

### CLARIFICATION ON NEWS ARTICLE & MARKET RUMOURS AND FOCUS ON STRONG CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRACTICES

**Mumbai, February 3, 2018:** Vakrangee Limited hereby clarifies on News Article & Market Rumours alleging our Company being investigated for price and volume manipulation.

Vakrangee would like to highlight that we have not received any communication either from Stock Exchanges or Security Exchange Board of India (SEBI). The rumours of involvement of Company in price and volume manipulation are completely baseless and factually incorrect.

The Company clarifies that:

- Mr. Dinesh Nandwana who was an Independent Director in Garnet International Ltd. has already resigned from the directorship on July 13, 2017.
- Mr. Dinesh Nandwana has no directorship in Ashtavakra IT Solutions Ltd and Vakrangee IT Solutions was sold in March 2014.
- Mr. Ashok Kumar Gautam was never being director of Vakrangee Limited.

Further, we would like to reiterate on our strong corporate governance standards -

1. Independent board with 6 Independent directors out of total 8 directors with Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) having a board member as a nominee Director and ex ED of SEBI on our board.
2. Big Four statutory auditors (PWC) and MSCI ESG 'A' rating.
3. Full tax paying company and has paid more than ₹1000+ Crores in last 5 years.
4. Dividend Payout policy in place and has paid ~₹127 Crores in last year.
5. The Company has treasury fund of more than ₹1500 Crores. We had done Direct Equity Investments in PC Jeweller. Post this investment, we received feedback from our investors Community to avoid any direct equity investment. Keeping this in mind, we have released the Treasury Investment Policy w.e.f. January 30, 2018 which states that we will not do any further direct equity investments.
6. Plan to release Capital allocation policy by end of Financial Year 2018
7. There has been No single share pledge by the Promoter of the Company

**“We are extremely confident of our business model and continue to grow steadily. We are well on track to achieve our Vision 2020 target of 75,000 Vakrangee Kendra outlets by 2020 with \$2 Billion of revenue and covering each postal code of India”.**

## **About Vakrangee Limited**

**(BSE Code: 511431; NSE Code: VAKRANGEE)**

Incorporated in 1990, Vakrangee is the unique technology driven company focused on building India's largest network of last-mile retail outlets to deliver real-time banking, insurance, e-governance, e-commerce and logistics services to the unserved & underserved rural, semi-urban and urban markets. These retail outlets are called as "Vakrangee Kendra" which act as the "One-stop shop" for availing various services and products. Vakrangee is currently operating more than 44,200 "Vakrangee Kendra" outlets across India. The company has plans to setup and manage a total of 75,000 "Vakrangee Kendra" outlets across India by 2020 and covering the presence in all Postal code of the country.

Vakrangee has been at the forefront in financial inclusion space in India. It has signed "Common BC" and "National BC" agreements with various banks for offering real-time banking to unserved and underserved rural population. Banking at "Vakrangee Kendra" outlets is a unique experience with disruptive technology like APS, e-KYC, interoperability and real-time transactions.

In addition to banking "Vakrangee Kendra" outlets also provide insurance products, e-governance services and e-commerce products & services. The company also offers assisted e-commerce services offering strong platform for buying/collecting/delivering large variety of products; alliance with Netmeds Marketplace Limited to offer medicines and other health products; the Company has also alliance with RedBus for offering bus ticketing services and with Mahindra eMarket Limited, a subsidiary of M&M for promoting and booking automobile products using the last-mile distribution network of Vakrangee Kendra outlets.

The Company has alliance with Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation Limited (IRCTC) for offering Railway E-Tickets booking through Vakrangee Kendras and has also alliance with IndusInd Bank Limited for Bharat Bill Payment System platform to deliver wide range of bill payment services from Vakrangee Kendra outlets. The Company also intend to provide GST (Goods and Services Tax) Registration, Filing of Returns, Payment and other value-added services through Vakrangee Kendra Outlets.

The Company has alliance with Vasco Worldwide, an avant-garde travel service enterprise, to provide Travel Concierge & Visa support services and has also tie-up with DMI Finance Private Limited (DMI) to act as a Lead generator for offering its various loan products and collection of EMIs to citizens across Pan India.

The Company has corporate agency tie-up for Life, General and Health insurance with Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC), HDFC Life Insurance Company Limited, Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance Company Limited and other Insurance Companies.

The Company has also alliance with FedEx Express, Aramex India Private Limited, Delhivery Private Limited and First Flight Couriers Limited for courier and logistics services (Forward Delivery as well as Reverse Pick Up services) using the last-mile distribution network of Vakrangee Kendra outlets.

Vakrangee moves towards its vision 2020 has strategic tie-up with Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL), India's largest commercial enterprise and Vakrangee Kendra shall be set up in about 20,000 plus IOC Retail Outlets (Filling/Gas Station) located PAN India.

The Company has been classified in the Specialty Retail Industry by Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) and is also included in the Group "A" category of BSE. The Company is also part of indices like BSE 100, BSE 200, BSE 500, NSE 200, NSE 500, Nifty Full Midcap 100, Nifty Free Float Midcap 100 index, Nifty Large Midcap 250 and is also included in MSCI Global Standard Index. Vakrangee is also certified with CMMI Maturity Level 3, ISO 9001:2008, ISO 20000-1:2011 and ISO 27001:2013.

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