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## **IMPORTANT COMMUNICATION TO SHAREHOLDERS**

### **Subject: Awareness about Online Resolution of Disputes in the Indian Securities Market through Online Dispute Resolution ('ODR') Portal**

Securities and Exchange Board of India ('SEBI') vide circular no. SEBI/HO/OIAE/OIAE\_IAD-1/P/CIR/2023/131 dated July 31, 2023 issued guidelines for online dispute resolution in the Indian securities market through the establishment of a common ODR Portal that uses online conciliation and online arbitration for resolution of disputes arising between investors/clients and listed companies / specified intermediaries/regulated entities in the securities market.

SEBI vide circular no. SEBI/HO/OIAE/OIAE\_IAD-1/P/CIR/2023/135 dated August 4, 2023 further clarified that the investor shall first take up his/her/their grievance with the Market Participant (Listed Companies, specified intermediaries, regulated entities) by lodging a complaint directly with the concerned Market Participant. If the grievance is not redressed satisfactorily, the investor may, escalate the same through the SCORES Portal <https://scores.gov.in/scores/Welcome.html>. After exhausting the above options, if the investor is not satisfied with the outcome, he/she/they can initiate dispute resolution through the ODR Portal.

The SMART ODR Portal can be accessed at: <https://smartodr.in/login>.

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