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Independent Auditor's Report
To the members of PNB Investment Services Limited

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

### Opinion

We have audited the accompanying Financial Statements of PNB Investment Services Limited ('the Company), which comprise the Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2025, the Statement of Profit and Loss and the Cash Flow Statement for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements including summary of the significant accounting policies and other explanatory information (hereinafter referred to as the "financial statements").

In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us, the aforesaid financial statements give the information required by the Companies Act, 2013, as amended ('the Act') in the manner so required and give a true and fair view in conformity with the accounting principles generally accepted in India, of the state of affairs (financial position) of the Company as at 31 March 2025, its Profit (financial performance) and its cash flows for the year ended on that date.

# **Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audit of the Financial Statements in accordance with the Standards on Auditing (SAs), as specified under section 143(10) of the Act. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the Code of Ethics issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India ('ICAI') together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements under the provisions of the Act and the rules thereunder, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the Code of Ethics. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion on the financial statements.

#### **Emphasis of Matter**

We draw attention to the following matters in the notes to the Financial Statements

Note 41 of the financial statements, wherein Trade Receivables amounting to Rs.59.56 lakhs have not confirmed their balances but these are fully recoverable in the opinion of management. Our opinion is not modified in respect of these matters.

#### Other Information

The Company's Board of Directors are responsible for the preparation of the other information. Other Information does not include the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained during the course of our audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there



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is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

## Management's Responsibilities for the Financial Statements

The Company's Board of Directors are responsible for the matters stated in section 134(5) of the Act with respect to the preparation of these financial statements that give a true and fair view of the state of affairs (financial position), Profit or Loss (financial performance) and cash flows of the Company in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in India, Including the accounting standard specified under section 133 of the Act. This responsibility also includes maintenance of adequate accounting records in accordance with the provisions of the Act for safeguarding of the assets of the Company and for preventing and detecting frauds and other irregularities; selection and application of appropriate accounting policies; making judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and design, Implementation and maintenance of adequate internal financial controls, that were operating effectively for ensuring the accuracy and completeness of the accounting records, relevant to the preparation and presentation of the financial statements that give a true and fair view and are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Board of Directors are responsible for assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless Board of Directors either intends to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Board of Directors is also responsible for overseeing the Company's financial reporting process.

# Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Standards on Auditing will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken, on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Standards on Auditing, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due
  to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain
  audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of
  not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting
  from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations,
  or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of Internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit
  procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances. Under section 143(3)(i) of the Act, we

are also responsible for explaining our opinion on whether the company has adequate internal financial controls system in place and the operating effectiveness of such control.

- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statement or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including
  the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and
  events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide those charged with governance with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably he thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

## Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

- 1. As required by the Companies (Auditor's Report) Order, 2020 ('the Order') issued by the Central Government of India in terms of section 143(11) of the Act, we give in the "Annexure A" a statement on the matters specified in paragraphs 3 and 4 of the Order to the extent applicable.
- 2. As required by section 143(3) of the Act, we report that:
- we have sought and obtained all the Information and explanations which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purpose of our audit;
- in our opinion, proper books of account as required by law have been kept by the Company so far as it appears from our examination of those books;
- the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Profit and Loss and the Cash Flow Statement dealt with by this report are in agreement with the books of account;
- d) in our opinion, the aforesaid financial statements comply with accounting standards specified under section 133 of the Act;

