub: Submission of Audited Standalone & Consolidated Financial Results

Kindly note the Board of Directors of Gujarat Pipavav Port Limited ('the Company') approved in the Board Meeting held today the Audited Financial Results of the Company for the Quarter and Year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024. The Board Meeting commenced today at 1330 Hrs and concluded at 1550 Hrs

Kind find enclosed the following documents for reference:

- (i) Standalone and Consolidated Audited Financial Statements comprising Profit & Loss Account, Balance Sheet and Cash Flow Statement;
- (ii) Auditors Report for Standalone and Consolidated Financial Statement; and
- (iii) Annexure I for Consolidated Financial Statements

Pursuant to the provisions of Regulation 33(3)(d) of SEBI (Listing Obligations & Disclosure Requirements), Regulations, 2015, kindly note Price Waterhouse Chartered Accountants LLP, Statutory Auditors of the Company, have issued an Unmodified opinion for the Standalone Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024.

But for the Company's Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024, a Modified opinion has been issued by the Statutory Auditors. The details of the Modified Opinion and the Company's clarification in the matter are mentioned in Annexure I enclosed.

Further, kindly note the Board of Directors recommend a Final Dividend of Rs. 3.70 per share on the Equity Share Capital, subject to approval by the Members in the Company's Annual General Meeting scheduled for Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2024.

The results are being made available on the Company's website www.pipavav.com

Thank you,

Yours truly,

For Gujarat Pipavav Port Limited

Manish Agnihotri Company Secretary & Compliance Officer

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### **Independent Auditor's Report**

### To the Members of Gujarat Pipavav Port Limited

### **Report on the Audit of the Standalone Financial Statements**

### Opinion

- 1. We have audited the accompanying standalone financial statements of Gujarat Pipavav Port Limited ("the Company"), which comprise the standalone Balance Sheet as at March 31, 2024, and the standalone Statement of Profit and Loss (including Other Comprehensive Income), the standalone Statement of Changes in Equity and the standalone Statement of Cash Flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including material accounting policy information and other explanatory information.
- 2. In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us, the aforesaid standalone financial statements give the information required by the Companies Act, 2013 ("the Act") in the manner so required and give a true and fair view in conformity with the accounting principles generally accepted in India, of the state of affairs of the Company as at March 31, 2024, and total comprehensive income (comprising of profit and other comprehensive loss), changes in equity and its cash flows for the year then ended.

### **Basis for Opinion**

3. We conducted our audit in accordance with the Standards on Auditing (SAs) specified under Section 143(10) of the Act. Our responsibilities under those Standards are further described in the "Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements" section of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the Code of Ethics issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements under the provisions of the Act and the Rules thereunder, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the Code of Ethics. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### **Emphasis of Matter**

4. We draw attention to Note 32(c) to the standalone financial statements which describes the associated uncertainty and the necessary steps being taken by the Company based on external legal expert's advice in relation to the recovery of Bank Guarantee amounting to INR 185.35 million encashed by Gujarat Maritime Board ('GMB') on February 13, 2019, and further demand of Rs. 337.59 million alongwith interest thereupon at the rate of 18% per annum towards liquidated damages, and Rs. 33.36 million towards GST alongwith interest thereupon at the rate of 18% per annum, raised by GMB vide their letter dated October 27, 2021. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.



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### **Key audit matters**

5. Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgement, were of most significance in our audit of the financial statements of the current period. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the financial statements as a whole and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

### Key audit matter

#### Estimation of accruals in respect of incentives and rebates related to volume sales (Refer note 2.4 and 2.23 in the standalone financial statements)

The Company recognizes revenue net of trade incentives and rebates wherever applicable. The amounts netted off from revenue is INR 1706.48 million (Refer note 19 in the standalone financial statements) and accrual recognized as at March 31. 2024 on account of incentives and rebates amounted to INR 1,273.83 million (Refer note 18 in the standalone financial statements). Such incentives and rebates are based on contract terms and volume of future sales forecast involving significant management judgement and estimation and accordingly has been determined to be a key audit matter.

#### How our audit addressed the key audit matter

In relation to the estimation of accrual in respect of incentives and rebates related to volume sales, we performed procedures, including the following:

- 1. Assessed the appropriateness of accounting policy and related disclosures in the standalone financial statements.
- 2. Understood and evaluated the design and tested the operating effectiveness of internal controls over calculations of rebates and incentives and timing of recognition of the same.
- 3. On a test check basis, verified the credit notes issued during the year in respect of rebates and incentives to customers and compared the same with contractual terms as well as accrual already recognized to assess reasonableness of such accrual recognized.
- 4. Performed look-back analysis for past trends by comparing recent actuals with the estimates of earlier year and including payments/credit notes issued to customers subsequent to the year end on sample basis.
- 5. Performed a sensitivity analysis by reducing and increasing the sales forecasts within a reasonably foreseeable range.
- 6. Assessed manual journals posted to other than revenue to identify unusual items and corroborating the journals entries with supporting documents.

Based on the above procedures performed, we did not identify any significant differences in the Management's estimation of accrual in respect of incentives and rebates related to volume sales where applicable.



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### **Other Information**

6. The Company's Board of Directors is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, but does not include the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

# Responsibilities of management and those charged with governance for the financial statements

- 7. The Company's Board of Directors is responsible for the matters stated in Section 134(5) of the Act with respect to the preparation of these standalone financial statements that give a true and fair view of the financial position, financial performance, changes in equity and cash flows of the Company in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in India, including the Accounting Standards specified under Section 133 of the Act. This responsibility also includes maintenance of adequate accounting records in accordance with the provisions of the Act for safeguarding of the assets of the Company and for preventing and detecting frauds and other irregularities; selection and application of appropriate accounting policies; making judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and design, implementation and maintenance of adequate internal financial controls, that were operating effectively for ensuring the accuracy and completeness of the accounting records, relevant to the preparation and presentation of the financial statements that give a true and fair view and are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.
- 8. In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so. Those Board of Directors are also responsible for overseeing the Company's financial reporting process.

### Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

9. Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with SAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.



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- 10.As part of an audit in accordance with SAs, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:
  - Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
  - Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances. Under Section 143(3)(i) of the Act, we are also responsible for expressing our opinion on whether the Company has adequate internal financial controls with reference to financial statements in place and the operating effectiveness of such controls.
  - Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
  - Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Company to cease to continue as a going concern.
  - Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- 11. We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.
- 12. We also provide those charged with governance with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.
- 13. From the matters communicated with those charged with governance, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the financial statements of the current period and are therefore the key audit matters. We describe these matters in our auditor's report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter or when, in extremely rare circumstances, we determine that a matter should not be communicated in our report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.

### Report on other legal and regulatory requirements

- 14. As required by the Companies (Auditor's Report) Order, 2020 ("the Order"), issued by the Central Government of India in terms of sub-section (11) of Section 143 of the Act, we give in the Annexure B a statement on the matters specified in paragraphs 3 and 4 of the Order, to the extent applicable.
- 15. As required by Section 143(3) of the Act, we report that:
  - (a) We have sought and obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purposes of our audit.



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- (b) In our opinion, proper books of account as required by law relating to preparation of the aforesaid standalone financial statements have been kept so far as it appears from our examination of those books, except that with respect to books and records maintained in electronic mode daily backup on servers physically located in India was not maintained for the following: (Refer note 38 in the standalone financial statements)
  - i. certain books of account and books and papers for the period 1 April 2023 to 8 December 2023;
  - ii. certain other books of account and other books and papers for the period 1 April 2023 to 16 December 2023; and
  - iii. records and audit logs.
  - iv. the matters stated in paragraph 15(h)(vi) below on reporting under Rule 11(g) of the Companies (Audit and Auditors) Rules, 2014 (as amended) ("the Rules").
- (c) The standalone Balance Sheet, the standalone Statement of Profit and Loss (including other comprehensive loss), the standalone Statement of Changes in Equity and the standalone Statement of Cash Flows dealt with by this Report are in agreement with the books of account.
- (d) In our opinion, the aforesaid standalone financial statements comply with the Accounting Standards specified under Section 133 of the Act.
- (e) On the basis of the written representations received from the directors as on March 31, 2024 taken on record by the Board of Directors, none of the directors is disqualified as on March 31, 2024 from being appointed as a director in terms of Section 164(2) of the Act.
- (f) With respect to the maintenance of accounts and other matters connected therewith, reference is made to our comment in paragraph 15(b).
- (g) With respect to the adequacy of the internal financial controls with reference to financial statements of the Company and the operating effectiveness of such controls, refer to our separate Report in "Annexure A".
- (h) With respect to the other matters to be included in the Auditor's Report in accordance with Rule 11 of the Companies (Audit and Auditors) Rules, 2014, in our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us:
  - i. The Company has disclosed the impact of pending litigations on its financial position in its financial statements Refer Note 32 to the standalone financial statements.
  - ii. The Company was not required to recognise a provision as at March 31, 2024 under the applicable law or accounting standards, as it does not have any material foreseeable losses on long-term contract. The Company did not have any derivative contracts as at March 31, 2024.
  - iii. There has been no delay in transferring amounts, required to be transferred, to the Investor Education and Protection Fund by the Company during the year.
  - iv. (a) The management has represented that, to the best of its knowledge and belief, and as disclosed in the Note 37 (viii) to the standalone financial statements, no funds have been advanced or loaned or invested (either from borrowed funds or share premium or any other sources or kind of funds) by the Company to or in any other person(s) or entity(ies), including foreign entities ("Intermediaries"), with the understanding, whether recorded in writing or otherwise, that the Intermediary shall, whether, directly or indirectly, lend or invest in other persons or entities identified in any manner whatsoever by or on behalf of the Company ("Ultimate Beneficiaries") or provide any guarantee, security or the like on behalf of the Ultimate Beneficiaries;



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- (b) The management has represented that, to the best of its knowledge and belief, as disclosed in the Note 37 (viii) to the standalone financial statements, no funds have been received by the Company from any person(s) or entity(ies), including foreign entities ("Funding Parties"), with the understanding, whether recorded in writing or otherwise, that the Company shall, whether, directly or indirectly, lend or invest in other persons or entities identified in any manner whatsoever by or on behalf of the Funding Party ("Ultimate Beneficiarie s") or provide any guarantee, security or the like on behalf of the Ultimate Beneficiaries; and
- (c) Based on such audit procedures that we considered reasonable and appropriate in the circumstances, nothing has come to our notice that has caused us to believe that the representations under sub-clause (a) and (b) contain any material misstatement.
- v. The dividend declared and paid during the year by the Company is in compliance with Section 123 of the Act.
- vi. Based on our examination, which included test checks, the Company has used accounting software for maintaining its books of account which has a feature of recording audit trail (edit log) facility and that has operated throughout the year for all relevant transactions recorded in the software, except that audit trail was not available for certain transactions and master data set and for direct database changes. Further, during the course of performing our procedures, except for the aforesaid instances of audit trail not being maintained where the question of our commenting on whether the audit trail has been tampered with does not arise, we did not notice any instance of audit trail feature being tampered with. (Refer note 39 in the standalone financial statements).
- 16. The Company has paid/ provided for managerial remuneration in accordance with the requisite approvals mandated by the provisions of Section 197 read with Schedule V to the Act.

