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ILLUSTRATIVE FORMAT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON THE STANDALONE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF A COMPANY UNDER THE COMPANIES ACT, 2013 AND THE RULES THEREUNDER (to be added to the Appendix to SA 700¹)

Circumstances include the following:

- *Audit of a complete set of standalone general purpose financial statements of a company prepared under the Companies Act, 2013 financial reporting framework.*
 - *The terms of audit engagement reflect description of management's responsibility for the financial statements in SA 210, Agreeing the Terms of Audit Engagement.*
 - *The independent auditor:*
 - *Has given an **Unmodified Opinion** in respect of true and fair view of the financial statements; and*
 - *Has given **Emphasis of Matter** paragraphs in respect of:*
 - *A lawsuit against the Company, the result of which is uncertain.*
 - *A "material uncertainty" relating to going concern which has been adequately disclosed in the notes to the financial statements.*
 - *In addition to expressing opinion on the true and fair view of the financial statements, **the auditor has other reporting responsibilities required under the Companies Act 2013 and/or other regulatory requirements, including the responsibility to report on internal financial controls pursuant to section 143(3)(i) of the Companies Act 2013.***
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF ABC COMPANY LIMITED Report on the Standalone² Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying standalone financial statements of **ABC COMPANY LIMITED** ("the Company"), which comprise the Balance Sheet as at 31st March, 20XX, the Statement of Profit and Loss, the Cash Flow Statement for the year then ended, and a summary of the significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, [*in which are incorporated the Returns for the year ended on that date audited by the branch auditors of the Company's branches at (location of the branches)*]³.

Management's Responsibility for the Standalone Financial Statements

The Company's Board of Directors is responsible for the matters stated in Section 134(5) of the Companies Act, 2013 ("the Act") with respect to the preparation of these standalone financial

¹ Standard on Auditing (SA) 700, *Forming An Opinion and Reporting on Financial Statements*.

² Where the Company does not have any requirement to prepare consolidated financial statements under the Companies Act 2013, in the auditor's report, the term "Standalone financial statements", wherever appearing, would be replaced by the term "financial statements".

³ Where applicable

statements that give a true and fair view of the financial position, financial performance and cash flows of the Company in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in India, including the Accounting Standards specified under Section 133 of the Act, read with Rule 7 of the Companies (Accounts) Rules, 2014. This responsibility also includes maintenance of adequate accounting records in accordance with the provisions of the Act for safeguarding of the assets of the Company and for preventing and detecting frauds and other irregularities; selection and application of appropriate accounting policies; making judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and design, implementation and maintenance of adequate internal financial controls, that were operating effectively for ensuring the accuracy and completeness of the accounting records, relevant to the preparation and presentation of the financial statements that give a true and fair view and are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these standalone financial statements based on our audit.

We have taken into account the provisions of the Act, the accounting and auditing standards and matters which are required to be included in the audit report under the provisions of the Act and the Rules made thereunder.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the Standards on Auditing specified under Section 143(10) of the Act. Those Standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and the disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal financial control relevant to the Company's preparation of the financial statements that give a true and fair view in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of the accounting policies used and the reasonableness of the accounting estimates made by the Company's Directors, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion on the standalone financial statements.

Opinion

In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us, the aforesaid standalone financial statements give the information required by the Act in the manner so required and give a true and fair view in conformity with the accounting principles generally accepted in India, of the state of affairs of the Company as at 31st March, 20XX, and its profit/loss and its cash flows for the year ended on that date.

Emphasis of Matters

We draw attention to the following matters in the Notes to the financial statements:

- a) Note X to the financial statements which, describes the uncertainty related to the outcome of the lawsuit filed against the Company by XYZ Company.
- b) Note Y in the financial statements which indicates that the Company has accumulated losses and its net worth has been fully / substantially eroded, the Company has incurred a net loss/net cash loss during the current and previous year(s) and, the Company's current liabilities exceeded its current assets as at the balance sheet date. These conditions, along with other matters set forth in Note Y, indicate the existence of a material uncertainty that may cast significant doubt about the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. However, the financial statements of the Company have been prepared on a going concern basis for the reasons stated in the said Note.

Our opinion is not modified in respect of these matters.

Other Matter⁴

We did not audit the financial statements/information of _____(number) branches included in the standalone financial statements of the Company whose financial statements / financial information reflect total assets of Rs._____ as at 31st March, 20XX and total revenues of Rs._____ for the year ended on that date, as considered in the standalone financial statements. The financial statements/information of these branches have been audited by the branch auditors whose reports have been furnished to us, and our opinion in so far as it relates to the amounts and disclosures included in respect of these branches, is based solely on the report of such branch auditors.

Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

As required by Section 143 (3) of the Act, we report that:

- (a) We have sought and obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purposes of our audit.
- (b) In our opinion, proper books of account as required by law have been kept by the Company so far as it appears from our examination of those books [*and proper returns adequate for the purposes of our audit have been received from the branches not visited by us.*⁵]
- (c) [*The reports on the accounts of the branch offices of the Company audited under Section 143 (8) of the Act by branch auditors have been sent to us and have been properly dealt with by us in preparing this report*⁶.]
- (d) The Balance Sheet, the Statement of Profit and Loss, and the Cash Flow Statement dealt with by this Report are in agreement with the books of account [*and with the returns received from the branches not visited by us*⁷].

⁴ Where applicable.

⁵ Where applicable.

⁶ Where applicable.

⁷ Where applicable.

- (e) In our opinion, the aforesaid standalone financial statements comply with the Accounting Standards specified under Section 133 of the Act, read with Rule 7 of the Companies (Accounts) Rules, 2014.
- (f) The going concern matter described in sub-paragraph (b) under the Emphasis of Matters paragraph above, in our opinion, may have an adverse effect on the functioning of the Company.
- (g) On the basis of the written representations received from the directors as on 31st March, 20XX taken on record by the Board of Directors, none of the directors is disqualified as on 31st March, 20XX from being appointed as a director in terms of Section 164 (2) of the Act.
- (h) With respect to the adequacy of the internal financial controls over financial reporting of the Company and the operating effectiveness of such controls, refer to our separate Report in "Annexure A".
- (i) With respect to the other matters to be included in the Auditor's Report in accordance with Rule 11 of the Companies (Audit and Auditors) Rules, 2014, in our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us:
 - i. The Company has disclosed the impact of pending litigations on its financial position in its financial statements – Refer Note XX to the financial statements; *[or the Company does not have any pending litigations which would impact its financial position⁸]*
 - ii. The Company has made provision, as required under the applicable law or accounting standards, for material foreseeable losses, if any, on long-term contracts including derivative contracts – Refer Note XX to the financial statements; *[or the Company did not have any long-term contracts including derivative contracts for which there were any material foreseeable losses.⁹]*
 - iii. There has been no delay in transferring amounts, required to be transferred, to the Investor Education and Protection Fund by the Company *{or, following are the instances of delay in transferring amounts, required to be transferred, to the Investor Education and Protection Fund by the Company or there were no amounts which were required to be transferred to the Investor Education and Protection Fund by the Company¹⁰}*.

For XYZ & Co
Chartered Accountants
(Firm's Registration No.)
Signature
(XXXXX X. XXXX)
(Designation¹¹)
(Membership No. XXXXX)

Place of Signature:
Date:

⁸ As may be applicable.

⁹ As may be applicable.

¹⁰ As may be applicable.

¹¹ Partner or Proprietor, as the case may be