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May 23, 2023

To, The Secretary BSE Limited Phiroze Jeejeebhoy Towers Dalal Street Mumbai - 400 001

Scrip code: 500672

Dear Sir/ Madam,

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

Pursuant to Regulation 24A of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 read with SEBI Circular No. CIR/CFD/CMD1/27/2019 dated February 8, 2019, please find enclosed the Annual Secretarial Compliance Report of the Company issued by Mr. K. G. Saraf, Saraf & Associates, Practicing Company Secretaries, for the financial year ended March 31, 2023.

You are requested to kindly take the above information on record.

Thanking You.

Yours Sincerely,

For Novartis India Limited

Digitally signed by Malpani Nikhil

DN: de-com, de-novartis, ou-people, ou-pe

Nikhil Malpani Company Secretary and Compliance Officer

Encl.: As above

## SARAF & ASSOCIATES

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Secretarial Compliance Report of Novartis India Limited For the Financial Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 (Pursuant to SEBI- CIR/CFD/CMD1/27/2019 Dated February 8, 2019)

I have conducted the review of the compliance of the applicable statutory provisions and the adherence to good corporate practices by **Novartis India Limited** (hereinafter referred as 'the listed entity'), having its Registered Office at Inspire - BKC, Part of 601 and 701, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra East, Mumbai City MH 400051. Secretarial Review was conducted in a manner that provided me a reasonable basis for evaluating the corporate conducts/statutory compliances and expressing my opinion thereon.

Based on my verification of the listed entity's books, papers, minutes books, forms and returns filed and other records maintained by the listed entity and also the information provided by the listed entity, its officers, agents and authorized representatives during the conduct of Secretarial Review, I hereby report that in my opinion, the listed entity has, during the review period covering the financial year ended on March 31, 2023, complied with the statutory provisions listed hereunder and also that the listed entity has proper Board processes and compliance mechanism in place to the extent, in the manner and subject to the reporting made hereinafter:

I Mr. K.G. Saraf, Practicing Company Secretary (FCS No. 1596, Certificate of Practice No. 642) have examined:

- (a) all the documents and records made available to us and explanation provided by **NOVARTIS INDIA 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 31st 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 for the period under review)
- (c) Securities and Exchange Board of India (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeovers) Regulations, 2011;

- (d) Securities and Exchange Board of India (Buyback of Securities) Regulations, 2018; (Not applicable for the period under review)
- (e) The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Share Based Employee Benefits and Sweat Equity) Regulations, 2021; (Not applicable for the period under review)
- (f) Securities and Exchange Board of India (Issue and Listing of Non-Convertible securities) Regulations, 2021; (Not applicable for the period under review)
- (g) Securities and Exchange Board of India (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 2015;
- (h) The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Registrars to an Issue and Share Transfer Agents) Regulations, 1993 regarding the Companies Act and dealing with client;
- (i) The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Depositories and Participant) Regulations, 2018;
- (j) The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Delisting of Equity Shares) Regulations, 2021; (Not applicable for the period under review)

and Circulars / Guidelines issued thereunder.

I hereby report that, during the Review Period the compliance status of the listed entity is appended as below:

Sr.	Particulars	Compliance	Observations /
No		Status	Remarks by
		(Yes/No/NA)	PCS
1	Secretarial Standard	Yes	
	The compliances of the listed entity are in accordance with the		
	applicable Secretarial Standards (SS) issued by the Institute of		
	Company Secretaries India (ICSI), as notified by the Central		
	Government under section 118(10) of the Companies Act, 2013		
	and mandatorily applicable.		
2	Adoption and timely updation of the Policies:	Yes	
	• All applicable policies under SEBI Regulations are		
	adopted with the approval of board of directors of the listed		
	entity.		
	• All the policies are in conformity with SEBI Regulations		
	and have been reviewed & updated on time, as per the		
	regulations/circulars/guidelines issued by SEBI		
	regulations, encutars, guidenness issued by SEDI		
3	Maintenance and disclosures on Website:	Yes	
	The Listed entity is maintaining a functional website		
	• Timely dissemination of the documents/ information under a		
	separate section on the website		
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	Web-links provided in annual corporate governance reports		
	under Regulation 27(2) are accurate and specific which re-		
	directs to the relevant document(s)/ section of the website		
4	Disqualification of Director:	Yes	
	None of the Director of the Company are disqualified under Section		
	164 of Companies Act, 2013 as confirmed by the listed entity.		

5	To examine details related to Subsidiaries of listed entities:  (a) Identification of material subsidiary companies.  (b) Disclosure requirement of material as well as other subsidiaries	NA	The Company does not have any subsidiaries
6	Preservation of Documents:  The listed entity is preserving and maintaining records as prescribed under SEBI Regulations and disposal of records as per Policy of Preservation of Documents and Archival policy prescribed under SEBI LODR Regulations, 2015	Yes	
7	Performance Evaluation: The listed entity has conducted performance evaluation of the Board, Independent Directors and the Committees at the start of every financial year as prescribed in SEBI Regulations	Yes	
8	Related Party Transactions:  (a) The listed entity has obtained prior approval of Audit Committee for all Related party transactions.  (b) The listed entity has provided detailed reasons along with confirmation whether the transactions were subsequently approved/ratified/rejected by the Audit Committee, in case no prior approval has been obtained.	Yes	
9	Disclosure of events or information: The listed entity has provided all the required disclosure(s) under Regulation 30 along with Schedule III of SEBI LODR Regulations, 2015 within the time limits prescribed thereunder.	Yes	
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	
11	Actions taken by SEBI or Stock Exchange(s), if any: No Actions taken against the listed entity/ its promoters/ directors/ subsidiaries either by SEBI or by Stock Exchanges (including under the Standard Operating Procedures issued by SEBI through various circulars) under SEBI Regulations and circulars/ guidelines issued thereunder	Yes	
12	Additional Non-compliances, if any:  No additional non-compliance observed for any SEBI regulation/circular/guidance note etc.	Yes	

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

Sr.	Compliance	Regulation /	Deviations	Action	Type	Details of	Fine	Observations/	Management	Remarks
No	Requirement	Circular No		taken	of	Violation	Amount	Remarks of the	Response	
	(Regulations/			by	Action			Practicing		
	circulars /							Company		
	guidelines							Secretary		
	including									
	specific									
	clause)									
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(b) The listed entity has taken the following actions to comply with the observations made in previous reports:

Sr. No	Compliance Requirement (Regulations/ circulars / guidelines including specific clause)	Regulation / Circular No	Deviations	Action taken by	Type of Action	Details of Violation	Fine Amount	Observations/ Remarks of the Practicing Company Secretary	Management Response	Remarks
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(c) The listed entity has suitably included the conditions as mentioned in para 6(A) and 6(B) of the SEBI Circular CIR/CFD/CMD1/114/2019 dated October 18, 2019 in terms of appointment of statutory auditor of the Listed entity.

Assumptions & Limitation of scope and Review:

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

For Saraf & Associates

**Practising Company Secretaries** 

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K.G. SARAF

**Proprietor** 

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Place : Mumbai

Date : 10.05.2023

UDIN: F001596E000286430