BEFORE THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE BOARD OF INDIA

SETTLEMENT ORDER

in Summary Settlement Application No. SS – 39 of 2021

filed by Axis Bank Limited [PAN: AAACU2414K] in the matter of Axis Bank Limited

1. Securities and Exchange Board of India (hereinafter referred to as 'SEBI') conducted an investigation in the matter of Axis Bank Limited (hereinafter referred to as 'the applicant'). During the said investigation, it was noted that the applicant had delayed making disclosures as required under Regulation 7(2)(b) of the SEBI (Prohibition of Insider Trading), 2015 (hereinafter referred to as the 'PIT Regulations'), in respect of trading in the shares of the applicant by United India Insurance Company Limited (hereinafter referred to as "UIICL"), a promoter entity of the applicant.

2. It was noted in the investigation that during the period from October 01, 2017 to September 30, 2018, the value of trades by UIICL in the securities of the applicant on each trading day was more than ten lakh rupees. The applicant was required to disclose the same to the Stock Exchange within two trading days of the receipt of the disclosure from UIICL under Regulation 7(2)(b) of the PIT Regulations. However, the same was disclosed by the applicant to the Stock Exchange only on October 16, 2020, only with a delay of 1072 – 1080 days.

3. In view thereof, SEBI decided to issue a 'Notice of Summary Settlement' dated December 28, 2020 (hereinafter referred to as 'notice'), to the applicant, intimating thereby that if the applicant so desired, the proceedings (to be initiated), may be settled and disposed of upon filing of a settlement application under Chapter-II of the SEBI (Settlement Proceedings) Regulations, 2018 (hereinafter referred to as 'Settlement Regulations') along

with remittance of settlement amount of ₹41,43,750/- (Rupees Forty One Lakh Forty Three Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty only) to SEBI in terms of Regulation 16(1) of the Settlement Regulations, within 30 calendar days from the date of receipt of the notice.

4. In reply, the applicant filed an application for settlement, in terms of Chapter VII of the Settlement Regulations, proposing to settle without admitting or denying the findings of fact and conclusions of law, the default as discussed in para 1, through a settlement order and remitted a sum of ₹41,43,750/- (Rupees Forty One Lakh Forty Three Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty only) towards the settlement charges, vide NEFT dated January 27, 2021. The receipt of the same was also confirmed upon verification.

5. In view of the above, in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 15JB of the Securities and Exchange Board of India Act, 1992 and in terms of Regulations 23 read with Regulation 28 of the Settlement Regulations, it is hereby ordered that the proposed proceedings to be initiated for the default as discussed in paragraph 1 are settled *qua* the applicant as per the following terms;

    i.   SEBI shall not initiate any enforcement action against the applicant for the said default;

    ii. this order disposes of the proceedings that may be initiated for the default as mentioned above, in respect of the applicant; and

    iii. passing of this Order is without prejudice to the right of SEBI under Regulation 28 of the Settlement Regulations to take enforcement actions including commencing proceedings against the applicant, if SEBI finds that:

        a. any representation made by the applicant in the present settlement proceedings is subsequently found to be untrue;

        b. the applicant has breached any of the clauses/ conditions of undertakings/ waivers filed during the present settlement proceedings; and

        c. there was a discrepancy while arriving at the settlement terms.

6. This settlement order is passed on this 15th day of February, 2021 and shall come into force with immediate effect.

7. In terms of Regulation 25 of the Settlement Regulations, a copy of this order shall be sent to the applicant and also be published on the website of SEBI.

Sd/-   **Sd/-**

S.K. MOHANTY   **ANANTA BARUA**

WHOLE TIME MEMBER   **WHOLE TIME MEMBER**