

August 8, 2018

National Stock Exchange of India Limited
Exchange Plaza, Bandra Kurla Complex,
Mumbai – 400 051

BSE Limited
1st Floor, Rotunda Building,
Dalal Street, Fort, Mumbai – 400 001

Sub.: Clarification on Media Reports

Dear Sir,

We refer to the stock exchange announcement made by ICICI Securities Limited on June 22, 2018 enclosing a letter issued to it by the Securities and Exchange Board of India, stating that the tendering period for the open offer made by the Procter & Gamble Overseas India B.V. (the Acquirer) may commence not later than twelve working days from the receipt of approvals from the Competition Commission of India (CCI) and the Department of Pharmaceuticals.

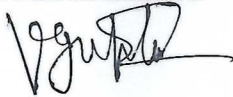
We have come across certain media reports indicating that the CCI has approved the application filed by the Acquirer in connection with the proposed acquisition of 51.80% shares of the Company by the Acquirer.

We would like to clarify that the Company has not received any communication from the CCI in respect of the application filed by the Acquirer in this regard.

Appropriate disclosures will be made by the Company within the stipulated time as per the SEBI Listing Regulations.

This is for your information and record.

Yours faithfully
For Merck Limited



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