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Alpa Kedia Partner Membership Number: 100681 UDIN: 24100681BKFGDH1871

Mumbai May 22, 2024

#### Annexure A to Independent Auditor's Report

Referred to in paragraph 15(g) of the Independent Auditor's Report of even date to the members of Gujarat Pipavav Port Limited on the standalone financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2024 Page 1 of 2

# Report on the Internal Financial Controls with reference to Financial Statements under clause (i) of sub-section 3 of Section 143 of the Act

1. We have audited the internal financial controls with reference to financial statements of Gujarat Pipavav Port Limited ("the Company") as of March 31, 2024 in conjunction with our audit of the standalone financial statements of the Company for the year ended on that date.

#### Management's Responsibility for Internal Financial Controls

2. The Company's management is responsible for establishing and maintaining internal financial controls based on the internal control over financial reporting criteria established by the Company considering the essential components of internal control stated in the Guidance Note on Audit of Internal Financial Controls Over Financial Reporting ("the Guidance Note") issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India ("ICAI"). These responsibilities include the design, implementation and maintenance of adequate internal financial controls that were operating effectively for ensuring the orderly and efficient conduct of its business, including adherence to company's policies, the safeguarding of its assets, the prevention and detection of frauds and errors, the accuracy and completeness of the accounting records, and the timely preparation of reliable financial information, as required under the Act.

#### Auditor's Responsibility

- 3. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company's internal financial controls with reference to financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with the Guidance Note and the Standards on Auditing deemed to be prescribed under Section 143(10) of the Act to the extent applicable to an audit of internal financial controls, both applicable to an audit of internal financial controls, both applicable to an audit of internal financial controls and both issued by the ICAI. Those Standards and the Guidance Note require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether adequate internal financial controls with reference to financial statements was established and maintained and if such controls operated effectively in all material respects.
- 4. Our audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the adequacy of the internal financial controls system with reference to financial statements and their operating effectiveness. Our audit of internal financial controls with reference to financial statements included obtaining an understanding of internal financial controls with reference to financial statements, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, and testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error.
- 5. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion on the Company's internal financial controls system with reference to financial statements.



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#### Meaning of Internal Financial Controls with reference to financial statements

6. A company's internal financial controls with reference to financial statements is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A company's internal financial controls with reference to financial statements includes those policies and procedures that (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (2) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorisations of management and directors of the company; and (3) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorised acquisition, use, or disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

#### Inherent Limitations of Internal Financial Controls with reference to financial statements

7. Because of the inherent limitations of internal financial controls with reference to financial statements, including the possibility of collusion or improper management override of controls, material misstatements due to error or fraud may occur and not be detected. Also, projections of any evaluation of the internal financial controls with reference to financial statements to future periods are subject to the risk that the internal financial controls with reference to financial statements may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

#### Opinion

8. In our opinion, the Company has, in all material respects, an adequate internal financial controls system with reference to financial statements and such internal financial controls with reference to financial statements were operating effectively as at March 31, 2024, based on the internal control over financial reporting criteria established by the Company considering the essential components of internal control stated in the Guidance Note issued by ICAI.

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Mumbai May 22, 2024

## Price Waterhouse Chartered Accountants LLP Annexure B to Independent Auditors' Report

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In terms of the information and explanations sought by us and furnished by the Company, and the books of account and records examined by us during the course of our audit, and to the best of our knowledge and belief, we report that:

- i. (a) (A) The Company is maintaining proper records showing full particulars, including quantitative details and situation, of Property, Plant and Equipment.
  - (B) The Company is maintaining proper records showing full particulars of Intangible Assets.
  - (b) The Property, Plant and Equipment are physically verified by the Management according to a phased programme designed to cover all the items over a period of 3 years which, in our opinion, is reasonable having regard to the size of the Company and the nature of its assets. Pursuant to the programme, a portion of the Property, Plant and Equipment has been physically verified by the Management during the year and no material discrepancies have been noticed on such verification.
  - (c) The title deeds of all the immovable properties (other than properties where the Company is the lessee and the lease agreements are duly executed in favour of the lessee), as disclosed in Note 3(a)(i) to the standalone financial statements, are held in the name of the Company, except for the following:

Description of property	Gross carrying value	Held in the name of	Whether promoter, director or their relative or employee	Period held - indicate range, where appropriate	Reason for not being held in the name of the Company
Land	INR 24.99 million	Government of Gujarat	No	April 2015	Refer note 1 of Note 3(a)(i) of Standalone financial statements.

- (d) The Company has not revalued its Property, Plant and Equipment (including Right of Use assets) or intangible assets or both during the year. Consequently, the question of our commenting on whether the revaluation is based on the valuation by a Registered Valuer, or specifying the amount of change, if the change is 10% or more in the aggregate of the net carrying value of each class of Property, Plant and Equipment (including Right of Use assets) or intangible assets does not arise.
- (e) Based on the information and explanations furnished to us, no proceedings have been initiated on the Company for holding benami property under the Prohibition of Benami Property Transactions Act, 1988 (as amended in 2016) (formerly the Benami Transactions (Prohibition) Act, 1988 (45 of 1988)) and Rules made thereunder, and therefore the question of our commenting on whether the Company has appropriately disclosed the details in the financial statements does not arise.



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- ii. (a) The physical verification of inventory has been conducted at reasonable intervals by the Management during the year and, in our opinion, the coverage and procedure of such verification by Management is appropriate. The discrepancies noticed on physical verification of inventory as compared to book records were not 10% or more in aggregate for each class of inventory.
  - (b) During the year, the Company has not been sanctioned working capital limits in excess of Rs. 5 crores, in aggregate from banks and financial institutions on the basis of security of current assets and accordingly, the question of our commenting on whether the quarterly returns or statements are in agreement with the unaudited books of account of the Company does not arise.
- iii. (a) The Company has granted unsecured loans to 138 employees (Also refer Note 8(d) to the financial statements). The aggregate amount during the year, and balance outstanding at the balance sheet date with respect to such loans to employees are as per the table given. The Company has not made any investments, granted secured/ unsecured advances in nature of loans, or stood guarantee, or provided security to companies /firms/ limited liability partnerships.

Particulars	Interest free Loans to employees Rs.
Aggregate amount granted/ provided during the year - Others	15.03 million
Balance outstanding as a balance sheet date in respect of the above case - Others	5.81 million

- (b) In respect of the aforesaid loans to employees the terms and conditions under which such loans were granted are not prejudicial to the Company's interest.
- (c) In respect of the loans to employees the schedule of repayment of principal and payment of interest has been stipulated, and the parties are repaying the principal amounts, as stipulated, and are also regular in payment of interest as applicable.
- (d) In respect of the aforesaid loans to employees, there is no amount which is overdue for more than ninety days.
- (e) There were no loans to employees which have fallen due during the year and were renewed/extended. Further, no fresh loans were granted to same parties to settle the existing overdue loans to employees.
- (f) There were no loans/ advances in nature of loans except to those employees as mentioned above which were granted during the year, including to promoters/ related parties.
- iv. The Company has not granted any loans or made any investments or provided any guarantees or security to the parties covered under Sections 185 and 186. Therefore, the reporting under clause 3(iv) of the Order are not applicable to the Company.
- v. The Company has not accepted any deposits or amounts which are deemed to be deposits referred in Sections 73, 74, 75 and 76 of the Act and the Rules framed there under.



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- vi. The Central Government of India has not specified the maintenance of cost records under subsection (1) of Section 148 of the Act for any of the services of the Company. Accordingly, reporting under clause 3(vi) of the Order is not applicable to the Company.
- vii. (a) In our opinion, the Company is generally regular in depositing undisputed statutory dues in respect of Professional Tax and Income Tax, though there has been a slight delay in a few cases, and is regular in depositing undisputed statutory dues, including employees' state insurance, sales tax, service tax, duty of customs, duty of excise, value added tax, cess, goods and services tax and other material statutory dues, as applicable, with the appropriate authorities.
  - (b) According to the information and explanations given to us and the records of the Company examined by us, there are no statutory dues of sales-tax, duty of customs, duty of excise, value added tax and goods and service tax which have not been deposited on account of any dispute. The particulars of dues of income tax and service tax as at March 31, 2023 which have not been deposited on account of a dispute, are as follows:

Name of the statute	Nature of dues	Amount (Rs.) (INR million) @	Period to which the amount relates	Forum where the dispute is pending
Income tax Act, 1961	Income Tax	3.36	2013-14	Commissioner of Income Tax (Appeals)
Income tax Act, 1961	Income Tax	74.06#	2014-15	Appeal filed before the Mumbai High Court against ITAT order Further, Miscellaneous Application filed before the ITAT
Income tax Act, 1961	Income Tax	9.59	2019-20	Commissioner of Income Tax (Appeals)
Income tax Act, 1961	Income Tax	6.26	2020-21	Commissioner of Income Tax (Appeals)
Finance Act, 1994	Service Tax	95.71\$	2008-09 to 2015-16	Customs, Excise and Service Tax Appellate Tribunal
CGST Act, 2017	Goods and Services Tax	5.11	2018-19	GST (Appellate Authority)

@ Including interest and penalty mentioned in the demand

# Net of amounts paid under protest of Rs. 15.00 million

\$ Net of amounts paid under protest of Rs. 2.58 million

- viii. There are no transactions previously unrecorded in the books of account that have been surrendered or disclosed as income during the year in the tax assessments under the Income Tax Act, 1961.
- ix. (a) As the Company did not have any loans or other borrowings from any lender during the year, the reporting under clause 3(ix)(a) of the Order is not applicable to the Company.



