



31st January 2025

Mr. Renuke Wijayawardhane
Chief Regulatory Officer
Colombo Stock Exchange
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Dear Sir,

CORPORATE DISCLOSURE – RESIGNATION OF STATUTORY AUDITOR AND APPOINTMENT OF NEW AUDITOR

LOLC Group has expanded globally over the last few years which has resulted in the Group requiring to obtain services of several global audit firms.

Ernst & Young Sri Lanka (EY), Chartered Accountants has been the Group Auditor, since their appointment in 2008/2009. Complying with the Finance Business Act Direction No. 5 of 2021 which mandated audit firm rotation after a maximum service period of 10 years, LOLC Finance PLC changed its statutory auditor from EY to Deloitte Partners for the year ending 31st March 2025. Further, LOLC Group's recent acquisition in plantation companies in Africa (Browns Plantations Kenya) representing a significant component of the Group's balance sheet, appointed Deloitte as their statutory auditor. This resulted in a significant reduction in audit coverage for EY which posed challenges for them to continue as the Group Auditor.

In Compliance with section 161 of the Companies Act No. 7 of 2007, Ernst & Young, Chartered Accountants, submitted their letter of resignation dated 29.01.2025 to the company, addressed to the shareholders, communicating their resignation as the Statutory Auditor of LOLC Holdings PLC, with effect from 20.02.2025.

According to the said letter, such resignation was due to the challenges faced by EY in relation to the Group audit coverage triggered by the required mandatory audit firm rotation of the subsidiary company LOLC Finance PLC and the expansion of global operations of the LOLC Group. They have further confirmed that there is no other circumstance connected with their resignation which they consider should be brought to the attention of the shareholders.

Accordingly, based on the challenges faced by EY as communicated by them, the Board of Directors has recommended to the Shareholders that Deloitte Partners, Chartered Accountants, be appointed as the auditors for LOLC Holdings PLC, for the financial year ending 31st March 2025.

In this connection we wish to announce that an **Extraordinary General Meeting** will be held as a Virtual Meeting on **Thursday, 20th February 2025, at 10:00am** to pass the requisite Ordinary Resolution for the appointment of Deloitte Partners, Chartered Accountants as the Company's auditors for the audit of the financial year ending 31.03.2025.

Yours faithfully,

LOLC Corporate Services (Private) Limited
Secretaries for LOLC Holdings PLC

LOLC Holdings PLC

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