- e) on the basis of the written representations received from the directors and taken on record by the Board of Directors, none of the directors is disqualified as on 31 March 2025 from being appointed as a director in terms of section 164(2) of the Act;
- f) we have also audited the internal financial controls over financial reporting (IFCOFR) of the Company as on 31 March 2025 in conjunction with our audit of the Financial Statements of the company for the year ended on that date and our report dated 30 April 2025 as per Annexure B expressed unmodified opinion;
- g) with respect to the other matters to be included in the Auditor's Report in accordance with the requirement of section 197(16) of the Act, as amended, in our opinion and according to the information and explanation given to us, the remuneration paid the by company to its directors during the current year is in accordance with provision of section 197 read with Schedule V of the Act.
- h) with respect to the other matters to be included in the Auditor's Report in accordance with rule 11 of the Companies (Audit and Auditors) Rules, 2014 (as amended), in our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us:
  - the Company, does not have any pending litigation which would impact on its financial position as at 31 March 2025;
  - the Company did not have any long-term contracts including derivative contracts for which there were any material foreseeable losses as at 31 March 2025;
  - iii. There were no amounts which were required to be transferred to the Investor Education and Protection Fund by the Company during the year ended 31 March 2025.
- i) (a) The Management has represented that, to the best of its knowledge and belief, no funds (which are material either individually or in the aggregate) have been advanced or loaned or invested (either from borrowed funds or share premium or any other sources or kind of funds) by the Company to or in any other person or entity, including foreign entity ("Intermediaries"), with the understanding, whether recorded in writing or otherwise, that the Intermediary shall, whether, directly or indirectly lend or invest in other persons or entities identified in any manner whatsoever by or on behalf of the Company ("Ultimate Beneficiaries") or provide any guarantee, security or the like on behalf of the Ultimate Beneficiaries;
- (b) The Management has represented, that, to the best of its knowledge and belief, no funds (which are material either individually or in the aggregate) have been received by the Company from any person or entity, including foreign entity ("Funding Parties"), with the understanding, whether recorded in writing or otherwise, that the Company shall, whether, directly or indirectly, lend or invest in other persons or entities identified in any manner whatsoever by or on behalf of the Funding Party ("Ultimate Beneficiaries") or provide any guarantee, security or the like on behalf of the Ultimate Beneficiaries;
- (c) Based on the audit procedures that have been considered reasonable and appropriate in the circumstances, nothing has come to our notice that has caused us to believe that the representations under sub-clause (i) and (ii) of Rule 11(e), as provided under (a) and (b) above, contain any material misstatement.

- j) As stated in Note 28 to the financial statements, the Board of Directors of the company has proposed final dividend for the year which is subject to the approval of the members at the ensuing Annual General meeting. The dividend proposed is in accordance with section 123 of the Act to the extent it applies to the declaration of dividend.
- k) Based on our examination, which included test checks, the Company has used software for maintaining its books of account for the financial year ended March 31, 2025 which has a feature of recording audit trail (edit log) facility and the same has operated throughout the year for all the relevant transactions recorded in the software. Further, during the course of our audit, we did not come across any instance of the audit trail feature being tempered with and the audit trail has been preserved by the Company as per the statutory requirements for record retention.
- 3. On the basis of such checks of the books and records of the Company, as we considered appropriate and according to the information and explanations given to us, we are enclosing our report in terms of section 143(5) of the Act, on the directions issued by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India in "Annexure C".

For KUMAR VIJAY GUPTA & Co.

New Delhi

Chartered Accountants ICAI's FRN: 07814N

(Amit Budhiraja)

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Dated: 06 th May, 2025

### Annexure-A to the Independent Auditor's Report

[Referred to in paragraph 1 under 'Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements' section of our report of even date to the members of PNB Investment Services Limited, on the Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2025]

Based on the audit procedures performed for the purpose of reporting a true and fair view on the financial statements of the Company and taking into consideration the information and explanations given to us and the books of account and other records examined by us in the normal course of audit and to the best of our knowledge and belief, we report that:

- (1) (a) A. The Company has maintained proper records showing full particulars, including quantitative details and situation of Property, Plant and Equipment.
- B. The Company does not have any intangible assets. Accordingly, the provisions of Clause 3(i)(a) (B) of the Order are not applicable.
- (b) The Property, Plant and Equipment have been physically verified by the management during the year and no material discrepancies were noticed on such verification. In our opinion, the frequency of verification of the fixed assets is reasonable having regard to the size of the Company and the nature of its assets.
- (c) The Company does not hold any immovable property. Accordingly, the provisions of Clause 3(1)(c) of the Order are not applicable.
- (d) The Company has not revalued any of its Property, Plant and Equipment during the year. Accordingly, the provisions of Clause 3(1)(d) of the Order are not applicable.
- (e) No proceedings have been initiated during the year or are pending against the Company as at March 31, 2025 for holding any benami property under the Benami Transactions (Prohibition) Act, 1988 (as amended) and rules made thereunder.
- (ii) (a) The Company does not have any inventory and hence reporting under clause3(ii)(a) of the Order is not applicable.
- (b) The Company has not been sanctioned working capital limits in excess of 5 crore, in aggregate, at any points of time during the year, from banks or financial institutions on the basis of security of current assets and hence reporting under clause 3(ii) (b) of the Order is not applicable.
- (iii) The Company has not made any investments in, provided any guarantee or security or granted any loans or advances in the nature of loans, secured or unsecured, to companies. firms, Limited Liability Partnerships (LLPs) or any other parties. Accordingly, the provisions of clause 3(iii) of the Order are not applicable.
- (iv) In our opinion and according to the information and explanations given to us and based on examination of the records of the company, the company has not entered into any transaction covered under Sections 185 and 186 of the Act. Accordingly, the provisions of clause 3(iv) of the Order are not applicable.
- (v) In our opinion, the Company has not accepted any deposits within the meaning of Sections 73 to 76 of the Act and the Companies (Acceptance of Deposits) Rules, 2014 (as amended). Accordingly, the provisions of clause 3(v) of the Order are not applicable.
- (vi) The Central Government has not specified maintenance of cost records under sub-section (1) of section 148 of the Act, in respect of company's products/services. Accordingly, the provision of clause 3(vi) of the order are not applicable.

- (vii) (a) The Company is regular in depositing undisputed statutory dues including Goods and service tax, provident fund, employees' state insurance, income-tax, sales tax, service tax, duty of customs, duty of excise, value added tax, cess and other material statutory dues, as applicable, to the appropriate authorities. Further, no undisputed amounts payable in respect thereof were outstanding at the year-end for a period of more than six months from the date they become payable.
- (b) There are no dues in respect of income-tax, goods and services tax, duty of customs that have not been deposited with the appropriate authorities on account of any dispute.
- (viii) The Company has not surrendered or disclosed any transaction, previously unrecorded in the books of account, in the tax assessment under Income Tax Act, 1961, as income during the year. Accordingly, the provision of clause 3(viii) of the order are not applicable.
- (Ix) (a) The company has not taken any loans or other borrowings from any lender. Hence reporting under clause 3(ix)(a) of the order is not applicable.
- [b] The Company has not been declared as wilful defaulter by any bank or financial institution or other lender.
- (c) The Company has not taken any long-term loans and there are no outstanding term loans at the beginning of the year. Hence reporting under clause 3(ix) (c) of the Order is not applicable.
- (d) On an overall examination of the financial statements of the Company, funds raised on short term basis have prima facie not been used during the year for long term purposes by the Company.
- (e) The Company has not taken any funds from any entity or person on account of or to meet the obligations of its subsidiaries, associates or joint ventures.
- (f) The Company has not raised loans during the year on the pledge of securities held in Its subsidiaries, joint ventures or associate companies.
- x) (a) The Company did not raise moneys by way of initial public offer or further public offer (including debt instruments) during the year. Accordingly, the provisions of clause 3(x)(a) of the Order are not applicable.
- (b) During the year, the company has not made any preferential allotment or private placement of shares or convertible debentures (fully, partially or optionally convertible). Accordingly, provisions of clause 3(x)(b) of the Order are not applicable.
- (xi) (a) No fraud by the Company or on the company has been noticed or reported during the period covered by our audit.
- (b) No report under sub-section (12) of section 143 of the Companies Act has been filed in Form ADT-4 as prescribed under rule 13 of Companies (Audit and Auditors) Rules, 2014 with the Central Government, during the year and upto the date of this report.
- (c) As represented to us by the management, the Company has not received any whistle-blower complaints during the year. Accordingly the provision of clause 3(xi) (c) of the order is not applicable.
- (xii) In our opinion, the Company is not a Nidhi Company. Accordingly, provisions of clause 3(xii) of the Order are not applicable.
- (xiii) In our opinion and according to the information and explanation given to us, the company is in compliance with Sections 177 and 188 of Act, where applicable, and the details of related party transactions have been disclosed in the notes to financial statements as required by the applicable accounting standard.

