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CERTIFICATE ON SPECIAL TAX BENEFITS TO THE COMPANY AND IT'S SHAREHOLDERS

Date: October 27 2023

To,

The Board of Directors,
Flair Writing Industries Limited
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Nuvama Wealth Management Limited
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(Nuvama Wealth Management Limited and Axis Capital Limited are collectively referred to as the "**Book Running Lead Managers**" or the "**BRLMs**")

Statement of Possible Special Direct Tax Benefits available to the Company and its shareholders under the applicable direct and indirect tax laws in India with respect to proposed initial public offering for equity shares of face value of Rs. 5 each ("the Equity Shares") of Flair Writing Industries Limited, (the "Company"/ "Issuer") and such offering (the "Offer")

We, **Jeswani & Rathore**, statutory auditors to the Company, Firm Registration Number **104202W**, hereby report the special tax benefits available to the Company and its shareholders, pursuant to

- (i) the Income Tax Act, 1961, as amended by the Finance Act, 2023 and read with the rules, circulars and notifications issued in relation thereto; and
- (ii) applicable indirect taxation laws, as amended and read with the rules, circulars and

notifications issued in connection thereto, in the enclosed statement at **Annexure A**.

Several of these stated tax benefits/consequences are dependent on the Company or its shareholders fulfilling the conditions prescribed under the relevant tax laws. Therefore, the ability of the Company or its shareholders to derive the tax benefits is dependent on fulfilling such conditions.

The benefits discussed in the enclosed annexure are not exhaustive. **Annexure A** is for your information and for inclusion in the red herring prospectus, prospectus and any other material used in connection with the Offer (together the "**Offer Documents**") with the Registrar of Companies, Maharashtra at Mumbai ("**RoC**"), the Securities and Exchange Board of India ("**SEBI**"), BSE Limited and National Stock Exchange of India Limited (collectively, the "**Stock Exchanges**"), in accordance with the provisions of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Issue of Capital and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2018, as amended ("**ICDR Regulations**") may be prepared in connection with the Offer and is neither designed nor intended to be a substitute for professional tax advice.

In view of the individual nature of the tax consequences and the changing tax laws, each investor is advised to consult his or her own tax consultant with respect to the specific tax implications arising out of their participation in the Offer. Neither are we suggesting nor advising the investor to invest money based on this statement. These statements do not cover any general tax benefits available to the Company and/or its shareholders and is neither designed nor intended to be a substitute for professional tax advice.

We do not express any opinion or provide any assurance as to whether:

- i) the Company or its shareholders will continue to obtain these benefits in future; or
- ii) the conditions prescribed for availing the benefits have been/would be met with; or.
- iii) The revenue authorities/courts will concur with the views expressed herein.

The contents of the enclosed statement are based on information, explanations and representations obtained from the Company and on the basis of our understanding of the business activities and operations of the Company.

We hereby give consent to include this statement of special tax benefits in the red herring prospectus, Prospectus and in any other material used in connection with the Offer (together, the "**Offer Documents**").

The aforesaid information contained herein and in **Annexure A** may be relied upon by the Book Running Lead Managers and legal counsels appointed pursuant to the Offer and may be submitted to the stock exchanges, the Securities and Exchange Board of India, and any other regulatory or statutory authority in respect of the Offer and for the records to be maintained by the Book Running Lead Managers in connection with the Offer. We undertake to immediately inform the Book Running Lead Managers and legal counsels in case of any changes to the above until the date when the Equity Shares issued pursuant to the Offer commence trading on the stock exchanges. In the absence of any such communication, you may assume that there is no change in respect of the matters covered in this certificate.

We have complied with the relevant applicable requirements of the Standard on Quality Control (SQC) 1, Quality Control for Firms that Perform Audits and Reviews of Historical Financial Information, and Other Assurance and Related Services Engagements.

We undertake to update you in writing of any changes in the abovementioned position, immediately upon us becoming aware, until the date the Equity Shares issued pursuant to the Offer commence trading on the stock exchanges. In the absence of any communication from us till the Equity Shares commence trading on the stock exchanges, you may assume that there is no change in respect of the matters covered in this certificate.