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- (b) On the basis of our audit procedures, we report that the Company has not been declared Wilful Defaulter by any bank or financial institution or government or any government authority.
- (c) In our opinion, the Company has not obtained any term loans. Accordingly, reporting under clause 3(ix)(c) of the Order is not applicable to the Company.
- (d) According to the information and explanations given to us, and the procedures performed by us, and on an overall examination of the financial statements of the Company, we report that no funds raised on short-term basis have been utilised for long-term purposes by the Company.
- (e) On an overall examination of the financial statements of the Company, we report that the Company has not taken any funds from any entity or person on account of or to meet the obligations of its associate company. The Company does not have any subsidiary or joint venture.
- (f) According to the information and explanations given to us and procedures performed by us, we report that the Company has not raised loans during the year on the pledge of securities held in its associate company. The Company does not have any subsidiary or joint venture.
- (x)(a) The Company has not raised any money by way of initial public offer or further public offer (including debt instruments) during the year. Accordingly, the reporting under clause 3(x)(a) of the Order is not applicable to the Company.
- (x)(b) The Company has not made any preferential allotment or private placement of shares or fully or partially or optionally convertible debentures during the year. Accordingly, the reporting under clause 3(x)(b) of the Order is not applicable to the Company.
- (xi) (a) During the course of our examination of the books and records of the Company, carried out in accordance with the generally accepted auditing practices in India, we have neither come across any instance of material fraud by the Company or on the Company, noticed or reported during the year, nor have we been informed of any such case by the Management.
- (xi)(b) During the course of our examination of the books and records of the Company, carried out in accordance with the generally accepted auditing practices in India, a report under Section 143(12) of the Act, in Form ADT-4, as prescribed under rule 13 of Companies (Audit and Auditors) Rules, 2014 was not required to be filed with the Central Government. Accordingly, the reporting under clause 3(xi)(b) of the Order is not applicable to the Company.
- (xi)(c) During the course of our examination of the books and records of the Company carried out in accordance with the generally accepted auditing practices in India, the Company has received four whistle-blower complaints during the year, which have been considered by us for any bearing on our audit and reporting under this clause. As explained by the management, there was one complaint in respect of which investigation is ongoing as on the date of our report and our consideration of the complaints having any bearing on our audit is based on the information furnished to us by the management.
- xii. As the Company is not a Nidhi Company and the Nidhi Rules, 2014 are not applicable to it, the reporting under clause 3(xii) of the Order is not applicable to the Company.



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- xiii. The Company has entered into transactions with related parties in compliance with the provisions of Sections 177 and 188 of the Act. The details of related party transactions have been disclosed in the financial statements as required under Indian Accounting Standard 24 "Related Party Disclosures" specified under Section 133 of the Act.
- (xiv)(a) In our opinion, the Company has an internal audit system commensurate with the size and nature of its business.
- (xiv)(b) The reports of the Internal Auditor for the period under audit have been considered by us.
- xv. In our opinion, the Company has not entered into any non-cash transactions with its directors or persons connected with him. Accordingly, the reporting on compliance with the provisions of Section 192 of the Act under clause 3(xv) of the Order is not applicable to the Company.
- xvi. (a) The Company is not required to be registered under Section 45-IA of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934. Accordingly, the reporting under clause 3(xvi)(a) of the Order is not applicable to the Company.
  - (b) The Company has not conducted non-banking financial activities during the year. Accordingly, the reporting under clause 3(xvi)(b) of the Order is not applicable to the Company.
  - (c) The Company is not a Core Investment Company (CIC) as defined in the regulations made by the Reserve Bank of India. Accordingly, the reporting under clause 3(xvi)(c) of the Order is not applicable to the Company.
  - (d) Based on the information and explanations provided by the management of the Company, the Group (as defined in the Core Investment Companies (Reserve Bank) Directions, 2016) does not have any CICs, which are part of the Group. We have not, however, separately evaluated whether the information provided by the management is accurate and complete. Accordingly, the reporting under clause 3(xvi)(d) of the Order is not applicable to the Company.
- (xvii) The Company has not incurred any cash losses in the financial year or in the immediately preceding financial year.
- (xviii) There has been no resignation of the statutory auditors during the year and accordingly the reporting under clause 3(xviii) of the Order is not applicable.
- (xix) On the basis of the financial ratios, ageing and expected dates of realisation of financial assets and payment of financial liabilities, other information accompanying the financial statements, our knowledge of the Board of Directors and management plans and based on our examination of the evidence supporting the assumptions, nothing has come to our attention, which causes us to believe that any material uncertainty exists as on the date of the audit report that the Company is not capable of meeting its liabilities existing at the date of balance sheet as and when they fall due within a period of one year from the balance sheet date. We, however, state that this is not an assurance as to the future viability of the Company. We further state that our reporting is based on the facts up to the date of the audit report and we neither give any guarantee nor any assurance that all liabilities falling due within a period of one year from the balance sheet for the balance sheet date will get discharged by the Company as and when they fall due.



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(xx) (a) The Company has not transferred the amount of Corporate Social Responsibility remaining unspent under sub-section (5) of Section 135 of the Act in respect of "other than ongoing projects" to a Fund specified in Schedule VII to the Act until the date of our report. However, the time period for such transfer, i.e., six months of the expiry of the financial year as permitted under the second proviso to sub-section (5) of Section 135 of the Act has not elapsed until the date of our report. Details are as given below:

(Rs. In millions)

Financial year	Amount to be spent in accordance with section 135(5)	Amount remaining unspent as at the year-end to be transferred to fund under Sch. VII	Amount transferred to Fund under Sch. VII, within 6 months from end of financial year (or till the date of audit report, if that is earlier)	Amount transferred to Fund under Sch. VII, after 6 months from end of financial year (till the date of audit report)	Amount not transferred to Fund under Sch. VII, till the date of audit report
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
2023- 2024	70.07	10.24	Nil	Nil	10.24

(Also, refer Note 25(a) to the standalone financial statements)

- (b) The Company has not undertaken any ongoing projects in pursuance of its Corporate Social Responsibility Policy. Accordingly, reporting under clause 3(xx)(b) of the Order is not applicable to the Company.
- (xxi) The reporting under clause 3(xxi) of the Order is not applicable in respect of audit of Standalone Financial Statements. Accordingly, no comment in respect of the said clause has been included in this report.

For Price Waterhouse Chartered Accountants LLP Firm Registration Number: 012754N/ N500016 Chartered Accountants

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Alpa Kedia Partner Membership Number: 100681 UDIN: 24100681BKFGDH1871

Mumbai May 22, 2024

#### GUJARAT PIPAVAV PORT LIMITED

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#### STATEMENT OF STANDALONE RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND YEAR ENDED ON 31 MARCH 2024

Sr. No.	Particulars	3 months ended	Preceding 3 months ended	Corresponding 3 months ended in the previous year	Year ended	Year ended
NO.		31/03/2024	31/12/2023	31/03/2023	31/03/2024	31/03/2023
		(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Audited)	(Audited)
1	Income	Sector Sector				
	a. Revenue from operations	2,512.75	2,696,30	2,347.28	9,884.29	9,169.50
	b. Other Income	194.89	189.76	160.01	786.97	510,00
	Total Income	2,707.64	2,886.06	2,507.29	10,671.26	9,679.50
2	Expenses					
	a. Operating expenses	372.90	486,44	459.00	1,746.80	1,922.00
	b. Employee benefits expense	193.52	199.98	165.32	791.35	745.81
	c. Finance costs	26.03	20.15	19.11	93.20	79,55
	d. Depreciation and amortisation expense	289.27	291.82	275.68	1,156.01	1,161.54
	e. Other expenses	373.71	416.83	423.52	1,615.61	1,480.28
	Total expenses	1,255.43	1,415.22	1,342.63	5,402.97	5,389.18
3	Profit before exceptional items and tax (1 - 2)	1,452.21	1,470.84	1,164.66	5,268.29	4,290.32
4	Exceptional items (Refer Note No. 3 and Note No. 5)	518.55	1.03	49.77	530.28	371.67
5	Profit before tax (3 - 4)	933.66	1,469.81	1,114.89	4,738.01	3,918.65
6	Tax expense					
	For the year					
	a. Current tax expense	383.72	359.12	316.79	1,341.41	1,047.01
	b. Deferred tax (credit) /expense	(149,41)	7.93	(42.30)	(141.38)	(46.16)
7	Net Profit for the period/year (5 - 6)	699.35	1,102.76	840.40	3,537.98	2,917.80
8	Other comprehensive income, net of income tax					
	Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss					
	- Re-measurement of post-employment benefit obligations	(6.14)	-	11.04	(13.40)	8.94
	- Less: Tax relating to above	1.55	14 A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A	(2.78)	3.38	(2.24)
	Total other comprehensive (loss)/income, net of income tax	(4.59)		8.26	(10.02)	6.70
9	Total comprehensive income for the period/year (7 + 8)	694.76	1,102.76	848.66	3,527.96	2,924.50
10	Paid-up equity share capital (Face value ₹ 10 per share)	4,834.40	4,834.40	4,834.40	4,834.40	4,834.40
11	Other Equity				16,092.63	15,948.75
	Basic and diluted earnings per share (of ₹ 10/- each) (not annualised)	1.45	2.28	1.74	7.32	6.04

