

Press Release Archives

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Press reports regarding M/s. UTI Bank Ltd.

The press had reports on November 26, 2002 that UTI Bank's investment banker, Salomon Smith Barney, has received six expression of interest (EoIs) from overseas investors like AIG, ING Barings Private Equity, DBS Singapore and Chrysalis.

The Exchange in order to verify the accuracy or otherwise of the information reported in the press and to inform the market place so that the interest of the investors is safeguarded had written to the officials of UTI Bank Limited.

UTI Bank Limited has vide its letter inter-alia stated, "While the Bank has received expressions of interest (EOI) from some investors, no final decision has been taken so far."

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Press reports regarding M/s. Reliance Industries Ltd.

The press had reports on November 26, 2002 that Reliance Industries Limited is close to striking a deal with Assam-based public sector company Bongaigaon Refinery and Petrochemicals (BRPL) for strategic alliance to jointly manage the latter's polyester business.

The Exchange in order to verify the accuracy or otherwise of the information reported in the press and to inform the market place so that the interest of the investors is safeguarded had written to the officials of Reliance Industries Limited.

Reliance Industries Limited has vide its letter inter-alia stated, "Reliance Industries Ltd., examines/pursues various opportunities/projects in different areas, from time to time on a continuing basis. You will appreciate that it is not practicable to comment upon every projects at every stage. The Company has at all times complied with its obligations and all relevant information will be provided to the Stock Exchange as and when necessary."

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Press reports regarding M/s. Infosys Technologies Ltd.

The press had reports that Infosys Technologies Limited is proposing a sponsored ADR programme that could be as large as \$100m.

The Exchange in order to verify the accuracy or otherwise of the information reported in the press and to inform the market place so that the interest of the investors is safeguarded had written to the officials of Infosys Technologies Limited.

Infosys Technologies Limited has vide its letter inter-alia stated, "The news article is speculative at this point of time. We trust this clarifies our position."

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Press reports regarding M/s. Larsen & Toubro Ltd.

The press had reports that Larsen & Toubro Limited has hired Accenture to do an operations research study to reduce freight and logistics cost in the cement business.

The Exchange in order to verify the accuracy or otherwise of the information reported in the press

and to inform the market place so that the interest of the investors is safeguarded had written to the officials of Larsen & Toubro Limited.

Larsen & Toubro Limited has vide its letter inter-alia stated, "The news report is substantially correct."

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Press reports regarding M/s. Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd.

The press had reports that Mahindra & Mahindra Limited has combined its automotive and tractor businesses into a special business unit (SBU) with a cumulative turnover of Rs. 200 crore.

The Exchange in order to verify the accuracy or otherwise of the information reported in the press and to inform the market place so that the interest of the investors is safeguarded had written to the officials of Mahindra & Mahindra Limited.

Mahindra & Mahindra Limited has vide its letter inter-alia stated, "The Company's decision of combining Auto and Tractor Spares marketing activity into a merged Spares Business Unit is an integral part of the operational restructuring of the normal business activity of the Company. This is not a material event from the Company's operational point of view as it is an ongoing effort for ensuring effective cost controls and obtaining synergies in the market place."

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Press reports regarding M/s. Jindal Strips Ltd.

The press had reports that Jindal Strips Limited is looking for a buyer for Massillon Stainless, its 61% subsidiary in the US.

The Exchange in order to verify the accuracy or otherwise of the information reported in the press and to inform the market place so that the interest of the investors is safeguarded had written to the officials of Jindal Strips Limited.

Reply is awaited from Jindal Strips Limited.

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Press reports regarding M/s. Hindustan Motors Ltd.

The press had reports that Hindustan Motors Limited is to begin supply of 20,000 engines and transmission units to Ford India for Ikon. Further, there is speculation about the possible equity participation by Mitsubishi Motor Corporation of Japan, with which the company has manufacturing and marketing tie-up for mid-size Lancer car in India.

The Exchange in order to verify the accuracy or otherwise of the information reported in the press and to inform the market place so that the interest of the investors is safeguarded had written to the officials of Hindustan Motors Limited.

Reply is awaited from Hindustan Motors Limited.

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Misleading reports on broker defaults on NSE

Certain misleading and inaccurate reports relating to the settlement guarantee fund of NSE had appeared in a section of the press referring to erosion of guarantee fund and broker default on NSE.

The Exchange wishes to clarify the position. The size of the SGF varies depending on the overall market activity. With the markets having moved to the daily rolling mode, there is considerable

reduction in the cumulative outstanding position of trading members. Consequently the capital requirements of the trading members on the cash market segment have gone down. The brokers therefore, typically withdraw the excess funds that were earlier placed by them for obtaining higher trading limits.

Additionally, since early 2002, the markets have seen considerable interest in the derivatives segment of the Exchange. As a result, many members have moved some portion of their surplus capital from the cash market segment to the derivatives segment. This is reflected in the reduction in the cash market segment SGF and consequent increase in the derivatives segment SGF.

Further, since Aug 2001, though six trading members were declared defaulters, there has been no erosion in the quantum of the SGF due to such declaration. Therefore, the reporting of reduction in SGF on account of broker default is incorrect. The report referred to above, stating the inability of the Exchange to reduce defaults and recover funds from the defaulters, which inference is on the basis of the perceived fall in the quantum of the cash market segment SGF, is therefore, factually incorrect and misleading.

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The Exchange has successfully completed its 689th Normal Settlement

The Exchange has successfully completed its 689th Normal Settlement (Rolling T+3 following SEBI directive) since inception i.e., Settlement Number N - 2002221 on November 27, 2002. The settlement statistics are as follows:

Particulars	Values
	N - 2002221
Total traded quantity (lakhs)	1536.38
Total traded value (Rs. In Crores)	3780.42
Total value of the settlement (Securities) (Rs. In Crores)	487.17
Total value of the settlement (Funds) (Rs. In Crores)	193.57
Shortages for the settlement	0.38%
% of Delivery (No. of shares delivered / No. of shares traded)	21.12%

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