Capitalized terms used herein, unless otherwise specifically defined, shall have the same

meaning as ascribed to them in the Offer Documents.

Yours faithfully,

**For Jeswani & Rathore
Chartered Accountants
Firm Reg. No.: 104202W**

**Khubilal G. Rathore
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**Date: October 27, 2023
Place: Mumbai**

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Annexure to the Statement of Possible Special Tax Benefits available to the Company and its shareholders under the Income Tax Act, 1961 ("the Act") and other direct tax laws, and indirect tax laws presently in force in India.

A. Special tax benefits available to the Company in India under the Income-tax Act, 1961 (hereinafter referred to as 'the Act'), as amended by the Finance Act 2022 and other direct tax laws.

1. Lower corporate tax rate on income of domestic companies – Section 115BAA of the Income-tax Act, 1961 ('the IT Act')

The Taxation Laws (Amendment) Act, 2019 introduced section 115BAA wherein domestic companies are entitled to avail a concessional tax rate of 22% (plus applicable surcharge and cess) on fulfillment of certain conditions. The option to apply this tax rate is available from Financial Year ('FY') 2019-20 relevant to Assessment Year ('AY') 2020-21 and the option once exercised through filing of Form 10IC on the Income tax portal shall apply to subsequent assessment years. The concessional tax rate of 22% is subject to the company not availing any of the following deductions under the provisions of the IT Act:

- Section 10AA: Tax holiday available to units in a Special Economic Zone;
- Section 32(1)(iia): Additional depreciation;
- Section 32AD: Investment allowance.
- Section 33AB/33ABA: Tea coffee rubber development expenses/site restoration expenses
- Section 35(1)/35(2AA)/ 35(2AB): Expenditure on scientific research.
- Section 35AD: Deduction for capital expenditure incurred on specified businesses.
- Section 35CCC/35CCD: expenditure on agricultural extension /skill development
- Chapter VI-A except for the provisions of section 80JJAA and section 80M.

The total income of a company availing the concessional rate of 25.168% (i.e., 22% along with surcharge of 10% and health and education cess of 4%) is required to be computed without set-off of any carried forward loss and depreciation attributable to any of the aforesaid deductions/incentives. A company can exercise the option to apply for the concessional tax rate in its return of income filed under section 139(1) of the IT Act. Further, provisions of Minimum Alternate Tax ('MAT') under section 115JB of the IT Act shall not be applicable to companies availing this reduced tax rate, thus, any carried forward MAT credit also cannot be claimed.

The provisions do not specify any limitation/condition on account of turnover, nature of business or date of incorporation for opting for the concessional tax rate. Accordingly, all existing as well as new domestic companies are eligible to avail this concessional rate of tax.

Note: The Company has opted the lower rate under section 115BAA of the Act in the FY 2019-20 relevant to the AY 2020-21 as mentioned in the Section 115BAA for which declaration (Form 10IC) has already been filed with the tax authorities.

2. Deductions in respect of employment of new employees – Section 80JJAA of the IT Act

As per section 80JJAA of the IT Act, where a company is subject to tax audit under section 44AB of the IT Act and derives income from business, it shall be allowed to claim a deduction of an amount equal to 30% of additional employee cost incurred in the course of such business in a previous year, for 3 consecutive assessment years including the assessment year relevant to the previous year in which such additional employment cost is incurred.

The eligibility to claim the deduction is subject to fulfilment of prescribed conditions specified in sub-section (2) of section 80JJAA of the IT Act. The company is presently not

claiming deduction under section 80JJAA of the IT Act. However, this deduction could be claimed in the future subject to fulfillment of the conditions discussed above.

3. Deduction with respect to inter-corporate dividends – Section 80M of the IT Act

As per the provisions of section 80M of the IT Act, inserted with effect from 01 April 2020, a domestic company shall be allowed to claim a deduction of dividend income earned from any other domestic company or a foreign company or a business trust. The amount of deduction so claimed should not exceed the amount of dividend distributed by it on or before the due date. In this case, due date means one month prior to the due date of furnishing return of income under sub section (1) of section 139 of the IT Act.

