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April 03, 2019

The Company Secretary,  
**Bandhan Bank Ltd.**  
 DN 32, Sector V, Salt Lake, Kolkata,  
 West Bengal, 700091

Sir,

**Sub: Observation letter regarding the Draft Scheme of amalgamation of Gruh Finance Limited with Bandhan Bank Ltd and its shareholders.**

We are in receipt of Draft Scheme of amalgamation of Gruh Finance Limited with Bandhan Bank Ltd and its shareholders filed as required under SEBI Circular No. CFD/DIL3/CIR/2017/21 dated March 10, 2017; SEBI vide its letter dated April 03 2019 has inter alia given the following comment(s) on the draft scheme of arrangement:

- “Company shall ensure that additional information, if any, submitted by the Company, after filing the scheme with the Stock Exchange, and from the date of receipt of this letter is displayed on the websites of the listed company and the stock exchanges.”
- “Company shall duly comply with various provisions of the Circulars.”
- “Company is advised to comply with all the relevant RBI norms and the observations issued by RBI vide letter dated March 14, 2019.”
- “Company is advised that the observations of SEBI/Stock Exchanges shall be incorporated in the petition to be filed before National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) and the company is obliged to bring the observations to the notice of NCLT.”
- “It is to be noted that the petitions are filed by the company before NCLT after processing and communication of comments/observations on draft scheme by SEBI/stock exchange. Hence, the company is not required to send notice for representation as mandated under section 230(5) of Companies Act, 2013 to SEBI again for its comments / observations / representations.”

Accordingly, based on aforesaid comment offered by SEBI, the company is hereby advised:

- To provide additional information, if any, (as stated above) along with various documents to the Exchange for further dissemination on Exchange website.
- To ensure that additional information, if any, (as stated aforesaid) along with various documents are disseminated on their (company) website.
- To duly comply with various provisions of the circulars.

In light of the above, we hereby advise that we have no adverse observations with limited reference to those matters having a bearing on listing/de-listing/continuous listing requirements within the provisions of Listing Agreement, so as to enable the company to file the scheme with Hon'ble NCLT.

Further, where applicable in the explanatory statement of the notice to be sent by the company to the shareholders, while seeking approval of the scheme, it shall disclose information about unlisted companies involved in the format prescribed for abridged prospectus as specified in the circular dated March 10, 2017.




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Kindly note that as required under Regulation 37(3) of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, the validity of this Observation Letter shall be six months from the date of this Letter, within which the scheme shall be submitted to the NCLT.

The Exchange reserves its right to withdraw its 'No adverse observation' at any stage if the information submitted to the Exchange is found to be incomplete / incorrect / misleading / false or for any contravention of Rules, Bye-laws and Regulations of the Exchange, Listing Agreement, Guidelines/Regulations issued by statutory authorities.

Please note that the aforesaid observations does not preclude the Company from complying with any other requirements.

Yours faithfully,

  
**Tushar Kamath**  
Deputy Gen Manager

  
**Sabah Vaze**  
Associate Manager