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The Board of Directors
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4 May 2020

Dear Sirs

Independent Auditor's certificate – preferential allotment of equity shares

1. This certificate is issued in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated 29 April 2020 and as per the requirement of sub-regulation 2 of Regulation 163 under Chapter V of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (the 'SEBI') (Issue of Capital and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2018, as amended (the 'SEBI Regulations').
2. As required, we have examined the compliance with the Regulation 159, 160, 163(1) and 164(4) of Chapter V of the SEBI Regulations (the 'Regulations') for preferential issue of equity shares of IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (the 'Bank') approved by the Board of Directors (the 'Board') in its meeting held on 1 May 2020.
3. In terms of the SEBI Regulations, the Bank has issued a postal ballot notice along with the explanatory statement dated 1 May 2020 (together referred to as the 'Notice') to the shareholders of the Bank pursuant to provisions of Section 110 of the Companies Act, 2013 (the 'Act') read with the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014 as amended and other applicable provisions of the Act, if any, seeking the consent of the shareholders to approve on 3 June 2020 being the last date specified by the Bank for e-voting, the proposed issue of 862,440,704 equity shares of the Bank of face value of Rs. 10 each, fully paid up, on a preferential basis, at a price of Rs. 23.19 per equity share as per Item No. 2 to the Notice.

Management's responsibility

4. The compliance with the aforesaid SEBI Regulations for the preferential allotment of equity shares and preparation of the aforesaid Notice, including its content in respect of Item No. 2 is the responsibility of management of the Bank. Management is also responsible for preparation and maintenance of all accounting and other relevant supporting records and documents. This responsibility includes the design, implementation and maintenance of internal controls relevant to the preparation and presentation of the Notice and applying an appropriate basis of preparation; and making estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.
5. Management is also responsible for providing all relevant information to the SEBI, and/or BSE Limited, and/or the National Stock Exchange of India Limited.

Auditor's responsibility

6. We have not performed an audit, the objective of which would be expression of an opinion on the financial statements, specified elements, accounts or items thereof, for the purpose of this certificate. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.
7. For the purpose of this certificate, we have planned and performed the following procedures to determine whether anything has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the proposed preferential issue of equity shares as set out in Item No. 2 of the Notice is not in accordance with the requirements of the Regulations:
 - a) With respect to conditions specified in Regulation 159 & 160 of the SEBI Regulations, we have performed the following procedures to confirm the compliance with required conditions:
 - verified that the Bank has obtained requisite undertaking from the proposed allottees to ensure that they have not sold or transferred any equity shares of the Bank during the six months preceding the relevant date of 4 May 2020 except for Insurance companies registered with Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India as they are exempted under sub-regulation (5) of Regulation 158 from complying with the said regulation;
 - obtained confirmation from the Registrar and Transfer Agent of the Bank (i.e. KFin Technologies Private Limited) to verify the 'pre-preferential holding' of equity shares of the Bank held by the proposed allottees, if any and such 'pre-preferential holding' is held in the dematerialized form;
 - examined the Notice issued and confirmed that the preferential issue of equity shares of the Bank shall be made fully paid up at the time of allotment;
 - examined the Notice issued and confirmed that the special resolution for proposed preferential issue of equity shares of the Bank is included in the same;
 - enquired with the management of the Bank and obtained representation to confirm that the Bank has adhered to conditions for continuous listing of equity shares as specified in the listing agreement with the stock exchanges where the equity shares of the issuer is listed; and
 - verified that the Bank has obtained Permanent Account Number ('PAN') of the proposed allottees. The Bank has relied on the email provided by the proposed allottees for the PAN and verified the PAN independently from the NSDL website.
 - b) Read the Notice and verified that the following disclosures have been made in accordance with Regulation 163(1) of the SEBI Regulations in the Notice:
 - the objects of the preferential issue;
 - the maximum number of equity shares to be issued;
 - the intent of the promoters, directors or key managerial personnel of the issuer to subscribe to the offer;
 - the shareholding pattern of the issuer before and after the preferential issue;
 - the time frame within which the preferential issue shall be completed;

Auditor's responsibility (Continued)

- the identity of the natural persons who are the ultimate beneficial owners of the shares proposed to be allotted and/or who ultimately control the proposed allottees and the percentage of post preferential issue capital that may be held by them and change in control in the issuer consequent to the preferential issue except in the case of listed company, mutual fund, scheduled commercial bank, Insurance company registered with the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India where the regulation exempts disclosure of ultimate beneficial owner of such proposed allottees;
 - the undertaking that the issuer shall re-compute the price of the equity shares in terms of the provision of Regulation 164(3) of the SEBI Regulations where it is required to do so;
 - the undertaking that if the amount payable on account of the re-computation of price where it is required to do so is not paid within the time stipulated, the equity shares shall continue to be locked in till the time such amount is paid by the allottees if the provision of Regulation 164(3) of the SEBI Regulations is applicable;
 - disclosures specified in Schedule VI, if the issuer or any of its promoters or directors is a wilful defaulter.
- c) With respect to compliance with minimum price for preferential issue in accordance with Regulation 164(4) of the SEBI Regulations, we have issued our certificate dated 4 May 2020;
8. The procedures performed in a limited assurance engagement vary in nature and timing from, and are less in extent than for, a reasonable assurance engagement and consequently, the level of assurance obtained in a limited assurance engagement is substantially lower than the assurance that would have been obtained had a reasonable assurance engagement been performed.
9. We conducted our examination in accordance with the Guidance Note on Reports or Certificates for Special Purposes (Revised 2016) (the 'Guidance Note') issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (the 'ICAI'). The Guidance Note requires that we comply with the ethical requirements of the Code of Ethics issued by the ICAI.
10. We have complied with the relevant applicable requirements of the Standard on Quality Control ('SQC') 1, "Quality Control for Firms that Perform Audits and Reviews of Historical Financial Information, and Other Assurance and Related Services Engagements".

Conclusion

11. Based on the procedures performed as mentioned above and information, explanations and representations provided by the Bank, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the proposed preferential issue of equity shares being made would not be in accordance with Chapter V of the SEBI Regulations.

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Restriction of use

12. This certificate is addressed to and provided to the Bank solely for being made available on the website of the Bank to facilitate online inspection by the members from May 5, 2020 till 3 June 2020 being the last date of e-voting, to comply with the requirement of aforementioned Regulations and should not be used by any other person or for any other purpose. Accordingly, our certificate should not be quoted or referred to in any other document or made available to any other person or persons without our prior written consent. Also, we neither accept nor assume any duty or liability for any other purpose or to any other party to whom our certificate is shown or into whose hands it may come without our prior written consent.

For **B S R & Co. LLP**

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