

Circular No.: NSDL/POLICY/2024/0030

March 12, 2024

**Subject: Encryption of files by Depository Participants (DPs).**

Attention of Participants is invited to SEBI Circular No. CIR/MRD/DP/13/2015 dated July 06, 2015 regarding "Cyber Security and Cyber Resilience framework of Stock Exchanges, Clearing Corporation and Depositories" wherein it has been *inter-alia* stated that the '*Data-in motion and Data-at-rest should be in encrypted form by using strong encryption methods such as Advanced Encryption Standard (AES), RSA, SHA-2, etc*'. NSDL vide Circular No.: NSDL/POLICY/2023/0059 dated May 15, 2023 had advised participants to ensure compliance with respect to the SEBI circular.

In this regard, Participants are hereby requested to take note of the aforementioned SEBI requirement and ensure compliance to the same **by March 31, 2024**.

Further, to assist Participants, NSDL has published an encryption utility which can be used by the Participants for encryption and decryption of files exchanged with NSDL. A separate circular will be published by NSDL Helpdesk providing the details of the mentioned utility.

For any queries, Participants are requested to contact NSDL Helpdesk on (022) 2499-4600 / (022) 2499-7000.

**For and on behalf of  
National Securities Depository Limited**

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FORTHCOMING COMPLIANCE			
Particulars	Deadline	Manner of sending	Reference
Investor Grievance Report (Monthly)	By 10 <sup>th</sup> of the following month	Through e-PASS	1. Para 20 of NSDL Master Circular for Participants on 'Grievance Redressal' chapter. 2. Circular No.: NSDL/POLICY/2023/0161 dated November 13, 2023

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