#### GUJARAT PIPAVAV PORT LIMITED

#### STATEMENT OF STANDALONE AUDITED ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

articu	ilars	As at	(₹ In Million As at
		31/03/2024	31/03/2023
		(Audited)	(Audited)
A	SSETS	A CONTRACTOR OF A	No. of Sold of
1	Non-current assets		
а	. Property, plant and equipment	12,890.52	12,899.98
b	. Right-of-use-assets	662,83	722.72
	Capital work in progress	802.30	901.9
	Intangible assets	27.49	8.8
e		2.93	43.6
f		830.00	830.0
	. Financial assets	050.00	000.0
e	Other financial assets	266,98	224,3
1	a. Income Tax Assets (net)	202.87	202.8
	. Other non-current assets	2.39	
1			6.4
	Total non-current assets	15,688.31	15,840.6
2	Current assets	1. Service 1973.	
	a. Inventories	89.63	75.9
t	b. Financial assets	College March	
	i. Trade receivables	576.66	856.2
	ii. Cash and cash equivalents	236.58	157.7
	iii. Bank balances other than (ii) above	10,209.14	8,790.2
	iv. Loans	5.81	4.7
	v. Other financial assets	29.59	412.3
c	e. Other current assets	148.27	230.6
	Total current assets	11,295.68	10,527.7
	TOTAL ASSETS	26,983.99	26,368.4
E 1	QUITY AND LIABILITIES Equity Equity share capital	4,834.40	4,834.4
	Other equity	4,054.40	4,004.4
	Reserves and surplus	16,092.63	15,948.7
	Total equity	20,927.03	20,783.1
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1	Non-current liabilities		
1	a. Financial liabilities	1997-0000	
	i. Lease liabilities	567.28	617.4
	ii. Other financial liabilities	106.21	218.2
	b. Employee benefit obligations	33.70	25.2
4	c. Deferred tax liabilities (net)	1,262.10	1,406.8
(	d. Other non-current liabilities	373.38	421.4
	Total non-current liabilities	2,342.67	2,689.2
I	I Current liabilities		
	a. Financial liabilities		
	i. Trade payables		
	(a) Total outstanding of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises	4.19	17.0
	(b) Total outstanding dues other than (a) above	599.80	641.7
	ii. Lease liabilities	224.84	176.9
	iii. Other financial liabilities	325.93	229.1
à	b. Provisions	814.96	208.0
	c. Employee benefit obligations	170.24	134.3
	d. Income tax provisions (net)	4.49	44.2
	e. Other current liabilities	and the second	1,444.0
	Total current liabilities	1,569.84 3,714.29	
	Total current habilities	6,056.96	2,896.
		0.030.76	3.303.

#### GUJARAT PIPAVAV PORT LIMITED STANDALONE STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Year ended	Year ended
Particulars	31 March 2024	31 March 2023
	(Audited)	(Audited)
Cash flows from operating activities		
Profit before Income tax	4,738.01	3,918.65
Adjustments for :	+3736.01	5,710.05
Deferred income recognised	(48.24)	(51.31)
Depreciation and amortisation expense	1,156.01	1,161.54
Finance costs	93.20	79.55
Interest on litigation provisions	518.24	
Dividend and interest income classified as investing cash flows	(685.01)	(405.69)
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	1.23	4.55
Loss on termination of leased asset	6.50	(*)
Sundry balances written (back) / off	(11.74)	0.28
Provisions for doubtful debts and inventory	(2.40)	17.56
Bad debts written off	1.14	7.58
Inventory Write Off	-	2.91
Foreign currency transactions and translations differences	4.62	8.87
Provision for security deposit	-	4.23
	5,771.56	4,748.72
Operating profit before working capital changes		
Decrease / (Increase) in trade receivables	282.33	(360.23)
(Increase) / Decrease in inventories	(19.83)	12.92
(Increase) / Decrease in loans	(1.08)	1.61
(Increase) / Decrease in other financial assets	(39.17)	1.69
Decrease / (Increase) in other assets	82.40	(44.12)
(Decrease) / Increase in trade payables	(10.29)	189.20
Increase / (Decrease) in employee benefit obligations	31.00	(1.88)
(Decrease) / Increase in other financial liabilities	(74.46)	1.03
Increase in provision	88.73	6 <b>2</b> 0
Increase in other current liabilities	119.97	225.18
	459.60	25.40
Cash generated from operations	6,231.16	4,774.12
Income taxes paid	(1,381.12)	(1,072.75)
Net cash inflow from operating activities	4,850.04	3,701.37
Cash flows from investing activities		
Payments for property, plant and equipment	(712.69)	(578.25)
Payments for termination of leased asset	(6.96)	(376.23)
Dividends received from Associate company	38.00	
Interest received	590.21	278.54
Placement of fixed deposits with Banks	(14,110.58)	(27,010.68)
Proceeds from maturity of fixed deposits with Banks	13,127.89	26,493.68
Net cash outflow from investing activities	(1,074.13)	(816.71)
Cash flows from financing activities	(1,074.15)	(010.71)
Interest paid		
Repayment of lease liability	(3.11)	(4.95)
Dividends paid to Company's shareholders	(309.85)	(260.07
Unclaimed Dividend	(3,383.89)	(2,464.41)
Net cash outflow from financing activities	(0.19)	(1.14)
	(3,697.04)	(2,730.57)
Net Increase in cash and cash equivalents	78.87	154.09
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year	157.71	3.62
Effects of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	-	-
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year	236.58	157.71
Non cash financing and investing activites	Lawrence Designation	2232601491543
Acquitions of right of use assets	185.67	534.67

Reconciliation of cash and cash equivalents as per the cash flow statement		
	31 March 2024	31 March 2023
Cash and cash equivalents as per above comprise of the following		
Cash and cash equivalents	236.58	157.71
Balance as per statement of cash flows	236.58	157.71

## GUJARAT PIPAVAV PORT LIMITED

Notes :

1 The above results have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors in their meetings held on 21st May 2024 and 22nd May 2024 respectively.

- 2 The Company has only one reportable business segment, which is "Port Services" and only one reportable geographical segment, which is the port at Pipavav. Accordingly, the Company is a single segment Company in accordance with Indian Accounting Standard 108 "Operating Segment".
- 3 On 17th May 2021, the Company's port location at Pipavav was hit by cyclone "Tauktae". Due precautions were taken to minimise the impact of the cyclone on the infrastructure at the port and there was no loss of life. However, the operations at the port were disrupted till 1st June 2021 mainly due to the loss of grid power supply. Further, certain portion of the property, plant and equipment required repairs for which the Company had started necessary activities. The Company has incurred ₹ 62.04 million during the year ended 31st March 2024 (year ended 31st March 2023: ₹ 371.67 million). The Company has received an interim claims of ₹ 50 million during the year ended 31st March 2024 (year ended 31st March 2023: ₹ 371.67 million). The Company has received an interim claims of ₹ 50 million during the year ended 31st March 2024. The Company will progressively share the details of expenses being incurred ₹ 779.80 million actions. Additional expenses incurred in due course by the Company continue to be disclosed under 'Exceptional Items'.
- 4 The Company had made an application for approval of expansion plan to Gujarat Maritime Board (GMB) on 1st October 2012. The approval was received from GMB vide letter dated 10th April 2015. As per one of the conditions of the approval, the Company had issued a bank guarantee of ₹ 185.35 Million which was encashed by GMB on 13th February 2019. Further, GMB also asked the Company to pay ₹ 337.59 million towards liquidated damages along with interest thereupon at the rate of 18% per annum, and GST on the aforesaid bank guarantee amounting to ₹ 33.36 million along with interest thereupon at the rate of 18% per annum, vide their letter dated 27th October 2021. The Company reviewed the terms and conditions of approval and based on the management assessment and external legal expert advice, the Management believes that the amount of bank guarantee is recoverable as well as no liquidated damages are liable to be paid, and had filed a Commercial Suit before the Commercial Court, Rajula in this regard. The Commercial Court, Rajula has directed both the parties to settle the matter through Arbitration process. The proceedings for appointment of arbitrator was initiated by the Company by sending legal notice u/s 11 of the Arbitration Act on 28th August 2023. The said notice was replied by GMB on 27th September 2023 stating that the matter should be resolved as per the dispute resolution mechanism as par the concession agreement. The Company has given its concurrence for the alternative dispute resolution mechanism and the matter is pending for further proceedings.
- 5 The Company had entered into an agreement with one of its customers in the year 1998 for setting up the tank farms at Port. As per the terms of agreement, the customer paid land premium and development charges of ₹ 107.30 million. One of the conditions of the agreement was that the Company should provide the rail connectivity at Pipavav on or before March 2000. The Company could not meet this condition as the rail connectivity was established only by the year 2003. The customer initiated the arbitration proceedings against the Company in the year 2005 seeking a refund of ₹ 107.30 million with interest thereon in accordance with the agreement. The Arbitrator on 12th February 2024 announced an award against the Company and asked the Company to refund the principle with interest till the date of payment. The Company has lield for rectification of the award due to the apparent errors in the claim amount. The arbitrator convened the hearing on 13th May 2024 and the revised order is awaited. Pending receipt of the revised order, the Company has accrued the estimated amount payable of ₹ 671.64 million including interest cost of ₹ 518.24 million. The Company is evaluating further course of action in respect of this matter.
- 6 The figures for the quarter ended 31st March 2024 are balancing figures between audited figures in respect of financial year ended 31st March 2024 and the published year to date figures upto the third quarter ended on 31st December 2023.
- 7 The Board of Directors propose final dividend of ₹ 3.70 per share on 483,439,910 equity shares of face value of ₹ 10 each, aggregating to ₹ 1,788.73 million, for the financial year 2023-24, subject to approval by the Members at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting of the Company.

