



Aitken Spence Corporate Services (Private) Limited

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Dear Sir

DISCLOSURE IN TERMS OF SECTION 9.6.1 AND 9.6.2 OF THE LISTING RULES
APPOINTMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN AND SENIOR INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR

In terms of Section 9.6.1 and 9.6.2 of the Listing Rules, we wish to announce that consequent to the demise of Deshamanya D H S Jayawardena, the Board of Directors on February 06, 2025 has decided to appoint Ms. D S T Jayawardena, Executive Director to the office of Chairman of the Company with immediate effect.

Ms. Jayawardena is a graduate of St. James' and Lucie Clayton College and Keele University in the United Kingdom, Emeritus Institute of Management, Singapore and an Associate Alumni of University of Cambridge (Judges Business School), United Kingdom. Ms. Jayawardena was the youngest intern to work under US Senator Hilary Rodham Clinton and the Former US President Bill Clinton in 2003.

Ms. Jayawardena has over 15 years of experience in the management of companies under the guidance of her late father Deshamanya D H S Jayawardena. She has been managing and providing strategic direction to Aitken Spence Group Companies including the leisure sector and carries with her a wealth of knowledge and experience which is imperative for the continuous growth of the Aitken Spence Group of Companies adhering to the vision of late Deshamanya D H S Jayawardena.

Ms. Jayawardena is a Director of Melstacorp PLC, Distilleries Company of Sri Lanka PLC, Lanka Milk Foods (CWE) PLC, Browns Beach Hotels PLC and serves as the Joint Deputy Chairperson and Joint Managing Director of Aitken Spence Hotel Holdings PLC, which has reinforced her leadership in diversified conglomerate structures.

In terms of Section 7.8 (b) of the Listing Rules, it is hereby disclosed that Ms. D S T Jayawardena holds 27,839 shares in the Company.

The aforesaid appointment has necessitated the Board of Directors to appoint Mr. M R Mihular, Independent Non-Executive Director as the Senior Independent Director with immediate effect.

The Nominations and Governance Committee and the Board of Directors are of the view that the aforesaid redesignation and appointment are in the best interest of the Company and its stakeholders.

Yours faithfully

AITKEN SPENCE CORPORATE SERVICES (PRIVATE) LIMITED
Secretaries to **AITKEN SPENCE PLC**

Benjamin Poopalapillai
Vice President – Company Secretarial Division