

Date: April 26, 2018

To,  
**BSE Limited**  
Corporate Relationship Department  
Phiroze Jeejeebhoy Towers  
Dalal Street  
Mumbai- 400001

**Scrip code: 526235**

Dear Sir/Madam,

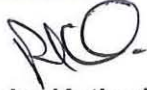
To,  
**National Stock Exchange of India Ltd.**  
Exchange Plaza,  
Plot no. C/1, G Block,  
Bandra-Kurla Complex  
Bandra (E)  
Mumbai - 400 051.  
**Scrip code: MERCATOR**

**SUB: Clarification On Some Recent News Reports**

This is with reference to news report published in Hindu Business Line on April 25, 2018; we would like to elucidate the matter as per the attached Clarification.

Please acknowledge.

For Mercator Limited



**Rajendra Kothari**  
Chief Financial Officer



## CLARIFICATION ON SOME RECENT NEWS REPORTS

"Some media houses have released news reports regarding a case which has been pending before the CBI Court. This relates to the Sethusamudram Ship Canal Project which was stalled in the year 2010 and FIR was registered in 2015. The Central Bureau of Investigation has filed a Chargesheet against Mr. HK Mittal (Executive Chairman – Mercator Ltd) and four former officials of Dredging Corporation of India (DCI), We deny all the allegations made against our Company and its management.

The Company states that in three separate arbitrations commenced by Mercator Ltd. against DCI under contracts relating to the Sethusamudram project, the Arbitral Tribunal (the "Tribunal") has passed an Award in favour of Mercator Ltd., dismissing the various allegations made by DCI. The Tribunal has unanimously observed that Mercator Ltd. had not committed any breach of its contract with DCI and held that the termination of the contracts by DCI was "wrongful and illegal"; awarding damages to Mercator Ltd. for the losses suffered as a result of such wrongful termination by DCI. Any complaint founded on the basis of the termination of the contract is unfounded and baseless.

On March 15, 2018, the Company has in total been awarded a gross sum of around INR 50.75 Crores along with interest, to be paid by DCI, on account of various wrongful deductions made by DCI for work duly done, demobilisation costs and damages due to the illegal termination by DCI.

The Company and its management are contesting the allegations and shall keep the exchanges informed on the further developments in the matter. Until such time, we have no further comments in the matter.

We further say that the Company has always kept its stakeholders and the stock exchanges informed of any material events in line with the 'for determination of Materiality of any Event / Information' formulated and notified by the Company in accordance with Regulation 30 (4) of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015".

For **Mercator Limited**



**Rajendra Kothari**  
Chief Financial Officer

