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C/SA/SE/421 30<sup>th</sup> May-2023

To,

(1)The National Stock Exchange of India Ltd. Exchange Plaza, Bandra Kurla Complex Bandra(E) Mumbai-400051. (2) The BSE Ltd. Phiroze Jeejebhoy Towers Dalal Street Mumbai-400001.

Symbol-'STARPAPER'

Stock code-'516022'

Dear Sir,

#### Sub :Annual Secretarial Compliance Report for the year ended 31st March, 2023

Pursuant to Regulations 24A of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, please find enclosed the Annual Secretarial Compliance Report of the company for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2023 issued by M/s Poornima & Associates, Company Secretaries.

Kindly acknowledge the receipt.

Thanking you Yours faithfully

For STAR PAPER MILLS LTD.



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#### Annual Secretarial Compliance Report (ASCR)

of M/s Star Paper Mills Limited for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

#### (Pursuant to Regulation 24A of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure

#### Requirements) Regulations, 2015)

I, Poornima Yadav, Practicing Company Secretary have examined:

(a) all the documents and records made available to us and explanation provided by **[Star Paper Mills Limited]** ("the listed entity"),

(b) the filings/ submissions made by the listed entity to the stock exchanges,

(c) Website of the listed entity,

(d) any other document/ filing, as may be relevant, which has been relied upon to make this certification,

for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2023 ("Review Period") in respect of compliance with the provisions of :

(a) the Securities and Exchange Board of India Act, 1992 ("SEBI Act") and the Regulations, circulars, guidelines issued thereunder; and

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

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

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

(b) Securities and Exchange Board of India (Issue of Capital and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2018;(not applicable during the review period)



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Takeovers) Regulations, 2011;

(d) Securities and Exchange Board of India (Buyback of Securities) Regulations, 2018;(not applicable during the review period)

(e) Securities and Exchange Board of India (Share Based Employee Benefits & Sweat Equity) Regulations, 2021;(not applicable during the review period)

(f) Securities and Exchange Board of India (Issue and Listing of Debt Securities) Regulations, 2008;(not applicable during the review period)

(g) Securities and Exchange Board of India (Issue and Listing of Non- Convertible and Redeemable Preference Shares) Regulations, 2013; (not applicable during the review period)

(h) Securities and Exchange Board of India (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 2015;

(i) Securities and Exchange Board of India (Depositories & Participants) Regulations, 2018;

(j) other regulations as applicable and circulars/ guidelines issued thereunder;

And based on the above examination, I hereby report that, during the Review Period, the listed entity has complied with the provisions of the above Regulations and circulars/ guidelines issued thereunder, <u>except</u> in respect of matters specified in the Annexure.

Sr. No	Particulars	Complia nce Status Yes/No/ NA	Observations/Remarks of Practicing Company Secretary)
1	Secretarial Standard		
	The compliances of the listed entity are in accordance with the applicable Secretarial Standards (SS) issued by	Yes	NIL

We hereby further affirm the following as mandated under:



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the policies		
<ul> <li>All applicable policies under SEBI Regulations are adopted with the approval of the board of directors of the listed entities</li> </ul>	Yes	NIL
<ul> <li>All the policies are in conformity with SEBI regulation and has been reviewed &amp; timely updated as per regulations/circulars/guidelines</li> </ul>	Yes	NIL
issued by SEBI		
<u>Maintenance and disclosure on the</u> <u>website:</u>		
<ul> <li>The Listed entity is maintaining a functional website</li> <li>Timely dissemination of the documents/information under a</li> </ul>	Yes	NIL
<ul><li>website</li><li>Weblinks provided in annual</li></ul>	Yes	NIL
corporate governance reports under Regulation 27(2) are accurate and specific which re- directs to the relevant documents/section of the website	Yes	NIL
Disqualification of Director		
None of the Director of the company as disqualified under Section-164 of the Companies Act,2013	Yes	NIL
<u>To examine details related to</u>		
	<ul> <li>All applicable policies under SEBI Regulations are adopted with the approval of the board of directors of the listed entities</li> <li>All the policies are in conformity with SEBI regulation and has been reviewed &amp; timely updated as per regulations/circulars/guidelines issued by SEBI</li> <li>Maintenance and disclosure on the website:         <ul> <li>The Listed entity is maintaining a functional website</li> <li>Timely dissemination of the documents/information under a separate section on the website</li> <li>Weblinks provided in annual corporate governance reports under Regulation 27(2) are accurate and specific which re- directs to the relevant documents/section of the website</li> </ul> </li> <li>Disqualification of Director</li> <li>None of the Director of the company as disqualified under Section-164 of the Companies Act,2013</li> </ul>	Secretaries of India (ICSI)Adoption and timely updation of the policiesAdoption and timely updation of the policies• All applicable policies under SEBI Regulations are adopted with the approval of the board of directors of the listed entities• All the policies are in conformity with SEBI regulation and has been reviewed & timely updated as per regulations/circulars/guidelines issued by SEBIMaintenance and disclosure on the website:• The Listed entity is maintaining a functional website• Timely dissemination of the documents/information under a separate section on the website• Weblinks provided in annual corporate governance reports under Regulation 27(2) are accurate and specific which re- directs to the relevant documents/section of the websiteDisqualification of Director None of the Director of the company as disqualified under Section-164 of the Companies Act,2013



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	<ul> <li>Subsidiaries of listed entities</li> <li>a) Identification of material subsidiary companies</li> <li>b) Requirements with respect to the disclosure of material as well as other subsidiaries</li> </ul>	NA	The company does not have any material subsidiary
6	Preservation of Documents The listed entity is preserving and maintaining records as prescribed under SEBI Regulations and disposal of records as per the policy of Preservation of documents and Archival policy prescribed under SEBI LODR Regulations, 2015	Yes	NIL
7	Performance Evaluation: The listed entity has conducted the performance evaluation of the Board, Independent Directors, and the Committees for every financial year as prescribed under SEBI Regulations	Yes	NIL
8	Related Party Transactions: (a) The listed entity has obtained prior approval of the Audit Committee for all Related party transactions	Yes	NIL
	(b) In case no prior approval is ob- tained, the listed entity shall provide detailed reasons along with confirma- tion of whether the transactions were subsequently approved/ratified/re- jected by the Audit Committee	NA	NIL



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9	Disclosure of events or information: The listed entity has provided all the required disclosure(s) under Regula- tion 30 along with Schedule III of SEBI LODR Regulations,2015 within the time limits prescribed thereunder	Yes	NIL
10	Prohibition of Insider Trading: The listed entity is in compliance with Regulation 3(5) & 3(6) SEBI (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 2015	Yes	NIL
11	Actions are taken By SEBI or Stock Exchange(s), if any: No Actions were taken against the listed entity/ its promoters/ directors/ subsidiaries either by SEBI or by Stock Exchanges (including under the Standard Operating Procedures is- sued by SEBI through various circu- lars) under SEBI Regulations and cir- culars/ guidelines issued thereunder except as stated in the remarks	No	Pursuant to SEBI SOP Circular as amended, a fine of Rs 2,35,000/- plus GST totaling Rs. 2,77,300/- was imposed for the quarter ended 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec. 2022 which was deposited separately with National Stock Exchange of India Ltd. (NSE) & BSE Ltd. on 9 <sup>th</sup> March 2023 due to the strength of the Board of Directors being less than six(6) not meeting the requirement of Reg. 17(1)(c) of SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015. However, a new director was appointed on 7 <sup>th</sup> April 2023, and compliance under Reg. 17(1)(c) has been done w.e.f 7 <sup>th</sup> April, 2023.



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12 Additional Non-compliances, if		
any: No additional non-compliance observed for all SEBI regulation/cir- cular/guidance notes etc.	Yes	NIL

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

Sr.No.	Particulars	Compliance Status (Yes/No/NA)	Observations/Remarks By PCS			
1.	Compliances with the follow appointing an auditor	ving condition	ns while appointing/re-			
	<ul> <li>i.If the auditor has resigned within 45 days from the end of a quarter of a financial year, the auditor before such resignation, has issued the limited review/ audit report for such quarter, or</li> <li>ii. If the auditor has resigned after 45 days from the end of a quarter of a financial year, the auditor before such resignation, has issued the limited review/ audit report for such quarter as well as the next quarter; or</li> <li>iii. If the auditor has signed the limited review/ audit report for such quarter as well as the next quarter; or</li> <li>iii. If the auditor has signed the limited review/ audit report for such quarter as well as the next quarter; or</li> </ul>	Not Applicable (NA)	During the review period, there is no such event occurred			