Place : Mumbai Date : 22 May 2024

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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

#### To the Members of Gujarat Pipavav Port Limited

#### **Report on the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements**

#### **Qualified Opinion**

- 1. We have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of Gujarat Pipavav Port Limited (hereinafter referred to as the "Company") and its associate company (refer Note 34 to the attached consolidated financial statements), which comprise the consolidated Balance Sheet as at March 31, 2024, and the consolidated Statement of Profit and Loss (including Other Comprehensive Income), the consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity and the consolidated Statement of Cash Flows for the year then ended, and notes to the consolidated financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information (hereinafter referred to as "the consolidated financial statements").
- 2. In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us, except for the indeterminate effect of the matter described in the Basis of Qualified section, the aforesaid consolidated financial statements give the information required by the Companies Act, 2013 ("the Act") in the manner so required and give a true and fair view in conformity with the accounting principles generally accepted in India, of the consolidated state of affairs of the Company and its associate company as at March 31, 2024 and consolidated total comprehensive income (comprising of profit and other comprehensive loss), consolidated changes in equity and its consolidated cash flows for the year then ended.

#### **Basis for Qualified Opinion**

- 3. The consolidated financial statements include the Company's share of total comprehensive income (comprising of profit and other comprehensive loss) of INR 94.60 million, based on unaudited financial statements as at and for the year ended March 31, 2024, in respect of its associate company. Our opinion on the consolidated financial statements in so far as it relates to the amounts and disclosures included for the year ended on March 31, 2024, in respect of this associate company is based solely on such unaudited financial statements of the associate company for the year ended on March 31, 2024, as furnished to us by the Management of the Company. In absence of availability of audited financial statements we are unable to comment on additional adjustments and/disclosure that are required to be made to these consolidated financial statements.
- 4. We conducted our audit in accordance with the Standards on Auditing (SAs) specified under Section 143(10) of the Act. Our responsibilities under those Standards are further described in the "Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements" section of our report. We are independent of the Company and its associate company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the consolidated financial statements in India in terms of the Code of Ethics issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India and the relevant provisions of the Act, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our qualified opinion.



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#### **Emphasis of Matter**

5. We draw attention to Note 32(c) to the consolidated financial statements which describes the associated uncertainty and the necessary steps being taken by the Company based on external legal expert's advice in relation to the recovery of Bank Guarantee amounting to INR 185.35 million encashed by Gujarat Maritime Board ('GMB') on February 13, 2019, and further demand of Rs. 337.59 million alongwith interest thereupon at the rate of 18% per annum towards liquidated damages, and Rs. 33.36 million towards GST alongwith interest thereupon at the rate of 18% per annum, raised by GMB vide their letter dated October 27, 2021. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

#### **Key audit matters**

6. Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgement, were of most significance in our audit of the consolidated financial statements of the current period. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the consolidated financial statements as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters. In addition to the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion section, we have determined the matters described below to be the key audit matters to be communicated in our report.

Key audit matter	How our audit addressed the key audit matter
Estimation of accruals in respect of incentives and rebates related to volume sales (Refer note 2.4 and 2.23 to the consolidated finacial statements)	In relation to the estimation of accrual in respect of incentives and rebates related to volume sales, we performed procedures, including the following:
The Company recognizes revenue net of trade incentives and rebates wherever applicable. The	1. Assessed the appropriateness of accounting policy and related disclosures in the standalone financial statements.
amounts netted off from revenue is INR 1,706.48 million (Refer note 19 in the consolidated financial statements) and accrual recognized as at March 31, 2024 on account of incentives and rebates amounted to INR	2. Understood and evaluated the design and tested the operating effectiveness of internal controls over calculations of rebates and incentives and timing of recognition of the same.
1,273.83 million (Refer note 18 in the consolidated financial statements). Such incentives and rebates are based on contract terms and volume of future sales forecast involving significant management judgement and estimation and accordingly has been determined to be a key audit matter.	3. On a test check basis, verified the credit notes issued durin the year in respect of rebates and incentives to customers and compared the same with contractual terms as well as accrual already recognized to assess reasonableness of suc accrual recognized.
	4. Performed look-back analysis for past trends by comparing recent actuals with the estimates of earlier year and including payments/credit notes issued to customers subsequent to the year end on sample basis.
	5. Performed a sensitivity analysis by reducing and increasin the sales forecasts within a reasonably foreseeable range.



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<ol> <li>Assessed manual journals posted to other than revenue to identify unusual items and corroborating the journals entries with supporting documents.</li> </ol>
Based on the above procedures performed, we did not identify any significant differences in the Management's estimation of accrual in respect of incentives and rebates related to volume sales where applicable.

#### **Other Information**

7. The Company's Board of Directors is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual report but does not include the consolidated financial statements and our and other auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the consolidated financial statements does not cover the other information and we will not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the consolidated financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information identified above and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the consolidated financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed on the other information that we obtained prior to the date of this auditor's report, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

# Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Consolidated Financial Statements

The Company's Board of Directors is responsible for the preparation and presentation of these consolidated financial statements in term of the requirements of the Act that give a true and fair view of the consolidated financial position, consolidated financial performance and consolidated cash flows, and changes in equity of the Company including its associate company in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in India, including the Accounting Standards specified under Section 133 of the Act. The respective Board of Directors of the Company and its associate company are responsible for maintenance of adequate accounting records in accordance with the provisions of the Act for safeguarding the assets of the Company and associate company respectively, and for preventing and detecting frauds and other irregularities; selection and application of appropriate accounting policies; making judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and the design, implementation and maintenance of adequate internal financial controls, that were operating effectively for ensuring accuracy and completeness of the accounting records, relevant to the preparation and presentation of the consolidated financial statements that give a true and fair view and are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, which have been used for the purpose of preparation of the consolidated financial statements by the Directors of the Company, as aforesaid.



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- 9. In preparing the consolidated financial statements, the respective Board of Directors of the Company and its associate company are responsible for assessing the ability of the Company and of its associate company to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.
- 10. The respective Board of Directors of the Company and its associate company are responsible for overseeing the financial reporting process of the Company its associate company.

#### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements

- 11. Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with SAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these consolidated financial statements.
- 12. As part of an audit in accordance with SAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:
  - Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
  - Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances. Under Section 143(3)(i) of the Act, we are also responsible for expressing our opinion on whether the Company has adequate internal financial controls with reference to consolidated financial statements in place and the operating effectiveness of such controls.
  - Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
  - Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the Company and its associate company to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the consolidated financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Company and its associate company to cease to continue as a going concern.



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- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the consolidated financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the consolidated financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Company and its associate company to express an opinion on the consolidated financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the audit of the financial statements of such entities included in the consolidated financial statements of which we are the independent auditors. For the other entities included in the consolidated financial statements, which have been audited by other auditors, such other auditors remain responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the audits carried out by them. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.
- 13. We communicate with those charged with governance of the Company regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.
- 14. We also provide those charged with governance with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.
- 15. From the matters communicated with those charged with governance, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the consolidated financial statements of the current period and are therefore the key audit matters. We describe these matters in our auditor's report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter or when, in extremely rare circumstances, we determine that a matter should not be communicated in our report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.

#### **Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements**

16. As required by paragraph 3(xxi) of the Companies (Auditor's Report) Order, 2020 ("CARO 2020"), issued by the Central Government of India in terms of sub-section (11) of Section 143 of the Act, we report that there are no qualifications or adverse remarks in CARO, 2020 report on the standalone financial statements of the Company in our audit report dated May 22, 2024.

The statutory audit report of associate company Pipavav Railway Corporation Limited has not been issued until the date of this report. Accordingly, no comments for the said associate company have been included for the purpose of reporting under this clause.



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17. As required by Section 143(3) of the Act, we report, to the extent applicable, that:

- (a) We have sought and, except for the possible effects of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion section, obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purposes of our audit of the aforesaid consolidated financial statements.
- (b) In our opinion, except for the possible effects of the matter described in the 'Basis for Qualified Opinion' section above, proper books of account as required by law relating to preparation of the aforesaid consolidated financial statements have been kept so far as it appears from our examination of those books, except that with respect to books and records maintained in electronic mode daily backup on servers physically located in India was not maintained for the following: (Refer note 39 in the consolidated financial statements)
  - i. certain books of account and books and papers for the period 1 April 2023 to 8 December 2023;
  - ii. certain other books of account and other books and papers for the period 1 April 2023 to 16 December 2023; and
  - iii. records and audit logs.
  - iv. the matters stated in paragraph 17(h)(vi) below on reporting under Rule 11(g) of the Companies (Audit and Auditors) Rules, 2014 (as amended) ("the Rules").
- (c) Except for the possible effects of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion section, the Consolidated Balance Sheet, the Consolidated Statement of Profit and Loss (including other comprehensive income), the Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity and the Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows dealt with by this Report are in agreement with the relevant books of account and records maintained for the purpose of preparation of the consolidated financial statements.
- (d) Except for the possible effects of the matter described in the paragraph Basis for Qualified Opinion, in our opinion, the aforesaid consolidated financial statements comply with the Accounting Standards specified under Section 133 of the Act.
- (e) On the basis of the written representations received from the directors of the Company as on March 31, 2024, taken on record by the Board of Directors of the Company, none of the directors of the Company is disqualified as on March 31, 2024, from being appointed as a director in terms of Section 164(2) of the Act. Also refer paragraph 3 of the Basis of Qualified Opinion section.
- (f) With respect to the maintenance of accounts and other matters connected therewith, we draw reference to our comment in paragraph 17 (b) above.
- (g) With respect to the adequacy of internal financial controls with reference to consolidated financial statements of the Company and the operating effectiveness of such controls, we refer to Annexure A of this report. Also refer paragraph 3 of the Basis for Qualified Opinion section.
- (h) With respect to the other matters to be included in the Auditor's Report in accordance with Rule 11 of the Companies (Audit and Auditors) Rules, 2014, in our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us:
  - i. Except for the possible effects of the matter described in the paragraph basis for Qualified Opinion, the consolidated financial statements disclose the impact, if any, of pending litigations on the consolidated financial position of the Company and its associate company– Refer Note 32 to the consolidated financial statements.