The company has a wholly owned subsidiary viz. Flair Writing Equipments Pvt Ltd. and thus, the company should be eligible to claim deduction u/s 80M of the IT Act in respect of dividends received (if any) from its subsidiary and further distributed to its shareholders subject to fulfillment of other conditions.

4. Deductions in respect of specified expenditure

In accordance with and subject to the fulfillment of conditions as laid out under section 35D of the IT Act, the company may be entitled to amortize preliminary expenditure, being specified expenditure incurred in connection with the issue for public subscription or such other expenditure as prescribed under section 35D of the IT Act, subject to the limit specified therein (viz maximum 5% of the cost of the project or 5% of the capital employed in the business of the company).

The deduction is allowable for an amount equal to one-fifth of such expenditure for each of five successive previous years beginning with the previous year in which the business commences or as the case may be, the previous year in which the extension of the undertaking is completed, or the new unit commences production or operation.

With effect from 01 April 2024, the company shall be required to furnish a statement containing the particulars of expenditures specified u/s 35D of the Act to such income tax authority, which shall be prescribed in the due course by the CBDT.

B. Special Indirect tax benefits available to the Company

The Company is not entitled to any special tax benefits.

C. Special tax benefits available to the shareholders under the Act

1. Dividend Income

Dividend income earned by the shareholders would be taxable in their hands at the applicable rates. However, in the case of domestic corporate shareholder, benefit of deduction under section 80M of the IT Act would be available on fulfilling the conditions.

In case of the shareholders who are individuals, Hindu Undivided Family, Association of person, Body of Individuals whether incorporated or not and every artificial juridical person, the surcharge would be restricted to 15% irrespective of the amount of dividend.

2. Tax on Capital Gains

As per section 112A of the IT Act, Long Term Capital Gains ('LTCG') arising from the transfer of equity shares on which Securities Transaction Tax ('STT') is paid at the time of acquisition and sale, shall be taxed at the rate of 10% (without indexation) (plus applicable surcharge and cess) of such capital gains. This is subject to fulfillment of prescribed additional conditions as per Notification No. 60/2018/F.No370142/9/2017 dated 1 October 2018. It is worthwhile to

note that tax u/s 112A of the IT Act shall only be levied where such aggregate capital gains exceed INR 1,00,000/- in a year.

Further, the Finance Act 2022 restricts surcharge to 15% in respect of LTCG arising from any capital asset.

As per section 111A of the IT Act, Short-Term Capital Gains ('STCG') arising from the transfer of equity shares on which STT has been paid at the time of sale shall be taxed at the rate of 15% (plus applicable surcharge and cess).

Notes:

1. These special tax benefits are dependent on the Company and its shareholders fulfilling the conditions prescribed under the Income tax regulations. Hence, the ability of the Company or its shareholders to derive the tax benefits is dependent upon fulfilling such conditions, which based on the business imperatives, the Company or its shareholders may or may not choose to fulfill.
2. The special tax benefits discussed in the Statement are not exhaustive and are only intended to provide general information to the investors and hence, is neither designed nor intended to be a substitute for professional tax advice. In view of the individual nature of the tax consequences and the changing tax laws, each investor is advised to consult his or her own tax consultant with respect to the specific tax implications arising out of their participation in the issue.
3. The Statement has been prepared on the basis that the Company is in the process of getting shares of the company listed on a recognized stock exchange in India and the Company will be issuing shares.
4. The Statement is prepared on the basis of information available with the management of the Company and there is no assurance that:
 - (i) the Company or its shareholders will continue to obtain these benefits in future;
 - (ii) the conditions prescribed for availing the benefits have been/ would be met with; and
 - (iii) the revenue authorities/courts will concur with the view expressed herein.
5. The above views are based on the existing provisions of law and its interpretation, which are subject to change from time to time.
6. The above Statement of Possible Special Tax Benefits sets out the provisions of law in a summary manner only and is not a complete analysis or listing of all potential tax consequences of the purchase, ownership and disposal of shares.