## BENARES HOTELS LIMITED

## CIN: L55101UP1971PLC003480

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February 9, 2023

## The Secretary

BSE Limited
Corporate Relationship Department,
1st Floor, New Trading Ring,
Rotunda Building, P.J Towers,
Dalal Street, Fort,
Mumbai – 400 001

Scrip Code: 509438

Sub: Intimation for appointment of Additional Director (Non-Executive) on the Board of Directors of the Company under Regulation 30 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.

Dear Sirs,

Pursuant to Regulation 30 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, we hereby inform you that the Board of Directors have appoined Mr. Beejal Desai (DIN: 03611725) as an Additional Director (Non-Executive) on the Board of the Company w.e.f. February 8, 2023. His brief profile is attached as Annexure 1 in compliance of SEBI Circular No. CIR/CFD/CMD/4/2015.

None of the Directors of the Company are inter-se related to Mr. Beejal Desai. Further, this is to confirm that Mr. Beejal Desai is not debarred from holding the office of Non-Executive Director pursuant to any SEBI order or any such Authority/Regulator.

You are requested to kindly take the same on record.

Yours sincerely, for Benares Hotels Limited

Vanika Mahajan Company Secretary

Registered Office: Nadesar Palace Compound, Varanasi - 221 002 Tel.: 0542 666 0001

## **Brief Profile of Mr. Beejal Desai**

Mr. Beejal Desai has over 37 years of rich, extensive & cross functional experience and specialises in the areas of Legal, Secretarial, Corporate Governance, Corporate Affairs, Compliance & Investor relations.

Mr. Desai has worked in leadership positions across diversified sectors including Hospitality, Pharmaceuticals, Forging, etc. He holds an LLB degree and is a fellow member of Institute of the Company Secretaries of India, besides attending Harvard leadership programme. He has pioneered digitisation of various legal & compliance projects within the organisation. He has won several National & International awards, notably Best Company Secretary – Leisure & Hospitality – Asia 2019 by Ethical Boardroom, London I Best Corporate Governance in India & Asia from Ethical Board, London for two consecutive years in a row in 2018 & 2019 respectively I Golden Peacock Award for Excellence in Corporate Governance – 2019 & 2022 by Institute of Directors, London I He was also conferred a certificate of excellence in Corporate Governance from Institute of the Company Secretaries of India in 2007 & 2022 in addition to Best All India Investor Relations Award 2017.