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- ii. Except for the possible effects of the matter described in the basis for Qualified Opinion section, the Company and its associate were not required to recognise a provision as at arch 31, 2024, under the applicable law or accounting standards, as it does not have any material foreseeable losses on long-term contract. The Company and its associates company did not have any derivative contracts as at March 31, 2024.
- iii. Except for the possible effects of the matter described in the basis for Qualified Opinion section, there were no amounts which were required to be transferred to the Investor Education and Protection Fund by the Company and its associate company.
- iv. (a) The management of the Company have represented to us that, to the best of their knowledge and belief, as disclosed in the notes 38 (viii) to the consolidated financial statements, no funds (which are material either individually or in the aggregate) have been advanced or loaned or invested (either from borrowed funds or share premium or any other sources or kind of funds) by the Company or any of such associate company to or in any other person(s) or entity(ies), including foreign entities ("Intermediaries"), with the understanding, whether recorded in writing or otherwise, that the Intermediary shall, directly or indirectly, lend or invest in other persons or entities identified in any manner whatsoever by or on behalf of the Company or any of such associate company ("Ultimate Beneficiaries") or provide any guarantee, security or the like on behalf of the Ultimate Beneficiaries.

(b) The Management of the Company have represented to us that, to the best of their knowledge and belief, as disclosed in the notes 38 (viii) to the consolidated financial statements, no funds (which are material either individually or in the aggregate) have been received by the Company from any person(s) or entity(ies), including foreign entities ("Funding Parties"), with the understanding, whether recorded in writing or otherwise, that the Company or any of such associate company shall, directly or indirectly, lend or invest in other persons or entities identified in any manner whatsoever by or on behalf of the Funding Party ("Ultimate Beneficiaries") or provide any guarantee, security or the like on behalf of the Ultimate Beneficiaries.

(c) Except for the possible effects of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion section, based on the audit procedures, that has been considered reasonable and appropriate in the circumstances, performed by us, nothing has come to our or notice that has caused us to believe that the representations under sub-clause (i) and (ii) of Rule 11(e) contain any material misstatement.

v. Except for the possible effects of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion section, the dividend declared and paid during the year by the Company is in compliance with Section 123 of the Act.

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vi. Based on our examination, which included test checks, the Company has used accounting software for maintaining its books of account which has a feature of recording audit trail (edit log) facility and that has operated throughout the year for all relevant transactions recorded in the software, except that audit trail was not available for certain transactions and master data set and for direct database changes. During the course of performing our procedures, except for the aforesaid instances of audit trail not being maintained where the question of our commenting on whether the audit trail has been tampered with does not arise, we did not notice any instance of audit trail feature being tampered with. (Refer note 40 in the consolidated financial statements).

In the absence of the audited financial statements and audit report of the associate company for the year ended March 31, 2024, we are unable to comment on whether the audit trail feature of the associate company was enabled and operated throughout the year for all relevant transactions recorded in the database or whether there were any instances of the audit trail feature been tampered with.

18. Except for the possible effects of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion section, the Company has paid/ provided for managerial remuneration in accordance with the requisite approvals mandated by the provisions of Section 197 read with Schedule V to the Act.

For Price Waterhouse Chartered Accountants LLP Firm Registration Number: 012754N/ N500016 Chartered Accountants

Akedia

Alpa Kedia Partner Membership Number: 100681 UDIN: 24100681BKFGDI9739

Mumbai May 22, 2024

#### Annexure A to Independent Auditor's Report

Referred to in paragraph 17(g) of the Independent Auditor's Report of even date to the members of Gujarat Pipavav Port Limited on the consolidated financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2024. Page 1 of 3

#### Report on the Internal Financial Controls with reference to Consolidated Financial Statements under clause (i) of sub-section 3 of Section 143 of the Act

1. In conjunction with our audit of the consolidated financial statements of the Company as of and for the year ended March 31, 2024, we have audited the internal financial controls with reference to financial statements of Gujarat Pipavav Port Limited (hereinafter referred to as the "Company") and its associate company as of that date.

#### Management's Responsibility for Internal Financial Controls

2. The respective Board of Directors of the Company, and its associate company, to whom reporting under clause (i) of sub section 3 of Section 143 of the Act in respect of the adequacy of the internal financial controls with reference to financial statements is applicable, are responsible for establishing and maintaining internal financial controls based on internal control over financial reporting criteria established by the Company considering the essential components of internal control stated in the Guidance Note on Audit of Internal Financial Controls Over Financial ("ICAI"). These responsibilities include the design, implementation and maintenance of adequate internal financial controls that were operating effectively for ensuring the orderly and efficient conduct of its business, including adherence to the respective company's policies, the safeguarding of its assets, the prevention and detection of frauds and errors, the accuracy and completeness of the accounting records, and the timely preparation of reliable financial information, as required under the Act.

#### Auditor's Responsibility

- 3. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company's internal financial controls with reference to consolidated financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with the Guidance Note issued by the ICAI and the Standards on Auditing deemed to be prescribed under Section 143(10) of the Companies Act, 2013, to the extent applicable to an audit of internal financial controls, both applicable to an audit of internal financial controls and both issued by the ICAI. Those Standards and the Guidance Note require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether adequate internal financial controls with reference to financial statements was established and maintained and if such controls operated effectively in all material respects.
- 4. Our audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the adequacy of the internal financial controls system with reference to financial statements and their operating effectiveness. Our audit of internal financial controls with reference to financial statements included obtaining an understanding of internal financial controls with reference to financial statements, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, and testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error.
- 5. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our qualified audit opinion on the Company's internal financial controls system with reference to consolidated financial statements.



#### Annexure A to Independent Auditor's Report

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#### Meaning of Internal Financial Controls with reference to financial statements

6. A company's internal financial control with reference to consolidated financial statements is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A company's internal financial control with reference to financial statements includes those policies and procedures that (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (2) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorisations of management and directors of the company; and (3) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorised acquisition, use, or disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

# Inherent Limitations of Internal Financial Controls with reference to financial statements

7. Because of the inherent limitations of internal financial controls with reference to financial statements, including the possibility of collusion or improper management override of controls, material misstatements due to error or fraud may occur and not be detected. Also, projections of any evaluation of the internal financial controls with reference to financial statements to future periods are subject to the risk that the internal financial control with reference to financial statements may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

### **Basis for Qualified Opinion**

- 8. According to the information and explanations given to us and based on our audit, material weakness has been identified in the operating effectiveness of the Company's internal financial controls with reference to consolidated financial statements as at March 31, 2024 as the Company's period end financial controls related to ensuring that the financial information of the associate company i.e., Pipavav Railway Corporation Limited (PRCL), included in the consolidated financial statements of the Company, is in accordance with the audited financial statements of the associate company, did not operate effectively. This could result in material misstatement in the consolidated financial statements.
- 9. A 'material weakness' is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal financial control over financial reporting, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the company's annual or interim financial statements will not be prevented or detected on a timely basis.



#### Annexure A to Independent Auditor's Report

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#### **Qualified** Opinion

- 10. In our opinion, the Company and its associate company have, in all material respects, an adequate internal financial controls system with reference to consolidated financial statements based on the internal control over financial reporting criteria established by the Company considering the essential components of internal control stated in the Guidance Note issued by the ICAI, and except for the possible effects of the material weakness described in the 'Basis for Qualified Opinion' section above on the achievement of the objectives of the control criteria, the Company's internal financial controls with reference to consolidated financial statements were operating effectively as of March 31, 2024.
- 11. We have considered the material weakness identified and reported above in determining the nature, timing, and extent of audit tests applied in our audit of the consolidated financial statements of the Company for the year ended March 31, 2024, and the material weakness affects our opinion on the consolidated financial statements of the Company and we have issued a qualified audit opinion on the consolidated financial statements. [Refer paragraph 3 of Independent Auditor's Report on consolidated financial statements].