- (xiv) (a) The Company has an Internal Audit System commensurate with the size and nature of its business,
- (b) We have considered the internal audit report of the company issued till date, for the period under audit.
- (xv) In our opinion, the company has not entered into any non-cash transactions with the directors or persons connected with them covered under Section 192 of the Act.
- (xvi) (a) In our opinion, the company is not required to be registered under section 45-IA of the Reserve Bank of India, 1934. Hence, reporting under clause 3 (xvi)(a), (b) and (c) of the order is not applicable.
- (b) In our opinion, there is no core investment company within the Group (as defined in the Core Investment Companies (Reserve Bank) Directions, 2016) and accordingly reporting under clause 3(xvi) (d) of the Order is not applicable.
- (xvi) The Company has not incurred any cash losses in the financial year and in the immediately preceding financial year.
- (xvii) The company's statutory auditors have not resigned at any point of time during the year.
- [xix) On the basis of the financial ratios disclosed in Note 24 of the financial statements, ageing and expected dates of realisation of Current assets and payment of Current liabilities, other information accompanying the financial statements, the auditor's knowledge of the Board of Directors and management plans, the auditor is of the opinion that no material uncertainty exist as on the date of our Audit Report and the company is capable of meeting its liabilities existing at the date of balance sheet as and when they fall due within a period of one year from the balance sheet date. We further state that our reporting is based on the facts up to the date of the audit report and we neither give any guarantee nor any assurance that all liabilities falling due within a period of one year from the balance sheet date, will get discharged by the Company as and when they fall due.

(xx) There is no unspent amount under sub-section (5) of section 135 of the Act pursuant to any project. Accordingly, 3(xx) (a) and (b) of the Order are not applicable.

For KUMAR VIJAY GUPTA & Co.

New Delhi

Chartered Accountants ICAI's FRN: 07814N

(Amit Budhiraja) Partner

Membership No. 095845

UDIN: 25095845BMMHRF4557

Dated: 06 th May, 2025

Annexure-C to the Independent Auditor's Report of even date to the members of PNB Investment Services Limited, on the Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2025

Directions issued by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India under section 143(5) of the Companies Act, 2013 indicating the areas to be examined during the course of audit of annual accounts of PNB Investment Services Limited

S.No.	Areas Examined	Replies
1	Whether the Company has system in place to process all the accounting transactions through IT system. If yes, the implications of processing of accounting transactions outside IT system on the integrity of the accounts along with the financial implications, if any may be stated.	Yes, the Company has system in place to process all the accounting transactions through IT system.
2	Whether there is any restructuring of an existing loan or cases of waiver/write off of debts/loans/interest etc. made by a lender due to the Company's inability to repay the loan? If yes, the financial impact may be stated. Whether such cases are properly accounted for? (In case the lender is a government company, then this direction is also applicable for statutory auditor of lender company)	The Company does not have loans and hence there are no cases of waiver/write off of loans/interest etc.
3	Whether funds (grants/subsidy etc.) received/ receivable for specific schemes from Central / State Government or its agencies were properly accounted for/utilised as per its term and conditions? List the cases of deviation.	The Company has not received funds (grants/subsidy etc.) for specific schemes from Central / State Government agencies.