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	the limited review/ audit report for the last quarter of such fi- nancial year as well as the audit report for such financial year.		
2.	Other conditions relating to th	e resignation	of the statutory auditor
	<ul> <li>i. Reporting of concerns by Au- ditor with respect to the listed entity/its material subsidiary to the Audit Committee:</li> <li>a. In case of any concern with the management of the listed entity/material subsidiary such as non-availability of information / non-cooperation by the management which has hampered the audit process, the auditor has approached the Chairman of the Audit Committee of the listed entity and the Audit Committee shall receive such concern directly and immediately without specifically waiting for the quarterly Audit Committee meetings.</li> </ul>	Not Applicable (NA)	During the review period, there is no such event occurred
	b. In case the auditor proposes to resign, all concerns with re- spect to the proposed resigna- tion, along with relevant docu- ments has been brought to the notice of the Audit Committee. In cases where the proposed resignation is due to non-re- ceipt of information / explana- tion from the company, the au- ditor has informed the Audit Committee the details of		



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	<ul> <li>information / explanation sought and not provided by the management, as applicable.</li> <li>c. The Audit Committee / Board of Directors, as the case may be, deliberated on the matter on receipt of such information from the auditor relating to the proposal to resign as mentioned above and communicate its views to the management and the auditor.</li> <li>ii. Disclaimer in case of non-receipt of information:</li> <li>The auditor has provided an appropriate disclaimer in its audit report, which is in accordance with the Standards</li> </ul>	osh Manair Sana	unpur 247001 m
	of Auditing as specified by ICAI / NFRA, in case where the listed entity/ its material subsidiary has not provided information as required by the auditor.		
3.	The listed entity / its material subsidiary has obtained information from the Auditor upon resignation, in the format as specified in Annex- ure- A in SEBI Circular CIR/ CFD/CMD1/114/2019 dated 18th October, 2019.	Not Applicable (NA)	During the review period, there is no such event occurred

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



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S n o	Compliance Requirement (Regulations/ circulars/ guidelines including specific clause)	Regulation/ Circular No.	Deviations	Ac- tion Take n by	Type of Ac- tion	utosh Mandir Sal Details of Violation	Fine Amo unt	Observations/ Remarks of the Practicing Com- pany Secretary	Management Response	Re m ar ks
1	Regulation 17(1)(c) of SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015- The Board of directors shall comprise of not less than six directors.	SEBI (LODR) Regulation	The strength of Board of Directors was five (5) -less than the minimum requireme nt of six directors	NSE & BSE	Fine impo sed	Pursuant to SEBI SOP Circular as amended, a fine of Rs 2,35,000/- plus GST totalling Rs. 2,77,300/- was imposed for the quarter ended 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec., 2022 which was deposited separately with National Stock Exchange of India Ltd. (NSE) & BSE Ltd. on 9 <sup>th</sup> March, 2023	Rs. 2,35, 000/- plus GST totalli ng Rs. 2,77, 300/-	Fine with both the Exchanges has been deposited and compliance has been done w.e.f. 7 <sup>th</sup> April, 2023.	Fine with both the Exchanges has been deposited and compliance has been done w.e.f. 7 <sup>th</sup> April, 2023.	-