For Price Waterhouse Chartered Accountants LLP Firm Registration Number: 012754N/ N500016 Chartered Accountants

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Mumbai May 22, 2024

#### <u>Annexure i</u>

Statement on Impact of Audit Qualifications (for audit report with modified opinion) submitted along with Annual Audited Financial Results- (Standalone and Consolidated separately)

#### Consolidated Financial Results for the year ended 31st March 2024

-	tement or	n Impact of Audit Qualifications for the Financial Yea	r ended 31st March, 20	
	1.01.11	[See Regulation 33/52 of the SEBI (LODR) (Arr		
	SI. No,	Particulars	Audited Figures (as reported before adjusting for qualifications)	Adjusted Figures (adjusted figures afte adjusting fo qualifications)
	1.	Turnover/ Total Income	10,633.26	Nil
	2.	Total Expenditure	5,402.97	Nil
	3.	Net Profit/(Loss)	3,409.83	Nil
	4.	Earnings Per Share	7.07	Nil
	5.	Total Assets	29,364.98	Nil
	6.	Total Liabilities	29,364.98	Nil
	7.	Net Worth	23,133.22	Nil
	8.	Any other financial item(s) (as felt appropriate by the management)	Nil	Nil
		Qualification (each audit qualification separately): on audit of Consolidate Financial Statements		
	1. W (h) co thu St nc ex 2. In	Details of Audit Qualification le have audited the accompanying consolidated final ereinafter referred to as the "Company") and its assonsolidated financial statements), which comprise the cor- e consolidated financial statements), which comprise the cor- e consolidated Statement of Profit and Loss (including tatement of Changes in Equity and the consolidated Sta- tes to the consolidated financial statements, including a splanatory information (hereinafter referred to as "the con- our opinion and to the best of our information and acco- determinate effect of the matter described in the Basis of 6	sociate company (refer nsolidated Balance Shee g Other Comprehensive tement of Cash Flows for summary of significant a isolidated financial states rding to the explanation	Note 34 to the attache at as at March 31, 2024, an Income), the consolidate or the year then ended, an ccounting policies and othe ments").
	sta giv co to	atements give the information required by the Companies ve a true and fair view in conformity with the accour posolidated state of affairs of the Company and its associ tal comprehensive income (comprising of profit and other nd its consolidated cash flows for the year then ended.	s Act, 2013 ("the Act") in nting principles generall ate company as at Marc	the manner so required an y accepted in India, of th h 31, 2024 and consolidate
	3. The of for standing of the	for Qualified Opinion he consolidated financial statements include the Compan f profit and other comprehensive loss) of INR 94.60 million r the year ended March 31, 2024, in respect of its associat	n, based on unaudited fin te company. Our opinion sures included for the yea	nancial statements as at an on the consolidated financi
		atements in so far as it relates to the amounts and disclos respect of this associate company is based solely on s ompany for the year ended on March 31, 2024, as furni osence of availability of audited financial statements we nd/disclosure that are required to be made to these const	shed to us by the Mana are unable to commer	statements of the associat gement of the Company. I it on additional adjustmen



in accordance with these requirements.	We believe that the audit	evidence we have	obtained is sufficient and
appropriate to provide a basis for our qu	alified opinion.		

#### Consolidated IFCFR report

**Basis for Qualified Opinion** 

According to the information and explanations given to us and based on our audit, material weakness has been identified in the operating effectiveness of the Company's internal financial controls with reference to consolidated financial statements as at March 31, 2024 as the Company's period end financial controls related to ensuring that the financial information of the associate company i.e., Pipavav Railway Corporation Limited (PRCL), included in the consolidated financial statements of the Company, is in accordance with the audited financial statements of the associate effectively. This could result in material misstatement in the consolidated financial statements.

 A 'material weakness' is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal financial control over financial reporting, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the company's annual or interim financial statements will not be prevented or detected on a timely basis.

#### **Qualified Opinion**

Date: 22 May 2024

- 3. In our opinion, the Company and its associate company have, in all material respects, an adequate internal financial controls system with reference to consolidated financial statements based on the internal control over financial reporting criteria established by the Company considering the essential components of internal control stated in the Guidance Note issued by the ICAI, and except for the possible effects of the material weakness described in the 'Basis for Qualified Opinion' section above on the achievement of the objectives of the control criteria, the Company's internal financial controls with reference to consolidated financial statements were operating effectively as of March 31, 2024.
- 4. We have considered the material weakness identified and reported above in determining the nature, timing, and extent of audit tests applied in our audit of the consolidated financial statements of the Company for the year ended March 31, 2024, and the material weakness affects our opinion on the consolidated financial statements of the Company and we have issued a qualified audit opinion on the consolidated financial statements. [Refer paragraph 3 of Independent Auditor's Report on consolidated financial statements].
  - b. Type of Audit Qualification: Qualified Opinion/ Disclaimer of Opinion/ Adverse Opinion
  - c. Frequency of Qualification: Whether appeared first time/repetitive/since how long continuing
  - d. For Audit Qualification(s) where the impact is quantified by the auditor, Management's Views: The audit report on the Consolidated Financial Statements of the Company is modified because Pipavav Railway Corporation Limited (PRCL) the Associate company is yet to complete the statutory audit. The consolidated financial statements of the Company includes the Company's share of total comprehensive income (comprising of profit and other comprehensive loss) of INR 94.60 million, based on unaudited financial statements as at and for the year ended March 31, 2024, in respect of PRCL, and other disclosures of the associate which are subject to audit.

e. For Audit C	Qualification(s) where the impact is not quantified by the auditor:
(i) Ma	anagement's estimation on the impact of audit qualification: Not Applicable
	Management is unable to estimate the impact, reasons for the same: Not Applicable nagement response: Not Applicable
(iii) Au	uditors' Comments on (i) or (ii) above: Not Applicable
Signatories:	
	For Gujarat Pipavav Port Limited
Diace: Mumbai	Girish Apgarwa Managing Director
	(i) Ma (ii) If Ma (iii) At

DIN: 07974838



For Gujarat Pipavav Port Limited Santosh Breed Place: Mumbai **Chief Financial Officer** Date: 22 May 2024 For Gujarat Pipavav Port Limited Samir Chaturvedi Chairman- Audit Committee DIN: 08911552 Place: Mumbai Date: 22 May 2024 Statutory Auditors: For Price Waterhouse Chartered Accountants LLP Firm Registration Number:012754N/N-500016 **Chartered Accountants** Akedia Alpa Kedia Partner Place: Mumbai Date: 22 May 2024 Membership Number: 100681

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#### STATEMENT OF CONSOLIDATED RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND YEAR ENDED ON 31 MARCH 2024

Sr. No.	Particulars	3 months ended	Preceding 3 months ended	Corresponding 3 months ended in the previous year	Year ended	Year ended
140.		31/03/2024	31/12/2023	31/03/2023	31/03/2024	31/03/2023 (Audited)
		(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Audited)	
1	Income					
	a. Revenue from operations	2,512.75	2,696.30	2,347.28	9,884.29	9,169.50
	b. Other Income	194,89	189,76	160.01	748.97	510.00
	Total Income	2,707.64	2,886.06	2,507.29	10,633.26	9,679.50
2	Expenses					
	a. Operating expenses	372.90	486.44	459.00	1,746.80	1,922.00
	b. Employee benefits expense	193.52	199.98	165.32	791.35	745.81
	c. Finance costs	26.03	20.15	19.11	93.20	79.55
	d. Depreciation and amortisation expense	289.27	291.82	275.68	1,156.01	1,161.54
	e. Other expenses	373.71	416.83	423.52	1,615.61	1,480.28
	Total expenses	1,255.43	1,415.22	1,342.63	5,402.97	5,389.18
3	Profit before share of net profits of investments accounted for using equity method					
	and tax (1-2)	1,452.21	1,470.84	1,164.66	5,230.29	4,290.32
4	Share of net profit of associate accounted for using the equity method	(28.02)	57.86	132.84	94.82	213.62
5	Profit before exceptional items and tax (3 + 4)	1,424.19	1,528.70	1,297.50	5,325.11	4,503.94
6	Exceptional items (Refer Note No. 5 and Note No. 7)	518.55	1.03	49.77	530.28	371.67
7	Profit before tax (5 - 6)	905.64	1,527.67	1,247.73	4,794.83	4,132.27
8	Tax expense					
	a. Current tax expense	383.72	359.12	316,79	1,341.41	1,047.01
	b. Deferred tax (credit) /expense	(136.44)	7.93	(42.30)	33.42	(46.16)
9	Net Profit for the period/year (7 - 8)	658.36	1,160.62	973.24	3,420.00	3,131.42
10	Other comprehensive income, net of income tax		. 10	+		
	Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss					
	(i) Re-measurement of post-employment benefit obligations	(6.14	- 1	11.04	(13.40)	8.94
	(ii) Share of other comprehensive income of associate	(0.22)	-	(0.23)	(0.22)	0.04
	(iii) Less: Income tax relating to (i) above	1.55		(2.78)	3.38	(2.24)
	(iv) Less: Income tax relating to (ii) above	0.07	1 (L) (L)	0.07	0.07	(0.01)
	Total other comprehensive (loss)/income, net of income tax	(4.74	- (	8.10	(10.17)	6.73
11	Total comprehensive income for the period/year (9 + 10)	653,62	1,160.62	981.34	3,409.83	3,138.15
12	Paid-up equity share capital (Face value ₹ 10 per share)	4,834.40	4,834.40	4,834.40	4,834.40	4,834,40
13					18,298.82	18,273.07
	Basic and diluted earnings per share (of ₹ 10/- each) (not annualised)	1.36	2.40	2.02	7.07	6.48

### GUJARAT PIPAVAV PORT LIMITED

#### STATEMENT OF CONSOLIDATED AUDITED ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

		As at	As at	
irticulars		31/03/2024	31/03/2023	
. neu		(Audited)	(Audited)	
AS	SSETS	(	(indited)	
1	Non-current assets			
	Property, plant and equipment	12,890.52	12,899.9	
	Right-of-use-assets	662.83	722.7	
	Capital work in progress	802.30	901.9	
	Intangible assets	27.49	8.8	
	Intangible assets under development	2.93	43.6	
f,	• • •	3,210.99	3,154.3	
g.				
	Other financial assets	266.98	224.3	
h.	. Income Tax Assets (net)	202.87	202.8	
i.	Other non-current assets	2.39	6.4	
	Total non-current assets	18,069.30	18,165.0	
2	Current assets			
a.	Inventories	89.63	75.9	
b	Financial assets	10 St. 10	2.502	
	i. Trade receivables	576.66	856.2	
	ii. Cash and cash equivalents	236.58	157.7	
		D. 2020-02-02-02-02-02-02-02-02-02-02-02-02		
	iii. Bank balances other than (ii) above	10,209.14	8,790.2	
	iv. Loans	5.81	4.7	
	v. Other financial assets	29.59	412.3	
C.	. Other current assets	148.27	230.6	
	Total current assets	11,295.68	10,527.7	
	TOTAL ASSETS	29,364.98	28,692.7	
1	Equity Equity share capital Other equity Reserves and surplus Total equity	4,834.40 18,298.82 23,133.22	4,834.4 18,273.0 <b>23,107</b> .4	
		20,100.22		
2				
I	Non-current liabilities			
a	. Financial liabilities			
	i. Lease liabilities	567.28	617.4	
	ii. Other financial liabilities	106.21	218.3	
b	<ul> <li>Employee benefit obligations</li> </ul>	33.70	25.3	
с	. Deferred tax liabilities (net)	1,436.90	1,406.3	
d	l. Other non-current liabilities	373.38	421.4	
	Total non-current liabilities	2,517.47	2,689.	
I	I Current liabilities			
a	. Financial liabilities			
	i. Trade payables			
	(a) Total outstanding of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises	4.19	17.0	
	(b) Total outstanding dues other than (a) above	599.80	641.	
	ii. Lease liabilities	224.84	176.9	
	iii. Other financial liabilities			
		325.93	229.	
	p. Provisions	814.96	208.	
	Employee benefit obligations	170.24	134.	
	I. Income tax provisions (net)	4.49	44	
e	e. Other current liabilities	1,569.84	1,444.0	
	Total current liabilities	3,714.29	2,896.	
	Total liabilities	6,231.76	5,585.	
	TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	29,364.98	28,692.	

