#### HIGHWAYS INFRASTRUCTURE TRUST



May 19, 2023

To

**National Stock Exchange of India Limited** 

Exchange Plaza, C-1, Block-G, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (E), Mumbai-400051 Symbol- HIGHWAYS **BSE Limited** 

Corporate Relationship Department Phiroze Jeejeebhoy Towers Dalal Street, Fort Mumbai- 400001

Scrip Code: 974227 & 974228

Sub: Annual Secretarial Compliance Report for the financial year ended on March 31, 2023

Dear Sir/Madam,

Pursuant to Regulation 24A of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 as amended and SEBI Circular no. CIR/CFD/CMD1/27/2019 dated February 08, 2019, and under Regulation 26J of Securities and Exchange Board of India (Infrastructure Investment Trust) Regulation, 2014, we hereby submit the Annual Secretarial Compliance Report of Highways Infrastructure Trust (acting through its Investment Manager - Highway Concessions One Private Limited) for the financial year ended on March 31, 2023, issued by M/s. MMJB & Associates LLP, Company Secretaries, Mumbai.

The same is also available on the website of the Trust at www.highwaystrust.com.

You are requested to kindly take the same on record.

Thanking you,

For Highway Concessions One Private Limited

(acting in its capacity as Investment Manager of Highways Infrastructure Trust)

Kunjal Shah
Company Secretary and Compliance Officer

Place: Mumbai Encl: as above

### HIGHWAYS INFRASTRUCTURE TRUST



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#### **Axis Trustee Services Limited**

("Trustee of the InvIT")
Axis House, Bombay Dyeing Mills Compound,
Pandurang Budhkar Marg, Worli, Mumbai - 400 025,
Maharashtra, India

#### **Catalyst Trusteeship Limited**

("Debenture Trustee") Windsor, 6th floor, Office No.604, C.S.T Road, Kalina, Santacruz (East), Mumbai – 400098 Maharashtra, India



# MMJB & Associates LLP

## Company Secretaries

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Secretarial Compliance Report of Highways Infrastructure Trust For the year ended March 31, 2023

To
The Governing Board,
Highways Infrastructure Trust
(Acting through its Investment Manager – Highway Concessions One Pvt. Ltd.)
2nd Floor, Piramal Tower, Peninsula Corporate Park,
Lower Parel, Mumbai – 400013

We have conducted the review of the compliance of the applicable statutory provisions and the adherence to good corporate practices by **Highways Infrastructure Trust** (hereinafter referred as 'the Listed entity'), having its registered office at 2nd Floor, Piramal Tower, Peninsula Corporate Park, Lower Parel, Mumbai – 400013. Secretarial Review was conducted in a manner that provided us a reasonable basis for evaluating the corporate conducts/statutory compliances and expressing our opinion thereon.

Based on our verification of the listed entity's books, papers, minutes books, forms and returns filed and other records maintained by the listed entity and also the information provided by the listed entity, its officers, agents and authorized representatives during the conduct of Secretarial Review, we hereby report that in our opinion, the listed entity has, during the review period covering the financial year ended on March 31, 2023, complied with the statutory provisions listed hereunder and also that the listed entity has proper Board processes and compliance mechanism in place to the extent, in the manner and subject to the reporting made hereinafter:

We, M/s. MMJB & Associates LLP, Company Secretaries, have examined:

- (a) all the documents and records made available to us and explanation provided by the listed entity,
- (b) the filings/ submissions made by the listed entity to the Stock Exchanges,
- (c) website of the listed entity,
- (d) any other document/filing, as may be relevant, which has been relied upon to make this certification,

for the year ended on March 31, 2023 ('Review Period') in respect of compliance with the provisions of:

- (a) the Securities and Exchange Board of India Act, 1992 ('SEBI Act') and the Regulations, circulars, guidelines issued thereunder; and
- (b) the Securities Contracts (Regulation) Act, 1956 ('SCRA'), rules made thereunder and the Regulations, circulars, guidelines issued thereunder by the Securities and Exchange





Board of India ('SEBI');

The specific Regulations, whose provisions and the circulars/guidelines issued thereunder, have been examined, include:

- (a) Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015; ('Listing Regulations')

  Further, the listed entity being High Value Debt Listed Entity, it is complying with the provisions of Listing Regulations on Comply and Explain basis and is in the process of full compliance.
- (b) Securities and Exchange Board of India (Issue of Capital and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2018; (Not Applicable to the listed entity during the Review Period)
- (c) Securities and Exchange Board of India (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeovers) Regulations, 2011; (Not Applicable to the listed entity during the Review Period)
- (d) Securities and Exchange Board of India (Buyback of Securities) Regulations, 2018; (Not Applicable to the listed entity during the Review Period)
- (e) Securities and Exchange Board of India (Share Based Employee Benefits and Sweat Equity) Regulations, 2021; (Not Applicable to the listed entity during the Review Period)
- (f) Securities and Exchange Board of India (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 2015;
- (g) Securities and Exchange Board of India (Issue and Listing of Non-Convertible Securities) Regulations, 2021;
- (h) The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Registrars to an Issue and Share Transfer Agents) Regulations, 1993 regarding the Companies Act and dealing with client;
- (i) The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Depositories and Participants) Regulations, 2018; (Not Applicable to the listed entity during the Review Period)
- (j) Securities and Exchange Board of India (Infrastructure Investment Trusts) Regulations, 2014 ("InvIT Regulations")

and circulars/guidelines issued thereunder.