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

S 0	Compliance Requirement (Regulations/ circulars/ guidelines including specific clause)	Regulation/ Circular No.	Deviations	Action Taken by	Typ e of Ac- tion	Details of Violation	Fine Amo unt	Observations/ Re- marks of the Prac- ticing Company Secretary		Re ma r k s	
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1	Regulation 17(1)(a) of	Regulation 17(1)(a) of	Woman director	NSE & BSE	Fine Imp	Pursuant to SEBI SOP	Rs 4,25,	Pursuant to SEBI SOP Circular, a	The company has complied
			CONTRACT COLOR OF CONTRACT	DOC		All and a second s	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1		262(20)
	SEBI LODR	SEBI	wasnoton		ose	Circular, a	000/-	fine of Rs	with the
	Regulations,	LODR	the Board		d	fine of Rs	plus	4,25,000/- plus	requirement
	2015- The	Regulation	upto June			4,25,000/-	GST	GST was	by appointing
	Board of	s, 2015	24, 2021			plus GST was		imposed for the	a woman
	directors of a					imposed for		quarter ended	director-Mrs.
	listed entity					the quarter		30 <sup>th</sup> June, 2021	Pragya
	shall have an					ended 30th		both by National	Jhunjhunwala
	optimum					June, 2021		Stock Exchange	(DIN:023151
	combination of					both by		of India Ltd.	32) on the
	executive and					National		(NSE) & BSE Ltd.	Board w.e.f
	non-executive					Stock		separately. NSE	25th June,
	directors with at					Exchange of		turned-down the	2021.
	least one					India Ltd.		company's fine	
	woman director					(NSE) & BSE		waiver request	
	and not less					Ltd.		and consequently	
	than fifty					separately.		fines imposed	
	percent of the							have been	
	board of							deposited with	
	directors shall							NSE. The fine-	
	comprise of							waiver request	
	non-executive							with BSE is	
	directors.							pending as on	
	uncotoro.							date.	
2	Disclosure	Regulation	Pursuant	SEBI	Fine	Pursuant to	Rs.	SEBI has	The
	under	30(1) 30(2)	to the	OLDI	1 110	the	3.00	imposed a fine of	Company
	Regulation	read with	examinati		i	examination	Lacs	Rs. 3.00 Lacs	have
	30(1) 30(2)	Regulation	on		lmp	conducted by	colle	collectively on 8	deposited the
	read with	30(3) of the	conducted		ose	SEBI, it was	ctivel	Promoters of ISG	fine under
	Regulation	SEBI	by SEBI, it		d	alleged that	y on	Traders Ltd.	protest on
	30(3) of the	(Substantia	was			the promoters	8	including Star	04/03/2022
	SEBI	l	alleged			of ISG	Prom	Paper Mills Ltd.	and filed an
	(Substantial	Acquisition	that the			Traders Ltd	oters	vide order dated	appeal
		of shares &	promoters			(ISG) had	of	24th Jan. 2022	
	Acquisition of shares &	Takeovers)	of ISG			failed to make	ISG	even though the	against the above order
	Takeovers)	Regulation	Traders			the	Trad		before the
		s, 2011	Ltd (ISG)			necessary	ers	largest Promoter shareholder of	Securities
	Regulations,	5,2011	had failed			disclosures to		ISG Traders Ltd	
	2011 w.r.t their		22				Ltd.		Appellate
	shareholding		to make			the Stock	inclu	had been filing	Tribunal
	and voting		the			Exchange i.e	ding	the required	(SAT),
	rights in ISG		necessary			CSE & to the	Star	disclosure in	Mumbai
	Traders		disclosure			target	Pape	respect of all	The appeal
	Limited.		s to the			company. In		Promoter Group	was allowed
			Stock			view of the	Mills	Companies	and the order
			Exchange			above	Ltd	regularly on	had been
			i.e. CSE &			reasons, an		annual basis as	passed in
			to the			adjudication		per the	favor of the
			target			proceeding		requirement of	company
			company.			was initiated		the law. Further,	dated
			In view of			against the		there are	14.09.2022
		(		V			-		11.00.2022



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the above reasons, an	promoters of ISG under the provisions of	favorable case laws to support the company's	Securities
adjudicati on proceedin g was initiated against the promoters of ISG under the provisions of Sec-15 A(b) of the SEBI Act, 1992	Sec-15 A(b) of the SEBI Act, 1992	contention. The Company deposited the fine under protest on 04/03/2022 and filed an appeal against the above order before Securities Appellate Tribunal (SAT), Mumbai	Tribunal (SAT), Mumbai.



Place: Saharanpur Date: 26.05.2023 UDIN : A057104E000396828 Poornima Yadav Practicing Company Secretary ACS No.: 57104 C P No.: 23245