

**Publication of Information as Required by Securities Registration and Issuance Regulation 2073 (Related to Sub Rule (1) of Rule 26)**

**1. a) Related Party Disclosure:**

Group comprises of Siddhartha Bank Ltd. (Parent Co.) and Siddhartha Capital Ltd. (Subsidiary Co.). The Bank has 51% shareholding in Siddhartha Capital Limited (SCL) and SCL is licensed as a Mutual Fund Manager and Depository from Securities Board of Nepal (SEBON) as per Mutual Fund Regulation 2010 and also obtained the license for merchant banking business from SEBON in 2015. The Bank has appointed subsidiary as its Registrar to Share.

- The Bank has held call deposits of Rs. 201.66 million of SCL as at 16 October 2020 (Ashwin end 2077).
- Till the end of 1<sup>st</sup> quarter, SCL earned interest income of Rs. 1.63 million and Rs. 0.125 million Share RTS fee from the Bank.
- All intra-group balances and transactions arising from intra-group transactions are eliminated from the Statement of Financial Position and Statement of Profit or Loss of the Group.

**b) Major Financial Indicators**

Earnings Per Share	Rs. 20.07
Price Earnings Ratio (P/E Ratio)	15.84
Net Worth Per Share	Rs. 175.63
Total Assets Value Per Share	Rs. 2,021.77
Liquidity Ratio	27.34%

**2. Management Analysis**

- a) The length of COVID-19 pandemic and the depth of its severity is still unknown both locally and globally. This has created pressure on the business growth, reserves and profitability of the Bank.  
Although the pandemic may lead to a crisis in the real economy, the impact on the bank-customer relationship can be defined as a 'positive discontinuity' for the purpose of digitization of the sector and the ability to offer an excellent customer experience.
- b) The Bank has formulated its strategy with long term and short-term plans which focuses on sustainable growth, product diversification, operational efficiency, risk mitigation, customer satisfaction through digitization and automation.
- c) The Bank continuously monitors the targets set and reviews the achievements on periodic basis.
- d) The Bank has introduced new products and has re-aligned its existing products as per the requirement of customers.
- e) The Bank has been giving continuity to its business process reengineering and service excellency to achieve optimum efficiency amid this pandemic.

**3. Details Regarding Legal Actions**

- a) Case filed by or to organized institution during the quarter:  
There are normal business-related legal issues which have insignificant impact in the Bank's overall business.
- b) Case filed by or against the Promoter or Director of organized institution regarding disobedience of prevailing law or commission of criminal offence:  
None to our knowledge.

- c) Case filed against any Promoter or Director of organized institution regarding commission of financial crime:  
None to our knowledge.

#### **4. Analysis of share transaction and progress of organized institution**

- a) Management's view of share transactions of organized institution of securities market:  
Since the price of the share is determined by open market operation, the management holds a neutral view on share transactions and its movement.
- b) Maximum, minimum and last share price of the organized institution including total transaction and transacted days during the quarter.

Maximum Price	Rs. 359
Minimum Price	Rs. 283
Closing Price	Rs. 318
Total Traded Shares	2,855,800 Shares
Total Transaction No.	11,324
Total Traded Days	64 Days

#### **5. Problems and Challenges**

##### **Internal**

- a) Attainment of reasonable level of cost of operations.
- b) Challenges in increasing non-interest revenue.
- c) Challenges in timely recovery of loans.
- d) Challenges in managing surplus liquidity.
- e) Disruption in full fledged operations of the Bank due to COVID-19 pandemic.

##### **External**

- a) With the onset of global pandemic, the prospect of Nepal's financial sector looks fairly bleak as it is one of the most severely hit. The contraction in economic activity is having adverse consequences on credit quality as it has put pressure on the borrower's repayment capacity.
- b) Risk to the bank due to changes in policies and regulations.
- c) Competition among banks and financial institutions.
- d) Pressure in the interest spread.

##### **Strategies to overcome Challenges**

- a) COVID-19 pandemic:
  - The Bank has carried out COVID-19 impact analysis of the borrowers incorporating various parameters related to borrowers regarding their financials, past performance with the Bank, security coverage and duration of relation with the Bank along with their view on impact of COVID-19 on their business.
  - The Bank has established a mechanism to interact with the borrowers and has been addressing their problems in line with the regulations issued by NRB.
  - The Bank will continue to focus on borrower's needs to help them recover from the impact of COVID-19.
  - Greater attention has been given to more challenged customer segments.
  - The Bank will monitor the effect of this pandemic regularly so as to maintain desired NPA level.
  - The situation has forced many new users to uptake digital banking services for conducting transactions. Like in the past, the Bank will further encourage customers to shift towards digital transactions. The infrastructure will be strengthened accordingly for security of digital transactions.
- b) Adapt the operating models to drive efficiency and resilience.
- c) Implementation of better cost management practices.
- d) Focus on new and high yielding products and services.
- e) Focus on non-funded business and explore new avenues for investment diversification.

- f) Drive digitization and automation to improve efficiency and productivity.
- g) Prudent management of assets and liabilities for optimum utilization of resources.
- h) Developing human resources through online trainings and motivating them for growth.

## **6. Corporate Governance**

- The Bank is committed to maintain high standards of corporate governance by compliance to legal, statutory and regulatory requirements.
- Proper work ethics, integrity and transparency are paramount to the Bank's business.
- Executive Committee (EXCOM) and Asset Liability Management Committee (ALCO) are in place to ensure effective and efficient operations of the Bank.
- Audit Committee ensures the establishment of effective internal controls and provides recommendations to the management regarding internal controls and compliance issues as appropriate.
- Required policies, process and structures are in place and are regularly being reviewed and monitored by Board of Directors and Board Level Committees who meets on a regular basis.
- Good Corporate Governance is an integral part of the Bank to safeguard the interest of stakeholders.

## **7. Declaration by CEO**

I, CEO of the Bank, take responsibility for the truthfulness of the information and details disclosed in this report. I also hereby declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information disclosed in this report are true, fair and complete and have not concealed any matters that can adversely affect the investment decision of the investors.