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Date: October 22, 2024

To,

<b>Listing Department</b> <b>BSE Limited</b> <b>Phiroze Jeejeebhoy Towers,</b> <b>Dalal Street, Mumbai – 400001</b>	<b>Listing &amp; Compliance Department</b> <b>National Stock Exchange of India Limited</b> <b>Exchange Plaza, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor</b> <b>Plot No.C/1, “G” Block</b> <b>Bandra- Kurla Complex</b> <b>Bandra(E), Mumbai- 400051</b>
<b>BSE Scrip Code: 544020</b>	<b>NSE Symbol: ESAFSFB</b>

Dear Sir / Madam,

**Sub: Intimation on the ESG Rating of ‘CareEdge-ESG 2’ assigned to the Bank by CareEdge ESG Ratings**

Pursuant to Regulation 30 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 (“SEBI Listing Regulations”), we hereby intimate that **CareEdge ESG ratings** (SEBI Registered ESG Rating Provider) has assigned an ESG Rating of **CareEdge-ESG 2** to the Bank with an overall rating score of **68.1**.

The Rating Rationale indicated in the report is as under

*“The rating assigned to ESAF Small Finance Bank Limited (ESAF), considers its advanced stage of ESG stewardship focusing on people, planet, and prosperity. With a legacy spanning three decades, ESAF has products and services targeted to under-resourced communities through its inclusive banking. The rating is accentuated by the bank’s leadership position in workforce diversity and sharp focus towards financial inclusion and sustainability, impacting lives across rural and semi-urban areas. The rating also factors in long-term strategies and initiatives that the bank has taken across key ESG functions, helping it make a notable transition in its sustainability performance. ESAF has demonstrated commitment towards social upliftment by consistently committing ~2.5x of the regulatory required allocation for corporate social responsibility (CSR). The bank has allocated 92% advances towards priority sector, fostering local economic growth, leading to a positive social impact. Overall ESG score of 68.1 reflects the bank’s strong position among its peers<sup>1</sup>, superior level of disclosures & policies, and high impact performance.*

*The rating also considers the bank’s initiatives to include robust practices in managing environmental impact and integrating sustainability in its operations, including forward looking steps in strategising for climate-related risks and opportunities in green finance. ESAF’s medium-to-long term targets aligning to UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) lead to a synergy creation of its social and economic outcomes that have an amplified impact on company’s stakeholders.*

**ESAF SMALL FINANCE BANK LIMITED**

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*However, the rating is muted in the absence of third-party verified data, expanded coverage of emission accounting including fugitive emissions, sizeable green loan book and higher diversity in board and key managerial personnel (KMPs). Rating strength is also inhibited by the requirement of having distinct policy on human rights, evaluation of policies by an external agency, reg-tech systems in place to monitor and evidence compliances and revelation of climate risks related financial disclosures.”*

The complete rating rationale is available in the website of the Bank and the website of the rating agency.

Details as per BSE’s Circular No. 20230714-34 dated July 14, 2023, and NSE’s Circular No. NSE /CML/2023/57 dated July 14, 2023, are as under:

Date of occurrence of event / information	October 21, 2024
Time of occurrence of event / information	03:00 PM

The intimation is also made available on the website of the Bank at [www.esafbank.com](http://www.esafbank.com)

Request you to take the same on records.

**Thanking you,**

**Yours Faithfully,**

**For ESAF Small Finance Bank Limited**

**Ranjith Raj. P**  
**Company Secretary and Compliance Officer**