

## **Publication of Information as Required by Securities Registration and Issuance Regulation 2073 (Related to Sub Rule (1) of Rule 26)**

### **1. a) Related Party Disclosure:**

Group comprises of Siddhartha Bank Ltd. (Parent Co.) and Siddhartha Capital Ltd. (Subsidiary Co.). The Bank has 51% shareholding in Siddhartha Capital Limited (SCL) and SCL is licensed as a Mutual Fund Manager and Depository from Securities Board of Nepal (SEBON) as per Mutual Fund Regulation 2010 and also obtained the license for merchant banking business from SEBON in 2015. The Bank has appointed subsidiary as its Registrar to Share.

- The Bank has held call deposits of Rs. 292.68 million of SCL as at 17 October 2021 (Ashwin end 2078).
- Till the end of 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of FY 2078/79, SCL earned interest income of Rs. 0.61 million and Rs. 0.125 million Share RTS fee from the Bank.
- All intra-group balances and transactions arising from intra-group transactions are eliminated from the Statement of Financial Position and Statement of Profit or Loss of the Group.

### **b) Major Financial Indicators**

Earnings Per Share	Rs. 33.61
Price Earnings Ratio (P/E Ratio)	13.66
Net Worth Per Share	Rs. 188.13
Total Assets Value Per Share	Rs. 2,206.02
Liquidity Ratio	21.15%

### **2. Management Analysis**

- a) The Bank has formulated its strategy comprising long term as well as short-term plans which focuses on sustainable growth, product diversification, operational efficiency, risk mitigation and customer service excellency through digitization.
- b) The Bank has been giving continuity to its business process reengineering to achieve optimum efficiency.
- c) COVID-19 pandemic has hampered the economic growth of the country as well as stakeholders of the Bank. This has created stress on the business growth, reserves and profitability of the Bank as well.
- d) The Bank has utilized its capital to the optimum level.
- e) Earnings per share of the Bank is Rs. 33.61 in the first quarter of FY 2078/79 which has almost doubled than of previous year corresponding quarter. The main contribution is from dividend income reflected under the head "Other Operating Income". Dividend income earned by the Bank is Rs. 331 million and the Bank has received dividend income from most of the shares/ mutual funds invested in this first quarter only. The Bank expects very low contribution in income in coming quarters from dividend.

### **3. Details Regarding Legal Actions**

- a) Case filed by or to organized institution during the quarter:  
There are normal business-related legal issues which have insignificant impact in the Bank's overall business.
- b) Case filed by or against the Promoter or Director of organized institution regarding disobedience of prevailing law or commission of criminal offence:  
None to our knowledge.
- c) Case filed against any Promoter or Director of organized institution regarding commission of financial crime:  
None to our knowledge.

#### 4. Analysis of share transaction and progress of organized institution

- a) Management's view of share transactions of organized institution of securities market:  
Since the price of the share is determined by open market operation, the management holds a neutral view on share transactions and its movement.
- b) Maximum, minimum and last share price of the organized institution including total transaction and transacted days during the quarter.

Maximum Price	Rs. 605
Minimum Price	Rs. 449
Closing Price	Rs. 459
Total Traded Shares	11,436,497
Total Transaction No.	46,112
Total Traded Days	57 Days

#### 5. Problems and Challenges

##### Internal

- a) Attainment of reasonable level of cost of operations.  
b) Challenges in increasing non-interest revenue.  
c) Challenges in recovery of loans.  
d) Increment of interest spread to the level of regulatory limit.

##### External

- a) Risk to the bank due to changes in policies and regulations.  
b) Competition among banks and financial institutions.  
c) Increasing trend of cyber frauds.  
d) COVID pandemic which has affected the fragile recovery.  
e) Pressure in liquidity and loanable funds.

##### Strategies to overcome Challenges

- a) COVID-19 pandemic:
- The Bank has established a mechanism to interact regularly with the borrowers and has been addressing their problems to the extent possible.
  - The Bank shall continue to focus on borrower's needs to help them recover from the impact of pandemic and more attention has been given to highly impacted customer segments.
  - The Bank shall monitor the effect of this pandemic regularly so as to maintain desired NPA level.
  - The Bank shall further encourage customers to shift towards digital transactions. The infrastructure shall be strengthened accordingly for security of digital transactions to restrain the cyber risk.
- b) Implementation of better cost management practices.  
c) Further strengthening risk based pricing model.  
d) Focus on new, diversified and high yielding products and services.  
e) Focus on low capital requiring business.  
f) Focus on non-funded business and explore new avenues for investment diversification and generation of non-interest revenue.  
g) Business sourcing through digital channels.  
h) Building Performance Culture for growth.  
i) Prudent management of assets and liabilities for optimum utilization of resources and improvement in assets portfolio mix.  
j) Customer experience enhancement through implementation of CRM system.

#### 6. Corporate Governance

- The Bank is committed to maintain high standards of corporate governance by compliance to legal, statutory and regulatory requirements.

- Executive Committee (EXCOM), Asset Liability Management Committee (ALCO), Management Credit Committee and Operation Risk Management Committee are in place to ensure effective and efficient operations of the Bank.
- Audit Committee ensures the establishment of effective internal controls and provides recommendations to the management regarding internal controls and compliance issues as appropriate.
- Required policies, process and structures are in place and are regularly being reviewed and monitored by Board of Directors and Board Level Committees who meets on a regular basis.
- Good Corporate Governance is an integral part of the Bank to safeguard the interest of stakeholders.

## **7. Declaration by CEO**

I, Acting CEO of the Bank, take responsibility for the truthfulness of the information and details disclosed in this report. I also hereby declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information disclosed in this report are true, fair and complete and have not concealed any matters that can adversely affect the investment decision of the investors.