We hereby report that, during the Review Period the compliance status of the listed entity is appended as below:

Sr. Particulars No	Compliance Status (Yes/No/NA)	Observations / Remarks by PCS*
We have conducted a review of the collisted entity in accordance with the Standards issued by ICSI, namely Secretar 1 and Standard 2.	Secretarial	Secretarial standards are not applicable to the listed entity being InvIT





<ul> <li>Adoption and timely updation of the Policies:</li> <li>All applicable policies under SEBI Regulations are adopted with the approval of board of directors / committees, as may be applicable of the listed entities.</li> <li>All the policies are in conformity with SEBI Regulations and has been reviewed &amp; timely updated as per the regulations/circulars/guidelines issued by SEBI.</li> </ul>	Yes	•
<ul> <li>Maintenance and disclosures on Website:</li> <li>The Listed entity is maintaining a functional website.</li> <li>Timely dissemination of the documents/ information under a separate section on the website.</li> <li>Web-links provided in annual corporate governance reports under Regulation 27(2) are accurate and specific which redirects to the relevant document(s)/ section of the website.</li> </ul>	Yes	Since listed entity became a High Value debt listed entity ("HVDL") wef 27th September 2022 hence, weblink related compliance under regulation 27(2) was not applicable to the listed entity during the review period.
Disqualification of Director:  None of the Director of the Listed Entity are disqualified under Section 164 of Companies Act, 2013.	NA	Companies Act, 2013 is not applicable to the listed entity being InvIT
To examine details related to Subsidiaries of listed entities:  (a) Identification of material subsidiary companies (b)Requirements with respect to disclosure of material as well as other subsidiaries	(a) Yes (b) NA	The listed entity has recently became HVDL. Further, the said provision was applicable on comply or explain basis to listed entity being HVDL for 5 days



6.	Preservation of Documents:		
	As per the confirmations given by the listed entity, and on our test check basis, it is preserving and maintaining records as prescribed under SEBI Regulations and disposal of records as per Policy of Preservation of Documents and Archival policy prescribed under Listing Regulations.	Yes	
7.	Performance Evaluation:	Orași de la selection	
	The listed entity has conducted performance evaluation of the Board, Independent Directors, and the Committees on an annual basis as prescribed in SEBI Regulations.	Yes	
8.	Related Party Transactions:  (a) The listed entity has obtained prior approval of Audit Committee for all Related party transactions (b) In case no prior approval obtained, the listed entity shall provide detailed reasons along with confirmation whether the transactions were subsequently approved/ratified/rejected by the Audit committee.	(a) NA (b) NA	The listed entity has recently became HVDL. Further, the said provision was applicable on comply or explain basis to listed entity being HVDL for 5 days
9.	Disclosure of events or information:		Listed entity
	The listed entity has provided all the required disclosure(s) under Regulation 30 along with Schedule III of Listing Regulations within the time limits prescribed thereunder.	Yes	being a debt listed entity has complied with Regulation 51 along with Part B of Schedule III of Listing Regulations
10.	Prohibition of Insider Trading:		
	The listed entity is in compliance with Regulation 3(5) & 3(6) SEBI (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 2015	Yes	•
11.	Actions taken by SEBI or Stock Exchange(s), if any:		
	No actions taken against the listed entity/ its promoters/directors/ subsidiaries either by SEBI or by Stock Exchanges (including under the Standard	No	Refer table (a) for details.



	Operating Procedures issued by SEBI through various circulars) under SEBI Regulations and circulars/guidelines issued thereunder.		Point (a)(ii) Complied with delay
12.	Additional Non-compliances, if any:		
	No any additional non-compliance observed for all SEBI regulation/circular/guidance note etc.	No	Refer below mentioned table (a)

Compliances related to resignation of statutory auditors from listed entities and their material subsidiaries as per SEBI Circular CIR/CFD/CMD1/114/2019 dated 18th October, 2019:

Sr. No	Particulars	Compliance Status (Yes/No/NA)	Observations /Remarks by PCS*					
1.	Compliances with the following conditions while appointing/re-appointing an audito							
	<ul> <li>i. If the auditor has resigned within 45 days from the end of a quarter of a financial year, the auditor before such resignation, has issued the limited review/ audit report for such quarter; or</li> <li>ii. If the auditor has resigned after 45 days from the end of a quarter of a financial year, the auditor before such resignation, has issued the limited review/ audit report for such quarter as well as the next quarter; or</li> <li>iii. If the auditor has signed the limited review/ audit report for the first three quarters of a financial year, the auditor before such resignation, has issued the limited review/ audit report for the last quarter of such financial year as well as the audit report for such financial year.</li> </ul>	NA	Auditor was appointed before listing of the listed entity.					
2.	Other conditions relating to resignation of statutory aud	litor						
	i. Reporting of concerns by Auditor with respect to the listed entity/its material subsidiary to the Audit Committee:  a. In case of any concern with the management of the listed entity/material subsidiary such as non-availability of information / non-cooperation by the management which has hampered the audit process, the auditor has approached the Chairman of the Audit Committee of the listed entity and the Audit Committee shall receive such concern directly and immediately without specifically waiting for the quarterly Audit Committee meetings.	NA NA	No such resignation					



	<ul> <li>b. In case the auditor proposes to resign, all concerns with respect to the proposed resignation, along with relevant documents has been brought to the notice of the Audit Committee. In cases where the proposed resignation is due to non-receipt of information / explanation from the company, the auditor has informed the Audit Committee the details of information/explanation sought and not provided by the management, as applicable.</li> <li>c. The Audit Committee / Board of Directors, as the case may be, deliberated on the matter on receipt of such information from the auditor relating to the proposal to resign as mentioned above and communicate its views to the management and the auditor.</li> <li>ii. Disclaimer in case of non-receipt of information: The auditor has provided an appropriate disclaimer in its audit report, which is in accordance with the Standards of Auditing as</li> </ul>		
	specified by ICAI / NFRA, in case where the listed entity/ its material subsidiary has not provided information as required by the auditor.		
3.	The listed entity / its material subsidiary has obtained information from the Auditor upon resignation, in the format as specified in Annexure- A in SEBI Circular CIR/CFD/CMD1/114/2019 dated 18th October, 2019.	NA	No such resignation

\*Observations /Remarks by PCS are mandatory if the Compliance status is provided as 'No' or 'NA'

(a) The listed entity has complied with the provisions of the above Regulations and circulars/ guidelines issued thereunder, except in respect of matters as specified below:

Sr. No.	Compli ance Requir ement (Regula tions/ circular s/ guideli nes includi ng specific clause)	Regulati on / Circular No.	Deviatio ns	Acti on Tak en by	Typ e of Acti on	Details of violation	Fine amo unt	Observati ons/ Remarks of the Practicin g Company Secretary	Manag ement respon se	Rem arks	
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1.	XBRL filing of interest paymen t/part redemp tion for 28th Decem ber, 2022	BSE Circular dated 15th Septemb er, 2021.	XBRL filing	-		XBRL filing	-	Filing of interest payment & part redempti on details in XBRL mode not done in addition to the filing in PDF mode	Listed Entity has duly made the payme nt of interest / part redemp tion and the same was disclose d with the Stock Exchan	
•									ge in BSE listing centre in pdf mode. Further , BSE has not raised any concern on reporting under pdf rather than XBRL.	
2.	Intimati on of record date	Regulati on 60(2) of Listing Regulati ons	Delay in intimati on-	BSE Limi ted	Fine	Delay in intimation of record date	INR 60,0 00+ App lica ble taxe s	Duly paid	Intimat ion of record date was made by the Listed entity. Wherei n two instanc es the	-





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(b) The listed entity has taken the following actions to comply with the observations made in previous reports:

Sr. No.	Complianc e Requirem ent (Regulatio ns/ circulars/ guidelines including specific clause)	Regu lation / Circu lar No.	Deviatio ns	Acti on Tak en	Typ e of Acti on	Details of violation	Fine amo unt	Observati ons/ Remarks of the Practicin g Company Secretary	Manag ement respon se	Rem arks
				N	ot Appl	icable				

#### Assumptions & Limitation of scope and Review:

- 1. Compliance of the applicable laws and ensuring the authenticity of documents and information furnished, are the responsibilities of the management of the listed entity.
- 2. Our responsibility is to certify based upon our examination of relevant documents and information. This is neither an audit nor an expression of opinion.
- 3. We have not verified the correctness and appropriateness of financial Records and Books of Accounts of the listed entity.
- 4. This Report is solely for the intended purpose of compliance in terms of Regulation 24A (2) of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 and Regulation 26J of SEBI (Infrastructure Investment Trust) Regulations, 2016 and is neither an assurance as to the future viability of the listed entity nor of the efficacy or effectiveness with which the management has conducted the affairs of the listed entity.

For MMJB & Associates LLP Company Secretaries

> Bhavisha Jewani Partner

> > FCS: 8503 CP: 9346

PR: 2826/2022

UDIN: F008503E000336567

Date: 19th May, 2023 Place: Mumbai