#### GUJARAT PIPAVAV PORT LIMITED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Year ended	(₹ In Million Year ender
Particulars	31 March 2024	31 March 202
	(Audited)	(Audited
Cash flows from operating activities		
Profit before Income tax	4,794.83	4,132.27
Adjustments for :	4,794.03	4,132.27
Share of (profit)/loss of associate company	(56.82)	(213.62
Deferred income recognised	(48.24)	(51.31
Depreciation and amortisation expense	1,156.01	1,161.54
Finance costs	93.20	79.55
Interest on litigation provisions	518.24	
Interest income classified as investing cash flows	(647.01)	-
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment		(405.69
Loss on termination of leased asset	1.23	4.55
Sundry balances written (back) / off	6.50	-
	(11.74)	0.28
Provisions for doubtful debts and inventory Bad debts written off	(2.40)	17.56
	1.14	7.58
Inventory Write Off		2.91
Foreign currency transactions and translations differences	4.62	8.87
Provision for security deposit	-	4.23
	5,809.56	4,748.72
Operating profit before working capital changes		
Decrease / (Increase) in trade receivables	282.33	(360.23
(Increase) / Decrease in inventories	(19.83)	12.92
(Increase) / Decrease in loans	(1.08)	1.61
(Increase) / Decrease in other financial assets	(39.17)	1,69
Decrease / (Increase) in other assets	82.40	(44.12
(Decrease) / Increase in trade payables	(10.29)	189.20
Increase / (Decrease) in employee benefit obligations	31.00	(1.88
(Decrease) / Increase in other financial liabilities	(74.46)	1.03
Increase in provision	88.73	-
Increase in other current liabilities	119.97	225.18
	459.60	25.40
Cash generated from operations	6,269.16	4,774.12
Income taxes paid	(1,381.12)	(1,072.75
Net cash inflow from operating activities	4,888.04	3,701.37
Cash flows from investing activities		Dirorior
Payments for property, plant and equipment	(712.69)	(578.25
Payments for termination of leased asset	(6.96)	-
Interest received	590.21	278.54
Placement of fixed deposits with Banks	(14,110.58)	(27,010.68
Proceeds from maturity of fixed deposits with Banks	13,127.89	26,493.68
Net cash outflow from investing activities	(1,112.13)	(816.71
Cash flows from financing activities		
Interest paid	(3.11)	(4.95
Repayment of lease liability	(309.85)	(260.07
Unclaimed Dividend	(0.19)	(1.14
Dividends paid to Company's shareholders		Second States States
Net cash outflow from financing activities	(3,383.89)	(2,464.41
-	(3,697.04)	(2,730.57
Net Increase in cash and cash equivalents	78.87	154.09
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year	157.71	3.62
Effects of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	-	-
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year	236.58	157.71
Non cash financing and investing activites	1 1	
Acquitions of right of use assets	185.67	534.67
Reconciliation of cash and cash equivalents as per the cash flow statement	Topposition of the second s	
Cash and assk assumption as may show a superior of the Category in the	31 March 2024	31 March 202
Cash and cash equivalents as per above comprise of the following Cash and cash equivalents		
Cash and cash equivalents Balance as per statement of cash flows	236.58	157.71
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Balance as per statement of cash flows

#### GUJARAT PIPAVAV PORT LIMITED

Notes :

- 1 The above results have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors in their meetings held on 21st May 2024 and 22nd May 2024 respectively.
- 2 The consolidated results includes share of net profit/loss of associate Pipavav Railway Corporation Limited (PRCL) accounted for using the equity method.
- 3 During the current year, PRCL has received advice from WR to submit tax invoice for the apportioned earning, as per the instructions issued by Indian Railways (IR) vide their letter. no.2017 / Infra/18/2 dated 21/09/2023 and letter No. 2017/AC-II/1/19/SPVs (part) dated 30/11/2023, considering that apportioned earning is inclusive of tax. PRCL has not accepted the manner of calculation of apportioned earning as inclusive of tax as this is not in line with Concession Agreement signed by PRCL with MOR in June 2001. PRCL has not raised any GST invoices on Indian Railways and has accrued the revenue and O&M expenses in the books as per the Concession Agreement signed with MOR. PRCL has addressed this with MOR and has asked Indian Railways to apportioned earnings exclusive of GST and charge GST over and above the apportioned earnings. PRCL has received O&M Invoices from Western Railway with GST @18% over and above the O&M cost. Since no output tax liability has been recognized in books, PRCL has also not recognized the input tax asset and not availed input tax credit on this transaction. In the abovesaid matter, other SPVs have filed writ petition before the Hon'ble Hight Court of Delhi. The Court has upheld the contention of SPVs and passed the interim order on 21st March 2024 that the operation of the above instruction shall remained stayed and parties shall be obliged to raise invoices, taking into account the provisions and implications of the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 and bear the burden of taxes accordingly. Final order of the court is awaited.
- PRCL has communicated the court order to IR and requested IR to make apportionment of freight earning considering the same is exclusive of taxes and pay GST over and above the apportioned earning. The response from IR is awaited.
- 4 The Company has only one reportable business segment, which is "Port Services" and only one reportable geographical segment, which is the port at Pipavav. Accordingly, the Company is a single segment Company in accordance with Indian Accounting Standard 108 "Operating Segment".
- 5 On 17th May 2021, the Company's port location at Pipavav was hit by cyclone "Tauktae". Due precautions were taken to minimise the impact of the cyclone on the infrastructure at the port and there was no loss of life. However, the operations at the port were disrupted till 1st June 2021 mainly due to the loss of grid power supply. Further, certain portion of the property, plant and equipment required repairs for which the Company had started necessary activities. The Company has incurred ₹ 62.04 million during the year ended 31st March 2024 (year ended 31st March 2023; ₹ 371.67 million). The Company has received interim claims of ₹ 50 million during the year ended 31st March 2023; ₹ 1st March 2023; ₹ 371.67 million). The Company has received an interim claim of ₹ 350.00 million up to 31st March 2023. The Company will progressively share the details of expenses being incurred with the insurer. Additional expenses incurred in due course by the Company continue to be disclosed under 'Exceptional Items'.
- 6 The Company had made an application for approval of expansion plan to Gujarat Maritime Board (GMB) on 1st October 2012. The approval was received from GMB vide letter dated 10th April 2015. As per one of the conditions of the approval, the Company had issued a bank guarantee of ₹ 185.35 Million which was encashed by GMB on 13th February 2019. Further, GMB also asked the Company to pay ₹ 337.59 million towards liquidated damages along with interest thereupon at the rate of 18% per annum, and GST on the aforesaid bank guarantee amounting to ₹ 33.36 million along with interest thereupon at the rate of 18% per annum, vide their letter dated 27th October 2021. The Company reviewed the terms and conditions of approval and based on the management assessment and external legal expert advice, the Management believes that the amount of bank guarantee is recoverable as well as no liquidated damages are liable to be paid, and had filed a Commercial Suit before the Commercial Court, Rajula in this regard. The Company to commercial court, Rajula has directed both the parties to settle the matter through Arbitration process. The proceedings for appointment of arbitrator was initiated by the Company by sending legal notice u/s 11 of the Arbitration Act on 28th August 2023. The said notice was replied by GMB on 27th September 2023 stating that the matter should be resolved as per the dispute resolution mechanism as par the concession agreement. The Company has given its concurrence for the alternative dispute resolution mechanism and the matter is pending for further proceedings.
- 7 The Company had entered into an agreement with one of its customers in the year 1998 for setting up the tank farms at Port. As per the terms of agreement, the customer paid land premium and development charges of ₹ 107.30 million. One of the conditions of the agreement was that the Company should provide the rail connectivity at Pipavav on or before March 2000. The Company could not meet this condition as the rail connectivity was established only by the year 2003. The customer initiated the arbitration proceedings against the Company in the year 2005 seeking a refund of ₹ 107.30 million with interest thereon in accordance with the agreement. The Arbitrator on 12th February 2024 announced an award against the Company and asked the Company to refund the principle with interest till the date of payment. The Company has filed for rectification of the award due to the apparent errors in the claim amount. The arbitrator convened the hearing on 13th May 2024 and the revised order is avaited. Pending receipt of the revised order, the Company has accrued the estimated amount payable of ₹ 671.64 million including interest cost of ₹ 518.24 million. The Company is evaluating further course of action in respect of this matter.
- 8 The figures for the quarter ended 31st March 2024 are balancing figures between audited figures in respect of financial year ended 31st March 2024 and the published year to date figures upto the third quarter ended on 31st December 2023.
- 9 The Board of Directors propose final dividend of ₹ 3.70 per share on 483,439,910 equity shares of face value of ₹ 10 each, aggregating to ₹ 1,788.73 million, for the financial year 2023-24, subject to approval by the Members at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting of the Company.

Place : Mumbai Date : 22 May 2024

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Managing Director DIN : 07974838