

Press Releases

August 29, 2003

Press reports regarding M/s. Tata Infomedia Ltd.

The press had reports on August 28, 2003 that ICICI Ventures has decided to acquire the Tata Group's 50.34% stake constituting 5.7 lakh shares in Tata Infomedia Limited.

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 the company.

Tata Infomedia Limited has vide its letter inter-alia stated, "The Company has ascertained from its controlling shareholders, the Tata Group, that they have received proposals from multiple parties for the purchase of their shareholding in our company. While the Group has indicated that it is in advanced stage of taking a decision on this matter, we are also given to understand that no share purchase agreement has been reached/signed with any party. In interest of minority shareholders, the Group would also like us to clarify their view that pending a final decision on this matter, this statement should not be construed as an indication of a final decision being reached by it to sell its shareholding in the company, or otherwise."

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Press reports regarding M/s. Oil Country Tubular Ltd.

The press had reports that Oil Country Tubular Limited has bagged an order worth over Rs. 120 crore from ONGC for supply of drill pipes. Further, the company has also secured a small order worth \$1 million from Iran and is currently executing a \$4 million order from Syrian Petroleum Company.

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 the company.

Oil Country Tubular Ltd has vide its letter inter-alia stated, "The news item is extracted from the Annual Report. We confirm that no separate press note was released by us."

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Press reports regarding M/s. Marico Industries Ltd.

The press had reports that there is a possibility of some acquisition, which will allow Marico Industries Limited an entry into the personal care 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 the company.

Marico Industries Limited has vide its letter inter-alia stated, "Marico already has a presence in the personal care business. As part of its business direction, Marico would like to strengthen and further consolidate its presence in the personal care business which can also be through the acquisition route in any of the segments viz. Hair care, Skin care, etc. Marico, like any other FMCG Company, is always open to proposals of M&A which are in line with its business direction. The practice in the discipline of Mergers & Acquisitions (M&A), is that the transactions are notified to the public on "Closing". As of now, there is no proposal, which has reached such a stage and therefore needs to be notified."

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Press reports regarding M/s. Bses Ltd.

The press had reports that Bses Limited has taken a decision to divest its 50% stake in its subsidiary, Spectrum Technologies(ST) - BSES Coal Washeries Limited and is believed to have struck a deal of around Rs. 40 crore with Spectrum Technologies USA (ST USA).

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 the company.

Reply is awaited from Bses Limited.

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The Exchange has successfully completed its 880th Normal Settlement

The Exchange has successfully completed its 880th Normal Settlement (Rolling T+2 following SEBI directive) since inception i.e., Settlement Number N – 2003165 on August 29, 2003. The settlement statistics are as follows:

Particulars	Values
	N - 2003165
Total traded quantity (lakhs)	5088.31
Total traded value (Rs. In Crores)	4991.44
Total value of the settlement (Securities) (Rs. In Crores)	1069.74
Total value of the settlement (Funds) (Rs. In Crores)	320.96
Shortages for the settlement	0.82%
% of Delivery (No. of shares delivered / No. of shares traded)	23.68%

Retail Debt Market has completed its 154th settlement, details of which are as follows :

Settlement No.	Traded Value	Settlement Value	
		Securities	Funds
2003165	Rs.1,50,300.00	Rs.1,60,600.00	Rs.1,50,300.00

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