

FORM B**Format of covering letter of the annual audit report to be filed with the stock exchanges**

1	Name of the Company:	Sterlite Technologies Limited ('the Company')
2	Annual financial statements for the year ended	31 st March, 2013
3	Type of Audit qualification	Following qualification has been given by the Auditors in the audit report on Standalone financial statements of the Company: Basis for Qualified Opinion <i>As stated in Note no. 43(A) in the accompanying financial statements, the Company had in an earlier year received an order of CESTAT upholding a demand of Rs.188 crores (including penalties and excluding interest) (Rs.188 crores as at March 31 2012) in a pending excise/customs matter. The Company's appeal against this order with the Honourable Supreme Court has been admitted. Based on the current status and legal advice received, provision for liability as recorded and disclosed in Note no. 8 of the accompanying financial statements is considered adequate by Management. In the event the decision of the Honourable Supreme Court goes against the Company on any of the grounds of appeal, additional provision against the said demand may be required. Pending disposal of the matter by the Honourable Supreme Court, we are unable to comment on the adequacy of the provisions made towards the amount of excise / customs duty payable. Our audit opinion on the financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2012 was also qualified in respect of this matter.</i> Qualified opinion In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us, <i>except for the possible effects of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion paragraph</i>, the 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: (a) in the case of the Balance Sheet, of the state of affairs of the Company as at March 31, 2013; (b) in the case of the Statement of Profit and Loss, of the profit for the year ended on that date; and (c) in the case of the Cash Flow Statement, of the cash flows for the year ended on that date.

4	<i>Frequency of qualification</i>	Appearing since Financial Year 2003-04.
5	<i>Draw attention to relevant notes in the annual financial statements and management response to the qualification in the directors report:</i>	Please refer Note 8 and Note 43(A) in the Standalone Financial Statements of the Company. <u>Management Response to the Qualification in the Directors' Report:</u> The remark of Auditors at basis for Qualified Opinion paragraph of the Auditor's Report over Note No. 43(A) in Notes to Accounts regarding demand of excise duty and penalty amounting to Rs. 188 crores is self-explanatory and does not require further comment. In the year 2004-05 CESTAT upheld the demand of Rs. 188 crores and interest thereon for alleged breach of norms pertaining to Export Oriented Unit (EOU). The Company had filed an appeal before the Hon'ble High Court of Bombay against this order. The Department had also made an appeal against the same CESTAT order before the High Court of Bombay. The Company's appeal against this order was dismissed by the Hon'ble High Court on the grounds that appeal is not maintainable in High Court. However continued the stay granted by CESTAT, without prejudice to the rights of the Company. Subsequently, the Company had filed a Special Leave Petition (SLP) and appeal before the Supreme Court of India which was admitted by the Court. Hon'ble Supreme Court has also maintained the stay granted by Hon'ble High Court. The Hon'ble Supreme Court considering that the departmental appeal against the CESTAT order was still pending before the High Court, disposed of the Special Leave Petition of the Company and directed that the records of the departmental appeal be transferred to the Supreme Court and both the Appeals i.e. Departmental Appeal as well as Civil Appeal of the Company be heard together by the Supreme Court. Based on merits of the case and the legal opinion obtained, the management believes that the Company has a strong case and it has been carrying adequate provisions for contingencies in the Books of Account in this matter and does not require any further provisioning.

6	Additional comments from the board/audit committee chair:	The Company has obtained legal opinion from a leading Law firm in India having expertise on Indirect tax matters which states that the Company has a strong case in its favour and the provision made in respect of the above matter is adequate. The Audit Committee agrees to the view expressed by the Law firm that the Company has a strong case and that the current provisioning in the books is adequate.
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Date: April 26, 2013

Place: Mumbai

